

Glick given tenure

EDISON — Rayla Glick has received tenure and will return in September to her post as drama teacher at John P. Stevens High School.

This was announced after a closed board hearing held Monday night at the request of Mrs. Glick, who was fighting an April 25 decision by the board not to renew her contract for the coming school year.

According to a statement issued after the hearing, the board "reaffirmed" its decision of last month but "because of an administrative error regarding notification, Mrs. Glick has a statutory entitlement to a contract for 1988-89."

The error resulted from the fact that under the law the last day for notifying Mrs. Glick that her contract would not be renewed was April 30. However, Mrs. Glick, who was represented at the hearing by attorney Stephen Klausner, offered testimony that she did not receive notice until May 1.

Mrs. Glick is completing her third year as a member of the district's faculty. Teachers automatically receive tenure when they receive a contract for a fourth year.

The board's majority vote last month to dismiss Mrs. Glick was taken after an emotional public meeting during which parents, students and former students praised her as an outstanding teacher with an ability to inspire and motivate.

The board, however, stood by the evaluations and recommendations of Mrs. Glick's supervisor and Stevens' principal Cedric Richardson who rated her performance as unsatisfactory.

Mrs. Glick and her supporters contended that Mrs. Glick received a poor evaluation only after members of the JPS Drama Club for which she is adviser presented a performance

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A tribute for Owens proposed

METUCHEN — The name of Owen, nearly synonymous with the words "planning" and "environment," will no doubt live on in the hearts of Metuchen residents if a proposal by Councilwoman Pam Brown is approved.

"Owen Square," in honor of two of Metuchen's premiere planners and active environmentalists, Arlene and Sam Owen, would be a special area in the downtown redevelopment zone, according to Mrs. Brown, who announced the proposal via press release at Monday night's Borough Council meeting.

"I believe that generations of Metuchen residents in the future will benefit from the efforts and energies of Sam and Arlene Owen in environmental protection and prudent planning," Mrs. Brown said. "It seems most proper to me that Owen Square, in the heart of Metuchen, would satisfy our need to honor these two most generous citizens of our community."

Sam Owen has served Metuchen for over four decades "in the finest example to the Metuchen spirit," according to Mrs. Brown. Owen, a founding member of the Planning Board and former borough councilman, was a Planning Board member for over 30 years.

He was on the board in the 1950's when downtown redevelopment first became a political issue. The Democrats were in favor of redeveloping the Pearl Street parking lot to increase ratables, he said. The Republicans didn't want the high density development.

Mrs. Owen, Metuchen's poet laureate, was instrumental in starting the Environmental Commission in the 1970's and can be seen, on occasion, in hip boots with rake in hand, cleaning algae and debris out of Thomas' Pond on Graham Avenue. She has been active in the town's recycling effort and has become almost a permanent fixture on Saturdays at the recycling center on Jersey Avenue.



Fran Malinconico reacts to her frontyard at 4 Barlow Road West in Edison being transformed into a 40th birthday card Monday by her "former girlfriend," JoAnne Staback.

The whole world knows

EDISON — "My ex-girlfriend!" That's how Fran Malinconico of 4 Barlow Road West described JoAnne Staback when she arrived home from work Monday and discovered that her 40th birthday had been revealed to the world.

The Malinconico lawn was transformed by Staback with balloons, streamers and placards

into a gigantic 40th birthday card for Malinconico.

Malinconico, a parttime employee of Prudential Insurance Co. in Woodbridge, had marked the impending arrival of the Big Four 0 with a party on Saturday attended by her husband, Sal; their children, Michael, 10, and Nicole, 4, and about 20 family members and friends and was

ready to forget she was starting on a new decade.

"I figured that was the end of it," according to Malinconico, but Staback had other ideas.

"When you're 40 you really don't want to announce it to the world," said Malinconico, "but JoAnne obviously thought otherwise."

—photo by Sue Udzielak

Traffic lights in store along New Durham Road

By LORIE RUSSO

METUCHEN — There is good news for residents of Connor Avenue.

It was officially announced at Monday night's Borough Council meeting that the state Department of Transportation has definite plans for two traffic lights, one at the intersection of New Durham Road and Bridge Street and another at the intersection of New Durham and John Street.

Area residents, who attended last Wednesday night's meeting of the Metuchen Traffic and Transportation Commission because of a recent denial by the DOT of a traffic law enacted last year to decrease commuter traffic flow on the residential streets, had become fearful that the traffic lights, proposed last year by the DOT, were never to become a reality on the heavily traveled road.

Commission chairman Betty Kirtman added to the concern at last week's meeting when she remarked that one DOT official claimed that she had "never heard" of traffic lights for the Metuchen portion of New Durham Road.

But Councilwoman Pam Brown, liaison to the county transportation board, said that the traffic lights are definitely in Metuchen's future and should be installed within a year.

The lights are expected to improve the flow of traffic at these busy intersections and may prevent commuters, who grow weary of sitting in traffic jams on Bridge Street, from short-cutting through the neighborhoods of Connor and Edith avenues to reach New Durham via Renninger Road. This has been an unrelenting problem for residents who are fearful that the cars speeding past their

homes are endangering the safety of children.

The borough is also planning to lower the speed limit on Connor Avenue from 25 to 15 miles per hour. The no-left-turn from Bridge Street onto Connor Avenue that was enacted into law last year will remain in effect.

It has been a long battle for neighborhood residents who first petitioned the Borough Council last summer for the no-left-turn at Con-

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Docs' cabooses booted off Amboy Avenue site

METUCHEN — An appeal for "more time" fell on deaf ears last week when the Zoning Board of Adjustment rejected Ernest Docs' request to permit his three train cabooses to remain on his Amboy Avenue property.

Asking for a motion to approve or reject the application, board chairwoman Ellen Clarkson declared: "They have been there long enough, it is time for them to move."

A motion to reject the application was approved by a unanimous vote.

Docs, who maintains a real estate office at 375 Amboy Avenue, was asking for a use variance because storing the red and yellow cabooses in a general business zone does not conform to the township's zoning ordinance. When the cabooses were originally stored on the lot 12 years ago, a variance was not needed because the land was zoned for manufactur-

ing. Metuchen zoning officer Jim Constantine said he believes the zoning ordinance was changed between 1976 and 1979.

Docs announced he was seeking a variance because, "Mr. Constantine told me to remove the cabooses or he would issue me a summons."

"The subject property was used as a junkyard for many years," Docs stated. "The cabooses have been there for 12 years and we have not had a single complaint from any neighbors until Mr. Constantine. The variance that is needed is acceptable, it would have no negative impact on the community."

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—photos by Sue Udzielak

Carol Forsythe, a member of the Metuchen First Aid Squad (left), waves to spectators who lined the route for Saturday's parade marking squad's 40th anniversary. Among them (below) are Dotti Klemick and children Debbie, 3; David, 10, and Keith, 5, who enjoy parade and curbside pizza lunch.



Rivertown hearing set for May 31

EDISON — A public hearing on conceptual plans for Rivertown, a massive planned unit development proposed for along the Raritan River in Raritan Center, will be conducted by the Planning Board at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 31.

Details of the 960-acre project, which will include 4,000 townhouse and apartment units and a shopping area of 100,000 square feet ringed by office buildings, were presented informally to the Planning Board Monday night by the engineer and architects for Garden State Buildings and Federal Business Centers.

Both companies are owned by branches of the Vischiglia family, developers of the Raritan Center industrial complex on the site of the former Raritan Arsenal off Woodbridge Avenue.

Planning Board members and a handful of residents were told by Steven Barcun, attorney for the developers, at the opening of Monday's presentation that because of the long and complex procedures that will be involved in obtaining approvals from federal, state and local agencies, it will be many years before Rivertown is a reality.

Barcun said that detailed engineering and site plan information will be presented to the Planning Board as each phase of the project is designed over a period of 10 or more years.

"Nobody should think that when they wake up tomorrow all the uses will be there," said Barcun.

Barcun also sought to assure those who have expressed environmental concerns about the riverfront development that the owners are not unaware.

There will be no construction in "environmentally sensitive areas," Barcun said, and a dike constructed many years ago by the Army when the site was part of the arsenal will be removed to permit what have become freshwater wetlands to revert to their original saltwater state.

David Cochoran, an architect, said that Redwood Creek, which drains the area, will be improved and the

wetlands will be "totally upgraded and promoted."

Eventually, he said, the tides of the Raritan will be able to wash up as far as Industrial Avenue.

According to architect Ray Gindroz, the reclaimed wetlands will serve as "a frame" for what he described as "a very exciting plan."

Gindroz, who is designing the residential portion of the development, showed renderings and slides depicting a community surrounding a new

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Suicide gun said stolen by brother

EDISON — A gun used in the suicide of an Edison High School student three weeks ago was stolen from a suitcase at Newark International Airport by the boy's brother, according to Middlesex County Prosecutor Alan A. Rockoff.

Robert Kulkusky, 24, of Roosevelt Boulevard, a baggage handler at the airport, was arrested Tuesday at 12:40 p.m. and charged with unlawful possession of a weapon, theft of the .22 caliber revolver and knowingly receiving stolen property. He was released later that evening from the Middlesex County Adult Corrections Center in North Brunswick after posting \$10,000 bail.

An investigation is continuing into how Kulkusky obtained the handgun and the bullets.

The gun that Kulkusky allegedly stole was used in the suicide of his brother, Walter, 16, on April 25 when the student exited a school bus, walked to the abandoned tennis courts behind Edison High School and shot himself.

According to Rockoff, the owner of the revolver, Robert G. Austin Jr. of Eden, N.Y., was on a motor trip

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246 students are named to Stevens honor roll

EDISON — John P. Stevens High School has issued its honor roll for the third marking period of the 1987-88 school year.

A total of 246 students are included. Of these, 25 have been named to the "All A" honor roll:

12th grade — Alison DePol, Carmen Dimas, Soo Kim, Marilyn Koch, Adam Reiss and Jeffrey Trost.

11th grade — Arthur Chang, Randy Galasso, Chul Min Kim, Konrad Kolodziej and Sang-Won Lee.

10th grade — Mona Deora, Ann Fausto, Chul Hoon Kim, Mark Peng, Young-Jun Shin, Robert Trobliger, Pravin Vazirani and Richard Yun.

9th grade — Maja Maria Arcyz, Milind Bhare, Lauren Erdreich, John Park, Darshankumar Patel and Debbie Patounakis.

The following JPS students are listed on the "A and B" honor roll:

12th grade — Sharon Conway, Jeffrey Handler, Colleen Chon, Andrea Miele, Bruce Naley, Vivian Goffman, Patricia Gould, Gary Zemaits, Mi-

chelle Burstein, Kenneth Gelman, Tracey Goggel, Michelle Nemeth, Christopher Popp and Jacqueline Sumner.

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11th grade — Jamie Abbott, Evan Rothenberg, Beth Wallach, Jeffrey Daniels, Jonathan Epstein, Thalia Kendal, Suzanne Lind, Gerald Varga, Adam Crilly, Shelly Godfrey, Christopher Levy, Alpesh Maurya, Troy Alexander, Joann Catrino, Michael Gorker, Robert Hebenstreit

and Chi Woo Lee. David Mesce, Bhavesh Pandya, Nasim Mousavi, Shirley Lam, Ravi Bikina, Kimberly Bryke, Jesse McCrea, Arthur Wong, Brian Beriman, Michelle Brotspies, Neil Cohen, Kenneth Davidoff, Dennis Dudek, Barbara Henning, Shilpa Khushakani, Robert Kole and Anne Lee.

Chau Truong, Meredith Gavin, Mary Lao, Deepak Shenoy, Robert Becher, Mark Cutler, Lori Fauquier, Christopher Mastroly, Stuart Quan, Jennifer Reilly, Kartik Sheth, Michael Kennedy, Trevor Kirsh, Han Sang Lee, Robin Mayer, Sherry Peng and Marc Silberman.

Christopher Carter, Jeffrey Esposito, Robert Gottko, William Healy, Nancy Liu, Tamara Newman, Brian Scheckner, Catherine Melnicki, Greg Padrusch, James Panton, Erik Ringberg, Eden Blum, Simon Cohn, Katherine Shim, Jon Simone, Scott Lustig and Dana Rabois.

10th grade — Purvi Kapadia, Craig Schachter, Tao Lina Tian, Jennifer Zucker, Anju Daswani, Nunzio Gallo, Ali Gersh, Wei-Fong Liang, Mimie Yun, Steven Chan, Matthew Gerdes, Seth Goldberg, Brian Reiss, Jeffrey Geller, Shital Patel and Elaine Stein.

Cheryl Tapper, Gregory Chang, Stacy Feigenbaum, Neel Doshi, Ian Siminoff, Eric Simon, Rhonda Van Blerkom, Jeffrey Lehrfeld, Neil Lim, Daniel Miller, Manish Mittal, Yasmin Halim, Do-Kyun Kim, James Lin and Ji Hwoo Choi.

James Colling, Robert Farkas, Anupama Jain, Michelle Liu, Dena Centalanza, Geetu Karnani, Subodh Lal, Tania DiLisi, Sameer Mathur, Snehal Patal, Priya Sekri, Milan Shah, Nitya Vasan, David Lefkowitz, Nishith Shah and Vanvaneeta Vijay.

9th grade — Cynthia Chen, Neetu Karnani, So Cheung Lee, Purvi Patel, Shadman Riaz, Dana Barros, Scott Chen, Cheryl Lin, Dinesh Shenoy, Abigail Alve, Dave Chen, Basil Guirguis, John Huang, David Shrank, Peter Arcand and Andy Chen.

Prashant Doshi, Karim Hussain, Christopher Bodak, Jenny Chang, Sarah Chaudhry, Jennifer Daniels, Jenny Barbosa, Debra Elias, Stephen Fineman, Monisha Khushalani, Mi Yung Park, Priti Patel, Alison Bailin, Joseph DiMuzio, Danielle Kline and Bon Chang Koo.

Joseph Ruvolo, Kristen Ehlers, Douglas Gavin, Daniel Green, Amy Beth Marx, Suketa Patel, Lee Semel, Shirley Liu, Frank Schembri, Melanie Sulzman, Allison Friedman, Annette Nowosielski, Dhavel Patel, Rita Patel and Kim Mayer.

Ray Rodriguez, Robert Tumarkin, Tejal Champaneria, William Hearon, David Koblentz, Naimish Patel, Daniel Terner, Laxon Chan, Jae Sung Han, Kelly Morgan, Debra Pong, Scott Schertzer, Young Min Shin, Raman Soobrian, Charisse Hamada and Gary Lai.



This picture of Jason Gulisano of Metuchen won first prize for Metuchen photographer and filmmaker Timothy M. Sullivan in annual contest sponsored by George Street Camera of New Brunswick.

Borough photographer win contest top award

METUCHEN — Timothy M. Sullivan is the first-place winner of the annual photography contest sponsored by George Street Camera of New Brunswick.

His winning entry was a portrait of Jason Gulisano, 11, also of Metuchen, lying on the beach at Sandy Hook.

The final judges for the contest, which attracted approximately 75 entries, described Sullivan's study as capturing "the dreamy, quiet reflections of adolescence."

Gulisano has been featured in short films by the 23-year-old Sul-

livan that have been shown periodically of New Jersey cable television.

Pictures entered in the annual George Street Camera competition were posted in the shop window and members of the public were invited to vote for their favorite.

The winner then was selected by photography professors at Rutgers University from among the top 10 chosen by the public and Sullivan's picture emerged as the choice for the \$100 prize.

Kin-Buc to pay residents, EPA

EDISON —Ninety-five residents who filed suit against 80 firms accused of dumping materials at the former Kin-Buc landfill at the end of Meadow Road have reached a \$2.7 million settlement in state Superior Court.

In a separate hearing, the 226 firms that had either produced or transported chemicals to the site agreed Tuesday to pay a total of almost \$5 million to the federal government towards clean up one of the most polluted tracts on the federal inventory of Superfund sites.

Kin-Buc, during its 30-year life, had been the only licensed landfill in New Jersey that accepted industrial and chemical wastes. It was ordered closed by the state Department of Environmental Protection in 1976.

The federal Environmental Protection Agency announced Tuesday a \$4,980,398 settlement with 226 of the 400 firms cited for polluting the landfill with hazardous materials, including cancer-causing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB).

The settlement will repay the EPA for cleanup of the site over the past 11 years. Most of the EPA's effort had been spent in the removal of pollu-

tants that seeped from the landfill into Edmond's Creek, a tributary of the Raritan River.

The owners and operators of Kin-Buc were excluded from the EPA settlement.

Waste Management Inc. of Illinois, the nation's largest waste hauling and disposal company and owner of one of the dump's operators, SCA Services, Inc., has been drawing liquid waste from the landfill and hauling it to its Illinois facilities. Consultants hired by the company are expected to devise several proposals to permanently seal the landfill and to remove hazardous substances from the ground.

The proposals will be included in a final feasibility study submitted by the landfill owner to the EPA this summer. After the EPA receives the study, there will be a 40- to 60-day public comment period. The EPA will then select the best long-term cleanup proposal.

The South Edison landfill was placed on the EPA's National Priorities List of hazardous waste sites in 1981. The site now is ranked 164th on the priority list of 900 Superfund sites.

Three fence applicants awaiting board decision

EDISON — Three homeowners are going to have to wait until Tuesday to learn whether they can enclose their properties with fences. In the interim, board members will make site inspections.

All three — Carlo and Maria Cirilli of 1 Valmere Court, Marilyn and Joseph Yospe of 59 Wintergreen Avenue and William W. Nooney of 75 Stony Road —require variances because the proposed fences will encroach on setback lines.

Only the hearing on the Cirilli application was other than routine.

The applicant ruffled the feathers of board vice chairman Marjorie Szebenyi when he failed to show on the sketch of his property or reveal during his presentation that one of the reasons he wants a fence is to enclose his new swimming pool.

The existence of the pool came to light when Mrs. Szebenyi, who presided during this hearing, told Cirilli that he would have to wait until the board's June 21 meeting to receive a decision.

Cirilli protested that this would force him to wait a month to put water in his new pool, which must be enclosed by a fence.

Mrs. Szebenyi responded that Cirilli had not told the entire truth to the board and led it to believe the only reason he wanted a fence was so he could sit in his backyard in his shorts and not have the neighbors peeking at him.

Cirilli replied that the pool was installed in accordance with all township regulations and it had not occurred to him that it was a factor in deciding whether the fence would be approved.

When Cirilli asked if it were customary for board members to make inspections of all properties that are the subject of applications, he was told by board member Edward Williams that they pay such visits whenever it is considered "necessary" and the board was under no legal requirement to render a decision on the fence that night.

When board chairman Lawrence Cimmino took up the gavel again, it was his decision that rather than have the fence applicants wait until June to learn the outcome of their

cases, the board would vote on the requests at this coming Tuesday's meeting.

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Donna Chen to Benn Fishner, residence at 1642 Raspberry Court, \$119,000.

Robert & Evelyn Craig to George & Patricia Diamond, residence at 507 Timber Oaks Road, \$226,000.

Jolanta Podlaska to Richard DeFrancis, residence on Waltuma Avenue, \$206,000.

Keith & Barbara Bremer to Larry Smith, residence at 520 Westgate Drive, \$175,000.

Ruth Parsons to Catherine Ngui, residence at 69 Wildwood Avenue, \$95,000.

James & Frances Larkin to Mohanbhai & Rajesh Patel, residence at 7 Willow Avenue, \$161,000.

Fernand & Lily Kong to Mazlyar & Jayne Hamedani, residence at 16 Wintergreen Avenue East, \$216,000.

Neil & Felicia Epstein to James & Helen Muller, residence at 90 Winthrop Road, \$133,000.

Hobart & Doreen Seals to Marcello Bozio, residence at 49 Woodfern Street, \$165,000.

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Jerry Salomone to Judi Seeman, residence at 50 Avlyn Avenue, \$110,000.

Alexander & Deborah Pittman to Dana Daniels & Sameer Rahbar, residence at 86 Blair Avenue, \$175,000.

Joseph & Lois Fischer to Philip & Phyllis Tranotti, residence at 64 Brunswick Avenue, \$170,000.

Belvinder & Baljit Sanghera to Andrew & Ilene Shapiro, residence at 34 Kate Lane, \$130,000.

Michael & B. DeStouwer to Alexander & D. Pittman, residence at 9 Lee Court, \$208,000.

Family Home Builders to Ramon & Cynthia Mojica, residence at 285 Middlesex Avenue, \$265,000.

Jacob & Estelle Wolansky to James & Virginia Kowalski, residence at 31 Oak Avenue, \$385,000.

Margaret Lanigan to Edward Orlandini, residence at 50 Van Buren Avenue, \$235,000.



—photo by Jim D'Amico

Rafael Arroyo is custody of Edison police officers after he and his wife allegedly burglarized Neves Jewelers in Wick Plaza at Route 1 and Plainfield Avenue Monday night.

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Patrolmen William Plodzien (left) and David Yanvary examine smashed front door of Neves Jewelers in Wick Plaza, which was broken into Monday night by two suspects later apprehended. Sign in lower part of window obviously does not mean what it says.

Pair held in burglary

EDISON — A husband and wife who left behind a trail of watches after allegedly burglarizing Neves Jewelers in Wick Plaza at Route 1 and Plainfield Avenue Monday night were taken into custody by police minutes after they fled from the scene.

Rafael S. Arroyo, 33, and Margaret V. Arroyo, 38, both of the Colonial Motel on Route 1, which is across the highway from the plaza, have been charged with burglary and theft.

When apprehended by Patrolman Michael Hegedus at Dey Place and Wilson Avenue, Arroyo reportedly had 16 men's and women's watches in his possession.

Patrolmen David Yanvary and William Plodzien reported that four more watches were found along the

route taken by the couple as they departed from the plaza toward Plainfield Avenue.

Police said that blood was found splattered around a broken glass case and its contents in the jewelry store and that both suspects had blood on their clothing when arrested.

Arroyo was taken by Edison First Aid Squad No. 1 to John F. Kennedy Medical Center, where he received five stitches in his left thumb.

According to police, Arroyos was spotted walking through the plaza at approximately 11 p.m. by a maintenance worker, who reported that he lost sight of the man. However, as the witness continued his duties he observed the front glass door at Neves was smashed and he reportedly saw

Arroyos inside.

The witness said that when he called out to the burglar, he exited the store through the broken glass door and headed toward Plainfield Avenue and west to Route 27. The witness gave chase but lost the burglar on Plainfield.

Hegedus said that after receiving a description of Arroyo, he was checking the Dey Place side of the plaza when he spotted both Arroyos emerging from the rear of the shopping center. Arroyo reportedly started running toward the rear of the Exxon station at Route 1 and Wooding Avenue but Hegedus gave pursuit on foot and caught up with him at Dey and Wilson.

Mrs. Arroyos was taken into custody in the same area.

Recreation focus topic

METUCHEN — "Focus on Metuchen," TKR Cable's public service program, will highlight the borough's recreational activities on its May program.

Guests will include Maureen Tyberghein, recreation director; Margie LaBarr, Metuchen Municipal Pool commissioner and liaison to the Swim Team Parents' Association, and Karen Marx, cultural arts commissioner and chairman of the Kids Fest Day on June 11.

The show, hosted by Councilwoman Pam Brown, will center on events and opportunities available throughout the borough. Information on all activities can be obtained through the Recreation Department at Borough Hall.

The program will be aired on Monday, May 23, at 4 p.m. and on Saturday, June 4, at 5:30 p.m.

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Our Opinion

Memorial Parkway

No one wants traffic in his neighborhood.

Especially not the residents of Rose Street in Metuchen, who have petitioned the Borough Council to keep the Memorial Parkway railroad underpass sealed off for all time. The effect is to prevent traffic from using Memorial Parkway to travel to and from New Durham Road and Essex Avenue by way of the shortest and least congested route.

Memorial Parkway was closed over two years ago when Amtrak undertook improvements in the area and it blocked off access to the underpass with a fence.

The result was that the portion of Rose Street between the underpass and Essex Avenue virtually became a private road and residents now want to keep it that way.

The desire to keep residential streets free from fumes and traffic congestion is understandable but the borough also has the responsibility to expedite the flow of traffic. The intersection of Central, Middlesex and Amboy avenues has become one of the worst bottlenecks in the area and grows worse by the month. Opening Memorial Parkway is one way of relieving the pressure.

Residents, including borough officials, are well aware that the problem of traffic has become almost unsurmountable and that it plays a major role in decreasing everyone's quality of life.

Plugging up streets only adds to the problem.

Given a choice, there isn't a resident of the borough who wouldn't want his street closed for the same reasons as those presented by the Rose Street homeowners.

Unfortunately, it can't be done.



City street scene: A homeless man catches up on the day-before-yesterday's news.

Visions and Revisions

The silence of history is eloquent

BY MIKE DEAK

When my great-great-great-great-great-grandfather Francis Quick first came to Somerset County in 1710, there was nothing here.

It's amazing to me that in the 278 years since then, the progeny of Francis did not heed the classic pioneer cry of "Go West!" To be sure, in the family's humble way, they did go west - from Millstone to Ringoes, along Amwell Road. But my great-grandfather came back east to Wertsville and then my grandfather left the north slope of the Sourlands to live in Somerville. Then, drawn by the magnet of tradition, he came back to Neshanic Station, where I have lived all my life and have wondered why I have never heard that restless call to action, "Go West!"

It is also amazing that in all these years the Quicks (my mother's family) never accumulated great land holdings or wealth. By privilege of history, I should be a blueblood, a member of the landed gentry, a polo player on the weekend and an investment banker during the week. But, infected by my forefathers' disease of contentment, I do not have the burdensome ambition to be rich and roll in the satin sheets of luxury. Like generations before me, fortunately or unfortunately, the small pleasures of life give me the modest comfort that has sustained my family for literal centuries. This corner of Somerset County still has its charms and the noble pursuit of poverty in a weekly newspaper fits well with my genetic character.

For a long time that attitude was typical of those living in Somerset County. Good country people lived unpretentious lives here. It was a model of American existence, the stuff of propaganda and situation comedies. Neighbors helped each other and volunteer groups flourished as we all felt a genuine sense of community and common intent. The wealth of the Somerset Hills was never mentioned; they lived in a land as distant as Babylon and the middle class factory workers and storekeepers of the Raritan Valley preferred to wonder how Doris Duke navigated the dangers of the Somerville Circle. And it also should be remembered that until 25 years ago, the county was largely rural farmland. On Saturday mornings farmers would rattle into town with their dusty pickup trucks for their haircuts and I remember the lively smell of feed as I waited alongside them for my turn in the barber's chair.

Somerset County, now celebrating its 300th anniversary, has changed radically in the years since Francis Quick settled here, to state the obvious. Pretentious houses, cheaply built and expensively sold, sprout like weeds in farmer's fields. Worries over chicken thieves are now concerns over cocaine pushers. Overturned outhouses are less important than clogged retention basins. The blue collar industries that rescued my parents' generation from the Depression are gone, their empty factories as grim and beautiful as the skeletons of dinosaurs. Somerset County has witnessed the transformation of the American economy from industry to services and the American culture from an urban-rural split to a greedy and bland suburbia. The Somerville Circle is no longer frightening because there is so much traffic congestion that no one goes fast enough to cause an accident. Volunteer groups have trouble recruiting members and the homeless HUD-

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Your Opinion

Columnist misinformed

To the Editor:

M. Charbell forthrightly admits at the beginning of her "Bits o' Breezes" column in the Review of May 6, her ignorance regarding matters in the Mideast.

Unfortunately, what she wrote after that was so filled with misleading code words and distortions, that she would have done better to stop at the first sentence. By continuing, she compounded ignorance with insult. Example:

"Where is Palestine and who are the Palestinians?"

"Palestine is what the Holy Land was called before the modern state of Israel existed, and Palestinians are the people who lived in the Holy Land before Israel came."

Many of the Palestinians who lived in Israel before the Israelis came were themselves Jews. The impression Mrs. Charbell gave was that Palestinian only means Arab.

Any good historian — see *Arab and Jew* by David K. Shipler or *From Time Immemorial* by Joan Peters — will document the large number of Jewish Palestinians who were living in Palestine for centuries prior to the modern state. To imply, through Mrs. Charbell's wording, that Palestinians were synonymous with Arabs in the pre-Israel era is factual and misleading.

Statement: "Forty years ago Israel did not exist. Today's Israelis are mostly the descendants of Jews from Europe and the Arab nations who emigrated after World War II, displacing the Palestinians who have lived there for centuries."

This wording furthers the canard that the claim to Israel by Jews is an extraneous phenomenon of the 20th century. Mrs. Charbell was uninformed or elected not to write that Jewish majority populations lived in major centers in Palestine — Safed, Jerusalem and other areas for cen-

uries prior to World War II.

"Where do the Jews fit in, and who is fighting whom over what?"

"The fight today is between Jews who came to Palestine 40 years ago to establish Israel, and the native Palestinians whose land and homes were confiscated to provide territory for Israel."

Again, code words which obfuscate and simplify the truth of history. Read *Jew and Arab*, and you will learn some of the truth.

Some of the homes were confiscated; others were purchased by Jews in good faith; and from others the Arab Palestinians voluntarily fled because they anticipated the wrath of invading Arab armies which had vowed to throw Israel into the sea any Arab who collaborated with the enemy (which is the same deathly fist that the Palestine Liberation Organization holds today over Palestinians in Gaza who might welcome the improvement of services provided by modern Israel).

And, what of those thousands of Jewish families who lived in Palestine for centuries, worked and bought homes? They did not arrive 40 years ago!

There may be honest division within the Jewish community as to the extent to which Israel must negotiate with Palestinians. However, this should not be confused with our passivity to articles such as Mrs. Charbell's which are dangerous because their code words spread misinformation. Such writing does a disservice to the understanding of the situation in the Mideast by Americans.

Better for M. Charbell to depend on her mother's listening to David Brinkley and confine her column to other matters on which she is better informed!

Rabbi GERALD L. ZELIZER

Neve Shalom

Metuchen

Horoscopes are too vague

Astrology is back in the news, now that the First Family has admitted an interest in the subject. One recent report concluded that the Reagans aren't alone; a public opinion poll showed that nearly 25 percent of the people read horoscopes and believe that stars can influence our lives.

Remember the astrology craze about 10 years ago? Whenever you found yourself in a group of more than half a dozen people, some astrology nut would approach and ask what your sign is.

Whatever you replied, the questioner would nod wisely and say: "I thought so."

Weary of the exchange (I could never remember my sign and always had to tell the astrologist my birthday) I hit upon a satisfying response one evening.

I told the astrologist that I didn't know when I was born.

He became extremely agitated. "But you must know your birthdate! Otherwise it's impossible to cast your horoscope."

"I'm an orphan. I don't have a birthday."

"But you must at least know what month?"

"January or February or March. Maybe April."

"That's terrible! If you don't know when you were born, you can't forecast your future!"

Frankly, that suits me just fine. But I admit that I often read the newspaper horoscopes. Although interesting, they have two major

Of All Things

Dereck Williamson

drawbacks. They are never specific enough, and they are too optimistic to be realistic.

Instead of being told things like "A new acquaintance will influence your life" and "Taking care of business responsibilities will prove rewarding," it will be refreshing for once to read: "If you let your mind wander for a second today, you'll stick your little finger in an electric pencil sharpener."

Or: "This isn't a good day to light a neighbor's gas stove. You will be blown through the roof, and hospitalized for 39 weeks."

Just for a change I'd like to pick up the paper and read something like this:

THURSDAY'S STAR GUIDE

General tendencies for today: If you venture outside, you will be severely bitten by assorted insects, some newly arrived from Florida and Mexico. This is not a day to attempt wallpapering by yourself. Being around good friends tonight will improve your mood. Until somebody calls the cops.

Feels younger every day

Those of you who follow this column know that my lovely wife Karen is a fitness freak.

That's not quite right. She's well beyond being a fitness freak. She's a fitness freak's superego. Karen makes Jane Fonda look like Dom DeLuise.

For years she has been reading Prevention magazine religiously. She can tell you every quack remedy for any ailment from heart disease to pus warts. I should note, however, that most of her remedies are less desirable than the problems they cure.

You see, that's the problem with preventing health problems. The things you have to do would make Rambo cringe.

Karen, of course, enjoys pouring Mueslix on plain yogurt. To watch her eat it, you'd think she was sitting down to a three-pound lobster and a tub of butter.

Her idea of dessert is a half grapefruit and a glass of mineral water. Personally, I believe that dessert is spelled "chocolate."

Well, recently Karen has turned her attention from Prevention magazine to a new publication called Reversal. Now, Reversal doesn't claim to show you how to avoid health problems. Nope, it actually states that it can show people how to get younger.

That's right, as in "last week you were 40 and next week you can be 39."

Karen has decided that we are going to follow the Reversal program, even if it kills us. Every morning she elbows me at 5 a.m. and jumps out of bed without as much as a yawn. She throws open the window and pulls up the sash. Now I try to pull her pillow



Life on the Soft Shoulder

John Kazmark

over my head, but she yanks it and the covers off with such a vengeance that I want to put on my sneakers so that I can catch her and . . . well, you get the idea.

It takes me a good five minutes to catch up with her, at which point she has the audacity to say, "Now aren't you glad we got up?"

Before I can get out "NO!" she has

the pace up to such a level that I have to run to carry on the argument. This pleases her because she claims that my resting heartbeat is that of a 20-year-old.

When I finally catch my breath, I explain that I was 20 years old once and what I can remember of it felt nothing like I feel running in the dark at 5 a.m.

Part of me does hope that Reversal magazine is right about turning back the hands of time. There is nothing that I would like better than to wake up one of these fine mornings and find out that my wife and I are too young to cross the street by ourselves. Perhaps then she would let me sleep, at least until my school bus comes.

MEA takes issue

To the Editor:

We, the members of the Metuchen Education Association, wish to respond to Ed Catalanello's letter, dated May 6, in the Review. In it, he states that "people connected with the educational establishment" acted in a shameful manner at the Metuchen Borough Council meeting that was held to adopt the revised school budget.

As professional educators, we take umbrage with the implication that we would make disparaging remarks or derogatory comments when faced with a conflicting viewpoint.

It is true that many teachers were in attendance at that meeting, as were parents, senior citizens, school board members, and in short, anyone interested in the way our school system is run. The point of the hearing was to give everyone an open forum and we respect that.

We do not want the public left with the impression that its teachers could be characterized as a "goon squad" or a "wolf pack." In fact, comments such as these are exactly what Mr. Catalanello was decrying in his letter.

While it is true that some senior ci-

tizens and educators view the school budget issue from different sides, we both agree that the funding system for our public schools is unfair and unequal.

The obligation of educating the next generation belongs to all of us, but there are other ways to share that cost than by taxing us on the value of our homes. That may not reflect the true nature of our resources, as those on a fixed income can attest.

Instead of hurling accusations at one another, we should work together to explore ways in which the system can be changed. Our combined efforts could make a difference in the way the legislature and the governor look at this issue.

The New Jersey Education Association and the American Association of Retired Persons are just two of many groups whose members would support a change in school funding. That is where we should focus our energies now that the 1988-89 school budget is settled.

DEBORAH C. SCOTT

President, Metuchen Education Association

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Series to deal with diabetes

EDISON — The Diabetes Center of New Jersey has scheduled a five-part educational series to be held in the township.

"Diabetes — You're in Control" begins Tuesday, May 31, at the TOR Plaza building, 35-37 Progress Street, off Inman Avenue. Classes will meet on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m.

Topics include what diabetes is and who gets it, how to live with diabetes, keys to controlling the disease, how to monitor diabetes, creative planning of meals and an update on diabetes research. All classes will be taught by registered nurses, dietitians and physicians.

Cost is \$25 for the five-week program. In addition to the person with diabetes, one other family member is encouraged to attend at no extra cost.

The program also will be taught at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Park Avenue in Plainfield, on Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. beginning June 2.

Information on the program and the Diabetes Center is available through Janice Haddad, 668-2575 or 668-2313. The Diabetes Center is affiliated with Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center.



—Photo by Sue Udzielak

Gail E. Grand Jean is escorted by her father, Edison Deputy Fire Chief Charles P. Grand Jean, from trolley car that transported members of wedding party to Metuchen Baptist Church for her marriage Saturday to Michael J. Mauro. The trolley also carried the newlyweds, their attendants and some of the guests to reception in Colts Neck.

Gail E. Grand Jean wed in Metuchen ceremony

EDISON — Gail E. Grand Jean and Michael J. Mauro of Colts Neck were married Saturday afternoon at the Metuchen Baptist Church in a ceremony performed by the Rev. James Miller.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Grand Jean of 76 Pacific Street. Her father is deputy chief of the Edison Fire Department. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mauro of Port Reading.

The bride wore a gown of antique white satin with off-the-shoulder neckline, a full skirt and long train. Her fingertip veil fell from a wreath of pearls and she carried a spray of peach roses and

baby's breath.

Claire Swinson of Glen Gardner was her sister's maid of honor. She wore a gown of antique white and carried peach roses and baby's breath.

Bridesmaids were another sister of the bride, Bonelle Simeon of Cincinnati, Ohio; Diane Deegan of Miami, Fla.; Susan Lee of Frederick, Md., and Geri Smith of Paramus.

They wore gowns of peach lace and carried peach roses and baby's breath.

Steven Mauro of Port Reading was his brother's bestman. Ushers were Kevin Mauro of Port Reading, also a brother of the bridegroom; Tom Paterson of Eatontown, John Hrunka of Rahway and Dave Basik of Florida.

Jamie Swinson, the bride's niece, was flower girl and her nephew, Jayson Simeon, was ring bearer.

After a reception at the Colts Neck Inn the couple went on a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico. Their future home will be in Colts Neck.

The bride, a graduate of Edison High School and Middlesex County College, is employed as a graphic artist by AT&T in Middletown.

The bridegroom, a graphic artist for AT&T in Holmdel, is a graduate of Woodbridge High School and Kean College.

'Beautiful Baby' contest winners named

METUCHEN — Winners in the borough's Beautiful Baby contest have been announced by the Metuchen Organization of Women.

First place and \$200 in savings bonds were awarded to Katie O'Neil, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert O'Neil. Second place and \$150 in bonds went to Ryan Wallace, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wallace, and third place and a \$100 bond went to Linda Morris, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Morris.

All finalists are from Metuchen and were honored during a presentation ceremony at the Metuchen Public Library.

Seven semifinalists each received a savings account at the Metuchen Savings & Loan Association: Jeffrey Fisher, Rebecca Grossman, Stephanie Hacker, Michael McCarthy and Kathleen Patikowski, all of Metuchen, Mark Novak of Perth Amboy and Cheyne Terjesen of Kitty Hawk, N.C.

Savings accounts were provided by MOW and the savings and loan.

Proceeds from the contest will go to the Middlesex County Cerebral Palsy Center, the YMCA of Metuchen-Edison, the Haven Program of John F. Kennedy Medical Center and the Make a Wish Foundation of Middlesex County.



JODIE PASCARELLA



GARY REGAN and JACQUELINE COOK

Cook-Regan betrothal told

EDISON — The engagement of Jacqueline M. Cook to Gary E. Regan has been announced.

The bride-elect is the daughter of K. George and Carol Clark of 8 Deerwood Avenue. She graduated from Edison High School and is employed by Federal Express in Edison.

Her fiance, the son of Edward and Julia Regan of 49 Harrison Avenue, graduated from the Middlesex County Vocational & Technical School in Piscataway. Mr. Regan is employed by White Consolidated Industries in Edison.

A September 10 wedding is planned.

PTA to vote on officers

EDISON — Officers of the Woodrow Wilson Middle School PTA for 1988-89 will be elected at tonight's general meeting, which begins at 7:15 in the school on Woodrow Wilson Drive.

The slate of officers includes Carol Goldstein, president; Eileen Mayer, first vice president; Shelley Schofield, second vice president; Arlene DeSarno, recording secretary; Kathy Schwalje, corresponding secretary; and Marge Grammatica, treasurer.

All parents are invited to a cultural heritage festival, which begins at 7:30 p.m. in the school's library.

Columbiettes to elect officers

DUNELLEN — Officers of the Commodore John Barry Columbiettes for 1988-89 will be elected at the organization's monthly meeting on Monday.

The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus hall, Grove Street and South Avenue, and will be presided over by Josephine Kern, the Columbiettes' president.

Mrs. Kern and Frances Reilly have been named delegates to the convention of the New Jersey state council of the Columbiettes. The convention will be held June 24 through 26 at the Marriott hotel in Saddle Brook.

Local dancer helps to honor Irving Berlin

EDISON — An Edison High School graduate who made dancing her career will be on camera when the 100th birthday tribute to Irving Berlin is shown on television.

Jodie Pascarella, the daughter of Cherry and Robert Pascarella of Central Avenue, auditioned and was selected as one of eight dancers who took part in the Carnegie Hall birthday celebration for the legendary composer that was taped for presentation Friday, May 27, beginning at 9 p.m. on Channel 2.

Pascarella, 23 and now a resident of East Brunswick, has been dancing since the age of 3 1/2 when she became a student at the former Miss Gertrude Dance Studio on Plainfield Avenue.

Her professional credits include engagements with the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line, at resorts in Canada and at Harrah's and the Show Boat in Atlantic City.

Openings in JCC camp

EDISON — A limited number of openings are available for Camp Yom Tov, a summer program at the Jewish Community Center of Middlesex County.

Drama, music, arts and crafts, swimming instruction and sports are among the activities. Openings are available for 4-year-old and 6-year-old groups.

Details may be obtained from the JCC at 494-3232.

Girl Scouts to 'close bridge'

EDISON — Girl Scouts from this township will help "close the bridge" this Sunday.

The scouts will be part of a "bridging" ceremony, scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. at George Street and Landing Lane in New Brunswick. The location is at the Landing Lane bridge, which connects New Brunswick with Piscataway.

A total of 200 scouts are expected to attend, and patches will be given out. Girl Scouts from New Brunswick, Piscataway and Somerset also will be represented.

JoAnn Morin of Edison is among the area coordinators.

PTSA to have talk on AIDS

EDISON — A speech about AIDS will be given at the Edison High School PTSA's general meeting, to be held Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the EHS library, Boulevard of the Eagles.

Speaker will be Judy Lefcheh, director of the infectious surveillance department at John F. Kennedy Medical Center. All are welcome to attend, and refreshments will be served.

Cub Scouts to offer first day covers

METUCHEN — Cub Scout Pack 69, chartered to the Edgar School PTO, has put its stamp on a special offer.

The scouts are taking orders for first day covers of a new 15-cent stamp to be used by government agencies on postcards. Each cover will feature an envelope with a stylized eagle and shield, a variation on the Great Seal of the United States and the Cub Scout symbol.

Covers will be issued on Tuesday, June 14, with a special "First Day of Issue" postmark from Washington, D.C.

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Bits o' Breezes

by M. Charbell

For the most part, most of us are not stupid. We know we live in a society that bombards our brains on a daily basis with Madison Avenue techniques and tactics.

We recognize the power of the media dictating what to wear, what to eat, what's in and what's out. We're no fools.

We also know that our food stores are rigged to make the consume buy one product over the other. Managers go to classes and seminars to learn the ropes. Some even take cash bonuses from manufacturers for prime locations on shelves.

I was in the food store with a friend and her two little girls, ages 3 and 5. We were in the cereal aisle and the two little ones were choosing the cereals that were within their reach on the middle and lower shelves. Their mom kept putting Fruit Loops and the likes back — and reached up toward the top shelf for the preferred bran flakes.

"Yuk!" cried the kids.
"These stores make me angry," she sighed. "They put all the sugar junk on the shelves the kids can reach!"

It's true. They do.
And it's true. We're manipulated — a sorely manipulated society — and it's because we've become lazy and terribly naive.

We live in a dog-eat-dog world and if one manufacturer can get me to buy its product, it wins. I may be a loser in the battle, but that's the battle, folks.

We consumers are not considered for our intelligence — we are being bought in the brain. If we believe what TV, radio and newspaper ads tell us without checking things out, then we almost deserve what we get. A harsh statement, but true.

I feel sorry for our kids. They only know what adults tell them.

Do you think McDonald's is okay because it's got great commercials on TV? WRONG!

Do you think Girl Scout cookies are good for the kids because the Girl Scouts sell them? WRONG!

I don't want to get in trouble with the Girl Scouts here, but according to Laurie Quint in an issue of the Nutrition Action Healthletter: "Unbeknownst to their young merchants, Girl Scout cookies are shamefully rich — and they have been placed on the Five Worst Cookie List."

Here are the five best cookies: Archway Date-Filled Oatmeal, New Morning Honey Grahams, Sunshine Ginger Snaps, Health Valley Jumbo Oatmeal and Sunshine Animal Crackers. Each has less than one teaspoon of fat and no more than 125 calories per one-ounce serving.

Here are the five worst cookies: Nabisco Pecan Shortbread, Duncan Hines Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip, Pepperidge Farm Geneva, Pepperidge Farm Almond Supreme and (with more than 60 percent fat) Girl Scout Do-Si-Do.

Just another battle, folks. We trust something because it's sold by a trustworthy organization. We support the organization whether we eat cookies or not. We give out kids and little babies cookies to eat and think we're doing them a favor.

Wrong!
It's time to wake up. Time to think. Time to read labels. Time to go back to fruits and vegetables.

And time to turn off the TV — except for "Larry King Live."



LYNNE MUELLER

Lynne Mueller receives honor

METUCHEN — Lynne Mueller was one of 50 women honored Wednesday evening by TWIN, the Tribute to Women and Industry, at a dinner at the Parsippany Hilton hotel.

Ms. Mueller is senior fragrance coordinator for Colgate-Palmolive Co. in Piscataway. She is responsible for developing fragrances to be used in fabric care products around the world.

She holds a bachelor's degree from Valparaiso University in Indiana and a master's from Rutgers University, and is presently studying conversational French at New York University.

TWIN is co-sponsored by the YWCA of Plainfield and the YWCA of Summit. Corporate sponsorship for TWIN is through Dun & Bradstreet Credit Services.

Health officer's reminder to check blood pressure

EDISON — May is National High Blood Pressure Month. Most people think that high blood pressure has nothing to do with them. However, one in four Americans have high blood pressure and of these almost 1 million don't even know they have it!

"High blood pressure is called the 'silent killer' because it is often a disease with no symptoms," said John Grun, assistant Edison health officer. "Because many individuals who have high blood pressure feel healthy, everyone should have their blood pressure checked at least once a year."

High blood pressure, or hypertension, is a warning that the heart is

working harder than normal, due to a narrowing of the blood vessels. Nine times out of 10, doctors are unable to determine what causes this to occur. Left untreated, hypertension can lead to serious damage to blood vessels of the heart, brain and kidneys. The result can be heart attack, stroke and kidney disease.

The most effective way to find out how hard the heart is working is to have a quick and simple blood pressure check. A blood pressure measurement tells the pressure exerted on blood vessels when the heart is beating (working) and when it is relaxing (between heartbeats).

Some individuals are more likely to develop high blood pressure than others. Factors such as a family history of hypertension, age, sex and race cannot be controlled. Other factors which contribute to high blood pressure are within our control. These include being overweight, smoking, heavy drinking, and eating foods high in salt and cholesterol. Too much stress can also cause blood pressure which is already high to go even higher.

Prescribed medication plays an important role in controlling high blood pressure. People on medication must take it every day, no matter how they feel. Lifestyle changes are also very important in keeping blood pressure within safe limits. Quitting smoking, reducing the amount of salt in the diet, controlling weight, exercising moderately and having blood pressure checked regularly can all

help control this disease.
The Edison Township Health Department offers free blood pressure screening every Friday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Dr. William Toth Memorial Health Center, 80 Idlewild Road. Education on high blood pressure control and risk reduction is also provided at the clinic. For more information, call 287-0900, Ext. 286.

Lasagna dinner at Civic League

METUCHEN — A lasagna dinner will be served today from 5 until 8 p.m. at the American-Italian Civic League, 54 Martin Street.

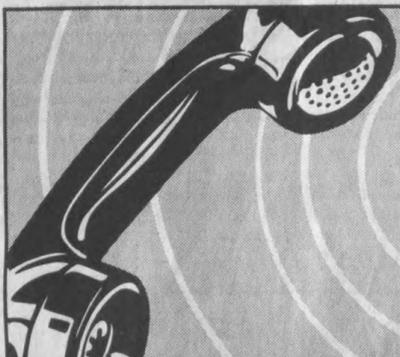
Cost is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children under 12, and tickets may be purchased at the door. The dinner is sponsored by the ladies' auxiliary of the civic league.

Class of '78 plans reunion

PISCATAWAY — The Class of 1978 at Piscataway High School is planning its 10-year reunion for this October.

Alumni support is being sought out and 1978 PHS graduates are being contacted. Anyone who is interested may write to Kathy Roth at 1122 Hanover Street, Piscataway, 08854.

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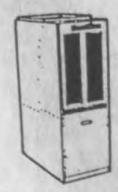
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Carey Milano (left) and Julie Macan, 4th graders at Metuchen's Edgar School, proudly stand next to earthworm project that earned them a second-place ribbon at the Middlesex County Science Fair.



Patric Nephin, a 2nd grader at Campbell School in Metuchen, holds his "boat" made of balsa wood with a balloon inside that helps to demonstrate the theory of jet propulsion. The project won him at first-place award.

Burglar eludes police pursuit

EDISON — A man seen fleeing from the scene of a burglary on Raleigh road shortly after noon on May 11 was pursued on foot by Patrolman Anthony Marcantuono but he lost sight of the suspect when he cut through the backyard at 164 Winthrop Road.

The suspect dropped a red camera bag and its contents in the driveway, according to Marcantuono.

The burglary took place at the Siciliano house at 30 Raleigh Road and upon arriving at the scene in response to a report of break-in in progress, Marcantuono and Patrolman William Plodzien saw a male approximately 5'4" with wavy dirty blonde hair and wearing a black leather coat and brown pants running down Winthrop Road toward Colton Road.

According to Patrolmen Gary Thomas and Alex Glinsky, the burglar entered the Siciliano house by prying open a kitchen window with a screwdriver. He exited by way of a bathroom window.

Gala to honor freeholders

EDISON — The Middlesex County Democratic Organization will honor the county freeholders at a cocktail party here on Wednesday.

The \$100-per-person gala will be held at the Pines Manor, Route 27 and Talmadge Road, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets may be obtained from local Democratic chairmen or from the county organization, 634-8700.

Winners in science fair

By LORIE RUSSO

METUCHEN — Earthworms, jet propulsion and time earned top prizes for four elementary school students at a recent science fair held at Middlesex County College.

Out of over 500 entries from elementary schools around the county, Carey Milano, Julie Macan, Patric Nephin and Michael Gold captured first and second place spots for their science presentations.

The experience proved to be an education for students and parents.

Mrs. Milano (who said she had earthworms spread on her kitchen table for weeks) learned that the creatures have sensitive heads. Karen Nephin discovered a relationship between squid and jet engines. David Gold found out that two 2-liter soda bottles placed one on top of the other can be used to fashion a clock.

For their worm project which captured second place, Carey and Julie used precisely 15 worms that were dug up in their backyard and placed in an empty fishtank in plenty of moist soil (worms like that). They observed the worms over a number of days and recorded in a log how the worms reacted to light and darkness. They fashioned an earthworm replica out of paper mache and pointed out all of its vital parts.

And they had fun doing it. "But why earthworms?" the pair was asked.

They shrugged. "Because they're gross," Carey replied.

Michael Gold, a student in Campbell School's developmental kindergarten class, was also a second place winner. He focused his project on time and made two working clocks from soda bottles.

One is a water clock and the other a sand clock, which resembles an hour glass.

Michael, age 5, in a phone interview, said that he couldn't quite put his finger on what prompted him to tackle something that has baffled mankind for centuries.

"I just wanted to do it," he said. His father, David, said that they had tossed around a lot of ideas, but added that it was "David's idea to do time."

"He understands now that if your shadow is small it's around noontime and if it's long, it's late in the afternoon," he commented.

For his first-place presentation on jet propulsion, Patric obtained some balsa wood and fashioned a three-sided boat. He then blew up a balloon,

placed it inside the "boat" and let it go. According to Mrs. Nephin, the force coming out of the balloon in one direction forces the boat in the opposite direction.

Hence, the principle behind the jet engine.

Squid, she remarked, travel in much the same way.

"This is how they propell themselves forward," she said.

Patric got the idea from a science encyclopedia his mom had purchased from the Foodtown supermarket. Next year's project, he said, will deal with something quite different.

"I think I know what I might make, but I can't explain it," said the young scientist. "Maybe something with colors."



Michael Gold, a 5-year-old developmental kindergarten student at Campbell School, points to his second-prize projects that deal with time.

Country club plans major renovations

EDISON — Major improvements to its facilities on Plainfield Road are planned by the Metuchen Golf & Country Club.

An application for the approval of a site plan and several variances was heard Wednesday night by the Planning Board but it held off making a decision after complaints were voiced by several nearby residents.

The condition of the club property along Grove Avenue was the subject of some strong words by George Laday of 536 Grove.

"The most God-forsaken landscaping I ever saw in my life," was Laday's assessment of the Grove Avenue frontage.

Laday said he was told the club had erected a fence along its Grove Avenue property line to keep out intruders and prevent dumping but the club uses it for a dump itself, according to Laday.

"They had the audacity to put up a used fence," he added.

Board member Charles Kavscak shared Laday's opinion that the Grove Avenue side of the club property should be cleaned up.

Club president Robert Hamlet said there were no plans to remove the fence but he agreed that the area should be better housekeeping on this part of the property.

Two residents of Oak Grove Lane didn't like the idea that a new half-way house will be only 40 feet from their property lines, the source of one of the variances.

They contended it will result in noise and that soda cases and refuse will be stored outside, causing an eyesore.

John Bolen, club architect, told the board that if the location of the half-way house were changed it would infringe on the practice green and he said that it had been designed and situated in such a way as to have minimum impact on the adjoining residential properties. According to Bolen, landscaping also will be employed to minimize its intrusion.

In addition to the new half-way house, the club also is planning a new maintenance facility and improvements to the clubhouse itself.

Described by Bolen as somewhat "classical" in design, the building was moved from another location and installed on the site in 1912 and has undergone a number of expansions over the years.

According to Bolen, the latest renovations, which will include a new front entrance, will maintain the integrity of the architecture. He said new facilities will include an expanded dining room, which will be adequate for club members to use it for

affairs such as weddings and it will make it possible to accommodate the entire club membership at special affairs.

It was the opinion of board chairman Val Meszaros that upgrading of the clubhouse will be "a great improvement" and residents of nearby Oak Grove Lane will be "pleased" with the final result.

Tony Balsamo

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Woodrow Wilson lists top students

EDISON — A total of 143 students were named to the honor roll at Woodrow Wilson Middle School for the third marking period.

Twelve students attained the distinguished honor roll, for having all A's in their courses. They are:

8th grade — Kristoffer Kauffeld, Farhana Latif, Tejal Mody and Yong Won Suh.

7th grade — James Daniels, Kim A. Feigenbaum, Krishna Juluru, Saima Latif, Jason Liu, Winnie Seung and Bing Shen.

6th grade — Sari Kaplan. Among those listed on the meritorious honor roll, for earning A's and B's, are:

8th grade — Jodi Boffard, Vincent Bruno, Joseph Chonka, Bruce Diamond, Denise Sower, Michael Allen, Paula Eldridge, Thomas Kucinski, Allison Mattia, Eric Miller, Jeffrey Misko, Michael Galbraith, Tracy Kaufman, Shefall Mavani, Tejal S. Mody, Eve Piscina and Adam Stein.

Jennifer Gallo, Rachel Gelman, Christine Hardy, Audra McEvoy, Christian Rajcevic, Shahla Siddiqui, Michael Tobias, Rafia Chaudhry, Katherine Flynn, Melissa Hoffman, Linda Ranzulli, Kimberly Calabro, Wendy Cheng, Alexis Cupo, Myrna Lim and Jefferson Mennuti.

Jignesh Patel, Jamie Skazenski, Mark Stillman, Alice Chan, Chandra Choe, Lori Krempa, Rakesh Patel, Alex Schlesinger, Adam Schweber, Michael Siminoff, Aimee Smith, Michelle Steinfeld, I-Wei Feng, Janice Marron, Liana Walters and Jessica White.

7th grade — John Abdelmark, Vivan M. Guirguis, Joy Upalakalin, Daniel Voloch, Desiree DeMelo, Michelle Furchi, Adam J. Lefkowitz, Jennifer Miller, Jae Won Suh, Wendy Yong, Patricia Yahn, Doris Chen and Julia Horvath.

Alice Huang, Brent Papi, Sonal Patel, Alex Cheng, Anthony Pugliese, Neha Vapiwala, Todd M. Burnside, Onofrio Chillemi, Tamara Fraiman, Harry Hung, Michael Zatorski and Linda Farrell.

Anne Kidd, Kalpita Patel, Vincent Ruvalo, Ashish Sharma, Christy Deland, Christine Dondarski, John Hinds, Brett Pogany, Pearl Shen, Jennifer Alpern, Jamel Johnson, David Mann and Mitali Shah.

6th grade — Donald Emerick, Kenneth Henderson, Kenji Liu, Lori McEvoy, Shital Mody, Sue Perng, Rebecca Velazquez, Siddesh Bai, Eddie Chen, Sean Cusack, Dennis Lenart Jr., Sharon Morgenthal, Debra Bierman, Christopher Corrente and Wendy Palto.

Jason A. Stein, Laura Veron, Jennifer Wang, Shradha Agarwal, Ariadne Coutsoubelis, Hector Franco, Jennifer Kobren, Kara Lefkowitz, Avignat Patel, Danielle Petroff, Anna Wang, Jesse Eisenstadt, Ricci Koonin and Chih-Wei Lee.

Colleen McCann, Bhavesh Patel, Rosemarie Pelleriti, Brooke Stanton, Kristine Domingo, Laurie Grossberg, Theresa Jinwala, Joshua Levy, Amy Mehta, Dayle Winter, Helen Chang, Jennifer Hwang, Janet Liu, Marisa Rackley and Sung-Kook Yoo.

Bike auction in Metuchen

METUCHEN — The Metuchen Police Department will hold its annual bicycle auction on Saturday, May 21 at 10 a.m.

The auction of unclaimed bicycles that police find throughout the borough will be held at the police garage across the street from Borough Hall on Middlesex Avenue.

TOWNSHIP OF EDISON

0.418-88 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$84,500 FROM CAPITAL SURPLUS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A RECONDITIONED BULLDOZER

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey:

Section 1: That there is hereby authorized pursuant to the applicable statutes of the State of New Jersey, the acquisition of a reconditioned bulldozer for use at the municipal landfill, as a general improvement.

Section 2: It is hereby determined and declared by this Municipal Council as follows:

A. That the estimated cost for the purposes stated in Section 1 is \$84,500.

B. That funds available as capital surplus in the amount of \$84,500 be appropriated to finance the cost for the purposes stated in Section 1.

Section 3: No debt of any kind shall be issued in connection with this ordinance.

Section 4: The Capital Budget of the Township of Edison is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith.

Section 5: This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

HENRI CACKOWSKI Council President

ATTEST: LUCILLE TUCKER Township Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above Ordinance was duly passed on first reading by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, County of Middlesex, New Jersey, on the 27th day of April, 1988, and that said Ordinance will be considered for final adoption at a Meeting of the said Municipal Council to be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 11th day of May, 1988, at 8:00 o'clock P.M., at which time and place a Public Hearing will be held prior to final passage of said Ordinance and all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

LUCILLE TUCKER Township Clerk

ATTEST: Adelaide M. Searfoss Township Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above Ordinance was finally adopted by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, County of Middlesex, New Jersey, on the 11th day of May, 1988, and approved by the Acting Mayor on the 12th day of May, 1988.

Adelaide M. Searfoss Township Clerk

STATEMENT

The Bond Ordinance published herewith has been finally adopted and the twenty-day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding may be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement.

Adelaide M. Searfoss Township Clerk

\$36.21 ME-20-11-May 20, 1988

EDISON TOWNSHIP NOTICE

0.416-88 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REPLACEMENT OF THE GASOLINE DISPENSING SYSTEM AT THE TOWNSHIP POLICE STATION, IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$12,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE COSTS THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY:

SECTION 1: That pursuant to applicable statutes there is hereby authorized the replacement of the gasoline dispensing system at the Township police station of the Township of Edison, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

SECTION 2: It is hereby determined and declared by this Municipal Council as follows:

A. That the Capital Budget of the Township as submitted and approved by this Municipal Council includes the improvements described in Section 1 above.

B. That the maximum estimated amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the purposes stated in Section 1 hereof is \$11,000.

C. That the estimated maximum amount of money to be raised from all sources including the down payment referred to above; be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purposes stated in Section 1 hereof.

D. That an appropriation was contained in a budget or budgets of the Township heretofore adopted, and there is now available in said appropriation the sum of \$1,000, which said sum is hereby appropriated as a down payment for the purposes stated in Section 1 hereof.

SECTION 3: That there is hereby authorized the issuance of negotiable serial bonds of the Township of Edison, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, in an aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$11,000, pursuant to the Local Bond Law, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey (the "Local Bond Law"), for the purposes of financing the cost, together with the said down payment, of the replacement described in Section 1 hereof. The form, rate or rates of interest and other details of said bonds not prescribed herein shall be determined by subsequent resolution or resolutions adopted pursuant to law.

SECTION 4: That pending the issuance of the permanent bonds authorized in Section 3 hereof there is hereby

Adelaide M. Searfoss Township Clerk

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Adelaide M. Searfoss Township Clerk

\$61.60 ME-20-11-May 20, 1988

LEGAL NOTICE

authorized the issuance of bond anticipation notes of the Township of Edison, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, in an aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$11,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. The form, method of sale, maturities, rate or rates of interest and all other details of said notes not prescribed herein shall be determined by subsequent resolution or resolutions adopted pursuant to law.

SECTION 5: That if the Township shall receive any grants or moneys from the United States of America or the State of New Jersey, or any agencies thereof, for the purposes provided for in this ordinance, the amount of bonds or notes so authorized herein shall be reduced by the amounts of said grants or moneys received before the issuance of such bonds or notes and in the event that any of such grants or moneys are received after the issuance of such bonds or notes, such grants or moneys shall be applied to the payment of principal of or interest on said bonds or notes.

SECTION 6: It is hereby found, determined and declared by this Municipal Council as follows:

A. That the bonds issued pursuant to this ordinance shall bear interest at such rate or rates as shall be determined hereafter, not exceeding the maximum rate provided by law.

B. That the period of usefulness of the improvements or property described in Section 1 hereof, for which the obligations authorized by this ordinance are to be issued, within the limitations of said Local Bond Law is twenty-five (25) years.

SECTION 7: That the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Township Clerk prior to the passage of this ordinance on first reading, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey prior to the passage of this ordinance on final reading. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this ordinance by \$11,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

SECTION 8: That the total amount of the proceeds of the bonds or notes authorized by this ordinance which may be expended for interest on the obligations to finance such improvements, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses, the cost of the issuance of the obligations authorized by this ordinance and other matters specified in Sections 40A-2.20 of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey is not exceeding \$1,000.

SECTION 9: That the Township covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 of the interest on all obligations issued hereunder.

SECTION 10: As long as any of the bonds or notes authorized herein are outstanding the full faith and credit of the Township of Edison, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, shall be pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on all of the bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance and appropriations shall be annually maintained in the budget and taxes shall be levied annually for such principal and interest on all of the taxable property within said Township without limit as to rate or amount.

SECTION 11: This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage in the manner provided by law.

HENRI CACKOWSKI Council President

ATTEST: LUCILLE TUCKER Township Clerk

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Adelaide M. Searfoss Township Clerk

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amount of the deposit will be determined in accordance with the following schedule:

A. Concrete Sidewalks — \$1.00 per square foot.
B. Concrete Curb — \$2.50 per linear foot.

These deposits shall be held by the Borough Engineer and all remaining amounts, if any, shall be returned to the permittee upon a satisfactory inspection by the Borough Engineer in accordance with Section 22-29.

Correction of any deficiencies shall be done by the permittee. In the event that the permittee shall fail to correct any cited deficiencies within 45 days, or such additional period as agreed to by the Borough Engineer based on a good cause request for an extension, the Borough may take action using the deposit funds to effect such repairs. Nothing contained herein shall limit the liability of the permittee to the Borough for the correction of these deficiencies to the amount of the security deposit. Should the cost of correction exceed the deposit, the permittee shall be liable to the Borough for the remainder which excess sum shall be deemed to be lien on the appurtenant private property of the permittee, to the extent allowed by law.

SECTION 22-25. Same-Expiration.
The permit required by Section 22-23 shall expire at the expiration of ninety (90) days from the date of issuance thereof. (11-20-44, 1.)

SECTION 22-26. Specifications.
Any new sidewalk or curb constructed after January 1, 1988, or any present sidewalk or curb repaired thereafter shall conform with the specifications for such work as contained herein.

A. Curbs shall be constructed of concrete and shall in depth, twenty (20) inches from top to bottom. Curb thickness shall be nine (9) inches at the finished grade of the street and thence downward the entire depth. The thickness shall taper from the grade of the street toward the property line so that at its top, the curb shall be eight (8) inches thick. The height of the curb above street grade at the curbline shall be six (6) inches. There shall be a one and one quarter (1 1/4) inch radius on the top of the curb facing the street and a one and one-half (1 1/2) inch radius on the top of the curb toward the property. The front face of the curb shall have a smooth rubbed finish to the street grade line. Expansion joints shall be placed approximately every twenty (20) feet, however, no expansion joints shall be placed in any driveway depression. A one-half (1/2) inch bituminous expansion joint shall be provided at least once in every one hundred (100) foot section length of curb. Sawed joints twenty (20) inches in depth may be provided in every other twenty (20) foot section of curb, in lieu of the bituminous expansion joint. In case of private driveways crossing any sidewalk the curb may be depressed across the entire width of the driveway by providing a sloping section at either side with a slope of five (5) inches per foot. The depressed portion of the curb shall maintain a full twenty (20) inches of concrete. All curb construction shall comply with current New Jersey Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction and the Borough of Metuchen drawings pertaining thereto in design, materials, construction and workmanship. Concrete shall be 4500 psi, air entrained. In cases where downspout water is discharged at the curb, three (3) inch pipe must be placed under the sidewalk and a three (3) inch plastic insert through the entire thickness of the curb. This will outlet the water into the gutter. Outlet openings shall be placed three (3) inches from the top of the curb in areas designated by the Borough Engineer.

B. Curb radii of less than a fifty (50) foot arc and all driveway curb depressions shall be reinforced with a minimum of two one-half (1/2) inch reinforcement rods. Reinforcement rods shall be constructed in a manner acceptable to the Borough Engineer. Curb radii exceeding a fifty (50) foot arc shall be installed without reinforcement rod.

C. All sidewalks and curbing shall be constructed, reconstructed and repaired in accordance with this Ordinance.

SECTION 22-27. Grade Generally.
All sidewalks shall be laid at the grade established by ordinances of the Borough.

D. Where sidewalks are a part of the driveway the sidewalk shall maintain grade, with no depression, as to provide a safe and easy walkway. That portion of the driveway that provides access to private property between the curb and the sidewalk shall be constructed of concrete with a minimum thickness of six (6) inches reinforced with wire mesh. A one-half (1/2) inch bituminous expansion joint shall be provided where the driveway abuts the sidewalk and/or curb. That portion of the sidewalk that constitutes the driveway shall be six (6) inches in thickness and reinforced with (6x6@10/10) wire mesh. Driveways shall be installed as directed in the Borough of Metuchen Land Development Ordinance.

All details of construction not mentioned in this ordinance shall be in accordance with approved engineering specifications.

SECTION 22-28. Line and Grade to be Furnished by Borough Engineer upon Request.
In all cases where requested, the line and grade for any sidewalk shall be furnished by the Borough Engineer at no expense to the property owner.

SECTION 22-29. Work subject to Inspection, etc. by Borough Engineer.
The construction and repair of all sidewalks and curbs shall be subject to inspection by the Borough Engineer and shall be finished to the reasonable satisfaction of the Borough Engineer. The Borough Engineer shall prepare a list of deficiencies, if any, and shall forward or hand a copy to the permittee.

SECTION 22-30. Maintenance.
Sidewalks and curbs shall be maintained at all times in a safe condition and in such a manner and condition as to avoid any hazard or damage to any pedestrian, person or vehicle lawfully using same. The maintenance of the curb and sidewalk immediately adjacent to a property is the responsibility of the owner of that adjacent property.

SECTION 22-31. Construction or repair by Borough Engineer.
The Mayor and Council shall have the authority to construct or repair any sidewalks or curb adjacent to any property located in the Borough so that the same conforms with this article, and to assess the cost thereof to the adjacent owner. Such action by the Mayor and Council shall be in conformity with State law regarding special assessment.

SECTION 22-32. Effect of Ordinance.
This ordinance shall take effect immediately after publication in accordance with law.

John F. Wiley, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: Eleanor Brennan, Borough Clerk

Introduced: May 16, 1988

TV taken from one house left at second burglary

EDISON — A house on Wilson Avenue and another around the corner on Ellen Street were broken in during the daylight hours of last Friday.

Patrolmen Ronald Mieczkowski and Allen Herman reported that a portable television set with built-in cassette player that had been stolen from the Wharton house at 96 Wilson was found in the backyard of the La-Posta residence at 66 Ellen.

Mieczkowski and Herman reported that the Wharton house was entered through a rear door that mistakenly had been left unlocked. In addition to the TV set and cassette player, a quantity of jewelry including gold chains and rings were taken.

A resident of the house told the officers that upon arriving home she found the front door, which had been locked, was unlocked.

Entry to the LaPosta house was gained by breaking the glass in the laundry room door at the side of the dwelling.

Mieczkowski and Herman reported

that two bedrooms were ransacked and an undetermined quantity of jewelry and assorted change amounting to approximately \$25 were taken.

The burglar apparently exited through the front door, which was found unlocked when an occupant of the house returned home.

MEET FOR DINNER

WOODBIDGE — Every Tuesday, the Mid-Jersey Jewish Singles meet for dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Woodbridge Diner on Route 35. For more information, call Janice at 549-5015. Singles between 35 and 55 are welcome.

SETS INSTALLATION

METUCHEN — Metuchen-Edison Hadassah will hold a meeting and installation of officers Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Temple Neve Shalom, 250 Grove Avenue. The public is invited to attend.

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Controversial subdivision rejected by Edison board

EDISON — A 17-lot subdivision off New Dover Road and backing onto Grove Avenue homes that encountered stiff opposition from nearby homeowners was rejected without prejudice Wednesday night by the Planning Board.

This means that developer Leon Weinstein can return with a scaled down version of his residential project, which, objectors charged, infringed on freshwater wetlands.

"This application does not meet sound planning criteria," said board chairman Val Meszaros when the matter came up for a vote.

Drainage problems were not "adequately addressed," according to Meszaros, and the developer did not deal with the existence of three ponds on the site.

Planning consultant John Chadwick reported that the plan was deficient in several respects but said the site could be used for a development "substantially improved" from what was proposed. Township engineer William Lund told the board that the site does present "some problems" but they could be solved with a different plan. Lund also corrected what he said was a "misconception" on the part of some nearby residents and that is the development impinges on a portion of Woodland Grove Park. This is not the case, according to Lund.

When Meszaros called for a motion

on the application, Gordon Berkow, Weinstein's attorney, attempted to address the board but he was gavelled down by Meszaros and sternly reprimanded for what Meszaros said was an infraction of the board's procedures.

When the Weinstein application came under discussion at Monday night's agenda session of the board, Meszaros said that more correspondence had been received about the matter than any other case ever to come before the board and he proceeded to read off the names of the letter writers.

As Meszaros also began to touch on the contents of some of the letters of objection, board attorney Sheldon Schiffman interjected: "This is improper. The public hearing has been closed."

Meszaros replied that he was not attempting to put any new evidence before the board but only wanted to put receipt of the letters on record.

Mayor Anthony M. Yelencsics, who was reprimanded by a Superior Court judge for having informed fellow Planning Board members during a previous case that he had sent a petition from objectors, revealed that he also had received correspondence relating to the Weinstein matter.

Yelencsics said he felt it was "improper" for him to have such letters but some contained misinformation

such as claims that part of the development would occupy public parkland. This is not true, said Yelencsics, and he thought it was incumbent on him to inform the residents otherwise.

Schiffman reiterated that none of the correspondence received by anyone should play a role in the board's deliberations.

"It's improper for the Planning Board to base any decision on the basis of any letters that are not part of the record," he stressed.

Among the objectors to the development was board member Charles Kavscak.

Kavscak absented himself when the board heard the application at its April meeting and again on Wednesday night when the case came up for a decision. At last month's meeting, Kavscak requested a ruling from Schiffman on whether he could address the board from the audience. He was told by Schiffman that he could but Meszaros implored him to refrain because of legal problems stemming from a previous case in which board member Marion Tekejian, although an objector in that instance, participated as a board member in the hearing.

Kavscak questioned whether his civil rights were being violated but deferred to Meszaros' plea for silence.

Memorable slogan leads to recovery of trailer

EDISON — Best Refrigerated Express Inc. of 9 Vineyard Road has a slogan painted on its trucks that is hard to ignore.

It announces: "This is my home, my life, my country. Have a nice day."

Richard Loose of Denver, Colo., vice president of Best Refrigerated Express, was driving north on Route 1 at 10:30 a.m. May 11 with his Eastern regional manager when he spotted a 1987 Great Dane trailer parked outside the Beauty Rest Motel.

Lo and behold, he told Patrolmen Anthony Marcantuono and William Plodzien, what was emblazoned on the truck but "This is my home, etc."

Loose and his regional manager wheeled around their car for a

closer look because one of the company's 1987 Great Danes had been stolen two or three months ago in Chicago.

It turned out to be the very one, according to Marcantuono and Plodzien, who reported that the vehicle identification number had been tampered with but the serial numbers for the refrigeration unit and compressor proved to be those on record for the stolen trailer.

Marcantuono and Plodzien reported that while in the Beauty Rest parking lot they observed a man walking toward the truck and when questioned, he said it was his property.

The suspect, identified as Jeri Mikulik, 42, of Cicero, Ill., was arrested on a charge of possession of stolen property.

Suicide gun said stolen by brother

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around New York City when his vehicle broke down. He took the weapon to a Continental Airlines ticket agent at the airport and asked to have it shipped home. The gun was checked, unloaded and placed in Austin's luggage. A blue sticker was affixed to the side of the bag, indicating that an unloaded weapon was being transported, Rockoff said.

Austin returned home, opened his luggage and found the gun missing. He reported the theft to the Cattaraugus County, N.Y., Sheriff's Department. A report was also filed with Continental Airlines.

Austin, according to Rockoff, was not asked to show firearms identification at Newark Airport and Port Authority police were never asked to check to see if the gun had been stolen. The report of theft was never forwarded to the Port Authority police, Rockoff said.

Sergeant Thomas Rizzo and Investigator Orlando Roman of the prosecutor's office, after tracing the theft of the weapon to the airport, checked a list of Continental baggage handlers who had worked the day the gun was shipped and found Kulkusky's name.

Kulkusky, Rockoff said, had taken a leave of absence from his job Tuesday morning before learning of the charges against him. An investigator was sent to the Kulkusky home to tell his parents of the charges.

Rivertown hearing set

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finger inlet that will be created. This design, he said, will create a waterfront community without disturbing the riverfront wetlands.

The mouth of the new inlet will be flanked by two 26-story apartment towers that Gindroz described as "beacons" for those "returning home in their boats." Nearby will be public boat docking facilities.

Near the head of the inlet, envisioned by Gindroz as Rivertown's "main street," will be three 16-story apartment towers and a public space whose amenities could include a restaurant.

Gindroz said that the five towers will provide the degree of residential density needed "to support a development of this scope."

The other residential units will be structures of 2 1/2 and 3 1/2 stories. The design will invoke Victorian architecture.

Rivertown, Gindroz said, will be "a truly special residential community in a place that has not been thought of up until now for such a purpose."

Although the purpose of Monday's meeting was to deal with the concept of Rivertown, Mayor Anthony M. Yelencsics had two questions of a more concrete nature in mind.

One was the status of plans for an overpass that will carry traffic from Raritan Center over Woodbridge Avenue and the other was the status of land that Raritan Center has promised to give to the township for the site of public safety facilities.

"This is an old one and it was put on the back burner for a while," said the mayor about the overpass, which is to be financed in part by Raritan

Center.

Noting that the gigantic New York Times printing plant will be operating within two years or so in the former Fedders plant across Woodbridge Avenue from Raritan Center, Yelencsics said the time had come to get the overpass "moving." He was told by Frank Vischiglia that a "task force" has been organized by the state Department of Transportation and studies are underway on how the overpass can be designed to best serve the needs of everyone involved — the township, the county, Raritan Center and the New York Times.

As to the land for public safety facilities, Vischiglia said that an acre and a half has been set aside at Clover and Parkway places, a site he described as "reasonably central" to the rest of Raritan Center.

When Yelencsics complained that an acre and a half was not adequate, he was told by board chairman Val Meszaros that as the value of land in Raritan Center has gone up, the amount of land earmarked for the township has gone down.

"The dollars remain the same but the acres are reduced," said Meszaros. "If you wait much longer you'll wind up with a postage stamp."

GAMES AND PIZZA

EDISON — On Saturday, May 28, the Mid-Jersey Jewish Singles will have a game and pizza night at 8 p.m. for singles between 35 and 55. For reservations or directions, call Rita at 549-4272.

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of the play "Tracers," which is replete with "forbidden language."

According to superintendent of schools Charles A. Boyle, Richardson currently is preparing guidelines dealing with the selection of plays and other materials for students that will prevent a reoccurrence of the "Tracers" incident.

Boyle said the district currently does have such guideline "but they were not as tight as they should have been."

Swim club about to open

PISCATAWAY — The Wynnewood Swim Club will open for the season on Saturday, May 28.

The Olympic-size pool and kiddie pool are located at 78 Hancock Road, off Patton Avenue near Possumtown Road. Hours will be 4 to 7 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends.

Normal hours begin on Saturday, June 18, when the club will be open from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.

The club has a swimming team and offers swimming lessons. A wooded picnic area and refreshment stand are also found on the grounds.

As a bonus, the public is invited to swim for free any weekend through July. Details on this offer and annual memberships may be obtained by calling 356-1252 or 469-2551.

Traffic lights in store

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nor and Bridge. After the law was passed, however, others residents, who were suddenly being slapped with \$60 traffic fines for making what was now an illegal left turn to reach their homes on Connor, asked that the sign be eliminated.

This prompted a compromise solution in which the no-left would be in effect daily from 7 to 9 a.m. only so that residents could reach their homes in the evening without fear of being ticketed. In addition, it was proposed that right turns from New Durham onto Renninger be prohibited between 7 and 9 a.m. and 3 and 6 p.m. and left turns from Renninger onto New Durham be prohibited between 3 and 6 p.m.

Everything went smoothly until the

DOT, which has the final word in all traffic matters, sent a letter to the borough denying the portion of the law restricting turn movements between Renninger and New Durham roads.

This brought out residents last Wednesday night to the Traffic and Transportation meeting for a discussion on possible ways to discourage commuters from using the residential streets to bypass traffic congestion at Bridge Street and New Durham Road.

It was during this meeting that Mrs. Kirtman told the group that a DOT official had cast doubt on the installation of the traffic lights.

She said that a conversation with a DOT official revealed that there was "absolutely nothing there to make it

appear as though the light was imminent."

"I couldn't believe it," she added.

Also considered during the meeting were ways to slow down cars traveling through the development. One resident suggested speed bumps, however, it was brought out at Monday's council meeting that they are illegal on residential streets in New Jersey.

Residents appeared satisfied with the Monday night announcement that the traffic lights are indeed "imminent."

Mary Turk of Connor Avenue told the council that she was pleased with the outcome of all the discussions and commended Mrs. Kirtman for a "wonderful" job as chairman of the traffic commission.

Docs' caboose booted

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Board Attorney Clifford Kuhn disagreed. "The three cabooses encroach on the public right of way," he told the board. "We don't have the authority to allow it."

Docs retorted: "It has not caused any problems. It is not a safety factor."

Clarkson reminded Docs: "We have to raise the question if the use is permitted."

"As far as any use goes," Docs interrupted, "I'll accept a time limit. I really have to do something there. It would frost me to move them again."

"I need a time element to get Jim off my back," he reiterated. Board member Howard Virgil asked: "How much time do you need?"

"One year max," Docs responded. Virgil theorized: "So we deny the variance and recommend a one year clemency."

But Constantine objected, saying that he and Docs "danced around on this for a year and I was forced to issue a summons."

Denying he needed a variance because the cabooses are not a structure, Docs asked the board to define the cabooses.

When Kuhn called them trailers, Docs mimicked, "It is not a vehicle, it's not a structure, it's a trailer. Is a variance required for a trailer, whatever that is, to remain on the property?"

Kuhn shot back, "You keep asking us is it this, is it that? The ordinance does not address cabooses because they normally operate on a railroad."

Clarkson intervened: "What use are you putting these to?"

Docs answered, "storage."

"That is not permitted," Clarkson told him. "Parking and storage are not permitted there."

Arguing the point Docs said: "In the 12 years it's been there, if it's such a big violation, certainly an elected official would have said something."

An exasperated Clarkson responded: "You're the owner of the

property. That's what is there now. That's what we deal with."

Docs said he planned to move the cabooses that once did duty for the Soo line in Minnesota to a parcel of land he owns at the corner of Lake and Amboy Avenues after he demolishes a warehouse, a dwelling and a defunct gas station presently on the site.

He wants to convert the cabooses, which date back to the 1870's, into "probably a small village retail with arts and crafts."

"I have no specific plans right now," he added.

Docs cited high interest rates for construction mortgages, Planning Board opposition and Constantine's refusal to allow a bank to occupy the site currently housing the cabooses as his reasons for not converting the cabooses earlier.

The board remained unsympathetic and a motion to deny the application was moved.

Suggesting the current site of the cabooses is a lover's lane, Constantine claimed the police have complained to him of "youthful activities" on the premises.

Taking issue with that remark Docs replied: "I have never had the police talk to me about it."

When Clarkson tried to curtail Docs' objection, he said, "but he's making serious allegations."

"Mr. Constantine's remarks may have been out of order but we have a motion to deny," Clarkson ruled.

The moment the vote was tallied, Docs stormed out of the meeting room.

Orenyo named by title firm

METUCHEN — Charles R. Orenyo has joined General Land Abstract Co., a major title insurance agency, as senior vice president and counsel.

He had been an associate with the law firm of Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith, Ravin, Davis & Bergstein, which has offices in Woodbridge and Newark.

A member of the New Jersey State Bar Association and the American Bar Association, Orenyo serves as a guest lecturer with the New Jersey Chapter of the Community Associations Institute, of which he also is a member. He holds a BA degree from Kenyon College and a doctorate in law from Dickinson College School of Law.

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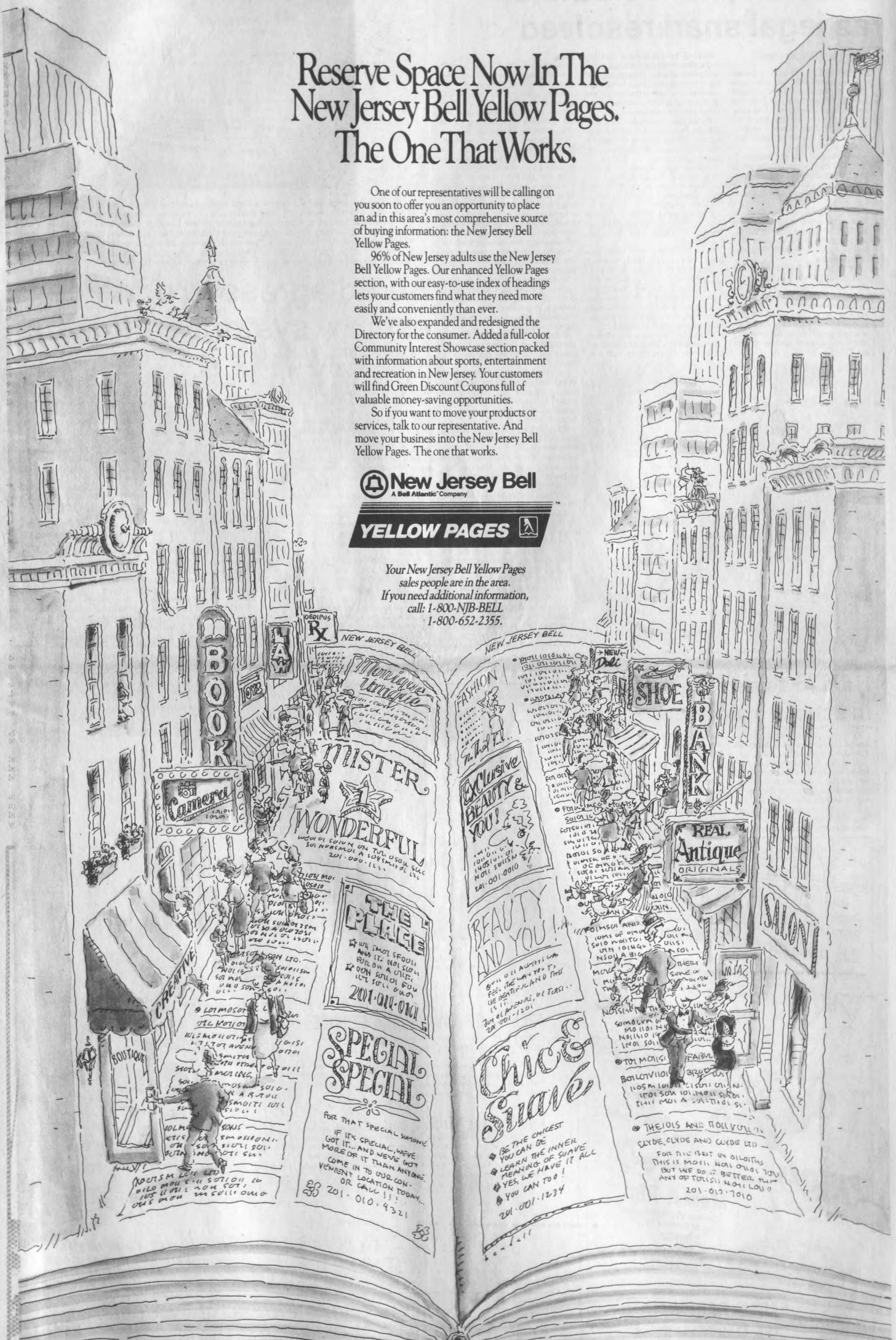
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D'Zuro variance official as legal snarl resolved

By CRAIG MRACEK

METUCHEN — Usually a motion to memorialize action taken at a previous Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting is uneventful, but such was not the case Monday night as disagreement arose over the May 4 approval of Andrew D'Zuro's application to build a senior citizens community on Main Street.

The situation was resolved when the board ruled seven bulk variances had been granted, but the exact footage of setbacks would be determined at a site plan review scheduled for June 15.

The uproar began when Board Chairwoman Ellen Clarkson objected to the proposed resolution saying the approval was for a use variance and not for the seven bulk variances D'Zuro needed.

Martin Spritzer, D'Zuro's attorney, said, "The only reason we were going for a use variance is because we needed these seven bulk variances."

Clarkson replied, "I don't think our decision was to grant these bulk variances. I thought we were approving a use variance. We did not have any discussion on these specific variances."

Most of the controversy surrounded a 12-foot sideyard setback and a rear yard setback. Clarkson held that she voted to approve the use variance and granted the bulk variances but she declared no specific numbers were attached to the bulk variances.

Fellow board members Carol Lerner and Jean Guarnieri agreed, saying the precise footage of the bulk variances was to be determined at the site plan review.

Spritzer said, "I have to repeat, what we were asking for was a use variance because we needed seven bulk variances. You gave us everything we requested."

Board attorney Clifford Kuhn concurred, "The motion was made to approve the application and the bulk variances."

When Clarkson argued a site plan should be provided before the board approves the bulk variances, an irate Spritzer declared, "The motion was in respect to the bulk variances. When we come in with a site plan needing more than seven variances, then we have a problem. I can't see how you can contest this now."

"Maybe," Clarkson responded, "my memory of what the motion entailed was to grant the use var-

iance."

Guarnieri added, "We're going to give you less than what is required, but we're not saying how much."

Kuhn claimed the board had agreed to the setback footage D'Zuro proposed and said, "The motion was the variances he asked for, ladies and gentlemen. You voted."

Pointing out the board members' different interpretations of the motion, Lerner remarked, "Maybe we should not have worded it that way."

An offended Kuhn shouted, "When you make a motion to approve something as a board . . . I cannot know what it is you want other than the way you express it. Your motion was made. I take umbrage with the fact that you turn around and tell me I should have advised you different."

Clarkson insisted, "I was not voting on setbacks, those are site plan considerations."

Spritzer declared, "You're catching me up in terrible Catch-22 here. I can't know what people thought in their head when they voted."

Clarkson was adamant, "We left it open for site plan."

Board member Michael Sudol disagreed, "When I voted on it I know I voted on the seven variances in there."

"But Michael," Clarkson noted, "we are precluding ourselves from increasing that sideyard setback. I do not believe we voted on a specific 12-foot setback or other variances."

Kuhn advised, "I suggest you table this and get the tape to determine what was voted on."

Spritzer literally bounced into the air and declared, "This is outrageous! This motion was made. All of you heard it."

Clarkson, instructing the board to be cautious, said, "This is a grant to do something with your property and it's not going to change. We should leave it up to the site plan and not commit ourselves to 12-feet."

After listening to the tapes of the May 4 meeting, Clarkson announced, "It is not clear what the motion was, but we have resolved it."

Clarkson stated a stipulation had been reached between Spritzer and Kuhn recognizing that the bulk variances were granted but the amount of setback footage would be decided at the site plan review.



—photo by Jim D'Amico

Edison Police Sergeant Fred Galati directs traffic at accident scene Monday at Plainfield and Greenwood avenues while first aiders tend to one of the injured who is propped up against a stop sign. In what is becoming a familiar scenario at corner, David W. Davis 3rd of Piscataway, while eastbound on Plainfield, was passing stopped vehicles to his right when car operated by Sharon R. Anderson, also of Piscataway, pulled out of Greenwood in an attempt to turn left. Anderson told Patrolman George Spearnock another driver stopped and waved her on and she didn't see Davis approaching. Both drivers were taken to John F. Kennedy Medical Center.

Board agrees to consider escrow system ordinance

EDISON — A revised version of an ordinance that would require developers to deposit escrow funds to cover the cost of reviewing their applications is going to be presented to the Planning Board by planning consultant John Chadwick.

The original version of the measure wound up before the Township Council in April but was tabled just prior to final adoption when the council discovered it hadn't the foggiest idea of what the law was all about or whence it had come.

Chadwick revealed at Monday night's agenda session of the Planning Board that the escrow ordinance had been prepared and submitted with a package of laws designed to rezone a 960-acre portion of Raritan Center for a planned unit development.

He contended that such an ordinance is needed so that developers will foot the bill for the amount of time spent on reviewing their applications and making on-site visits.

The "concept" of the proposed law, according to Chadwick, is that the applicant should pay when members of the staff of E. Eugene Cross Asso-

ciates, the township's planning firm, virtually devise entire landscaping plans for a project or members of the township engineering staff design roads "in difficult situations."

"We are operating with landscape architects running around Edison Township," he told the board, referring to members of the Cross' staff whose services are provided under an annual fee paid to the firm by the township.

The escrow funds, Chadwick told the board, would cover more than the routine inspection costs that current application filing fees are intended to finance.

Posting of escrow funds is permitted under the state land use law, Chadwick said, and many municipalities already are using the system.

Board chairman Val Meszaros agreed that many applications should be subject to closer attention by paid consultants but the developers and not the township should be paying for this. He said he was not satisfied with the scope of the reviews some applications presently undergo and a parttime Planning

Board cannot be expected to perform this work.

Former chairman William Bohn was able to devote the time necessary to scrutinizing applications but he is not in a position to do the same, continued Meszaros.

Bohn, however, indicated that he was not favorably inclined toward the escrow ordinance and complained that the original version had been passed on to the council without review or discussion by the Planning Board.

"It's just questionable," said Bohn of the escrow idea. "It just leaves a lot of money in a big pot for everybody to draw on."

He also expressed concern about the mechanics of allocating charges against the escrow funds and the bookkeeping that would be involved.

Mayor Anthony M. Yelencsics agreed that when the first ordinance was presented its intent was not fully explained.

He urged that when Chadwick returns with a revised version that he be prepared to explain it in detail to the council "so they don't sit up there like a bunch of dumb heads."



Two former Metuchenites have a reunion as Rose McCafferty Horn receives an award for contributing 1,787 volunteer hours to the Veterans Administration outpatient clinic in Orlando, Fla. Presenting the award to the former Metuchen Municipal Court clerk is Daniel Doherty, a former borough resident who is administrative officer at the VA facility.

Named as semifinalist in scholars program

EDISON — Daniel Tabak has been named as a semifinalist in this year's Presidential Scholars program.

He is one of 500 exceptional high school seniors who will be considered for selection next month as Presidential Scholars. Tabak is the son of Seymour and Judith Tabak and will graduate in June from John P. Stevens High School.

Semifinalists were chosen from

among 1,500 students whose test scores qualified them for the program.

The final selection will be conducted by the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars and announced within a few weeks. Scholars will be invited to Washington, D.C., for a National Recognition Week in June and presented with a medallion at the White House.



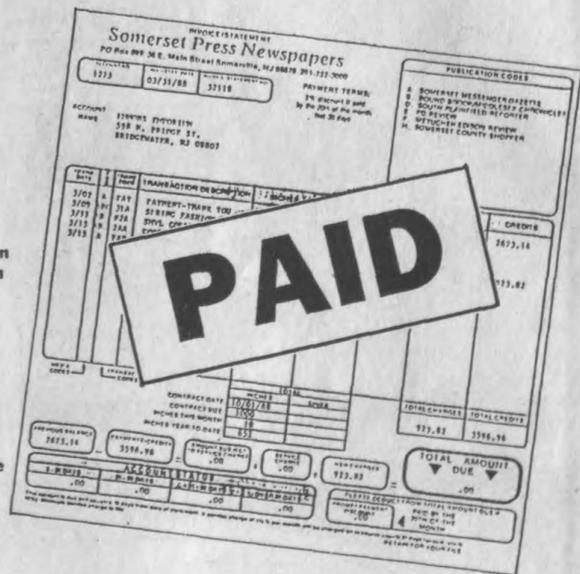
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 Al Pulsinelli (Right) — Graduated Florida State — Assistant Manager, Top of Six's (NYC) — Food & Beverage Director of the Georgia Center; Manager Russian Tea Room (NYC); General Manager Knickerbocker Pub; Food & Beverage Director Everglades Hotel, Miami; Chef-Owner of Pulsinelli's — NOW — Chef-Owner Dewey Park, Middlesex.
 Jon-Paul Hutchins — Graduated Culinary Institute of America; Jon-Paul Catering; Pegasus (Roundsman); Suzanne's Petite Maison, head chef; Terra Cotta — NOW — Windsor's, Somerville.

Congratulations to our winners. First, Second and Third place winners were announced in each category.



MAIN DISH



Spicy City Chicken

Angela Dubivsky
Somerville, NJ



2 small bunches coriander (3 oz)
1 jalapeno
4 shallots
4 large mushrooms (1/4 lb)
1/2 tsp butter
1 tsp ground cumin
1 1/2 cups chicken stock
1/2 cup heavy cream
1 extra large egg yolk
4 tsp light brown sugar
3 tbsps red wine vinegar
salt & pepper
4 chicken legs & thighs or breasts (4)
4 scallions
2 tsp lime juice
cooked basmati rice for serving (optional)

Sauce: Set aside about 1 cup coriander leaves. Mince jalapeno including seeds. Thinly slice shallots and mushrooms.

In a saucepan, melt butter over low heat and cook shallots and mushrooms (covered) for 5 minutes. Add cumin and cook for about 10 seconds. Add jalapeno and chopped coriander and cook over low heat, stirring occasionally, about 5 minutes. Add chicken stock and cook gently until reduced by 1/2, about 10 minutes. Add heavy cream and bring to a boil. Puree this liquid in a blender or food processor until smooth and return it to the pot.

Prepare chicken (bone is desired). Trim scallions. Flavor chicken and scallions with salt and pepper.

Spread chicken pieces out on heated grill or broiler. Cook, turning once, until golden crisp (about 15 minutes). Grill or broil scallions until just charred (about 4 minutes). Sprinkle scallions with lime juice.

Meanwhile bring sauce to a boil. In a bowl, whisk together the egg yolk, sugar and vinegar until well mixed. Add some of the boiling sauce to the yolk mixture to temper it. Then pour the yolks into the sauce and cook over low heat until it begins to thicken, being careful not to allow sauce to get too hot and curdle.

Arrange chicken on serving platter. Pour sauce over chicken. Garnish as desired.

DESSERT



Chocolate Fruit Surprise Cake

Carolyn Heinlein
North Plainfield, NJ



1 1/2 cups chopped dates (optional)
1/2 cup mini chocolate chips
1 3/4 cups chopped walnuts
4 eggs
3/4 cup white sugar
1 bar german chocolate
bananas (3 or 4 fresh, thin sliced)
strawberries (1 pt fresh, thin sliced)
whipped cream (or dairy whip - 1 large container)
1/2 cup flour
1 tsp baking powder
1 tsp chocolate chips and 1 1/2 cups walnuts, and dates (optional) together.

In a separate bowl beat eggs and sugar together. Beat until thick and fluffy (the more you mix the better). Add chips and nut mixture.
 In a separate bowl sift flour and baking powder together. Add to prepared mixture.
 Grease two cake pans.
 Bake at 300° for 45 minutes.
 Melt chocolate bar (over double boiler) pour on bottom layer of cake (when cake has cooled). When chocolate has hardened, mix fruit together. Put half on top of chocolate, cover with whipped cream. Place second layer on. Top with cream & rest of fruit. Sprinkle 1/4 cup of walnuts over top. Serve.

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3rd PRIZE

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APPETIZER



Peanut Soup

Ilene Wolff
Edison, NJ

1 1/2 medium onion, chopped
3 stalks celery, chopped
1/2 cup butter
4 1/2 tbsps all-purpose flour
3 qts chicken stock or canned chicken broth
3 cups smooth peanut butter
2 1/2 cups light cream
peanuts-chopped (salted)

Saute onion and celery in butter until soft, but not brown. Stir in flour until well blended. Add chicken stock, stirring constantly, and bring to a boil.
 Remove from heat and rub through a sieve. Add peanut butter and cream, stirring to blend thoroughly.
 Return to low heat, but do not boil. Serve when you are ready and garnish with peanuts.
 Soup also delicious served cold.

SALAD



Cauliflower Slaw

Mrs. H. Forristel, Jr.
North Plainfield, NJ

Combine and blend well
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup milk
1 tbsps lemon juice
1/4 tsp salt



1 tsp finely chopped fresh dill or 1/4 tsp dried dill weed
dash of white pepper

Set aside. Combine 3 cups coarsely shredded (shredder) cauliflower (stalks can be used as well as buds) and 1 cup coarsely shredded large radishes.
 Add dressing, and toss. Chill. 4 servings



Baked Clam Pie

Debi Ferro
Neshanic Station, NJ

3 cans baby clams in juice
1 1/4 cup bread crumbs
1 tsp oregano
black pepper to taste
juice of 1 lemon
1/4 cup butter or margarine
1 medium onion chopped
grated cheese

Saute onion in butter until transparent. Mix all other ingredients. Add onions. Spread in any 8 or 9 inch tin pan. Sprinkle grated cheese on top. Bake 1/2 hour at 350°. Brown top in broiler.



Hot Chicken Salad

Mrs. C. Hessler
North Plainfield, NJ

3 cups chopped chicken or turkey
1 cup sliced almonds
1 cup saltine cracker crumbs
2 cups chopped celery
4 tbsps minced onions
1/2 cup chicken broth
1 cup mayonnaise
2 cans cream of chicken soup
1 tsp lemon juice
1 tsp pepper
1 tsp flavor enhancer (Accent)

Mix almonds and crackers. Add remaining ingredients. Mix well. Place in greased baking dish. Bake 350° until bubbly and light brown, 30 minutes or more.



Shrimp Strudel

Mary I. Shepley
Skillman, NJ

1 cup cooked, cleaned shrimp, broken into pieces
1/2 cup cauliflower, flowerettes
1/2 cup broccoli, flowerettes
1/2 pt. sour cream
1/4 tsp black pepper
1/4 tsp dry dill weed
dash cayenne pepper
12 sheets fillo pastry
1 cup melted butter
1 egg plus 2 tbsps water
beaten together

Par cook cauliflower and broccoli in slightly salted water. Drain. Mix seasonings into sour cream. Stir sour cream into shrimp, broccoli and cauliflower.

Lay sheet of fillo pastry on damp cloth. Brush with melted butter. Add another sheet on top. Brush with melted butter. Add third sheet; brush with melted butter. Fold in half. Brush with melted butter. Add 1/4 of shrimp filling on lower right of pastry. Fold pastry in half over filling. Fold pastry on angle from lower right, encasing the filling. Continue to fold on angle to form a triangular turnover. Brush with egg wash. Place on cookie sheet.

Make three more turnovers. Bake at 375° F. 15-20 minutes or until golden brown. Serves 4.



No Cholesterol Chocolate Cake

Angela Dubivsky
Somerville

2 cups flour
1 3/4 cups sugar
1/2 cup cocoa
1/2 tsp salt
1 tbsps baking soda
1/2 cup oil
1 cup buttermilk
1 cup strong decaffeinated fluid coffee (boiled)

Sift together flour, sugar, cocoa, salt and baking soda. Add oil and buttermilk. Stir in coffee (carefully). Mix until well blended.

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease & flour a 9 x 13 pan. Bake for 35-40 minutes.

Frosting (No Cholesterol)

3 tablespoons cocoa
1 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup evaporated skim milk
1/4 cup margarine
1/4 tsp salt
1 tsp vanilla

Mix all ingredients together except vanilla. Boil. Simmer for 1 minute. Remove from heat. Add vanilla and beat until frosting thickness.



Shrimp Boats

Pauline Peters
Metuchen, NJ

Make pie crust with 3 cups flour, 1 cup Crisco, 1/2 to 3/4 water (cold), 1/2 tsp salt

Mix flour & Crisco together until crumbly add salt & water. Mix lightly until dough comes together. Divide dough into 2 parts.

Roll each part onto a 12" square of aluminum foil. Covering square evenly. Cut pie crust & foil together making 24 pieces 8" x 4". Sprinkle the pastry lightly with garlic powder. Brush the 3" edge with water.

Fold the foiled covered pastry rectangles lengthwise. Press ends together to foam in a boat flatten bottoms. Bake 425° (10 to 12 min).

Remove and cool. Fill with shrimp filling.

Shrimp filling: Melt 1 tbsps butter, 1 tbsps flour, and 1/2 tsp salt. Cook slowly add 1/2 cup hot milk, 1 cup cut up shrimp, and 1 tbsps white wine. Cook until thick. Place in shrimp boats & serve as an appetizer.



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1 envelope unflavored gelatine
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1 tsp sugar
1 tsp lemon juice

Sprinkle gelatine on 1/2 cup of chicken broth to soften. Place over low heat and stir until gelatine is dissolved. Remove from heat and add remaining 1 1/2 cups chicken broth, Worcestershire sauce, sugar, lemon juice, onion and pepper. Chill to unbeaten egg white consistency. Fold in broccoli. Turn into a four cup mold and chill until firm. Unmold on serving plate and garnish with salad greens.



1 tsp grated onion
dash of pepper
2 cups blanched well drained broccoli heads



Veal Loin Chops for 2 with Cream Sauce and Capers

Deborah J. Wright
North Plainfield, NJ

Cook on top of stove low-medium heat in covered non-stick skillet. 20-25 minutes.

2 veal loin chops
1/4 cup water
1/4 cup or more cooking sherry
1 clove fresh garlic minced

rosemary
thyme
marjoram
pepper/ all seasonings to taste

Cream Sauce

1 cup heavy whipping cream
1 tsp butter
1/4 tsp pepper

2 tbsps drippings from veal preparation
Cook low-medium heat, stir often.

Add cream of tartar for a thick or medium sauce. I prefer thin.

Serve veal. Ladle on sauce garnish with capers. A gourmet meal in mins. Delicious!



Zucchini-Carrot Cake

Julia Caffone
Palm Bay, FL

2 eggs
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup oil
1 1/4 cups flour
1 tsp baking powder
1/2 cup chopped nuts

1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp salt
1 cup carrots, grated
1 cup zucchini, grated, squeezed & lightly packed

Beat eggs with sugar until frothy. Gradually beat in oil. Add dry ingredients. Beat at high speed 4 minutes. Stir in carrot, zucchini and nuts. Pour into a greased 9" square baking pan. Bake in a 350° F oven about 35 minutes or until top springs back when lightly touched.

Frosting

1 3 oz pkg cream cheese, softened
3 tbsps margarine
1 tsp vanilla
2 cups powdered sugar

In small mixer bowl, blend cream cheese and margarine. Add sugar and vanilla. Beat until smooth. Spread evenly over cooled cake.

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Bello no-hits Marlboro in state tourney game

By STEVE SMITH
EDISON— Leigh Bello certainly doesn't have to take a back seat to anyone as far as being among the elite of high school softball pitchers in Middlesex County.

Monday afternoon she proved why. THE J.P. STEVENS High School senior righthander was simply overpowering, firing a no-hitter and striking out 14 to spark the sixth-seeded Hawks to a 7-0 triumph over 11th-seeded Marlboro in a Central Jersey, Group 4 opening round state playoff game at James Elder Park.

The victory was the fourth in a row for the Hawks and boosted their record to 13-4. Marlboro, a Shore Conference squad, dipped to 7-8 with the setback.

"I feel like I'm on Cloud 9," said Bello with a wide smile minutes after she fanned Jill Biddle to notch her fourth no-hitter of the season and fifth of her career. "I think I'm pitching better now than I have in my other years. I've got my head together."

"She's one of the best and there are some good pitchers in this county," praised J.P. Stevens head coach Pete Catenacci. "She was dominant, which really says something for Middlesex County softball. I still think that Leigh has tremendous potential for college. I think she's a real prospect. She'll keep getting better."

Bello explained what her immediate goal is.

"I want to go to college on a softball scholarship," she said. "That's what I'm hoping for."

Bello, who has already received interest from several schools, including North Carolina, Seton Hall, Stetson (Fla.), Montclair State, and Trenton State, improved her record to 12-3 and in the process struck out the 400th batter of her stellar career



LEIGH BELLO
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when she fanned Angela Lococo in the second inning, drawing applause from the modest crowd when Catenacci announced what plateau his senior hurler had reached. She concluded the contest with 412 career K's.

"It's incredible to me," said Bello about reaching the lofty 400 strikeout plateau.

"She can reach 500 if we keep playing," added Catenacci.

As dominating as Bello was in the pitching circle, she also did a lot of damage with her bat. Marlboro righthander Jen Lubeck (7-8) and Bello were locked in a scoreless pitching duel through four innings before the slumbering Hawks' bats finally erupted for seven runs in the fifth inning to blow the game wide open.

Sloane Paritz got things going by drawing a leadoff walk. Danielle Morale then struck out swinging, but the ball got past Mustang catcher Marianne Keck for a passed ball, as Paritz scampered to second. Lynn Schmedier then walked, setting the

stage for Bello, the number nine hitter.

Bello, who entered the game with a .368 average, came through by drilling a long two-run double to right-center to give the winners the lead for good at 2-0.

"I had to do something," said Bello, who now has seven RBI on the year.

THAT DOUBLE seemed to perk up

the Hawks, who continued to pound the ball during the frame. Leadoff batter Maria Riggi followed with a double down the left field line for an RBI, then took third when Marlboro leftfielder Sarah McCulloh had trouble picking the ball up. Sophomore designated hitter Janis Baumgartner followed with a run-scoring single to center, then junior shortstop Bernadette Adams stepped up to the plate.

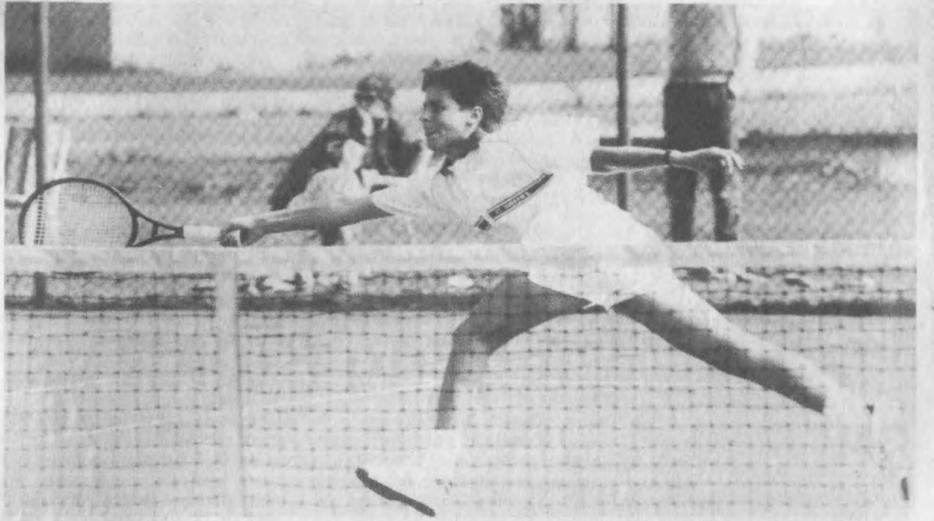
With Adams in the batter's box, Baumgartner stole second and raced to third when the throw from Keck sailed into centerfield. Adams then stroked a run-scoring bloop triple to right-center, her 17th RBI of the year, for a 5-0 JPS lead. Cleanup bat-

ter Kris Kraska, the team's leading hitter and RBI producer, then drilled an RBI double to left for a 6-0 Hawk advantage. Kraska then advanced to third on a Lubeck wild pitch and scored when third baseman Elisa LaVecchia smacked a hard run-scoring single to left, making it 7-0. LaVecchia eventually reached third on back-to-back wild pitches, but was left stranded there.

However, by the time the smoke had cleared, the Hawks were clearly in the driver's seat.

Catenacci knew it was just a matter of time before his team's bats would awake from their hibernation.

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—Photo by Sue Udzielak

VITO MAZZA of the St. Joseph's High School tennis team stretches for a forehand volley during last week's Greater Middlesex Conference Boys Tennis Tournament at Middlesex County College. Mazza captured the first singles title by beating Lance Brown of J.P. Stevens, 6-1, 6-3 in the finals.

Team effort helping Bulldogs reap rewards

By JOE KING
The Metuchen High School baseball team is playing some very impressive baseball in this 1988 season, and with a 12-4 record to back them up, there are not too many people who would dispute that statement.

Coach Mike Stang, who is in his 16th year at the helm for the Bulldogs, pointed out what has helped to make this season a significant improvement over last year's 13-10 campaign.

"We do not have just a couple of players doing well. We have many people contributing to the team," Stang said. "We have four good pitchers, we are hitting over .300 as a team and we are getting good defense."

THE PITCHERS FOR the Bulldogs this year are senior righthander Conrad Walters (4-2), junior Lou Donovan (3-2), senior Steve Petronella (3-0) and junior John Jeney (2-0).

"Conrad has pitched most of our

tough games, while Donovan and Petronella have both pitched well. Jeney could be a number one man on any other team," Stang said.

However, the pitching is just one-third of the Bulldogs' success story thus far this season. A season that has pleased Stang and surprised him.

"We are pleased with the season thus far. We had a couple of letdowns in games this year, but that is expected in a long season," Stang stated. "At this point of the season I would say we are doing better than we expected."

The Bulldogs are using their bats and their gloves to compliment some fine pitching performances.

Senior catcher Tom Pfirrmann has five home runs and is among the team leaders in RBI. Senior first baseman Billy Bandola is an excellent ball player according to Stang, and at second junior Earl Wallace has been hitting the ball well and playing solid defense.

When Donovan is not pitching, he is

Hasset takes seventh place in all-around

METUCHEN— Amy Hasset, a ninth grade student at Metuchen High School, finished seventh in the all-around at the Class I Gymnastics Regional Meet, held at West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia recently.

Hasset also placed second on the balance beam and sixth on the bars.

Over 100 athletes representing the best gymnasts from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia competed for the top six positions to make up the team that will represent Region VII at the United States Gymnastic Federation Junior Olympic National Team from May 27-29 in Illinois. Hasset captured the position of team alternate.

Hasset trains at Action Gymnastics, where she is coached by John Wilton and Elaine Alfano.

Underdog Falcons win GMCT championship

By STEVE SMITH
EDISON— St. Joseph's High School tennis coach John Scheirman was asked if his team's third straight Greater Middlesex Conference Boys Tennis Tournament title meant more than his previous two tourney crowns.

"Yeah, it does because we were the underdogs this year," said the veteran Falcon mentor after watching his squad win four of the five championship matches to capture the GMCT title with 12 points last Friday at Middlesex County College. "I'm real happy. The kids came through really well."

J.P. Stevens, which had defeated the Falcons twice during the regular season by scores of 3-2 and 3-2, placed second with nine points. East Brunswick was third with seven, while Colonia and Metuchen tied for fourth with three points each. Cedar Ridge took sixth with two points, while John F. Kennedy finished seventh with one.

LEADING THE WAY for the Falcons was top-seeded sophomore Vito Mazza, who crushed Lance Brown of J.P. Stevens, 6-1, 6-3 in the first singles final. Mazza, who improved to 13-0 in GMC competition this season, dropped just 11 games and didn't lose a set the entire tournament.

"He was pretty dominant," stated Scheirman of Mazza. "He's extremely consistent, he has every shot, and he can kill you with the serve and volley and drop shot. He has a full range of shots. He's going to get better and better every year. He's tough, a real good competitor, and he's all business out on the court."

Mazza, a finalist at second singles in the GMCT last year, had beaten Brown, 6-0, 6-1 and 6-0, 6-2 in two previous meetings this season.

"I knew that if I played well I'd beat him," said Mazza. "I was hitting solid ground strokes. During the finals, it was real windy so it was hard to keep my ground strokes

steady. But I was confident that I could beat him."

Mazza was asked what he thought his strengths as a tennis player were.

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Michalik captures Region 4 crown

PISCATAWAY— Senior captain Al Michalik of Bishop Ahr High School carded a five-over-par 18-hole total of 38-38-76 to capture the individual title during the Region 4 Golf Championships Monday over the 5,890-yard Rutgers Golf Course.

Michalik, who will play for the state championship this Monday, made three birdies in besting runner-up Justin Cole of Summit, who fired a 39-38-77.

"It's quite an accomplishment to win the Region 4 Tournament," said Trojan head coach Ed Runkel of Michalik, who became the first linkster from Bishop Ahr to ever win a regional title.

Bishop Ahr took fifth place in the team standings with a 349. Defending state champion Summit won the overall crown with a 313, while Westfield followed in second place with a 329.

Locally, J.P. Stevens was ninth with a 359, while St. Joseph's placed 11th with a 362.

Bob Figarotta added an 89 for Bishop Ahr, while Ken Albinowski chipped in with a 90. Senior Dave Schoenfeld paced J.P. Stevens with an 11-over 82, while teammate Jeff Shinker contributed an 88.

Kevin Griffin and Sean Klotzbach finished with rounds of 80 and 85 for

School golf

St. Joseph's, while Phil Geiger chipped in with an 86.

Regular season matches North Brunswick 213, Bishop Ahr 215; Bob Figarotta shot a five-over 40 but it wasn't quite enough for the Trojans (16-4) Tuesday at Oak Ridge. Marty Martino and Al Michalik added a 42 and 43, respectively, for the Trojans, while teammate Ken Albinowski chipped in with a 44.

Neil Flanagan, who Bishop Ahr head coach Ed Runkel said was "the difference in the match", paced the Raiders (14-1) with a two-over 37.

"We gave it a go," added Runkel. "You can't get much closer than that."

Metuchen 259, Cedar Ridge 297; Alan Webb fired an eight-over 44 to lift the Bulldogs (7-12-1) Monday at the Tamarack Red Course in East Brunswick.

Mark Hancock chipped in with a 49 for the winners, while Chris Suswal added a 50.

Dave Clare paced the Cougars (2-16) with an 11-over 47, while Andy Kagan chipped in with a 54.



—Photo by Sam D'Amico

Tough to Beat

Debbie Madi of the Edison High School softball team uncorks a pitch during a recent Greater Middlesex Conference game. Madi owned a 7-0 record this season at press time. See softball wrapup, page B-3.

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Gumina's two-run single keys Bishop Ahr triumph

Junior Joe Gumina smacked a key two-run single in the sixth inning to boost the Bishop Ahr High School baseball team to a 12-11 victory over Perth Amboy in a Greater Middlesex Conference inter-divisional contest Monday night in Perth Amboy.

The win was the Trojans' fourth in their last five games and lifted their record to 11-5.

Gumina's two-run single gave the winners an 11-9 lead. Billy Maier then scored from third base on a wild pitch in the seventh to pad the Trojan lead to 12-9.

Senior righthander Matt Kervick (8-3) earned the victory.

Sam Cruz and Jesus Gomez belted solo homers for the Panthers (6-12), who pounded out 13 hits.

Metuchen 9, St. Peter's 2: Earl Wallace's three-run homer to left-center in the first inning gave the Bulldogs a 3-0 lead in this Blue Division game Monday in New Brunswick.

Wallace added a double, single and drove in five runs, while Billy Bandola chipped in with two singles, a double, two RBI, and four runs

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scored. Mike Salmon added a double and single in Metuchen's 11-hit attack.

Senior righthander Conrad Walters (4-2) scattered six hits, walked two, and whiffed a season-high 11 batters in his route-going performance.

Mike Dekovics stroked a run-scoring double in the sixth for the Cardinals (13-5).

St. Joseph's 4, Sayreville 1: Brian Matson went 3-for-4 with a double to spark the Falcons (12-5) to their ninth straight triumph Monday in this Red Division clash in Sayreville.

Tommy Belsky added two singles and an RBI and stole home on the front end of a double steal to give the winners, who belted eight hits off losing pitcher Jeff Wadulak (2-2), a 2-1 lead.

Brian Francfort (4-1) went the distance for the Falcons. He allowed one earned run, four hits, three walks, while striking out six.

Edison 5, Colonia 1: Doug Freeman went 2-for-2 with a stolen base and one RBI to lift the Eagles (9-9) Monday in Edison.

Sophomore righthander Jeff Abrams (2-0) allowed an unearned run in his seven-inning stint. He gave up just three hits, walked four, and fanned nine.

Woodbridge 1, J.P. Stevens 0 (91): The Hawks (9-10) dropped a heartbreaker when Steve Adamezyk scored from second base on an outfield error Monday in this Red Division battle in Woodbridge.

Adamezyk singled with one out and went to second on a fielder's choice grounder by Ron Veres, setting the stage for the game-winning sequence.

Senior Leon Theodorou went 2-for-3 for the Hawks, who had just three singles. Rupesh Shah had the other single.

Team effort helping Bulldogs

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playing shortstop and doing a superb job. The hot corner is handled by teammates Mike Salmon, a senior, and junior Bob Kuhne, who are both playing very well for Metuchen.

In the outfield, Stang has used five or six different kids. But once again these kids have responded with solid defense for Stang.

"Anthony Orlando may be the most pleasant surprise of the year, but then again all of these kids have done their job well," Stang said.

Other players roaming the pastures of the outfield for Metuchen are junior Scott Scordo and senior Jon Coleman.

At the designated hitter spot, senior John Febus has filled the role quite well with a batting average over .300 for Stang.

With all of these positives for the Bulldogs, one has to wonder, are there any problem areas on the team?

"Not really. No areas of the team have let us down, none at all," Stang said. "We are more surprised at the positives of the team than anything else."

NOT EVEN the four losses seem to bother Stang. The four teams to beat Metuchen were Newark Academy, Highland Park twice, and Carteret in the two teams' first encounter. Metuchen avenged the 1-0 loss with a 5-3 win over the Ramblers the second time the teams met on the diamond.

"We lost four games by a total of

six runs. It was either the key play we did not make, or the big hit we did not get. But then again there is a luck factor involved," Stang said. "We pulled out some games like that ourselves, so it balances out in the end."

One problem Stang might face will be the fact that he will be losing seven of his players to graduation this Spring. But is Stang worried?

"We have seven seniors and seven juniors on this squad. Every year we recover and this year the juniors have been playing a significant role in the team's winning," Stang said.

Even though Stang will lose seven seniors, one quickly realizes that he will have seven juniors coming back as experienced seniors next year to lead the team.

But Stang is not thinking about next year just yet. His Bulldogs are gearing up for the state and conference tournaments for this year. Stang knows what it will take to be successful in both tournaments.

"We have to get a good combination of all three elements of the game. Solid pitching, hitting and defense," Stang said. "We can't rely on just good pitching."

Any predictions for the upcoming tournaments coach?

"We'll see how far we go, especially in the states. With both tournaments going on at the same time, we have to pick the one we want to concentrate on and hope we made the right decision," Stang stated.

Metuchen Grapplers had solid wrestling campaign

METUCHEN — The Metuchen Grapplers' fourth-sixth and seventh-eighth grade wrestling teams recently held their season-ending banquet after completing another outstanding season.

The fourth-sixth grade team compiled a 6-2 dual meet record, and also placed fifth out of 16 teams in the Old Bridge Mat Rat Tournament early in the season. Place finishers for Metuchen included Shawn Moyle (first place, Midget, 74 lb.); Quoc Hoang (first place, Midget, 93 lb.); Alan Febus (first place, Junior, 102 lb.); Charles Bowles (first place, Junior heavyweight); Brian Meeker (second place, Junior, 70 lb.); James Jones (second place, Junior heavyweight); R.J. Kubiak (third place, Intermediate, 88 lb.); Bill Moyle (third place, intermediate, 118 lb.); Pee Troung (fourth place, Junior, 76 lb.); and Adrain Velazquez (fourth place, Junior, 82 lb.).

Metuchen's place finishers in the fourth-sixth grade Piscataway Invitational Tournament in February included Shawn Moyle (first place, 77 lb.); Chris Tonzola (first place, 85 lb.); Quoc Hoang (first place, 90 lb.); Alan Febus (first place, 100 lb.); Charles Bowles (first place, heavyweight); Brian Meeker (second place, 70 lb.); Darrell Killian (second place, 90 lb.); Randy Einhorn (third place, 63 lb.); and Chris Recorr (fourth place, 85 lb.).

One week later, the seventh-eighth grade team placed fourth overall in the Piscataway Central Jersey Grammar School Tournament. Leading the way were Eric Velazquez (second place, 79 lb.); Kevin Beardsley (second place, 97 lb.); Bill Moyle (second place, 117 lb.); Matt Bingham

(third place, 85 lb.); R.J. Kubiak (third place, 91 lb.); and Scott Allen (fourth place, 110 lb.).

Also in February, second place finishes were recorded by Shawn Moyle (Midget, 77 lb.) and R.J. Kubiak (Intermediate, 85 lb.) at the prestigious South Plainfield Annual Invitational Wrestling Tournament. In that same tourney, Alan Febus and James Jones each placed third in the Junior 100-pound and Junior heavyweight classes, respectively.

Strong performances were recorded at the seventh-eighth grade season-ending league tournament by Matt Bingham (first place, 79 lb.); Bill Moyle (second place, 118 lb.); R.J. Kubiak (fourth place, 91 lb.); James Jones (fourth place, 139 lb.); and Steve Aguirre (fourth place, heavyweight).

For the second year in a row, the fourth-sixth grade team finished among the top three teams at the Mid-New Jersey Midget Wrestling Tournament held at Colonia High School. Metuchen finished third behind Woodbridge "A" and East Brunswick "A", losing to East Brunswick by only two points. Place finishers for Metuchen included Alan Febus (first place, 102 lb.); Charles Bowles (first place, heavyweight); Adrain Velazquez (second place, 82 lb.); Shawn Moyle (third place, 79 lb.); Chris Tonzola (third place, 88 lb.); Quoc Hoang (third place, 95 lb.); and Brian Meeker (fourth place, 72 lb.).

At the League Novice Tournament one week later, the Grapplers' place finishers included Dave Honig (first place, Midget, 60 lb.); Pee Troung (first place,

Junior, 80 lb.); Kevin LaBrecque (first place, intermediate, 103 lb.); Tony DeFoe (second place, Junior, 70 lb.); Scott Allen (second place, Junior, 110 lb.); Justin Killian (third place, Pee-Wee, 55 lb.); Matt Chavovich (third place, Midget, 75 lb.); and Erik Kusmick (fourth place, Junior, 70 lb.).

The season ended with a strong performance by Alan Febus at the New Jersey Wrestling Federation State Tournament. Febus placed for the second year in a row by finishing fourth in the junior 100-pound class. Kevin Beardsley and Shawn Moyle also qualified for the State Tournament, and Beardsley advanced to the top six in the state in the Junior 100-pound class.

At the banquet, Febus and Shawn Moyle were awarded pinners awards for the fourth-sixth grade team with 14 pins each. Bill Moyle, Beardsley, and Kubiak each recorded nine falls for the seventh-eighth grade contingent.

Among those wrestlers who are expected to return to the fourth-sixth grade team next year (along with their final 1987-88 records) are Randy Einhorn (10-6); Brian Meeker (17-8); Matt Chavovich (5-4); Shawn Moyle (24-4); Chris Talford (3-1); and Quoc Hoang (13-3). Moving up to the seventh-eighth grade team will be Pee Troung (13-4); Adrain Velazquez (11-4); Chris Recorr (4-4-1); Chris Tonzola (12-6); Darrell Killian (7-4-1); Alan Febus (24-4); and Charles Bowles (11-5).

Finishing the season with outstanding records for the seventh-eighth grade squad were Bill Moyle (13-6); Matt Bingham (10-5); R.J. Kubiak (12-8); Kevin Beardsley (11-10); and James Jones (10-9).

Trojan trio advances to GMC Meet

EAST BRUNSWICK— Karen LaPointe, Kim Lawler, and Theresa Freis of the Bishop Ahr High School girls track team won events during the Greater Middlesex Conference Divisional Qualifying Meet last Friday at East Brunswick High School.

The top six individuals in each event qualified for this afternoon's GMC Championship Meet at Frank Jost Field in South Plainfield, beginning at 4 p.m.

LaPointe took the 3200-meter run (12:17.0) for the Trojans in White Division competition, while Lawler captured the 400 hurdles (1:06.7). Freis chipped in with a triumph in the 400 (59.7). Lawler was also second in the 200 (26.9), while Maureen Hoagland took second in the 3200 (12:22.0). Teammate Christina Means was second in the 100 hurdles (15.8), while Lisa Newell finished second in the 800 (2:32.5). Chris Bialy contributed a second place showing in the javelin (97-8) for the Trojans.

In Red Division competition, Cheryl Mackey of Edison won the shot put (31-8) and took second in the discus (98-9).

Also, Senya Hernandez of J.P. Stevens won the 100 (12.4) and finished second in the 200 (27.2), while teammate Julia McKenna placed second in the 800 (2:27.8).

In Blue Division action, Pam Giddens of Metuchen took second in the 100 hurdles (17.7) and the 200 (27.2), while teammate Denise Ihrig was second in the 400 (1:05.0) to highlight local activity.

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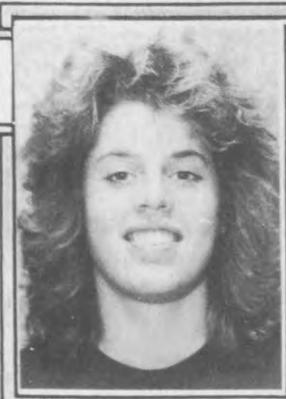


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Jill Bangert
Senior — Metuchen

Jill fired a no-hitter, walked two and struck out 14 to power the Bulldog softball team to a 1-0 triumph over a solid St. Peter's club last Friday in Metuchen. Bangert, who improved her record to 13-3 with the win, also knocked in the only run of the contest with a single in the fifth inning.

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Tennis anyone?

METUCHEN— The Metuchen Oakland Tennis Courts are opening the season with a bang tomorrow.

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Women's Softball

Edison Recreation Women's Softball League standings look like this:
Mediterranean Division (as of May 13)

Go-Getters (3-0), Misfits (3-1), Crowley's Tavern (3-1), Pro-Carpentry (1-1), Mercedes Benz (1-4), Preferred Plastics (1-4), Fimiani (0-3).

Caribbean Division (as of May 10)
Edison Job Corp. (3-0), Consumers

(1-0), Rick's Corkette's (3-1), North Edison Chiropractic Center (2-1), Arnold Corp (1-1), Prudential (1-2), Twin County (1-3), Englehard (0-2), J.F.K. (0-4).

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Trojan softball team rips Panthers

Lisa Konieczny went 3-for-4 with four RBI to power the Bishop Ahr High School softball team to a 16-1 rout of Perth Amboy in a Greater Middlesex Conference inter-divisional six-inning game Monday in Edison.

Melissa Geist chipped in with a pair of singles and three RBI as the Trojans (6-9) erupted for 10 hits and drew 10 walks off losing pitcher Sandy Petro. Bishop Ahr scored four runs in the second to take a 6-0 lead. Deanna Minkler added a two-run single in the fourth inning.

Sophomore Stephanie Grzan (6-7) allowed just two hits, walked two and struck out two to gain the triumph.

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Ana Ramos belted an RBI single in the fifth for the Panthers, a Red Division squad.

Metuchen 1, St. Peter's 0: Senior righthander Jill Bangert tossed a no-hitter and drove in the game's only run to spark the Bulldogs last Friday in this Blue Division game in Metuchen.

Bangert walked two and struck out a season-high 14 batters to win for the 13th time in 16 decisions.

The Bulldogs scored the only run of the game in the fifth. With one out, Kerry Tremblett and Jenny DeNicola reached via errors. Sue Cegelski then stroked a single to left-center and Tremblett was waved home, but Cardinal centerfielder Stacy Viotto nailed Tremblett at the plate for the second out.

Cegelski then swiped second and Bangert came through by smashing a line drive which bounced off the third baseman's glove, knocking DeNicola in with the winning run.

Samantha Barko (11-4) scattered seven hits, walked two and struck out two for the Cardinals (11-5).

Edison 23, Middletown South 1:

Junior Sheri Quinn clouted a three-run homer, her seventh of the year, to highlight a 13-run first inning for the Eagles last Friday in this five-inning mismatch in Edison.

Quinn's round-tripper set a new school record for home runs in a season. Teammate Barbara Kennedy chipped in with a double, three singles, and four RBI, while Kelly Kozlowski went 3-for-4 with four RBI.

Winning pitcher Debbie Madi (7-0) pitched a two-hitter and aided her own cause with a 3-for-3, three RBI effort at the plate. Jacqui Sicora added a triple as the winners pounded out 16 hits.

Middletown South dipped to 12-5.

Hawk netmen improve slate to 15-0

The unbeaten J.P. Stevens High School tennis team lifted their record to 15-0 Monday with a 5-0 triumph over Cedar Ridge in Edison.

First singles player Lance Brown rallied for a 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 victory over Drew Plotkin; second singles' Jason Brown took Kedar Ravikumar, 6-2, 0-6, 6-3; while David Klein bested Jeff Leventhal, 6-0, 6-0.

The first doubles duo of Brett Gilbert-John Choi nipped Scott Page-Hanay Hassied, 4-6, 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (9-7); while Jon Epstein-Pat Donovan trimmed Harris Wolin-Eric Carle, 6-4, 6-7 (4-7), 6-1.

The Cougars dropped to 9-4.

St. Joseph's 4, East Brunswick 1: Vito Mazza, Don San Jose, and Steve Capo took their singles matches in straight sets to spark the Falcons (15-4) Monday in East Brunswick.

Mazza, the first singles player, ousted Orin Atlas, 6-2, 6-0; San Jose ripped Dan Levy, 6-1, 6-2; while Capo defeated Heath Linsky, 6-4, 6-0.

The first doubles tandem of Mesh Maktal-Mike Matro edged Matt Schiappa-Evan Borak, 6-4, 6-4 for the other Falcon win.

The Bears got their only victory at second doubles where Brian Friedman-Malcolm Shieh beat Sean O'Rourke-Phil DeBaecke, 6-4, 6-2.

Metuchen 5, Dunellen 0: Tony Pugliese, Marty Tan, and Toddy Hoang captured their singles matches in straight sets to power the Bulldogs (13-1) Monday in Dunellen.

Pugliese, the first singles player, trimmed Inkwan Han, 7-6 (9-7), 6-3; Tan (second singles) trounced Todd Smith, 6-1, 6-0; while Hoang blanked Chris Wenzel, 6-0, 6-0.

The first doubles team of Andy

Halperin-Brian Glassberg bested Carrie Spontab-Pete Ventrillo, 6-2, 6-0; while Keith Derrman-Ian Guarnieri blanked Tara Tosre-Christine Null, 6-0, 6-0.

Edison 4, Perth Amboy 1: Scott Kornfeld, Tom Jung, and Curtis Tao won their singles matches to pace the Eagles (4-10) Monday in Edison.

Kornfeld blasted Jose Muchaypina, 6-1, 6-2 at first singles; Jung

beat Steven Balentin, 6-0, 6-3 at second singles; while Tao edged Alan Persaud, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

Edison's second doubles tandem of Sameer Rastogi-Mitch Wiener nipped Johann Gonzales-Gary Mazurek, 6-3, 6-4 for their other triumph.

The first doubles duo of Scot Soanes-Wilder Tejada defeated Tony White-Ivan Lee, 6-3, 7-6 for the Panthers (3-13).

Bello no-hits Marlboro

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"After the game I told the girls to remember the fifth inning," stated Catenacci. "That's the way we're capable of playing. If we can do that consistently during the course of a game, we'll be tough to beat."

The only drama left in the game was whether Bello would finish with her no-hitter. She struck out two of the three batters she retired in the sixth, then ran into some difficulty in the top of the seventh.

Left-handed hitter Sarah McCulloch opened the frame by drawing a walk on a 3-1 pitch from Bello. Cleanup hitter Tracy Siegel then was hit in the foot by an offering, and Lisa Berg drew a base on balls on a 3-2 pitch to load the bases with none out.

But Bello showed that she has a great flair for the dramatic by fanning Lubeck, Lisa Black, and Biddle to end the game and preserve the no-hitter, the shutout, and the victory.

All roads leading to a possible Central Jersey, Group 4 crown lead through Edison High School these days. The Eagles are the defending Group 4 state champions, and should be very tough to beat. However, if Bello continues to dominate opposing hitters, the Hawks have a legitimate shot of giving their powerful cross-town rivals a real run for their

money.

"I really think we can beat them (Edison)," said Bello. "Our hitting is coming along and I'm pitching well. I'm sure we'll see them again. I'd like to play them again."

"At this point we've proved that we can play with Edison," Catenacci said. "I think we have a chance. Hey, we have kids who can hit and a pitcher that keeps us in the ballgame."

Falcon trio advances

EAST BRUNSWICK— Tom Vandermark, Chris Horan, and John Zolinger of the St. Joseph's High School track team won one event each last Friday during the Greater Middlesex Conference Divisional Track and Field Championships at East Brunswick High School.

The top six individuals in each event qualified for this afternoon's GMC Championships at Frank Jost Field in South Plainfield, beginning at 4 p.m.

Vandermark won the shot put with a toss of 55-2 1/4; Horan took the 1600-meter run (4:36.1), while Rob DeFilippis captured the 3200 (9:46.8) and placed third in the 1600 (4:37) for the Red Division squad.

We should do all right."

DIAMOND DUST: The Hawks were scheduled to meet third-seeded Middletown South (away) in the second round of the sectional playoffs...Lubeck allowed nine hits, walked three and fanned three in taking the loss...Bello had 131 strikeouts in just 99 innings, while Kraska led the Hawks in hitting (27-52, .519) and RBI (20) at press time.

Elsewhere in the Red Division, Timmy Gleason of J.P. Stevens was clocked in 11.3 seconds to win the 100-meter dash. Senior Rajah Mosley of the Hawks finished second in the 100 hurdles (15.3), fifth in the 100 (11.8), and fifth in the 200 (23.9). Gleason placed third in the 200 (23.6), while Vandermark also was second in the discus (138-5). Edison's Matt Bogdan took third in the 100 hurdles (15.4).

In the Blue Division, the local highlight was Metuchen's Chad Davis, who earned a second place showing in the long jump (19-1 1/4), while teammate Matt D'Augustine was second in the 1600 (4:49.1).



—Photo by Sue Udzielak

LANCE BROWN of the J.P. Stevens High School tennis team hits a backhand volley at the net during the GMCT last week at Middlesex County College. Brown, seeded third, dropped a 6-1, 6-3 decision to top-seeded Vito Mazza of St. Joseph's in the first singles final.

Underdog Falcons win

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"I'm a smart player on the court and my ground strokes are there," he said. "My serve is decent and I have good net play. I'm working on my net game. I wait for the short ball and attack. I'm not afraid to come to the net."

Mazza felt confident that his team could win the tournament.

"We knew we could do it," he noted. "We were confident we could beat them (J.P. Stevens). I thought we'd beat them both times during the (regular) season."

Scheirman likes what he sees in Mazza.

"Most of his matches are extremely fast," Scheirman said. "He has excellent foot work and he always knows where he is on the court. He's very smart, and he's played plenty of tennis. He's one of the most knowledgeable players in the game. Hey, he's the best in the county."

Top-seeded teammate Don San Jose, a junior, won the second singles championship with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over East Brunswick's Dan Levi, seeded seventh.

"Don really wanted to win because he wanted to prove that he was a good player," said Scheirman.

San Jose's triumph boosted his GMC slate to 11-1 this year, and his win clinched the Falcons' title.

St. Joseph's also earned a pair of victories at first and second doubles. The second-seeded first doubles tandem of senior Ramesh Maktal and

junior Mike Matro (10-1) avenged an earlier loss by edging top-seeded senior Brett Gilbert and sophomore John Choi of J.P. Stevens, 6-4, 6-4.

The Falcons' sixth-seeded second doubles duo of sophomore Steve Capo and junior Phil DeBaecke (3-1), playing in only their fourth match of the season as a tandem, nipped the top-seeded and previously unbeaten J.P. Stevens team of Jon Epstein and Pat Donovan, 6-3, 1-6, 7-5 to add to the Falcons' victory total.

Next on tap for St. Joseph's is the Parochial state playoffs, which will likely see the Falcons meet Christian Brothers Academy (CBA) again for the Parochial A South crown. Last year, St. Joseph's upset CBA, 3-2, their first triumph over the Monmouth County school in many years.

"CBA is certainly a great, great team," praised Scheirman. "But these kids are doing pretty well. I can't complain."

"We beat them (CBA) last year," added Mazza. "They are a good team, but you never know what can happen."

NET NOTES: J.P. Stevens gained its only championship of the tourney when top-seeded senior David Klein improved his record to 17-0 with a 6-3, 7-5 win over sophomore Heath Linsky of East Brunswick, seeded third, for the third singles crown. The triumph marked Klein's second GMCT title, after having a share of the second doubles crown two years ago with Rich Bressman.

Registration set

METUCHEN— Metuchen Pop Warner football will be holding registration for the upcoming Fall season this weekend at the Little League clubhouse on Oakland Avenue.

Registration times are as follows: Tonight (6-8:30 p.m.); Tomorrow (11 a.m.-3 p.m.); and Sunday, May 22 (12-3 p.m.).

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Theater

AIN'T MYTHBEHAVIN' The annual Princeton Triangle Club revue, this time with a mythological theme. June 3 and June 4 at the **McCarter Theater**, Princeton. (609) 683-8000.

COME BLOW YOUR HORN Neil Simon's first play, a comedy about a swinging bachelor who tries to give some lessons in worldliness to his younger brother. May 20 through June 12 at the **Forum Theatre**, 314 Main Street, Metuchen. 548-4670.

CYMBELINE: INTERPLAYS Student workshop piece drawn from the play by Shakespeare. May 20 and May 21 at the **Acting Studio**, 185 Nassau Street, Princeton. Admission \$3. (609) 452-3676.

EMIL Benjamin Bettendorfer's play about a man lending assistance to a boy who has a crush on his daughter. June 16 through June 28 at the **Levin Theater**, George Street and Route 18, Douglass College, New Brunswick. Admission \$12. 932-7511.

FATAL ATTRACTION A murder mystery by Bernard Slade, not to be confused with the recent slice-n-dice movie. Weekend performances through June 11 at the **Off-Broadstreet Theatre**, Hopewell. Admission \$13.75, \$15 on Saturdays. (609) 466-2766.

GUYS AND DOLLS Musical comedy performed May 19 through May 22 in the auditorium of **St. Pius X Regional High School**, 146 Mellars Lane, Piscataway. Shows at 8 p.m. May 19 through May 21, May 22 at 2 p.m. Admission \$5, \$3.50 for the elderly. 981-9580.

LIES AND LEGENDS Production built around the "story songs" of the late Harry Chapin, musician and anti-hunger activist. Weekend shows through June 12 at the **Edison Valley Playhouse**, 2196 Oak Tree Road, Edison. Admission \$9. Those who bring canned goods during selected performances will get two tickets for the price of one. 755-4654.

"MASTER HAROLD" AND THE BOYS Athol Fugard's play about the way racism twists the relationship between a young South African boy and the kindly black man who works at his family's restaurant. Through May 29 at the **McCarter Theatre**, 91 University Place, Princeton. (609) 683-8000.

THE MISS FIRECRACKER CONTEST Beth Henley's play about a small town woman who hopes to achieve respectability by winning the local beauty contest. July 14 through July 31 at the **McCarter Theatre**, Princeton. Admission \$15. (609) 683-8000.

NINE The musical based on Fellini's movie *8 1/2*, about a filmmaker with too many choices, too many women and not enough decisiveness. Through June 5 at **Playhouse 22**, 210 Dunhams Corner Road, East Brunswick. Admission \$8, \$9. 254-3939.

ROPE Patrick Hamilton's thriller about a pair of students who murder a friend for the sport of it and conceal the body in the middle of a cocktail party. Basis for the Alfred Hitchcock film. Friday and Saturday shows through May 21 at the **Circle Playhouse**, 416 Victoria Avenue, Piscataway. Admission \$7, discounts available. 968-7555.

THE SHADOW BOX Michael Cristofer's drama about terminal patients at a California hospice, performed June 9 through June 26 by the **Stage One Players**, Princeton. Admission \$10, \$8, discounts available. (609) 683-0444.

UNDER THE YUM YUM TREE Two college students attempt a trial marriage under the eye of a lecherous landlord. Through June 26 at the **Club Bene Dinner Theatre**, Route 35, South Amboy. 727-3000.

THE VOICE OF THE PRAIRIE John Olive's play about the early days of radio, performed by the American Stage Company through May 22 at the **Becton Theatre**, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck. 692-7744.

WAIT UNTIL DARK Frederick Knott's thriller about a blind woman who must outwit a trio of murderous thugs. Through May 21 at the **Kobe Japanese Restaurant**, Route 9, Howell. Admission \$24.50 with dinner, \$15 for show only. 364-0936.

WET CARPETS A comedy drama about three sisters reliving past conflicts during the high school graduation of their niece. Through May 22 at the **Crossroads Theatre Company**, 320 Memorial Parkway, New Brunswick. Admission \$12 to \$22. 249-5560.

Dance

COUNTRY PROMENADORS SQUARE DANCE CLASS Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in Thomas Jefferson Middle School, Division Street, Edison. 463-0255.

IRISH FOLK DANCING LESSONS Classes sponsored by the Somerset County Ancient Order of Hibernians Celli Group. Every Thursday except the second Thursday of the month at the immaculate Conception School cafeteria, 41 Mountain Avenue, Somerville. Beginners classes 7:30 p.m., intermediate 8:30 p.m. 725-1956.

PRINCETON BALLET Performing its spring repertory of works by Antony Tudor, John Butler and the premiere of Jeff Satin-off's *Short Symphony* featuring music by Aaron Copland. May 19 through May 22 at the George Street Playhouse, 9 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick. Admission \$12. 246-7717.

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Speakers

ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITY Colloquium on various issues related to governmental policy, affirmative action and research. Wednesday, May 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Nicholas Music Center, George Street and Route 18, Douglass College, New Brunswick. Free admission.

AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS INC. Members will share the results of their astronomical projects during the annual society meeting Friday, May 20, at 8 p.m. at Union County College, Cranford. Stargazing session will follow at the Sperry Observatory. Free admission. 457-2599.

ISAAC ASIMOV The author of 372 works of science fiction and non-fiction will address the 1 p.m. closing luncheon of the 8th Annual Conference of the Northeastern Gerontological Society, Friday, May 20, and Saturday, May 21, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Albany Street, New Brunswick. Admission \$25. 744-5524.

Music

BARLEY BREE Leading a program of Irish music Sunday, May 22, at 4 p.m. in the Union County Art Center, Irving Street, Rahway. Admission \$10. 634-3066, 725-1956 or 352-6260.

CLASSICAL CONCERT Works by Mozart, Bach, Schumann and Kreisler performed by pianist Jacob Smullyan and violinist Darryl Kubian Sunday, May 22, at 3 p.m. in the Wesley Methodist Church, 1500 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield. Free admission. 754-2916.

COSI FAN TUTTE The June Opera Festival production of Mozart's comic opera, performed by members of the New Jersey Symphony and festival soloists, June 11, 16, 18, 21 and 26 at the Kirby Arts Center, The Lawrenceville School, Lawrenceville. Admission \$35, \$22, \$10, subscription rates available. (609) 737-7722.

CRESCENT SINGERS Performing two choruses from Handel's "Ode on St. Cecilia's Day" and Vaughn Williams' "Serenade to Music" as well as shorter works by Billings, Schubert, Elgar and Dvorak. Sunday, May 22, at 4 p.m. in the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Plainfield. Admission \$8, \$5.

DAVE BRUBECK QUARTET Take five with the world-famous jazz pianist and his band, Sunday, May 22, at 8:30 p.m. in the Montclair Art Museum, 3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair. Admission \$30, includes drinks and hors d'oeuvres. 746-5555.

AN EVENING WITH GERSHWIN Members of the New Jersey Symphony, Princeton Pro Musica and festival soloists join with pianist Christopher O'Reilly to perform *Rhapsody in Blue* and selections from *Porgy and Bess*. June 5 and June 24 at 8 p.m., part of the June Opera Festival at the Kirby Arts Center, The Lawrenceville School, Lawrenceville. Admission \$30, \$14, \$8, subscription rates available. (609) 737-7722.

THE HIGHEST PLACE The cantata by David Clydesdale will be performed Sunday, May 22, at 7 p.m. by the choir of the First Baptist Church of New Market, 450 New Market Road, Piscataway. 968-6290.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM Benjamin Britten's opera, drawn from Shakespeare's comedy. June 17, 19, 25 and 28 at the Kirby Arts Center, The Lawrenceville School, Lawrenceville. Admission \$30, \$14, \$22, \$10, subscription rates available. Part of the June Opera Festival. (609) 737-7722.

PHILMUSICA CHAMBER CHOIR "From the British Isles," featuring choral works by Purcell, Britten, Handel, Byrd and Mathias, as well as madrigals and lute songs. Sunday, May 22, at the First Presbyterian Church, 270 Woodbridge Avenue, Metuchen. 828-0964.

NEW JERSEY YOUTH SYMPHONY Performing works by Handel, Tchaikovsky and Creston, Sunday, May 22, at 3 p.m. in Westfield High School, Dorian Road, Westfield. Donation. 522-0365.

OPERA/ MUSIC THEATRE INSTITUTE Institute fellows will perform excerpts from operas by Verdi, Beethoven, Donizetti and Richard Strauss with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, May 29, at 3 p.m. in Newark Symphony Hall, 1030 Broad Street, Newark. Admission \$25, \$20, \$15, \$10, \$7, \$5. 643-8009.

THE RING OF THE FETTUCINES Dominic Melman's one hour crash-course in opera, built around six stereotypical characters and incorporating arias by Verdi, Bizet, Mozart, Offenbach and others. June 23 and June 25 at the Kirby Arts Center, The Lawrenceville School, Lawrenceville. Part of the June Opera Festival. General admission \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and the elderly. (609) 737-7722.

ROCK & ROLL SPECTACULAR Bo Diddley, Lesley Gore, The Shirelles, Martha Reeves & The Vandellas, Johnny Maestro & The Brooklyn Bridge, Duprees, Fred Paris & The Five Satins. Friday, June 10, at 8:30 p.m. in the Meadowlands Arena, East Rutherford. Admission \$20, \$18.50. 507-8900.

SALUTE TO VIETNAM VETERANS Performances by The Mama & The Papas, Rare Earth, The Association, The Spinners and Richie Havens. Monday, May 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the Byrne Meadowlands Arena, East Rutherford. Admission \$18.50, \$16.50, \$12. 507-8900.

GEORGE WINSTON The New Age pianist performs Monday, June 20, at 8 p.m. in the McCarter Theatre, Princeton. Admission \$25, \$16. (609) 683-8000.

Nightlife

BIRCH HILL NITE CLUB, Route 9 South, Old Bridge. (Light rock and dance-oriented music) Every Sunday, Teen Nite and Lip-Synch Contest. Every Wednesday, Rock'n'Roll Party with three bands. Every Thursday, G. Whiz and Co. All-Male Revue. May 20: Zyris. May 21: The Lynch Boys, Smittie. 536-0650.

BROOK THEATER, 10 Hamilton Street, Bound Brook. May 27: Glen Burnick. June 3: Phantom's Opera, Gemini. June 4: Bill Haley & The Comets, Box Tops, Bobby Lewis. 469-4634.

CHRISTIE STREET, Clarion Hotel, 2055 Route 27, Edison. (Dinner and dance) Wine tasting every Wednesday 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Top 40 Night every Friday and Saturday starting 6 p.m. Happy Hour live music from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. 287-3500.

CITY GARDENS, 1701 Calhoun Street, Trenton. (Popular music) Every Thursday 90-cent dance night for those 21 or over. May 20: They Might Be Giants, The Lemonheads. May 21: Throwing Muses, Chemical Cat. May 22: The Adolescents, Token Entry. May 27: Nix & The Sidekicks. June 4: Bad Brains, Ignition. June 5: Millions of Dead Cops. June 17: Reggae Sunsplash '88 w/Toots & The Maytals. June 18: Camper Van Beethoven. (609) 392-8887.

CLUB BENE DINNER THEATRE, Route 35, South Amboy. May 21: Mahogany Rush. May 27: Zebra. May 28: Bob Nelson comedian. June 3: Joseph Zawinul. June 4: Jay Black & The Americans. June 10: Emo Phillips, comedian. June 17: Leon Redbone. 727-3000.

CONNIE'S, Route 35, Sayreville. (Oidies) 721-6223.

CORNER TAVERN, 113 Somerset Street, New Brunswick. (Rock) Every Monday is talent night. May 21: Sonic Stuff. 247-7677.

CORNERSTONE, 25 New Street (corner of New and Pearl streets), Metuchen. (Jazz) May 20: Carmen Leggio. May 21: Warren Vache Jr. May 25: Terry Blaine w/ Mark Shane. May 27: 28: Kenny Davern Quartet. June 1: Warren Vache Jr. Trio. June 3, 4: Warren Vache Jr. Quartet. June 8: Bucky & John Pizzarelli. June 10: Ed Polcer Quartet. June 11: Warren Vache Sr. Quartet. June 15: Kenny Davern Trio. June 17, 18: Kenny Davern Quartet. June 22: Connie Edison Trio. June 24: Ray Alexander Quartet. June 25: "Big Nick" Nicholas Quartet. June 29: Allen Vache Trio. 549-5306.

COURT TAVERN, 124 Church Street, New Brunswick. (Rock) May 19: Chemical Cat, Caribbean Music Ensemble. May 20: The Homeboys, Lawn Darts. May 21: The Deal, The Wishniks. May 25: Bob White & The White Boys. Stretch. May 28: Death Ray, Sleepcoat, Moby Dick. May 27: Spy Gods, Big Town. May 28: Shades Apart, Laughing Soup Dish. 545-7265.

HIDEAWAY LOUNGE, Best Western Edison Inn, Routes 1 and 287, Edison. (Dinner and dance) Bill Turner & Blue Smoke every Tuesday, the Del Capries every Thursday, Katy Rudders & the Shotgun Band every Friday and Saturday. 548-7000.

MAXWELL'S, 1039 Washington Street, Hoboken. (Rock) 656-9632.

MINE STREET COFFEE HOUSE, First Reformed Church, Neilson and Bayard streets, New Brunswick. (Folk) Free parking at the Wolfson parking deck. Shows every Saturday at 8:30 p.m., admission \$2. May 21: Brian Blanchard, English folk on concertina. May 28: Ralph Litwin, Banjo champion. June 4: David Berger, contemporary and folk guitar. June 11: Fast Friends, guitar duo. June 18: Tom Gibney, traditional and contemporary ballads. June 25: Castle Keep, traditional British music. 549-0931.

OUTBACK SALOON, 15 West Main Street, Bound Brook. (60s rock and Top 40) Live band every Friday and Saturday. May 20: Something Else. May 21: White Collar. May 27: Chapter 11. 469-7743.

PINES MANOR, Route 27 and Talmadge Road, Edison. (Dinner and dance) 287-2222.

PLAYPEN LOUNGE, Route 35, Sayreville. (Rock) Every Monday, Co-ed Burlesque Show. Every Tuesday, Bystander. 721-0100.

THE STONE PONY, Second and Ocean avenues, Asbury Park. (Rock) May 20: Gary "U.S." Bonds. May 28: Glen Burnick. June 3: Molly Hatchet. 968-7177.

WHISPERS LOUNGE, Holiday Inn, Raritan Center Parkway, Edison. (Dinner and dance) 225-8300.

WOODEN NICKEL, 644 Georges Road, North Brunswick. Comedy every Tuesday night at 8:30 p.m., psychic at 8:30 p.m. Cover charge \$4. Every Sunday Jazz night with Mark Kirk and Quartet. Every Friday, mellow music by Gary Steven (no cover). 828-1117.

WURLITZER'S, 386 Hoes Lane, Piscataway. (Baby Boomer dance music with DJ) Admission \$1 Tuesday through Thursday and Friday before 7 p.m. Admission \$3 Friday after 7 p.m. and Saturday. Wednesday is Ladies Night. Closed Monday. Complimentary buffet Tuesday through Friday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. 463-3113.

Excursions

EAST BRUNSWICK SOCIAL RUNNERS Group runs of four and a half miles every Thursday at 6 a.m. and six miles every Saturday at 7:30 a.m. 846-2479.

RARITAN VALLEY ROAD RUNNERS Group runs of four to eight miles every Wednesday at 6 p.m., starting at the YW-YMHA, 2 South Adelaide Avenue, Highland Park. All welcome. 254-3120.

Events

DANCE-A-THON Benefit for the Association for Retarded Citizens. Saturday, May 21, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at McKinley School, Van Dyke Avenue, New Brunswick. Admission \$2.50, \$1.50 for kids under 12. 846-2586.

EDISON STAMP, COIN AND CARD SHOW Sunday, May 22, at the Ramada Inn, 3050 Woodbridge Avenue, Edison. Free admission. 247-1093.

FLAG DAY CEREMONY Annual ceremony sponsored by Piscataway BPO Elks Lodge 2414 on Saturday, June 18, at 7 p.m. at 450 River Road, Piscataway. Mayor Ted Light and Boy Scout Troop 423 will be among the notables on hand.

MARTIAL ARTS DEMONSTRATION Members of the Aiki Kai academy of Piscataway demonstrate karate, jujitsu and weapons technique. Friday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Piscataway High School auditorium, Behmer Road, Piscataway. Admission \$2. 752-8977 or 752-4039.

NORTH JERSEY CROSSWORD OPEN Tournament for crossword puzzle addicts featuring contestants from all over the country. Saturday, June 4, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Riverside Square Mall, Hackensack. To register call Bonnie Strower at 377-9531 or 652-5894.

SAVE OUR ENVIRONMENT JAM-BOREE Rally against the Rutgers University development plan for Piscataway, Highland Park and Edison. Sunday, May 15, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Johnson Park band shell near the Lynch Bridge overpass in Piscataway. Bring blanket and picnic lunch. Rain date May 22. 828-3491 or 828-4445.

SCOTTISH GAMES AT BONNIE BRAE Highland dance competition, bagpipe competition, field competitions, Scottish and Gaelic balladeers. Proceeds to benefit Bonnie Brae residential center for troubled youth. Saturday, June 11, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Bonnie Brae, Valley Road, Millington (opposite Lyons Veteran Hospital). Advance admission \$4.50 for adults, \$1.50 for children. At the gate, \$7 for adults, \$2 for children. 647-0800.

SHOWCASE OF CREATIVITY AND UNITY Benefit concert to promote Jewish unity and creativity, featuring Yoel Sharabi, Moshe Yess, Marc Weiner and Sherwood Goffin. Thursday, May 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the Aspen Hotel, 808 Route 46 West, Parsippany. Admission \$16, \$10 in advance. 267-9404.

Museums

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, Central Park West at 79th Street, New York. Daily 10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Contribution of \$3.50 for adults, \$1.50 for children, free Fridays and Saturdays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Through June 5: "Tiffany: 150 Years of Gems and Jewelry." Through August 7: "In the Realm of the Wild: The Art of Bruno Liljefors." Through Sept. 25: "The Once and Future Korea." (212) 769-5000.

CORNELIUS LOW HOUSE/ MIDDLESEX COUNTY MUSEUM, 1225 River Road (overlooking Landing Lane), Piscataway. Tuesday through Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. 745-4489.

EAST BRUNSWICK MUSEUM, 16 Maple Street, East Brunswick. Saturdays and Sundays, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. 254-7329.

EAST JERSEY OLDE TOWNE, River Road at Hoes Lane, Johnson Park, Piscataway. Village composed of relocated 18th century structures set near the headquarters of the county park police. Guided tours for small groups Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Larger groups by reservation only. Call 463-9077 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART, Fifth Avenue at 82nd Street, New York. Wednesday through Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., Tuesday 9:30 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. Contribution \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children and the elderly. Through June 5: "Dutch and Flemish Paintings From The Hermitage." Through July 1: "Walker Evans: A Portfolio of African Art." Through July 10: "Art of the Dagon: Selections from the Lester Wunderman Collection." Through July 31: "The 1980s: A New Generation." Through Sept. 25: "19th and 20th Century Chinese Paintings." (212) 879-5500.

MUSEUM OF MODERN ART, 11 West 53rd Street, New York. Daily 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., closed Wednesdays. Admission \$5, \$3.50 for students, \$2 for the elderly. Through June 5: "A Cezanne Treasure: The Basel Sktchbooks." Through June 7: "Designs for Independent Living." (212) 708-9400.

MONTCLAIR ART MUSEUM, Bloomfield and Scotch Mountain avenues, Montclair. Summer hours effective July 1. Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Monday and Saturday. Admission \$2 for non-members, free on Thursday. 746-5555.

THE MORRIS MUSEUM OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, Normandy Heights and Columbia roads, Morristown. Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Through June: "Invertebrate Ocean Life," marine exhibit. Throughout 1988: "1913: A Look Back," display of period memorabilia. 538-0454.

MUSEUM OF EARLY TRADES AND CRAFTS, Main Street and Green Village Road, Madison. Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$1 for adults, 50 cents for children. Through June 14: "Spring Life in the 18th and Early 19th Centuries." 377-2982.

NEW JERSEY STATE MUSEUM, 205 West State Street, Trenton. Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission. May 22: "Young Filmmakers Festival." Through June: "The Horse and the Buffalo: Creation of a Culture." Through Sept. 4: "After Eden: American Landscapes 1875 to 1925." Through Sept. 4: "The World of Wire and Light." (609) 292-6464.

RUTGERS GEOLOGY MUSEUM, Hamilton Street between College Avenue and George Street (Old Queens Campus), New Brunswick. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. 932-7243.

TRAILSIDE MUSEUM, Watchung Reservation, Coles Avenue and New Providence Road, Mountainside. Science and nature displays. Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission. Planetarium shows Sundays at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., admission \$1. May 22: "Crayfish," 2 p.m. May 26: Starwatch at 7:30 p.m. June 8: Starwatch at 8:30 p.m. Woodland walk June 1. Through June 1: Quartz exhibit. 232-5930.

WATERLOO VILLAGE, Allamuchy State Park off Route 80, Stanhope. Tuesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. until Sept. 30, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Dec. 1. Collection of 23 homes and displays covering period from 1700s to the Victorian era. Admission \$6 for adults, \$4.50 for the elderly, \$3 for children aged 6 to 12 on weekdays. Adults \$7.50, the elderly \$5 on weekends. 347-9900.

JANE VOORHEES ZIMMERLI ART MUSEUM, Rutgers University, George and Hamilton streets, New Brunswick. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed Wednesdays), Saturdays and Sunday from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Through May 31: "Masterpieces From the Tokyo Museum." 932-7237.

Art

LEON BIBEL Paintings and prints inspired by the Depression, on view through May 27 at the Labor Education Center, Ryders Lane near Clifton Avenue at Douglass College, New Brunswick. Free admission. 932-7084.

SALLY COHEN Oils and acrylics on display throughout May at the Kennedy Library, 500 Hoes Lane, Piscataway. 463-1633.

LILLIAN CROSBIE Mixed media projects on display throughout May at the Westergard Library, 20 Murray Avenue, Piscataway. 752-1166.

RICHARD DIXON "Colorgraphs" exhibit of experimental photography on display throughout May at Kennedy Library, 500 Hoes Lane, Piscataway. 463-1633.

FRESCO Works by Barbara Maria Meise and Adele Myers, two artists who experiment with the ancient technique of applying paint to wet plaster. Opening Friday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge. 634-0413.

OLDER BUT NO WISER Works of art by Peter Fisher, Antonia Lissmann and J. Randall Kuiper throughout May at the Blackwell Street Center for the Arts, 32-34 West Blackwell Street, Dover. 328-9626.

STUDENT ART EXHIBIT 16th annual exhibition of works by Piscataway High School students opens Wednesday, May 25, at 7 p.m. in the PHS Susan B. Anthony Building, Behmer Road, Piscataway. Exhibit closes May 27. 981-0700, ext. 265.

Film

THE MAN WHO WOULD BE KING (1975) An engrossing adaptation of Rudyard Kipling's novella about two British soldiers in 1880s India who set themselves up as god-kings in a mountain realm that hasn't seen a European face since Alexander the Great. John Huston pulls off the difficult trick of satirizing Kipling's jingoism while keeping its adventure story appeal; the film draws considerable strength from the inspired pairing of Sean Connery and Michael Caine as the rogue imperialists. With Saeed Jaffrey, Shakira Caine, Jack May and Christopher Plummer as Kipling. Screenplay by Huston and Gladys Hill; directed by Huston. Monday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the **Forum Theatre**, 314 Main Street, Metuchen. Admission \$5. 548-4670.

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Sharing a tender moment in the Crossroads Theatre production of *Wet Carpets*, Angel Stafford and Iris Little-Roberts.

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On Stage

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"Wet Carpets" at Crossroads Theatre, 320 Memorial Parkway, New Brunswick, through Sunday. Tickets are \$12 to \$22. Call 249-5560 for reservations.

Wet Carpets is about transitions — about blotting out the stains of the past in order to make a clean start. Playwright Marian Warrington has carefully woven humor and poetry into a drama that is bound by the realities of human emotion and contemporary living. This powerful new play is a striking achievement for both for the playwright and the players.

The plot revolves around four black women. Camille, a loving mother, awaits her sisters' homecoming as she busily prepares a celebration for her daughter Darlene's 18th birthday and high school graduation. Camille and her sisters — actually foster sisters — have chosen different lifestyles; but now, at mid-life, each is beset by disappointment and self-doubt. Even high-spirited Darlene faces confusion as she embarks on adulthood. Thus, like Camille's newly cleaned carpets that stubbornly refuse to dry, each of the women in this play is at an impasse, caught up in questions about the fabric and the future of her own life.

Camille, Nedra and Tutelia are reunited in the backyard of their old

homestead one hot day in June. An announcement by Darlene turns the sister's conversation to angry accusations and heartfelt admissions, and the women reveal a most startling connection to each other and Darlene.

As the play progresses, the characters loosen their grip on unfulfilled expectations, and open themselves to new possibilities. Their story becomes a sensitive exploration of motherhood, sisterhood and selfhood.

Warrington's women, so vastly different from one another, make the play work. Motherly Camille is firmly rooted in old-fashioned notions of home and family. Actress Lizan Mitchell projects Camille's loving and unpretentious nature, seemingly at ease, especially in connection with Darlene, the fresh-faced innocent played by Angel Stafford.

While Tutelia is a high-minded and self-righteous bureaucrat, a victim of her own failure to save the world, Nedra is a free-wheeling and unsuccessful singer, a fading beauty with nothing to show for her years. Fern

Howell is convincing as the intellectual and inflexible Tutelia, while Iris Little-Roberts shines as the self-indulgent Nedra with her biting wit.

Wet Carpets which is making its New Jersey premiere, boasts not only a capable cast but also a remarkable set and effective staging. Designer Charles McClellan has graced the stage with a beautiful, outdoor scene, including a magnificent tree that seems to signify the strength and resilience of the Nelson women.

Director Bette Howard artfully moves the characters around the set and through the many moods of the play. The poetic monologues highlight the otherwise realistic action of the play in much the same way as Susan White's lighting enhances the stage.

Marian Warrington's script was developed and produced as part of the "New Play Writes" program at Crossroads, the purpose of which is to nurture the creation of new plays and the development of fresh talent. If *Wet Carpets* is any indication of what this program is bringing about, then the future of black theater seems assured.

Wet Carpets will run through Sunday at Crossroads, New Brunswick.

Day camp to climax with summer theatre

METUCHEN — A summer theatre day camp will "pitch its tent" in the area this year.

Boys and girls between 6 and 17 are invited to enroll in the special two-week program. It will be held weekdays from July 18 through July 29 at the First Presbyterian Church on Woodbridge Avenue.

Instruction will be provided in acting, singing, dancing, scenery design and painting, staging, properties, costume coordination, makeup and lighting design. This will lead into a public performance of *The Sound of Music* at the end of the camping period. The camp is open to about 20 participants.

The day camp is being sponsored by the All Children's Theatre, a non-profit performing arts organization which presented all-children's casts of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* in Metuchen in January and *Annie* in Edison last June.

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H. R.
Human Rights/Viva Azania (SST)
 The Bad Brains may have been the best of the hardcore punk bands of the early 1980s. They were certainly the most musically versatile; they probably shared most-passionate-belief-in-raw-but-focused-anger honors with the Dead Kennedys and the early Husker Du; maybe not coincidentally, they were the blackest band in an all-too-Caucasian scene; they're one of the few that are still active. Unlike most other practitioners of speed-thrash-slamdance music, the Bad Brains could (and did) veer suddenly into reggae or jazz-rock, defying critics' classifications and breaking up the adrenalinized monotony that could result from hardcore's nonstop velocity contests. Best of all, they left no doubt about their intelligence and made no overtures toward the dimmer elements in the thrash-rock crowd. Adolescent Hermann Goering wannabees, attracted to hardcore's rhythmic fury for the same reason their tamer peers gravitate toward heavy metal — the ones who take lyrics like Black Flag's "White Minority" literally — have never found much to their liking in the politics of

the Bad Brains' "throat" H. R.

H. R., also known as Paul Hudson or as Ras Gabriel Joseph I, has embraced the Rastafarian religion and added a solo career to his activities with the band. With his brother Earl Hudson (another Bad Brain) on drums, Kenny Dread on bass, David Byers on guitar and Oscar Brown Jr. on keyboards, H. R. now fronts a band that's even more surprising, more diverse. It's hard to believe, at times, that the same group is performing on all the tracks of *Human Rights/Viva Azania*; listeners expecting consistency will be baffled by the frequent stylistic changes — electronic funk one minute, then bottom-heavy reggae, metallic guitar ferocity, witty streetwise rap or jazzy-loungey Jamaican "lovers' rock" — and H. R.'s ability to mutate and modulate his voice (he's been called "the Bobby McFerrin of hardcore")

gives the impression of multiple singers working in the multiple styles. The whole project is held together by his spiritual intensity, though; his nearly maniacal religious conviction gives this unusual album both its unity and its occasional weaknesses.

About his belief in the Rasta revisions of Scripture, the all-pervading love of Jah, and the inevitable downfall of all things human and material, H. R. makes no bones. These guys may be from Washington, D.C., but the message in the songwriting is pure Trenchtown: the jacket claims it was all "Written and arranged by Jah endowing his gift through his servant Ras Gabriel Joseph I . . ." Maybe the further you live from the homeland of this religion, the more heavily and weirdly you tend to affirm your belief; whatever the reason, and however sincere it may be, the theology's laid on a bit thick. A few of the songs (or song fragments; some last only long enough to establish an emotion or a groove and then break off suddenly, creating an *audio veriteatmosphere*, as if the album were edited in the proverbial Mixmaster) are just outbursts of religious ecstasy, particularly the brief "I Luv King Jah." These aren't the record's best moments; the quick avowals of universal love are too emotionally simple to call forth either H. R.'s strongest talents or his band's.

But the longer, more stylistically experimental pieces provide the group with challenges and plenty of room to rise to them. "Human Rights," more of a suite than a song, shows they've been listening long and hard to Miles Davis, particularly his *Bitches Brew/In a Silent Way* period, and to some of George Clinton's more recombinant Parliafunkadelicment Thangs; the piece uses cool, patient electronic and percussive passages to frame gutsy jazz-rock sections featuring Byers' McLaughlinesque bursts and H. R.'s soaring vocal. "Now You Say" is the other high point of the album's spacy "alpha side," defining the funk of the future through a hard-working combination of real and electronic drums and a vocal tone sired by "Brickhouse" out of Broadway. Both of these tunes are guaranteed to get any serious dance floor hopping.

The smoother "omega side" adds depth and contrast to the album, concentrating on more recognizable reggae, soul and rap forms after the first side's excursions into arty fusion weirdness. "Life After Death," despite absurd lyrics on Shirley MacLaineish topics, may be the best metal-rap since Aero-D.M.C. walked that way; it's the sort of hybrid that Big Audio Dynamite keeps attempting and falling short of, and its rapid-fire insults aimed at a materialistic superstar are enough fun to override the embarrassment of the earlier cosmic-debris verses. Verbal sense and clarity, as anyone will imme-

diately gather, are beside the point in H. R.'s music; the dub reggae grooves of "Conquering Judah" and "Jah Like That," the rhythmically diverse "Viva Azania," and the bluesy, late-night "Acting So Bad" (imagine a slow Prince song with a light bossa nova influence) all function not as tightly written songs but as backdrops for H. R.'s versatile voicings. Snarling, crooning, scating, belting out cool melodies, teasing an imaginary lover or yelling himself hoarse, H. R. is always uninhibited and frequently impressive. Guessing which direction he'll move in next is as pointless as trying to cover Michael Jordan one-on-one.

This isn't a record for everybody: its material is uneven, particularly on side one, and the Martian fusion moves don't always mesh with H. R.'s pure Rasta sentiments. Listeners who want constant reassurances that a singer is wholly in his

right mind may have some problems here; the voice of a man this intoxicated on religious joy can get fairly unsettling. If H. R. were living in the 18th century, they'd probably lock him away in the same cell with the mad poet Christopher Smart. But this is the 20th century — H. R. is pretty clearly living in the 21st — and he's got enough bizarre vocal ideas for half a dozen albums. And he's got an ambitious, adventurous, stone-solid band. On the whole, *Human Rights* is a strong move by a fascinating talent.

Bad Brains will appear Friday, May 27, at The Ritz in New York City and Saturday, June 4, at the City Gardens in Trenton.

WILD STABS IN THE DARK: Hank Ballard & the Midnighters/Steve Smith/The Naked, May 19 at the Lone Star Cafe, New York; Kasav, May 29 at the Ritz.

It's Academic

METUCHEN — Lisa M. Ralph, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ralph of 75 New York Avenue, has been elected to Sigma Delta Pi, the national Hispanic honor society. She received the honor during the annual Awards Day at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa., where she is a dean's list student and a junior majoring in economics.

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Two women departed from the Acme Check Cashing Service office on Route 1 May 9 after it was determined the checks they were attempting to convert into cash were stolen. According to Patrolmen Fred Lach and Charles Bell, one check was in the amount of \$944 and the other was for \$940. They said in the haste of their departure the women left behind their driver's licenses, which identified them as residents of Hackensack.

The rear window of a 1982 Saab owned by Arthur Dematteis of 112 New Dover Road was found smashed May 9. Patrolman Michael Promutico reported the car was parked at the end of the driveway when it was damaged.

Gamka Equipment of 23 Progress Street discovered May 9 that it had been the victim of a scheme resulting in the loss of several pieces of equipment with a total value of \$4,775. Patrolman Michael Promutico was told that on May 5 the firm received a call from a construction company with which it does business placing or order for the rental of equipment. According to Promutico, a black male later appeared to pick up the equipment and it was turned over to him. However, when a bill was sent to the construction company, Gamka was informed that it never had placed the order.

A purple and white scooter, the property of his daughter, was reported stolen May 9 from a shed on his property by Valentine Buhl of 55 Winthrop Road. Patrolman Joseph Kenney was told the scooter is valued at \$60.

Our Lady of Peace Middle School on Amboy Avenue was found vandalized May 9. According to Patrolman Joseph Kenney, the window of the rear exit door was smashed and an exterior spotlight was damaged.

Mary Patrick, a resident of the Edison Estates Nursing Home on Brunswick Avenue, reported May 9 the theft of \$35. She told Patrolman Thomas Marino the money was taken from a locked cabinet in her room for which she has the only key.

Investment Technologies Inc. of 510 Thornall Road reported May 9 that a former employee had walked off with approximately 60 index cards containing sales lead information. Patrolmen Joseph Vasta and Thomas Bryan were told that the cards were

taken after a discussion about the employee's termination benefits did not turn out to his satisfaction.

While walking along Route 1, between Leo Street and Player Avenue, on May 7, Raymond R. Romero of 91 Othen Street lost his wallet. In his report of the loss on May 9, Romero told Patrolman Anthony Pacella the brown wallet contained his driver's license, social security card and other documents.

An attempt was made May 9 to break into the apartment of Frank Thurkauf at 31 College Drive. According to Patrolman Thomas Marino, a screwdriver or pry bar was used in attempt to force open the apartment door, which was secured by a deadbolt lock.

A 1983 Nissan owned by Ricky M. Law of Keasbey was stolen May 9 from the parking lot of Menlo Park Mall. He told Patrolman Thomas Vickery it was taken between 7:30 and 8 p.m.

Although there was no evidence of forced entry, Joni Merola found a quantity of jewelry missing from her Edison Glen apartment when she returned home May 9. The victim told Patrolman Thomas Vickery the apartment door was locked when she arrived home but she discovered the jewelry box in the bedroom open and a number of pieces missing. They include gold chain necklaces and bracelets, assorted gold earrings, a man's diamond ring, a man's gold wedding ring and a woman's gold watch.

Approximately 50 feet of fence in front of the Ford Motor Co. plant on Route 1 were damaged by a hit-run vehicle May 9.

William Philpot of 63 Preston Street was ticketed May 9 by Patrolman George Spearneck for running a stop sign on Prospect Avenue, resulting in a collision between his 1978 Ford van and a 1988 Honda driven north on Ovington Avenue by Arthur H. Jones Jr. of 113 Ovington.

Four people were taken to John F. Kennedy Medical Center after a collision May 9 on Oak Tree Road in front of the Middlesex County Jewish Community Center. They were driver Daniel Gabilanes of 3 Desser Place and Leon Theodorou of 15 Calvert Avenue West, a passenger in the 1984 Chevrolet driven by Gabilanes; driver Martin Stein of Fair Lawn and his passenger, Gertrude Stein. Gabilanes told Patrolman Anthony Vitello he was headed north on Oak Tree when Stein's 1987 Oldsmobile pulled out of the JCC driveway and made a left turn in front of him.

Michael Magnifico Jr. of 1102 Timber Oaks Road found the trunk of his 1985 Pontiac forced open May 10. According to Patrolmen Anthony Pacella and Jeffrey Gottlieb, nothing was missing from the trunk but the lock was damaged.

An envelope containing \$413.19 was discovered missing May 10 from a cash drawer at Budget Rent-A-Car Co. at 550 Route 1 North. Patrolman Michael Paiko was told that it was one of four envelopes with cash that had been placed in the drawer and locked up on May 7.

A 2'x4' insulated glass panel in the front picture window at the home of Jagan Sapru at 133 Idlewild Road was smashed by a projectile May 10. Patrolman Michael Hegeudus described the object as a quarter-size piece of metal with no identifying marks.

Louis Agudelo, 19, of Piscataway, lost two fingers on his right hand in an accident May 10 at White Consolidated Industries at 2710 Route 27. He was taken to Robert Wood Johnson Hospital by Edison First Aid Squad No. 1. Patrolman Michael Hegeudus was told that Agudelo apparently was setting up a crimping machine during lunch break when no one was around and caught his hand in it.

Two young juvenile males are believed to be responsible for a rash of vandalism at 4 Vinnin Court which was under construction by George Getlik of 40 Freeman Street. The latest incident took place May 10 when a witness observed one of the boys smash both headlights on a dump truck owned by Getlik. Patrolman Andrew Bruno was told that other acts have included breaking windows, smearing tar on a van and punching a hole in the radiator of a grading machine. The cost of repairing this damage was placed at \$1,000.

Joseph Frank of 1811 Raspberry Court reported May 10 that the ignition had been pulled from the steering column of his 1981 Toyota while the car was parked outside his apartment. The lock on the passenger side door also had been pulled out, according to Patrolman Gary Thomas.

A 1986 Pontiac owned by Daren Brown of Newark that had been reported stolen March 30 in that city was found abandoned May 10 in the parking lot of the Oxford Arms apartments on Hana Road.

A 1985 Camaro owned by Doreen L. Hartman of 108 Idlewild Road was vandalized May 10 while it was parked outside her residence. Patrolman David Yanvary reported the damage included dents, spraypaint on the driver's side door and window and possibly to the wheels and tires.

A three-car accident May 10 at Plainfield

and Greenwood avenues resulted in Pamela Thomas of 100 Ashley Road being ticketed by Patrolman David Pemberton for running a stop sign. Pemberton said that Thomas' 1979 Buick pulled out of Greenwood and collided with a 1976 Ford driven east on Plainfield by Jean M. Sanders of North Plainfield. Sanders' car spun around and struck a 1978 Ford being operated in the opposite direction on Plainfield by Manuel V. Gutierrez of Plainfield.

A 1984 Dodge being operated west on Roosevelt Boulevard May 10 by Rien T. Kueken of 53 Wilk Road struck a parked 1987 Chevrolet owned by Amy L. Edmond of 100 Third Street. Kueken told Patrolman Timmie Brown that just before the accident he had experienced a severe chest pain. Brown said that Kueken, 52, was checked at the scene by Mercy 9 from John F. Kennedy Medical Center but declined to be taken to the hospital.

A 1982 Mazda driven by Alina J. Kazdoba of Linden was stopped on Route 27 May 10, waiting to turn left into the Greenwood plant. The car was rear-ended by a 1984 BMW operated by Frank P. Mercuri of 603 Woodhaven Drive. Patrolman Anthony Vitello investigated.

Haig Sellan of Woodbridge left the engine of his 1986 Toyota running May 11 while he ran into the 7-Eleven on Lafayette Road to buy a newspaper. When he came out he observed a young black male, who had been standing near the pay phones, driving off in the Toyota.

Illegal dumping under the Public Service Electric & Gas Co. high tension wires off New Dover Road was reported May 11. Patrolman James Smith said the refuse was composed of sheetrock and a broken table.

Ronald E. Herrick of Hazlet reported May 11 that several personal checks that had been stolen April 13 from his office in Raritan Plaza III had been cashed at the National Community Bank. Herrick told Patrolmen Thomas Kapcsandi and Thomas Bryan that the cancelled checks had been written out for amounts totaling \$2,900.

Fortona Barebe of 286 McKinley Street reported May 11 that she had lost a 22-inch 22K gold chain. According to Patrolman John Halutka, she said she had been shopping that day and found the chain missing from around her neck when she arrived home. It is valued at \$1,000.

Four rings valued at \$1,400 were stolen May 11 in a burglary at the home of Susak Lakatos at 38 Oakland Avenue. Patrolmen Catherine Ruppert and Any Nagy reported entry was gained by breaking a basement window.

An unknown quantity of oil was spilled May 11 near the pool while a delivery was being made to the Briarcliff Apartments on Woodedge Avenue by Belcher Fuel Oil Co. of Bayonne. According to Patrolman Michael Paiko, the spill took place when the hose fell off the fuel tank intake. The Edison Fire Department was called to the scene and the Health Department was notified.

John W. Moeller of Colonia made a left turn from New Dover Road into the St. Helena's Roman Catholic Church parking lot May 11, resulting in a collision between his 1980 Datsun and a 1979 Ford being driven west on New Dover by Francisco Franco of 870 Grove Avenue. Patrolman Michael Promutico investigated.

Elliot Gosley of 2601 Merrywood Drive was ticketed by Patrolman John Vaticano for careless driving after an accident May 11 at Brunswick Avenue and Taylor Road. According to Vaticano, Gosley's 1982 Mazda skidded from the north to southbound side of Brunswick and struck a 1988 Honda driven by Thomas F. O'Shea of Highland Park. Gosley told Vaticano that he was forced to swerve when he was cut off by another vehicle but a witness said the Mazda started to slide when it came around a curve in the road at a high rate of speed. O'Shea was taken to Robert Wood Johnson Hospital and Gosley to John F. Kennedy Medical Center.

A ticket charging careless driving was issued by Patrolman John Vaticano to Dawn Marie Headley of 54 Reading Road after a four-car accident May 11 at Route 27 and Plainfield Avenue. Vaticano reported that Headley's 1988 BMW made a left turn from Route 27 onto Plainfield, hit the curb and then swerved across the road and struck a 1979 Dodge driven by Richard A. Davenport of East Brunswick, who was stopped for a red light. The Dodge then hit a 1979 Chevrolet operated by Robert J. Sabine of Manalapan while the BMW struck head-on a 1988 Toyota driven by Paulette M. Balla of Asbury Park, who was stopped in traffic behind the Dodge.

A 1987 Chevrolet driven by Linda I. Wawrzyniak of 50 Eggert Avenue, Metuchen, and a 1987 Subaru operated by David J. Vargo of 126 Oakwood Avenue collided May 11 as Wawrzyniak was driving north on Oakwood and Vargo, who had just back out of his

driveway, was attempting to turn right onto Beechwood Avenue. Patrolman George Spearneck investigated.

A tractor-trailer truck driven by Charles W. Kaiser of 8 Richard Road emerged from the Route 1 exit ramp onto Main Street May 11 and struck a NJ Transit bus carrying seven passengers and operated by Edward A. Zabelicky of Eatontown. Kaiser told Patrolman Rod Benedickson it felt that the tractor-trailer was going to jackknife as he was traveling up the ramp so he took his foot off the brake to bring the truck under control and was unable to avoid the bus. The accident resulted in damage to the March property at 133 South Main Street.

Eleanor Rayner of 37 Dogwood Drive at 17 Turner Avenue pulled out of the Acome parking lot onto Amboy Avenue with a green light May 11 and was struck by a 1995 Camaro driven by Barbara Hayes of Avenel. According to Patrolmen Thomas Bryan and Thomas Kapcsandi, Hayes said when she braked for the red light her car skidded into the intersection because of the wet pavement.

A 1983 Ford driven by Philip B. Comito of 17 Turner Avenue pulled out of the Acome parking lot onto Amboy Avenue with a green light May 11 and was struck by a 1995 Camaro driven by Barbara Hayes of Avenel. According to Patrolmen Thomas Bryan and Thomas Kapcsandi, Hayes said when she braked for the red light her car skidded into the intersection because of the wet pavement.

Bicyclist Andrew Hadu, 12, of 17 Chestnut Street, was bumped May 11 by a 1970 Volkswagen as Hadu was crossing Plainfield Avenue at Route 27 and VW driver Stephanie S. Bailey of North Brunswick was making a left turn onto Plainfield from the highway. Hadu was uninjured, according to Patrolman John Luminello.

Sharacha Aligya of 74 Garden Terrace backed up her 1976 Chevrolet May 11 and struck a parked 1983 Nissan owned by Rebecca J. Cummings of Lansdale, Pa. A witness told Patrolman John Luminello that after the mishap Aligya entered her house. According to Luminello, when con-

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A variety of variances approved in Metuchen

By CRAIG MRACEK

METUCHEN — Variances for a fence, a deck and an addition to a house were approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment last week as three local residents sought to take advantage of the warm weather to begin home improvements.

Because of a defective notice, a fourth application relating to the Del Colle property at 114 Amboy Avenue was rescheduled for June 8.

A bulk variance was granted to Bernard and Carla Shihar of 142 Amboy Avenue allowing them to replace their old post and rail fence with a three and a half-foot picket fence along most of their property, and a six-foot stockade fence along their rear property line.

Carl Dyremose of 651 New Durham Road, represented by Jay Arbeiter, was granted a use variance to add an 8'x18' addition onto his house and John Dziombak of 195 Woodbridge Avenue received a go-ahead to add a deck that will violate the setback re-

quirement.

Because the next-door neighbor did not object and there is a fence separating the two properties, there board had no objections to Dziombak's building the 12'x11' deck.

Claiming Dyremose needed only a technical use variance, Arbeiter made quick work of his client's application. "Nothing else is effected except the one use variance," he told the board. "The only violation is that there are two buildings on the site. That is a violation in an R-2 residential zone. They have been there since 1949."

Dyremose told the board he wants to expand his house because his bathroom is too small and his basement can not accommodate all the household utilities such as dryer and washing machine.

A 21'x22' dwelling at the rear of the property, which he plans to rent, makes Dyremose's residence non-conforming. Arbeiter noted, "If the second house was not on the property, he would not need a var-

iance."

Arbeiter added, "He is improving the home for his own use. He is not planning on selling it."

Board chairwoman Ellen Clarkson pointed out that Dyremose has completely renovated the rest of the house. The variance was granted by a unanimous decision.

The Shihars had a more difficult task acquiring approval for their proposed fence so they made some concessions along the way.

Shihar described his existing fence as old and "in some places falling apart."

"It really is not very pretty to look at," he told the board.

But the board members expressed reservations about the six-foot stockade fence Shihar proposed for his backyard.

"The reason for the six-foot fence in the backyard," Shihar explained, "is my 3 1/2-year-old son. Obviously I want a safe place for him to play. He's quite active and I think he can get over a three and a half-foot fence onto Amboy Avenue."

He added that the fence will follow the contour of the ground which slopes down in some places.

Clarkson did not like the idea of the fence being only 10 feet from a neighbor's driveway and two feet from the sidewalk. She said, "The concern is your neighbor on Voorhees, pulling out on the street, may not be able to see a pedestrian on the sidewalk. I think it is a good idea to cut an angle in the corner so you get a sight triangle."

After Shihar agreed to cut an angle in the corner for a sight triangle, board member Carol Lerner suggested he move the stockade portion of the fence back two more feet from the sidewalk.

Shihar replied, "I'd like to keep it in a straight line."

Lerner said she wanted to see vegetation planted between the fence and the sidewalk and two feet was not enough space for this.

Shihar disagreed, "That's plenty of room for flowering and small shrubs."

Lerner responded, "not after they've grown."

Again Shihar acquiesced and agreed to move the stockade fence back and plant shrubs between the fence and the sidewalk. Then his picket fence came under attack.

He chose a white picket fence, he said "because I always thought a picket fence was conservative, 'Father Knows Bestish'."

Board member Jean Guarnieri said, "You are requesting an extra six inches. Three feet are allowed. I just don't see why it is necessary."

Shihar replied, "A three-foot fence isn't really a fence."

Still not satisfied Guarnieri asked, "Why are we giving him a three and a half-foot fence? Six inches doesn't make a difference as far as safety."

Shihar responded, "It will supply a little bit, not a great deal, of screening from all the traffic screaming past my house."

This time Shihar did not compromise and the variance was granted with Guarnieri casting the only opposing vote.

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tacted Alliga denied she struck the Nissan but when told there was a witness, she acknowledged that she had hit it and said she had planned to inform Cummings.

Two microphones were found missing May 12 from the municipal courtroom. Court clerk Mary Ann Zogg told Patrolman Andrew Bruno that the microphones were in their usual place on the prosecutor's table at 2 p.m. when a group of school children visited the courtroom during a tour of police headquarters but were found missing at 3:30 p.m.

Charles E. Eggleston, 39, of Westfield, was arrested May 12 on Weston Forbes Court on charges of possession of a hypodermic needle and syringe and possession of narcotics paraphernalia. According to Patrolmen Michael Palko and Andy Nagy, while on routine patrol they observed Eggleston standing next to the driver's side door of a 1979 Chrysler. When he realized they were looking at him, Palko and Nagy reported, Eggleston threw a brown object into the car and started walking toward Graham Avenue, where he was intercepted and returned to the car. Palko and Nagy said the object proved to be an eyeglass case containing the hypodermic needle, syringe and a length of cloth.

A shoplifter who took two cartons of cigarettes from Thrift Drugs in Inman Grove Center May 12 was pursued by a store employee, who lost sight of her near Foodtown. Patrolmen Andy Nagy and Michael Palko were told that the suspect was a black female approximately 5'11" and wearing a yellow shirt and denim jacket and whose identity is known because she is a frequent customer.

Shyami Karnani reported May 12 that over the previous three days 18 cans of spackle were stolen from an unlocked garage of a house under construction on Rio Vista Drive. According to Patrolmen John Halulka and Scott Benedickson, Karnani said that on the 12th he observed a man who is doing sheetrock work for him in the development load four or five cans of spackle in his car and drive off. Karnani told the officers he believes the same man is responsible for taking the other cans.

Sarah Davis, 33, of New Brunswick, was arrested May 12 on charges of shoplifting at Shootown in Wick Plaza and possession of stolen property and her companion, Dwayne Cedric Johnson, 23, also of New Brunswick, was arrested on a charge of possession of stolen property. The pair were taken into custody by Patrolman Allen Herman as he was turning into Wick Plaza and spotted a 1978 BMW that fit the description of the car in which Davis and Johnson were reported to be leaving the scene. According to Herman, Davis had in her handbag three pairs of shoes and a pair of sneakers that were identified as the property of Shoe Town. He said the car also contained two coin canisters — one soliciting donations in behalf of missing children and the other for Associated Humane Societies. Both contained an undetermined quantity of change, according to Herman, who said the canisters were taken from Martucci Brothers Sporting Goods in Wick Plaza.

Marcy L. Lefkowitz of Fairview reported May 12 that two days earlier her white vinyl purse was stolen while she was at the Menlo Car Wash on Lafayette Road. She told Patrolman Andrew Bruno she left the bag alongside her car at the vacuum machine while she walked around to the other side of the vehicle. When she came back, the purse, containing \$12 in cash, was gone.

Nina Berner of 19 Mill Road discovered May 12 that her 1981 Dodge was vandalized. Red paint was thrown on the driver's side door of the gray car while the vehicle was parked outside her home, according to Patrolman Thomas Vickers.

A 1986 Chevrolet driven by Anthanas Liakos of 53 Jersey Avenue wound up May 12 on the lawn of the Cherepanya property at 15 Farmhaven Road. He was charged with careless driving by Patrolman Patrick Kelly. Liakos told Kelly he was driving at between 50 and 60 miles an hour when he spotted a police car up ahead, applied the brakes and skidded out of control.

Angelina G. Cuccaro of Piscataway was charged May 12 with leaving the scene of an accident in the James Madison School parking lot in which a bicycle ridden by Robert Tampa of 4 Shady Lane collided with her 1977 Ford Thunderbird. Cuccaro's car was stopped on Grove Avenue as it was turning onto Inman Avenue by Patrolmen Andy Nagy and Michael Palko, who were responding to a report of a hit-run accident. Tampa was treated at the scene by Edison First Aid Squad No. 2.

George Grumet of 17 Phillips Road pulled out of Alice Street to turn left onto Route 27 May 12, resulting in a collision between his 1982 Cadillac and a 1973 Volkswagen being driven south on Route 27 by Dong C. Lepkowski of South River. Patrolman John Dauber investigated.

A four-car rear-end May 12 on Thornall Street resulted in Jean Stachowicz of 2 Meadow Road being ticketed by Patrolman John Luminiello for being an unlicensed driver. Luminiello reported that a 1984 Ford driven by Miguel A. Rios of East Brunswick was stopped waiting to make a left turn into a driveway when it was rear-ended by a 1986 Honda operated by Christine M. Detjen of Bridgewater, who had been struck by Stachowicz's 1978 Honda. The Honda, according to Luminiello, had been hit by a 1986 Renault driven by Judy N. McNeil of 79 Dayton Drive, who told Luminiello she had taken her eyes off the road for a moment and when she looked back traffic was stopped.

A 1982 Chevrolet operated by Kamila S. Eitaher of 112 Idlewild Road pulled out of the Menlo Park Mall parking lot May 12 and collided with a 1988 Chevrolet being driven

west on Parsonage Road by Bernard J. Brennan of Plainfield. Investigating was Patrolman John Luminiello.

James T. Gyug of 670 Main Street, Metuchen, was driving his 1980 Ford on Parsonage Road May 12 when a 1975 Pontiac operated by Andrew R. Daniel of 76 MacArthur Drive pulled out of Rickel's Home Center to cross Parsonage and enter Menlo Park Mall. The ensuing crash was investigated by Patrolman John Halulka.

Rhonda L. Novak of 207 Woodbridge Avenue, Metuchen, was taken to John F. Kennedy Medical Center after a collision May 12 at Vineyard and Old Post roads. According to Patrolmen Bruce Polkowitz and Douglas Deak, Novak's 1977 Cadillac was turning left from Old Post onto Vineyard when it collided head-on with a 1985 Chevrolet Blazer operated by Daria M. Tarby of 1631 Raspberry Court, who was stopped in traffic. Novak reported that as she was making her turn she dropped her coffee and as she made a grab for it the Caddy ran into the Blazer.

A radar detector was reported stolen from his 1987 Lincoln May 13 by Robert S. Soriero of 18 Homestead Road. Soriero told Patrolman Andrew Bruno that about 7:30 p.m. the previous night his doorbell rang but he did not answer. Checking his car a short time later, he found the radar detector was gone.

Lisa Albreck, 20, of Highland Park, suffered injuries to her eyes, face and right hand in an industrial accident May 13 at the Revin plant on Route 27. She was taken to John F. Kennedy Medical Center by Edison First Aid Squad No. 1. According to Patrolmen John Peach and Douglas Deak, the victim was working in the aerosol department when she placed a bottle in a pail. The bottle exploded, causing a chain reaction with other bottles, they said.

Chou C. Fong, 21, of 88 MacArthur Drive, was arrested May 13 on a charge of assault after he allegedly attacked Quoc T. Thai, 20, of 49 Roosevelt Boulevard, following a rear-end accident on Woodbridge Avenue. Witnesses told Patrolman Milton Bridges that Fong forced Thai to the pavement and struck him in the head, neck and arms until he was restrained by onlookers. It was reported to Bridges by Thai that Fong deliberately caused him to strike the rear of his car.

A bicycle owned by Philip Nerges of 91 Othen Street was reported stolen May 13 from outside the home of a friend on Kathleen Place. According to Patrolman Bruce Polkowitz, the Columbia bike had been purchased only four months ago.

Stephen J. Taylor of 15 Locust Avenue reported May 13 the theft of a tape deck from his 1987 Volkswagen. The left front vent window of the locked car was smashed while the vehicle was parked outside Taylor's house, according to Patrolman Joseph Kenney, who said the entire car was ransacked.

The Nosca house at 55 Elm Street was splattered with eggs May 13. Patrolman Thomas Vickers investigated.

Paul J. Anselmo reported May 13 that at about 11:30 p.m. the previous night he heard a loud crash and the roar of a car speeding away. The next morning, according to Patrolman Thomas Vickers, Anselmo discovered the left rear window of his 1988 Dodge wagon was shattered.

A thief was accosted by employees and forced to return the merchandise when he attempted to leave Eye Drx at 555 Old Post Road May 13 with four eyeglass frames. According to Patrolmen Patrick Kelly and Joseph Vasta, the black male in his mid-20's drove off in a 1987 Mercedes Benz whose registration came back for a Wilmington, Del., resident.

A black, gray and red Ford Bronco II was spotted May 13 backing up to a fence at United Parcel Service on Clover Place in Raritan Center over which a white male described as being in his 30's had just tossed three packages. The security guard who made the observation informed Patrolmen Louis Kirsh and Alex Glinsky the Bronco drove off on Industrial Avenue.

Raymond L. McLaughlin of Middletown, an employee of E&B Marine of Meadow Road, found an envelope containing \$3,600 in cash missing from his shirt pocket after an encounter May 13 at Woodbridge Avenue and Raritan Center Parkway with a woman who asked him for a lift. According to Patrolman Robert Toth, McLaughlin said he was stopped for a traffic light when a young black female wearing a white nurse-type uniform waved him to the side of the road. She told McLaughlin that her car had broken down and asked if he would drive her to her place of employment. When McLaughlin told her it was against company policy to give rides to hitchhikers, she continued to beg him and he again said he could not at which point she told him "thanks anyway." A few seconds later, McLaughlin realized the envelope was gone and returned to the scene but the woman was gone.

A 1972 Pontiac operated by Tina L. Farrone of 277 Tall Oaks Road and a 1984 Ford driven by Pei Hwo Chang of 227 Woodbridge Avenue collided May 13 as Farrone was crossing Grandview Avenue from Roosevelt Park to Thomas Place and Chang was headed east on Grandview. Patrolman Timmie Brown investigated.

A 1980 Datsun driven by Helen Fleisch of 13 Kish Court made a left turn into the Crestmont Federal Savings and Loan driveway May 13 and collided with a 1981 BMW being driven west on Parsonage Road by Yvonne Greenbaum of 43 Meyer Road. Investigating was Patrolman Robert Zuber.

William L. Toth of 804 Woodhaven Drive

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Obituaries

Mr. Manzella services held

EDISON — Carmen Manzella, 82, who lived in Edison before moving to Piscataway in 1965, died Monday at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Before he retired in 1976, Mr. Manzella was a tool and die maker for 10 years at White-Westinghouse in Edison, now White Consolidated Industries.

He was born in Newark.

Mr. Manzella was a charter member of Piscataway Lodge 2414, BPO Elks. He also was a member of Edison Local 401, United Electrical Workers, and of the Piscataway Senior Citizens group and the Edison Lions Club.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Echert Manzella; a son, Carl Manzella of Bricktown; a daughter, Michelina Semanchik of Bridge-water; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a brother, Anthony Manzella of Camarillo, Calif., and a sister, Concetta Fortugno of Whiting.

A funeral mass was offered yesterday at Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church, Piscataway, following services from the Boylan Funeral Home in New Brunswick. Cremation was in the Franklin Memorial Park crematory, North Brunswick.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Middlesex County Heart Association.

Edward Martin, was carpenter

METUCHEN — Edward V. Martin, 83, of School Street, a lifelong borough resident, died May 11 at John F. Kennedy Medical Center after a long illness.

He was a carpenter for 28 years at the former Raritan Arsenal in Edison before he retired in 1955.

A member of the Eagle Hook and Ladder Company, Mr. Martin also belonged to the Exempt Firemen's Association and the Firemen's Police Association.

His wife, Margaret Levolt Martin, died in 1986.

Survivors include a son, Edward Clark Martin of Edison; a daughter, Betty Martin of Metuchen; two grandchildren, and two sisters, Violet Elko of Fords and Charlotte Williams of Clarks Summit, Pa.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered Saturday at St. Francis Roman Catholic Cathedral. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery. Arrangements were by the Runyon Mortuary.

Roland Mooney, was dockworker

METUCHEN — Roland W. Mooney, 73, a resident of this borough for many years, died May 10 at John F. Kennedy Medical Center.

Mr. Mooney was a dockworker for the Davidson Trucking Co. of Jersey City before he retired in 1973. He was born in New York.

He is survived by a friend, Debra Wickberg of Metuchen.

Services and burial were private. Arrangements were handled by the Flynn & Son Funeral Home of Fords.

Albert Cohen of Edison, 72

EDISON — Albert B. Cohen, 72, died May 11 at Roosevelt Hospital.

He was born in Newark and lived in East Orange before moving to Edison in 1965.

Before he retired in 1981, Mr. Cohen was a rate analyst for 20 years with Sea-Land Service Inc. in Newark. He also had been a floral designer with the Riviera Florist, a business owned by his family in Newark.

An Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Cohen was a member of the American Legion and also of the Lindenau Senior Citizens group.

Mr. Cohen attended Congregation Beth El in Edison and was a member of B'nai B'rith.

Surviving are his wife, Sylvia Ginsberg Cohen; a son, Kenneth Cohen in New Hampshire, and two daughters, Karen Cohen of North Plainfield and Susan Cohen of Edison.

Services were held May 12 at the Bernheim-Apter-Goldsticker Suburban Funeral Chapel, Maplewood, with Rabbi Robert Alpert of Congregation Beth El officiating. Burial was in King Solomon Cemetery, Clifton.

Helen Tasko of Edison, 73

EDISON — Helen Hengeli Tasko, 73, died May 10 at St. Peter's Medical Center.

Mrs. Tasko was born in Springdale, Pa., and lived in Trenton before moving to Edison in 1975.

Her husband, John Tasko, died in 1969.

She is survived by a daughter, Rose Tasko of Edison; a son, John Tasko Jr. of Perth Amboy; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister, Mary Stutz of Trenton, and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held last Friday at the Rogers Funeral Home, Trenton, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Raphael's Roman Catholic Church in Hamilton. Burial was in Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery, Hamilton.

Kilmer site chosen for homeless shelter

EDISON — Two U.S. Army buildings on Kilmer Road are going to be converted into a shelter for homeless families and single women.

The Middlesex County Board of Freeholders has approved an expenditure of \$850,000 to renovate a two-story former barracks off Kilmer Road as living quarters and an adjacent one-story building as a dining and recreation hall and offices.

Work on the structures is scheduled to begin in about a month and they will be ready for occupancy in November.

The new facilities will be operated by the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Metuchen and will replace the Oznam shelter at the Kiddie Keep Well Camp in Roosevelt Park.

These facilities, which can accommodate 72 people, are available to house the homeless only between September and May when the Kiddie Keep Well Camp is not in operation. The new Camp Kilmer shelter, which will be able to house 100 people, will be open year-round.

According to Wayne Wirta, director of the Middlesex County Department of Human Resources, the new shelter is designed primarily for Middlesex County residents and only families and single women will be taken in.

Residents of the new shelter must adhere to strict guidelines, according to Nick Giordano, associate executive director of Catholic Charities, and the length of stay is limited to six weeks.

"If we didn't do that, then the first 100 people would come in and stay there and no one else would be able to get in," he said. Residents also are required to save one half of their monthly income.

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Mr. Sprauer, Con Ed retiree

EDISON — Charles F. Sprauer, 87, of Kearny Avenue, a former crane operator with Consolidated Edison Co. in New York, died Monday at the Hartwyck at Oak Tree nursing home.

Mr. Sprauer was employed by Con Edison for 43 years until he retired in 1965. He was born in New York and moved to Edison 13 years ago from Asbury in Warren County.

He was a member of Local 12, Utility Workers Union of America, and served in the Army during World War I.

His wife, Helen Bauer Sprauer, died on May 1.

Survivors include two sons, Harold Sprauer of Edison and Charles Sprauer of Indian Lake, N.Y.; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a brother, Joseph Sprauer of Rhinebeck, N.Y., and three sisters, Caroline Maas of Rome, Ga., Helen Lambertin of Asbury and Louise Bowmer of Flemington.

Funeral services will be held today at 10 a.m. at the Runyon Mortuary, 568 Middlesex Avenue in Metuchen. The Rev. Andrew Duffy, chaplain of John F. Kennedy Medical Center, will officiate. Burial will be in Musconetcong Valley Cemetery, Hampton.

Mr. Anderson, was carpenter

EDISON — Harry T. Anderson, 69, a carpenter for 30 years before he retired in 1978, died Monday at John F. Kennedy Medical Center.

Mr. Anderson was born in Jersey City and lived there before moving to Edison in 1980.

He was a member of Local 282, United Brotherhood of Carpenters, and Boyd & McGuinness Post 35, Amvets, both in Jersey City.

His first wife, Kathryn Patton Anderson, died in 1965, and his second wife, Anna Jones Anderson, died in 1984.

Surviving are two daughters, Jill Zimmerman of Edison and Barbara Matthews of East Brunswick; four grandchildren, and a sister, Gertrude Hanson of Highlands.

Graveside services were held yesterday at St. Gertrude's Cemetery in Colonia. Arrangements were by the Boylan Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to the Middlesex County Unit of the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 601, Edison, 08818.

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Corner realignment continues at issue

METUCHEN — Discussions of the redevelopment of Franklin School have focused mainly on the proposed Central Avenue realignment and it appears that the borough and state Department of Transportation are still poles apart on how to accomplish it.

Because realigning Central with Lake Avenue would have an effect on the future development of the school property, the borough has been pushing the state Department of Transportation to act on realigning the intersection, which involves state Route 27. DOT has already designed five possible ways to realign Central with Lake but only two of the proposals are acceptable to the borough.

Now, according to Mayor John Wiley Jr., DOT has come up with still another possible configuration. With this scheme, the road would be realigned within 40 feet of the school building. Wiley said Tuesday that the council, during some lengthy debates on the issue, decided it "cannot accept" this design.

Wiley said the municipality wants the road constructed through the school property so as to only only minimally encroach on the site's front setback.

"The council felt that the state's design would be catastrophic with regards to reducing the amenities of the site," Wiley said, adding that as

things stand now, if the state cannot commit itself to an acceptable design "then the road will not get built."

The only other way to realign Central Avenue without going through the school land is through the Foodtown supermarket property, Wiley said, adding that the borough is unwilling to pursue this route.

During a meeting in April with borough officials, DOT representatives had said that quick action could not be promised on the possible realignment, although they were pressed by Wiley for an immediate response in light of the site's development.

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collected two tickets after a collision May 13 on Route 27. According to Patrolmen James Smith and Michael Promitico, Tot's Ford pulled out of Woodhaven and struck in the rear by a 1979 Cadillac driven north on the highway by Jeffrey W. Troxell of 51 Fayette Street. Tot, who said his car stalled as he entered the highway, was charged with being an unlicensed driver and not having the required driving credentials in his possession.

A ticket charging careless driving was issued to Pablo Vargas of Perth Amboy after an accident May 13 in which his 1979 Toyota collided at Plainfield Avenue and Kilmer Road with a 1984 Dodge van operated by Kristin J. Marotta of 32 Kearny Avenue. According to Patrolmen John Peach and Douglas Deak, Vargas, who was westbound on Plainfield, was passing several vehicles in the left lane, when he collided with the van, which was making a left turn onto Kilmer with a green arrow. A witness told the officers that Vargas passed him on the right at a high rate of speed.

A 1986 Mitsubishi driven by Joy L. Grace of 20 Library Place was involved in a hit-run accident May 13 as it pulled off the Route 287 ramp onto Route 1 North. She told Patrolman Scott Benedickson that an unknown vehicle pulled into her lane of travel, causing her to collide with a third car. She said the driver of this vehicle, after surveying the damage, drove off.

Robert J. Doggett of 49 Foley Avenue was attempting to merge left on Woodbridge Avenue at the Mill Road overpass May 13 when traffic ahead came to a sudden stop. Doggett jammed on the brakes of his 1984 Chevrolet, according to Patrolman Michael Palko, and was rear-ended by a 1987 Nissan pickup truck driven by Richard Monetti of Howell.

A 1985 Pontiac driven by Yvonne M. Dickerson of 45 Reading Road was making a left turn from New Durham Road, between Talmadge and New Brooklyn roads, May 13 when it was struck by a 1987 Toyota that passed on the left. Dickerson told Patrolman John Dauber she activated her left turn signal before starting her turn but the other driver, Heather L. Sutherland of Piscataway, claimed that Dickerson slowed down for no reason and she saw no turn signal operating so passed to the left to avoid a rear-end accident.

Teresa M. Dylgosz of Sayreville was ticketed by Patrolman John Dauber for careless driving after an accident May 13 in which she pulled out of the White Consolidated Industries driveway to turn left onto Route 27 and collided with a 1983 Chevrolet driven north on the highway by Nirmaia Sharma of 71 Winthrop Road. Dylgosz and two passengers in the Chevy, Rachita Sharma and Amit Sharma, were taken to John F. Kennedy Medical Center. Dylgosz told Dauber her view of oncoming traffic was partially blocked by a tractor-trailer truck as she attempted to edge her way out of the WCI driveway to turn left.

Route 27 South, between Vineyard and Talmadge roads, was the scene May 13 of a three-car rear-end in which a 1983 Chevrolet driven by Patricia Stinson of Keesbey skidded into the rear of a 1984 Honda operated by Cynthia A. Herdman of Lakewood, pushing it into a 1986 Ford driven by John A. Butzko Jr. of 15 Back Drive. Patrolman John Dauber investigated.

Two cars were broken into May 14 while parked outside the Weir house at 13 Pendleton Place. An equalizer was stolen a 1976 Ford and a radar detector was taken from a 1980 Chevrolet. According to Patrolmen John Guilfoyle and Leonard Mitchell, a member of the family saw someone inside the Ford shortly after 3 a.m. and summoned another member of the family who pursued a white male approximately 14 or 15 years of age down the street towards Ventnor Drive, where the suspect disappeared in the

woods. The passenger side window of the Ford was smashed and a lock pulling tool was found inside the Chevy.

The guard house at the Park Gate town-house complex on Park Avenue was entered early on the morning of May 14 while the guard was on his rounds. He reported to Patrolmen John Guilfoyle and Leonard Mitchell that when he returned from his rounds he observed a white male with brown hair and wearing a long sweatshirt running out of the guard house toward Park Avenue. Nothing was missing but the guard's log book, clipboard and radio had been tossed on the floor.

Gloria Torres, 34, of Elizabeth, was arrested May 14 on a charge of shoplifting at Alexander's in Menlo Park Mall. Patrolmen Patrick Kelly and Allen Sabo were told that she attempted to leave the store with a pair of pants and a shirt valued at a total of \$82.97 in her pocketbook.

An undetermined amount of change was stolen May 14 from two cars parked at 680 New Dover Road. One was a 1985 Chevrolet owned by George M. Laucik of 635 Wood Avenue and the other was a 1983 Honda owned by Maryann P. Miskewicz of 505 Melrose Avenue. Both cars had been forcibly entered, according to Patrolman Thomas Vickery. It also was reported at the same time to Vickery that the window of a garage apartment on the property was found broken. However, it could not be determined if anything had been taken because the tenant was not at home.

A 1983 Chevrolet owned by James T. Lunney and a 1985 Dodge owned by Joan M. Lunney were broken into May 14 while they were parked at the home of their owners at 14 Wyndmot Way. The Chevy was ransacked but nothing was reported missing, according to Patrolman Thomas Vickery. A radar detector was stolen from the Dodge.

A stereo unit, VCR and cable television remote control box were stolen May 14 from an apartment at 2202 Strawberry Court while the victim was asleep. Patrolman Thomas Kapcsandi reported a sliding glass door was forced open between 2:30 and 8:30 a.m. The burglar used the same route to exit the apartment.

Cash totaling \$400 and a wallet were reported stolen from his room at the Best Western Motel on Prince Street May 14 by Samuel Baillard Jr. He told Patrolmen Louis Kirsh and Gary Ruffo the cash was concealed in socks in a drawer. There was no sign that the room had been entered forcibly, according to Kirsh and Ruffo, who reported the motel management changed locks after the incident.

Three windows were found broken May 14 in his 1984 Datsun by Amarjit Singh of 2095 Woodbridge Avenue. It appeared that the damage may have been caused by multiple BB pellets, according to Patrolmen Louis Kirsh and Gary Ruffo.

A 1986 Pontiac owned by Michael Shamy of North Brunswick that was reported stolen May 13 in Middlesex was found May 14 at the end of Dismal Swamp Road. Patrolmen William A. Revill and Joseph Vasta reported the car was totally destroyed.

Lalit K. Jain of 26 Martin Avenue reported May 14 his mailbox had been stolen. Jain told Patrolmen Louis Kirsh and Gary Ruffo he is the victim of ongoing vandalism and said he is the only resident of the street who is experiencing such problems.

William Auer, 45, was arrested May 14 on a charge of simple assault on Patrolman Michael Hegedus after he allegedly resisted attempts to evict him at his mother's request from her residence at 1103 Woodhaven Drive. Auer's activities earlier in the day at the apartment had been the source of a domestic violence complaint.

Hearing a noise at the side of her house May 14, Peggi Nosca of 55 Elm Street went

outside to investigate the source, according to Patrolman Joseph Kenney, and discovered eggs had been thrown at the dwelling.

A purse owned by Tatjana McGiffney of Milltown was stolen May 14 from the rear work area of Art World in Wick Plaza. The victim later found it in the parking area behind the store but it was minus a red wallet containing \$50 in cash, theater tickets worth \$250, assorted credit cards and other items. Patrolman Joseph Kenney was told that the rear door of Art World was open during the time the pocketbook was stolen.

The property of Tom Sperlazzo at 29 Dogwood Drive was vandalized May 14 by a suspect who left a note on the front door demanding money for a motorcycle helmet. Sperlazzo told Patrolman Donald Jeffrey he had no idea of what the note was about. According to Jeffrey, a wreath was torn off the front door of the residence and thrown on the lawn and patio furniture was tied up with Sperlazzo's garden hose. A neighbor reported she saw a white male park a brown Datsun in front of Sperlazzo's house at approximately 2 p.m. but did not witness any actions that would identify him as the suspect.

A briefcase containing personal checks, business checks in the name of Sun Roofing and paperwork was stolen in a burglary May 14 at the residence of John A. Schumann at 46 Wheel Street. Patrolman Andrew Chupela reported the dwelling was entered by prying open a sliding glass door and the briefcase was taken from a bedroom whose locked door was forced open. Schumann told Chupela that on May 5 his roommate had approximately \$1,800 in cash stolen from the residence but the incident was not reported to police.

Three tickets were issued May 14 to the owner of a 1969 Ford wagon that struck a tree and wound up on the lawn of the Bitterly property at 30 Utica Road after mowing down a mailbox on the Testa property across the street at 27 Utica. According to Patrolman Kenneth Dessoir, the driver of the car fled from the scene of the 10:15 p.m. accident on foot. Dessoir said blood in the vehicle indicated that he had been injured. According to Dessoir, the owner of the wagon is Shirley Orinick of 806 New Dover Road, who said that she had permitted a man identified as a Starr Place resident to drive the vehicle. Orinick was ticketed for permitting operation of an unregistered vehicle, a vehicle not exhibiting license plates and an uninsured vehicle.

A township juvenile was taken into custody shortly before 8:30 p.m. May 15 by Patrolman Donald Jeffrey, who reported he observed him spraypainting graffiti on a concrete curb in front of 111 James Street. The boy was released in his mother's custody.

A 20-inch-long scratch was inflicted May 15 on the side of a 1988 Ford pickup truck owned by Roger Minutti of 198 Plainfield Road. Minutti told Patrolman Thomas Vickery that he saw a former girlfriend standing next to the pickup, which was parked outside his residence, holding an object that appeared to be a boxcap. He said when he ran outside she fled from the scene in a tan car.

The registration and insurance card and a bag containing a Catholic school uniform, a pair of shoes and a history book were stolen May 15 from a 1979 Pontiac owned by Eileen Kelly while the vehicle was parked outside her home at 93 Leo Street. Patrolman Jeffrey Gottlieb reported that Kelly later was notified by New Brunswick police that the car registration had been found in that city.

The home of Marie Delmastro at 36 Cieremont Road was defaced with eggs and blue chalk May 15. According to Patrolman Jeffrey Gottlieb, several reflector stakes around the driveway also were broken.

Ting Lung Luk of 232 McKinley Avenue reported May 15 that a bedroom window at his house had been broken. Patrolmen Allen Sabo and Louis Kirsh reported the damage was caused by a rock.

The passenger side door lock of a 1985 Mazda owned by David S. Moss was damaged May 15 while the car was parked outside his residence at 269 Hana Road. Patrolmen Thomas Bryan and Thomas Kapcsandi said the door and fender also were scratched.

A window was found broken May 15 at Lincoln School on Brookville Road. There was no evidence that the building was entered, according to Patrolmen Thomas Bryan and Thomas Kapcsandi.

Ernest S. Geskin of 21 Karen Place discovered May 15 that the windshield of his 1976 Chevrolet had been smashed. He told Patrolmen Thomas Bryan and Thomas Kapcsandi that he heard a loud noise outside at about 1 a.m.

The halfway house on the Plainfield Country Club golf course was found burglarized May 15. According to Patrolmen Joseph Vasta and William A. Revill, approximately four half cases of assorted beer, approximately 20 pounds of hotdogs and assorted candy and crackers were taken. They said it appeared that the burglar gained entry to the golf course through a hole in the fence and he broke into the halfway house by tearing a plywood sheet from the overhang.

David Soriano, 28, of Clark, was arrested May 15 on a charge of drunken driving after his 1981 Buick struck a tree on the property of Bishop Anr High School on New Dover Road. He also was charged by Patrolman Leonard Mitchell with driving with a suspended license, driving without insurance and driving with an open container of beer in a motor vehicle. Mitchell reported that Soriano also was charged with bribery when he offered \$100 in exchange for driving him home and forgetting the incident.

Patrolmen John Guilfoyle and Michael Promitico were called upon to quell a brawl that broke out early Sunday at the Holiday Inn as the aftermath of a wedding reception. One of the guests complained that her boyfriend slugged her and he allegedly acknowledged "backhanding" her after she struck him in the face with a can of beer. The boyfriend told the officers that after this incident the woman became uncontrollable, started swinging at him and other couples and said she also may have pulled the fire alarm. The girlfriend complained that she was missing her \$200 gold watch but another wedding guest said the woman threw the watch at her boyfriend during the festivities.

The rear tire of a 1982 Chevrolet owned by Dale R. Schoustra was punctured May 15 while the car was parked outside his residence at 4 Westover Way. Patrolman Kenneth Dessoir reported the driver's side of the vehicle also was spraypainted.

Lori A. Maneslots of 2335 Woodbridge Avenue was charged May 15 by Patrolman George Spearneck with careless driving and leaving the scene of an accident in which her 1982 AMC struck two cars parked on the shoulder of the road near 2205 Woodbridge. According to Spearneck, after being returned to the scene of the accident by an unknown driver, Maneslots said she took her eyes off the road while lighting a cigarette and thought she had only struck a pothole, which is why she continued on her way. The cars that were hit were a 1979 Chevrolet owned by Peter E. Borwegen of 114 Garden Terrace and a 1982 Buick owned by Lorraine M. Fiorello of 55 Sturgis Road.

A 1985 Oldsmobile driven by Susan A. Wimmer of 30 Lucille Court pulled out of Montclair Avenue to head across Oak Tree Road to the Sunnyside Deli parking lot May

15 and was struck by a 1988 Hyundai being operated east on Oak Tree by Tessie M. Jaico of South Plainfield. Investigating was Patrolman Joseph Vasta.

Charles G. Thielmann of 114 Rivendell Way was turning his 1988 Ford pickup truck left off Plainfield Avenue onto Rivendell May 15 when it was involved in a collision with a 1987 Dodge driven by David M. Elfant of Marlboro. Elfant told Patrolman Rod Benedickson that when he came up behind the pickup stopped in the roadway with no directional lights operating he was going to pass it on the left. However, when Thielmann started to turn to the left Elfant quickly pulled his car to the right and impact occurred.

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Frank Lewis, 28, of Plainfield, was charged Monday with drunken driving after he was spotted by Sergeant Gary Weingart driving at a low rate of speed and making an improper lane change on Middlesex Avenue. He was pulled over near the Dutchess Diner. According to police, the car was littered with beer cans and there was an open can of Budweiser beer on the seat between Lewis and a female passenger.

Paul Scala of 841 New Durham Road told Patrolman Kenneth Bergen that between Saturday and Sunday, a BB gun pellet was fired through a small glass window in his garage. Damage is estimated at \$25.

On May 12, Sandy Scala of 841 New Durham Road reported that the rear window of her 1984 Pontiac was smashed while it was parked in front of her home. The replacement cost was estimated at \$400.

A 5'x12" window in front of Krauser's convenience store on Durham Avenue was smashed Sunday between 1 a.m. and 2:33 a.m. According to Patrolman William Johnson, heavy bundles of newspapers apparently were used to cause the damage.

Suburban Dodge of 85 Central Avenue reported that windshields were smashed on eight vehicles between Saturday and Sunday. Damaged were a 1985 Plymouth van, a 1979 Oldsmobile Delta 88, a 1987 Plymouth Caravan, a 1986 Dodge Aries, a 1987 Dodge Diplomat, a 1987 Chrysler Lebaron, a 1985 Dodge 600 and a 1987 Dodge Aries. The value of damage was not reported. After smashing the windshields, the vandals walked on the hoods of the vehicles, according to Patrolman Gary Tolley.

Grace Knox of 27 Sheridan Avenue told Patrolman Kenneth Bergen that on May 13 a wooden swan was taken from her front lawn. The swan is two feet high and approximately one foot wide. Its value is unknown.

George Schnable of 70 Woodbridge Avenue reported to police that two statues, one of a boy and one of a girl, are approximately two feet tall, reported Patrolman Theodore Ayotte.

Mark Johnson, 29, of 127 Newman Street was charged on May 11 with disorderly conduct after police received reports of an intoxicated person at Krauser's convenience store on Durham Avenue. Johnson reportedly kicked and shoved Sergeant Stewart Novick while he was being handcuffed and was yelling and screaming profanities at police. Police said he smelled strongly of alcohol.

Matthew Kosek of 2139 Gogel Street, Edison, told Patrolman John Franklin that while he was driving north on Central Avenue on May 11, an object was thrown from the railroad overpass and struck the windshield of his 1988 Dodge van. Damage was estimated at approximately \$350.

Police are looking for an employee of the Metuchen Service Center, Route 27 and Lake Avenue, who may have collected money while pumping gas and then took off. According to Patrolman William Johnson, gas station owner Joseph Almeida said that the employee took a lunch break on May 10 and never returned to work. Missing is \$359.01 in gasoline receipts.

Fred Bechtold of 8 Willow Road told Patrolman William Johnson that a Toshiba portable radio, valued at \$70, was stolen from his rear yard on either May 7 or 8.

John Morecraft of Bayonne reported that between May 6 and 9 a building he is constructing at 344 Main Street was entered and a Marvin window and two rolls of felt roofing paper removed.

A 10-speed bicycle belonging to Mindy Levinson of 47 Clive Street was removed from a bike rack at Metuchen High School between April 28 and May 8. The bicycle, valued at \$200, was chained to the rack, according to Patrolman William Johnson.

Ralph Brown of 223 Newman Street told Patrolman Anthony Carro that on May 8 a full bottle of Budweiser beer was thrown through the rear window of his 1987 Ford van which was parked in front of his house.

Between May 7 and 8, \$2.50 that James Prendergast of 5 George Street placed in his mailbox for payment of the Star Ledger was removed.

Michael Leffand of 12 Clinton Place told Patrolman Sandy MacMath that between May 8 and 14 a window was broken on the eastside of his garage.

Cars operated by Alice Sawyer of 166 Charles Street and Esther Nemitz of Fay Street, Edison, collided on Friday. Patrolman Donald Bjornson reported that Sawyer was heading east on Amboy as Nemitz, heading west, turned left onto Carpenter Place. Nemitz was charged with not yielding the right-of-way.

Motorist Viven Watts of 96 Rose Street was charged with not yielding the right-of-way on May 12 after she reportedly struck a car driven by Ronnie Cadavero of North Brunswick. According to Patrolman Theodore Ayotte, Watts pulled out from High Street as Cadavero headed south on Lake.

Tractor-trailer driver James Hulsing of Thorton, Colo., was turning right from Grove Avenue onto Woodbridge Avenue May 12 and struck a car driven by Harold Atkins of 16 Beacon Hill Drive, reported Patrolman Theodore Ayotte. Atkins was stopped on Grove when the wheels of Hulsing's trailer hit his car. Hulsing told police he did not see Atkins.

Drivers Deidre Malloy of 69 Linden Avenue and Lou Yang of Bound Brook collided on May 12. Patrolman Gary Tolley reported that Malloy was heading south on Main when Yang made a left turn out of Elm Court. Yang was charged with careless driving. Both drivers were taken to John F. Kennedy Medical Center by the Metuchen First Aid Squad.

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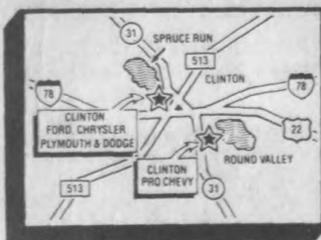
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