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Briefs

Street fair rescheduled Sunday

METUCHEN — Inclement weather forced organizers to postpone the borough's annual Spring Street Fair last weekend. Originally scheduled for last Sunday, the event, which features crafts, fun, jazz and food, will be held noon-6 p.m. Sunday in downtown.

For more information on the street fair see page A-7.

Borough is denied \$180,000 in state aid

METUCHEN — For the second year in a row, the borough will receive no discretionary aid from the state, Administrator William Boerth said.

Mr. Boerth recently received word that the borough's application for \$180,000, the equivalent of two tax points, in discretionary aid had been denied.

"At this point in time it's hard to say how it will affect the budget," he said. "Over the next two weeks, I'll look at the budget and make some amendments."

The Borough Council will vote on the amendments June 29. The borough last received discretionary aid in 1996 when it was granted \$150,000.

Riding and reading on the western front

EDISON — The Children's Department of the Edison Public Library will conduct its annual summer reading program Monday for children ages preschool through fifth grade.

This year's program is titled "Riding the Reading Range" and features a country/western theme.

Prizes will be awarded to participants and all who complete the program will receive special gifts and a certificate for their efforts.

This program will end Aug. 29 and is open to Edison residents. For more information call (732)287-2351.

Library officials, mayor to discuss budget

EDISON — The three branches of the Edison Township Public Library system will close 3:30 p.m. Thursday so all library employees may attend a special meeting with Mayor George Spadaro and the Library Board of Trustees to discuss the Library Budget Fiscal Year 1998-99.

The meeting will take place in the children's room at the Main Library, 340 Plainfield Avenue.

For more information call Susan Krieger, Library Director (732) 287-2298 ext. 222.

Rotary Club sponsors bus trip

METUCHEN — The Metuchen Rotary Club is sponsoring a bus trip to the Will Rogers Follies at the Papermill Playhouse in Milburn July 15.

Tickets are \$55 and includes food on board the bus and transportation.

For more information, call Alla at the Metuchen Savings

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Land owner at odds with official

By KAREN BITZ
STAFF WRITER

EDISON — A neighborhood dispute has landed before the Ethics Board.

Joe Barton, owner of Barton Nursery on New Durham Road, has filed an ethics complaint against his neighbor, Zoning Board member Anthony Russomanno. Mr. Barton said Mr. Russomanno has a vendetta against him and is trying to hurt his business.

"He has been harassing me for two years," Mr. Barton said. "He's called every department in the state and the county and if anything he's made a farce of my

business."

Mr. Russomanno, who operated a landscaping business, called Mr. Barton's vendetta claim inaccurate.

"He would like to have you believe it's me and him," he said. "It's really a problem between him and neighborhood. He's expanding his business and it's too large for the area."

The complaints made are over an eight-acre parcel of land abutting New Brooklyn Road that Mr. Barton purchased two years ago after leasing it for 20 years. The parcel's zone was changed from light industrial to residential during the readoption of the Master Plan in January 1990. Zoning

Officer Steven Lombardi said.

Mr. Barton was issued a summons for a zoning violation on the parcel and said he feels Mr. Russomanno unduly used his position on the Zoning Board to hurt him. Mr. Barton is going before the Zoning Board July 13 for a certificate of non-conformity.

"It was zoned commercial when I got here and then it changed," he said. "I should be grandfathered in here."

Edison Attorney Fed Dubowsky, who represents Mr. Russomanno, and 11 of his neighbors, said he has sent Mr. Barton a list of requests for the property.

"I wouldn't think any of the demands

are terribly onerous or expensive," he said.

Monday night, the Zoning Board met to discuss Mr. Barton's claim that Mr. Russomanno has used his position on the Zoning Board to harm him. Members Burton Gimbelstob and David Papi recused themselves from the matter and sources close to the zoning board said certain members have suggested moving the case to the state level because of the lack of members.

Members are also urging a change of venue for Mr. Barton's case before the Zoning Board saying a conflict of interest would exist even if Mr. Russomanno abstains in the matter.

Mrs. Hall stands by her chief

By KAREN BITZ
STAFF WRITER

METUCHEN — Behind every good man is a good woman.

The Metuchen Police Benevolent Association Local 60 showed it recognizes this adage when the union presented a plaque to Delorse Hall during a farewell to her husband, Police Chief Frederick Hall who is retiring from his post after serving the department for 40 years.

"This is to recognize the service you have done being the chief's wife and being the first lady of the police department for the past six years," PBA President Steve Manafaro said. "You have done a good job being there for us."

Mrs. Hall, who is known in department circles for her compassion and love for police work, accepted the accolade with tears. Police officers remember how she would call police wives faced at night when an officer had faced a difficult challenge in duty and how she always took the time to remember the names of department children.

"This award is such a surprise," Mrs. Hall said. "I guess it is obvious that I consider us family and I always will."

Mrs. Hall clutched the plaque bearing her name, the first such ever presented to a chief's wife,

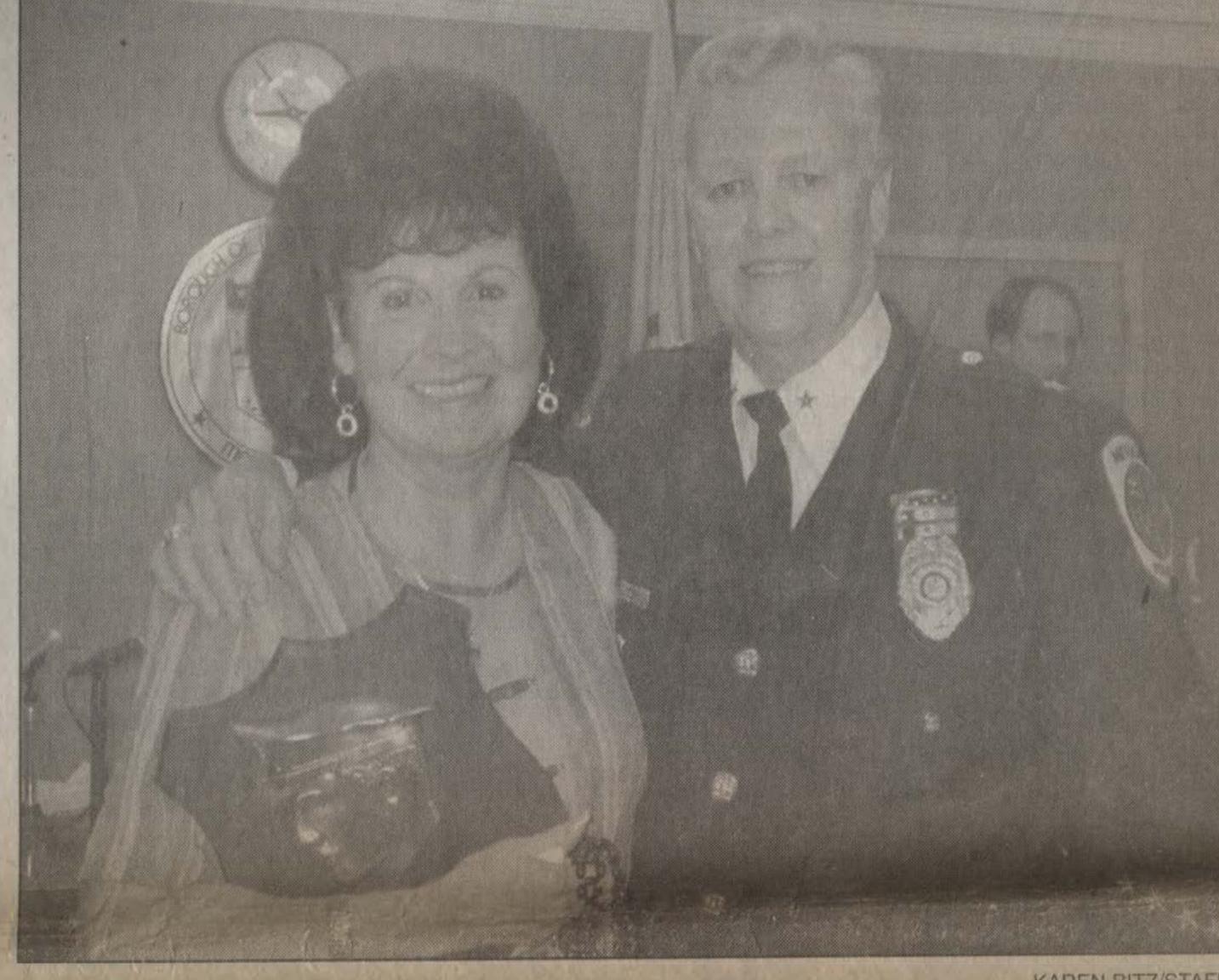
as she stood next to her husband receiving award after award before a standing room only crowd of officers, dignitaries, friends and loved ones, who issued three standing ovations, in borough hall Monday night. Chief Hall, 65, will retire June 30.

Presentations were made by the council, the Fire Department, Assembly members Barbara Buono and Peter Barnes, Edison Sgt. Robert Dudash, president of the Central Jersey Police Film Library, Edison Police Chief and president of the Middlesex County Police Chiefs Association Edward Costello and Middlesex County Prosecutor Glenn Berman.

"When you can say honestly that you have met someone in your life that that person is your friend you know that person is someone who extends themselves," said Public Safety Commissioner Catherine Totin after reading a council resolution honoring the chief.

The resolution spoke of Chief Hall's service including his work as a personal escort of then presidential candidate John F. Kennedy in 1960 and his work tracking six miles of footprints in the snow to track a cat burglar in the 1970s.

Many also spoke of the chief's willingness to reach out to the



Delorse Hall was honored for her service to the borough Monday. Her husband, Police Chief Frederick Hall will soon retire.

entire community.

"He is a person of the highest integrity and I think much of the force's stellar reputation has to be attributed to his leadership and stewardship," Ms. Buono said.

"He did something far beyond what we said her," Superintendent of Schools

Gennaro Lepre said. "He not only provided for the safety of our school children but he set a standard."

Chief Hall's retirement June 30 comes days after his 65th birthday, the state-imposed age limit for public safety officials.

"I have had a great career and a great 40 years," he said.

"What I feel best about accomplishing is I've hired more than half of the police officers as chief and another third as captain. I think I've had a hand in hiring all but five officers. I've put this police department together and molded it into what it is today and that is what I am most proud of."

Metuchen starts to plan centennial celebration

By KAREN BITZ
STAFF WRITER

METUCHEN — A re-enactment of the first ever Borough Council meeting may be one of the many events held to mark the borough's centennial celebration.

Activities for the celebration were one of the many items discussed at the first meeting of the Centennial Commission held at the library last week.

About 60 residents attended the meeting. Aside from discussing possible events to celebrate the borough's 100 year anniversary, organizers adopted an organizational structure for the commission, elected a chairman and secretary and discussed a strategy for the year, Chairman Don Wernik said.

"It gave us a really good kick-off," he said. "We now have an understanding of how the parts are put together. Nothing will conflict with anything but actually meld together."

The commission will be led by a chairperson who is responsible for overseeing the coordination of all activities, presiding over general meetings and serving as the main point of contact with the borough. A secretary, Michele Prysak, will record and distribute general information relative to the commission.

The entire commission will be divided into six sub-committees, each led by chair people. Michael Hronich will chair the finance committee, Marion Price will head the sales committee, David Katz will lead the volunteers committee and Suzanne Colitre



Honoring the best

Valedictorian Lillian Hsu and Salutatorian Danny Babich top the list of graduates for J.P. Stevens High School Class of 1998. Graduation ceremony was scheduled for last night.

Students to clean up Dismal Swamp tomorrow

EDISON — Students from Martin Luther King School and Washington School with the Edison Wetlands Association will clean up and restore a dump in the Dismal Swamp Preserve 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. tomorrow. The group will meet on the corner of New York Boulevard and Metuchen Road.

Last week 48 fourth graders toured the wildlife refuge and made banners in support of preserving the swamp.

The children had noticed this beautiful section of the swamp has turned into a dump and wanted to do something about it," EWA Executive Director Robert Spiegel said.

Law enforcement does not pre-

vent dumping which has made the swamp a virtual dumping ground.

The Dismal Swamp Wildlife Refuge is a large area of freshwater wetlands in Metuchen, Edison and South Plainfield. The swamp is the last viable wetland eco-system encroaching suburban environment. The swamp provides natural flood control and wildlife habitat, helps maintain water quality and influences a downstream fishery.

A tour of the Christiansen Pony Farm will follow the cleanup with participants being allowed to pet the sheep and goat. All are invited to join the clean up and tour. For more information call (732) 661-9630.

Irving School set to get new principal

By DEBRA RUBIN
CORRESPONDENT

HIGHLAND PARK — A school administrator in Somerset County has been named the new principal of Irving School.

The Review and Herald has learned that Matthew Barbosa will join Irving School on Wednesday, July 1 from his current position as vice principal of Hillsborough Elementary School.

His appointment was approved Monday by the Board of Education and is to be formally announced by Superintendent of Schools Marylu Simon within

the coming week.

Mr. Barbosa succeeds Andrew Mignano Jr., who is leaving Highland Park after 24 years to become a principal in the Freehold Area School District.

In a separate matter, the board has approved Marlon Davis for the newly created post of assistant principal and basic skills coordinator at Bartle School.

Board member Michael Callahan told The Review and Herald that Mr. Davis's salary would not require any additional funds in the 1998-99 school budget.



Borough man faces drug charges

Darrin Washington, 33, of Amboy Ave., was held in the Middlesex County Jail on a \$29,255 Middlesex County non-support warrant and a \$500 contempt of court from New Brunswick following a motor vehicle stop on Plainfield Avenue on June 13 at 12:54 a.m., police said.

Mr. Washington had taken his cousin's 1979 Cadillac Deville without permission. He was also arrested and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance. Police allegedly found three vials of crack cocaine on him, officials said.

He was also issued motor vehicle summonses for driving while suspended and possession of drugs in a motor vehicle. The cousin, though, did not file motor vehicle theft charges against him.

South Plainfield police log

A 31-year-old Cherry Street resident who was a passenger in the car was released without any charges being filed against them, police said.

A 36-year-old New Brunswick woman's stolen 1993 Chevrolet Beretta was set on fire behind a corporate building on Hadley Road on June 14 at 4:22 p.m., police said.

Two witnesses passing by saw smoke coming from behind the building and saw a brown Oldsmobile speeding away from

the area. The car was destroyed by the fire which was put out by the South Plainfield Fire Department, officials said.

There were no injuries in the fire. The car had been stolen that day from New Brunswick. The fire was investigated by South Plainfield Police department's detective bureau and the boroughs fire inspector, police said.

The manager of Million Dollar Video, on West Seventh Street, reported receiving 10 pornographic movies, cash on delivery from UPS, that the video store did not order, on June 5 at 11:30 a.m., police said.

The manager gave UPS \$175 for the package before opening it. He got the money returned after police intervened and told UPS to return the funds. The company

address on the box the tapes came in, Warehouse Distributors of No Hills, Ca., does not exist, police said.

A 40-year-old South River resident and employee of the South Plainfield school district reported someone cut the transmission fluid line to their 1991 Jeep Cherokee while it was parked at the South Plainfield Middle School on May 31 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., police said.

There was \$1,700 in damage done to the car.

The incident is under investigation by the South Plainfield Police department's detective bureau, officials said.

The manager gave UPS \$175 for the package before opening it. He got the money returned after police intervened and told UPS to return the funds. The company

while it was parked at the Holiday Inn on Hadley Road between 9 p.m. on June 9 and 7:30 a.m. on June 10, police said.

The suspect broke out the passenger side lock, disabled The Club which was locked over the steering wheel and took apart the ignition, but, were not able to get the car started.

Angelo Iuliano, 49, of South Plainfield Avenue was arrested and charged with aggravated assault and possession of a weapon for unlawful purposes on June 10 at 8:43 p.m., police said.

Mr. Iuliano allegedly attacked his brother-in-law who had come to his house for a party. The brother-in-law, from Garwood, was kicked in the stomach and was chased by Mr. Iuliano with a XD500 Dinatour golf club outside

the house.

Mr. Iuliano was released on \$1,000 bail pending a hearing in South Plainfield Municipal Court, police said.

Jorge Hernandez, 39, of Elizabeth was issued summonses for driving while revoked and having an unregistered and uninsured vehicle with fake license plates following a motor vehicle stop at the corner of Durham Ave and Helen Street on June 10 at 4:56 p.m., police said.

The South Plainfield Board of Education reported the theft of four Alpha Smart 2000 computers, valued at \$209 each, from their offices on Cromwell Place between 5 p.m. on June 5 and 4:01 p.m. on June 9, police said.

Alvin Shlue, Francisco was credit card fraud, deception at B Club on Route 1 said. He tried \$1,756 worth with a credit card denied.

The store manager, the name on the card, as being Citibank for police said.

Luie Mendez, was charged with theft at Harwoodbridge Av. police said. He was a customer of another man tried.

A waitress was a dent and yelled at a pair fled. Mr. apprehended; he was away, police said.

Lucille Spiz Edison was charged at TJ Maxx said. Mr. Spiz tried to pilfer \$600.

The store manager, the employee absconded and she confessed police said.

Mary Ellen Kerrianne Harrington Island, N.Y. was shoplifting at Menlo Park Mall said. They alleged \$120 worth in their handbags.

Drew Motin was charged with Marshalls on Sunday, police said. He tried to steal \$100 worth of merchandise.

A 16-year-old Brunswick girl with shoplifting at Route 1 Sunday, tried to steal merchandise.

A 13-year-old was charged with Macy's in Melrose Saturday, police allegedly tried to steal \$100 worth of merchandise.

A wallet with credit cards was a shoplifter's purse at Route 1 Saturday. The woman was checked out line and occurred.

A Mineola reported a theft during party old daughter said. Her purse was taken from a room sink, \$300 worth of keys were missing.

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California man faces fraud charges

Alvin Shlue, 26, of San Francisco was charged with credit card fraud and theft by deception at B.J.'s Wholesale Club on Route 1 Sunday, police said. He tried to purchase \$1,756 worth of merchandise with a credit card which was denied.

The store manager recognized the name on the credit card, Ken Lee, as being flagged by Citibank for being fraudulent, police said.

Luie Mendez, 19, of Paterson was charged with attempted theft at Harold's Deli on Woodbridge Avenue Saturday, police said. He was trying to distract a customer while another man tried to steal her purse.

A waitress witnessed the incident and yelled at them. The pair fled. Mr. Mendez was apprehended; his partner got away, police said.

Lucille Spizzirro, 46, of Edison was charged with theft at TJ Maxx Saturday, police said. Mr. Spizzirro, an employee, tried to pilfer \$611 from her register.

The store manager spoke to the employee about the incident and she confessed to the theft, police said.

Mary Ellen Maio, 21, and Kerrianne Harrer, 21, of Staten Island, N.Y. were charged with shoplifting at Nordstroms in Menlo Park Mall June 11, police said. They allegedly tried to conceal \$120 worth of merchandise in their handbags.

Drew Motin, 21, of Edison was charged with shoplifting at Marshalls on Wood Avenue Sunday, police said. He allegedly tried to steal \$95 worth of merchandise.

A 16-year-old North Brunswick girl was charged with shoplifting at Pathmark on Route 1 Sunday, police said. She tried to steal \$30.68 worth of merchandise.

A 13-year-old Rahway girl was charged with shoplifting at Macy's in Menlo Park Mall Saturday, police said. She allegedly tried to steal \$42 worth of merchandise from the department store.

A wallet containing \$50 and credit cards was stolen from a shopper's purse at Shop Rite on Route 1 Saturday, police said. The woman was standing in a check-out line when the incident occurred.

A Mineola Road woman reported a theft at her home during a party for her 19-year-old daughter Sunday, police said. Her purse was missing and when it was found under a bathroom sink, \$300 and a set of keys were missing from it.

Between 50 and 60 guests were at the party, according to police reports.

A Homestead Road was burglarized Sunday, police said. The bedroom was ransacked and stereo equipment was taken.

A sliding door was forced open to gain entry.

A television, a cable box, and a microwave oven were stolen.

Edison police log

from the Knight of Columbus during a break-in Sunday, police said. A rear door was pried to gain entry.

A 1985 Oldsmobile Cutlass was stolen from Division Street Saturday, police said.

A 1996 Isuzu Rodeo was stolen from Edison Woods Plaza on Route 1 June 11, police said.

A guitar was stolen from a rented room on Suydam Avenue Friday, police said.

A camera was stolen from a 1988 Grand Marquis when the door was pried open Saturday, police said. The vehicle was parked on Goodluck Street.

A computer was stolen from a delivery truck parked near Shop Rite on Old Post Road Sunday, police said. A lock was broken to gain entry.

A bicycle was stolen from the tennis courts at North Eighth and Edgemont avenues Sunday, police said. Two men approached the owner and asked to borrow the bicycle. The owner complied and the pair did not return with the bicycle.

Graduates end high school with good clean fun

By JONATHAN CHOA
CORRESPONDENT

Instead of slamming beers on graduation night, Metuchen High School's newest alumni will have the opportunity to dress like sumo wrestlers and slam each other.

This and other events are all a part of Project Graduation, an all night drug and alcohol-free chaperoned party sponsored by the high school.

Metuchen High School's Project Graduation held its party Wednesday night at the Birch Hills Swim Club in Old Bridge. Activities were scheduled from 10:30 p.m. to 6:30 in the morning.

At the swim club students swam, played basketball or volleyball, had their caricature done and danced to a disc jockey. Activities also featured a moonwalk, which is a large air filled

mat that covers the floor of a racquetball court. The overall effect is like that of walking on a large water bed.

Highland Park High School's newest graduates will have a slightly more moving experience on their graduation night Monday, the graduates will cruise around Manhattan on board the *Amber Jack*, where there will be dinner and a disc jockey.

The students will depart from Highland Park High School for the South Street Seaport in Manhattan at 10:30 p.m. The boat will depart there at midnight for the cruise. Graduates will return to the high school around 5 a.m. where a breakfast, provided by the parents, will be awaiting them.

The cruise and Project Graduation have been a part of Highland Park High School's graduation festivities for nine

years. "It is designed to keep students out of vehicles and away from alcohol and other drugs on graduation night," said Tonia Moore, the coordinator of Project Graduation for Highland Park High School.

Edison High School and J.P. Stevens High School held a joint Project Graduation. They were at the New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center last night. The

event started around 11 p.m. and ended around 4 a.m. On the convention room floor were two disc jockeys, a caricaturist, a fortune teller, bouncy boxing, bungee run, rock wall climbing, basketball, volleyball and pool.

The event, paid for by fund-raising and donations throughout the year, also featured unlimited food.

Project Graduation began in Maine as a result of several grad-

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Metuchen man charged with threatening to shoot mother

Police log

Hospital staff June 5 reporting a patient who had been assaulted.

The following day Officers David Irizarry and David Liantoni went to the home of William O'Connor, 46, who was found lying fully clothed in his bed. When police pulled the sheets down, they found an ice pick, a 28-inch machete and a knife also in the bed. Mr. O'Connor was not charged with possession of weapons because he was in his own home at the time, authorities said.

Wayne Stoeker, 21, was allegedly drunk when he began fighting with his mother and his brother around 2:15 a.m., causing the mother to call police.

The mother was not sure if her son had a gun because he had been talking about buying one. When police arrived, the mother was outside the apartment and Mr. Stoeker was inside with his younger brother, police said.

Duty Commander Officer Sandy MacMath decided to contact Mr. Stoeker by telephone rather than burst into the home in case he had a weapon. Mr. Stoeker surrendered and a check of the scene did not turn up a firearm, officials said.

A Cummings Court man was charged with aggravated assault June 6 in connection with an incident that happened between him and his girlfriend June 5, authorities said. Police received a call from Robert Wood Johnson University

banged his head on a patrol car causing damage to the hood, police said.

Police said they charged Mr. Baptiste with possession of heroin, obstruction of a police investigation, resisting arrest, destruction of evidence, aggravated assault on a police officer and criminal mischief.

Mr. Baptiste was taken to JFK Medical Center in Edison following his arrest, officials said.

John Sheehan, 51, of Edison was charged with drunken driving 12:40 p.m. Monday on Middlesex Avenue near Central Avenue, police said. Officer John Franklin saw Mr. Sheehan nearly strike a curb, pulled him over and subsequently determined he was drunk.

Mr. Sheehan was also charged with refusal to submit to a Breathalyzer test.

Eight people were charged with drinking in public at the train station between 1 p.m. Friday and 11 p.m. Saturday, police said.

Andrew Stoikolak, 51, of Elizabeth was alone when he was found drinking on the platform 1 p.m. Friday.

While police were trying to keep him from swallowing the narcotics, Mr. Baptiste burned an officer's arm with a cigarette and later

put two decks of heroin into his mouth.

Mr. Sheehan was also charged with refusal to submit to a Breathalyzer test.

Three tailgates were stolen from pick-up trucks at Melfarr Chevrolet on Middlesex Avenue between Thursday night and Friday morning, police said. They are valued at \$1,200.

Several incidents of criminal mischief were reported in the borough over the weekend, police said. Between late Saturday and early Sunday, several windows, including one at Krauszers on Durham Avenue, were broken.

Six vehicles were also vandalized. Vehicle mirrors, headlights

Probe of yellow tongues continue

By Karen Bitz
STAFF WRITER

EDISON — In the wake of several workers coming down with strange symptoms, the Middlesex County Water Company has halted digging at its expansion project but neighbors are demanding a shut down of all work at the Fairview Avenue site.

"We want construction halted because it's potentially very dangerous," Fairview Avenue resident Denise Buzzelli said. "It could be numerous things all of them very dangerous."

In recent months workers at the site have complained of fatigue, nausea and yellow tongues in recent months. These workers believe the symptoms are related to contaminants in the ground. Hygienists from the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Occupational and Safety Administration, the Middlesex County Health Department and the Edison Health Department have been taking soil samples at the area since the problem was brought to light last week.

Last weekend Ms. Buzzelli and her husband, Michael, circulated a petition demanding a halt to the entire \$30 million, two-year expansion project at the water facility. After getting 160 signatures, the couple presented the petition to Mayor George Spadaro.

Mayor Spadaro sent a letter to Richard Tompkins, president of the water company pressuring him to halt construction and uncover the root of the problems.

Bernadette Stohler, water company spokeswoman, said only excavation has been halted because the root of the problem appears to lie in the soil.

"We're doing tests and they're due back in six of seven days," she said. "Meanwhile there's a lot of other work to be done."

Workers at the site are continuing to concrete pouring and carpentry. Once soil tests come back, Mr. Stohler said the company will re-evaluate the situation.

"When you don't know about something, things get fueled out of proportion," she said. "We've stopped excavating and once we know if anything comes back, we'll go from there."

Local officials have reached an agreement with the company whereby the soil must be covered to prevent run-off; soil samples must be taken and water wells must be sampled. If these requests are not granted, Mayor Spadaro said he would consider issuing a stop work order.

The Fairview Avenue water treatment site provides water to 212,000 residents in Middlesex County. Company officials said it is impossible that any soil contaminants could infiltrate the water supply because of multiple barriers between the soil and water lines.

Edison chamber creates website

By Karen Bitz
STAFF WRITER

"We thought of it as an added service for the Edison Chamber of Commerce so our members could advertise what they do."

— Marc Leavitt
Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

have been received from as far away as Switzerland and Germany.

Mr. Belcher began collaborating on a similar project for Point Pleasant, where his company is based, but the idea never materialized. He came to Edison to find a larger organization with which to work.

"We wanted to work on a group organization where we could make money for ourselves and benefit the chamber," he said.

The enterprise benefits Sable Advertising when companies pay for Internet advertising and serves the chamber when Sable gives the agency a reciprocity fee, Mr. Belcher said. Companies can advertise by banner and category listings.

"We thought of it as an added service for the Edison Chamber of Commerce so our members could advertise what they do," Chamber Executive Director Marc Leavitt said. "It links us into the most modern technology and it will benefit everyone."

The site can be brought up at www.edisonchamber.com.

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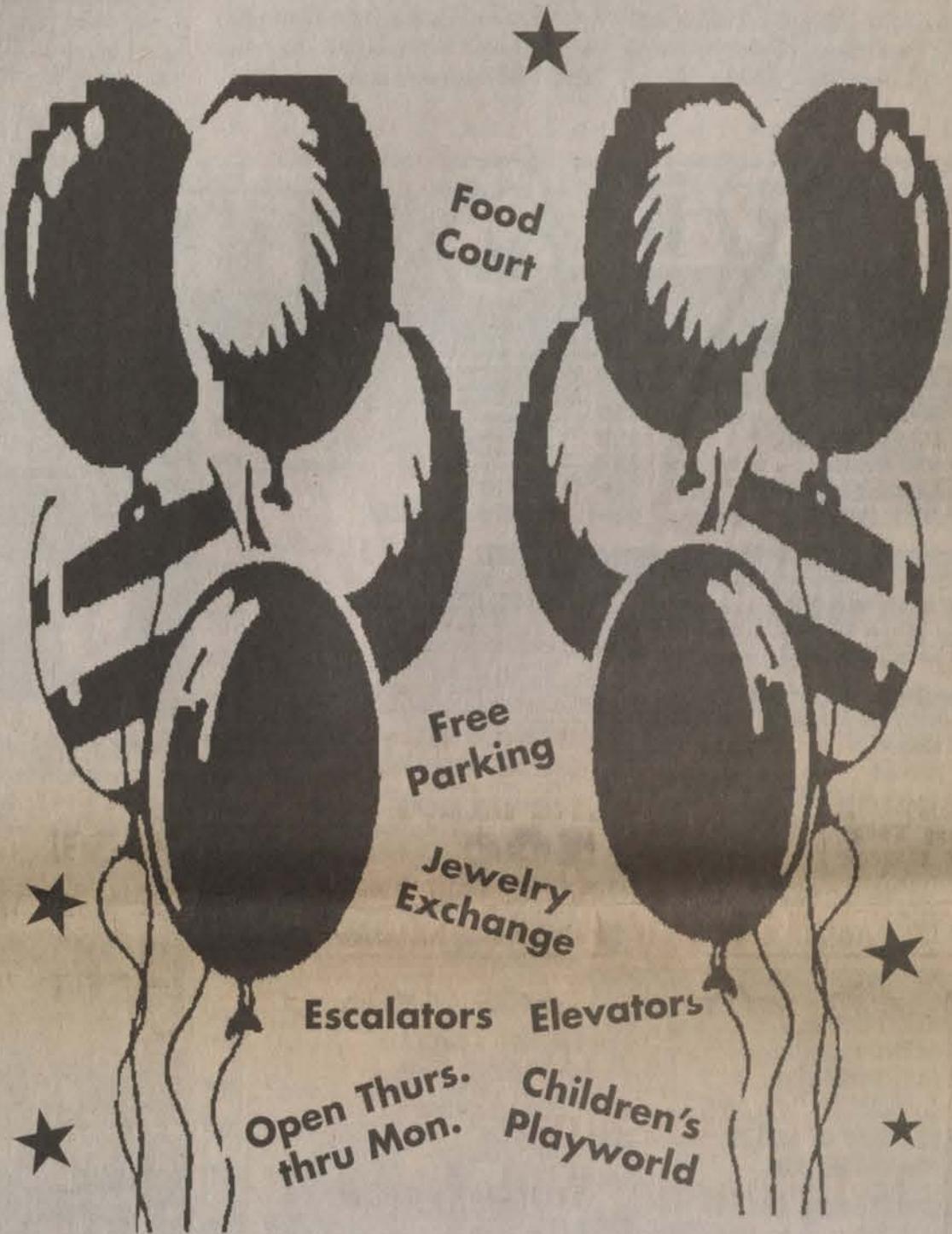
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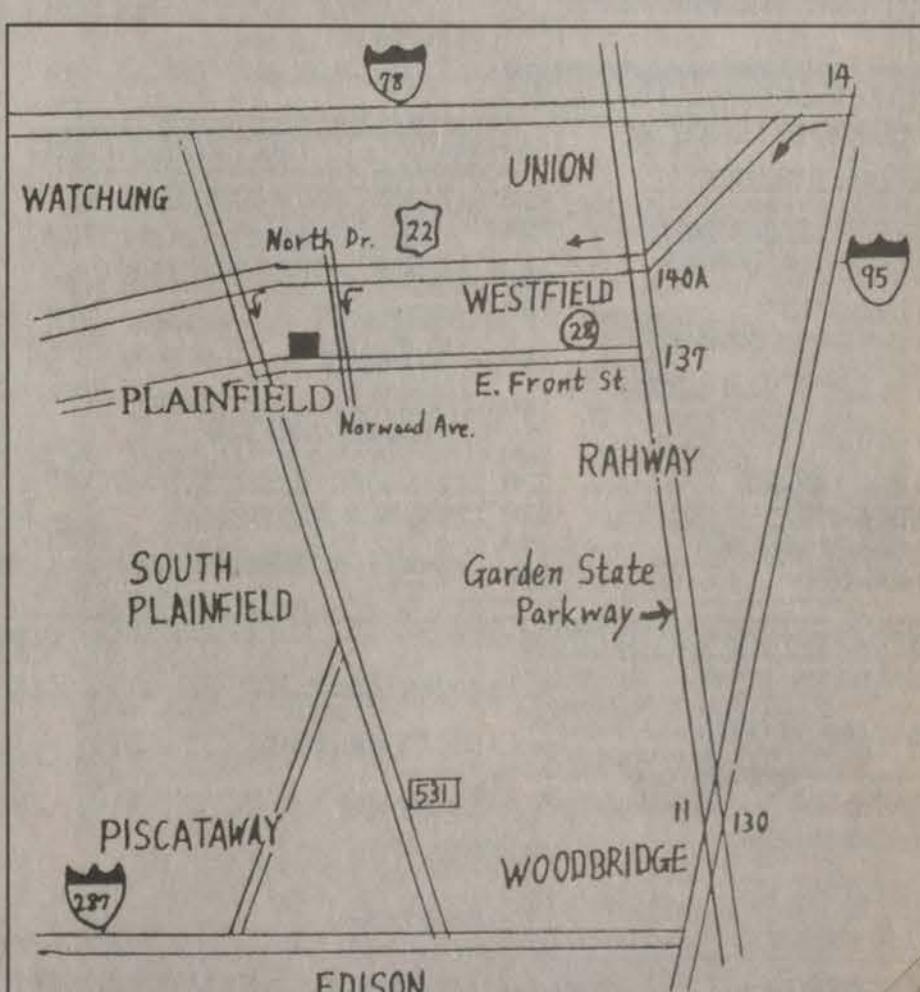


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Metuchen High School honors students

METUCHEN — Metuchen High School presented awards and scholarships at the senior convocation June 11. The awards and their recipients:

28th Annual Alumni Memorial Awards (Class of 1935), "A Living Memorial to Departed Classmates" — Loren Dobkin and David Stein, \$100 each.

Robert E. Slobodien Memorial Scholarship (science) — Agnes Grochowalska and Mukund Muralidharan, \$100 each.

League of Women Voters Award — Theresa Sprunger, \$100.

Citizens for Quality Education, Finalists — Daniel Clarkson, Loren Dobkin, Jason Pack and Sara Ziznewski, certificate each.

Citizens for Quality Education, Thesis Scholarship — Sapan Karcha, \$1,000.

U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Student Award — Music, Christopher Baffuto; athletics, Natalie Groeve, model student, Kristin Kinelski (certificate each).

U.S. Army Reserve National Athletic Achievement Award — Nora Barboe and Stephen Garcia, perpetual plaque and certificate each.

Lotta Grasty Memorial Auxiliary Scholarship — Layla Cherry, \$200.

Metuchen-Edison Historical Society, American History Award — Daniel Clarkson, \$100.

Youth Service Board Municipal Alliance Committee, Most Valuable Senior — Allie D'Augustine, \$100.

William McDuffie Sr. & Juan Padilla Award (history and community service) — Karen Baralecki, \$150.

Morris Stores Service Award — Melody Nokes and Ryan Toth, \$100 each.

Hope College Academic Excellence Recognition — Michael Brevet, certificate.

National Merit Scholarship Program, Commended Scholars — William Bolton, Jonathan Farina and Jason Pack, certificate each.

Valparaiso University Scholarship — Stephen Garcia, certificate.

National Merit Scholarship Program, Finalists — Daniel Clarkson and Allie D'Augustine, certificate each.

Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars — William Bolton, Daniel Clarkson, Loren Dobkin, Jonathan Farina, Jason Pack and Theresa Sprunger, \$4,000 scholarship and certificate each.

Middlesex County Professional Counselors Association, Caring Award — Michael Hogan, certificate.

PTO Service Award (school and community) — Suzette Grant and Matt Maliel, \$50 each.

Metuchen-Edison Branch, American Association of University Women Award — Nora Barboe, \$200.

New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association/Educational Testing Service Scholar-Athlete Award — Theresa Sprunger and David Stein, certificate each.

Physical Education Department Award — Layla Cherry and Joseph Varghese, plaque, medal and \$50 each.

Art Department Award — Lauren Durgin, plaque and \$50.

David Weissman Scholarship for Visual Arts — Lauren Durgin, Jonathan Farina and Jason Ladao, \$100 each.

Art National Honor Society — Lauren Durgin, Jonathan Farina, Sapan Karcha, Jason Ladao, Chris Latham, Tara Muratore, Lauren Suchovic and Jessica Wagener, certificate and tassel each.

Computer Graphics Department (outstanding artist) — Sapan Karcha, \$50 gift certificate.

Thespian Award, Footlighters (theater troupe) — Jessica Akey, Karen Baralecki, William Bolton, Michael Brevet, Jane Chen, Natalie Crowe, Katie Donnelly, Kristin Haring, Andrew Joyce, Kathy Rice, Emily Shore, Theresa Sprunger and Ryan Toth, certificate and pin each.

Footlighters Award for Backstage Contribution — Ryan Toth, cash.

Drama Department Award — Katie Donnelly and Emily Shore, plaque and \$50 each.

Band Department Award — Jennifer Tomoloni, plaque, certificate and \$50.

John Philip Sousa Award — Christopher Baffuto, perpetual plaque, certificate and \$50.

Melissa Boeddinghaus Memorial Award (music achievement) — Kristin Haring, \$250.

National Orchestra Award — Matt Malisi, certificate and \$50.

Band Achievement Award — Natalie Crowe and Emily Shore, \$40 each.

Orchestra Achievement Award — Tara Bing, \$40.

Business Education Awards — Accounting, Joseph Terefenko; business office technology, Irene Guglielmi; home economics/cooking, Katherine Rice; industrial arts/drafting, Melanie Martin and Carolina Rivera; industrial arts/woodworking, Melissa Collins and Brian Fish; plaque and \$50 to each.

Community Service Class Awards — Layla Cherry, Suhail Fernandez, Shelby Grant, Suzette Grant, Francis Hwang, Katarina Jimenez, Maureen Kenny, Shakira Labega, Melody Nokes, Melissa Nowak, Kathy Rice, Audi Sumilat and Ryan Toth, plaque each.

Anna Cornell Distinguished Student — Patrick Donato, \$100.

Black Student Union Award (leadership and service) — Anthony Carter, Layla Cherry, Shelby Grant, Suzette Grant, Abiola Ijalana, Prinnes Winfree and Darryl Spence, cash and gift to each.

Metuchen Grapplers, Jon Coleman Memorial Award (senior wrestler) — Nick Zaneto, plaque and \$50.

Wernik's Pharmacy Award (chemistry, service) — Bill Bolton, \$50.

Greater Middlesex Conference Scholar-Athlete — David Stein and Carrie Stevens, trophy each.

Bill Denny Chapter, National Football Foundation Hall of Fame — Steve Garcia, plaque.

New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete Award — Jessica Akey, medal and certificate.

Metuchen Policemen's Benevolent Association Sportsmanship Award — Kristin Haring and Darryl Spence, plaque each.

Metuchen Fire Department Athletic Achievement Award —

Andrew Joyce and Carolina Rivera, plaque each.

Mitchell Adelman Memorial Award (scholarship, athletics) — Josh Dean, plaque.

James Fielding Memorial Award (scholarship, athletic achievement) — Nora Barboe, plaque.

Eileen Hughes Memorial Award (athletic achievement) — Kristin Kinelski, plaque.

Dorothy Van Winkle Award (academic, athletic achievement) — Tara Muratore, plaque.

James E. Kelly Memorial Award (athletic achievement) — Stephen Pondl, plaque.

Cecil Jackson Memorial Award (athletic achievement) — Chris Latham, plaque.

Steve Ziss Coaches Memorial Award — Jason Pack, plaque and \$50.

Social Studies Department Award — David Stein, plaque and \$50.

Political Science Department Award — Jessica Akey, plaque and \$50.

Xerox Award (humanities/social science) — Joshua Kallman, plaque.

French Department Award — Loren Dobkin, plaque and \$50.

German Department Award — Agnes Grochowalska, plaque and \$50.

Spanish Department Award — Claudia Lombardo, plaque and \$50.

French Club Award — Michelle Chen, \$25.

Spanish Club Award — Claudia Lombardo, \$25.

Middlesex County Arts High School Award — Erika Batsukn and Emily Shore, certificate each.

Friends of Leon Carpenter Memorial Award for Journalism — Paul Schneekloth, \$50.

English Department Award — Theresa Sprunger, plaque and \$50.

Scriblerian Awards — Essay, Sapan Karcha; creative writing, Erika Batsukn; books to each.

English Department, Writing Award — Agnes Grochowalska and Claudia Lombardo, check to each.

Bulldog's Bark, Business Editorial Award — Sapan Karcha and Jason Pack, check to each.

Student Council, Outstanding Seniors — Jessica Akey, Jonathan Farina, Theresa Sprunger and David Stein, gift and perpetual plaque each.

Secondary Principals Award (outstanding senior, Middlesex County) — Karen Baralecki, plaque.

Principal's Leadership Award — Theresa Sprunger, certificate.

Metuchen High School PTO Outstanding Scholar (seniors graduating with cumulative average of 3.5 or higher) — Jessica Akey, Karen Baralecki, Nora Barboe, Michael Brevet, Michelle Chen, Katherine Donnelly, Robert Dunie, Stephen Garcia, Kristin Haring, Kristin Kinelski, Brooke Lindner, Claudia Lombardo, Melanie Martin, Timothy Pondl, Gregory Randolph, Anne Slobodien, Carey Stevens and Joseph Varghese, \$50 each.

PTO Awards, seniors graduating with high honors (cumulative average of 4.0 or higher) — William Bolton, Daniel Clarkson, Loren Dobkin, Jonathan Farina, Agnieszka Grochowalska, Jason Pack, Theresa Sprunger, David Stein and Sara Ziznewski; medalion, plaque and \$100 each.

Board of Education Academic Award — Valedictorian, Jason Pack; salutatorian, Daniel Clarkson; plaque and \$100 each.

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Metuchen Street Fair

Performers offer entertainment for all

Among the performers scheduled to appear at the Metuchen Street Fair and Jazz Festival Sunday, June 21 are the following:

Kathryn Weidener

Storyteller

11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Using a few props, great language skills and lots of imagination, the Raritan resident engages both adults and children into a world of tales and fables. Kathryn's contagious enthusiasm actively involves the audience in "performing" the tales - not merely listening.

She has performed throughout Central Jersey at schools, camps, daycare centers and festivals.

Perception

Jazz group

1:25 p.m.

Perception, based in Piscataway, has been together for six years. They are often a quintet (guitar, sax, keyboard, bass and drums) and sometimes augmented by vocals, flute or percussion.

Their repertoire includes standards by Gershwin and Ellington, the bebop classics of Parker and

Gillespie and the progressive works of Coltrane and Shorter.

The group includes:

Rick Hozza, guitarist; award-winning composer.

Ralph Bowen, tenor sax: currently director of Jazz Studies at Rutgers University; performs with the likes of Horace Silver, Hank Jones and Michel Camillo.

Matt King, keyboard: plays with Blood, Sweat and Tears and has recorded with Rufus Reid and Bob Moses.

Greg Novick, bass: leads his own fusion group, Off Ramp.

Chris Eddleton, drummer: experienced in Latin, Brazilian, calypso, jazz and R&B.

Chuggy Carter, master percussionist: worked in a variety of styles with Roberta Flack and Donny Hathaway, Teru Nakamora and Kenny Kirkland.

Positive Rhythmic Forces

Jazz music and beyond

3:15-4:30 p.m.

PRF is a quartet of accomplished musicians dedicated to performing the music from the jazz tradition and beyond. The New Brunswick-based group includes Jason Berg on trumpet,

Noah Berman on piano, Ben

Tedoff on bass and Sunny Jain on drums.

The group's repertoire includes original compositions and personalized standards by Duke Ellington, Thelonious Monk and Cole Porter.

One More Once

Electric jazz quintet

4:45-6 p.m.

One More Once was formed in 1990 and has been featured in the Newark Jazz Festival and opened for the Steve Morse Band and guitarist Stanley Jordan.

It was formed by violinist Jonathan Dinklage and includes Robert Stephens, keyboardist; Ed Iglesias, bass player; Glenn Fittin, multi-percussionist; and Tom Cottone, drummer.

More than 900 attended the group's concert at the Community Theater in Morristown to celebrate the release of their first CD.

Tim Janis

Street performance

Janis, from Kinnabunk, Maine, performs light instrumental and Irish music using flute, piano and violin.

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Crafts, fun, jazz and food in Metuchen Sunday

Three great jazz bands, lots of crafts and great food highlight the Metuchen Street Fair and Jazz Festival set for Sunday.

Thousands are expected to again fill the streets from noon until 6 p.m. Admission is free.

The Metuchen Chamber of Commerce sponsors this downtown celebration which features more than 100 exhibitors with a full array of high-quality crafts, art, tasty festival food and fun family activities for parents to enjoy with their children.

Traffic along New and Main streets in the downtown will be detoured noon-6 p.m. for the Metuchen Street Fair and Jazz Festival.

A stage area near the corner of Main and New Street will feature all-day music such as the cool jazz of Perception, Positive Rhythmic Force and One More Once. A full schedule of entertainment will begin at noon.

Children and their parents will enjoy pony rides and a petting zoo, a Moonwalk, temporary tattoos and face painting.

In addition to the crafts exhibition, some local merchants and community organizations plan to participate. More than 14 food concessions will tempt hungry Street Fair-goers with tasty selections of BBQ kebabs, cheese steaks, and Strawberry Dan's tasty "Jersey Devil" sandwich, a zesty grilled tomato and basil sandwich served with provolone cheese. Those who enjoy international flavors can feast on gyros and other Greek favorites, Italian hot dogs and zesty sausage sandwiches stuffed with grilled veggies and potatoes. Local restaurants Meiling Shanghai and Main Street Trattoria are planning festival menus. Main Street Trattoria will serve focaccia sandwiches, pasta and a variety of salads. The lighter fare will include cotton candy, ice cream, Italian ice, fresh strawberry smoothies and Pennsylvania Dutch funnel cakes.

Browsers and shoppers will delight at the vast marketplace of fine art and craft items that fill the streets of the Metuchen Street Fair and Jazz Festival. Some of the original crafts for sale include designer and hand-painted clothing, toys, jewelry, pottery, bonsai, handmade furniture and one-of-a-kind decorative pieces for the home. Frank Flynn of Jensen Beach, Fla. is one of the exhibitors.

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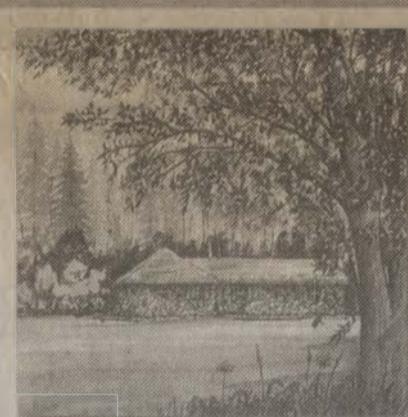
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Comcast withdraws plans for cell tower

By Karen Bitz

STAFF WRITER

METUCHEN - Comcast cellular has withdrawn its lawsuit against the borough.

The telecommunications company sued Metuchen over a pro-

posal to erect a cellular communication tower on Liberty Street.

The Planning Board denied an application for the tower in 1995.

Joe Divis, a spokesman for Comcast, said the withdrawing the lawsuit was the result of changing technological needs in the cellular industry.

"During the time since we began pursuing the site, which was probably four years ago, technology and market forces have continued to evolve which have caused us to reevaluate our needs," he said.

"We found it is unlikely we would need to build on this site any time soon."

Since Comcast filed the suit, the borough has taken steps to accommodate cellular companies, establishing an ordinance allowing towers in certain sections of Metuchen.

PISCATAWAY — Since 1997, the Agape Food Pantry sponsored by the Agape Community Outreach Center, Inc. and the North Stelton AME Church, has been giving away canned goods and other non-perishable foods to needy people in Piscataway and the surrounding areas.

The program is operated out of the North Stelton AME Church at 123 Craig Avenue and Ethel Road in Piscataway every third and fourth Saturday of the month as well as by appointment to those who need it.

The next scheduled distribution is tomorrow.

Those wishing to receive aid should bring two forms of identification, and be prepared to fill out a questionnaire containing such questions as salary and welfare benefits.

For more information, contact James Bryant, Food Pantry Chairman at (732)

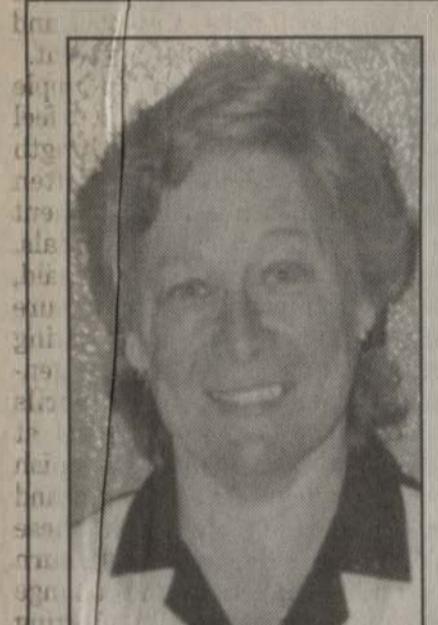
Police to hold bike safety program

HIGHLAND PARK — The borough Police Department will hold a Bicycle Safety Day 11 a.m.-3 p.m. tomorrow.

The event is for children ages 12 and under.

An obstacle course will be set up and there will be a discussion on bicycle safety.

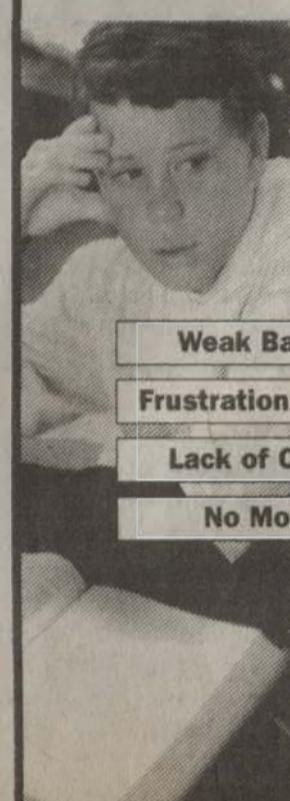
The event will be at the Bartle School playground.



Teacher of the year

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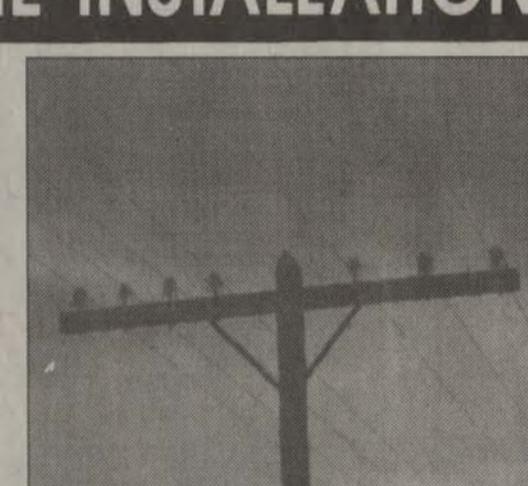
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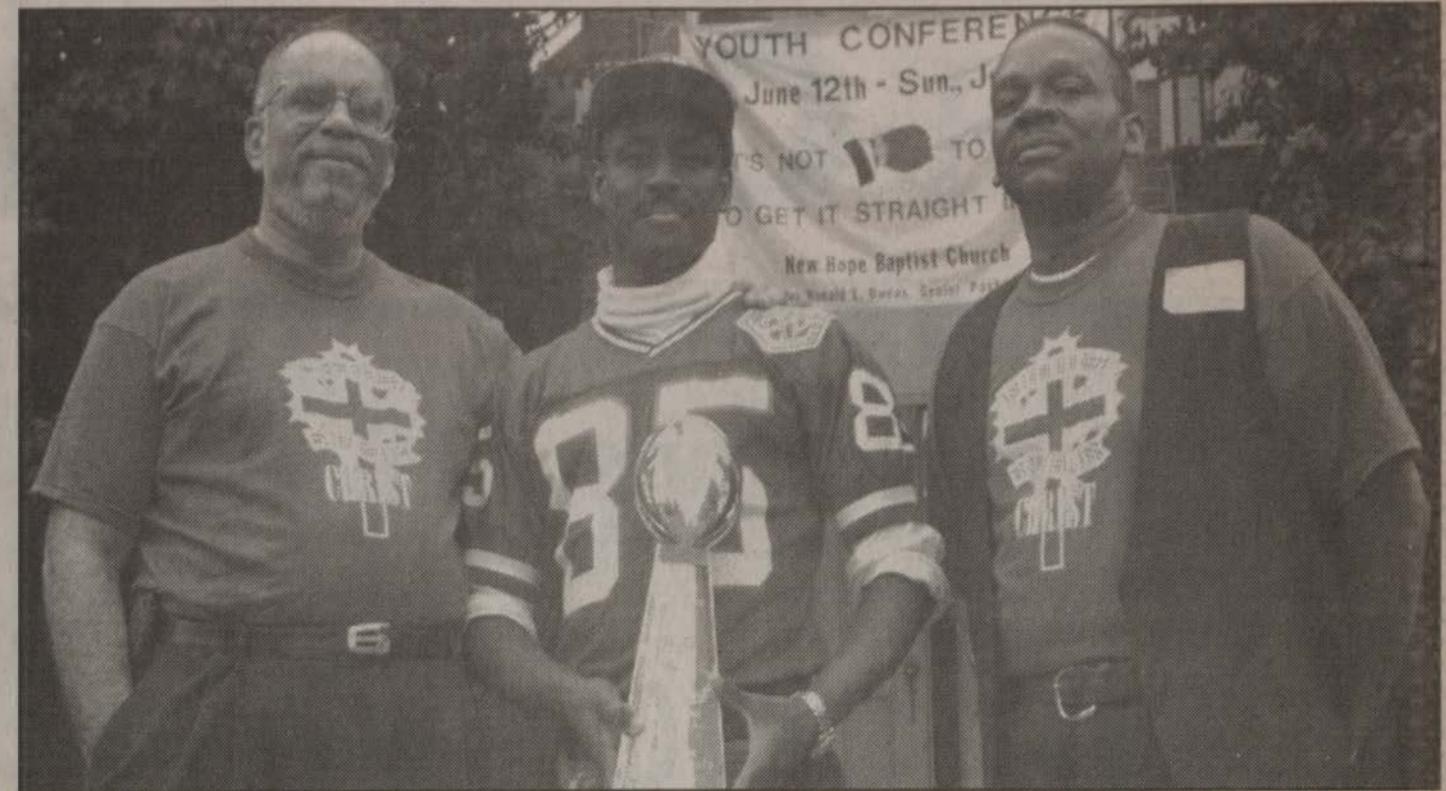
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The Rev. Ronald L. Owens and Milton T. Owners, youth pastor, welcomes Stephen Baker, a former Giants football player, to New Hope's Youth Conference.

Former NFL player guides youth in a different path

BY FATIMAH MCALISTER

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

METUCHEN — Stephen Baker, an ex-wide receiver for the New York Giants, came to New Hope Baptist Church Saturday to try and motivate the youth.

As part of New Hope's second annual youth conference, Baker made sure his focus was on the children and spirituality.

He stressed the importance of making the right choices in life, staying away from the wrong crowd and following after the wrong people.

The former NFL player gave tips to the children on how they should apply themselves when it comes to school.

"Always stay a step ahead," Baker said. "Just like you prac-

tice for a sport in your spare time, go pick up a book in your spare time."

Growing up in California, Baker's mother made sure he knew about God and the importance of spirituality. Through his mother's influence he was able to share this knowledge with the people of New Hope.

"My mother kept me in church which kept me out of trouble," said the former Giants wide receiver. "I thank the Lord everyday for what he has done for me."

Now a physical education teacher at the E.G. Paten School in Perth Amboy, Baker talked about his life in the NFL. He stressed to the young men that making it in professional sports was not everything.

"You have to set goals in your life outside of sports. If you do

try to pursue a career in any professional sport have a back up plan."

After attending West Los Angeles Junior College, Baker went onto Fresno State and was then drafted to the New York Giants.

He retired after playing seven years in the NFL.

The children listen and sat attentively during Baker's speech. During the question and answer period, Baker answered questions ranging from his personal life down to what was it like being in the NFL.

"He's helping us out," said Darren Seriouz of Plainfield, who attended the conference. "He's a football player and he talked about the importance of having an education. He gave us a lot of good advice."

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Community Life

Having a field day in Metuchen

The last days of school

Photos by Randall Miller

Students at Campbell School in Metuchen celebrated the last days of school with Field Day earlier this month. The students took time off from their school work to participate in several activities and a picnic lunch on school grounds. One activity included students throwing a ball from one blanket to another without actually touching the ball.



One of the activities at the Campbell School Field Day including the students trying to untangle themselves without letting go of each others hands.



Students have a little fun jumping rope.



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J.P. Stevens senior wins \$800 scholarship

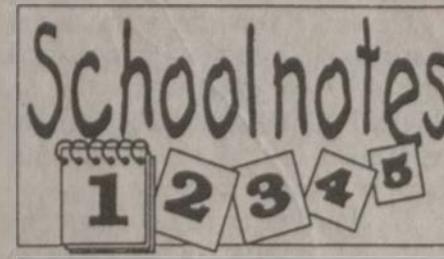
Michael Blaustein, a senior at J.P. Stevens High School in Edison, was one of six high school seniors statewide statewide to earn an \$800 scholarship from the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association in their Student Leadership Scholarship Awards program.

Michael, who plans to attend Harvard University in the fall, is president of the school's Model UN and editor in chief of the school's national award winning yearbook. He has held executive positions in the Student Council, the school newspaper and Future Business Leaders of America and directs a tutoring program for middle and elementary school students in the district.

He is a National Merit Scholarship finalist, and Edward J. Blaustein Distinguished Scholar and has been inducted into the National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, Social Studies Forum and the Academy of Science.

Three township youths enter honor society

EDISON — Three girls from



the township have been inducted into the National Honor Society at Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark.

Anabelle de la Paz, Elizabeth Slusark and Emily Slusark became honor society members in a candlelight ceremony during the school year that recently ended. They received pins and certificates from Sister Regina Martin, the principal.

James Madison schools present program

EDISON — The English as a Second Language classes at James Madison Primary and Intermediate schools presented a program June 8.

The Intermediate Schools students presented "The Three Billy Goats Gruff." The first grade pre-

sented "Just a Friendly Troll" and the kindergarten students recited various selections.

Students speaking about 20 languages and wearing clothing from their native countries participated.

The classes are taught by Abby Diamondstein and assisted by Sheri Cohen.

Laura Chaneski wins award

EDISON — Laura Chaneski, the daughter of Steven and Lee Ann Chaneski, has been named a United States National Award winner in English.

Laura, a student at Herbert Hoover Middle School, was nominated for the award by teacher Gail Pawlikosky.

Laura will appear in the academy's nationally published yearbook.

Edison youth wins English award

EDISON — Nicole Negowetti has received an award for academic excellence in English from Mother Seton High School in

Clark.

She was presented with her award during graduation ceremonies May 31. Ms. Negowetti is one of 72 students who graduated from the Catholic high school for girls.

Students appoint rep to college board

EDISON — Jeanne P. Heller, an honors student of Middlesex County College, has been chosen by her peers to represent the class of 1998 on the College's Board of Trustees.

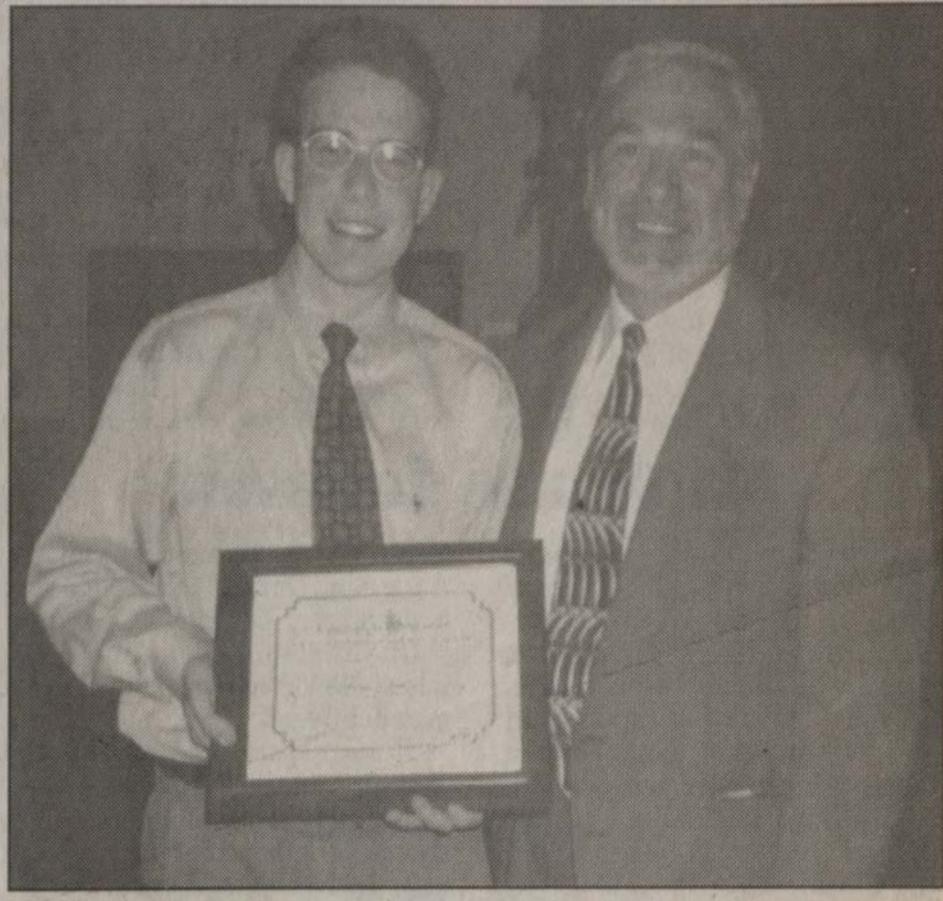
HPHS student receive scholarship

HIGHLAND PARK — Sarah-Jane Leslie, a senior at Highland Park High School, received a \$2,000 National Merit Scholarship.

Sarah-Jane was given the award at the school's recent Senior Awards Ceremony.

A native of Great Britain, Sarah has been a resident of the borough for five years.

She will major in science at Rutgers University.



Michael Blaustein of J.P. Stevens receives his award.

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St. Joseph's holds graduation ceremonies

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Graduates of the Class of 1998: Johann Akre, Robby Abraham, Jeffrey Abrams, Adolfo Aiello, Roel Alcedia, Jonathan Andes, James Angiolino, Louis Apolonia, Frank Assuncao.

Jason Barretto, Michael Beetham, Craig Birmingham, Joseph Bixel, Brian Blekeski, Troy Bober, Matthew Breef-Marks, Steven Brett, Robert Bruda, Andrew Brutka, Patrick Buonincontri, Christopher Buratti, Thomas Burgin, Nicholas Burke, Christopher Buss, Richard Buzzell.

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James Ingrassia, Michael Jantas, Brian Jenkins.

Luke Kachersky, Justin Kazmark, Timothy Keane, Charles Kolb, Jason Kosmaczewski, Amar Kuray.

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Andrew Longo, Anthony Loomis, Roberto Luzuriaga.

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Eric Rosenberger, Keegan Rosera, Keith Rzewuski.

Michael St. George, Charles Saunders, Jason Savage, Daniel Schneider, Nicholas Schneider, Bryan Senatore, Michael Sevcuk, James Shamy, Paul Skolarczyk, Robert Sneddon, Geoffrey Sondergard, Marc Suznowich, Christopher Swenson, Todd Szalkowski.

Andrew Tanskey, Christopher Tavares, Paul Tier, Ronald Tordecilla, Brian Tremel, Brian Tuohy, Jason Tutrone.

Leo Uebelein III, Matthew Ulman, Scott Umholtz.

Alan Valencia, Jason Vass, Andrew Veitch, Frank Vitelli, Paul Volosin.

Michael Wendell, Kenneth Wilkinson.

Stephen Yanosey.

Kenneth Zampella, Christopher Zimmerman, Christopher Zisko, Jeffrey Zorich.

MCEA honors area students

Five students have been honored by the Middlesex County Education Association as the outstanding graduating senior of their respective high schools.

They are Daniel Babich, of John P. Stevens High

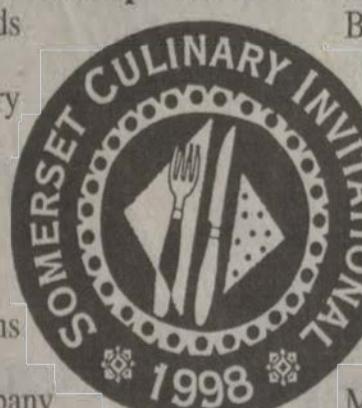
School in Edison; Regina Orsogna, of Edison High School; Lisa K. Thelen, of Piscataway High School; Joseph T. Varghese, of Metuchen High School; and Lisa Welsh, of the Middlesex County Vocational and Technical High School in Piscataway.

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

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

That's the reality of drugs.

DON'T GET DISCOURAGED.

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

Don't you believe it.

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

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

START ANYWHERE.

"Have you heard about any kids using drugs?"

"What kind of drugs?"

"How do you feel about that?"



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

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

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

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

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

"Drugs are a way of hurting yourself."

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

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

SOME DO'S AND DON'TS.

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

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

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

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

In the meantime, just talk to them.

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

Your kids do.

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

Mary D'Amico

EDISON — Mary DeNicola D'Amico, 77, died June 7, 1998 at her home. She was a homemaker and a charter member of the Italian-American Club in Edison. Mrs. D'Amico was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and had lived in Edison since 1947. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3117 in Edison.

Her first husband, Albert DeNicola, died in 1968.

Surviving are her second husband, Sal "Sam"; two sons, Albert DeNicola of Bridgewater and Andrew DeNicola of Metuchen; a daughter, Patricia DeNicola Owens of Bethlehem; two broth-

ers, John Dudock of Utica, Mich., and Stephen Dudock of Wilkes-Barre; and six grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated June 11 at St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church, of which Mrs. D'Amico was a parishioner. Burial was in St. Peter's Cemetery, New Brunswick.

Arrangements were by the Rusciano Funeral Home in Highland Park. Memorial contributions may be made to the Research Fund of the Texas Heart Institute, P.O. Box 20345, Houston, Texas 77225-0345, or the Cancer Institute of New Jersey, 195 Little Albany St., New Brunswick, N.J. 08901.

Alphonso Johnson

PISCATAWAY — Alphonso "A.J." Johnson, 52, died June 10, 1998 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. He had been with the Edison Plastics Co. for 29 years and became the manager of its former South Plainfield plant. A native of North Carolina, he lived in New Brunswick before moving to Piscataway in 1980. Mr. Johnson was chairman of the board of trustees at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Somerset. He was a member of the original Highlights ensemble at the church, where he sang in the choir and served as a deacon.

Albert Chiola Sr.

HIGHLAND PARK — Albert Chiola Sr., 71, died June 6, 1998 at his home in Somerset. He had been associated with Carpenters Resilient Flooring Local 2212 of Union prior to his 1990 retirement. A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Mr. Chiola lived in Highland Park and South Bound Brook before moving to Somerset. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a parishioner of St. Matthias Roman Catholic Church in Somerset.

Surviving are his wife, Rachel Brown Chiola; three sons, Albert Jr. of Franklin Park, Thomas of

A.; a son, Darrell of Piscataway; a daughter, Darla of Charlotte, N.C.; his stepmother, Anna Daniels of New Brunswick; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Emmanuel Baptist Church. Entombment was in the Good Shepherd Mausoleum at Lake Nelson Memorial Park.

Arrangements were by the Anderson Funeral Service in New Brunswick. Memorial contributions may be made to Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen, 18 Neilson St., New Brunswick, N.J. 08901.

Frank Bancer Sr.

EDISON — Frank J. Bancer Sr., 78, died June 9, 1998 at JFK Medical Center. He once was the head operator at the Perth Amboy refinery of Chevron Corp. He was born in Perth Amboy and

Princeton and Louis of Edison; three daughters, Diane Carter, Lucille Federowicz and Geraldine Kraus, all of Somerset; two brothers, John of South Bound Brook and Louis of Neptune; a sister, Clara of South Bound Brook; and six grandchildren.

Services were held June 11 at the Gleason Funeral Home, Somerset, followed by a Mass at St. Matthias Church. Burial was in St. Peter's Cemetery, New Brunswick. Memorial contributions may be made to Albert Chiola Memorial Fund, 1360 Hamilton

lived in that city before moving to Edison in 1993. Mr. Bancer retired in 1993 after more than 40 years with Chevron and its predecessor, the Standard Oil Co. of California. He served in the Marine Corps during World War II.

His wife, Julia Kramer Bancer, died in 1982. Three sisters, Sophie Wojcik, Stacia and Jean, also are deceased.

Surviving are a son, Frank J. Jr. of Edison; a daughter, Janet Bancer Chizmadia of Milltown; and two brothers, Raymond and Joseph, both of Perth Amboy.

A Mass was celebrated June 13 at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Perth Amboy, of which Mr. Bancer was a parishioner. Arrangements were by the Flynn & Son Funeral Home in Fords. Contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 846 Main St., Fords, N.J. 08863.

Obituaries

Oliver Doucette

EDISON — Oliver D. Doucette, 77, died June 13, 1998 at Lehigh Valley Hospital in Allentown, Pa. He had been the past commander of Clara Barton Post 324, American Legion, in Edison. Mr. Doucette was born in Perth Amboy. He lived in Edison from 1955 until he moved in 1996 to Mertztown, Pa.

He retired in 1982 after 35 years as an operator at the Perth Amboy refinery of what is now Chevron Corp. Mr. Doucette was a Democratic Party committee man in the Clara Barton section of Edison and organized the Soap Box Derby sponsored by the American Legion post.

Jack Baliff

HIGHLAND PARK — Jack Baliff, 86, died June 10, 1998 at the JPK Hartwick at Oak Tree Nursing, Convalescent and Rehabilitation Center. A licensed professional engineer, he once was chief engineer with the New York State Department of Industrial Hygiene.

Mr. Baliff was born in New York City. He lived in Queens, N.Y.; Martin County, Fla.; and most recently in Highland Park. He also was an adjunct professor of environmental medicine at a medical school in New York state. Mr. Baliff received a degree in mechanical engineering from the Cooper Union. He was a long-

Joseph

PISCATAWAY — Joseph Sforzo, 75, died June 8, 1998 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. He had been an inspector with Taylor Forge Stainless Inc. of North Branch prior to his 1984 retirement.

Mr. Sforzo was born in Bayonne and had lived in Piscataway since 1960. He served in the Navy during World War II and was a member of the Piscataway Senior Citizens Club.

Surviving are his wife, Gertrude E. DeCarpentry Sforzo;

Frank W. Pisciotta

HIGHLAND PARK — Frank W. Pisciotta, 82, died June 6, 1998 at Community Medical Center in Toms River. A lifelong Highland Park resident, he had been a physician in the borough and was on the staff of three area hospitals. Dr. Pisciotta practiced medicine at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and St. Peter's Medical Center, both in New Brunswick, and Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division.

Surviving are his wife, Bernadian Del Vito Pisciotta;

a son, Jordan Melograna, both of Metuchen; her father, Irwin, and her stepmother, Marilyn, both of Lakewood; a brother, Charles of Rochester, N.Y.; two sisters, Lisa of Mechanicsville, Va., and Leslie Foxman of Farmingdale, N.Y.; and her former husband, Armand Melograna of Metuchen.

Her mother, Ina Sylvia Lauer is deceased. Surviving are a daughter, Emily Melograna, and

Cynthia Ann Lauer

METUCHEN — Cynthia Ann Lauer, 41, died June 7, 1998 at the Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice in Edison. She was an office manager with International Dioxide Co. of Clark, N.J.

Lauer was born in Brooklyn and had lived in Metuchen since 1988.

Most holy apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despised of. Pray for me. I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you, of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despised of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise, I blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen.

(To encourage devotion to St. Jude, acknowledge in writings favors received.)

Services were held June 9 at the Flynn & Son Funeral Home in Fords. Burial was in Mount

Bruce Valentiniuzzi

PISCATAWAY — Bruce Valentiniuzzi, 44, died June 2, 1998 at Health Central in Ocoee, Fla.

He had been self-employed for 20 years as a carpet installer.

Mr. Valentiniuzzi was born in Elizabeth. He lived in Union and Piscataway before moving to Mascotte, Fla.

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Alfred C. Lowrie

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Alfred C. Lowrie, 76, died June 7, 1998 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. He and his brother, Douglas of Manahawkin, owned the Lowrie Auto Body shop in Bernardsville for 25 years. The late Mr. Lowrie was born in Plainfield and had lived in South Plainfield since 1952.

He later became a freelance insurance claims adjuster with State Farm Insurance Co. in South Plainfield and the Willard Appraisals Co. of Plainfield. Mr. Lowrie retired in 1987.

He bowed with a Thursday morning league for senior citizens and also in the Misfits

League at Stelton Lanes in Piscataway. During World War II, Mr. Lowrie was a corporal in the Marine Corps and fought in combat with the Second Marine Division in the Pacific.

A sister, Doris M. Clements, is deceased.

Also surviving are his wife, Helen A. Walter Lowrie; three daughters, Carol A. Kilgannon of Brick, Patricia G. Bergold of Dunellen and Linda M. Gable of Manville; a son, Alfred E. of Middlesex; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held June 11 at the McCriskin Home for Funerals. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains.

Penny E. Hill

METUCHEN — Penny E. Hill, 47, died June 7, 1998 at her home in Lovettsville, Va. She helped develop the Amandla's Crossing shelter for homeless people as an associate of Interfaith Partners for the Homeless.

A native of Terre Haute, Ind., she lived in Metuchen from 1988 until she moved to Lovettsville in 1996. Mrs. Hill was involved with Christian education, the Community Nursery School and the "Young Mothers and Others" Bible study program at the First Presbyterian Church. She also staged puppet shows during Easter and Christmas.

Carolyn M. Walsh

Nicholas and Franklin C. Nickisher, and a sister, Pauline A. Thompson, also are deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Patricia M. Sheridan, and two granddaughters, Kellianne Sheridan and Sondra Sheridan, all of South Plainfield.

Private arrangements were by the McCriskin Home for Funerals. Memorial contributions may be made to South Plainfield Rescue Squad, 2506 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

Susanne Oberschewen

EDISON — Susanne Oberschewen died June 11, 1998 at University Hospital in Newark. She had been a secretary for nine years at the Rahway offices of Merck & Co.

Miss Oberschewen was born in Staten Island and lived in Edison before moving to Clark in 1996. She graduated from the Edison campus of the Cittone Institute.

Surviving are her parents, William and Bernice, and a brother, Mark, all of Edison.

Jean Campanelli

EDISON — Jean C. Campanelli, 84, died June 9, 1998 at Atlantic City Medical Center-City Division. She joined the former J.M. Fields department store of Parsippany in 1965 and was a department manager when she retired in 1978.

Mrs. Campanelli was born in Newark and lived in Parsippany before moving to Edison in 1980.

Her husband, Louis, died in September.

Jozefa Franczak

EDISON — Jozefa Franczak, 92, died June 12, 1998 at her home in Laurence Harbor. She had been a homemaker.

A native of Kuleje, Poland, Mrs. Franczak settled in Edison when she immigrated to the United States in 1962. She lived in Aberdeen before moving to Laurence Harbor in 1980.

She was a member of the Polish Christian Center in South Amboy.

Surviving are three sons, Louis J. of Matawan, Joseph R. and Norman C., both of Florida; a daughter, Linda Maltese of Middletown; a brother, Arthur Tutela of Livingston; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated June 13 Saturday at St. Helena's Roman Catholic Church, following services at the Gosselin Funeral Home.

Surviving are her husband, Stefan; a daughter, Helena Emanuele of Edison; two sons, Tony of South Plainfield and Richard of Laurence Harbor; a sister, Antonia Macoch of Walbrzych, Poland; and two granddaughters.

Services were held Monday at the Whiteley Funeral Home in South Amboy. Burial was in the Christ Church cemetery, South Amboy.

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Charles Schweitzer, founded adult school

EDISON — Charles A. Schweitzer Sr., 77, the longtime director of adult and continuing education in the township, died June 10 at his home in Westfield. He helped begin a night school in Edison in 1965 to teach English to immigrants. The night school grew into an adult and continuing education program with more than 1,800 people enrolled. Mr. Schweitzer retired as director in 1989 yet remained on the program's advisory board until leaving for health reasons a few years ago.

He earned a bachelor's degree

in psychology and philosophy from Seton Hall University. Mr. Schweitzer received a master's degree in psychology from Fordham University and studied doctoral courses at Rutgers University.

Mr. Schweitzer lived in his native Elizabeth and in Roselle Park before moving to Westfield in 1964. During World War II he was a machinist's mate in the Coast Guard and received a citation for saving two brothers, 11 and 9, from heavy surf at Vilano Beach near St. Augustine, Fla.

He and his wife, Marie Colline

Schweitzer, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in March.

Also surviving are a son, Charles Jr. of Scotch Plains; and a daughter, Elizabeth Nilsen of Westfield.

A funeral Mass was celebrated June 13 at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church, Westfield, following services at the Higgins & Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home in Westfield. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Memorial contributions may be made to Center for Hope Hospice, 176 Hussa St., Linden, N.J. 07036.

Obituaries

Carl L. Stiles

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Carl L. Stiles, 78, died June 6, 1998 at Country Manor at Dover, in Toms River. He served in the Army during World War II and had been a bartender prior to his retirement.

A native of Westfield, he lived in South Plainfield before moving to Toms River in 1992.

Mr. Stiles was a bartender at the former Herm's Restaurant in South Plainfield from 1961-81 and the Raritan Valley Country

Club in Bridgewater from 1981-91. He was a member of B.P.O. Elks Lodge 2298 and Veteans of Foreign Wars Post 6763, both in South Plainfield.

His wife, Anne, died in 1989.

Surviving are two sons, Gary W. of Toms River and Frederick Robert of Howell; two brothers, Archie of Meyersville and Donald of Westfield; and a grandchild.

Services were held June 10 at the Higgins Home for Funerals, in Plainfield.

Lorna B. Williams

EDISON — Lorna Beatrice Williams, 67, died June 15, 1998 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was self-employed as a stremstress and had been active in women's and political organizations in Trinidad.

Mrs. Williams was born in Trinidad and had lived in Edison since 1993. She was a member of the Sangre Grande Seventh-day Adventist Church in Trinidad.

Surviving are her husband, George of Trinidad; two sons, in Plainfield.

Anna Hecker

METUCHEN — Anna Hecker, 88, died June 15, 1998 at the Franklin Convalescent Center in Franklin Park. She was born in Stockdale, Pa., and had lived in Metuchen since 1923.

Mrs. Hecker was a parishioner of St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church in Edison.

Her husband, Richard Sr., and a son, Richard Jr., are deceased.

Surviving are four sisters,

Ellis of Trinidad and Leslie Craig of Brooklyn; four daughters, Jennifer Delice of Edison, Lenore Norville of Trinidad, Marilyn James and Charmaine Williams, both of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada; and two brothers, Simon Craig and George Craig, both of Trinidad.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the First Baptist Church of Metuchen.

Arrangements were by the Judkins Colonial Home in Plainfield.

Dorothy K. Spalluto

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Dorothy King Spalluto, 82, died June 16, 1998 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. She worked in the South Plainfield Board of Education administration office during the 1960s.

Mrs. Spalluto was born in Westfield and had lived for more than 50 years in South Plainfield. She was a member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens Club and a parishioner of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church.

Her husband, Victor, died in 1981.

Surviving are two daughters, Amy S. Cichocki of Whitehouse Station and Patricia Shapiro; and a son, Victor of Blakeslee, Pa.

Services will be 9:15 a.m. today at the McCriskin Home for Funerals, 2425 Plainfield Ave. A funeral Mass will follow 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church on South Plainfield Avenue. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains.

IEEE wins award

PISCATAWAY — The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers has received an award for its work on technology education in New Jersey.

The award from the Technology Education Association of New Jersey was presented during the Technology Conference and Expo '98 in Long Branch in May.

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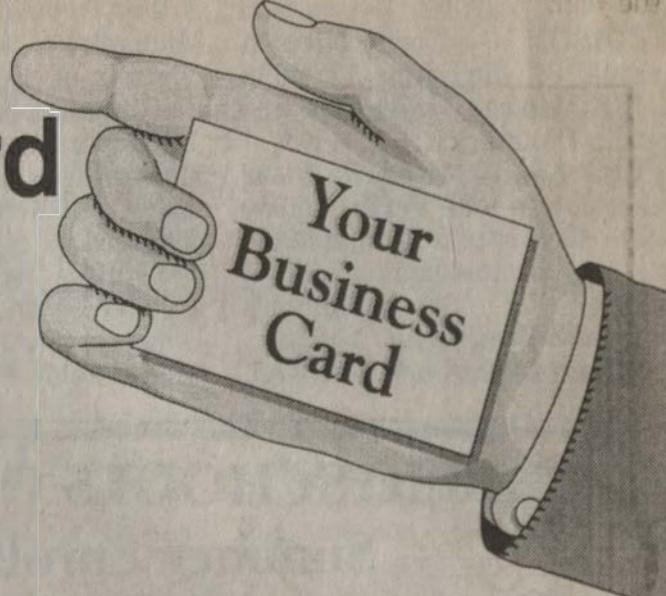
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Grandparents step into role as primary caregiver

By KIMBERLY WOODS

STAFF WRITER

The 57-year-old Piscataway woman is about to enter another phase in her life as retirement age approaches.

Aside from thinking about retiring, making travel plans, she is raising her second family.

The woman, who has three grown sons, is raising two young grandchildren and is part of a growing trend in the U.S., grandparents who are raising their grandchildren.

"Everything is different," the woman said about the differences of raising her grandchildren now versus raising her three sons more than 30 years ago.

When she was younger and energetic, she was able to keep up with three boys, taking them to school, baseball games and other activities, she said.

Now, that history is repeating itself, she is older.

The woman is one of many who have joined The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Coalition, a Middlesex County organization that has been trying to establish its roots.

Middlesex was one of six counties to receive a \$6,000 state grant to establish the coalition.

After several meetings, the comments from participants were compiled and sent to state officials for review. The overall need is that grandparents want the legislature to advocate their needs and to provide more funding to help those who need financial assistance, said Tina McCormack, director for the divi-

sion of children services for Middlesex County.

An estimated four million children in the U.S. live in a household headed by a grandparent. For more than 1.5 million of these children, no parent is present and the grandparent assumes the role as the primary caregiver to their grandchildren or great-grandchildren, according to the American Association of Retired Persons.

Aside from the Middlesex County coalition, the AARP has created the Grandparents Information Center, based in Washington, D.C., to serve as a national resource center for grandparent-headed families, program providers, professionals, researchers, policymakers and the public.

There are several reasons why children are in the situation where they have to live with family members other than their parents. Those situations include drug addiction, an early death, or not being financially secure to raise a family.

While state officials try to come up with a possible solution, this not so new trend continues for some Middlesex County residents.

The Piscataway woman, whose identity isn't being revealed to protect her family's identity, has been raising her grandchildren for three years.

The full-time nurse has temporary custody of her son's two children — a 7-year-old boy and a 10-year-old girl — because of her son's and his wife's drug addiction, she said.

When the children were living

with their parents, the children were not being properly cared for and their parents were struggling financially and were facing the possibility of being evicted, she said.

Because her son and his wife were in denial about their addiction and couldn't take care of their children, the woman decided something must be done for her grandchildren, the woman said.

"They (her son and wife) do not have the proper lifestyle to raise kids," she said.

So at a time when she has the freedom to take vacations, shop or just to be home alone, the Piscataway grandmother is raising her second family.

But now the world is a little different from when she was raising her sons.

"I'm frightened for them," she said about not allowing her grandchildren to go off alone.

"I would let my boys walk down to the park by themselves," the woman said. "Now I would never dream of letting them (grandchildren) go the park by themselves."

While she is not struggling financially, she does work as a private duty nurse part-time on the weekends to earn extra money.

She does get help around the house from another son and her 80-year-old mother, but things still get tough.

"It's been a rough haul," she said.

The woman said she joined the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren coalition for support and learned there are others

in the same situation.

"I don't need a handout," she said. "I just think think something should be done to help grandparents."

Jill Williams of Edison is another example of how a person steps in to raise the young offspring of a family member.

The 38-year-old computer consultant has been raising Jasmine, her 6-year-old great-niece since she was an infant.

Ms. Williams was given permanent custody of the child

because of the child's mother's drug addiction and the plans of the division of Youth and Family Services to take her away from her mother.

Jasmine has three sisters that are being cared for by Ms. Williams' mother in Matawan.

Ms. Williams, who has a 20-year-old son in college, said it's a challenge to raise another child because Jasmine suffers from attention deficit disorder. She is enrolled in special education classes at a township public

school.

"It's very difficult when you have a child born addicted," she said. "They have special needs."

Those needs include having a hard time understanding class work, Ms. Williams said.

Like the Piscataway woman and others in the coalition, Ms. Williams would like the government to help with daycare, especially for those who have retired and have to return to work to make ends meet.

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Religion

The board of trustees of the New Hope Baptist Church will sponsor their annual flea market in the municipal parking lot on Lake Avenue, Metuchen.

Hours will be 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 27. Trustees will sell hamburgers, hot dogs and ribs.

Spaces are \$15 without a table, \$20 with a 6-foot table. For information, call (732) 549-8941.

Temple Neve Shalom, 250 Grove Ave., Metuchen, will honor its Torah readers with a luncheon following Sabbath services 10 a.m. Saturday, June 27.

The Torah reading program began in 1975. About 50-60 people read the Torah for services during the year.

For information, call (732) 548-2238.

Special services Sunday, June 28 will mark the ninth anniversary of Rev. Otis L. Bowden as pastor of the Zion Hill Baptist Church, 450 Highland Ave., Piscataway.

The services will be 11 a.m. with Rev. Lawrence Cheatham of Dover and 4 p.m. with Rev. Edward Allen of Newark. For more information, call (732) 463-7776.

The Vacation Bible school at First Presbyterian Church, 270 Woodbridge Ave., Metuchen will offer a "Space Mission Bible Camp" this summer.

Classes will run 9 a.m.-noon Aug. 3-7. Bible lessons, games,

food and fun will be "Launching Kids on a Mission of God's Love" for children 4 years old through those entering sixth grade.

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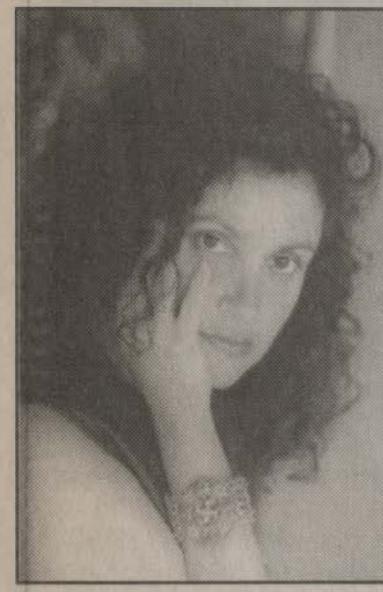
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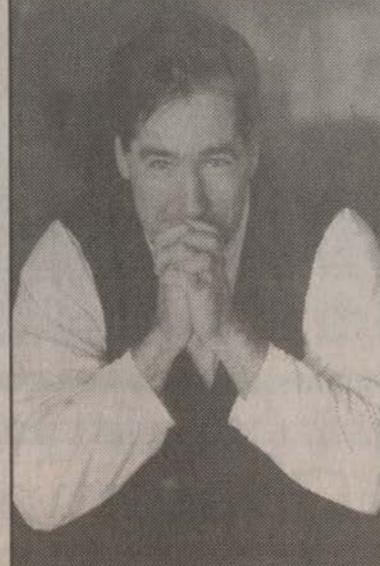
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Summer Folk Series kicks off this Wednesday

NEW BRUNSWICK — In addition to the wide selection of plays performed throughout the year, this summer George Street Playhouse will present a series of contemporary and popular folk performers on Wednesday nights. The first George Street Playhouse Summer Folk Music Series will run from June 24-Aug. 5.



Clockwise from upper left:
Lucy Kaplansky, July 8;
Harvey Reid, June 24;
The Burns Sisters, July 15;
Richard Shindell, Aug. 5;
and Christine Lavin, July 22.



Harvey Reid kicks off the series on June 24 with folk, country, classical, blues, ragtime, rockabilly, Celtic, bluegrass, and popular influences all played on the six & twelve string guitars, banjo, autoharp, and mandolin. Many of the pieces will be folk families with Harvey's own original compositions and razor sharp sense of humor.

On July 8 is Lucy Kaplansky, a talent of the acoustic world. With a Ph.D. in Psychology (yes, Dr. Kaplansky), she is the former singing partner of 1998 Grammy Song of the Year award-winner, Shawn Colvin. Lucy is carving her own unique place in the world of folk music with performances that touch her audiences.

Following on July 15, are the Burns Sisters — Annie, Marie, and Jeannie. These sisters have been singing together for so long, it seems their voices blend instinctively with Everly Brothers-like harmonies. They cross the boundaries between country, folk, rock, and R&B.

July 22 brings Christine Lavin, a queen of contemporary folk music. Christine is out on the forefront of the wave of folk and acoustic music that is catching new fans. The comedic singer-songwriter-social commentator's shows are known for selling out regularly.

To round out the series on Aug. 5 is Richard Shindell. Having just finished touring with the legendary Joan Baez, he is one of the brightest voices on the folk scene. Some say his voice recalls James Taylor, Gordon Lightfoot or Michael Stipe.

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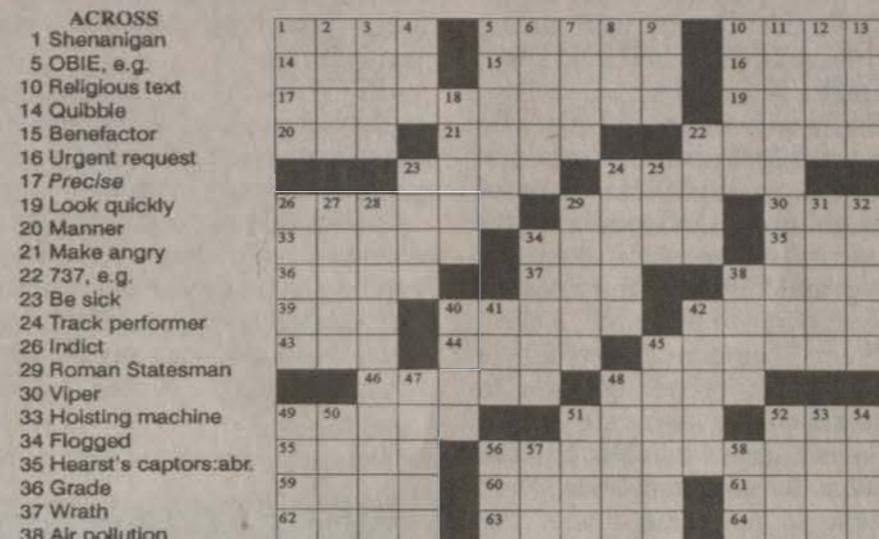
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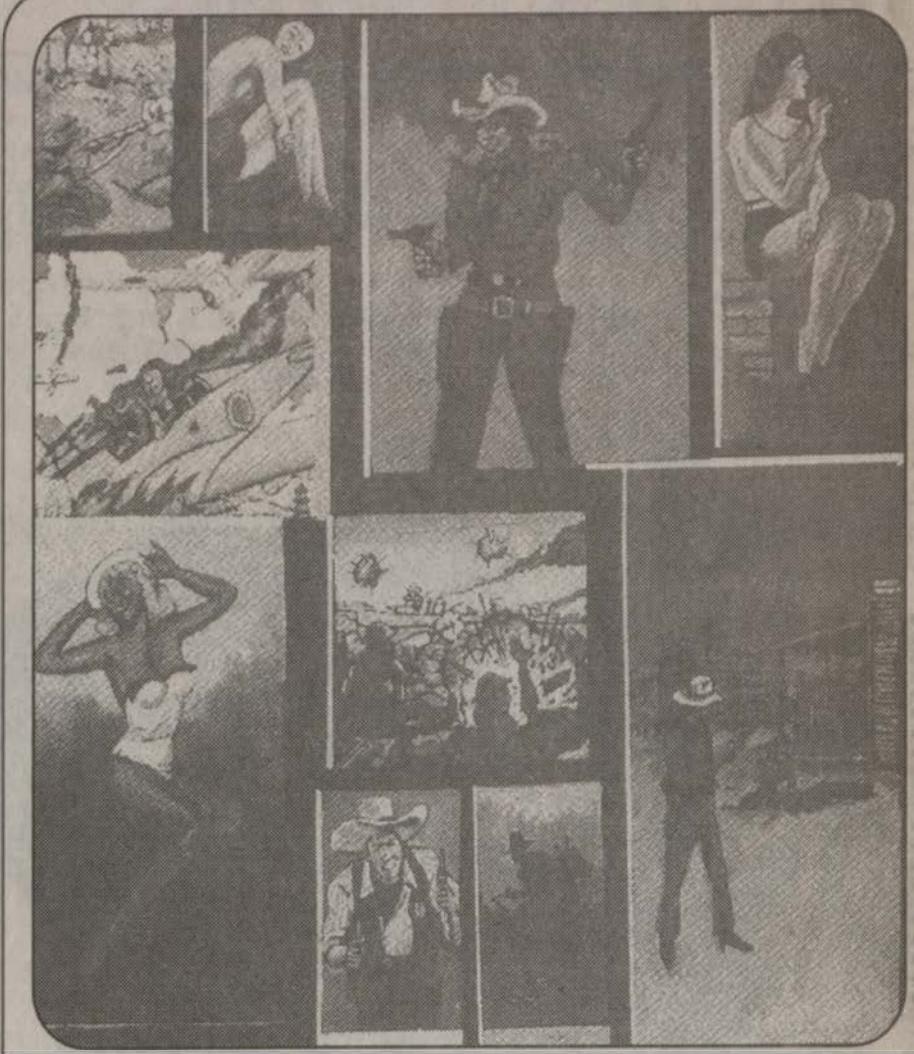
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Amy Schneider, a West Chester University of Pennsylvania senior, has received the Who's Who Among Students in Universities and Colleges Award. The 1994 Edison High School graduate is the daughter of Edward and Diane Schneider.

TAMMY NGUYEN has received a scholarship from the World War II Alumni Scholarship Fund at the University of Delaware.

ADAM M. GERSHOWITZ has received the Len Perfetti Memorial Award at the University of Delaware, presented to a senior criminal justice

Campus notes

major demonstrating scholarship, leadership, commitment to excel and to human service.

ANTHONY TENEBRUSO has been inducted into Alpha Kappa Delta, a national sociology honor society at the University of Delaware.

BRIAN G. CHMIELEWSKI, Jennifer R. Hanas and **BRIAN P. ROCCO** have been named to the 1998 spring semester dean's list at the University of Rhode Island.

Heather Chigas has received a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism from Emerson College in Boston.

Katherine Storch has received a bachelor's degree in English from Providence (R.I.) College.

Melody Blasenheimer has received a master of music degree from Westminster Choir College of Rider University. A music education major, she was a

member of the Westminster Symphonic Choir and is a graduate of Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University.

Amy Anil Mehta, a 1994 J.P. Stevens High School graduate, has received a bachelor's degree in biology and English from Union College, Schenectady, N.Y.

Edward John Adelman and **Richard Allan Baruz** have been inducted in the Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa national honor society on the Newark Campus of Rutgers University.

William Tankiewicz, son of

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Tankiewicz, has received a bachelor's degree in political science from St. Bonaventure (N.Y.) University.

Nicole Negowetti has graduated from Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark and received the English Department Award for academic excellence.

Shilpa A. Bharne has received a bachelor's degree in information systems from Fairfield (Conn.) University.

METUCHEN

Diane Lee Bolton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bolton, has received a magna cum laude

bachelor's degree in human biology at Brown University, Providence, R.I.

Sandeep N. Chellani was one of two graduating Rider University students to receive the President's Award, given annual to a pair of students who best personify Rider through outstanding academic achievement, leadership and community involvement. The six-time dean's list student was a finance and computer information systems double major with a 3.7 grade point average. He is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honor society, and Phi Chi Theta, a professional business fraternity, and a founding member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, a social fraternity with a code of leadership, service to community, scholarship, athleticism and gentlemanly behavior. This year Chellani received the Johnson & Johnson Minority Scholarship, the Pearl S. Buck Foundation Scholarship and the Rider Memorial Scholarship. He is a 1994 Metuchen High School graduate.

Jennifer Dudeck was elected to Phi Beta Kappa at Rutgers University. She just completed her junior year at Douglass College where she is an English major.

HIGHLAND PARK

Jeffrey Benjamin Falk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Falk, has received a magna cum laude bachelor's degree in computer science at Brown University in Providence, R.I.

PISCATAWAY

Berhe Mehreab, son of Tsega and Ammanuel Mehreab attending Piscataway High School, is participating in the Summer Opportunities and Research for Space (SOARS) Program at Penn State's University Park campus which is funded in part by NASA.

Mandy L. Misiak has been named to the 1998 spring semester dean's list at the University of Rhode Island.

Danielle Furcine Louis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Louis, has received a bachelor's degree from Peabody College of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

Patrick Francis Ruppe Jr. has received a bachelor's degree in sports management from Al-Lentown College of Saint Francis de Sales, Center Valley, Pa.

Michele Marie Santoro, daughter of Richard and Barbara Santoro, earned a master's degree with honors from Monmouth University May 20. She received a degree in accounting and economics from Rutgers University in 1992. She is a senior sales consultant of the New York Metro region at Oracle Corp. in Secaucus.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD

Demian J. McGarry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory McGarry, has received a bachelor's degree in public policy from Washington & Lee University, Lexington, Va.

Keith Donovan, the son of Harold and Lori Wolff, graduated from the John H. Stamer Police Academy after completing a 20-week course. He will work for the Plainfield Police Department. Mr. Donovan is a 1990 graduate of South Plainfield High School.

Christopher A. Di Biase, son of John and Barbara Di Biase, was named to the spring semester dean's list at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa.

Metuchen native owns Atlanta biz

METUCHEN — Larry Spigner knew early on that he was destined to be an entrepreneur. The Metuchen High School graduate felt a personal drive to succeed. He studied at St. Emma Military School in Virginia and received a bachelor's degree from Allen University in Columbia, S.C.

Early in the 1990s Mr. Spigner moved to Atlanta, and opened Lord & Spig Transportation Group, a 24-hour limousine service for corporate executives. With the Olympic Games of 1996 he expanded the company to transport visitors to and from major events in and around Atlanta.

Mr. Spigner can be found in his office and behind the wheel of his company's limousines, according to a press release from the firm. Those who get to travel in the company's flagship vehicle enjoy his Northern humor and his spin on historic sights of Atlanta. He also has two sons, Sidney and Larry, and a brother, Bernard. Mr. Spigner is the son of Robert Spigner of Metuchen and the late Lillian Shuler.



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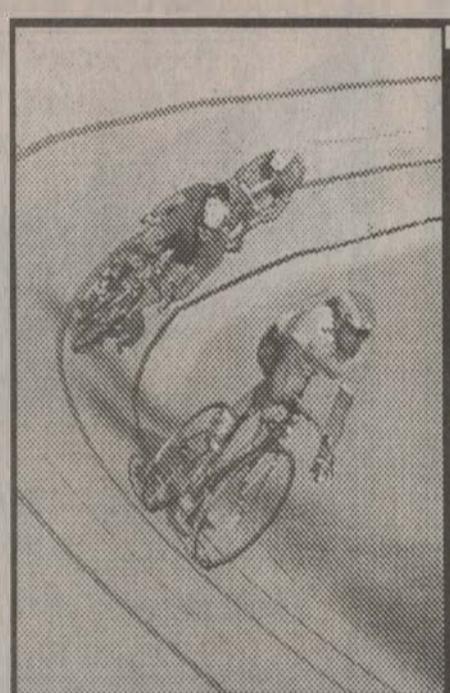
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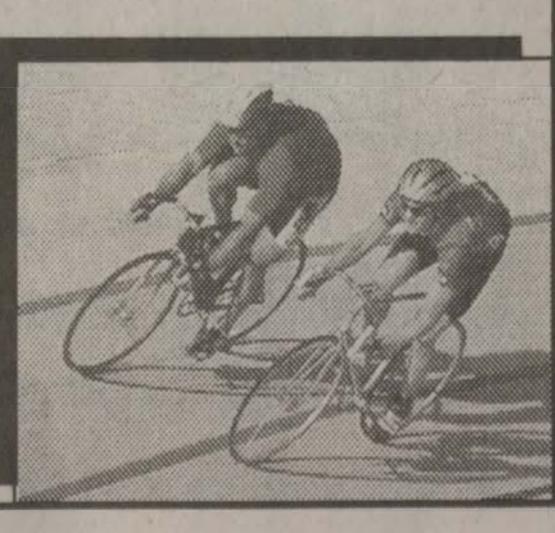
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SPECIAL TO THE REVIEW

Metuchen High graduate Ali Hatola hit .348 with 31 runs scored, 27 stolen bases and 18 walks in her junior season at Muhlenberg College (PA).

Hatola stealing show for Mules

By DAN ARKANS

STAFF WRITER

As long as Metuchen High graduate Ali Hatola can get away with it, she'll keep on stealing bases.

Hatola thieved 27 bases this season for the Muhlenberg College (PA) softball team, which broke her school-record of 26 from the previous season. Hatola, a junior centerfielder for the Mules, now has 68 career steals which is tops in the history of Muhlenberg College.

She entered the final game at Kean with 25 steals and swiped two bases to end the season with her new school-record of 27.

"It was definitely a goal," said Hatola of the stolen base record. "I wanted to have more. Hopefully, next year I'll be able to do it again. I was excited to break my old record."

Hatola has some lofty goals next year in her final season at Muhlenberg and it all starts with stealing some more bases.

"My goal is to hit 100 stolen bases next year," said Hatola, who was named to the All-Centennial Conference second team this spring. "Thirty-two steals, it's reachable."

Hatola proved to be more than just a basestealer for the Mules, hitting .348 with 31 runs scored and 18 walks. She will enter her senior season with a career batting average of .312, third on the all-time list at Muhlenberg with 83 runs scored and is just eight hits away from becoming the ninth player in team history to record 100 hits.

"I was a little disappointed," said Hatola of her junior season. "I thought I could've done more. We played more games. Even though it looks like I improved with the numbers, I didn't. I had more opportunities."

Hatola hit .374 in her sophomore season with 30 runs scored and 26 stolen bases in just 29 games. Muhlenberg had 37 games this spring and posted a record of 16-21.

"I can always do better," said Hatola. "I made first team (All-Conference) last year. I was still pleased with it (making second team). This season, I had

stronger ups and downs. I felt I was more solid my sophomore year."

Hatola certainly had an amazing sophomore season, considering she hit just .202 as a freshman with 18 hits and 15 stolen bases in 33 games.

"It's been a pretty big step up," said Hatola of adjusting to Division 3 college softball after playing at Metuchen. "In high school softball, there are a couple of people who shine. Everyone is a solid player in college. It's a pretty big change. You play a lot of games. There's a lot more time involved."

Hatola, a left-handed leadoff hitter for the Mules, certainly adjusted after a rocky first season. With her speed, she's able to bunt, slap or just hit her way on to get things rolling for Muhlenberg.

"I try to keep it a surprise whether I'm bunting, hitting or slapping," said Hatola, who's majoring in psychology and elementary education. "If they expect a slap, I try to swing away. I try to keep them on their toes. I try to keep it in play and try to beat it out. Everybody plays me in. They play me for a slap hit."

Hatola has no regrets about her decision to attend Muhlenberg. She still has that love of softball and despite the struggles of the team, it was another fun year for this Muhlenberg graduate.

"I knew it's a big-time commitment," said Hatola of playing college softball. "I'm having a lot of fun with it. I don't know how it is in Division 1 or 2. I haven't lost the fun of softball. It hasn't been so intense that I've burned out."

Although the Mules were a sub-.500 team, they did manage to defeat nationally ranked Messiah College. That was the highlight of Muhlenberg's season but with the nucleus returning next season, Hatola is hopeful the team can challenge for the conference title.

"It's a toss-up to see who's going to take the conference. Hopefully, Muhlenberg will do it next year. I thought we had a better chance this year," said

Sports

Briegs rising to new heights

Edison resident skysurfing all the way to the X Games

By DAN ARKANS

STAFF WRITER

Eight years ago when Edison resident Dave Briegs took his first jump out of a plane, he never dreamed he'd be skysurfing in the X Games.

But that's exactly where he is, beginning tomorrow and running through June 28 in San Diego, California. Briegs, along with teammate Andy Boschi of New Providence, are one of 10 teams in the world invited to compete in the skysurfing event of the X Games which will be televised on ESPN and ESPN2 with segments also appearing on ABC's Wide World of Sports.

Briegs, 33, is the one with the \$800 surfboard attached to his feet while Boschi films him. Judges count 50 percent for technical and 50 for camera presentation. Boschi actually has an attachment on his camera which is transmitted to a big-screen television that the judges view live. To be a skysurfer means jumping out of a plane from 13,000 feet at 120 miles an hour while deploying your parachute in 50 seconds.

"I certainly didn't set out eight years ago to be a skysurfer," said Briegs. "I thought it'd be something I'd just try. It gets kind of addicting. I made 25 jumps the first couple of years. It's fairly expensive. I couldn't easily support it. As I had more money, I got into freestyle skydiving. I hooked up with Andy. He started playing around with video. It was

a natural combination."

Skysurfers from New Jersey seem about as unlikely as the fact that both Briegs and Boschi are in the financial field. Briegs works for Merrill Lynch in Edison as a senior financial consultant. By day, he has a boring job but at night, he certainly lets his hair down.

"It's a very conservative stuffy job," said Briegs, who has an assistant that handles his clients when he's out of town jumping. "While my peers are golfing, I'm jumping out of a plane. They think I'm nuts. The perception and reality of it is vast. There's an element of risk. It's a very manageable one."

Most people wouldn't think it's a manageable risk but a crazy endeavor. Everyone hears about the bungee jumpers who plunge to their death but according to Briegs, that's certainly not a normal occurrence in sky jumping.

"It's not more dangerous than jumping in a car and going away for the weekend," said Briegs, who graduated from Woodbridge High School in 1983. "People are oblivious to the risk. In the air, the risk is obvious. Perception is the only difference. Me and Andy have 2,500 jumps between the two of us and we're still walking around. Bungee jumping is extremely safe and you see one or two accidents because you have some careless video operator let it happen. It's rare."

Despite the risk, Briegs can't believe he's in the X Games after just two years of competition.

Last year, Briegs and Boschi finished seventh out of 13 teams in Germany and then took eighth out of 13 teams in Switzerland to qualify for the X Games.

The New Jersey duo is one of four American teams in the competition but are the complete underdogs, mostly doing battle with full-time sponsored duos.

"I still can't believe we're here," said Briegs. "I remember watching it when this first came out in 1995. When I started skysurfing, it seemed like such a faraway goal. We're going against fully sponsored teams who do nothing but train. They've done 1,000 jumps in the last six months. Maybe we have 300 or 400. We're the underdogs. We're shooting for top-five. That'd be an amazing accomplishment."

Briegs and Boschi were also successful in freestyle skydiving, capturing a freestyle festival in New York in 1995 and 1996. In '96, the duo captured the U.S. National Championships of Freestyle Intermediate Men's Division before turning their attention to skysurfing.

Briegs and Boschi met while jumping together in a small facility in Pittstown. The duo has progressed through the ranks together and now perfect their routine at Freefall Adventures Skydives Cross Keys Inn in Williamstown, one of the best jumping facilities in the country.

"You get a skysurfer and it'll take over 100 jumps to get in sync," said Briegs, who's going to open a skysurfing school at

Williamstown July 10. "The fall weight is different for every person. You have to learn what fall weights are like. You have to be in sync and dialed into each other. We came through the ranks together. We had 100 jumps combined when we first met."

There's no question that skysurfing is Briegs' outlet from his stuffy job. It's turned into more than a hobby for this Edison resident, who admits that he was always the last one picked for sports teams growing up.

"It's tough to describe," said Briegs of skysurfing. "It just overloads your senses. You combine the fact that you jump over some of the most beautiful places in the world with the fact that you're riding on a board, it's unlike any other experience."

Briegs and Boschi also have a good support system in his wife Karen, who's jumped over 150 times herself. She's not exactly the worried wife, sitting at home, praying that Briegs survives.

"She's great about the whole thing," said Briegs, who admitted that he can't surf or snowboard. "She's just as excited as I am. I can't ask for a more understanding person. A lot of wives or husbands would say, 'No way.' She's been great about the whole thing."

In the coming weeks, Briegs and Boschi will be competing in U.S. Nationals of skysurfing in California where the duo is hoping to medal with an outside shot at gold as a possibility.

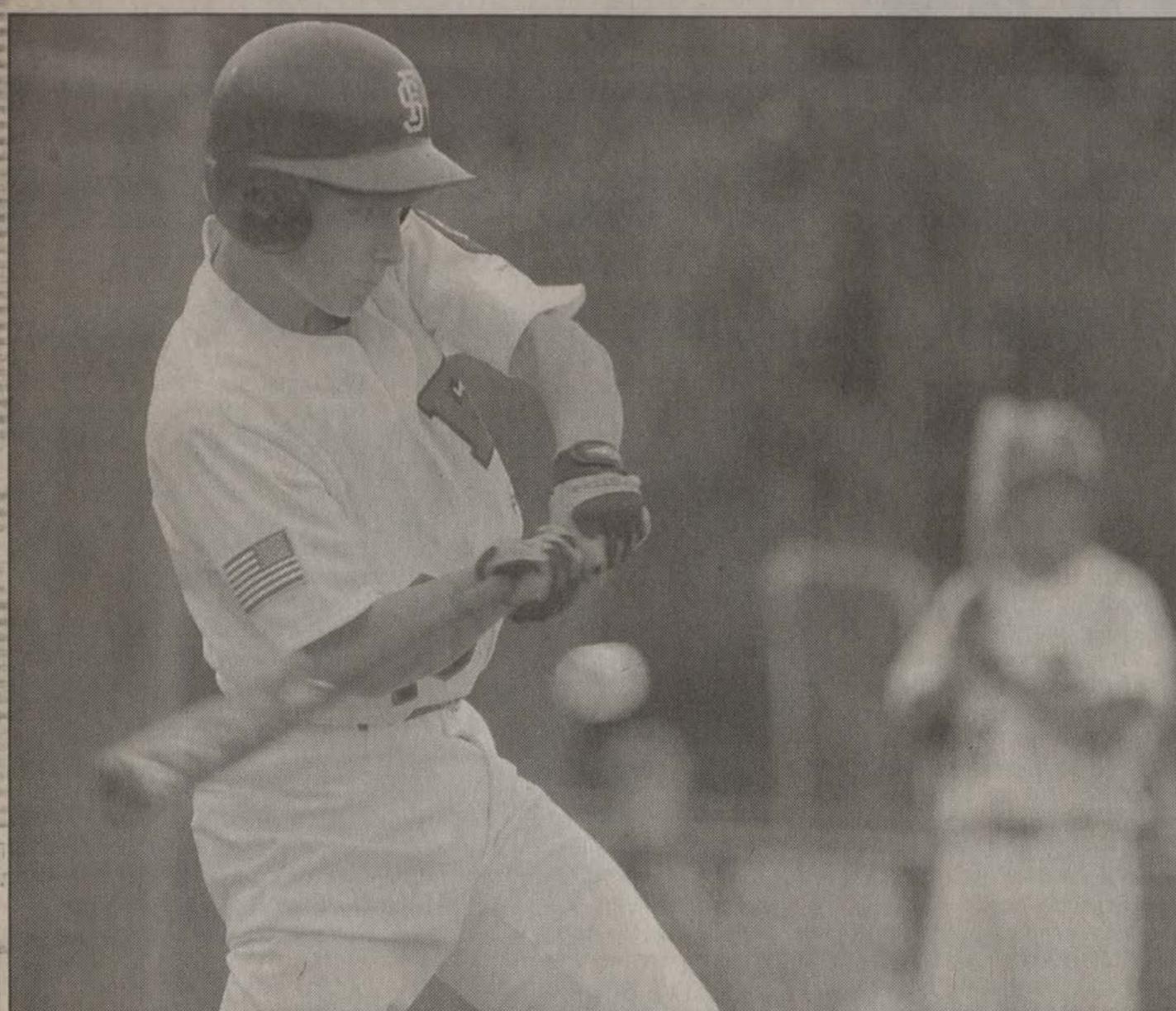
Barton hoping to reverse fortunes

By DAN ARKANS

STAFF WRITER

The Clara Barton American Legion Post 324 baseball team has been the forgotten squad in Edison

Spillane tosses St. Joseph's past Perth



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Father and Son second baseman Josh Schuck is hitting .455 with two doubles and five runs batted in so far this summer.

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Grenada — Even though Pete Rose may never be elected into the Baseball Hall of Fame, it has just been discovered that he has been accidentally honored along with other baseball legends on a small number of Limited Edition postage stamps. This embarrassing blunder by the Postal Service has sent collectors scrambling to obtain one of the few thousand *Legends of Baseball* sets that mistakenly include the stamp of Rose.

Postal authorities are now trying, with little success, to recall all outstanding sets that feature the controversial All-Star.

"We won't be sending them back to the Post Office, if that's what you mean," stated John Van Emden of the International Collectors Society in Owings Mills, Maryland, who now has the only known supply of the recalled stamps. "We would rather see them in the hands of collectors."

Experts say the *Legends of Baseball* set would have sold out anyway because of the huge popularity of the other All-Stars featured: Babe Ruth, Cal Ripken, Roberto Clemente, Bob Feller, Mark McGwire, George Bell, Alvin Davis and Dan Quisenberry, and the fact that the stamp set was issued in a strictly Limited Edition.

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"Our phones are ringing off the hook! Collectors know this is their chance to get something that's seldom seen, even in the world of rare collectibles," added Van Emden. "Let me put it this way — even though these stamps are legal for postage, I don't think you'll see anyone sticking them on envelopes."

Grenada decided to issue the *Legends of Baseball* set in an attempt to top the recent U.S. celebrity stamps that have been issued in honor of Vince Lombardi, Elvis Presley, James Dean and others.

"The U.S. has released over 800 million celebrity stamps. When you compare that to this Pete Rose error, where just a few thousand sets are known to exist, you can see the irresistible appeal this stamp set has for baseball fans and collectors," pointed out Van Emden.

Each of the nine colorful stamps in the set is about four times the size of a regular U.S. stamp. They're legal for postage in Grenada and are recognized by every postal authority around the world.

Gotta have 'em? They're available only while supplies last at \$9.95 (plus \$3.00 p&h) for the complete set of nine colorful stamps. You'll also receive an individually numbered Certificate of Authenticity. The most you can buy is six sets. Send your check or money order to ICS, 3600 Crondall Lane, Suite 100SRPM, Owings Mills, MD 21117. To order by credit card, call toll free 1-800-641-0020.

Brian Spillane hurled five solid innings on the mound in leading St. Joseph's to a 5-3 victory over Perth Amboy Tuesday in a Middlesex County American Legion baseball contest. St. Joe's (3-2) jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead in the first on run-scoring triples from Matt Cleary and Nick Cerulo. Ray DelNero also added an RBI double in the first inning.

Middlesex 6, Clara Barton 4 — A three-run fourth sent Middlesex to the victory over CB Tuesday. Steve Garcia drove in two runs for Clara Barton while Josh Dean took the loss on the mound. Joe Melillo went 2 for 3 with a home run for Middlesex.

Clara Barton 4, Father and Son 3 — Clara Barton scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh and came away with victory over Father and Son June 11.

Chris Fitzpatrick was hit by a Pete Tambini pitch with the bases loaded, plating Jessie Whittemore for the winning run. The tying run was scored by Steve Garcia, who reached base to lead off the inning when F&S shortstop Glenn Farkas committed an error. Joe Abromaitis delivered a single to right to score Garcia.

Matt Garcia started for F&S, allowed one run in five innings and retired 10 in a row at one

point. Garcia scattered four hits while striking out three in his pitching debut. With the score tied 2-2, Father and Son went ahead in the seventh. Jerry Lithgow singled, was sacrificed to second and scored on a single from Lee Moskowitz. Brian Stio tied the game in the sixth on an RBI single, plating Mike Abbate.

Whittemore earned the win for Clara Barton, allowing six hits and five runs in 5 1/3 innings while walking four. Moskowitz had two hits including a double to spark F&S. Matt Garcia also added an RBI single for Father and Son. Rob Wrobel's two-run double was the big hit for Sayreville in the sixth.

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Besantis turns negative into positive

HP 10 year-old gets bumped from EB LL but perseveres to make national team

By DAN ARKANS

STAFF WRITER

When adults act like children, there is chaos.

The East Brunswick Little League is steeped in chaos right about now and the victim is Highland Park resident 10 year-old Gregory Besantis.

Because of the lack of organization and general interest in the Highland Park Little League, Besantis has been playing in the East Brunswick Little League for the past three seasons.

In December, it was brought to the executive committee's attention

that Besantis was playing in the wrong Babe Ruth district. Besantis, whose father Gregory Besantis Sr. was vice president of fund raising the past two seasons, was allowed to stay in the league.

According to Besantis Sr., about a month ago, the president of the league Drew Assini said that the Babe Ruth organization has a problem with Besantis and other Highland Park players being in the league. The board voted again and Besantis was allowed to stay with East Brunswick once again.

After Besantis Sr. was voted to coach the all-star team for the third consecutive season and had worked on a project to get his

team to participate in a tournament in Cooperstown (NY), Assini returned to the board and told them if they didn't comply with Babe Ruth's issue that the charter was in jeopardy.

Even after Besantis led his team, the Ruby Tuesdays to a regular season championship, he was removed from the league along with several other Highland Park players before the playoffs began.

"Here's a decision that these people knowingly took our money and time," said Besantis Sr. "It's totally unfair. They already violated the charter. They only had three games left. He (Besantis) can't understand this or comprehend it."

There is a happy ending for Besantis, who had made the all-star team for the third consecutive season at East Brunswick. The youngster from Highland Park made the Boys of Baseball national traveling team and he'll be headed to Cooperstown with all of his old friends in the tournament which begins tomorrow.

The Boys of Baseball are based out of Alabama and will be traveling to Florida and will compete in the Continental American Baseball Association World Series in Iowa this summer.

To make the team, each player needed a recommendation and Besantis got one from the Rutgers University pitching coach (Tom Baxter). Videos and still photos also had to be taken of Besantis and sent to the Boys of Baseball. With over 400 applicants, Besantis was chosen for this elite squad.

"It had a silver lining," said Besantis Sr. "It's a shame Highland Park got caught in the middle. I don't see the difference if we play in East Brunswick or Edison. It's a shame they'd do this to a little boy."

Besantis, who has lost one game in the past three years, was certainly the victim of this unfortunate situation. The silver lining is the opportunity for Besantis to compete against the best competition in the nation.

"I think how it ended is a great honor to make this team," said Besantis Sr. "It's a rotten thing they did. I think there was a lot of animosity towards this child."

ADULT SPORTS

SOFTBALL

EDISON RESIDENTIAL A'
Apollon Gym 6-0, Metcom 4-2, Buzzys 4-2, CB Bashers 4-2, Meineke 3-3, Hank's 2-3, Bar Stools 2-3, New Delicious Deli 1-4, Horiba Group 1-5, Bye Week 0-3.

RESIDENTIAL B'

R & B Red Sox 5-0, Franco's Pizza 5-1, Greer Sales 4-1, Bazooka's 4-2, Wolverines 3-3, D & M Painting 2-2, Crowley's 2-3, The Farm 2-3, James Gang 2-3, A & P Warehouse 1-4, Chase 2-4, SPK 2-4, New World Order 1-5, Oak Tree Fire 0-6.

RESIDENTIAL C'

Mainbreaks 6-0, Clippers 5-1, Bor Hardwae 3-2, Mad Dogs 3-2, Edison Firefighters 3-2, T. J. Irish 4-3, Decom 3-3, Joe Cryan's 3-3, Red Wolf 3-3, Cavs 2-4, SPK 2-4, New World Order 1-5, Oak Tree Fire 0-6.

INDUSTRIAL A'

Raw Sewage 5-1, Cryan's Yankees 5-2, Fed Metals 3-2, Edison Casper 4-3, PRU Pirates 3-3, Chicken Holiday 3-3, Edison Glass 2-3, PRU Demon Deacons 1-6, AKZO 0-3.

INDUSTRIAL B'

Rick's Restaurant 6-0, Echo Unlimited 6-0, Local 827 5-0, Local 980 4-2, R&B Rockers 4-2, JFK Flames 3-3, ITC Clotters 2-3, Wildcats 1-5, Destroyers 1-6, U.S. Postal Service 1-6, Edison Collision 0-4, Reynolds Fasteners 0-5.

INDUSTRIAL C'

Cryan's 7-0, NY. Times 7-0, Toxic Waste Force 6-1, Bunch of Guys 5-1, Marlins 5-2, CDM 5-2, Champs 3-3, ITC Clotters 2-3, Wildcats 1-5, Destroyers 1-6, U.S. Postal Service 1-6, Edison Collision 0-4, Reynolds Fasteners 0-5.

WOMEN'S BLUE

Old Queens 4-0, Cibelli's 6-1, Season's 5-1, Xtreme Fitness 4-2, Holt & Co. 3-3, Willie's 3-3, Crowley's 2-3, JFK Flame 1-3, Pride Auto Body 1-4, Dancing DJ's 1-4, Rick and Bill's 1-6.

WOMEN'S RED

Strike Force 6-0, Season's 11 6-0, Caribe Construction 1-1, Derby Girls 4-3, Oxford Health 3-3, Lab Rats 3-3, Frigidaire Busters 2-4, Margaritaville Sluggers 1-5, Lady Wildcats 0-6, Tutor Time 0-6.

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Wolf 3-3, Cavs 2-

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Fitness 4-2, Hoff &

Crowley's 2-3, JFK

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Derby Girls 4-3,

Lab Rats 3-3,

2-4, Margaritaville

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North Edison's Major League baseball division just completed its 1998 regular season, which consisted of 10 teams of 11 and 12 year-olds.

This is very competitive division, with over 120 players in total and each team playing about 14 games. After all of the regular season games were played, the Indians, managed by Wayne Loux, and the Tigers, managed by Charles Tadduni, finished first in their divisions with 11-3 and 10-3 records respectively.

The Indians were paced by the strong pitching of Wayne Loux, Kevin D'Arco and Carlos Suarez, with Ed Tessalone and Kyle Sawicki leading the defense. Loux's grand slam highlighted the season for the Indians.

The Tigers started off the season on the right foot by having Jack Ford, Eric McCormick and Chris Testa combine their pitching talents for a one-hitter on opening day. Their success continued with the solid hitting of Matthew Conaway and Chris Giardello and the good defense

provided by Stephanie Marciano and Michael Tadduni.

The Marlins finished third at 9-5 with Wayne Koehler, Jared Schaber, Alex Rayner and Shalin Shah sharing the pitching duties. Backing them up in the field are Chris Clark and Matt Perillo, with James Schaber and Sean Farrell helping out on offense.

The Devil Rays finished strong, winning three of their last four games with Kyle Lankey, Robby Assuncao and Michael Segala on the mound. Nischint Maneikar and Ryan Turbert provided strong defensive support.

There were many outstanding performances this season including a one-hitter by Joe Valentino of the Mets, who was perfect through five innings and had an amazing 17 strikeouts for the team.

Kyle Lankey of the Devil Rays had 14 strikeouts in that same game.

Danny Lobacz and Kevin Samples combined for a no-hitter in the Red Sox's 1-0 victory over the Tigers. Samples also turned

in a superb pitching effort against the Indians, handing them their first loss of the season after an 8-0 start. Steven Jerome supported the Red Sox victory against the Indians with an exciting grand slam in the first inning.

All 10 teams will now move into the playoffs on June 25th which is North Edison's post-season double elimination tournament.

"The playoff pairings are not based on the regular season," said Major League Division coordinator Ed Healy. "All of the teams start the playoffs even, as the teams are pitted against each other at random."

So with the slate wiped clean, you can count on all these teams to roll out their bats and pitching arms and make the tournament at least as exciting as the regular season."

You can continue to take part in the league's exciting action at their Maryland Avenue complex, as well as visit North Edison's global web site at www.northed.com.



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Danny Teemayer of the Diamond Backs slides safely under the tag of A's pitcher Anthony Lambiase in recent North Edison Little League action.

Walter, Petty, anchor All-GMC team

There were some extremely talented softball pitchers in the Greater Middlesex Conference this season and it's no surprise that four hurlers anchor the All-GMC squad.

Leading that list is South Plainfield senior Joy Walter, J.P. Stevens junior Krystle Petty and Metuchen senior Kristin Kinelski.

Making first team All-GMC from Edison were first baseman Kerry Peters and third baseman Marissa Orsogna. Orsogna made the team as a freshman.

South Plainfield second baseman Amanda Bremer and J.P. Stevens centerfielder Joanne DiMuzio also were selected to the all-conference squad.

At-large selections were South Plainfield shortstop Christine Smalley, J.P. Stevens outfielder Sheryl Sarnicki and Bishop Ahr pitcher Angela Regan. Juan Perdomo of New Brunswick was selected coach of the year.

All-Red Division selections from J.P. Stevens were Petty, DiMuzio and second baseman Lauren Feeley. Sarnicki received at-large recognition.

Hawks Head Coach Pete Catenacci was selected coach of the year and Piscataway High School won the sportsmanship award.

Peters and Orsogna of Edison also made the All-Red Division squad. Jaime Harkins was an at-large selection.

Piscataway catcher Stacia Mayer received at-large recognition as well.

Walter, Bremer and Smalley were All-White Division selections with Tigers Head Coach Don Panzarella being recognized as coach of the year after leading SP to the GMCT champion-

ship. South Plainfield outfielder Kim Wilcox received at-large recognition.

Regan and freshman out-

fielder Nicole Panikiewsky from Bishop Ahr were also a

outfielder Angie Romano and outfielder Melissa Collins of Metuchen were All-Blue Division selections. Emma Garrett of Highland Park was an at-large selection.

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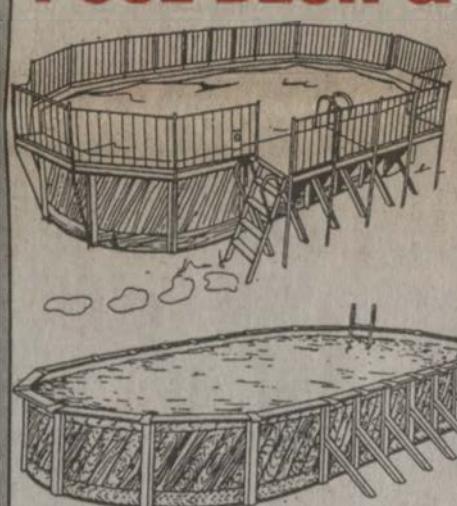
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The Raritan Valley Road Runners are hosting the 1998 Youth Development Running Series with four races at Donaldson Park in Highland Park. The races will be held June 23, July 14 and Aug. 4 starting at 6 p.m., every night with registration from 5:45 p.m. The runs are open to children ages 14 and younger. The distance of the races are 1/4 mile, 1/2 mile or 1 mile. Each child may run in one event per evening.

SP CHEERLEADING CAMP

Feigley's School of Gymnastics in South Plainfield will be holding a cheerleading camp on Mondays and Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. beginning June 29. The cost is \$80 per month for two hours and \$140 for four hours per month. For information, call 561-8888.

GYMNASТИC TRYOUTS

The Feigley's School of Gymnastics in South Plainfield will hold free team tryouts Saturday at 1 for girls and boys ages four and over. For information, call 561-8888.

GARDEN STATE BASEBALL

The Garden State Independent Baseball Conference is now in its third season and accepting team ages from 10-and-under to 19-and-under to play in July and August. Divisions will be separated by age and competitiveness. For details, please call Frank Bacchetta at 732-750-5506.

BASEBALL CAMP

The Diamond Stars Baseball Camp, directed by Edison High baseball coach Jim Muldowney and former Chicago White Sox pitcher Bill Lehman, will be held at Lake Nelson School in Piscataway from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the week of June 29-July 3 for little leaguers aged 7-12. For information, call 732-821-0271.

PISCATAWAY SUMMER PROGRAMS

The Piscataway Recreation Department announces its summer programs. There will be a

park and playground program which will run from July 6 to Aug. 14 for children in K-6. Planned activities are craft projects, softball, bicycle week and Piscataway relays are scheduled at 16 parks and playgrounds throughout the Township.

There will be a girls field hockey camp from June 22-26 from 9 a.m. to noon for girls entering grades 5-12 in September. Jackie Fives, Head Coach of the high school team, will be camp director. The camp will feature both beginner and intermediate levels.

There will be a girls gymnastics camp from July 6 to Aug. 14. Registration will be held June 24-25 in the 11/12 building gymnasium between 9-11 a.m. Please enter the back using door #15.

There will be a track club program which will be an informal club activity for male and female athletes aged six through adult. This program includes participation in statewide meets. The program will start the last week of June and run through mid-August. The program is held four days a week and practice is scheduled from 4 to 6 p.m. Call the Recreation Office at 562-2382 to register.

A boys and girls summer recreation program will be held this summer. Three action-packed sessions will be held for boys and girls who will enter grades 4-12 in September. The first session will be held at Conackamack Middle School June 29-July 3. The second session will be held at Quibbletown Middle School July 6-10. The third session will be held at Schor Middle School from July 13-17 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Activities include skills, fundamentals, games, contest and awards.

The high school gymnasium will be open from Monday through Friday beginning June 22 from 3:30-9:30 p.m. Weight training will be held every day from 3:30-6 p.m.

A football clinic (grades 8-12) will be held Tuesday and Thursday nights. It will include passing patterns and receiving and defensive coverage.

A softball clinic (grades 4-12) will be held every night from 6-9 p.m. Activities include throwing, catching, fielding, bunting and hitting. The clinic will be led by Danielle Ventriglia, former four-year starter and captain of the Piscataway High School team.

Tennis lessons will be held for youngsters who will be enrolled in grades 3-12. A concentrated two-week program will be held beginning Monday, July 6. There is limited registration for this program. Please call the Recreation Office to register.

The annual Fourth of July fireworks display will be held at 9 p.m. at the Piscataway High School football stadium. There will be clowns, kiddie rides, live music and an antique car show at the High School Stadium beginning at 7 p.m. It is sponsored by Quick Chek, Pepsi, Colgate Palmolive and the Department of Recreation.

The Municipal Pool will be open to the public who have purchased tickets from Saturday, June 20 through Monday, Sept. 7.

SP OFFERS FAMILY FUN

Thanks to the New Jersey Recreation and Parks Association, South Plainfield Recreation Department can offer tickets to Amusement Parks at a great discount. The price for a trip to Great Adventure is \$27 with it costing just \$25 to go to the theme park only at Six Flags. An early season ticket to Dorney Park is \$18 while it will cost \$22 later in the summer. A ticket to Sesame Place is \$25. It'll cost \$24 for an adult ticket at Hershey Park with it costing just \$16 for a junior ticket. Tickets may be purchased at the Recreation Office located in the PAL Recreation Center at 1250 Maple Avenue in South Plainfield. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 6-8

p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month. Tickets will be available through Labor Day. Please call the office at 226-7713 to determine ticket availability.

SP SUMMER PROGRAMS

The South Plainfield Recreation Department will hold a field hockey program from June 29-July 2 from 9 a.m. to noon at the South Plainfield Middle School for girls ages 8-13 by SP high school Head Coach Cheryl Hughes. July 3rd, the session will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$25.

There will also be a basketball camp from June 29-July 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for boys and girls ages 8-13 at the South Plainfield gymnasium by high school boys basketball Head Coach Jeff Lubreski. The cost is \$30.

A baseball camp will also be held July 6-10 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at South Plainfield High School from July 27-31 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day. The camp is open to players 11-18 years-old. The clinic features work on foul shooting, stationary shooting, off the dribble shooting, ballhandling skills, team defense, contest drills and 5 on 5 full-court games. Jeff Lubreski, head coach of South Plainfield High's boys basketball team and Princeton High Head Coach Gene Mosley will also help out Lanza during the camp. For information, call 754-2692.

the Recreation Office, located in the PAL Recreation Center, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Recreation Office will also be open from 6-8 p.m. July 6, 20, Aug. 3 and 17.

F&S TOURNEY

The Father and Son Post 435 American Legion baseball squad will be holding the first annual Nick Banos Memorial Tournament July 4-5 at Edison High School. The schedule July 4 will feature Trenton taking on Clara Barton at 11 a.m. with F&S battling Neptune at 2 p.m. On Sunday July 5, the consolation game will take place at 11 a.m. with the championship scheduled for 2 p.m.

SHOTMAN BASKETBALL CAMP

Mike Lanza, three-time international shootout champion, will be holding the Shotman Basketball Camp at South Plainfield High School from July 27-31 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day. The camp is open to players 11-18 years-old. The clinic features work on foul shooting, stationary shooting, off the dribble shooting, ballhandling skills, team defense, contest drills and 5 on 5 full-court games. Jeff Lubreski, head coach of South Plainfield High's boys basketball team and Princeton High Head Coach Gene Mosley will also help out Lanza during the camp. For information, call 754-2692.

CJ HOOPS CAMP

The 25th annual Central Jersey Basketball Camp, co-directed by Somerville High Athletic Director Neil Horne, Wayman Everly of Watchung Hills and Jeff Coates of Voorhees High, will be held for two six-day sessions — July 12-17 and 19-24 — at the Lawrenceville School in Mercer County. Boys ages 9-17 may attend either or both sessions but girls may attend the first week only.

Over 400 youngsters attended the camp last summer. The staff is comprised primarily of high school coaches and college players from Union, Somerset, Hunterdon, Monmouth,

Middlesex and Mercer counties. Many college coaches also serve as guest lecturers.

Features of the camp include daily sessions where each participant is taught and then practices basketball fundamentals in small groups, outstanding facilities including five full indoor courts, team and individual contests, and each youngster plays two or three games a day. The camp is divided into three age and skill-level groups for both drill sessions and games.

For information call Horne (654-5691) or Everly (654-5424) any evening or write to Horne at 627 Hanford Place, Westfield, N.J. 07090.

SOMOGYI SHOOTING CAMP

The 10th annual John Somogyi Shooting Camp, co-directed by former state championship basketball coaches Neil Horne and John Somogyi, will be held June 20-21 at St. Peter's High School in New Brunswick. The camp, open to boys and girls age 9-17, will include two 3.5-hour sessions that will enable players to improve on their shooting techniques and give them individual and partner drills for further practice. Each player will have their shot videotaped and analyzed during this two-day period.

Somogyi, who holds the state boys career scoring record of 3310 points and the all-time national high school record for career free throws (1034), compiled a 275-111 coaching record at St. Peter's, St. Joseph's (Metuchen), Madison Central and McCristin high schools. Horne had a 290-135 mark and guided teams to state championships at Westfield and Union Catholic high schools. For information on the shooting camp call Somogyi at (732) 846-8928. Registration for last year's session was filled by May 15.

FOOTBALL OFFICIALS TRAINING

The New Jersey Football Officials Association-Northern Chapter is accepting applications for admittance to its 1998 training program. Successful completion of the program will certify applicants to officiate high school varsity games in New Jersey. Applicants must be physically fit, at least 18 years old and residents of northern New Jersey.

For information and an application send a stamped self-addressed envelope to: Membership Chairman, NJFOA Northern Chapter, 4 Vine Street, Fairfield, N.J. 07004-1328.

WRESTLING TOURNEY

The ninth annual Jersey Shore Summer Duals Tournament is slated for July 20-23 at Matawan Regional High School. This team wrestling tournament has developed into a premier event and has attracted many of the states outstanding programs such as Brick Memorial, Highland Regional, Voorhees, Hunterdon Central, East Brunswick, Old Bridge, North Hunterdon and Bound Brook, among others. For information, contact Art Perri at 732-566-0154.

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Have a safer summer

Summer is a time for families to be together, relax and have fun outdoors.

To help keep it a safe and healthy time, the New Jersey State Safety Council and NJ Safe Kids offers these tips:

- Protect skin from the sun's damaging ultraviolet rays.

Avoid sun exposure between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. when the sun's rays are most direct.

Use a sunscreen with an SPF (sun protection factor) of 15 or greater even on overcast days.

Up to 80 percent of the sun's ultraviolet rays can penetrate clouds.

- Never leave children or pets unattended inside a car, even with windows open.

On sunny days the temperature inside can climb rapidly and far exceed 100 degrees F. Unchecked exposures to heat over 90 degrees F can lead to serious illness or death.

- Take care around the grill and pool.

Never add more lighter fluid to speed up slow-burning coals. A flame from the grill can travel back up the stream of fluid, igniting the container and the cook as well!

Supervise children at all times around anybody of water or pool, including shallow "kiddie" pools.

It only takes an inch of water and a few moments for a young child to drown.

- Use extra caution when vacationing near water.

Swim only in areas supervised by a lifeguard and never swim alone.

Wear a properly fitted person-

al flotation device (PFD) approved by the U.S. Coast Guard when boating, even on calm inland waters in good weather, as most fatal boating accidents occur under these conditions.

- On the road, make sure everyone is protected with a safe-

ty belt or properly installed child safety seat on every trip, including short rides close to home. More motorists are killed and injured in traffic crashes during the summer months than any other time of the year.

For more information, call the Council at (908) 272-7112.

Beat the heat with water

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Water acts as a coolant in the body, regulating temperature, much like it does in a car radiator.

Thus, it is most important to drink plenty of water to stay hydrated and keep the body running.

"I recommend drinking a minimum of 64 ounces of water every day," said Harry Hanson, founder of New York's Hanson Fitness and personal trainer of A-list celebrities and super models including Julia Roberts, Tom Cruise, Demi Moore, Naomi Campbell and John F. Kennedy Jr. "When you're outside all day, whether you're rollerblading, hiking, or simply walking around, it's important to stay hydrated and water is the best way to do that. Plus it's thirst-quenching, filling and calorie free."

The following are some additional warm weather tips:

Keep your summer diet cool and light by eating plenty of fruits and vegetables; they are naturally high in water content.

Drink plenty of water before and after exercise activity, and every 15 minutes during activity when participating longer than 30 minutes.

Wear loose-fitting clothes made of natural fibers to keep cool and prevent heat rash.

Use oil-free skin care products to prevent clogging of pores due to perspiration and oil buildup.

Wear sunscreen and moisturizers with a minimum SPF (sun protection factor) of 15 to prevent sunburn. Make sure to reapply sunscreen frequently when perspiring and after swimming.

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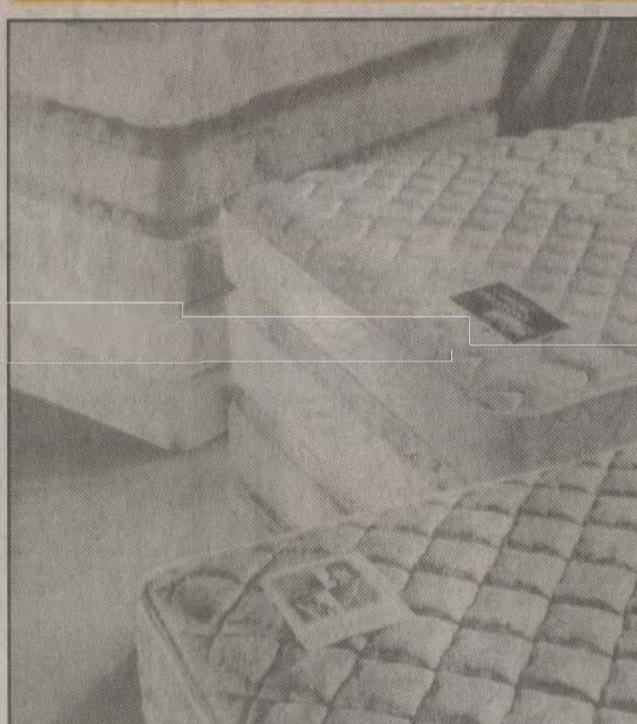


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film with you wherever you go because you never know when a perfect photo opportunity will take place.

Tom Dufficy, executive vice president of Photographic & Imaging Manufacturers Association (PIMA), offers this simple tip when traveling by plane:

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Get your car ready for a family vacation

(NU) — Many of the car problems that occur on long trips can be easily avoided by some simple pre-trip inspections. Jim Moritz, an ASE certified technician at Snap-on Diagnostics, offers some tips and checkpoints for the family car before your big trip this summer:

Time for an oil change? If it's been three months or 3,000 miles since the last oil change, take your car to the local service station and have it done professionally.

Check your fluid levels. This includes your coolant, washer and power steering fluids. Replenish if low.

Visually inspect your belts and hoses for cracks. Tugging on belts may not indicate wear or a need for replacement. Belts should be replaced every 20,000 to 30,000 miles.

Check for excessive tire wear. To test for the absolute minimum amount of tread allowed on a tire (3/32 of an inch), take a penny and put the top of it in the groove of the tread. Even the most worn part of the tread should still cover the top of Abe Lincoln's head.

Assess air pressure of tires. Check the door jams for a sticker with the manufacturer's recommended pressure or refer to the owner's manual. For an accurate reading, check the pressure while the tires are "cold" or resting for about 30 minutes.

Inspect tires for uneven wear. Uneven tread may indicate bad alignment, worn steering components or poor suspension, all of which inhibit driving performance and lower your gas mileage — important factors on long trips.

Test the "bounce" of your car. Take your body weight, push down on your front and rear bumpers, then let go. Count the number of times your car bounces. If it's more than two times, it could be a sign of worn shock absorbers or struts.

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As the vacation-planning season reaches its peak, keep in mind the following health tips whether you're going on an island cruise, on a safari or to your cousin's wedding in Pittsburgh:

Sanitary food

When traveling, particularly abroad, you should not use hunger as your only guide for selecting food. For example, in the U.S., public health officials estimate that consumers have an 18,000 percent greater risk of gastrointestinal illness from eating shellfish than from eating fish. Do not assume the safety of food unless you know it has been freshly and thoroughly cooked.

Meat should have no red color left and should be served hot. Any raw food can be contaminated. Watch out for salads, uncooked vegetables, fruit that you have not peeled yourself, and dairy products.

Sanitary water

When traveling in areas in which you are unsure of sanitation, it is wise to drink only boiled water (or hot beverages made from boiled water), canned or bottled beverages. Ice is only as safe as the water it is made from and the contents are only as clean as the surface of the container that it is in.

Dietary supplements

Visiting the Eiffel Tower or a Broadway show can be a chore if you're not feeling a hundred percent. So it might be a good idea to add supplements like Zinc and Echinacea to your menu.

Zinc

The medical community has long confirmed the value of Zinc in the diet as an essential mineral for maintaining a healthy immune system and other body

processes. Zinc lozenges may be beneficial in treating cold symptoms. The U.S. Reference Daily Intake of Zinc for adults and children, 4 year of age or older, is 15 mg.

Echinacea

Echinacea, the purple coneflower native to North America, has gained widespread acceptance around the world for its ability to promote general well

Sunscreen

The sun may feel good and its damaging effects may be easy to forget in cold weather but within a few hours of sun exposure as many as 15 percent of people develop a rash which can last up to a week. And though you may feel radiant with tanned skin, tanning occurs only as a result of sun damage. Your best choice is to cover up with loose-fitting but tightly woven airy clothes and use a highly protective sunscreen on exposed areas. If you burn easily, you should start with a sunscreen that provides UV protection with an SPF greater than

15.

Handwashing

The old adage, handwashing is just as important to heed while traveling as it is while at home. Handwashing has been repeatedly associated with reduced risk of transmission of infectious diseases, particularly in countries where risk or transmission is high and general hygienic standards may be low. Before eating, drinking and throughout the day, you should be sure to wash your hands and wrists with warm soapy water for at least 15 seconds per hand.

The bottom line when traveling is that you should apply the same smart rules of good health as when you're at home. Handwashing, sunscreen and dietary supplements should always be a part of your daily routine to help promote good health; it's just easy to become lax when on "vacation."

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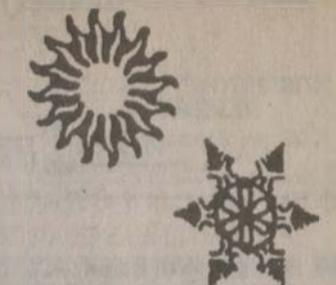
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Designated skipper program is growing

The Steer Clear-Don't Go Overboard Designated Skipper program is growing across the nation, and according to officials is making a big difference in raising awareness about drinking and safe boating.

The program, which has drawn more than 10,000 Designated Skippers across the country since it began in 1993, is a combined effort of Miller Brewing Company, Miller distributors, bars and restaurants and the national Marine Manufacturer's Association, to raise public awareness about drinking and boating, helping to ensure everyone has a safe, enjoyable time on the water.

The Designated Skipper program works the same way the Designated Driver program works on land. Boaters choose a responsible member of their party who agrees not to drink alcohol while the group is on the water. A key element of the Designated Skipper program is that it encourages moderation on the part of everyone on board.

After signing the Designated Skipper pledge, the skipper receives a wristband entitling him or her to free soft drinks and other non-alcohol beverages, such as Miller's non-alcohol brew, Sharp's, at various bars and restaurants. The skipper also receives information and tips for safe boating. Prospective skip-

pers may register at participating restaurants and taverns.

"We're very proud of our Designated Skipper program," said Yvonne Lumsden-Dill, Miller's director of industry affairs. "In just four years, this program has gained the support of the marine industry, law enforcement agencies, waterfront bars and restaurants. It's one of the many ways we at Miller encourage responsible consumption of our products by adults."

"Responsibility and good sense are important elements of a safe and fun experience — whether you're in land or on water," Lumsden-Dill said. "We want all adults who use our products to use them safely. The Designated Skipper program, and other responsible consumption efforts, can make a real difference."

Other responsible consumption programs include Miller Free Rides, which offers free public transit service on New Year's Eve and St. Patrick's Day in communities across the country, wristbanding at community events, responsible server training, safe snowmobiling and hunting programs and more.

For more information about the Designated Skipper program in your area, call your local Miller distributor or write to the Industry Affairs Department, Miller Brewing Co., P.O. Box 484, Milwaukee, WI 53201-0482.

Find the best sunglasses with these buying tips

When shopping for sunglasses, the focus should be on functional features as well as fit and styling. The Design Studio of Foster Grant, the U.S. market leader for popularly priced sunglasses, provides the following tips.

Fun, Fit and Function
Price doesn't necessarily guarantee better quality. Compare creatures carefully. Look for sunglasses that deliver optimal protection and durability. Opt for a name brand that offers a quality guarantee.

Look for sunglasses that provide maximum protection from ultraviolet (UV) A and B rays.

UV-A rays can cause wrinkles. UV-B rays can damage eyes with long-term exposure leading to cataracts.

When purchasing sunglasses, don't forget children. It's never too early to start protecting young eyes from harmful UV rays. Foster Grant's sunglasses come in a wide range of styles to fit ages 0 to 92.

For enhanced comfort, look for sunglasses that offer adjustable nose pads and sturdy frames.

Mirror and polarized coatings are helpful for driving and outdoor sports. Polarized coatings block normal rays and horizontal rays that hit the eye

from reflected surfaces.

Lens Lessons

Individuals who wear sunglasses when participating in active sports should select polycarbonate (shatterproof) lenses.

Selecting the color of a sunglasses lens is more than just a fashion decision. The color of the lens should be chosen with the type of activity in mind.

One common myth: The darker the lens, the better the protection. Actually, a tint that's too dark can hamper vision. For most people, a more neutral tone is better.

Neutral colored lenses of gray or gray-green are the most

versatile and also provide the most comfort.

Brown and colored lenses are great for day driving, allowing for the best color definition. Brown lenses are especially good for golfers in helping distinguish a white ball in a green rough.

Yellow and amber lenses work best for activities where depth perception is especially important. Such lenses also work well in low-light conditions.

Go wild with fashion tints like light blue or pink, but don't expect them to work well for driving or sport use because they can distort color. (NU)

Free brochure shows how to make swimming pools safer

It's great to have a swimming pool in the backyard, but it can be a magnet for small children. If a pool isn't properly secured, a child could get into it and drown.

More than half of the 600 people who drown in backyard swimming pools every year are chil-

dren under 5, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Another 4,300 children are treated for submersion injuries. An approved pool barrier is a key to pool safety. A well-designed barrier won't let children get over, under or through

it.

Find barrier guidelines and other barrier safety tips in a detailed brochure, "Playing It Safe in Your Swimming Pool," published by The Hanover Insurance Company. (Also obtain and review a copy of local and

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Instructor earns certification in in-line skating

BRIDGEWATER — The International In-Line Skating Association (IISA) held its internationally recognized Instructor Certification Program recently in Cherry Hill.

Kenneth Ciok successfully passed the IISA Level I Instructor course and currently holds official certification to teach America's fastest growing sport.

The IISA Instructor Certification Program was created in an effort to standardize

safety, skating and teach skills.

The organization encourages skaters to Gear-up! by wearing protective gear, using common sense and taking a lesson from a certified instructor.

Certified instructors throughout the world are putting people of all ages on skate safely and effectively.

The certification program introduces qualified candidates to standardized vocabulary, national safety etiquette, safety rules and participant teaching

situation," says Kalinda Mathis, IISA Instructor Certification Program Director. "This program teaches candidates how to teach as well as how students learn."

One primary benefit for the in-line skating student is that regardless of where or with whom the lesson is taken, if the instructor is certified, the student will be learning from the same curriculum with the same vocabulary.

This allows for in-line skating students to improve, gaining the skills to enjoy more in-line activities such as local hockey leagues, in-line skate racing, trick skating at skate parks, or simply to get more fitness benefits from in-line skating.

Taking a lesson from a certified instructor decreases the in-line skater's fear while it increases his/her confidence.

"I am excited about my certification to teach in-line skating and the importance of in-line skating safety to all age groups," says Ken Ciok. "It's an opportunity to spread the word that with proper instruction, in-line skating is a very safe sport and one the whole family can enjoy together."

In addition a good in-line training program can enhance muscle tone, endurance, and cardiovascular fitness as well as aerobic and anaerobic conditioning.

The IISA was created in 1991 to advance the sport of in-line skating.

Through the support of major in-line manufacturers, retailers and thousands of in-line skaters the IISA develops safety and educational programs, works to protect and

expand access to public skateways, sponsors the National Skate Patrol and sanctions events and competitions.

The International In-Line Skating Association continues to set the standard for in-line skating safety and education through its Instructor Certification Program.

For more information about in-line skating lessons, please call Ken Ciok at 908-722-2584.

Putting 'em back alive

The thrill of catching a fish doesn't necessarily mean the frying pan. Conservation efforts such as catch and release help to prevent overharvesting of species like bass, walleye, musky, pike, trout and salmon.

Major organizations and companies, among them The Friends of the Field Fund created by the Miller Brewing Co., the National Marine Manufacturer's Association, Mercury Outboards and Quantum Rods & Reels, all stress awareness for practicing catch and release efforts.

For catch and release to work the following suggested steps will influence the chance for good survival:

Use simple hooks which can be easily removed from the fish's mouth.

Once caught don't exhaust the fish in a long fight; get it to the boat. Wet your hands before handling the fish. This helps to prevent removing the mucous "slime" coating which protects the fish from infection.

Handle it gently, carefully avoiding having it rub up against dry surfaces like the carpets.

Try to keep the fish submerged in the water as much as

possible. Before releasing, preserve the memory of the catch by quickly taking a picture of the fish.

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Knowing how to release a fish properly shows respect for the environment and is a lesson for younger participants for follow for their future.

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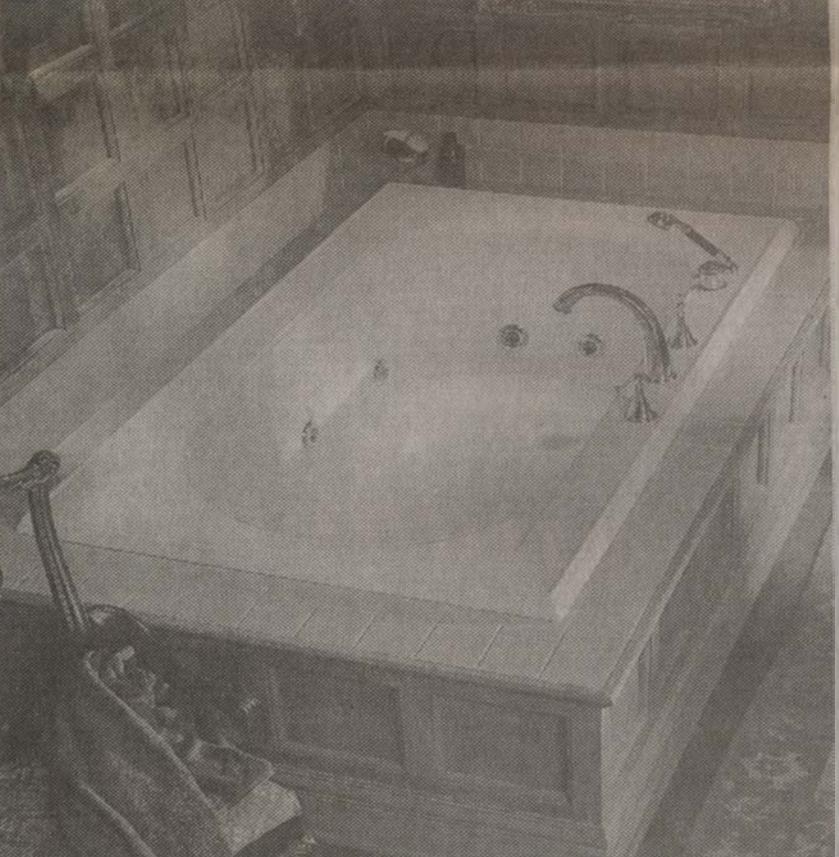
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Tickets on sale for NJ's largest summer event

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The three-day festival is July 24, 25, 26 at the Solberg Airport in Readington. Tickets are \$15 in advance/\$20 at the gate for adults and \$6 in advance/\$10 at the gate for children. A portion of the proceeds from advance ticket sales will be donated to The Children's Miracle Network, a non-profit organization that benefits local children's hospitals.

The Festival's Executive Producer Howard Freeman spoke at the ticket sale kickoff: "The Quick Chek family looks forward to seeing many people in their stores buying tickets and helping out the Children's Miracle Network over the next few weeks. Last year we raised more than \$80,000 for this won-

derful program.

"Every year attendance grows at the festival and this year we hope to welcome back all those who attended previous years as well as introduce new people to the magic of ballooning at this family-oriented event."

To launch the Festival's Sweet Sixteen Birthday, on Thursday night Nabisco is sponsoring an event exclusively for Girl Scout troops, with their leaders, are invited to this slumber party where they will learn ballooning by being part of a flight crew. They can also participate in self-esteem-building programs as part of "The Sky's the Limit," lively discussions by female professionals. The cost per Scout is \$29.95 and includes Thursday night's activities and a weekend pass to the festival. For more information on the Nabisco

Camp-Out, Scout leaders can call 1-800-HOT-AIR-9.

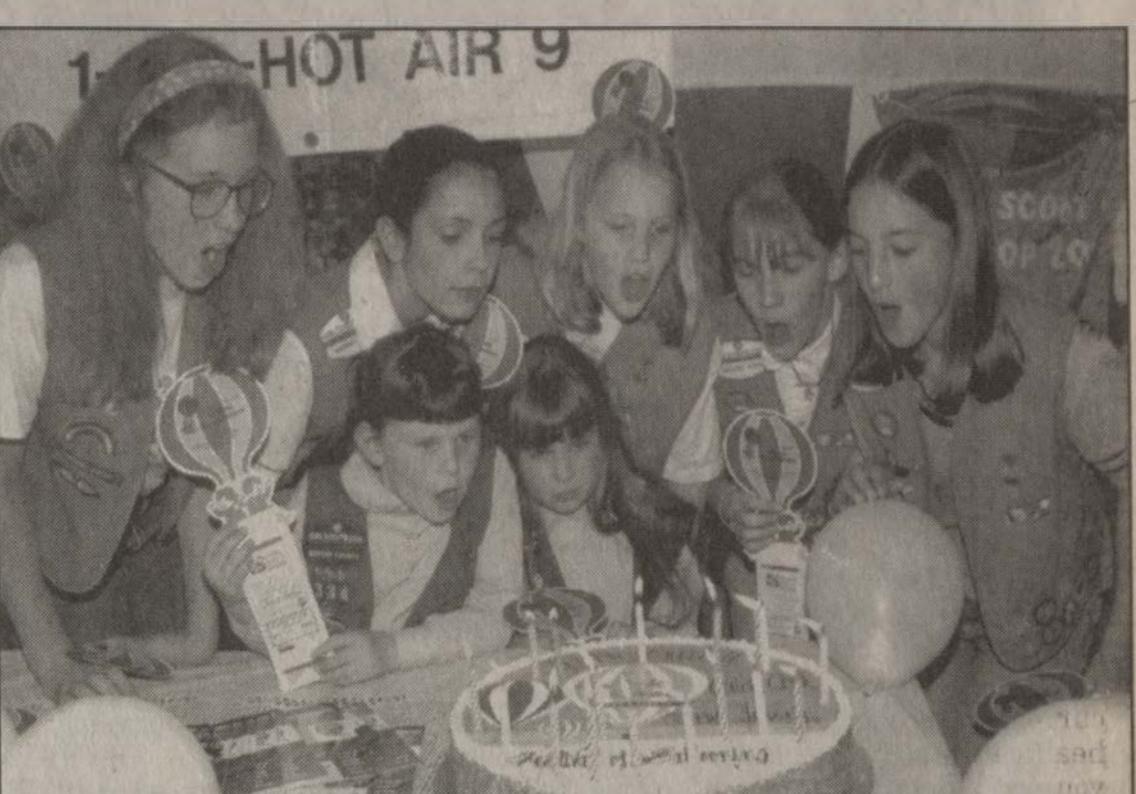
The festival will feature more than 125 hot air balloons including several special shapes like the quick Chek Eagle, the GPU Energy Polar Bear, Nabisco's Mr. Peanut and the Energizer Bunny. Spectators will also delight at the myriad of beautiful, brightly colored traditional balloons. The fun-filled weekend will also include: PBS's Kidsday Play-Along with Arthur on the GPU Energy Family Fun Stage; live concerts by major musical acts including the Marshall Tucker Band and the New Rascals; old-time barnstorming air shows; the famous sky-diving Elvises; a petting farm; arts and crafts exhibits and many other surprises.

In addition to Quick Chek and GPU Energy, other major festival sponsors include: Agfa Film, Staples, Claritin, Labatt

Blue, Rolling Rock and Double Tree Hotels.

The festival celebrates its 16th year as New Jersey's number one tourist attraction and a favorite of Gov. Whitman's. Most attendees are from New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C., but many others travel longer distances to the event.

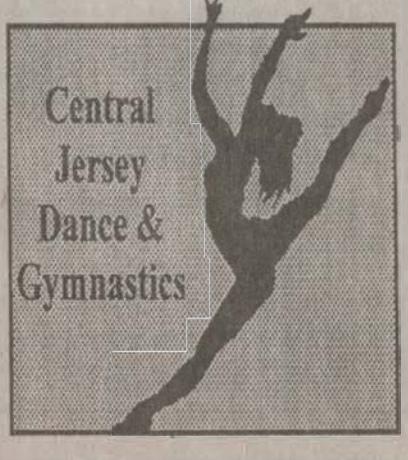
Each year, the festival draws more people and last year hit a record high of 150,000 attendees over the weekend.



Girl Scouts help celebrate a Sweet Sixteen Birthday party for the Quick Chek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning. The girls will also earn badges for helping the Children's Miracle Network during this year's annual hot air balloon festival July 24-26.

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Tips for traveling with pets

Alby Mangels, a worldwide adventurer and host of Travel Channel's popular series "Adventure Bound," takes his pooch on boats, planes, and jeeps everywhere from Africa to the Andes.

Here are some tips for traveling with your pet:

General Information

The Right Choice — If you decide you want your pet with you start making plans early.

No Trains — pets may travel on most airlines, but only animals that help people with disabilities are allowed on trains.

Visit your vet - You will need current vaccinations, and health and rabies certificates if you are crossing state lines or intend to board your pet during any part of the trip.

Air Travel

Airlines generally ship ani-

mals in the cargo compartment. Some airlines allow passengers to carry their pets in the cabin if they are in a small enough carrier that fits under the seat.

There is usually a charge for transporting your pet.

Book a non-stop flight. It's much easier on your pet and avoids the possibility of it getting lost.

Going by Car

Stop every couple of hours to allow your dog (and you) to stretch, explore and get some air.

Always keep your pet on a leash.

Feed your pet at least two hours before leaving on a trip — he'll be less likely to get motion sickness.

Never leave your pet alone in the car on hot days.

For more information, check with your vet, the airline you're

traveling with, or in books available at your library or bookstore.

The American Humane Association (800-227-4645) publishes a very readable brochure called "Enjoy the Ride," that gives general information about pet travel.

Check your local listings for Travel Channel, the only television network devoted exclusively to travel.

It's a valuable source for travel ideas, dream vacations, and money-saving information.

It takes viewers (and pets) on journeys far and near to explore the people, places and culture of the world.

Information about Travel Channel's availability in your area is available by contacting your local cable or satellite company.

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Pool safety: Everyone's responsibility

Whether a parent, baby sitter, or party host, caring for children at poolside can be better than a day at the beach if you heed a few safety tips.

1. **Supervise.** The first and most important rule of child safety is adult supervision.

2. **Teach.** The next step to safety is teaching children to swim, beginning with basic water safety lessons. These lessons include teaching children that they must have adults with them when they go near pools.

3. **Restrict access.** Fences that can't be climbed and gates with locks beyond the capabilities of youngsters are vital in keeping your pool off-limits to unsupervised children.

4. **Alarm the area.** Motion sensor alarms blow the whistle on pool intrusions and save a life.

5. **Equip for rescue.** A long pole with a shepherd's loop at one end, a long rope and at least one ring-shaped life preserver should always be handy. Use safety equipment first if someone needs rescue.

6. **Float for fun.** Swim suits with built-in flotation are great aids in helping little ones enjoy the water. Inflatable toys make the pool a playground. Kick boards are great for exercise

and for practicing; but these do not guarantee the safety of children.

7. **Patrol for danger.** Scan your pool area for child dangers. Plastic is acceptable; glassware isn't. Electrical appliances have no place at pool side. Pool chemicals should be off-site in a locked storage space. Olin pool products, including Super Sock It!, Sock It!, and HTH Super Shock® provide effective shock treatments for controlling algae, bacteria, and other contaminants.

8. **Modify behavior.** Running is not acceptable around the pool deck. Pushing and shoving should not be allowed.

9. **Balance the water.** Test your pool water daily and keep it a clean, healthy environment for everyone.

10. **Call time out.** Children have lots of energy and may have trouble knowing when they are tired or cold or have had too much sun. Be watchful and close the pool when needed.

For additional advise about pool care, call the Olin Pool Care Hotline at (800) 222-2348 or visit the web site at <http://waterworks.olin.com>. Call for a free pail guard, while supplies last, to protect toddlers from toppling into the bucket. (NAPS)

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(Note: Cross Outs Indicate Classes Already Filled)

Session #1 - June 22 - 25 (1 wks.)

9:00	Beginner 1	Adv. Beginner
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10:00	Beginner 1	Advanced Beginner
10:30	Get Wet	Beginner 2
11:00	Beginner 1	Intermed./Swimmer
11:30	Beginner 1	Beginner 2
12:00	Beginner 1	Advanced Beginner
	Beginner 2	Intermed./Swimmer

All classes \$24, Monday through Thursday

Session #3 - July 13 - 23 (2 wks.)

9:00	Beginner 1	Adv. Beginner
9:30	Beginner 1	Beginner 2
10:00	Beginner 1	Advanced Beginner
10:30	Get Wet	Adults
11:00	Beginner 1	Intermed./Swimmer
11:30	Beginner 1	Advanced Beginner
12:00	Beginner 1	Intermed./Swimmer
	Beginner 2	Intermed./Swimmer

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10:00	Beginner 1	Advanced Beginner
10:30	Get Wet	Adults
11:00	Beginner 1	Intermed./Swimmer
11:30	Beginner 1	Advanced Beginner
12:00	Beginner 1	Intermed./Swimmer
	Beginner 2	Intermed./Swimmer

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10:00	Beginner 1	Advanced Beginner
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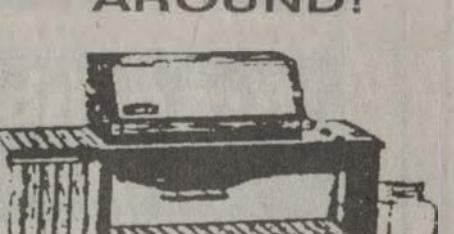
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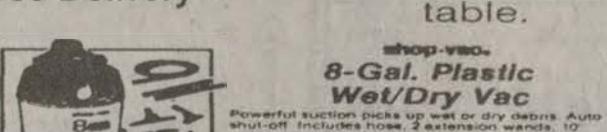
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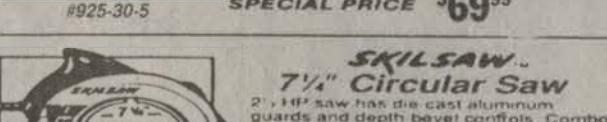


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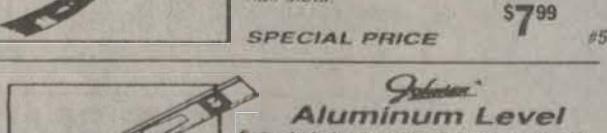
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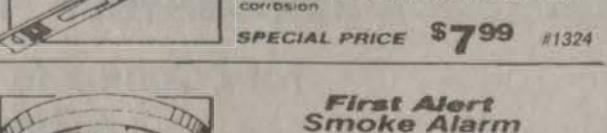
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"Wearing a helmet just makes good sense," said Jennifer Schneider, manager of public relations and safety for the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club in Florham Park. "Helmets can

effectively protect your head in crashes. Of the 757 bicyclists killed in motor-vehicle accidents in 1996, 96 percent reportedly weren't wearing helmets. Many died of head injuries."

While all bicyclists 14 years of age and under are required by New Jersey law to wear a helmet,

Schneider urges everyone to follow the rule.

"Wearing a helmet makes you a positive role model," she said.

What should you look for when buying yourself and your child a helmet?

"Look for a helmet that's well-ventilated with straps that adjust easily and securely," Schneider says. "The helmet should sit level on your head. Make sure the helmet is ANSI or Snell approved (organizations that certify helmets on a voluntary basis). This can be found on the inside of the helmet."

Schneider also pointed out that bicyclists can begin looking for helmets that meet new federal safety standards set by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). As of

February, all bike helmets sold in the United States will be required to meet CPSC standards for impact, roll-off (how the helmet stays on during an accident) and strap strength. Helmets that already comply can begin carrying the label now. And helmets for children under 5 will be required to cover more of the head than helmets for adults.

"Many helmets are very close to the CPSC standards," said Schneider. "The federal standards will remove the confusion over which seal consumers should look for."

For a free pamphlet, send a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to: Bike Helmets, AAA Public Relations, 1 Hanover Road, Florham Park, NJ 07932.

Fire up the grill — safely, easily

(MS) — Now that summer is here, it's time to enjoy one of the true joys of the season — outdoor cooking. Whether for a group of friends or just for your family in the backyard, barbecuing is one of the most popular summertime activities. It also can be a healthy one, as barbecued foods often have less fat and more flavor than the same foods that are broiled or pan fried.

Barbecuing is so popular that 77 percent of all homes have a charcoal grill. "Most people enjoy cooking and eating outdoors," say Sherry Goldman and Dennis Mullin of First Brands Corp., maker of leading home fireplace and charcoal lighting products. "Barbecuing is a great way to cook a healthy meal for family and friends while limiting the amount of fuss and cleanup needed. Barbecuing allows the cook to spend time with family and friends cooking the meal, instead of being relegated to the kitchen."

For most people, barbecuing is an easy way to prepare a meal. In fact, one of the only concerns about barbecues is the hassle of lighting the charcoal. Now, this step no longer has to be difficult.

The secret is choosing the proper charcoal lighter. While lighter fluid has been the most common charcoal starter available to date, experts say that it is not the easiest nor safest method. "Igniting charcoal soaked with lighter fluid, if not properly handled, can result in flashbacks," note Goldman and Mullin. "More importantly, focus groups show that people are concerned that lighter fluid is dangerous to use or transport to a picnic area. Lighter fluid also is sometimes perceived to add a bitter aftertaste to grilled food, which many people find offensive."

A better alternative is LighterLog™ charcoal lighter. Made from premium wax and kiln-dried sawdust, this solid charcoal starter brick ignites charcoal cleanly and easily. To use, simply place some charcoal briquettes in the barbecue, and place LighterLog pieces on the coals as instructed on the package. Light the corner of the LighterLog pieces. These pieces will burn completely, igniting the charcoals. Your grill should be ready for cooking in about the same amount of time as it would be with a liquid starter, but without the hassles.

Finding these solid charcoal lighters is also an easy task. For example, LighterLog can be found at most retail stores where charcoal is found, so it is easy to pick up while doing your grocery shopping or buying barbecue supplies for the weekend.

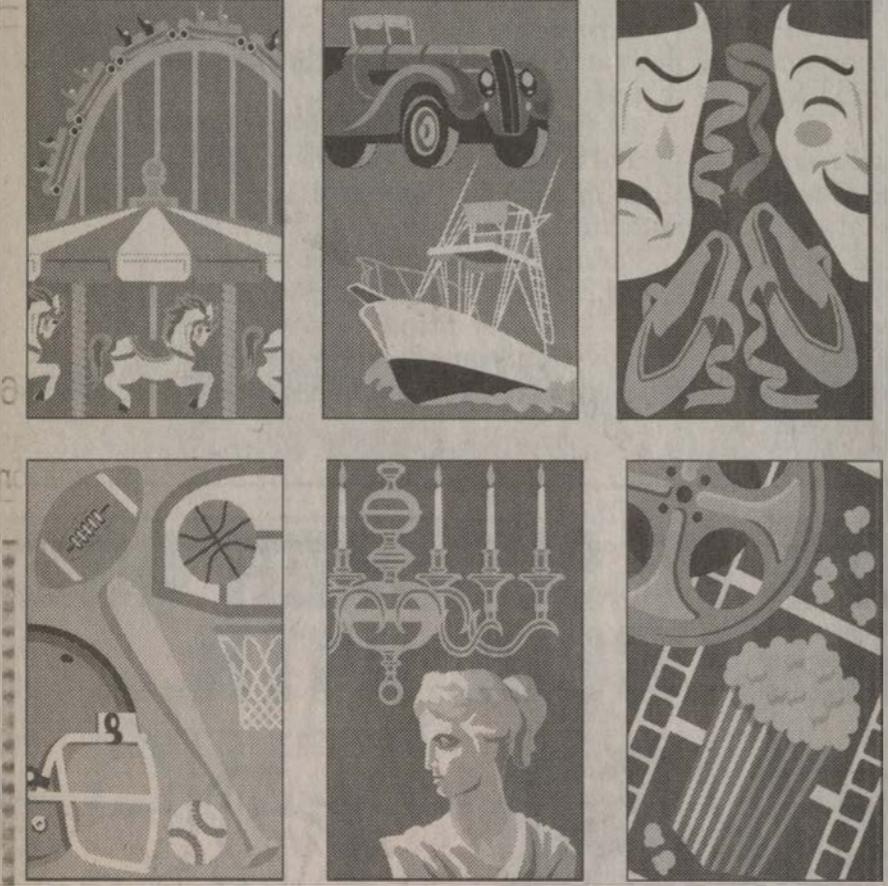
Once the burning charcoals turn ashen, or almost white in color, it's time to start cooking. To help ensure that your food is healthy, remember to trim the excess fat from meats. This will help prevent flare-ups, help reduce your fat intake and make the grill easier to clean.

To help keep meats juicy, sear both sides of the meat when you first put it on the grill to lock in flavor. Also, use tongs instead of forks for turning and handling food on the grill.

When the barbecue is over, cleanup can be a breeze. Simply brush down the grill's grate to remove excess food and drippings. Once the charcoals are cold, cover the barbecue until the next time you and your family want to enjoy juicy burgers, moist chicken or toasted marshmallows.

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Somerville's Serova School of Dance is quickly establishing itself as one of the state's premier dance schools. The school's performance in the 1998 annual MBC Talent Awards Competition this spring is a testimony to the school's accomplishment.

Held at Tamiment Resort in Bushkill, Pa., the competition attracted hundreds of aspiring young dancers from the tri-state area. Serova's dancers, ages 5-19, swept the competition, with all 31 entries placing at the top of their respective categories — 28 of them bringing home trophies including 18 first place finishes.

Director Maggie Sharp attributes the students' success in the competition in their dedication

and the support of their parents and family. Serova's inspiring choreography of instructors — Kim Evans, Stacey Jablonski, Ellen Smith, Kim Sinoncelli and Maggie Sharp — were instrumental in the team's success.

Their exceptional skills and teaching abilities bring out the best in every student.

"There is nothing more joyous than helping a young dancer, no matter what her skill level, achieve her potential," says Maggie Sharp. "To see her build poise, confidence and self-esteem is delightful. It's something she'll take with her throughout her life, in everything she does."

There's also the sheer enjoyment the students experience

during classes, new friendships develop, many bonds are formed that last a life time. The children's horizons are expanded, opening up a new world of possibilities to them.

And then there's the health benefits of regular dance instruction. "In this day of TV and computers, too many of our children have become sedentary," remarks Sharp. "Dance lets children have creative fun while becoming more physically fit. Students form healthy habits that can stay with them their whole life."

Summer is a great time to join Serova. "How many times have you heard your children say during the summer: 'We're bored, there's nothing to do.' Sharp says,

"Dance lessons offer a solution to the summer doldrums and give Mom and Dad a break, too."

Located in the heart of historic downtown Somerville, Serova's parents often stroll down Main Street to shop, enjoy a meal at one of the many restaurants or even pamper themselves to some time at their favorite salon.

Serova offers a wide array of classes — including jazz, tap and ballet — for adults and children of all abilities. Summer classes start at Serova on June 29. For more information, call (908) 725-3955 or visit their modern, air conditioned facility at 14 Warren Street, Somerville. And don't forget to ask about their birthday party specials!

Treat yourself to a change of scene

Breaking away from the humdrum of the workaday world is a lot easier than you might imagine. Sometimes all it takes is a change of surroundings. Start planning your get-away with these tips from the experts at Kampgrounds of America (KOA).

Take a bike, or go mountain biking. Anything that gets the body moving can start those endorphins — the body's "happy" chemicals — flowing.

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Getting ready to go camping without the stress

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Cooking Gear.

Just a few basic items are needed for simple campground cooking: can opener, bottle opener, cork screw (optional), pans and kettle for cooking (on a campstove or over a fire), serving and eating utensils, plates/bowls/cups, hot dog skewers, pitcher, sealable plastic containers. If you're not a tenderfoot — a new camper — starts out with easy menus like hot dogs or hamburgers, then try more complicated fare as you gain more experience.

Recreational Gear.

Pick and choose from the following list to suit your own tastes, or add items you'll need for your favorite activities: cam-

era, film and accessories, binoculars, outdoor toys/games, swimsuits, fishing tackle, sports equipment.

Camping Gear.

You really don't need a whole lot of gear to have a great time camping: tent, accessories, sleeping bags and pads, lantern, cool-

er, campstove or charcoal grill, folding chairs, water jug, flashlight, first-aid-kit. Of course, if you camp in an RV or one of KOA's Kamping Kabins, you won't even need a tent! The cozy log cabins have lockable doors and wood-frame beds with mattresses, and, in some areas, are

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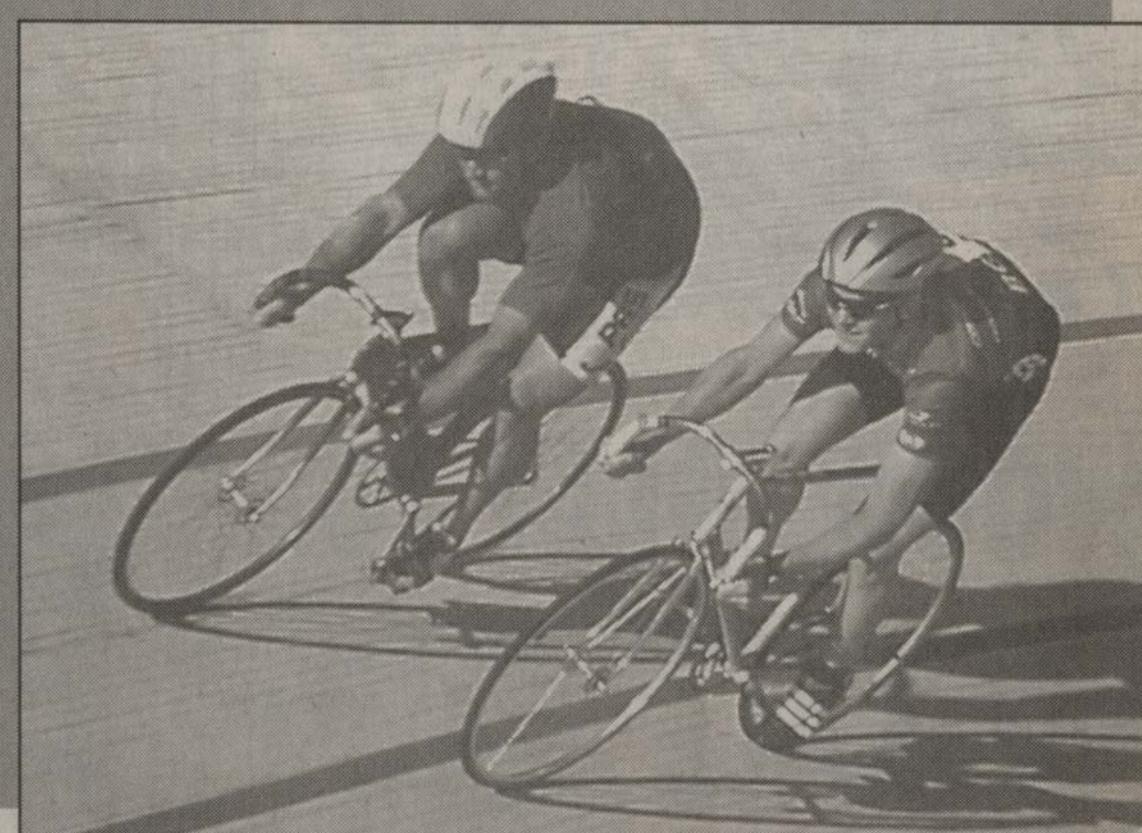
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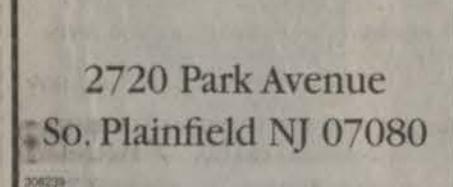
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The following area residents received associate degrees from Middlesex County College:

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The Lincoln School Band has performed throughout the county and state.

Lincoln students march to band title

BY FATIMAH MCALLISTER

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

EDISON — Playing to a different tune — the Lincoln School is considered to have one of the best band programs in Middlesex County.

Even though they are an elementary band, they were recently named the best middle school band in the Middlesex County Band Competition at Franklin High School and was the only elementary band invited to perform.

The band traveled throughout the community and played for different organizations like the Disabled Veterans and the Menlo Park Good News Luncheon. Band members was also invited to local band competitions and held concerts during the year for the students and faculty, said Gail Dante, the school's band director.

The band consists of 57 fourth

and fifth-graders, who have worked together as a band for a year. Most of the fourth-graders have been playing for six months and the fifth-graders have been playing for a year. The children give up half of their lunch period once a week to practice together. They also have a section lesson once a week to meet with Mrs. Dante.

"Our band is like a puzzle. You have individual shapes, but when you put these shapes together they form perfectly," Mrs. Dante said.

During this time, the children meet with Mrs. Dante, according to the instrument they play, and receive any help they need in learning the music or anything pertaining to their instrument. Most of what the students have learned has been through them practicing on their own time, since they only meet once a week.

The Lincoln School Band pro-

gram is supported by not only the students and faculty of the school, but also receives high praises from the parents of the children in the band.

Band mothers JoAnn Mills, Wendy Arcure and Barbara Disbrow, all agree that Mrs. Dante demands excellence from all the kids. Because of the program, the kids are learning discipline and time management. They also believe that Mrs. Dante builds the kids self-esteem which leads to the children setting goals for themselves and striving for other things in life.

Mrs. Dante has taught elementary children for 30 years. She graduated from UCLA as a instrumental teacher.

She started teaching at Lincoln school in 1980 and was the first woman hired as a instrumental teacher in the district.

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Learning center earns accreditation status

Huntington Learning Centers in Springfield and Brick and in Abington, PA, have earned accreditation from the Commission on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation (CITA), an agency of the International Council of School Accrediting Commissions, Inc. Other centers in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania have earned candidacy for accreditation by CITA, and expect to be accredited in the near future.

By tradition, an accredited school is trusted to be what it claims it is and to do what it claims it does. This is increasingly important, as more and more parents turn to learning centers to help their children succeed in school. There is an urgent need for reliable, reassuring credentials to guide them in their decision-making. Accreditation by CITA fulfills that need.

As the preeminent measure of academic quality, accreditation is an endorsement universally recognized by educators and parents, alike. Beginning with a rigorous self-study, accreditation is a year-long, multi-step process, evaluating compliance with a comprehensive set of standards. As such, it signals to parents that their choice of an accredited

learning center is the right one.

Dr. Raymond J. Huntington, the founder and President of Huntington Learning Center, said, "Accreditation by CITA is further assurance of quality to families who have trusted Huntington for over two decades.

Every month, letters from parents and students pour into our centers expressing their gratitude for how the Huntington Learning Center has changed their lives. This official approval

conferred by accreditation echoes those personal sentiments.

Dr. Huntington adds, "We are pleased to be part of the CITA family, as we continue to fulfill our mission of giving every child the best education possible."

The five participating school accrediting commissions, of which CITA is an agency, are entrusted with the development and implementation of educational standards nationwide. They include the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, the Western Association of Colleges and Schools, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, and the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges.

With nearly 200 centers across the country, Huntington Learning Center is the nation's original provider of supplemental education. A recognized leader in diagnostic testing to determine a child's exact academic needs, Huntington Learning Center offers individual programs of instruction in study skills, reading, writing and math, plus SAT



Middlesex County Freeholder Director David Crabiel (right) announces a \$15,500 scholarship program for high tech studies at the Cittone Institute in Edison. Announcing the program with Crabiel is John Willie, executive director of The Cittone Institute and consultant to Lincoln Technical Institute/The Cittone Institute/Gene McNany.

Cittone creates new scholarship

EDISON — Freeholder Director David B. Crabiel and the Cittone Institute have announced a scholarship program for Middlesex County residents.

The scholarship is for anyone interested in studying computer programming, computer/business administration, computerized accounting and electronics at the institute, a business school on Oak Tree Road. The \$15,500 yearly grant is named

for Mr. Crabiel.

Applicants must live full-time in Middlesex County; be U.S. citizens; hold a high school diploma or General Equivalency Diploma; and pass the institute's standard entrance examination. An independent committee will interview the top applicants and conduct the final selection.

For more information, call Felice Gruber at (732) 548-8798.

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JFK Advantage

Events sponsored by the Advantage program of JFK Medical Center.

Tuesday, June 23 — "I'm All Choked Up," about difficulties in swallowing. Edison Senior Citizens Center, 2965 Woodbridge Ave., Edison, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, June 24 — Seminar on chest pain, with Mercy 9, the mobile intensive care unit. JFK Conference Center, 70 James St., Edison, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, June 30 — "A Rainbow of Color," how to choose colors to best suit your skin tone. Men and women welcome. JFK Conference Center, 70 James St., Edison, 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$5.

Advantage is open to people 55 and older. Registration is required for all programs; call (800) 222-3116.

AARP Chapter 3446

Trips planned by the AARP chapter are Sept. 7-11, Rocking Horse Ranch in New York; and Sept. 16, country and Western hoedown in the Poconos with Mickey Barnett and other acts. All trips leave from the Our Lady of Peace annex in Fords. For more information, call Helen Rader

at (732) 738-7411.

Highland Park National Council of Senior Citizens

Meetings are 1 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at the Senior/Youth Center, 220 S. Sixth Ave. The council holds a discussion group 10 a.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Senior/Youth Center.

The NCSC chapter will sponsor a public hearing on property taxes 1:30 p.m. Thursday, June 25 at the Senior/Youth Center. Barbara Cannon is chairwoman of the Property Tax Reform Commission that will conduct the hearing.

Senior Citizens Club

The club meets 1 p.m. the first and third Monday of the month at the Senior/Youth Center, 220 S. Sixth Ave. Birthdays are celebrated the third Monday.

Bingo is 1 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of the month at the Senior/Youth Center.

Senior/Youth Center

The Senior/Youth Center, 220 S. Sixth Ave., is open 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. Anyone 60 or older is welcome.

For more information, call (732) 819-0052.

Highland Park senior citizens afforded remote water meters

During the years, Highland Park has been able to successfully use the dollars provided by Middlesex County to improve the safety standards for many senior citizens.

These additional dollars provided the borough's senior citizens an innovative program called the "Remote Water Reading Program" under the Senior Citizen Safe Home Inspection Program.

This unique program started by Patti Sullivan, Highland Park Senior Center's Director on Aging, and Margaret Chester, Executive Director of the Middlesex County Office on Aging, implements the installation of a water meter outside a senior's home to further enhance the safety and well-being of the senior population within Highland Park.

By having the remote water meter installed outside the home, the PSE&G employee can read the meter without having to enter the home or disturb the property owner. This program also alleviates the possibility for the senior citizen to avoid risk of injury in safety precaution, is that the accompanying meter reader to the basement. Another safety precaution, is that the occupant can avoid the risk of letting a stranger into the house should they be alone.

Margaret Chester said, "This program is a wonderful collaboration between the borough and

Middlesex County in extending added services to our seniors."

The borough has a senior population of 4,000 and about 800 homes are owned by seniors citizens. The target number for installed water meters in 1998 is 35 homes provided from a grant by Middlesex County Office of Aging.

To date, 15 homes have been facilitated, with another 20 to have installation, at no cost to the occupant.

Ms. Sullivan and Thomas Hespe, the borough tax collector, work hand in hand in selecting eligible seniors through accessible tax rolls. The criteria for the meters are based on age and physical limitations, as well as financial eligibility.

Councilman Ted Choplick is the chairman of the borough's public works and public utilities committee.

Mayor H. James Polos noted that he is very pleased that the senior residents of the borough are benefiting by this joint innovative program made available between the Highland Park and Middlesex County in an effort to secure the safety and welfare of the elderly. Any senior property owner wishing to find out more information about this program, are asked to call Patti Sullivan at (732) 819-0052.



Michelle Huzar, Travis McDougal and Anna Cushing, students from St. Francis Cathedral School, accept a check from Principal Sr. Eileen Lowden. Presenting the check is John Madden, campus minister and Terrance Kneisel, a student at St. Joseph High School in Metuchen.

Students dress down for safety

Students from St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen recently held a dress down day to raise funds to purchase bicycle safety helmets. Sponsored by the

Campus Ministry Interact Group, the funds were distributed to three surrounding parish schools — St. Francis in Metuchen, St. Cecilia's and St.

Matthews in Edison. The funds are to be used by the schools to purchase bicycle safety helmets for their students who may not be able to afford one.

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In Today's Paper

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ronald Zilinski Collector of Taxes of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, pursuant to the authority of the statutes in such case made and provided will on the

29th day of June, 1998 at 11:00 a.m.
In the Court Room at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J.

expose for sale the several parcels of land hereinafter specified to make the amount chargeable against said lands respectively together with interest on that amount to the date of sale and including costs of sale.

The said lands will be struck off and sold to such person as will purchase the same subject redemption at the lowest rate of, but in no case in excess of eighteen (18) per cent per annum. The payment for the sale shall be made in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter 237, PL 1918 and the acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto.

Industrial Properties may be subject to the Spill Compensation and Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10-23 et seq.). In addition, the municipality is precluded from issuing a tax sale certificate to any prospective purchaser who is or may be in any way connected to the prior owner or operator of the site.

Parcels are to be sold subject to rollback taxes under the Farmland Assessment Act of 1964, improvement assessment installments not yet due and any omitted or added assessments for improvement as provided in N.J.S.A. 54:1-62 and 54:6-33.1.

Any said tract of land may be redeemed before the date by the payment of the amount due thereon to date of such redemption including the interest and costs to such date.

The names shown are as they appear in the tax duplicate and do not necessarily mean that the parties are the present owners of the property.

ONLY CASH, CERTIFIED CHECK, MONEY ORDERS OR WIRE TRANSFERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AS REDEMPTION AMOUNTS OR ON THE ACTUAL DAY OF THE SALE AS PAYMENT OF THE LIEN.

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DWF, 55, petite, outgoing, honest, fun-loving, likes dancing, dining, out the shore. ISO DSWP, 45-58, with same qualities/interests, for LTR. Ad# 6337

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SWPF, petite, trim, very attractive, hazel-eyed blonde, honest, outgoing, with class and substance. ISO SWPF, 55-60, with same qualities. Ad# 6338

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Beautiful SWF, 5'3", 126lbs., sexy eyes/smile, redhead, one-man-woman. Seeks handsome SWM, 36-42, over 6', full head of hair (no offense). Ad# 6335

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GREAT CATCH

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Adventurous SWF, 34, attractive, good-natured, licensed pilot. Seeks intelligent SWM, 35-45, who loves spontaneously and has a sense of humor. Ad# 6331

SOMEWHERE OUT THERE

Charming WPF, 25, tall, thin, enjoys the gym, travel, romantic weekends. Seeks handsome SWM, 30-35, for companionship; maybe more. Ad# 6242

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SF, 32, enjoys dancing, fishing, and golf. ISO SWM, 30-40, for partner and activities. Possibly more. Ad# 6245

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SWF, 26, enjoys dancing, the beach, and camping. Seeks SWM, 30-35, to share romantic times, and eventful outings. Ad# 6237

HEART AND SOUL

Spiritual SWF, 27, sassy, but sweet. Seeks articulate SWM, 25-35, for a special relationship, intellectually, emotionally. Ad# 6238

MAKE YOUR MOVE

DWPF, 44, 5'5", full-figured, outgoing, friendly, Likes travel, billiards, conversation. ISO SWM, 30-40, outgoing, friendly, sincere, honest. No game players. Ad# 3357

BEDMINSTER BLONDE

WWWCPF, 50+, 160lbs., blue eyes. ISO SWCPM, 55-65, N/S, healthy, salt-n-pepper hair, financially secure, witty, honest, frisky. Ad# 6232

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Very good, level, sensitivity, imagination, playful-ness? You, 42+, N/S, trim. Me: intuitive, caring, bright, spunky, 52+, 130lbs., pretty, strawberry blond. Ad# 6233

CATCH OF THE DAY

Let's go fishing. SWPF, 46, 5'2", brown hair/eyes, sweet, country gal, loves outdoors, dining. ISO honest, fun-loving PM, for companionship, everlasting love. Ad# 6235

NEVER A DULL MOMENT

SWF, 21, 5'3", 120lbs., brown-eyed redhead, enjoys movies and other various interests. ISO honest, fun-loving SWM, 18-26, friendship, possibly more. Ad# 2257

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Attractive DWF, 41, daughter. Seeking DSWM, 38+, to share and grow with, in God's word. Ad# 6230

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SWF, sexy, funny, nice girl, loves to cook, nature, travel, ocean, workouts. ISO SWM, 32-40, educated, emotionally/financially secure, similar, possible LTR. Ad# 1353

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Automotive

Jeep fans from all over gear up for August event

By Mark Maynard

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Bees buzzed, lizards skittered on warm granite boulders and little brown birds flitted through the underbrush of the Sierra Nevada.

It was a fresh and clear August morning, the kind that makes you want to suck in a big breath of pine-sweetened air and count your lucky stars. Except my luck at the moment was tumbling off the trailside with the gravel under my Jeep's spinning tires.

I was sideways in the trail a couple hundred feet above the so-called graveyard on "Cadillac Hill," on the back side of the Rubicon Trail, not far from South Lake Tahoe, Calif.

I was sweating bullets on this second day of a Jeep Jamboree on the Rubicon, which is mecca for Jeepers. It is a No. 10 trail - the most extreme among off-highway trail ratings - and it, and any Jamboree, draws owners and families from across the United States and beyond.

On this trip, there were 150 Jeeps of all years, sizes and horsepower plying the 18-mile one-way excursion. I was among a group of journalists, driving a new Jeep Wrangler, and was at the end of the line.

If you look way down over the edge, the trail guides say, you can see an old LaSalle fender, from the days when there was a health spa at Rubicon Springs in the 1930s.

This portion of trail was a county-maintained road through the 1950s, but it is maintained for off-highway vehicles now by the California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division. And every winter the trail gets carved a little differently.

A Jeep Jamboree is a family-oriented, four-wheel drive weekend - sort of a big family reunion. There were 244 adults and 12



children on this trip, so when problems occur, there is always plenty of help. There is a camaraderie and bond similar to what must have existed among pioneers on wagon trains west.

From the end of February through the end of October, there are more than 30 Jamborees, all organized by Jeep Jamboree USA and Chrysler's Jeep Division.

It is an effective marketing tool. Only Jeeps are allowed on a Jamboree, so the company benefits from immediate feedback from its customers, and the owners get to see how tough their vehicles really are in a well-managed program.

Every Jeep is built to handle the Rubicon Trail, though it is not recommended for Cherokees or Grand Cherokees. Some of the switchbacks and chutes are too tight for inexperienced drivers to negotiate without the risk of twisted metal.

It's also not recommended for children younger than 3 years old, but toddlers and Cherokees were on this Jamboree, and they all made it.

There's only one No. 10 trail among the Jamborees. Trips such

as the Red River in New Mexico (July 10-12) are rated a moderate 2-4. The Silver Valley trip near Wallace, Idaho, (Aug. 14-16) is rated 3-8, which means you could encounter mud holes that could be deep and extreme, and there will be rock climbing, some of which could be arduous.

Typically, a Jamboree departs the blacktop on a Friday morning and makes it to the other end by Saturday afternoon with a campout in between. Our group hit the trail about 9:30 a.m. and made it to camp at 10 p.m. - a day's drive of only eight miles.

The Rubicon is demanding, but even novices can make it through. Slow and steady is the only way to make it to the other side, and with more than a hundred Jeeps on the trail, the going is slow.

And dusty - three-hot-showers dusty - but you'll only be able to dream of hot water until you return to your hotel on Saturday.

Progress was mind-numbingly slow at times on this trip, interrupted by rushes of hyperventilated fear then soothed by the forest-green vistas in this pristine range of granite-spiked God's

Country.

Trail guides and "spotters" help drivers through the tricky spots and give occasional driving tips: "Keep your foot off the clutch" (it interrupts the steady flow of traction and causes unnecessary wear and tear) and "Keep your thumbs up" (not hooked on a spoke of the steering wheel, so if you hit a rock and the wheel spins, it won't spin your thumbs with it).

Patience should be packed with your tool box and emergency supplies. Most of the Rubicon trip is done in first and second gear in four-wheel drive low range.

Many of the delays, however, were caused by breakdowns, flat tires and a few Cherokees and Grand Cherokees with undersides not adequately protected with skid plates and rock rails, which are sections of angle iron that shield the rocker panels.

Depending on the skill level, those longer vehicles often scraped through some of the tighter switchbacks and chutes. There were several trucks with tattered fenders and mangled rock rails that had been ripped loose. But they all made it to camp that night, and if the repairs are serious, parts can always be helicoptered in.

After my group got rolling Friday morning, it took maybe five minutes for the first halt. An older CJ Jeep in a group ahead blew a tire. A simple repair normally, but not when the vehicle is wedged deep in a dirt chute and there is no way to plant a jack.

No fewer than six men jumped to the task, which gave those behind a half-hour or so to enjoy the scenery. At least it wasn't raining.

BE PREPARED

When common sense prevails, pleasure is the prevailing experience. And being prepared is the key to having a good time in the wilderness.

Mark Kinsey, with his wife, Margaret, and sons Tim, 3, and Andrew, 1, are veteran Jeepers and frequent off-highway travelers. Kinsey sells trailers for off-road use and had one hitched to his '88 Cherokee, which was reinforced with large tires, skid plates, tow hooks and rock rails.

The trailer, which has the sturdy look of a munitions carrier, has high ground clearance and uses the same tires as his truck, so the spare tires will work anywhere on his vehicle train.

Handling a Cherokee and trailer isn't as hard as it sounds. Kinsey says: "If the vehicle can make it through, the trailer just follows along."

And when you are packing diapers for two, it takes a trailer to haul a family's worth of gear. "I like getting them out to see things you don't normally get to see," he said.

You meet all kinds along the trail, such as the group of Germans on a weeklong trip who were driving three old but well-prepared Toyota Land Cruisers.

Among the Jamboree group were license plates from Louisiana, Washington, Florida, Arizona, South Carolina, Illinois, Nevada, Texas and California.

Most of the out-of-state Jeeps are trailered to the Jamborees, but I spoke with several owners who drove their vehicles cross country to the Jamboree.

By 4 p.m. Friday my patience was wearing thin. It was probably best that I didn't know it would take until 10 p.m. to get to camp, traversing some of the most difficult sections of trail after dark.

The next day at camp, one of the drivers said: "You'll notice there aren't any EXIT signs along the trail, or most of us would take 'em."

The only way out now was through "Big Sluice," a punishing descent that is bottle-necked with refrigerator-sized boulders.

Drivers must "walk" their vehicles from rock to rock, which the spotters painstakingly highlight with a flashlight beam. The ghastly grind of heavy metal on granite was the password at many turns.

With the optional 30-inch Goodyear Wrangler tires on the journalists' Jeeps, the compact vehicles can squat and flex like tree frogs clinging to precarious surfaces. I scraped off my share of metal, but the Wrangler looked no worse for the wear.

After the Sluice, it is all downhill to Rubicon Springs, a flat spot in the valley along the meandering Rubicon River.

The camp glowed like a gold-rush town on a Saturday night. In the clearing I could see a bonfire, and people were dancing to a band playing at an outdoor stage next to a makeshift saloon.

Someone handed me several drink tickets and a dinner coupon for the barbecue that was still going strong. I was beginning to see why some people make this trip year after year.

Well after midnight, I headed to my tent with the warm glow of accomplishment, but that would be tested, again, before lunch the next day on the way out.

The second day of driving is much less rigorous. I departed early among a smaller group of Jeeps, but delays were still frequent. My turn in the hot seat came on Cadillac Hill when a few Jeeps had stopped again, confining me on an uphill grade.

There's nothing like a heavy-duty tow strap to save your life, but such is life along the Rubicon. It is a weekend of R, R and relaxation, risk and reward, which is the only way a Jeeper would have it.

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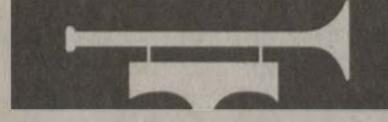
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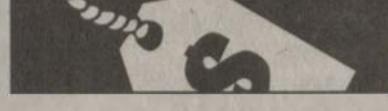
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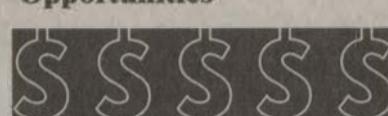
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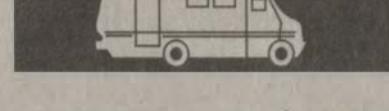


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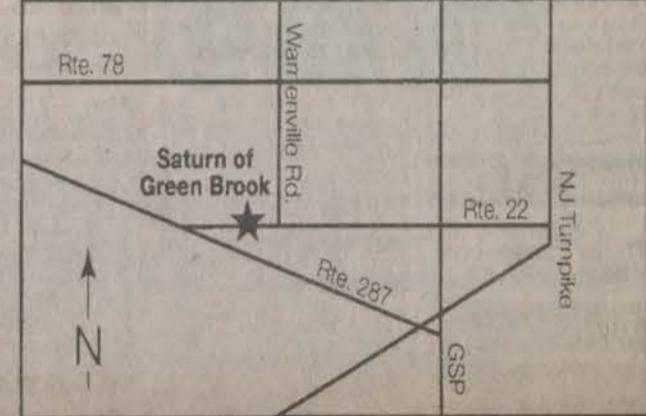
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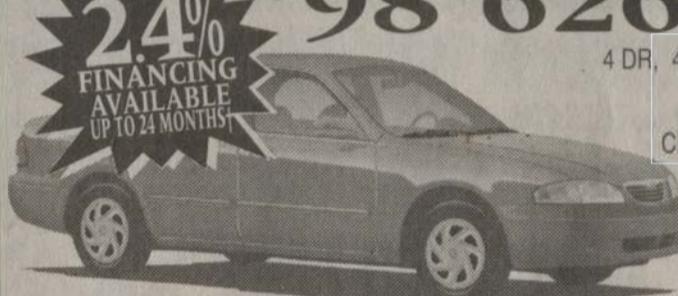
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\$178

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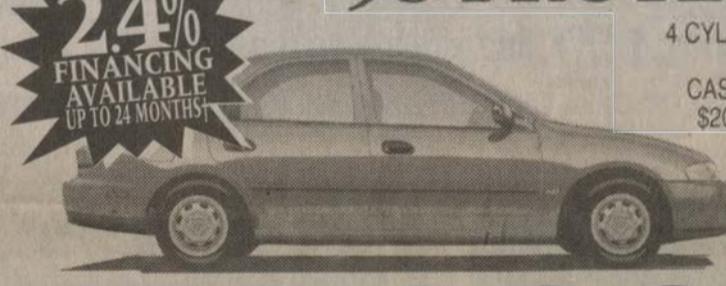


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Real Estate

Moretti Realty opens Maple Avenue facility

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Guy and Toni Moretti, owners of Century 21 Moretti Realty, announce the grand opening of their new facility at 225 Maple Ave.

The former First Fidelity Bank building hosts more than 5,000 square feet of professional space and parking for 50-plus cars. The entire facility has been renovated, according to Mr. Moretti, and the public was invited to tour the facility at a June 3 grand opening.

Century 21 Moretti Realty is a second-generation company with roots in the real estate business dating back to 1957 and the late Gene Moretti. Gene's commitment to customer service was paramount long before customer service, was "in vogue," said Guy.

Guy purchased the business from his dad in 1983, when they enjoyed a 16 percent market share. Guy adopted his dad's business ethics and maintained the business status quo for 10 years.

In 1994, Guy and his wife Toni, recognizing change forthcoming in the real estate industry, decided to grow their company outside the scope of South Plainfield.

With a five-agent firm at the time, Guy and Toni formulated their business plan and began the process with an emphasis on customer service, technology, and sales support.

In August 1995, Moretti Realty, with seven agents, purchased a Century 21 franchise. At that time,



RANDALL MILLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Toasting the grand opening of their new office are owners Guy Moretti and Toni Moretti, and Maryann Lisewski, office manager.

the office operated from a 1,500-square-foot facility.

Today, Century 21 Moretti Realty has more than 40 active agents, support staff and more than 75 referral associates. Services now include commercial/industrial real estate, fine homes and estate repre-

sentation, relocation services mortgage services, new home division and accommodations for the special bilingual needs of their customers.

Among many languages spoken, Century 21 Moretti Realty offers fluent communication in Spanish, Italian, German, Thai, Hindi, and



RANDALL MILLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
The staff at Century 21 Moretti Realty celebrates the move into their new home.

others. Mary Ann Lisewski, manager of the firm, said she is excited about the future of Century 21 Moretti "as we continue to attract quality sales associates to the firm."

Other areas of growth for the company include exploring merge opportunities with other quality

companies. Market growth shall continue with plans of expanding market presence in Middlesex, Union and Somerset counties.

How to find a qualified real estate agent

With more than 2 million licensed real estate agents in the United States, it is no wonder many home buyers and sellers become overwhelmed at the prospect of hiring one. Why is an agent needed in the first place?

"Using a professional real estate agent saves time and money," said Adriana O'Toole, CRS, with RE/MAX Professionals in Upper Montclair and president of the New Jersey chapter of Certified Residential

Specialists, real estate agents who have earned the CRS designation through training and experience.

The Residential Sales Council, the 43,000-member trade organization serving top-producing residential realtors, offers the following guidelines for selecting a real estate agent:

1. Qualifications and Education — Selecting a real estate professional who holds the Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) designation will ensure you are working with a licensed realtor who has completed a vigorous educational program. The Residential Sales Council (800/462-8841 or www.rsccouncil.com) lists CRS designees in communities throughout the U.S. Ask real estate agents what educational seminars and recent courses they have taken.

2. Experience and Productivity — When you select a real estate agent, you are enlisting the services of the entire firm and are entitled to full use of the company's resources, including its marketing and management teams, and support staff. Feel free to ask the agent the following questions:

— How many years have you worked in the industry? How many transactions were you involved in during the last six months or year?

— What is the average time a home listed with you stays on the market? How many of your listings expire unsold?

— Do you specialize in homes in my price range? Can you provide extensive information about my neighborhood? Make sure the agent is knowledgeable about the community and its schools, retail, businesses and other offerings.

— May I see your testimonial letters or call on three or more references?

3. Professional Rapport — Before signing an agreement, ask yourself if your agent is aware of your real estate needs. During initial meetings, the real estate agent should listen carefully, ask questions, clarify what you said and summarize any dialogues.

4. The Marketing Plan (for sellers) — Ask for a clearly written proposal describing how the real estate agent plans to sell your home. It should include a comparative market analysis, a profile of the buyer most likely to purchase your home, marketing strategies, financing options and closing information.

About the Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) Designation: The CRS that follows a qualified professional real estate agent's name attests to significant experience and completion of a demanding education program. Less than 5 percent of the realtors in the U.S. hold the CRS Designation. The Designation is awarded by the Residential Sales Council, a not-for-profit affiliate of the National Association of Realtors.

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794-11 Eves Drive from Stephen P. & Ruth Capwell to Marianne Hever for \$78,000.

10 Steinmetz Road from Brian J. & Karen A. Mecadon to George & Joan Smith for \$188,000.

231 Woods Road from Joseph F. & Donna Dawson to Michael G. & Christine Dudzinski for \$45,500.

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844 Fourth Ave. from Thomas Engle to Michael J. Eagan & C. Ostapko for \$155,000.

522 Hert St. from William D. Nolan Jr. & Evelyn Nolan to Charles & Sabina D. Wendell for \$195,000.

639 Hert St. from Walter L. & Susan C. Brand to Mary M. Hurajt for \$168,000.

870 Knollwood Terrace from Roger D. & Michelle Love to Philip S. & Cheryl Rosen for \$425,000.

144 Myrtle Ave. from Nicholas G. Schafer to Jean M. Hurajt for \$122,000.

654 North Ave. West from Barry & Elaine Roman to Robert & Pamela Newell for \$160,000.

754 Prospect St. from Arthur J. Mercuro Jr. & Rosemary Mercuro to Paul T. & Elizabeth Dos Santos for \$194,000.

705 Shadowlawn Drive from Jay R. & Arleen Post to Hans K. & Helen Danielson for \$625,000.

116-124 South Ave. East from Alfred S. Hood & F.R. Strauss to Exxon Corp. for \$50,000.

746 Warren St. from Frances

RE/MAX reaches milestone; signs 1,000th sale associate

MOORESTOWN — RE/MAX of New Jersey Inc. surpassed a regional milestone with the recent affiliation of the 1,000th sales associate in the state. The privately held, wholly-owned real estate corporation has sustained continual growth both in open offices and number of sales associates since its founding in 1985.

Unlike traditional real estate organizations, RE/MAX was designed to attract the "top producers" in the industry, giving them the freedom and incentive to reach their fullest potential with the highest possible rewards. In exchange for paying management fees and sharing in office overhead, RE/MAX agents receive the maximum possible commission for their transactions, the benefits of a strong support system and access to an international referral network second to none. The idea led to the name "RE/MAX," an acronym for "Real Estate Maximums."

The success of the system speaks for itself. Within 13 years, regional owners Joseph Ventresca and Jeffrey Snyder have brought the relatively

young RE/MAX of New Jersey from an upstart company to one of the state's leading real estate organizations comprised of 93 opened offices and more than 1,000 real estate professionals.

The RE/MAX of New Jersey milestone of 1,000 sales associates coincides with a number of RE/MAX International milestones.

In addition to surpassing 1 million transaction sales, RE/MAX is celebrating many other milestones during its 25th anniversary year: the first to offer high tech tools for office operations, agent productivity and for consumers through its web site (www.remax-newjersey.com); the first and only to offer a proprietary satellite communications network — RE/MAX Satellite Network (RSN), facilitating faster dissemination of information and educational programs; the best trained, most highly educated and most productive membership, leading the industry in

professional designations and production per agent; the fastest growing real estate franchise (Entrepreneur magazine, January 1998); and the only major real estate franchise still owned by the original founders who are still active in operation and long-range planning.

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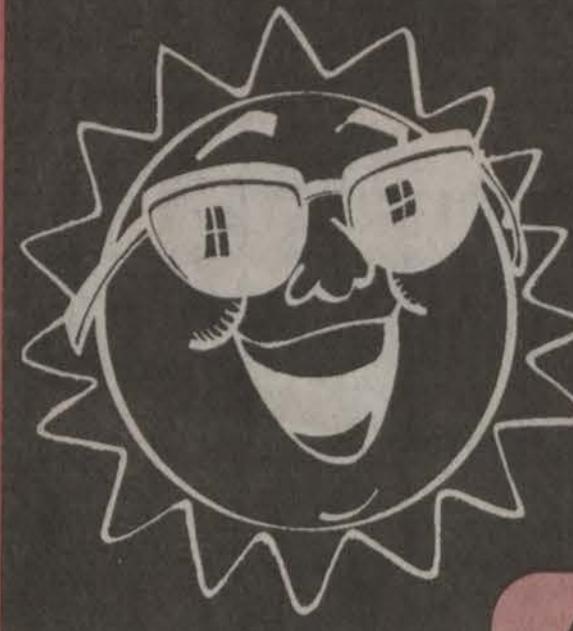
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