

Victory for Staten Island

After representing Staten Island at the 1979 New York Special Olympics at St. Bonaventure University in Olean, N.Y., Saturday, these two participants are back on the Island. They were among 43 Island entrants who returned with about 26 gold medals.

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Unit raps site for group home

Members of the Grasmere Homeowners Association, meeting last night in St. Simon's Episcopal Church, Concord, discussed their opposition to a proposed group home for mentally retarded adults at 630 Hylan Blvd.

Joseph Sciacca, chairman of the association's ad hoc committee on group homes, urged homeowners to sign petitions and send letters to elected officials protesting the site for the home.

The homeowners object to the site because the area is already saturated with schools and other community-based facilities, according to Ray Pignato, a member of the association, Pignato also noted the site is in a heavily trafficked area with little safety precautions.

Among those at the meeting was Robert Strong, representing Assemblyman Paul Viggiano, who said the legislator was concerned about the issue of group homes.