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Edison struggles to dig out

Collapsed roof, broken pipes among snow storm's casualties

By VERA CARLEY
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EDISON — More than 20 inches of snow fell during the Blizzard of '96, damaging four water mains and a sewer pipe, and collapsing the roof of a 10,000-square-foot retail store in the township.

Township Business Administrator Frank

DeRosa said the total cost of the storm had not been tabulated as of Wednesday. But, he said, the snow storm costs made up a majority of the \$194,000 in emergency expenditures by the Department of Public Works (DPW) approved by the Township Council Wednesday night.

Before it is all over, the weather might cost the township even more. With snow

expected today, the DPW was still scurrying to widen roads throughout the township. Superintendent of Public Works Bob Heck said every street in the township had been plowed at least once. Many residents, however, were complaining their streets had gone unplowed.

Patrick Orlandini, of the Jefferson Boulevard Neighborhood Association, said

Hickory and Avery streets still needed to be plowed. He said because the streets are so narrow, township plows regularly avoid them after snow storms. Mr. Orlandini said residents of these streets haven't seen a plow during the last five snowstorms.

Another resident, Clark Ellison, claimed a Board of Education employee continually got help from the local DPW crews.

He said the employee's driveway is cleared by township plows during and after most snow storms.

Mr. Heck promised to investigate the incident and have a crew clear Hickory and Avery streets.

Mayor George Spadaro said the township DPW and other employees shined (Please turn to page A-3)

Storm leaves big project for DPW

By VERA CARLEY
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METUCHEN — Drivers finally saw blacktop on the roads Tuesday morning, but shoveling out didn't come easy, according to the Department of Public Works Acting Superintendent Roger Kubiak.

Mr. Kubiak explained how the borough attacks the mounting piles of snow on the street and why some roads always seem to be plowed first.

He said the borough's priority is maintaining clear passages on the main arteries, some of which are county and state highways, which are plowed by those divisions.

But because the county or state may not hit the roads swiftly or as cleanly as possible, the DPW might have to join in to keep them open.

For example, Mr. Kubiak said the county divides Metuchen into two zones. The county roads in the southern zone are done very well, he said. But, he said the county's roads in the northern section are another matter.

Mayor Ed O'Brien said one county road, Main Street, was going to get help because of its still snowy condition Wednesday. The county DPW was scheduled to give a portion of Main Street another plow, he said. Most of the time, he said, the borough would just plow the county roads, but the borough decided to focus on residential roads because of the extreme circumstances.

Mr. Kubiak said before the borough hits side

streets, the DPW breaks the 3.2-square-mile borough into quadrants. Then the DPW picks out main streets needed for access in case of emergencies. Those include Lake, Hillside Norris, Mason and Brunswick avenues, he said.

"Depending on the storms severity, we stay on top of them keeping them open. Then we branch out with two trucks in each zone. The small truck will dress up the corners," he said.

But not everybody is happy to see the plows. Mr. Kubiak said there were one or two instances where police were called because residents tried to prevent the plows from coming down their street.

"They tried to stop the plows by standing in front of the road. Someone threw something at a driver's head," he said. "Usually we deal with it."

Mr. Kubiak said he could understand residents' frustrations about being plowed back in and most times the plow will drive by slowly so as not to pile up a lot of snow in someone's driveway.

He said the DPW has its own problems to deal with — like cars parked in the streets. Mr. Kubiak said it is a major problem preventing a thorough curb-to-curb plowing. He said he couldn't believe the number of cars parked in the street, even though residents had a strong warning about the coming snow storm.

The DPW is requesting residents haul their trash out in plastic bags until garbage trucks can make it down all the side streets.

Mr. Kubiak asked residents not to put the bags in the cans because sanitation workers may be carrying all the bags back to the trucks on clear roads.



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Digging out

Dave Metcalf takes on the persona of a moose as he digs out of his driveway in Edison as the snow falls Monday afternoon.

Officials hope to recoup some of the storm's cost

Snow weighs heavily on roofs and minds

By VERA CARLEY
THE REVIEW

METUCHEN — The tiny borough of Metuchen, blanketed in a thick coat of white, struggled to shake off the snow and get the roads cleared just as weathermen were predicting additional snow showers for today.

Acting Superintendent of the Department of Public Works (DPW) Roger Kubiak said his department is preparing for more precipitation and resuming garbage collection. But for most of the week, the DPW was still focusing on cleaning up after what was being dubbed "The Storm of the Century."

"We will be removing snow now until who knows when. Somehow

it has to be done," Mr. Kubiak said.

Sixteen DPW workers manned the borough's eight plows since Sunday in efforts to keep the roads clear. But with the onslaught of snow, the borough contracted front-end loaders to reinforce the department and move the snow.

Mr. Kubiak said two front-end loaders were contracted out, one worked 12 hours on the borough's cul-de-sacs, while another worked on piling up the snow at the corners of streets.

After clearing the roads, the biggest problem then becomes what to do with all the snow. Mr. Kubiak said the borough was just mounding it up at various locations in the borough, but would use tandem dump trucks to remove the snow

from the business district and various intersections.

Contracting out for this special equipment along with mounting overtime escalated almost as quickly as the snow accumulation.

Mayor Ed O'Brien said the cost as of Wednesday for simply hiring the private contractors was in the range of \$4,000-\$5,000. Those costs do not include dump trucks used Wednesday night to remove snow from in front of the Metuchen Post Office, he said.

Mayor O'Brien said the storm had cost the borough "quite a bit of money." But the borough has not gone over budget because of the cleanup. Mayor O'Brien said because the borough has not adopted a budget yet, these costs would be incorporated into the final figures.

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EDISON — As more than 20 inches of snow accumulated on the ground this week, Board of Education members were looking up — at the school roofs.

Board member Joseph LaCorte said he is very concerned about the snow accumulating on top of the district's 18 school roofs, most of which were slated for repair before December's defeated school bond referendum.

"I am worried very much. I am worried about these roofs collapsing," he said.

Those worries were exacerbated by the roof collapse on the TJ Maxx store in Wick Plaza on Route 1, board President Gwynne Kesselman said.

Ms. Kesselman said those concerns were voiced to Superintendent of Schools Melindo Persi. But, she said, as of Tuesday nothing was being done to remove the snow from the roofs.

Mr. Persi said it would be impossible to remove the 25-30 inches of snow piled up on the roofs.

"Do you know how many square feet that is," Mr. Persi asked. "No one would do that (remove the snow)."

But in Piscataway they are. At the Conackmack

Middle School, workers plowed four feet of snow from the roof because of the possible danger of the roof collapsing.

Edison resident James Kukor and construction contractor said snow should be removed from roof areas where there are known leaks. Heavy machinery cannot be used to clear the snow because roofs are either a four-ply built up ballasted roof made of tar and stone or a single membrane glued or mechanically attached tar or rubber, he said. A shovel can be used to lighten the load at critical points, he said, but warned they couldn't scrape the snow off the roofs without causing problems.

"It can and has been done," he said. "You have to go up there and walk on there with flat feet — not spikes."

But Mr. Persi said the roofs should not be walked on and are in no danger of collapsing. He said Edison school buildings were built to withstand such storms and none are in danger of collapsing.

"I have no problems with the roofs' [safety]," he added.

The real problem, he suggested, would come when the snow melts. Then, Mr. Persi said the district will need additional sump pumps to drain the water off the roofs.

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Two robbery suspects with similar styles nabbed by police

By VERA CARLEY
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EDISON — Two robbery suspects who shared similar styles also shared the same fate last week when they were arrested by police after their getaway vehicles helped give them away.

Police arrested Marcella A. Williams, 31, Jan. 5 at his Newark residence on three charges of strong-arm robbery and two charges of armed robbery.

Also arrested was Todd Christopher Smith, 23, of New Brunswick, who was picked up by New Brunswick Police Jan. 3 and subsequently charged with three counts of strong-arm robbery in Edison.

Capt. Angelo Bekarian said both men had similar styles — pushing their female victims to the ground and stealing their handbags. And both were caught after witnesses were able to obtain at least a partial license plate on the suspects' getaway vehicle.

Capt. Bekarian said Todd Smith had a string of successful armed robberies before he was nabbed by police.

His first alleged robbery occurred Oct. 12, when a 45-year-old woman was punched in the face, knocked to the ground, and had her purse stolen on Hana Road. Police said Mr. Smith hit again, when a 50-year-old woman had her purse snatched on Hana Road. A day later an

other woman was punched in the face, knocked to the ground, and had her purse snatched on Marina Drive.

But this time Det. Jeff Gottlieb said the 24-year-old victim was battered by the suspect, who returned to the crime scene and continued to punch the fallen victim in the face. Det. Gottlieb said the victim required stitches after the pummeling, and one eye became totally red.

Det. Gottlieb said he was investigating the second robbery incident when he heard over the police radio about a similar incident, which had just taken place in New Brunswick Jan. 3.

After talking to New Brunswick Det. Dave Martella, Det. Gottlieb learned New

Brunswick police were able to obtain a license plate number, which came back with an Edison address.

Police said a chat with the car owner helped identify the suspect — Mr. Smith.

It took a little bit more detective work to find Mr. Williams, a second suspect wanted for five robberies in the township. Not only did police have to deal with the similar styles between the two suspects, but they also had to untangle a confusing lead when a partial license plate number led them to a 70-year-old Hillside resident.

Police got the first real lead on this case Jan. 2, when a witness allegedly saw Mr. Williams rob a woman and was able to give Patrolman William Colletto a partial

license plate number from the suspect's vehicle. From there Det. Andrew Nagy ran various combinations on the license plate and concluded the plate was registered to a 70-year-old Hillside man.

Police contacted Hillside Police, who said the resident in question was an up-standing citizen. But at this same time, the Hillside resident realized his car license plates were stolen.

Hillside police later spotted Mr. Williams driving with the stolen license plates and arrested him on charges of possession of stolen license plates and driving while suspended.

With a suspect in custody, Capt. Bekarian (Please turn to page A-3)

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Changing board faces important decisions

Despite influx of new members and controversy, zoning board will hear big applications

By VERA CARLEY

THE REVIEW

EDISON — The Board of Adjustment's game of musical chairs should not hinder the final decisions on three controversial applications.

The board is scheduled to rule on the 11-acre Bieglecki farm, off New York Boulevard, where Fer-

raro Building Associates plans to build 20 single-family homes. The Board will also consider plans to convert an Old Post Road barber shop into a business office. Both applications have been hotly contested by residents worried about the effect on the nearby area.

New members scheduled to take up the task of deciding these cases are Carl Perlin, Steven Spohr and

Shelly Telson.

Mr. Perlin is replacing Mr. Spohr as first alternate on the board. Mr. Spohr resigned his alternate position to take over Charles Harigfeld's seat, who left to join the township Housing Authority. Former Republican Township Council candidate Ms. Telson is also joining the board, replacing second alternate Irene Matika.

Zoning Board Attorney Jeffrey Lehrer said the new board members will have an opportunity to read transcripts on these cases before the next meeting Wednesday.

More changes are expected on the board. The council was scheduled to make a final decision on the fate of zoning board member David Annun Jr. Mr. Annun was ousted from the board in the final

days of December for allegedly not living in Edison.

Although the former Republican-dominated council was able to compile significant evidence against Mr. Annun, a federal court judge ruled last Wednesday the council had violated his right to due process by denying him a fair hearing. The new council restored Mr. Annun to the board. However, that move may be short-lived because the council was expected to decide on whether to proceed with hearings on Mr. Annun's residency status.

With that decision still up in the air last week, Mr. Lehrer was still predicting the board would be able to sit down next week to rule on the cases before it.

If an applicant decides there are not enough members to receive five affirmative votes to approve the application, he can ask for the matter to be carried to the next hearing.

"If there are only five members sitting, then he has the right to ask the matter be carried until there are six or seven members," Mr. Lehrer said.

An applicant would not have the right to a new hearing because of changes on the board, he added. "There was a recent change in the law. Up to about two months ago a newly appointed member could not read the transcript," Mr. Lehrer said. "Now a new law says a new member can read the transcript and be entitled to vote."

If the board rejects an application, Mr. Lehrer said the applicant would have a difficult time appealing the decision based on the board's turnover.

The zoning board reviews variance requests on building applications, ranging from items such as homeowners adding porches to developers requesting a waiver from the township's pipeline ordinance.

Task force prepares technology report

Cost-estimating methods debated as school upgrade project takes final form

By VERA CARLEY

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METUCHEN — Members of the school board's Technology Task Force sat down last week to discuss their plan for bringing computers into the school district.

The task force has proposed a \$2,274,000 five-year plan to put five computers in kindergarten- to 12th-grade classrooms, costing taxpayers roughly \$45 a year.

The committee's planned costs for each school are \$456,300 at Moss School, \$620,960 at Campbell School, \$550,240 at Edgar School and \$636,900 at Metuchen High School. Included in those costs are the purchase of software, graphic calculators, television screens, VCRs, laser discs, projectors and appropriate computer furniture.

Vic Guarnera, a member of Taxpayers for Reasonable Educational Expenditures (TREE), said he is concerned the plan does not include all the costs associated with bringing the schools into the 21st century. He

said all expenditures associated with the plan, including the re-wiring needed to hook up the computers in the classrooms, be included in the cost.

David Liss, a member of the Capital Improvement Task Force which proposed \$20.65 million worth of improvements to the school (which include the costs for technology), argued those numbers rightfully belong under capital expense. Mr. Liss said whether the computers are added or not, the re-wiring needs to be done to bring the schools up to code.

Board member Joseph Sprunger, head of the Capital Improvement Task Force, said the group could come up with a number that includes more costs associated with installing computers in the classroom.

Mr. Guarnera said he supports computers in the classroom. According to a statistical survey conducted by the Board of Education, most of the 270 residents polled also support the plan. The study showed 70 percent approve of a technology plan.

But Mr. Guarnera warned if the task force does not do a better job of selling the plan to the community and giving specific details, residents may reject the plan. Fred Kutner, another member of TREE, asked the task force to provide "the sizzle" for selling the plan.

Two teachers present told Mr. Kutner what they thought the plan would add to their classrooms. Ruth Zizewski, a first-grade teacher at Moss School, said computers would allow her children to research on the Internet, access pen-pals through E-mail, and enliven their educational experience. Ms. Zizewski now has two old Apple 2E computers which her students use.

Another teacher, Jeanne Guarnieri, said she has a "mish-mosh" of technology in her classroom. Ms. Guarnieri said two children work on one computer at a time, allowing them to communicate about their experience on the computers.

The Technology Task Force will present its findings to the board Tuesday.

Judge dismisses board member's suit

By VERA CARLEY

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EDISON — An administrative law judge has dismissed a school board member's complaint that the Board of Education violated the Open Public Meetings Act two years ago.

Judge Bruce R. Campbell dismissed charges by board President Gwynne Kesselman that the 1994 school board violated what is commonly known as the Sunshine Law.

Ms. Kesselman charged after the board adjourned a July 21, 1994

meeting at which the board was discussing candidates for the then-open superintendent's position, six other board members continued to meet.

In a petition filed with state Commissioner of Education Leo Klagholz, Ms. Kesselman sought to rescind any action taken during the alleged meeting by board members David Dickinson, Nanci Gulya, Philip Labasi, and then board members John Tudor and Ralph Bayard.

Not charged with violating the Sunshine Law were fellow board

members Barry Miller and Joseph LaCorte, who were not present at the alleged illegal meeting.

Ms. Kesselman said she would abide by the judge's ruling. She added it would be silly to speculate on what she believed the board had actually discussed during the alleged meeting.

"I have to go along with the ruling of the judge," she said.

Ms. Kesselman said, however, she does have 45 days from the judge's ruling to appeal the decision.

"I have not given it too much

thought yet," she said.

Mr. Labasi said he hopes the board president could put the issue behind her.

"It's time for the board president to get back to being the leader of the board," Mr. Labasi said. "Unfortunately, when Ms. Kesselman wanted to become president she promised to drop her suit against the board. She broke that promise. I am not happy but I think we've got to move ahead."

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Residents seek to scrap elected school board

By VERA CARLEY
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EDISON — Four years ago more than 40 residents ran for four seats on the Board of Education. It was the first election ever held in the Edison school district.

This year may be the last. Some residents are working feverishly to turn back the hands of time and switch Edison back to an appointed board.

Residents Joseph and Eleanore Roth, Karl Kovach, Dee Bruguier and James Kukor are spearheading the movement. The most popular sentiment expressed by those advocating an appointed board is that politics has enmeshed itself into the Board of Education.

Ms. Bruguier said she is unhappy with the board, which she sees as representing the teachers' union, not township residents.

"I think the teachers' union is powerful enough without becoming the Board of Education. Give the average taxpayer a fighting chance," she said. "It's troublesome to me and others. People feel they have no representation."

Mr. Roth shares that opinion, and said the group's efforts should not be looked at as "anti-children." He said both the students and taxpayers are being shortchanged with the current board.

Ms. Bruguier said she doesn't know if it's a cure-all for the district's ills, but she said an ap-

pointed board would give taxpayers a stronger voice.

"It sounded like such a good idea when it happened because we were so disenchanted with the board then, but we made a serious mistake," Ms. Bruguier said. "I feel the people on the board then did not have the same agenda as the people on the board now. I don't think their agenda was not so closely tied to the teachers' union."

Last spring board member Philip Labasi agreed with those sentiments. He questioned how independent candidates can run a successful campaign against the powerful teacher union and special-interest groups. He recounted how difficult a process it was to run his own campaign in 1994 and win.

Now, several months later, Mr. Labasi has had a change of heart.

Upon further reflection, he said an appointed board would concentrate too much power into the hands of the mayor. He said when the township did have an appointed board the mayor made all the decisions in Edison.

"That's when the mayor told the board president and Board of School Estimate [which controlled the district's finances] exactly what the contract settlements would be," Mr. Labasi said. "Mayor (Anthony) Yelenski would call them over to Borough Motors in Metuchen and tell them what they would settle for. Do they want to go back to that?"

"Edison residents would lose their right to vote on the school budget," he said. "It's a knee-jerk reaction by a small group of senior citizens ... What they want is laudable and I want it too, but they are not going to see it with an appointed board."

Mr. Labasi said an appointed board would not be better able to control sky-rocketing school costs. He pointed out the Edison Township Education Association (ETEA), the union, was able to strike lucrative deals with the school district while it was being run by the appointed board.

ETEA President John Gundry may not agree with Mr. Labasi's assessment that the union struck gold with an appointed board, but he did agree with the board member's conviction concerning citizens' right to vote.

"It's difficult for me to understand why the public would want to give up their ability to vote," he said. "As an educator, I like an elected board because at least you have access to faces, people you can lobby for or against. If you speak to them (an appointed board) they don't have to answer to an individual; they have to go to the superintendent. It's more bureaucratic."

Mr. Gundry also dismissed claims the ETEA wields extraordinary power over board elections. He said the union is not allowed to financially support candidates for

election and is governed by strict rules regarding campaign contributions.

"Do I have an interest to look for good candidates? Certainly," he said. "That's everyone's responsibility. Do we have more influence? We have a membership of more than 400 people who live in Edison. You can't blame them for exercising their right to vote ... We have no excessive influence even on our own members. They make up their own mind. Sometimes when individuals don't exercise their own rights as a citizen they look for scapegoats. And not only the NJEA, but the ETEA become convenient scapegoats for individual failures."

Although the ETEA will likely stay out of the debate over moving to an appointed board, Mr. Gundry said the problem is getting more people actively involved in the education process.

Civic activist Felton King said more people need to become involved with the board. Mr. King, who plans to make his second bid for a board seat this year, said people have to right to choose their representation instead of having the mayor make such appointments.

Board member Bruce Polkowitz also argued against the appointed board.

"I don't think anyone can hang their hat on an appointed board being better than an elected board.

I think it's ridiculous," he said. "I think it's a poor move. Now you're taking it away from the will of the people and taking away the Democratic process."

Judie Stone, a parent at Martin Luther King School, added people have to give the elected board time. With only four years under its belt, Ms. Stone said the board has yet to find itself. And like so many others, she argued the best remedy for any problems on the board would be quality Board of Education candidates.

But another parent disagrees. John Locker said politics have become so embedded in the school election process that an appointed board could do better.

"In general, I am in favor of an appointed board because there is too much politics," he said. "There is a little bit of risk certainly, but it is preferable to special interests, especially when there is such low voter turnout. At least it's worth talking about."

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Edison struggles to dig out from blizzard

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through this crisis.

"It's been a difficult couple of days but there has been a tremendous amount of progress in clear-

ing the township's 1,000 streets," he said. "They all posed particularly difficult challenges."

Another challenge for the township was the collapsed roof at the

Robbery suspects similar

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ian said the Edison police were able to obtain a search warrant for the suspect's Newark address. Det. Nagy along with Det. John Canavera, Sgt. Greg Formica and Lt. Rocco Promicutto headed to the Newark residence and were able to seize evidence linking Mr. Williams to the Edison robberies, which began Dec. 10.

Capt. Bekarian would not comment on the evidence seized.

Outlining Mr. Williams' busy itinerary, Capt. Bekarian said the suspect first robbed a 66-year-old woman outside in the parking lot of Oakwood Plaza Oct. 10. The suspect allegedly shoved the victim, ripped the purse off her arm and fled. Fourteen days later another elderly woman, 64 years old, was robbed when she was shoved and her handbag stolen at Oakwood Plaza. Mr. Williams then moved to the Oak Tree Road Shopping Center Dec. 31, where he allegedly pushed a 53-year-old woman to-

ward her trunk and took her handbag.

On Jan. 2, police said Mr. Williams struck again, this time wielding a 13-inch kitchen knife.

According to Capt. Bekarian, the suspect placed the knife to a 20-year-old woman's chest before fleeing with the victim's handbag. A day later the suspect again used the knife in robbing a 35-year-old victim at the Oak Tree Road Shopping Center. Capt. Bekarian said Mr. Williams held the knife to the victim's chest while she clutched her 2-year-old son, and demanded she not move. Mr. Williams then allegedly cut the snaps of the purse, which the victim was wearing, and fled the scene.

Mr. Williams is being held on \$100,000 bail with no 10 percent option at the Middlesex County Correctional Facility in North Brunswick. Also being held at the correctional facility is Mr. Smith, who is being held on \$350,000 bail with no 10 percent option for all four robberies.

Snow on roofs poses concern

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"I am worried about water weight, not snow weight," he said.

But Felton King, a member of the district's Facility Advisory Committee, said the snow should be removed as part of the school district maintenance effort.

"We're paying janitorial and maintenance guys \$30,000-\$40,000 and you're telling me they can't

remove the snow off the building — that's a problem," he said. "You're telling me we can't do pre-maintenance work."

Mr. King did say the buildings are sound and that he is not concerned about possible roof collapses. He even chastised board members for raising such fears, which he called scare tactics.

"I think they should be ashamed of themselves," he said.

TJ Maxx retail store in Wick Plaza on Route 1. The roof collapsed around 6:30 a.m. Monday. Fire Chief Albert Lamkie said the roof collapsed, blew out the front windows and caused the back wall to buckle outward. The collapse ripped electrical lines out and ruptured a one-inch gas pipeline, he said.

No one was evacuated after the gas pipeline burst because of the small size of the pipe, Chief Lamkie added. PSE&G was able to shut the valve quickly, he said.

Township Engineer George Terwilliger said he inspected the building and expected the stores to the left of TJ Maxx to open Thursday. The stores to the right had not been checked and would

not be opened until inspected, he said.

"Life and safety is the primary concern, so we are proceeding very carefully," he said.

Mr. Terwilliger also said the incident was not related to the Pathmark roof collapse in Wick Plaza in 1983. Built in 1987 without a proper drainage system, that roof fell because water collected on top of it, he said.

TJ Maxx was housed in the former Edison Lanes, a 50-year-old building. According to Mr. Terwilliger, its roof failed because the trusses gave way under the snow's weight.

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Commentary

Local heroes

Neighborhood volunteers braved blizzard's dangers

While most of us sat at home during this week's blizzard watching football games and wondering how long schools and stores would be closed, a brave band of neighbors literally weathered the storm for our benefit.

These courageous souls are the volunteer firefighters and rescue squad members whom we always ask to respond to a higher call of duty during a natural disaster like this blizzard. These unselfish volunteers did not endure the storm in the warm comforts of their homes, but rather reported to their headquarters without question if their services were needed.

With their undying community spirit, the volunteer firefighters and rescue squad members performed a myriad of tasks during the storm, all the time at great risk to their own personal safety.

We should be grateful to these fine individuals and we should remember to show our appreciation the next time a letter arrives asking for our financial assistance.

The other heroes of the storm are police officers and snowplow drivers. Throughout the blizzard, police officers continued to be dispatched on a variety of calls, including rescuing stranded motorists. During this storm, many officers again proved that they are willing to go beyond the call of duty.

Snowplow drivers are unsung heroes who simply work tremendously long hours in the most challenging circumstances. Their task is not made any easier by those unthinking and inconsiderate individuals who ignore the snow emergency regulations in their hometowns. Imagine how difficult it is to plow a narrow side street with cars parked along both sides. You can show your appreciation to these workers by simply following the rules and not shoveling the snow from your driveway back into the street.



Surviving snowbound cabin fever

I'd rather be trapped in a cabin with the Donner party than stuck in the house with my husband. This week's storm has been a miserable experience.

Forced confinement has never brought out the best in us, and when the Chinese restaurants stop delivering on top of that, it's not pretty.

(I believe you can pretty much ignore wars, pestilence and man's inhumanity to man. You'll know the end of the world is near when your local Chinese restaurant actually closes. No matter what the holiday or natural disaster, I can always find pork lo mein in New Jersey.)

Anyway, we were about an hour into the blizzard when Jim started to get restless. The wind was whipping the snow around at about 40 mph, we couldn't see the house across the street, and a guy who had more than a passing resemblance to Dr. Zhivago was staggering toward us, but Jim wanted to go out and "get a head start" on the shoveling.

I gently pointed out that even our zealous "snow blower neighbors" had not yet ventured out, and I thought shoveling would be useless, but he went out Sunday afternoon and shoveled anyway. Later, I said the snow was drifting pretty high and that nobody else had shoveled.

"So in other words, you're saying I shoveled for nothing," he said angrily. "Thanks a lot."

I wisely withdrew. For the next 24 hours, he found at least 87 opportunities to say, "Well, I would go out and shovel, but you said not to."

(After 19 years of marriage, he finally listens to me when I tell him not to do something and strangely enough, it involves doing backbreaking physical labor.)

I contemplated the 5-foot drifts and wondered how long it would take for the body of an annoying husband to be discovered.

My sick sense of humor wasn't helping either. At one point, the TV newscaster mentioned the blood shortage which was occurring because of the snow. She said hospitals desperately needed platelets.

"We can help them with that," I said, rushing to the kitchen. "We have plenty of platelets."

"What are you talking about?" Jim said.

I held up a dinner dish. "This is a plate," I said, and then showed him a saucer. "And this is a platelet."

"Very funny," he said, giving me a look he usually reserves for the fuzzy crud under the refrigerator.

Jim hates being confined. If there had been no storm, he would have been content to veg out in his chair watching 22 straight hours of football playoffs, but now someone had told him not to go out.

That little streak of stubbornness emerged. God knows I have tried to exorcise it (along with 55 other personality traits that annoy me), but it keeps popping up. He paced the living room floor like a cougar in a zoo.

And the governor of New Jersey and the mayor of New York ticked him off more by saying people should stay inside if they were "nonessential" personnel.

Now I'm perfectly content to be called "nonessential" if it means I get to curl up in front of the TV instead of reporting to work, but Jim's pride was hurt. ("I am too essential!")

We sparred verbally throughout the blizzard and finally reached the boiling point Monday afternoon, at which point we (he) frantically dug our way to freedom.

Tuesday morning we approached each other cautiously. I kissed him gently on the cheek and said, "Have I told you lately how very essential I think you are?"

"No," he said sulkily. "You are. Now go to work." I haven't seen him since.

Letters to the editor

Former ally blasts board member

To The Review:

This letter is a response to Beverly Labasi's recent letter attacking Eleanore and Joe Both (*The Review*, Dec. 22). I worked with the Boths and others on Philip Labasi's campaign. The Boths spent time, money and energy on Mr. Labasi's successful election. But *eaten bread is soon forgotten!*

Mr. Labasi is now guilty of the very behavior of which he was so critical prior to his election. His integrity is questioned because he did not discourage the nomination of his wife as a permanent full time secretary. Yes, this is asking a lot, but that is the price one pays when in public office. There are those who have worked as secretarial substitutes much longer than Mrs. Philip (Beverly) Labasi. Why wasn't one of

them considered to fill this position?

The recent actions and statements of Mr. Labasi cause one to know that he has abandoned the platform on which he campaigned. These are the reasons the Boths are disappointed. I am also unhappy with Mr. Labasi and I am angered by the venomous tone of his wife's letter.

It is common knowledge that Mr. Labasi won his seat on the school board due, in a large part, to the efforts of Eleanore and Joe Both and their friends. For this reason, more than any other, the Boths deserve better from Beverly Labasi than a caustic letter. How about an apology, Bev?

DEE M. BRUGUIER

Edison

Take another look at Ethics Board

To The Review:

I have been following the activities of the Edison Township Ethics Board since it was created, and in talking to many Edison residents since its inception about the way it was structured, it is just an outrage.

Initially, the all-Republican council made sure they did not come under this body, and then they stacked the board with their hand-picked Republicans and Republicrats. After an outcry by the public, both at council meetings and by the news media, they tried to create a smoke screen and partially changed the rules and regulations of this board.

Their greatest move at trying to deceive the public was a special meeting they had and appointed two new members only hours before their council terms

expired on New Year's Eve. One of the new members was Councilman David Papi, who initially took part in creating this board, excluded himself from being covered by this body, then at the last minute appointed himself to this board. It is obvious that by stacking this board, the Republicans plan to use this as a "Kangaroo Court," just like the Inquisition of the Middle Ages.

I hope the newly elected Democratic council members look at this board very closely. They must right a wrong. Maybe the best thing for them to do is to start from the beginning, clean house and reconstruct a board that is fair, honest and practicable.

VICKI CHIZMADIA

Edison

GOP agenda too easy on polluters

By JIM FLORIO

SPECIAL TO THE REVIEW

You can analyze election returns and poll results until you are blue in the face and still be hard-pressed to interpret them the same way Newt Gingrich apparently does when it comes to the issue of protecting people from pollution.

The Speaker seems to see the word "revolution" where most people see "reform," and so he is in the process of leading an effort to dramatically and drastically rewrite environmental laws to the detriment of people who have come to see the government as their only protection from polluters. The best example is the attempt under way to change the federal Superfund law into what amounts to a Polluters Entitlement Act that would scrap the concept of making polluters pay for their actions and settle for cheap options in dealing with the health and environmental safety of the American people.

The 104th Congress is now in the process of reauthorizing the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act, popularly known as the Superfund law. Overwhelmingly passed in 1980 with bipartisan support, Superfund was designed to provide for a way to clean up the abandoned toxic waste sites that were being discovered around the nation with alarming frequency.

The law recognized that it's easier to find a toxic waste site than to prove who dumped the stuff there in the first place; and that the urgent need to clean it up first and assess liability later meant that a funding mechanism had to be put in place. Superfund is just that: initial assessments on the chemical and petrochemical industries to finance cleanups of sites found to be



dangerous to the public.

Logically, and in the interest of fairness, those found directly responsible for problems at a particular dump site were required to reimburse the fund for the cost of the cleanup. In this way, the Superfund would be constantly replenished, and it would maintain the cardinal principle that polluters — not taxpayers — paid.

That principle is now on the verge of being abandoned. The radical idea now in vogue on Capitol Hill is to free polluters from responsibility and make taxpayers foot the bill instead. Truly a revolutionary idea!

After initially floating proposals to eliminate "retroactive liability" — in other words, letting polluters off the hook, Congressional leaders now propose an even more bizarre initiative: Retroactive Liability Discounts! Under H.R. 2500, the Superfund reauthorization bill, polluters would actually get a rebate from the government as a payback for half of what they had to spend to clean up toxic waste sites.

Proponents of the Contract With America aren't stopping at the idea of giving polluters a financial break. Another piece of "revolutionary" wisdom in H.R. 2500 favors low-cost remedies that would control exposure to toxic wastes, as opposed to permanent solution and

treatment. This narrow, supposedly cost-effective, "put-a-fence-around-it" remedy is based on the assumption that it will always cost less to cordon off a dump than to clean it up. Will it be safer? Of course not. But that doesn't appear to be the consideration here.

With regard to ground water — the drinking water source of half of Americans — remedies would tilt toward preventing ingestion rather than cleaning up the water supply. Under this approach, a polluter who agrees to provide people with bottled water has met an obligation that takes the place of restoring a polluted water source. Completely lost in this equation is the fact that the longer the permanent cleanup is put off, the more it costs.

The list of radical retreats from previous practice and common sense found in H.R. 2500 goes on and on. It includes federal preemption of the ability of states to prescribe necessary public safety requirements on cleanups — not only foolish, but ironic in light of the Contract's preference for devolution in other areas — and total exemptions from cleanup responsibility for whole new categories of previously responsible parties.

When we should be trying to expedite cleanups, H.R. 2500 gives polluters a veritable arsenal of delay. From a new authority to "reopen" decisions in cleanup remedies already under way to the ability to prevent the EPA from ordering even preliminary investigations or analysis, polluters clearly are ascendant in the new revolutionary era.

Metuchen resident Jim Florio was governor of New Jersey, and as a member of the U.S. Congress, was a sponsor of the original Superfund legislation.

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TREE defended against criticism of the group's efforts

To The Review:

As I read David Liss's letter (Dec. 29), I was amazed at the gall of this Johnny-come-lately to the community in his attack on the TREE organization's efforts to restore fiscal sanity to the operations and costs of Metuchen's public schools.

He had the audacity to direct outlandish accusations at concerned citizens who expressed their opinions at an open meeting (which he took out of context) to attempt to belittle them. Since when is the task force's word gospel?

No, Mr. Liss, you and your task force members are not Messiah with a magic wand to correct the past mistakes of the school board and school administration, with a massive infusion of tax dollars.

He concedes he moved into Metuchen four years ago, thus he is in the infant stage as to knowledge of the community, its residents, its schools and the town itself. Does he know anything about the history of the Metuchen school system for the past 30 years? The history of Metuchen's school enrollment over those years? The constant increase in the school budget every year since then, while the

student population was reduced by 50 percent in this period? The reduction from five schools to four? The increase in school taxation in each of the past 30 years without any appreciable improvement in the quality of education provided to the students? How the residents were sold a bill of goods on the Princeton Plan? Of course not — he only moved into town four years ago!

He was not in town when the school board five years ago floated a \$500,000 loan for emergency repairs to the [Metuchen High School] roof as a failure of the administration and school board to include in their annual budget sufficient funds to cover this known anticipated repair. Does he know how much it cost the taxpayers in interest payments for this loan, as a result of inexcusable financial management by the board and school administration? Does he know as a result of the financial mistakes by the school administration in preparing their budgets, Franklin School was sold to the taxpayers (imagine, buying something you already own) to pay off the \$500,000 loan when due?

Why was this newcomer to the community selected to be on the task force in the first place? Why wasn't someone with years of knowledge of the community and the school system chosen instead? Who selected the task force members? Who organized and headed the committee that selected the task force members? Who checked the qualifications of the selected task force members? Why didn't the task force include a cross-section of the taxpayers at all economic levels?

It appears from the report filed by the task force that its members were selected based upon their willingness to rubber-stamp and accept the opinions and suggestions of the school administration and the educators on the school board.

Mr. Gerner's letter (Dec. 22) voicing the opinions of the TREE organization, makes sense and it reflects the thoughts of the majority of the town's residents. Spending \$2.5 million now on flooding the school system with computers all at one time is not only asinine but a waste of taxpayers' money. It is nothing but an attempt to cover up the shortsightedness of the school administration over the past 25

years. As private industry recognized the value of the computer, gradually introduced it into their business operations and educated their staffs on its use, the school administration, as well as the school board, hid their heads in the sand and ignored it. Now when computer prices are dropping every few months, they want to make mass purchases to make them available to students and teachers before they have been properly trained in its use.

Before spending millions of dollars on the pipe dreams of a few, an in-depth study of the proven lack of financial management by the school administration and the school board is in order. There is no point in draining the taxpayers dry to finance continued inept management of the school tax dollars. Let's not be foolish and start at the roof of the problem. Let's start at the bottom and make certain the people responsible for spending our school tax dollars are qualified to do so.

No, Mr. Liss, TREE is not attacking the children. They are not using the children as pawns as is done by the NJEA. They do have a deep interest in maintaining taxes at a level that is affordable to all home-

owners in the community. They do have a deep interest in maintaining a quality school system that will ensure each high school graduate has a solid, firm foundation in education to prepare them to absorb what is offered by the colleges and universities they attend, or to prepare them to enter technical schools and the business world.

Nobody is advocating the elimination of art, music and athletics from the schools. If you knew the Metuchen schools, you would know all prior students had such instruction on an introduction level of sufficient magnitude to create their interest to pursue it further. What is not needed are grandiose plans for additional rooms for art and music and expansion of the current athletic facilities to satisfy the day-dreamers.

No, Mr. Liss, TREE's objective is to protect property values in the community, provide a quality education for the children, restore fiscal sanity to our school system and put an end to forcing people out of town because they no longer can afford the high taxation.

THOMAS J. DOWLING
Metuchen

Stress positives of the senior center, not factional disputes

To The Review:

While I am a member of the Senior Commission and secretary of Metuchen Seniors Inc., I wish to make it clear that I write this letter as an individual and without sanction by either organization. I wish to respond to recent allegations which have the obvious intent of dividing and polarizing both organizations. That would be unfortunate, for such actions can only undermine progress on behalf of Metuchen's senior population.

It is true that John Ur has worked diligently on behalf of senior interests, and he well deserves the proclamation issued by [former] Mayor Marshall at her final council meeting. It is equally true that he has acted unilaterally and, in some cases, in direct contradiction of directives of the commission majority which he was obligated by law to carry out. I am

not sure where he wanted to "get," but the fact is that nothing seems to have deterred Mr. Ur from doing anything he decided to do, even against the unanimous vote of the commission. He has no valid claim that he was "stepped on"; only the democratic process was abused.

I'm not sure how the division line was drawn establishing the "they" referred to by Messrs. Ur and Herz and Ms. Hill. Most members of the commission and corporation are there because they think in terms of "we," meaning the more than 3,000 seniors residing in our community.

"We" recognize that the senior center involves a major sacrifice on the part of Metuchen's taxpayers. The money for the center wasn't "found," as headlines at the time proclaimed. The funds came from block grants, present and future, which were allocated to this pur-

pose instead of others and for which we should all be grateful. The center is not a private club, and we are seeking to increase and broaden programs to maximize its use and services to the senior community. Already in place are ceramics, line dancing, aerobics, blood pressure testing, podiatric treatment, English-language classes, general interest talks and seminars. In the works are art classes, book reviews, scheduled VCR films on our new 45-inch TV and instructional classes of various types. Further suggestions are entirely welcome, as are all seniors in our borough! It is your center, not the property of any group or faction.

The only problems between the commission and council of which I am aware were objections by a few over the use of the center for other than senior functions, which is mandated by law and should never

have been an issue, and a request for authority to open the center without borough staff presence, which proved impractical due to insurance considerations. The claims that council liaison Tom Vallala rode roughshod over anyone are vindictive nonsense. His responsibilities included the need, at times, to tell people things they didn't want to hear. Their cries of "kill the messenger" don't change the facts.

Mr. Ur agreed to contact the Housing Authority in July 1995 to add the room divider to the list of approved uses for the grant. Whether he did so is not known, since he refused to call a meeting to discuss the matter before the year ended and he resigned. It was never in his province to approve or disapprove release of the funds since that decision rests with a majority vote of the corporation mem-

bership.

Every commission and staff member is aware of unfortunate design deficiencies of the center. Mr. Ur was present when borough inspectors explained the kitchen could not be renovated to the commercial standard required to support a meal program such as he now suggests. I have no idea what fence he referred to, since none was ever discussed at a meeting. Public use of the upper level is not possible, with or without an elevator, without major building changes and that, too, was well known to Mr. Ur. These examples reflect inadequacies in planning and financing during the early stages of the center development when expediency governed (too) many decisions. When you want

something in the worst way, that's usually the way you get it!

I believe the real story for the media is the existence of the senior center and the exciting potential it represents, not factionalism and divisiveness. I'm sure that the commission and staff would be very pleased to arrange a press tour to demonstrate that Metuchen seniors, far from being shaken, actually have it all together, and I again invite all Metuchen seniors to visit and become part of their center.

CLAIRE EISENSTEIN
Metuchen

Rescue squad workers plowed through storm

To The Review:

In the future, there will come a time when we think back to the blizzard of '96 and reflect upon what we did to get through it. Frankly, most of us will say we shoveled out our property and cars, stood on never-ending grocery store lines, or stayed inside and watched the weather on television. But what about those who gave totally of themselves to help the community through the storm? Among those are the people who worked together to keep the Metuchen First Aid Squad running with bare bones staffing. I am dumbfounded by the outpouring of community teamwork to help the squad.

Under the best of circumstances, answering a first aid call is physi-

cally demanding since patients and equipment must be carried to and from a scene. In deep snow, this becomes overwhelming since a patient cannot be wheeled and must be carried above the snow line on a special chair. Furthermore, the crew members must protect themselves from the elements with heavy clothing that quickly becomes unbearable during physical exertion.

The Metuchen First Aid Squad responded to 11 calls including cardiac, respiratory, maternity and the transporting of critical hospital staff. Thankfully the roads were kept clear of snow and traffic, which allowed calls to be answered rapidly by the Metuchen Police, JFK Mercy 9 paramedics and our crew. On one call I was on, I wit-

nessed the police and neighbors assisting a crew member in clearing a path to a patient's house while the rest of the crew and myself were assessing the patient. I was informed that this was the case on many of the calls since few homes were shoveled, and that the crew received much needed help in lifting patients and guiding crew members down slippery and narrow paths.

We were also fortunate to have our new ambulance, M7, during the blizzard. Without M7, we might not have been able to respond effectively, or at all, since M7 is better able to handle extreme snow than the other ambulances.

We have several members of the squad who sacrificed well beyond their volunteer commitment. Most

notably were 1st Lt. Joseph Skalla Jr., his wife, Carolyn Skalla, and their son, Cadet Capt. John Skalla III. The Skalla family spent a non-stop total of three days operating directly out of the first aid building with minimal sleep in between calls. Also responding were John Cohn, 2nd Lt. Warren Brooks and Cadet Kevin Trent. I would also like to thank the Department of Public Works. Not only were our streets continually plowed, but so was our ambulance entrance. While the rest of the town returns to their normal routine, these people can look forward to just beginning their own shoveling and perhaps much deserved sleep.

CAROL TRECOLIS
President
Metuchen First Aid Squad

Praise for a retired doctor

To The Review:

Recently I received a letter telling me that Dr. Howard D. Slobodien [retired] from his medical practice at the end of the year. When I read the letter it saddened me, as I'm sure it did his many other patients who also received this news.

I am sad Dr. Slobodien is retiring, but at the same time I was happy for him, as he had his medical practice in Perth Amboy for many years, and now it's time for him to enjoy the "easy life."

God bless you, Dr. Slobodien, for the many years you have given to your patients and the community. You will be missed and remembered fondly. You will always have a special place in my heart.

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TIME FOR A CHANGE

How to manage weight loss in '96

Congratulations — you made it through the holidays. If you're like most people, however, you're beginning the year with a few extra pounds, the result of too many holiday parties and too little exercise.

An estimated 5 million people will counter their overindulgence with a New Year's resolution to lose weight. For most people these resolutions are short-lived. An estimated 75 percent will abandon their resolution by the end of January.

Weight management expert Jenny Craig said most people are not prepared to manage the psychological challenges related to weight management. "We generally know which foods are healthy and which are not, and we know to limit calories and fat," she said, "but all this wisdom is futile unless we can control the emotional and environmental situations that can lead to overeating."

To help people succeed with those resolutions to lose weight, Jenny Craig offers the following tips.

Set reasonable goals. Don't make your resolution any more demanding by trying to achieve a weight that may be too difficult. And don't develop an "all or nothing" attitude. Even small amounts of weight loss can bring substantial health benefits.

Be patient. Don't expect to lose weight too rapidly. Experts say a reasonable amount of weight loss is 1-2 pounds per week.

Don't starve yourself. Contrary to

many opinions about dieting and weight loss, you don't have to forsake all of the foods you enjoy. Just eat them less often and in smaller portions. Dish out your food before bringing it to the table, and use a smaller plate to make your portions look larger.

Focus on changing your eating behavior. You must break the habits that led to your weight gain. Plan your meals ahead of time. Write your shopping list when you're not hungry, and shop for groceries on a full stomach. Eat only when sitting at the kitchen or dining room table instead of nibbling while doing other things.

Share your resolution with others. Friends and family are excellent sources of motivation and support. If they know you're serious about managing your weight, they'll be less likely to foil your

resolution by tempting you with unplanned visits to the pizza parlor or bringing unwelcome gifts of food to your home or office.

Exercise. Along with proper nutrition, exercise is the most beneficial activity you can do to manage your weight. You'll not only burn calories but you'll reduce stress and divert your attention from eating. There are plenty of opportunities to exercise this time of year despite inclement weather. Take a walk, go dancing or build a snowman.

These simple suggestions can help you fulfill your New Year's resolution to lose weight. Credible weight management programs, such as the one offered by Jenny Craig, can also help. To reach the nearest Jenny Craig center, call toll-free 1-800-43-JENNY.

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Tools to help manage stress

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2. Try to solve the problem. Unclear objectives? Inadequate resources? Talk it out, negotiate.

3. Organize your life. Eliminate unnecessary activities; do the most important and difficult tasks first.

4. Assess your skills. Are you in a niche that you enjoy? Are you utilizing your strengths? Do you feel that you are applying your talents in a way that helps the world?

5. Ask yourself, "Will this matter be important five minutes from now?" If not, it isn't worth upsetting yourself.

6. Calm your sense of urgency. You are not running a race, but living a life. You have only now to improve the quality of the moment.

7. Escape for a while. We all need time out to renew ourselves and gain perspective.

8. Don't worry so much about income. Live within your means, clear up your debts and save a little for the unexpected.

9. Try a little cooperation. Stop being a threat to others and they might stop being a threat to you.

10. Don't try to be a superperson. You can't be perfect. Give the best of your ability, but don't feel guilty if you don't achieve the impossible.

11. Consider changing your diet. Caffeine, sugar and poor nutrition can elevate your level of tension.

12. Do something physical. Exercise increases the level of endorphins in the body, calms the mind and releases tension.

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The Borough Improvement League clubhouse — the Old Franklin School House — is located at 491 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen. The following events are planned:

• Jan. 17: Regular meeting 7:30 p.m., with a program called "Show & Tell," when members of the B.I.L. will show samples of their hobbies, crafts and talents. Refreshments will be served. Guests are welcome. The Old Franklin School House is not available for rental at the present time.

JCC Senior Adult Club

The Senior Adult Club of the Jewish Community Center of Middlesex County is located at 1775 Oak Tree Road, Edison.

ESL for new Americans from Russia will continue to be held Tuesday afternoons from 1-2:30 p.m.

"Current Affairs," a course held in conjunction with Middlesex County College, begins Tuesday and runs for six weeks. Fee is \$15. Register at the JCC front desk.

Edison AARP

The Edison Chapter of AARP No. 3446 meets at the Victorian Manor, 2863 Woodbridge Ave.

The next general meeting will be 1 p.m. Monday. The speaker will be Township Council member Jane Tousman, who's topic will be "Know your government — How to lobby."

Members are again reminded to bring in canned or packaged food items or toiletries to the meeting to help replenish the Middlesex County Food Bank.

The Knitting and Crocheting Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 19 at the Stelton Community Center. For more information, call Kay McCormack at 548-1976.

Membership renewals for 1996 and new memberships will be accepted at the January meeting. Membership in the national AARP is required to join the chapter.

Vice President Helen Rader (738-7441) is planning the following trips:

- April 30-May 7: New Mexico tour — Eight days, seven nights from El Paso, Texas to Albuquerque N.M.
- May 21: The Great Polka Party at The Tides.
- May 27-28: Foxwood Casino overnight.
- June 21-28: Indian Head Lodge, N.H.
- Oct. 14-21: Las Vegas (Monday to Friday) and a cruise to Mexico (Friday to Monday).

More information will be available at the January meeting. Buses leave from the annex of Our Lady of Peace in Fords.

Metuchen AARP

The Program Committee of Metuchen AARP Chapter No. 3208 meets monthly at Reformed Church on Lake Avenue.

The Tour Committee has prepared the following trips:

- Feb. 14: Valentine's Day trip to Hunterdon Playhouse to see *Weekend Comedy*. Cost is \$39 per person, including bus, play and lunch. Bus leaves the Reformed Church in Metuchen 10:15 a.m. Call Felonese Kelley at 548-2363.
- March 14: Trip to New York Philharmonic dress rehearsal at Lincoln Center. Cost is \$20, including transportation and admission to rehearsal. Checks should be made out to Metuchen Chapter No. 3208 AARP and mailed to Christine Kee, 24 Maplewood Ave., Metuchen, N.J. 08840. Bus will leave 8:15 a.m. from the Reformed Church on Lake Avenue.

Senior Citizen Commission

The Metuchen Senior Center, 15 Center Street, offers trips and activities for anyone 60 years old and older.

Recreational contract bridge is offered at the center 1 p.m. every Wednesday. Players of all levels welcome.

For more information or reservations for any of the above, call Alice Fleming at 632-8524.

Edison Senior Services

The Edison Township Division of Senior Citizen Services offers programs, seminars and activities related to issues of concern to township seniors. Some of the services offered include: CHIME counseling, medical and senior citizen transportation, and a comprehensive program of recreational, cultural, health and wellness "outreach" services, social and educational activities.

Information can be obtained by calling the division 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays at 248-7345.

All senior citizen groups serving Metuchen and Edison are invited to submit notices for use in this column. Items must be received by 5 p.m. Tuesday for inclusion in that week's paper. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 699, Somerville, N.J. 08876. Our fax number is (908) 526-2509. For more information, call the editor at 722-3000, ext. 6332.

Metuchen attorney to conduct seminar on wills and estates

Attorney Kenneth Vercammen will be the speaker for a seminar in wills and estate administration, scheduled for 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30 at Middlesex County College, Woodbridge Avenue, Edison.

Topics to be discussed include: who needs a will; what if you die with a will; mechanics of a simple will; selecting an executor, trustee and guardian; proper will execution; cost of a simple will; where should wills be kept; "living will"; powers of attorney; \$10,000 annual gift tax exclusion; bequests to charity; why you need a "self-proving"

will and estate administration/probate.

Complementary materials include books and handouts on wills, living wills/medical advance directive, power of attorney, probate and administration of an estate, working with your attorney, Consumers Guide to New Jersey Laws, and senior citizen rights.

Fee is \$30, plus \$5 for school administration fee. Registration is required.

For more information, call the Middlesex County College Dept. of Community Education, 906-2556.

Chamber installs officers; names citizen of the year

METUCHEN — The Metuchen Area Chamber of Commerce has announced the names of the newly elected executive board.

Barry Towbin is president. Mr. Towbin and his longtime friend, Michael Farina, opened Lucca's Espresso in Metuchen in June 1992. A year later, they opened a shop in Westfield. Mr. Towbin served the chamber as secretary/treasurer during 1993 and as vice president in 1994. He also sat on several committees — including the By-Law, Budget and Zoning committees.

Mr. Towbin was also instrumental in bringing the chamber office into the '90s by setting up systems that would make the office run more effectively and efficiently.

Mr. Towbin is a member of the Specialty Coffee Association and the Westfield Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the Augusta Muhlenberg Society and an executive of the Towbin Fund at Muhlenberg Medical Center.

Ken Hoffman was elected vice president. Mr. Hoffman, a pilot with Continental Airlines and a Borough Council member, has served as an active voice in the Metuchen community for the past few years.

It has been through his active role in local government that Mr. Hoffman has been able to provide the chamber with a greater perspective on the needs of local businesses in town.

He has also been involved in the Planning Board, Municipal Pool, Senior Citizens, Youth Service Board, Traffic and Transportation Commission, and cultural arts. His community service includes the Metuchen/Edison YMCA Campaign 2000, Metuchen/Edison Exchange Club, Metuchen Elks BPOE 1914 and Celebrate Metuchen Nite. He is a commission member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Brian McGowan is secretary/treasurer of the chamber. He began his banking career in 1971 at the Commonwealth Bank of Metuchen, worked in Metuchen for 22 years, and was transferred to North Brunswick. He then relocated to the Metuchen Savings Bank in August 1994.

In addition to serving on the chamber By-Law Committee, Mr. McGowan is a past president of the Board of Directors of the Metuchen/Edison YMCA and is currently a member of the Board of Trustees. He also serves on the Board of Trustees at JFK Medical

Center and is a member of the Kiwanis Club.

The Chamber of Commerce has announced that Lucinda Florio is to be honored as Citizen of the Year.

While her husband served as governor of New Jersey, she busied herself serving the citizens of the state in any way she could.

Mrs. Florio, who taught preschool for a few years and then first and third grades for 10 years, received the Governor's Recognition Award and Teacher of the Year Award. Currently, she dedicates her time to the YMCA/Campaign 2000 project, and spends time reading to preschoolers.

Mrs. Florio is also a volunteer for United Way program evaluation for disabled citizens and serves as a board member of the Liberty Science Center. She also sits on the Educational Committee for that board.

In addition, she is one of the members of the Book Back Talk Club and attends meetings of the Garden Club in her spare time.

The chamber also announced that the Metuchen Before and After School Care Program will be honored as Organization of the Year. The program was started when a group of working parents with children in elementary School gathered to explore their options for after-school care alternatives in Metuchen. A very important consideration for these parents was that their children would not have to be transported away from the school for the before- or after-school care.

The Board of Education requested that the parent task force spend 1993-94 working on this project. In 1994, after gathering all the pertinent information, BASC was formed. It opened with about 40 children and offered its services to the Metuchen community. The closets are stacked with games, art supplies and even tutoring materials, since homework is an important part of the program.

The Citizen/Organization of the Year, along with the chamber's new administration, will be honored at the annual installation/Dinner Dance 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20 at the Pines Manor in Edison. There will be an open bar and four hours of continuous music. Tickets are \$50 a person, which includes dinner.

For reservations/information, call 548-2964.

Military news

Army Pvt. Wayne, J. Hanson, son of Wayne R. and Joan Hanson of Edison, has completed the basic field artillery cannoneer course at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

Marine Lance Cpl. Andrew J. Buzzo, son of Vincent and Susan Buzzo of Edison, recently graduated from Marine Security Guard School at the Marine Corps Base in Quantico, Va. He joined the Marine

Corps in February 1995.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Sean P. Getty, son of Charles H. Getty of Metuchen, has returned from a six-month overseas deployment while serving with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion One, working in Spain and Albania. His unit was selected as the Atlantic Fleet's Best of Type. The 1986 Metuchen High School graduate joined the Navy in November 1990.

Snow brings out best, worst in communities

It was the best of times. It was the worst of times.

Lots of snow creates such times.

It's before these good times that the worst of times happens. The airwaves warn of impending snow. Whether the prediction is 3 inches or 3 feet, the same demeanor of impending disaster pervades all broadcasts. And people take heed, hitting the grocery store en masse.

There they drive round and round to find a parking spot, sometimes zooming into a spot another is waiting for, creating a frenzied furious driver who would gladly run the ungallant spot-winner over once out of the car.

The convenience stores are hit first and are wiped out immediately. There is not a crust of bread nor a drop of milk or juice to be had in a very short time after the "warning." So the supermarkets have more than their share of customers, and many of them are cranky and out of sorts because of the "impending doom" and because they don't want to be there with all those other people who shouldn't be in their store — and causing the parking dilemma.

There is always the tug-of-war for the last of the bread, and there

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are always those with a cart full of food to last two weeks who wait on the express line limited to 15 items. When they are about to put groceries on the counter, as the customer before them is waited on, they hear the cashier say sorry, you'll have to go to another register, this is the express.

And are they embarrassed? Oh no, they are incensed, outraged. They have waited on line, they do not feel it right that they now must go to the end of a l-o-o-n-g line after having waited. And then comes the heckling and the grousing and nasties from other customers. These are the worst of times.

Makes you wonder what it must be like in wartorn countries and

Weddings



MR. and MRS. STEVEN EPSTEIN

Linda Yakup is married to Steven Epstein at shore

Linda Marie Yakup, daughter of Joseph A. and Theresa A. Yakup of Somerville, was married Nov. 26, 1995 to Steven Epstein, son of Alvin and Davia Epstein of Metuchen.

The interfaith ceremony was officiated by Rev. Joseph Ianiero at the Bluffs Hotel in Bay Head, where a reception followed.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a fitted silk gown featuring a lace bodice and sleeves enhanced with pearls and embroidery. Her headpiece was a silk bow with pearls and satin roses. She carried a bouquet of Calla lilies and Ariana roses.

The bride's daughter, Terri Ann

Yakup of Somerville, was maid of honor. She wore a fitted black dress with a velvet bolero jacket and carried a crescent bouquet of Calla lilies and Ariana roses.

The bridegroom's son, Matthew Epstein of Bernardsville, was best man.

The bride is a graduate of Somerville High School and Fairleigh Dickinson University. She is a registered nurse in the operating room at Somerset Medical Center.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Metuchen High School and the University of Maryland. He owns Boro Hardware in Metuchen.

The couple's wedding trip was to St. Lucia. They reside in Somerville.

Township plans events marking King's birthday

EDISON — The township is planning several events Monday to celebrate the birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The events will begin 10 a.m. with services at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, 1087 Grove Ave. Deacon Felton King and the church choir will highlight the service.

At 11:30 a.m., the activities will continue across the street at the Minnie B. Veal Community Center, 1070 Grove Ave., with a buffet lunch. Lunch will be followed at

12:30 p.m. with opening remarks by Mayor George Spadaro, NAACP President Reginald Johnson and other local dignitaries.

A series of mini-workshops will then highlight the afternoon, with a diverse panel of speakers covering such topics as public education, affirmative action and law enforcement, among others.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate. For more information, call the township Recreation Department 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. today, at 248-7316 or 248-7312.

Bishop Ahr plans card party

EDISON — The Parent-Teacher Guild of Bishop George Ahr High School will present its 17th Annual Card Party, "Jokers Wild," Friday, Feb. 16.

Doors will open 6:30 p.m. for browsing, and the festivities will begin 8 p.m.

Admission is \$8 and includes a chance at several door prizes. Additional raffle tickets may be purchased throughout the evening for the gift categories of Dark Horse, Afghan, Gourmet Baskets, 50-50 and Mystery Gift.

For tickets and further information, call Jackie at 247-6072.

cities (like Bosnia) where foodstuffs are in short supplies, and deliveries sporadic, not just for a short snowfall, but for an unending time of strife and poverty. What does one neighbor do to another in order to get that loaf of bread or container of milk — especially if there's a child at home? That is truly the worst of times.

Lucky for us, snowfalls are of short duration so the bad times are short times. In any event, they are offset by the good times whose effects go on long after the event. The best story I've heard about the best of times was a neighbor helping neighbor account from Edgewood Terrace in Bridgewater.

Seems there are two families on Edgewood (a solitary circle street set apart from any other). The adults have lived on that block most of their lives — first as children, now as homeowners and parents. Some of their elderly neighbors, who were there when the young adults were children, are still there also.

Because the younger folk have known the older neighbors all their lives, it has become a natural phenomena that after a snowfall the young families dig themselves out

doorway to roadway, then cross the street and dig out the driveways of their elderly neighbors, roadway to doorway.

This latest major mountain of white stuff did not daunt their efforts. Each young family had just about dug themselves out when the township snowplowing truck became mired. The young men helped dig out the truck, not once, but twice. Meanwhile, their wives and children had started on neighbors' driveways and were helped by a new couple who'd moved into the block a short time ago.

The truck rescuers returned and together they all continued the job till all the elderly folks in the neighborhood had clear driveways.

The members of the young families don't want recognition. They don't want praise. They just do what they've got to do. How would we feel, says one, if a neighbor was hurt because she fell while getting the mail or he had a heart attack from shoveling? You just do it.

I'm sure there are lots of stories like this all around the towns — neighbor helping neighbor for its own reward, not expecting, not accepting monetary recompense. This makes it the best of times.

Chamber hosts 'State of the Township' dinner

EDISON — The Edison Chamber of Commerce will host its State of the Township Dinner Thursday, Jan. 25 at The Pines Manor restaurant.

Mayor George A. Spadaro will recap 1995 highlights and efforts for increasing employment, stabilizing taxes and initiating redevelopment projects in Edison. The mayor will also unveil his plans for 1996 to enhance Edison as a desirable place for business.

The chamber will also honor its Business Person of the Year.

The reception begins 5:30 p.m.; dinner is 6 p.m. Reservations are required and must be paid either in advance or at the door. Cost is \$35 per person. Tables for 10 may be reserved.

The Chamber of Commerce and Edison Economic Development Corp. are co-hosts. Other sponsors include the Edison Exchange Club, Edison Kiwanis Club, Edison Lions Club and the Edison Rotary Club.

For more information, call 494-0300.

Program to focus on parent-child bond

EDISON — The Edison Section of the National Council of Jewish Women will host a series of discussion sessions on improving parent-child relationships. The series will begin 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at a member's home. The discussions will be based on Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP).

Cost for the nine-week program

Community briefs

is \$70, including course book. To register for either parents of children, 3-10 years old, or the teen program, 11-19 years old, call 549-1408.

VFW to host meat loaf dinner

EDISON — The VFW Memorial Auxiliary to Post No. 3117 will host a meat loaf dinner 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21 at the post hall, 1970 Woodbridge Ave.

Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3.50 for children 10 years and younger. Tickets will be sold at the door. Takeout orders will be taken. For more information, call 985-9631.

Health program offered for women

EDISON — The township Health Department will sponsor women's health screenings 9-11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 26 at the Dr. William Toth Memorial Health Center, 80 Idlewild Road.

Services will include Pap test, pelvic exam, blood pressure check, colo-rectal screening kit, breast self-examination instruction and health education materials.

Appointments are required; the screenings are open to Edison

women only. For appointments or more information, call 248-7277.

Book discussion planned for Jan. 22

EDISON — The next meeting of the Edison Book Discussion Group will be 11:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 22 in the Grove Avenue branch of the public library. The book to be discussed is *The Stone Diaries* by Carol Shields. All are welcome.

Auction to benefit YMCA fund drive

METUCHEN — The Metuchen Area Chamber of Commerce and the Metuchen-Edison YMCA will co-sponsor a fund-raising auction of goods and services to benefit the Campaign Y2000 fund for YMCA renovations.

The auction is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, April 26 at the Victorian Manor in Edison. The chamber and the YMCA are looking for goods and services to auction. If anyone is interested in helping out, call the chamber at 548-2964.

Campaign Y2000 renovations will make the YMCA completely handicapped accessible and allow for expansion of the child care, aerobic and aquatic programs.

DAR chapter sets February meeting

METUCHEN — The next meeting of the Matochshoning Chapter of the Daughters of the American

Revolution will be held 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9 at the public library. The speaker will be Church Rateau, who will speak on the 18th century citizen soldier.

Guests are welcome, and refreshments will be served.

There will be no meeting in January.

Chamber plans 'Taste of Edison'

EDISON — The Edison Chamber of Commerce will host "A Taste of Greater Edison," a sampling buffet of some of the finest restaurants in Middlesex County, 4:30-8 p.m. Monday, March 11 at The Pines Manor, 2085 Route 27.

An admission price of \$25 per guest will provide unlimited sampling of cuisine from throughout the area. Proceeds from the event will support the chamber's scholarship programs for local students.

Joseph Casamento of Twin County Grocers, the chamber's second vice president, is coordinating the event.

For more information on "A Taste of Greater Edison," call chamber Executive Vice President John O'Shea at 494-0300.

Anti-rape seminar free for women

EDISON — A free women's anti-rape/assault seminar will be offered by the Middlesex County Sports and Fitness Foundation.

Two dates have been scheduled

— 4 p.m. Saturday and 1:30 p.m. Sunday. The seminars will be held at Gary Alexander's U.S.A. Karate/Defense Center, in the Pines Plaza facility across from Pines Manor Caterers on Route 27 and Talmadge Road.

Sweatsuits are recommended, as this will be a participating training seminar.

Topics include the survivor's mindset, strategies, psychology of confrontation, avoiding physical attack and methods of self-defense if the situation gets physical.

The instructor is Gary Alexander, a 10th Dan Black Belt, member of the Black Belt Hall of Fame and author of the self-defense manual/ video *Unarmed and Dangerous*. Mr. Alexander is chairman of the Anti-Rape/Assault Committee of the Middlesex County Sports and Physical Fitness Council.

There is no charge for the seminar, but reservations are required. Call 287-5755.

Group aids women with job searches

EDISON — A women's job search support group meets 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursdays at Jewish Family and Vocational Services of Middlesex County, 10 Franklin Ave.

The open-entry, open-ended group focuses on special issues that affect women in the job search and in the workplace. Topics covered include the handling of job loss, self-esteem and morale, age/

sex discrimination, career changes, phone skills and networking. Fee is \$20 for 10 sessions.

For more information, call Larry Jacobs at 738-5225.

Women sought for volleyball league

METUCHEN — The Recreation Commission is seeking borough women older than 18 years for a Thursday night drop-in co-ed volleyball league. The league meets in the Metuchen High School gym 9-10:30 p.m. throughout the school year, except on school holidays.

No pre-registration is required. For more information, call 632-8502.

Edison chamber plans several events

EDISON — The Ford Motor Company and the Edison Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a tour of the Ford motor plant 4-5 p.m. Tuesday. Cost is \$1 per member (members only).

The tour is limited to 35 people.

A "get rid of those mid-winter blues network party," sponsored by The Clarion Hotel & Towers, will be held 5:30-7:30 p.m., also Tuesday. Cost is \$10 per member, \$20 for nonmembers.

Call 494-0300 for information and reservations for these events.

John P. Stevens High School releases honor roll

EDISON — John P. Stevens High School has issued its honor roll for the first marking period.

Named to the "All A" honor roll: Grade 12 — Jaime Fong, Eric Fox, Gabriella Kaplan, Catherine Liu, James Masters Jr. and Cara Jean Reid.

Grade 11 — Sonia Ahluwalia, Karan Bahl, Mina Kim, Peter Kim, Stephanie Kirsch, Kathryn Larson, Caroline Sajeong Lee, Daniel Keunyp Lee, Amit D. Malhotra and Pei-Shin Su.

Grade 10 — Daniel Babich, Lisa Bess, Michael Blaustein, Jeffrey Braverman, Stephen Healey, Lin-Yuan (Lillian) Hsu, Kathy Hwang, William Robertson, Daniel Philip Salimbene, Smita Srinivasan, Jeff Thompson, Windy Wang and Xiang-Zhong Yuen.

Grade 9 — Elana Bernstein, Sophia Y.E. Chae, Gladys Chang, Jennifer Chen, Kenneth Cheung, Josko Deletis, Sergio Fossa, Ji Yoon Im, Neelima Kanagala, Babar Khokhar, Laura Kim, Diana Lee, Kyung Eun (Hannah) Moon, Avkash Patel, Archana Singh, Smriti Sinha, Sheetal Sudigala, Yiming (Derek) Tian and Andrew Yakovlev.

Named to the "A/B" honor roll:

Grade 12 — Danielle Alston, Ravleen Anand, Asma Ansari, Ilona Aronovich, Lesley Bellanca, Carly Berger, Catherine Birstler, Laura Bozek, Sarah Braverman, Marissa Brotspies, Nicole Brown, Valerie Burzinski, Christoph Caliendo, Anthony Cantalupo, Mary Jane Rosales Capili, Casha Caponegro, Wendy Capria, Andrea Carroccio, Priya Chadha, Eun Gun (Jennifer) Chang, Nien-Hwai (Henry) Chang, John (Soong Hi) Cho, Christine Choy, Adam Cohen, Melissa Crombet, Peter DeSiena, Ivana Deletis, Eric Diamond, Alan Drosdick, Peter Ives Eskow, Amber Esters, Jeffrey Feeley, Vincent Ferreri, Sylvia Fonseca, Amy Forgiione, Sarah L. Fu, Sharen A. Galabi, Amy Gallet, Seth Goldberg, Brian J. Gordon, Kevin Holzman, Pang Yen Hu, Yung Kuan (Scott) Huang, Herbert Hung, Li-Tun (Lisa) Hung, Edwin Iskandar, Amit Jagwani, Robert Jakulevicius, Jessica Joyce, Vivek Kamath, Khawar

Khokhar, Elizabeth Hyun Kim, Joshua Krongold, Hung Lam, Randi Levine, Theresa Lim, Jeremy Lonsk, Tamara Mahr, Christopher M. Malabanan, Chetan Malpe, Sean Massey, Shaan Mavani, Brian McCarthy, Mona Megeed, Nuzhat F. Merchant, Jennifer Miedowicz, Meena Moorthy, Roshni Nirody, Hee-Sun Rose Oh, Michael Onda, Shital M. Parikh, Sathya (Kiran) Paruchuru, Avni Patel, Deepali Patel, Dhiren Patel, Gaurang Patel, Ketel G. Patel, Malay Patel, Manay Patel, Purvi G. Patel, Rupal Patel, Sejal R. Patel, Siraliben Patel, George Patounakis, Lara Petrusky, David R. Pizzi, Amanda Pogany, Aaron Pollack, Damon Reissman, Olivia Relova, Christina Salem, Ami Sanghvi, Julie Sardone, Natalia M. Serrano, Joseph Walter Seybuck, Falguni K. Shah, Elliott Sheinin, Michael Sherry, Geoffrey Michael Shields, Ernest Shin, Melanie Silverman, Mayush Singhvi, Joseph Smith, Daniel Sullivan, Peiji (Peggy) Tang, Akshat Tewary, Catherine M. Turquoio, Alyson Tyber, Melissa Ulrich, Theodore Urlton, Emily Wang, Kimberly Weaver, Stacy Wolff, Charles Wong, Aaron Wyse and Laura Zaborowski.

Grade 11 — Swaminath Ananthanarayan, Allison Arenson, Genia G. Atalla, Pamela Aurilio, Michael Benjamin, Randy Bingert, Lori Bjornstad, Deidra Buonauro, Timothy Carney, Nidhi Chadda, Hana Chang, Hyun-Min (Joshua) Chang, Joseph Chang, Kristin Cheh, Joyce Chen, Chien-Yu Chiang, Rex Sung-Ru Chung, Jeanie Cody, Alyssa Curry, Amanda Delehey, Vishnu-priya Durairaj, Elana Ehrlich, Marquis Fair, Lindsay Fallano, Thomas Filippone, Nancy Finkel, Jennifer Forman, Jason Frey, Ge (Greta) Gao, Jill Gelade, Eleftheria Georgalis, Lewis E. Gershen, Teresa Giannela, Victoria (Vicky) Grankin, Rajni Gulati, Sapna R. Gurnani, Asif Halim, Yoon-E Hong, Chien Han Huang, Pei-Hua Hung, Yusuf Hussain, Nizan Ingber, Lisa Insalaco, Sayeedul Islam, Karen Jakupcionis, Sahaj Kamdar, Manav Kashyap, Jennifer Kesselman, Mikhail (Michael) Khalamayzer, Hina Khan, Adriane Kilar, Young Hoon (Jeffrey) Kim, Rajinder

Kumar, Peter Kunz, Gregg Ladislav, Jason Leshnow, Richard Levy, Lori Libes, Chetan Limbachia, Elana Loewenthal, Stephen Luk, Neha Madhok, Yuiko Majima, Arjane Malino, Kashif Masud, Steven S. Mathews, Lorenzo Miceli, Kaajal Amrit Mistry, Mark Morgenthal, Yasmin Motani, Jason Nessel, Michael O'Shea, Gus Kyu-Yong Oh, Sophia Ojha, Lauren Ortiz, Suyash Paliwal, Toral Parekh, Bharat Patel, Binta Patel, Birju J. Patel, Dhvani Patel, Kapil Patel, Milind Patel, Niyanta Patel, Purvi Mahendrabhan Patel, Sandip Patel, Tejal Patel, Catherine Mei Payulert, Elizabeth Pedersen, Sara Peri, Kathleen Petagna, Seema Prasannakumar, Ryan Prescott, Sean Quigley, Deana Rackley, Meredith Rockefeller, Daniel Rosenstein, Maria Ruvoilo, Monica Sangani, George G. Sara, Asmita Savalia, Susan Schmelzer, Corey Schrier, Christie Schwaikert, Matthew Semel, Pranav M. Shah, Samir Shah, Meredith Shaller, Jarrod Shaw, Irene Sheng, Jalpa Shukla, Abhishek Singh, Ramanjit Singh, Vikram Singh, Lisa Stein, Mitchell Stein, Kathleen A. Sutkowski, Magdalena Szczuka, Jacqueline Toth, Maria (Wan Kam) Tsang, Kimberlee Turko, Regina Usvjat, Justin Vadapampill, Rudy Valentino, Adrian Vazquez, Harold Vertucci, Christopher Victorino, Thomas Vidnansky, Rita Vijh, Ernest Wang, Lauren Joyce Washington, Sung Wan (Andrew) Yi, John Zazzali, Elias Zeinoun and Hua (Peter) Zheng.

Grade 10 — Laura Adornetto, Debra Alban, Amit Amin, Ravdeep Anand, Stephanie April, Emily Baxter, Jaydeep Bodas, Eric Borgard, Kristen Bonanni, Daba Briggs, Tahirah Britton, Michele Bruder, Kimberly Capone, Max Caponegro, Matthew Coelho, Lara Crifo, Ronald Darnowski, Liza L. DeCampos, Lisa DeMartini, Aparna Desai, Marcie Dessewffy, Kristen Lyn DiNuzzo, Kevin Dondarski,

Michael Elzahr, Scott Engel, Malika Farooq, Julia Forte, Nicole Freedman, Rebecca Friedman, Joseph Gallo, Runa Ganguly, Adam Garnys, Stella Geller, Malikah Goss, Zaheda Haidri, Jessica Hanas, Wayne Happel, Rashad Harris, Adriana Hashinaga, Melissa Hauptman, Nicole Hish, Ashvin Jaishankar, Amy Jensen, Jay Joshi, Reshma Kamdar, Vikram Kanagala, Raj Kaneriya, Larry Kasso, Mustafa Khan, Amy Kim, Christina Kim, Thushan Kotahachchi, Janice Kuo, Kenneth Lam, Yekaterina (Cate) Lapko, Meredith Latham, Elyse Lazaruk, Nicole Lecky, Danny Lee, Jason Lee, Joseph M. Lee, Peter Lee, Douglas Levine, Richard Lo, Lawrence Lomuntad, Bina Maniar, Puja Mayani, Rajen Mehta, Jill Mesonas, Melinda Miller, Janine Mintz, Jaclyn Moleta, Sonia Mokherjee, Amy Mozin, Myra I. Mufti, Monica Mutreja, Alanah E. Odoms, Edward Ok, Marta Olszewska, Kathleen Orin, Joseph Pandolfo, Bhumangini Patel, Jenisha Patel, Jigar K. Patel, Kartik P. Patel, Ketula Patel, Nilesh Patel, Palak Patel, Regal Patel, Rupal Patel, Seema Patel, Vipulkumar (Vipul) Patel, Leah Pepose, David Petersen, Ellyn Poltrock, Albert Pulido, Avani Rana, Ganesh Rao, Swathi Reddy, Tiffany Reid, Lesley Richardson, Karen Ann Rossi, Joanna K. Ruszala, Ruchika Sachdeva, Carly Salzer, Dhruvi Savalia, Robin Schwartz, Matthew Seidner, Amy Shah, Maulin Shah, Shivani Bharat Shah, Andrew Shapiro, William Shardiniski, Harlin Kaur Singh, Mohit Sood, Venkat Srinivas, Scott Tarazevits, Angelina W. Teo, Seema Tevar, Kishin Thadani, Kelly Tyrrell, Amy Van Orden, Kristine Victorino, Jonathan Viola, Pamela (P.J.) Wiesner, Alan Winegarden, Jennifer Woerner, Pamela Wong, Jason Wynn, Svetlana A. Yablak and Christine Ziemak.

Grade 9 — Frank Alfieri, Manisha Amin, Pranav Amin, Anna

Angert, Christina V. Avila, Komal Babu, Sujatha Bachu, Paulash Bandyopadhyay, Megan Beebe, Jessica Bloom, Prasanthi Bolisetty, Jaimi Canaval, Jennifer Carloni, Leigh Carrick, Steven Cennamo, Lauren Chait, Michael B. Chan, Chu Hun (James) Chang, Eunice Chang, Hyung-Young (Paul) Chang, Kyung-Min Chang, Suk Won Chang, Sarah Cheong, Christopher Cheung, Sarah Chin, Nahyun Cho, Yun Hye Cho, Mi Ran Choi, Monika Chokshi, Pasquale Ciccarella, Priti Dalal, Daniel Dangeleit, Renita Daswani, Gaurav Dave, Elana Davidian, Christopher DeGraffened, Jennifer Deffen, Meeta Dhebaria, Suzanne Diehm, Jason Divock, Ameera Doshi, Amit Doshi, Francis Dy, David Fang, Charles Finkel, Edward Fong, Jennifer Fox, Julia Fu, Cristina A. Gamboa, Thomas George, Devan Ghetia, Lee B. Goldblatt, Gregory Grabowski, Jennifer Grant, Beth Grossman, Jarred Grossman, Ankur Gupta, Julie Heinbach, Dana Honcharuk, Joshua S. Horwitz, Chien-Chih Clark Huang, Shellyn Huang, Yun Mi Hwang, Sirisha Kalavapalli, Ajanta Kalyanpur, Tracey Kanar, Lori Katz, Steven Kaye, Jason Keller, Eun Jung Kim, Ji Eun Kim, Tae Won Kim, Matthew Kleiman, Gary Kleyman, Kimberly Koval, Michelle Kriney, Courtney Kunz, Albert Lai, Jennifer Last, Khadija Latif, Henry Lee, Jean H. Lee, Oliver Lester, Thomas Lim, William Lim, Alan Lin, Raymond Lo, Jason L. Lopez, Jeffrey Ludwin, Jennifer Mathias, Marissa Miceli, Anandamayi Mistry, Zahara Motani, Jerry Natale, Rohan Nirody, Alpa Patel, Amrith Patel, Ashish Patel, Disha Patel, Jalpa Patel, Jay Patel,

Kajal Patel, Kandarp Patel, Meghvi Patel, Radhika Patel, Truppi Patel, Vaishali Patel, Thomas Pedersen, Krystle Petty, Thomas A. Pipala, Jennifer Quillingan, Sandip Rathod, Erika Redler, Daryl Reisfeld, Julie Rice, Davina Rosen, Arup Saha, Patrick Santiago, Lauren Saraiva, Lauren Sardone, Edward Schwalje, Todd Sekuler, Gautam Shah, Hetal Shah, Shua Shaikh, Laura S. Sherman, Suzie Shin, Young Shin, Alicia Simmons, Ashish Sinha, Jana Siperstein, Danielle Skarzenski, Har-Simran Sodhi, Zhiyuan (Raymond) Sun, Kung (Leon) Sung, Angena Teo, Daniel R. Tharp, Nicole Turi, Nina Vaid, Garry Vazirani, Rajneesh Vijh, Clark Wen, Lauren Wiener, Alfred Wong, Olivia Wong, Bartkomiej (Bart) Wygonik, Daniel Yahya, Bun Hong Youn, Kathleen Zawrotniak and Michael Zirulnik.

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Oliver Olafson, 94

Electrician; a native of Norway

EDISON — Oliver T. Olafson, 94, died Jan. 8, 1996 at JFK Medical Center. He was an electrician with the Triangle Conduit and Cable Co. in New Brunswick from 1950 until his retirement in 1965.

Mr. Olafson was born in Arendal, Norway, and had lived in Edison since 1949. He was a member of the Danish Brotherhood in Edison and Raritan Lodge 61, Free & Accepted Masons, in Perth Amboy.

Surviving are his wife, Agnes E. Olafson; a son, William O. Olafson

of Perth Amboy; two daughters, Doris Van Orden of Mercerville and Carol E. Pinella of Waretown; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Ragna Askeland, Ruth Mathieson and Aldith Olafsen, all in Norway, and Astrid Faulkner of Sandusky, Ohio.

Services will be 11 a.m. today at the Flynn & Son Funeral Home, 23 Ford Ave., Fords. Burial will be in Clover Leaf Memorial Park, Woodbridge.

Dorothy E. Behnen

Secretary with Metuchen publisher

METUCHEN — Dorothy E. Behnen died Jan. 6, 1996 at her home. She retired in 1987 after 15 years as a secretary with Scarecrow Press, a book publisher on Liberty Street.

She was born in Peekskill, N.Y., and lived in Metuchen all her life.

Mrs. Behnen worked for Herman's World of Sporting Goods in North Brunswick for 20 years before joining Scarecrow Press. She was a parishioner of St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Cathedral.

Her husband, Edward Behnen, died in 1967.

Surviving are a son, Edward Behnen of South Amboy; four daughters, Martha Embley of Newport, Ore., Barbara McCarthy of Highland Park, Dolores Strycker and Jean Pasquale, both of Metuchen; 11 grandchildren; a great-grandchild; two brothers, Jacke Meyers in New Jersey and Richard Meyers in Oklahoma; and a sister, Marion Brown of Metuchen.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday at St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral, following services at the Koyen Funeral Home. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

Roy Moyle, 47

Diesel mechanic; Vietnam veteran

EDISON — Roy Moyle, 47, died Jan. 3, 1996 at Roosevelt Hospital. He was a diesel mechanic for 18 years at the East Brunswick bakery of the Continental Baking Co.

A native of Staten Island, Mr. Moyle lived in Colonia before moving to Edison in 1976. He had resided in North Brunswick since 1995.

He also coached the Strawberry RFB women's softball team in Edison. Mr. Moyle served in the Army during the Vietnam War and was a member of International Brother-

hood of Teamsters Local 194 in Union.

Surviving are a son, Roy Moyle, and a daughter, Pamela Moyle, both of Edison; his mother, Antoinette Moyle of Colonia; a brother, Gary J. Moyle of Edison; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday at St. John Vianney Roman Catholic Church in Colonia. Burial was in Rosedale Cemetery, Linden.

Arrangements were by the Leher-Gibilisco Funeral Home in Rahway.

George Edwin Bell, 86

Formerly a salesman with Gulton

METUCHEN — George Edwin Bell, 86, died Jan. 7, 1996 at Bayshore Community Hospital in Hürndel. He was a salesman with Gulton Industries at its former Metuchen plant from 1965-75.

A native of Jersey City, Mr. Bell lived in Metuchen from 1927 until he moved to Jamesburg in 1983. He was a parishioner of St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Cathedral.

His wife, Irene Catherine Tighe

Bell, died in 1988.

Surviving are two daughters, Jacqueline Ann Hall of Cardiff, Del., and Carol Jean Reed of Jamesburg; seven grandchildren; and a brother, James Bell of Clinton.

A funeral Mass was celebrated yesterday at St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral, following services at the Costello-Runyon Funeral Home. Burial was in Resurrection Burial Park, Piscataway.

Contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Freddie Chambers, 59

Headed Teamsters local; Busch retiree

EDISON — Freddie E. Chambers, 59, died Jan. 2, 1996 at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in East Orange. He was a past president of International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 943 in Union.

A native of Newark, Mr. Chambers served in the Marine Corps and lived in Edison before moving to Iselin in 1986. He was a bottler with Anheuser-Busch at its New-

ark brewery from 1965 until his retirement in 1985.

Surviving are his wife, Eva Chambers; a son, Freddie E. Chambers Jr.; two daughters, Freddie Vernet Miller and Barbrett B. Coleman; a grandchild; a brother, Calvin Chambers; and two sisters, Joan Grimsley and Arlene Pittman.

Services were held Friday at the Jones Funeral Home in Rahway. Burial was in Graceland Memorial Park, Kenilworth.

Margaret B. Calise, 85

Former sewing machine operator

EDISON — Margaret Buogiorno Calise, 85, died Jan. 3, 1996 at HCA Bayonet Point Hospital in Bayonet Point, Fla. She was a sewing machine operator prior to her retirement.

A native of Brooklyn, Mrs. Calise lived in Edison from 1957 until she moved in 1977 to New Port Richey, Fla. She was a parishioner of Guardian Angels Roman Catholic Church and a member of its Altar Rosary Society.

Her husband, Gerald Calise, died in 1992.

Surviving are a son, Francis Calise of New Port Richey; a daughter, Estell Wagner of Las Vegas, Nev.; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday at the Rusciano Funeral Home, Highland Park, followed by a funeral Mass at Guardian Angels Church. Burial was in Resurrection Burial Park, Piscataway.

Marie Shaughnessy, 72

Homemaker; in township 10 years

EDISON — Marie C. Swacus Shaughnessy, 72, died Jan. 2, 1996 at her home. A native of Ohio, she lived in Jersey City and Carteret before moving to Edison in 1986.

Mrs. Shaughnessy was a homemaker and a parishioner of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Carteret.

Surviving are her husband, Wil-

liam; two sons, Dennis of South Plainfield and Kenneth of Elizabeth; a daughter, Joan Dittman of Barnegat; seven grandchildren; and a brother, Paul Swacus.

Services were held Friday at the Synowiecki Funeral Home, Carteret, followed by a funeral Mass at St. Joseph's Church. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Margaret Tokoly Patrick, 81

Homemaker; in Edison 51 years

EDISON — Margaret Tokoly Patrick, 81, died Jan. 9, 1996 at JFK Medical Center. A homemaker, she was born in Perth Amboy and had lived in Edison since 1945. Mrs. Patrick was a parishioner of Our Lady of Peace Roman Catholic Church. Her hus-

band, Michael, died in 1971.

Surviving are a daughter, Michelle Hall, with whom Mrs. Patrick; two grandchildren; and a sister, Ottilia Tokoly of Edison.

Private services will be held under the direction of the Flynn & Son Funeral Home in Fords.

Obituaries

Richard Petersen, 65

Repaired machines; active in church

EDISON — Richard Gerard Petersen, 65, died Jan. 4, 1996 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He repaired machines for the Keene Lighting Co. of Union from 1979 until his retirement in 1990.

A native of Sewaren, he lived in Perth Amboy before moving to Edison in 1959.

Mr. Petersen also was an ordained deacon, ruling elder and youth group coordinator at the First Presbyterian Church of Perth Amboy. He was active in Boy Scout Troop 10 and Cub Scout Pack 10, both sponsored by his church.

He served in the Army in Alaska during the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife, Nannette M. Dawson Petersen; two sons, Charles C. Petersen of Belle Mead and Eric W. Petersen of Matawan; a daughter, Gail M. Kelly of Bayou Vista, Texas; four grandchildren; a brother, Norman Petersen of Woodbridge; and two sisters, Elaine Schanck and Janet Brown, both of Edison.

Services were held Wednesday at the Flynn & Son Funeral Home in Fords. Burial was in Alpine Cemetery, Perth Amboy.

Contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 250 High St., Perth Amboy, N.J. 08861, or the Make a Wish Foundation of New Jersey, P.O. Box 4028, 1034 Salem Road, Union, N.J. 07083.

Howard Andersen, 78

Vice president of paper company

EDISON — Howard Andersen, 78, died Jan. 5, 1996 at his home in Monroe Township. He was a vice president of the John F. Sarle Paper Co. in New York City until he retired from the company in 1972.

A native of Staten Island, he lived in Edison before moving to Monroe in 1985.

Mr. Andersen also was a clerk at the South Plainfield offices of the Pitney-Bowes Co. from 1973-81. He served in the Army Corps of Engineers during World War II and was a member of Clara Barton Post 324, American Legion, on Brower Avenue.

He was a member of the Re-

formed Church of Metuchen and the Old Guard of Rossmoor in Monroe.

Surviving are his wife, Gloria Bergman Andersen of Monroe; a son, Howard S. Andersen of North Palm Beach, Fla.; a daughter, Candace Lucente of Lansdale, Pa.; two grandchildren; and two sisters, Marion Wardlaw and Marguerite Andersen, both in Florida.

Services were held Tuesday at the Koyen Funeral Home in Metuchen. Burial was in Clover Leaf Memorial Park, Woodbridge.

Contributions may be made to the Reformed Church of Metuchen Heating Fund, 27 Lake Ave., Metuchen, N.J. 08840.

Peter Lyssikatos, 54

Chef at Pines Manor; a Greek native

EDISON — Peter Lyssikatos, 54, died Jan. 7, 1996 at JFK Medical Center. He was a chef for 15 years at the Pines Manor on Route 27 and for one year at an area diner.

Mr. Lyssikatos was born in Pera Melana, Greece. He lived in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, before moving to Edison in 1978.

He was a member of a Masonic lodge in Montreal and a parishioner of St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Piscataway.

Surviving are his wife, Sandra Miller Lyssikatos; two sons, John Lyssikatos of Stanhope and Joseph

Lyssikatos of Gales Ferry, Conn.; three grandchildren; four brothers, Mack Lyssikatos in Greece, Basil Lyssikatos of Highland Park, George Lyssikatos of Mesa, Ariz., and Costas Lyssikatos of Edison; and a sister, Helen Tsoukatos of Montreal.

Services will be 9:45 a.m. today at the Gleason Funeral Home, 1360 Hamilton St., Somerset. A Divine Liturgy will follow 10:30 a.m. at St. George Church, 1101 River Road, Piscataway. Burial will be in Franklin Memorial Park, North Brunswick.

Wilfredo Rosso, 33

Dietary aide on staff of area hospital

EDISON — Wilfredo Rosso, 33, died Jan. 3, 1996 at St. Peter's Medical Center in New Brunswick. He had been a dietary aide on the food service staff of Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick since 1991.

A native of Puerto Rico, Mr. Rosso lived in New Brunswick and Edison before moving to Somerset

in 1995. Surviving are his mother, Haydee Mendez of New Brunswick; a brother, Edwin Ramos of Somerset; two aunts; two uncles and several cousins.

Services and burial were held in Puerto Rico. Local arrangements were by the Anderson Funeral Service in New Brunswick.

Robert Prang, 59

Dock builder; also in Army

EDISON — Robert Prang, 59, died Jan. 9, 1996 at JFK Medical Center. He was a dock builder associated with union Local 1456 in New York City from 1962 until his retirement in 1990.

Mr. Prang was born in Perth Amboy and had lived in Edison since 1966. He served in the Army during peacetime.

Surviving are his wife, Karen Klein Prang; two daughters, Gail Ciani of Lyndhurst and Donna Breault of Durango, Colo.; and a sister, Dorothy Prang of Sayreville.

Private services will be held under the direction of the Flynn & Son Funeral Home in Fords. Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Thomas Durbin, 75

Decorated veteran; served in two wars

EDISON — Thomas Durbin, 75, died Jan. 4, 1996 at Rahway Hospital. He was a bank messenger, security guard and decorated war veteran.

He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and had lived in Edison since 1978.

Mr. Durbin, who served in the Army during World War II and the Navy during the Korean War, was awarded a Bronze Star for valor and a Purple Heart for wounds suffered in combat. He was a life member of American Legion Post 5 in Rahway, the longtime coach of the post's baseball team and the first inductee into an American Le-

gion hall of fame.

He was a security guard with Revlon at its Edison plant from 1975-85. Mr. Durbin then became a messenger at the United Jersey Bank branch in Linden until his retirement in 1991.

Surviving are two daughters, Ruth Travis of Martins Ferry, Ohio, and Diane Tocash in Kentucky; a brother, John Durbin of Linden; a sister, Jean Dutcher of Colonia; and a companion, Jean Simpson, with whom Mr. Durbin lived.

Services were held Tuesday at the Corey & Corey Funeral Home in Rahway. Burial was in Rahway Cemetery.

Georgia Minchak, 62

Homemaker; formerly of Edison

EDISON — Georgia Minchak, 62, died Jan. 8, 1996 at North Collier Hospital in Naples, Fla. A native of Yonkers, N.Y., she lived in Edison before moving to Naples in 1993.

Mrs. Minchak was a homemaker. Surviving are two daughters,

Jane Buza of Naples and Laura Zambelli of Green Brook; two grandchildren; her mother, Marie Miele of Naples; and a brother, Mike Miele in Georgia.

Services will be held today at the Hodges Funeral Chapel in Naples.

Josephine C. Revill, 81

Formerly an Edison security guard

EDISON — Josephine Cieszynski Revill, 81, died Jan. 7, 1996 at Rahway Hospital. She was a security guard with Edison Township for five years prior to her retirement.

A native of Branford, Conn., Mrs. Revill lived in Edison most of her life. She was a parishioner of St.

Helena's Roman Catholic Church. Her husband, Jesse Revill, died in 1972.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held Wednesday at Holy Cross Cemetery in North Arlington. Arrangements were by the Gosselin Funeral Home.

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Obituaries

Samuel Schepise, 59

Retired barber; once of Edison

EDISON — Samuel Schepise, 59, died Jan. 7, 1996 at his home in South River. He was a barber prior to his retirement.

A native of Altoona, Pa., Mr. Schepise lived in Edison and New Brunswick before moving to South River in 1986.

Surviving are a brother, Jack Schepise, and a sister, Mary

D'Angiolillo, both of Cranbury; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be 9:30 a.m. today at the Gleason Funeral Home, 1360 Hamilton St., Somerset. A funeral Mass will follow 10 a.m. at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, 94 Somerset St., New Brunswick. Burial will be in Franklin Memorial Park, North Brunswick.

Lewis Wentzel, 79

An electrical engineer with PSE&G

METUCHEN — Lewis A. Wentzel, 79, died Jan. 5, 1996 at Abington Memorial Hospital in Abington, Pa. He was an electrical engineer with Public Service Electric & Gas Co. from 1942 until his retirement in 1979.

Mr. Wentzel was born in Brooklyn. He lived in Metuchen from 1952 until he moved in 1994 to Blue Bell, Pa.

He graduated in 1937 from what is now the Polytechnic University in Brooklyn. Mr. Wentzel was a charter member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Edison.

Surviving are his wife of 44 years, Helen Macke Wentzel of Blue Bell; and a sister, Bertha Wentzel of Brooklyn.

Services were held Wednesday in North Wales, Pa.

Josephine McCloskey, 81

Squibb retiree; services are today

EDISON — Josephine B. Bernaski McCloskey, 81, died Jan. 8, 1996 at her home. She retired in 1980 after more than 40 years as an assembly-line worker with E.R. Squibb & Son (now Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.).

A native of Pottstown, Pa., Mrs. McCloskey lived in New Brunswick before moving to Edison in 1961. She was a parishioner of St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church.

Her husband, John McCloskey, died in 1985.

Surviving are a daughter, Patricia Graham of Mountainside; two grandchildren; and a sister, Helen Phorsor of Atlantic Highlands.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. today at the Boylan Funeral Home, 10 Wooding Ave. A funeral Mass will follow 11 a.m. at St. Matthew's Church, 81 Seymour Ave. Burial will be in St. Peter's Cemetery, New Brunswick.

William Zalek, 71

Retired iron worker; Polish native

EDISON — William Zalek, 71, died Jan. 5, 1996 at the Meridian Nursing Center-Westfield. He was an iron worker with the Rahway Iron Works from 1949 until his retirement in 1971.

A native of Poland, Mr. Zalek lived in New York City and Jersey City before moving to Edison in 1971.

Surviving are his wife, Jean A. Suchwala Zalek; five sons, John,

Steven, William and Gene Zalek, all of Edison, and Joseph Zalek of Manville; two daughters, Krystine Banis of Phillipsburg and Mary Jean Zalek of Las Vegas, Nev.; eight grandchildren; and a brother, John Zalek in Poland.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday at St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Cathedral, Metuchen, following services at the Gosselin Funeral Home. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Literacy group seeks volunteers for tutoring

Literacy Volunteers of Middlesex (LVM) is seeking volunteers to be trained as basic literacy tutors to provide instruction to adults who need help learning to read and

write. LVM will conduct a seven-session tutor training course Jan. 9-Feb. 8.

For registration information, call LVM at 679-1004.

School districts struggle to recover from storm

By VERA CARLEY
THE REVIEW

Students enjoyed a second winter vacation as schools remained closed Thursday in the Metuchen and Edison school districts.

Thursday morning it was questionable whether either school district would open its doors today.

Edison Superintendent of Schools Melindo Persi said the district's schools remained closed Thursday because of hazardous sidewalk conditions. Mr. Persi said he did not know if the schools would open today.

Metuchen Superintendent of Schools Gennaro Lepre said yesterday several key areas were not taken care of in time for schools to open Thursday. Besides sidewalks, he said there is room for one-way traffic only by Edgar School on Brunswick Avenue. He said buses would not have been able to get through the road. He was not sure if schools would re-open today.

Mr. Lepre said Wednesday Metuchen students would make up days off at the end of the scheduled school year.

"Unlike other school districts, Metuchen does not have snow days built in," he said.

Mr. Persi said the district had used its two snow days and would have to make up the four it used this week. Customarily, he said

those days are tacked on the end of the year, but no final decision has been made.

"It has reached the point of concern, but not the point of real trouble," Mr. Lepre said. "Anything which causes a disruption doesn't have to be deadly ... You lose a certain pace and teaching schedule must be re-written."

"I am sorry it happened. I didn't look forward to it. It's a busy time of year for us. We were working on the budget and capital improvement referendum," Mr. Lepre said.

Mr. Persi said the weather gave his students an opportunity to "frolic in the snow." But while students were playing in the huge drifts of snow, school maintenance crews were busy shoveling the schools from underneath it. Mr. Persi said the crews tried to stay on top of the snowstorm, otherwise it would have been impossible to deal with.

The Metuchen school district maintenance crew also worked to re-open the schools as quickly as possible. Faced with the daunting task, MR., Lepre said the small crew was definitely overwhelmed the amount of work it had to do. The final cost of that work, he said, would not be known until later this week.

Poetry reading Thursday night

METUCHEN — "Off The Page," a series of monthly poetry readings at the public library, will begin 7:30 p.m. Thursday with Eliot Katz, who will be joined by bassist Adam Bernstein.

Hosted by Metuchen poets Betsy Robin Schwartz and Erin Sheehy, the program will give audience members an opportunity to read their own poetry.

Council makes changes in clerk's office

By VERA CARLEY
THE REVIEW

EDISON — To the victor goes the spoils.

And an unlikely victor in November's Township Council election may be Metuchen Borough Clerk Reina Murphy.

Ms. Murphy was asked to serve as township clerk and return to Edison, where she served in the clerk's office until two years ago.

Ms. Murphy left her position in Edison as deputy clerk and headed up Route 27 to Metuchen Borough Hall, where she has been serving for the last two years as borough clerk.

Ms. Murphy confirmed that Edison officials asked her to return to the township clerk's office, where Township Clerk Theodore Gierlich has resigned. However, Ms. Murphy said she has not made a final decision on the job offer.

For some Edison residents, seeing Ms. Murphy back in town would be a just reward. Many Democrats were angered when Republicans appointed Mr. Gierlich to the clerk's position in 1994, overlooking Ms. Murphy for the position left vacant by the retirement of Adelaide Searfoss. Ms. Murphy then left her position to work for Metuchen.

Those memories stirred bitterness at Wednesday's Township Council meeting, when Mr. Gierlich resigned and discussion focused on cutting the deputy clerk position. Supporting the elimination of the position, resident Joseph Both said Mr. Gierlich was unfairly promoted to the position.

"Like everything else, to the victor go the spoils. That's what I heard when they kicked Reina Murphy out," he said.

Republican Councilman Raymond Koperwhats retorted his party had a right to appoint a Republican to the position because the GOP controlled the council. He also said Mr. Gierlich was resigning because of pressure placed on him by Democrat council members.

"He's resigning on his own, but not because he wants to — guaranteed," he said.

Mr. Gierlich declined comment on whether he was asked to resign, but did offer proof of his qualifications with a three-page resume. He simply noted he was leaving the clerk's office for personal reasons.

Democrats may also eliminate the deputy clerk's position. Councilman Bill Stephens contends the position is unneeded and would save taxpayers \$28,000.

But Mr. Koperwhats, along with fellow Republican Councilwoman Eileen Teffenhart, vehemently opposed eliminating the position currently held by Barbara Plantec. He said it was ridiculous for the township to operate without the position.

"I am into that office almost every day. I know what goes through it," he said. "It's a township with 89,000 people in it."

The councilman pointed to a list of municipalities in the county, which have a deputy clerk's position. He noted even the small town of Cranbury, population 2,500, needs a deputy clerk.

Ms. Plantec, who compiled the list, said she is very busy in the clerk's office and noted the amount of time she works at council meetings. Ms. Plantec said a normal clerk would get overtime at time and a half for working council meetings. In Edison, however, the deputy clerk and township clerk receive compensation time for all the extra hours logged. And some of that compensation time, she said, never materializes because of the heavy work load placed on the clerk's office.

Asked if he would be satisfied if Democrats decide the position is necessary but chose to replace Ms. Plantec, Mr. Koperwhats said the Republicans never unfairly ousted anyone from a job. He said Ms. Murphy was never hustled out of town hall. He said she left the township because she wanted to become a borough clerk, and did in Metuchen.

The council introduced an ordinance eliminating the \$28,000 position Wednesday night. Councilman Billy Kruczak said he would not vote for the ordinance until he had reviewed all township departments. And Mr. Stephens promised the ordinance would not be adopted before a thorough examination of the position is completed.

But Ms. Plantec said her position would have been eliminated at last week's meeting if she had not requested an open public hearing. She said she was unaware of the Democratic council's intention to eliminate her job until she read it in a December issue of the *The Review*.

Blizzard emergencies keep rescue workers busy

By VERA CARLEY
THE REVIEW

Using a little ingenuity and four-wheel drive trucks, area rescue squads responded to emergency calls during the Blizzard of '96.

Captain Frank Nicolato of Edison First Aid Squad No. 2 said 33 calls were answered during the blizzard. Responding to those calls required unorthodox strategies, he said. That included using first aid squad volunteers' personal four-wheel drive vehicles.

"It took a lot of improvising in

weather like this," Mr. Nicolato said.

Volunteers would pick up patients in their four-wheel drive vehicles and then drop them off at the ambulances, waiting on a plowed main road. Most of those patients were residents who suffered weather-related accidents, such as slips and falls, he added.

The Metuchen First Aid Squad responded to about 12 calls, ranging from a woman going into labor to a woman having a heart attack after shoveling snow, squad president Carol Trecolis said.

"We got her to the hospital. Thank God," she said.

Ms. Trecolis said she was thankful the squad's new rescue ambulance was more of a truck than a traditional ambulance. She said the squad was able to put chains on the tires and navigate around the borough successfully. When they couldn't get through, a shovel proved handy and so did the police, which worked to get them to the emergency.

"You had to get your way in and get your way out," she said.

Susan Alcorn, vice president of public relations at JKF Medical

Center, said 54-year-old Edison resident Peter Lyssikatos, who suffered a heart attack, was the one fatality in the area caused by the snowfall.

Ms. Alcorn said the hospital treated 29 people between Monday and Tuesday. She said most were being treated for injuries sustained during slips and falls in the blizzard. Other incoming emergencies included patients suffering from asthma exacerbated by the weather condition.

During the two-day blizzard 15 babies were born at the hospital, Ms. Alcorn added.

Metuchen begins work on municipal budget

By VERA CARLEY
THE REVIEW

METUCHEN — Number crunching on the borough's budget has already begun.

Business Administrator Bill Boerth said final expenditure figures could be completed as early as next week. With those in hand, Mayor Ed O'Brien said the borough would begin budget sessions to analyze Metuchen's financial

status in 1996.

Borough Council President Thomas Vahalla said it is too early to predict whether a tax increase is imminent. One key indicator, however, will be the amount of state aid the borough receives this year.

The borough has complained the amount of state aid Metuchen receives during the past three years was too low. In 1993, the borough received \$320,000 in discretionary supplemental municipal property

relief. State aid fell to \$15,000 in 1994, when the state Department of Community Affairs told borough officials they should use their surplus, and pointed to the Parking Authority as a source of revenue. In 1995, the borough received more than \$530,000 from the Parking Authority, based on a set formula reached between the council and authority. It also saw an increase in state aid, which jumped to \$150,000.

But still those increases were not able to prevent a \$77 tax increase for the average homeowner in last year's \$9.2 million budget. That budget did not include any new services.

Mr. Vahalla said a final budget would probably not be adopted until the borough receives its final state aid figures, which he expects in the end of March or the beginning of April.

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BOROUGH OF METUCHEN RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING MEETING DATES FOR THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF METUCHEN.

WHEREAS, it is necessary and expedient for members of the Planning Board of the Borough of Metuchen to meet together formally during the year 1996 through the next reorganization meeting of the Board on/about January 2, 1997 and;

WHEREAS, Chapter 231, Public Law, 1975 requires a schedule of all meetings to be adopted;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Planning Board of the Borough of Metuchen as follows:

1. All meetings of the Planning Board shall be held twice each month throughout the year according to the schedule. The meetings shall commence at 8:00 P.M. All meetings referred to in this paragraph shall be public as set forth in the statute encaptioned above. The first meeting for January 1996 shall be on January 4, 1996.

2. All of the meetings set forth in the preceding paragraph shall convene and be conducted in Borough Hall located on Main Street within the Borough of Metuchen.

January 4, 1996
January 18, 1996
February 1, 1996
February 15, 1996
March 7, 1996
March 21, 1996
April 4, 1996
April 18, 1996
May 2, 1996
May 16, 1996
June 6, 1996
June 20, 1996

July 18, 1996
August 15, 1996
September 5, 1996
September 19, 1996
October 3, 1996
October 17, 1996
November 7, 1996
November 21, 1996
December 11, 1996
December 19, 1996
January 2, 1997
January 16, 1997

3. If and in the event of any of the meetings aforesaid shall be changed, canceled or held in a place other than that designated above, appropriate notice of the revision in accordance with the Act shall be provided by the Planning Board of the Borough of Metuchen.

Sharon Hollis
Planning Board Secretary
ME89-11-1/12/96

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Environmental Commission of the Township of Edison will hold its meetings for 1996 on the second Tuesday and last Thursday of each month as follows:

January 9 & 25, 1996
February 13 & 29, 1996
March 12 & 28, 1996
April 9 & 25, 1996
May 14 & 30, 1996
June 11 & 27, 1996
July 9 & 25, 1996
August 13 & 29, 1996
September 10 & 26, 1996
October 8 & 31, 1996
November 12, 1996
December 10, 1996

The necessity of a second monthly meeting will be determined at the first meeting of each month. The work session begins at 7:00 P.M. The public portion begins at 8:00 P.M. Meetings are held in the Council Chambers on the first floor of the Municipal Building, 100 Municipal Boulevard, Edison, New Jersey.

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You said it:

'When you wrestle, you have to be like a werewolf.'
Edison High's Mike Malinconico. (see story below)

Cliff's Notes



by Mark Clifford

Go ahead, talk to me

I've got this idea of creating a fully interactive communication experience, without cyberspace. Hence, I'd like to announce Cliff's Notes will be a regular column in this paper, and I'm positively begging for a little feedback about it.

I figure this column will pretty much be "anything goes." I'll be sometimes serious, sometimes silly. Once in a while I'll try to offer amusing musings and random ramblings. At others, I'll rake a little muck.

But to make this work, I'll need a little help from you, the readers, from whom I'm dying to hear.

You see, I thought when we instituted the Sports Scholars feature that I'd be inundated with nominations from proud mommas and poppas, as well as coaches, teachers and school administrators.

Well, the feature has been running in The Review for about a year now, and know how many unsolicited nominations I've gotten?

One!

There has also been only one letter to the editor about sports since I've been here.

I wish more of you out there would take a little more initiative. I attend all kinds of local sports events, so I'm very easy to buttonhole. Just come on over and tell me what you think of this product.

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I'm inviting anyone to call me, whether it's a coach, player or fan — anybody from ladies, to gentlemen, to children of all ages.

Got a comment on a story? Disagree with an opinion expressed in a column? Know someone who deserves a little extra recognition? Got a hot tip for me? Have any sports photos that would look good in the paper? Is there some community adult or youth league news I'm overlooking? Want me to pass on happy birthday wishes? Know someone's embarrassing middle name you think would look funny in newstype? Let me know!

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Baddest wolf in the woods

Malinconico's in the hunt for a state wrestling title

By MARK CLIFFORD
THE REVIEW

Edison High senior wrestler Mike Malinconico had his way with his opponent in last Thursday's match, except for one small problem:

His ponytail kept coming undone.

"I haven't gotten it professionally cut since probably the seventh grade," says Malinconico of his hair, which during pre-match warmups will spill out of the hood of his sweatshirt like the tentacles of a sea anemone.

"The last time I got the length cut was last year, with tape scissors, when Coach (Gerry) Nisivoccia did it right before the J.P. Stevens match."

He certainly looked like he could have used Nisivoccia's ministrations before Thursday's match. Malinconico, who has set winning the state title at 140 pounds as his goal this season, had moved down to 135 last Thursday for the challenge of facing one of visiting South River's toughest wrestlers, Bobby Young.

Later in the match (which he would win by decision, 16-8), Malinconico suffered cramps in his legs, apparently feeling the effects of the extra lost water weight. But at this moment, his real source of discomfort was that veil of hair that kept cascading across his face.

Apparently fed up with the fuss, Malinconico took advantage of a break in the action to suddenly produce a white swimmer's cap, which he yanked down over his head to smother the unruly locks.

The home crowd broke into widespread giggles and a couple of low wolf whistles. Father Sal, grinning in the first row of the stands, dropped his head and shook it.

But wait a minute, did someone say "wolf?"

The wolf, you see, is sort of Malinconico's alter ego. That's why he has a werewolf, dressed in a wrestler's singlet, tattooed on his leg.

"I love the wolf," says Malinconico. "The reason I got it is because, when you wrestle, you have to be like a werewolf. You have to turn into one."

He does this, not only in matches, he says, but also in his regular extra-curricular training sessions at The Edge, a wrestling club in Kenilworth where some of the best wrestlers in the state gather and the fur flies fast and furious.

"It's very humbling," says Malinconico, describing his trips to The Edge. "I think of the kids I train with there as immortals, while everyone else I face in matches, they're just mortals."

Malinconico went 26-5 last year, but lost in the finals of both the Greater Middlesex Conference and District 19 tournaments. He had won both those tourneys as a sophomore, when he went 22-2 in a stunning breakthrough campaign.

"He wrestled varsity his freshman year and basically got beat up," remembers Nisivoccia, then

an Edison assistant and now in his second year as its head coach. "But he's just willing to do whatever it takes to get better."

Malinconico makes a year-round commitment to the sport, including participation in numerous off-season freestyle tournaments. Last summer, he and Edison teammate Brian Russo went on a tour of tour-

naments in the former Soviet Union.

This broad exposure is reflected in Malinconico's extensive repertoire of moves.

"He basically gives everything a try and fits it into his style," says Nisivoccia. "Mike's style is a conglomeration of a lot of different moves and techniques. He has his favorites, like all wrestlers, but he also has a bag of tricks he can reach into and pull out something when he needs it."

Malinconico's sense of diligence also shows in his conditioning, says Nisivoccia.

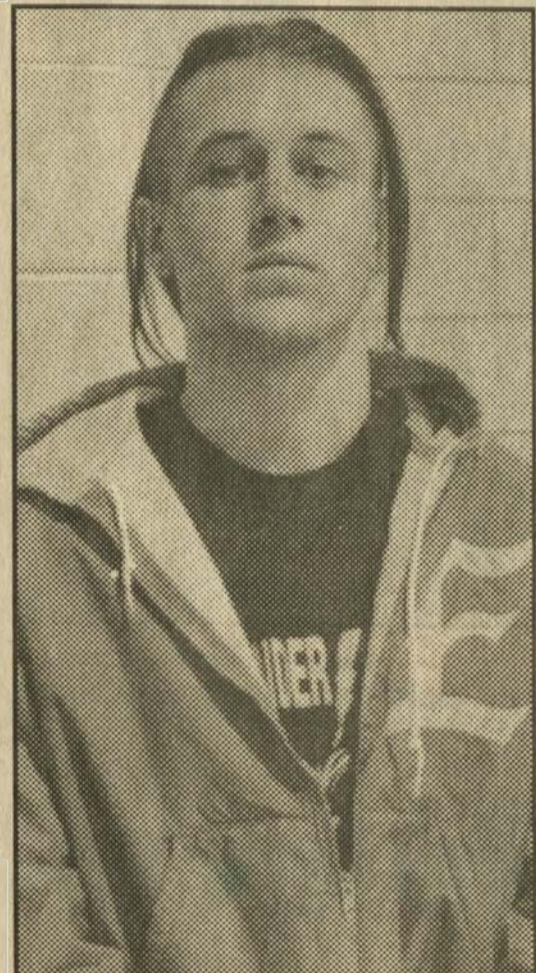
"His strength has greatly improved since last year, I can feel it when I wrestle with him," the coach attests. "But more important than just brute strength is his endurance — his muscular endurance and his cardiovascular endurance — and that comes from a willingness to push himself."

Malinconico says someday he'd like to become a teacher of either physical education or one of the social sciences. He'd also like to coach wrestling.

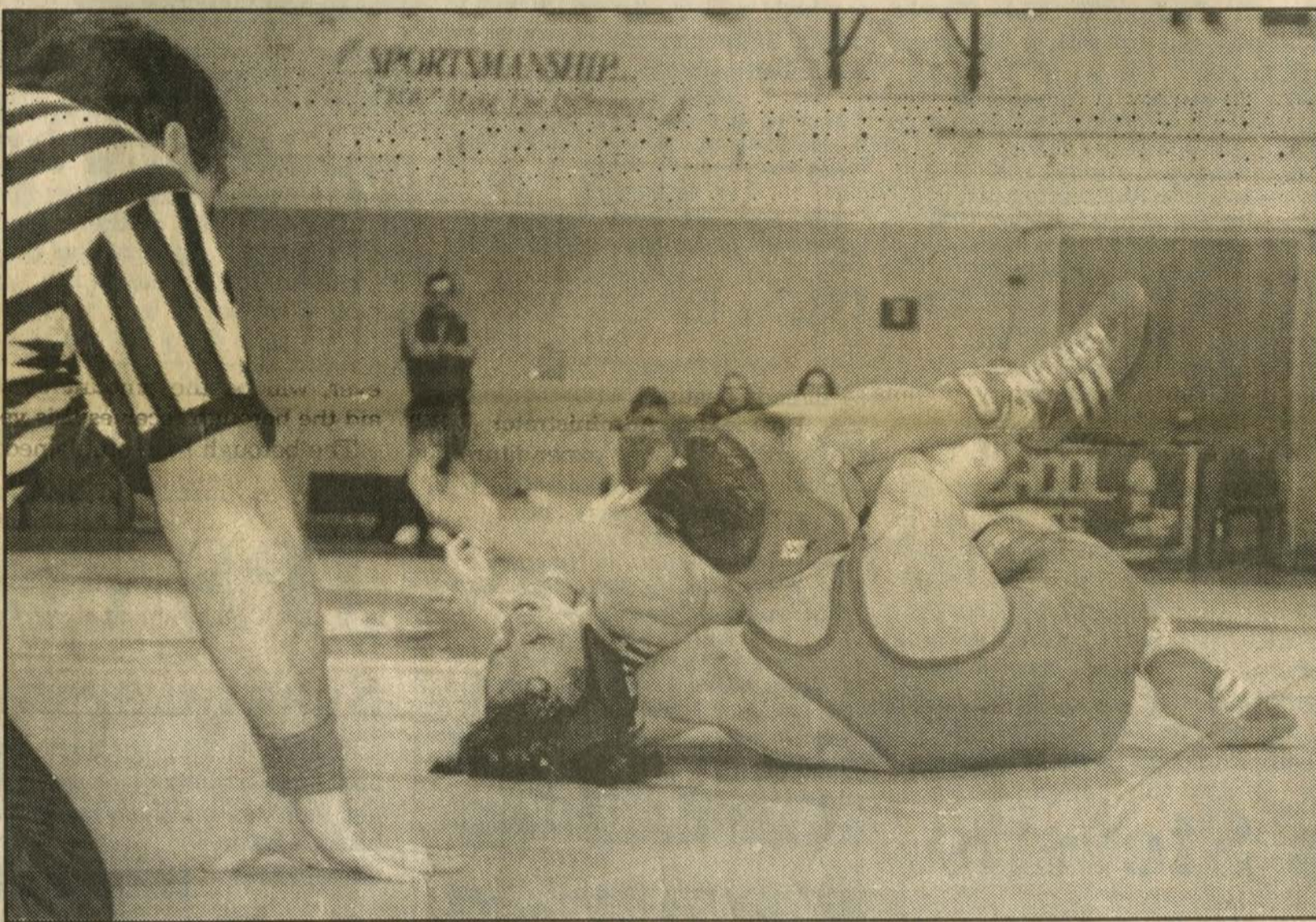
He has a lot more wrestling to do first, however, and he says he plans to compete at the collegiate level at either East Stroudsburg, North Carolina-Wilmington, Bloomsburg, or possibly even perennial superpower Oklahoma State.



MELISSA KLAVER/THE REVIEW
Malinconico has two tattoos on his leg: a werewolf in a wrestling singlet and a spider.



MIKE MALINCONICO



MARK CLIFFORD/THE REVIEW
Edison's Mike Malinconico racks up back points in last Thursday's 16-8 victory over South River's Bobby Young.



RANDALL MILLER/THE REVIEW

Determined dozen

Metuchen's Liza Fanelli scored a team-high 12 points in last Thursday's 54-41 loss at St. Peter's. See Metuchen High school round-up, page A-12.

JP's Kilars win jump; St. Joe's wins shot

J.P. Stevens High won the girls high jump and St. Joseph's took the boys shot put at Saturday's Greater Middlesex Conference track and field relays at the Peddie School, Hightstown.

Stevens' Kathy Kilar jumped 5-foot-8 and her sister Adriane went 5-0 to secure first place in the girls high jump at 10-8. Edison and Metuchen tied for fourth at 9-0.

In the boys shot put, St. Joe's got a combined distance of 101-7/8 from Mike Galkoski (51-4/4) and Keith Rzewski for first place. J.P. Stevens was third at 89-2/4.

In the boys high jump, won by Piscataway at 11-10, Stevens finished second at 11-10, and St. Joe's produced an 11-6.

Stevens' 60-1 1/2 was good for third in the girls shot, won by Old Bridge at 66-9. Bishop Ahr was sixth at 55-11.

Edison grapplers take two on the chin

By MARK CLIFFORD
THE REVIEW

The Edison High wrestling team took a big bite of a reality sandwich last week.

Humbling home losses to South River (50-29) last Thursday and to East Brunswick (42-27) last Saturday lowered the Eagles' record down to 2-2. It also showed Edison has some work to do if it hopes to meet the high expectations it had coming into the 1995-96 season.

"I think, in a sense, maybe we went into the season looking at the accomplishments of last year," said Eagle Head Coach Gerry Nisivoccia, whose team went 11-3 and won the District 19 championship in 1994-95.

"But we're a new team," he said. "We're an inexperienced team, if not necessarily a young team."

Seniors Mike Malinconico and Brian Russo, the Eagles' most experienced and accomplished wrestlers, can be counted as "givens" for the Eagles almost every time they take the mat. Indeed, both looked dominating in their matches last week.

But beyond them, Edison has lost several starters from last year to graduation, and many of their replacements have not yet established themselves as reliable point-producers.

Nisivoccia said he longs for the situations he had last year, when he could plug in any one of several wrestlers at some weight divisions, maneuvering to get the matchups he wanted.

The coach readily acknowledged he no longer enjoys those luxuries of a deep roster. But he also notes the upside involved in having such

a green team.

"In the past, most of my teams have progressed as the season has gone on. I think we'll definitely be a better team at the end of the year," he said.

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112 — Hamza (EB) d. Jeff McGorvin, 4-2
119 — Fred Duggan (E) d. Matt Plummer, 9-4
125 — Bellas (EB) p. Mike Tofte 5:44

130 — Corio (EB) d. Randy Einhorn, 4-2
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103 — Redina (E) md. Noto, 15-1

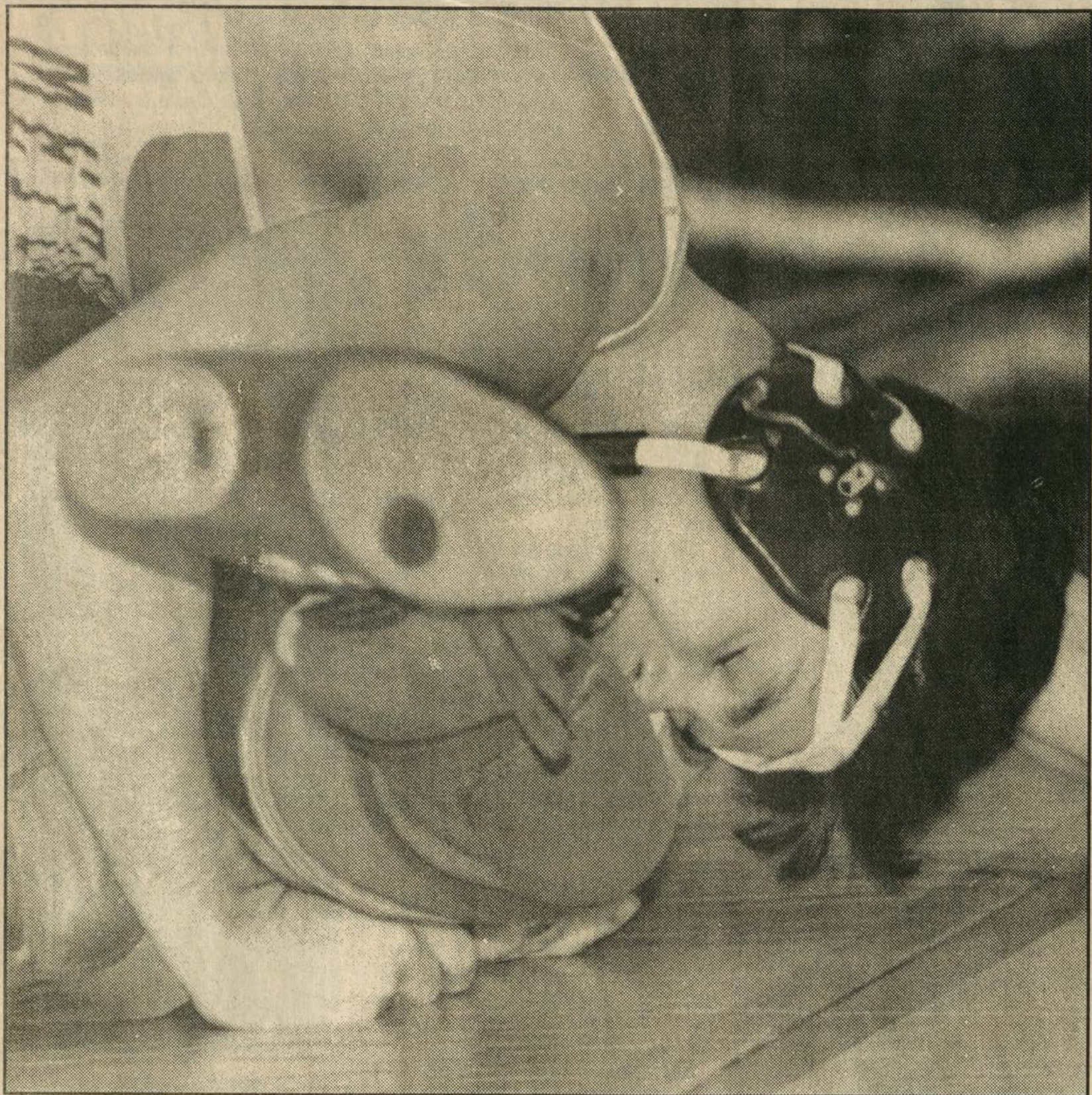
112 — McGorvin (E) d. Lichtenberger, 6-4
119 — Tran (SR) p. Duggan, 4:14
125 — Yong-Yow (SR) p. Tofte, 4:37
130 — Deniz (SR) p. Einhorn, 2:27
135 — Malinconico (E) md. B. Young, 16-8
140 — Enoch (E) p. Santos, 3:04
145 — Cadie (E) p. J. Young, 2:43
152 — Chad Powell (SR) p. Chapman 2:40
160 — Weilowski (SR) p. Gerity, :54
171 — Russo (E) p. Esposito, :58
189 — Barkalow (SR) p. DeSiano, 1:46
215 — Pickett (SR) p. Sandora, 1:34
HWT — Charlie Powell won by forfeit



MELISSA KLAVER/THE REVIEW
Edison's Art Sandora, about to turn the tables on his East Brunswick opponent. Sandora pinned his man in the third period, but Edison lost 39-32.



MELISSA KLAVER/THE REVIEW
Edison's James Gerity struggles to break loose from his opponent in Saturday's match against East Brunswick. East Brunswick won it 42-27, handing Edison another defeat less than 48 hours after a 50-29 loss to South River.



Metuchen's Zinovy Iosovich (top) had a pin in 1:40 in last Thursday's match against Middlesex, a 48-36 victory for the Bulldogs.

Bulldogs bully Rutgers

Metuchen grapplers beat Rutgers Prep 57-12

The Metuchen High wrestling team improved to 3-0 with Saturday's 57-12 victory against Rutgers Prep (2-2) with pins from Rich Cegelski, Aaron Bragg, Eli Nadell and Javier Jiminez.

103 — Rich Cegelski (M) p. Wethers, 1:11
112 — Aaron Bragg (M) p. Greg Verb, 3:40
119 — Josh Kallman (M) won by forfeit
125 — Eli Nadell (M) p. Vicari, 4:36
130 — Justin Killian (M) won by forfeit
135 — Chris Kaminsky (M) won by forfeit
140 — Javier Jiminez (M) p. Tabak, 1:41
145 — Rubin (RP) p. Jason Gibbons, 5:40
152 — Zinovy Iosovich (M) won by injury default over Dave Papa
160 — Double forfeit
171 — Double forfeit
189 — Roberts (RP) p. Cue Bowles, :57
215 — Jared Master (M) d. Feinberg, 7:3
HWT — Dan Davis (M) won by forfeit

Metuchen 48, Middlesex 36 — Metuchen hit the mat running in Thursday's match at Middlesex when freshman Cegelski led off



with a pin in just 22 seconds at 103 pounds. Sophomore Nick Zaneto followed that up with a 56-second pin at 112.

103 — Cegelski (Met.) p. Capozzolo, :22
112 — Nick Zaneto (Met.) p. Pietrowski, :56
119 — J. Roberts (Mid.) p. Kallman, :45
125 — Nadell (Met.) p. Latyon, 1:00
130 — Buonocore (Mid.) won by forfeit
135 — Killian (Met.) p. Tony DiMonte, 1:56
140 — Jiminez (Met.) p. Coppola, :43
145 — Grasso (Mid.) p. Kaminsky, :20
152 — Fitzgerald (Mid.) p. Jason Gibbons, 1:56
160 — Iosovich (Met.) p. Marietti, 1:44
171 — Roberts (Mid.) won by forfeit
189 — Roy (Mid.) p. Bowles, :35
215 — Masters (Met.) p. Bonina, 1:41
HWT — Davis (Met.) p. Tripoli, 2:19

GIRLS BASKETBALL
The Lady Bulldogs dropped to the .500 level at 3-3 with last Thursday's 54-41 loss at St. Peter's (3-2) in New Brunswick.

Metuchen point guard Stephanie Baran hit two three-pointers among her 10 points for the game and forward Liza Fanelli led the Lady Bulldogs in scoring with 12

points. Laryssa Romero also reached double figures with 10 points. Metuchen trailed only 21-20 at the half before falling off pace.

METUCHEN (41)
Baran 4-0-10, Fanelli 5-2-12, Stoecker 3-0-6, Romero 4-2-10, Moseley 0-1-1, Muratore 0-0-0, Poandl 1-0-2. Totals: 17-5-41.

ST. PETER'S (54)
Bilello 7-3-21, Doby 4-1-9, Chambers 3-1-7, L. Cusumano 7-1-15, Lagana 1-0-2. Totals: 10-4-48.

Metuchen 10 10 14 7 — 41
St. Peter's 13 8 17 16 — 54

BOYS BASKETBALL
Metuchen (2-5) fell 62-34 at home last Thursday against St. Peter's (7-0) despite double-figure scoring nights by Todd Meirhans (12 points) and Nate Riggins (10).

ST. PETER'S (62)
Lee 11-3-25, Mellich 6-1-13, Yanagacio 2-1-5, Wright 1-0-2, Marshall 2-2-6, Underwood 2-1-5, Chapman 3-0-6. Totals: 27-8-62.

METUCHEN (34)
Hamada 1-0-2, Wallace 0-2-2, Meirhans 5-2-12, Riggins 4-2-10, Baumgardner 2-0-4, Dyke 1-0-2, Stein 0-2-2. Totals: 13-8-34.

St. Peter's 7 12 18 19 — 62
Metuchen 4 4 10 16 — 34

SCOREBOARD

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Team	AS OF JAN. 1	MINOR BOYS	W-L
EAST DIVISION			
Magic	3-0
Homets	3-0
Lakers	3-0
Warriors	2-0
Sonics	2-1
Hawks	1-1
Knicks	1-2
Kings	0-2
Bulls	0-3
Heat	0-3
Jazz	0-3
WEST DIVISION			
Raptors	3-0
Celtics	3-0
Blazers	3-0
Nets	2-1
Mavericks	1-2
Suns	1-2
Spurs	1-2
Rockets	1-2
Cavs	0-3
76ers	0-3

Team	AS OF JAN. 1	MAJOR BOYS	W-L
EAST DIVISION			
76ers	3-0
Spurs	3-1
Knicks	1-2
Raptors	1-1
Nets	2-0
Pistons	2-2
Magic	2-2
WEST DIVISION			
Celtics	2-2
Bulls	2-2
Hornets	1-2
Lakers	1-1
Warriors	0-4
Suns	0-2
Bullets	0-3

SPORTS NOTICES

STARS TRYOUTS
The New Jersey Rising Stars, an Edison-based girls AAU basketball program, will hold tryouts in Edison Sunday Feb. 25. The Stars will field teams in six age groups this year: 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16.

Information on registration can be obtained by calling the Rising Stars Hot Line at 753-5866.

MACCABI SOFTBALL
Jewish girls aged 13-16 are needed for a 1996 Maccabi softball team for play next August in New Jersey and St. Louis. The team has won bronze medals at Maccabi national tournaments the past two seasons. For more information call Neal Axelrod at 499-0660.

Edison back on track

Girls, boys hoops teams rebound with victories

The Edison High girls basketball team posted its second victory in six games this season with Friday's 40-32 decision over visiting St. Peter's (3-3) of New Brunswick.

Rita Gage led Edison's well-balanced scoring with nine points and Donna Makara and Amy Bruno each scored seven.

ST. PETER'S (32)
Bilello 5-4-14, Doby 1-1-3, Chambers 2-1-5, L. Cusumano 2-0-4, Drakeford 1-0-2, Lagana 0-1-1, G. Cusumano 1-1-3. Totals: 12-8-32.

EDISON (40)
Gage 3-3-9, Murphy 2-0-4, Borawski 2-0-4, Kuntz 3-0-6, Taylor 1-1-3, Makara 2-2-7, Bruno 3-1-7. Totals: 16-7-40.

St. Peter's 2 11 11 8 — 32
Edison 5 11 10 14 — 40

Piscataway 66, Edison 23 — The mighty Chiefs (3-1) put the game out of reach early last Wednesday at Edison, leading 21-0 at the end of the first quarter and 51-11 going into final period of play. Kelly Kuntz's eight points led the Eagles, who had no one to answer Piscataway star Asjha Jones's 28 points.

PISCATAWAY (66)
R. Fields 4-0-9, L. Guarnieri 6-2-14, Franklin 2-0-6, Jones 14-0-28, Scott 1-2-4, J. Guarnieri 2-0-4, Harrington 1-0-2. Totals: 30-4-66.

EDISON (23)
Gage 0-2-2, Salvato 1-0-3, Kuntz 3-2-8, Makara 0-1-1, Montoban 0-1-1, Bruno 2-2-6. Totals: 7-7-23.

Piscataway 21 13 17 15 — 66
Edison 0 8 3 12 — 23

BOYS BASKETBALL

Edison improved to 5-1 with Friday's 62-50 victory at Sayreville (2-4), weathering an assault of eight three-point baskets with the help of 21 points from point guard James Buzzzone, 16 from Jim Kupko, and 11 each by Rob Roma and Syheed Simmons.

EDISON (62)
Buzzzone 4-9-21, Kupko 5-6-16, Napolitano 0-2-2, Roma 5-1-11, Deana 0-1-1, Simmons 3-5-11, Surlano 0-0-0. Totals: 17-24-62.

SAYREVILLE (50)
Hargrove 1-0-2, Potenski 1-0-2, Zibron 7-0-20, Norris 5-0-12, Azzari 2-3-9, Popowski 0-1-1, O'Neill 2-0-4. Totals: 19-4-50.

Edison 12 12 15 23 — 62
Sayreville 10 17 14 7 — 50

Piscataway 51, Edison 38 — The Chiefs (4-0) handed the visiting Eagles their first loss of the season last Wednesday. None of the Edison players really caught fire, as Buzzzone's 13 points led the team. Piscataway got away from Edison with a 19-3 second quarter.

EDISON (38)
Napolitano 1-0-2, Buzzzone 4-4-13, Kupko 2-7-11, Rome 1-3-5, Kralich 1-0-2, Surlano 0-0-0, Simmons 2-1-5. Totals: 11-15-38.



AUGUSTO F. MENEZES/THE REVIEW
Edison point guard James Buzzzone lit up Sayreville for 21 points in Friday's 62-50 Eagle victory.

PISCATAWAY (51)
Clapps 1-1-3, Gibbs 0-2-2, King 0-0-0, Matriciano 4-0-8, McMillan 5-1-11, Ferguson 5-3-13, Loncke 2-0-4, Malloy 2-0-5, Welcome 1-3-5. Totals: 20-10-51.

Edison 8 3 10 17 — 38
Piscataway 8 19 5 19 — 51

BOYS BOWLING

The boys bowling team moved to 4-1 on the season with Friday's 3-1 victory against Old Bridge. The Eagles bowled a 811-863-1004-2678 with Frank Gomolcak (175-158-178), Frank Catalano (142-DNB-DNB), Rosendo Bezares (163-134-DNB), Bryan Bowler (154-169-181), Bob McEwen (157-188-234), Mike

Moon (162-184-196), Doug Schneider (DNB-164-190) and Nick Eng (DNB-DNB-203).

GIRLS BOWLING

Old Bridge (4-0) swept Edison 4-0 Friday, as Edison (2-3) bowled an even 2000 total pin count with Cheryl Ray (121-131-105), Michelle DaGrossa (143-168-138), Lisa Pregolato (111-158-127), Tortia Rodriguez (118-192-108), Elizabeth Daniels (122-145-113), Jamie Honkisz (111-DNB-DNB), Lizbeth White (DNB-DNB-103) and Elaine Mirasol (DNB-91-DNB).

JPS cracks win column

Snaps a string of hard luck on the hardwood

The J. P. Stevens High girls and boys basketball teams both got monkeys off their respective backs Saturday by defeating their counterparts from John F. Kennedy, the first time either team had won all season. The Stevens girls won 62-51 in Iselin and the boys won 52-46 at home.



GIRLS BASKETBALL
The Lady Hawks benefitted from Lauren Elwood's 23 points and 15 from Joanne DiMuzio Saturday at J.F. Kennedy to post their first victory of the season after five losses. Stevens led by five at the half, then pulled away by out-scoring the Mustangs (0-4) 19-8 in the third quarter.

J.P. STEVENS 62
Larola 1-0-2, DiMuzio 6-3-15, Silverman 0-0-0, Elwood 8-5-23, Kobren 1-0-2, L. Brown 1-2-4, T. Brown 2-6-10, Honcharuk 1-0-2, Lubisco 2-0-4. Totals: 22-16-62.

KENNEDY 51
Egan 3-5-11, McCarthy 5-1-11, Rinaldo 2-0-4, Chermego 2-0-6, Booth 0-1-1, Sexton 0-1-1, Vogt 2-1-5, Dames 4-4-12, Algarin 0-0-0, Heda 0-0-0. Totals: 18-15-51.

J.F. Kennedy 13 12 8 18 — 51
J.P. Stevens 14 16 19 13 — 62

BOYS BASKETBALL
Joe Seybuck gave evidence of a strong recovery from a recent leg injury with a 16-point second half and 18 for the game to key the Hawks (1-5) in Saturday's 62-46 victory against visiting JFK (4-3).

J.P. STEVENS 62
Yeanwood 4-2-10, Seybuck 7-4-8, Bolden 2-0-4, Babich 1-6-8, Powell 1-2-4, Palmer 2-2-6, Stein 0-0-0, Moleta 1-0-2, Singh 0-0-0. Totals: 18-16-62.

J.F. KENNEDY 46
Thomas 3-5-13, Smith 1-0-2, Castellucci 3-1-7, Evans 2-7-11, Karker 1-1-3, Acolatse 1-4-6, Darcy 0-4-4, Tanashausky 0-0-0, Hill 0-0-0, Hill 0-0-0, Burgbauer 0-0-0, McAdams 0-0-0. Totals: 11-22-46.

J.P. Stevens 8 10 19 15 — 62
J.F. Kennedy 6 16 13 11 — 46
St. Joseph's 71, J.P. Stevens 57

— Stevens had an unpleasant trip to Metuchen last Wednesday, despite 16 points by Michael Yearwood. The Falcons improved to 2-3.

J.P. STEVENS (57)
Yearwood 7-2-16, Bolden 4-3-11, Babich 2-4-8, Powell 1-9-11, Palmer 3-0-6, White 1-3-3, Moleta 0-2-2. Totals: 18-21-57.

ST. JOSEPH'S (71)
Kennedy 8-2-23, Valenza 1-0-2, Virag 5-7-19, Falzone 1-0-2, Reilly 1-0-2, Williams 6-3-15, Cuminsky 0-3-3, Keane 1-0-2, Wilson 0-1-1. Totals: 24-16-71.

J.P. Stevens 8 10 18 21 — 58
St. Joseph's 13 15 16 27 — 71

WRESTLING

Stevens suffered its first defeat in four matches this season with Saturday's 47-13 loss Old Bridge. Stevens' victors were 119-pounder Dan Sullivan (md. 10-0), 125-pounder Rudy Valentino (8-6), 130-pounder John Roache (6-4 OT) and 152-pounder Mike Reynolds 10-5.

103 — C. Crowther (OB) d. Derry Jacob, 4-1
112 — Dan Sullivan (JPS) md. McClellan 10-0
119 — Hillegass (OB) d. Lorenzo Miceli, 7-3
125 — Rudy Valentino (JPS) d. Shaney, 8-6
130 — John Roache (JPS) d. D'Alterio, 6-4 (OT)

135 — Swettits (OB) d. Jarrod Shaw, 4-0
140 — Bucco (OB) d. Vin Ferri, 4-2
145 — Hobbs (OB) d. Brian Rocco, 5-2
152 — Mike Reynolds (JPS) d. Everman, 10-5

160 — Hoey (OB) p. Guerguess, 2:55
171 — Shanks (OB) p. Papemik, :58
189 — Bruckman (OB) won by forfeit
215 — Cerosimo (OB) md. Marino Hwang, 10-2

HWT — Esser (OB) won by forfeit
J.P. Stevens 45, Sayreville 24 — J.P. Stevens picked up another victory last Friday at Sayreville (1-4) behind pins by Reynolds at 152 (5:24) and Hwang at 215 (1:26).

Lorenzo Miceli scored a 17-1 technical fall for the Hawks at the 5:16 mark of his 119-pound match.

103 — Meidowicz (JPS) d. Slavatore, 14-12
112 — Sullivan (JPS) won by forfeit
119 — Miceli (JPS) t. O'Brien, 17-1 (5:16)
125 — Valentino (JPS) won by forfeit
130 — Roache (JPS) d. Ellis, 13-8
135 — Shaw (JPS) md. Mount 12-3
140 — Ferri (JPS) d. Gangadyal, 8-2
145 — Rocco (JPS) d. Porcaro, 6-4

BOYS BOWLING

East Brunswick improved to 4-0 Friday at the J.P. Stevens' expense. J.P. rolled a 866-852-805-2523 with Matt Mannety (177-213-182), Jarred Grossman (166-152-DNB), Evan Kanter (176-197-170), Nick Yee (DNB-133-DNB), Tom Filippone (168-153-166), Janson Hum (153-DNB-147), Jamie Bonnel DNB-DNB-140, Jeff Ludwin DNB-DNB-139, Adam Kanter 179-137-DNB.

Kenny rips Stevens with three-pointers

Mike Kenny scored 23 points and connected on five of the Falcons' seven three-pointers, while Ryan Virag and Jason Williams scored 19 and 15 points, respectively in last Wednesday's 71-57 victory over the visiting Hawks (0-4).

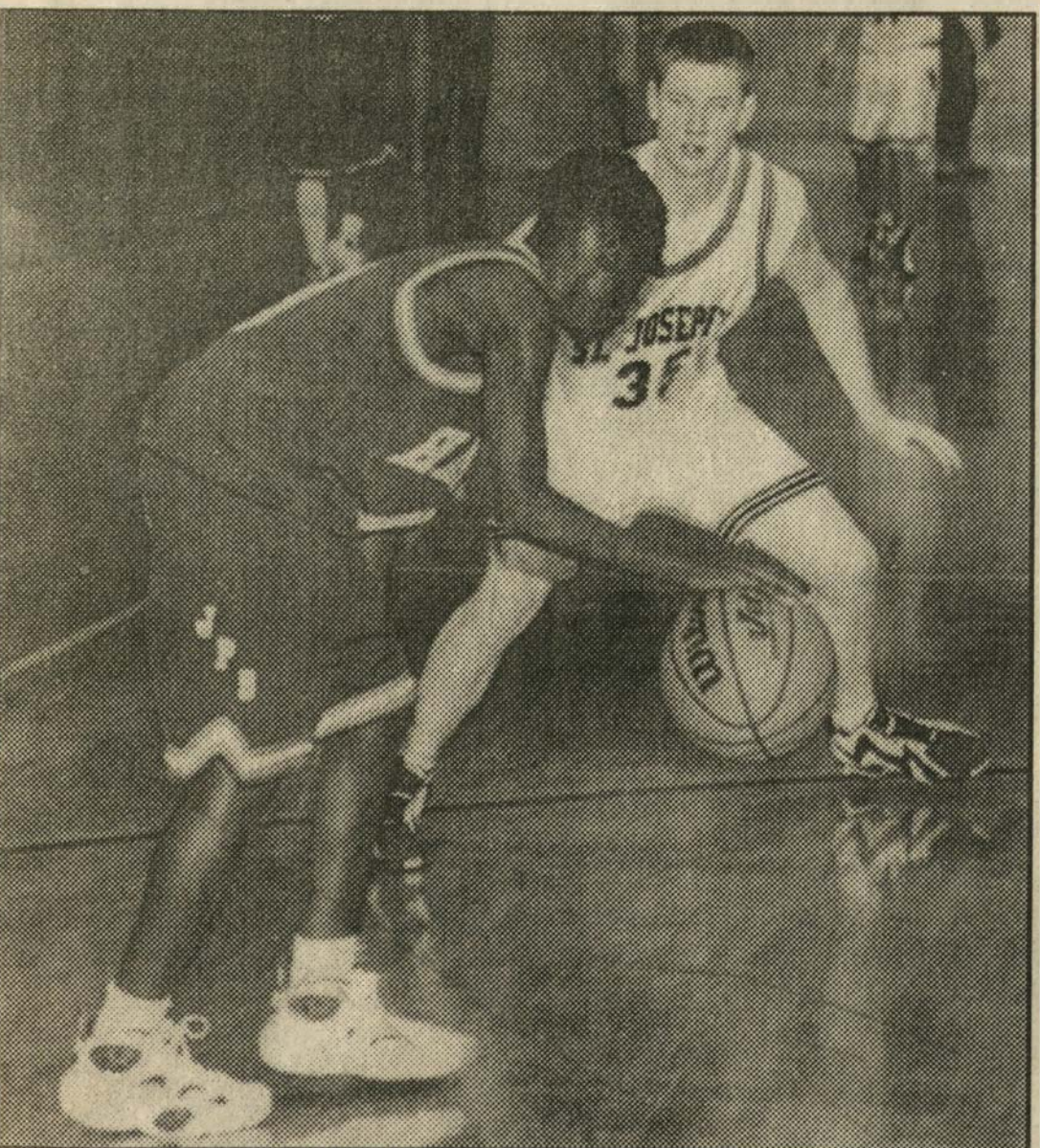


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J.P. STEVENS (57)
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ST. JOSEPH'S (71)
Kennedy 8-2-23, Valenza 1-0-2, Virag 5-7-19, Falzone 1-0-2, Reilly 1-0-2, Williams 6-3-15, Cuminsky 0-3-3, Keane 1-0-2, Wilson 0-1-1. Totals: 24-16-71.

J.P. Stevens 8 10 18 21 — 58
St. Joseph's 13 15 16 27 — 71



RANDALL MILLER/THE REVIEW
Stevens' Frank Powell, shown here guarded by St. Joe's Brian Cuminsky, scored 11 points, but the Falcons came out on top, 71-57, last Wednesday in Metuchen.

Lanigan hits 1,000 points

Michele Lanigan, the Bishop Ahr High girls basketball team's point guard, reached the 1,000-point mark for her high school career in a 46-46 losing effort Saturday at Red Bank Catholic.

Lanigan (7-0), Lanigan's 19 led the Lady Trojans (23), but no other Ahr player was able to score in double figures.

BISHOP AHR



BISHOP AHR (46)
Van Cleef 2-0-4, Jalpin 0-1-1, Lanigan 7-5-19, Winston 1-1-3, Singleton 4-1-9, Johnson 4-0-8, Szamrata 1-0-2, Totals: 19-8-46.

RED BANK CATHOLIC (63)
Brustman 6-1-15, Douglas 2-1-5, A. Cappadona 5-6-16, Croty 3-0-6, Nolan 1-2-4, Uras 3-0-5, Nixon 1-1-3, M. Cappadona 1-0-2, Dolan 2-1-5, Totals: 24-12-63.

Bishop Ahr 11 8 11 16 = 46
Red Bank Catholic 15 20 15 13 = 63

GIRLS BOWLING

Bishop Ahr (3-1) swept South Brunswick (0-4) last Friday by the scores of 4-0 and 758-725-688-2171 to 512-455-412-1379. Ahr's scores were as follows: Jennifer Imperato 180-179-145, Brooke Maslo 111-DNB-144, Marcie Puskarik 105-DNB-149, Diana Sherry 140-139-146, Jessica Gorfain DNB-142-114, Lucette Seamon 156-DNB-91, Kristen Gonder DNB-87-DNB, Healey DNB-130-DNB, Kopec DNB-135-DNB.

BOYS BOWLING

Bishop Ahr got its first loss of the season last Friday, 4-0 to South Brunswick, after starting off with three victories. South Brunswick

(4-0) bowled a 957-978-1049-2984 to Ahr's 953-952-916-2821. The Trojans' scores were as follows: T.J. Stevens 173-150-198, Bradon Herling 206-200-170, Ray Powers 221-210-206, Andy Ahimovic 162-187-175, Foley 191-191-167, Mike Brus 152-167-154.

BOYS BASKETBALL

The Trojans fell 90-70 Saturday on the court of its nearby neighbor, Wardlaw-Hartridge despite the fact that four Ahr players scored in double figures: Mike Kuziemi (14), Bryan Loniewski (14), C.J. Johnson (13), and Damani Roache (10). Ahr (2-4) led 18-15 at the end of the first quarter, but then fell far behind the Rams (9-0) during the second and third quarters.

BISHOP AHR (70)

Ust 4-0-8, Roache 4-2-10, Bobdnik 2-0-4, Kuziemi 5-4-14, Loniewski 5-3-14, Johnson 6-1-13, Lake 0-0-2, Kelly 2-0-5, Totals: 28-12-70.

WARDLAW-HARTIDGE (90)

Clough 11-5-30, Rodgers 5-5-17, Grant 6-3-15, Parsons 0-3-3, Johnson 6-0-12, Dawson 3-4-10, Phelan 0-1-1, Pekaroski 0-2-2, Totals: 31-23-90.

Bishop Ahr 50, South Plainfield 33 — Jeff Ust's 12 points led three Trojans in double figures in scoring in last Thursday's home victory against South Plainfield (0-4). Bryan Loniewski scored 11 and C.J. Johnson had 10.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD (33)

Francis 0-0-0, Prybella 1-3-5, Palmer 0-0-0, Thompson 6-4-17, Forde 1-0-2, Morgan 0-0-0, Arias 3-0-6, Puterbaugh 0-0-0, Totals: 12-8-34.

BISHOP AHR (50)

Ust 6-0-12, Roache 1-2-4, Bobdnik 2-1-2 3-0-7, Kuziemi 1-2-4, Loniewski 3-4-11, Abbate

0-0-0, Johnson 5-0-10, Byrne 0-2-2, Harmon 0-0-0, Malcolm 0-0-0, Totals: 19-10-50.
South Plainfield 10 14 4 5 = 33
Bishop Ahr 17 13 8 12 = 50

WRESTLING

Saturday's 39-30 defeat of Monroe must have helped wash the bad taste out of Ahr's mouth after Friday night's loss to South Plainfield. The Trojans improved to 2-1 while handing Monroe its first loss in three matches.

BISHOP AHR 39, MONROE 30

103 — Monello (M) d. Brannon Gehring 13-6
112 — Lucas Ott (BA) p. Conte, 1:02
119 — D. Braine (BA) p. Macuso, 4:35
125 — K. Braine (BA) p. Blumenstock, 3:27
130 — Gottshalk (M) d. Kostiw, 13-9
135 — John Kolibus (BA) d. Dennen, 6-3
140 — Powell (M) d. Mike Carlucci 9-2
145 — Kyle Banashek (BA) p. Horsh 1:28
152 — VanLenten (M) p. Rich Challiet, 2:47
160 — Thomas (BA) won by forfeit
171 — Ahmad (M) d. Chris Briane, 8-5
189 — Spence (M) p. Loughrey, 5:26
215 — Jaskiewicz (M) p. Rich Zjawn, 3:20
HWT — Mark Mazzei (BA) p. Dunphy, 1:16

South Plainfield 46, Bishop Ahr 18

103 — Doerr (SP) p. Gehring, 1:49
112 — Panzarella (SP) d. Ott, 13-10
119 — Johnston (SP) d. D. Braine, 7-2
125 — Stockel (SP) tf. K. Braine, 16-0
130 — Hoppe (SP) p. Kostiw, 3:06
135 — Guaraci (SP) tf. Kolibus, 18-2
140 — Perez (SP) p. Carlucci, 15-2
145 — Perez (SP) d. Banashek, 2-1
152 — Ertle (SP) p. Challiet, 1:37
160 — Maszczak (SP) d. C. Braine, 10-9
171 — Loughrey (BA) forfeit
189 — Cardinale (SP) d. Tim Zsiga, 4-1
215 — Mazzei (BA) forfeit
HWT — Zjawn (BA) forfeit

Swimming



Bishop Ahr buoyed by beating Bulldogs

The Bishop Ahr high swim team improved to 5-0 with last Thursday's 72-22 victory over Metuchen (3-3) at the Metuchen-Edison YMCA.

Bishop Ahr took first place in the following events: 200 medley relay (2:01.21 — Angela Vostola, Jill Koppicki, Cheryl O'Donnell and Lauren Schmidt); the 200 freestyle (2:11:58 — Laura Sobocienski); the 50 free (27:39 — O'Donnell); the 100 butterfly (59:36 — Sobocienski); the 200 free relay (1:50.45 — Saunts, Schmidt, Matusiak, Sobocienski); the 100 breaststroke (1:14.55 — Koppicki); and the 400 free relay (4:04.02 — Schmidt, Koppicki, O'Donnell, Sobocienski).

Metuchen's Anne Slobodien won the 200 individual medley in 2:11.58 and the 500 free in 59:36. Her teammate, Danielle Stevens, won the 100 back in 1:05.04.

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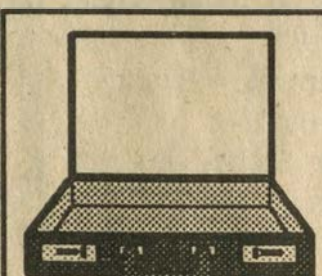
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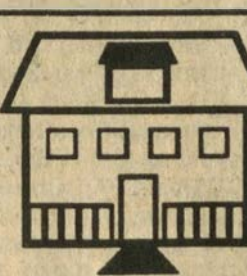


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Malpede is named sales manager at Multi Chevrolet

Jim Malpede has been named general sales manager of Multi Chevrolet, 2675 Route 22 West in Union.

Mr. Malpede's appointment represents a renewed emphasis on the part of the management of Multi Chevrolet toward setting an unequal standard of customer service. This service-oriented approach is intended as a contrasting alternative to the intrusive, big-budget advertising and high-pressure sales tactics of some mega-dealerships.

"Eventually, car buyers will (and do) stop being fooled by noisy, bait-and-switch advertising, which is intended to draw unsuspecting bar-

gain-hunters from far and wide," Mr. Malpede said. "When people get fed up with the hype and broken promises, they come to Multi. Some dealers think volume is the name of the game. At Multi, it's straight talk and satisfying the needs of the customers."

Mr. Malpede is well prepared to lead his staff of sales associates in the drive toward 100 percent customer satisfaction in new and used car sales and service. He has had more than a decade of experience training staff for General Motors in the New York/New Jersey area and nationwide.

The key to Mr. Malpede's sales



JIM MALPEDE

philosophy is: "Shoot straight, and that's what the customer will remember. And never be too busy to listen."

Demise of the rear drive, departure of Alfa Romeo

1995 was a year of change for the automotive industry

By BOB HAGIN

FORBES NEWSPAPERS

You may have noticed that 1995 is nearly gone and the new millennium is only four years away. How time flies.

And, as is our habit, at this time we review the year just past as it has affected the automotive world — a world that's really important to many of us.

During the year, there were many automotive things of interest and after jogging my own memory and perusing the press releases that have been piling up in the office, we've come up with these tidbits of information to share with our readers:

Alfa romeo leaves U.S. — Following the lead of it's Italian countrymen, Fiat and Maserati, Alfa Romeo pulled up stakes 43 years after setting up shop here. The reason was economic. In 1986 (its best year here), the company sold more than 8,000 cars. In 1994, sales had plunged to around 550. With its passing, only Ferrari and Lamborghini are left to carry on the Italian tradition — but you won't find their dealerships on many street corners.

General Motors drops rear-drive sedans — The General announced that the venerable Chevrolet Caprice, Buick Roadmaster and Cadillac Fleetwood rear-drive sedans would have a short life as 1996 models and very few would be offered past the beginning of the year. The reason given was that rear-drive and full-frame plant capacities were needed for the assembly of the more popular pickups in the GM lineup. Police forces and taxi companies were distressed (the full-framed, rear-drive GM cars are renowned for durability) and many old-time GM buyers rushed to put in pre-paid orders before the cut-off.

Cadillac gets back into the small car business — Well, not too small. Cadillac is trying to build itself a youthful "with-it" image for young, affluent buyers. (The average Cadillac owner is around 60) Many years after its disastrous flirt with the entry-level Cimmaron/Cavalier clone, it did away with its "mature" Fleetwood.

In its place is an Americanized version of GM's German Opel Omega bearing the name Catera. The Cimmaron was a bitter lesson for Cadillac and it's determined that the Catera will be viewed as a true Cad — something like a latter-day LaSalle.

Honda execs draw prison sentences — If you

wanted a Honda dealership or plenty of new Hondas to sell in the '80s and early '90s, you had to pay off mid-management Honda executives. During a racketeering and mail fraud trial in New Hampshire, the government exposed the wide-spread use of under-the-table money to buy dealerships and auto allocations. Prison sentences were handed out. It will take Honda a long time to shake off the onus.

Government proposes 100 percent tax on luxury Japanese autos — The lockout of American automotive goods in Japan irritated the feds enough to propose a 100 percent import tax on Japanese luxury cars. Dealers of these cars virtually marched on congress and after a short "battle," the tax was lifted and the Japanese acquiesced to a certain degree on letting American goods into their country.

Giant used auto dealerships spring up in the south — Covering several rural acres and offering no-haggle prices on up to 1,000 late-model cars, mammoth car lots have sprung up around the country to challenge the way used cars are sold in this country. Conventional dealerships are up in arms and developing ways to counter the spread.

Things really got exciting when Chrysler elected to put Plymouth new-car franchises in one of them.

BMW goes Hollywood — Faces were smiling at BMW headquarters when its new Z3 roadster landed a leading roll in the recent James Bond movie, *Goldeneye*, acting out the more desirable (to me, anyway) Aston Martin DB7 coupe. Aston Martin had been the star of various James Bond movies 30 years ago, but BMW outbid the strapped Aston Martin folks.

Bond chasing the bad guys in an underpowered, tiny German sportster? Maybe the next step will be the replacement of his Beretta with a can of Mace.

Iacocca joins the enemy — Chrysler executives were shocked at the defection of ex-Chairman Lee Iacocca to the camp of corporate raider Kirk Kerkorian when the latter began another end-run on the company. The attack failed (so far) and the Kerkorian siege machine is regrouping for another try.

Was Chrysler mad? So mad that it refused to honor Iacocca's stock options late in the year and chiseled his name off of a new building that was being christened in his honor. Don't get mad — get even.

So what's in store for '96? Electric cars? More mergers? More "domestic" cars being built off-shore? Is Rolls-Royce the next to jump on the sports-utility bandwagon? Stay tuned and we'll find out together.

Family car needs TLC, too

When the family car gets sick you probably worry about it.

You're anxious to get Old Faithful into the shop, where you'll find a technician trained to diagnose its symptoms.

His diagnostic equipment may look like the props from a science fiction movie, but that's often what it takes to locate the trouble in today's complex, computer-controlled vehicle, says the Car Care Council.

High-tech methods notwithstanding, the human element still must prevail. The service personnel generally do their best to maintain a high level of customer confidence, to treat every vehicle as if it were their own.

Performance problems in a late model car can be like human malfunctions, except the car has sev-

eral "brains," about a mile of wire and a complex system of sensors. Computers may play a role in numerous functions, including starting, steering, braking, climbing a hill, changing the inside comfort level and on and on. Microprocessors can turn on the lights, tune the radio, report how many miles until the gas tank is empty and, in some cases, lead the driver to his destination.

When any of the above functions and others fail, your technician turns to a computer to diagnose and correct the problem. Eventually he or she may tackle the repair with hand tools and the repair generally isn't likely to be a speedy one because of the crowded conditions under the hood.

Today's vehicles, despite their complexity, require far less main-

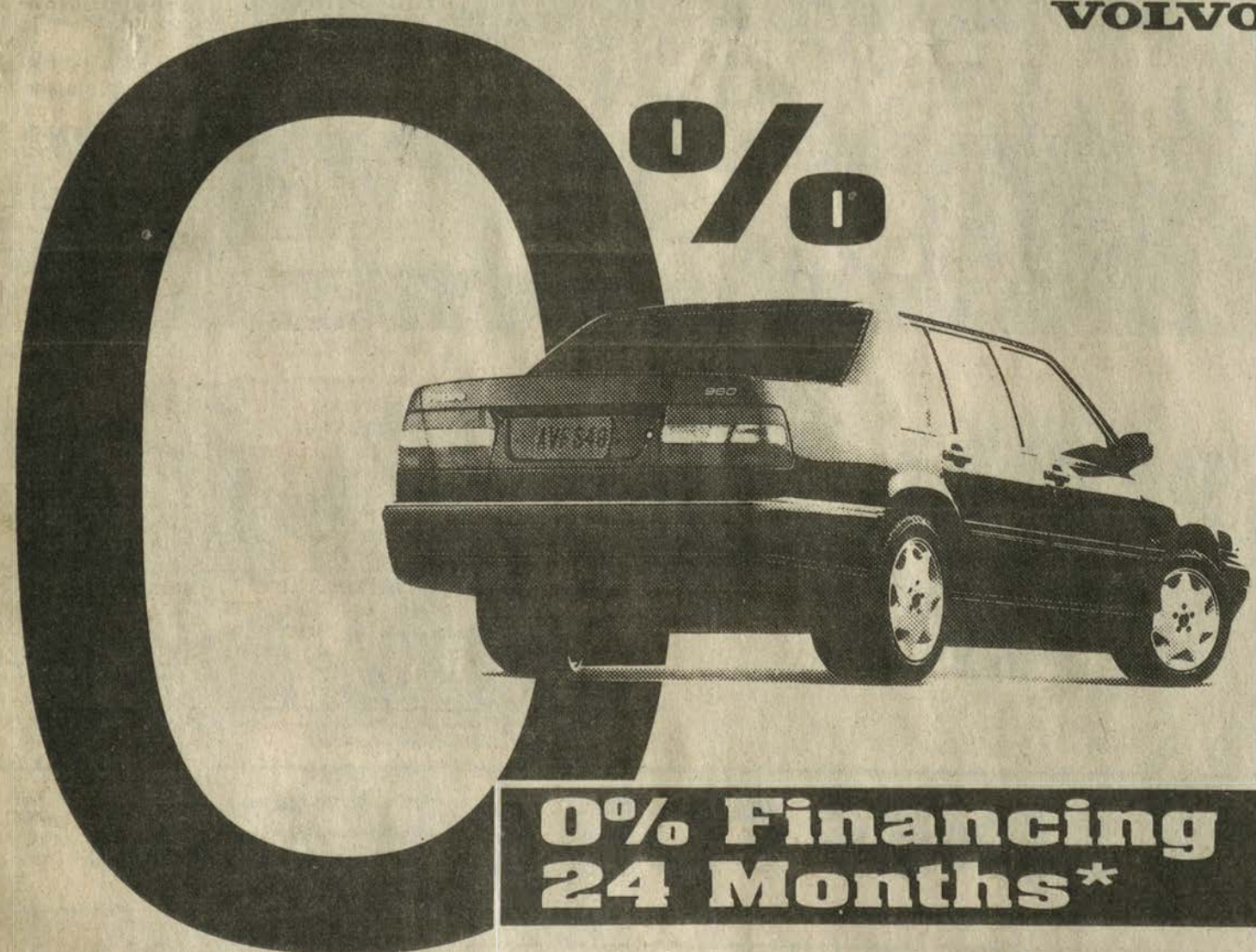
tenance and repair than their forefathers, says the Council. Unfortunately, as in the case of high-tech medical care, training and equipment don't come cheap.

Our cars not only are thinking for us, in some cases they can diagnose their own problems. With the help of computerized test equipment, trained technicians can locate and correct most problems that, only a few years ago, would have eluded the best of them.

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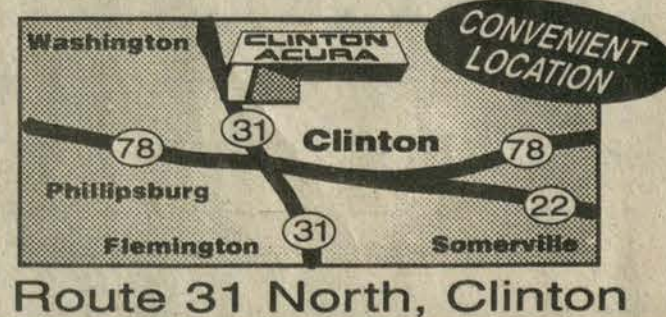
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7 psgr, 6 cyl, auto, p/s/b, air, AM/FM cass,
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radi-als, p/mrrs, bsm, VINMX645365,
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2 dr, 4 cyl, auto, p/s/b, air, AM/FM cass, p/w/
lks, cruise, tilt, r/defr, rally whls, radi-als, p/
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p/w/lks, cruise, tilt, r/defr, rally
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VINMUC06315, 54,135 mi, #9886 **\$15,995***

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FM cass, p/w/lks, cruise, tilt, r/defr, rally
whls, radi-als, p/mrrs, bsm, VINPT109006,
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bsm, VINR108883, 32,650 mi, #9903 **\$19,995***

'95 FORD F-150 4X4
2 dr, 8 cyl, auto, p/s/b, air, AM/FM cass, p/
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