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## Ford plant decision is likely today

By GARY GOVELITZ  
STAFF WRITER

EDISON — A veritable whirlpool of speculation has begun circulating around the fate of the Ford Motor Company Edison assembly plant. Fueled by the closing of the plant's second shift and slumping sales of the Ranger, which is produced at the plant, the air is buzzing with whispers of the plant's impending closure.

"All Hell has broken loose here," said one anonymous employee at the factory.

Today company representatives are to provide details of its revitalization plan at a joint

briefing for news media and analysts at Dearborn, Mich. Executives present will include Chairman and CEO Bill Ford, President and Chief Operating Officer Nick Scheele and Chief Financial Officer Martin Inglis.

Company representatives are tightlipped about whether the meeting will be to quash rumors or to announce the plant's closure.

"Everything is on the table," said one representative on condition of anonymity.

Whatever is on the table, it has caused New Jersey politician to scramble. Both New Jersey senators have joined with governor-elect James E. McGreevey

and Mayor George Spadaro in a full court press on Ford to keep its plant open.

"Up until now, Ford has not been very forthcoming with information to either my administration or the Union," said Mayor Spadaro. "All our information has been garnered through newspapers and rumors. That type of approach to doing business is, at the very best, unacceptable and disrespectful to our community and the men and women of the UAW."

After the news of the first lay-off was announced, Mayor Spadaro had planned to bring all parties together at a spring summit to prevent further layoffs.

However, with a deepening of the crisis Mayor Spadaro has taken immediate action and has flown to Detroit to discuss the issue with Ford's Vice President of Global Manufacturing, James Padilla.

Likewise, governor-elect McGreevey has been in communication with Ford's vice president of corporate affairs.

Worldwide, the Ford Motor Company employs 345,000 people. Of that number, 163,000 work in the US.

Located on 102 acres along Route 1, the Edison plant was opened in 1948 for production of the 1949 model. Originally, the 1.4 million square-foot plant pro-

duced Lincoln and Mercury vehicles on its 15 mile-long assembly line. However, over the years the plant has made the Escort, Lynx, Falcon, Comet, Mustang, Pinto and Bobcat. Originally called the Metuchen Assembly Plant, it currently employs 1,570 employees, including the 600 who are scheduled to be laid off, and contributes \$87.7 million to the local economy through its annual payroll and pays \$1.4 million in property taxes.

To accommodate the reduction in employees, the Edison plant, which now produces the Ford Ranger compact pickup truck, will reduce its annual production by 84,000 units.

### Briefs

#### Lions Club dinner

METUCHEN — The Metuchen Metro Lions Club holds its dinner meeting 7 p.m. Thursday at Cryan's, 660 Middlesex Ave. Cheryl Bruno from the Lutheran Brotherhood will speak about "Women: How Financially Prepared Are You?" New members are welcome along with the public.

For more information, phone Sue Johnson at (732) 548-7902.

#### Paintball Skirmish

METUCHEN — A day trip for Skirmish Paintball in Jim Thorpe, Pa., is open to Metuchen teens in Grades 8-10. The bus leaves 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 13 from the Teen Center on Middlesex Avenue. Return is scheduled for around 6:30 p.m. Cost of \$40 includes all necessary equipment; bring a bag lunch. For registration, phone Crissy at (732) 548-2044 or visit the Metuchen-Edison YMCA at 65 High St.

#### Dances for January

EDISON — Brandis Dance Theatre has issued its January schedule of social dances and dance instruction:

Friday — Dance parties at Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, 1970 Woodbridge Ave., 9 p.m.-midnight. A "Latin Lover's Dance" is Jan. 11, a general dance party (ballroom/Latin/swing) Jan. 18 and an American dance party (swing/Hustle/rock/oldies) Jan. 25. Cost of \$11 includes coffee, tea and soft drinks.

Monday — Latin dance instruction at VFW hall, 1970 Woodbridge Ave., 7-9 p.m. Chacha and merengue are featured. Cost is \$10.

Tuesday — American dance instruction at American Legion hall, 43 Oakland Ave., 7-9 p.m. Triple-time swing and classic slow dancing are featured. Cost is \$10. All classes are held weather permitting. Couples and singles are welcome at these events. For more information, phone (732) 388-4605.

#### Anthrax lecture

HIGHLAND PARK — The Board of Health is sponsoring an anthrax-related presentation within the Borough Council meeting 8 p.m. Tuesday in Borough Hall. Julie Gottstein and John Dowd from the Middlesex County Health Department are the guest speakers. A question-and-answer period will follow. For more information, phone Chairman Lewis Fishberg at (732) 846-8027. The public is invited.

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## The tale of the eager beavers

By GARY GOVELITZ  
STAFF WRITER

Although some people consider the busy invaders to be a potential pest, Robert Spiegel, Executive Director of the Edison Wetlands Association said he can't help but to play the role of proud papa to a group of beavers inhabiting the area surrounded by Metuchen, Edison, and South Plainfield.

"I can't say I'm not happy to see them," Spiegel said recently of the beavers who have appeared in the stream that runs next to the Triple C Ranch which the EWA operates. "The state department on fish and wildlife say that this is the first time in 150 years that beavers can be found in Middlesex County. I think that it is just great that they have come here."

No one is sure how the beavers got to the small stream in the Dismal Swamp (which indirectly connects to a waterway leading to New Market Pond in Piscataway) or where they came from but the many gnawed trees in the area attest to the fact that they are there and they are busy.

"With the drought, they may have come from the upper Raritan River," he said. "This is a testimony to how our efforts

toward cleaning up the swamp are paying off. With Revlon, Gulton and Oakite no longer (allegedly) putting pollutants in the water, the stream is much cleaner now."

The Triple C Ranch is located just off of New York Avenue which bounds the 1,000-acre swamp. Shared by South Plainfield, Metuchen and Edison, the Dismal Swamp is home to a great variety of flora and fauna but, until now, there have not been any beavers. However, beavers are not subtle creatures and no sooner do they set up house in a stream next to the ranch when trouble started.

The road which runs past the ranch goes over the stream and a cement pipe leads the water under the road. Being ingenious, the beavers saw the pipe as the perfect place for a dam. Soon water was backed up and flooding the homes of the few residents who live in the area.

South Plainfield, whose part of the swamp was flooded, quickly put bars in front of the pipes. Now the beavers are starting on another dam. The stream in question joins the Green Brook which feeds New Market Pond in Piscataway before joining the Bound Brook which empties into the Raritan River which then empties into the Atlantic Ocean



CHERYL ORSON/THE REPORTER  
Edison Wetlands Association Director Robert Spiegel, left, is interviewed by Channel 2 News regarding the organization's stance on the beavers recently inhabiting the Dismal Swamp.

and from there to points unknown.

"Beavers are terrific animals. They cut down the trees on the bank which lets in the sunlight," Spiegel said. "More sunlight means more flora which acts as a filtration system."

Although there is some support for moving the beavers, Spiegel said his fears are about hunters.

"Now that people are finding out about the beavers I am con-

cerned about hunters. Most hunters are concerned about the environment but some just like to kill animals and I am concerned that the recent attention might draw these kinds of hunters."

Firing off a weapon, even a shotgun, is illegal in Edison and neither South Plainfield nor Metuchen have the needed 1,000 feet distance from residents needed to safely or legally fire off a shotgun.

Even as Spiegel was dis-

cussing the notoriety of the swamps newest inhabitants, a car pulled up and two women from Metuchen got out and asked where the beavers were.

"I read about the beavers in the newspapers and we go all excited about there being beavers in central Jersey for the first time in 150 years," said Metuchen resident Phyllis Petrolina. "This is a wonderful thing and it shows that the move to clean the ecology is working."

## Pallone tells it like it is

### Congressman hears healthcare concerns

By GARY GOVELITZ  
STAFF WRITER

HIGHLAND PARK — It was questions, questions and then more questions when Rep. Frank Pallone Jr. (D-6) came to the public library to discuss health care and Social Security.

"Both the house and senate passed a Patient Bill of Rights," Pallone said to the audience that filled the library conference room. "We were going to have a conference in order to iron out our differences, but Sept. 11 stopped that."

In commenting on the Patients Bill of Rights, Mayor Meryl Frank compared the federal issue with a state one.

"This reminds me of property tax reform," Frank said. "People have been studying it forever and everyone is certain it can be fixed but no one is brave enough to do it."

The crowd, which was mostly late middle aged and senior residents, had a variety of questions on Social Security and various of questions for health care.

"We baby boomers will be demanding more and more as



NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Rep. Frank Pallone Jr. (D-6) speaks to the crowd at the Highland Park Public Library as they discuss health care and Social Security issues.

the years go by," said one resident. "With or without Sept. 11 there are 50 million of us coming and there is not enough money for all the things we will need."

Pallone noted that the government could have solved the Social Security problem if President George W. Bush had not pushed for a tax cut.

"Without the tax cut we could have shored up Social Security," Pallone said. "It is a healthy situation to have a surplus."

The congressman, who is the Democratic Chairman of the Health Care Task Force, then went on to express his ideas about various forms of health care.

Although he was not in favor of a European type of socialized health care that covers everyone for everything, he did support expanded coverage

and higher reimbursement rates.

"If it were up to me, I would have long term and home health care covered," Pallone said.

Describing medication costs as "insane," Pallone noted that in Europe there are limits to the profits that drug companies can make. However, he noted that under that plan the high costs of developing new drugs was just passed on to somewhere else.

"Powerful people oppose these issues," Pallone said referring to the drug lobby's opposition to limited profits and the availability of generic drugs.

He emphasized the importance of the electorate getting behind an issue if they want results.

"It is what people care about that drives the issues."



NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Freshman Councilman Allan Grossman gets handshakes all around from the other members of the borough council after he is sworn in at the annual reorganization meeting.

## A new year for boro

By GARY GOVELITZ  
STAFF WRITER

METUCHEN — After the swearing in of incumbent Catherine Totin and freshman councilman Allan Grossman to their three year terms, the borough's new all Democratic council began its first meeting by electing Councilwoman Marion Price council president. Price thanked the council and also expressed her gratitude to the many volunteers who man the committees and boards in town.

"Metuchen defies the odds. Where other towns are searching for volunteers, we have over 200 people on our boards and committees," she said. "I thank you all. We rely on you, you are essen-

tial to the success and safety of our community."

Council President Price was elected unanimously and thanked outgoing council president Councilwoman Catherine Totin.

"We should all be thankful for her efforts. She had to fight historic societies and New York City's garbage," Council President Price said referring to the opposition to demolishing borough hall and the "trash train" which threatened to send a garbage dump on wheels through the borough.

"Politics and public services are part of my life," Councilwoman Totin said.

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# Boro

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history, the council reorganization meeting was not held on New Year's Day.

"This is the first reorganization meeting where everyone is wide awake," quipped Mayor Edmund O'Brien.

In his annual "State of the Borough" address Mayor O'Brien quoted Dickens in describing 2001 as, "the best of times and the worse of times." He thanked all who helped out during the attack of Sept. 11.

"Our response as a community to the attack on our nation should make us all proud and show why we choose to live here," he said. In a more positive light, he noted a string of accomplishments which include enhanced pedestrian safety and the acquisition of a large tract of land adjacent to Hampton Street near Durham Avenue for recreation.

"I will be requesting that the council direct funds in the next budget for fields to be built on the Oakite site and for the rehabilitation of Edgar Field."

Mayor O'Brien noted that the borough's aggressive pace of street repairs will be less, due to the expense of improving the fields but said that, with grant money from the state and county, Durham and Woodbridge avenues would be repaved this year.

He noted that the next year will see many changes for the borough including the first steps towards a new borough hall. Next year the current building will be knocked down and all police and administrative offices will be moved to temporary quarters in the Gulton building on Durham Avenue while construction begins on a new borough hall on the same site.

Also on the agenda for next year, Smart Growth studies will be made with an eye towards developing south Main Street and the intersection of Route 27 and Central Avenue. Mayor O'Brien also noted that a new jitney service would soon be available to borough residents.

"We have purchased a bus with grant money from New Jersey Transit and soon commuters will be able to leave their cars at home and ride to the train station." He added a special thanks to Council President Price for her help initiating the program.

Mayor O'Brien also noted that the county would soon take title of the Lehigh Valley railroad tracks and that a 3.5 mile greenway will soon be open for hiking which will eventually connect Metuchen to Raritan Bay.

## Middlesex County College art display

EDISON — Maria Marshall is showing many paintings from her "Fireplace Study" at Middlesex County College, where she is an instructor in media arts and design.

The exhibition began Dec. 15 and may be seen through Feb. 15 in the Presidential Art Gallery, located within Chambers Hall on the Woodbridge Avenue campus.

"In the flames I discover various structures and forms that have infinite vitality (and) are ever-changing, like the human figure in motion," she said.

A native of Leningrad, Soviet Union (now St. Petersburg, Russia), Marshall began studying art at age 6 and came to the United States at age 9. She holds a master of fine arts degree from Brooklyn College of the City University of New York, which gave her the 2000 Charles G. Shaw Award for excellence in art.

She received a bachelor's degree in painting from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Many of the works in the MCC exhibit are for sale.

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The new Highland Park Borough Council are, top row, left to right, Caroline Timmons, Kim Ricketts, Fern Walter Goodhart and Jon Erickson. The bottom row are Steven Buzbee, Mayor Meryl Frank and Council President Elsie Foster-Dublin.

## Highland Park reorganizes

By IRENE RIEGNER  
CORRESPONDENT

HIGHLAND PARK — The borough council held its reorganization meeting on Jan. 3 where Mayor Meryl Frank administered the oath of office to Jon Erickson and Fern Walter Goodhart, incoming members of borough council. Elsie Foster-Dublin was elected President of Borough Council replacing Nancy J. Wolf, who, with Salvatore Raspa, are retiring as council members.

Erickson, an associate professor of public administration at Keane College, Union, New Jersey, specializes in property taxation and budgets. In face of the state budget deficit and the impending decline in state appropriations to Highland Park, Erickson thought his skills in budgetary matters would be important. He will oversee the finance committee.

Asking Highland Park residents to become part of the borough's civic life, Goodhart said volunteers are needed on a variety of borough commissions and boards, including aging, art, health, and cable TV. Goodhart, who was raised in Highland Park, said she first became involved in politics when she volunteered for the board of health. Goodhart will oversee the health committee, the recreation program and the welfare committee.

The most poignant part of the evening came with Foster-Dublin's acceptance speech. Originally from Jamaica, the new borough council president said that in Jamaica the democratic process didn't work because elections usually ended in violence. She fell in love with America after Jimmy Carter was elected president, when she realized that the day after the election "people went about their daily lives" and nobody got shot. She promised to take seriously the concerns of Highland Park residents.

Frank began her "State of the Borough" address by commending the residents for their community spirit during Sept. 11. Residents organized blood drives and counseling opportunities. First aid units from Highland Park waited in Jersey City for survivors and police officers went to the site.

Frank said she had three goals when she became mayor two years ago: to build community; to encourage economic development; and to establish a statewide property tax. During these two years, she said she worked to establish an inclusive government by involving people of talent and diverse backgrounds. She is now poised to take on economic development and work towards a statewide property tax. Highland Park residents, she noted, pay an "excessive" property tax and she wants to fix the system.

Frank presented Wolf and Raspa with plaques in recognition of their service. In her exit remarks, Wolf described public service as her avocation. Among her accomplishments, she cited a \$500,000 neighborhood preservation grant to revitalize commercial and residential properties along Woodbridge Avenue as well as the July 4th celebration she said she helped initiate. Wolf wanted to help people such as renters whom she thought were neglected and said she got her start as a member of the rental board. "It's been a true pleasure" to serve on borough council; "I love the interaction with the residents," she said.

After expressing gratitude for the privilege of serving Highland Park, Raspa told his colleagues to focus on the future. He advised them to think about the long-term effects of their decisions and how these will impact various groups such as taxpayers, children, and seniors.

## Martin Luther King Jr. programs

HIGHLAND PARK — A number of events in the borough have been scheduled to mark the Martin Luther King holiday. All events are free and open to the public. The schedule:

**Wednesday** — Lecture by Larry Hamm at Senior/Youth Center, 220 S. Sixth Ave., 8 p.m. His topic is "The History of the Civil Rights Movement and Its Impact on Police-Community Relations." Hamm is chairman of the People's Organization for Progress and past president of the New Jersey Rainbow Coalition.

**Thursday** — "Eyes on the Prize" at Highland Park High School cafeteria, 102 N. Fifth Ave., 7:30 p.m. The episode being shown from the TV miniseries is "America's Civil Rights Years: 1954-65."

**Sunday, Jan. 20** — Lecture by Ibrahim Abdil-Mu'id Ramey at Senior/Youth Center, 4 p.m. His topic is "Peace and Reconciliation: Learning from Martin Luther King Jr." Ramey is an officer with the Fellowship of Reconciliation and the Muslim Peace Fellowship.

**Monday, Jan. 21** — Family Sing-Along at Senior/Youth Center, 7 p.m. The Highland Park Community Chorus and a gospel group are scheduled to perform. Event sponsors include the Highland Park BridgeBuilders; Southside Pride; the Family Institute of New Jersey; the I.L. Peretz Secular Jewish Community and School; and the Central Jersey Interfaith Network.

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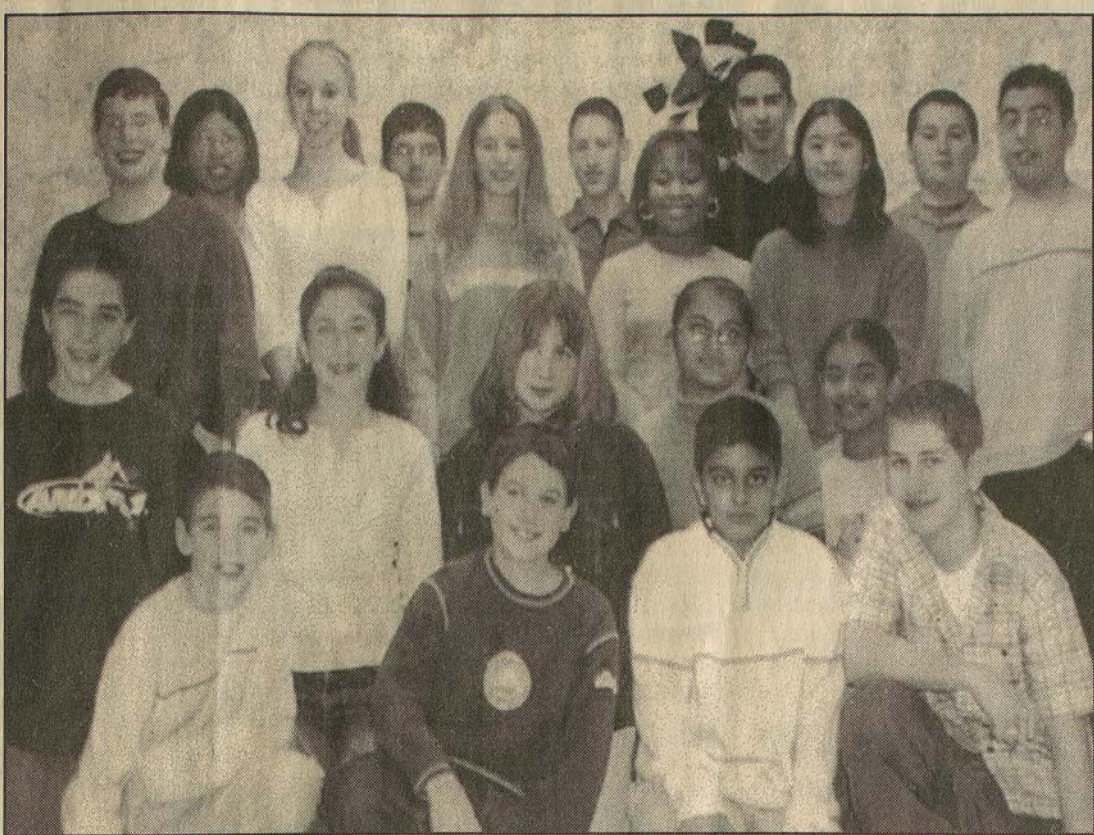
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## Honor students

The Eight Grade Students of the Month Breakfast at Woodrow Wilson Middle School was celebrated Dec. 18. Those chosen displayed the academic achievement, consistent effort and positive citizenship during the month of November. Honorees include, Annie Wie, Yogesh Patel, Kimberly Kim for World Languages, Jennifer Chang, Klye Gussner, Jeremy Buterman and Tristan Milder for Elective Areas, Jasmine Curry, Albert Stevens, Misha Patel and Sarah Yuro for English, Loreal Zarza, David Simbol, Aishwarya Sridharan and Matt Halper for Math, Carlo Salvarani, Ricky Hille Stephanie Fishbein and Brunda Kranthi for Science, Steve Garcia, Laura Perillo and Marina Tsipenyuk for Social Studies and Milton Liebowitz and Shari Silver for health, Physical Education.



## District 17 Assemblymen sworn in

Two new assemblymen have joined Sen. Bob Smith to represent the 17th District, which includes Piscataway and Highland Park.

Assemblymen Upendra J. Chivukula and Joseph V. Egan were sworn in Tuesday at the War Memorial in Trenton. The first-term legislators were elected to the lower house of the Legislature in November. Smith, an eight-term assemblyman and former Piscataway mayor, was elected to the upper house.

All three legislators in the 17th District are Democrats. In addition, Chivukula is the first native of India to hold elected office in Trenton.

"I consider it an honor and a privilege to have this opportunity to attain this important first on behalf of other South Asians who have settled in Somerset and Middlesex counties," he said in a release issued by the Assembly Democratic Party office.

Key issues for the new assemblymen are property taxes, public schools and senior citizens.

"We are committed to addressing the issue of property tax relief and making state government more responsive to the needs of working middle-class families," Egan said in the release.

Chivukula also is in his second term on the Franklin Township Council; he was mayor of that

Somerset County township in 2000 and deputy mayor in 1998. He was the Democratic Party chairman in Franklin Township for three years and a member of the state Board of Social Work Examiners in the mid-1990s.

To strengthen ties between the South Asian community and the U.S. government, Chivukula has worked with U.S. Rep. Frank Pallone Jr. to form the India Caucus and the Caucus on Indian-Americans.

The assemblyman is an electrical engineer by training and the director of marketing for Sira Tech International Inc. He is the co-author of "Supplier Management and Best

Manufacturing Practices," a six-volume series for the engineering profession.

Chivukula was born in Nellore, India, and holds a master of electrical engineering degree from the City College of New York. He earned a bachelor of electrical engineering degree from the College of Engineering in Madras (now Chennai), India.

Egan has been an officer with International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 456 for 39 years, the past 15 as business manager. In 1989 he arranged for Local 456 to handle all the electrical work for Elijah's Promise soup kitchen and renovations St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in

New Brunswick as volunteer labor. He also was vice president of the St. Peter's parish council.

In New Brunswick he has been on the City Council since 1982 and was once appointed to the Board of Education. Egan is a former vice president of the New Jersey State Building Trades Council and New Jersey Electrical Workers Association; he was a former chairman of the Electrical Workers Association's Temporary Disability Fund.

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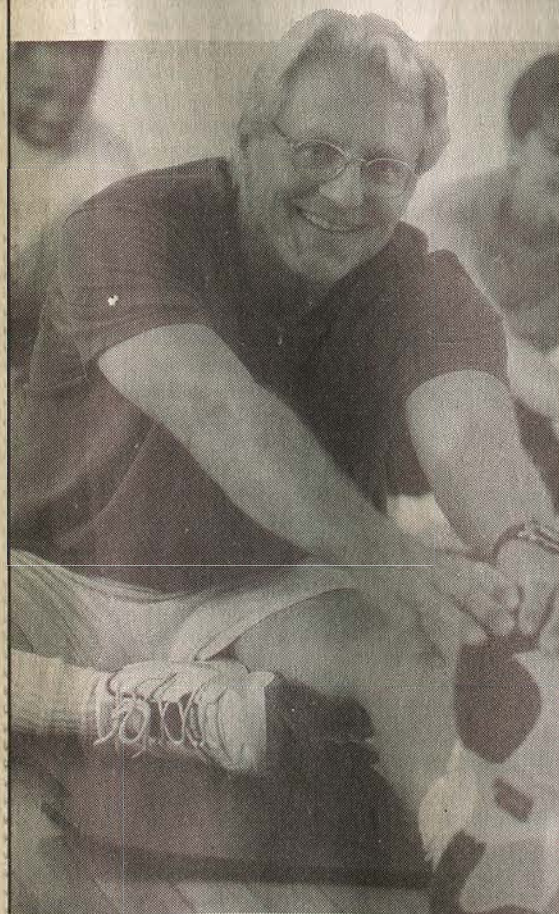


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## 'Bad boys, bad boys, whacha gonna do ...'

Quiet borough becomes scene from 'Cops'

By GARY GOVELITZ

STAFF WRITER

METUCHEN — For a few intense minutes it seemed as though residents were watching an episode of Cops right here in town. Police cars were rushing down the street and police, side arms in hand, were chasing down the bad guys.

To residents walking in the area of St. Joseph's High School on Plainfield Avenue, the cool, but sunny day seemed normal enough until a patrol car, lights flashing, came speeding down Central Avenue, which becomes Plainfield Avenue after the railroad bridge. Behind the first car was a second police car also with its lights on.

The commotion began when Ptl. Joseph Ernest was on routine patrol and observed a car in the gas station on the corner of Main Street and Amboy Avenue with no front license plate. Also, the driver of the car, Milton L. Neal, 25, of Edison, looked nervous when he observed the patrol unit. Ptl. Ernest then left the area after calling another car. Neal then got in his car and when Ernest again drove into the area, Neal made a U-turn and sped away.

Ptl. Ernest, in one car, and Ptl. Sandy McMath, in another car, chased Neal throughout town and down Plainfield Avenue. Throughout the chase Neal allegedly attempted to cut off the officers in pursuit.

McMath got in front of Neal who then made a hard right down Willow Street and the second police car followed with a sharp turn of its own. From down Central Avenue two more patrol cars were speeding towards the scene.

Four patrol cars were now on the scene and the suspect, having driven down Applewood Court, a cul-de-sac, jumped out of his car while it was still running. The vehicle continued to go down Applewood Court. Ernest attempted to stop the runaway vehicle but could not. The car eventually crashed into a resident's garage. A brief foot chase ensued.

Ernest, with his gun drawn, then pursued the suspect toward Plainfield Avenue. The suspects ran across the front yard of a Plainfield Avenue residence. When Ernest got to the side of the house he stopped in front of a panting Neal and leveled his gun.

The man threw his hands up in the air in surrender and was ordered to lay on the ground while he was handcuffed.

Neal was charged with two counts of aggravated assault for attempting to run the officers off the road and was issued 12 related summonses. He was also found to have a number of outstanding warrants. Neal was transferred to the Middlesex County Adult Corrections Facility in North Brunswick on \$75,000 bail, no 10 percent.

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# Commentary

## Lt. Governor needed

New Jersey residents are being treated to a rare historical spectacle this week — four governors in seven days.

It started almost 12 months ago when Gov. Christine Todd Whitman fled to Washington as President Bush's nominee to head the Environmental Protection Agency. That left Donald DiFrancesco, the Republican State Senate president, as acting governor. Under New Jersey's Constitution, the president of the State Senate acts as governor whenever the "real" governor is out of state or is no longer in office (resignation, death, impeachment, etc.) But DiFrancesco's term as state senator ended Tuesday, when the terms of all legislators expired.

The new president of the State Senate then serves as acting governor until James E. McGreevey is sworn in next week. However, by the slimmest of margins, the voters gave the Democrats and Republicans a 50-50 split in the Senate. In the spirit of bipartisanship, both parties have said they will exercise a powersharing agreement. That means both Senate Republican leader John Bennett and Democratic leader Richard Codey will serve as acting governor this week. Each will serve for three and a half days.

This fiasco once again shows why New Jersey needs a lieutenant governor. Most states have a lieutenant governor just to avoid these messy and confusing situations. To help maintain the separation of powers among the three branches of government, the second-in-command in Trenton should belong to the executive branch, not the legislative. And just as the country's president and vice president run on the same ticket, the governor and lieutenant governor should also run on the same ticket to maintain political continuity. There is too much potential for mischief if the governor and lieutenant governor belonged to different political parties.

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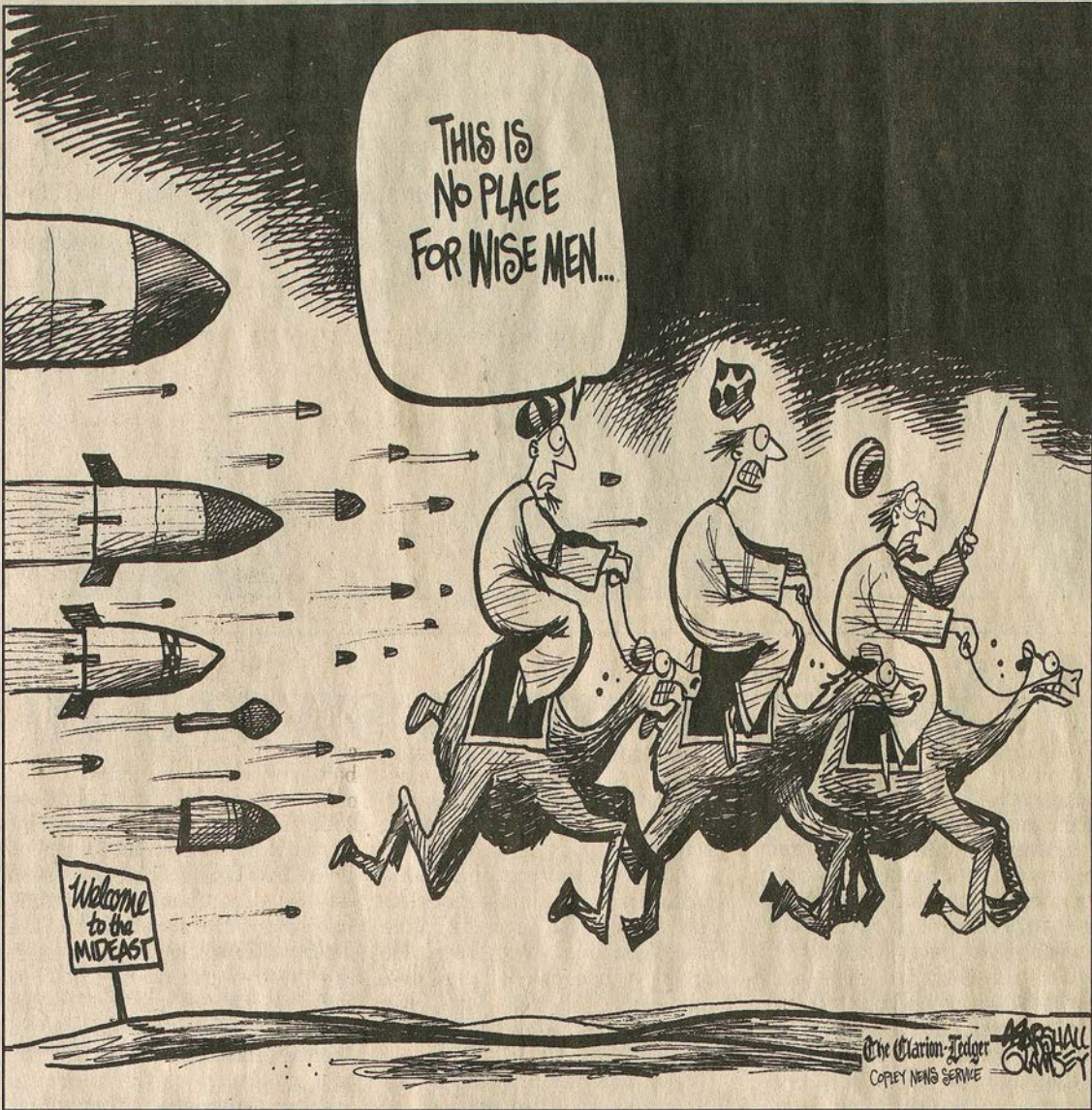
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## Letters to the editor

## You spend 100+ hours without pay

### To The Editor:

If I were to ask any one of you to spend more than 100 hours over the next three months to stay at work and perform duties that were above and beyond what you had been hired to do, you would tell me that I was being unreasonable. Why is it any different for the people that are being asked to produce the Piscataway High School musical?

The letter in *The Piscataway Review* which addressed this issue did a poor job in hi-lighting what was important and even created a perception that this was retaliation for what took place in contract negotiations. The music staff at the high school has been criticized for asking to be compensated for a job that takes well over 100 hours, demands that they spend time away from their families and is a significant emotional and physical commitment. I for one am amazed that they have done this for so long as volunteers!

The Band Parents Association cites this requested compensation as the breaking point for their ability to fund the musical. It is obvious that they know what it takes to produce a quality musical program. Just one encounter with the award winning Superchiefs band would prove that to be true! However, they should never have been funding this effort in the first place. I am sure that if you looked at all of the

schools in the area which do such a show, you will find that the district budget covers this type of activity. I challenge the Piscataway board of education to find a creative way to do just that. I have been involved in many musicals and would bet that close to half of what this type of production would cost (salaries included) would be recouped in ticket sales alone. As far as who's budget would incur the cost, C'mon crew, use some creativity!

Even if you had to pay the staff as a vendor, the amount we are talking about is insignificant in comparison to the whole budget. (Please, I know that every dollar is important, so don't go on a tirade about my last comment.) As far as the kids who are disappointed, get use to it. It doesn't get any better once you're out of school. Lastly, it's probably too late this year to work anything out, however my challenge goes to Mr. McFadden, Mr. Berting (and the rest of the board), and Mr. Copeland (buy the way, welcome to Piscataway) to find a way to fund these shows, salaries and all, going forward. If you aren't creative or motivated enough to do so, perhaps you would be willing to spend a 100 hours or so painting the bathrooms, tiling the kitchen or babysitting for those you expect to work for free.

**DAVE RZEWNICKI**  
Piscataway

## Candidate claims injustice on board

### To The Editor:

The actions of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Piscataway Township Fire District #1 have inspired my running mate, John Buchek, and me to seek to office of Fire Commissioner hoping that we can restore some common sense and accountability to this little-know public office. Here are just of some of the reasons why we want the opportunity to help change the direction of the fire district:

A member of the volunteer fire department had to take the Fire Commissioners to court to get them to pay for critical safety equipment.

Copies of the proposed budget were not being advertised or made available to members of the public in accordance with state law (P.L. 1979, C.453, S.5).

A notice of the election and the deadline for submitting petitions of nomination for membership on the board was not published in accordance with state law (P.L. 1953, c.211).

To the best of my knowledge, a Notice to Military Service Voters and a Notice to Persons Desiring Civilian Absentee Ballots has not been published in accordance with state law (P.L. 1953, C.211, S.7 as amended).

From 1998 through 2000 the fire district's revenues have exceeded expenses by a combined \$637,817. Yet the amount raised annually by taxation has remained constant at \$610,000.

Meetings of the Board of Fire Commissioners are regularly held in violation of the Open Public Meetings Act (P.L. 1975, C. 231) yet the minutes of the meetings indicate that they required notice has been read? Are the minutes accurate or are they being doctored to make it appear that the law is being obeyed?

The public elections are on Saturday, Feb. 16, 2002 from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the New Market Fire House at 801 Washington Ave. in Piscataway. Please come out to vote for Robert Ring and John Buchek to restore accountability to the Board of Fire Commissioners. Please visit our website for more detailed information on all of the issues facing the fire district: <http://hometown.aol.com/fire-elections/myhomepage/election.html> or [www.fire-elections.com](http://www.fire-elections.com)

**ROBERT RING**  
Piscataway

*The author is a candidate for fire commissioner in district #1.*

## Dare question the National Anthem?

### To The Editor:

I am writing to you about whether or not the people of the United States should use "The Star-Spangled Banner" as our national anthem. Some people don't think it should be used because of the violence that it refers ("bombs bursting in air"), but I think that we should still use it.

One reason we should keep it is that the song represents patriotism, strength and loyalty. Although it involves war, we came upon these characteristics because of war, as the anthem has a powerful overall meaning.

A second reason is that we've used it as our national anthem for 70 years; it would seem strange if we suddenly changed it now. A third reason is that if we did change it there wouldn't be any other good choices. For example, not many people know the lyrics to "God Bless America," while "America" and "America the Beautiful" would sound weird. Imagine singing them at a baseball game! Also, "The Star-Spangled Banner" describes our flag throughout its song, and the flag is one of this

nation's most famous symbols. And although some might say that the violence disrupts it, it only proves we are unique, as everyone should be.

Last, but not least, our anthem states we are "the land of the free and the home of the brave," which seems to fit perfectly after the terrible tragedy that we suffered recently.

I believe that ridding our country of this great anthem is like discarding our American history. When Francis Scott Key wrote "The Star-Spangled Banner" in 1814, he was inspired as he watched the British try (and fail) to take over Fort McHenry in Baltimore. It moves us still, and so we should keep it as our anthem, to remember how it came to be during a time of struggle where we fought for our freedom and won, and to remind us that we will prevail once more. We are proud to be Americans, and we stand united.

**JEREMY ROTHSTEIN**  
Edison

*The writer is a freshman at St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen.*

## The Latest Development



By Vincent A. De Muro Jr.

### Chasing a car payment

Oh, you are going to love this one, dear reader. Pay attention. There are a lot of numbers.

In December of 2000, Holly was in a car accident with our 1996 Saturn, which she was driving for just over a year. It was white, but color is irrelevant for this tirade. The car was totaled and insurance paid out all but \$1,500 owed on the loan finance issued from, let's call the bank "Catch" Manhattan.

We needed another car, so in comes the same Saturn dealership and the same car loan through "Catch," for which we were approved. As a condition of the loan, the remaining \$1,500 balance on the '96 white Saturn was frozen until February of 2003. The \$8,000 or so insurance paid out was calculated as every payment we would have made until February, '03.

In the mean time, we are paying our monthly \$257 on Holly's new 1997 Saturn, which is black, if you are still hung up on this whole "color thing." When we have a few extra scraps at the end of the month, we would put a little something toward the principal of the loan.

Then, in October, "Catch" sends us a "good customer voucher," offering us to skip a monthly payment for the holidays. The lender doesn't actually deduct the full \$257 payment, but rather, pushes it off until the end of the loan.

Then, on Dec. 22 we get a call from "Catch" that our account is delinquent and payment of \$115 is required. O.K. So, not only did we not receive the voucher, but now we were being charged a payment total we never heard of before. "Why \$115," we asked when our payment is \$257. "Catch" answers that after the remaining funds in our account balance were collected, the \$115 was the remaining outstanding amount.

"Account balance?" It would seem that every principal payment we made on the loan never went to principal, but rather was put toward the next month's payment and the remaining funds were compounded monthly into a credit balance. Have you ever seen you spouse's head explode? You see, dear reader, Holly does medical billing. Her whole life is keeping a balanced payment schedule. Linda Blair ("The Exorcist" ain't got nothing on my wife when you question her bookkeeping.

After dismissing the customer service representative and dealing with her direct supervisor, Holly learned that the "good customer voucher" was in fact received and put toward the frozen account on the '96 Saturn (*you know — the white one*), to which no payments are currently being made until February, 2003. Oh, sure. That makes sense.

So after an hour of hemming and hawing (*and boy, can my wife haw*) the supervisor assures Holly that the voucher will be corrected and put toward our next payment on the active account. In the mean time, she told us to pay the \$115 owed for December and we should receive a call shortly to confirm the transaction.

Fast forward to last night, Jan. 7. There was a message on the answering machine to call "Catch." On my lunch hour today, I called the 1 (800) number and spoke with another customer service representative who, instead of confirming the payment voucher correction, told me the account is delinquent for January in the amount of \$244.

Come on, people. The work order for the voucher correction never went through and here was the second blemish on our credit report in as many months. And where is this \$244 total coming from? Why that handy, dandy little balance account paid out \$30 from a \$277 payment made Gawd knows when.

So that's it. We are through with "Catch." I am canceling all of our credit cards with that bank and whatever money I can scratch up, I'm putting into a money market to start saving for that frozen pay-out account due next year. Any chance to refinance the currently loan, I'm taking it.

And Holly? She will likely get a hold of that supervisor's boss and have the woman's job.

With "Catch," it would seem that the right relationship means nothing.



## Letters to the editor

## Kudos to Patty Martin for jackets

## To The Editor:

What do you think of when you think of Patty Martin? Definitely, someone who gets involved in whatever activity in which her children are involved whether it be sports, drama, school, etc. Patty gets involved without being asked and takes the lead. She's a worker and doesn't look for recognition or pats on the back. If one of her children is on your child's team, you know she has the coach's gift in mind already at the start

of the season.

I'd like to thank Patty, in particular, for working so hard in order to obtain jackets for this year's Junior Midget football team. As we were heading to the playoff games, Patty was already planning how the money could be raised so that every boy could receive a jacket to recognize this season's accomplishments. Although I've heard that her husband, as well as I'm sure others, helped solicit the money from town business-

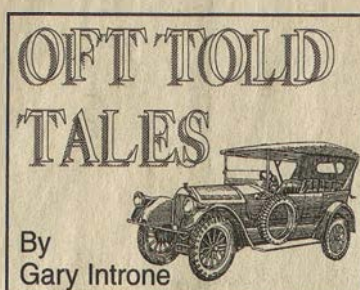
es, Patty spearheaded the effort, sized the boys and dealt with the jacket company. She was very enthusiastic and positive that the total amount of money needed would be raised. The boys received the jackets this past weekend and have been wearing them proudly since. Thanks, Patty, for your time, effort and enthusiasm when it comes to the youth of South Plainfield!

CAROLYN STALLONE  
South Plainfield

## The future is now; change and grow, or wither and die

The age of some kind of new communication is probably upon us. It's really nothing that any of us can control, or, if we wish to stay in the mix, avoid. I can remember, back in the very early '80s, former President Jimmy Carter gave interviews about how he was beginning to write his memoirs on a "word processor" and how it offered him such great ease of editing and movement of copy, not to mention the added benefit of simple memory and viewing. It all seems like the stone age now.

When we think of the Internet tools available to all of us today, it almost makes the entire point of importance moot. It hardly matters what one's opinions of such communications are. One way or another, to be a productive member of any intellectual elite, or a contributing citizen within one's own framework, such access and



free movement are necessary. Children are taught it, and they become well versed in its qualities. Business relies on it; in fact much of the great engine of our now re-blooming economy is derived from the instant communication and expanded access which computers and the networking of the Internet provides. Ordering capabilities and the factual transmission of material are greatly eased and streamlined. I'm sure that there are numerous developments and

refinements just now on the horizon which we haven't yet even heard of. It's odd (and heartrending), to think that among the ruins of the World Trade Center carnage are the odd bits of thousands and thousands of computers and terminals, destroyed inadvertently by "primitives" from the caves and mountains of a faraway place.

Starting out as a governmental and intelligence communication tool, computerized Internet access has by now changed the entire world, as we should know. Autocratic governments and the authoritarian decrees extruded by and from them are made nearly impossible by these new communications. The day may be dawning when places all around the globe, regardless of who opposes what, can transfer accounts and information of the goings on inside each country. The very idea of today's national borders and con-

trols will be made laughable. As we and our children and their children look back over history — which after all is merely the accounts of control and limit and repression, in one degree or another — we and they will be struck by the very tangible power groups and the bluntness and force they had once amassed. The "Internet World" will quickly enough put an end to all that.

Globalization, and all of its cross-border referencing, is — for better or worse — probably the order of the day. At the dawn of 2002, should we any longer be surprised, then, by the final throes of the backlash by people and places still caught in the more ancient enmities and rivalries of the past? As these dying cultures try for one last stand at their personal regression and concepts, I should hope that their last dying gasp will be the wars and skirmishes we are

now seeing. Things about to happen may trouble us (like the crumbling of China, for instance), but they will quickly fade away — a dying old sunburst of mistaken culture. We should be able to look forward to a long period of dawning enlightenment, wouldn't you think?

Within each of us are the personal guideposts and hoped-for milestones which guide us a "civilized" people. While many may not yet agree with that concept, they soon enough will. Their old ways are dying off. Fewer and fewer distractions should allow us more and more opportunities to undo the wrongs of the past and to reshape our own futures towards

an enlightened and much wiser path. The future is here.

I look forward, in 2002 and beyond, to a betterment of all mankind — a surge forward in both concept and deed. We should no longer trip over the wiry strings of the past, strings and wires which may still jut out from the ruined edifice still standing. Take the strength from within, no matter where you are, and use its powers; use the words and deeds within your control to advance and make better the town, city, place and life you're involved in. I'll be doing so; and I hope you continue paying attention. Only the strong can prosper, while the weak will wither away.

ROBIN STEPHENSON  
Piscataway

## To esteem, you must first have self-esteem

By BROTHER REGIS MOCCIA

COMMENTARY

One of the most craving whole-some desires of everyone's life is to be esteemed by family, friends and coworkers. This dream is the constant echoing of one's heart. Self-esteem is a universal hope for all of us, but this experience can be confusing with the appearances of faults, failures and undesirable habits. Such startling trends may influence the respect others have for us and which, in turn, can challenge self-worth. But have no fear; peace of mind can be achieved methodically with a lifestyle that is redemptive and wise.

Soon it becomes obvious to us how the yearning for the building of self-esteem can influence our lives. We become sensitive, self-conscious, disappointed and even angry. The real reason for this is that when our self-esteem is clearly jeopardized, it can run wild and steamroll into the zone of guilt. Imagination and tension create a hell on earth. Peace has vanished. Unhappiness and melancholy vie to weaken self-esteem. Chaos follows.

Victims of such paranoia have to play it cool, be realistic and quickly unveil the inner goodness that is too passive when needed. Self-esteem is not a life of perfection for there is no phenomenon. But "scrupulosity" in re-examining one's life can produce unwanted disliked errors which, in turn, are usually exaggerated and become the enemy. Our goodness must not be smothered with guilt feelings, hallucinations and a heavy heart. Seek the support of trusting people who love us, or even seek professional help if the matter becomes zoo-like. This is so vital that after a limited time if we've gotten worse, we must act immediately. Analyzing ourselves in the true light, receiving proper feedback from counselors, can usually convince us that we are better than we paint ourselves and, in a word, we are children of God. A saving grace is to think positive, avoid psychological shadowboxing staged by evil and reinforce our goodness repeatedly. The imagination, fed and spurred on by evil, can be very believable and hence invite the sponsors of despair to get involved.

Always and everywhere, whether we are young or old, we must realize the common belief that we are fragments of God, made to his image and liking. Remember, he does not make junk. Oddly enough errors and flops in our loves can have an opposite effect of hope — that is, reliance on special people and personal efforts can lift us out of this mud. We have to vow to accept ourselves lock, stock and barrel. To be esteemed by others, we must first esteem ourselves. A victim as explained may lose the battle but win the war with a strong attitude and will.

Eventually, belief in self regained, the immediate support of God and loved ones, the brittleness of lying gossip is broken and the sun rises compassionately and warmly. Such a self-healing response elevates one's self-esteem, truth annihilated slander and shame. Once considered a loser, a determined individual must literally go to war to redeem and reputation, become the person he actually is and, gallantly with head held

high resume his place among his peers. If crestfallen or insecure during this daring move, God can be identified and begged for his special graces. Overzealous nature must be restrained, else Satan can readily be refueled for new methods of attack. In such a turmoil one must study his own heart, listen to it, believe in it and resolve undaunted to re-establish one's true image in life. Self-worth is the goal, a worthy one essential for health, happiness, respect and peace. "Heart-storming" is more effective than brainstorming, a damaging evaluation.

An African catechism used in native schools has this as its first

question, "Why did God make you?" The answer is "Because he knew we would like it." With this affirmation our life, our self-esteem, our character, our maturity and our love are basically in our hands. Thinking confidently and truthfully, and trusting divine providence, our game plan to enhance our self-worth is clearly outlined. Just do it.

Enhancing one's self-respect and self-esteem is much more than zeroing in on a popularity contest and keeping score. Rather it is more meaningful, more challenging and more personal, regardless, for in so doing we feel God's grandeur in our lives. This duty can serve as a living example for those who

expect us to guide and aid them in life. To know this deeply in oneself is to rehearse it, trust it and love it more devoutly. Both self-esteem and self-respect are more than ideals to savor. A steady love of oneself, an admiration of people considered wholesome examples for proper living and a conviction that even as imperfect creatures, anyone can deserve and merit self-esteem.

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## Bravo to Marsh's raising awareness

## To The Editor:

As a resident of Piscataway since 1953, I have seen our township change from a charming, unhurried, rural community to a busy, traffic-choked, densely populated suburb. Consequently, I can only applaud Mr. Marsh's courageous position as stated in *The Piscataway Review*. (Jan. 4, 2002.) Mr. Marsh has raised public awareness about the future of Clint's Pond off Birch Run and Possumtown Road. Preserving the pond and its environs as some kind of park or open space is the most reasonable alternative to allowing high density housing to destroy what was once a "lush wetlands" and a habitat for threatened species of wildlife.

Building 340 townhouses near the site will only

serve to increase already existing problems of heavy traffic and flooding, and put an added burden on our school system. As almost any longtime resident of Piscataway will attest to, the township was a gentler, cleaner, and healthier place to live when there were more woods and wetlands, and we should preserve them, now, for future generations.

As one who believes that the quality of life declines with over-development, I strongly urge Piscataway residents and elected officials to stop the construction of high density housing and shopping malls before it's too late, and a good start would be to preserve Clint's Pond as a natural habitat.

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Piscataway

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# Community Life

## 2002 in Metuchen, the year of trains, football and boro hall

**METUCHEN** — Like the rest of the nation, Metuchen had its casualties in the Sept. 11 attack. From the downtown train station dust covered commuters walked, shaken, off of the train and into the arms of waiting loved ones. The downtown erupted into a spontaneous rally for New York

with the Biblical battle. Metuchen became the little town that could and a two-mile long train filled with trash was prevented from traveling through the borough and surrounding communities.

Yet, life goes on and by the end of the year borough residents

But the council decided that change is sometimes inevitable, even if it means tearing down a building that has for so long not only served as the administrative center of the town but as a familiar landmark for residents and neighbors alike. Yet, when it came time to decide where to put the new building and what it should look like, the mayor and council, with input from the community, made sure that the new borough hall would retain the old building's familiar "L" shape with a distinct curved facade facing the intersection of Main Street and Middlesex Avenue.

Built in 1924 and designed by architect Clement Fairweather, Metuchen's borough hall will be torn down in 2002. Until the new building is completed in 2003, both the Metuchen Police Department and the borough government will operate out of the Gulton Building on Durham Avenue.

When the mayor and council begin to meet at their temporary home on Durham Avenue the will be able to check up on the borough's newest addition to its recreational inventory. Metuchen finished 2001 by putting the final touches on the purchase of more than five acres of land which were part of the Oakrite industrial tract. Located on the corner of Durham Avenue and Hampton Street, when added to the newly renovated Hampton Street fields the property should compliment, and ease the burden on, the borough's crowded fields.

The town also celebrate the completion of its \$22.3 million

school construction program. The board of education moved into Moss School and Edgar School became a state of the art middle school. Campbell School also had extensive work done to it and the high school had a new music room added to it along with renovated science rooms.

Metuchen had its annual Holiday Parade. It was one of the best in years with lots of floats and marching groups. The country fair delayed one due to poor



GEORGE PACCIELLO/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Residents of Metuchen and Edison leave Metuchen Borough Hall to board a bus to the meeting of the Union County Board of Freeholders in August to protest their plans to ship New York City's garbage through central New Jersey.

weather, was held on a beautiful sunny day that was typical of this year's balmy fall. The usual 10,000 or so attended. Likewise, the Recreation Department's Easter Egg hunt continued to delight the borough's youngest while the Halloween pumpkin carving and Jack O'Lantern float continues to grow in popularity. However, even though many of the towns traditions continue on, Metuchen said goodbye to one of its longest traditions.

Metuchen's victory over Highland Park was, for at least two years, the last Thanksgivings Day meeting of

the two teams that have fought, usually to Highland Park's advantage, since the 1930s. The game had always been more than just a football match with college students coming home for the first time all knowing where to meet their former classmates, the game was a de facto reunion. Players from years ago would wear their varsity jackets and talk about games past. Metuchen won the final game, 14-6.

The year ended with the council's lone Republican being defeated and with the borough now being run exclusively by Democrats.



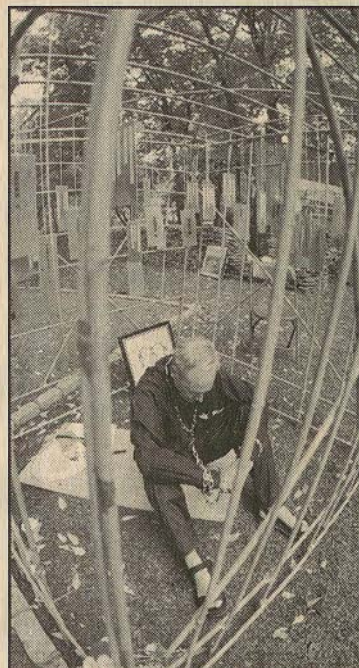
RON WALTERS/ CORRESPONDENT  
Junior Firefighter Matthew Strickland, 11, of Metuchen, works the hose during a wetdown for area children at Olmezer Park in August, sponsored by the Metuchen Fire Department.

City and the country. The town mourned, held hands and lit candles.

Hidden in the excitement of the World Trade Center attack was the quiet death of the "Trash Train". Metuchen had played David to Linden's Goliath by leading central New Jersey in its fight against a rolling junk yard winding its way through town and the results were the same as

readied themselves for the new year and they realized that, be it the end of one year or the end of 100, Metuchen is happy being Metuchen.

The evidence of Metuchen's philosophy of contentment is best exemplified by its plans for a new borough hall. There were those who did not want a new building to replace the current 77-year-old facility, but merely renovate it.



GEORGE PACCIELLO/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
This caged man, known simply as Dave, represented all of our nation's POWs and MIAs during Vietnam Veterans of America's annual vigil at Memorial Park in September.

## Highland Park, 2001

**HIGHLAND PARK** — Though 2001 was met by white snow from a blizzard the day before the New Year, Highland Park started out green when the Middlesex County Improvement Authority acquired a mile-plus of riverfront property, namely Red's Marina, to become a link to Donaldson Park and Johnson park in Piscataway.

While everything looked green, the borough did pass on a proposal to create a Special Improvement District, better known as a downtown SID, for unattractive tax purposes.

testing the borough's zoning of his land, which became involved in litigation trying to prevent developer Jack Morris from building on the land.

April saw the School District Budget fail, which Superintendent of Schools Dr. Marylu Simon said was "a close race," within 15 votes. The \$19.5 million budget was revamped by the board of education and approved \$132,000 lighter by the borough council. The end of the month saw racism rear its ugly head, as residents were charged with biased crimes. In August, hate would return to the borough with more arrests and a com-

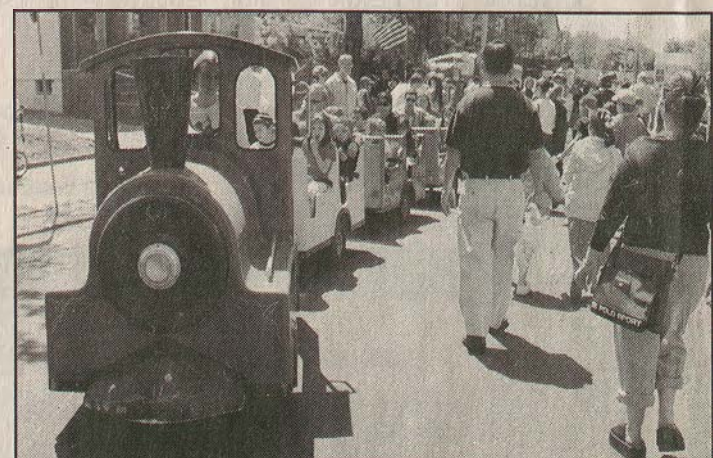


NICOLE DIMELLA/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
This sign was unveiled in June dedicating the Irving School Pre-Kindergarten playground to Highland Park community member Ruth Glassman for her many years of extraordinary volunteer service to Highland Park students.

In February, Mayor Meryl Frank announced that there would be a \$500,000 budget shortfall, left over from the James Polos administration, which the former mayor came out publicly denying was his fault. The budget was eventually introduced up \$1.5 million from last year and passed at \$10.7 million.

March was marked by the borough becoming the first Middlesex County municipality to receive a grant from the federal government to head up a Domestic Violence task force. The borough would later receive a grant from Motorola to hand out special cell phones to domestic violence victims programmed to dial 911. March ended with Buck Woods owner Ray Buck con-

munity up in arms and trying to solve racial tension. Twelve arrests would top off the list



NICOLE DIMELLA/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
A train brings kids and parents for a ride along Raritan Avenue during Highland Park's annual street fair this past April.



NICOLE DIMELLA/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Zbigniew Pietruszewski, a member of the Laboratory for the Conservation of Fine Arts cleans the statue of the Doughboy at the Highland Park War memorial on Raritan Avenue in preparation for the Veteran's Day events.

of offenders.

After Sept. 11, hate was put aside and the borough focused on happier things, such as the ribbon cutting for the senior housing program in October. November saw the rededication of the Doughboy Memorial on Raritan Avenue.

The borough closed the year looking at cluster housing ordinances, attempting to stop overdevelopment in a borough that has had its fair share of developments.

## Edison manages to stay on top

**EDISON** — In the past year, Edison became famous.

Not for its municipal agenda, or any merits or award, but rather for a police force exposed as abusive on national television and a pond property prematurely stripped of its trees. With radical gadflies and political pundits taking their best shots, the township still managed to come out of 2001 relatively unscathed, with a candle lighted for those lost and a shining star in the sky.

The township has begun work on transforming Amboy Avenue between the Rt. 1 and Turnpike bridges into a downtown for the sprawling community. Sidewalks are being torn up and widened while lighting, facades and walkways are being architecturally coordinated.

The township continues to preserve open space particularly in the Dismal Swamp where a horse farm, the Triple C, is in operation. With almost \$40 million from grants and the open space tax that the residents placed upon themselves, Edison is guaranteeing its future by buying hundreds of acres including many hundreds along the Raritan River.

Edison also shot a man into space and returned him safely to his home town, evident by J.P. Stevens High School graduate and NASA Astronaut Mark Polansky piloting the Space Shuttle Discovery to deliver the Sky Lab to the international space station.

However, there were setbacks. Although it seemed, at times, that the developers had lost, saving the Oak Tree Pond is as distant as ever as alternate plans,



GEORGE PACCIELLO/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
After the June primary election Edison Mayor George Spadaro's team, Parag Patel, Robert Diehl and Councilman Anthony Massaro stand proud to follow their mayor into the November election battle.

litigation and protests are, so far, failing to stop the Revolutionary War site from being turned into a strip mall.

As one of New Jersey's most populous communities, Edison had many who went to work on Sept. 11 and did not come home. Within hours of the attack the townships emergency services were ready to help out. By the end of the next day Edison had more than 20 officers who were on the scene at ground zero helping keep order. Edison's first aid squads put together a memorial for the fallen held in Roosevelt Park in just three days that was attended by communities from throughout central New Jersey.

One aspect of the attack was that the election for mayor was very low key. The election held the promise of being a close one.

Mayor George Spadaro had been challenged by an upstart faction within the township's powerful Democratic Party. Led by Councilman William "Bill" Stephens who challenged Mayor Spadaro for the regular party line in the June election, the group failed, in a close election among the committee members, to get their candidates on line. After the defeat on the committee level, Stephens was joined by Councilwoman Antonia Ricigliano and together they put together a team to challenge Mayor Spadaro in the June primary.

After a tough primary fight Mayor Spadaro and his team, which included Council President Anthony Massaro, was victorious. However, the Republicans held out hope that the bad feelings from the primary might be enough to put mayoral candidate Gil Nielson and his team over the top. In the end, the rich got richer and Mayor George Spadaro and his team were elected putting the township's Democrats in even tighter control of the government.

One milestone of the race was the election of the first Indian American to the Edison government. When he was sworn in on Jan. 1 Parag Patel became the first representative of Edison's fast growing Asian community.

Edison enters 2002 much as it entered 2001, a fast growing economic powerhouse. However, like the rest of America, the township has changed. Negativity is, for now, banned and people approach politics, the police and each other with a kinder and gentler heart.



GEORGE PACCIELLO/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
NASA Astronaut and J.P. Stevens High School graduate Mark Polansky speaks to children at the Edison Library about his trip into space this past February.



## Middlesex County Briefs

### Get pet licenses before the new year

METUCHEN — Licenses are required for all cats and dogs that are housed in the borough.

A renewal application is included with the recycling schedule mailed to all Metuchen homeowners and tenants. You can also renew the licenses in the Health Department office at Borough Hall between 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Proof of vaccination against rabies is required. A \$5 fee will be added for all licenses renewed after Feb. 28.

In addition, seniors 65 and older who participate in the PAAD prescription drug program can receive a waiver of their license fee.

For more information, phone (732) 632-8503.

### Arts Commission D.C. trip Jan. 13

METUCHEN — The Metuchen Cultural Arts Commission is sponsoring a day trip Sunday, Jan. 13 to the Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C.

The bus leaves Borough Hall 7:30 a.m. with return scheduled for around 8 p.m.

Currently at the Phillips Collection is the first major exhibition of "Impressionist Still Life" paintings from the 19th century. Cezanne, Degas, Gauguin, Monet, Van Gogh, Renoir, Sisley and Pissarro are among the artists included.

Cost of \$55 includes museum admission. Bring a bag lunch or purchase your own in the museum's cafeteria. For reservations, phone (732) 632-8502.

### BIL round-robin, meeting Jan. 16

METUCHEN — The Borough Improvement League sponsors round-robin bridge 1 p.m. Wednesday in the old Franklin School building at 491 Middlesex Ave.

New players are welcome. If you are interested, phone Vivian Hight at (732) 985-3914 or Doris Uhl at (732) 985-6098.

The league holds its regular

meeting 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16 at the old Franklin School. Cynthia Beiz of the Metuchen Police Department will speak about safety.

### Support groups, classes at WHW

METUCHEN — Women Helping Women is accepting new members for its winter series of support groups. Each group meets Thursday night for 10-12 weeks. Typical subjects are "Coping with Separation and Divorce," "Emotionally Abused Women" and self-esteem.

Fee per session is \$6 for members and \$8 for non-members. Registration is required; phone (732) 549-6000.

Registration is underway for an anger management workshop sponsored by Women Helping Women. The workshop runs Tuesday nights for four weeks beginning Jan. 8. Fee is \$25 per session. Reduced rates are available.

For more information and registration, phone (732) 549-6000.

### Women's group offers counseling

METUCHEN — In response to the events of Sept. 11, Women Helping Women is offering short-term counseling and group therapy at no cost.

Men as well as women are welcome. For more information, phone (732) 549-6000.

### Metuchen Library special clearance sale

METUCHEN — The Metuchen Public Library is running a clearance sale on the special books published to mark the 100th anniversary of the borough.

All titles are at half the original price. They are the "Metuchen Centennial Chronicle 1900-2000," at \$12.50; "An Historical Walking Tour of Metuchen, New Jersey," at \$3; and "Old Colonial Cemetery of Metuchen," at \$3.

Copies are limited to those on hand while supplies last. To purchase any of these books,

visit the library at 480 Middlesex Ave. during library hours.

Mail orders also will be accepted to Metuchen Public Library, Director, 480 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen, NJ 08840. All mail orders must be payable to "Borough of Metuchen" and include an additional \$2 per book for shipping and handling.

### Scrabble anyone? Meet at Minnie B.

EDISON — The Edison Recreation Department sponsors a Scrabble Club for those who like to play the word game. At the Minnie B. Veal Community Center, 1070 Grove Ave., sessions are 7-10 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month. At the Dorothy K. Drwal Stelton Community Center, 328 Plainfield Ave., sessions are 7-10 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

Beginners are welcome. Free instruction is offered 8-9 p.m.

For more information, phone Walt at (732) 721-9218 or Lois at (732) 906-5496.

### Hey! 'Picture this!' at Edison Library

EDISON — The Edison Free Public Library wants toddlers to "Picture This!"

This puppet show with the Clamshell Theatre is for children 2 years old through kindergarten, accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Siblings are not wanted.

Showtimes are 10 a.m. Tuesday at the main branch on Plainfield Avenue and 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the North Edison branch on Grove Avenue. For registration, visit the appropriate library or phone (732) 287-

2351, Ext. 3 for the main branch and (732) 548-4759, Ext. 228 for North Edison.

### Chamber of Commerce seeking town history

EDISON — The Edison Chamber of Commerce celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2002.

Photographs, stories, letters and related memorabilia are being sought. In addition, the chamber is looking for information on companies that were established in Edison over 50 years ago. For more information, phone (732) 738-9482.

### Art appreciation class at HP Library

HIGHLAND PARK — Natalie McMeans, a graduate of Rutgers Graduate Art History Department is offering a free art appreciation program for fourth through sixth grade students. The classes will be held at the Highland Park Public Library, 31 North 5th Avenue.

Youngsters will explore the significant art movements of western culture on the following Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and on Jan. 24, Feb. 7 and Feb. 21, March 7 and March 21 and April 4 and April 18.

Each session will include a brief slide show, discussion and an art project that recreates a featured art movement from that evening. The children will be exposed to art movements from cave paintings to modern abstraction.

To register for the art program call the library at (732) 572-2750.

### Piscataway Recreation theater trips for '02

PISCATAWAY — Tickets are available for these theater trips sponsored by the Recreation Department:

Jan. 13 — "42nd Street" on Broadway. Cost is \$90. The bus leaves the Municipal Complex 12:15 p.m.

Feb. 10 — "Aida" on Broadway. Cost is \$100. The bus leaves the Municipal Complex 12:15 p.m.

March 30 — "Big Bird's Sunny Camp-Out" at the State Theatre in New Brunswick. Cost is \$22. Transportation is on your own.

For more information, phone (732) 562-2382.

### Sixteenth annual MLK workshop

PISCATAWAY — The Sixteenth Annual Martin Luther King Interdenominational Worship Service will be held at the First Baptist Church of New Market, 450 New Market Road, Piscataway on Jan. 20 at 4 p.m.

The Reverend Edward Taylor, Pastor of the New Horizon Baptist Church, Hightstown, is the keynote speaker. This community-wide event is sponsored by the Piscataway-Dunellen

Clergy Association in cooperation with the Piscataway Civil Rights Advisory Commission. For additional information, please contact the Church Office at (732) 968-6290.

### South Plainfield X-mas tree removal

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Borough residents needing Christmas tree removal in South Plainfield are to leave their trees, devoid of decorations, at the street. Pickups will occur throughout the month of January.

### SP Knights holding open house Jan. 15

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus is looking for new members so will be having a "Open House" on Jan. 15, 2002 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Please call (908) 755-6203 for more details.

### SP Elks are selling Entertainment books

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Elks Lodge 2298 is selling (Continued on page C-6)

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**Sunday** — Bingo, 12:30 p.m.

**Monday** — Sewing/quilting, 10 a.m. Exercise with Irene, 11 a.m. Bingo, 1:15 p.m. Beginners bridge, 1:30 p.m.

**Tuesday** — Video exercise, 9 a.m. English, 9:30 a.m. Woodcarving, 9:30 a.m. Chorus, 10 a.m. Bridge, cards and mahjongg, 1 p.m.

**Wednesday** — Exercise with Irene, 11 a.m.

**Thursday** — Healthy Bones, 9:30 a.m. Rockettes

rehearsal, 1 p.m.

**Friday** — Painting, 9 a.m. Beginners English, 10:45 a.m. Pizza lunch, noon. Bingo, 1:15 p.m.

**Friday, Jan. 11** — Exercise with Irene, 11 a.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 12** — Shopping at Wal-Mart, noon. Movie, "America's Sweethearts," 12:30 p.m.

**Sunday, Jan. 13** — Shopping at Menlo Park, noon.

**Monday, Jan. 14** — Massage, 9 a.m. Beginners English, 10:45 a.m.

**Tuesday, Jan. 15** — Discussion group, 1:15 p.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 16** — "Celebrity Roasts" video, 1:15 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 17** — Dr. Scerbo, 9 a.m. (appointment only). Video exercise, 9 a.m.

Knitting/crocheting club, 1:30 p.m. Food tasting with Mike Rosenberg, 2 p.m. (registration required).

**Friday, Jan. 18** — Exercise with Irene, 9:30 a.m. Arthritis support group, 10:45 a.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 19** — Shopping at Middlesex Mall, noon. Movie, "The Princess Diaries," 12:30 p.m.

**Sunday, Jan. 20** — Shopping at A.C. Moore/Asian markets, noon.

**Monday, Jan. 21** — Senior/Youth Center closed. (Martin Luther King Day).

**Tuesday, Jan. 22** — Crafts with Irene (shirts), 1 p.m. "Identity Theft" program, 1 p.m. Caregivers support group, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 24** — Video exercise, 9 a.m. Golden Key ID card, 1 p.m. (fee \$3; registration required by Jan. 12).

Knitting/crocheting, 1:30 p.m.

**Friday, Jan. 25** — Exercise with Irene, 9:30 a.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 26** — Shopping at Sears, noon. Movie, "American Outlaws," 12:30 p.m.

**Sunday, Jan. 27** — Shopping at ShopRite, noon.

**Monday, Jan. 28** — Beginners English, 10:30 a.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 31** — Dr. Scerbo, 9 a.m. (appointment required).

**Metuchen AARP Chapter 3208**  
The AARP chapter holds its monthly general meeting 1:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14 at Cryan's Restaurant, 660 Middlesex Ave. A board meeting at noon precedes the general meeting. Guests are welcome. For membership information, phone Ruth Hancock at

(732) 548-2332.

**Edison AARP Chapter 3446**  
Trips sponsored by the AARP chapter:

**Feb. 21** — Anne Murray at State Theatre. Phone Margaret at (732) 549-3323.

**March 13** — "Butterflies Are Free" at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. Phone Angie at (732) 738-0759.

All trips leave from Our Lady of Peace Church.

**South Plainfield AARP Chapter 4144**  
The chapter meets 12:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18 at the PAL building, 1250 Maple Ave. Allison Carter will speak about the accomplishments of Martin Luther King and show historical sculptures. A bus tour of the Deep South is planned April 20-28. Included are New Orleans tours, a riverboat

jazz cruise, another cruise in Alabama and a tour of Stone Mountain Park in Georgia. Cost per person is \$655 double occupancy or \$855 single occupancy. For reservations, phone Lee at (732) 968-6613 or Mary at (732) 752-3764.

**Piscataway Senior Center**  
The Senior Center is at 700 Buena Vista Ave., off Hoes Lane behind Kennedy Library. Activities are at the Senior Center except where indicated. For registration where it is required, visit the reception desk. For additional information, phone (732) 562-1133. Upcoming events:  
**Thursday, Jan. 17** — Photo ID card. Cost is \$3 and appointments are required.  
**Thursday, Jan. 24 and Feb. 21** — Atlantic City. Cost is \$13.50.

## Religion

**Metuchen Temple Neve Shalom** holds its seventh annual "Books and Authors" program 10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 13.

Toni L. Kamins, Michael A. Rockland and Aryeh L. Stollman are the authors scheduled to appear. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Kamins has written "The Complete Jewish Guide to France" and "The Complete Jewish Guide to Great Britain and Ireland." The two guidebooks list synagogues and kosher restaurants in the three nations. Each book begins with a brief history of that nation's Jewish community.

Rockland is the author of "The Jews of New Jersey: A Pictorial History."

Stollman has written "The Illuminated Soul," about a scientist

who smuggled an illuminated Hebrew manuscript out of Europe at the beginning of World War II.

For more information, phone (732) 548-2238. The synagogue is located at 250 Grove Ave., between Middlesex and Amboy avenues.

**Temple Neve Shalom** on Grove Avenue is holding three events Sunday, Jan. 27.

The "World Wide Wrap" is 8:45 a.m. Personal trainers will show you how to properly don a "tallit" and "tefillin" for performing Jewish rituals. A related discussion follows the program.

The synagogue's Judaica gift shop has a sale 10 a.m.-2 p.m. with most merchandise will be 50 percent off. Wedding gifts, bar mitzvah gifts, baby shower gifts, housewarming gifts, stationery, greeting cards, books, games and ritual objects are included.

A "Simcha Showcase" is 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Caterers, bands, DJs, photographers, videographers, party planners, stationers, calligraphers and florists will be on hand to discuss all of your special occasions.

For full details on any of these events, phone (732) 548-2238.

**Edison Family Friends** holds two "Baby Drop-In" programs for parents with young children.

Both programs are at Congregation Beth-El, 91 Jefferson

Blvd. Toddlers up to 2 years old are welcome 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday. Children up to 6 years old are welcome 9:45-11:45 a.m. Wednesday. Siblings are welcome.

For more information, visit [www.familyfriendsinc.org](http://www.familyfriendsinc.org) or phone (732) 828-6600.

**Highland Park The Highland Park Conservative Temple** (201 South 3rd Avenue) Men's Club will be coordinating their Annual Blood Drive on Sunday, Jan. 20 (Martin Luther King Day weekend) from 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Blood is a life saving resource with no available artificial substitutes. It is crucial that adequate supplies are available at all times. All of us benefit from this invaluable resource. Donating blood is quick, easy and safe. Donors must ordinarily be between 18 and 75 years of age.

The needs are great, and we would like to increase our donations this year. We therefore encourage those who have never donated to begin this year. Donors need not be Temple members; bring a friend or neighbor.

For more information, please leave a message at the Temple (732) 545-6482 for Jerry Langer, Blood Drive Coordinator.

Save a life. Donate blood.

The Men's Club of the **Highland Park Conservative Temple** (201 South 3rd Avenue) will be participating in a program entitled "World Wide Wrap" on Sunday, Jan. 13, starting at 8:45 a.m. with minyan. There will be

extra sets of tefillin and members of the congregation will be available to help you with the process of putting on tefillin. After minyan, there will be a breakfast at the Temple. During the breakfast, Rabbi Eliot Malomet and Rabbi Stephanie Dickstein will lead a discussion and present their unique views on this important mitzvah. For more information, please contact the Temple office at (732) 545-6482.

**At the Highland Park Conservative Temple** at 201 South 3rd Ave., two new classes have been added to the American Jerusalem Academy Roster. Rabbi Mordecai Schwartz has started teaching a Talmud Class on Sundays at 7:45 p.m. Jeffrey Korbman is teaching a Parsha Class on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. All are welcome to attend. There is no fee for Temple members, and the cost for non-members is \$10 per semester. For more information about these classes, or any other classes offered at the Highland Park Conservative Temple, please contact the Temple office (545-6482) or check out our web site at [www.hpctc.org](http://www.hpctc.org).

The adult education program of the **Highland Park Conservative Temple** (201 South 3rd Avenue), the American Jerusalem Academy, have resumed classes as of Sunday, Jan. 6.

**Piscataway**  
The Sixteenth Annual Martin Luther King Interdenominational Worship Service will be held at the **First Baptist Church** of New Market, 450 New Market Road, Piscataway on Jan. 20 at 4 p.m. The Reverend Edward Taylor, Pastor of the New Horizon Baptist Church, Hightstown, is the keynote speaker. This community-wide event is sponsored by the Piscataway-Dunellen Clergy Association in cooperation with the Piscataway Civil Rights Advisory Commission. For additional information, please contact the Church Office at (732) 968-6290.

**Piscataway Community Worship Center** is relocating its Sunday Worship Service to the 7th Day Adventist School of Piscataway. The school can be found off Route 287 at exit 7 following South Randolphville Road across Centennial Avenue and continuing on South Randolphville Road at the next left for Metlar's Lane, turning onto South Randolphville Road.

All are welcome. The Piscataway Community Worship Center is a multi-ethnic and multi-generational family church desiring to see every person come into all that God has for them. The worship service will start at 11 a.m. For any further information or directions, call Pastor Jim or Kathy Hibbard at (732) 752-2346.

**South Plainfield Pilgrim Covenant Learning Center** is accepting registration for the 2001-02 school year. The learning center is located adjacent to the Pilgrim Covenant Church at 3121 Park Ave. A full-time and part-time preschool is offered for ages 3-5. Full-time classes run 7 a.m.-6 p.m. year-round. Part-time preschool classes are held two, three or five days a week in the morning and afternoon. Full-day kindergarten is open to those of kindergarten age. In addition, child care is provided before and after school in the preschool and kindergarten. For more information and a tour, visit the learning center or phone Chris Sienkiewski at (908) 756-4879.

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# Sports

## Tigers ready for some Monday night wrestling

By AL WAGNER  
STAFF WRITER

He isn't one to shy away from a tough challenge, but John Gill would prefer to do it some other day during the week.

"I can't stand any matches on Monday night," said the Kittatinny High wrestling head coach. "Having a match on Monday night isn't one of the greatest ideas, but that's how the schedule worked."

Despite Gill's displeasure, his unbeaten Kittatinny Cougars, the defending State Group 2 champions, will be in South Plainfield 7:30 p.m. Monday to take on the Tigers, the Group 3

champs. The two powerhouses are also scheduled to tangle next year in Newton.

Generally rated as one of the top three teams in the state this winter, Kittatinny has dominated in its dual meets and in tournament action.

"On paper, they're a solid team, most likely a top-three team," said SPHS Head Coach Bill Pavlak. "They're a well-balanced squad."

"We'll focus on protecting on what we build this season," said Gill. "It's a good challenge for us to be one of the best in the state. South Plainfield will be a great test for our guys."

Added Pavlak: "We'll have our

work cut out for us. We have to step up against a strong opponent. Our seniors will have to lead us."

The teams last met in February 2000 in the Group 2 final, a match South Plainfield won 33-18. However, this time both squads come into the match without any prior knowledge of each other this year.

"That group final wasn't one of our better matches," said Gill. "I remember South Plainfield was strong in the lower and middle classes. They were strong and focused that day—a real champion."

"The only thing I know is

they're a tough squad despite their loss to South Brunswick (Jan. 5). Our match will be a memorable meeting for both teams — it's going to be one special night."

Pavlak also isn't too familiar with the Kittatinny lineup.

"The only thing I know is they have a state champ (Matt Valenti, 112) and a state runnerup (Mike Weber, 135) from last year. Also they're just a solid team from 103 to heavyweight. Every match will be a battle for us."

"We have the number one- or two-ranked team at our place — it's going to be a great experience

for our young team."

SPHS and Kittatinny share an early-season common opponent — Hunterdon Central. The Cougars had their one fairly close bout against Central, taking a 39-18 decision Dec. 22. A week later, the Tigers squared off against some Central grapplers during the Hunterdon Central Tournament.

"The Central match was one of the best early-season tests for us," said Gill. "We do have some things to work on, based on our tapes against South Plainfield from 2000, and we'll get a tape on them at the Hunterdon tournament. Then, we'll go from there to prepare for Monday."

"The Hunterdon tournament was a great experience for our guys," said Pavlak. "Plus, I know Kittatinny wrestled them before us. We'll watch the tapes and compare our scores against their scores against Hunterdon Central's wrestlers."

Wanting to go against more out-of-conference opponents, Gill said, "Our conference isn't one of the strongest in the state. South Plainfield's program is a good reason we wanted to meet them and give our guys some good tests. They have some outstanding wrestlers and they have a strong tradition and backing."

Kittatinny, a member of the (Continued on page C-2)

## Coming up roses

### Piscataway's Lewis caps Miami career with key interception, national title in Rose Bowl

By AL WAGNER  
STAFF WRITER

As he neared the end zone, James Lewis realized he was actually living every football player's ultimate dream.

"I couldn't believe it — I was about to score in the national championship game," recalled Lewis of his fleeting thoughts as he returned an interception for a University of Miami touchdown during last week's Rose Bowl battle with Nebraska. "It was my moment — a moment I'll always cherish."

Lewis, a 1998 Piscataway High graduate, snagged a pass that deflected off the hands of Nebraska tight end Tracey Wistrom at knee-level and raced 47 yards for a touchdown, giving the Hurricanes a 21-0 lead early in the second quarter.

As Lewis ran towards the goal line, his only thought was, "I've picked off a pass by a Heisman Trophy winner in the Rose Bowl, and we're going to win this game."

Miami went on to throttle Nebraska 37-14 for the unofficial NCAA Division I national title in the Jan. 3 clash in Pasadena, Cal.

"I really can't describe how I still feel," said Lewis Saturday. "It's an indescribable feeling, beating Nebraska for the national title. It doesn't feel like I'm a national champion. I'm still numb."

Lewis, a senior strong safety, and the unbeaten 'Canes faced tough challenges on their way to the Rose Bowl.

"We worked hard for this title," said the former Piscataway team captain. "We dedicated our season to going undefeated and playing for the title. We targeted the Rose Bowl as our goal entering last spring's practice and never looked back."

The Miami defense knew stop-

ping Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch, this season's Heisman winner, would be the key to knocking off the Cornhuskers.

"We entered the game transfixed on Crouch," said Lewis, who was a backup until this year. "If we shut him down, we knew we'd win it."

However, Lewis' Miami career took some time to get off the ground. He, like the 'Canes, had to go through growing pains the past four years.

"I won't remember the first three years too much," said Lewis, "because I was on the sidelines watching and waiting to start, even though I played in every game until I started this season."

"It killed me inside that I had enough talent to play (in my first three years), but I was patient and practiced hard for my big break. It just came together this season for me."

The Miami defensive staff promoted Lewis to starting status before the season after switching him with All-American Edward Reed — who moved to free safety — during spring drills.

When offensive coordinator Larry Coker became head coach after Butch Davis bolted for the Cleveland Browns after the 2000 season, Lewis knew this was his chance.

"I felt Coach Coker had respect for me since my freshman year, and he knew that I just needed the actual playing time to come into my own," said Lewis.

Lewis fit in well with a rover-style defensive secondary system employed by Miami's new defensive coordinator, Randy Shannon, who actually returned to the 'Canes this season after a brief stop with the Miami Dolphins.

"Coach Shannon instilled a greater awareness and confidence in myself as a player, student, and a man after I left home," said

Lewis. "He became a surrogate father to me at Miami."

Shannon brought over from his stint with the Dolphins a defensive system where a designated rover (either the free or strong safety) can maneuver around in the secondary freely in attacking the point of play, which is what led to Lewis's big Rose Bowl interception.

Lewis finished this season with 59 tackles and two interceptions, both returned for TDs. He had a big game against fierce rival Florida State, making 12 tackles, which tied the team high for a game.

But he's also approaching another goal that's even more important than a national title. In May he'll graduate with a bachelor's degree in criminology. But he's not excluding the possibility of moving on to the National Football League.

"I'm planning to attend the combines in February in Indianapolis," said Lewis. "I don't know who's looking at me, but I'll give it my best shot."

Lewis was also quick to single out two individuals for having a major impact on his life — his mother, Rosita Parramore, and Piscataway Head Coach Joe Kuronyi.

"My mother has motivated me in many ways — never to quit on myself," he said. "And Coach Kuronyi believed in me as a player and student. He's an inspirational man and a great coach."

Kuronyi not only recalls Lewis as one of the best players he's coached, but also as a true student-athlete.

"He's one player I'll never forget," said Kuronyi. "He proved himself to me and the rest of my staff by his performance on and off the field here and at Miami. He's a good kid who made the

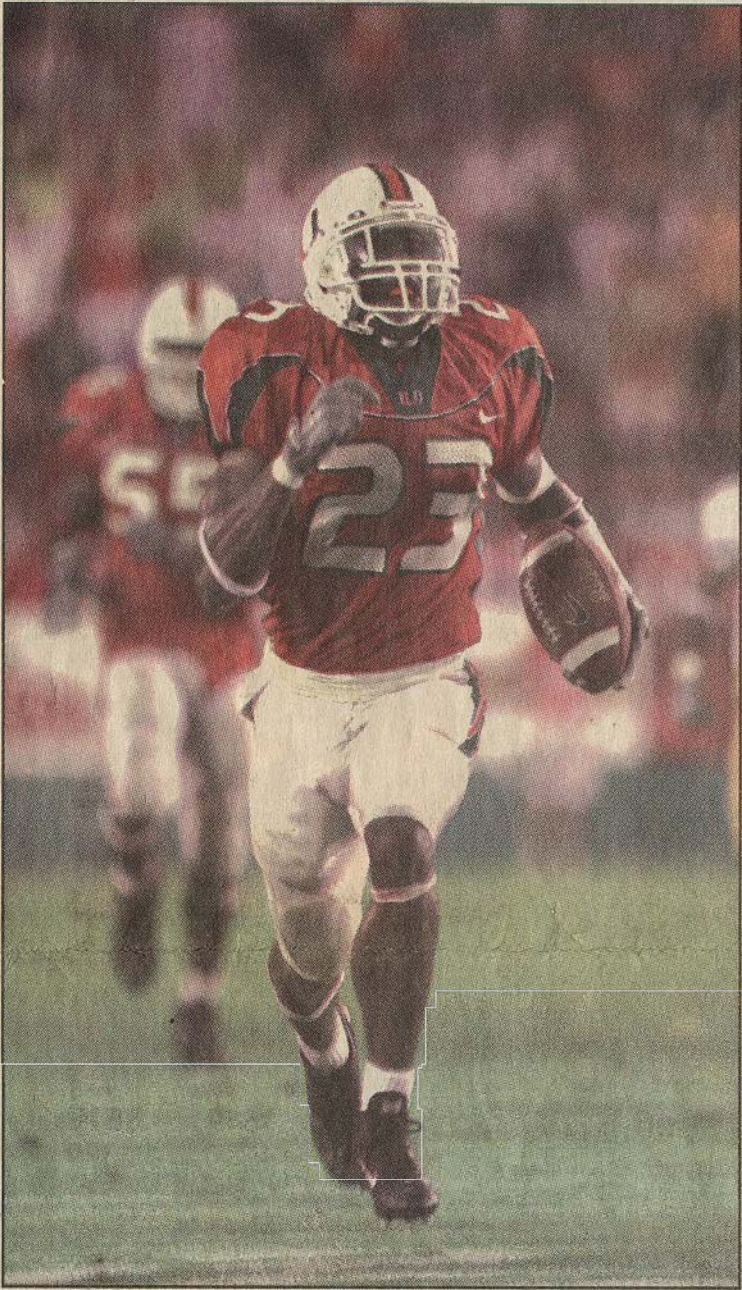


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Piscataway High product James Lewis, a senior strong safety at the University of Miami, returned an interception 47 yards for a touchdown during the Hurricanes' Rose Bowl triumph over Nebraska, which earned them the national championship.

best out of his life — you can't ask more than that as a football coach."

After leaving Miami, Lewis will root for all the Piscataway football players now in college — primarily Boston College's Justin Hinds (a sophomore defensive tackle) and Larry

Lester (freshman cornerback). But BC is also one of Miami's Big East Conference opponents.

"I'll be a BC fan, rooting for Hinds and Lester," said Lewis. "They're why I'm going to root for BC, except against Miami. It's the rivalry. You can't go against your team — no matter who."

## Hawks don't measure up to Old Bridge team

By AL WAGNER  
STAFF WRITER

The object in life is to learn from our past — a lesson J.P. Stevens High Head Coach Andy Eng wants his girls basketball team to learn before the end of the season.

"We need to learn from our mistakes," said Eng following Monday's 72-55 loss at Old Bridge. "We didn't put in our maximum effort tonight. If we focus on playing our 'A' game as a team every night, good things will follow. We need to break old habits."

The youthful Hawks (6-4) suffered their second straight loss after Old Bridge blitzed them with a 22-0 first-period tear. The Knights (4-4) had balanced scoring with three players in double-figures and used their height advantage in stopping a JPS comeback in the late stages of the Greater Middlesex Conference-Red Division game.

"We met a bigger, more physical team," said Eng. "They were just awesome in that opening period. You can't bury yourself and expect to come back from that huge of a deficit. Old Bridge

### J.P. STEVENS GIRLS BASKETBALL

just was dominating and used their size to their advantage. That's a sign of a well-coached team."

Yet, after the Knights' early blitzkrieg, the Hawks came back to outscore them 55-50 the rest of the way.

"I'm proud of that," said Eng. "It showed real character in my girls. But, you can only do so much against a big lead."

Stephanie Marciano, a sophomore guard, and Tania Kennedy, a freshman forward, combined for 32 Stevens points. But Eng pointed out they could've used some more point production from other players.

"Stephanie and Tania needed help," he said. "They can't always score. Everyone has to show up ready to play."

Despite the consecutive losses, Eng has a positive outlook for his Hawks.

"We'll learn this season," he said. "As we do, who knows what could happen? We have a strong future. We just need to keep our focus on improving ourselves as a

team. I'll be happy about that the most — improving and winning some more games."

**JPS SCORING:**  
Kennedy 2 (4)-1-17, Marciano 2 (3)-3-16, Way 2-1-5, Bonk 2-1-5, Goss (1)-1-4, Fliggi 2-0-4, James 2-0-4; Totals: 12 (8)-7-55  
Old Bridge (4-4) 22 17 11 19 - 72  
JP Stevens (6-4) 0 21 23 11 - 55

**East Brunswick 62, JPS 37** — East Brunswick snapped Stevens' six-game winning streak Saturday in Edison. Sylvia Majdanski broke open the game for the winners (6-2) by netting eight of her game-high 17 in the second period during a 10-2 run. Marciano led the Hawks with 12 points.

**JPS SCORING:**  
Kennedy 4-1-9, James 2-0-4, Marciano 3 (2)-0-12, Way 3-2-8, Bonk 1-2-4; Totals: 13 (2)-5-37  
JPS 13 2 7 15 — 37  
E. Brunswick 14 10 19 19 — 62

**JPS 52, South Plainfield 48** — The Hawks thwarted a second-half Tiger rally behind Kennedy's six points (out of a game-high 22) in the decisive fourth period Jan. 3. Marciano chipped in 14 for the Hawks.

**JPS SCORING:**  
Kennedy 7 (1)-5-22, James 2-1-5, Marciano 4 (2)-3-17, Way 1-2-4, Bonk 2-0-4; Totals: 16 (3)-11-52  
JPS 16 17 5 14 — 52  
S. Plainfield 15 5 13 15 — 48

Outside of the free-throw situation, the Chiefs got another solid performance from senior Tannisha Winfrey, who scored 21 points after tying her career high with 30 against Bishop Ahr. She's averaging over 19 a game.

"Tannisha did a great job for us again," said Yackimovicz. "She's going to be a solid college player and is having her best season. She's a delightful player to watch."

Facing a 43-32 deficit after three periods, the Chiefs outscored South Brunswick 22-21 in the final stanza.

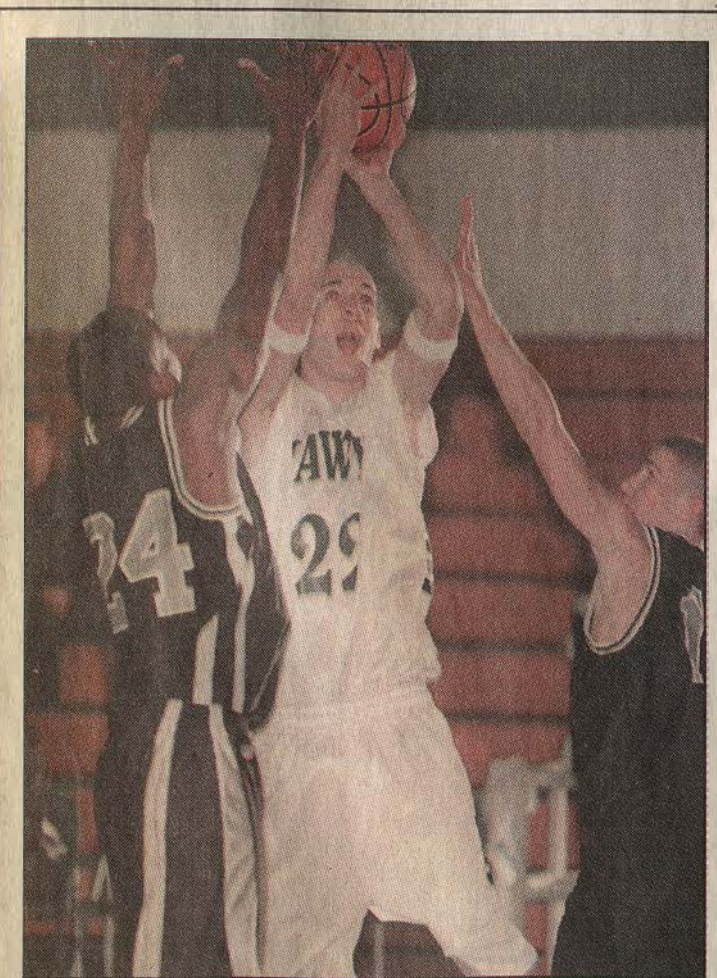
"Our shots improved in that fourth period," said Yackimovicz. "However, we just couldn't overcome the earlier deficit. We had nice shots, but they just didn't fall for us when we needed them to during the most critical point of the game. And their starters were just too much."

Even though the Chiefs lost their second straight division game, Yackimovicz still believes her squad has a good future.

"I know my team has the potential to win games but we must learn from this loss and the Bishop Ahr loss. We need to bounce back, that's all, and win."

**PISCATAWAY SCORING:**  
Winfrey 2 (4)-5-21, Costabile 1 (2)-1-9, Guaneri 3 (1)-1-9, Harris 3-0-6, Aquila (1)-2-5, Walker 2-0-4; Totals: 11 (8)-8-54  
South Brunswick (4-4) 15 6 22 21 — 64  
Piscataway (3-5) 7 10 15 22 — 54

**Bishop Ahr 74, PHS 69 (OT)** — In Saturday's shoot-out, Deana Cuozzo and Winfrey tried out-dueling each other. Cuozzo (Continued on page C-2)



LARRY MURPHY/STAFF CORRESPONDENT

**Going up for two**  
J.P. Stevens High's Chris James attempts a shot over a pair of Old Bridge opponents during Monday night's game, which Old Bridge won 48-32. J.P. Stevens roundup, page C-2.



# Francis, Veinott pace Tigers' late comeback

South Plainfield High's boys basketball team rallied from a nine-point deficit in the final period Tuesday to knock off host North Brunswick 61-57.

The Tigers (4-4) outscored NBHS 23-11 in the fourth period to prevail. Senior guard David Francis led the way with 12 points and junior Phil Veinott added 10, including a pair of treys. North Brunswick dropped to 2-6.

**SO. PLAINFIELD SCORING:**  
Francis 5-2-12, Veinott 1 (2)-2-10, Jones 3-3-9, Robinson 3-1-7, Hollis 1-3-5, Houston (1)-0-3, Parks 1-0-2, Gilmore 1-0-2; Totals: 15 (5)-16-61

So. Plainfield (4-4) 8 12 18 23 — 61  
No. Brunswick (2-6) 12 17 18 11 — 57

**New Brunswick 58, SPHS 54**— Marvin Taylor clinched Friday's victory for the Zebras (5-2) by canning his last four free throws in the final 35 seconds. Scoring in double figures for the Tigers were Aaron Parks (14), Francis (13), Marquise Jones (11)

and Veinott (11).

**SO. PLAINFIELD SCORING:**  
Parks 6-2-14, Francis 1 (3)-2-13, Veinott 1 (3)-0-11, Jones 4 (1)-0-11, Russell 1-2-4, Robinson 0-1-1; Totals: 13 (7)-7-54  
New Brunswick 12 8 16 22 — 58  
So. Plainfield 9 16 13 16 — 54

**Sayreville 49, SPHS 48** — Parks' trey with 40 seconds to go pulled the Tigers within 49-48 during the Jan. 2 contest but Sayreville (7-1) held on. Rodney Jones netted 14 while Parks chipped in 13.

**SO. PLAINFIELD SCORING:**  
Gilmore 1-0-2, Jones 4 (3)-3-14, Russell (1)-2-5, Parks 5 (1)-0-13, Robinson 1-0-2, Francis 0-2-2, Veinott 4-0-8, Houston 1-0-2; Totals: 16 (3)-7-48  
So. Plainfield 9 12 9 18 — 48  
Sayreville 18 6 11 10 — 49

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Trailing by seven after three periods Tuesday, SPHS used a fourth-period blitz to secure a 47-36 victory over North Brunswick. Ngozi Okparaeké led the Tigers (6-3) with a game-high 19 points



along with five rebounds, three steals and two blocked shots while Kelly Ritchey added 12 points.

**SO. PLAINFIELD SCORING:**  
Okparaeké 8-3-19, Ritchey 3 (2)-0-12, Jones 5-0-10, Cwiekalo 1-2-4, Hedler 1-0-2; Totals: 14 (2)-5-47  
No. Brunswick (5-4) 6 2 18 10 — 36  
So. Plainfield (6-3) 9 9 17 20 — 47

**Raritan 66, SPHS 53**— The Tigers couldn't overcome two poor scoring periods during Saturday's loss at Raritan (4-4). Christina Cwiekalo and Ritchey had 13 points apiece and Okparaeké, who had eight points in the opening stanza, grabbed nine rebounds.

**SO. PLAINFIELD SCORING:**

Ritchey 2(3)-0-13, Parks 2-0-4, Cwiekalo 4-5-13, Jones 4-1-9, Eustace 1-0-2, Okparaeké 5-1-11, Hedler 1-0-2; Totals: 19 (3)-6-63  
Raritan 20 14 15 17 — 66  
So. Plainfield 23 5 9 17 — 53

**JP Stevens 52, SPHS 48** — A big second period proved to be the difference Jan. 3 when JPS edged the Tigers. Cwiekalo and Okparaeké netted 17 apiece for the Tigers.

**SO. PLAINFIELD SCORING:**  
Ritchey 3 (1)-0-9, Cwiekalo 5-7-17, Jones 1-0-2, Okparaeké 8-1-17, Hedler 1-1-2; Totals: 18 (1)-9-48  
JPS (6-2) 16 17 5 14 — 52  
S. Plainfield (5-2) 15 5 13 15 — 48

**SPHS 52, Sayreville 47**— Ritchey had 15 points, Okparaeké 11 and Jessica Jones 12 along with eight boards Jan. 2 to lead the Tigers past Sayreville (4-3).

**WRESTLING**  
SPHS bounced Edison 58-15 Tuesday behind pins from Rickey Ringel (112), Mike

Buteas (160), Rob Maistickie (189) and Ryan Elliot (215).

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD 58, EDISON 15**  
103- Matt Gabriel (E) p. Viet Vo, :56; 112- Ricky Ringel (SP) p. Tom Trasmontero, 1:55; 119- Dan DeAndrea (SP) by forfeit; 125- Peter DeAndrea (SP) d. Mike Viesz, 3-2 (OT); 130- Kevin Christie (E) p. Paul Ritchey, 5:03; 135- Matt Anderson (SP) by forfeit; 140- Guy Severini (SP) d. Mike Grogan, 5-0  
145- Scott Doerr (SP) ff. Joel Harrison, 20-5 (2:40); 152- Glenn Gross (SP) ff. Jack Reiner, 17-0 (2:26); 160- Mike Buteas (SP) p. Ed Kiney, 2:42; 171- Steve Johnson (SP) by forfeit; 189- Rob Maistickie (SP) p. Javor Robinson, 5:40; 215- Ryan Elliot (SP) p. Angel Figueroa, 3:45; HWT: Jeremy Miller (E) d. Amir Davis, 3-0.

**South Brunswick 33, SPHS 22**— The Tigers suffered their first loss Saturday at South Brunswick (5-1). South Plainfield's lone pin came at 215 by Ryan Elliot (3:59).

**SO. BRUNSWICK 33, SPHS 22**  
103- Vinnie Bordo (SB) d. Viet Vo, 6-4 (OT); 112- Rickey Ringel (SP) d. Garrett Nasdeo, 3-1; 119- Paul Strincoski (SB) d. Danny DeAndrea, 4-3; 125- Young Lee (SB) d. Pete DeAndrea, 7-6; 130- Mike Fidacaro (SB) p. Paul Ritchey, 5:35; 135- Matt Anderson (SP) ff. Sean Papp, 15-0 (4:00); 140- Ryan Griffin (SB) d. Guy

Severini, 6-5

145- Kyle Nasdeo (SB) d. Scott Doerr, 5-1; 152- Glenn Gross (SP) d. Mike Valentino, 9-3; 160- Rickey Lykes (SB) d. Mike Buteas, 6-3; 171- Steve Johnston (SP) d. Brady Shelcusk, 10-3; 189- Derrick Cromartie (SB) p. Rob Maistickie, 2:42; 215- Ryan Elliot (SP) p. John Nortasano, 3:59; HWT: Ben Henry (SB) d. Amir Davis, 5-1

**SPHS 48, E. BRUNSWICK 19 (Friday)**  
103- Corey Ritchings (EB) m.d. Viet Vo, 11-1; 112- Rickey Ringel (SP) p. John Parke, 4:40; 119- Dan DeAndrea (SP) d. Jamie Gudlo, 9-3; 125- Pete DeAndrea (SP) d. Carmen Corona, 1-0; 130- Paul Ritchey (SP) p. Jason Silitky, 3:08; 189- John Clay (EB) d. Rob Maistickie, 2-1; 215- Kevin Hendricks (EB) won by forfeit; HWT: Ryan Elliot (SP) p. Brian Campell, 1:16

**WINTER TRACK**  
The Tiger boys finished fourth Friday in the GMC Relays. SPHS was second in the sprint medley (3:42.2), third in the shuttle hurdles (:34.7) and in the 4x200m (1:37.9), and fifth in the distance medley (11:57.8).



## Edison boys triumph

Mike Bell tallied 14 points and Algier Parham 12 Saturday to lead the Edison High boys basketball team to a 47-38 triumph over Woodbridge. In scoring his final six points, Parham sparked a 19-7 fourth-period rally to seal the win.

**EDISON SCORING:**  
Bell 6-2-14, Parham 4-4-12, Normant 4-1-9, Eckert 3-3-9, Ferrell 1-0-2, Ellis 0-1-1; Totals: 18-11-47  
Edison (3-3) 12 8 8 19 — 47  
Woodbridge (1-5) 8 13 7 7 — 38

**South Brunswick 50, Edison 47**— In a Jan. 2 contest the visiting Eagles led 38-31 after three periods before Drew Biri sparked a big fourth stanza for the Vikings, scoring nine of his game-high 19 points to lead a comeback. Parham — hitting five treys — and Bell had 15 apiece for Edison.

**EDISON SCORING:**  
Parham (5)-0-15, Bell 3 (3)-0-15, Eckert 3 (1)-0-9, Ferrell 1-3-5, Normant 1-1-3; Totals: 5 (9)-4-47  
Edison (3-3) 10 12 16 9 — 47  
So. Brunswick (6-0) 3 10 18 19 — 50

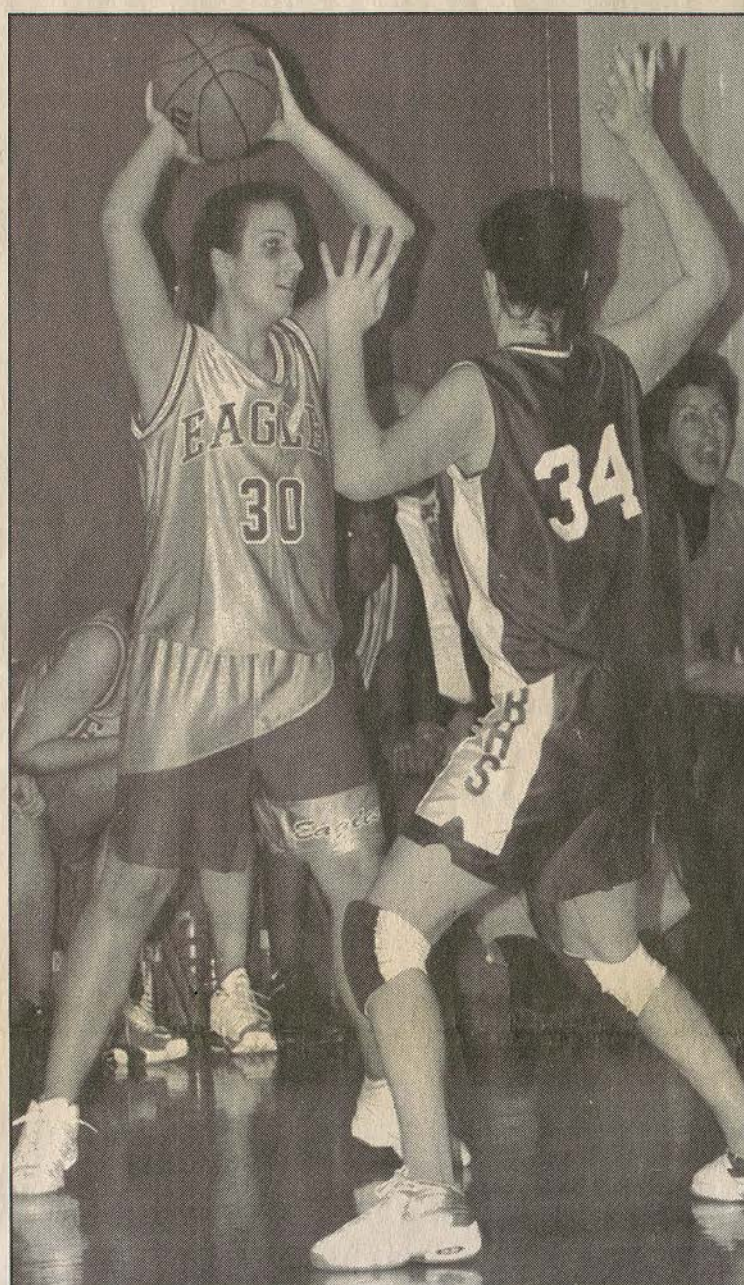
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Katie Eskin led the Eagles with 13 points Monday during their 68-39 loss to the Peddie School in Hightstown. It was just the second loss of the season for Edison.

**EDISON SCORING:**  
Shutz 2-0-4, Eskin 6-1-13, Brownlie 3-1-7, Kuntz 3 (1)-0-9, Eckert 1-0-2, Moyle 2-0-4; Totals: 17 (1)-2-39  
Edison (7-2) 11 12 10 6 — 39  
Peddie 21 16 19 11 — 68

**Edison 50, Woodbridge 31**— Eskin hit 17 of her game-high 22 points in the first half Saturday, helping Edison to a 28-6 lead over Woodbridge (1-6). Keri Shutz chipped in for 13 points including a pair of treys.

**EDISON SCORING:**  
Shutz 2 (2)-3-13, Eskin 9-4-22, Papa 2-2-6, Brownlie 2-1-5, Kuntz 2-0-4; Totals: 17 (2)-10-50  
Woodbridge (1-6) 4 2 15 10 — 31  
Edison (7-1) 16 12 18 4 — 50

**Edison 49, South Brunswick 33**— Shutz, Eskin



RON WALTERS/STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Stephanie Papa, left, chipped in with six points Saturday to help Edison High claim a 50-31 triumph over Woodbridge.

and Jackie Kuntz led the Eagles over South Brunswick Jan. 2. Shutz had 15 while Kuntz and Eskin added 14 apiece in a game the Eagles never trailed.

**EDISON SCORING:**  
Shutz 3(2)-3-15, Eskin 6-2-14, Kuntz 7-0-14, Papa 2-0-4, Brownlie 1-0-2; Totals: 19 (2)-5-49  
So. Brunswick (3-3) 10 12 7 4 — 33  
Edison (6-1) 13 14 13 9 — 49

**WRESTLING**  
Edison fell to visiting South Plainfield 58-15 Tuesday, with Matt Gabriel (103) and Kevin Christie (130) notching falls for the 3-3 Eagles.

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD 58, EDISON 15**  
103- Matt Gabriel (E) p. Viet Vo, :56; 112- Ricky Ringel (SP) p. Tom Trasmontero, 1:55; 119- Dan DeAndrea (SP) by forfeit; 125- Peter DeAndrea (SP) d. Mike Viesz, 3-2 (OT); 130- Kevin Christie (E) p. Paul Ritchey, 5:03; 135- Matt Anderson (SP) won by forfeit; 140- Guy Severini (SP) d. Mike Grogan, 5-0

145- Scott Doerr (SP) ff. Joel Harrison, 20-5 (2:40); 152- Glenn Gross (SP) ff. Jack Reiner, 17-0 (2:26); 160- Mike Buteas (SP) p. Ed Kiney, 2:42; 171- Steve Johnson (SP) by forfeit; 189- Rob Maistickie (SP) p. Javor Robinson, 5:40; 215- Ryan Elliot (SP) p. Angel Figueroa, 3:45; HWT: Jeremy Miller (E) d. Amir Davis, 3-0.

**Edison 36, Piscataway 32** — Edison clipped Piscataway Jan. 3 as the Eagles got pins from Gabriel and Vincent Cortese (119).

**EDISON 36, PISCATAWAY 32**  
103- Matt Gabriel (E) p. Sean Hanna, 3:24; 112- Tom Trasmontero (E) d. Tom Hemmerly, 11-4; 119- Vincent Cortese (E) p. Mike Wylykanowitz, 5:05; 125- Tyler Solley (E) m.d. John Cercatore, 12-1; 130- Mike Velis (E) ff. Allen Ens, 19-6; 135- Kevin Christie (E) d. Tim Lauria, 4-2; 140- Kyle Poulsen (P) p. Mike Grogan, 1:51  
145- Kevon Joseph (P) p. Joel Harrison, 2:47; 152- Rob Uhrin (P) d. Jack Reiner, 9-7 (OT); 160- Derek Tranchina (P) p. Ed Kiney, 2:22; 171- Sabain Thompson (P) ff. Mike Muglia, 16-0, 5:25; 189- Angel Figueroa (E) d. Kwesi Mitchell, 12-8; 215- Brian Butler (P) p. Javor Robinson, 1:19; HWT: Jeremy Miller (E) won by forfeit

## SPORTSCENE

**JPS ALUMNI HOOPS**  
J.P. Stevens High will hold its third annual alumni basketball game 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, prior to the 7:30 varsity boys game between JPS and South Plainfield. The alumni game is open to all varsity letter-winners from 1964 to 2001. For details contact Athletic Director Frank Capraro or Assistant Principal Randy Westrol at (732) 452-2843 at the school weekdays.

**PISCATAWAY REC GIRLS SOFTBALL**  
Piscataway Recreation is forming two girls spring softball leagues this year. Girls in grades 3-8 can participate in the slow-pitch or fast-pitch league (no cross-participation is allowed). The slow-pitch league is comprised of three divisions among all grade levels. This league is designed as a leisure-type recreational activity minimizing competition for average or below-average skill-level players. There are no tryouts as the recreation department will assign girls to teams. The registration deadline is March 8 during weekday hours (8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.).

The fast-pitch league is comprised of one division of teams for girls in grades 6-8. This league is designed for more advanced players

or a player with high interest in softball. There are mandatory tryouts; teams are organized by a player-draft. The sign-up deadline is Feb. 1 (weekday hours, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.). Any Piscataway public middle school fast-pitch team member can participate in either league. All players must register for participation in their league of choice, including all 2001 players.

For further information call the recreation department at (732) 562-2382.

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD SOFTBALL**  
Registration is under way for South Plainfield Recreation's Ponytail Softball League for any resident girl ages 8-13 (as of Oct. 1, 2001). Registration fee is \$35 before March 8 and \$40 after that date. There are no refunds and no special teams will be organized.

Placement on teams is not guaranteed after March 8. A birth certificate and proof of residency is required to register for anyone who hasn't participated in a recreation-sponsored youth league in the past year. Sign-up is held at the PAL Building, 1250 Maple Avenue,

during office hours (8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.) Monday through Friday.

Sign-up forms can also be mailed along with a copy of the birth certificate, proof of residency, and check payable to "SPREC" at the above address. For more information, call (908) 226-7714.

**PISCATAWAY ADULT SOFTBALL**  
Registration is now under way for the Piscataway Recreation men's and women's slow-pitch softball leagues, which are open to individuals ages 18 and over. The sign-up deadline is Feb. 22.

Men's league competition will be held weekday nights — Monday through Friday — while the women will have league play on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Games are played on various township fields, with the season beginning in early April and concluding in August. The regular season consists of 14 games, with playoffs to follow end of the regular season.

For team registration and fee information, call the recreation department at (732) 562-2382.

(eight points, six rebounds) nailed one of two foul shots in the closing seconds, while Winfrey totaled 17 points.

**PISCATAWAY SCORING:**  
Winfrey 1(3)-6-17, Costabile 1-1-3, Harris 3-2-8, Walker 2-0-4, Guarnieri 3 (1)-1-10, Aquila 1-0-2, Stapleton 1-0-2; Totals: 11 (5)-9-46  
Woodbridge (0-5) 10 13 10 12 — 45  
Piscataway (3-3) 9 12 10 15 — 46

# Five falls power Stevens grapplers to third victory

J.P. Stevens High's wrestling team captured two of three bouts during the past week, including Tuesday's 39-30 decision over visiting East Brunswick.

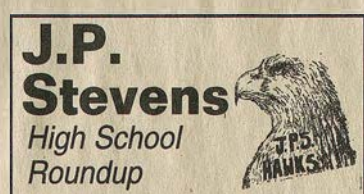
The Hawks, who improved to 3-3, got pins from Jin Kim (125), Gene Zannetti (140), Adam Rosen (152), Tim Morgan (160) and Tim Karmaszin (215).

**JP STEVENS 39, E. BRUNSWICK 30**  
103- Corey Ritching (EB) d. Jeff Zannetti, 3-2; 112- John Parke (EB) p. Rob Landicho, :45; 119- Jamie Cuido (EB) p. Lester Martin, 2:25; 125- Jin Kim (JP) p. Carmen Corona, 1:29; 130- Anthony Mafucci (JP) d. Tim Ackerman, 2-1; 135- Brian Ackerman (EB) p. Mike Gallella, 3:23; 140- Gene Zannetti (JP) p. Patrick Bean, 2:26

145- Matt Stanzione (JP) d. Nick Marrone, 10-6; 152- Adam Rosen (JP) p. Matt Merrigan, 5:13; 160- Tim Morgan (JP) d. Jay Silitky, 6-2; 171- Tom Wilkinson (JP) p. Nate Mull, 3:47; 189- John Clay (EB) p. Sameer Syed, 1:48; 215- Tim Karmaszin (JP) p. Brian Campell, :45; HWT: Kevin Hendricks (EB) d. Steve Martini, 7-1

**South Brunswick 45, JPS 27**— In Friday night's match, the Hawks fell to South Brunswick (4-1) despite pins by the Zannetti brothers — Jeff at 103 and Gene at 140 — along with Kim (125) and Karmaszin (215).

**SO. BRUNSWICK 45, JPS 27**  
103- Jeff Zannetti (JP) p. Vinne Biondo,



2:40; 112- Garrett Nasdeo (SB) p. Rob Candicho, 4:42; 119- Young Lee (SB) ff. Lester Martin, 18-1; 125- Jin Kim (JP) p. Rob Daugherty, 2:27; 130- Michael Fidacaro (SB) m.d. Bobby Brower, 17-4; 135- Kyle Nasdeo (SB) p. Mike Gallella, 1:31; 140- Gene Zannetti (JP) p. Dan McGrath, 2:30  
145- Ryan Griffin (SB) m.d. Matt Stanzione, 10-2; 152- Mike Valentino (SB) ff. Adam Rosen, 15-0 (5:07); 160- Rickey Lykes (SB) d. Tim Morgan, 4-3; 171- Brady Shelcusk (SB) p. Tom Wilkinson, 1:59; 189- Steve Martini (JP) d. John Nortasano, 9-7 (OT); 215- Tim Karmaszin (JP) p. Anthony Mauro, 2:42; HWT: Ben Henry (SB) won by forfeit.

**JPS 40, Sayreville 25** — JPS defeated Sayreville (1-5) Jan. 3. Pinning for the winners were Ron Landicho (103), Gene Zannetti (140), Rosen (152) and Karmaszin at 215.

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Old Bridge gained a nine-point halftime lead Monday and went on to hand J.P. Stevens a 48-32 setback. Center Darren

Zow led the Hawks (2-6) with 10 points.

**JPS SCORING:**  
Raiford 0-3-3, Chia 1-0-2, Bonk 1-0-2, James 2-0-4, Ziera (1)-0-3, Zow 4-2-10, Lettieri 1-0-2, Griffith 1-0-2, Khalamayzer 2-0-4; Totals: 21 (4)-6-60  
Old Bridge 11 14 5 18 — 48  
JP Stevens 4 12 6 10 — 32

**East Brunswick 64, JPS 60** — The Hawks fell to the Bears (4-3) in Saturday's clash after holding a 34-21 halftime lead. Greg Raiford scored a game-high 26 for Stevens and Chris James had 16.

**JPS SCORING:**  
Raiford 9(2)-2-26, Chia 3-0-6, Bonk 4-0-8, James 3 (2)-4-16, Khalamayzer 2-0-4; Totals: 21 (4)-6-60  
J.P. Stevens 15 19 13 13 — 60  
E. Brunswick 12 9 21 22 — 64

**Woodbridge 58, JPS 31** — Rob Gaydos scored 14 of his game-high 20 points in the opening period Jan. 2 to spark a 17-8 spurt by Woodbridge, which went on to win for the first time this season. James had 11 points.

**JPS SCORING:**  
Griffin 2-0-4, Raiford 4-0-8, Chia 1-0-2, Bonk 0-2-2, James 4-3-11, Zow 2-0-4; Totals: 13-5-31  
JP Stevens 8 9 12 2 — 31  
Woodbridge 17 11 10 20 — 58

# Gozzi leads the way as Trojans trim St. Peter's

Bishop Ahr High's boys basketball team took full command after halftime Tuesday and went on to defeat St. Peter's 59-34.

Leading at the half by eight points, the Trojans (3-6) broke out to a 39-24 lead after three periods using a 19-12 run. Junior guard Matt Gozzi led the way with 15 points and Brandon Beards grabbed seven boards to go with his six points.

**BISHOP AHR SCORING:**  
Gozzi 1 (3)-4-15, Lillis 2 (1)-2-9, Cerami 2-4-8, Mulvey 0-7-7, Beards 3-0-6, Rosario 2-2-6, D'Agostino 1 (1)-0-5, Knecher 0-1-1; Totals: 10 (4)-22-59  
Bishop Ahr (3-6) 12 8 19 20 — 59  
St. Peter (3-6) 6 6 12 10 — 34

**Cardinal McCarrick 75, Bishop Ahr 65**— The Eagles won Saturday's game helped by a 20-for-28 effort from the foul line in the final period. Joe Cerami led the Trojans with 14 points and Beards had 11.

**BISHOP AHR SCORING:**  
Cerami 4 (2)-0-14, Austin 3-0-6, Gozzi 2-2-6, Beards 4 (1)-0-11, Rosario 1-0-2, Mulvey 1-2-4, D'Agostino 2 (1)-0-7; Totals: 24 (4)-5-65  
Cardinal McCarrick (5-3) 11 15 18 31 — 75  
Bishop Ahr (2-5) 17 19 8 21 — 65

# Tigers ready for wrestling

(Continued from page C-1)  
Sussex County Interscholastic League, dropped longtime foe Warren Hills from its schedule to set up the date with South Plainfield.

"We needed to make the change," said Gill, who's in his 24th season with the Cougars. "It was a mutual decision to end the rivalry. Warren Hills is down and we're on the rise. South Plainfield and Kittatinny are about the same size, while Warren Hills is growing. Plus, it's better to see different programs instead of same one year."

Whereas Gill isn't expecting to switch his wrestlers around, Pavlak remains undecided about his lineup.

"I have to see what they have and make the appropriate

changes," said the Tigers' coach. "They have a district-caliber wrestler at every spot. I wouldn't expect any Kittatinny wrestler to have a poor outing."

Whereas the Tigers are a young squad comprised mostly of sophomores and juniors, the Cougars have eight seniors, five juniors, and a lone freshman — Tyler Branham — at 103.

"Our seniors are doing a great job for us," said Gill. "And Branham is a real wrestler, one of the best surprises of the season."

The Cougars faced sister school and arch-rival Newton Wednesday while South Plainfield had Greater Middlesex Conference rival Edison at home Tuesday.

"We'll be there to watch them Wednesday," said Pavlak last

weekend. "It'll be a good scouting trip for my coaches and me."

"I know they'll check us out," said Gill. "I just want us to go down there and wrestle our best against them — even on Monday night."

**POSSIBLE LINEUPS (SPHS listed first)**  
103- Viet Vo vs. Tyler Branham (freshman)  
112- Rickey Ringel vs. Mike Gummerson (junior)  
119- Pete DeAndrea vs. Matt Valenti (senior, state champ at 112)  
125- Paul Ritchey vs. Joe Zdaniewicz (junior)  
130- Jeff Toolan vs. Jarred Rowe (soph) or Brian Roney (senior)  
135- Matt Anderson vs. Ken Fei (senior)  
140- Kyle Stoedekel vs. Mike Cecil (senior)  
145- Scott Doerr vs. Mike Weber (senior, state runner-up at 135)  
152- Glenn Gross vs. Mike Mabel (senior)  
160- Mike Buteas vs. Mike Shadis (senior)  
171- Steve Johnston vs. Bryant Wanamaker (junior)  
189- Rob Maistickie vs. Josh Rowe (senior)  
215- Ryan Elliot vs. Joe Crown (senior)  
HWT: Amir Davis vs. Brad Bischoff (junior)

# Slow start costly to Chiefs

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finished with 25 points while Winfrey had 30, but in the final seconds Cuozzo forced the OT by nailing two free throws. Then the Trojans outscored PHS 14-9 to earn the victory.

**PISCATAWAY SCORING:**  
Piscataway 4 (5)-7-30, Costabile (1)-4-7,

Greenmeir 1-0-2, Walker 3-0-6, Aqua 1-1-3, Harris 3-1-7, Guarnieri 2-6-10, Stapleton 2-0-4; Totals: 16 (6)-18-69  
Piscataway (3-4) 12 15 20 13 9 — 69  
Bishop Ahr (5-2) 20 13 16 11 14 — 74

**PHS 46, Woodbridge 45**— Danielle Harris sealed the Chiefs' Jan. 2 victory against winless Woodbridge. Harris



## Highland Park High School Roundup



# White sparks Owls' triumph

Amir White totaled 26 points, six assists, six steals and four rebounds Tuesday while leading Highland Park High's boys to a 65-54 triumph over Granville Charter.

White, canning five of six shot attempts, scored 14 points during a 26-4 opening period run for the Owls (6-2). Teammate Tarrell Greene finished with 11 points.

#### HIGHLAND PARK SCORING:

White 3 (5)-5-26, Greene 5-1-11, Van Liew 3-0-6, Hunt 1-0-2, Stark 1 (1)-0-5, Jefferson 0-2-2, Stephenson 1-0-2, Clifton 2 (1)-1-8, Bey (1)-0-3, Totals: 15 (8)-9-65  
Highland Park (6-2) 26 11 12 16 — 65  
Granville Charter (5-3) 4 17 11 22 — 54

**HPHS 62, Metuchen 35**—The Owls won Saturday's battle as White scored eight of his game-high 19 in the first half, when HPHS built a 34-10 advantage over the Bulldogs (2-4).

#### HIGHLAND PARK SCORING:

Highland Park: White 4 (3)-2-19, Greene 3-0-6, VanLiew 2-1-5, Hunt 3-0-6, Stark (1)-1-4, Jefferson 1-0-2, Stephenson (1)-0-3, Clifton 1 (1)-0-5, Bey 4-0-8, Abdul-Ghani 1-0-2, Wolpert 1-1-3, Trub 0-1-1; Totals: 23 (6)-6-62  
Metuchen 3 7 10 15 — 35  
Highland Park 17 17 17 11 — 62

**Carteret 63, HPHS 43**—The Owls couldn't stop center Omar Alston (17 points, 10 bounds) or Wilfredo Furte (15 points) in the Jan. 3 game against Carteret (6-1). White had 14 for the Owls.

#### HIGHLAND PARK SCORING:

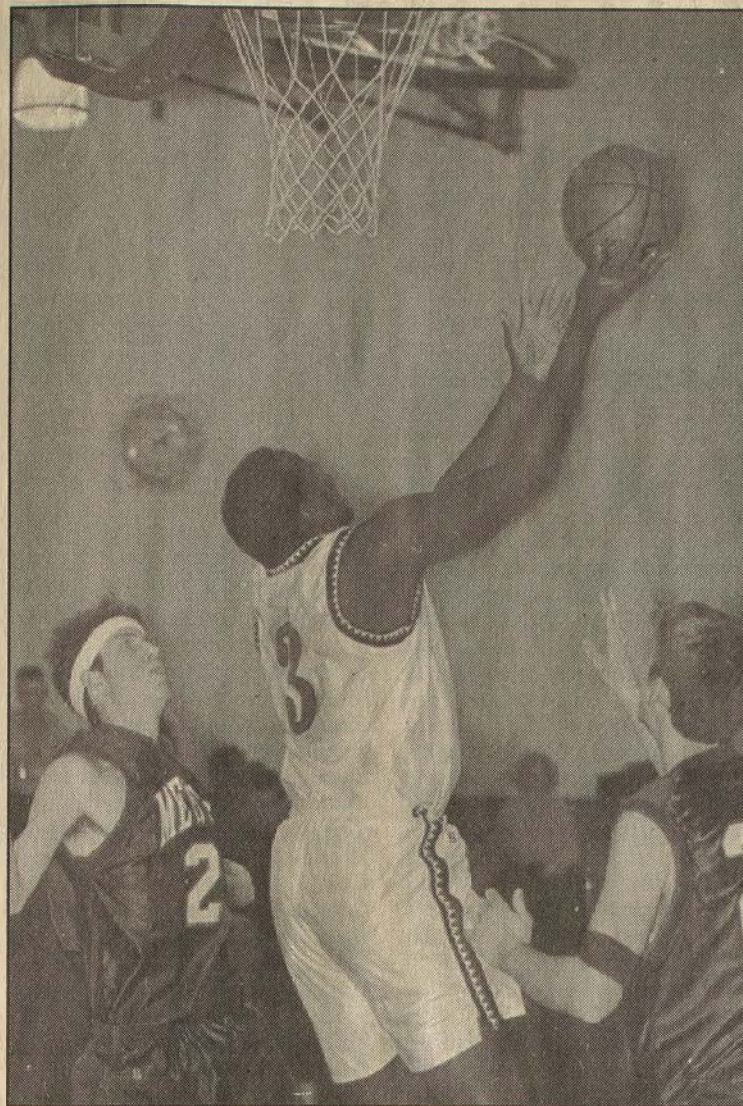
White 3 (3)-0-15, Hunt 3 (1)-0-9, Stark 3 (1)-1-10, Clifton 3-3-9, Totals: 12 (5)-4-43  
Highland Park 15 9 12 7 — 43  
Carteret 15 12 20 16 — 63

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Corrie McIntyre scored a game-high 20 points and also came up with seven steals and six assists Monday when the Owls routed St. Peter's 57-21. Chris Paras chipped in 12 points for the owls (6-3), who posted their fifth straight triumph.

#### HIGHLAND PARK SCORING:

McIntyre 7 (2)-0-20, Walker 2-2-6, Stevenson 2-2-6, Lyons 3-0-6, Feinberg 0-1-1, Paras 6-0-12, Cooley 1-0-2, Le Saur 1-1-3,



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Amir White glides in for two of his 19 points Saturday during Highland Park High's 62-35 rout of Metuchen. White fired in 26 Tuesday when the Owls toppled Granville Charter 65-54.

Thompson 0-1-1; Totals: 22 (2)-7-57

Highland Park (6-3) 17 16 16 8 — 57  
St. Peter's (3-6) 6 4 4 7 — 21

#### HPHS 48, East Brunswick VT 20

The Owls used a 21-6 second-period run Friday for a 29-10 halftime lead over East Brunswick Vo-Tech (2-4). Paras had 17 points and Lindsey Walker and McIntyre had 11 apiece.

#### HIGHLAND PARK SCORING:

Paras 8-1-17, McIntyre 4 (1)-0-11, Walker 5-1-11, Lyons 1-1-3, Cooley (1)-0-3, Feinberg 1-0-2, LeSaur 0-1-1; Totals: 19 (2)-4-48  
East Brunswick Tech 4 6 4 6 — 20  
Highland Park 8 21 10 9 — 48

#### HPHS 68, Piscataway Tech 4

The Owls charged to a 42-4 halftime lead Jan. 2 against winless Piscataway Vo-Tech. McIntyre had 14 points, four steals and four assists and Tanisha Cooley and Paras added 10 points apiece.

#### WRESTLING

The Owls and Spotswood battled to a 36-all standoff Saturday. With Highland Park (1-3-1) leading 36-24 after the 189 bout, Spotswood (1-2-1) came through with two consecutive pins at 215

and heavyweight. Pinning for the Owls were Jorge Martinez (112), Chris Hantsoulis (130), Jimmy Stratoudakis (145), and Rutger Indri (189).

#### HIGHLAND PARK 36, SPOTSWOOD 36

103- No match  
112- Carley Lebowitz (HP) won by forfeit.  
119- Jorge Martinez (H) p. Tim Dubovick,

125- Rich Sierotko (S) d. Nick Arriagada, 6-5  
130- Chris Hantsoulis (H) p. Mike Meyers,

135- Laquan Fowler (H) p. Mike Testa, 1:25  
140- Corey Winant (S) p. Jake Weismann,

145- Jimmy Stratoudakis (H) p. Steve Farparan, 3:43  
152- Gene Schleicher (S) p. Jordan Rubin,

160- Zach Drozd (S) d. Anthony Scalleti, 7-5  
171- Jason Mar (S) p. George Daskalothanasis, :50

189- Rutger Indri (H) p. Mike Szczeny, :50  
215- Derek Vivencio (S) p. Pete Daskalothanasis, 1:21

HWT: Dan Winant (S) p. Niko Kasapidis, 3:44

#### South River 71, HPHS 12

Unbeaten South River notched 10 pins Friday to rout the Owls.. Except one forfeit, the only other HPHS victory was a pin by Jake Weismann (140).

# PHS loses second straight

South Brunswick High's unbeaten boys basketball team edged Piscataway 52-47 in the final minute Monday when Chadd Wood nailed down four throws. Coleman Miller had a team-high 11 points for PHS (5-4).

#### PISCATAWAY SCORING:

Perrotte (1)-0-3, Keller 3 (2)-0-10, Meyers 4-0-8, Miller 4-3-11, Maxwell 1-2-4, Davis 3-2-8, Renkart 1-1-3; Totals: 14 (3)-8-47  
Piscataway (5-4) 13 15 6 13 — 47  
So. Brunswick (8-0) 9 10 20 13 — 52

**St. Joseph's 50, PHS 44**—Miller led the Chiefs with 14 points during Saturday's loss to St. Joseph's-Metuchen (2-6).

#### PISCATAWAY SCORING:

Keller 1 (1)-0-5, Isojola (1)-0-3, Miller 7-0-14, Maxwell 2-1-5, Meyers 2-4-8, Davis 2-3-7, Perrotte 1-0-2; Totals: 15 (2)-8-44  
St. Joe's 16 15 8 11 — 50  
Piscataway 8 13 13 10 — 44

**PHS 53, Perth Amboy 48**—The Chiefs won the Jan. 3 game behind Miller's 24 points. PHS finished with a 12-7 edge in the final period to lower Amboy's record to 2-5.

#### PISCATAWAY SCORING:

Keller 2 (1)-0-7, Fjola 1-0-2, Miller 8 (1)-5-24, Maxwell 3-0-6, Myers 4-2-10, Davis 2-0-4; Totals: 20 (2)-7-53  
Piscataway 18 10 13 12 — 53  
Perth Amboy 10 11 17 7 — 48

#### WRESTLING

Perth Amboy defeated PHS 37-26 Tuesday night as Tom Hemmerly (112) had the lone pin for the Chiefs (4-5).

#### PERTH AMBOY 37, PISCATAWAY 26

103- Ray Madden (PA) p. Sean Hanna, 1:07; 112- Tom Hemmerly (PI) p. George Chinchilla, 3:41; 119- Abi Torres (PA) m.d. Mike Wylikanowitz, 11-1; 125- Angel Soto (PA) p. John Cercatore, 4:28; 130- Chris Febles (PA) p. Alan Ens, :48; 135- Kyle Poulson (PI) ff. Anthony Rivera, 20-5 (3:01); 140- Renie Capo (PA) d. Tim Lauria, 7-5  
145- Elvin Quindongo (PA) p. Kerron Joseph, 4:35; 152- Robert Uhrin (PI) d. Corey Johnson, 7-5; 160- Matt Voliva (PI) d. Eddie Urteaga, 8-5; 171- Derek Tranchina (PI) won by forfeit; 189- Fenix Bastisa (PA) d. Fabian Thompson, 8-7; 215- Pavel Santos (PA) d. Kewsi Mitchell, 9-8; HWT: Brian Butler (PI) d. Arturo Rivas, 6-1

**Watchung Hills 43, PHS 21**—Four pins helped WHHS earn a triumph over Piscataway in Saturday's non-conference matchup. Coming through with

falls for the Chiefs were Tom Lauria at 135 pounds and Kyle Poulsen at 140.

#### WATCHUNG HILLS 43, PHS 21

103 — Cary Aldrich W p. Darryl Villaescusa 2:37; 112 — C.J. Ferrara W d. Tom Hemmerly 8-6; 119 — Chris Medina W d. Mike Wylikanowitz 6-4 (OT); 125 — Mike Gatti W md. John Cercatore 14-5; 130 — Shaun Gordon W d. Alan Ens 5-4; 135 — Tom Lauria P p. Evan Silagi 5:17; 140 — Kyle Poulsen P p. Joe Butrico 2:50

145 — Ryan Aldrich W p. Kevon Joseph 3:45; 152 — Colin Shallcross W d. Robert Uhrin 5-4; 160 — Derek Tranchina P d. Carl Riccio 9-2; 171 — Derrick Shallcross W d. Fabian Thompson 9-6; 189 — Anthony Caruso W p. Kwaesi Mitchell 3:11; 215 — Brian Butler P by forfeit;

Hwt — Joe Gatti W p. Chris Bible 5:20

#### Edison 36, PHS 32

Piscataway fell to Edison Jan. 3, while getting pins for PHS were Poulsen (140), Kevon Joseph (145), Derek Thompson (160) and Brian Butler (215).

#### WINTER TRACK

In the Greater Middlesex Conference Relays Friday, Piscataway finished fourth in the girls meet with 29.5 points. The Chiefs' foursome of Kathryn Anderson, Quiyana Johnson, Colleen Cumber-Bach and Tramane Shaw won the sprint medley in 4:33.2. The Chiefs also took second in the 4x200-meter race (1:52:19), fourth in the shuttle hurdles (38.2) and sixth in the sprint medley (14:54.8).

In boys competition PHS was third with 32 points. The Chiefs won the 4x400 in 3:27.7, with Tarik Tidwell, Jimmie Solomon, Lawrence Adjah and Sir Leslie Ford running.

#### GIRLS SWIMMING

Sophomore Jackie Pilch was the lone PHS entrant to qualify for the finals during Saturday's 23rd Pirate Invitational at West Windsor-Plainsboro South's Bubble in Princeton Junction. Pilch finished fourth in the 50-yard freestyle in 26.16.

The Chiefs, who were last in the 13-team field, had two relays in the consolation. Pilch, Stephanie Burrell, Alyssa Hopkins and Sheena Marosy

# Fast-starting Monroe coasts past Metuchen

Monroe High took a big early lead Monday en route to an 89-42 boys basketball triumph over Metuchen.

Monroe (5-1), which was led by Chris Felix's 26 points, jumped out to a 43-23 halftime lead over the Bulldogs (2-6). Chris Carr topped Metuchen with 16 and Joe O'Brien added 10.

#### METUCHEN SCORING:

O'Brien 1 (2)-2-10, Muldoon 2-0-4, M. Sellers 1-0-2, Carr 4-8-16, Kinney 1-2-4, O'Connell 1-4-6; Totals: 10 (2)-16-42  
Monroe (5-1) 18 25 23 23 — 89  
Metuchen (2-6) 7 16 10 9 — 42

**Highland Park 62, Metuchen 35**—The Owls (5-2) prevailed Saturday after bolting to a 34-10 halftime advantage. Anthony Bey, Chris Carr and Sean O'Connell had eight points apiece for the Dogs.

#### METUCHEN SCORING:

Metuchen-O'Brien 1 (1)-0-5, Muldoon 1-2-4, M. Sellers 2-0-4, Carr 2 (1)-1-8, O'Connell 2-3-8, J. Sellers (1)-0-3, Kraft 1-1-3; Totals: 10 (3)-6-35  
Metuchen 3 7 10 15 — 35  
Highland Park 17 17 17 11 — 62

**Metuchen 57, St. Peter's 51**—The Bulldogs used a fourth-period rally and overtime foul shots to secure the Jan. 2 victory over winless St. Peter's of New Brunswick.

Claude Kinney, who had a game-high 16, led the Bulldogs' rally in the fourth session as he scored 10 points. In the OT, Joe O'Brien's layup with 22 seconds to go put Metuchen up 53-51 and Mike Muldoon netted four straight free throws. O'Brien finished the game with 12 points.

#### METUCHEN SCORING:

O'Brien 3 (1)-3-12, Muldoon 1-4-6, M. Sellers 2-0-6, Carr 7-3-17, Kinney 7-2-16; Totals: 20 (1)-14-57  
Metuchen 15 13 9 10 10 — 57  
St. Peter's 16 15 11 5 4 — 51

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

After falling behind by 17 in the opening quarter, the Bulldogs fell to Monroe 46-22. Ashley Matthews scored 10 for the Bulldogs (2-8).

#### METUCHEN SCORING:

Ruddy 3-2-8, Matthews 3-4-10, Hertis 1-0-2, Konick 1-0-2; Totals: 8-6-22  
Metuchen (2-8) 4 10 2 6 — 22  
Monroe (4-5) 21 5 16 4 — 46

#### Mother Seton 43, Metuchen

Danny McDonald, a 6-foot sophomore guard, scored a game-high 14 points and added six assists while 6-5 senior forward Bryan Bodaj grabbed 12 rebounds Monday night in leading St. Joseph's High of Metuchen to a 54-37 victory over Woodbridge.

St. Joe's used 17-4 first-period run and a 13-7 third-period burst to improve its record to 3-6.

**St. Joe's 50, Piscataway 44**—Brian Hennessy, making his varsity debut, popped in 17 points and Bryan Bodaj added seven points and 11 boards Saturday for the Falcons, who took a 31-21

## Metuchen

### High School Roundup



20— After eight losses, the Clark team won for the first time this season after beginning the contest with a 16-6 lead. Cara O'Neil had six points for the Bulldogs.

#### METUCHEN SCORING:

Ruddy 1-0-2, O'Neil 3-0-6, Rosini 1-0-2, Mulligan 1-0-2, Matthews 0-2-2, Hertis 2-0-4, Konick 0-2-2; Totals: 8-4-20  
Mother Seton 16 4 17 6 — 43  
Metuchen 6 4 2 8 — 20

**Cardinal McCarrick 41, Metuchen 19**— Cara O'Neil scored eight points for the Bulldogs during their Jan. 3 loss.

#### METUCHEN SCORING:

Ruddy 2-2-6, O'Neil 4-0-8, Matthews 0-1-1, Hertis 1-0-2, Konick 1-0-2; Totals: 8-3-19  
Cardinal McCarrick 10 14 6 11 — 41  
Metuchen 5 2 4 8 — 19

**St. Peter's 40, Metuchen 37**— Sarah Ruddy had a game-high 15 points for the Bulldogs during their Jan. 2 loss.

#### WRESTLING

The Bulldogs weren't a match for unbeaten Middlesex, falling by a 51-24 margin Tuesday. Pinning for Metuchen (1-3) were Jack Barrett (125), Stephen Cooper (160) and Nick Priscoe (171).

#### MIDDLESEX 51, METUCHEN 24

103- Mike Hall (MI) ff. Dan Vinci, 15-0 (6:00)  
112- Nick Desaito (MI) won by injury default over George Caro.  
119- Steve Hornpesch (MI) p. Evan Swan,

125- Jack Barrett (ME) p. Trevor Frank, 1:16  
130- Matt McManmon (ME) d. Sal Campanella, 9-7

135- Archie Guliashvili (MI) m.d. Chris England, 21-7  
140- Sam Campanella (MI) p. Dan Granziano, :49

145- John Harmer (MI) p. Zack Weiner, 1:40  
152- Fred Schneider (MI) p. Dan Laurencio,

159- Stephen Cooper (ME) p. James Lafor, 2:51  
171- Nick Priscoe (ME) p. Ryan Cekio, 1:41  
189- Anthony Muroski (MI) p. Marc Geiser,

215- Jason Woerner (MI) p. C. C. Bowles, 2:52  
HWT: Joe Palnisano (ME) d. Robert Holland,

9-2

**Monroe 43, Metuchen 25**—Metuchen fell to Monroe (2-1) Friday. Heavyweight Charles Bowles had a pin in 1:48 for the Dogs and Stefan Cooper (160) had a 15-8 major decision.

#### MONROE 43, METUCHEN 25

103- Justin Bauman (Mon) d. Dan Vinci, 13-5  
112- George Caro (Met) d. Anthony Mancini, 10-3  
119- Kevin Rogers (Mon) p. Evan Swan, 1:55

125- Jeff Decruz (Mon) p. Jack Barrett, 1:31  
130- Matt McManmon (Met) d. Rob Freedman, 7-1  
135- Jaryd Axford (Mon) d. Chris England, 4-1

140- Dan Gibbons (Mon) p. Dan Graziano, 1:47  
145- Matt Klein (Mon) p. Elado Echartevera, 3:31  
152- Dan Lourenco (Met) d. Matt Horach, 7-0

160- Stefan Cooper (Met) m.d. Dennis Chieffo, 15-8  
171- Nick Priscoe (Met) d. Bryan Georges, 11-7  
189- Frank Schneider (Mon) p. Mark Geiser, 1:16

215- Mike Goff (Mon) p. Nick Karminski, 1:37  
HWT: C.C. Bowles (Met) p. Chet Urbanowitz, 1:48

Records Monroe 2-1, Metuchen 1-2

#### GIRLS SWIMMING:

Metuchen fell to Bishop Ahr 51-43 Jan. 3. Carolyn Gusick won the 200 and 500 freestyle races for the Bulldogs, Kelly Morris took the 100 breaststroke and Catherine Hetzel the 200 individual medley. 50m Freestyle- Regina Rush (BA), :25.83  
100m Butterfly- Jessica VanAnsen (BA), 1:04.36  
100m Freestyle- Regina Rush (BA), :56.72  
100m Backstroke- Paula Roman (BA) and Katie Hall (BA), 1:07.7  
100m Breaststroke- Kelly Morris (M) 1:09.25  
200m Relay- Metuchen (1:58.37)  
200m Freestyle- Carolyn Gusick (M), 2:01.61  
200m Individual medley- Catherine Hetzel (M), 2:17  
200m Freestyle relay- Bishop Ahr (1:50.5)  
400m Freestyle Relay- Bishop Ahr (4:02)  
500m Freestyle- Carolyn Gusick (M), 5:23.33

#### BOYS DIVING

MHS finished third Saturday during the North Brunswick Invitational at North Brunswick High. The Bulldogs' Greg Perez placed second with 225.05 points and Dakota Hendon was next with 201.75.

## McDonald, Bodaj star in St. Joseph's victory

halftime lead. Jon Dixon and Brian Wilhelm, the Falcons' top

scorer and rebounder, respectively, didn't play.

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# J.P. Stevens High School first marking period '01 honor rolls

EDISON — John P. Stevens High School has issued its honor roll for the first marking period of the 2001-02 school year.

Named to the "All A" honor roll:

**Grade 12** — Rajshekhar Agarwal, Krishna C. Arvapally, Rachel Bien, Lindsay Brain, Carmen Chu, Bethany K. Czeto, Daniel Goldburt, Neerav Goyal, Slava Khalamayzer, Andrew Kitchell, Jessica Lane, Scott Lazaruk, Alex Leibowitz, Tara Moy, Kena V. Patel, Christina Pitt, Kimberly Robinson, Ninad Sanghvi, Annie Sheng, Kristen Spiridon, Melsisa Weinberg, Sarah Weinstein, Danielle Wiener and Jaimie Wirkowski.

**Grade 11** — Alan Abel, Jessica Alessio, Eugene C. Balasta, Christopher R. Binetti, Aditi Chakravarty, Priyanka Chandra, Allison Chang, Emily Chang, Chia-Hwei A. Chen, Ting-Fang (Tina) Chen, Sheng-Yu J. Chiang, Jenny Choi, Terence Choy, Melanie Cuffe, Minal Dhebaria, Alexander Dorin, Jenny W. Ji, Ujjwala K. Kalangi, Anicham Kumarasamy, Jesse Lee, Michael D. Lee, Alan Liu, Jun Liu, Harshil D. Patel, Catherine Pontoriero, Aparna Rao, Kunal M. Shah, Nisha Shah, Sapna Shah, Hyun-Seok Shin, Amish Talwar, Jennifer Thompson, Stephen Ting, Charlene Turi, Blase Ur, Wei W. Wang, Edward N. Wei, David Wu and Irene Yang.

**Grade 10** — Prem P. Abichandani, Sneha Babu, Arjun Chandrasekaran, Crystal Chao, Jaime Chavan, Mandy Garten, Lauren Hering, Dawn D. Kang, Larry Liang, Praveen Pamidimukkala and Pin-I K. Wu.

**Grade 9** — Rahul Agarwal, Joshua Berenbach, Priya D. Bolikal, Amy Bonk, Ginger Chien, Megan Choy, Colleen Hammer, Arif Huda, Salima Jiواني, Christa Lee, Michelle Miedowicz, Swetha Narahari, Sharon P. Patel, Bartholomew Piegdon, Deborah Plesnarski, Adam Radwan, Shawn

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**Metuchen**

Police are investigating the theft of a 1995 Saturn worth \$7,500 which was parked in front of a Durham Avenue residence on Jan. 2. According to police, the vehicle was running and unlocked when it was stolen. The victim's pocketbook was also in the vehicle at the time.

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On Jan. 2 unknown suspects attempted to enter a Aylin Street residence. According to police, both the air conditioning unit and the front door showed evidence of being tampered with.

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Police are investigating an incident of theft which took place on Main Street in broad daylight on Jan. 1. According to police, unknown suspects stole a purse from a woman while she was walking in the alley near Roberto's Pizzeria at around 4 p.m. The purse contained \$100.

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A Master Lock was thrown through the window of a 1991 Dodge on Dec. 31 while the vehicle was parked on Main Street. Damage was put at \$200.

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A bicycle worth \$25 was stolen from the south side of the train station on Dec. 29, 2001.

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On Dec. 31 police arrested four people on charges of alleged underage drinking. According to police, the four were stopped in their vehicle during a DWI patrol. Charged were: Richard Doherty, 18, of North Plainfield, Nicholas R. Morano, 18, of Metuchen, James Stoecher, 19, of Brick and David M. George, 18, of Metuchen.

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On Dec. 29 Pedro Sic, 31, and Jose Rivera, 34, both of New Brunswick, were arrested and charged with allegedly drinking in public when they were allegedly observed at the south side of the train station drinking a 40-ounce bottle of malt liquor.

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On Dec. 30 police arrested Hajji Hernandez, 20, of Linden on charges of alleged underage drinking. According to police, Hernandez was stopped at a DWI check point.

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On Dec. 27 police arrested Stephen Rottmann, 40, Edison, on charges of allegedly possessing burglary tools. Resting arrest receiving stolen property.

According to police, Det. Steve Menafro was patrolling in the area of Rose and Whitman streets when he stopped his vehicle to interrogate a suspicious individual. When Menafro approached, the suspect took off running. Upon his apprehension he was found to be in possession of a screwdriver and a stolen bicycle. He was charge with possession of

burglary tools, receiving stolen property and resisting arrest. He was taken to the Middlesex County Adult Corrections Center on \$25,000 bail.

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On Dec. 29 police arrested Jeffery Reddy, 51, Metuchen on charges of allegedly possessing a weapon. According to police, Ptl. Joseph Ernest was dispatched to NJ's Tavern on Main Street in response to a report of an intoxicated man waving a switchblade knife.

Upon investigating the report, Ernest allegedly found the suspected knife on Reddy and arrested him. While being arrested, Reddy allegedly kicked the officer. He was charged and released on bail.

**Edison**

On Jan. 3 police arrested Ronald Hogan, 31, of Newark on charges of allegedly shoplifting \$417 from Nordstroms in Menlo Park Mall. According to police, Hogan attempted to leave the store with clothing on his person.

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A BMW parked on Milton Street was burglarized on Jan. 2 when unknown suspects smashed the driver's side window with an unknown object, entered the car and stole a trip computer worth \$1,550. Damage to the car was put at \$200.

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A 1984 Chevy Van sustained \$475 in damage when unknown suspects broke the headlights and dented the hood by throwing rocks at it while the vehicle was parked on Gurley Road on Jan. 2.

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A trailer was broken into sometime between Jan. 1 and Jan. 3 while the vehicle was parked on Raritan Center Parkway. According to police, the suspect cut a lock on a fence and then cut the lock on the trailer before stealing a plasma cutter.

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Sometime between Aug. 12 and Jan. 2 a trailer belonging to Sure Transportation on Executive Drive worth \$18,000 was stolen. Police are investigating.

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Sometime during the night of Jan. 1 unknown suspects smashed the rear window of a 2002 Honda with a rock causing \$450 in damage. The vehicle was parked on Poll Place.

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On Jan. 2 police arrested Edward Sohl, 22, of Parlin on charges of allegedly shoplifting \$69.69 in merchandise from Nordstroms in Menlo Park Mall.

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Four hubcaps worth \$200 were stolen from 1993 Toyota while it was parked in the parking lot of Menlo Park Mall.

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A 1999 Mitsubishi Gallant worth \$15,000 was stolen from the parking lot of Menlo Park Mall on Jan. 1.

**Police Log****South Plainfield**

On Jan. 7 Qiang Rong, 32, of New Brunswick Road in Edison, was arrested and charged with shoplifting \$63.43 worth of items from including batteries, medicine and food from K-Mart on Hadley Road. He was later released on his own recognizance.

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On Jan. 7 Kathie Ann Morgan, 34, of Florida Grove Ave. in Keasbey was arrested and charged with shoplifting two \$46 pairs of sunglasses, two \$49 pairs of Nike sneakers, a \$49 pocketbook and two \$75 Nike wind suits from Kohl's at 4972 Stelton Road. Bail was set at \$2,000.

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On Jan. 7 there was a wall of soap suds approximately 8-feet high in a creek off New Brunswick Ave. The Office of Emergency Management and Middlesex County Hazmat responded. It was allegedly traced to Braco Manufacturing Co. at 4301B New Brunswick Ave. Three 225-gallon containers of soap were found draining into the creek. Waste water was also being drained without a permit. The state of New Jersey has charged the company with committing an environmental crime.

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On Jan. 7 a \$4,500 1988 Loadrite trailer was reported stolen from Jesco at 118 St. Nicholas Ave. There are no suspects.

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On Jan. 5 Jeyson Garcia-Guerra, 18, of Stelton Road in Piscataway and Daniel Grygo, 18, of Demerest Place in Piscataway were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana on Sampton Avenue and George Street following a motor vehicle stop for a non-working headlight. Police smelled marijuana and found a bag of green vegetation. They were both later released on their own recognizance.

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On Jan. 4 Grainger Co. at 1001 Hadley Road reported a \$729 air compressor stolen. An unknown male from Plainfield called to say he found the com-

pressor on South Clinton Ave. Police were unable to trace the suspect.

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On Jan. 4 an Oak Tree Avenue couple reported having a fight over a pizza box left in the kitchen all day. The male admitted having a shotgun and hand gun in the house which were removed.

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On Jan. 7 Edin Ixim, 29, of Jacobus Street in South Plainfield was arrested and charged with obstruction. He was seen suspiciously approaching a house on New Market Avenue. He admitted coming from Liquid Assets bar. He gave a false name and said he had no identification. Police found a Wisconsin photo identification card with his name.

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On Jan. 5 Robyne Madden, 46, of Remsen Avenue in North Brunswick was arrested and charged with contempt of court and shoplifting from K-Mart at 4971 Stelton Road. She was taken to Middlesex County Adult Correctional Center in lieu of \$3,252 bail.

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On Jan. 3 Eduardo Figueroa, 23, of Watchung Avenue in Plainfield was arrested and charged with two counts of contempt of court and shoplifting \$178.74 worth of Tylenol from CVS at 2328 Plainfield Ave. He was taken to Middlesex County Adult Correctional Center in lieu of \$5,000 bail.

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On Jan. 3 Home Depot at 3100 Hamilton Boulevard reported receiving a counterfeit \$100 bill. The matter is being investigated.

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On Jan. 2 Jose Ramirez-Velazquez, 38, of Mercury Road in Edison was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, intent to distribute and possession of marijuana in a motor vehicle following a motor vehicle stop for going through a stop sign on St. Nicholas Avenue. He allegedly admitted smoking marijuana in the vehicle. Police allegedly found bags of marijuana and rollers in the vehicle.

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On Dec. 22 Kevin Bately Nicholas, 38, of West Sixth Street in Plainfield was arrested and charged with simple assault. He was transported to Middlesex County Adult Correctional Facility.

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On Jan. 2 Ana Liceth, 29, of 164th Street in Jamaica, Queens was arrested and charged with shoplifting \$180 worth of baby's and women's clothing from Macy's at 6305 Hadley Road. Bail was set at \$1,000.

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On Jan. 2 Edwin Gerardo, 31, of 164th Street in Jamaica, Queens was arrested and charged with shoplifting \$164.99 worth of men's clothing and related items from Macy's at 6305 Hadley Road. Bail was set at \$2,000.

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On Jan. 1 Andres Valladares, 21, of Raymond Avenue in Plainfield was issued a summons for having an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle, driving with the headlights off and being an unlicensed driver following a motor vehicle stop on Maple Avenue. He was later released on his own recognizance.

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On Dec. 31 Jeanne Beaton, 38, of Sampton Avenue in South Plainfield was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated. She was later released on her own recognizance.

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On Dec. 31 a simple assault occurred on Hadley Road following a fight over a parking space. Police were unable to find the suspect.

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On Dec. 31 Ricardo Gonzalez, 41, of East Front Street in Plainfield was arrested and charged with shoplifting two wallets from Macy's at 6501 Hadley Road. He was later released on his own recognizance.

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On Dec. 29 Irma Medran, 46, of East Front Street in Plainfield was arrested and charged with shoplifting three wallets worth a total of \$90 from Macy's at 6501 Hadley Road. She was later released on her own recognizance.

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On Dec. 29 Maribel Lopez,

29, of East Front Street in Plainfield was arrested and charged with shoplifting \$220.95 worth of clothing including jeans, shirts and gloves from Macy's at 6501 Hadley Road. She was later released on her own recognizance.

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On Dec. 30 Julio Monterroso, 40, of Madison Avenue in Plainfield was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated and issued summons for careless driving and being an unlicensed driver following a motor vehicle stop on Hanover Street. He was later released on his own recognizance.

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On Dec. 30 Zakariyna Urn Crawley, 27, of Richardson Street in New Brunswick was arrested and charged with hindering and contempt of court and issued summons for driving while suspended and going through a red light following motor vehicle stop on Clinton and West Seventh streets. Bail was set at \$500.

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On Dec. 30 Shawn Michael Cowell, 23, of Kaine Avenue in South Plainfield was arrested and charged with hindering apprehension, two counts of contempt court, and a sex offense and issued a summons for having an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle.

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On Dec. 30 a 2000 Honda Expedition on Franklin Avenue had it's window smashed and various Christmas gifts including a \$200 chafing dish, four porcelain dolls worth \$130 each, a \$300 leather jacket and \$200 worth of jewelry were stolen. There are no suspects.

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On Dec. 30 John Wesley, Jr., 48, of Sanford Avenue in Plainfield was arrested and charged with possession of controlled substances and contempt of court. Following a motor vehicle stop on Park Avenue.

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On Dec. 28 a 2001 Ford Explorer was found on fire in a parking lot near a wooded area on South Clinton Avenue. It had no plates. South Plainfield Fire Department responded. The Middlesex County Arson Task Force is investigating.

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I. Commencing on January 22, 2002 - Technical Assistance will be provided for all applicants between 10:30 am - 11:30 am.  
II. The Consolidated Plan Outreach will take place in the following manner:  
January 28, 2002 at 11 am Healthcare Providers - Edison Health & Human Resource Department (Welfare & Office

on Aging).  
January 29, 2002 at 11 am Housing/Homeless Needs - Housing Rehab Program, Mr. Fix-It, Code Enforcement, MIPH, Catholic Charities, Edison Public Housing Authority Coalition of Central Jersey, Affordable Housing Coordinator, St. James Church, and the Indian Community Center.  
January 30, 2002 at 11 am Non-Housing Needs - Edison Public Works Department and Engineering Department (Infrastructure Projects).  
January 31, 2002 at 11 am Economic Development - Edison Economic Development Corporation, Edison's Office of Economic Development, and Financial Institutions.  
Comments on 2002 Annual Consolidated Plan Needs-Deadline 12 pm, February 19, 2002.  
III. Applicant Meetings - Please call to schedule a time slot for one of the following dates:  
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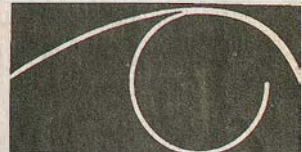


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Recreation Center, located behind the rescue squad building off Mountain Avenue.

### Historical Society wants your pictures

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD** — The South Plainfield Historical Society is searching for old photographs and postcards of the borough to go into a book.

Bring any photos you may have of South Plainfield and its citizens to the Historical Society meeting 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16 at South Plainfield High School. Each photo should include a written description along with the owner's name and address. All

photos will be returned.

Guest speaker for the Jan. 16 meeting is Richard Veit Jr., director of the Center for New Jersey History and an assistant professor of anthropology at Monmouth University. He is the editor of the forthcoming book on South Plainfield in the "Images of America" series.

The Jerseyans, history students from SPHS, will provide assistance and serve refreshments.

For more information, phone Dorothy Miele at (908) 754-3073. Alternate arrangements can be made if you cannot attend on Jan. 16.

### Computer class offered at SP Adult School

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD** — Personalized computer classes are now available for those who live in the borough.

The classes are offered by the

Computer Academy through the South Plainfield Adult School. These courses provide an introduction to the Internet, Windows, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Outlook and PowerPoint.

Instructor is Sharon Weber Hunt, a partner in the South Plainfield-based Computer Academy.

Fee is \$69 or \$99 depending on the course. For a complete schedule and registration, phone (908) 754-4620, Ext. 213.

### Officers wanted in South Plainfield

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD** — The South Plainfield Department is accepting applications for the examination for the position of Police Officer.

The application is published by and must be returned to the New Jersey Department of Personnel. The New Jersey Department of Personnel is the state agency responsible for administering the written examination. Specific instructions regarding application fees, eligibility requirements and veterans preference are delineated in the application. The announcement and application is also available on the Internet at [www.state.nj.us/personnel](http://www.state.nj.us/personnel). Applications may be obtained any time of the day at the South Plainfield Police Department communications center.

A brief summary of duties

and responsibilities is available at the police station. For more information, phone Sgt. Chuck Siedenburt at (908) 226-7674.

### Financial Aid seminar Jan. 15

**MIDDLESEX** — Middlesex High School Guidance Department will be sponsoring a Financial Aid Seminar 7 p.m. Jan. 15 in the high school library. To be covered: completing the free application for Federal Student Aid, understanding financial aid terminology, determining expected family contribution and financial aid package.

### Sign up for yoga classes

**MIDDLESEX** — The Middlesex Recreation Department is now taking registration for an adult yoga class. Registrants must be borough residents, 18 years of age and post-high school. Classes begin in January and will run for eight weeks. The cost is \$50 per person.

Classes are limited to 15 people. Participants will need their own mat, notepad and pen. Registration forms can be picked up at the Recreation Department. For more information, call (732) 356-7966.

### Mitten Tree gathers warm donations

**MIDDLESEX** — Winter can be one of the hardest times for disadvantaged families. In response, Middlesex Girl Scout Troop 566 has setup a Mitten Tree at their local library to help.

The scouts are asking for donations of hats, mittens and scarves. The tree will be set up

in the children's library. People can visit the library and hang their donations on the tree.

The collection of donations continues until today. For more information, call Lisa Marotto at (732) 868-9297.

### Winter Pre-K Art classes

**MIDDLESEX** — The Middlesex Recreation Department is accepting registration for the Winter Pre-K Art session. Each session is 10 weeks long. Classes are for 4-year-old children and are held on Thursdays. Registration forms can be picked up at the Recreation Center. Cost is \$35 for residents and \$40 for non-residents. For more information, call (732) 356-7966.

### Donate to the WTC Middlesex Hero Fund

**MIDDLESEX** — Middlesex resident Tom Gorman was a Port Authority Police Officer who went missing during the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center. A fund has been established to support his family in this time of need. To make a donation, make the check payable to WTC Middlesex Hero Fund and mail it to Geri Sadowski, 109 Lee Drive, Middlesex, NJ 08846. All donations go to the Gorman family. For more information, call Sadowski at (732) 752-2048 or Tracy Abate at (732) 563-2258.

### Knights are selling entertainment books

**DUNELLEN** — The Dunellen Knights of Columbus are selling entertainment books for 2002. \$30 per book. Call Jeff Marren at (732) 752-3838 or stop by the Dollar

Planet, 105 Bound Brook Rd., Middlesex.

### Winter craft time Jan. 10

**DUNELLEN** — The Dunellen Public Library is inviting children ages four and up to come to the library for a winter craft program 3:30 p.m. today. The craft will be led by Eileen Grimes. Space is limited and registration is required. Call (732) 968-4585 for more information.

### Screenings for learning disabilities

**DUNELLEN** — Appointments can be made to determine if a Dunellen preschool child is handicapped and needs special programs. The evaluation is being conducted by the Special Services Department of the Dunellen Public Schools. Parents of children between 3 and 5 years old who desire an evaluation may call (732) 968-0885, ext. 16. Anyone with a child in an early intervention program or who suspects that their child has a disability is asked to contact Special Services before the child's third birthday to arrange for an evaluation.

### Entertainment books available

**DUNELLEN** — The Dunellen United Methodist Church has Entertainment 2002 books now available. It features savings for dining and entertainment. Six different regions are available to choose from. Call Shirley at (732) 752-7437, Brenda at (908) 753-9016 or the Church at (732) 968-4347 for more information.

## County winter recycling tips

Rain and snow may not stop recycling activities in Middlesex County, but the winter weather does present some special challenges.

The Middlesex County Improvement Authority has issued these tips to keep in mind throughout the early months of the year:

- State holidays do not affect recycling pickups. Recycling will be picked up Monday, Jan. 21, Martin Luther King Day; Tuesday, Feb. 12, Lincoln's Birthday; and Monday, Feb. 18, Presidents Day.

- If recycling cannot be picked up because of poor weather, this will be announced over New Jersey 101.5, Magic 98.3, WCTC and cable TV community bulletin boards. If your regular recycling pickup is canceled due to weather, put your recycling out on the next scheduled pickup day.

- When snowdrifts are present and/or snow is piled high on the curb, put out your recycling containers so they can be seen by the crew and can be picked up.

- "If the plowed snow at the curb is higher than the container, try digging out a small space on the street side where you can place your bins or put them at the end of your driveway," said Edward Windas, recycling manager for the MCIA.

- "Don't put them (recycling bins) on the sidewalk behind the piled-up snow," he said. "The driver won't be able to see them. And, try not to put them in the street where they could be a hazard to motorists."

- If you usually keep your recycling bins outside, clear all the snow and/or ice off the bins before you put the bins out at

the curb. Snow and ice make the recycling containers heavier and more difficult for the crew to handle, according to Windas.

- Make sure the lid on the rectangular recycling container (for mixed paper) is close tightly, especially on windy or stormy days. You can also keep the lid closed by putting your tied-up bundles of newspaper on top of the bin.

- "If you've lost the lid ... and don't have any newspaper bundles, put a rock or other heavy object on top of the contents so that they don't get blown all over the street," Windas said.

- When you fill up the round recycling container, load aluminum cans and plastic bottles on the bottom, then add glass bottles and jars on the top.

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30 YR FIXED	6.750	0.00	6.900	5%	45 DAY	30 YR FIXED	6.500	3.00	6.720	5%	45 DAY	30 YR JUMBO	6.500	3.00	6.857	10%	60 DAY
15 YR FIXED	6.125	0.00	6.370	5%	45 DAY	15 YR FIXED	5.875	3.00	6.100	5%	45 DAY	15 YR JUMBO	6.000	3.00	6.576	10%	60 DAY
30 YR JUMBO	7.125	1.00	7.470	5%	60 DAY	30 YR JUMBO	6.750	3.00	6.970	10%	45 DAY	5/1 - 30 YEAR	6.375	0.00	5.592	10%	60 DAY
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15 YR FIXED	6.750	0.00	6.771	5%	90 DAY	30 YR JUMBO	7.250	0.00	7.290	5%	90 DAY	15 YR FIXED	6.375	0.00	6.458	20%	75 DAY
10/1-30 YR	7.000	0.00	6.342	5%	90 DAY	15 YR JUMBO	6.750	0.00	6.800	5%	90 DAY	1 YR ADJ.	5.000	0.00	5.000	20%	75 DAY
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15 YR FIXED	6.750	0.00	6.880	5%	90 DAY	30 YR FIXED	6.625	3.50	6.820	N/P	30 DAY	30 YR FIXED	7.375	0.00	7.482	5%	45 DAY
3/1-30 YR	5.750	0.00	5.060	5%	90 DAY	15 YR FIXED	6.125	3.50	6.440	N/P	30 DAY	15 YR FIXED	6.750	0.00	6.266	5%	60 DAY
5/1-30 YR	6.125	0.00	5.350	5%	90 DAY	1 YR ADJ.	5.000	3.50	5.440	N/P	30 DAY	7/1-30 YR	6.250	0.00	5.735	5%	60 DAY
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**\$189.99** FOR 36 MOS.



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## NEW 2001 DODGE DURANGO SLT 4WD PLUS

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**\$296.99** FOR 36 MOS.



VIN #2H158935, Stk #2100, 4 DR, 6 cyl., auto, a/c, p/s/b/antiflock, am/fm cass, side air bags, 2DD and 22D Preferred Package. MSRP: \$23,305. Includes \$2500 Lease cash, \$1000 Lease Loyalty rebate. \$2079.85 due at lease signing + tax, licensing, freight & regist.

**'87 DODGE NEON HIGHLINE** BUY FOR **\$5990**  
Stk #4501, VIN #Y19368, 4 DR, 4 cyl., auto, a/c, p/s/disc brks/winds/lks, am/fm cass, tilt, cruise, r/def, dual air bags, a/s radials, 62,480 mi.

**'86 MERCURY SABLE LS WAGON** BUY FOR **\$5992**  
Stk #4095, VIN #10666192, 4 DR, 6 cyl., auto, a/c, p/s/ABS/disc brks/winds/lks/mirrs/seats, am/fm cass, tilt, cruise, r/def, moonroof, roof rack, dual air bags, leather, alloy/chrome whls, a/s radials, 84,021 mi. As traded, As is.

**'86 FORD WINDSTAR** BUY FOR **\$7350**  
Stk #4502, VIN #173962, 6 cyl., auto, a/c, p/s/disc brks/winds/lks/mirrs, am/fm cass, tilt, cruise, r/def, dual air bags, a/s radials, 69,980 mi.

**'88 CHEVY G1500 CABED VAN** BUY FOR **\$10,790**  
Stk #4000, VIN #W156739, 8 cyl., auto, a/m, p/s/ABS, am/fm cass, tilt, 46,815 mi. As traded, excellent work van, money maker.

**'00 DODGE NEON HIGHLINE** FINANCE FOR **\$169** PER MO. 66 MOS. BUY FOR **\$9998**  
Stk #3885, VIN #Y839810, 4 DR, 4 cyl., auto, a/c, p/s/disc brks, am/fm cass, tilt, cruise, r/def, dual air bags, 22,582 mi. Finance \$169 per mo. 66 mos. @8.9% APR finance rate w/\$2000 down. Total pymts: \$11,154.

**'89 CHRYSLER CIRRUS LXI** FINANCE FOR **\$189** PER MO. 60 MOS. BUY FOR **\$10,900**  
Stk #4088, VIN #Y600257, 4 DR, 6 cyl., auto, a/c, p/s/ABS/winds/lks/mirrs/seats, cd, cruise, moonroof, dual air bags, leather, alloys, 44,076 mi. Finance \$189 for 60 mos. @8.9% APR finance rate w/\$3000 down. Total pymts: \$11,340.

**'87 CHRYSLER SEBRING JMI CONVERTIBLE** BUY FOR **\$10,990**  
Stk #4049, VIN #XH50673, 4 DR, 6 cyl., auto, a/c, p/s/ABS/disc brks/winds/lks/mirrs, am/fm cass, tilt, cruise, r/def, dual air bags, alloys, alum whls, a/s radials, 47,983 mi. Low miles, like new.

**'88 DODGE INTREPID ES** BUY FOR **\$12,790**  
Stk #4049, VIN #XHS50673, 4 DR, 6 cyl., auto, a/c, p/s/ABS/disc brks/winds/lks/mirrs, am/fm cass, tilt, cruise, r/def, dual air bags, alloys, alum whls, a/s radials, 40,706 mi.

**'01 DODGE STRATUS SE** FINANCE FOR **\$179** PER MO. 72 MOS. BUY FOR **\$12,900**  
Stk #4086, VIN #1618556, 4 DR, 6 cyl., auto, a/c, p/s/b, 14,590 mi. Finance \$179 for 72 mos. @8.9% APR finance rate w/\$3000 down. Total pymts: \$12,888.

## NEW 2002 DODGE 1500 RAM QUAD-CAB SLT SWB 4WD

**\$299** FOR 36 MOS.



VIN #2J103904, Stk #2048, 5.9L SMPI, V-8, auto, p/s/b, rear sliding wind, fog lamps, 27G & 26G Preferred Package MSRP: \$30,130. Includes \$1000 Lease Loyalty Rebate, \$3000 commercial rebate, \$2175.67 due at lease signing + tax, licensing, freight & regist.

## 2001 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO 4WD

**\$299.54** FOR 36 MOS.



VIN #1658936, Stk #4083, 4 DR, dual air bags, p/winds/lks, a/c, cruise, tilt, Original MSRP: \$30,510. \$2500 due at lease signing + tax, licensing, freight & regist.

**'88 DODGE INTREPID ES** BUY FOR **\$12,990**  
Stk #3015, VIN #W165209, 4 DR, 6 cyl., auto, a/c, p/s/ABS/winds/lks/mirrs, cass, cruise, airbag, alloys, 23,780 mi. Low miles, must see, like new.

**'01 DODGE INTREPID SE** FINANCE FOR **\$219** PER MO. 72 MOS. BUY FOR **\$13,900**  
Stk #4084, VIN #1615668, 4 DR, 6 cyl., auto, a/c, p/s/ABS/winds/lks/mirrs, cd, cruise, alloys, 15,455 mi. Finance \$219 for 72 mos. @8.9% APR finance rate w/\$3000 down. Total pymts: \$15,768.

**'01 MAZDA 626 LX** BUY FOR **\$14,790**  
Stk #4103, VIN #16567281, 4 cyl., auto, a/c, p/s/b/winds/lks, am/fm cd, tilt, cruise, r/def, dual air bags, 16,021 mi.

**'88 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SE** BUY FOR **\$14,990**  
Stk #3978, VIN #WRS46521, 4 DR, 6 cyl., auto, dual a/c, p/s/ABS/disc brks/winds/lks/mirrs, am/fm cass, tilt, cruise, r/def, roof rack, dual air bags, 38,250 mi. Extras.

**'00 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER** FINANCE FOR **\$259** PER MO. 66 MOS. BUY FOR **\$14,997**  
Stk #3940, VIN #Y693652, 4 DR, 6 cyl., auto, a/c, p/s/ABS/winds/lks, cass, cruise, 23,934 mi. Finance \$259 for 66 mos. @8.9% APR finance rate w/\$3000 down. Total pymts: \$17,094.

**'01 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SPORT** BUY FOR **\$19,990**  
Stk #3978, VIN #1R169435, 4 DR, 6 cyl., auto, a/c, p/s/ABS/disc brks/winds/lks/mirrs, am/fm cass, tilt, cruise, r/def, dual air bags, 21,379 mi.

**'01 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO 4X4** BUY FOR **\$21,959**  
Stk #4080, VIN #1619570, 4 DR, 6 cyl., auto, a/c, p/s/ABS/disc brks/winds/lks/mirrs, am/fm cass, tilt, cruise, r/def, roof rack, dual air bags, cloth int., alloy/alum whls, a/s radials, 21,999 mi.

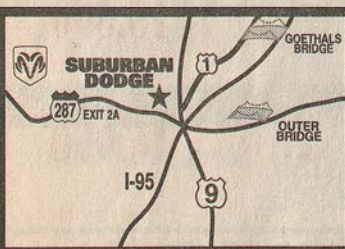
**'00 DODGE 300M** BUY FOR **\$22,900**  
Stk #3940, VIN #YH417864, 4 DR, 6 cyl., auto, a/c, p/s/ABS/disc brks/winds/lks/mirrs/seats, am/fm cass, cd, tilt, cruise, r/def, dual air bags, leather, alloys, alum whls, a/s radials, alarm/sec sys, 29,934 mi. Drive home in luxury, loaded.

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**2001 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER LTD** \$17,990  
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4-Dr. SUV, Auto, 6-Cyl Eng, PS/B/Winds/Lks, Air, Tilt, Cruise, Moon Rr, Leather, AM/FM St. VIN #W002114, 23,105 MI.

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4-Dr. Auto Trans, 6-Cyl Eng, PS/B/Winds/Lks, Air, Tilt, Cruise, Reg. Cab, AM/FM St. VIN #V0068236, 32,986 MI.

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4-Dr. SUV, Auto, 6-Cyl Eng, PS/B/Winds/Lks, Air, Tilt, Cruise, AM/FM St. VIN #1K1K2136, 10,529 MI.

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**1998 FORD ESCORT ZX2** \$8,990  
2-Dr. Auto Trans, FWD, 4-Cyl Eng, PS/B, Air, Dual Air Bags, Rr. Del, T/Gls, Fmt Bucket Seats, AM/FM St. VIN #W158633, Sk. #2C004B, 37,115 MI.

**1998 MERCURY SABLE LS** \$9,290  
Wgn. Auto Trans, FWD, 6-Cyl Eng, PS/ABS Brks/Winds/Lks/Mirs, Air, Dual Air Bags, Rr. DelWpr, Keyless Entry, Roof Rack, AM/FM St. VIN #WU603142, Sk. #CP8072A, 63,563 MI.

**1998 MERCURY SABLE LS** \$9,290  
Wgn. 6-Cyl Eng, Auto Trans, PS/ABS Brks/Winds/Lks/Mirs, Air, Dual Air Bags, Keyless Entry, AM/FM St. VIN #W158633, Sk. #CP8072A, 63,563 MI.

**1995 JEEP CHEROKEE SPORT** \$10,990  
4-Dr. 6-Cyl Eng, Auto Trans, PS/B/Winds/Lks, Air, Cruise, Tilt, Roof Rack, Keyless Entry, AM/FM St. VIN #3L58517, Sk. #2C186A, 54,076 MI.

**1995 JEEP CHEROKEE SPORT 4X4** \$10,990  
4-Dr. SUV, Auto Trans, 6-Cyl Eng, PS/B/Winds/Lks/Mirs, Air, Rr. DelWpr, T/Gls, Keyless Entry, Roof Rack, AM/FM St. VIN #1515133, Sk. #2C186A, 54,076 MI.

**1998 FORD WINDSTAR GL** \$12,990  
4-Dr. Van, Auto Trans, FWD, 6-Cyl Eng, PS/B/Winds/Lks/Mirs, Air, Dual Air Bags, Rr. DelWpr, Dual Seats, Keyless Entry, Roof Rack, VIN #W0861, Sk. #C0089A, 52,816 MI.

**2001 DODGE DAKOTA** \$14,990  
Pick-up, Auto Trans, V6 Eng, PS/ABS Brks/Winds/Lks/Mirs, Air, Dual Air Bags, Fmt Bkt Seats, Alloy Wheels, T/Gls, Keyless Entry, Fog Lights, AM/FM St. VIN #1515133, Sk. #CP5153, 9454 MI.

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Van, 6-Cyl Eng, Auto Trans, PS/ABS Brks/Winds/Lks/Mirs, Air, Dual Air Bags, Alloy, T/Gls, Keyless Entry, Roof Rack, AM/FM St. VIN #2C431A, 39,059 MI.

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**2000 MAZDA PROTEGE LX** \$11,990  
4-Dr. 5-Spd Man Trans, 4-Cyl Eng, PS/B/Winds/Lks/Mirs, Air, Dual Air Bags, Rr. Del, Tilt, Cruise, Alloy, T/Gls, Keyless Entry, AM/FM St. VIN #1M1654A, 14,528 MI.

**2000 HYUNDAI TIBURON** \$12,490  
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**1998 MAZDA B4000 4X4** \$13,990  
Pick-up, Auto Trans, 6-Cyl Eng, PS/ABS Brks/Winds/Lks/Mirs, Air, Dual Air Bags, Rr. DelWpr, Inter. Wpr, Alloy, T/Gls, Keyless Entry, AM/FM St. VIN #1M1737A, 47,344 MI.

**2001 HONDA CIVIC LX** \$14,990  
4-Dr. Auto Trans, 4-Cyl Eng, PS/B/Winds/Lks/Mirs, Air, Dual Air Bags, Alloy, T/Gls, Moon Rr, AM/FM St. VIN #1M1737A, 47,344 MI.

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**2000 MAZDA MIATA** \$17,990  
Convrt, 5-Spd Man Trans, 4-Cyl Eng, PS/B/Winds/Lks/Mirs, Air, Dual Air Bags, Tilt, Cruise, Alloy, AM/FM St. VIN #1M1340A, 21,915 MI.

**2000 VW JETTA 1.8 TURBO** \$18,490  
4-Dr. Auto Trans, FWD, 4-Cyl Eng, PS/ABS Brks/Winds/Lks/Mirs, Air, Dual Air Bags, Keyless Entry, Moon Rr, AM/FM St. VIN #YU170145, Sk. #MP530A, 27,336 MI.

**2001 MAZDA MPV LX** \$19,490  
4-Dr. Van, Auto Trans, FWD, 6-Cyl Eng, PS/ABS Brks/Winds/Lks/Mirs, Air, Dual Air Bags, Rear AC, Alloy, T/Gls, Alloy, AM/FM St. VIN #108010, 24,412 MI.

**2001 MAZDA MPV LX** \$19,490  
4-Dr. Van, Auto Trans, FWD, 6-Cyl Eng, PS/ABS Brks/Winds/Lks/Mirs, Air, Dual Air Bags, Rear AC, Alloy, T/Gls, Alloy, AM/FM St. VIN #108010, 24,412 MI.

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**1998 FORD EXPEDITION XLT 4X4** \$19,990  
4-Dr. SUV, Auto, 5.4L 6-Cyl Eng, PS/ABS Brks/Winds/Lks/Mirs, Air, Dual Air Bags, Rr. DelWpr, T/Gls, Rr Rack, Rr Air, Running Boards, Keyless Entry, AM/FM St. VIN #WLC35595, Sk. #MP3395, 37,709 MI.

**1999 MITSUBISHI MONTERO 4X4** \$19,990  
4-Dr. SUV, Auto, 6-Cyl Eng, PS/ABS Brks/Winds/Lks/Mirs, Air, Dual Air Bags, Rr. DelWpr, T/Gls, Rr Rack, Rr Air, Running Boards, Keyless Entry, AM/FM St. VIN #P204891, Sk. #UP461, 37,754 MI.

**1999 AUDI A4** \$21,990  
4-Dr. 5-Spd Man Trans, FWD, 4-Cyl Eng, PS/ABS Brks/Winds/Lks/Mirs, Air, Dual Air Bags, Pwr/Htd Seats, Rr. Del, Tilt, Cruise, Alloy, T/Gls, Keyless Entry, Moon Rr, AM/FM St. VIN #XZ73445, Sk. #2202A, 43,375 MI.

**1999 ISUZU VEH-CROSS 4X4** \$21,990  
2-Dr. SUV, Auto, 6-Cyl Eng, PS/B/Winds/Lks/Mirs, Air, Dual Air Bags, Fmt Bkt Seats, Rr. DelWpr, Tilt, Cruise, Alloy, T/Gls, AM/FM St. VIN #U18010, 29,440 MI.

**2000 NISSAN XTERRA SE 4X4** \$22,990  
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**1997 PONTIAC SUNFIRE GT** \$9,990  
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**1997 BUICK LESABRE CUSTOM** \$10,490  
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**1998 GMC SONOMA SLS** \$10,990  
Pick-up, Auto w/OD, 4-Cyl In-Line Eng, PS/B, Air, Air Bag, Fmt Bkt Seats, Tilt, Cruise, Alloy, T/Gls, VIN #W520641, Sk. #775A, 40,785 MI.

**1999 CHEVROLET PRIZM** \$11,990  
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**1998 BUICK REGAL LS** \$13,990  
4-Dr. Auto Trans w/OD, FWD, V6 Eng, PS/B/Winds/Lks/Mirs/Dr. St. Air, Air Bag, Fmt Bkt Seats, Alloy Wheels, T/Gls, Keyless Entry, AM/FM St. VIN #1515133, Sk. #122A, 30,020 MI.

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**1997 GMC SUBURBAN SLT 4X4** \$17,490  
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The Open Road BMW Certified Pre-Owned BMW Showroom in Edison was ranked number one in sales for the country in October and November.

## Open Road's showroom is ranked tops in sales

EDISON — Open Road BMW's new Certified Pre-Owned BMW Showroom is number one in sales in the country, owner Rod Ryan announced recently.

The Open Road BMW Showroom, located at 540 Route 1 North in Edison, opened at the end of August, and at the end of September was ranked number one in sales in the region.

At the end of October, the showroom was catapulted to the number one spot in the country beating the number two store in the country, a California-based dealership, by almost 20 cars!

The showroom was number one, again, for November beating stores in Texas and Long

Island who were tied for second place.

"What they've accomplished is amazing," Ryan smiled proudly. "They've only been open for a few short months and have already placed themselves as the leaders in Certified Pre-Owned BMW sales in the nation! It just goes to show how an innovative concept, executed properly and backed by hard work, always succeeds."

The Open Road BMW Certified Pre-Owned BMW Showroom is a factory-authorized facility, dedicated exclusively to selling and leasing Certified Pre-Owned BMW's. Customers can choose from as many as 30 automobiles dis-

played in air-conditioned comfort.

The showroom was intended to give the Certified Pre-Owned BMW customer a new car-buying experience. And, the public has responded positively to both the idea of purchasing a pre-owned BMW that has been factory reconditioned and warrantied, and to Open Road BMW's unique presentation of these vehicles.

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Maplecrest Ford of Mendham presents a check for \$6,825 to Matthew and Teresa Finlay, founders of the Nickelodeon Park in Mendham. Dealer principal, Tom Giordano and the entire sales, service and office staffs attend the presentation.

## Maplecrest Ford donates to Nickelodeon Park fund

MENDHAM — On Thursday, Dec. 13, The donation represented a contribution made by Maplecrest Ford from every vehicle sold during a three month period.

The Nickelodeon Park fund was created by the Finlays to raise money for Nickelodeon Park, which is being constructed behind Wysong Field in Mendham Township.

The park is being built in loving memory of the Finlay's son Nicholas who died of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) on Feb. 7, 1999. It will feature structures modeled after historic sites in Mendham.

For further information, contact Tom Giordano at Maplecrest Ford at (973)543-2531 or the Nickelodeon Fund at (973)543-5235.

## What to do in an accident

(NAPSI)-Knowing what to do in case you encounter a car crash can go a long way toward driving down the risk of injury and even death. Here, from the United States Department of Transportation (DOT), are five steps even untrained bystanders may be able to take:


1. Stop to help. Park a safe distance from the crash site, and turn on your hazard lights and raise your hood to attract attention. Watch for other vehicles and approach the crash site if it is safe to do so.
2. Call 9-1-1 for help. If you don't have quick access to a phone, send someone else to call

for help while you attend to the victim. If you are alone, be sure the victim is breathing and stop the bleeding before you leave to call for help.

3. Assess the victim. Ask the victim not to move and whether he or she is hurting. Listen to the response to see if the victim can answer or seems confused. If there's no response, make sure the person is breathing.
4. Start the breathing.
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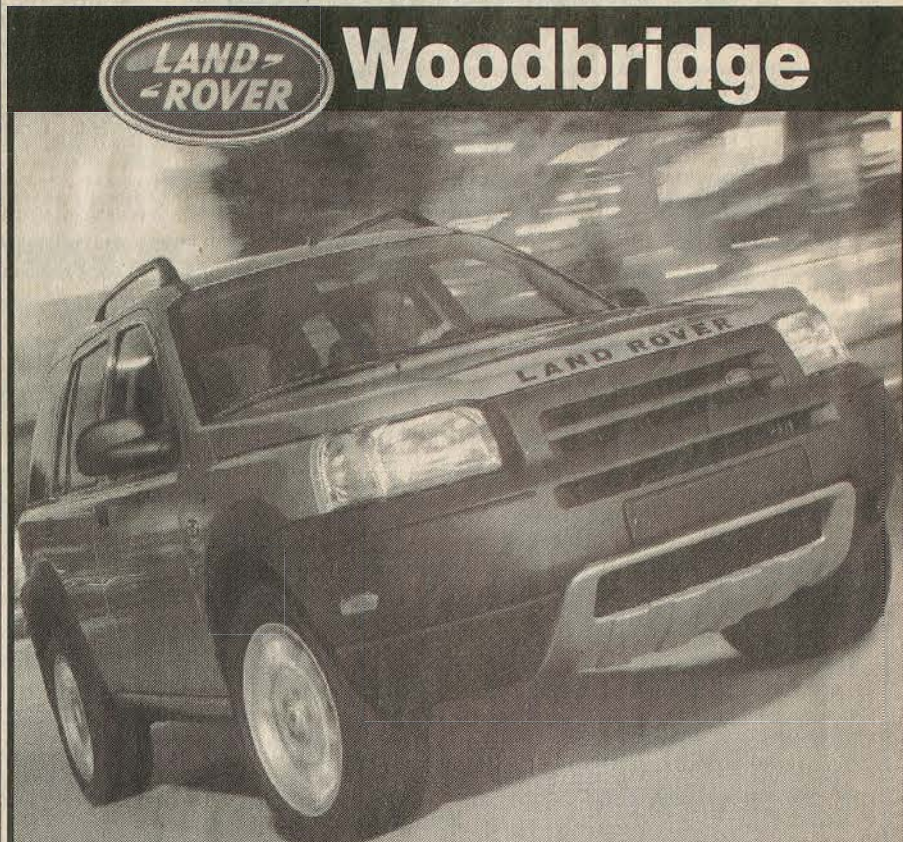
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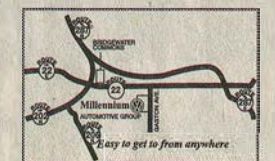
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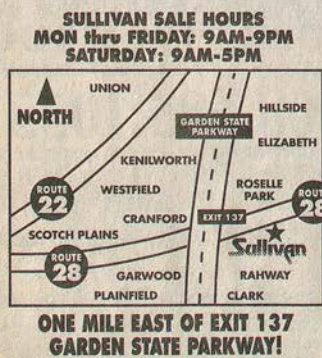
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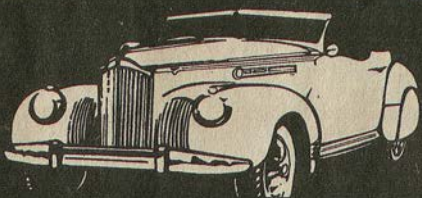
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## BEST BETS THIS WEEK

### Doll, teddy bear show scheduled for Feb. 23

BRIDGEWATER — The 22nd Annual Doll and Teddy Bear Show will be held next month at the Somerset County 4-H Center, 310 Milltown Road, three miles west of Somerville off Route 202.

The time is Saturday, Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$3.50 per person.

The Somerset County 4-H Exchange Club sponsors the event, has again signed many dealers from around the tri-state area as well as the East Coast. Dealers will sell a variety of dolls and teddy bears to include antiques, modern collectibles, reproductions, and doll accessories.

Expert doll appraiser, Liz Pierce will be on hand again this year to appraise your precious dolls and let you know the value and history behind the doll. The charge for her service will be \$5 per doll.

There will also be a judged exhibit of dolls and teddy bears. Anyone may enter; the fee is \$2 per entry. There are many categories with rosettes awarded to the best entry in each.

There will be door prizes, a lunch counter and baked goods.

For more information, call Deb Metting at (609)466-8005. On the day of the show call (908)526-8242.

### 'Disney on Ice' coming to Arena

EAST RUTHERFORD — A treasury of Walt Disney's fairy tale classics come to life in "Disney On Ice," Feld Entertainment's hit figure skating spectacular.

Now, for a limited time, New Jersey families will have the chance to experience the magic in their hometown when "Disney On Ice" appears at Continental Airlines Arena from Jan. 22-27.

"Disney On Ice" brings together beloved Disney tales — Walt Disney's *Snow White* and the *Seven Dwarfs*, *101 Dalmatians* and Disney's *The Little Mermaid* — which leap from the pages of Mickey's magical storybook, as they come to life on ice in this dazzling production. Audiences will share the romance of *Snow White* and the *Prince*, laugh with the precocious Ariel, and cheer as all 101 Dalmatians escape Cruella De Vil and her bumbling henchmen Horace and Jasper.

The production includes a team of ice skating champions gathered from around the world including Canada, Russia, the Ukraine, Great Britain and the United States. The artistry and skill of these skaters is underscored by lyrical choreography, fanciful costumes and eye-popping special effects.

Tickets available at the Continental Airlines Arena Box Office or Ticketmaster outlets. To charge by phone, call (201)507-8900 or (212)307-7171 or purchase online at ticketmaster.com. For more information, call (201)935-3900. Groups (25-plus) call (201)460-4370.

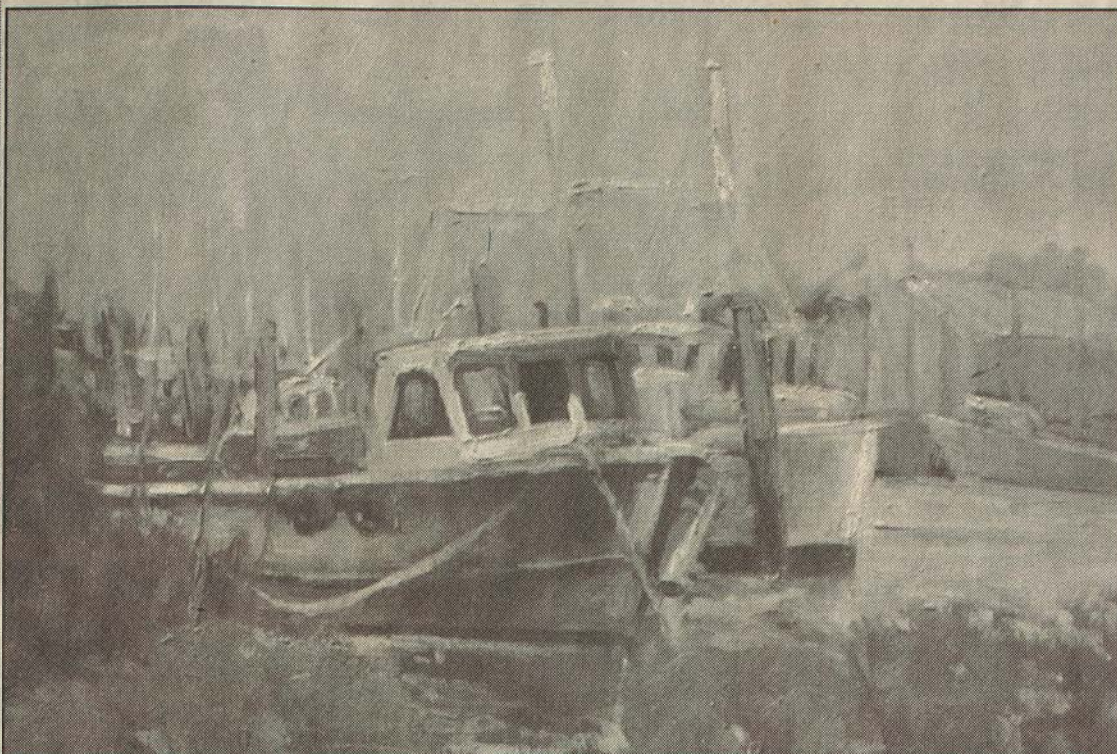
### 'Music of America' at dinner theatre

PERRYVILLE — Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Dinner Theater will present "The Music of America", an original country-western musical revue written and directed by Ken Schwarz through Feb. 9.

Presented in a fun, lively production, the revue will showcase classic, historic and popular songs by artists from Jimmy Rodgers to Roy Rogers to Kenny Rogers, among many others, in a unique format.

Monday through Saturday luncheon matinees at 11:30 a.m., Saturday evening dinner shows at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoon dinner shows at 2:30 p.m., have been scheduled. Prices range from \$39.50-\$50 per person, with group rates available. Reservations are required though, as many dates are already sold out. Prices include a full-course, served meal, an all-you-can-eat dessert buffet, the show and all tips and taxes.

The theater is located at 88 Route 173 W., between Exits 11 and 12, off Interstate 78, in Perryville. For more information and reservations call (800)HHP-7313 or visit online at: www.hhplayhouse.com



Frank Ferrante's oil painting "Shrimp Boats" is on display this month at Swain Galleries in Plainfield.

## Gallery exhibition features 'orchestration of elements'

PLAINFIELD — Painting weekly "en plein air" in a year-round basis gives Frank Ferrante's oils the opportunity of "Catching the Light," his solo exhibit through Jan. 31 at Swain Galleries in Plainfield as the first show of 2002.

"I can feel the bitter cold in my fingers on a winter morning, the dampness of the ocean mist against my face and the sun baking on my back while struggling with the mood and subtle atmospheric changes," the artist related.

He added, "Working outdoors gives me the opportunity to study carefully color and light while quickly capturing the fleeting elements in time. Struggling with that ever changing light, color, mood and atmosphere of the composition—a word that applies to music as well as art, from the Richard Wagner grays of a foggy day to the crisp and sunny yellows of a John Philip Sousa march—

I witness an orchestration of these elements."

A New Jersey native born in Clifton, Ferrante resides in Hillsdale, studied at the Newark School of Fine 9Arts and obtained a B.S. from Rutgers University. His landscape oils have been shown in juried and invitational exhibits, art institutes and festivals and galleries from New Jersey and Pennsylvania to Colorado. He is affiliated with the Ringwood Manor Association of the Arts, the Community Arts Assn. in Allendale and the Ridgewood Art Institute, all in NJ.

The "Catching the Light" exhibit of landscapes painted in New Jersey, Martha's Vineyard and Colorado by Ferrante and continues Tuesday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday to 4 p.m. at Swain Galleries, 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. Call (908)756-1707 for more information.

## Funding hits a sour note for Plainfield Symphony

PLAINFIELD — New Jersey's oldest community orchestra has been hit hard by the recent economic downturn and needs help fast if it is to survive.

"We need to raise about \$25,000 over the next couple of months to continue our season as scheduled," said Executive Director Tim Espar. "Revenues from all sources are down substantially this year but costs are not. We don't want to disappoint our subscribers but without additional funds we will be forced to cut back our programs. We may even have to shut down for good." Regrettably, the Symphony has been forced to cancel its annual Free Family Concert scheduled for April 7 in an effort to conserve resources.

The Plainfield Symphony has been a celebrated cultural institution in Union County since 1919. Four generations of Central Jersey music lovers have enjoyed concerts every year since.

"The Symphony's artists and patrons have seen it through wars, economic depression and a con-

stantly changing cultural landscape," said Music Director Sabin Pautza. "We can't let it die now." Espar added, "The arts have always been an important force in helping people get through difficult times. The current crisis is no exception. I have no doubt the community will once again rally behind us."

Remaining scheduled programs for the 2001-02 season are:

Sunday, Jan. 13, 4 p.m. - Recital by Artist-in-Residence pianist Christopher Johnson

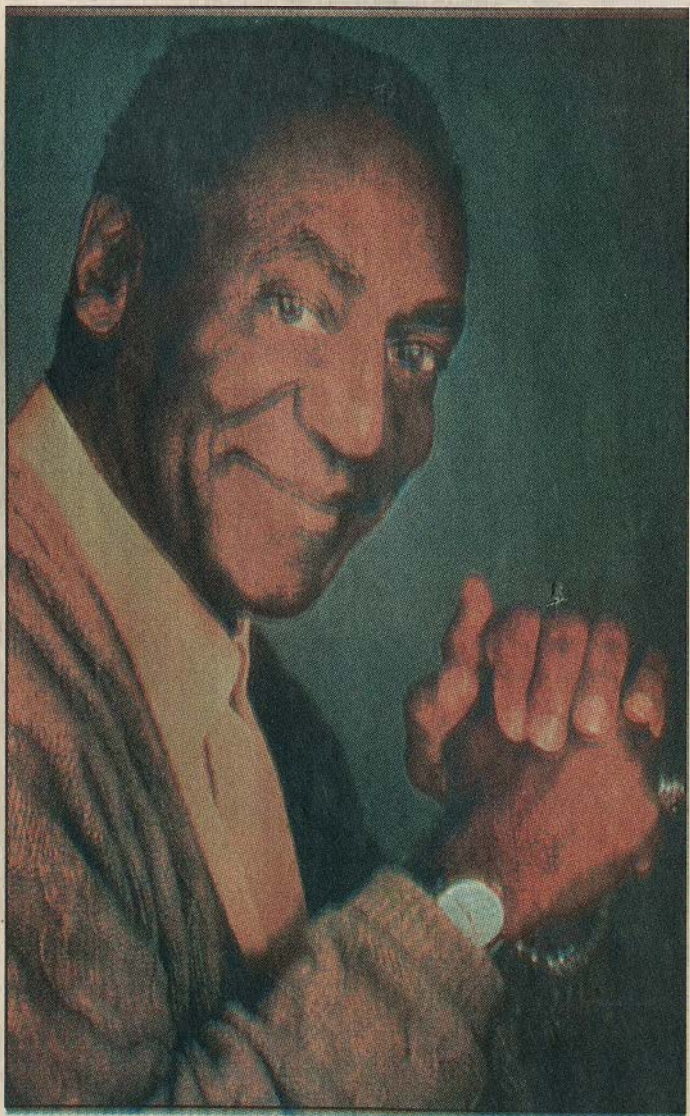
Saturday, March 23, 8 p.m. - Big Band Concert

Saturday, May 4, 8 p.m. - Season Finale with guest artist Christian Pintilie, violin

All performances at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Plainfield.

Donations are urgently needed. Please send to: The Plainfield Symphony, PO Box 5093, Plainfield NJ 07061. Donations are tax-deductible.

Call (908)561-5140 for tickets (\$15-45) or more information.



### Cosby returns to State Theatre

The legendary Bill Cosby will pay his annual visit to the State Theatre in New Brunswick for two shows, 3 and 8 p.m., on Feb. 23. For tickets, call (732)246-7469.

## Brook will celebrate its 75th birthday

BOUND BROOK — The Brook Arts Center (www.brookarts.org), the cultural arts center in Somerset County that provides a nurturing, protective environment for artists to develop their skills, has announced that on Jan. 19 - 20 it is hosting a week-end-long 75th anniversary Diamond Jubilee celebration of the grand opening of the Brook Theatre in Bound Brook in 1927.

A jam-packed weekend of events will highlight the Brook Theatre's heritage as a vaudeville and moving picture playhouse and demonstrate that a healthy arts presence is a vital part of a community.

"Seventy-five years ago the Brook was a beacon of cultural enrichment and entertainment for a thriving, growing community," said Brook Arts Center executive director Gerry Appel. "We are determined to restore it to its original luster and show that cultivating the arts can lead the way to economic revitalization."

The Diamond Jubilee celebration has something planned for everyone. The focus begins on kids on Saturday, Jan. 19. A Kid's Birthday Party for the Brook with a magic show and other amusements and back-to-back presentations of "Harriet Tubman" by Sail Productions are planned during the day.

The evening of Jan. 19 will celebrate the rebirth of the Brook Theatre, 75 years to the day that community officials from surrounding municipalities gathered to herald the opening of the theatre built by Alexander Morecraft. In 1927, the theatre was complimented as "extraordinarily attractive" with "modernly luxurious" appointments. One reporter questioned whether another so attractive could be found in the 50-mile New York metropolitan radius.

Local officials are expected to be on hand for commemorative ceremonies on Saturday night. The evening's activities parallel those of opening night 75 years ago. Live vaudeville-style acts reminiscent of the early 20th century era of the flappers will be performed in the Brook lobby, followed by a late evening showing of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

"Seventy-five years ago, The Chronicle of Bound Brook reported that Hamilton Street 'looked like Broadway at eleven o'clock' with cars parked for blocks in every direction," said Appel. "We're confident we'll have a similar turn out for our anniversary event."

History lovers and theater buffs will have the opportunity on Sunday, January 20, to hear more about the area's history with special lectures and a backstage tour followed by the Garden State Theatre Organ Society's presentation of two Buster Keaton silent films. The weekend will conclude with an Italian buffet dinner and an evening concert of favorite opera arias.

The Brook Theater is located at 10 Hamilton St. Ticket prices for each event vary. For more information and show times, visit www.brookarts.org or call (732) 469-7700.

## Guitar Collective will perform in Bridgewater

BRIDGEWATER — "Today Howard is one of the instrument's most versatile, experienced players, while Jimmy has taken the guitar world by storm with his immaculate technique and relentless exuberance. Frank, with his rhythmic flair, clearly is one of the acoustic guitar's most unique stylists."

That's what Grammy nominee and acclaimed jazz writer Jim Ferguson writes about the three top guitarists who together make up the Guitar Collective.

Jazz masters Howard Alden, Frank Vignola and Jimmy Bruno will perform for the Jazz in Bridgewater series on Saturday, Feb. 9, starting at 8 p.m. Guitar Collective brings together three acclaimed stars of that instrument for a rare — and quite reasonably priced — appearance together.

Tickets for this popular event have been held to \$15 if purchased in advance, reflecting the regular cost of Jazz in Bridgewater's monthly concert series. But tickets

### Brook Events

#### Saturday Jan. 19

10 a.m.

#### "Kid's Birthday Party for the Brook"

A magic show, face painting and other activities for children of all ages. Birthday cake and refreshments provided. Cost: \$6.

1 and 3 p.m.

#### "Harriet Tubman"

Children's Theatre, presented by the nationally-acclaimed "Sail Productions," celebrates Martin Luther King's birthday. Cost: \$6.

5 p.m.

#### "Official Proclamation"

Community leaders meet to celebrate the renaissance of the Brook and the surrounding community. Free

6 p.m.

#### "A Taste of Bound Brook."

Buffet Dinner. Bound Brook restaurants and caterers will be presenting their signature dishes. Cost: \$15.

8 p.m.

#### "Vaudeville Returns to the Brook."

The Brook returns to its roots! Relive the era of the flappers with a return to the entertainment and charm of the early 20th century. Live singing, dancing, comedy and burlesque. Cost: \$15.

12 midnight

#### "Rocky Horror Picture Show"

Bring your toast, your rice, and be prepared to sing and dance with Brad and Janet. Cost: \$8.

#### Sunday Jan. 20

1 p.m.

#### "History Lecture and Tour"

A presentation revealing the history of this area with a focus on the early 20th century. Includes a theatre tour! Free.

2:30 p.m.

#### "Silent Films and Organ Recital"

Presented by the Garden State Theatre Organ Society. Before the "talkies" arrived, our grandparents and great-grandparents spent many hours with the silent masters of the silver screen. Show features Buster Keaton films: "The Balloonatic" & "Cops." Cost: \$8

6 p.m.

#### "An Italian Feast"

Celebrating Bound Brook's Italian heritage and residents. Dinner and entertainment. Cost: \$15.

8 p.m.

#### "Opera"

Live performances from favorite operas reminding us of the numerous operas staged through the years at the Brook. Cost: \$20.



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## Theater

### NOW PLAYING

**GEORGE STREET PLAYHOUSE**  
9 Livingston Ave.  
New Brunswick  
(732) 246-7717;  
www.georgestplayhouse.org  
• "Waiting for Tadashi," world premiere of drama by Velina Hasu Houston. To Feb. 3. Admission \$45-\$26; discounts available. Call for showtimes.

**PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE**  
Brookside Dr., Millburn  
(973) 376-4343;  
www.papermill.org  
• "The Dinner Party," New Jersey premiere of Neil Simon comedy. To Feb. 10. Admission \$59-\$20; discounts available. Call for showtimes.

**STATE THEATRE**  
15 Livingston Ave.  
New Brunswick  
(877) STATE 11;  
www.statetheatrenj.org  
• "Annie Get Your Gun," touring production of post-WWII musical. 3 and 7 p.m. Jan. 13. Admission \$50-\$22. Related lecture 2 p.m.; admission \$6.

**WESTFIELD COMMUNITY PLAYERS**  
1000 North Ave. West  
Westfield

(908) 232-1221  
• "The Unexpected Guest," murder mystery by Dame Agatha Christie. 8 p.m. Jan. 11, 12, 18, 19. Admission \$12.

### COMING UP

**UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER**  
1601 Irving St., Rahway  
(732) 499-8226;  
www.ucac.org  
• "Freedom Train," or the story of Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad. 1 p.m. Jan. 19. Admission \$9.

### For Kids

**CATHY FINK/MARCY MARXER**  
1 and 3:30 p.m. Jan. 20  
Theatre at Raritan Valley Community College  
Route 28, Branchburg  
(908) 725-3420;  
www.raritanval.edu/theatre  
• Children's performers of some note. Admission \$9.

### Concerts

**BENNY!**  
8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19  
Somerset County Vo-Tech  
Vogt Dr., Bridgewater  
(908) 526-8900, Ext. 7219  
• Benny Goodman tribute concert with Dan Levinson, Mark Shane, Frank Vignola, Chuck Redd, Greg Cohen and Kevin

Dorn. Admission \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.

**FOUR LAST SONGS**  
3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20  
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick  
(800) ALLEGRO;  
www.njsymphony.org  
• Written by Richard Strauss and sung by Alessandra Marc, soprano, with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. Admission \$65-\$17.

**MILLSTONE VALLEY CHORUS**  
8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18  
Somerset County Library  
North Bridge St., Bridgewater  
(908) 526-4016, Ext. 119  
• All-woman ensemble singing barbershop style. Free admission.

**WILLIE NELSON**  
8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19  
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick  
(877) STATE 11;  
www.statetheatrenj.org  
• Onetime country music "outlaw," now an elder statesman. Admission \$100-\$28.

**BUCKY PIZZARELLI**  
8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11  
Watchung Arts Center  
Watchung Circle, Watchung  
(908) 753-0190  
• New Jersey-based jazz guitarist. Admission \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door.

**WINTER SOLSTICE**  
8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18  
Theatre at Raritan Valley Community College  
Route 28, Branchburg  
(908) 725-3420;  
www.raritanval.edu/theatre  
• Windham Hill Records showcase: Samite, Liz Story, Will Ackerman. Admission \$28, \$23.

### Events

**SUMMER CAMP FAIR**  
Sheraton hotel  
Raritan Center, Edison  
(732) 469-8910;  
community.nj.com/cc/women



## LaBelle in Atlantic City

Patti LaBelle, who has thrilled audiences since the 1960s, will be performing Jan. 18-20 at the Circus Maximus Theater at Caesars Atlantic City. Tickets are \$65; call Ticketmaster at (800) 736-1420.

• Annual preview of summer camps, noon-4 p.m. Jan. 13. Free admission.

### Museums

**CRANE-PHILLIPS HOUSE MUSEUM**  
124 N. Union Ave., Cranford  
(908) 276-0082  
Open 2-4 p.m. Sunday or by appointment. Free admission.  
• "Restoring a 19th Century

Kitchen," to June.

• "Cranford's Prehistoric Past," to June.  
• Exhibit marking "100 Years of Cranford High School," to June.

**EAST JERSEY OLDE TOWNE**

Johnson Park  
1050 River Rd., Piscataway  
(732) 745-3030  
Re-creation of village from the Colonial-era port of Raritan Landing. Open to the public 8:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Guided tours 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Free admission. Group tours by appointment.  
• "Traditions of the Season," to Feb. 2.

**METTLAR-BODINE HOUSE MUSEUM**  
1281 River Rd., Piscataway  
(732) 463-8363.

Artifacts of Lenni-Lenape Indians and other peoples from the land now known as Piscataway. Open noon-5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Adults \$2; children \$1. Registration required for programs.

**MILLER-CORY HOUSE MUSEUM**  
614 Mountain Ave., Westfield  
(908) 232-1776

Open 2-4 p.m. every other Sunday in January and February. Adults \$2; students 50 cents; children under 6 free.

• "A Spot of Tea," Jan. 13.  
**NEW JERSEY MUSEUM OF AGRICULTURE**  
Cook College  
Route 1, New Brunswick  
(732) 249-2077;  
www.agriculturemuseum.org

Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Free admission for members. Non-member admission: adults \$4, seniors \$3, children 4-12 \$2, children under 4 free. Registration required for groups.

**WALLACE HOUSE AND OLD DUTCH PARSONAGE**  
38 Washington Pl., Somerville  
(908) 725-1015

George Washington's headquarters when he was stationed in Somerville in 1778. Open 10 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Free admission.

**JANE VOORHEES ZIMMERLI ART MUSEUM**  
Rutgers University, 71 Hamilton St., New Brunswick  
(732) 932-7237;  
www.zimmerlimuseum.rutgers.edu

Open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, noon-5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday. Tours of the collection 2 and 3 p.m. Sunday. Free admission for members. Non-member admission: adults \$3; senior citizens, Rutgers students and children under 12 free. Admission free for all first Sunday of month.

• Works of Evgenii Mikhnov-Voitenko, to Jan. 20.

• "St. Petersburg in 1921," to March 10.

• "Art of the Baltics," to March 17.

• "Family, Friends and Neighbors: Picturing Relationships in Children's Books," to March 17.

• "In Context: Pattern in Contemporary Printmaking," to March 24.

• "Ben Shahn: In Dispute About Images," to March 24.

### Dance

**PARSONS DANCE COMPANY**  
8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11  
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick  
(877) STATE 11;  
www.statetheatrenj.org  
• Manhattan-based troupe in its first Central Jersey show. Admission \$32-\$20.

### Galleries

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## 'Spontaneous Forms' will be opening at Frenchtown gallery

FRENCHTOWN — The Atelier Fine Art Gallery, Frenchtown, introduces a new exhibition of "Spontaneous Forms" by Eleanor Burnette and Jules Schaeffer.

An opening reception 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2 is open to the public. Burnette and Schaeffer are experimental multimedia artists influenced by significant figures in abstract expressionism and other modern art movements. This exhibition reveals the spontaneity of experimentation in the abstract visual arts and two manners of approaching the media.

Burnette works with a primary focus on the "structuring of space." She describes the process of painting as "building with color and line, using planes and figuration to abstract objects, places and events." With broad washes of blocked color and friezes of mysterious figures, she creates bold visions for the viewer to explore.

Her recent shows at Atelier

include figural bronze works as well as two-dimensional pieces that examine architectonic and spiritual realms. In addition, her works are in the corporate collection of Janssen Pharmaceutica and a number of private collections. Burnette holds a bachelor's degree, summa cum laude, from Chicago State University.

Schaeffer has been an artist for 25 years, concentrating mainly on monotypes but also working extensively with sculpture, collage and assemblage. He unites "spontaneity and subtly while balancing color, form, texture and composition with whimsical narrative content."

Some of his inspiration is found within the automatic drawings of the surrealists. The Philadelphia University of the Arts alumnus has also been intrigued by the simplicity of Japanese art forms he discovered while living in Japan.

"Spontaneous Forms" may be seen through March 10. Gallery

hours at 108 Harrison St. are noon-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. For more information, phone (908) 996-9992.

## Blues master to perform Saturday at arts center

WATCHUNG — The hear-a-flatpick-drop acoustic space of the Watchung Arts Center will be filled with the bluesy, growly, three-octave voice of Les Sampou on Jan. 12 at 8 p.m.

Sampou reaches deep into her soul for the kind of passionate folk-blues that hasn't been heard this side of Bonnie Raitt for far too long, and which has made her a favorite at all the major folk festivals including Philadelphia Folk Festival, Winnipeg Festival, Montreal Jazz Festival, Falcon Ridge in New York, Strawberry Festival in California, and Kerrville Folk Festival in Texas (where she won the coveted "New Folk Award"...winning out of 686 contestants).

Sampou is based in Boston, where she began in the 1980s to master the blues guitar and to write the passionate folk-blues material that has now extended to four albums. Since that time, she has toured constantly, appearing in New Jersey at the Appel Farms Music Festival, the Minstrel Coffeehouse, and now at the Watchung Arts Center Folk Series. Sampou's journey to music has

been an interesting one. She grew up in small town, rural Massachusetts. College took her to the University of Colorado where she studied Italian, and later became involved in radio, producing a documentary covering the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. She got an early

Sampou "is able to command the stage as few acoustic solo performers can."

Her passionate singing and high-octane blues guitar playing should shake the walls of the Watchung Arts Center.

Opening for Sampou is Erik Balkey of Marlton, a modern-day

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taste of life on the road while traveling 20,000 miles across America, pursuing the people and places on both sides of the ERA debate.

Settling back in Massachusetts, she went to work for the state government, working her way up to a job offer as Assistant Press Secretary to the Secretary of State, a job she eventually turned down to begin pursuing a career in music.

In the words of one reviewer,

troubadour whose nonstop touring and performing are captured in his widely-read online journal called the "Songwriters' Tour Guide." He conveys a vulnerability and optimism that transcend his songs and make his live performances stand out.

Reservations are advised, and may be made by calling (908)753-0190. The admission price is \$12, which includes home-baked desserts and coffee at intermission.

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## River towns will hold annual winter festival

The sixth annual Lambertville-New Hope Winter Festival takes place Friday through Sunday, Feb. 1-3. This winter event brings the two Delaware River towns together for non-stop music and entertainment for everyone.

Weekend highlights include live ice carving demonstrations, the "Village Snowfolk" art competition, the "Riverhorse Chili Cook-Off," a parade and competition with three Philadelphia Mummers string bands, winter historic walking tours, a children's scavenger hunt, a 1-mile walk/run, winter tales, a puppet theater and more.

For an event guide, phone (215) 862-2974.

The festival begins 8 p.m. Feb. 1 with a live concert by New Age pianist Danny Wright at New Hope-Solebury High School. Wright has recorded over 20 albums since his career began over 20 years ago. Admission is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. VIP tickets — \$60 for adults, \$30 for children 18 and under — include a reception with the artist at the Inn at Lambertville Station 6 p.m. plus seating in the first eight rows.

Concert tickets are available at Dresswell's in Lambertville and Great Jones World in New Hope. For telephone reservations, contact Gabrielle at (215) 862-5411.

The Winter Festival is sponsored by the First National Bank & Trust Co. of Newtown; Lambertville Station; Riverhorse Brewing Co.; the Logan Inn; Calton Homes; Great Jones World; Katz Builders & Developers; and other area businesses and residents.

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## Wilfred Adams

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Wilfred G. Adams, 54, died Dec. 27, 2001 in Springfield. A radiology technician, he most recently was on the staff of St. Michael's Medical Center in Newark.

Mr. Adams, who was born in Guyana, settled in Plainfield when he came to the United States in 1968. He had lived in South Plainfield since 1981.

He once was on the staff of the former United Hospitals Medical Center in Newark. Mr. Adams graduated from the Associated Registered Technicians School at

East Orange General Hospital.

His father, Fredrick, is deceased. Surviving are his wife, Cheryl Roberts Adams; his mother, Kathleen of South Plainfield; two sons, Kevin A. of South Plainfield and Kurt A. in the Navy; two sisters and a brother.

Services were held Jan. 3 at Grace Episcopal Church, Plainfield, following services at the McCriskin Home for Funerals. Donations may be sent to Grace Episcopal Church, 600 Cleveland Ave., Plainfield, NJ 07060.

## Henry Benedickson

EDISON — Henry W. Benedickson, 78, died Dec. 29, 2001 at Overlook Hospital in Edison. He retired in 1983 after 37 years as a truck driver with the Newark brewery of Anheuser-Busch Inc.

Mr. Benedickson was born in Irvington. He lived in Edison and Fort Lauderdale, Fla., before moving to Hampton in 1998.

He was a former member of a Masonic lodge in New York City, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. Benedickson served in the Navy during World War II.

Deceased are his first wife, Betty E.; his second wife, Kitty; and a stepdaughter, Lisa Hasara.

Surviving are three daughters, Lynn of Washington, Lori Coyle of Glen Gardner and Susan Nieroda and husband Steve of Hampton; two sons, Rod and wife Maryann of Clinton and Scott and wife Alison of Ringoes; another stepdaughter, Mariann Jones of Whitehouse Station; a stepson, Eugene Soderstrom of Amsterdam, N.Y.; and 12 grandchildren.

Services were held Jan. 3 at the McCriskin Home for Funerals, in South Plainfield. Burial was in Hollywood Memorial Park, Union.

Donations may be sent to Pattenburg Rescue Squad, 590 Route 614, Asbury, NJ 08802.

## Mario DeMasi Sr.

HIGHLAND PARK — Mario DeMasi Sr., 74, died Jan. 4, 2002 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. He had been a gardener, gun collector and lifelong Highland Park resident.

Mr. DeMasi retired in 1985 after more than 42 years as a maintenance worker with the Stauffer Chemical Co. in Edison. He served in the Navy and was a parishioner of St. Paul the Apostle Roman Catholic Church. Surviving are his longtime

companion, Nancy Beamish of Highland Park; a son, Mario Jr. and wife Teresa of Titusville; two daughters, Cynthia L. Randall and husband Ted of North Brunswick and Dorothy V. of Highland Park; a brother, Neil of Highland Park; a sister, Angelina Tsihlis and husband Peter of Bethlehem, Pa.; and a grandchild.

Services were held Tuesday at the Rusciano Funeral Home. Burial was in Resurrection Burial Park, Piscataway.

## John A. Hawkins

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — John A. Hawkins, 79, died Jan. 1, 2002 at the Kingwood home of a son, Jay Hawkins. The elder Mr. Hawkins was a serviceman for Public Service Electric & Gas Co. in Plainfield for 30 years prior to his retirement.

A native of Plainfield, he lived in South Plainfield for 34 years before moving to Stockton three years ago.

Mr. Hawkins guarded captured prisoners and was a crew chief for a "barrage ballooning" corps while in

the Army during World War II. He was a member of Chaumont Post 243, American Legion.

He taught woodworking to his sons, John A. of Stockton and Jay of Kingwood, to the extent that the sons built their own homes.

Also surviving are his wife, Marilyn Snyder Hawkins; two daughters-in-law, Kathy of Stockton and Mary of Kingwood; and five grandchildren.

Services were held Friday at the McCriskin Home for Funerals.

## Henry Phillips

METUCHEN — Henry Phillips, 74, died Jan. 4, 2002 at JFK Medical Center in Edison. He had been an executive with Foster-Wheeler Corp. and held a number of patents.

A native of Scranton, Pa., he served in the Navy during World War II and had lived in Metuchen since 1954.

Mr. Phillips spent 40 years with Foster-Wheeler, retiring in 1990 as president of Foster-Wheeler Development Corp. and general manager of the Fluidized Bed Combustion Co. He earned a degree in mechanical engineering from Pennsylvania State University and wrote many articles

for technical publications.

He was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the American Society for Testing and Materials.

Surviving are his wife, Grace Sarno Phillips; a daughter, Dr. Catherine Phillips Sanchez of Tampa, Fla.; a son, David R. of San Antonio, Texas; and three grandchildren.

Private arrangements were by the Costello-Runyon Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Dr. Susan Slovin Research Fund, 1275 York Ave., New York, NY 10021.

## Obituaries

### Florence Anderson

HIGHLAND PARK — Florence S. Anderson, 85, died Jan. 2, 2002 at St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick. She retired in 1981 as the assistant manager of a fabric shop in North Brunswick.

She was born in Dayton and lived in that village before moving to Highland Park in 1959.

Miss Anderson also was retired as a secretary with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety and the South Brunswick Board of Education. She was a member of Chapter 22, Order of the Eastern Star, and the First

Presbyterian Church of Dayton.

Her parents, Burtis and Eva, are deceased.

Surviving is a nephew, Russell D. Danberry of Battlement Mesa, Colo.

Services were held Saturday at A.S. Cole & Son Co. in Cranbury with Rev. Kathy Nelson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Dayton, officiating. Burial was in Old Tennent Cemetery, Manalapan.

Donations may be sent to First Presbyterian Church of Dayton, P.O. Box 435, Dayton, NJ 08810.

### Katherine Ann Bonlak

EDISON — Katherine Ann Bonlak, 84, died Jan. 3, 2002 at JFK Medical Center. She retired in 1992 from the sales department of the J.C. Penney department store in Woodbridge Center.

Mrs. Bonlak was born in Hudson, N.Y., and had lived in Edison since 1962. She was a member of the senior citizens club and Altar Rosary Society at Guardian Angels Roman

Catholic Church.

Her husband, Frank, and her parents, Joseph and Katherine Lagatch, are deceased.

Surviving are a son, Charles and wife Theresa of Edison; a brother, William Lagatch of Hudson; two grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated yesterday at Guardian Angels Church, following services at the Boylan Funeral Home.

### Margaret Gazi

PISCATAWAY — Margaret M. Moslak Gazi, 86, died Jan. 5, 2002 at Integrated Health Services of New Jersey at Somerset Valley, in Bridgewater. She was born in Munson, Pa., and lived in Perth Amboy before moving to Piscataway in 1992.

A homemaker, Mrs. Gazi was a parishioner of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Perth Amboy. Her husband, Joseph W., died in 1992.

Surviving are a daughter,

Elaine Sullivan of Piscataway; a son, Warren of North Brunswick; a sister, Josephine Waple of Bigler, Pa.; a brother, George Moslak of Winburne, Pa.; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday at the Flynn & Son Funeral Home, Fords, followed by a funeral Mass at St. Mary's Church. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

### Marjorie Heaton

METUCHEN — Marjorie D. Hague Heaton, 85, died Jan. 3, 2002 at her home. A native of Berlin, N.H., she lived in Stirling before moving to Metuchen four months ago.

Mrs. Heaton was a member of the Long Hill Women's Club and its Past Presidents Club. She also was a member of the Altar Rosary Society at St. Vincent de Paul Roman

Catholic Church in Stirling.

Surviving are her husband, C. James "Jim", three sons, Charles Jr. of Hampton, Paul of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Donald of Smithtown, N.Y.; and seven grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at the Flynn & Son Funeral Home in Fords. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

### Catherine Johnson

EDISON — Catherine Georgia Johnson, 89, died Jan. 3, 2002 at Heartland of West Ashley in Charleston, S.C. She was born in New Brunswick.

Mrs. Johnson lived in Edison, Schenectady, N.Y., and Greenville, N.C., before moving to Charleston in 1999. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Her husband, George R., is deceased.

Surviving are two sons, George M. of Charleston and G. Alan of Seattle, Wash.; and seven grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at the Costello-Runyon Funeral Home in Metuchen. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Metuchen.

### Kevin Richter

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Kevin K. Richter, 38, died Dec. 29, 2001 at his home in Bordentown. An aviation and motorcycle enthusiast, he once was an airplane mechanic on the Marshall Islands and recently earned his private pilot's license.

Mr. Richter was born in Plainfield. He lived in South

Plainfield and Kwajalein, Marshall Islands, before moving to Bordentown in 1998.

For the past three years he was an airframe power plant mechanic with Merck Pharmaceutical Co. in Trenton. Mr. Richter graduated from the Teterboro School of Aviation Mechanics.

He served in the Army in Washington, D.C., and Germany after graduating from South Plainfield High School in 1981. Mr. Richter was a longtime member of Alcoholics Anonymous groups in Edison and Bordentown.

His father, Gilbert L. Sr., died in 1998.

Surviving are his mother, Helen E. Menges Richter, and two brothers, Gilbert L. Jr. and Todd D., all of South Plainfield; a sister, Deborah Kratz of Oceanside, Calif.; a nephew and a great-nephew.

A memorial service was held Friday at the McCriskin Home for Funerals. Donations may be sent to a charity of your choice.

## Calvin Roy Battieste

PISCATAWAY — Calvin Roy Battieste, 49, died Jan. 3, 2002 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. He served in the Air Force and was a warehouseman with Conair Inc. in Edison.

Mr. Battieste was born in New Brunswick and lived in Somerset before moving to Piscataway.

His wife, Jean, and a brother, Frank, are deceased.

Surviving are his parents, Norman Battieste and Rose Lee Battieste of Piscataway; two

daughters, Tara of Rahway and Colisha White of New Brunswick; three sisters, Gwendolyn Jackson Griffin and Karen Marie Griffin, both of Piscataway, and Tracy Lorraine Rodgers of New Brunswick; a great-aunt, Mary Eads of New Brunswick; and two grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at the Zion Hill Baptist Church, of which Mr. Battieste was a member. Arrangements were by the Anderson Funeral Service in New Brunswick.

### Christine Cioffi

EDISON — Christine E. Cioffi, 51, died Jan. 4, 2002 at her home. She had been a systems analyst for five years with Nabisco Brands in East Hanover.

Mrs. Cioffi was born in Newark and lived in Edison all her life.

Her mother, Eva Fischer, died in 1994.

Surviving are her husband of 12 years, Michael; her father, Rudolf Fischer of Edison; a brother, Robert Fischer of Bridgewater; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Tuesday at the Gosselin Funeral Home. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

### Carol J. Collins

PISCATAWAY — Carol J. Waglow Collins, 66, died Dec. 28, 2001 at the home of her daughter, Bonnie Lee Fader of Jonas, Pa. A registered nurse, Mrs. Collins retired in January 2000 after 17 years on the staff of the Francis E. Parker Home on River Road.

She was born in Plainfield and lived in Piscataway before moving in 1981 to Dingman's Ferry, Pa.

Mrs. Collins graduated from the former New Market School in 1949 and Dunellen High School in 1953. She graduated in 1957 from the nursing school at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

A life member of the nursing

school's Alumnae Association, Mrs. Collins was active in the Audubon Society and National Arbor Day Foundation. She was a member of Christ United Methodist Church for 37 years.

Also surviving are two sons, William J. and wife Diane of Eastampton and Christopher T. and wife Roxanne of Oxford, Pa.; a son-in-law, Michael Fader of Jonas; and four grandchildren.

Services were held Dec. 30 at the Mundy Funeral Home in Dunellen. Burial was Dec. 31 in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains.

Donations may be sent to Visiting Nurse/Hospice of Monroe County, 502 Independence Road, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301.

### Ebba Hammerdahl

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Ebba Christiansen Hammerdahl, 76, died Jan. 2, 2002 at the Norwood Terrace Nursing Center in Plainfield. She had been the accounts receivable/accounts payable coordinator for the South Plainfield Board of Education, with which she worked 12 years.

A native of Denmark, Mrs. Hammerdahl came to the United States in 1932 and lived in Metuchen before moving to South Plainfield in 1958. She

earlier worked 27 years in the accounts receivable/accounts payable department of Ford Motor Co.

Her husband, Gert Arvid Hammerdahl, is deceased.

Surviving are a son, Erik and wife Bonnie of Piscataway; a sister, Marie Tacks; a brother, Paul Christiansen; two grandchildren and a niece.

Private arrangements were by the McCriskin Home for Funerals.

### Julius Kovacs

EDISON — Julius M. Kovacs, 84, died Jan. 2, 2002 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. He owned for 30 years the Linwood Grove tavern, which in the 1950s and 1960s was called the Linwood Ballroom.

Mr. Kovacs lived in his native Perth Amboy and in New Brunswick before moving to Edison. He served in the Army during World War II and from

1979-97 worked for the Edison Parks & Recreation Department.

Surviving are a son, Richard of Hope; and four grandchildren.

His wife, Elsie J., died in 1991. Two other sons also are deceased, Thomas in 1973 and Robert in December.

Services were held Tuesday in the chapel at Franklin Memorial Park, North Brunswick. Arrangements were by the Boylan Funeral Home.

### Sophie Litwin Murza

PISCATAWAY — Sophie Litwin Murza, 84, died Jan. 3, 2002 at the Crosswicks home of her son, Stephen. She retired in 1982 after 35 years as a telephone operator in Piscataway with AT&T Corp.

Mrs. Murza was born in New York City and lived in Piscataway all her life.

Her husband, John, died in 2000.

Also surviving are two brothers, John Litwin of Piscataway and Peter Litwin of St. Petersburg, Fla.; a sister, Olga Ciemniecki of Piscataway; and three grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated yesterday at Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church, following services at the Piscataway Funeral Home. Burial was in Resurrection Burial Park.

### Eleanor Square

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Eleanor T. "Ellie" Shuski Square, 74, died Dec. 29, 2001 at the JFK Haven Hospice in Edison. She had been employed by many diners in Central New Jersey and played bingo in many locations.

A native of Elizabeth, Mrs. Square lived in South Plainfield before moving to Plainfield in the late 1980s.

Surviving are a son, Michael

Svorinich and wife Dora; a daughter, Rosemary Flanagan and husband Jeff; a companion, George; four sisters, Margie, Jean, Irene and Virginia; and nine grandchildren.

Services were held Dec. 31 in the chapel at Rosehill Cemetery, Linden. Arrangements were by the McCriskin Home for Funerals.

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## Obituaries

### Cary W. Quijano

EDISON — Cary W. Quijano, 24, died Jan. 3, 2002 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He had been a security guard sergeant with Pinkerton Corp. and at the same time attended Middlesex County College.

A native of Perth Amboy, he lived in Edison before moving to Sayreville in 2001.

Mr. Quijano held a black belt in karate and in the early 1990s played on an all-state soccer team against other state teams. He attended Rutgers

Preparatory School in Somerset and the Hun School in Princeton before going to college.

He was a member of the Gary Alexander USA Karate school in Edison and Faith Fellowship Ministries in Sayreville.

Surviving are his parents, Dr. Cari and Phyllis, and a sister, Corrine, all of Sayreville; and a nephew.

Services were held Wednesday at the Gosselin Funeral Home. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

### Frank Roberts

EDISON — Frank Roberts, 72, died Jan. 1, 2002 at Community Medical Center in Scranton, Pa. A former emergency medical technician, he served in the Army with the military police during the Korean War.

He was born in New York City and lived in Edison before moving to Newfoundland, Pa.

Mr. Roberts later was a small engine mechanic with Sears, Roebuck & Co. in New Brunswick prior to his retirement. He was a life member of the New Jersey First Aid Council and the coordinator of the EMT program at Middlesex County College.

He also was a member of the Clara Barton First Aid Squad, American Legion Post 859 in Newfoundland, Pa., and the Sterling Civic Association. Mr. Roberts served on the church council and building committee at St. Stephen's Evangelical

Lutheran Church in Dickson City, Pa.

His parents, Frank Roberts and Marie Chayka Roberts, are deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Ann Marshalla Roberts; three sons, Michael of Callicoon, N.Y., Bruce of Borger, Texas, and Mark of Edison; two sisters, Katherine Stahon and Sandra Youngling, both of Iselin; a brother, Thomas of Edison; four grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services were held Friday at St. Stephen's Church with Rev. Paul Visoky, the pastor, officiating. Burial was Saturday in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens, Iselin.

Arrangements were by the Robert E. Decker Funeral Home in Peckville, Pa. Donations may be sent to St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church Building Fund, 25 Hillcrest Drive, Dickson City, PA 18519.

### Geraldine Shead

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Geraldine M. Shead, 44, died Jan. 5, 2002 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. She had been a waitress for the past five years at the Scotchwood Diner in Scotch Plains.

Ms. Shead, who was born in New Brunswick, lived in East Brunswick and Plainfield before moving to South Plainfield in 1989.

Surviving are her companion, Brian Myers of South Plainfield; her father, Ernest Sr. of Spotswood; her mother,

Geraldine O'Prandy of Jackson; three brothers, Ernest Jr. of Colonia, Thomas O'Prandy of Jackson and James E. of Spotswood; and five sisters, Sharon Kraszai of Edison, Patricia Shad of Keansburg, Donna Shua of Brick, Maureen Nevins of Allentown and Dawn Barto of Jackson.

A memorial service was held Wednesday at the James W. Conroy Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to American Cancer Society, Middlesex Unit, 846 Main St., Fords, NJ 08863.

### Camille Anne Ingram

EDISON — Camille Anne Ingram, 88, died Jan. 3, 2002 at JFK Medical Center. She was born in New York City and had lived most recently in Edison.

Her husband, Vincent Joseph Aulicino, and a son, Vincent

Joseph Aulicino, are deceased. Mrs. Ingram is survived by two daughters, Anne Aulicino of Las Vegas, Nev., and Lorraine Piervinanzi of Edison; 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

### Elizabeth Szypula

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Elizabeth Trum Szypula, 71, died Jan. 4, 2002 at her home in Lakewood.

A native of Newark, she lived in South Plainfield from 1964 until she moved to Lakewood in 1987.

Mrs. Szypula loved playing bingo at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in South Plainfield and many venues in Lakewood.

Surviving are her husband of 48 years, Joseph F.; a son, Stephen J. and wife Debra of

### Mae Weingart

METUCHEN — Mae Tallman Weingart, 75, died Dec. 29, 2001 at the Roosevelt Care Center in Edison. She was born in New Brunswick and had lived for many years in Metuchen.

Mrs. Weingart worked for many years with the Catholic

Youth Organization at St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Cathedral. Her husband, William F., who died in 1986, was the CYO's athletic director for 35 years.

Surviving are a brother, William D. Tallman; and many

### Lydia Zagorean

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Lydia Zagorean, 77, died Jan. 4, 2002 at St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick. She owned Lydia's Gifts & Township Pharmacy in Somerset prior to her 1986 retirement.

Mrs. Zagorean was born in Linz, Austria. She lived in South Plainfield, Somerset and Las Vegas, Nev., before moving to Hillsborough.

Surviving are her husband of 29 years, Max; three sons, Manfred

Muller of Neshanic Station, Roland Jones of Madison, Conn., and Gerhardt Muller of Hillsborough; and four grandchildren.

Private arrangements were by the Gleason Funeral Home in Somerset.

### William Madden Jr.; prominent in SP

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — William E. "Bill" Madden Jr., 70, a retired automobile salesman and an officer in civic organizations, died Jan. 2 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He began his sales career in Harrisburg, Pa., at a Lincoln-Mercury dealer owned by his late father, William E. The younger Mr. Madden spent more than 20 years with F. Day Ford in Plainfield, City Ford and Liccardi Motors in Watchung, Suburban Dodge in Somerville and Dom's Auto Sales in North Plainfield. He was named to the Ford 500 Club by Ford Motor Co. and received the Top Hatter Award for being among the top 10 percent of Ford salesmen.

Mr. Madden was a substitute teacher in the South Plainfield school system when he came to South Plainfield in 1960. He was the first chairman of the South Plainfield Adult School and a former chairman of the Labor Day Parade Committee. The South Plainfield Jaycees honored him as their Jaycee of the Year for 1966-67. He also was a parent assistant with Boy Scout Troop 125 and worked on the first Punt, Pass & Kick contest in the borough.

A fisherman and boater who loved the Jersey Shore, Mr. Madden enjoyed watching NASCAR races on television and cooking new recipes. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Seton Hall University in 1957. He attended Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Md., before joining the Army for Korean War service.

He was a member of Chaumont Post 243, American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6763.

A native of York, Pa., Mr. Madden lived in Cedar Grove and Pennsylvania before moving to South Plainfield in 1960. He was a parishioner of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Plainfield.

Also deceased are his mother, Catherine Buhler Madden; a son, William E. III; a sister, Catherine M. Schmidt; his father-in-law, Samuel Rapp; and his mother-in-law, Margaret Rapp.

Surviving are his wife of 45 years, Jean Rapp Madden; two other sons, Michael J. and wife Susanna of Robbinsville and Bruce of South Plainfield; two daughters, Diane Schwartz and husband James of Lanoka Harbor and Joanne Tillotson and husband John of South Plainfield; two sisters-in-law, Eleanor Wilson of Montgomery and Peggy Coggins of La Habra Heights, Calif.; five grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday at St. Mary's Church, following services at the McCriscin Home for Funerals. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains. Donations may be sent to the Salvation Army.

### Melvin Ziper

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Melvin Ziper, 72, died Jan. 3, 2002 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. He retired in 1990 after more than 25 years as a banker with the Amalgamated Bank of New York.

He was born in Brooklyn and lived in Coney Island before moving to South Plainfield in 1970.

Mr. Ziper served in the Army and collected antiques. He was a member of the former Temple Beth El in Plainfield and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

A sister, Roslyn Volaski, is

deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Gwendolyn Heller Ziper; three daughters, Eileen R. of Monmouth Junction, Holly Fisch and Lisa Thaw, both of Manalapan; and three grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday at the Higgins Home for Funerals, Plainfield, with Rabbi Moshe Samber officiating. Burial was in Beth Israel Memorial Park, Woodbridge.

Donations may be sent to American Cancer Society, Somerset Unit, 600 First Ave., Raritan, NJ 08869.

### Ida Rubin

PISCATAWAY — Ida Rubin, 83, died Jan. 4, 2002 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. She had been an assembler with Westinghouse Corp. in Edison and Lockheed Corp. in Watchung prior to her 1983 retirement.

A native of Brooklyn, Mrs. Rubin lived in Somerset and Piscataway before moving to North Plainfield in 1971. She was a member of the Warren Township Senior Citizens Club and a former member of Temple Beth El in Somerset.

Her husband, Saul, died in 1968. A brother, William Zimmerman, died in 2000.

Surviving are two sons, Barry and wife Jean of Milford and Fred and wife Pearl of Mount Holly; a daughter, Harriet Wilson and husband Raymond of North Plainfield; two sisters, Sarah Tepper and Rose Zimmerman, both of Marina Del Ray, Calif.; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at the Gleason Funeral Home in Somerset. Burial was in Floral Park Cemetery, Deans.

### Gertrude Schenkerberg

PISCATAWAY — Gertrude L. Schenkerberg, 93, died Jan. 1, 2002 at St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick. She retired in 1970 after 40 years as a hairdresser, self-employed.

Miss Schenkerberg was born in Jersey City and had lived in Piscataway for the past 40 years. She was a member of the Piscataway Senior Citizens Club and a parishioner of St. Frances Cabrini Roman Catholic Church.

Her parents, William

Schenkerberg and Janet Birkner Schenkerberg, are deceased.

Surviving are a sister-in-law, Cecilia of Piscataway; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews.

Services were held Saturday at the Sheenan Funeral Home, Dunellen, followed by a funeral Mass at St. Frances Cabrini Church. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington.

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