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## Fun... are key to unlocking historic tower

By VERA CARLEY  
THE REVIEW

EDISON — For the last two years, a national historic site where many doors to discovery were opened has been closed for repairs.

It remains questionable whether the Edison Historic Tower on Christie Street will open anytime soon.

The tower's portland cement, which Thomas Edison invented, is chipped. Erected in 1937 and rising 131 feet above the ground, the tower has been closed because of its deterioration.

"It is an important piece of history," Mayor George Spadaro said.

The mayor said his administration is trying to find the roughly \$800,000 needed to match a state grant for the necessary repairs.

DEP spokeswoman Sharon Southard said a 1995 \$781,527 federal grant was earmarked to restore the tower. However, the project seems to have fallen through cracks like those in the tower's portland cement.

"It's not part of the state park, although the DEP owns the building," Ms. Southard explained.

The New Jersey Historic Trust requires the owner of the property to match the grant, but the DEP turned to Edison for the money because the township leases the property from the state.

"We do not have the money in our budget," Mayor Spadaro said.

"We are looking for other options."

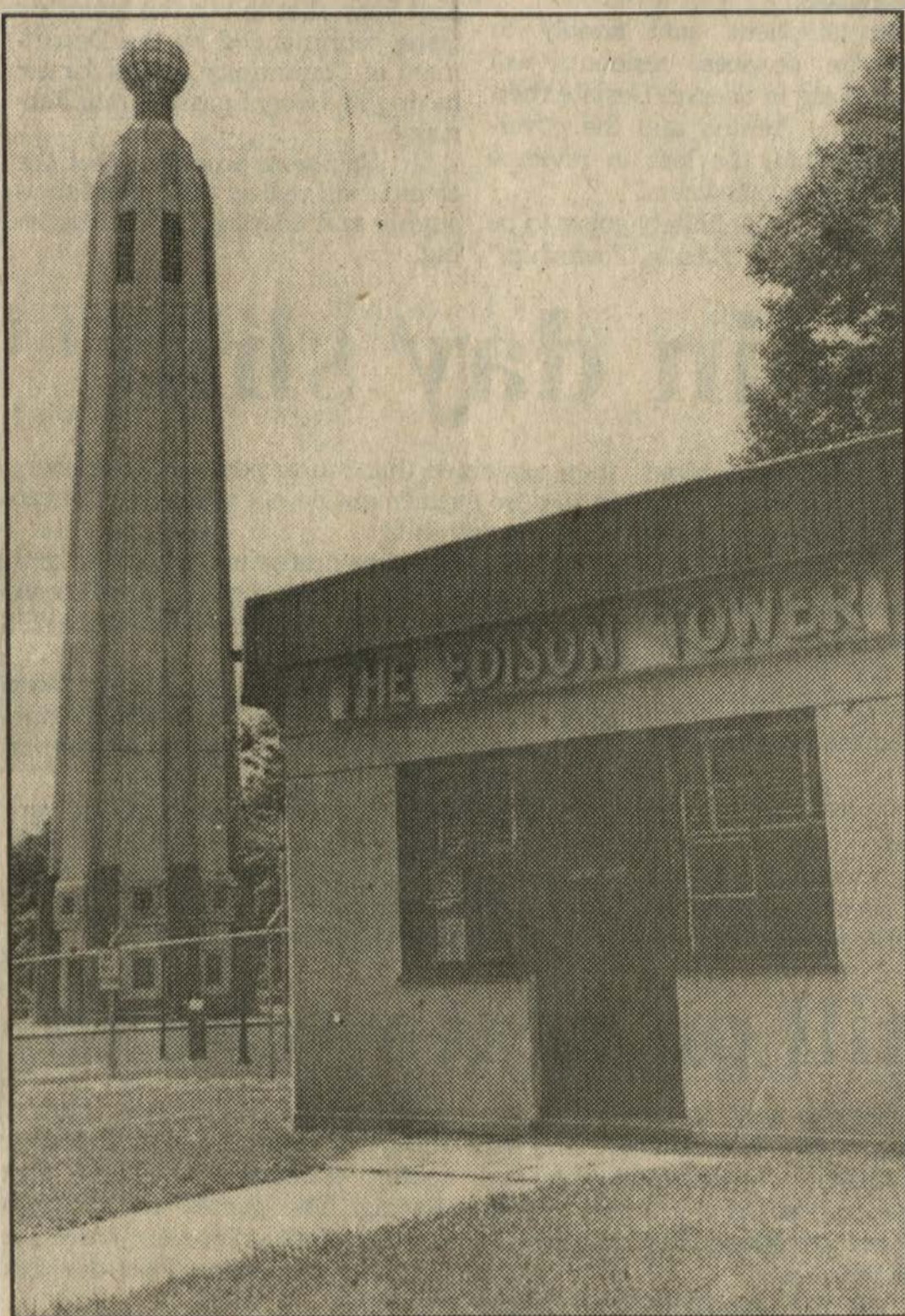
The township is seeking a grant from the Edison Foundation, which gives

out endowments for projects involving Thomas Alva Edison, he said. Work on several historical sites in West Orange commemorating New Jersey's most famous inventor was completed with the foundation's help.

The tower is located precisely where Mr. Edison invented the light bulb, phonograph, electric railroad car and 400 other patented items.

Located next to the tower, the museum is run by tower curator George Campbell.

Mr. Campbell said the museum



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Unchecked deterioration is keeping the Edison Tower on Christie Street closed.

is open most days, while the tower remains closed to the public. Although the state says it needs renovation, Mr. Campbell said the tall monument looks fine to him.

The New Jersey Historic Trust, established in 1967, is a nonprofit historic preservation organization created to preserve New Jersey's historic resources.

## Metuchen and Edison may share day EMTs

By VERA CARLEY  
THE REVIEW

In an effort to boost the response time of their first aid squads during the day, Metuchen and Edison may work together to hire emergency medical technicians (EMTs).

The EMTs would provide daytime coverage, when typically there is a shortage of volunteer first aid members.

"The proposal is to integrate into a program to ensure that the response is there," Metuchen Mayor Ed O'Brien said.

Mayor O'Brien said working together to provide the coverage could cost the borough money.

Edison Mayor George Spadaro noted no formal agreement has been reached with Metuchen.

"We have not made a final decision on that," he said.

However, Edison Council President Bill Stephens said Edison and Metuchen teaming up "seems a natural alliance."

Metuchen and Edison first aid squads frequently respond to each others' calls for a squad if none is available in their own municipality.

As in many other towns throughout the state, both are trying to find solutions to the problem of a shrinking number of volunteers willing to serve and those able to respond to day calls.

This year, both Metuchen and Edison set up special committees on how best to resolve the issue in their respective towns.

Mr. Stephens said Edison is reviewing a plan proposed by its volunteer squads to improve daytime coverage by hiring 25 EMTs.

Those EMTs would also help provide coverage for Metuchen, which would pitch in to pay for their employment.

Mr. Stephens said four EMTs would work from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. and be paid about \$8-\$8.50 an hour.

First Aid Squad volunteers would not be hired, however, because of a state law prohibiting them from being compensated for their services.

Mr. Stephens said the township is still reviewing the comprehensive recommendation from the squads. A few issues still have to be ironed out, he said.

Metuchen Councilman Peter Trecolis, liaison to the Metuchen First Aid Squad, said he had not heard about the plan before. He said the Metuchen First Aid Squad has worked to increase its ranks with new membership to handle calls during the daytime.

The borough's first aid squad has around 20 members, a majority of whom work a 7 p.m.-7 a.m. shift. Earlier this year, only two trained EMTs were available to respond to emergency calls during the day.

In Edison, there are more than 130 volunteers working at the township's three volunteer first aid squads: Edison First Aid Squad No. 1, Edison First Aid Squad No. 2 and the Clara Barton First Aid Squad.

## Edison board to tape meetings High schools will host; Labasi vows to prevent late votes

By VERA CARLEY  
THE REVIEW

EDISON — Township residents may see more of the Board of Education and its nine members than they ever wanted to.

The board's open conference meetings will now be held at either J.P. Stevens High School or Edison High School and televised to provide greater access to the public.

"It will eliminate all the doubts that we are doing something sneaky," said board member Felton King.

"This is, I think, an excellent investment. I think it is laudable and a great investment," board member Philip Labasi added.

Mr. King said the proposal was adopted because of concerns raised after a June 20 meeting. At that meeting, the board emerged from

*'It will eliminate all the doubts that we are doing something sneaky.'*

— Felton King  
School board member

executive session shortly before midnight and gave raises to 14 members of the central office staff.

Afterward, Mr. Labasi had questioned whether the vote was purposely scheduled at the late hour to discourage public input.

He also said concerns about the cost of taping all the board's meetings were exaggerated. Mr. Labasi said the district spends a lot of money during the course of the year which is

not included in the school budget, but is still important.

How many meetings will be taped will be determined by Edison Township's video staff, he added.

Board President David Dickinson echoed those sentiments, noting a previous board meeting was not taped.

Resident Eileen Markous said taping the meetings is a "great idea." She said she isn't worried about the expense, saying the board has "wasted" money on things such as its letter to parents about subscription busing.

"I think it should have been done long ago," she said. "Most people do not have the opportunity to go to every board meeting."

Ms. Markous added it is very difficult just finding out when the meetings are held by

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## Zoning suggestions made Borough looks to streamline land use law

By VERA CARLEY  
THE REVIEW

METUCHEN — Aiming to make Metuchen more business friendly, the Borough Council is looking at streamlining its land use ordinance.

Discussion at the June 19 "Summit on the Future of Metuchen's Downtown" highlighted the need for the borough to improve the land use ordinance. The council heard recommendations from acting Borough Attorney David Frizell about suggested changes Monday night.

"The code would not differentiate a card store versus a flower shop. It would, however, differentiate between a dry cleaning store and a restaurant," Mr. Frizell said. "What we are looking for having a code which is easily enforced."

Mr. Frizell said the borough's land use ordinance "is entirely too broad."

In a memo to the council, he stated the attempt to define a change of use in terms of a change in operation "invites government intrusion into the commercial prerogatives of the business owner and leads

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## Six rodents caught at pond

By VERA CARLEY  
THE REVIEW

EDISON — Four muskrats and two Norway rats have been nabbed at Tommy's Pond.

The rodents were caught in Have-A-Heart traps recently after complaints about the wild animals roaming around prompted the borough to capture the rodents.

"The tunnel there is worse than the New York tunnels," borough

resident Joseph Fater said. "There are holes galore there."

Mr. Fater contended the traps have not caught all the wild animals that run amok in the park on Lake Avenue. He also said one of the traps was in a nearby resident's yard and caught a squirrel.

Councilman Kenneth Hoffman said residents are concerned the traps are not hidden and could injure children playing in the park.

Business Administrator Bill

Boerth said the borough hired a contractor to remove all the traps and their contents.

The Have-A-Heart traps were used to trap the wild animals, Mayor Ed O'Brien said. It is illegal to trap animals without a license, he noted.

Two years ago, Mr. Fater complained of a different problem plaguing the park. Then, he told the council about a problem of people overfeeding the ducks that populated the pond.

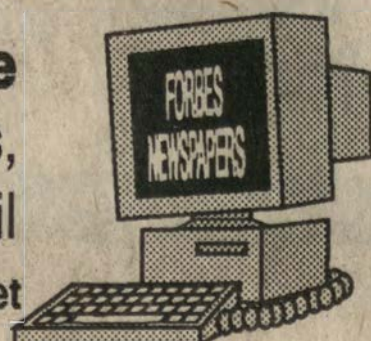


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### End of the ropes

These frayed ropes at the playground by the Minnie B. Veal Community Center are not scheduled for replacement under Edison's park improvement plan. For an update on the plan, see page A-4.

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### Quote of the Week

*'In other words, it's kind of yucky.'*  
— Bill Stephens, Township Council president,  
on conditions at Lake Pappianni  
in Central Avenue Park.



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# Edison will lose \$1.4 million

By VERA CARLEY

THE REVIEW

EDISON — Before even introducing its budget, the township of Edison faces bad news about its fiscal plan for the 1996-1997 year.

On Tuesday, Mayor George Spadaro announced the township would lose \$1.4 million dollars in revenue. Gov. Christine Todd Whitman's state budget proposal has Edison losing \$100,000 in gross receipts and franchise taxes and close to \$1.3 million in supplemental gross receipts and franchise

taxes, he said.

"That's very bad news," Mayor Spadaro said. "Obviously, that makes my job much more difficult."

He indicated the loss in revenue will mean a two-point tax increase built into the state budget.

The mayor said he is bothered that the governor's state income tax cuts are hurting property owners.

Councilmen Bill Stephens and Peter Barnes III agree with that assessment.

"As far as I am concerned, in

keeping her promised tax cut, Gov. Whitman raided almost every account to balance her budget," Mr. Barnes said.

The councilman said the township knew it would lose revenue from the gross receipts and franchise taxes.

Mr. Stephens said simply to maintain services, residents will have to dig in deeper. Despite rhetoric from Trenton and the governor, he said, the loss in revenue will affect homeowners.

"I think it's definitely going to be detrimental to Edison Township,"

Mr. Stephens said.

Despite those predictions, the council and mayor agree a new budget will be hammered out before Christmas.

The last two township budgets were proposed in August and did not pass until well after winter. Last year, that led to the township being reprimanded by the Department of Community Affairs for not having its budget passed until February.

Mr. Stephens promised that the council will review the budget thoroughly and adopt it by Thanksgiving.

# Four firefighters join day shift

By VERA CARLEY

THE REVIEW

EDISON — The township added four new firefighters to its ranks for the day shift last week.

Mayor George Spadaro said the firefighters will ensure there is coverage during the day. The firefighters were not added to provide EMT coverage and compete with the volunteer first aid squads, he said.

"I don't like to look at it as competition," the mayor said. "They will only fill in where there are no volunteers."

Council President Bill Stephens pointed out

the new firefighters were not specifically hired as EMTs. He said the men are needed during the day shift when things are busiest for the fire department.

"I think we hired the firemen as firemen," Mr. Stephens said. "I do not think it will have an impact at all."

Councilman Peter Barnes III said the township was advised of the need for increased fire coverage during the day.

"It's not in any way to undermine our volunteers," Mr. Barnes III said.

At last week's council meeting, Councilwoman Eileen Teffenhart questioned whether the day shifts should go to the new hires. It was

then explained that senior personnel members in the fire department do not necessary want to work the day shift.

The four volunteer firefighters who were promoted are John Canfield, 33; Timothy Eosso, 26; Francis Eosso, 24; and David Edelstein, 29. All are Edison residents.

Mr. Canfield is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and a member of Raritan Engine Co. No. 2. Francis Eosso is also a member of Raritan Engine Company.

Timothy Eosso, a graduate of Kent University, is a member of Oak Tree Volunteer Fire Co., as is Mr. Edelstein, who graduated from Northeastern University.

Their training will last about six weeks.

# Garden State Games still on next weekend

EDISON — The Assembly Appropriations Committee has restored half the funding for the Garden State Games, an Olympic-style sports festival in the township.

Gov. Christine Todd Whitman's initial budget proposal eliminated the entire \$150,000 state grant given to the festival, which attracted 20,000 participants and spectators from across the state last year.

Rep. Barbara Buono (D-18th Dist.), a member of the committee, argued for keeping the funds in a speech she gave before the panel.

Half the funding was restored to the state budget bill the Legislature voted on June 27.

"I am gratified that the Legislature has seen fit to restore enough funding so that the games can begin," said Rep. Buono, whose district includes Edison. She added that the economic impact of the Garden State Games on Edison is paid at close to \$3 million.

"The elimination of the Garden State Games would have been a blow to the Central Jersey economy," she said. "The event in Edison last year generated 4,000 hotel

visitors to stay an average of two days at area hotels, where they ate at Central Jersey restaurants and shopped at Central Jersey stores, which generates sales tax revenue for the state.

"By any standards, \$2.8 million worth of economic activity makes \$150,000 seem like a bargain for the state, even without considering the social benefit and good will generated by the games," the assemblywoman said.

The Garden State Games run July 12-14 and include more than 30 events, among them track and

field, archery, ice hockey, karate, volleyball, water polo, shooting, soccer, basketball, bowling and fencing. The games are open to athletes of all skill levels; there are divisions for seniors and the disabled.

"I'm honored to have been of help in the continuation of the Garden State Games, which represents the best element of what government can do for people," Rep. Buono said. "They promote good health, clean living, discipline and sportsmanship, elements sorely lacking in our society today."

# Edison board to tape meetings

(Continued from page A-1) scanning the small legal notices in the newspapers.

Mr. Labasi said he also plans to ensure votes on important personnel and financial matters are made before the midnight hour. This will allow the board to discuss matters in private session and still get public comment, he said.

"When they come out and make their announcement, there will be a chance for public comment," Mr. Labasi said.

Board member Gwynne Kes-

selman said important votes should be taken at the board's regular meeting.

She also chastised Mr. Labasi for voting on important issues like the district's transportation computer program and the new principal hiring when he was upset with how those matters were coming before the board. She noted she walked out of the meeting when a new school principal was hired. The public has the right to comment on such an important issue, she said.

# Students win at science fair

Fourteen area students took home prizes from the recent Middlesex County Science Fair on the Edison campus of Middlesex County College.

The winning students, with their schools and prizes listed:

Charles Dunn of Edison (Woodbrook School), first place, second grade.

Aditi Chatraverty of Edison (James Madison Primary School), third place, fifth grade.

Shilpa Amara and Urvi Shah of Edison (John Adams Middle School), first place, sixth grade.

Devin Fensterheim of Metuchen

(Edgar School), second place, sixth grade.

Meerez Goyal and Paula Lee of Edison (John Adams Middle School), third place, sixth grade.

Ken Chen and John Randolph of Metuchen (Edgar School), third place, seventh grade.

Meghana Lele and Erica Shein of Edison (John Adams Middle School), third place, eighth grade.

Bhaveen Jani and Rahul Parikh of Edison (Edison High School), first place, ninth grade.

Patti Parekh of Edison (Edison High School), third place, 10th grade.

# Metuchen looks to streamline land use law

(Continued from page A-1) to the subjective application of the ordinance by those entrusted with it.

Combing through the borough's ordinance, Mr. Frizell also found a section of Metuchen's Land Development Code that, if enforced, "literally would mean every change of use would not require a public hearing." Instead, it would require a "minor site plan review," which does not require a public hearing.

The attorney also highlighted a section of borough code which could affect those seeking to add additional landscaping to a prop-

erty. Now it could require the homeowner to seek a minor site plan approval, meaning a resident who wished to add some landscaping would have to appear before the Planning Board.

Parking issues would also be addressed in revamping the borough's land use code.

In recommending that a "change of use" be redefined, Mr. Frizell seeks a classification based on a higher number of off-street parking spaces than the previous use. That means site plan approval would be needed when any new store requires more parking spac-

es than the previous one.

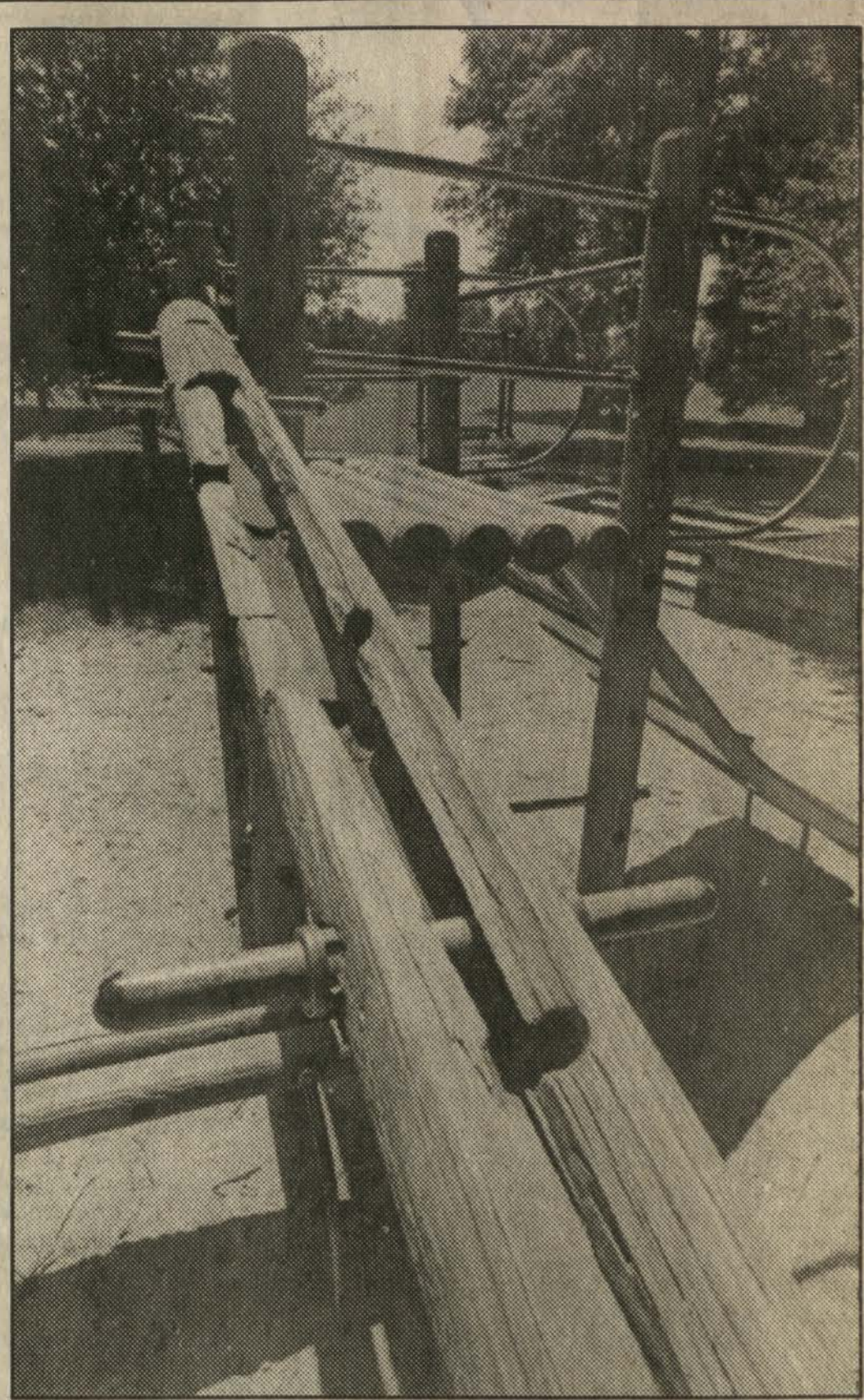
He also noted Metuchen's current site plan requirement for "the use or delineation of vacant land as a parking lot or any other type of use." Under the requirement, he wrote, "it seems to me that the establishment of a sand lot baseball diamond on a vacant plot would require Planning Board approval of a site plan."

Mr. Frizell explained Monday night the borough can eliminate many of the categories requiring site plan approval because they are redundant.

He also said the Borough Coun-

cil has to determine under what circumstances it feels Planning Board review is necessary and when only a zoning official's approval is required.

Mayor Ed O'Brien requested that council comments on Mr. Frizell's presentation be given Monday, July 15. Then, he said, the plan can be forwarded to the Planning Board July 18.



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## No place to play

A fractured log for a seesaw rests at the playground by the Minnie B. Veal Community Center. For an update on Edison's park improvement plan, see page A-4.

## Garden Club wins awards

EDISON — The Edison Garden Club has received four awards from the Garden Club of New Jersey (GCNJ).

Honors received during the GCNJ's annual meeting were the Elizabeth Hood Silver Trophy, for "Garden Information Days"; the Continuing Project Award of \$100, for ongoing garden therapy programs; the Outstanding Project Award, for Yuletide decorations at the Proprietary House in Perth Amboy; and a certificate of merit with gold seal, for the yearbook.

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**Metuchen-Edison Clergy Association**

# Special hearing set for Pooja application

By VERA CARLEY

EDISON — The fate of the Faith Fellowship Ministries property on Oak Tree Road will be decided in a special hearing at the Board of Adjustment's Tuesday, Aug. 20 meeting.

Set to rule June 18 on an application to convert the World Outreach Center into a banquet facility and restaurant, the board decided another hearing is needed after *The Review* reported sources indi-

cated Pooja M. Inc. was trying to acquire a liquor license. That information contradicted testimony given by Pooja M. Inc. partner Vinod Patel during a zoning board hearing in April.

The hearing would just be "a limited discussion," said zoning board Attorney Jeffrey Lehrer.

"We have the right to ask questions of the witness," he said. "The public would only have the right to ask questions about the liquor license."

Mr. Lehrer said the hearing

would be similar to when cases are remanded back to the board by Middlesex Superior Court for further fact finding. That might include documentation from the applicant.

"If there is any documentation then it should be presented to the zoning board in advance, but there is no requirement," he said.

He said it will be up to each zoning board member to weigh the evidence provided by the applicants and decide on its merits.

As of Wednesday, no hearing

date has been set for the special meeting. Mr. Lehrer said it might be difficult scheduling a hearing in July because the board is scheduled to hear many other applications.

Kevin Morse, the attorney representing Pooja, agreed to reopen the case and address the issue of whether a liquor license has been obtained for the facility.

Many residents opposing conversion of the Faith Fellowship Ministry property to a banquet hall and restaurant believe the meeting

should be postponed until September. Some maintain the meeting is being scheduled during a popular vacation time to reduce public comment on the application.

Zoning board member Gerald Kenny has been reported as voicing his opposition to the application.

Mr. Lehrer said no board member has been asked to abstain from the hearing because of comments in the press, but applicants can file a motion to prevent him from voting.

# Turnpike Authority may put brakes on cellular tower

By VERA CARLEY

EDISON — The New Jersey Turnpike Authority is listening to the township's concerns about a proposed cellular tower that would be leased to a communications company.

Lynn Fleeger, chief information officer of the authority, said it is reviewing a Township Council resolution urging the authority to reconsider erecting a cellular tower in Edison.

The council is opposed to the location of the tower, which would be within a 1,000 feet of Benjamin Franklin School and closer than 500 feet to the nearest residence.

"The executive director (Ed Gross) did say

we are looking at moving the tower," Ms. Fleeger said.

The authority held a public meeting on the tower plans June 20 at the Stelton Community Center, where the authority promised to consider issues raised about the plan.

Councilman Bill Stephens said it would be excellent if the authority was willing to move the tower.

The authority has proposed erecting the 100-foot cellular tower and installing a modular equipment building 100 feet north of the Woodbridge Avenue bridge over the turnpike in Edison.

Councilwoman Joan Kapitan said she is concerned because the tower would be close to hundreds of residences and Benjamin Franklin School.

"I don't think it's too wise to put it next a

school," she said. "I think they were wrong."

The authority would earn \$25,000 per year from leasing the tower to a communications company like NYNEX Bell Atlantic or Comcast.

Mary Ann Takash, a local activist on zoning issues, objects to the authority getting into the communication business at the expense of local residents. She said money from the towers would not lower the tolls, but increase the salaries of high-ranking executives.

"They don't know what these things project (in radiation)," she said. "Just because they want to put it up there doesn't mean they can."

The tower also would provide the authority with improved internal communication capabilities and provide security surveil-

lance from four cameras mounted on the pole. Ms. Fleeger said the cameras would help the authority determine road conditions and allow it to provide help for stranded motorists. The cameras will have a range of 1/4-1/2 mile depending on weather conditions, she said.

Ms. Fleeger added several cameras have already been installed in "key areas in the north turnpike." The Turnpike Authority has already installed cellular towers in South Jersey, Milltown and East Brunswick as part of a leasing agreement with Comcast and NYNEX Bell Atlantic for commercial telephone transmission.

Ms. Fleeger added the Township Council's resolution is the only written opposition the authority has seen against the plan.

# Metuchen makes noise about promised sound walls

By VERA CARLEY

METUCHEN — The borough is causing a commotion in trying to get peace and quiet for residents living along a section of Interstate 287.

Mayor Ed O'Brien and members of the Borough Council again questioned the motives of the state Department of Transportation (DOT) after its newest request for a clear indication of whether the borough supports erecting noise barriers along a section of I-287.

"I don't think there is anyone in Metuchen who isn't firmly on board," Mayor O'Brien said at Monday's council meeting.

The borough has been trying to move this project ahead for several years. Those efforts led to Metuchen being one of several municipalities promised noise barriers by the DOT after it completed a study of the noise level by I-287.

Despite that study, the DOT is requesting the borough complete another study, while the DOT reviews its policy on how to determine which areas get sound barriers. It is also asking the Borough Council to give it assurances that the barriers are a high priority in Metuchen and to adopt a resolution in support of them if that is so.

The DOT also wants the borough to share cost with the state if the costs of erecting the barriers exceeds the federal standard of \$40,000 per home.

But after begging the state for noise barriers over the last few years and being promised them, borough officials are in no mood to deal with DOT delays.

"I don't know what the DOT is doing there except maybe trying to spread money as thinly as possible," Mayor O'Brien said. "They ought to live up to their promises."

State assembly representatives Barbara Buono and Peter J. Barnes

the DOT on a pilot program that would use recycled material instead of concrete for noise barriers and reduce the overall cost of erecting them.

The DOT estimates the cost at about \$2 million per mile. The high

cost of the barriers and the number of communities requesting them are the primary reasons the DOT is reviewing its program.

Under federal law, there are two classifications for noise barriers. Type I barriers are those installed along widened or new highways. The federal government requires that if a DOT determines a highway expansion creates a noise impact in an area, then noise barriers or berm (vegetation) must be used to mitigate the noise.

Type II noise barriers are those erected along existing highways in response to community complaints concerning increasing traffic noise. The state is not required to build noise barriers in these areas be-

cause a highway is not being widened or constructed. But residents can't help feeling miffed because before the DOT policy review, the borough was scheduled to receive its noise barriers next year.

The borough, DOT representatives and interested residents will have a chance to discuss the issue at a Middlesex County Planning Board hearing 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 16 in New Brunswick.

*'I don't know what the DOT is doing there except maybe trying to spread money as thinly as possible. They ought to live up to their promises.'*

— Ed O'Brien  
Metuchen mayor

Jr. are working on a bill that would direct the DOT to erect sound barriers along I-287 where existing studies have already demonstrated their need.

The mayor indicated the borough is even willing to work with

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# Edison awaits action on cleanup of township parks

By VERA CARLEY  
THE REVIEW

EDISON — Overflowing garbage cans have been cleaned up at Central Avenue Park, but debris still could be seen lying on the ground last week.

A walk through the park after various complaints about conditions revealed trash littered by Lake Pappianni. A blue plastic Dumpster and plastic bags could be seen floating in the lake. Other debris like cigarette butts and portions of a split-rail fence lay on the land surrounding the lake, to which the water had risen after a rain and then subsided.

"In other words, it's kind of yucky," Township Council President Bill Stephens said.

Mr. Stephens asked the township administration to present the council with a schedule of park cleanups June 24. He said it would help determine what parks need help and what needs to be done.

Mayor George Spadaro said the township is developing a plan to improve the condition of all its parks once they have been rehabilitated under a sweeping improvement program.

Although the maintenance plan of the parks will be strengthened, the mayor said the township does regular maintenance of the parks now, albeit with limited manpower.

"All in all, our parks are in decent condition," he said.

Last month, the mayor vowed to look into the condition of Central Avenue Park,

located between the municipal complex and Central Avenue. Unaware of the park's present condition, the mayor noted it was cleaned up for a fishing derby held in May.

A sign for the fishing derby could be seen floating in a portion of the lake nearest to the train tracks Wednesday morning.

Neil Hendrickson, a township resident at the park last week, said garbage pails at the derby were filled but never picked up. Then the heavy rains washed the pails into Lake Pappianni, he said, where they were floating until recently. Some were pulled out recently, but the others may have sunk, he said. He also pointed to beer bottles and soda cans that litter the park.

"As far as the kids are concerned — it's a free-for-all," Mr. Hendrickson said. "They all hang out there."

Mr. Hendrickson also pointed to the split-rail fence. Some slates have been pulled from the fence and thrown into the lake, he said. Proof of that laid on the lake's banks.

Councilwoman Eileen Teffenhart said the former Republican council had suggested hiring a park ranger to monitor township parks and prevent some of the littering and teenage gathering problems.

She also said the administration should have handled the situation at the Central Avenue Park better, especially after holding the fishing derby there.

"They should have been there the next day to clean up," she said.

Ms. Teffenhart said the township's park plan is slated to improve conditions at Central Avenue Park. She said is disappointed the plan, which was broken down in phases, has not yet begun.

Mayor Spadaro said T&M Associates is developing specifications for the first phase of the program. From there the township will solicit bids for the projects, which will include equipment for various parks.

One of the parks not scheduled to receive new equipment immediately is the wooden playground near the Minnie Veal Community Center.

As reported last year in *The Review*, the wooden equipment is in disrepair. Wooden beams from the equipment have broken off, among other problems.



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Garbage litters the banks of Lake Pappianni at Central Avenue Park, from a Budweiser box, left, to cigarette butts and beverage containers.

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For information on events, call Lenoir Stewart at 548-9474.

### JCC Senior Adult Club

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

The following programs are planned:

- July 11: Senior Club Board meets at noon.
- July 18: Luncheon meeting.
- July 29: Trip to Showboat Hotel at Atlantic City. Bus leaves JCC at 8:45 a.m. Cost: \$13.
- Aug. 6: Readers-On-The-Go discussion will feature *The Sabbath Feature* by Philip Roth, 10 a.m. No fee for members, \$2.50 for non-members.
- Aug. 8: Executive board will meet at noon.
- Aug. 15: Luncheon meeting at noon. Cost is \$1.75 for members, \$3 for guests.
- Oct. 27: Afternoon trip to Boheme Opera to hear Carmen. Early reservations will ensure good seats.

Call Claire Fishkin, coordinator of Senior Adult Services, at 494-3232 for information on senior programs.

### Edison AARP

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

### Metuchen AARP

Metuchen AARP Chapter No. 3208 meets monthly at Reformed Church of Metuchen, 150 Lake Avenue.

The Tour Committee has prepared the following trips:

- Oct. 15: Bus trip to Jefferson House at Lake Hopatcong. Cost is \$33 per person, including an all-you-can-eat German buffet, unlimited drinks, live entertainment and (weather permitting) a boat ride on the lake. Bus will depart 9:30 a.m. and return 5 p.m. For reservations, mail a check (payable to Metuchen Chapter 3208, AARP) plus a note with your name, address and phone number to Thomas R. Costello, 364 Durham Ave., Metuchen, 08840.
- Nov. 15: Bus trip to Newark Museum. Cost is \$36.50 per person, including guided bus tour of Newark with stop at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, introductory tour of museum with free time, lunch at four-star Portugese restaurant with choice from menu. Bus will depart 9 a.m. and return 6 p.m. For tickets, mail a check (payable to Metuchen Chapter 3208, AARP) plus a note with your name, address and phone number to Roberta Ambler, 9 Clive Hill Road, Edison, 08820.

### 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.

Ceramics instruction is offered every Monday 10 a.m.

Senior exercise is held 10-11 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday.

The center has announced the following programs:

- July 9: Trip to Amish country. Cost is \$45, including transportation, lunch at Plain 'n Fancy, 3-hour guided tour of Amish farmlands and admission to the Amish Experience Theater. This trip is open to non-seniors.

For more information or reservations, call Alice Fleming at 632-8524.

### Edison Senior Services

The Edison Township Division of Senior Citizen Services, 2963 Woodbridge Ave., offers programs, seminars and activities related to issues of concern to township seniors. Some of the programs offered include:

- July 10: Trump World's Fair Casino. Cost is \$10.
- July 18: The Evergreen Playhouse, *Damn Yankees*. Cost is \$32.50.
- July 24: Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament. Cost is \$37.
- August 7: Tomahawk Lake Senior Citizen Picnic. Cost is \$29.
- August 21: New York Yankees baseball game. Cost is \$13.
- Aug. 26: Sandy Hook Lady Luncheon Cruise. Cost is \$38.
- Sept. 11: Glenwood Hotel & Resort Country Outing. Cost is \$26.
- Sept. 30-Oct. 4: Woodloch Pines Resort. Cost is \$445 per person, double occupancy.

For more information, call Tracy Gray 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays at 248-7345.

## YMCA offers programs for adults and children

METUCHEN — New family-oriented programs at the Metuchen-Edison YMCA, 65 High St., include:

• "Family Fitness" is a nine-week exercise class for adults and children ages 6-12, meeting 6:15-6:55 p.m. Thursdays.

• "Shapedown" is a family-based approach to weight management and physical fitness for children and teens.

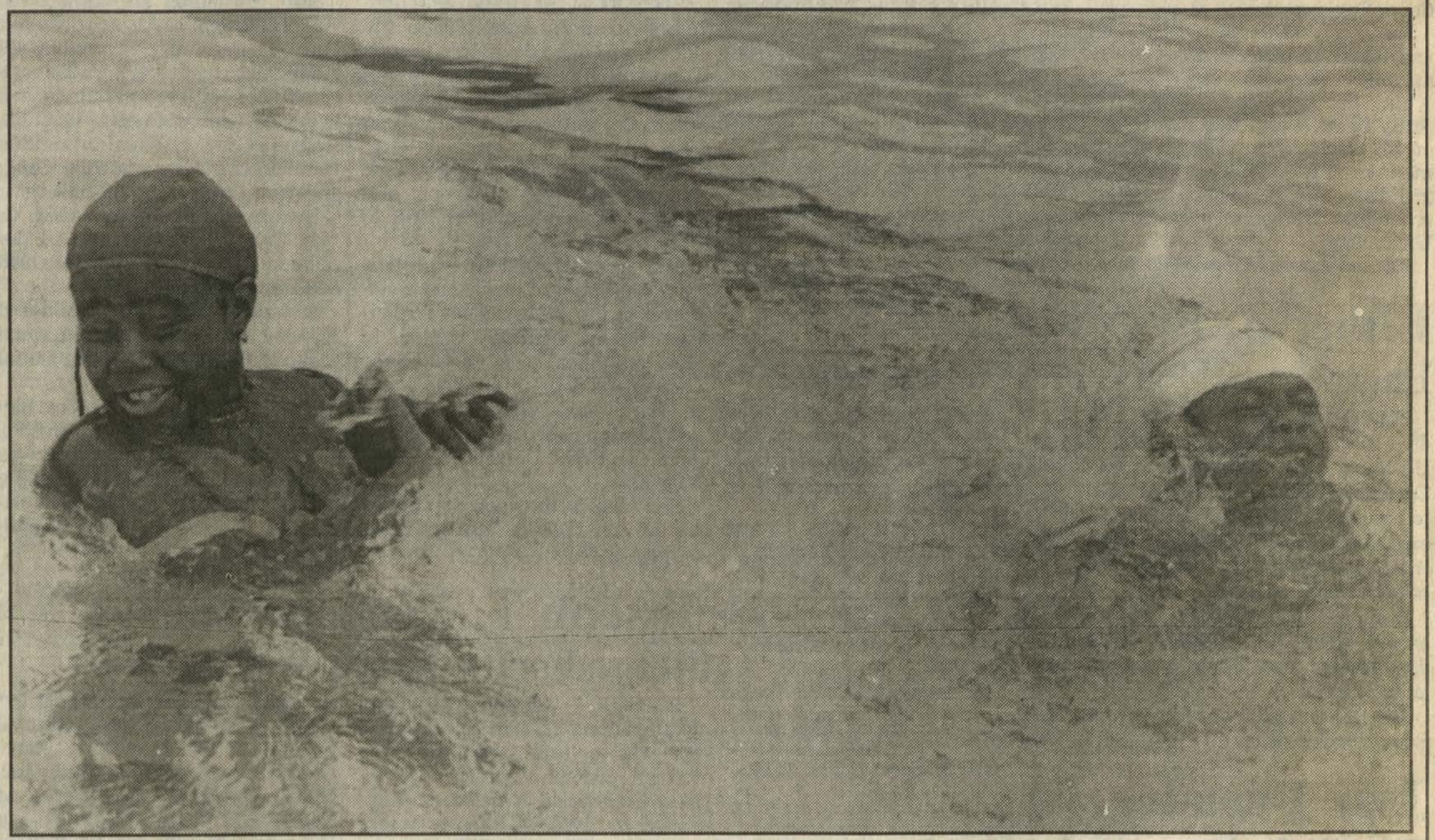
• "Together Fit," geared toward adult and adolescent (age 12-17) together, offers a joint workout in the Family Fitness Center, utilizing cardiovascular equipment (treadmills, Stairmasters, bikes). Parti-

pants can also build muscles on the YMCA's complete line of Nautilus strength equipment. You can join a four- or eight-week session starting anytime. The program meets Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays or Sundays at specified times.

There also are openings available in certain toddler, preschool and teen camps.

In addition, backyard swimming lessons are held at an apartment complex or condominium swimming pool.

For more information, visit the Y (65 High St.), call 548-2044, E-mail meymca@njersey.com or Web site http://www.njersey.com/meymca.



### Splash wars

Danielle Brunson, 9, and Brittney Calloway, 7, splash each other at the Metuchen Community Pool.

MELISSA KLAVER/THE REVIEW

## Edison High lists its honor roll students

EDISON — Edison High School has issued its honor roll for the fourth marking period.

Named to the "All A" honor roll: **Grade 12** — Adam Cetnerowski, Ji Young (Vera) Chang, Jennifer Gerhartz, Jessica Kraeft, Brian Krauss, Rashmi Shetgiri and Laura Urbanski.

**Grade 11** — Rajesh Chopdekar, Magdalena Czubaj, Anthony Kalgodis, Nikul Patel and Ritu Sharma.

**Grade 10** — Eugenia Altuchova, Daniel Curto, Mohammed Faraz Ellahi, Michele Hickey, Song Kim, Princy Mathew, Erin Mickelwaite, Priya Prahalad, Randal Ransom, Penumetsa Venkata Varma and Heather Ziolkowski.

**Grade 9** — Huma Aslam, Syed Bokhari, Glenda Heishman, Patricia Ho, Eugene Kozhukalo, Dong Hee Lee, Jessica McDonnell, Carolyn Piesen, Lauren Snyder, Gokul Soundararajan and Xiao Ying (Sheila) Wang.

Named to the "A/B" honor roll:

**Grade 12** — Scott Albanese, Wendee Allen, Jason Ballard, Maureen Boyle, Chatimah Brown, Tanasha Buonavolonta, Tyler Burke, Anjali Chelliah, Diana Corrales, Paritosh Dass, Kevin Englert, Michael Fanelli, Michelle Ferrer, Jessica Frech, Eva Gawilkowski, Devika Gupta, William Heruska, Arif Hussain, Deepak Jain, Paola Jaramillo, Kristine Kachel, Brian King, Kelly Kuntz, Corine Lenart, Brian Lopez-Stiller, Supriya Mahadeshwar, Tammy Malinowski, Brian McCloskey, Robert Mus-

carella, Corinne Ottenstroer, Harindra Patel, David Peters Jr., Cheryl Ray, Ali Cem Recber, Rafal Roman, Yana Rubakhin, Denise Salvato, Bonnie Sicora, Sharon Toscano, George Toth, Laura Ward, Ginette Watkins, April Williams and Lauren Yablonsky.

**Grade 11** — Suzanne Ahmad, Letitia Belford, Thomas Blevins, Lisa Bosso, Kerri Brooks, Luisa M. Calvache, Ruchika Chandhok, Seon Il (Daniel) Choi, Carla Cirilli, Pheeh Colatat, Richard Coniglio, Joseph Costanzo, Kristen Coyne, Michael Czappek, Kim Dang, Rey David De Los Reyes, Christine De Sa, Shiman Dubay, Rachel Elkison, Mika Endo, Marlena Fabiano, Sean Fitzgerald, Jacqueline Frey, Alexandria Gerardi, Maria Gonzalez, Melissa Gonzalez, Danielle C. Gualemi, Janine Heishman, Jamie Honkisz, Liang-Da Huang, Jennifer Hunt, Hoa Huynh, Ashu Jain, Jung Eun Kang, Christoph Kanis, Mayumi Kawashima, Na Young (Nadelie) Kim, Elizabeth Koperwhats, Niyati Kothary, Ronald Krauss, Jennifer Lamkie, David Larrabee, Brian Lombardi, Anthony Luminiello, Dong Whan Maeng, Snehal Ravindra Mahadeshwar, Heather Mailler, Marina E. Makropoulos, Jessica McLelland, Lital Melnik, Robert Mendelson, Joshua Mironov, Douglas Montalbano, Bernadette Murphy, Michael Normant, Richard Ordner, Dolly Patel, Girish Patel, Jay Patel, Lina Patel, Vimal Patel, David Pedana, Suzanne Plantec, Jennifer Porecca, Yaritza Pou, Lisa Pregnolato, Nirosha Puvananayagam, Margaret Ratner, Melanie

Rogers, Joey Rosario, Amit Shah, Preety Sharma, Rachita Sharma, Kevin Sintumuang, Olawale Sonuga, Candyce Soto, Jean Tolentino, Michael Ungerleider, Eric Van Der Sluis, Patrick Verduci, Anthony White, Vincent Yan, Brian Yaniak Jr. and Celena L. Young.

**Grade 10** — Naima Afridi, James Ayotte, Susan Benjamin, Nrupen Bhavsar, Gina Bolognese, Adrienne Bolten, Jamiyla Bracey, Caithiry Chandranathan, Chi Wei (Sandy) Chang, Chaiyasit Chujarane, Michelle Dagrosa, Jayesh Dass, Braulio De La Cruz, Kelly Ann Donnelly, Jennifer Dour, Katherine Duda, Maryann El-Raheb, Kimberly Elliot, Anna Galazka, Erica Gershowitz, Pamela Gulick, Ramya Gurumurthi, James Hammer, Andrea Hillary, Nasreen Iqbal, Mehmet Kadiev, Joseph Kenney, Uzma Khan, John Kim, Sara (Min Jung) Kim, Idris Lajide, Frank Lazzaro, Peter Yuno Lee, Yoon Ok (Kathy) Lee, Kimberly Light, Sarah E. Macari, Anita Maharaj, Ralynne Maitland, Jessica Marrero, Patrick McCann, Erin McGotty, Roshini Mehra, Justin Meisenhelter, Kai-Man (Jenny) Ng, Leslie Nokes, Charlotte Nussbaum, Nicole Ortiz, Stephanie Pappas, Thomas Pariso, Jane Park, Melina Rader, Bonnie Rock, Christine Roman, Christina M. Ruzsala, Sujani (Sui) Sambasivan, Melissa Sandora, Shamithira Sathianathan, Kim Shah, Urja Shukla, Mirek Szatko, Niti Tank, Tiffany Totorello, Priti Trivedi, Patricia Williams, Michael Wirth, Tony Hui-Hung Yao, Sam (Sang) H. Yoo and Kimberly Yunk-er.

**Grade 9** — Jaclyn Abruzzese, Girish Advani, Douglas Altner, Anuradha Ananthkrishnan, Jennifer Arocho, John Ayansola, Jack Bao, Lauren Bigler, Raina Bootan, Yvette Burgos, Kerry Capone, Rachel (Yun Jung) Chae, Vikram Chandrasekaran, Premala Chelliah, Steven Cirri, Erin Clarke, Edward Cole, Yolmari Cruz, Nella Davies, Ranela De Guzman, Rachelle De Los Reyes, Lisa Deak, Bonita Diaz, Caitriona M. Duggan, Janusz Dutkowski, Ian Fenkel, Jared Ferber, Brianne Frech, Winnie Hsu, Hsiao-Chung (Jeff) Huang, Catherine Huston, Scott Iglay, Kristin Iseman, Rajbir Jaswal, Hae Jin Kang, Dong Jin Kim, Tae J. Kim, Jennifer Kist, Eric Klein, Christine Koniuszy, Ashumi Kothary, Jaime Kuntz, Thach Le, Kristy Lento, Jenna Leschek, Gerald Lithgow, Derrick Liu, Emaan Mahmood Fahad Adamji Memon, Mohsin Memon, Gerald Mendoza, Kathleen Miller, Amy Montalbano, Zeenat Motani, John Niesz, Krista Nygard, Nicole Olsen, Stephanie Palinkas, Rahul Parikh, Jay Patel, Monak Patel, Sejal Patel, Shilpa Patel, Julie Premji, Danielle Pruneau, Thanusha Puvananayagam, Andrea Romeo, Andrea Leigh Rorke, Meagan Ross, Wayne Saldanha, Christyn Schreiner, Nishita Shah, Parin Shah, Rachel Sher, Janaki Shukla, Zachary Sieczkowski, Neha Sinha, John Sivertsen, Sarah Solomon, Edward Sun, Beata Szatko, Michael Tagliareni, Latoya Teemer, MaryEllen Vanecek, Karl F. Vivar, Serena Yip and Brad Zerlanko.

## John Adams Middle School lists honor roll

EDISON — John Adams Middle School has issued its honor roll for the fourth marking period.

Named to the "All A" honor roll: **Grade 8** — Jason Chiang, Janet Choi, Henry Ha, Hyo Jin (Caroline) Kim, Roger Lee, Meghana Lele, Anthony Lin, Carrie Loewenthal, Christopher Noto, Nicole Paul, Julie Shah, Erica Shein, Jonathan Tang, Michelle Won and Wan-Ju Wu.

**Grade 7** — Rizwan Ahmad, Warren Chia, Grace Chou, Rachel Beth Gold, Aileen Hsu, Michael T. Hsu, Alice Jenh, Pan Suk (Peter) Kang, Michelle Lee, Megan Massey, Deepak Pamidimukkala, Soniya Patel, Joseph Tadduni, Shimul Tolia, Linda Wu, Melody Yuen and Sabrina Yusuf.

**Grade 6** — Woody Chang, John Chen, Xitao Chen, Victor Chia, Carmen Chu, Allison Cuttler, Christina Frasca, Neerav Goyal, Marc Horwitz, Christine Kim, David Kleiman, Paul Kulbida, Daria Lagno, Ryan Luks, Shilpa Maniar, Sowmya Murthy, Savan Patel, Lauren Satos, Mansi Shanghavi, Annie Sheng, Vivek Singh, Gaurav Sood, Peter Triano, Vikram Venkatraman, Jaimie Wirkowski, Laura A. Wolfe, Yun-Han (Hank) Wu and Brian Yeh.

Named to the "A/B" honor roll:

**Grade 8** — Farah Ahmad, Reena Amin, Vishal Arya, Jaclyn Ayers, Nishant Bais, Akhil Bansal, Audrey Bansil, Deep Bharaj, Eleanor Bien, Imtiaz Billah, Adam Brazer, Benjamin Brooks, Karla Calinawan, Shetal Chatlani, I-Ming (Joseph) Chen, Chun Cheng, Jaime Cheret, Vito Chiavuzzo, Vikas Dayal, Lau-

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**Grade 7** — Sana Ali, Shannan Alston, Anita Amin, Jane Atmatzidis, Lauren Badalato, Joseph Bentley, Nitin Beri, Jayesh Bhagat, Rachita Bhatt, Adam Biancosino, Mark Bogard, Brian Brauth, Jessica Braverman, Marisa Braverman, Christopher Cantalupo, Alessandra Chan, Harry Chang, WeiTung Chang, Kenneth Chen, Wing

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## Rocco Santamassino, 55

### Steelworker; also an Army sergeant

EDISON — Rocco M. Santamassino, 55, died June 28, 1996 at his home. He had been a steelworker with Fisher Brothers Steel Co. of Englewood.

He was born in New York City and lived in Jersey City before moving to Edison.

Mr. Santamassino joined the Army in 1959 and was a sergeant on his discharge in 1962. He was a member of B.P.O. Elks Lodge 2487 in Edison and International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 560 in Union City.

He was a parishioner of St. Mat-

thew's Roman Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth Pokorny Santamassino; two sons, Jay and Keith, and a daughter, Angel, all of Edison; two brothers, Charles Phillips of Verona and Eddie Phillips of Plattsburgh, N.Y.; three sisters, Pearl Ruchalski of Bayonne, Frances Minton and Ida Bailey, both in Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday at St. Matthew's Church, following services at Boylan Funeral Home. Burial was in Resurrection Burial Park, Piscataway.

## Elmer J. Brown, 82

### Engineer helped build Camp Kilmer

EDISON — Elmer J. Brown, 82, died June 28, 1996 at Integrated Health Services of New Jersey at Somerset Valley, a Bridgewater nursing home. He had been an operating engineer and helped build the former Camp Kilmer military base in Edison.

A native of Beaumont, Pa., he served in the Army during World War II and had lived in Edison since 1953.

Mr. Brown also owned Brown & Sons Construction Co. in Edison

from 1959-72. He was associated with International Union of Operating Engineers Local 825 in Little Falls until his retirement in 1988.

He was a member of Father and Son Post 435, American Legion.

Surviving are his wife, Clara Carpenter Brown; two sons, Joseph B. of North Brunswick and Dana A. of Scotch Plains; and five grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday in Beaumont. Local arrangements were by Boylan Funeral Home.

## Jose Basadre, 74

### Postal clerk; a native of Cuba

METUCHEN — Jose Basadre, 74, died June 29, 1996 at JFK Medical Center in Edison. He retired in 1982 after 25 years as a clerk in the Metuchen post office.

He was born in Basadre, Cuba, and had lived in Metuchen since 1951.

Mr. Basadre was awarded a Purple Heart for wounds suffered in combat with the Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a parishioner of St. Francis of Assisi

Roman Catholic Cathedral.

Surviving are his wife, Amelia Mastrapa Basadre; and two daughters, Mercedes of Knoxville, Tenn., and Amy of North Plainfield.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

## Matilda Comyack, 76

### A former resident of the township

EDISON — Matilda "Mitzi" Comyack, 76, died June 30, 1996 at her home in Lancaster, Ohio. She was born in Elizabeth and lived in Edison before moving to Lancaster one month ago.

Mrs. Comyack was a parishioner of St. Helena's Roman Catholic Church on Grove Avenue. More recently she attended services at St. Bernadette Roman Catholic Church in Lancaster.

Surviving are her husband,

Peter, and a son, Bob, both of Lancaster; a grandchild; a brother, Theodore Wojciak of Elizabeth; a sister, Mary Gorda of Colonia; and several nieces and nephews.

Another son, Michael Peter, is deceased, as are several other brothers and sisters.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday in Lancaster. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Fairfield County, 1111 E. Main St., Lancaster, Ohio 43130.

## Bereavement group starts July 20

METUCHEN — Women Helping Women is accepting registration for a bereavement group.

Meetings will be Saturday mornings beginning July 20. For more information or registration, call 549-6000.

## Obituaries

### Madeline Mulvihill, 80

#### Retired clerk; a hospital volunteer

EDISON — Madeline J. Mulvihill, 80, died June 24, 1996 at the home of her daughter, Lynda Triebel of Bristol, Pa. Mrs. Mulvihill was a clerk with Middlesex Water Co. until her retirement in 1975.

Mrs. Mulvihill was born in East Orange. She lived in Avenel and Edison before moving in 1978 to Katy, Texas.

She received an award in 1989 for 2,000 hours of service as a volunteer at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Houston, Texas. A member of the Ladies Auxiliary to an Elks lodge in Katy, Mrs. Mulvihill received the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Great Houston Elks and Katy Elks.

She sang in the choir at Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Community in Katy.

### Joseph T. Prekop, 76

#### Retired millwright; a WWII soldier

EDISON — Joseph T. Prekop, 76, died June 27, 1996 at his home. He was a millwright with the former Oxford Chemical Co. of New Brunswick. A native of Kentucky, he lived in Rahway before moving to Edison in 1952.

Mr. Prekop was wounded twice in Army combat in Europe and north Africa during World War II. He was a member of the Edison Senior Citizens Club and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3117 in the township.

Surviving are his wife, Helen; a son, Joseph T. II of Bedminster; three grandchildren; a sister, Ann Papp of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and many nieces and nephews.

Two other sisters, Marie Daniels

Also surviving are two sons, Walter George of Spotswood and Paul Thomas of Sayreville; 10 grandchildren; a brother, Thomas Kanaley of Nutley; and four sisters, Peggy Wendell of Oceanside, Calif., Ruth McCabe in Florida, Lorraine Hemberger of Granada Hills, Calif., and Joan Coleman of Keansburg.

Her husband, Walter, died in 1984. Two other sisters also are deceased, Dorothy Kanaley in 1946 and Irene Selby in 1995.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Monday at St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church in Avenel. Burial was private.

Arrangements were by Costello-Koyen Funeral Home in Avenel. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of the Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Philadelphia, 1 Winding Drive, Philadelphia, Pa. 19131.

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Two other sisters, Marie Daniels

and Betty Fakkette, died in 1995.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Monday at St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Cathedral, Metuchen, following services at Koyen Funeral Home in Metuchen. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Metuchen.

### Robert T. Gibbons, 49

#### Financial adviser with finance firm

EDISON — Robert T. Gibbons, 49, died June 25, 1996 at JFK Medical Center. He had been a financial adviser with Primerica Financial Services in the township.

A native of Newark, Mr. Gibbons lived in East Orange before moving to Edison in 1978.

Surviving are his wife, Betty; two sons, Joseph and Michael, both at home; a daughter, Patricia Regan of Edison; a grandchild; and two brothers, William of Staten Island and Edward of Metuchen.

Services were held Friday at Koyen Funeral Home in Metuchen.

## Emily Klaslo Prusko, 74

### Nursing aide at hospital in county

EDISON — Emily Klaslo Prusko, 74, died June 30, 1996 at her home. She was a nurse's aide on the staff of Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division, until her retirement in 1987.

Mrs. Prusko was born in Newark and had lived in Edison since 1956. She was a parishioner of St. Mary of Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church in New Brunswick.

Her husband, Steven, died in 1989.

Surviving are a son, Steven S., with whom Mrs. Prusko lived; two daughters, Paula of Ridgewood and

Carol Ricca, with whom Mrs. Prusko lived; two grandchildren; two brothers, Casimir Klaslo of Iselin and Theodore Klaslo of Toms River; and two sisters, Stella Zajac of Point Pleasant Beach and Eleanor Mack of Phillipsburg.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday at St. Mary of Mount Virgin Church, following services at Boylan Funeral Home. Entombment was in the Woodbridge Memorial Gardens mausoleum.

Memorial contributions may be made to the JFK Medical Center hospice program.

## Julia Gergely, 100

### Worked for two clothing companies

EDISON — Julia Gergely, 100, died June 26, 1996 at St. Peter's Medical Center in New Brunswick. She worked for two clothing companies in central New Jersey.

A native of Hungary, Mrs. Gergely settled in New Brunswick when she emigrated to the United States in 1912. She lived in Edison before moving to Somerset in 1968.

She had been a seamstress with Berstein's Suits and worked for Louis Lefkowitz Leather Co., both in New Brunswick, until her retirement in 1959. Mrs. Gergely was a member of the Altar Rosary So-

ciety at St. Ladislaus Roman Catholic Church in New Brunswick.

She also was a parishioner of St. Matthias Roman Catholic Church in Somerset.

Her husband, Steve, died in 1954.

Surviving are a son, Steve, and a daughter, Emma, both of Somerset; a grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at Gowen Funeral Home, New Brunswick, followed by a funeral Mass at St. Ladislaus Church. Burial was in St. Peter's Cemetery, New Brunswick.

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# Edison hires from within to fill principal's post

By VERA CARLEY  
THE REVIEW

EDISON — After being criticized for hiring its last school principal from outside the district, the school board hired its newest principal from its own rank and file last week.

The board approved the hiring of staff development specialist Elsie Rebovich to lead James Monroe Elementary School June 24.

"I sent a message to the school district that we are hiring from within our district," board member Felton King said. "I believe we have well-qualified people here."

Superintendent of Schools Melindo Persi said hiring from within boosts morale and helps employees see "the light at the end of the tunnel." He also said hiring occasionally from outside the district allows candidates with new ideas to bring them to Edison.

"She was the only candidate (from within the district)," Mr. Persi said. "It's important to me to maintain a good balance hiring from inside as well as outside."

However, board member Gwynne Kesselman said she was con-

cerned because she only received the candidate's resume the afternoon of the board meeting.

Ms. Kesselman said she questions how the district's interviewing process is working when the candidate was not one of the original applicants scheduled to be interviewed.

*'I will not be party to situations that in my personal opinion are not above board.'*

— Gwynne Kesselman  
School board member

terviewed by the board that evening.

Mr. Persi refused to comment on a personnel matter.

"I am not going to discuss it in the newspaper," he said.

Mr. Persi did, however, explain the process on how applicants were weeded out.

"We are trying to keep the system as pure as possible," he said.

A notice is posted alerting interested individuals about the job

opening, he said, and then a search committee chairman is selected. The chairman then selects members of two committees which later interview the candidates.

The screening committee rates the candidates, Mr. Persi said. Candidates who live in Edison or already work in the district are treated more leniently. The interview committee then interviews the candidates and is asked to rate them. From those numbers, the chairman comes up with a list of candidates that is submitted to the superintendent.

From there the superintendent's office reviews the screening and scoring, checks references and then determines who will be interviewed at the Central Office.

The committees are there to give input to the superintendent, not to make the final choices on candidates.

But Ms. Kesselman said she is still concerned about the district's hiring process.

"If the process is so pure, then how did she get there? I want to know how she got there if she was not the next person to be interviewed," she said.

Ms. Kesselman did not stay for the final vote on the hiring.

"I will not be party to situations that in my personal opinion are not above board," she said.

She also said residents should have been allowed to comment on the matter, but noted it was done at an open conference meeting

away from the public.

Mr. Persi said he believes the choice of Ms. Rebovich will benefit James Monroe Elementary.

"I believe she has a very strong background," he said. "I think she will do an outstanding job."

Mr. Persi said Ms. Rebovich previously taught in an urban area,

where she also was an administrative intern. The new principal also taught at the elementary level in math.

Mr. Persi said her background allows her to understand what is needed to make the transition from elementary school to middle school to high school.

## Congregation Beth-El seeks new members

EDISON — Congregation Beth-El, 91 Jefferson Blvd., recently held an open house to encourage residents to consider membership options.

For new members, the congregation has announced a 50 percent discount on membership rates for the first year, 40 percent for the second and 30 percent for the third.

The synagogue emphasizes activities for children of all ages, according to a press release. In addition to the new YM-YWHA nursery school housed in the building, the congregation has special "Sunday Fundy" programs for children 7 and younger. The congregation's Hebrew school emphasizes "innovative programming."

Family Sabbath services are held 7:30 p.m. every Friday. Children's stories and songs highlight this

program. Special refreshments are served. Members and nonmembers are welcome.

The congregation also maintains a "vibrant" sisterhood; Men's Club; Triple Chai Club, which provides social and cultural activities for members 54 and older; a Young Couples Group; and an award-winning Kadima and United Synagogue Youth.

Congregation Beth-El is a Conservative egalitarian congregation affiliated with the United Synagogue of America. Rabbi Bernhard Rosenberg is available to counsel interfaith couples.

Rabbi Rosenberg encourages those interested in joining to speak with him as soon as possible. Registration for the YM-YWHA nursery school is now in progress. For more information, call 985-7272.

## Schools to save on busing costs

By VERA CARLEY  
THE REVIEW

METUCHEN — Borough students will have to carry a pass to get on the school bus in September.

That is just one of the changes which will be implemented as Middlesex County Education Services Commission assumes its new role — providing transportation for the borough's students.

The Board of Education approved a new contract with the commission at last week's board meeting. Under the proposal, the district is estimated to save \$45,000 in busing costs.

The commission already works for the district pro-

viding transportation for special education students.

According to the transportation proposal provided by the commission in April, it will cost the district an estimated \$505,000 for school busing, which includes field trips, student activities and special education needs — down from the district's original estimated costs of \$558,696 for the next school year.

The commission also is preparing to create more efficient routes on computer for the district's 770 students. Parents will be notified of any route shifts through letters sent by the commission.

The commission will continue to have trained aides on school buses while eliminating the need for the district to manage them.

## Ford helps Y campaign

METUCHEN — A "thank you" banner greeted Ford Motor Co. officials after they announced a donation of \$25,000 for Campaign Y2000.

Campaign Y2000 is the program that will raise funds for renovation and expansion of the Metuchen-Edison YMCA.

"It's nice to have a good neighbor like Ford," YMCA executive director Bill Lovett said.

Mr. Lovett said the YMCA had to go through a rigorous application process to receive the grant.

"It required the local Ford plant (the vehicle assembly plant on Route 1 in Edison) to be supportive," he said. "It had to pass a local review process and national review process."

Proud of this award, Mr. Lovett said the Y is still working on its goal of raising \$2.5 million. The campaign has raised \$2.15 million so far.

"I think there has been a steady increase in the momentum of the campaign," he said.

Confident it will make it to the top, the Y is anticipating construction to expand facilities will begin in the fall.

Already Mr. Lovett said the Y is going out to bid for the building program. And the YMCA is looking into other future ventures, which might include raising money to build a YMCA building in Edison.

Presenting the donation to campaign Vice Chairwoman Lucinda Florio was Mike Donaldson of the Ford plant. Larry Friedman from Ford's New York zone office also was in attendance.

Children from the Y's summer programs sang a song and presented the banner to Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Friedman.

## Needy children will get new toys

More than 5,000 underprivileged children in Middlesex County will receive new stuffed toys next week.

The toys were donated to the Marine Corps' "Toys for Tots" campaign for distribution to hospitals, day care centers, mental health clinics and police departments.

Joining the Marines in this project were the Middlesex County Department of Human Services, an American Legion post in Edison and an unidentified corporation. Volunteers from the American Legion post will distribute the toys 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday on the Edison campus of Middlesex County College.

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# Commentary

## Nocturnal voters School board should work on increasing openness

It's safe to say the Edison Board of Education is not the most popular group in the township. The board has come under fire for its school budgets, teachers contracts and handling of courtesy busing, to name just a few issues. On June 20, the board emerged from executive session to give 14 staffers raises at 11:45 p.m. The personnel may be qualified and deserving of the pay increases. However, scheduling a significant vote at the most inconvenient time for residents shows a lack of respect for the public. The operations of the Board of Education should be made as accessible as possible.

Two steps made in the right direction are the moving of open conference meetings to the high schools and the decision to televise meetings to provide greater access to the public. Switching the meetings in the superintendent's office will increase public attendance, and taping meetings will keep informed those who can't make it out to each meeting.

Also important is board member Philip Labasi's vow to ensure board votes on important issues are conducted before the midnight hour. It's ridiculous for the board to make potentially unpopular decisions under cover of night while residents are sleeping. If the board starts showing it values public input rather than ensuring there is none when it really counts, perhaps its image will improve.

## 220 years after the Revolution, defending freedom at all costs

This year, we recognize the Fourth of July holiday with great pride. It has been 220 years since the founding fathers drafted and signed the Declaration of Independence, a bold document which severed our colonial ties with England and started the Revolutionary War. The founding fathers who signed the Declaration of Independence were aware that the consequences of losing the war would mean death, but forged ahead nonetheless.

The rapid growth of our nation has put our government and armed forces at the forefront as a worldwide peace-keeping force, putting a tremendous responsibility on our shoulders. Our armed forces are sent to every corner of the world on peace-keeping missions. Nations like Somalia, Bosnia, Haiti, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia have made headlines over the last several years with the U.S. Armed Forces working alongside United Nations forces to protect democracy. Washington D.C. has played host to a number of world leaders looking for neutral ground to build peacetime dialogue. So what went wrong?

Recent headlines leave our nation feeling victimized. In Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, a terroristic blast left 270 Americans injured and 19 American soldiers dead. The blast also injured 147 Saudis. According to news reports, a truck bomb filled with an estimated 2½ tons of explosive was parked outside the eight-story facility housing U.S. Air Force personnel, and went off with little or no warning. In the wake of the blast were a pile of concrete rubble and a massive crater where the truck was parked.

President Clinton said the nation "will not rest" in its efforts to "find whoever is responsible for this outrage, to pursue them and to punish them."

The White House will not back down to the terroristic threat. Our Armed Forces will continue to maintain a significant presence in the Persian Gulf to enforce the peace agreements forged during the Persian Gulf War. Our government is also working to further the peace process in Israel. Like the founding fathers, today's soldiers will put their lives on the line at all costs.

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### Letters to the editor

## Liquor license ruling was correct

### To The Review:

I have read public comments in newspapers and listened to radio show callers obviously upset with what, at first glance, appears to be a lack of compassion on the part of the Edison Township Council for our township's Veterans of Foreign Wars. Nothing could be further from the truth and "playing politics" at the expense of those who served this country unselfishly and bravely is appalling.

I served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and I am personally offended that the renewal of VFW Post 9626's club liquor license has become a three-ring circus, rather than a legal matter which can be resolved through proper action and without the need for melodrama and name-calling.

It was the intent of the council to table the vote on the renewal of the license until such time as a number of apparent violations could be researched, clarified and, if necessary, corrected. The post's chief of staff, against the express wishes of the post commander who was in agreement that the matter be tabled, demanded an immediate vote. With the following possible violations unclarified, it would not have been in the best interest of the township to grant the renewal:

- In apparent violation of N.J. 33-134, the club, by

its own admission, abandoned its premises over three years ago without notifying the Township of Edison.

- While N.J.A.C. 13:2-8.5 requires a club wishing to obtain or renew a liquor license submit proof of possession of suitable premises, no such documentation was submitted to the council.

- The Township of Edison did not receive a printed or typewritten list of the names and addresses of all club members by the requested renewal date, as required by N.J.A.C. 13:2-8.7.

- N.J.A.C. 13:2-8.5 permits exceptions to 13:2-8.4's ruling that the premises for which the club requests license renewal be occupied for three years, when approved, in writing, by the director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission. This, also, was not submitted.

As elected officials we are obligated to impartially review all matters that come before the body and to base our decisions equitably and within legal guidelines. That we did.

I believe that this matter can be resolved fairly and reasonably, and I am committed to approving the requested license renewal as soon as all the above issues have been resolved.

WILLIAM S. STEPHENS  
President  
Edison Township Council

## Give board input on technology

### To The Review:

At the Metuchen Board of Education meeting on June 25, technology was discussed. John Roberts, the head of the Technology Task Force, went over his proposal of modular classrooms with 5 computers in each class. It is the same plan the board has had in front of it for the past year. What was new is a proposal for computer labs throughout the schools by Ron Pavesi, technology coordinator from Point Pleasant.

There is a major difference in philosophy and price. The proposal of the Technology Task Force has been estimated at \$2.3 million and was to be included in a capital improvement plan and paid off in 25-30 years (such as any loan is paid). Columbia University's Institute of Learning Technology would be giving us their expertise in devising a curriculum for grades K-12. Metuchen would be the only suburban district in New Jersey at this point in time to have infused

computers throughout all grade levels. In Point Pleasant, the students go to labs or classes are scheduled into labs for a two-week time period. Their expenditure, at this point, is \$700,000.

The citizens of Metuchen need to decide which plan they favor and inform the board members. The board members cannot operate without your information; they cannot operate in a vacuum. They need public input. Since this decision will affect everyone who pays taxes, all citizens should have an opinion, not just parents. Do we want to give Metuchen's children the best that we can? If we want to give them the best we can, how do we afford it? Do we want to expose them to computers or have computers be part of their lives? If you know the answer to these questions, tell a Board of Education member.

JOAN FISH  
Metuchen

The writer is a former member of the Metuchen Board of Education.

## Billboard ruling favors the greedy

### To The Review:

I can't believe it. The people of Edison are told to waive their rights.

Case in point: the billboards along the Turnpike. The residents voiced their opinion against the erection of these eyesores and had sympathy from the Township Council. Now some political hack appointed as a judge has cast aside the rights of the people and ruled the advertising agency and the Turnpike have the right to erect billboards along the right-of-way. In fact our governor approves and made a statement that the lease of the space should help defray any toll increases.

This amounts to discrimination against the population of Edison. It ignores the rights of the people and

favors the greedy, who do not care for the environment of Edison. The people will be forced to live with these ugly billboards depicting a liquor bottle or seminude female.

I think we will suffer enough and we should all file for property tax abatements. Anyone who can see a billboard should file an appeal for a \$10,000 reduction in the assessed value of his home. This will mean about a \$400 reduction in his yearly tax bill. We could file it as a class through a real estate appraisal firm acting on our behalf. I would be interested in your thoughts.

LOUIS FUZAK Sr.  
Edison

## Jewish leader appalled at arson

### To The Review:

The recent increase in arson fires at Southern black churches should be disconcerting to men and women of all faiths and races. I remember only too well the horrors the black community went through until finally some degree of racial equality was established during the JFK and Johnson presidencies.

The late Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel marched with the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in Selma, Ala., and elsewhere in the South to show both the Jewish and American solidarity with the black community.

Now, in an era of improved racial and religious

equality, we are all horrified to see the return of terrorism towards the black communities of the South, and are even more appalled as houses of God are the targets of this senseless racial bigotry.

Our prayers go out to those members of the black community who have been hurt by these vigilante activities and we pledge our support of religious, racial and ethnic freedom throughout this land of liberty and democracy.

RABBI DR. BERNHARD H. ROSENBERG  
Spiritual Leader  
Congregation Beth-El  
Edison

## Flights of fancy

by Minx McCloud

## Life, liberty and pursuit of clambakes

It never seemed to rain on the Fourth of July when I was a child. My family and our neighbors, the Tysons, used to get together for the biggest barbecue of the year.

Pat and Tuck Tyson were my constant buddies on my native Long Island. On Independence Day, Dad and "Mr. T" would go down to the Great South Bay in the morning and dig clams in the hallowed oyster and clam beds of the Blue Point Company. In those days, healthy mollusks were so abundant that the company closed its eyes to poachers unless they were in boats.

Dad and Mr. T waded into the water dressed in T-shirts riddled with holes, faded shorts and sneakers that should have been banished to the rubbish bin. My mother and Mrs. T shook their heads and laughingly declared them "bums."

Wading out to the clam beds, armed with rakes, our dads dragged bushel baskets floating in inner tubes. When they returned to shore, we children hungrily eyed the baskets full of clams.

During the afternoon, the small tender mollusks were sorted from the large ones. The ideal clambake featured clams served on the half shell with cocktail sauce, as well as the larger clams, which were reserved for "the pit." The huge ones went to chowder.

What ritual was involved in the clambake! Dad spent an hour rearranging clams in a packed circle on a bed of sand inside a metal barrel band. The clams cooked a metal steaming piles of seaweed until they opened.

When the clams were done, we feasted on clams with melted butter, corn on the cob, hamburgers and hot dogs from the grill.

After the women cleaned up the dinner mess (sorry, no women's lib back then), the men tossed horseshoes while we children played Giant Steps or Red Rover with other friends from the neighborhood.

At dusk, we scrambled into the family cars and once again headed to the bay where there was a fireworks show each year. Pat and Tuck loved the fireworks, but I was afraid of loud noises and dreaded the ear-shattering reports of the rockets.

And loud they were, for Long Island was home to the famous Grucci family, who put on the best fireworks shows of anyone. Unfortunately, I was not to find out how great their shows were until I was about 12; I spent most of my early Independence Days with my hands held firmly over my ears and my eyes closed.

Luckily, my mom finally figured out that I was not so much afraid of the noise as I was of the surprise of the bang. Because we were several hundred yards from the display, there was a delay between the bright visual explosion and the actual noise, scaring me every time.

Dad taught me how to figure out how long after the fireworks burst in the air the explosion would come. After that, I was fine.

After the fireworks were over, we went home, stopping for ice cream cones. There was no way to avoid it on a hot summer night. The local Carvel beckoned to us with its 7-foot cone of swirling vanilla ice cream that sat on the roof. On the Fourth of July, we were treated to red, white and blue sprinkles on our cones.

We returned home and got a workout chasing fireflies and seeing how many we could trap in our glass jars. I fell asleep each Fourth of July watching my fireflies blinking in their jar. After I fell asleep, Dad set the bugs loose before their flame was extinguished forever by the stark glass prison.

I was not awake, of course, but years later, I like to think that as the fireflies flew up and away, flashing crazily at their sudden freedom, Dad saw it as a fitting end to the Fourth of July.

Letters to the editor

# Project Graduation fun for chaperone

**To The Review:**  
I recently attended a Project Graduation for Edison High School as a volunteer chaperone, and was glad I did.  
This event was held at a local health club for more than 240 graduating seniors from Edison High School alone; J.P. Stevens High School had another 240 graduating seniors at another club.  
This event started at 9 p.m. that evening and lasted until 5 a.m. the next morning. I never saw so many young men and women have so much fun as they did that night. They had many activities to choose from such as a cartoon artist, two DJs, racquetball, basketball, volleyball, powder puff boxing, T-shirt air, painting, an obstacle course,

and enough food and refreshments to feed the town of Edison.  
Also, the organizers of this great event work very hard to get the entire community involved by going out and getting local merchants to donate many great items from pizza to TVs and VCRs.  
I would like to thank Mrs. Stasik, Mrs. Capone and all the great parents for first organizing this event, which takes 365 days a year, and also for letting me be a part of this great experience.  
I hope this fabulous event is around when my oldest son graduates in the year 2008. I was honored to be a part of the Class of 1996.  
Thank you, everyone.

**RALPH ERRICO**  
Edison

# Prices jump at TKR as service decreases

**To The Review:**  
To the residents of Edison and all others in the stranglehold of TKR Cable Company:  
As you are aware, TKR Cable Company has been attempting to rebuild their system for many months. What they have really rebuilt is their ability to squeeze more money from us while downgrading our standard service.  
• Four years ago they restructured the lineup, dropping channels and sharing channels while raising the rates.  
• Two years ago they gave us back five channels (CNN, Discovery, MSG, TBS and TNT) and charged us a premium for them — \$3.50 per month.  
• Six months ago they "rebuilt" again. We got back a few of the originally dropped channels (i.e. Family, History, Turner and Travel, plus FX and Bravo) at a cost of \$4.95 plus \$3.30 for the required Power Box 2 converter.  
• Last month they raised the monthly rates to \$13.50 for Basic Cable plus \$11.70 for Advantage Service. This amounts to a total monthly cost of \$36.95 or a yearly cost of \$443.40 for 56 channels. These same 56 channels plus three more are offered by Comcast Cable at a monthly cost of \$23.81, or a yearly cost of \$285.72.  
• TKR's Power Box 2 makes your television's Picture-in-Picture unusable as well as your VCR's ability

to record non-watched channels. Both the television and the VCR are to remain tuned to Channel 3 since the Power Box becomes the tuner.  
If this does not appeal to you, TKR offers you a VCR kit and an Antenna Input Selector Switch at a cost of \$25.90 per month or \$310.80 per year. This now costs you \$754.20 per year for a system that is an inconvenience to operate.  
Most televisions that are cable-ready and have Picture-in-Picture do not even come close to costing this amount of money.  
What TKR has really accomplished in the past four years is to take a system that offered 40 channels at a monthly cost of \$18 (\$216 per year) and rebuild it into a system that offers 56 channels at a monthly cost of \$62.85 (\$754.20 per year).  
Assuming the system had remained the same and allowing for an annual escalation of 6 percent, the new monthly cost would have only been \$22.72 (\$272.64 per year).  
It should be noted that the 56 channels include four non-English-speaking ones and three shopping networks.  
Since none of the costs discussed include Premium Channels, the monthly cost would increase to \$95.90 or \$1,150.80 per year.

**DANIEL J. KOVACH**  
Edison

# Coalition to hold open house on greenway

**By VERA CARLEY**  
THE REVIEW

EDISON — An open house will be held on a proposed linear open space next week.  
The Middlesex Greenway Coalition is inviting the public to an open house at the PSE&G training center, behind Pierson Avenue and Route 1, 6:30-7 p.m. Wednesday.  
"We are starting with a blank piece of paper and looking for ideas," coalition President Bob Takash said. "We are asking people to join the greenway's dream team to help think of what the greenway will look like in the future."

The proposed greenway will stretch 3.5 miles along the abandoned Conrail Lehigh Valley Railroad, running from Middlesex Avenue in Metuchen to Crows Mills Road in Fords.  
Coalition member David Nelson told the Metuchen Borough Council Monday the meeting will garner ideas about the future design of the greenway.  
The Middlesex Greenway Coalition, comprised of Metuchen and Edison residents trying to obtain the abandoned railroad for open space, has been negotiating with Conrail for the land.  
The project began five years ago when

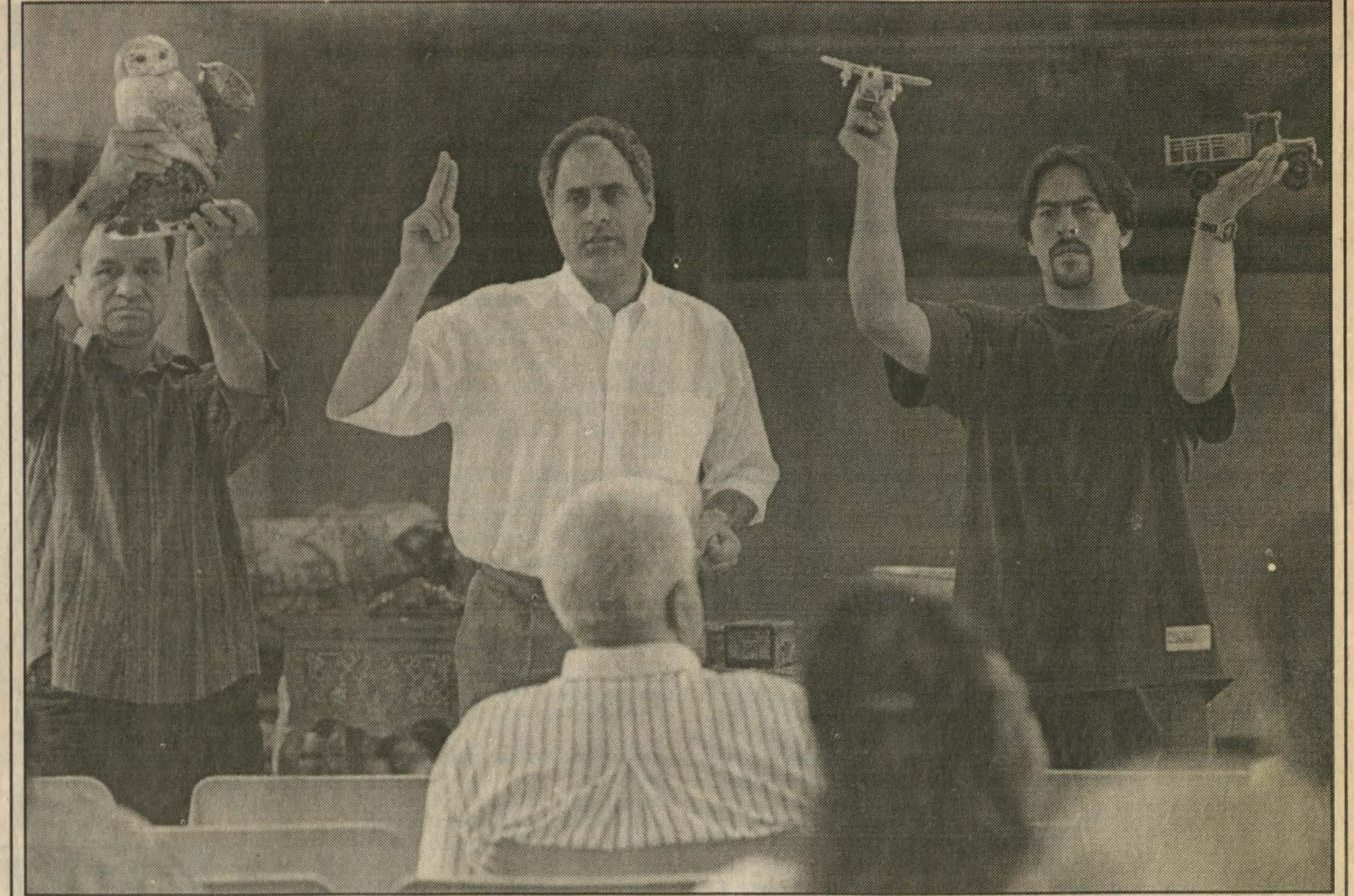
former Metuchen Mayor John Wiley proposed converting the abandoned portion of the railroad in Metuchen into a park. From there the idea was extended to include a greater portion of the railroad extending beyond Metuchen into Edison, which prompted the greenway group to be formed.  
The project has garnered support from a wide array of Metuchen, Edison and Woodbridge residents and politicians. Eventually, the Middlesex Greenway Coalition hopes to use that support and push the envelope on the project, extending the linear open space from Perth Amboy into South Plainfield.

# Despite reservations, board OKs computer deal

**By VERA CARLEY**  
THE REVIEW

EDISON — Despite concerns about the program, the Board of Education approved a new \$50,700 computer contract last week.  
In an 8-1 vote June 27, the board approved the contract with the stipulation that each board member can review the legal document and raise objections about any provision in it.  
Under the contract with V.M.C. of New York, the district will receive three additional computers and a high-speed printer, which will be linked to the district's mainframe computer. The company will also connect the district to its New York location, where it can help the district solve any of its software problems.  
Most controversial is the proposal to train several district employees on the software package, which allows the district to set up bus routes.  
"I reluctantly went along with it. I really should have voted no," said board member Philip Labasi.

Mr. Labasi said the district was also able to knock almost \$10,000 off the cost of the contract because of objections from members about training costs.  
Several board members previously objected to the contract because V.M.C.'s previous contract with the district three years ago required it to train district employees in the transportation department. However, only one temporary employee was adequately trained to operate the software. The other employees in the district's transportation department were unable to gain proficiency with the software because the temporary employee used the sole computer in the department.  
Board member Gwynne Kesselman, who voted against the contract, said the company failed to live up to its prior contract in only training one person. She questioned the move not to look for another company.  
Mr. Labasi agreed the contract was never fulfilled and promised to review the new agreement with a "fine tooth comb." He also indi-



Going once, going twice ...

Auctioneer Meir Hayon takes bids at an auction benefiting Lakeview School Saturday.

AUGUSTO F. MENEZES/THE REVIEW

# Facts on water utility test come at a trickle

**By VERA CARLEY**  
THE REVIEW

EDISON — South Edison residents will finally receive the test results Edison Water Utility they've been waiting for three months.  
"It's been completed and we are going to be releasing it," Mayor George Spadaro said.  
The mayor attributed delays in getting the study completed and available to the public to additional work the township requested be done on the project by T&M Associates.  
Residents were originally promised the study would be completed in April and made available to the public.  
No copies of the water study were available to the public earlier this week. Several council members said they also have not received a copy.  
Councilman Bill Stephens said he expected to have seen the study already, but predicted it would be

available at the township's next council agenda meeting Monday, July 22.  
He said the township has already received a final copy of the study, which he expects to be used to develop a program on correcting problems at the aging water utility.  
The aging infrastructure of the utility had prompted numerous complaints from residents served by it. The most common complaints are about rust in the water

and low water pressure.  
The township also took the first step in applying for a \$3 million low-interest loan to rehabilitate the utility when the Township Council approved a resolution last week requesting the funds from the state.  
Business Administrator Frank

DeRosa said the \$3 million is available through a water rehabilitation grant, a loan program for which the township might qualify. Mr. DeRosa said if the township were to receive the money, it would pay only 3.5 percent interest over a 10-year period.  
Mr. Stephens said the request, which is not guaranteed from the state, leaves the door open for the township to either repair its utility or enter into a joint venture with a

*"I am anxious for this problem to get solved. These people have waited long enough."*

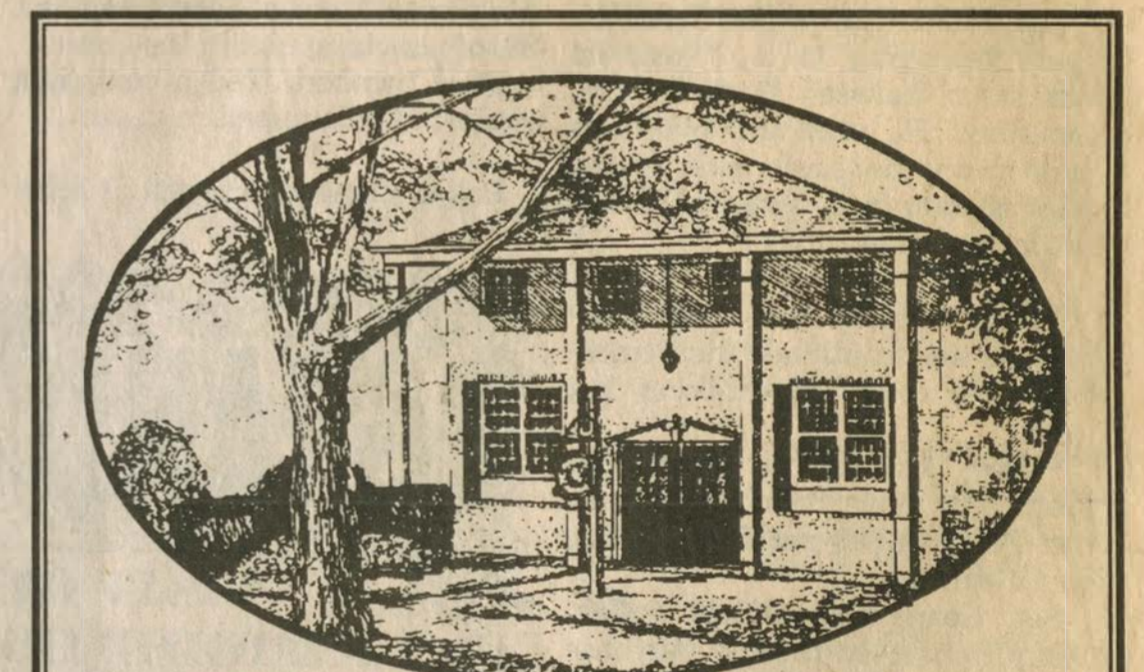
—Councilwoman Joan Kapitan

separate water company.  
The idea of a joint venture between the township's water utility and another major water company has been kicked around for more than a year. Mr. Stephens said he expects Mayor Spadaro to come up with a plan on what will happen with the water utility in the next 60 days — when the Township Council expects to receive a copy of the mayor's proposed budget.  
Mayor Spadaro said the next step in the process is determining the financial health of the water utility. Those figures will be provided by the auditing firm of Ernst & Young and be used to request for proposals from several water companies.  
But, he said, the process will not be completed before his budget is introduced. He said a final determination on what the township will do with the utility will be made before the budget is adopted.  
Councilman Peter Barnes III said the council anticipates meeting with the mayor soon on the final fate of the water utility.  
Mr. Barnes also said the council has not discussed the sale of the water utility. He said it is focusing on the Vineyard Road connection — known as Phase III of the water utility improvements.  
"I am anxious for this problem to get solved," Councilwoman Joan Kapitan added. "These people have waited long enough."

# Teacher completes Science Outreach

EDISON — Maria Senatore has completed the first Elementary Science Outreach program conducted by the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT).  
The Edison resident is a third-grade teacher at Avon Avenue School in Newark. Ms. Senatore was one of 25 teachers in the Newark school system who received

certificates during a May 29 graduation ceremony at NJIT.  
The outreach program provides assistance and training in the teachers' classrooms. NJIT provides materials for experiments and follow-up programs. All experiments use materials available in any supermarket, pharmacy, hardware or electrical supply store.



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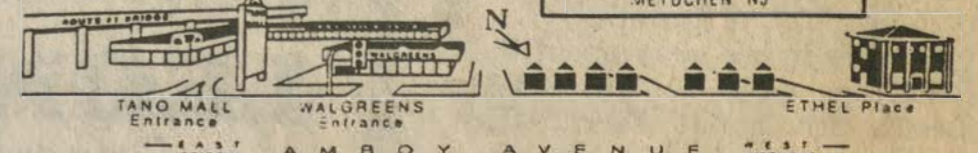
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# Car stolen from owner as he pumps air in tire

A 1989 Nissan was reported stolen while the owner was pumping air into the rear tire at the Mobil gas station on Oak Tree Road 6:55 p.m. Friday, police said.

The victim told police he left the engine running and the door unlocked while he was pumping, when someone suddenly drove away with the car. The suspect made a left turn at the gas station onto Wood Avenue at a high rate of speed before running a red light.

Estimated to be worth \$7,000, the car was last seen traveling south on Wood Avenue toward Route 27. The vehicle also contained \$1,000 of household goods and \$400 of women's clothes, the victim told police.

The suspect was only described as a white man with dark hair wearing a light colored shirt.

Michael J. Cirelli, 30, of Avenue C, was charged with assault after an argument with a woman turned physical 9 p.m. Friday, police said.

Mr. Cirelli allegedly shoved the victim and ripped her shirt off. He was "noticeably" under the influence of alcohol, according to police.

An Inman Avenue home was burglarized between 6:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Monday, police said. Entry was apparently gained through a side rear window, found shattered, which leads to the garage. The garage door was then removed from its hinges with bodily force, police said.

## Alleged thief's sneakers betray him

A thief's sneaker tracks left in the dust at Mobil Gas Station on Central Avenue led Metuchen police to their suspect last week.

Sgt. James Keane said police were able to trace the sneaker prints to a suspect whom they arrested two days after the burglary.

Sgt. Keane said Mobil employee Robert Marocco, 30, of Edison was arrested on charges of theft and burglary June 27 after stealing \$433 worth of receipts from the gas station.

"We were able to match up shoe prints that we found inside the establishment," Sgt. Keane said. "He stepped in something, a tray lying on the floor with some dust in it. We brought him and matched his sneaker print."

The department received help from Middlesex County Prosecutor's Identification Section in identifying the shoe print and Officer Michael Kilker made the arrest.

The suspect was sent to the county jail by Judge Lydia Kuhn.

Another bicycle was stolen in the borough last week.

Sgt. Keane said a \$500 BMX bicycle belonging to a 10-year-old was stolen between 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday. He said the bike was parked on the south side of the train station and apparently was not locked when stolen.

Police arrested two more juveniles as they continued their crack-down on underage drinking last week.

Police arrested a 17-year-old Metuchen High School senior in the Pearl Street parking lot 8:20 p.m. Saturday.

Sgt. Keane said Officer Jeffrey Temple observed the boy purchase beer in the A&P Liquor Store. Officer Temple then approached the suspect, who used false identification indicating he was 21 years old to buy the beer.

Sgt. Keane said at 6 feet tall, the suspect may have appeared to have been of age to buy alcohol.

The suspect was arrested and re-

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lik, 27, of Fords 1:40 a.m. June 29 with drunken driving and careless driving at Maple and Linden Avenue.

Wander Carvalho, 33, was pulled over for driving with an overdue inspection sticker and ended up being charged with obstructing justice 7 a.m. Saturday.

Patrolman Sean O'Lone stopped the Newark resident, who allegedly gave the officer a fictitious name to avoid being charged with driving with a suspended license.

Sgt. Keane said Mr. Carvalho was then charged with obstructing justice for producing fraudulent documentation.

Jose Santiago, 28, of Perth Amboy was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia after allegedly driving around with a hypodermic syringe on his front seat last week.

Patrolman Arthur Flaherty pulled the suspect over at the intersection of Factory Street and Middlesex Avenue when he noticed the syringe in plain view 2:17 a.m. June 24, police reported.

Kathleen Derling, 48, of South Plainfield was charged with drunk driving on Popular Street 12:55 a.m. June 26, police said.

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Once inside, the suspect ransacked the home and stole power tools, electronic equipment and other items totaling \$6,670.

Two men stole \$80 from a Mobil gas station employee on Oak Tree Road 10:27 p.m., Saturday, police said.

The employee told police he was checking gas meter numbers when he was approached by the suspects, one of whom was carrying a crow bar. The pair demanded money and removed \$80 from the employee's shirt pocket. They then headed toward the Cititone School parking lot, where they were last seen.

The suspects are described as two white men, both in their 20s, clean shaven, about 5 feet 10 inches tall, and were wearing blue shorts. One was wearing a blue and white T-shirt, the other a red T-shirt.

Bryant Ho, 39, of Belle Mead, was charged with shoplifting at the Price Club on Route 27 North 6:30 p.m. Friday, police said. Mr. Ho allegedly tried to steal three bottles of Rogaine, valued at a total of \$60.

A 1994 Mazda Wagon, worth

\$21,000, was stolen from Menlo Park Mall between 5:53 p.m. Friday, police said. Broken glass was found in the space where the vehicle had been parked.

A 1991 Plymouth Grand Voyager was stolen from Wick Plaza between 1:48-2:25 p.m. Saturday, police said. The vehicle is worth about \$15,000.

Four laser discs worth a total of \$2,800 were stolen from Laser Discovery, Route 1 South, at about 11:30 p.m. Sunday night, police said.

The suspects gained entry by smashing the front window with a tire jack, which sounded an audio alarm, police said. When police arrived, no one was there.

The driver-side and passenger-side doors of a 1990 Jeep were scratched with a sharp object at Menlo Park Mall between 3:30-5 p.m. Sunday, police said. The value of damage was not listed by police.

Tiny Etta Aguilar Ramos, 20, of Piscataway, was charged with shoplifting a plastic pair of earrings worth \$3.49 at Claires of Menlo Park Mall 4:10 p.m. Sunday, police said.

Someone attempted to steal a 1994 Jeep Cherokee on Oakwood Ave between 10:30 p.m. Saturday and 3:16 a.m. Sunday, police said. Using an unknown pry tool to

enter the vehicle, police said the suspect smashed the plastic steering column and unsuccessfully attempted to hot wire the Jeep. Police found the vehicle abandoned, with the driver-side door ajar.

Value of damage is unknown at this time. Tokens worth \$25, were stolen from the vehicle, the owner told police.

A business sign at Creative Crafts on Woodbridge Avenue was spray painted by a vandal early Sunday morning, police said.

The owner suspects a white male, in his late 20s, with short dark hair as responsible for the incident. The owner told police he saw the suspect, with whom he had previously argued, drive from the parking lot in a Jeep Cherokee about 3 a.m.

A 1984 Cadillac Seville was stolen from Eileen Way about 2:50 a.m. Sunday, police said.

The owner told police the sounding of his car alarm alerted him to the incident. When he looked out his window, he saw car being driven away. The owner could not offer

a description of the suspect. There was no sign of forced entry at the scene.

The right rear window of a 1985 Honda Accord was smashed at Menlo Park Mall between 10 p.m. Saturday and 4:30 a.m. Sunday, police said. Damage is estimated at \$200.

The front windshield and right headlight of a 1990 Dodge Ram was smashed on Oak Tree Road between 9 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday, police said. Damage is estimated at \$500.

A beige pocketbook was stolen during a party at Anthony Avenue between 10-11 p.m. Saturday, police said. The pocketbook, worth \$25, contained \$40 cash, driving credentials and various credit cards.

A rock was thrown through a stained-glass window of Grace Reformed Church, Woodbridge Avenue, sometime Sunday, police said. Damage is estimated at \$250.

A tractor belonging to Riveredge Transportation was stolen from Meadow Road between 5 p.m. Friday and 6 a.m. Monday, police said. The tractor is worth \$71,000.

Two video cameras were stolen from a 1993 Chevy Cavalier between 9:30 p.m. Sunday and 6:30 a.m. Monday, police said. Entry was apparently gained through a convertible roof that was found sliced open, police said.

Value of damage, and of the cameras, has not been determined.

Computers, various equipment and cash, totaling \$9,950, were stolen from S.M. International on King George Post Road between 7 p.m. Friday and 8:45 a.m. Monday, police said.

No alarm sounded and police were unable to determine the point of entry.

A wooden barrier, located in the rear of Akzo Nobel on Meadow Road, was set afire between Friday and 7 a.m. Monday, police said. Cost of damage is about \$9,000.

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## Resident receives \$10,000 to study

EDISON — Fifteen outstanding high school graduates shared more than \$100,000 in awards when the first Adele deLeeuw Scholarships were presented June 13. A dinner honoring the students was held at Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison.

The Adele deLeeuw Scholarship Fund, a fund of the Plainfield Foundation, made the awards in accordance with the terms of a \$1 million bequest from Ms. deLeeuw, author of 75 books, journalist and arts activist.

Among the recipients was Edison High School graduate Michael Tortajada, who received \$10,000 to study at New York University.

The Plainfield Rotary Scholarship Foundation, headed by John Wood Goldsack and Charles T. Carter, acted as selectors. Rotary Club members assisting in the selections included William C. Koncar, Rotary Club of Edison.

For more information about the scholarship, write to the Adele deLeeuw Scholarship Fund, Attn: Sally Young, Scholarship Administrator, P.O. Box 1106, Plainfield, N.J. 07060-1106.

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**Obituaries**

**Izrail Fishbeyn, 67**

**Helped acclimate new immigrants**

EDISON — Izrail Fishbeyn, 67, died June 30, 1996 in East Brunswick. He had been a volunteer with the Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County and helped immigrants become acclimated to life in America.

A native of Ukraine, Mr. Fishbeyn settled in Edison when he immigrated to the United States in 1994. He retired in 1993 after more than 45 years as an electrical engi-

neer in Ukraine and the former Soviet Union.

Surviving are his wife, Zlata Korol Fishbeyn; a son, Alex of Brooklyn; a daughter, Raisa of Edison; three grandchildren; and a sister, Helen Modikova in Ukraine.

Graveside services were held Tuesday at Beth Israel Memorial Park in Woodbridge. Arrangements were by Crabel Parkwest Funeral Chapel in New Brunswick.

**William Maculewicz, 76**

**Railroad retiree; in WWII air corps**

EDISON — William Maculewicz, 76, died June 25, 1996 in Piscataway. He retired in 1970 after 25 years as a barge captain with the former Penn Central Railroad and a predecessor line.

Mr. Maculewicz, who was born in Bayonne, lived in England and in Staten Island before moving to Edison. He served in the Army Air

Corps during World War II.

His wife, Joyce, died in 1986.

Surviving are two sons, Peter and Francis, both of Ipswich, England; and four grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Monday at St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church, following services at Boylan Funeral Home. Burial was in Resurrection Burial Park, Piscataway.

**Ann Keeney, 61**

**Homemaker; in area VFW auxiliary**

EDISON — Ann Keeney, 61, died June 29, 1996 at her home in North Brunswick. She was a homemaker and a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3117 in Edison.

A native of Paterson, Mrs. Keeney lived in Newark and Edison before moving to North Brunswick. She was a charter member of Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 1291 in Jersey City.

Her husband, James N., died in 1995.

Surviving are a son, James N. Jr. of North Brunswick; three daughters, Gina Quabeck of North Brunswick, Betty Agioulasitis of South Brunswick Township and Lorraine Streep of Elizabeth; 12 grandchildren; a brother, John Merklin, and a sister, Frances Merklin, both of West Milford.

Services were held Wednesday at Rusciano Funeral Home in Highland Park. Burial was in Van Liew Cemetery, North Brunswick.

**Clara Jean Hedges, 90**

**New York native; recently of Edison**

EDISON — Clara Jean Ferrara Hedges, 90, died July 1, 1996 at her home. She was born in New York City and had most recently been a resident of the township.

Mrs. Hedges lived in Elizabeth and in Edmonston, Md., before moving to Edison six months ago.

Her husband, James, died in 1978.

Surviving are a son, James Jr. of Elizabeth; a daughter, Clara Ciambuschini of Edison; six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday at St. Helena's Roman Catholic Church, following services at Gosselin Funeral Home. Burial was in Rosedale Cemetery, Linden.

**Bernadette Crawford, 75**

**Homemaker; recently of Edison**

EDISON — Bernadette Gerham Crawford, 75, died June 29, 1996 at JFK Medical Center. She was a homemaker and lived in her native Queens borough, N.Y., before moving to Edison in 1990.

Her husband, Arthur, died in 1990.

Mrs. Crawford is survived by a

son, Martin of Edison; two grandchildren; and a brother, Dudley Gerham on Long Island, N.Y.

Services were held Tuesday at Koyen Funeral Home, Metuchen, followed by a funeral Mass at St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in the Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Arnytown.

**Douglas Alan Perrine, 42**

**An aide to a state assemblyman**

EDISON — Douglas Alan Perrine, 42, died May 26, 1996 at Angela Hospice in Livonia, Mich. He had been an aide to Assemblyman Robert G. Smith (D-17th Dist.).

Mr. Perrine was born in Fort Wayne, Ind., and lived in Ann Arbor, Mich., before moving to Edison in 1985. He had resided in Livonia since January.

Surviving are his parents, Gene and Myra; a brother, Jonathan; two sisters, Nanette Clynn Greer and

Michelle Phil Armbruster; his maternal grandmother, Freida Mathias; two nieces and a nephew.

A memorial service will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3 at Camp Hillside in Gibson, Pa. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, Mich. 48154, or HARC, 3075 Clark Road, Ypsilanti, Mich. 48197.

Arrangements are by Nile Funeral Home in Ann Arbor. There is no visitation.

**Era Louise Davis, 73**

**Nurse's aide; food service worker**

EDISON — Era Louise Davis, 73, died June 30, 1996 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. She had been a nurse's aide at Woodbridge State School in Avenel and Union County Day Care Center in Scotch Plains.

A native of Sylvester, Ga., she lived in Edison before moving to Fanwood in 1966.

More recently Mrs. Davis had been a food service worker at the Basking Ridge offices of AT&T Corp. She was president of the Deaconess Board and chairwoman of the kitchen staff at Mount Olive Baptist Church in Plainfield.

Surviving are her husband, Ri-

chard C. of Greensboro, N.C., Robert E. of Scotch Plains, Raymond J. of Orange, Lamont H. of Fanwood and Anthony T. of Irvington; a daughter, Vernita Jackson of Quincy, Fla.; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two brothers, Earl Allman of Plainfield and David Thomas of Quincy; and three sisters, Annie R. Shaw and Martha Pierce, both of Plainfield, and Virginia Hodges of Quincy.

Visitation is 9 a.m. today at Mount Olive Baptist Church, 216 Liberty St., Plainfield, where services will follow 11 a.m.

Arrangements are by Judkins Colonial Home in Plainfield.

**Anna Van Eerden, 86**

**Office worker with Mack Truck**

EDISON — Anna Van Eerden, 86, died July 1, 1996 at St. Peter's Medical Center in New Brunswick. She had been an office worker with Mack Truck at its former Bridgewater, New Brunswick and Plainfield plants prior to her 1974 retirement.

Mrs. Van Eerden was born in Brooklyn and had lived in Edison since 1954. She was a member of the Edison Senior Citizens Club and the Reformed Church of Highland Park.

Surviving are a son, James H. Vega of Hendersonville, N.C.; two daughters, Margaret Fussell of

Bridgewater and Nancy Brown of Lake George, N.Y.; a stepson, Robert J. of Edison; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a sister, Bertha C. Jinoch of Edison.

Her first husband, James J. Vega, died in 1946, and her second husband, Bernard, died in 1979. Another son, Ramon R. Vega, died in 1977.

Visitation is 9 a.m. today at Gowen Funeral Home, 233 Somerset St., New Brunswick, where services will follow 10 a.m. Burial will be in Franklin Memorial Park, North Brunswick.

**Campus notes**

Robert J. LaPointe graduated from the honors program with a bachelor's degree in psychology at Loyola College in Baltimore, Md. Elected to *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*, he was also selected to the Green & Gray Society where, in association with administration and faculty, he provided leadership and counsel to the president on decisions affecting the student body and future development of the college. He also studied at the University of Koblenz in Germany.

While at Loyola, Mr. LaPointe was a resident assistant, a member of the Chapel Choir and a two-year member of the college's Project Mexico outreach program, of which he served co-chairman in his senior year. He has been hired as a head resident at the college for the 1996-97 academic year, during which he will pursue a master's degree in clinical psychology.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard LaPointe of Metuchen.

Joann Elizabeth Zolner, a 1990 graduate of Metuchen High School, received her bachelor's degree in music education from Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Fla. Ms. Zolner was named to the president's honor roll for the spring semester. She resides with her parents, Joseph and Connie Zolner of Lakeland, Fla.

Christopher F. Swenson, a student at St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen, was named an All-American Scholar. He is the son of Susan R. Swenson of Plainfield and the late Arthur Swenson III.

**Trio named to Cum Laude Society**

EDISON — Three township residents have been inducted into the Cum Laude Society at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School. They are Stephanie Co, Aliya Latif and Marissa Owsianik. All are juniors at the school.

The Center for Theological and Spiritual Development at the College of Saint Elizabeth recently held a commencement for graduates of its ministry programs.

Among 16 who graduated as permanent deacons for the diocese of Metuchen, receiving a certificate in diaconal ministry, was Paul Licameli of Saint Francis of Assisi Cathedral, Metuchen.

Michael Saccocci, son of Joseph and Carole Saccocci of Edison, has been named to the dean's list at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, in Pomona. A junior, Mr. Saccocci is a pre-med/public health major, vice president of the Pre-med Society and a Stockton Ambassador, and was named College Scholar.

He is also an EMT, CPR instructor, paramedic assistant and a member of the Edison First Aid Squad.

Three area students have graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and received commissions as ensigns in the Navy. The new naval officers:

Michael D. Billok, a 1992 graduate of St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen. He earned a bachelor's degree in physics.

Peter M. Schnappauf, the son of Peter M. Schnappauf Jr. of Barlow Road, Edison. Ensign Schnappauf received a bachelor's degree in economics.

Ian R. Schuster, the son of Ronald and Elizabeth K. Schuster of Sherwood Road, Edison. Ensign Schuster received a bachelor's degree in political science.

In April, the school was formally granted a chapter in the Cum Laude Society, a national organization which honors student scholarship. Selection is also based on high moral character, honor and integrity.



DOROTHEA and GEORGE REGAN

**Regans hold celebration for golden anniversary**

METUCHEN — George and Dorothea Regan have celebrated 50 years of marriage.

A surprise family reunion weekend in their honor was held June 15 and included a dinner at the Allegro Tu restaurant. The Regans were toasted by their

four children, four in-laws and four grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Regan were married June 1, 1946. Their family, with members in New Jersey, New York, West Virginia and Kansas, had not been together for five years.

**Ferreri nominated for West Point**

Vincent Ferreri of Edison has been nominated by Congressman Bob Franks for admission to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Mr. Ferreri was one of 25 of the Seventh Congressional District's best and brightest high school students the congressman recommended for admission to the four U.S. service academies.

During his attendance at high school, Mr. Ferreri participated in the varsity football, wrestling and track teams. In addition to his involvement in these school activities, he also ranked 87th in a class of 423 students.

Mr. Ferreri has also contributed to the community as an Eagle Scout and he devised a plan to restore the Trinity Day Care Center and save the center \$4,000.

"Vincent Ferreri has the potential of being an outstanding military leader," Congressman Franks

said. "Not only does he have an outstanding academic record, he has made impressive contributions to his school and community."

Mr. Franks explained that every member of Congress can nominate up to 10 students from their congressional district for admission to each of the four service academies: Air Force, Naval, Military and Merchant Marine.

Mr. Franks appointed a special Academy Review Board of prominent education and community leaders from the Seventh Congressional District to interview students, review their academic records and make recommendations on academy nominations.

The Congressman said a congressional nomination does not guarantee admission to an academy. The final determination on admission is made by the individual academy.

**Wardlaw-Hartridge lists honor roll**

EDISON — Seventeen area students were named to the honor roll for the fourth marking period at Wardlaw-Hartridge School.

All attend the Wardlaw-Hartridge upper school campus on Inman Avenue. The students honored:

Grade 12 — Parthiv Shah, of Edison.

Grade 11 — Stephanie Co, Kiran Guthikonda, Aliya Latif and

Marissa Owsianik, all of Edison.

Grade 10 — Munish Bakshi, Bryan Bonk and Parth Sharma, all of Edison; Martin Lessmeister, of Metuchen.

Grade 9 — Tara Binetti, Robert Lombardi, Jessica McCormack, Nina Sharma and Nisha Singh, all of Edison; Sarah Kovach-Orr, of Metuchen.

Grade 8 — Khalid Latif and Raghav Murthy, both of Edison.

**Serro will sing in two operas**

EDISON — Michele Serro, an alumna of J.P. Stevens High School, is singing in two productions of the Opera Theatre of St. Louis.

The soprano has the role of Fleury in *La Rondine* and also is appearing in *La Clemenza di Tito*. Miss Serro has had roles in *Rigoletto* and *The Tales of Hoffman*, both with the Indiana University Opera Theatre, and *Trial by Jury* with the Indiana University Chamber Opera. She is studying music at that university.

Miss Serro is a student of Virginia Zeani, a former member of Metropolitan Opera in New York and La Scala in Milan, Italy.

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# Y offers walking, yoga programs

**METUCHEN** — Among programs now in progress or soon to be at the Metuchen-Edison YMCA: "Walk Reebok" is designed to provide proper techniques. Sessions are 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and 9:30 a.m. Friday. Cost per session is \$8 for members and \$15 for non-members.

Yoga classes at the Y begin Saturday, July 20.

For more information, registration and fees, call 548-2044. Summer memberships are available.

## JCC teaches children in a 'caring' setting

**EDISON** — The Jewish Community Center (JCC) Early Childhood program provides classes and activities for youngsters ages 2½-6 years old in "a warm and caring environment," according to the JCC.

The morning extended day program enables parents to extend the morning from 9-11:30 a.m. with a lunch option, and the afternoon extended day program enables parents to extend the school day from 12:45-3:15 p.m. with a lunch option and/or a 3-6 p.m. after-school program.

One of the features of the extended morning program is the Thursday "Joy of Being Jewish" class 9-11:30 a.m., taught by Marlene Herman, president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County.

The class brings 3- and 4-year-olds the sights, sounds, tastes and teachings of Jewish life on a preschool level.

Registration is currently being accepted for this class. For more information, call 494-3232.

## Edison teacher invited to join workshops

**NEWARK** — Julie Bertrand, a teacher at Moss School in Edison, was recently honored for participation in the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra's Master Teachers' Collaborative at a luncheon at the Newark Airport Marriott and during the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra concert that followed at Symphony Hall.

This program was supported by a grant from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. It identifies outstand-

## Community briefs

ing teachers through a competitive process.

They are invited to participate in a series of workshops that produce materials to be distributed to teachers throughout New Jersey to use in preparing students to attend concerts by the orchestra in the following school year.

Members of the Master Teachers' Collaborative have focused their gifts on the task of helping their peers integrate music into the general curriculum.

## Nursery school students learn about Israel

**EDISON** — Children from the Jewish Community Center of Middlesex County's nursery school have participated in "Gan Yaldei Yisrael" (Children's Garden of Israel).

The special project was sponsored by the Jewish National Fund. Each child received a special box and nine stamps to help record savings and a program certificate. All names will be inscribed in a "Book of Honor" on permanent display in the garden.

The project is part of the nursery school's ongoing curriculum dealing with Israel. For more information on the nursery school, call 494-3232.

## Recreation Commission has summer classes

**METUCHEN** — Openings are available in summer classes sponsored by the Recreation Commission.

Programs include a soccer camp, "Hoops and Homers," a basketball clinic, cooking, drama, dance, "Motorized Machines and Gadgets," "Chemical Magic" and the summer playground program. For more information, call 632-8502.

## Metuchen Rotary Club installs new officers

**METUCHEN** — Charles Benjamin, the administrator of the JFK Hartwyck at Oak Tree nursing home in Edison, has been installed as the new president of the Metuchen Rotary Club.

He was sworn in June 20 at Metuchen Golf and Country Club, in Edison. Mr. Benjamin succeeds Leonard Cohen of Metuchen and will serve through 1997.

Also installed were Jay Costello of Edison, president-elect; Faith Murphy of Edison, vice president/treasurer; Jean Withers, vice president/secretary; and Jonathan Mundy of Metuchen, sergeant at arms.

## Township residents given trustee positions

**EDISON** — Two township residents have been appointed to posts within the Rutgers University board of trustees.

Ruth Ann M. Burns was elected to a one-year term on the board's executive committee. She is a vice president of WNET/Thirteen in Manhattan.

Robert P. Eichert was elected to a six-year term as an alumni trustee. He is an attorney with the North Brunswick law firm of Seiffert & Frisch.

## Incest survivors have support group

**METUCHEN** — Women Helping Women is now accepting registration for an incest survivors' therapy group.

For more information or registration, call 549-6000. Meetings will be Monday evenings beginning in July.

## New summer hours announced by church

**METUCHEN** — First Presbyterian Church, 270 Woodbridge Ave., has announced its hours for July and August services. The chapel service will be held 8 p.m., with the sanctuary service held 9:30 p.m.

For more information, call the church at 549-5101.

548-7400, Ext. 948.

**ART WORKSHOP** — "Explore Yourself and Your Walls Through Art Therapy" with Dari Sweeton. Members of Women Helping Women \$8, non-members \$10. St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Oak and Middlesex avenues, Metuchen, 7:30 p.m. July 17. Registration required; call 549-6000.

**INVESTMENT SEMINAR** — for business owners, those who have retired in the past three years and those about to retire. Cryan's Restaurant, 660 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen, 7 p.m. July 18 and 31. Reservations: Call 494-4795 or (800) 932-0093.

**ROW YOUR BOAT** — boat stories, filmstrips, songs and a craft for Edison children 2-5 with a parent or adult caregiver. Edison Free Public Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., 10:30 a.m. July 22. Registration begins July 15; call 287-2351.

**ROW YOUR BOAT** — boat stories, filmstrips, songs and a craft for Edison children 2-5 with a parent or adult caregiver. Clara Barton library, 141 Hoover Ave., Edison, 1:30 p.m. July 22. Registration begins July 15; call 738-0748.

**HERBAL PRESENTATION** — how to feel better and live longer with herbs, explained by Susan Kemp. North Edison library, 777 Grove Ave., Edison, 7:30 p.m. July 23. Registration: Call 548-3045.

**ROW YOUR BOAT** — boat stories, filmstrips, songs and a craft for Edison children 2-5 with a parent or adult caregiver. North Edison library, 777 Grove Ave., Edison, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. July 25. Registration begins July 15; call 548-4759.

**CHILDREN'S CONCERT** — musician/vocalist Arlene Ur. Community Room, Metuchen Public Library, 480 Middlesex Ave., 2:30 p.m. July 30. Metuchen residents only. Children must register with Children's Department in person or call 632-8532. Part of 1996 Summer Olympic Reading Club, funded by Metuchen Library Board Endowment Fund and The Friends of Metuchen Library.

**POST-PARTUM AND INFANT CARE** — class for would-be parents to care for mother and child after birth. Cost \$20 per couple. Raritan Medical Management Services, Raritan Plaza II, Edison, 7 p.m. July 31. Registration: Call 417-9494.

**FAMILY PICNIC** — and flea market sponsored by Edison Republican Committee, Family Park behind Senior Citizens Center, 2965 Woodbridge Ave., Edison, noon-5 p.m. Aug. 3. Call 757-9598.

**FRIENDSHIP ADVENTURES WITH JESUS** — vacation Bible school for children 3 years old through sixth grade. Cost \$5 per child. New Dover United Methodist Church, 690 New Dover Road, Edison, 9 a.m.-noon July 15-19. Registration: Call 396-8757.

**LINE DANCING/BALLROOM DANCING** — for adults who live in Edison. Cost \$5; class size limited. Minnie B. Veal Community Center, 1070 Grove Ave., Edison, 7 p.m. Wednesdays July 17 to Aug. 7. Call 248-7316.

**GOLF OUTING** — sponsored by Metuchen Area Chamber of Commerce. Cost \$75 golf only, \$30 dinner only, \$105 golf and dinner; \$10 surcharge after July 7. Fox Hollow Golf Club, 59 Fox Chase Run, North Branch, 11 a.m. July 17. Reservations: Call 548-2964.

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## Recognition for research work

**PI Teh Kuo of Edison (center)**, a graduate of William Paterson College in Wayne with a master's degree in biotechnology, has received the Leona Emrich Independent Study Award given for outstanding research papers in the biology graduate program. Mr. Kuo, pictured with his wife, Grace, was presented his award and a gift by Dr. Ching-Yeh Hu, professor of biology at William Paterson College.

# Edgar School announces honor roll

**METUCHEN** — Edgar School has issued its honor roll for the fourth marking period.

Named to the high honor roll:

**Grade 7** — Jessica Ballweg, Joan Britten-Kelly, Cindy Chin, Stacy Ellen, John Franchak, Stefanie Guglielmelli, Amy Kalista, Hillary Kativa, Theresa Lin, Anna Olender, Dewitt Oliver and Christine Scarfuto.

**Grade 6** — Delphine Arniaud, Diana Chang, Devin Fensterheim, Karen Fu, Jonathan Golbe, Eric Gold, Megan Griffin, William Hoffman, Daniel Kallman, Tim Piekarski, Lindsey Poet, Michelle Turnbach, Laura Vowinkel and Ryan Walker.

Named to the honor roll:

**Grade 7** — Kerian Adamo, Nenny Agustina, Margo Banner, Joshua Barkan, Kimberly Campbell, Stephanie Carniglia, Kaleena

Caro, William Chandler, Ken Chen, David Colvin, Krystle D'Alessio, Sheereen Dehghani, Erika Faletti, Asra Feroqui, Jeanette Franko, Michael Gold, Brian Goldberg, Jason Goldberg, Sarah Goldfarb, Ashley Grandes, Matthew Hale, James Hansen, Justin Harmon, Amy Kocur, Kristina Kravit, Alexandra Laguna, Carrie Lander, Joshua Martel, Jennifer Mateicka, Rex Mauriello, Sean McCaffrey, Jessica McClarty, Caroline McHugh, Kanwal Nagvi, Laura Nemer, Katie Pocius, Megan Powell, Cozette Ruddy, Susan Rutherford, Erica Santopietro, David Scott, Kate Sheehy, Melissa Spears, Garth Swensen, Colleen Teeple, Lindsay Thiel, Alison Trapp, Ashwath Trasi, Kathryn Trent, Laura Walton, Justin Worman, Benjamin Zipf and David Ziznewski.

**Grade 6** — Jesse Alijewicz, Tina Bauch, Erin Beattie, Kathryn Britton, Bryan Clark, Aaron Cohen,

## Births

A daughter, Gabriella Nicole, was born to Jacqueline and Michael Cyran of Metuchen at Somers Medical Center in Somerville June 2, 1996.

Stephen E. Zolner, formerly of Metuchen, and his wife Michiyo of Toyko, Japan, are pleased to an-

nounce the birth of their second daughter, Saori Kojima Zolner, May 29, 1996 in Tokyo, Japan. The Zolners also have a three-year-old daughter, Sara Kojima Zolner. Stephen is the son of Joseph and Connie Zolner, formerly of Metuchen, and now residing in Lakeland, Florida.

## WANTED

**EDISON SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM** — Playground counselors, playground assistants, arts and crafts instructors and sports coordinators. Mature, dependable people who enjoy working outdoors with children. Applications: Recreation Department, 328 Plainfield Ave., Edison. Call 248-7310.

**SUMMER CRUISE NIGHTS** — Sponsorship of series (antique and classic cars cruising Main Street, Metuchen, July 11, Aug. 1 and Sept. 5). Cost \$50 for each date. Call 548-2964.

**FLEA MARKET** — Vendors for flea market sponsored by auxiliary of American Legion Post 324 (Clara Barton), Brower Avenue, Edison, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. July 13. Rain date July 14. Spaces \$10 per table; call 225-9824.

**FLEA MARKET** — Vendors for indoor flea market at Community Presbyterian Church, Glenville Road (near Edison High School), Edison, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. July 13. Cost \$7 with your own table, \$10 with church's table. No food vendors. Reservations and payment required by July 8; call 287-1666.

**BROADWAY KIDS** — Girls and boys 6-17 for revue of show tunes with sets painted by participants. No experience necessary. Reformed Church, 150 Lake Ave., Metuchen, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. July 15-26. Registration: Call or fax (201) 335-5328.

**GOLF OUTING** — sponsorship of holes for annual event sponsored by Metuchen Area Chamber of Commerce. Fox Hollow Golf Club, 59 Fox Chase Run, North Branch, 11 a.m. July 17. Cost \$50 for each hole. Call 548-2964.

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## SUNDAY JULY 7

**BRIO WIND ENSEMBLE** — American music (John Philip Sousa, George Gershwin, Aaron Copland, et. al.). Free admission; bring lawn chairs and (optional) picnic supper. Tommy's Pond, Lake Avenue, Metuchen, 6 p.m. Rain site: Metuchen High School. Call 632-8502.

## MONDAY JULY 8

**GOD'S WINNING TEAM** — vacation Bible school for children 3-12. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 28 Fourth St., Fords, 9-11:30 a.m. July 8-12. Call 738-3842.

**EDISON GARDEN CLUB** — meeting plus talk by Lucinda (Mrs. Jim) Florio on restoration of the formal gardens at Drumthwacket. Guests welcome. Edison Free Public Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., Edison, 7:30 p.m. Call 985-6316.

## TUESDAY JULY 9

**BICYCLE SAFETY** — program with Edison Free Public Library (Children's Department) and Edison Police, weather permitting. North Edison branch, 777 Grove Ave., Edison, 10:30 a.m. Call 548-4759.

**NEW JERSEY ANIMAL RIGHTS ALLIANCE** — Middlesex District monthly meeting at Edison Free Public Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., Edison, 7 p.m. Call 968-7867.

## WEDNESDAY JULY 10

**BICYCLE SAFETY** — program with Edison Free Public Library

(Children's Department) and Edison Police, weather permitting. Clara Barton branch, 141 Hoover Ave., Edison, 1:30 p.m. Call 738-0748.

## THURSDAY JULY 11

**BICYCLE SAFETY** — program with Edison Free Public Library (Children's Department) and Edison Police, weather permitting. Main library, 340 Plainfield Ave., Edison, 10:30 a.m. Call 287-2298.

## COMING EVENTS

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— Metuchen's Adam Newmark on Michael Johnson (story below)

# Sports

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## All-Star outing was a thrill for Bolden

By CHRIS JUNIOR  
REVIEW CORRESPONDENT

For former J.P. Stevens High tight end Paul Bolden, Saturday's annual North-South State All-Star Football Classic was not just another game — it was his chance to play with some of the best high school players in New Jersey.

"I was just happy to be there," said Bolden, who started for the South squad. "You hear about these guys like Kevin Harvey and Dejon Welcome, who were All-State players. I was just second-team All-Area."

Harvey, a quarterback from Paulsboro, scored two touchdowns to help spark the South to a 32-23 comeback victory before 7398 spectators at Rutgers Stadium in Piscataway.

Touchdowns by Anthony Lambo and Quinton Spotwood helped give the North a 15-6 halftime cushion. Following a short speech by its coaches, the South exploded for 26 second-half points.

"At the half, the coaches told us to stay positive and play hard," said Bolden, a 6-foot-4, 235-pounder. "We were still in the game."

The North-South clash closed the book on Bolden's brief high school football career. After sitting out his freshman and sophomore seasons, he played on the varsity his final two years.

Looking back, Bolden feels he would've benefited from playing those two years and says he had to work extra hard in order to catch up with the other players.

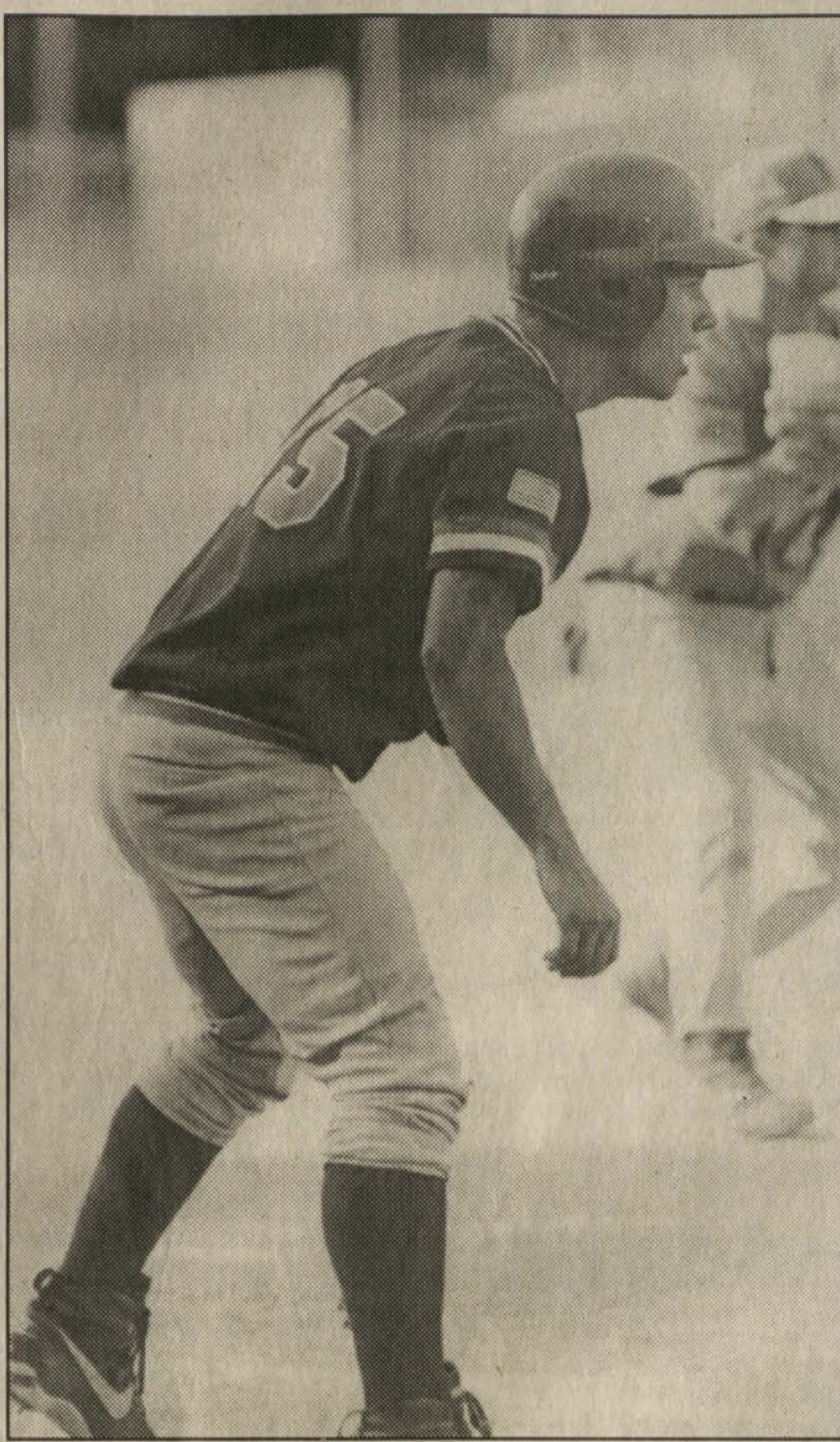
Bolden, who also played defensive end, is quite thankful Stevens Head Coach Frank Zarro "took the time to explain the offense to me."

"Paul is quick and strong," pointed out Zarro, "and definitely green as a football player. He has a long way to go but he has the tools. What impressed me the most about him was that he worked hard. Whatever drills we ran in practice, he always gave 100 percent."

This fall Bolden will begin his collegiate career in Oxford, Miss. at the University of Mississippi, a Southeastern Conference school. According to Bolden, he was offered a full scholarship from Temple in Philadelphia but turned it down, fearing the possibility of being distracted from his academic responsibilities.

"Temple is in the middle of the city and I think that would've made it hard for me to concentrate on my books," he said.

Ole Miss team practices begin in August and Bolden's goal for the summer is to put additional weight and muscle on his frame.



RANDALL MILLER/THE REVIEW

Mike Tornambe belted a home run and drove in five runs to help Clara Barton romp past Middlesex 17-5 in American Legion action.

## Superb pitching carries Father and Son squad

By ALLAN CONOVER  
THE REVIEW

At this rate, those bats can just smolder all summer because it doesn't appear Father And Son Post 435 is going to have to slug it out with anyone.

Getting dominating pitching from Jeff Feldman and Brian Chaloka, Father and Son won its first two Middlesex County American Legion Baseball League games this week with ease, improving its record to 11-1 and keeping a first-place pace with Iselin.

Feldman tossed a four-hitter Tuesday in a 5-0 decision over Carteret at Edison High School and Chaloka permitted just one hit the previous night in an 8-1 rout of Old Bridge.

With pitching like that, F&S Head Coach George Banos can afford to sit back and wait patiently for his squad to consistently start to swat line drives all over the ball-field.

"The one surprise for me about this team is our lack of hitting," said Banos. "We're getting the strong pitching we expected but we haven't hit like we felt we should."

A starting pitching rotation comprised of Feldman (3-0), Chaloka (3-0), Brad Bava (coming off his freshman season at Montclair State University) and Anthony Napolitano is difficult to find fault with. And they're backed up by the imposing relief combination of Rob Roma and Dan Kralich.

"I'll tell you, with starters like we have, it's been hard to get those two in a game," said Banos.

The talented pitching depth came in handy last week when

### American Legion Baseball



F&S played six games in five days, with Bava pitching once in just three days' rest.

"All this pitching is sure great to have," commented F&S co-coach Rich Kady. "They really got some work last week. But you know they're going to keep you in the game, which is real nice."

Father and Son managed just six hits Tuesday against Carteret but manufactured enough offense to win and stay tied with Iselin for first place in the 12-team league.

F&S actually needed only its three first-inning runs to support Feldman's pitching.

Kralich began the uprising with a walk and eventually came in to score on Frank Soos' single and an error. Roma then ripped a two-strike pitch to center field for a two-run single.

In the fifth, Dave Kady reached on an error by the Carteret second baseman and Kralich dumped a soft liner into left-center field for a double, putting runners at second and third. Soos then lofted a sacrifice fly ball to center.

Father and Son tallied its final run in the sixth when Chaloka walloped a triple to center leading off and scored on a wild pitch.

"We hit at the right time — we did just enough," said Coach Kady, "and Jeff did the rest."

In a route-going seven-inning ef-

fort, Feldman struck out 13 batters and walked two while throwing 87 pitches.

Monday, Chaloka went 6 2/3 innings, fanning 11 and walking five, before Roma came in to get the last out.

Roma went 3 for 4 at the plate with three runs batted in, Kady went 2 for 4 with a run scored, Soos smacked three singles and scored twice and Matt Makara doubled in the second inning.

Iselin handed F&S its only setback of the campaign June 27 by a 6-1 margin. Makara's RBI double was one of just five hits F&S collected against pitcher Tom Hennessee.

After several days off because of the Independence Day weekend, Father and Son resumes its schedule Monday at Sayreville, travels to Perth Amboy the next night for a contest at Warren Park, tangles with Piscataway Wednesday at Edison High and visits Clara Barton Thursday.

**CLARA BARTON**

Clara Barton Post 324 routed Middlesex 17-5 Friday night, but Old Bridge turned the tables on CB Saturday, dealing it an 11-1 loss.

In the win over Middlesex, Mike Tornambe socked a home run and had five RBI for Clara Barton. Mike Ryan homered and drove in three to aid the 18-hit attack.

Clara Barton 5, Piscataway 4 — Clara Barton plated three runs in the last of the sixth to earn the win. Chris Niskoch and Mike Tornambe each doubled and drove in a run. Bart Palmisano contributed an RBI and saved the win for Steve Kmiec.

## 'Coach' Jacques knows her bowling and softball

By CLIFF OLSEN  
REVIEW CORRESPONDENT

Michael Jordan is the most notable athlete who has spent time on the hardwood and on the diamond.

However, Shelly Jacques of Edison goes from the hardwood to the bowling alley to the bench of the softball field.

Jacques, who's been bowling for 20 years, is also the head coach of the Union Catholic High School softball team in Scotch Plains.

"Coach," as she is called by her friends when she's bowling, likes to help people with their game. In addition to trying to improve herself she tries helping everyone, teammates as well as the opposition.

"Bowling is supposed to be fun," said Jacques, who's rolled highs of a 268 game and a 722 series.

Jacques is also successful while she's having fun, but it has come at a price. She's undergone three knee surgeries, two in the last two years, to repair torn cartilage. These operations were a result of playing softball, not bowling, which she never participated

in during her time in high school and college.

"You need your knees to bowl," she said.

Jacques currently bowls in the Wednesday Night Women's Classic League, where she's been champion the past six years. She's averaging 185 this season, seven pins below her 192 career average.

In April, Jacques struck it big at the Middlesex County Tournament. She was a first-place finisher in all three events — singles, doubles and team. Throwing an 1899 earned her this year's team crown, a first for her.

During the last 10 years, Jacques had been ranked in the top five in Central Jersey on five occasions. However, her winning ways aren't restricted to the Garden State. In New York, she teamed with her sister, Robin Smith, to claim the doubles title in both the Lylock Tournament and the Western and Central Tournament.

In addition, Jacques won the Queens Tournament in New York in 1988 and took first place in doubles competition in the New Jersey State Tournament in 1983-84.

### 200-meter comparisons

19.66 Seconds, World Record - By Michael Johnson at U.S. Olympic Trials  
19.95 - By Frankie Fredericks, Namibia, at Gaz de France, June 28

**NJ High School Meet of Champions, June 5**

- 21.53- Robert Hardgrove, Vineland
- 21.65- Lamar Grant, Jackson
- 22.00- Albert Newkirk, Camden
- 22.07- John Stone, Mainland
- 22.08- Tim Kober, Watchung Hills
- 22.14- Kevin Doughty, Oakcrest



## Johnson's record awes Bulldog star

By JEFF GOLDMAN  
THE REVIEW

If anyone can appreciate the greatness of Michael Johnson, it's former Metuchen High Bulldogs' track standout Adam Newmark.

Consider Newmark, who placed first in the Central Jersey Group I 200 meters and second in the Group I state meet, has run the event in 21.8 seconds — an excellent mark for a high-schooler.

And then consider the magnitude of what Johnson accomplished when he blazed to a 19.66 200-meter finish in the U.S. Olympic Trials in Atlanta two weeks ago to shatter a 17-year-old world record.

Newmark could only shake his head when trying to put Johnson's feat into perspective.

"I'd like to get down to the 21.6, 21.4 range," he said. "It would be mind-boggling for me to run 21-flat and for him to run 19.66 — he just sets himself apart from even the best of the best. To run under 20 is an amazing feat, to run under 19.7, break the world record and not even look like he's struggling — he's a machine, the man is a machine. That's the best way to put it."

Marty Holleran, Newmark's high school coach, thinks as fast as the time is, Johnson may be capable of even more when the Olympics get under way in a couple of weeks.

"I was kind of surprised the record stood as long as it did with the number of outstanding sprinters our country has produced," said the Metuchen coach. "I think the nature of the sport is that the times will al-

ways get faster. He may not break the 200 record again in the Olympics. He may do it in the 400 instead."

To illustrate exactly how much faster Johnson is than even the best of the best at the high school level, Obea Moore of Pasadena, Calif. holds the 200-meter scholastic record with a time of 20.77. Robert Hardgrove of Vineland won the Meet of Champions June 5 in 21.53. The runnerup, Jackson's Lamar Grant, finished in 21.65, or 2.99 slower than Johnson's time.

"It's an extremely exciting thing on many levels," said Newmark, who'll compete in primarily the 400 at the University of Pennsylvania next spring. "Number one, for the sport of track and field in general, any time a world record is broken, it's something that makes people notice that maybe don't notice track. It's not a spotlight sport like football or basketball. The Olympics is the time for track to shine."

Like his coach, Newmark feels the 400-meter mark may be the next to fall.

"I'm looking forward to see him breaking the 400 mark and I have confidence he will," Newmark said of Johnson. "I think it was very smart also because of the fact he's running the 200 and 400 in the Olympics and he has the potential to break both records, so breaking the 200 now makes it easier on him during the Olympics. He blew away the whole field and there are some world-class sprinters in that race."

"He works so hard at it. He's a man possessed — he's unbelievable. It's nice to see something like this happen to him."



### Edison's finest

The unbeaten Spartans are the first Edison Soccer Club team to earn the Olympic Flight championship in the Mid-New Jersey Youth Soccer Association (for details see SportsScene on A-14). Front row, from left — Coach Keith Rodrigues, Ralph Rapuano, Brian Flynn, Justin Rodrigues, Tim Babit, Scotty Maynor, Matt Roberts, John Savidio and Coach Phil Baffuto. Back row — Mike Baffuto, Derrick Brown, Mike Piagentini, Richie Kratz, Nick Caiella and Paul Mederico.



The Edison Angels' 12-and-under Babe Ruth district champs — front, from left: Kim Holtsclaw, Lee Anne Hesse, Katie Steiner, Jenni Jardin, Katy McManus, Janu Mansharamani, Ronnie Ann White; back: Coaches Sal Malinconico and Ron Jardin, Nicole Malinconico, Erika Thompson, Coach Ed White, Anne Marie Dima, Diane Hickey, Manager Joe Holtsclaw, Jackie Tierney and Jackie Denker.

**EDISON RECREATION ADULT SOFTBALL**

WOMEN'S LEAGUE	
(July 2 Standings)	
<b>BLUE DIVISION</b>	
1. Strawberry's Pub.....	6-1
2. Seasons.....	6-1
3. Rose's Hallmark.....	4-2
4. Willie's.....	5-3
5. Rick & Bill's II.....	4-3
6. G.T. Chiropractic.....	4-4
7. Crowley's.....	4-5
8. R. Larson Heating.....	4-5
9. Diamonds.....	3-5
10. Richie's Rebels.....	2-4
11. Ernst & Young.....	0-9
3. Metuchen Center.....	7-1
4. Boro Hardware.....	7-2
5. Clayton Block.....	6-2
6. GTG Solutions.....	6-3
7. Cavs.....	4-2
8. T.J. Irish.....	4-3
9. Mad Dogs.....	5-5
10. Charlie Brown's.....	4-5
11. Red Wolf.....	4-6
12. Raptors.....	3-5
13. JSA.....	2-7
14. Cryans.....	1-7
15. Edison Firefighters.....	1-8
16. Oak Tree Fire.....	0-9

INDUSTRIAL	
<b>DIVISION A</b>	
1. Rick & Bill's.....	10-0
2. Chestnut Inn.....	8-1
3. JFK Flames.....	7-2
4. Prudential.....	6-2
5. Baxter.....	4-4
6. Strike Force.....	3-5
7. Clarion.....	2-6
8. Edison Job Corp.....	1-6
9. Hartell.....	0-6
10. Busterettes.....	0-7
1. Pine Contracting.....	8-0
2. Pru Pirates.....	5-2
3. Demon Decons.....	4-2
4. Edison Glass.....	4-2
5. Global VIP.....	3-1
6. JFK Flames.....	3-1
7. Stilo.....	4-3
8. Baxter.....	2-2
9. Local 980.....	3-5
10. Fed. Metals.....	1-4
11. Designer Bagels.....	1-5
12. Township Liquors.....	1-7
13. Devil Dogs.....	0-6

RESIDENTIAL	
<b>DIVISION A</b>	
1. Clara Barton Bashers.....	8-2
2. Richie's Sports Bar.....	8-2
3. Appollan Gym.....	6-1
4. Suds.....	7-2
5. Rave Builders.....	7-2
6. Seasons.....	5-2
7. Metcom.....	5-5
8. Aces.....	4-5
9. Bar Stools.....	3-5
10. Wheeler.....	3-6
11. Convery.....	2-7
12. Seasons A's.....	1-7
13. Blue Thunder.....	1-8
14. Precision.....	0-6
<b>DIVISION B</b>	
1. D&M Painting.....	6-2
2. Stallions.....	6-2
3. Meineke Muffler.....	5-2
4. R&B Red Sox.....	6-3
5. Crowley's Tavern.....	6-4
6. Edison Heating & Cooling.....	4-3
7. FM Construction.....	5-4
8. Wolverines.....	4-3
9. Gallo.....	4-4
10. R&B Rockers.....	3-4
11. Rude Dogs.....	2-4
12. Phil's Carpets.....	3-6
13. Alco General.....	1-3
14. The Zoo.....	1-6
15. N&N Trucking.....	0-8

RESIDENTIAL	
<b>DIVISION B</b>	
1. Chicken Holiday Wingers.....	8-0
2. Edison Casket.....	8-0
3. Packee's.....	7-1
4. SDI.....	6-2
5. Gemini.....	6-2
6. Data Flex.....	5-3
7. Price Club.....	4-3
8. Main Breaks.....	4-3
9. Mid-Atlantic Bank.....	3-4
10. Reynolds Fasteners.....	3-5
11. Frigidare.....	3-5
12. Alexa's Empire.....	1-5
13. Champs.....	2-6
14. No. American Van Lines.....	1-7
15. Churmura.....	0-7
16. Edison Heating & Cooling.....	0-8
<b>DIVISION C</b>	
1. Transport Freight.....	7-0
2. Mobil.....	6-0
3. Naviera's Mariners.....	7-2
4. EZ Sports.....	6-2
5. Ferraro's Pizza.....	6-2
6. ITC.....	5-2
7. CDM.....	4-2
8. Bunch of Guys.....	3-4
9. Toxic Waste.....	1-2
10. U.S. Postal.....	2-4
11. Amber, Politzer, Mattia.....	2-4
12. N.Y. Times.....	2-6
13. Muck Boys.....	1-6
14. E&B Mariners.....	1-6
15. Edison Job Corp.....	0-3
16. Essex.....	0-6

**SPORTSCENE**

**SPARTANS GO UNBEATEN**

The Edison Spartans simply had no peers. Certainly not in the Mid-New Jersey Youth Soccer Association, where the Spartans of the Edison Soccer Club recently capped a year in which they went undefeated in the Olympic Flight during the fall and spring. No other league team had accomplished that feat before.

The Spartans, the first Edison Soccer Club squad to win an Olympic Flight crown, were 10-0 this spring and 9-0-1 in the fall. Edison employed a lineup comprised of two Olympic Developmental players and eight league select performers to totally dominate their opponents. The Spartans' exceptional speed and skill allowed them to score 49 goals while permitting just five for the entire spring campaign.

Their success wasn't limited to just league competition — they also captured championships in the Westfield Cup, Clark Indoors Invitational, Somerset Hills-Pingry Cup and the East Brunswick, Bridgewater and Marlboro tournaments.

The Spartans' rugged defense was led by goalie John Savidio, sweeper Scotty Maynor, fullbacks Mike Baffuto and Paul Mederios and stopper Justin Rodriguez.

The midfield was manned by Tim Babit, Matt Roberts and Mike Piagentini while the scoring was provided primarily by attackers Richie Kratz, Brian Flynn, Ralph Rapuano, Nick Caiella and Derrick Brown.

The team's coaches were Keith Rodrigues and Phil Baffuto.

**ANGELS WIN DISTRICT**

Forcing all opponents to duck for cover during the tournament, the Edison Angels age 12-and-under squad claimed the Babe Ruth Softball North New Jersey-Central Area championship.

Head Coach Joe Holtsclaw's heavy-hitting Angels wrapped up the tourney title June 26 in Manalapan, edging Flemington 12-10 in the finale after outslugging the same opponent 22-17 earlier in the evening. Edison won seven of its eight outings during the six-day event.

"We just hit the heck out of the ball," said Holtsclaw. "We pounded it. And everyone contributed in one way or another for us — all 13 girls."

The Angels' players are Kim Holtsclaw, Lee Anne Hesse, Katie Steiner, Jenni Jardin, Katy McManus, Janu Mansharamani, Erika Thompson, Diane Hickey, Ronnie Ann White, Nicole Malinconico, Jackie Denker, Jackie Tierney and Anne Marie Dima.

The Angels began the tournament by routing Holmdel 17-4, then defeated Flemington 21-6 and Manalapan 21-2 before falling to Flemington 18-14. Then the Angels knocked off East Brunswick 14-2 and Manalapan 17-6, setting up the final two encounters with a potent Flemington squad.

The North-Central tourney triumph qualified the Angels for the double-elimination Babe Ruth state tournament, which will be held July 13-14 in Sparta, Sussex

**County.**

This weekend Edison is competing in the ASA state tourney in Hamilton Township, Mercer County.

**METUCHEN MEN'S SOFTBALL**

Deol's Transmission is in first place in the Metuchen Recreation Men's Slow-Pitch Softball League standings with 12 victories in its first 14 outings through games of July 2.

Metuchen Savings Bank is second at 10-2, followed by Abilities Unlimited (5-5), Cryan's Restaurant (5-7), J.L. Shapiro Gorillas (5-8), Talmadge Bar and Grill (2-6) and Ideal Construction (1-10).

**EDISON FALL SOFTBALL**

The third annual Edison Township Adult Coed Fall Softball League will get under way in early September.

Both residential and industrial teams from Edison Township are eligible to participate in the program, which will begin on or about Sept. 3 and continue to Oct. 11. The entry fee is \$200 per team.

Team applications are available at the Stelton Community Center, 328 Plainfield Avenue, Edison, and are due back by 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8.

For information call the Recreation Office at 248-7312 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**STRYKER WINS IN WIND**

A pair of Edison Township competitors took the top two spots in last week's National Youth Windsurfing Championships in Bay St. Louis, Miss.

Doug Stryker finished first in the weather-curtailed event on the Gulf Coast while Cara Reid, the lone female among the six entrants, was runnerup, just one point behind. Because of low wind velocities, no competition was held the final two days of the eight-day tournament.

"I think I could've won if we had another race," said Reid, who graduated from J.P. Stevens High School two weeks ago, "but there just wasn't enough wind. It's kind of frustrating, but you can't make it blow. It's out of your control."

Stryker was en route to Texas immediately after the competition. Reid, 18, had won the national youth windsurfing title the previous three years and in May earned one of five berths on the U.S. National team while falling just short of nabbing a spot on the Olympic squad.

This week Reid, who's Rutgers-bound in the fall, will head up to Newport, R.I. for her fourth World Youth Windsurfing Championships, which will be held Monday through July 18. Previous world competitions have taken her to Bermuda, Greece and Italy.

"I want to place in the top 10, and hopefully I'll be in the top five," she said.

**MIDDLESEX GOLF CLINIC**

The Middlesex County Improvement Authority will hold its annual junior golf clinic for Middlesex County residents under the age of 17 Tuesday and Thursday at Tamarack Golf Course in East Brun-

**swick.**

The clinics run from 8-10 a.m. and are intended to be an introduction to golf for boys and girls. Clinic instructors are golf professionals Tom Bevacqui and Ed Heuser.

Reservations for the junior clinics may be made by calling the Tamarack pro shop at 297-2282. Children can bring clubs or use clubs provided by the course. Balls will be provided by the course.

**CJ HOOPS CAMP**

The 23rd annual Central Jersey Basketball Camp will again be held in July at the Lawrenceville School. The camp is directed by Neil Horne, athletic director at Somerville High, Wayman Everly (Watching Hills High's boys coach) and Kathy Matthews, longtime successful girls coach at Union Catholic High in Scotch Plains.

The camp's first week for boys and girls ages 9-17 is Sunday, July 14-Friday, July 19. The second week will run from Sunday, July 21-Friday, July 26. A boy may attend camp for either or both sessions, while girls may attend the first week only.

The camp staff is comprised primarily of high school coaches and college players from Union, Somerset, Hunterdon, Monmouth, Middlesex and Mercer counties.

Call Horne (654-5691) or Everly (654-5424) any evening or write to Neil Horne at 627 Hanford Place, Westfield, N.J. 07090.

**PLENTY OF GOLF**

The American Cancer Society is offering golfers the opportunity to play more than 200 free rounds of golf. Golfers can purchase the 1996 New Jersey Golf Pass for a minimum \$30 donation to the American Cancer Society. With this pass, they're entitled to a free round of golf at 18 different courses in the state and more than 190 courses in Pennsylvania.

Some restrictions do apply. All proceeds from the 1996 New Jersey Golf Pass will support the Somerset Unit of the ACS. For information, or to purchase a pass, call the ACS's Somerset Office at 725-4664.

**SOCCER OFFICIALS NEEDED**

The Raritan Valley Soccer Officials Association, servicing Middlesex, Somerset and Hunterdon counties for over 30 years, is seeking candidates interested in officiating high school soccer on the varsity and sub-varsity level. For information call Frank Spadavecchia at 727-6708.

**RUNNING RESULTS**

**RARITAN VALLEY ROAD RUNNERS**  
13th annual Summer Series  
Race No. 2; June 26  
Donaldson Park, Highland Park

**LOCAL FINISHERS**

Place, Name, Residence, Age, Time  
33. Orlando Nazario, Edison, 24, 19:12 (fifth in age group)  
35. Charles Schneckloth, Metuchen, 46, 19:25.5 (fourth in age group)  
38. Matthew Topper, Metuchen, 20, 19:41.5  
64. Josh White, Edison, 15, 21:11.3  
88. Julian Zammitt, Edison, 42, 22:51.3  
91. Sarah Kovach-Orr, Metuchen, 14, 22:59.6 (second in age group)  
98. Arnelia Wolff, Edison, 33, 23:19.2 (fourth in age group)  
103. Paul DeAraujo, Edison, 34, 23:48.2  
113. Kristin Sillitoe, Edison, 18, 24:32 (ninth in

**age group)**

- 115. Hae Jin Kang, Edison, 15, 25:03.3
- 116. John Sanzone, Edison, 37, 25:05.8
- 120. Janine Heishman, Edison, 17, 25:23.7
- 132. Evan Koblentz, Edison, 21, 26:25.4
- 145. Uttal Melnik, Edison, 16, 27:47
- 153. Kerry Sillitoe, Edison, 18, 29:25.6
- 156. Srinivas Ganti, Edison, 35, 29:45.8
- 157. Lauren Edgcomb, Metuchen, 15, 29:52.7
- 161. Rachel Opitz, Metuchen, 14, 31:04.2

Next race — Tuesday, July 16, 7 p.m., Donaldson Park, Highland Park

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