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Board mulls status of Persi contract Some members question 'sanitized' evaluation of their superintendent

By VERA CARLEY

After 13 months as the district administrator, Superintendent of Schools Mr. Persi is being graded. The school board was set to discontinue the superintendent's evaluation and set new objectives last night. Board President David Dickinson said the board may also decide whether Mr. Persi's contract will be automatically renewed.

However, it is questionable whether the fractious board will be able to agree on whether to give Mr. Persi his notice. If the

board does decide not to grant the superintendent automatic renewal of his contract, he still would be eligible to reapply for his position at the conclusion of his term.

With the state legislature's elimination of tenure for superintendents of schools several years ago, contracts are set for three-five years. Mr. Persi's three-year contract calls for 18-month notification prior to the end of his agreement with the board that it will not be automatically renewed. The written notification is standard in superintendent contracts and taken from a model contract used by the New

Jersey Association of School Administration, Mr. Persi said.

"The board hasn't discussed it with me," Mr. Persi said, adding he expected the board to live up to the terms and conditions of his contract.

He said the board would have to sit down with him before having a discussion on the matter and taking a vote.

Mr. Persi also denied board members are unhappy with his record as Edison's superintendent.

"That's absolutely not true. That's a figment of the newspapers' imagination," Mr. Persi said.

Although he said hasn't seen his performance evaluation recently completed for last year, Mr. Persi said he understood it is positive.

Mr. Dickinson would not discuss Mr. Persi's evaluation. But other board members said any rosy assessment of the superintendent's performance is not an accurate reflection of their personal evaluations, which were to be compiled into the board's overall report.

It was Mr. Dickinson's job to combine the evaluations of last year's board members and write one overall assessment of Mr. Persi's job performance. The report on

last school year was supposed to be done in April, but the reports turned over by board member Gwynne Kesselman were lost.

Calling it "sanitized," board member Philip Labasi said the evaluation does not reflect his comments about Mr. Persi's performance.

"Our main problem is the accuracy of the evaluation. I want to look at other evaluations to see what Mr. Persi's areas of strength and areas of weakness are," he said. "It's really unfair to Mr. Persi to have a situation where the board president is

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Teacher Thelma Freeman helps out Patrice Mitchell, 12.

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Summer school students go to head of the class

By VERA CARLEY
THE REVIEW

EDISON — Several weeks after the last day of school, children are still heading out in the morning for class.

And they don't seem to mind. Seven-year-old Ashley Johnson said she likes the Academic Assistance Program, sponsored in conjunction with the North Edison Civic Association at the Minnie Veal Community Center, just "fine."

"It helps me get a nice education," the second-grade honor student said.

Sean Bell, 11, said he is not concerned about losing time out on the playground.

"I can do that all day long when I get home," he said.

Sean is there to brush up on his reading so he can "know how to read better for sixth grade." So far, he said, it has helped.

Susan Elsamna, 9, and Susan Bryant, 7, said the programs are also helping them improve their reading and math skills.

With 30-40 children from kindergarten-eighth grade, the program is divided into two sections. Beatrice Austin teaches kindergarten-third grade and Thelma Freeman teaches fourth-eighth.

Joyce Ship, director of the program, said the education program has become tremendously successful since it was held last summer.

"I used to go out and hand out fliers," she said. "I don't have to do that anymore."

Ms. Ship said the group of children attending the four-week educational program has grown while becoming more diverse, both ethnically and academically.

"It's a mixture," she said. "Some students need help. Some students are easily motivated and some of these students are honor students who have never gotten lower than an A."

To help the students, the program even makes a computer available to students so they can become familiar with technology. In an effort to do more, Ms. Ship said, the program is looking for donations to purchase more laptops so more than one child can use computers.

The program has been successful in attracting donations from residents throughout the township, Ms. Ship said. Those donations have included thesauruses, dictionaries and encyclopedias.

Ms. Ship also praised Chief Edward Costello and the Edison Police Community Policing Unit for donating their time to the program and appearing at its annual graduation ceremony.

Technology proposal gets uneasy reaction Metuchen board considering its options

By VERA CARLEY
THE REVIEW

METUCHEN — Residents found many bugs in a district technology proposal offered to the Board of Education Tuesday night.

Residents argued poor choices were made in selecting what computer equipment is needed, said the \$156,531 proposal differed from the district's overall vision for implementing technology in the schools, and questioned whether any additional money would be put toward implementing technology.

"I am trying to balance whether this is a half-empty or half-full glass," board member John Roberts said

after listening to the proposal.

Mr. Roberts and board member Terry Kohl questioned whether fellow member Jim Gerner's proposal is in keeping with the district's vision on technology.

Defending his proposal, Mr. Gerner said his plan relied on a March 19 plan presented to the board by the school administration. That plan would have given two second-grade classrooms at Moss School and two fifth-grade classrooms at Campbell School five computers, a scanner, software, teacher training and a network hookup. At Edgar School, a reading/English center would be established along with a science center with a scanner, software, teacher training

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PBA registered, soliciting

By VERA CARLEY
THE REVIEW

EDISON — After not being registered as a charity with the state Division of Consumer Affairs since 1992, the PBA is now listed with the division's charity unit.

"Everything is filed," PBA President Alan Engel said.

Although the PBA filed the proper paperwork with the state in March, Officer Engel said he did not know whether the FBI is continuing its probe of the PBA or its efforts to start a Police Athletic League (PAL). He did note, however, that the PBA was cleared by the state Division of Consumer Affairs to do another fund drive, resulting in thousands of residents receiving donation requests recently.

The FBI launched a probe of the

PBA last year as an off-shoot of its investigation into an effort by Local No. 75 to start a PAL last spring, when it was revealed the PBA was not registered as a charity with the state.

State law precludes charities from soliciting without being registered with the Division of Consumer Affairs.

Officer Engel said the PBA has now handed over its paperwork to an accountant.

"We are in the process of hiring a new accountant," he said. "A lot of the mistakes were done by the accounting firm."

Last year, however, PBA accountant James G. Restaino's partner, James West, claimed the firm was unsure whether it was still working with the PBA after having filed its last forms in 1993.

Mr. Restaino could not be

reached for comment.

Officer Engel said the PBA is gearing up to help local charities. A charity baseball game with PBA members will be held soon to raise money for the Buddy Ball Baseball League. The PBA, through Catholic Charities, also will take children with cerebral palsy to a New York Yankees baseball game.

According to its 1994 report with the state, the PBA contributed to several local charities over the course of that year, including the Special Olympics, American Cancer Society, Muscular Dystrophy Association, American Heart Association, March of Dimes, Little League Baseball, Pop Warner Football, Buddy Ball Baseball and Soccer, DARE, school sports teams, high school bands, and families of officers killed in the line of duty.

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Public resists limit on input

By VERA CARLEY
THE REVIEW

METUCHEN — After more than two hours of debate about the district's capital improvement and technology plans, the Board of Education found the public doesn't want restrictions on its right to give input.

Tuesday night, board member Frederick Kutner suggested that official public comment be postponed at open conference meetings until the regular meetings. His suggestion drew protest from the audience and fellow board members.

"Perception is reality," resident Eric Mintz said. "The perception is the proposal is to cut off debate."

He suggested the board find alternate ways to get

public input before it eliminates any portion of public debate.

Board member John Roberts offered a compromise, saying the board could reduce its number of meetings a month from four to three. Otherwise cutting off debate, he said, would indicate a perception of collusion and that board members were making decisions at the Duchess Diner. Already, he said, there is a belief among some residents that some board members make their decisions before the board vote.

Board member Terry Kohl said she would hate for the board to eliminate public input from its open conference meetings. She said it would be arrogant for the board to operate in a vacuum.

Board member Walter Magdich said it is difficult

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Quote of the Week

'It's a shame that some employees have to be told sleeping and drinking on the job are not permitted.'
— Peter Barnes, Edison councilman,
on a recent memo sent to DPW employees



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explodes on the screen
See Weekend Plus, starting B-1

Board members mull superintendent's contract

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not giving a clear picture of what we wrote as board members. I read Mr. Dickinson comments. It doesn't reflect the comments I gave."

Mr. Labasi said his comments regarding Mr. Persi were not included in the evaluation, which apparently did not indicate any concerns raised about the superintendent's performance.

Mr. Labasi said the evaluation has to be devoid of bias and animosity before the board can vote on it.

Former board member Joseph LaCorte said if the evaluation is strictly positive, it "definitely" did not include his comments. Known to disagree with Mr. Persi while on

the board, Mr. LaCorte said his evaluation "is not a glowing report" of the superintendent.

Ms. Kesselman also questioned whether her comments were properly included in the evaluation. She said she hadn't seen it yet, but if it didn't list areas in need of improvement, it did not reflect her comments.

She added there is nothing wrong with giving Mr. Persi his notice now.

"I don't know what they are waiting for," she said. "Do they hear the public? Are they listening to the public?"

Mr. Dickinson said he thought the debate surrounding Mr. Persi is hurting the school district.

Mr. Persi said individual board

members should not be commenting because the Board of Education makes a decision as a body.

"From my point of view, we have done outstanding things in this district," Mr. Persi said.

Mr. Persi said he believed his statements will be borne out in the evaluation.

But several board members said they are unhappy with the direction of the district.

"I haven't seen anything move forward in this school district," board member Joseph Both said. "There is always a reason why we can't do something."

Mr. Both along with Ms. Kesselman and board member Felton King also complained of last-minute proposals on which the

board has to vote.

Mr. Both said he would not vote to automatically renew Mr. Persi's contract, adding he would like to see the superintendent improve.

"I will vote against renewing his contract automatically," Mr. Both said. "I will not give him a commitment that we are going to renew his contract until it comes up (when it expires)."

Mr. Labasi and Mr. King added they would not be inclined to automatically renew the superintendent's contract.

"I'd vote to put him on notice and have him improve in areas I think he's weak in," Mr. King said. One area the superintendent needs to improve in, he said, is his relations with the public.

Technology proposal gets an uneasy reaction

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and a network hookup for the classrooms. Metuchen High School would receive equipment for a library resource center, a portable equipment center, technology for the second floor, and money to install a science center.

Mr. Gerner's suggestion was to move the technology into the later grades to provide older children access to computers now.

Board member Thomas Lombardi noted the proposal offered by Mr. Gerner is very similar to the one presented by the district administration in March. The board has to focus on how to implement technology in September with the \$156,531 allocated for it in

this year's school budget, he said. Resident Jordan Lampert agreed the plan differed little, but questioned the board on where it is heading with this proposal.

"Does this board view this \$156,000 as an end in itself?" he asked. "We need a capital improvement plan that includes a technology plan."

Mr. Gerner said the proposal is only a first step to introducing technology.

"I never said this was the end of it," he said.

Mr. Gerner suggested the price tag of the district's computer plan could be slashed. The community would not accept the \$2.3 million technology plan proposed by the

Technology Task Force, he said. Even with computer costs lowering, the Technology Task Force plan could cost \$1.6 million, Mr. Gerner said. Under the state's framework, he said, implementing a technology program in Metuchen would cost about \$800,000.

Mr. Roberts added leasing computers would cost the district only 60 percent of their original cost the first year.

Former board candidate David Liss questioned whether the district is making wise choices in its hardware and whether modems should be bought to access the Internet.

"Do it right the first time so you won't have to do it again," he said.

Doubts were also raised about Mr. Gerner's suggestion to hire a technological administrator for \$35,000 to supervise the implementation of computers into the classroom.

Former board member Eric Mintz said he did not think the district could hire someone in the field for such a small salary.

The board was encouraged to look in-house for a qualified teacher dedicated to education who would be able to do the job.

Residents also complained about Mr. Gerner's proposal to use a Technological Steering Committee of teachers to determine computer and software needs.

PBA is now registered and soliciting

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In its 1994 report, the PBA stated it raised \$186,894 — \$134,775 through direct mail solicitations, \$51,792 through membership dues, and \$327 through interest on its savings.

Of that money, \$160,495 was spent during that year on various activities, including donations to local charities. In its 1994 IRS report, filed in January, the PBA also spent \$9,718 for accounting fees, \$14,010 for supplies and of-

ice expenses, \$37,566 for conferences and meetings, \$9,032 in other law enforcement association dues, \$30,879 for operating fees and fund drives, \$16,875 for insurance, and \$38,888 for specific assistance to individuals.

The specific assistance, the PBA explained in its form, was given to "supply legitimate assistance to advance and professionalize the interest of the police officers and their families in times of need."

No additional costs were incurred for professional fundraising fees or the compensation of any PBA officers.

With those associated costs and charity allocations, the PBA was left with only \$26,399 at the end of 1994 which, combined with \$31,223 left from 1993 expenses, leaves a total of \$57,622 in the bank.

Public resists limit on input at meetings

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for the board to do all its homework and attend the four meetings a month.

Mr. Kutner said he did not want to cut off public debate, adding one reason he ran for the board was to increase public participation. But now, he said, the board needs to discuss the issues at the open conference meetings among its members only. The public debate at these meetings prevents the board from doing much work, he said.

Mr. Kutner said it also keeps the board from making necessary decisions.

"I don't think we come to closure on things," he said.

He suggested board members could get input from the public before voting at the regular meetings. He offered the possibility of board members calling residents and holding "coffee klatches" to get that information.

But residents disagreed, saying the board listening to public debate is working because public input is needed before board members make a decision.

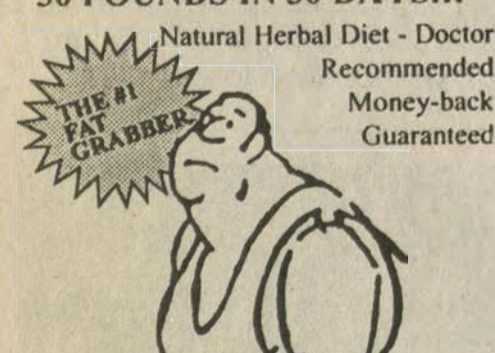
Former board member Richard Scott said addressing the number of meetings the board holds is very difficult, but public comment should not be stifled.

"We want to work with you — not after the fact," he said.

Another former board member, Deborah Sheehan, said in 12 years no other previous board has attempted to reduce public discourse on the issues facing it.

The board tried to move onto another agenda item before closing the meeting after it exceeded the 11:15 p.m. cut off. But before it did, one resident suggested board members should be cut off before the public.

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Memo reminds DPW not to sleep on job

By **VERA CARLEY**
THE REVIEW

EDISON — Township employees found sleeping on the job will get more than a friendly wakeup call.

They could be suspended for two weeks without pay for their first offense and a second offense could lead to termination, according to a memo issued by Business Administrator Frank DeRosa.

Other offenses are also outlined in the memo, issued two weeks ago to Department of Public Works and Recreation employees.

"I wanted to list several things to make things clear to the work force," Mr. DeRosa said. "All this was, is us tightening our belts."

"It's disturbing to me that something that obvious has to be put in writing," Councilman Peter Barnes III said.

"It's a shame that some employees have to be told sleeping and

drinking on the job are not permitted."

Mr. Barnes, a member of the council committee investigating the Department of Public Works, said employees leaving vehicles running and unattended creates a liability for the township.

Mr. Barnes said he applauds the business administrator's actions, but "it is a shame Mr. DeRosa has to micromanage."

"Before you discipline anyone you have to let them know what the procedures are," Mr. DeRosa added.

Listed no-no's now include catnapping in a township vehicle, drinking on the job, carrying alcoholic beverages in township vehicles, leaving township vehicles on and unattended, hiding out in favorite hideouts while on the clock and using municipal property for personal use.

"I don't believe people should be

sleeping in the cab of the truck," Mr. DeRosa said.

The administrator said the township cannot prevent employees from sleeping on their breaks, but they can catch them getting shut-eye in township vehicles.

Some township employees have been criticized for leaving their vehicles running and unattended. A vehicle can be left running, as long as it's not left running alone.

The township also doesn't want its employees either buying liquor on the job and taking it to their homes or picking up alcoholic beverages from residents along their routes. At holiday time and for heavy pickups, it is common practice for residents to leave out a six-pack of beer for sanitation employees. Residents have complained about seeing the employees with the alcohol while on duty.

Complaints and tips about township workers' behavior have in-

creased since the February accident involving Derek Ship, a township sanitation worker who left work 30 minutes before becoming involved in a fatal car accident, in which he was later determined to be legally drunk.

Those tips have resulted in three township employees being found asleep on the job as the business administrator traveled through the township to do spot checks in February. Mr. DeRosa spotted two employees napping in their vehicle in June, while another was caught snoozing in February. He also found two employees loitering in the 7-Eleven on Woodbridge Avenue for more than half an hour in February.

None of the employees were fired or officially written up, but the procedures outlined in the memo clearly dole out punishment for those found violating them.

Teamster Union Local No. 11 of official Thomas Walker was unavailable for comment.

Board considers repairing tennis courts

By **VERA CARLEY**
THE REVIEW

EDISON — Tennis, anyone?

That's the question Board of Education members were expected to answer last night, when they were scheduled to vote on repairing six tennis courts at John P. Stevens High School.

But with a cost of \$114,000-\$119,000 and other school repairs needed, several board members before the meeting questioned the call to fix the courts.

"There is money for the tennis courts, but there is no money to fix the roofs?" board member Joseph Both asked.

Mr. Both said the board was told 600 children would use the tennis courts if they were repaired. But the district should sign up to use the courts available at Middlesex County College to save money and use the other funds for school repairs, he said.

A legal opinion by Wilentz, Goldman and Spitzer in June stated the board could use money left over from a 1990-91 bond to fund the tennis courts improvement. Some

\$246,862.25 from the bond issue remained after the school board filled its underground storage tanks with sand instead of removing them. Earmarked for instructional and noninstructional improvements in the district, the money can be used for tennis courts because it aids the district's physical education instruction, the law firm ruled.

"If that's the position our lawyer is taking, then it seems to me that position could be extended to roofs," board member Philip Labasi said.

In reviewing the proposal, he said he believed the board's priorities were skewed.

"I don't understand why this has now become a priority when we have Herbert Hoover and a couple of other schools that need roof repairs," he said.

Board member Felton King said he will ask the board's legal counsel to determine whether the money may be allocated to other school repairs.

"I am not knocking tennis, but if a classroom is busting out or a roof is needed — I have to question how the money is being spent," Mr.

King said.

Superintendent of Schools Melindo Persi said the bond money has very specific purposes and cannot be used for the roofs.

"I don't know how many times I have to go over this," he said.

Mr. Persi added the tennis courts were needed because the district offers the course as part of its physical education curriculum.

"Immediately people talk about roofs," he said, noting the board should have the vision to include the roof projects in a larger referendum.

Mr. Persi said even if the money left over in district bonds, estimated at \$900,000 earlier this year, could be bundled together, voters would have to approve them being used for one purpose — like a roof. Then, he said, it will only take care of one school roof when several others are also in need of repair.

The district will resolve its roof repair problems next year, Board President David Dickinson said. He pledged to fight for putting the money in the budget or a referendum for repairs.

Driver charged with DWI after hitting truck

By **PATRICK PATULLO**
THE REVIEW

A two-vehicle accident Saturday sent an Edison woman to the intensive care unit of Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and shut down a portion of Maple Avenue in South Plainfield.

Lorraine Bluvias, 30, of Edison, was charged with drunken driving, careless driving, driving an uninsured vehicle, failure to wear a seat belt and failure to register a change of address, police said.

According to the accident report, Ms. Bluvias had just left the Dunkin' Donuts in South Plainfield's Lakeview Plaza and was driving along Maple Avenue in her Dodge Daytona when she drifted into the opposite lane.

South Plainfield resident Louis

Appoloni told police he saw Ms. Bluvias driving directly toward him in his Ford truck after he had made a left-hand turn from Oakland Avenue. He attempted to pull into a driveway on Maple Avenue, but his truck was struck and spun onto a lawn.

Mr. Appoloni was not hurt in the accident, but Ms. Bluvias was taken to Robert Wood Johnson where she was listed in serious condition Tuesday.

"They did a blood-alcohol test at the hospital," said South Plainfield Police Sgt. Ken LaVerne. "At that point we were more concerned with getting her to the hospital than giving her a Breathalyzer."

Maple Avenue was closed to through traffic while vehicles were detoured around the accident.

Ms. Bluvias was unresponsive at

the scene of the accident, but several witnesses from Dunkin' Donuts came forward to say she behaved as if intoxicated, according to the report.

One witness said she appeared disoriented when she entered her car and bumped into the Dunkin'

Donuts fence when she backed up, police said.

An employee of Dunkin' Donuts told police Ms. Bluvias had watery eyes and was using profanity while in the restaurant. The witness also said she had a bottle of vodka in her purse.

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Decline in writing scores concerns Edison officials

By VERA CARLEY
THE REVIEW

EDISON — Although a majority of Edison students taking the Early Warning Test passed each of its three subjects, district officials are alarmed to see scores in writing drop from the previous year.

There was a 3.4 percent drop in writing scores. Of 808 students, 93.2 percent achieved the state minimum level of proficiency on the test, which is used to identify students' weaknesses prior to them taking the High School Proficiency Test (HSPT).

Although the district surpassed the state's requirement of 75 percent ranking in either the Level I or Level II categories, showing competency in all or some of the

skills tested, there is concern about the scoring dropoff.

"We are monitoring this," Assistant Superintendent of Schools Robert Ranta said.

Mr. Ranta said the district is determining whether the drop in writing scores is a "glitch."

The writing test is composed of two parts, a writing sample and editing text.

The portion where Edison students' scores fell off was the writing sample.

Mr. Ranta said is one possible reason for the declining scores is the writing topic, which dealt with a student being left out of a group.

Mr. Ranta said the topic, a traumatic subject for students that age, is not appealing to all youngsters. He also said sev-

eral concerns with the topic have been raised with the state Department of Education.

He added the district is evaluating whether the drop off in writing was state-wide or limited to the Edison school district. Officials will be able to compare its scores with similar districts in the fall when state-wide comparisons are released.

But while the district's writing scores fell slightly, scores in other areas rose.

"We are encouraged by our math and reading scores," Mr. Ranta said.

Among the 809 eighth-graders taking the reading test, 97.3 percent achieved the state minimum level proficiency. Mr. Ranta said those numbers indicate a 1.3 percent improvement compared with last year.

District scores in the math section also rose by 1.8 percent from last year. Of the 809 students taking that part, 89.5 percent achieved the state minimum level proficiency. Mr. Ranta said it is the highest score ever achieved by the district in math.

Noting the district's overall performance, board members Gwynne Kesselman and Felton King expressed worry about the drop in writing scores.

Mr. King said he is concerned because some middle schools did not fare as well as others in the district.

"From a school standpoint, you get a very different picture," Mr. King said.

He suggested those schools be identified and their principals be given specific goals for improvement.

Mr. Ranta said the Early Warning Test is a useful tool in identifying students who may need help.

"I think it alerts everyone to youngsters' skills in critical areas. Alerting is helpful to decisions about instruction," he said.

However, he did say not every child who fails the test needs additional help. He explained some students pass the test and still need academic assistance according to their school work. Other students might fall just below the state cutoff point and not require the assistance because of their success in the classroom.

Because of these situations, Mr. Ranta said the district does not rely solely on this test to determine which students need additional help.

Environmentalists receive extension to save Sansone property

By VERA CARLEY
THE REVIEW

EDISON — A deadline extension has been granted to local environmentalists looking to purchase a 60-acre tract of North Edison property.

Originally a July 2 deadline was given to the Edison Wetlands Association to come up with a plan to acquire the land owned by car dealership owner Paul Sansone. Now the group has until the end of the year to raise the money necessary to buy the property, located off Tingley Lane.

"It's going to be a very difficult process," said Robert Spiegel, president of the association.

Mr. Spiegel called the deadline "unrealistic."

He said it will be very difficult to come up with the roughly \$9 million needed to buy the property back from Mr. Sansone, who bought it for almost \$12 million in the late 1980s. He already recouped a small portion of the cost in a \$2.4 million settlement.

Mr. Sansone had sued the township, claiming he was misled on how many houses could be built on the property.

While he was fighting one legal battle with the township, Mr. Sansone was also battling the wetlands association. After six years of legal wrangling, an appellate court June 3 ruled against the association.

Promising to take the case to the state Supreme Court, Mr. Spiegel said he'd prefer to have a written contract with the developer promising negotiations on the property would continue in good faith.

"The whole thing might be a facade. We don't think it is," Mr. Spiegel said, adding Mr. Sansone is now operating in "good faith" to negotiate a settlement.

While Mr. Spiegel looks for written guarantees, Mr. Sansone seeks financial assurances.

Financial backing for purchasing the land could come from the Middlesex County Open Space Program. However, it is questionable whether the county would make a decision to buy the property before

the December deadline.

Mr. Spiegel said the fund does not fiscally exist yet. Although it was supposed to be established July 1, he said, there is no money that could be used to acquire open space. Mr. Spiegel said the county must establish the fund so procuring open space throughout the

county can begin.

"The freeholders are dragging their feet," he said.

The Open Space Fund was created in November when voters overwhelmingly approved a 1 cent tax on property to preserve open space. It is expected to raise \$4.4 million this year.

Principal latest victim of anonymous letter

By VERA CARLEY
THE REVIEW

EDISON — An Edison school principal is the latest victim of an anonymous letter.

The principal is the second person targeted in recent months. Another letter was sent to board members a month ago about former mayoral candidate James Kukor, who has applied for the position of director of administrative services with the board. That letter detailed Mr. Kukor's run-ins with the law while he was in college 25 years ago.

As with that letter, many board officials are dismissing this latest character attack.

"That's one of the joys of being a public official," said Superintendent of Schools Melindo Persi, who added in response to that letter, a teacher signed a letter supporting the maligned principal, and those with serious concerns about an individual should sign any letters they send.

Board President David Dickinson said the board gets anonymous letters "all the time." Most are derogatory, he said, and contain allegations that cannot be substantiated.

"Generally, I take them as pranks," Mr. Dickinson said. "I don't put any stock in it."

However, an anonymous letter can be a tool for someone who is afraid to come forward with

a complaint if those allegations can be documented, he said.

But another board member said he has adopted a strict policy on such letters.

"I have a new policy. When I get garbage like that I am going to throw it away," Philip Labasi said. "It doesn't count in my opinion."

Several other board employee candidates have been victims of anonymous letters. Mr. Persi was targeted when applying for his position, as copies of his previous evaluation were mailed to board members. Similarly, an anonymous packet was sent out targeting Robert Schiller, Michigan's Superintendent of schools, who had applied for the job.

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Report confirms need for school repairs

By VERA CARLEY
THE REVIEW

METUCHEN — For more than 10 years, the Board of Education has talked about doing capital repairs to its schools.

Tuesday night, a report again confirmed serious maintenance work is needed on all four district schools. Board member John Povacz gave a report of his tour through the schools, outlining many problems in the exterior and interior of the buildings.

His report also highlighted serious maintenance problems. For example, he said water was leaking into the boiler room at Campbell School, gutters on several of the schools need to be replaced, fascia

board around roofing is rotting, and the electrical systems at the schools need replacing if computers are to be added.

"It's going to cost us money, but we have to do it," he said.

Board member Thomas Lombardi said he saw a lot of overlap in the report given by Mr. Povacz and the Capital Improvement Task Force's report on needed school repairs.

"It just gives additional comfort to the board that these things need to be done," he said.

The task force's complete recommendation for repairs was given to the board last year and estimated the cost at \$20.6 million.

Mr. Lombardi said the Capital Improvement Subcommittee could

go through both lists and try to determine what actions should be taken. But Ms. Convery said work has already begun on some of the areas targeted in Mr. Povacz's report, such as tagging the boilers as required by state law, because they have to be complete before the next school year begins.

"Anything that needs to be done should be done," Board member Terry Kohl said. "Certainly the maintenance should be a high priority."

However, the big question is whether the board will address the issue of seeking a capital improvement referendum, which has been discussed since last year.

Resident Jordan Lampert, who was not allowed to comment di-

rectly after Mr. Povacz's report by board President Colleen Convery, said he is tired of hearing "ad nausea" the reports of Mr. Povacz. He said the board should adopt a capital improvement referendum, which includes a technology component.

Ms. Convery said as the bigger questions about the referendum are being answered, the problems outlined by Mr. Povacz should be addressed. If it were not for Mr. Povacz's observations, she said, some of the rotten wood on several schools would have been painted, wasting taxpayers' dollars.

She said Mr. Povacz's report gives the board an outline to use in making decisions on work needing to be done before school opens.

Wetlands group prepares to file lawsuit

By VERA CARLEY
THE REVIEW

EDISON — Local activists James Kukor and Edison Wetlands Association President Robert Spiegel are preparing to file suit in Middlesex Superior Court to prevent construction of 20 homes on an 11-acre farm.

The final site plan for the controversial Ferraro Building Associates development, which has drawn criticism from an American-Indian group, Enclave residents and other citizens, was approved last week by the township Planning Board.

"We are going to fight this using the same legal arguments used in fighting the Sansone development," Mr. Kukor said, referring to a six-year legal battle with the owner of a 60-acre property off Tingley Lane.

Mr. Kukor and Mr. Spiegel said they will argue the site plan does not conform to township ordinances. The ordinance barring construction within 75 feet of a pipeline is not adhered to in the plan, Mr. Kukor said. He said the applicants, who plan to purchase the property once all approvals are received, never asked for a waiver of the pipeline ordinance.

But just this April the Township Council overrode such concerns when it sided against residents appealing the zoning board approval and refused to remand the case back to the board. It said the zoning board answered the questions asked of it when the Republican-dominated council sent the application back to the zoning board for further review last year.

That council had stated the pipeline ordinance was not addressed in the original application. The council also said the plans con-

flict with a township's master plan designating the area as open space and need a full investigation of the potential impact on a possible Native American Historic Site.

When the zoning board received the case back, it reaffirmed its original decision, saying it already had addressed those concerns, leading the appellants to again seek the council's help.

Members of the new Democratically controlled council said they needed to end the ongoing dispute and give the Bieglecki family, which owns the property, a reprieve from its financial struggles.

In the several hearings held on the project, Agnes Bieglecki and her family told the zoning board and council that they can not afford to pay the \$17,000 in taxes on their 70-year-old farm.

Repaving imminent for Woodland Avenue

By PATRICK PATULLO
THE REVIEW

EDISON — Heavy summer rains should no longer be a problem for Edison and South Plainfield residents living along Woodland Avenue, according to South Plainfield officials.

The sewer construction that had held up the road project for months has been completed and South Plainfield officials are now waiting for bids to be returned on the repaving of the avenue, said South Plainfield Borough Engineer Rich Naberezny.

"Construction should start within a month to a month-and-a-half," Mr. Naberezny said.

Woodland Avenue, which straddles the border between Edison and South Plainfield, has been left on the drawing boards because of haggling among Edison, South Plainfield and Hawkeye Construction over who was responsible for the road construction.

The delays caused Woodland Avenue to fall into poor condition, sparking the ire of residents living along the road.

Most of the complaints centered on Hawkeye Construction's Edison

development. Some residents claimed their lawns turned into muddy swamps after heavy rains.

South Plainfield officials said the mudslides were a result of poor drainage and a lack of foliage at the Hawkeye development, which sits on a hillside.

As soon as heavy rains fell, the soil quickly sludged down to the Woodland Avenue homes, officials said.

A few months ago, Edison and South Plainfield struck a deal in which South Plainfield would pay for the milling and equipment while Edison will pay for the top-

ping and the labor.

Hawkeye Construction was responsible for installing a new sewer system as part of its zoning approval agreement, Mr. Naberezny said.

Mr. Naberezny said the sewer construction is all but done and once the bid is awarded, construction should be rapid.

"I think we would get this done fairly quickly," Mr. Naberezny said. "This isn't a Hadley Road type of project."

South Plainfield is notorious for taking years to address pothole-ridden Hadley Road.



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Summer learning Academic Assistance Program keeps students' minds sharp

Now that schools have all let out for the summer, that period of time when children can relax, have fun, and mostly let their brains turn to a pulpy mush has arrived.

Yes, it's summertime.

Originally, the summer break was implemented so farmers could have their children help cultivate and harvest their crops. It was logical and downright necessary 100 years ago to send children home to help Pa with the preparations necessary before the fall harvest.

But that was 100 years ago.

Today, what happens more often than not, is that the summertime becomes a period when the skills children learned during the school year become dulled if not totally expunged by lengthy periods in front of the TV and general mental inactivity.

Teachers generally complain they spend a good part of September and October reviewing skills that should have been maintained through July and August.

So what's the solution?

One possibility is to have children attend school year round. This is being tried with enthusiasm in a few school districts nationwide, but the jury is still out. Year-round schooling may be an answer, but residents already angered about the cost of educating children 10 months a year in Metuchen or Edison would tar and feather school administrators over the added expense.

Realistically, the same teachers who complain about all that review work in the fall would be reluctant to give up their summer break. At the least, they'd demand higher salaries for the increased school time.

The students themselves might have a hard time giving up camps, extended family vacations, and extended leisure time in favor of more formal education.

Extending the school year, while a common practice in just about every other industrialized nation, would certainly be a tough sell.

Yet one refreshing program has shown that perhaps with a slightly different environment, formal summer education can work. Edison's Academic Assistance Program, sponsored in conjunction with the North Edison Civic Association at the Minnie Veal Community Center, is now attracting tremendous interest. Children from kindergarten through eighth grade are taking four weeks to brush up on academics. Some of these students are getting help to be competitive in the classroom, but others are honor students just making sure they're at top of their game.

Residents have chipped in with donations of books and the program director, Joyce Ship, is looking for donations to purchase more computers. With some creativity, the program could be expanded and more children brought into the fold.

As for now, if parents haven't signed their children up for such classes, or enrolled them in one of the library programs, they just have to be innovative to fight the battle of summer inactivity.

Parking the kids in front of *Beavis and Butthead* is no answer and could be a bit dangerous. Instead of heading to the mall on Saturday, how about visiting the local library? When heading down to the shore, maybe a quick stop at the Sandy Hook Educational Center or an aquarium or shore museum could become a part of the itinerary.

Though it may be late, some educational camps still have room for late arrivals. These camps offer all the traditional activities plus specialties such as math, computer and art education.

The key is that when school is out, parents need to be creative and diligent in continuing their children's education. The result will benefit them when August cools into September, and the school bell rings once more.

WHAT I DID NOT DO ON MY SUMMER VACATION



The cheapest inflatable pool

By MARYANNE BRUCK

SPECIAL TO THE REVIEW

Sunny, hot, humid ... July! Kids are in the yard, playing in their big soft, inflatable pool. Laughing and splashing, they attempt the backstroke in a foot of water. While sipping iced tea, their parents ensure the safety of their offspring, enjoying their jobs as lawn-chair lifeguards. After their refreshing romp, the children towel off and sit still for about five minutes to have a snack. Then they are off and running, getting hot and sweaty, gearing up for another delightful dip.

The yard is their resort with the rectangular 5-by-9-foot pool the main attraction. Often the parents take on added responsibility, allowing their children to invite friends to play, and the air fills with gleeful sounds of laughter from lots of little ones having a good time. Their puppy, excitedly yipping at the youngsters, darts around color-

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ful beach towels strewn on the lawn. The scene promises pleasant summer memories for all when it starts to turn chilly in the fall.

Then one morning the children wake up, look out their bedroom windows and notice the pool is gone. It is not propped up against the fence where their parents put it after they empty it at the end of the day, and it is not in the middle of the yard, slowly filling with water from the garden hose.

This is a game, they think as they run downstairs. Mommy and Daddy are fooling them. But when they see the expression on their

parents' faces, the children know something is wrong. Solemnly they are told that during the night, someone took their pool. Explaining why proves more difficult than telling about the actual deed.

As with all thefts, grand or petty or somewhere in between, the object stolen isn't the only thing lost. The family's feelings or security, safety and comfort are threatened. Suspicion replaces trust. Sweet dreams become scary nightmares about a mysterious, malevolent monster lurking in the darkness.

The pool in its new location is filled with water while other little kids, ecstatic from waking to this wonderful surprise, joyfully wait to jump in. The children are every bit as cute and innocent as the original owners. The only difference lies in their lifeguards. Lounging in lawn chairs, they respond to those who ask about their sudden acquisition with the smug reply: "It was a steal."

Letters to the editor

Summer concert was 'wonderful'

To The Review:

I wanted to let the public know how wonderful the opening concert of our Tommy's Pond Summer Arts Festival turned out to be. Over 600 people enjoyed the talents of the Brio Wind Ensemble as they played the music of Copland, Sousa, Gershwin and Williams. Whole families were given the opportunity to hear classic American music performed by over 30 professional musicians.

An event of this magnitude takes a lot of work to put together. I wanted to take a moment to say "thank you" to the Musicians Trust Fund, the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission, the Metuchen Department of Recreation under the leadership of Nancy Goldberg, the Metuchen Department of Public Works, the Metuchen Borough Council and the Metuchen Cultural Arts Commission.

Finally, I wanted to say a special "thank you" to a very special Metuchenite, Edward Logue. Without his dedication and talent, this wonderful program would not have been possible. He was the inspiration for restarting the concerts at Tommy's Pond. Many of us grew up with Mr. Logue as he led the Metuchen High School marching bands, school concerts and orchestras for the spring musicals. For over 25 years, his guidance and hard work led to a vibrant music department of which we can all be proud and grateful. Mr. Logue is truly our "Mr. Holland" and the Tommy's Pond concert series is his opus to all of us.

Please join me in giving Mr. Logue a big round of applause. Better yet, join him at Tommy's Pond this summer for more wonderful music and theater.

DAVID G. KATZ
Chairman,

Metuchen Cultural Arts Commission

Internet session delighted children

To The Review:

School may be out for summer, but recently 58 borough youngsters (and their parents!) got driving lessons on the Information Superhighway in the Metuchen Public Library, participating in Take Your Children on the Internet Week.

Signing onto a computer provided by the library, hooked up to an Internet account provided by Castle Network and aided by volunteer Net Guides provided by Citizens for Quality Education, parent/child teams were taken on guided tours of the World Wide Web. The program and its activities were created by Women In Technology International, with many corporate sponsors.

Scavenger hunts had kids visiting the home page of a 6-year-old in Japan or touring the Louvre through the web museum, reading poetry and stories written by other children, or discovering facts about whales and sharks.

The interactive activity had children "voting" for president, and making their views known on the "Issue Du Jour." A virtual time capsule was also included in the activities, with children expressing their views about how technology affects all of our lives.

"Gee whiz" and "This is incredible" were the phrases heard over and over again while discoveries were made.

I want to express my enthusiastic thanks to Melody Kokola, director of the Metuchen library, the library staff, and to Castle Network for making the public access to this program possible.

Many thanks are also due to the volunteers who gave of their time to enable the children of this town to have this enriching experience.

RACHEL GOLD

President
Citizens for Quality Education
Metuchen

This letter was received via the Internet.

Town groups thanked for explosion help

To The Review:

The Salvation Army of New Jersey would like to recognize and thank the many generous volunteers who gave of their time and themselves to help with our relief efforts for the Shell Oil explosion in Woodbridge. Special thanks goes to the Edison Job Corps Center for joining our team of volunteers.

The Salvation Army was on the scene of the disaster for over 30 hours serving over 18,000 meals, snacks, and hot and cold drinks to the hundreds of firefighters, police officers and emergency workers.

Congratulations are in order to the firefighters and other emergency workers for a job well done! If not

for their expertise and cooperative effort, this extremely dangerous fire could have been much worse.

Many local businesses were also very generous in donating goods and services to help us meet this need. In particular the Salvation Army would like to recognize the following companies that donated food in mass quantities: Wakefern Food Corp. (ShopRite), Edison; Haagen-Dazs, Edison; Entenmann's, Edison; McDonald's.

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity and kindness!

Maj. JOSEPH DeMICHAEL
Divisional Commander, The Salvation Army
Union



Odds are she'll strike out with lightning

When I was a child, Mom thought she was calming my fears by telling me, "Lightning comes before the thunder, so if you hear the thunder, you know you're safe because lightning didn't hit you ..."

I mentally filled in the unspoken word, "yet," and for years wondered if the next rumble of thunder was to be the last one I would ever hear before the hand of God smote me with a lightning bolt.

I had a great-aunt who hid under the bed each time there was a storm, but I knew metal was a conductor and the beds in our house had steel bedsprings. I wouldn't be caught dead (you should excuse the expression) under a bed in a lightning storm. I opted for a closet (unless there was time to high-tail it into the next county).

Mom and Dad did not share my fears. In fact, they liked to sit on the porch watching the lightning until my hysterics finally forced them to go inside, shut windows, pull the shades and unplug the TV. (In our house we do not use the electricity or the plumbing if the storm is directly overhead.)

My father was skeptical of my terror until one year at our cabin in Maine, lightning burst out of the fuse box and arced between two metal chairs in the living room. Simultaneously, there was a thunderous crash outdoors and a huge pine tree split a neighbor's new motorboat virtually in half. I don't know who cried more — the neighbor or me. Dad was pretty shaken up, too.

Another time, a boy I dated was thrown to the ground as he stood near a flagpole at a school dance. I ran to him, and we stumbled to his car like two characters in a disaster film.

I know what you're thinking: A car is the safest place to be. Correction: A bunker 150 feet below the ground is the safest place to be. A car is only second-best, and if you're in my car, it may not be safe at all, because in another case of almost-fatal attraction, my car was hit by lightning.

Though I wasn't hurt, an unpleasant vibration coursed through my body and for the next week, the "little piggy that went wee-wee-wee all the way home" twitched for no apparent reason, and I couldn't wear anything but loose moccasins on my feet.

I also received a nasty little shock from my computer when I worked on the fourth floor of a building on Long Island. They told me it was poor grounding. I told anyone who would listen that lightning was out to get me.

There have been other incidents. The bottom line is, I seem to attract lightning.

My husband tried to ease my fears for 22 years. He finally convinced me the odds were 20 million to 1 that we were in any danger. I was actually able to sit through lightning storms without gripping my grandmother's rosary beads so tightly they left holes in my palms.

Of course, you can guess what happened next. Lightning hit the house last summer, destroyed the computer modem and caused \$3,000 worth of damage to the air conditioner.

While running from what I thought was certain death, I fell down a flight of stairs and spent the next day in mind-boggling pain. As I fell, I dropped my cat, which I had put into her carrier (to keep her safe, of course). The carrier flew across the room and hit the opposite wall. Luckily, a blanket cushioned the kitty, but now she's a nervous wreck during a storm, too. She paces and meows. I pace and whimper. Jim just sits and rolls his eyes a lot.

He has wisely decided to say no more about odds. He just watches me warily with a strange look on his face. Perhaps he's wondering why those 20 million-to-1 odds never work in my favor when we visit Atlantic City.

Fire department handled task, reassured family

To The Review:

We would like to thank the Edison Fire Department Clara Barton station who responded to a call at our home July 3.

These are certainly trained pro-

fessionals who handled the task at hand plus the emotional needs of our family, reassuring and guiding us through a difficult experience.

WADE, SUSAN, KYLE
and KELSEY MAHAN
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Man allegedly cultivates marijuana

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Frank Martinez, 29, of Plainfield Avenue, was charged with cultivation of marijuana 8:32 p.m. Tuesday, police said.

Mr. Martinez has allegedly been growing marijuana plants in flower pots in the back yard of a Player Avenue residence. When police spotted the plants, they asked the occupant whom they belonged to. The occupant referred police to his brother, Mr. Martinez.

Mr. Martinez admitted the plants were his and also admitted to growing several additional plants, found near Lakeview Boulevard, police said.

A woman reported being robbed and assaulted by her ex-boyfriend at her Merrywood Drive residence 9 a.m. Tuesday, police said.

The victim told police her ex-boyfriend came to her front door to discuss their recently terminated relationship, but the victim refused to let him in. Instead, the two proceeded to have a conversation through a second-story kitchen window while the suspect stood outside.

The conversation was eventually interrupted by a telephone call, during which the suspect managed to get inside the residence. An argument ensued before the suspect allegedly slapped the victim, threw her to the bed and began punching her in the leg.

The suspect allegedly proceeded to remove a diamond ring, bracelets and necklaces from the victim's body before ransacking her dresser drawers, damaging two doors in the process.

The suspect, a 23-year-old Newark resident, then fled the area. He took jewelry worth more than \$5,000 with him, the victim told police.

Warrants have been sent to Newark police, township police said.

The victim showed no bruises and refused medical attention, police said.

Two trailers, two tractors and a snow plow, totaling \$38,300, were reportedly stolen from the yard of Control Environmental Services on New Durham Road last weekend, police said.

Employees discovered a front gate, locked when the business closed 7:30 p.m. Friday, unlocked when the business opened Monday morning. The building itself was not broken into.

A manager told police he believes some employees, both current and former, were responsible for the theft. The manager said he will provide police a list of names, police said.

A 1992 BMW valued at \$18,000 was reportedly stolen from Fox Road between 4 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, police said. The owner said the vehicle was locked and the alarm set.

Assorted women's clothing worth \$6,000 was reportedly stolen from a vehicle parked at Menlo Park Mall between 7:55 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Tuesday, police said. Burglars apparently used unknown tools to unlock the vehicle, a 1984 white Ford van, which showed no signs of damage nor any forced entry, police said.

A stolen backhoe worth \$80,000 was recovered behind Campus Plaza 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, police said. The backhoe, belonging to Public Service Electric & Gas Co., was reported stolen April 24.

Eugene Thomas, 30, of Trenton was charged with criminal mischief after allegedly kicking a vehicle at Meadow Road at 3:30 p.m. Monday, police said.

The victim said the incident occurred after he swerved to avoid hitting Mr. Thomas, who was in the middle of the road pushing a shopping cart of aluminum cans. An angry Mr. Thomas allegedly began kicking the victim's driver-side door, causing \$500 of damage, the victim told police.

A 19-year-old man reported being threatened by three youths carrying knives and baseball bats at Plainfield Avenue 11:45 p.m. Monday, police said.

The victim told police he was walking along Plainfield Avenue when the three youths exited a 1988 black Ford Escort and threatened to kill the victim in retaliation for a recent incident in Perth Amboy. The victim told police he believed the suspects were referring to a recent drug deal he witnessed that included a robbery.

The victim was eventually chased toward Riverside Way, where he was aided by his girlfriend's father. After a verbal exchange, the suspects then fled the area.

The suspects are described as between ages 17-20, one of whom was wearing a bandana, a white tanktop T-shirt and blue shorts.

Donald J. Minckler, 29, of Gater, Pa., was charged with possession of less than 50 grams of a controlled

Police log

dangerous substance on Parsonage Road 2:30 a.m. Tuesday, police said.

Mr. Minckler was reportedly sleeping inside a U-Haul vehicle in the rear of Firestone when police awakened him. Police said they detected a strong odor of alcohol on Mr. Minckler and examined him for drugs. Mr. Minckler was allegedly carrying several marijuana cigarettes, police said.

A compact disc player and nine compact discs, totaling \$401, were reportedly stolen from a 1989 Hyundai at Tech Transmissions on Route 280 North between 5:30 p.m. July 3 and 7:45 a.m. Monday, police said. The vehicle's rear driver-side window was smashed. Damage is estimated at \$500.

Various clothes and cash totaling \$2,000 were reportedly stolen from a Raritan Inn hotel room 11:45 a.m. Friday, police said.

After the incident, the victim discovered his wife, with whom he was sharing the room, had checked out one hour earlier. The victim believes his wife, a 31-year-old Highland Park resident, was responsible for the theft. The couple is separated.

A Perth Amboy woman reported being assaulted while driving her car at May Street and King Georges Post Road 1:45 p.m. Friday, police said.

The victim told police she was arguing with the suspect, who was sitting in the passenger seat, when he allegedly grabbed the steering wheel and veered the car off the road, striking a curb and disabling the vehicle in the process, police said.

The suspect allegedly began striking the victim about the face, head and chest. The victim managed to exit the vehicle to look for help, while the suspect attempted to start the ignition. After several failed attempts, the suspect eventually fled the scene.

The victim, who refused medical attention, told police she will sign a complaint against the suspect, described as an African-American man, 23 years old, 6 feet, 2 inches tall and weighing 180 pounds.

A 1991 Ford Aerostar valued at \$15,000 was reportedly stolen from Glenn Terrace at about 11 a.m. July 3, police said.

Gregory Koblenz, 24, of Lynwood Road, was charged with possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and unlawful possession of chemical inhalants at Mill Road and Kenlen Drive 2:45 a.m. July 3, police said.

After Mr. Koblenz was pulled over, allegedly for erratic driving, he appeared extremely nervous, police said. When police began to ask questions, Mr. Koblenz reportedly admitted to carrying rolling papers, nitrous oxide, a balloon and an inhaling tube. Mr. Koblenz told police the tube and balloon were used for inhaling the nitrous oxide, police said.

Jay Heckelmann, 18, of Truman Drive, was arrested on three unlawful possession of weapons charges 1 p.m. Tuesday, police said.

Mr. Heckelmann was allegedly selling weapons from a vehicle at East Side Avenue and Magnolia

Street. When police investigated the scene, they reportedly found a shotgun, switchblade and dagger in Mr. Heckelmann's vehicle, police said.

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Metuchen Police caught a vandal seeking medical treatment for cuts at JFK Hospital after breaking a large glass window at Transform Limited on Central Avenue 9:20 a.m. Saturday, according to reports.

Lt. Stewart Novick said Stephen Otrbea, 37, of New Brunswick allegedly threw a cinder block through the glass window, shattering its glass and cutting himself.

Mr. Otrbea allegedly threw the cinder block because he was intoxicated, Lt. Novick said.

The suspect was released on \$1,000 bail.

A man described by police as a "traffic ticket deadbeat" with 16 unpaid motor vehicle tickets from Metuchen charged with driving while intoxicated and leaving the scene of an accident 5:01 p.m. July 4, police reported.

Police said they spotted Edison resident Gary Hubbard's 1985 Buick parked near N.J.'s Tavern on Main Street. With a blue 1995 inspection sticker and an old red rejection tag, the car matched the description of the vehicle allegedly seen leaving an accident the day before, police said.

Police said Mr. Hubbard, 46, got into his car and drove up Main Street, allegedly weaving over the double lines, before police pulled him over, police said.

When he was pulled over, police said, Mr. Hubbard at first allegedly gave them an invalid driver license and registration. Police then asked Mr. Hubbard for a valid registration, which he produced, but he was unable to produce a valid insurance card.

The suspect was then asked to take field sobriety tests before being arrested for driving while intoxicated. Police said a check of Mr. Hubbard's driving record showed he was also wanted on two warrants from South Plainfield and one from Woodbridge. He also had an outstanding traffic ticket from Edison, police said.

Mr. Hubbard was also charged by Metuchen police with driving an uninsured motor vehicle and careless driving, police said.

He was taken to the Middlesex County Adult Correctional Center and held on \$6,500 bail with no 10 percent option.

An 18-year-old Westinghouse Street resident admitted to stealing his neighbor's 1988 BMW Sunday, police said.

Lt. Stewart Novick said witnesses told police that Nathan Riggins stole the car. Police later spotted Mr. Riggins as a passenger in another vehicle, which they stopped to question the suspect, police said.

Mr. Riggins admitted he had the car stored in Menlo Park.

Brian P. McGovern, 34, of Old Bridge was charged with defiant trespass, violation of a restraining order, and possession of an unlawful weapon after a 12:55 a.m. July 6 incident at the Redfield Village on Amboy Avenue, police said.

Lt. Stewart Novick said Mr. McGovern was allegedly talking a woman and had a large knife when he was arrested.

Lt. Novick said the suspect is being held without bail at the Middlesex County Adult Correctional Center.

Two burglars who robbed a Middlesex Avenue residence were caught by Carteret Police Saturday, police reported.

Lt. Stewart Novick said 39-year-olds John Massaro and Donna Barron, who were staying in a Woodbridge hotel, were arrested by Carteret Police in Carteret on other charges.

Lt. Novick said the Metuchen residence was allegedly burglarized by the two suspects, who were later identified by a witness June 28. He said the witness saw the pair driving a pickup truck and dump jewelry boxes into a Dumpster in the vicinity of the First Union bank, police said.

The pair allegedly stole the jewelry from the boxes before they were dumped.

Lt. Novick said police were able to identify the two suspects from the witness' description after the Carteret arrests last week.

According to Metuchen police, Mr. Massaro was being held last week on \$20,000 bail and Ms. Barron on \$5,000 with no 10 percent at Carteret Police headquarters.

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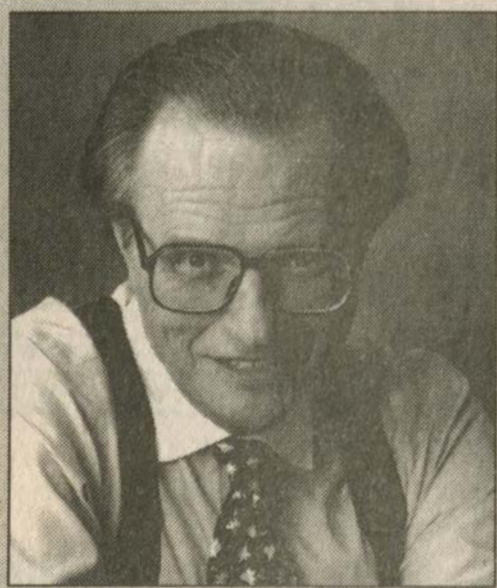
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For information on events, call Lenoir Stewart at 548-9474.

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 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.

For more information or reservations for trips, 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 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.

Top students listed

EDISON — Edison High School has issued lists of students named to the "All A" honor roll and students with perfect attendance during the 1995-96 school year.

Named to the "All A" honor roll for at least one marking period:

- Grade 12** — Adam Cetnerowski, Ji Young Chang, Anjali Chelliah, Jennifer Gerhart, Devika Gupta, Deepak Jain, Jessica Kraft, Corine Lenart, Tanya Michael, Robert Muscarella, Julie Parsons, David Peters Jr., Brian Romeo, Rashmi Shetgiri, Shannon Thomas, Sharon Toscano and Laura Urbanski.
- Grade 11** — Rajesh Chopdekar, Carla Cirilli, Michael Dzopek, Magdalena Gzabaj, Anthony Kalogridis, Nikul Patel, Yarita Pou, Margaret Ratner and Ritu Sharma.
- Grade 10** — Eugena Altuchova, Daniel Curto, Mohammed Faraz Ellahi, Pamela Gulick, Michele Hickey, Nasreen Iqbal, Sara Kim, Song Kim, Yoon Ok Lee, Princy Mathew, Erin McGotty, Erin Mickelwaite, Priya Prohalad, Randal Ransom, Niti Tank, Penumetsa Venkata Varma and Heather Ziolkowski.
- Grade 9** — Anuradha Ananthakrishnan, Huma Aslam, Syed Bakhari, Lisa Deak, Janusz Dutkowski, Glenda Heishman, Patricia

Ho, Eugene Kozhukalo, Dong Hec Lee, Jenna Leschek, Jessica McDonnell, John Niesz, Carolyn Piesen, Lauren Snyder, Gokul Soundararajan and Xiao Ying (Sheila) Wang.

Recording perfect attendance for the school year:

- Grade 12** — Danny Alexander, Dana Ciobanu, Eva Gawlikowski and Aniruddh Patel.
- Grade 11** — Rajesh Chopdekar, Michael Normant, Dolly Patel, Rachita Sharma and Vincent Yan.
- Grade 10** — Carlos Catalusci, Steven Galtes, Daniel Kuo, Idris Lajide, Elizabeth Mantey, Mahendra Patel, Monal Patel, Gabriel Ramos, Bonnie Rock, Elizabeth Sivertsen and Phillip Vazquez.
- Grade 9** — Anuradha Ananthakrishnan, Syed Bokhari, Rachel (Yun Jung) Chae, Nella Davies, Bernard Eng, Kerry Englert, Udochukwu Juachi Ezeala, Ian Fenkel, Kimberly Iseman, Dong Jin Kim, Eugene Kozhukalo, Derrick Liu, Emaan Mahmood, Chirag Subodh Modi, Hetal Patel, Jay Patel, Lydia Rajsz, Elvis Emelio Ranger, Darrin Saldanha, Nishita Shah, Latasha Teemer, Latoya Teemer, Denise Underwood, Kevin Verduci, Xiao Ying (Sheila) Wang and Lisa Yeung.

Ship sets sail for Olympics

Policeman joins security force

By VERA CARLEY

THE REVIEW

EDISON — This summer Edison Police Officer Jiles Ship traded in his normal blue uniform for an Olympic uniform of khaki pants and a beige jacket.

The veteran of the Edison police force is in Georgia training as one of the 1,000 security personnel for the 1996 summer Olympics, which begins July 19.

"It's a phenomenal opportunity," Officer Ship said.

The officer said the Olympics will offer him valuable training in the large event management.

"This is the largest event in the world and just to be part of that is a great opportunity," he said.

Officer Ship added he is enthusiastic because apart from the skills he will learn, he will also be part of the Olympic games. With the excitement that surrounds the historic sporting event also comes worldwide attention and the possibility of terrorism.

"I am not worried about it, but it does raise a concern," Officer Ship said. "I am going to be as cautious as possible."

Officer Ship said Olympic security will work with the FBI, CIA, Secret Service, U.S. Army, Georgia Bureau of Investigation and Atlanta Police Department.

Officer Ship competed with more than 60,000 police officers from around the world to join the

first international volunteer security force in the history of the Olympic Games. He was chosen after completing a 10-page written application, which Mr. Ship compared to the paperwork needed to become a police officer, and being interviewed in Atlanta.

Mr. Ship believes he was chosen because of his background in the Edison Community Policing Unit and the Emergency Response Team, as well as his community service with township youth organizations.

"They try to lean toward people who get along with other people," Mr. Ship added.

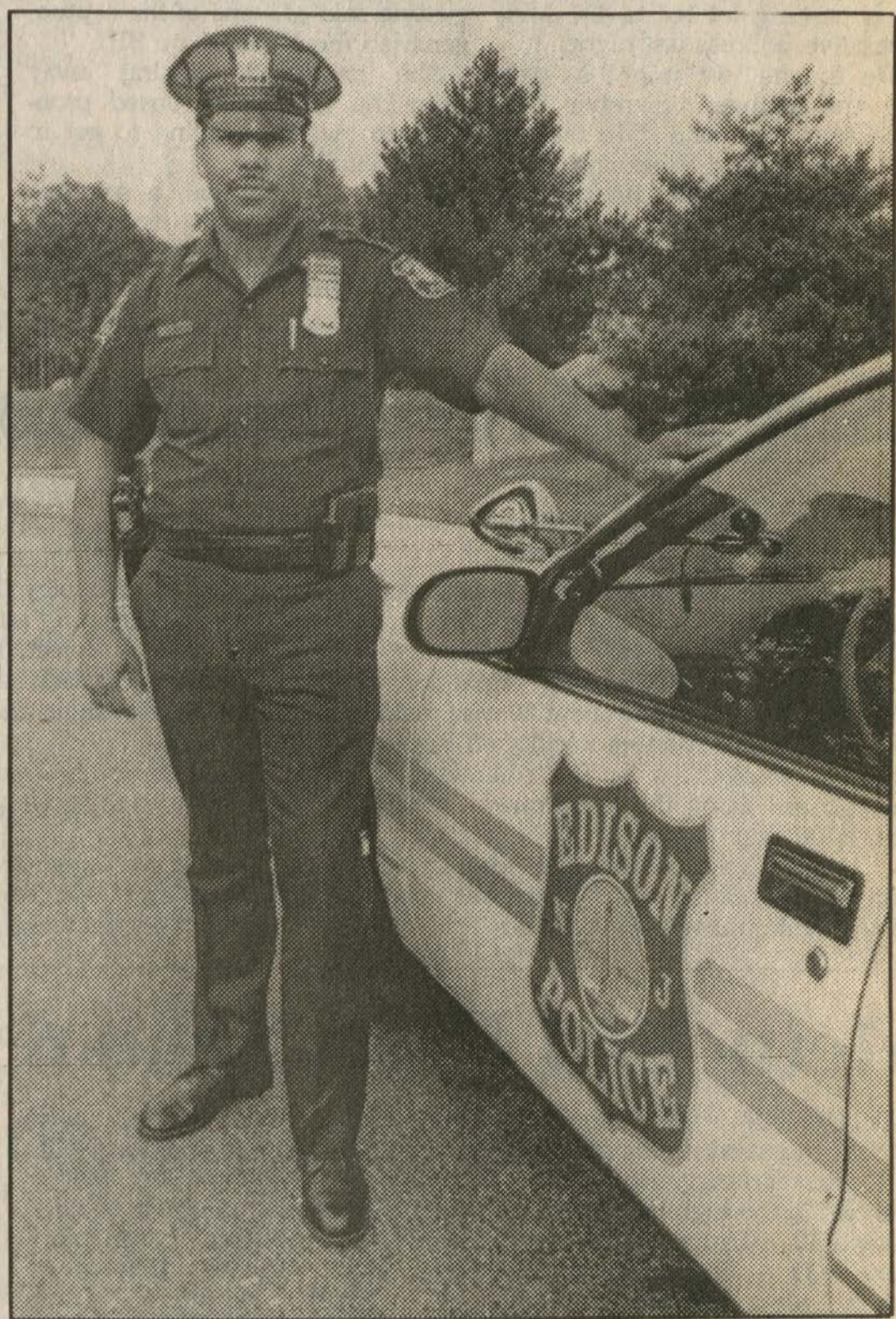
Because he gets along with so many people, Mr. Ship has been inundated with requests for mementos from the games.

He said the whole police department seems to have asked him to bring them something.

"A lot of guys want shirts and sweatshirts and different memorabilia with the Atlanta insignia on it," he said.

However, with only four days off during the 16 days of the Olympics, Mr. Ship said he wasn't making any promises.

He did offer his thanks to those who helped send him on his way to the games. Holmes Protection of New Jersey in Edison picked up the tab for the cost of his air flight, while the Atlanta Committee of Olympic Games will pay for his room and board.



JILES SHIP

MELISSA KLAVER/THE REVIEW

J.P. Stevens lists its honor roll students

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

Named to the "All A" honor roll:

Grade 12 — Sarah Braverman, Wendy Capria, Sharen A. Galabi, Gabriella Kaplan, Malay Patel, Manay Patel, George Patounakis and Clara Jean Reid.

Grade 11 — Rex Sung-Run Chung, Ge (Greta) Gao, Sapna R. Gurnani, Chien Han Huang, Pei-Lin Hung, Mina Kim, Young Hoon Kim, Stephanie Kirsch, Amit D. Malhotra, Niyanta Patel, Catherine Payulert, Irene Sheng, Jacqueline Toth and Maria Tsang.

Grade 10 — Daniel Babich, Jeffrey Braverman, Michael Elzahr, Maliha Farooq, Stephen Healey, Lin-Yuan Hsu, Kathy Hwang, Mustafa Khan, Jerry Lai, Kenneth Lam, Meredith Latham, Anju Malhotra, Amy Mozin, Joseph Pandolfo, Jigar K. Patel, Eilyn Poltrock, Maulin Shah, Andrew Shapiro, Jeff Thompson and Windy Wang.

Grade 9 — Elana Bernstein, Gladys Chang, Jennifer Chen, Kenneth Cheung, Sergio Fossa, Julia Fu, Jiyoun Im, Neelima Kanagala, Steven Kaye, Jason Keller, Babar Khokhar, Ji Eun Kim, Jennifer Last, Diana Lee, Henry Lee, Rohan Nirody, Avkash Patel, Radhika K. Patel, Soniya Sapre, Laura S. Sherman, Archana Singh, Smrita Sinha, Yiming (Derek) Tian, Clark Wen and Daniel Yahya.

Named to the "A/B" honor roll:

Grade 12 — Carly Berger, Brad Bishop, Samantha Bodak, Nicole Brown, Christopher Caliendo, Andrea Carroccio, Christine Choy, Melissa Crombet, Peter Ives Eskow, Amber Esters, Jaime Fong, Sylvia Fonseca, Salvio Fossa, Eric Fox, Sarah L. Fu, Marina Ganopolsky, Kevin Holzman, Yung Kuan Huang, Herbert Hung, Li-Tun (Lisa) Hung, Amit Jagwani, Andrew D. Jakobowski, Kathryn Kilar, Elizabeth Hyun Kim, Joshua Krongold, Thomas Lee, Randi Levine, Theresa Lim, Catherine Liu, Tamara Mahr, Christopher Malabanar, Brian McCarthy, Michal Monasterski, Mohammad-Ali Mousavi, Bhavana A. Patel, Dhiren Patel, Gaurang Patel, Anthony Pulido, Marina Z. Rips, Julie Sardone,

Stephanie Servetz, Falguni K. Shah, Geoffrey M. Shields, Akshat Tewary, Tihara Thomas, Pamela Traisak, Catherine M. Turquio, Theodore Uriton, Stacy Wolff, Charles Wong, Aaron Wyse and Qi Hua (Joe) Ye.

Grade 11 — Sonia Ahluwalia, Sadia Ahmed, Pamela Aurilio, Michael Benjamins, Lori Bjornstad, Monique Brewer, Deirdra Buonauro, Timothy Carney, Nidhi Chadda, Joseph Chang, Hae Eun (Debbi) Cho, Jason Cuttler, Amanda Delehey, Ryan Deutchman, Maria C. Doligos, Gwenith Dorfman, Olga Duchenko, Alaina Fecci, Nancy Finkel, Jason Frey, Lukasz Furdal, Carin Geisz, Jill Gelade, Lewis E. Gershen, Manju Goyal, Victoria Grankin, Asif Halim, Pei-Hua Hung, Wan-Tang (Wendy) Hung, Yusuf Hussain, Regina Johnson, Manav Kashyap, Hetal Kava, Mikhail Khalamayzer, Hina Khan, Adriane Kilar, Peter Kim, Rajinder Kumar, Vaibhav Kumar, Peter Kunz, Michael A. Lacko, Gregg Ladislav, Kathryn Larson, S. Leavitt-Gruberger, Caroline Sujeon Lee, Daniel K. Lee, Tara-Ann Lee, Lori Libes, Marvin Lin, Alison Linder, Yi-Hui (Yvette) Liu, Elana Loewenthal, Stephen Luk, Neha Madhok, Yuiko Majima, Brian Massey, Corey McKiernan, Lorenzo Miceli, Kaajal Amrit Mistry, Yasmin Motani, Gus Kyu-Yong Oh, Sophia Ojha, Lauren Ortiz, Suyash Paliwal, Mavis Pan, Hiten B. Pandya, Toral Parekh, Binta Patel, Birju J. Patel, Dhvani Patel, Hemaxi K. Patel, Kapil Patel, Sandip Patel, Sejal J. Patel, Tejal C. Patel, Elizabeth Pedersen, Daniel Perrone, Seema Prasanakumar, Sean Quigley, Peter Risko, Michelle Sadlowski, Asmita Savalia, Susan Schmelzer, Matthew Semel, Krunal Shah, Pranav M. Shah, Samir Shah, Jarrod Shaw, Joshua I. Sherman, Jalpa Shukla, Abhishek Singh, Ramanjit Singh, Sunita Singh, Vikram Singh, Mitchell Stein, Michael Storch, Pei-Shin Su, Kathleen Sutkowski, Chan Woong Tae, Kimberlee Turko, Regina Usvjat, Justin Vadaparampil, Adrian Vazquez, Christopher Victorino, Thomas Vidnansky, Hetal Vyas, Ernest Wang, Philip Wang, Svetlana A. Yablok, Debbie Yoon, John

Zazzali, Elias Zeinoun and Hua (Peter) Zheng.

Grade 10 — Laura Adornetto, Debra Alban, Amit Amin, Ravdeep Anand, Erica Bess, Lisa Bess, Purvi Bhagat, Michael Blaustein, Jaydeep Bodas, Eric Bogard, Kristen Bonanni, Alexandre Boulatov, Jason Brauth, David Braverman, Tahira Britton, Michele Bruder, Max Caponegro, So Miu Chan, Mamta Chauhan, Christine Chen, Yilun (Allan) Chen, Jo Lan Cheng, Matthew Coelho, Lara Crifo, Ronald Darnowski, Lisa DeMartini, Aparna Desai, Marcie Dessewffy, Sumeer Dewan, Kevin Dondarski, Monica Dytko, Lauren Elwood, Ami Ferlicchi, Julia Forte, Nicole Freedman, Randi Freedman, Joseph Gallo, Koli Gangopadhyay, Runa Ganguly, Adam Garnys, Stella Geller, Malikah Goss, Bhawna Gupta, Zaheda Haidri, Adam Horowitz, Ashvin Jaishankar, Vishal Jhaveri, Taral M. Jobanputra, Reshma Kamdar, Raj Kaneriya, Larry Kasoff, Christina Kim, David Kim, T. Kottaachchi, Janice Kuo, Chi Kit (Felix) Lai, Yekaterina Lapko, Elyse Lazaruk, Nicole Lecky, Jason Lee, Jason Lee, Joseph M. Lee, Ming-Huei Lee, Douglas Levine, Adam Levy, Richard Lo, Seth Lonsk, Bina Manianar, Puja Mayani, Jill Mesonas, Melinda Miller, Janine Mintz, Jaclyn Moleta, Myra I. Mufti, Juel Murawski, Monica Mutreja, Edward Ok, Marta Olszewska, Kathleen Orin, Angela Park, Alpesh S. Patel, Bharti Patel, Bhumangini Patel, Hiral Patel, Hiral H. Patel, Ketula Patel, Ketulbhai G. Patel, Palak Patel, Regal Patel, Seema Patel, Trunkumar Patel, Vipul Kumar Patel, Leah PePOSE, Albert Pulido, Sheena Raja, Avani Rana, Ganesh Rao, Swathi Reddy, Tiffany Reid, Lesley Richardson, Lisa Robak, Karen Ann Rossi, Joanna K. Ruszala, Daniel P. Salimbene, Dhruvi Savalia, Vaishali Sawant, Matthew Seidner, Shivani Bharat Shah, Fariha Sheikh, Alison Shein, Woei-Tyng Singh, Harlin Kaur Singh, Anjali Sinha, Mohit Sood, Venkat Srinivas, Smita Srinivasan, Scott Tarazevits, Seema Tevar, Kishin Thadani, Kelly Tyrrell, Kristine Victorino, Amir Vonsover, Xiaoyang Wang, Richard Wieggers,

Pamela (PJ) Wiesner, Alan Wingegarden, Jennifer Woerner, Pamela Wong, Xiang-Zhong Yuen and Adam Zirulnik.

Grade 9 — Frank Alfieri, Manisha Amin, Pranav Amin, Anna Angert, Sujatha Bachu, Paula Bandyopadhyay, Jessica Bloom, P. Bolisetty, Leigh Carrick, Sophia Y.E. Chae, Lauren Chait, Michael B. Chan, Eunice Chang, Hyung-Young Chang, Kyung-Min Chang, Suk Won Chang, Ankur Chawla, Christopher Cheung, Sarah Chin, Nahyun Cho, Mi Ran Choi, Monika Chokshi, Punit Dadlani, Priti Dalal, Alicia Daquila, Gaurav Dave, Elana Davidian, Jennifer Defren, Josko Deletis, Meeta Dhebaria, Suzanne Diehm, Jason Divock, Ameera Doshi, Amit Doshi, Aaron Drenberg, Francis Dy, Justin Feintuch, Charles Finkel, Todd Gallet, Lee B. Goldblatt, Jennifer Grant, Beth Grossman, Jarred Grossman, Ankur Gupta, Murteza Haidri, Dana Honcharuk, Joshua S. Horwitz, Chieh E. Huang, Shellyn Huang, Yao-Hsuan Huang, Sirisha Kalavapalli, Tracey Kanar, Suruchi Kapoor, Eun Jung Kim, Tae Won Kim, Matthew Kleiman, Gary Kleyman, Kimberly Koval, Albert Lai, Ada Yuen Man Lam, Oliver Lester, Thomas Lim, William Lim, Alan Lin, Jessica Ling, Jeffrey Ludwin, Wendy Macotela, Rehman Madraswala, Amit Malhotra, Joseph Masters, Jennifer Mathias, Anandamayi Mistry, Gerianne Monteiro, Kyung Eun Moon, Preetham K. Nanda, Jerry Natale, Alpa Patel, Amrith Patel, Ankitkumar Patel, Disha Patel, Kandarp Patel, Meghavi Patel, Milan Patel, Nirali Patel, Rajan Patel, Shruti Patel, Trupti Patel, Vaishali Patel, Thomas A. Pipala, Jennifer Quilgan, Daryl Reisfeld, Varun Nath Renjen, Julie Rice, Arup Saha, Patrick Santiago, Lauren Saraiva, Lauren Sardone, Edward Schwalje, Todd Sekuler, Hetal Shah, Shua Shaikh, Suzie Shin, Alicia Simmons, Ashish Sinha, Neil Sinha, Jana Siperstein, Sheetal Sudigala, Kung (Leon) Sung, Daniel R. Tharp, Alfred Wong, Andrew Yakovlev, Larry Yam, Bun Hong Youn and Michael Zirulnik.

Irish famine group elects Barker

Charles A. Barker of Metuchen has been elected secretary of the Irish Famine Curriculum Foundation. He will be involved with the administrative and public relations activities of the foundation.

Mr. Barker is active in many Irish American organizations, including the Irish American Unity Committee, Irish Northern Aid, the Irish Festival Committee and the Tara Association.

The Irish Famine Curriculum Foundation is a non-profit organization established to promote and financially support Irish Famine education in schools.

The foundation is supporting the efforts of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and other Irish American organizations to introduce this curriculum to education on the 150th anniversary of this tragic event, which resulted in the death of more than two million

Irish men and women to starvation and disease and the forced emigration of countless others.

New Jersey is the first state to have an Irish Famine Curriculum to be taught in the 1996-97 school year. One of the purposes of the foundation is to raise money to provide two books and an Irish video to all public, private and parochial schools, as supplementary material, to assist in teaching the famine curriculum.

Officers and directors of the Irish Famine Curriculum Foundation include Irish actors Liam Neeson and Gabriel Byrne, honorary directors; Helen McClellan and James Mullin, trustees; Helen Foley, president; Michael Palazzotto, treasurer; and Monsignor Kevin Flanagan, Liam O'Keefe, Mary O'Malley and John Tague, directors.

Baguet honored for science work

EDISON — Joyler Baguet has been named the outstanding earth science student for the 1995-96 school year at Thomas Jefferson Middle School.

He received the honor June 18 during the eighth-grade celebration ceremony. Earth science includes field work in geology, meteorology, oceanography and astronomy, plus classroom study and laboratory work.

BIL seeks variance to add parking lot

By VERA CARLEY

THE REVIEW

METUCHEN — The Borough Improvement League (BIL) is looking to make some parking improvements to its Middlesex Avenue property.

The BIL was scheduled to ask the zoning board for a variance to add a parking lot to its 491 Middlesex Ave. address last night.

"We thought we might as well take the plunge," member Florence Augustine said. "We feel we must face modern times and modern needs. We don't use a horse and buggy anymore."

Ms. Augustine explained the BIL used the Masonic Temple parking

lot until the number of activities the temple held increased. Unable to avoid scheduling conflicts with the temple and worried about the danger of walking across from available parking on the other side of busy Middlesex Avenue, the BIL needs parking spaces.

"They are not able to walk as sprightly as they used to," Ms. Augustine said of some of the septuagenarian members of the BIL.

She explained parking away from the temple lot posed problems to members trying to get to the BIL building.

Under the proposal, a one-way driveway would circle around the perimeter of the BIL, with parking spaces located off it.

Several saplings behind the BIL would be uprooted for the project, along with a turn-of-the-century tree. Ms. Augustine said the tree is a detriment to the BIL building because its roots have grown underneath the house, which does not have a complete foundation.

"It's too important a structure to be careless with," she said.

To commemorate the tree and raise some money for the parking lot, the BIL is considering making wooden plaques from its trunk. Ms. Augustine said the plaques would "perpetuate its memory."

"It would be something like they did when they cut down the Joyce Kilmer tree," she said. Uncertain about the final cost of

building the lot, Ms. Augustine said the BIL might try other fundraisers.

The BIL building was built in 1805 and used as a school house, Ms. Augustine said. The Old Franklin School then became a school and meeting house, before the school district grew out of it. In the 1900s it became the property of the BIL, a women's foundation league.

In its tiny rooms, the BIL has held military personnel in World War I as a headquarters and as an entertainment place for World War II soldiers heading off to battle.

BIL President Lenore Stewart was not available for comment.

Campus notes

Judy Marie Ford, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ford of Edison, has been named the 1996 spring term dean's list at William Woods University, Fulton, Mo.

Carrie Crippen of Edison, a graduate student in the Fairleigh Dickinson University master of business administration program, recently completed a two-week graduate seminar in international business at the British campus, Wroxton College, in which she also was a participant.

Leon Gagliardo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Battista R. Gagliardo of Edison, received a bachelor's degree in marketing from Messiah College, Grantham, Pa. He is a 1992 Edison High School graduate.

John Alexander Hinds of Edison was named to the 1996 spring semester dean's list at Louisiana State University where he is a student in the College of Business Administration.

Kimberly Ann Stepnowski of Edison was named to the 1996 spring semester dean's list at Morehead (Ky.) State University.

Hockwing Wong of Edison was graduated from the Middlesex County College Center for International Education.

Kathleen E. Perka of Edison was named to the 1996 spring semester dean's list at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa.

Dean Robert Maglione of Edison, Class of 1996, was inducted into the Alpha chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, at the Newark campus of Rutgers University.

Shefali Anupkumar Gandhi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anupkumar Gandhi of Edison, has been elected into the Phi Beta Kappa honor society at Vanderbilt University where she is a senior majoring in German. She is a 1993 J.P. Stevens High School graduate.

Wendy Rosar of Edison received

a nursing diploma from the Charles E. Gregory School of Nursing of Raritan Bay Medical Center and also received an award for the Highest Academic Achievement by a Career Ladder Student.

Heather Chigas of Edison was named to the 1996 spring semester dean's list at Emerson College in Boston.

Joseph E. Donnelly of Edison, son of Joan Donnelly, received a bachelor of science degree in biomedical technology from Norwich (Vt.) University.

Michael Stergio, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Stergio of Metuchen, received a bachelor's degree in psychology from St. Bonaventure (N.Y.) University.

Melinda S. Levinson, daughter of Ed and Susan Levinson of Metuchen, received a bachelor's degree from Northwestern University's Robert R. McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science. She was a member of the Society of Women Engineers, Northwestern University Marching Band, outreach vice president of B'nai B'rith Hillel, and held chairmanships in Chi Omega sorority and was a member of Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity. She is a Metuchen High School graduate.

Heather Ann Dennis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Dennis of Edison, was named to the 1996 spring semester president's list at Elon (N.C.) College.

Jennifer Marie Leone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Leone of Edison, was named to the 1996 spring semester dean's list at Elon (N.C.) College.

Molly Churton of Metuchen received a degree in performing arts from Emerson College in Boston.

Elaine Diegmann of Edison received a nursing doctor degree from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

Supporters discuss options for greenway

By VERA CARLEY

THE REVIEW

Supporters of a proposed greenway stretching from Fords to Metuchen gathered to discuss their designs for the open space.

The Middlesex Greenway Coalition met Wednesday night with about 30 area residents at the PSE&G Training Facility off Route 1 to discuss possibilities for the greenway, which would run along the abandoned Conrail Lehigh Valley property.

"It was a good get-together," coalition President Bob Takash said. "There was good dialogue and quite a few good ideas."

One of those ideas is to have two separate paths along the greenway, providing a road for walkers and joggers and another for inline skaters and bicyclists. Some supporters thought landscaping and buffering should be added to the project, he said, while others suggested a few park benches, identifying the greenway with signs and adding stretch areas for runners.

Residents also had questions about parking and access to the greenway, as well as general safety.

"Having an active trail actually helps (increase safety)," Mr. Takash said. "It's a good thing that everyone watches out for."

He said some of the residents brought ideas to the meeting from other greenways they had visited. Some said they will now visit other linear open spaces to see what the Middlesex Greenway will look like.

Mr. Takash said these meetings get imaginations working and creative ideas on the floor.

"If you are going to plan, you don't want to do it only one way," he said. "We want to accommodate the people and make sure it fits into the community's characteristics."

The next meeting will be held at the PSE&G Training Facility on Pierson Avenue and Route 1 North 6:30-8 p.m. Aug. 7.

Metuchen High School announces honor roll

METUCHEN — Metuchen High School has issued its honor roll for the fourth marking period.

Named to the high honor roll:

Grade 12 — Laura Montgomery.

Grade 11 — Daniel Crown, Vincent DeAndrea, Michael Gurzo, Serene Horng, Rachael Lorch and Christopher Piekarski.

Grade 10 — Daniel Clarkson, Loren Dobkin, Agnes Grochowalski, Jason Pack, David Stein, Carrie Stevens, Sarah West and Sara Zizniewski.

Grade 9 — Richard Cegelski, Rose Guglielmelli, Quyen Bao Phan, Michael Pontoriero, Benjamin Spector and Jacquelyn Strycker.

Grade 8 — Beth Baralecki, Jamie Erickson, Edmond Fu, Lee Ann Gudorp, Kathy Latham, Melissa Piegario and Marissa Sanfilippo.

Named to the honor roll:

Grade 12 — Stephen Baumgardner, Hale Berk, Rebecca Blejwas, Vincent Bordieri, Elvin Chang, Connie Chi, Jason Cohen, Jonathan Cohen, Andrew Corcione, Erin Domangue, Jennifer Dowd, Tiffany Ellis, Eric Flaherty, Marcie Geisler, Jennifer Hacker, Bryan

Haulenbeek, Javier Jimenez, Josie Locke, Lauren Lombardo, Nolita Lontoc, Dana Manzo, Eric Matlin, Todd Meierhaus, Jennifer Middlebrook, Carey Milano, Alison Moriarty, Marci Moseley, Jack Muratore, Adam Newmark, Laura Poandl, Janelle Pocknett, Brett Randall, Jessica Rush, Melissa Savage, Ronald Sia, Danielle Stevens, Michael Sucena, Tara Tolley, Natasha Von Lenski, Asim Warsi, Aurelia Watson and Hugh Young.

Grade 11 — Marwa Abdelbary, April Alderiso, Thomas Blancett, Rosalind Brooks, Amy Buhoski, Kathleen Casey, Jason Chang, Shelley Chi, Eric Colvin, Ushtavaty Davar, Thomas Deasy, Theresa DeGuzman, Christopher Diken, Scott Dopart, Justin Drum, Kimberly Duvall, Liza Fanelli, Elysa Goldberg, David Greene, Deborah Helfman, Hue Hoang, John Hunt, Sharon Jacob, Jennifer Kubiak, Megan Magee, Dennis Mahoney, Kimberly Mandras, Mary Moore, Daniel Moss, Elijah Nadell, Payal Pandya, Nadya Pivovarov, Brian Powell, Brenda Rogers, Tyrone Ross, Elizabeth Rutherford, Sean Ryan, Eric Schneekloth, Jeffrey

Steever, Douglas Subbiondo, Jennifer Tinker, Kevin Trent, Audrey Walters, Tamaryn L. Waters, Brad Watson and Brian Yang.

Grade 10 — Jessica Akey, Karen Baralecki, Stephanie Baran, Nora Barboe, Heather Beveridge, William Bolton, Michael Brevet, Melissa Collins, Allie D'Augustine, Katherine Donnelly, Robert Dunie, Jonathan Farina, Stephen Garcia, Irene Guglielmelli, Kristin Haring, Kathryn Heitman, Kristin Kinselski, Jason Ladao, Brooke Lindner, Claudia Lombardo, Matthew Maliei, Piotr Mikula, Amy O'Sullivan, Lauren Reyes, Emily Shore, Anne Slobodien, Theresa Sprunger, Jennifer Tomolonis, Kathryn Vahalla, Mark Van Duzra, Joseph T. Varghese and Nicholas Zaneto.

Grade 9 — Veronica Araneo, Wilson Arizmendi, Dale Brandt, Aaron Bragg, Frank Carniglia, Jesse Clemens, Daniel Conniff, Steven Deppe, Brianne Dopart, Elizabeth Dyas, Lauren Edcomb, Melissa Fuller, Jason Gibbons, Michael Hogan, Heather Houck, Karl Jensen, Joshua Kallman, Timothy Kenyon, Marina Khaitova, Elizabeth Kuchar, Justine Lenartowicz, Jes-

sica Locke, Jacob Maliei, Justin Manatch, Sumitra Mattai, Jordan Melograna, Adam Mertz, Emily Mertz, Jason Mojica, Daniel Nortman, Simon Nortman, Timothy Palumbo, Lisa Porpora, Elizabeth Roberts, Paul Schneekloth, Gabriel Shapiro, John Stonehocker, Laura Teeple, Melissa Terefenko, Toan Thi, Rebecca Thiel, Roger Thomas, David Tranotti, Bernard Vignali, Anna Werkman, Karen Zigel and Jonathan Zipf.

Grade 8 — Risa Abrams, Kristina Araneo, Benjamin Barrett, Terrence Basso, Christopher Blancett, Sara Buickerood, Michael Carr, Jonathan D. Cohen, Nathan Crowe, Marisa Deasy, Jaime Diken, Danielle Fesco, Deirdre Fenton, Allen Jensen, Jeremy Klaas, Simona Kogan, Matthew Koscs, Gina Kuenseler, Iris Ladao, Sara Lampert, Scott Leitner, Andrea Michalski, Melissa Miller, Jesse Nadell, Cheryl Olson, Rachel Opitz, Michael Ott, Vanessa Picone, Christopher Raymond, Kaci Redding, Leslie Rubin, Mark Slobodien, Lindsay Szabo, Sara Terenzi, Christina Toth, Amy Travis, Kristen Vassallo, Andrew Yang and Zhi Zhong.

THURSDAY JULY 18

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.

COMING EVENTS

BLOOD DRIVE — sponsored by Blood Center of New Jersey at St. Matthew's Church, 81 Seymour Ave., Edison, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. July 21. Requirements: Call (800) BLOOD NJ.

PASTOR'S AIDE SOCIETY — anniversary with Rev. Jerry Saunders and choir from Fountain Baptist Church (Summit). Free admission. New Hope Baptist Church, 45 Hampton St., Metuchen, 4 p.m. July 21. Call 549-8941.

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.

CHINESE KNITTING — how to form jewelry the Chinese way, for Metuchen teenagers. Metuchen Public Library, 480 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen, 7 p.m. July 25. Registration: Main desk of library.

ROW YOUR BOAT — boat stories, filmstrips, songs and a craft for Edison children 2-5 with a par-

ent or adult caregiver. North Edison library, 777 Grove Ave., Edison, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. July 26. Registration begins July 15; call 548-4759.

BLOOD DRIVE — sponsored by Blood Center of New Jersey at Clara Barton American Legion post, 156 Brower Ave., Edison, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. July 27. Requirements: Call (800) BLOOD NJ.

ARLENE UR — singer and musician performs for Metuchen children as part of summer reading club. Metuchen Public Library, 480 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen, 2:30 p.m. July 30. Registration: Call 632-8532.

BLOOD DRIVE — sponsored by Blood Center of New Jersey at police station, 500 Main St., Metuchen, 3-8:30 p.m. July 31. Requirements: Call (800) BLOOD NJ.

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.

FRIENDSHIP ADVENTURES WITH JESUS — vacation Bible school for children 4 years old through fourth grade. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 445 Old Post Road, Edison, 9:30 a.m. Aug. 5-9. Registration: Call 287-0888.

OLDIES CONCERTS — with The Duprees, Lenny Coco & The Chimes, The Teenagers and The Delmonicos. Admission \$30 (first five rows), \$25. Bishop Ahr High School, 1 Tingley Lane, Edison, 7 and 10 p.m. Sept. 21. Reservations: Call 549-0045 or 549-1108.

WANTED

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

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.

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY JULY 13

FLEA MARKET — sponsored by auxiliary of American Legion Post 324 (Clara Barton), 156 Brower Ave., Edison, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Rain date July 14. Call 225-9824.

FLEA MARKET — inside Community Presbyterian Church, Glenville Road (near Edison High School), Edison, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 287-1666.

MONDAY JULY 15

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.

TUESDAY JULY 16

BABY ARRIVES — topic of La Leche League of Edison meeting. Babies welcome to attend with their mothers. First Church of the Nazarene, 80 Jefferson Blvd., Edison, 7:30 p.m. Call 249-3096 or 548-1819.

WEDNESDAY JULY 17

FUN DAY — picnic lunch, "moonwalk" and other activity for children 6 weeks-5 years old. Ken Shirk Child Care Center, 445 Old Post Road, Edison, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 287-1131.

GOLF OUTING — sponsored by Metuchen Area Chamber of Commerce. Cost \$85 golf only, \$40 dinner only, \$115 golf and dinner. Fox Hollow Golf Club, 59 Fox Chase Run, North Branch, 11 a.m. Reservations: Call 548-2964.


EVITA — bus trip to musical at Paper Mill Playhouse (Millburn), sponsored by Metuchen Rotary Club. Cost \$55. Departs from Pearl Street parking lot, Metuchen, 6 p.m. Reservations: Call 548-7400, Ext. 948.

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. Wednesday to Aug. 7. Call 248-7316.

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. Registration required; call 549-6000.

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Mildred Christensen, 60

Substitute teacher in Edison schools

EDISON — Mildred H. Herrmann Christensen, 60, died July 7, 1996 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. She had been a substitute teacher in the Edison school system since 1976.

Mrs. Christensen lived in her native Union before moving to Edison more than 36 years ago. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen.

Surviving are her husband, Richard C.; a son, Richard A. of Mari-

etta, Ga.; three daughters, Laura Junis of Belmar, Linda Miller of Clarksburg and Pamela Douglas of Lithia Springs, Ga.; and three grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday at Koyen Funeral Home, Metuchen, followed by a religious service at First Presbyterian Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Gilda Radner Foundation, c/o Roswell Cancer Institute, Elm and Carlton Streets, Buffalo, N.Y. 14263.

Edward Musgrove, 64

Owned painting and decorating firm

EDISON — Edward F. Musgrove, 64, died July 5, 1996 at his home. He had owned an Edison painting and decorating firm for 40 years under his surname.

He was born in Baltimore, Md., and had lived in Edison since 1956.

Mr. Musgrove also was a painter with E.R. Squibb & Son (now Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.) in North Brunswick from 1963-93. He served in the Army during the Korean War and was a member of Veter-

ans of Foreign Wars Post 390 in North Brunswick.

Surviving are his wife, Martha Rae Jardine Musgrove; four brothers, Joseph, James, John and Marvin; and two sisters, Lurray Siroky and Betty Drummond.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday at St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church, following services at Boylan Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.

Agnes Galop Cubellis, 66

A retired Bell Telephone supervisor

EDISON — Agnes Galop Cubellis, 66, died July 4, 1996 at her home in West Orange. She joined New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. (now Bell Atlantic-New Jersey) in 1945 and was a supervisor in Newark when she retired in 1982.

Mrs. Cubellis was born in Newark and lived in Edison before moving to West Orange in 1991. She was a member of Telephone Pioneers of America.

Her husband, Frank, is deceased. Surviving are two sisters, Dorothy Hull and Marion McGrath; a

brother, Stephen Galop; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Monday at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, West Orange, following services at Madison Memorial Home. Entombment was in the mausoleum at Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Upper Montclair.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Church, 44 Benvenue Ave., West Orange, N.J. 07052.

Obituaries

Lester Lamont, 74

Newsstand operator; newspaper foreman

EDISON — Lester A. Lamont, 74, died July 5, 1996 at his home in New Brunswick. He once operated a newsstand and held a production post with a New Jersey daily newspaper.

A native of Jersey City, he lived in Colonia and Edison before moving to New Brunswick in 1971.

Mr. Lamont served in the Navy during World War II and operated the A.J. Lamont Newsstand in Jersey City from 1950-65. He joined *The Jersey Journal* of Jersey City in 1971 and was an assistant foreman when he retired in 1987.

He held membership in the Newspaper and Mail Deliverers Union; the Block Island Association; the Destroyer Escort Association of New Jersey; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3117, on Woodbridge Avenue; and a Knights of

Columbus council in New Brunswick.

He also was a member of the Golden Age Club at St. Mary of Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church, New Brunswick, of which Mr. Lamont was a parishioner.

Surviving are his wife, Marion Ackenheil Lamont of New Brunswick; two sons, Walter of Jamesburg and Thomas of Bayonne; a daughter, Kathleen Payton of Southampton Township; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a brother, Jack of Port Orange, Fla.; and two sisters, Rita O'Shaughnessy of Union and Jean Stone of Syracuse, N.Y.

Augusta B. Martin, 73

Founded association for the blind

METUCHEN — Augusta B. Martin, 73, died July 4, 1996 at Robert Wood Johnson Jr. Health Care Center in Plainfield. She founded the Raritan Bay Association for the Blind and for 28 years served as its secretary.

Miss Martin was born in Sewaren and had lived in Metuchen since 1938. A 1942 graduate of Metuchen High School, she

had been a member of the Middlesex County Association for the Blind for 45 years.

Surviving are her mother, Cecilia Andrews Martin of Metuchen; a sister, Harriet Dresch in Florida; and two nieces, Leah Majka of Bloomingdale and Karen King in Georgia.

Private services were held under the direction of Costello-Runyon Funeral Home.

Marsha Carol Entenberg, 52

Bookkeeper; an alumna of EHS

EDISON — Marsha Carol Entenberg, 52, died July 3, 1996 at Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice of Roosevelt Hospital. She had

been a bookkeeper with American Food Service Equipment Co. of Hamilton.

Miss Entenberg was born in Linden. She graduated from Edison High School and lived in the township before moving in 1986 to Croyston, Pa.

Surviving are her mother, Pearl of Edison; a sister, Susan Boland of Phillipsburg; a niece and a nephew.

Graveside services were held Friday at Mount Lebanon Cemetery in Iselin. Arrangements were by Crabiell Parkwest Funeral Chapel in New Brunswick.

Barbara McDonald, 88

Office manager with Woolworth

EDISON — Barbara Duhobolsky McDonald, 88, died July 3, 1996 at Roosevelt Hospital. She was an office manager with Woolworth's variety stores in New York City until her retirement in 1958.

She was born in New York City and had lived in Edison since 1958.

Mrs. McDonald was active in a nutrition project for elderly people in the township. She was a parishioner of Guardian Angels Roman Catholic Church and a member of

Bonhamtown Senior Citizens Club. Her husband, Naish, died in 1983.

Surviving are two daughters, Arleen Stephens of Edison and Barbara Wolford, with whom Mrs. McDonald lived; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday at Guardian Angels Church, following services at Boylan Funeral Home. Burial was in St. Nicholas Cemetery, Lodi.

Vernard Greene Sr., 68

A tester with Western Electric

METUCHEN — Vernard A. Greene Sr., 68, died July 4, 1996 at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan. He joined the former Western Electric in 1946 and was an electrical tester at its Kearny plant when he retired in 1981.

A native of Pamplin City, Va., Mr. Greene served in the Army and lived in East Orange before moving to Metuchen in 1964. He was a member of the board of ush-

ers at New Hope Baptist Church on Hampton Street.

Surviving are his wife, Delores A.; two sons, Vernard Jr. and Leon D.; a daughter, Donna Rene; two grandchildren; four brothers, Francis, Donald, Selvester and Robert; and three sisters, Beulah Williams, Gretna Toomer and Adell.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at New Hope Baptist Church. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Jones Funeral Home in Rahway.

Paul H. Wildor, 69

Maintenance manager; purchasing agent

EDISON — Paul H. Wildor, 69, died July 8, 1996 at his home in North Brunswick. He had been a maintenance manager and purchasing agent with two companies in Middlesex County.

A native of Union City, he lived in Stelton before moving to North Brunswick in 1948.

Mr. Wildor joined Triangle Conduit and Cable Co. in 1952 and was a maintenance manager at its New Brunswick plant when he left in 1973. He then became a purchasing agent with Mideast Aluminum Industries in Dayton and retired in 1989.

He was a member of North Brunswick Pioneers; the Deer Brook Residents Association, also in North Brunswick; the Triangle Pioneers and the Aurora Singing

Society, both in New Brunswick. Mr. Wildor was a parishioner of Our Lady of Peace Roman Catholic Church in North Brunswick.

His wife, Lilian Sohl Wildor, died in 1994.

Surviving are a daughter, Karen Buckley of Somerset; two grandchildren; and two sisters, Clara Craig of West Chester, Pa., and Elizabeth Hartzell of Lawrenceville.

Services were held yesterday at Selover Funeral Home, North Brunswick, followed by a funeral Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church in North Brunswick. Memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of Peace Roman Catholic Church Building Fund, 277 Washington Place, North Brunswick, N.J. 08902.

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SEALED BIDS will be received from bidders classified under N.J.S.A. 17:27-35.1 or seq., in the Multipurpose Room, 7th Floor of the Engineering and Operations Building, New Jersey Department of Transportation, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey, until 10:00 a.m. July 25, 1996 and opened and read for:

REPLACEMENT OF MAINTENANCE MAST ARM SIGNS CONTRACT #210 CENTRAL - 1996 VARIOUS STREET NAME SIGNS ON MAST ARMS IN CENTRAL REGION
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#210-3429

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Obituaries

Emily Markson Ross, 40

Accountant; also with Humane Society

EDISON — Emily A. Markson Ross, 40, died July 7, 1996 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. She had been an accountant with the Mountainside accounting firm of Connell, Sugar & Rice from 1981 until her retirement in 1993.

She was born in San Francisco, Calif., and lived in Menlo Park before moving to Plainfield in 1986.

Mrs. Ross received a bachelor's degree in accounting from what is now Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. She was active with the Plainfield Area Humane Society.

Surviving are her husband, Alan of Plainfield; her father, Aldan Markson of Maplewood; her mother,

Susan Mullen, and her stepfather, Robert Mullen, both of Westfield; her stepmother, Patricia Hynes Markson of Maplewood; three brothers, John Markson of Bethesda, Md., Paul Markson of Apex, N.C., and Stephen Markson of Maplewood; three sisters, Maud Carol Goldfield of Wayne, Pa., Sarah Mullen of Westfield and Jennifer Batzli of Maplewood; a stepbrother, Robert "Terry" Mullen of San Francisco; and two step-sisters, Sheila Cotier of East Hampton, Conn., and Julia Mullen of Albuquerque, N.M.

A memorial service was held Wednesday at Menorah Chapels at Millburn, in Union. Memorial contributions may be made to the Plainfield Area Humane Society.

James O'Holloran, 43

Owner of a construction company

EDISON — James P. O'Holloran, 43, died July 8, 1996 at the University of Arkansas Medical School hospital in Little Rock, Ark. He had owned Claddagh Construction Co. of Edison since 1989.

Mr. O'Holloran was born in Dublin, Ireland, and lived in Fords before moving to Edison in 1989. He was a parishioner of Our Lady of Peace Roman Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife, Catherine O'Connor O'Holloran; a daughter,

Janice, and two sons, Conor and Derek, all at home; his mother, Esther of Dublin; two brothers, Desmond in Ireland and Michael in Australia; and two sisters, Angela McCann and Bernadette McGrane, both in Ireland.

Services will be held 9:15 a.m. today at Flynn & Son Funeral Home, 23 Ford Ave., Fords. A funeral Mass will follow 9:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Peace Church on Amboy Avenue.

Dorothy Prosniewski, 77

Homemaker; in Edison 15 years

EDISON — Dorothy Pattengell Prosniewski, 77, died July 3, 1996 at JFK Medical Center. A homemaker, she lived in her native Jersey City before moving to Edison in 1981.

Mrs. Prosniewski was a parishioner of Our Lady of Peace Roman Catholic Church.

Surviving are her husband, John; two sons, George and John, both of Edison; three daughters, Barbara

Molinario of Miami Beach, Fla., Patricia Wolfe of Toms River and Dorothy McCaffery of Edison; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Eileen Toderio of Wall and Peggy Munch of Cape Coral, Fla.

Services were held Saturday at Flynn & Son Funeral Home, Fords, followed by a funeral Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Metuchen.

Ethel Branstner, 77

Homemaker; in Metuchen 33 years

METUCHEN — Ethel Branstner, 77, died July 6, 1996 at JFK Medical Center in Edison. A homemaker, she was born in Newark and had lived in Metuchen since 1963.

Mrs. Branstner was a parishioner of St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Cathedral.

Her husband, Carl, died in 1981. Surviving are two daughters, Mary Anne and Susanne, both of Metuchen; and two grandchildren.

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

Molka Boyangu Daych, 71

A saleswoman in her native Russia

EDISON — Molka Boyangu Daych, 71, died July 9, 1996 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. She had been a saleswoman with a department store in her native Russia.

Mrs. Daych had lived in Edison since 1990 and was a member of Temple Neve Shalom in Metuchen. Her husband, Lazer, died in 1972.

Surviving are a son, Yosef in Israel; two daughters, Betya Lebendiskaya of Edison and Raisa Gutenmakher in Israel; six grandchildren; and a sister, Clara Marzenovskiy in Israel.

Graveside services were held Wednesday at Beth Israel Memorial Park in Woodbridge. Arrangements were by Goldstein Funeral Chapel.

Anna D. Merrill, 86

Homemaker; recently of township

EDISON — Anna D. Merrill, 86, died July 4, 1996 at JFK Medical Center. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Merrill was born in Fanwood. She lived in Coral Gables, Fla., and Green Brook before moving recently to Edison.

Her husband, Michael T., died in

1962. A son, Michael T. Jr., died in 1987.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara Papa of Green Brook; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at Middlesex Funeral Home.

Barbara Slovinsky, 48

Processor with cosmetics company

EDISON — Barbara Kovacs Slovinsky, 48, died July 9, 1996 at St. Peter's Medical Center in New Brunswick. She had been a processor for the past three years at the Dayton plant of L'Oreal Inc.

Mrs. Slovinsky was born in New Brunswick and lived in North Brunswick before moving to Edison eight months ago.

Surviving are her husband, John "Skip"; a son, Thomas Kovacs of North Brunswick; a stepson, Michael of Edison; four stepdaughters, Donna Lins of North Brunswick, Darlene Martin of New Egypt, Diane Bertucci of Monmouth Junction and Doreen Wolf of South River; six grandchildren; her mother, Bertha Kovacs, and a sister, Judy Hart, both of North Brunswick.

Services will be held 9:30 a.m. tomorrow at Boylan Funeral Home, 10 Wooding Ave. A religious service will follow 10 a.m. at Georges Road Baptist Church, Church Lane and Old Georges Road, North Brunswick. Burial will be in Van Liew Cemetery, North Brunswick.

Visitation is 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Metuchen pool plans open house

Free admission expected to be a splash with residents

By VERA CARLEY
THE REVIEW

METUCHEN — The Metuchen Pool hopes to make a big splash with area residents this Sunday when it holds an open house.

Between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. no fee will be charged to use the pool.

"We are showcasing our pool," said pool manager Ed Angus.

Mr. Angus said the event is being held to encourage new membership, although enrollment numbers are up dramatically from last year.

Drawing large crowds is an Olympic-size pool, a kiddie pool and a pavilion. In addition, the weather usually has been favorable, although a few important dates, like July 4, have been rained out.

"It's not been too hot and it's not been too cold. People are enjoying the pool and there are those enjoying sunbathing," Mr. Angus

said. "The people just seem to be enjoying themselves this year," he said. "The staff is doing a tremendous job. The whole pool itself is running well."

The open house had been scheduled for June, but was rained out. Mr. Angus said the pool is trying again this Sunday because of the many residents calling about the event.

"We've had a lot of interest in it," he said.

Trips planned for teenagers

EDISON — A number of trips have been scheduled for township teenagers enrolled in the Teen Center program.

Trips are to Sandy Hook, Wednesday and Aug. 21; Fairway Golf Center, Monday, July 22; New Jersey Festival of Ballooning, Friday, July 26; Runaway Rapids and Keansburg amusement park, Wednesday, July 31; Funtime America, Friday, Aug. 2; Bridgewater Sports Arena, Monday, Aug. 5; a New Jersey Rockin' Rollers roller hockey game, Friday, Aug. 9; Torney Park, Aug. 14; YMCA swimming, Aug. 16; NBC studios tour and Hard Rock Cafe, Aug. 23.

All trips are first-come, first-served. Seating is limited and the schedule is subject to change. For reservations, call 248-7312 day or 248-7314 after 6 p.m.

Births

A son, Varun Reddy, was born to Sujana and Niranjan Yerram of Edison at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville June 10, 1996.

A daughter, Phantaysia Monay Belnavis, was born to Rickiann Devaughn and Scott Thomas Belnavis of Edison May 8, 1996 at Raritan Bay Medical Center.

A son, Jose Martin Lopez Jr., was born to Neisy and Jose Martin Lopez of Edison at Raritan Bay Medical Center May 21, 1996.

The following births to Edison residents were announced by JFK Medical Center in Edison:

A daughter, Kanchan, was born to Sudhir and Aruna Raikar May 25, 1996.

A son, Michael, was born to Michael and Jo-Ann Landis June 1, 1996.

A daughter, Alana, was born to John and Joann Candido June 3, 1996.

A daughter, Ashley Zheng, was born to Laing Zheng and Rebecca Cheng June 5, 1996.

A son, Joseph Bello, was born to Anthony Bello and Laura DeVita June 7, 1996.

A daughter, Megan, was born to Joseph and Michelle Cuff of Metuchen at JFK Medical Center in Edison June 11, 1996.

A daughter, Anchal, was born to Alok and Sonia Jain Feb. 1, 1996.

A daughter, Mariah Fitzgerald, was born to Mervin Fitzgerald and Theresa Tarr Feb. 2, 1996.

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Running mates

Track rivals are backcourt buddies in summer hoops

By MARK CLIFFORD

THE REVIEW

For all their contrasts in physical appearance and disposition, Stephanie Baran and Lauren Elwood also have quite a bit in common.

Baran and Elwood, who will be juniors this fall at Metuchen and J.P. Stevens high schools, respectively, are playing together on two regional all-star basketball teams — a 15-and-under AAU team called the New Jersey Rising Stars and one called Mix in the NJWSA League at Rutgers University.

Baran and Elwood are also on different teams — representing Metuchen and JPS, respectively — in the Middlesex County College League. This means they're hooping it up nearly every day of the week in some pseudo-sauna of a gym, working on the skills that may make them two of the best players in the Greater Middlesex Conference in the 1996-97 season.

First impressions might lead one to believe Baran and Elwood are near-opposites, and not just because Elwood is a willowy 5-foot-9 and Baran a pixie-like 5-4 (though she's sometimes listed generously at 5-5 or 5-6).

"Stephie's a very aggressive, emotional kid, while Lauren's very calm, very laid-back. You can never tell with Lauren whether we're up 20 points or down 20 and

whether she's having a good game or a bad game," says John Spiess, head coach of the Rising Stars, for which Baran and Elwood will be playing in this weekend's Garden State Games in Edison.

"And that works well for us," Spiess adds. "Sometimes you need more of Stephanie out there, and sometimes you need to have something more like Lauren's approach."

"I get mad and get down on myself really bad sometimes, while Lauren hardly even talks," says Baran. "She keeps her cool."

But beneath the surface, says Elwood, they're really not so different.

"I get frustrated and I get excited, too," she insists. "I'm just not a big talker and I'm not very outgoing."

Spiess agrees their apparent differences on the court are only skin-deep.

"They both want to win equally badly, and they both try equally hard," he says. "Their basketball skills are kind of similar: they're both outstanding shooters, defensive players and ballhandlers."

Though Baran is playing mostly at shooting guard and Elwood is a swingman for the Rising Stars, both were sharp-shooting, high-scoring point guards for struggling high school teams this past winter. The two also had nearly identical numbers of three-pointers and

points per game in 1995-96: Baran had 43 treys to 39 for Elwood and both averaged just under 16 points.

Besides their basketball skills, their other athletic abilities are also extremely similar: both Baran and Elwood are major contributors on their school teams in soccer and spring track and field.

Though they play different positions in soccer — Elwood is a sweeper and Baran a forward — they compete in the same events in track: the 400, 800 and high jump.

Baran's personal bests include a 59.9 in her specialty, the 400, a 2:29 in the 800 and a 4-8 in the high jump. Elwood has run a 64.5 in the 400, a 2:30.0 in the 800 and has high-jumped 5-0.

Though the two have never faced each other in a high school basketball game, they hooked up twice this spring in track and field.

The first time they met head-to-head, Baran beat Elwood when they ran the same leg of the 4 x 800 meters in the GMC Relays May 2 in South Brunswick.

The second time, they put on one of the best races of the meet at the GMC Freshman-Sophomore Championships May 17 at Stevens, with Baran barely edging Elwood, 2:30.6 to 2:30.9, to win the sophomore individual 800.



MARK CLIFFORD/THE REVIEW
This toss to Lauren Elwood from Stephanie Baran is one of many passes the two teammates have completed this summer.

Elwood, Baran, others shoot for the Stars

Metuchen High's Stephanie Baran and J.P. Stevens' Lauren Elwood have played together on New Jersey Rising Stars, a regional all-star AAU basketball team, in each of the past three summers.

Two years ago, with basically the same personnel it has now, the Stars finished second in the 13-year-old division of the AAU State Tournament, thereby earning a trip to the nationals in Kenner, La.

They are 27-4 so far this year, and have won eight tournaments, including the AAU State Tournament in Somerset and the Rising Stars' own Tournament of Stars last weekend at J.P. Stevens.

The Stars will open the Garden State Games with a game 10 a.m. tomorrow at the Herbert Hoover School against the Palisades Jazz. They'll travel to the AAU Nationals Thursday in Nashville, Tenn.

Edison girls playing for the Rising Stars in other age groups are 8-year-olds Byrnn Joyce and Kristin Rzewuski; Jaclyn Kuntz, Kerri Shutz and Shannon Smith (age 12); and 14-year-olds Aaron Bobal, Amy Montalbano, Becky Skopak and Nicole Winston. Baran is the only Metuchenite. All of the Rising Stars teams will be playing at various Edison locations in this weekend's Garden State Games.



Odd couple

Umpire Scott Iglay presides over a meeting of two rarities — a lefthanded catcher and a girl baseball player — as the A's Stephanie Papa slides in against Oriole Sean Selby in June 29's Edison Midtown Little League playoff action. (For the result of this game, see photo on page A-14.)

PHIL NERGES/SPECIAL TO THE REVIEW

Sobe slugs Ram slam

By MARK CLIFFORD

THE REVIEW

Before playing a rare American Legion Baseball game on the spacious junior varsity field at J.P. Stevens High, Clara Barton Post 324 players usually don't anticipate home runs will be part of the coming attractions.

But Thomas Sobe is a unique figure on this team, and his monstrous two-run homer over the faraway fence ringing the track beyond the right-center field area was the highlight of Tuesday's 14-3 Barton victory over New Brunswick.

"It's about time," said Sobe afterward, commenting on his breakout, 44 day after starting the summer at a hitting pace little too slow for his own liking.



When was the last time Sobe had homered?

"This spring, in my first at-bat," he recalled.

That was back when Sobe was beginning his junior year at Edison's Wardlaw-Hartridge High. Sobe has the distinction of being the only Golden Ram — as well as the only Metuchen resident — on the CB roster.

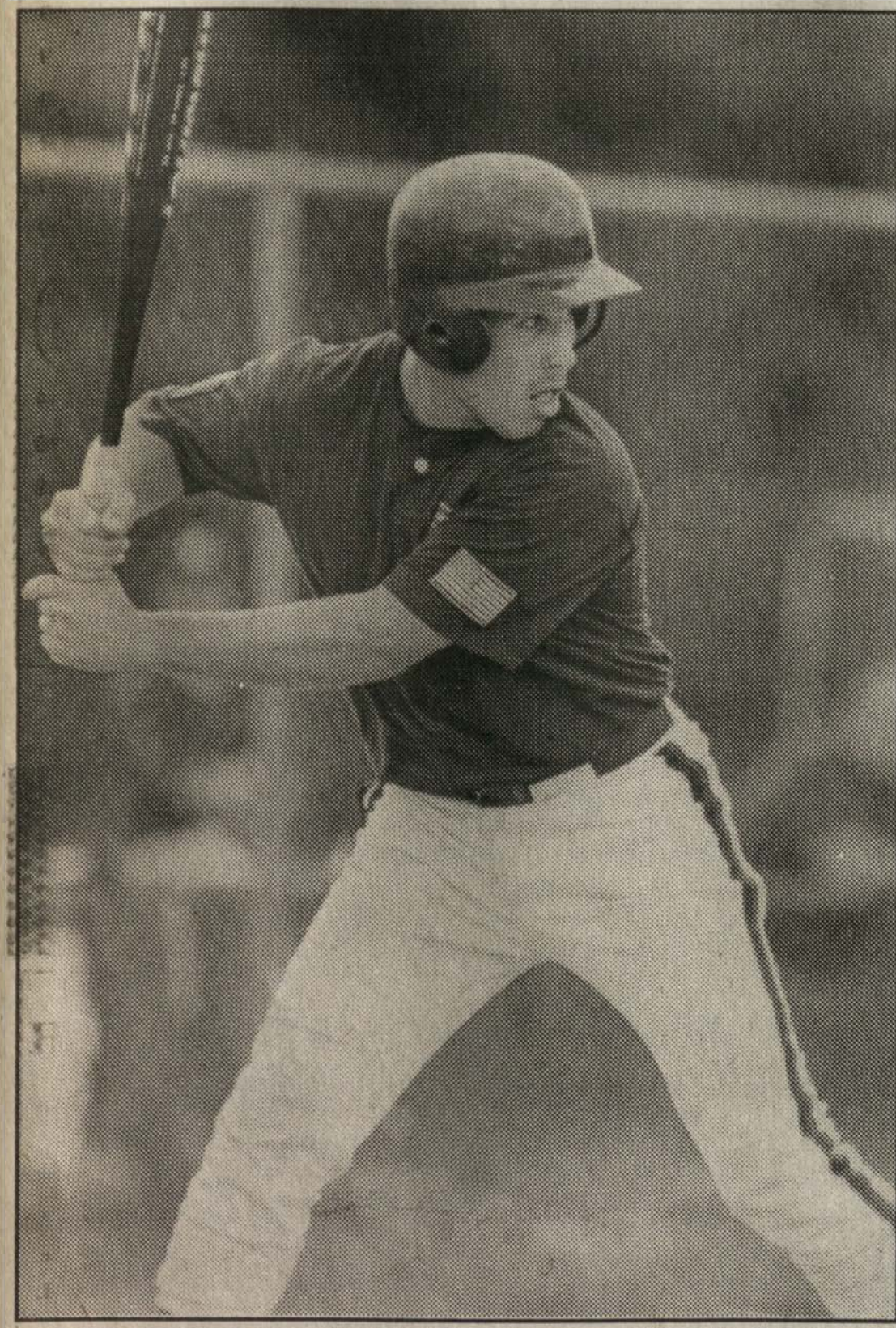
But Sobe's five runs batted in and pair of fine plays in the field weren't the only noteworthy performances by the 8-6 Barton

bunch: Jason Brauth (J.P. Stevens) scored three runs and Bart Palmisano (J.P. Stevens), Mike Ryan (Bishop Ahr), Steve Kniec (J.P. Stevens), Eddie Hebert (J.P. Stevens) and Brett Miller (St. Joseph's) each drove in one run.

As for the pitching, Kniec walked eight, but held New Brunswick to just three hits and two earned runs in a complete-game victory.

"I think there's been a big improvement in our play from the beginning of the summer," CB Head Coach Ken Mundy said afterward. "But we still make mistakes, mostly because we still get to certain times in the game when we seem to fall asleep, or at least lose concentration. Fortunately, we're doing it a lot less often lately."

Extra-base hitting backs Roma's stellar pitching



Frank Soos' homer provided offense ...

RANDALL MILLER/THE REVIEW

By MARK CLIFFORD

THE REVIEW

The pitching staff of the Father and Son Post 435 American Legion Baseball team features such an embarrassment of riches, promising young righthander Rob Roma hasn't gotten much work on the mound this summer.

In Tuesday's 8-1 victory over Piscataway Post 261 at Edison High, the Edison junior-to-be made the most of one of his rare mound opportunities, throwing four perfect innings before surrendering an unearned run in the fifth inning.

The victory raised Father and Son's record to 13-1, with its players looking loose and confident from the get-go against an over-matched Piscataway (4-11).

"The kids were up for the game today," said F&S Head Coach George Banos. "Now the season basically comes down to the next eight days, because we'll have eight games in eight days and the showdown with Iselin sometime at the end of next week."

Iselin in the only team to have defeated F&S this season (by a 6-1 margin back on June 27). The rescheduling of the highly anticipated rematch between the two Middlesex County League front-runners had yet to be confirmed as *The Review* went to press. Clara Barton handed Iselin its second loss against 12 victories in a 15-7 victory Wednesday night.

Father and Son certainly looked like a formidable contender for the county crown in Wednesday's methodical dismantling of Piscataway.

Roma (2-0) surrendered only three hits, no walks and a hit batsman, breezing through six innings on 57 pitches before yielding to Brian Chaloka for the final frame.

Frank Soos, the F&S cleanup



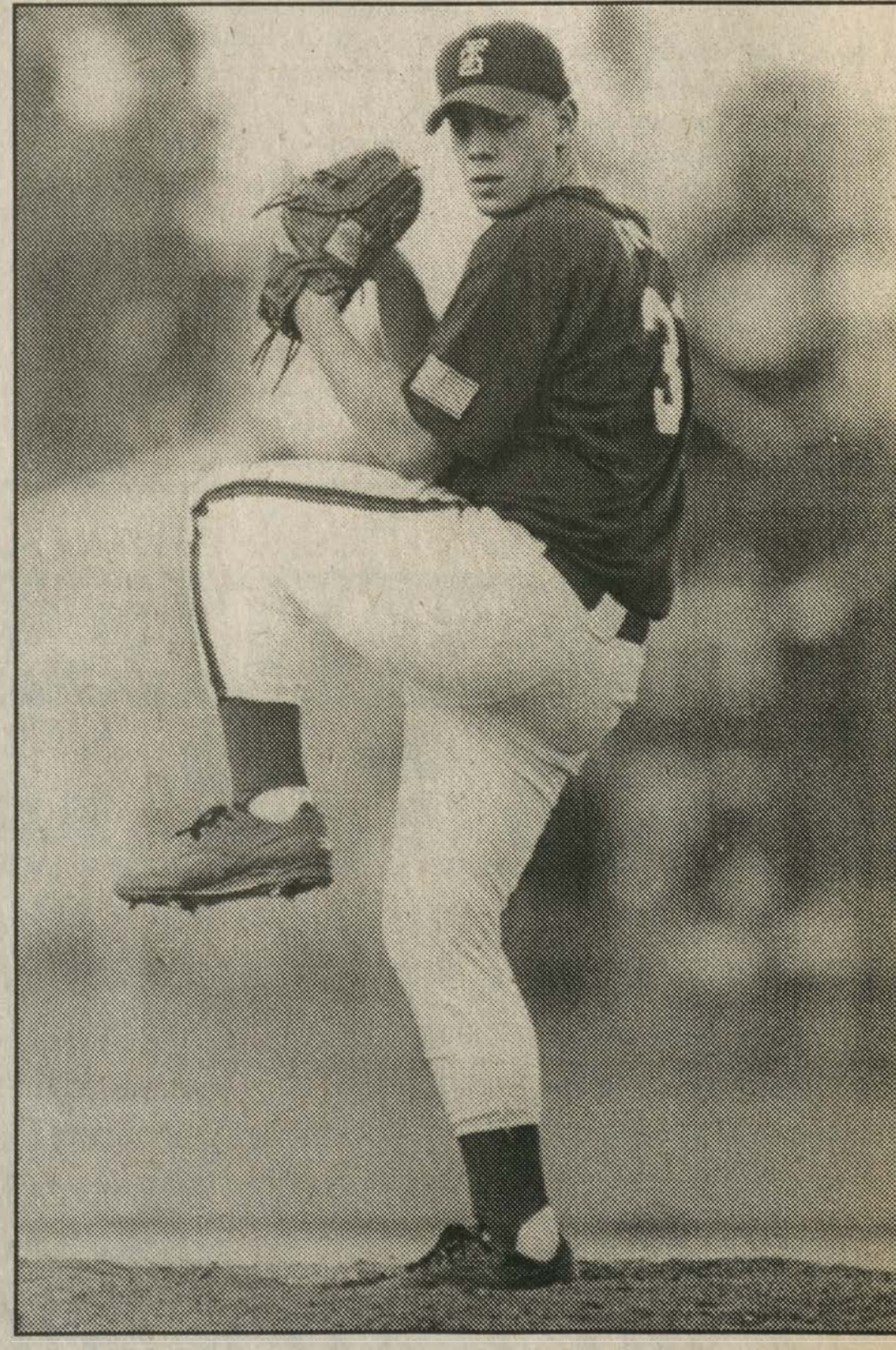
hitter, struck the blow that buried Piscataway for good when he launched a pitch way out onto the Boulevard of the Eagles behind the left-field fence for a mammoth fourth-inning homer which plated a pair of runs and put his team up 6-1.

Soos said Piscataway pitcher Jason Keller had worked him outside when he walked in his first at-bat and inside when he struck out in his second at-bat earlier in the game.

"He had jammed me and I figured he would try it again," Soos explained. "So I moved back off the plate a little and waited for him to come inside."

Soos was not without company in Edison's seven-walk, 10-hit parade. In fact, he enjoyed quite an offensive escort from the batters preceding him in the lineup: lead-off man Brad Bava drew three walks and scored three times; Anthony Napolitano had two stolen bases, a hit and a sacrifice while scoring one run and driving in another; and Danny Kralich hit a pair of ropes to the gaps, tripling to right-center and doubling to left-center on consecutive at-bats to wind up with two runs batted in and one run scored.

On the other hand, the bottom of the F&S order was productive as well, with No. 8 hitter Matt Makara belting a double in the second inning and scoring on a single to right by the following batter, Chris Banos.



RANDALL MILLER/THE REVIEW
... while teammate Rob Roma provided five innings of solid pitching in Wednesday's 8-1 Father and Son victory over Piscataway.



PHIL NERGES/SPECIAL TO THE REVIEW

Leapin' little leaguers

The A's jump for joy after beating the Orioles 13-3 and winning the first-place trophy in the Edison Midtown Little League's Major League playoffs. Shown above are Peter Stivers, Bill Hluska, Jason Wright, Michael Simkovich, Ioanny Tsampis, Stephanie Papa, John Henry Nerges, Nancy Haluska, Michael Eosso, T.J. Haluska, Chris Nastawa, Elkin Cahl, Kiki Mercado, Enrique Mercado. Team member Bobby Aravena is not in photo.

Edison Recreation Softball

WOMEN'S LEAGUE	
(July 2 Standings)	
BLUE DIVISION	
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	
DIVISION A	
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
DIVISION B	
1. Clara Barton Bashers.....	8-2
2. Stallions.....	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
DIVISION 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
DIVISION C	
1. Gashouse Gorillas.....	8-1
2. Otis Day & Nights.....	9-2
DIVISION A	
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. Fridgidare.....	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
DIVISION C	
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

Baseball

North Edison 10's off to strong start

The North Edison Baseball 10-year-old traveling all-star baseball team is off to a fast start this summer, going 4-1 in the Babe Ruth District Tournament.

Edison Boys 12, North Edison 6 — North Edison lost to Edison Boys June 26 despite a big offensive effort from Paul Alleman (triple, double, four runs batted in). Michael Segala also drove in a run. Alleman, Ricky Weingarten, Wayne Loux and Segala pitched.

North Edison 10, Edison Boys 7 — Robert Maroney had two hits and Michael Tadduni, Segala and Marc Paliseno had one hit apiece June 26 as North Edison beat Edison Boys. Tadduni had two RBI and Robert Maroney had one. Stephen Seyback and Wayne Loux pitched.

North Edison 1, Plainfield 0 — Alleman and Loux combined on

the June 24 shutout. Seyback drove in the only run of the game. Paliseno, Maroney, Seyback and Jordan Onulak had two hits apiece and Justin Braverman, Ricky Weingarten, Alleman, Segala and Tadduni had one single apiece.

North Edison 9, Iselin 8 — Loux had a home run and three runs batted in to lead North Edison to a June 23 victory. Alex Smolenski and Weingarten each had two hits. Alleman had a single, a double and three RBI. Braverman and Seyback had a base hit and an RBI apiece. Braverman, Segala and Seyback pitched.

Edison 12, North Edison 5 — Alleman, Weingarten, Onulak and Segala pitched in the June 22 loss. Maroney, Loux, Paliseno, Weingarten, Smolenski and Alex Rayner had base hits.

SPORTSCENE

WRESTLING CAMP
The North Edison Mathawks and the Edison Little Eagles will be jointly conducting a youth wrestling clinic 6-9 p.m. Monday-Friday at J.P. Stevens High. The clinic is open to athletes of elementary, junior high school or high school age and athletes can register any evening during the week. The registration fee is \$55 for Edison residents and \$65 for non-Edison residents.

The clinicians will include J.P. Stevens Head Coach Chuck Rutan, Edison High Head Coach Gerry Nisivoccia, former Phillipsburg High and newly appointed Franklin Head Coach Rick Thompson, South Brunswick High Head Coach Joe Doherty, South River Head Coach Ed Cicchi and Colonia Head Coach Ben LaSala.

For information, call 935-0320.

GOLF OUTING
The Metuchen Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a golf outing Wednesday to the Fox Hollow Golf course in Somerville. The cost is \$105 for golfing and dinner, \$75 for golfing only and \$30 for dinner only. There will also be golf awards and door prizes.

For information, call 548-2964.

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The Light Tower 2 Wrestling Tournament will take place July 20 at J.P. Stevens high. There will be an Elementary (fifth grade and younger), Middle School (sixth through eighth), High School (ninth through 12th) and Open (high school class of 1996 and older) divisions. The entry fee is \$12, and participants must have a USA Wrestling card. Cards will be made available at the event for those without one. For information, call Gerry Nisivoccia at 752-4894 or Chuck Rutan at 935-0320.

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