

**CENSUS FAST FACT**  
**NATIVE AMERICANS**  
Newark was No. 2 statewide, behind in its Native American population, residents in the past decade.

turn up by knocking on the car window. Koval said the woman opened the car door and shook the man, but there was no response. She went home and called police.

He said the vehicle, a Hertz rental car from East Boston, Mass., was reported stolen out of West Orange on Wednesday.

Koval said anyone with information about the incident is asked to call detective Michael DeMaio of the robbery/homicide squad at (973) 733-4339.

### Man found guilty of 1999 murder

**NEWARK:** An Irvington man was convicted yesterday in the shooting death of another man, which authorities suspect was related to a drug trade.

Ashley Georges, 26, was found guilty of murder and other charges in the Dec. 4, 1999, slaying of Kevin Jackson, 28, of Newark, who was shot at 18th Avenue and South 19th Street, said Essex County Chief Assistant Prosecutor Thomas McTigue.

McTigue, who prosecuted the case, said Jackson was shot twice in the head and once in the back with a 9 mm handgun as he sat in a car on South 19th Street. He said Georges matched a description a witness gave of a man fleeing in an automobile.

McTigue said another witness supplied a partial license plate number that was traced to a car owned by Georges' cousin, Simson Noel June of Roselle. After obtaining a search warrant for the car on Dec. 10, 1999, investigators led by Daniel Baldwin of the prosecutor's office found a bloody gauze with DNA that matched Georges.

Georges had been injured in another shooting a few days before Jackson's death, McTigue said. Georges was arrested Dec. 8, 1999, while he was being questioned about the earlier shooting.

The trial lasted 18 weeks before Superior Court Judge Paul Vichness, who is to sentence Georges on Feb. 8.

### Robber convicted of shooting victim

**NEWARK:** A 21-year-old man was convicted yesterday of shooting and critically wounding another man, costing him a left eye, as he robbed him outside an Irvington nightclub.

Almeen Swint of Irvington was convicted of attempted murder, aggravated assault and other charges stemming from an April 18, 2000, shooting that wounded James Andrews, 23, of Hillside, said Assistant Essex County Prosecutor Roger Imhof.

Imhof said Andrews and a friend, Duran Alicea, 25, of Irvington, were pulling out of parking lot next to the Paradise nightclub at Lyons and Union avenues late at night when Swint walked up to Alicea's Ford van with a gun and demanded money.

After the two handed over cash and jewelry, Swint ordered them to back out of the lot, as if nothing had happened. As they did so, the headlights ended up directly on Swint. Swint An-

## MAPLEWOOD'S FIRST MENORAH



Rebecca Cooper holds a candle at Maplewood's first Chanukah menorah-lighting ceremony. Held in the Village Square last night, it marked the fifth night of the Jewish Festival of Lights. Rabbi Shalom Bogomilsky of Congregation Beth Ephraim Maplewood Jewish Center built the menorah and arranged the lighting ceremony.

## Lawsuit targets 'net-and-bolt' deer management

### Essex to sue hired tainters

Tests show did not use

BY NIKITA STEWART

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Two weeks after a recently restored environmental County Executive announced plans to hire a company to conduct soil testing in a field with a long history of environmental contamination, the county announced that the soil used for testing was not from a "clean" source.

Last month, the County Improvement Department announced that the soil used for testing was not from a "clean" source. Treffinger said he was notified Nov. 28 for further testing. In the press conference, Treffinger said the authority to sue the company that filed suit was based on Marsell's professional obligations of the who frequent the area.

Treffinger said Marsell's wrongdoing, the company's extent. "We have any data in the said. "It hit us

The soil used for testing was taken from a housing development, standards of the of Environment said.

"But the contaminants are the type of chemicals used for cappuccino in the county water plants with the

For years, the company have plagued the bank Park, where legendary late Frederick Olmsted

When the company was operating the park as a minor league stadium in 1996, hazardous waste, hazardous waste and arsenic were found in the soil. The park was a giant smelting plant.

Residents sued and demanded the company pay for restoration of the park.

What they got was a clean dirt, the county diamond, playing fields, gazebo, basketball track.

There was opening in June. Now, there's closing.

When Treffinger said the park was closed, P. Warner was behind the goat. He said