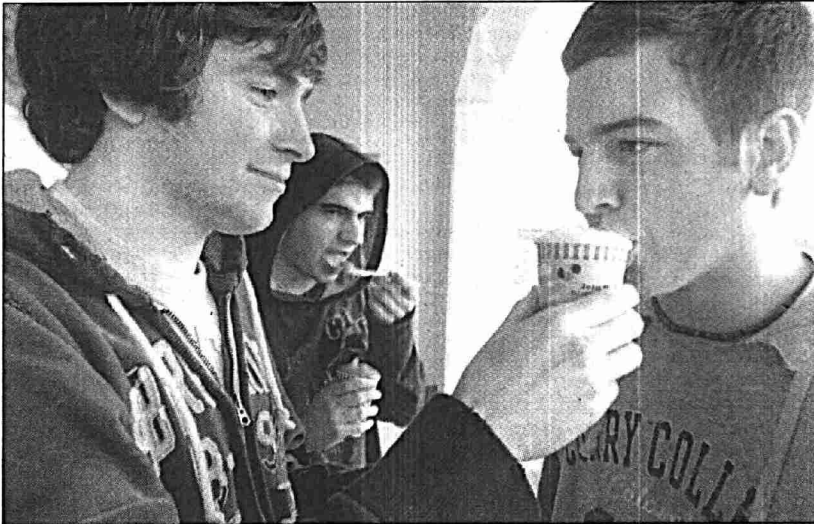




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First taste of spring

Above, sales associate Will Lopes, left, hands a tray of free regular Italian ice to celebrate the first taste of spring, compliments of Rita's, 275 Newport Ave. in Pawtucket, on the first day of spring, March 20. Rita's which has another location at 1565 Post Road in Warwick, offers ices, cones, shakes and other cool stuff. Below, Bill Murray, 16, of Pawtucket, left, gives Colby Blanchet, 16, also of Pawtucket, a taste of his birthday cake flavored ice, as Blanchet decides which to order. Evan Hawaorth, 16, of Attleboro, center, enjoys a root beer flavored ice.



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