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CALL IT TOWNE CENTRE...Park Avenue in the Scotch Plains downtown (looking toward the intersection at Westfield Avenue) is now draped with banners (pictured inset, left) and so-called gateway roads into downtown sport new "Towne Centre" signs (pictured inset, right).

MERCHANTS HAVE MIXED VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENT IDEAS

SPBPA and Local Officials Team to Boost Downtown

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN
Specially Written for The Times

Bright new signage now welcomes visitors to Scotch Plains' Town Centre.

Gold and burgundy banners proclaiming "a hometown feeling" adorn utility poles along downtown streets.

These and other streetside accents, like cascading planters and a wooden gazebo, reflect three years of effort by the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association (SPBPA), and a blooming partnership between the association and township officials.

When asked how these improvements have been received in the township, SPBPA President Ray Pardon said, "In general, the public seems to like it.

"People are glad to see things happening here. Overall, response has been positive," he added.

However, not all the merchants —

including some SPBPA members whose own dues and fundraising efforts during the year helped pay for the new banners — are happy with the changes.

While most respect the effort the SPBPA has made, other business owners believe the association is putting the cart before the horse by touting a shopping district that is not yet firmly established.

Mr. Pardon, who owns Nuts 'n' Plenty on Park Avenue, is well aware of the criticism directed toward the SPBPA and the township in how they have chosen to establish an identity for Scotch Plains' shopping district.

He pointed out that the association consists of "independent" business people who do not always see the plans proposed by the SPBPA as making sense for them.

"Maybe things are not as good as they could be," said Mr. Pardon, "but we're on the right road. We've laid the groundwork for more things to happen.

"Overall, response has been overwhelmingly positive, not only from merchants, but from the rest of the town," added Councilman Martin Marks, a member of the Downtown Development Committee.

"However, as with any initiative, I've heard a few negative comments," he remarked.

Commenting on the new fellowship enjoyed by the Township Council and the association, Mr. Pardon said, "They do their stuff, and we do ours. Together, we work to make events bigger and better."

Speaking of bigger, Mr. Pardon is a major proponent of developing the open space adjacent to the Scotch Plains Municipal Building parking lot and Fagioli Ristorante on Park Avenue.

It was estimated that half a dozen stores would fit into the space presently occupied by a hedge and community bulletin board.

"As a resident, I see a hedge that could be turned into a ratable. (Development) would add to the character of the downtown, if done right," said Mr. Pardon.

"It's a win-win situation as long as it doesn't create parking problems," he added.

The township's Engineering Department plans to conduct a parking impact study to assess how further development would affect downtown parking.

Warren Hanscom of Westfield owns the properties along Park Avenue from the corner Stone House Coin Shop to the Scotch Plains Music Center. While he has been a member of the SPBPA since its inception, Mr.

Hanscom said he does not always agree with everything the association wants to do.

"I don't necessarily approve of developing the municipal land," he said. "Some open space in town is attractive.

"We don't need to expand the retail area. If anything, it's already a little too broad, given all the retail space along our highways," he added.

Mr. Hanscom suggested township merchants leave major retailing efforts to big names like Home Depot and Bob's Stores, and focus their energies on the service they provide, not the product.

"Township offer service," he said. "Retail businesses in this town are service providers as much as they are purveyors of goods. It's important for people (customers) to know who

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Testimony on The Reserve Focuses on Flooding; Bd. Grants Subdivision Over Residents' Objections

By MICHAEL P. BABIK
Specially Written for The Times

The Scotch Plains Planning Board considered a case Monday night involving a subdivision and development on Johnson Street and continued hearing testimony for the proposed 116-townhouse development, known as The Reserve, on Union Meadow.

Developer K. Hovnanian is seeking board approval to construct the housing complex on a 7-7-acre plot of land owned by the Donato family, the applicant in the case.

William Butler, a Westfield-based attorney for Weldon Materials which has opposed the development, con-

tinued questioning William B. Edwards of Edwards Engineering Group, who testified on behalf of Weldon, about the impact the housing project could have on flooding along Meadow Street and the surrounding areas.

Township Councilman and Planning Board member, Martin Marks, asked Mr. Edwards under what conditions an evacuation of the development would be necessary. Mr. Edwards claimed that it is unlikely that residents would need to leave the site, but some may attempt to leave and become trapped in a flooding stream.

Many people do not realize the

danger they are getting into, he explained to the board.

A 100-year flood scenario, which has a 1 percent chance of occurring in one year, causes significant "stream flooding" where water levels in streams exceed the height of their banks. Mr. Edwards explained how this makes the floodway turbulent and capable of carrying large debris, including dumpsters.

Meadow Street is expected to sit under five to six feet of water in such a flood.

It was also observed that these 100-year floods can certainly happen several times in a hundred year period.

Mr. Edwards said that "unique weather patterns like El Niño, or global warming may make the chances of 100-year floods more likely in a century."

The area flooded in 1971, which caused the Green Brook Flood Commission to be started and just two years later a flood that killed six people hit the area.

Mr. Edwards also explained that although six feet of water will impede fire engines, the proposed emergency bridge would be elevated for emergency vehicles in flood times.

He also responded to board member Joseph Doyle, saying that flood-

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Green Brook Task Force Works on Solutions for Flood Control Options as September Deadline Approaches

By JEANNE WHITNEY
Specially Written for The Times

While the Green Brook Task Force works under a September deadline to find solutions to controversy over certain aspects of a \$362 million United States Army Corps of Engineers flood control project, other officials familiar with the project predicted that alternate storm water detention basins would be proposed at Weldon Quarry and in the Green Brook gorge along New Providence Road, both in the Borough of Watchung.

The one-year task force arose out of objections to two proposed catch basins in Watchung Reservation. In particular, Berkeley Heights residents at the top of the Watchung Mountains continue to fight the use of 11 acres in the 1,920-acre county-owned Reservation for catch basins while

downstream neighbors in parts of Union County as well as Somerset and Middlesex counties live in fear of flooding.

Vice Chairman of the task force, Dr. John Brown, also of Berkeley Heights, said Watchung officials met with task force members to consider use of the quarry site for a basin.

Chairman of the task force, Dr. Robert Hlavacek, said quarry owners suggested that the northeast corner of the quarry be blocked off for a water detention basin. Meanwhile, other portions of the quarry would continue to be mined for another 30 years, according to officials.

The so-called Upper Portion of the flood control project that includes the catch basins, is only one of three strategies in a plan that should protect about 65 square miles in the Green Brook Sub-Basin and Raritan

River area from flooding in the event of severe storms.

The Middle and Lower portions of the project include deepening and widening river channels and gates alongside Route 22 that would block rushing water coming down the mountains. Federal funding for the Middle and Lower portions is up for a vote in Congress by October.

However, the task force is still grappling to narrow down alternatives to the Upper Portion basins. So far, engineers have described the pros

and cons to about 14 proposals by the task force. Some ideas, like basins and pipes below the Blue Star Mall parking lot seemed cost prohibitive, as did catch basins under Route 22. Engineers told the task force that the mall lot plan would provide only one-tenth the water storage and under water storage under the highway would require eight miles of basins to provide as much water storage as the proposed Skytop and Oakway basins in Watchung Reservation.

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Sycamore Trees in Union County are Threatened By Fungus Following Wet Weather This Past Spring

By ANDREW FISHKOFF
Specially Written for The Times

Sycamore trees throughout Union County are being threatened this year by a fungus that causes the leaves to wither.

The fungus, known as atrachnose, thrives especially well after a cool, rainy spring, according to David Edelman, Supervising Forester at the New Jersey Forest Service.

"If you have a wet spring, you have more atrachnose," he said.

Under different conditions, atrachnose is capable of attacking other shade trees, including the oak, walnut, and maple, said Jack Shurat, Assistant Regional Forester for the New Jersey Forest Service.

"However, this year the conditions favored the sycamore," he said.

Atrachnose begins to attack the trees early in the spring, before budding takes place, and causes the sycamore leaves to wilt, according to Mr. Shurat. In the majority of the cases, however, the tree is able to grow back leaves by the middle of summer.

"Unfortunately, the trees have not been able to fully refoliate this year," Mr. Shurat said.

While atrachnose is not directly deadly, Mr. Shurat warns that the fungus can be dangerous to the health of the trees.

"If the tree is already weak, then atrachnose may be fatal to it," said

Mr. Shurat. He said that a combination of factors, including the tree's age and the weather, could severely weaken the tree.

Throughout the county, the effects of atrachnose of sycamore trees are noticeable, as many sycamores have not achieved full foliage.

"This is the worst year we've ever had," said Martin Schmiede, a state-certified tree expert, who owns his own company in Scotch Plains.

Mr. Schmiede said that the fungus is particularly harmful because it destroys the leaves and, thus, the trees do not have a full season of protection. This makes the trees very weak and, as a result, "the leaves don't stay on (the trees) and some branches just die right off."

Despite the tough season, Mr. Schmiede assures that the sycamore trees are "coming back with a vengeance," adding that most of the foliage should reappear by the end of July.

He said it is possible to treat the trees that would otherwise suffer from the fungus. Licensed tree care professionals can inject a systemic fungicide into the tree on a regular basis, which would protect the tree.

"The process is similar to a tetanus shot," said Mr. Schmiede. "A few ounces will vaccinate the tree for a whole season."

However, Mr. Schmiede warned

that the injections carry a heavy price tag.

Clifford Murphy, Superintendent for the Union County Shade Tree Bureau, said that he disagreed with Mr. Schmiede's assertion that the trees could be treated. He called the treatment "highly unfeasible," claim-

ing that "half of the time it would not work anyway."

Regardless, Mr. Murphy said that despite the outbreak of atrachnose earlier on this summer, the majority of sycamore trees throughout Union County have grown back their leaves and are "beautiful right now."



FUNGUS ATTACKS LEAVES...Sycamore trees in the region are losing their leaves to a fungus that looks like this, sometime causing tree branches to die. Experts say this is one of the worst years we've had but that most of the leaves should begin growing back this month.



POUNING THE PAVEMENT...Traditional Sidewalk Sale Days along Park Avenue last week in Scotch Plains brought owner Rose Marie Dutter of Rosie's Treasures Boutique outside with goods for sale, pictured above, and good weather besides.

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SP-F High School Tells Fourth Marking Honor Roll

Two hundred thirty-three students have been named to the fourth marking period Honor Roll at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

Seventeen freshmen, or 6.14 percent of the 277-member class, were named to the High Honor Roll, which requires straight "A's" if the student is taking four or five subjects, or at least five "A's" and a maximum of one "B."

Forty-eight students, or 17.33 percent of the class, made the Honor Roll, which requires no mark less than a "B" and at least three "A's."

Among sophomores, 28 students, or 11.02 percent of the 254-member class, achieved High Honor Roll status. Thirty-seven students, or 14.57 percent of the class, were named to the Honor Roll.

Sixteen juniors, or 6.56 percent of the 244-member class, achieved High Honor Roll status. Forty-two juniors, or 17.21 percent of the class, were named to the Honor Roll.

Thirteen seniors, or 4.92 percent of the 264-member class, were named to the High Honor Roll. Forty-eight seniors, or 18.18 percent of the class, achieved Honor Roll status.

FRESHMEN HIGH HONOR ROLL
Jennifer L. Bassman
Brittany A. Bellizera
Kathleen D. De Luca
Jamie S. Dougher
Andrew R. Elko
David Gokhin
Catherine T. Mangan
Sheila Y. Marikar
Alexander M. Zajac

FRESHMEN HONOR ROLL
Christina M. Albizzati
Sarah C. Anderson
Virginia Barattucci
Paul E. Barnes
Dana L. Berkowitz
Katie A. Blom
Michelle T. Bover
Robert E. Bugg
Christine T. Burrage
Brett S. Bushinger
Eryn Bushinger
Robert J. Cardinale
Katherine L. Church
Andrea R. Cristiani
Lindsey S. Davis
Jessica L. Ferraro
Christopher S. Gawryluk
Kelly L. Gayara
Najwa A. Glover
Bianca R. Gray
Gail P. Hannigan
Michael J. Heller
Emma K. Hlatt
Bobby Z. Kabir

FRESHMEN HONOR ROLL
Shannon M. McEneely
Matthew J. Metzger
Sneha N. Patel
Eric M. Pugia
Nina Sado
Vincent R. Salvadoro
Katherine M. O'Connor
Ilana Weinberg

FRESHMEN HONOR ROLL
Carlyn M. Keeton
Erin F. Kelly
Jessica A. Kenderline
Kenneth I. Kocses
Eric S. Konzelman
Beata E. Korskiuk
Yunilay Lio
Sara M. Magnola
Annika H. Salvo
Gregory Paterson
Anne C. Percoco
Adam J. Powers
Jeffrey S. Reichman
Matthew A. Schimming
Amit K. Shoor
Christopher Silva
Jennifer R. Stearns
Elizabeth A. Tumolo
Justin T. Viglianti
Katherine E. Walker
Kathryn E. Warchol
Alison R. Wilks
Jeffrey J. Woo

SOPHOMORES HIGH HONOR ROLL
Jessica B. Biegelson
Cara L. Bristol
Justin F. Brodersen
Katherine M. Carr
Ankur G. Dhal
Diana L. Fialo
Adam J. Fineman
Rebecca J. Garcia
Kevin Grinberg
Jay Harris
James Kao
Travis Kipping
Jacqueline A. Klock
James R. L'Heureux

SOPHOMORES HONOR ROLL
Daniel J. Loomis
Tracy A. Macalintal
Amy L. Mitchell
Timothy S. Pai
Amanda Rice
Justin T. Ross
Colleen E. Sellers
Rebecca A. Silver
Paul A. Sweedlund
Valerie E. Termine
Melissa A. Tourjee
Alex B. Wasserman
Elizabeth M. Weiler
Jessica Wietsma

SOPHOMORES HONOR ROLL
Ryan P. Kramer
Shawn M. Lafkowitz
Michael Loewinger
Julia A. Lowen
Matthew G. McCartney
Kristen M. Meehan
Marisa J. Melendez
Jennifer L. Miller
Allyson B. Novorro
Elisaz Y. Nudell
Dara Reeves
Sophia Salzman
Jaclyn K. Sanders
Aneesa R. Sataur
Jennifer S. Savage
Andrew M. Schwartz
Nicole Senatore
Debra L. Slough
Mark Vulfson

JUNIORS HIGH HONOR ROLL

Lauren L. Bialock
Jeffrey A. Bloch
Jonathan R. Chaplin
Jessica L. Choyneke
Celeste J. Coleman
Elise V. Danieles
Gerald P. Kavinski
Mariya Koroleva

Amanda C. Koscielicki
Robert Leichner
Nickeshia S. Richards
Pedro H. Rocha
Lauren E. Schwartz
Susan L. Tiedemann
Paul M. Valenzano
Ruyun-Luc Zhao

JUNIORS HONOR ROLL

Joana L. Alonzo
Mena N. Bernaba
Michael P. Blich
Allison E. Breidenstein
Christine M. Brock
Stacy Bushinger
Christina B. Champell
Melissa J. Canniff
Bridgette Carter
Jacquelyn A. Dempsey
Mary Y. Gabriel
Matthew S. Granda
Steven D. Halas
Carla F. Impalli
Danielle E. Kapner
Christopher A. Karelus
David S. Lasus
Eun Jin Lee
Adam R. Levey
Kathryn L. Lies
Andrea D. Liss

Caroline M. Mattar
Kevin E. McGonigle, Jr.
Jason T. Meehan
Diana Mendez
Jessica N. Miller
Latasha M. Nehemiah
Matthew Oley
Scott C. Paterson
Adena Plesmid
Stephanie E. Quinn
David C. Russ
Lauren Southwick
Niel D. Stender
Jennifer L. Stewart
Eileen A. Sweeney
Rachel Teutonico
Jan M. Weiner
Aaron L. Weinglass
Dorothy White
Matthew S. Wilks
Lisa Yagi

SENIORS HIGH HONOR ROLL

Agnethe C. Argueta
Jodi Lynn Baker
Joyce W. Chen
Ian R. Doebber
Samantha Kanarek
Melissa Kenyon

Carla Lewandowski
Courtney E. Metzger
Jessica Passucci
Lauren Rauch
Anne P. Sargent
Sean Sih
Sheri Weinberg

SENIORS HONOR ROLL

Charles S. Ayala
Elizabeth G. Baker
Douglas S. Bishop
Jeanette E. Bonner
Matthew J. Brennan
Andrea M. Busch
Kari N. Caello
Kristina A. Cameron
James Canterbury
Moria C. Cappio
Nicole A. Corbin
Cynthia DeLisi
Christopher M. DiFabio
Jeffrey B. Gillie
Michael C. Grossman
Katherine A. Halverson
Allison Heine
Jaimee E. Hillis
Kim Johdos
Jennifer Kanarek
Patricia A. Kosta
Adam E. Koster
Dana L. Kudolla
Jaimie L. Langevin
Benjamin M. Lee
James T. Luciano
Arnold Macalintal
Andrea J. Maggi
Melanie A. Mele
Kelly A. O'Neil
Thomas S. Pai
Amanda H. Palmatier
Dhirenkum R. Patel
Parasakuma Patel
Vaneisha C. Paynter
Preston J. Robinson
Leah E. Saenz Deviter
Eric Schimming
Alice Sergejeva
Christian M. Sorge
Jeanette A. Tourjee
Wendy V. Underwood
Kate E. Vanderheyden
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Normajean Wittig
Diana L. Zaleski

Burner Deal Slated Today

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tracts with the county. The fee, which may drop between 50 cents and a dollar due to lower than expected interest rates at the time of refinancing, will increase based on rises in inflation.

UCUA officials indicated that since the county reduced the disposal fees at the incinerator from \$83.05 to \$50 a ton in November, to make the burner more competitive, the authority has been losing between \$60,000 and \$100,000 a day. The authority has been forced to dip into its reserve funds to keep the burner financially solvent.

The incinerator deal comes on the heels of a court ruling which declared the state's previous system of controls on solid waste disposal to be unconstitutional, on the grounds it violated the interstate commerce clause of the United States Constitution.

The initial ruling in 1996 was upheld on an appeal made by the county. Waste flow controls were lifted in November after the United States Supreme Court decided not to hear the case. Solid waste headed to the county incinerator dropped significantly following the court decision, thus forcing the county to reduce its disposal fees.

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they're talking to." Despite his concerns about what he sees as the SPBPA's plans to improve by expansion, he praised the association's efforts to create a "cohesive group of merchants."

Going forward, Mr. Pardon looks to building owners to do their part in attracting new and different businesses to the township. He acknowledged, however, that individual landlords have individual financial considerations.

"If they choose to rent to the first person that comes along," he said, "there's not a lot we can do about it."

As a landlord who has experienced limited turnover among his tenants over the past 30 years, Mr. Hanscom said he would look for a good mix of businesses within the township in considering prospective tenants.

"I try not to compete with another store on the same block," he explained. "If you're careless, the businesses could kill each other. A mix is good for everybody."

He also commented on the importance of maintaining affordable rents. "You can't be greedy," he said. "If you raise rent to the point where a business can't afford it, it upsets the mix."

Mr. Pardon said he has a "tremendous amount of people" in his store every week who are interested in Park Avenue property. Presently, only the space formerly occupied by Russo Business Machines at the corner of Park and Barle Avenues is available for rent or sale along the main thoroughfare.

He cited the low retail vacancy rate in the township as further evidence of the need to develop the municipal land where the hedge stands.

"It seems like if we build, they would come," he quipped, borrowing a line from the baseball movie *Field of Dreams*.

When asked if local officials are in a position to help attract new businesses to town, Councilman Marks said, "It's not unreasonable to think that an alliance can be formed between government and local businesses to attract new business into Scotch Plains."

Mr. Marks admitted that Scotch Plains will never be a "metropolitan downtown like Summit or Westfield."

"The geography simply doesn't allow for it," he added. "Scotch Plains will attract a certain type of specialty shop. We need to make it attractive for businesses to come into town."

Rose Marie Dutter, owner of Rosie's Treasures, and Pete Ure of Barry's Frame Shop, said they like Scotch Plains' new downtown look.

"Customers' reaction has been very positive," said Ms. Dutter. "Now, customers linger longer once they're here."

Her shop draws patrons from Summit, Mountainside, New Providence and Berkeley Heights.

In addition to the changes already in place, the SPBPA hopes to add benches to the downtown area, and is recommending local officials consider a faclift for the Municipal Building to give it an appearance more in keeping with the traditional look of the township.

ing from a 10-year ranked flooding and less severe floods, would have little effect on cars on Meadow Street, probably causing only muddy tires.

"However, we must look at the 100-year flood — the worst case scenario," he reminded the board.

He presented the board with a plan of the area diagramming the floodway and explained to Mr. Doyle that in his opinion, 116 townhouses could not be built safely on the site.

The board also considered the accuracy of the four ton limit sign posted at the Union Avenue bridge. (It is reported that fire engines and large vehicles frequently cross the bridge.)

Dennis Harrington, an engineer with the township, explained that county information about the structural integrity of the bridge must be interpreted first by structural engineers before a decision about its weight limits can be made.

In closing, Mr. Butler presented the board with 15 new exhibits, including 1996 reports from police and fire chiefs. Robert H. Kraus, the attorney for Mr. Hovnanian, was quick to point out that both reports were compiled long before the plan was changed and questioned their usefulness.

Mr. Butler also explained that the application deadline will be extended until Monday, August 31. The hearing is slated to continue on Monday, August 31, and possibly Monday, August 17, when Dave Zimmerman, planner to Weldon, will testify.

In a different case, the Planning Board approved a Johnson Street subdivision of two lots into three by D&D Builders. Two houses will be added to the property along with the existing house.

Plans call for a 1,800-square foot, four bedroom bi-level house and a 2,200-square foot, four bedroom Colonial style house.

According to Realtor Donald Lamastra, testifying for Hovnanian, the new houses would have no negative value on the existing homes in the neighborhood.

Johnson Street resident Sally Rowland, said she believes otherwise and expressed objections to the new project. She explained that putting two houses on a lot that she

SCOTCH PLAINS POLICE BLOTTER

MONDAY, JULY 13
• Tammy D. Breaker, 27, of Newark was arrested for operating a vehicle with stolen license plates and possession of crack vials on Front Street. The license plates were reported stolen in Newark on August 8, 1997. Breaker was remanded to the Union County Jail in lieu of \$2,600 bail.

• Brendan M. McAuo, 18, and Christopher Donovan, 18, both of Scotch Plains, were arrested for shooting a BB gun at a spotlight located in the rear of a Park Avenue business.

TUESDAY, JULY 14
• A Route 22 business reported the theft of approximately \$250 from the days receipts.

• A Short Hills Lane resident reported paint blotches on the front of their house. The blotches appeared to be done with a paint gun.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15
• Ivan Morales, 20, of Plainfield, and Tatum Williams, 20, of

Somerville, were arrested for possession of suspected cocaine (45 packets) with intent to distribute pursuant to a motor vehicle stop by Sergeant Steven Freedman. The incident occurred on Front Street.

• A Chip Lou Lane resident reported the theft of a cellular phone taken from a car parked in the driveway.

THURSDAY, JULY 16
• Joseph Hargrave, 42, of Newark, was arrested for giving a false name to an officer pursuant to a motor vehicle stop on Terrill Road.

• Several cellular telephones were reported stolen from vehicles parked on Highland Drive and Heather Lane.

• A Clydesdale Road resident reported the attempted entry of a vehicle parked in the driveway. The car alarm was activated and the intruder fled.

FRIDAY, JULY 17
• Eric L. Thomas, 39, of Rahway, was arrested for theft of cellular telephones from vehicles on Highland Drive and Heather Lane. The arrest was the result of Officers Jeffrey Briel and Jerald Brown detaining Thomas near the area of the thefts. Additional charges are anticipated.

• Theft of cash was reported from the poor box at St. Bartholomew Church. One of the boxes inside the church was removed from the wall.

• Steven Miles, 21, of Roselle, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana (under 50 grams) pursuant to officer investigation at Haven Avenue Park.

SATURDAY, JULY 18
• Theft of a 1995 Jeep Cherokee from Marlboro Road which was recovered in Newark.

Park Middle School Tells Fourth Period Honor Roll Students

Park Middle School recently released its honor roll for the fourth marking period. To be included on the Distinguished Honor Roll, students in grades 6, 7 and 8 must achieve an "A" in all subjects.

To be placed on the Honor Roll, sixth-grade students must have at least two "A's" and no grade lower than a "B" in major subjects including mathematics, English, science, social studies and reading, and at least a "C" or "S" in other subjects.

Seventh-grade students must achieve at least two "A's" and no grade lower than a "B" in major subjects including mathematics, English, science, social studies and foreign language, and at least a "C" or an "S" in other subjects.

Eighth graders must earn at least two "A's" and no grade lower than a "B" in major subjects including mathematics, English, science, social studies and foreign language, and at least a "C" or an "S" in other subjects.

SIXTH GRADE DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL

Nina Baker
Andre Baruch
Christopher Chester
Lauren Fox
Roseann Ghabour
Maria Guerrero-Reyes
Lauren Hartlein
Brittany Hessemer
Timothy Karis
Jessica Kim
Autrey Lipetz
Zachary McGuire
Kathryn Zimman
Andre Melendez
Kyla Mendes
Daniel Metzger
Chelsea Mintz
Scott Pober
Tyler Rodgers
Theodore Sensor
Victoria Shelus
Caitlin Shevlin
Nancy Twu
Camille Vecchiore
Courtney Yeack

SIXTH GRADE HONOR ROLL

Anna Balch
Charles Bach
Kyle Baker
Kathryn Bantz
Alyssa Bergh
Kerolos Bernaba
Ryan Breznitsky
Judith Brown
G.D. Clark
Lauren Conway
Steven Cooney
Nicole D'Auria
Allyson DiFiore
Michael Durney
Anthony Dzielisz
Jaclyn Eannucci
Robert Fusco
Allison Gebler
Daniel Granda
Dennis Hercul
Neill Hingorani
Stephanie Jacobus
Jamie Kaye
Robert Kuchinski
Aleza Zimmerman
Celine Lavigne
Elizabeth Leeper
Mariela Lemus
Eric Long
Karen Lukey
Peter Maricic
Jenna Maronni
Joseph Matrale
Christa Marvelli
Lauren McVey
Jessie Montlor
Hyjin Park
Jin Young Park
Matthew Powers
Courtney Redington
Meaghan Roberts
Christopher Russo
Victoria Sale
Courtney Stewart
Patrice Taylor
Adriana Toro
Eric Wildstein
Allison Williams
Amanda Williams

SEVENTH GRADE DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL

Kathryn Benski
Schuyler Boyda
Alicia Cristiani
Danielle Hirschhorn
Laura Klastava
Daniel Lin
Catherine Madurski
Eric Pratt
Nicholas Sette
Diana Wilks

SEVENTH GRADE HONOR ROLL

Leslie Argueta
Lauren Bianco
Lauren Baines
David Campbell
Jillian DelFair
Steven Dickey
Katie Downey
Kaitlyn Durso
Brandice Flourmy
Joshua Haggan
Ryan Hauptman
Jason Hipp
Ryan Keogh
Monique Lemus
Caitlyn McNelis
Kelly McVey
Deanna Mustashio
Adam Orly
Yeogin Park
Robert Percoco
Megan Reddington
Daniel Rosenkrantz
Joshua Sanders
Edward Saridaki
Christopher Seeman
Jessica Seto
Laura Wittish
Kristin Zelesnik
Jennifer Ordelt
Matthew Orly
John Park
Emily Rodino
Catherine Trombley

EIGHTH GRADE DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL

Alison DeMaio
Lauren DeMartino
Matthew Deegan
Jaclyn Fiorino
Jennifer Ordelt
Matthew Orly
John Park
Emily Rodino
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MEDIEVAL TIMES...Students in Cathy Matfield's eighth-grade English classes end their research project on the middle ages with a feast at Terrill Middle School. Students presented the results of their research by writing scripts to explain to their class what they learned. Students arrived at the feast as entertainers, guildswomen, balladiers, knights, Friar Tuck, Robin Hood, doctors, castle cooks, lords and ladies. Getting ready for their Medieval presentations, left to right, are: Patrick Romeo, Pam Fischbein and Gel D'Annunzio.

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