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Worth the wait

Rocker Richard X. Heyman finishes his debut album. **D5**



Arranged marriages

Believe it or not, sometimes they work out. **bringit, D11**



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Jazmyn Arroyo, above, performs during Black and Gold Idol at Rosa Parks School for Fine and Performing Arts in Paterson. At left, from top, Junior Haughton takes his turn onstage; from left, Jazmyn Arroyo, Inez LaBoy, Kysheiya Hargett and Tarlyn Brown watch Benjamin Roman warm up in a hallway backstage; and the lights cast a shadow of one of the judges commenting on a performance.

SOLID GOLD

Local students are in the spotlight at Black and Gold Idol competition

By ED BEESON
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BLACK AND GOLD IDOL

The second round of competition will be held Friday, April 27 at 7 p.m. at the Rosa Parks School for Fine and Performing Arts, 413 12th Ave. in Paterson. Tickets cost \$10.

The third and final round will be held Friday, May 18 at 7 p.m. at Rosa Parks. Tickets cost \$15.

For more info, call 201-306-3215.

On the Web

For an audio slideshow of Black and Gold Idol, log on to northjersey.com/hn.

For a few minutes, the spirit of Lauryn Hill filled the theater at the Rosa Parks School for Fine and Performing Arts.

Words made famous by the South Orange songstress echoed off the auditorium's vaulted ceilings as more than 300 people rose from their seats and sang along with the young woman onstage.

"Killing me softly with his song," the crowd sang one recent Friday. "Killing me softly ... with his song."

Even the technicians in the sound booth swayed and sang the pop classic.

You'd be forgiven for assuming the woman onstage was someone famous. But, no, she was Jasmine Mottley, a 17-year-old

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Is Jersey happy with this meal?

'Aqua Teen Hunger Force' hits the big screen

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INSIDE

Ed Beeson takes the Aqua Teens house hunting in New Jersey. **D2**

Borat has Kazakhstan. Ron Burgundy has San Diego.

And the Aqua Teens have New Jersey. If there is one thing that today's purveyors of gross, bizarre and infantile humor for adults need, it is a place to call home.

That's because a hometown somehow makes the most out-of-this-world comic creation seem just believable enough to be real. So when Matt Maiellaro and Dave Willis created "Aqua Teen Hunger Force," a surreal animated TV-series-turned-feature film about the lives of three sentient, human-sized fast-food products, they knew the show had to be set in New Jersey. To them, it made perfect sense that the series' stars — a hyper-intelligent floating box of French fries named Frylock; a megalomaniacal milkshake named Master Shake; and a sweetly stupid

glob of ground meat named Meatwad — would share a ranch-style rental home in a rundown Garden State suburb.

A typical 15-minute episode of the show, which airs on the Cartoon Network's late night "Adult Swim" programming block, can feature the Aqua Teens sparring with the Mooninites, a pair of haughty Moon creatures who resemble computer graphic glitches (and whose likenesses accidentally caused

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AP/Cartoon Network

The Aqua Teen Hunger Force, from left, Frylock, Master Shake and Meatwad, lives in New Jersey.



BEST BETS

COUNTY FILM FESTIVAL: Winners of the third annual Passaic County student film festival will be announced Saturday morning at a ceremony at the Passaic County Community College's Public Safety Complex in Wayne. The winning entries will be screened, awards will be presented and refreshments will be served. Winners will also receive cash prizes sponsored by area banks.

This year's short film festival, which was open to students who live or attend school in Passaic County, received its widest range of entries yet. Students from Pas-

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