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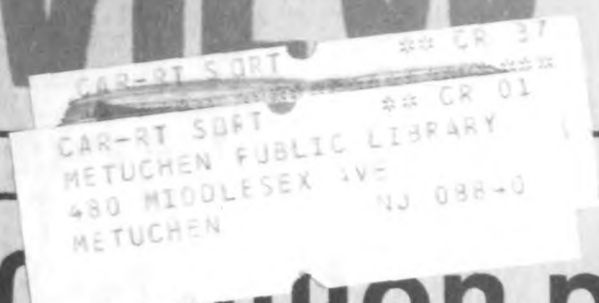
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Members of the Edison High School String Ensemble, which will perform Sunday under direction of Norman Edge (top row left), are (first row from left): Elke DeLaCruz, Sandra Nazzaro, Christine Herczku, Gina Williams and Mirella Boghean and (top row from left): Barbara Farleigh, Renate Wullert, Patrick Tao, Elliott Evans and Joseph Pappleeya.

\$100 million plan spurred by July 1 wetlands deadline

EDISON — Alfieri Construction Co. is pressing the Planning Board for a definite hearing date on a project in the Metropark area that would mean \$100 million in ratables for the township.

At an informal discussion Tuesday night with the board, an Alfieri representative made it clear the company wants to get its plans officially in the mill before July 1 when a state ban against construction in wetlands becomes effective.

"If this doesn't go through now," the board was told by Alfieri's development coordinator Bill Gerweck, "under the new wetlands act it will never be built."

The Alfieri delegation was informed by Planning Board chairman Val Meszaros that no hearing date will be set until after a meeting is held with the Middlesex County Department of Roads and Bridges to discuss off-site improvements that will be required in connection with the project, which will encompass two 24-story office buildings, a parking deck and a six-story hotel atop the deck.

Meszaros indicated that the board will be pressing for sizeable improvements to the surrounding road network including, possibly, a widened Evergreen Road railroad underpass.

An estimated \$20 million in improvements to state Routes 22 and 206 that were required of the developer of the new Bridgewater Commons shopping center in Somerset

County were cited by Meszaros as an example of what the Planning Board might be expecting.

Brushing aside some weak protestations that widening the underpass that carries traffic beneath Amtrak's Northeast Corridor line would run into insuperable obstacles because of the approvals and permits that will

be required, Meszaros declared: "There's nothing you can't do that you want to do. There's nothing money can't cure."

The acreage which Alfieri is planning to develop is adjacent to the state Home for Disabled Soldiers at Menlo Park and has been declared (Please turn to page A-6)

EHS on view this Sunday

EDISON — The results of a year-long renovation project that cost in excess of \$6 million will be on public view Sunday.

Township residents have been invited to inspect the "new" Edison High School on the Boulevard of Eagles during an open house scheduled from 1 to 4 p.m.

In addition to participating in tours that will be conducted by members of the EHS Student Council, visitors will have an op-

portunity to view works executed by art students and will be entertained by music students.

One of the featured groups will be the Edison High School String Ensemble, which will perform under the direction of Norman Edge.

The ensemble will be fresh from a performance Wednesday night at which it played for several hundred corporate executives and business and civic leaders at the

annual meeting and awards banquet of the United Way of Central Jersey at the Pines Manor.

Sunday's program also will include entertainment by the Edison High School Band and Choir, under the respective direction of Robert F. Porecca and Winston Hughes.

Refreshments prepared by home economics students will be served. (Please turn to page A-6)

O'Connors' good news: Heidi the goat's legal

EDISON — Heidi the goat is legal.

On Tuesday night, the Board of Adjustment granted a variance to James and Brenda O'Connor that will enable them to house Heidi on their two-acre property at 778 New Durham Road. Under the township zoning ordinance, three acres are required for stabling barnyard animals.

The entire seven-member O'Connor family, including Danny, 11, and Brenda, 10, owners of Heidi, a part Sanaan goat, were on hand to learn of the board's decision on the application, which was heard January 19 and elicited some neighborhood objections including a petition signed by 20 neighbors.

When a unanimous vote was recorded in favor of permitting Heidi to stay, Danny and Brenda broke out in wide grins and Mrs. O'Connor shed a few tears.

"They had all the kids in school praying for it today," she said of the affirmative vote.

Mrs. O'Connor explained that in preparation for the board meeting, a sister at St. Francis Cathedral School in Metuchen, where Danny is a 5th grader and Brenda a 4th grader, got on the public address system and asked that the students supplicate for divine intervention in Heidi's behalf.

"We've got a lot of people to thank," added Mrs. O'Connor, who said that after news of Heidi's (Please turn to page A-6)

Seven file for three Metuchen school board seats

METUCHEN — The list has grown to seven in the race to fill three vacancies on the Board of Education.

Incumbents Edith Margolin, Richard Scott and James Wilson will face Walter Magdich, Byron Sondergard, Charles Canary and Dr. James L. Smith in the April 5 school election.

Sondergard and Magdich are no strangers to school board campaigns. Magdich, who served on the board from 1974 to 1977, said he is dedicated "to the best quality education," one of the reasons he is seeking

to return to the board. Sondergard, who tried unsuccessfully for a board seat in 1986, is running again based on his concern about certain issues and "because it's an opportunity to repay the community."

Magdich, a retired tool and die maker for General Motors, said he was "ignited" by recent increases in certain administrative salaries and gave this as another reason for running again for school board. Magdich said that last year he "appealed" to the board to rework the budget and complained: "They ignored me. In

speaking to them, I find they are not too responsive."

Magdich added: "There is nothing I would ever take away from the children. We have to give the best quality education and within the constraints of a fair budget."

Sondergard, owner of the Metuchen Book Store, said he feels "closer to what's going on" because he interacts on almost a daily basis with parents, students and teachers.

On the subject of district reorganization, Sondergard said he has not seen "anything to convince me that

the neighborhood schools should be done away with."

"I think being on the school board would give me the opportunity to pay back the community," he added. "I think I've benefited from attending the Metuchen schools."

Smith said he has been interested in school board activities for a number of years. "I've always been concerned about the quality of education," he remarked. "I think there has to be a long-term decision made as far as where Metuchen will go,

especially in its reorganization plans."

Smith, a chiropractor with a practice on Middlesex Avenue, said he is now "willing to give it a try" on the school board. He added, "There seems to be a lot of dissatisfaction in the community as far as what is going on in the school district."

James Wilson is running for a sixth term on the school board. He has held the seat for 15 years and says the reason for his continued service can be summed up in one word: "Interest."

"Many things come up that are interesting," he added. "I like to help solve problems."

Wilson, a shift worker at Mobil Chemical in Edison who sometimes takes personal days to attend school board meetings, added that reorganization of the elementary schools and providing a day care program for working parents with young school children are two areas in which he is particularly interested.

"There's a lot that still has to be accomplished," he said. (Please turn to page A-6)

Seek new uniforms for band and teams

METUCHEN — There may be new band and athletic uniforms on the way for Metuchen High School students.

During a discussion on the proposed 1988-89 school budget of \$11,740,000 budget at Tuesday night's Board of Education meeting, high school principal John Novak and music department head Ed Logue presented a wish list consisting of over \$90,000 in items and allocations for co-curricular activities, ranging from new uniforms and new equipment to transportation costs and insurance.

The school board is expected to vote on this budget request at its next

regular meeting.

Logue said the present Metuchen band uniforms are over eight years old. They are torn, yellowed and generally a mess, he told the board.

"The pants have been altered so much that it's hard to figure out how the original person fit into them," he said. "Some hats are cracked. As a matter of fact, we have a lot of cracked hats." Then he quipped, "Hats, not heads."

Logue is asking for a \$14,000 allocation for the purchase of approximately 70 uniforms. "The uniforms we have were bargain uniforms and have not held up as well as the better (Please turn to page A-6)

Hooray, hooray for that Retin-A

Old pimple remedy newest beauty boon

By LORIE RUSSO

It's being carefully smoothed on the faces of women from age 30 to 65.

It is said to accomplish what cosmetic companies have been promising but not delivering for years.

It may be the first droplet from the long-awaited fountain of youth.

It has scores of women visiting local pharmacies, prescriptions in hand from their doctors and hope in their heart for a return of their schoolgirl-day complexions.

It is Retin-A, a pharmaceutical cream that comes in a no-nonsense tube and with medical evidence that it will diminish wrinkles and restore the glow of youth to the face.

Retin-A, the biggest boon for those seeking to delay visible evi-

dence of the aging process since Elizabeth Arden and Helena Rubenstein introduced modern cosmetic marketing techniques.

But Retin-A is not a product of the cosmetic industry and was not developed for the purpose it is now so intensely serving. It's been prescribed for the past 17 years by dermatologists to combat acne but little by little, older patients who were applying it began noticing real changes in their skin.

Wrinkles were suddenly fading and the overall complexion was improving. This is how Edison dermatologist, Dr. Alicja Ciobanu, describes it: "After a few weeks of use, people began noticing that their overall skin looked better. Then studies were done on Retin-A which showed that patients using it had more blood in their skin and their collagen was better. What it does is remove dead skin and gives you more of a glow."

Recent media attention given to Retin-A has included articles in the Village Voice and Business Week and a Doonesbury sequence that took pokes at the mid-age crisis. (Father to son: "Ever hear of Retin-A? It's an important new medicine — it helps make wrinkles go away." Son to mother: "Mommy, daddy's dying." Mother's reply: "I know. He'll get over it.")

The result of this attention has caused women to head at a run to (Please turn to page A-6)



—photo by Sue Udzielak

Marie Johnston of Edison and Retin-A although her cover-girl complexion needs no help from this hot new cream that has women armed with doctor's prescriptions lining up at local drug stores.

Pelley introduces noise barrier bill

METUCHEN — How do residents of the Poets Lane area feel about a bill recently introduced by Assemblyman Frank Pelley that directs the state Department of Transportation to build noise barriers along Route 287?

"We're thrilled if it does something," according to Betty Kirtman of Poets Lane, a chief proponent of noise barriers and chairman of the borough's Traffic and Transportation Committee.

Pelley's bill, introduced February 1, directs the DOT to construct a concrete noise barrier on the northbound portion of Route 287, beginning on the southwest side of Rose Street and

proceeding east to Hickory Street. According to Pelley, the DOT has appropriated \$1.5 million for the construction of these barriers in its Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act of 1984.

The issue was discussed at a recent Borough Council meeting at which time Mayor John Wiley Jr. said that introducing the bill, "doesn't mean the money's on the way."

Wiley speculated that the bill may move quickly through the Assembly transportation committee, but added, "Whether it gets out of the appropriations committee is the \$64,000 question." (Please turn to page A-6)

Recycling results prove to include pros and cons

METUCHEN — The borough's recycling program, just barely through its first year, is getting mixed reviews.

In the past year, homeowners placed 21 percent less garbage at curbside for disposal in the Edison municipal landfill. The savings, however, have been cancelled out by an increase in dumping fees.

The borough also has realized more dollars this year — roughly \$10,000 more — from the sale of recyclable materials but this increase just about covers the labor costs involved in the once-a-week recycling effort.

The good news, according to assistant borough administrator John Stickle, is that the borough has been able to cut back on its recycling manhours this past month. Stickle also stressed that had the borough not cut back on the amount of garbage it sends to the landfill (36,000 cubic yards in 1986 down to 28,500 cubic yards in 1987) the fees involved would have been that much greater.

"Also, we would not have realized huge increases in paper and glass if it were not for curbside program," Stickle said. "So the program is working."

Stickle said that revenues from the sale of recyclables increased from \$10,883 in 1986 to \$21,259 in 1987. The recycling revenue comes solely from the sale of aluminum, metals, glass and newspaper to various recyclers, he said.

According to Stickle, newspaper sells for \$20 a ton, glass averages \$22.50 a ton and scrap metal sells for \$10 a ton. Aluminum sells for 40 cents a pound.

"We're not into recycling to make money," Stickle added. "It's good to see a revenue increase but the whole recycling operation has taken up a lot of manpower."

So much manpower, he said, that the \$20,000 figure is not as impressive as it appears because "it doesn't begin to cover what we pay the men to do this."

"We're keeping track, on a monetary basis, of what each man does," Stickle said. "Right now, we're spending 20 percent of our time on recycling but we're only spending one day a week on recycling. So one day is 20 percent of the week."

Department of Public Works director Bob Yunker and foreman Roger Kubiak are both taking steps to reduce the amount of hours spent on recycling and during the past month were able to reduce the 20 percent figure to 15 percent.

This is quite a feat, Stickle said, adding that the department will have to resort to more creative thinking to significantly reduce the amount of hours spent on the program. "Sometimes we have 14 out of 25 men in the department working on recycling," Stickle noted.

One problem, he said, was in the

travel time to and from the various markets. The borough used to transport its glass to a market all the way in Freehold. The trip, including time spent loading and unloading, took two men approximately four hours, he said.

The DPW has since worked out a way to have the ABCA Glass Company in Kearny pick up the glass, Stickle said, which frees up the men for other tasks in the borough, such as pothole patching or park maintenance.

Stickle said the department has also purchased two new dump trucks which have helped speed up collection. "These are smaller trucks and they're easier to maneuver," he said. Residents can help speed up the recycling collection in several ways, he said. For one, they should use buckets, pails or baskets to contain glass and should separate glass by color.

"When glass is put in plastic bags it takes longer to pick up," Stickle pointed out, "because the bags have to be opened. We definitely don't want the glass in paper bags or boxes."

Stickle added that glass should not be placed in garbage cans. "The men might think it's garbage and won't look inside," he explained.

He added that residents requesting pickup of a large metal item should call the DPW two days in advance to make arrangements.

Stickle said overall he is "pleased to see the amount of garbage taken to the landfill has gone down."



Nina's Pizzeria at 997 Amboy Avenue became an instant drive-in restaurant the night of February 11 when this 1987 pickup truck entered the premises through the front plate glass window. Witnesses said the driver backed out of the building as fast as she drove into it. Wendy A. Koseski, 18, of 1035 Amboy Avenue, told Edison Patrolman David Orosz she was pulling into a space in front of the restaurant when her foot slipped off the brake and onto the gas pedal. This, reported Orosz, propelled the truck into the building, smashing the entire front. Koseski was charged with careless driving.

Recycling in Metuchen reflects sharp increase

METUCHEN — Residents have rallied to the call for mandatory recycling.

According to recent figures, the amounts of recyclable materials being picked up at curbside have risen sharply between 1986 and 1987.

Glass has seen a significant increase, going from 70 tons in 1986 to 200 tons in 1987. The increase has much to do with curbside collection, begun last March, according to assistant borough administrator John Stickle.

"As soon as we provided curbside collection, we knew the amounts of glass would increase," he said. "Recycling was a big change for some people although a lot of people were already recycling."

Before recycling became mandatory, residents were dropping off their old newspapers and glass at the Jersey Avenue recycling center. This practice did not cease when the borough launched its full time recycling effort and, according to Stickle, the drop off site is still needed.

"Some people still prefer to drop off their recyclables on Jersey Avenue," Stickle said. He added that materials deposited there represent approximately 15 percent of all items recycled in the borough.

The amount of aluminum being collected also has increased dra-

matically. In 1987, there were 2,345 pounds of aluminum recycled, compared to 859 tons in 1986.

According to Stickle, the recycling of aluminum may become mandatory by August. He said that the state Mandatory Recycling Act states that each municipality must make mandatory the recycling of three items, in addition to mandatory leaf collection, before August.

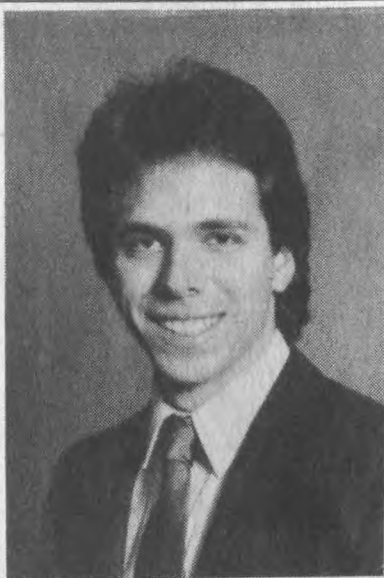
The state act also requires each municipality to recycle 15 percent of its solid waste in 1988 and 25 percent in 1989. According to Stickle, Metuchen has almost reached the 15 percent figure.

The borough has collected 3,577 pounds of plastic since last June when it first was made a recyclable item. "Plastic has really taken off," Stickle said. "Each month we get more than the previous month."

The amount of newspapers collected did not rise as much as glass or aluminum although there was an increase from 419 tons in 1986 to 664 tons in 1987.

The amount of metals collected rose from 118 tons in 1986 to 126 tons in 1987.

In the future, the borough may consider recycling office paper and cardboard. Right now, it is accepting shiny newspaper insert, which were excluded in the past.



JOHN CIHOMSKY

John Cihomsky is promoted

EDISON — John M. Cihomsky, a township resident, has been promoted to senior public relations/associate by Coleman & Pellet Inc. of Union, a public relations firm.

A member of the Public Relations Society of America, Cihomsky joined Coleman & Pellet in 1986. He was graduated with honors from Rutgers College in 1985 and earned a bachelor of arts degree in communications.

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Charge stun gun found in car

EDISON — Mark F. Weiner, 46, of 4 Merker Drive, had more than damaged car to worry about after a hit-run accident February 12 on Grandview Avenue.

He has been charged by Patrolman Allen Sabo with possession of a prohibited weapon and device — a stun gun.

Weiner also received a ticket for an expired inspection sticker on his 1979 Olds Cutlass.

Sabo reported the stun gun was found in Weiner's Olds during the investigation of the accident in which the parked car was hit and pushed into a 1975 Plymouth owned by James G. McAra of 26 Grandview Avenue.

According to Sabo, when he arrived on the scene the Olds was straddling the roadway and was up against the Plymouth. Using a slim jim to gain entry to the car and look for some identification as to its ownership, Sabo reported that he found Weiner's wallet under the driver's side seat along with an O-Mega stun gun.

Contacted at his place at work in New York City, Weiner reportedly told Sabo that he had purchased the stun gun in Atlanta, Ga., and didn't realize that it was illegal to possess one.

Driver seriously hurt in Park Avenue crash

EDISON — Dung D. Nguyen, 29, of New Brunswick, was injured seriously Sunday night when his 1985 Nissan veered off Park Avenue, near Herron Road, and struck a tree head-on in front of 3987 Park.

Nguyen, who has been charged with careless driving by Patrolman Kenneth Dessoir, was reported in guarded condition Wednesday in the intensive care unit of Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center.

A passenger in the Nissan, Siep Tran, 25, of 205 Harvard Avenue, Me-

tuchen, was treated at the medical center.

According to Dessoir, Nguyen apparently fell asleep at the wheel as he drove east on Park Avenue shortly before 10 p.m. Dessoir, who was unable to question the driver because of his injuries, reported the Nissan veered onto the right shoulder of the road, hit a snowbank and then crossed to the opposite side, where it struck the tree.

Tran told Dessoir that he had been sleeping and woke up only when the Nissan struck the snowbank.



—photo by Joseph Murtagh

A New Brunswick man was injured seriously Sunday night when this 1985 Nissan he was driving struck a tree head-on on Park Avenue in Edison. Injured in the accident was passenger Siep Tran of Metuchen.

Bonds for Stevens approved by board

EDISON — The Board of School Estimate has given the go-ahead for bonding in the amount of \$10.7 million for renovations to John P. Stevens High School.

The project, described as a "substantial upgrading" of the 24-year-old building, was approved in January by the Board of Education. It is anticipated that groundbreaking at Stevens will take place in March of 1989 and there will be a completion date of September of 1990.

The only dissenting voice heard at last week's Board of School Estimate hearing was that of Karl Kovach of Frost Avenue West, who questioned the need for such extensive renovations. He also asked why the plans included the construction of new art and weight rooms.

"They need a weight room like they need a hole in the head," Ko-

vach said. "Why you put so much emphasis on the arts, I don't know. There's no emphasis on the basics, like math and reading."

He was told by deputy superintendent of schools Dr. Joseph A. Kreskey that school district programs "are of the highest level."

"Well, you know, I have to tell you this or I won't sleep," Kovach replied.

Mayor Anthony A. Yelencsics added that because Edison High School received a \$6 million "beautification" renovation last year, "so should its sister organization — J.P. Stevens."

Improvements at Stevens will extend through six major areas, including the library, music and art rooms, kitchen and serving area, faculty dining room, gymnasium and weight room and storage.

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Thief takes gold chains

EDISON — Gold chains valued at \$3,000 were stolen February 9 from Charles Jewelers in Sugar Tree Plaza at 1692 Oak Tree Road by a man who came to the shop on the pretext of having the battery in his watch replaced.

Store owner Chol S. Kim of 14 Falcon Drive told Patrolmen Alan Varady and Robert Lynch, the suspect entered the premises at 11:15 a.m. and said he was in the area cleaning carpets and decided his watch needed a new battery.

Kim was in the backroom putting in a new battery when he observed the man leaning over the unlocked display case and removing the chains. He then ran out of the store and entered a small brown vehicle.

According to Varady and Lynch, a lookup of the registration provided came back for a two-door brown Pontiac owned by an East Orange resident.

The officers said the thief left behind his watch and a black leather pouch and pipe.

He was described as a black male between the ages of 25 and 30 of thin build and wearing a dark blue work jacket and dark blue slacks.

Meredith Docs attends 'class' in Washington

METUCHEN — Meredith Lynne Docs of this borough was one of 430 high school students who recently attended the Presidential Classroom in Washington, D.C.

The week-long event was designed to give high school juniors and seniors a firsthand look at how the U.S. government operates. Students met in a number of "living classrooms," including the U.S. Capitol, the White House, the Supreme Court and other institutions in and around Washington.

Ms. Docs is a junior at Metuchen High School, where she was class president in her freshman and sophomore years. She is a member of the National Honor Society and received the Young Citizens Award in 1987 from U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley.

Police to drive three new cars

METUCHEN — The borough placed an order Friday to purchase three police cars at a cost not to exceed \$34,000.

The reason for the purchase is the run-down condition of three of the Dodge police vehicles, all of which are two years old and have averaged over 75,000 miles a year. Each, by now, has clocked well over the 100,000-mile mark.

Borough administrator Philip Hertz said he hopes the new cars will be delivered by June 1. Funds for the vehicles will come out of the 1988 police budget.

The old cars, Hertz said, will probably be offered for public sale.

The town will enter into contract with the state for purchase of the vehicles. Because the state bids in volume for police vehicles, the borough receives a more competitive purchase price.

W-H to host open house

EDISON — Students and parents who are interested in the Wardlaw-Hartridge School are invited to attend an open house tomorrow.

The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the library of the upper school, 1295 Inman Avenue. School officials, including the headmaster, guidance director, athletic director and other department heads, will be on hand to meet and greet guests.

Wardlaw-Hartridge students will also conduct guided tours of the campus and be available for questions.

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Weird things in the basement

Edison woman's horror novel hits stands

By STEVEN HART
EDISON — Her mouth was frozen in a silent scream while her eyes remained glued to the apparition with yellow eyes and a flattened, distorted face that was pressed against her window. The eyes dripped black, oily blood, and there was a hand — a hand that was banging on the glass with what appeared to be the heel of a bleeding red shoe...

When she was in grade school, Candace Caponegro responded to spelling assignments with long, gory sentences that amounted to miniature horror stories. These sentences, recited with gusto by the budding actress and author, were often the high points of the classes.

When she attended her first creative writing class, Candace Caponegro presented her teacher with the first few chapters of a horror novel about telekinetic zombies taking over a resort island. The teacher, an essayist who edited his own literary magazine, returned the chapters and advised her to see a psychiatrist.

But she kept faith with her muse and as a result "The Breeze Horror," Candace Caponegro's first novel, is on the stands in a paperback edition from New American Library.

"The Breeze Horror" tells of what happens after a space shuttle loaded with toxic waste explodes in midair, drenching Sea Breeze Island with a scalding rain that turns people into rotting, terribly deformed zombies while leaving behind a lethal fog that cuts the survivors off from the mainland.

The few unharmed humans use violent redneck guards to keep the zombies quarantined on the beaches, but to everyone's surprise the "beachers" (as the zombies call themselves) survive and grow stronger, acquiring powers that make them pretty much invincible to the "norms," whom they have come to hate.

Further complicating matters is the presence of Mason, a troubled young man with whom the heroine, Sandy, had a brief affair in carefree times, before he developed into a psychopath and parantide. Mason, now the leader of the beachers, is eager to take up where he and Sandy left off, even though he has come to resemble something from a casting call for *Dawn of the Dead*.

Mason was emulsified flesh. She was white bones and greenish-black tissue. His facial features had blurred into a muddy pulp. Eyes looked out at her from deep within sunken sockets. His mouth was an empty hole unframed by lips. And his chest and arms were oozing flesh and bone skeleton...

Not surprisingly, Ms. Caponegro is an avid reader of Stephen King and other horror writers. She said the idea for "The Breeze Horror" was with her for several years but it took a commercial fiction course at Middlesex County Community College to bring it out of her mind and into print.

The class, taught by Irving A. Greenfield (the prolific author of books in several genres, including *The Ancient of Days*, *Julius Caesar is Alive and Well and The Face of Him*), gave Ms. Caponegro a firmer grounding in technique as well as pointers in the mechanics of getting something published.

"Right off we had to submit an outline and I gave in this one sentence thing, which he treated like this," she recalled, miming someone dropping a sheet of paper into a wastebasket. "What he wanted, of course, was the kind



CANDACE CAPONEGRO

of thing you send to a publisher, which is about 20 to 30 pages long."

Roughly two years ago, Ms. Caponegro reached a level of expertise that led Greenfield to introduce her to an agent, Sharon Jarvis, who rightly suspected NAL would like "The Breeze Horror" for its Onyx line of paperback originals. On the basis of 200 manuscript pages and a detailed outline of the rest of the story, NAL paid a \$4,000 advance for the novel and gave Ms. Caponegro five months to finish the story.

"Oh boy, pressure," she recalled with a laugh. "The first month or so it wasn't too bad. Towards the end I really started to sweat."

The creature's hand entwined itself around her other foot. Sandy felt the walls of the shower closing in on her. She gasped for air and started hyperventilating. She had forgotten how to breathe...

Writing in longhand for a few hours a day in her basement, Ms. Caponegro managed to complete the work while still keeping house and looking after her two young children.

Once the manuscript was finished, NAL editors sent it back for 70 page's worth of tightening and summarily dropped a scene Greenfield himself had urged her to discard. (The scene, which details a stomach-turning ploy Mason uses to get aboard a hospital ship bound for the island, was considered "too much," according to the author.)

Ms. Caponegro's first true love was acting, which captured her fancy while she was majoring in English at Upsala College. In fact, she met her future husband during a collegiate production of "A Funny Thing Happened On the Way to the Forum."

"He was an ingenue and I was one of the concubines," she remembered.

After her graduation, Ms. Caponegro spent three years teaching English to the middle and high school grades in Newark, a job she admitted she was not cut out for. When the chance came to make money as an actress, she jumped for it.

An early highlight of her acting career was a stint in an off-Broadway prison drama, "Women Behind Bars," starring none other than the bulky transvestite Divine (best known for his roles in "Polyester" and "Pink Flamingo") as the prison matron.

"Divine was such a normal-looking person when he wasn't in

costume," Ms. Caponegro recalled. "I was having a really good time going to the parties. In fact, I was having too good a time, and my husband told me this wasn't the kind of life he wanted."

And so she stepped down from the stage for good, though not before one last turn as a lesbian vampire in an unreleased horror film set in a Catholic girls school.

"I tried being a housewife for about six months and started getting restless," Ms. Caponegro said. "Part of me wanted to go back to acting." In this she resembles the heroine of "The Breeze Horror," though she is careful to add that the similarities end there.

The writing bug began to bite as Ms. Caponegro started doing bookkeeping work for her father at his gas station in North Bergen, near the Lincoln Tunnel. She acknowledges finding among the customers the prototypes for "a lot of good ghouls."

"New Jersey is a perfect breeding ground for horror," she said. "Just riding on the Turnpike gives you inspiration."

She was on the northbound section of the turnpike, passing what was better known as the "Toilet Bowl of the Garden State. It was a plumber's nightmare of thick, grimy steel tubing; a network of huge Tinkertoy structures, long phallic chimneys, black meadows, and oily factories, all oozing ominous vapors..."

Now that she is a published author, Ms. Caponegro has started work on another horror tale, "The Carrier," centering on a woman who infects other people with demons. No publisher has been lined up as yet, she said, adding that she also has a children's book, "Vampires for Breakfast," waiting for someone to give it a home between hard covers.

Though her friends and relatives "think it's great I've published a book," Ms. Caponegro noted that her taste in fiction has given her something of an odd reputation.

"I wouldn't let anybody look at the manuscript but now that it's out some of the neighbors have read it," Ms. Caponegro said. "People have given me some pretty strange looks. They look at you and get the idea horror is the only thing you're thinking about."

"A little while ago a friend of my daughter's was visiting," she continued. "After a bit she said, 'Doesn't your mom write weird things in the basement?'"

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Our Opinion

Neighborhood schools

Metuchen parents who attended two public meetings on potential reorganization of the elementary schools let it be known, with an almost unanimous voice, that they favor retaining the current neighborhood school concept. Strong support also was expressed for reinstating a middle school for the district.

The reorganization study is part of an ongoing assessment of the district's structure and two of the alternative plans to that of the neighborhood school concept are variations of the so-called Princeton Plan, which would result in clustering groups of grades in one school.

Among the advantages of this system is the ability to achieve greater parity in the number of youngsters per classroom and the grouping together of academically talented youngsters.

Under the existing neighborhood school system, the possibility of disparity in class sizes is greater because of the bulges in enrollment that may occur from year to year from school to school. The neighborhood plan also gives less flexibility in the assignment of staff and placing academically talented youngsters in their own classrooms is not possible because the small numbers of such youngsters in each individual school would not justify the staffing costs.

Nonetheless, Metuchen parents want neighborhood schools and the arguments in their favor are persuasive.

Superintendent of schools Gennaro Lepre will not be ready to make a recommendation to the Board of Education on any reorganization, if any, until late March or early April and it hardly seems likely he would propose to abandon the neighborhood school concept in light of the outpouring of parent opinion.

However, if neighborhood schools are to remain, parents must realize that there has to be a tradeoff. A district the size of Metuchen and with its relatively limited financial resources cannot operate neighborhood schools and still offer some of the academic advantages that grade clustering would make possible.

So long as parents accept that financial fact of life, then neighborhood schools should not be abandoned.



Piscataway residents Kevin Doherty and his sister Siobhan (top) get in some Saturday afternoon sledding at Bishop Ahr High School in Edison. Kevin Doherty goes solo in the bottom photo.

— Photos by Ray Bailey

Visions and Revisions

On the trail of the perfect mate

BY BETTY HUTCHEON
"Have you ever fantasized about your perfect mate?" That was the baited hook and, I admit, I swallowed it.

Lured into a seminar on finding and keeping (you've got to be kidding!) a mate, I was trying hard to credit all the promises the brochure made, while maintaining my usual savoir faire and aloof sophistication.

This was somewhat difficult since my seminar companions, a duo from the office who had convinced me to register with them, were gleefully reading down the list of topics to be covered, already sneering at the collection of 28 discussion items.

Still, we were determined to attend. Jackie was risking the scorn and derision of her daughter, the college freshman, who is young enough and cute enough not to care about the "difference between infatuation and true love." Sharon claimed she was only going to keep her friends company since they were the ones who needed to know "how to recognize and avoid unstable people." I had wrapped up the truth under some heavy-duty packaging and told my kids I was going to a career seminar. Did they have to know I was secretly wondering "how to get past the first date - knowing what to do next (and then what to do after that)?"

The 2 1/2 hour session was held in the ballroom of a conference center, a room that kept trying to offer more than its gaudy chandeliers, sconces and mirrors could reflect. There were a few stray men scattered in the rows on rows of women, but predictably, the 400 or more attendees were the usual collection of females. There were the young, pretty ones; the more mature "interesting" ones; and the simply plain and frumpy ones.

Rather than keep anyone in suspense, I'll report at the outset that I didn't learn anything new about relationships, myself or other people. What the seminar did reaffirm, though, was my suspicion that finding the right date or mate is a full-time job, and since I already have one, I abandoned my search at the exit door. I'm not rejecting any opportunities for relationships, I'm simply not going to actively seek them.

The "trainer" (were we an act in the circus?) was a nice Jewish boy from Brooklyn who migrated to the West Coast and forgot real life. He had an M.D. after his name, but I doubt that he spends much time checking sore throats or tummy aches. And he is certainly not mending broken hearts. Not only that, he was too young, too fresh-faced and too enthusiastic.

"How do you find what you're looking for, and more important, how can you know if it will last?" he asked. "The answer," he replied, "seems so simple, I'm almost embarrassed to tell you."

Not surprisingly, he overcame his embarrassment and broke down and told us. It was hard to take seriously anyone who could, with a straight face, weave pseudo-witty aphorisms through what turned out to be a fairly undisguised sales pitch for a variety of self-help tapes. "Success," he intoned, while holding up a six-cassette set of *The Psychology of Achievement* (reduced to \$44.95), "is just directing traffic in the way it's already going."

Since I'm always stuck in traffic jams, I decided to pass up the opportunity for this bit of self-improvement and also rejected *Relationship Strategies* (only \$44.95), *Real World 101* (special low price of \$17.50) and *Self-Esteem and Peak Performance* ("feel charged-up again about your life and career," only \$34.95).

Soon we were drowning in jargon. "Communications will leak out of your body," he oozed, while telling us that 55 percent of all communications is non-verbal

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Your Opinion

Neighborhood plan best

To the Editor:

As a parent of five daughters who attend our schools and a teacher with over 22 years of experience, I am very pleased with the Metuchen school system. I have been a resident of Metuchen since 1950 and I am a product of our schools.

I am very much in favor of maintaining the neighborhood schools as they exist. Currently, three of my children attend Edgar School and two attend Metuchen High School. I am proud of the education they receive at both schools. I have been following plans for reorganization since 1983 and can't support any change at all.

I just returned from an 8th grade orientation, explaining the program offered for 8th graders at the high school. Mr. Novak and the staff are to be commended for a very comprehensive opportunity that is to be offered to our children. I currently teach at a middle school and I must say that our 8th grade students will be offered a program that meets the needs of transitional students entering the high school.

In fact, Mr. Novak reported the results of a survey, done by the guidance staff, that shows over the last several years that the 8th grade has been at the high school, parents have been very pleased with the education our children have received. Every effort is being made to assure that these transitional students meet with success at the high school level. Statistics seem to bear this out.

Eighty-five percent of Metuchen High School graduates go on to college and scores on the HSPT, SAT, MAT and PSAT are extremely high. Course offerings are outstanding and comprehensive. We in Metuchen must be doing something right at the high school.

At the elementary level, things are functioning equally well. My three daughters, at the elementary level, have by every measure a quality education provided by a quality staff, under an effective organization. I feel that having kindergarten through 7th grade in the elementary school provides a wholesome learning environment.

We are meeting the needs of elementary children. It appears that most parents that were surveyed by the PTOs this year favor a neighborhood school and a middle school concept.

Some points that favor the current organization pattern include:

Most students are doing well by every objective measure of progress (MAT, success at the high school and higher education).

Small class size.

Students are exposed to a middle school concept in their present neighborhood school.

Children are grouped for reading and other subjects at an early age, so

parity in class size can be accomplished through scheduling.

Safety in going to school: less travel for younger children than a plan being considered under reorganization.

At the reorganization meeting of October 18, 1983, Mr. Lepre stated the middle school core "... may be housed in any building that can accommodate it," not necessarily a separate middle school building. He suggested having a "school within a school" for 6th and 7th grades.

I commend the current school-within-a-school concept. We have the best of both worlds if we stop to think about it. Considerable effort has been made to give the 6th and 7th grades in our elementary schools middle school status.

As a teacher in a middle school that is larger than Metuchen High School, I must state that my daughter in Metuchen is receiving excellent courses and preparation for high school. In 6th and 7th grades, she has had the opportunity to be grouped for her ability in most academic subjects. She has also had the opportunity to take Spanish, French, German, computers, research and study skills, keyboarding, guitar, library skills and test-taking preparation, and have the benefit of specialized teachers in all these areas.

In addition, she had the opportunity to participate in a recreation intramural sports program, drama, newspaper, student council, clubs and townwide dances for this age group. These activities have been very wholesome and truly illustrate we do have a middle school concept working here in Metuchen, a true "school within a school."

We do not need a middle school to continue these fine programs. We are currently offering almost every middle school opportunity "... in essence and value" to our current 6th and 7th grade students. They are very special and I think they have been provided with great educational opportunity. My thanks to Mr. Lepre, the principals and all teachers who have given them this offering.

According to statistics provided by Mr. Lepre, elementary grade size ranges from 15 to 24 students per class. This is a most ideal situation. It should be pointed out that most of our regular classes are not self-contained. Children do see several teachers during the day. This endows the administration the opportunity to achieve parity (as defined by Mr. Lepre) through various instructional groups for reading, math, etc. It is not as if these children are locked into a class all day with the same group. This leads to much more flexibility than is readily apparent in just narrowly looking at grade size information.

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Bo Beep loses her geep?

As if trade imbalances, stock market volatility, foreign entanglements and skyrocketing insurance fees weren't enough, now the nation has a new worry.

It concerns the geep.

The geep is an animal that combines sheep and goat traits. It is bigger than a sheep, but not as ugly as a goat. Produced in California, it is one of the new animal forms that scientists are creating by gene-splicing and embryo-fusing.

Another strange thing is that the new animals are patented, like farm machinery. And according to a new Patent Office ruling, farmers may have to pay royalties to companies that hold patents on the genetically engineered farm animals.

As reported by the press last week, the ruling is causing controversy. Some experts fear that major agribusiness concerns will gain monopolies on the development and dispersal of new animals. A patent is good for 17 years. The average farmer may not be able to afford a bigger and faster growing geep. If the inventor keeps showing up with his hands hold out for big bucks.

There are also concerns about human beings meddling with life-forms. Many ethical questions arise.

An even more immediate worry —

and this fact was completely ignored by the major newspapers — is the catastrophic effect all these new animals will have on nursery rhymes. Many will become obsolete. All the books will have to be revised.

Once science starts combining geese and ducks and swans, even Mother Goose will fall by the wayside. Will she become Mother Swoose or Mother Doose? Right now we have the geep whose coarse name

Little Bo Peep's problem will no longer generate sympathy in young hearts. Who cares about the loss of a nasty old geep or two? And what of the new Billy Geeps Gruff? It just doesn't sound right. We'll find ourselves rooting for the troll.

Will goatees become geeetees? Will diplomas turn into geepskins? Will embarrassed people start looking geepish?

And what, pray tell, will be the plural of a geep? Geeps or geep? Until the lexicographers settle that one, we won't know if Little Bo has lost one or a bunch of the stupid things.

Another problem is the offspring of geep or geeps? Did anyone stop to think about what we were doing to kids and lambs? What are little geeps? Kamb or lids?

A leg of kamb sounds, unappetizing; it has a metallic ring to it. Populated with kamb and geeps, the Whiffenpoof song will never be the same. And if Mary had a little lid, the narcs are sure to follow.

This gene-altering may cause more problems than we ever dreamed of, and it looks like the scientists are making a big mistake. They may be opening a can of snorms.

Or would that be wakes?

of all things

by Dereck Williamson

sounds like some sort of four-wheel-drive herd animal. Thanks to scientists at the University of California, our nation's children will soon have to cope with genetically-altered verse such as:

"Baa baa, black geep, have you any wool.

"Yes sir, yes sir; three bags full.

"One for my master, one for my dame,

"And one for the gene-splicers down by the lane."

Case of the missing gene

When I was a kid, my parents made my life miserable.

It started out as a pastime for them but by the time I reached adolescence, they were involved full-time. I was forever not doing what they wanted and, if by some freak chance I did, it was at the wrong time and not fast enough.

A perfect example was making my bed. My mother would wake me up each morning, reminding me to make my bed. I would swing my legs over the left side and by the time I rose to my feet, she would have already made it.

"Didn't I tell you to make your own bed?" she would say in her hurt-mother tone.

Then out of the walls I would hear my mother's voice, which was peculiar because he had left for work an hour earlier, saying, "He never listens. I told him to cut the grass yesterday and I had to do it myself."

I would respond to the walls that it was December and that there was three feet of snow on the ground but my mother would shoot me a strange look and ask who I was talking to. It always worked like that, as I have mentioned, until I was in my teenage years. Then, if one were to ask my parents, I was No. 3 on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted List.

The fact that they allowed me to reach 17 was an amazement to my family and all my friends. When I got my driver's license, my father started walking to work, claiming that he thought I would probably destroy life as we knew it because of the way I turned the radio up in the family car. My mother suggested that rather than him walking to work, perhaps I should never be allowed to drive

Life on the Soft Shoulder

by John Kazmark

again for changing the channel from WPAT without asking his permission.

As fate would have it, I grew up and in the process found that there were a few things I did well enough and fast enough to please some of the people in the free world. And just when I thought that I was really starting to become competent, I had three of my own children.

Now I should probably mention that my mother, in league with unearthly powers, struck a bargain that I should have children exactly like myself. This did not disturb me as a child; however, I find myself constantly making their beds and lamenting the uncut lawn. It was as if Stephen King had written an episode for *The Twilight Zone* and I had been chosen to play the lead.

It was with this gleefully in mind that I dropped my children off recently to spend the weekend with my

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Your Opinion

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We have to look closely at actual groupings and we will see there that children are distributed among several teachers, which in essence addresses concerns of program, placement and teacher assignment. Teachers can specialize in their areas and there is a great deal of flexibility in setting up each reading, math or science class.

Again, I must call upon my dealings with an actual teaching situation. Actual class sizes that I teach range from 17 to 30 students in a school that has approximately 30 sections of students over 6th to 8th grades. Having more sections does not necessarily mean that parity will be attained.

In discussing this matter with many other educators in other districts, almost all were envious that we are able to attain the parity we now have. It should also be pointed out that many parents, when given the choice (by Mr. Lepre) if they wish to transfer their students to a school with a smaller class size and provide transportation to that more distant school, most parents will stay with their neighborhood school. This surely indicates a strong feeling for keeping neighborhood schools.

Parents keep their children in the school closest to them when given the choice. If necessary, teachers can and do travel to schools in Metuchen to teach their specialty. I would rather have a teacher travel than have an entire grade or class travel to achieve parity.

I commend the creative and effective efforts by administration to keep parity as good as it is now. Frankly, in actual practice it will be hard to beat. This statement is based on actual experience. Take a look at parity in Metuchen High School; it may actually be better in the elementary schools.

Any modification of the present organization has the unfortunate consequences of travel and safety. This is a very serious situation. To paraphrase from the January 17, 1984, recommendation for reorganization: Metuchen is crossed with many heavily traveled . . . and poorly regulated thoroughfares. Most students must cross at least one dangerous street going to school. "We must try not to make the situation worse."

Since this recommendation was made, traffic has become much worse. In fact, a crossing guard was hit in traffic at Franklin School several years ago. No educational organization is worth jeopardizing the safety of our elementary school children.

Safety is very much an issue and needs to be addressed. Each winter, we weigh safety factors vs. educational opportunity when we implement delayed openings and school closing due to dangerous conditions for travel. Safety alone is enough of a reason to maintain our neighborhood schools.

As a professional educator, I can see no reason to reorganize for the reason stated in the reorganization study. I have closely monitored our

schools and have been quick to point out things wrong in the past. I also want to point out what I see is right with our schools now.

Our program and student opportunity is outstanding as it is. It does not appear that any reorganization is needed, especially since our students are doing so well and that the proposed reorganization would offer so little more opportunity at the expense of jeopardizing the safety for our students.

We have a good thing going; let's support the schools and try to make things better. I commend the fine job our professional staff has done and appreciate the fine in-depth study Mr. Lepre has presented to the community. However, as a parent and educator, the best needs of this community rest in maintaining our current organization.

I support the Metuchen plan over the Princeton plan.

JOHN KELLEY

Metuchen

Charges result from car chase

METUCHEN — A 20-year-old Edison driver was charged February 5 with eluding police and reckless driving after allegedly leading police on a high speed chase on Middlesex Avenue, Elm Court and Linden Avenue.

A car driven by Owen Riley of 51 Fairmont Avenue reportedly made an "abrupt," 180-degree turn near the driveway at police headquarters on Middlesex Avenue, climbed the sidewalk and proceeded to head north at a high rate of speed.

Patrolman Charles Moore, upon spotting Riley's unexpected turn, began to follow the car as it turned right onto Elm Court. Moore reported that while chasing the vehicle he was exceeding speeds of 55 and 60 miles per hour.

The vehicle, a gray Chevy, turned onto Linden Avenue and then left onto Middlesex Avenue. At this point, Patrolman Wilczynski positioned his police car across the road to block Riley's way.

Riley, however, reportedly went around Wilczynski and continued to head east on Middlesex, where Moore overtook the Chevy and pulled it over.

Plans underway for parade

EDISON — Plans for the annual Memorial Day parade in the Clara Barton section of Edison are being drawn up.

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The parade is scheduled for Sunday, May 29.

Subdivision set on Muriel Street

PISCATAWAY — An application for a minor subdivision on New Brunswick Avenue and Muriel Street was approved in jig time by the Planning Board last Wednesday night.

The approval will enable Paul and Roseann Kozma to subdivide a parcel of land and build a single-family home on one lot while keeping an existing house on the other.

The applicants needed a variance because the existing house has no garage — a necessity according to the zoning ordinance.

Edward J. Johnson Jr., attorney for the Kozmas, told the board his clients planned to continue living in the house currently on the property.

Visions and Revisions

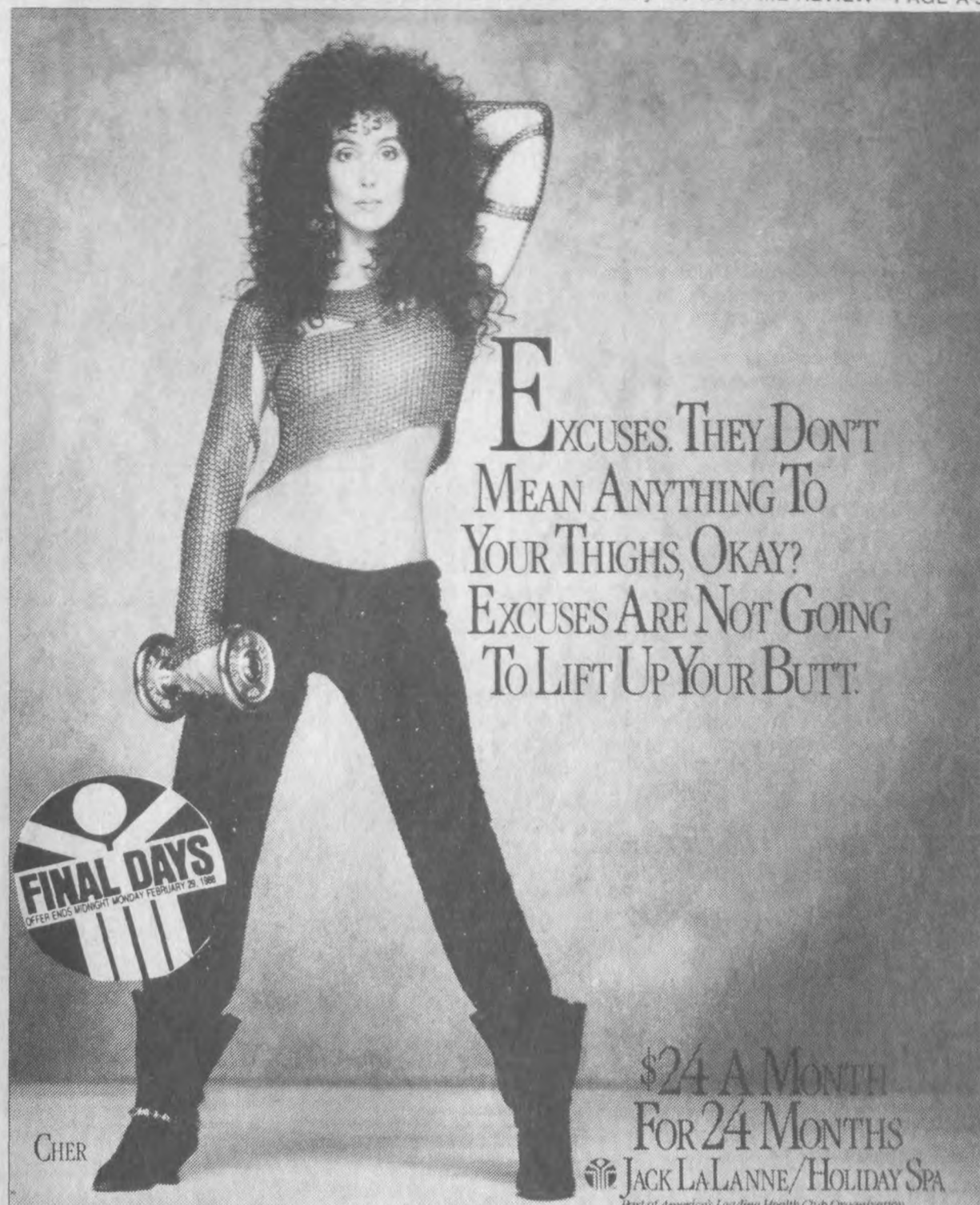
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and 38 percent is tonal. We were stuck listening to the 7 percent that is words. Flirting was reduced to an acronym, SOFTEN, for Smile, Open Body Language, Forward, Touch, Eye Contact, Nodding; Communicating to making jokes so "people can't judge you while they're laughing."

The major disappointment of the evening was not so much that we didn't learn anything, but the lack of anything really funny or entertaining. I had the feeling that many of the people in the audience had put a lot of energy into a lot of futile activities and yet, still believed there were easily packaged solutions to the dilemma of forming relationships. It was a little sad that so many of us thought we needed a seminar to tell us how to find the right person.

"Well, we tried," said Jackie, ever the optimist, as she walked into the office the other day, clutching a sheaf of newspapers decorated with heavy red circles. "How does this sound?" she began. "Divorced white male, 39, two children..."

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Pelley

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Mrs. Kirtman, who has battled for years against the noise created by traffic on Route 287, and who most recently has made officials aware of what she claims is noise pollution generated by refrigeration trucks at Metroplex on Gourmet Drive in Edison, said that residents in this section of town "are among the worthy."

"We're thrilled that he (Pelley) is keeping a campaign promise," she said.

The Borough Council in 1985 funded a study of noise decibel levels for Poets Lane, Whitman Avenue, Burr Drive and Herold Place, all in the area where Route 287 passes through Metuchen. Completed last April, the study showed readings of 80 decibels in some locations.

According to federal guidelines, the maximum allowable level is 65 and the average is 55. Although the solution of one noise problem may be in the distant future, the culmination of another — the "low drone" of refrigeration trucks at Metroplex — may be just around the corner.

The state Department of Environmental Protection recently found the frozen food operation in violation of its regulations on noise and gave the company 30 days to correct the situation.

That was in December and thus far, according to Mrs. Kirtman, the noise has not abated.

"We're going to issue another complaint," she said.

Heidi the goat legal

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uncertain status was reported, calls and letters of support were received from many people.

Mrs. O'Connor said that now that 778 New Durham will continue to be Heidi's home address, Danny and Brenda will be spending the next few months getting her groomed for the annual 4-H goat show at next summer's Middlesex County Fair. Both youngsters and Heidi are members of the Middlesex County Capricorn 4-H Goat Club.

In moving to approve the O'Connor variance, board member Helen Gottlieb said she had paid a visit to New Durham Road that afternoon to make a personal inspection of Heidi's backyard pen.

"Quite frankly, that goat pen is the cleanest thing on the property," she declared.

"Let me rephrase that," amended a flustered Mrs. Gottlieb when the audience dissolved into laughter. "The pen was immaculate."

PTSA meeting set for Tuesday

EDISON — Recycling will be the featured topic for the general meeting and Founders' Day program of the Edison High School Parent-Teacher-Student Association.

The meeting will be held Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the EHS library on Boulevard of the Eagles. Guest speakers are Councilwoman Dorothy Drwal, the township's recycling coordinator, and Don Hanson, supervisor of public works.

All are welcome to attend, and refreshments will be served.



ENZO PRIOLO

Enzo Priolo is promoted

EDISON — Enzo Priolo has been promoted to first vice president of Broad National Bank, Newark.

A former commissioner on the Elizabeth Board of Education, Priolo is presently manager of the bank's Elizabeth branch. He is also president of the Newark chapter of Unico National, an Italian-American organization, and a member of the mayor's economic development cabinet in Elizabeth.

Priolo lives in Edison with his wife Rosemarie and two children.



His former owner obviously thought that all French Poodles had to be named Fifi. Fifi (top) is a year-old male who has had his shots, is housebroken and comes complete with papers. Fifi is described as being good with children. These black kittens (center) are approximately 8-weeks-old and a sample of the selection available for adoption at the Edison Animal Shelter. Brutus (bottom) claims no pedigree but this 9-month-old male has had his shots and also is described as liking youngsters. The shelter is in front of the Edison Municipal Building and adoptions can be arranged weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Seek new uniforms

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made ones," he said. "I'd like to see something more formal on the field."

Novak added said that the consensus among parents is that the blue and white outfits "are starting to look shabby."

June Mellinger, president of the Metuchen Bulldog Band Parents Association, added that every year the uniforms need repair. "We go through hundreds of safety pins," she said. "We really need new uniforms."

At the athletic level, Novak is requesting an allocation of \$32,000 over a "number of years" for the purchase of such items as shoes, uniforms and sports equipment.

"We haven't kept pace with the rising cost of equipment and supplies," Novak explained. "The uniforms have been replaced in pieces."

Novak said that the cost of medical supplies has also risen sharply, adding that the cost of tape alone is \$1,500. He is requesting an allocation of \$3,500 for medical supplies.

Novak pointed out that even though ankle wrap is cheaper and would probably save the district about \$1,000, it does not protect the ankles as much as tape. "It is extremely important to have the ankles taped and not wrapped," he said.

Novak is again requesting \$16,000 for transportation, the same as was requested last year. He told the board that district vans are used for away games, but said sometimes the need arises to contract for outside transportation.

"Keep in mind that the high school plays its games at Edgar Field," he said, "so our home games are really away. To cut down on transportation costs, we sometimes have the soccer or baseball teams meet at Edgar Field rather than coming to the high school."

Other budget requests include \$4,000 for insurance, a figure which has not risen over last year's; \$8,500 for cleaning and reconditioning of equipment and \$15,500 for operating expenses. This money is used for running home games, to pay for police protection and to pay for the game officials.

Novak said that the operating expense account is usually subsidized by gate receipts for the home contests, but added that there has been a decline in attendance at home games in recent years.

Novak presented the board with a chart showing that the gross gate receipts have dropped from \$12,524 in 1984-85 to \$8,500 in 1987-88.

Seniors can ask AARP for help on tax forms

EDISON — Because of tax reform, filling out and filing income tax forms will be much different this year.

For older people in this area who may have difficulty with the changes in the tax law, there is a solution — Tax Counseling for the Elderly. Trained volunteers from the American Association for Retired Persons will help seniors prepare federal and state tax returns, free of charge.

Tax counseling is available at these locations:

Edison Senior Citizens Recreation Center, 2965 Woodbridge Avenue. Every Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m., February 23 until April 12.

Inman Grove Senior Citizens Center, 1060 Inman Avenue. Every other Wednesday from 9 to 11:30 a.m., on February 24, March 9, March 23 and April 13.

Clara Barton Library, 141 Hoover Avenue. Every Friday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., February 26 until April 15.

No appointment is necessary. Those seeking help are advised to bring copies of their 1986 federal and state income tax returns.

\$100 million plan

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excess by the State of New Jersey. It is being purchased by Alfieri from the state for \$7.5 million.

However, an 8.8-acre portion is classified as wetlands and will require fill, which has made the project subject to approval by the federal Army Corps of Engineers. Alfieri's application is now lumbering through the corp's review procedure, which will take an estimated 18 months. Gerweck told the Planning Board that although only a three-story parking deck is planned, a five-level deck would reduce the "footprint" of the building and, thus, the amount of fill required by two acres. He said Alfieri

would be willing to incorporate a five-story deck in its plans as "a fall back position" if it improved its chances of receiving corps approval.

This raised the question of whether Alfieri will be applying to the board for a three- or five-level deck and it was suggested by township planner John Chadwick that the company submit dual plans. He said he saw little difference in whether a three- or five-level deck were approved because it would not represent a "significant" change in the final site plan.

According to Meszaros, once a decision is made in conjunction with the county on what off-site improve-

ments to require, the board will begin hearings on the application. Any final approval, he said, would be contingent on Alfieri receiving all required state and federal approvals, which would include the Army Corps of Engineers permit for filling in the wetlands.

Mayor Anthony M. Yelencics indicated his desire to get the land Alfieri is buying from the state on the tax rolls now and the entire project as soon thereafter as possible.

When asked by Yelencics what the entire project will mean in terms of ratables, he was told by Gerweck that \$100 million is "a good round number."

EHS on view this Sunday

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Although it is not a formal part of the open house program, a series of pencil sketches on permanent exhibit in the new school library will be of interest to visitors.

Executed by senior Rachele Solomon, the sketches are of five Edison High School graduates who lost their lives fighting in Vietnam and one who still is listed as missing in action.

The five are Joseph Tamagnini, Michael Pavlockak, Joseph Colasurdo, Victor Mika and William Shorrt. The MIA is Ron Mayercik.

The sketches were drawn from yearbook pictures of the six and are the result of a class project covering the Korean and Vietnam wars that was carried out last year by students of history teacher Robert Wimmer.

Wimmer pointed out to the students there is a township monument on Grove Avenue in honor of Edison's Korean and Vietnam veterans.

"One thing led to another," according to Wimmer, who said after the students obtained names from the monument, they researched old yearbooks and made copies of the six who did not return from Vietnam.

A temporary exhibit was arranged with the help of Miss Solomon, described by Wimmer as "very creative and artistic."

Then Wimmer suggested that she try her hand at sketching one of the photographs.

"She took one and did it for me and it was very lovely," according to Wimmer, who said that Miss Solomon then made drawings of

Instructors needed for adult school

METUCHEN — Instructors are wanted for classes being offered by the Metuchen Community Adult School.

The Saturday youth program, which resumes in late January, needs teachers for classes in science, creative drawing and painting, and gymnastics. An instructor is also needed for a social dancing class to begin in March.

Anyone who is interested may phone 494-0455 any school day, beginning Monday, for more information. Candidates need not be certified teachers.

Ideas for new courses are being sought out by the Metuchen adult school. Anyone who has a course suggestion or can teach a course should contact the adult school office.

It's Academic

EDISON — Beth Gold, a student at the Philadelphia College of Textiles & Science, Philadelphia, has been named chairman of the programming board there with responsibility for movies and lectures at the college.

EDISON — Amy Medell of 73 Dalton Place has been named to the dean's list at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa., for the first semester.

EDISON — Toni P. Lester, the daughter of Conrad and Melba Lester, was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at the Berklee College of Music, Boston, Mass., where she is majoring in professional music.

METUCHEN — Richard A. Garcia Jr., a senior at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Fla., has achieved the dean's list for the fall semester. He is the son of Richard and Elaine Garcia of 55 Hillside Avenue and is a graduate of Metuchen High School.

METUCHEN — Jane E. Garcia, the daughter of Richard and Elaine Garcia of 55 Hillside Avenue, qualified for the academic honors list for the fall semester at the University of Maryland, College Park, Md. She is a graduate of Metuchen High School and is in the sophomore class on the College Park campus.

the other five men.

Two other men killed in Vietnam who attended Edison High were Edward Meeker and Lazlo Boros but there was no record of their having been graduated and no pictures of them available.

Seven in running

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Mrs. Margolin, a professor of French at Middlesex County College who is finishing her first term on the school board, said she is particularly interested in current issues being discussed by the board, including reorganization and the disposition of Franklin School.

"I feel I have more of a contribution to make," she remarked.

As a school board member, Mrs. Margolin said she would "support education and try to improve the academic and social environment of the students."

"The issues the school board will be working on in the next three years are among the most important the

The fact that the six sketches are hanging in the library is only "coincidental" to Sunday's open house, according to Wimmer.

"This is simply a history project that went one step further," he said.

board has ever faced," said Richard Scott, who has served three terms on the board. "Questions about reorganization and capital improvement are central to what the schools will be doing."

Scott, chairman of the music, dance and theater departments at Jersey City State College, added: "Sometimes board work is routine but now we are really down to big, tough questions and there are no easy answers. That's what being a board member is all about."

Canary is a retired Metuchen Police Department detective who now is employed as director of security at Mobil Chemical's Edison plant. He was not available for comment.

Hooray, hooray for that Retin-A

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their family doctors and local pharmacists for tubes of the stuff.

Don Wernik of Wernik's Pharmacy in Metuchen said that there's been a "great increase in requests for prescriptions of Retin-A."

"A lot of patients have seen information in the press and have told their doctor that they want to try it," he said, "but what concerns me is that these family physicians are not dermatologists and any future side effects are not really known. I think the decision to use this should be the doctor's, and not the patient's."

Boyt Drugs of Metuchen, Devine's Pharmacy in Dunellen and Height's Pharmacy in Piscataway all report increases in the demand for Retin-A.

Mike Ryan, pharmacist at Bell Drugs in Edison, said the demand for Retin-A "is up a terrific amount."

"I see women anywhere from age 30 to 65 coming in," he said. "The older women are really gung-ho for it."

Is this a panacea for wrinkles or just a temporary solution?

According to Dr. Ciobanu, Retin-A must be applied on a regular basis to keep away those tiny lines around the eyes and mouth.

"Aging is a constant process," she said. "Retin-A must be used regularly."

Dr. Ciobanu also warned that side effects accompany its use.

"It is very important that women do not use this during pregnancy," she said. "This has not been totally proven, but it could result in problems with the baby."

She added that users of Retin-A should apply a sunscreen when venturing out into the hot sun "or the problem they have could be aggravated."

"Use it only in the evenings," she said, "and begin to use a sunscreen in the morning starting the beginning of April to the end of November."

In the beginning, patients will notice their skin reddening or peeling and should use a stronger moisturizer, she directed. "The Retin-A cream should be applied a half-hour after washing the skin, not immediately after, so that the skin is totally naked," Dr. Ciobanu said.

Mike Ryan of Bell Drugs added that Retin-A is a form of Vitamin A, which dries out the skin, and warned that it should only be used every other or every third day.

In the past several weeks, more patients have come to see Dr. Ciobanu specifically for help in combating wrinkles.

"First I tell them that it is not totally proven that this will help," she explained, adding that the

white cream has been useful for people whose skin is lined from years of sun worshiping. "You know, this is probably good for everyone who has decided not to spend time on the beach anymore," she said.

Whether it will work depends on the type of aging, she added. "Some patients have hanging skin. I try to convince them that this doesn't work to reverse gravity but if you have wrinkles then usually we can help."

More than creating a mere illusion, Retin-A, developed by Ortho Pharmaceutical Corp., makes wrinkles and age spots from sun-damaged skin disappear — a scientific claim that can stand alone against the hokum and jargon of cosmetic hucksters whose indecipherable claims of skin replenishing, such as "repairing free-radical damage caused by oxygen electrons," as it was phrased in a February 8 Business Week article, apparently mesmerizes shoppers into forking over an estimated \$1.5 billion a year.

Sandra Mercer, who owns the About Faces beauty salon in Metuchen, recalled when she was a saleswoman at the venerable Boyd Chemists on Madison Avenue in New York City a constant procession of starlets, models and a few icons of the movies and stage came through the doors, all wanting to look younger, feel younger, all wanting the elusive "perfect complexion."

"If I told you to use conditioner on your hair and that it would look better and be shinier if you did, it probably will," she said. "Sure, moisturizer will plump out the skin, but it won't prevent aging."

What is needed for a good complexion are some very basic grooming habits, she added. "A good cleaning and facials every four to six weeks will make a big difference. And don't overload the face with a lot of gobby make-up."

For the most part, Mrs. Mercer said that cosmetic salespeople are generally pushing a product that doesn't do half of what they say it will. She described her job at Boyd as nothing but "high-pressure sales."

"We'd have to sell a woman three different creams to use in the morning," she said. "Why anyone would need three different creams in the morning is beyond me."

"A lot of the stuff is fake," she added. "You really have to read between the lines. There are some good cosmetic lines, but most of what you see is lies."

Retin-A, however, a cream that started out as a cure for plain pimples, may turn out to be the stuff that dreams are made of.

New large-print books now at Metuchen library

METUCHEN — Now available at the Metuchen Public Library are a new supply of books from the Large Print Circuit of New Jersey.

The books are in larger-than-normal type and are complete and unabridged. They may be borrowed until April 8 by anyone holding a valid Metuchen library card.

Large-print titles now available include "Thinner" by Richard Bachman, "The Rescue of Miss Yaskell and Other Pipe Dreams" by Russell Baker, "Bus 9 to Paradise" by Leo Buscaglia, "Heiress" by Janet Dailey, "Proof" by Dick Francis, "I Am the Only Running Footman" by Martha Grimes, "Highbinders" by

F. M. Parker, "Class" by Erich Segal and "Women in White" by Frank G. Slaughter.

Also, "Family Album" and "Fine Things," both by Danielle Steel; "Iacocca: An Autobiography" by Lee Iacocca, "Happy Are the Clean of Heart" by Andrew M. Greeley, "Dutchman's Flat" by Louis L'Amour, "Wiseguy: Life in a Mafia Family" by Nicholas Pileggi, "Possessions" by Judith Michael, "North and South" by John Jakes, "A Perfect Spy" by John LeCarre and "The New Girl Friend" by Ruth Rendell.

These books are in addition to the library's own large-print collection.

Diocese of Metuchen planning pilgrimage

METUCHEN — The Diocese of Metuchen has announced a pilgrimage in commemoration of the Marian Year.

Led by Bishop Edward T. Hughes, the pilgrimage will depart on Sunday, April 17, with return scheduled for Sunday, May 1.

Included on the journey are visits to the sacred shrine of Lourdes, France; Our Lady of Pilar, a revered Marian shrine in Zaragoza, Spain; a Benedictine monastery in Montserrat, France; an excursion to Assisi, Italy; and a full day at the shrine of Fatima, Portugal.

Also scheduled tentatively is an audience with Pope John Paul II in Rome. This is contingent on the Pope's schedule during the pilgrimage.

Cost of the 14-day excursion is \$2,150, including round-trip airfare to and from New York, and air and bus transportation in Europe. A deposit of \$200 is payable upon booking, with the balance due by Tuesday, March 15.

Information may be obtained from

Msgr. Dominic A. Turtora at St. Francis Cathedral, 548-0102, or World Tours, the tour operator, at 221-0661.

Mission festival at Edison church marks millenium

EDISON — A mission festival Sunday at Wesley United Methodist Church, 5053 Woodbridge Avenue, will help celebrate 1,000 years of Christianity in Russia.

To begin the festival, the church's worship service at 10 a.m. will be in the Orthodox tradition. A covered dish luncheon afterward continues the emphasis on missions, with a program on people and churches of the Soviet Union, a video on the Christian church in that nation, and a display of Russian culture.

Further information may be obtained by phoning the church's office, 738-0232.

Jewish Singles to rap, go on trip

EDISON — Two events for singles between 35 and 55 have been announced by the Mid-Jersey Jewish Singles.

An informal rap takes place Thursday at 8:30 p.m. in the Edison area. For more information or directions, call 494-3232.

An Atlantic City trip is planned for Sunday, February 28. Details and the departure time may be obtained from Maxine at 574-2329.

The Mid-Jersey Jewish Singles are sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Middlesex County. A meeting of the singles group's steering committee will be held at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, at the JCC, 1775 Oak Tree Road.

Need members in VFW auxiliary

EDISON — A membership drive has been announced by the ladies' auxiliary of Oak Tree Memorial Post 9626, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Officers from the auxiliary's District 8 will be at the post home, 2144 Oak Tree Road, from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 6. If you are a close relative of a veteran who served overseas during wartime, you may be eligible to join the VFW auxiliary.

Information may be obtained from Anna Bing, the Oak Tree auxiliary president, at 549-5457 or Doris Morecroft, the district president, at 591-9280.

Kids can learn to volunteer

EDISON — A new concept for young children is the "I Can Be a Volunteer" program from the National Council of Jewish Women.

Designed for kindergarten through 3rd grade, the program uses drawings, music and narration to let kids know what being a volunteer means, at home and in the community. Those who would like this program presented to a school or other group of children should contact Frieda Levine at 381-0644.

The Edison Section of the NCJW recently gave this presentation to a Girl Scout troop that meets in Colonia.

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'Fun Day' set at John Marshall

EDISON — Saturday, June 4, has been announced as the date for the second annual Fun Day at John Marshall Elementary School.

There will be games and prizes, along with a flea market and craft sale. Tables for the flea market may be rented at \$12 each by calling Barbara at 572-6279.

The event is sponsored by the school's PTA and will take place on school grounds, Cornell Street off Sutton Lane.

Fish fry is fare on Friday nights

SOMERSET — The Consolata Mission Club will sponsor a fish fry on each of three consecutive Fridays, February 26, March 4 and 11.

Dinner will be served at the Consolata Mission Center on Route 27 between 5 and 8 p.m. The menu includes fish, French fries, cole slaw, tartar sauce, bread and butter, coffee and cake.

Cost is \$5.50 for adults, \$2.75 for children 12 and under. For more information or tickets, call 297-9191.

Microwave talk for sisterhood

EDISON — An evening of microwave cooking will be on the program at the next meeting of the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth-El.

The meeting will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, at the synagogue, 91 Jefferson Boulevard. Speaker is Maria Reading, a consumer advisor with PSE&G. All women are welcome to attend.

For more information, phone 985-7272.



LISA ERRICO

Lisa Parlapiano bride on St. Valentine's Day

EDISON — Lisa Parlapiano and Thomas Errico, both 1983 graduates of John P. Stevens High School, were married Sunday at St. Francis Roman Catholic Cathedral, Metuchen.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Parlapiano of Featherbed Lane. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Errico of Karen Place.

The color scheme for the St. Valentine's Day ceremony was red and white.

The bride wore a gown of white satin with illusion neckline and trimmed with lace, pearls and sequins. She carried red roses and white carnations.

Annette Parlapiano of Edison was her sister's maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Marie Parlapiano of Edison, a cousin of the bride; Ann Marie Errico of Edison, sister of the bridegroom; Sharon Errico of Hazlet, the bridegroom's sister-in-law; Michelle Klurman, Debbie DiAntonio and Theresa Krupp, all of Edison.

The attendants wore gowns of red satin and carried white fur muffs trimmed with red bows. Their headpieces were of red and white flowers.

Vincent Errico of Edison was his brother's bestman. Ushers were Anthony Parlapiano of Edison, brother of the bride; Aaron Mittleman, Michael Schwalje, Scott Zitter and Jack Schwartz, all of Edison, and Robert Cirrito of Hazlet.

Kristen Errico of Edison, the bridegroom's niece, was flower girl and Jeffrey McKeivitt of Howell, a cousin of the bride, was ring bearer.

A reception was held at the Victorian Manor. The couple are on a wedding trip to Hawaii.

The bride is employed by Margaretten Realty of Perth Amboy. The bridegroom is employed by Carol Distributing of Metuchen.

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Bits o' Breezes

by M. Charbell

It was an interesting visit.

Through a mutual friend, we were put in touch with a young woman who is in need of advice and counsel. An appointment was set up for last Monday.

We met her where she's currently living in Woodbridge, with a group of nuns who give her room and board in exchange for work she does within their religious order.

She greeted us with a warm and tender smile. She was very petite and very pretty, with blonde hair that was pulled back but curled around her face, a flawless complexion and blue eyes that matched the blue sweater she was wearing. She looked to be in her early 30's.

We were guided to the library, where we both spoke and listened.

We asked her to tell us about herself. She looked at us with a puzzled and humble kind of smile, and said in accented but very understandable English, "There is not much to tell. I am not so special."

Yet as she spoke, her specialness became so very apparent. She left Poland several years ago after she graduated from the music conservatory with honors and with the voice of a promising opera singer. But in Poland, one cannot sing except when, where and what you're told to sing.

In Poland, she was persecuted in her education and career because the television cameras had picked up her face in the crowd as she celebrated the Pope's visit with millions of other Poles. Those in authority had entered her name on "the list."

"There is not freedom," she sighed.

Her mother, father and two older sisters all had strong musical abilities. It was her father who encouraged her to leave Poland for Italy, where she could sing freely and further her voice studies. She was able to leave, but with not much more than the clothes on her back.

She sang, studied and worked in Italy until she found her way to America three and a half years ago. She immediately auditioned at the Juilliard School, was accepted and began classes within days.

It was all too new for her. She had troubles with her visa and other paperwork. She went through tangles of red tape and tons of paperwork. She was able to stay and completed

three years at Juilliard, not knowing what the next day would bring.

As I sat and listened to the tales this lady was sharing, I thought about the raw courage, determination and perseverance in the presence of great adversity — no money, no place to stay except where kind people offered hospitality, no family close by, etc. My admiration for this petite and smiling person grew.

She left all she knew, because she believed she could live a fuller life in a place that offered her freedom. Can you imagine the risk? I can't. I honestly can't. And I know it's because I've never suffered repression in my life.

I asked her how she felt about America. Her reply was, "I like America but I don't understand American thinking. I miss Poland and its people, because in Poland people are more alive."

"Americans have been spoiled by too much. They don't know what they've got and they waste themselves in many ways. They are not truly alive."

She is one fascinating person. I look forward to her next visit.

PACT program upcoming at JFS

EDISON — Parents of preschool-age children are invited to attend the PACT program, a new four-part series focusing on Parents and Children Together.

Meetings will be held on alternate Mondays at the Jewish Family Service of Northern Middlesex County, 100 Menlo Park, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. All sessions take place in an informal, relaxed atmosphere.

The first program on February 29 deals with "The Baby: Pleasure or Crisis?" Other discussions will talk about "Disciplining Your Toddler" on March 14, "Parent Survival Issues" on March 28 and "Parenting: The Flip Side of Childhood" on April 11.

Fees are \$50 per person or \$80 per couple for the full series, \$15 per person or \$25 per couple for individual sessions. A reduced fee will be considered for those unable to pay the full amount.

Information and registration may be handled through Bruce Reim or Lynn Sherman at the JFS offices, 494-3923.

Squad No. 2 plans sock hop

EDISON — Edison First Aid Squad No. 2 is presenting its first annual sock hop, a night of dancing and nostalgia to benefit the squad.

The dance will be held from 7 p.m. until midnight Saturday, March 5, at the Dover Banquet Center, 848 New Dover Road. Included in the admission price are a buffet, refreshments and prizes. Satin and Gold, a 50's-style recording act, will put in a guest appearance.

Fifties attire is most welcome. Tickets are \$30 each and may be reserved by calling 549-3883 or 549-1223.

'Go Hawaiian' at St. Helena's

EDISON — A Hawaiian dinner-dance will be held Saturday, February 27, from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the St. Helena's School hall, 930 Grove Avenue.

There will be live entertainment and a Hawaiian floor show, along with a cocktail hour and carved buffet. Dress is summer casual.

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EQUUS Peter Shaffer's drama about a psychologist delving into the private mythology of a troubled young man. Feb. 26 through March 19 at the **Circle Playhouse**, 416 Victoria Avenue, Piscataway. Admission \$8, discounts available. 968-7555.

FOR COLORED GIRLS WHO HAVE CONSIDERED SUICIDE WHEN THE RAINBOW IS ENUF Ntozake Shange's "choreopoem" performed Feb. 18 through Feb. 21 at the **Commuter Lounge**, Douglass College, New Brunswick. Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m. 932-9374.

FOURTEEN New Jersey premiere of musical by Bill Russell about four-member singing group, **Parish Players**, through Feb. 27 at the **YWCA**, 232 East Front Street, Plainfield. Performances Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m. Admission \$8, \$6 for students and senior citizens, group and dinner theatre rates available. 753-2622.

THE GLASS MENAGERIE Tennessee Williams' classic drama about a closed-in family and the gentleman who briefly enters their lives. Through Feb. 20 at the **Kelsey Theatre**, Mercer County Community College, West Windsor Campus. Admission \$7, \$5 for the elderly, \$3 for children 12 and under. (609) 586-4695.

KEEP AN EYE ON AMELIE Feydeau's farce about a Paris woman who marries a man in order that he may collect his inheritance. Feb. 19 through March 5 at **Brookdale Community College**, Lincoln. Admission \$8, \$6 for students and the elderly.

LADY DAY AT EMERSON'S BAR AND GRILL One-woman musical drama about the last years of Billie Holiday. Through March 6 at the **Crossroads Theatre Co.**, 320 Memorial Parkway, New Brunswick. Admission \$15 to \$22. 243-5560.

MAN OF LA MANCHA The musicalized version of *Don Quixote*, performed Feb. 19 through March 5 at the **Summit Playhouse**, 10 New England Avenue, Summit. Admission \$10. 273-8604.

MAX AND MAXIE James McLure's play about an aging vaudeville reliving memories of his past, which bears a distinct resemblance to that of the late vaudevillian Bert Lahr. Through March 6 at the **George Street Playhouse**, 9 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick. Admission \$12.50 to \$22.50. Discounts available. 246-7177.

THE MEETING Jeff Statson's play about an imaginary encounter between Malcolm X and Martin Luther King. Through Feb. 21 at the **George Street Playhouse Stage II**, 9 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick. General admission \$10, discounts available. 848-2832.

THE MOUSETRAP England's longest-running mystery, penned by Dame Agatha Christie and presented by **The Philanthropians**. Through Feb. 27 at the **Carriage House**, Watson Road near Martine Avenue, Fanwood. Performances Friday and Saturday at 8:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 21 at 2:30 p.m. Admission \$5. 322-5725.

THE OWL AND THE PUSSYCAT Bill Manhoff's play about a prostitute who moves in with a bookstore clerk. Not for kids. Through April 3 at the **Club Bene Dinner Theatre**, Route 35, South Amboy. Admission \$22.50 for dinner at 7 p.m. and show at 8:30 p.m. 727-9000.

SOMETHING'S AFOOT Tongue-in-cheek musical loosely based on Agatha Christie's *Ten Little Indians*, performed by the **Princeton Community Players** through Feb. 27 at the **Triangle-Broadmead Theatre**, 171 Broadmead, Princeton. Admission \$9, group rates available. (609) 921-6314.

STEPPING OUT Richard Harris' "tandancing comedy" appears through Feb. 28 at the **McAteers Theatre**, 91 University Place, Princeton. Admission \$17 to \$25. (609) 683-8000.

THEY'RE PLAYING OUR SONG The Marvin Hamlisch-Carole Bayer Sager musical about a lyricist and a songwriter who fall in love. Neil Simon wrote the book. Through Feb. 28 at the **McAteers Dinner Theatre**, 1714 Easton Avenue, Somerset. Admission \$21 to \$29. 469-2522.

TRACERS John Fusco's drama about eight soldiers moving through basic training to action in the Vietnam War. Through Feb. 28 at the **Whole Theatre**, 544 Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair. Admission \$18 to \$20. 744-2969. March 11 through April 3 at the **George Street Playhouse**, New Brunswick. \$12.50 to \$22.50. 246-7717.

UNCOMMON WOMEN AND OTHERS Wendy Wasserstein's chronicle of how nine women cope with and enjoy the pitfalls and opportunities created by feminism. March 3 through March 13 at the **Levin Theater**, George Street at Route 18, Douglass College, New Brunswick. Admission \$10. 932-7511.

WEST MEMPHIS MOJO Martin Jones' play, set in 1955, about three men collaborating on blues music and crossing swords with the white-run recording industry. March 19 through April 10 at the **Crossroads Theatre Company**, 320 Memorial Parkway, New Brunswick. Admission \$10 to \$20. 469-5560.

WHAT THE BUTLER SAW Joe Orton's black comedy. Through Feb. 28 at the **Forum Theatre**, 314 Main Street, Metuchen. Thursdays through Saturdays at 8:30 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m. Admission \$10 to \$18.50. 548-4670.

WHISPERS James Elward's mystery thriller about the goings-on in a New Hampshire summer house. March 2 through March 27 at the **Becton Theater**, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck. 692-7744.

YOU KNOW I CAN'T HEAR YOU WHEN THE WATER'S RUNNING Quartet of short plays presented Feb. 19 through March 19 at the **Off-Broadstreet Theatre**, 5 South Greenwood Avenue, Hopewell. Fridays and Saturdays, dessert at 7 p.m. and show at 8 p.m.; Sundays, dessert at 1:30 p.m. and show at 2:30 p.m. Admission \$15 Saturday, \$13.75 Friday and Sunday, senior citizen rates available. (609) 466-2766.

COPS (1922) A precision-crafted Buster Keaton short about a hapless man who blunders into a parade and finds himself trying to outrun the police. With Virginia Fox. Written and directed by Keaton. Friday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. in **Room 200 of the Art History Building**, Douglass College, New Brunswick. Showing with *Rebecca*. Free admission. 932-9878.

THE GENERAL LINE (1929) Soviet propaganda vehicle about a rural woman organizing a village collective, of interest only for the fact that the writer and director was Sergei Eisenstein; here his pioneering montage technique, put to spectacular use in *Potemkin*, is employed for the demonstration of a cream separator. In Russian with subtitles. Thursday, Feb. 25, at 4:30 p.m. in **Room 200 of the Art History Building**, Douglass College, New Brunswick. Free admission. 932-7604.

PRICK UP YOUR EARS (1987) The short life and shorter career of the iconoclastic British playwright Joe Orton, author of *Loot* and *Entertaining Mr. Sloane*, who was clubbed to death in 1967 by his lover and mentor Kenneth Halliwell. Though Gary Oldman is fine as the maliciously clever Orton, the film downplays his less attractive qualities and is grossly unfair to Halliwell, portrayed by Alfred Molina as an obese, screechy ogre. An unsatisfying, badly structured film that shortchanges Orton's work and offers few insights into what he did when he wasn't cruising lavatories. With Vanessa Redgrave, Wallace Shawn, Julie Walters and James Grant. Screenplay by Alan Bennett, from the biography by John Lahr; directed by Stephen Frears. **Forum Theatre**, 314 Main Street, Metuchen, Feb. 20 through Feb. 24, Feb. 27 through Feb. 29, March 1 and March 2. Admission \$3.50. 548-0582.

REBECCA (1940) The sumptuous all-star Hollywood item about a woman who marries a Cornish landowner haunted by the memory of his first wife. With Laurence Olivier, Joan Fontaine, George Sanders, Judith Anderson, Nigel Bruce and Leo G. Carroll. Screenplay by Robert E. Sherwood and Joan Harrison, from the novel by Daphne du Maurier; directed by Alfred Hitchcock. Friday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. in **Room 200 of the Art History Building**, Douglass College, New Brunswick. Free admission. 932-9878.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS FILM SERIES Series devoted to feminist issues at the Union County College Cranford campus, 12:15 p.m. each day in the main lecture hall. March 1: *Flapper Story*; March 8: *Personal Choice*, pro-abortion documentary; March 15: *Myra or Miss*, about beauty contests; March 22: *We the Women*, film about the feminist movement. 709-7501.

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 May 1988: "Carthage: A Mosaic of Ancient Tunisia." (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. Through March 25: "The Fine Art of Illustration: 1890 to 1987." 745-4489.

EAST BRUNSWICK MUSEUM, 16 Maple Street, East Brunswick. Saturdays and Sundays, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. 254-7329.

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. Through June: "The Buffalo and the Buffalo: Creation of a Culture." (609) 292-6300.

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.

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. Free admission. 932-7237.

Dance

CENTER DANCE COLLECTIVE Premiere of "Bow" by Janet Rowthorn and "Imperfect Cry" by guest choreographer Robin Becker. Saturday, Feb. 27, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 28, at 4 p.m. in the Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School, Vogt Drive, Bridgewater. Admission \$8, \$5 for seniors and students. 526-6074.

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 Ceilidh 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.

Events

FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW 22nd annual statewide show Saturday, Feb. 27.

through Sunday, March 6, at the **Morristown National Guard Armory**, Western Avenue, Morristown. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. weekdays. Admission \$6, \$4 for ages 12 through 18, free for children. Gala preview party Friday, Feb. 26, from 7 to 9 p.m., tickets \$40. (609) 939-1677.

NORTH JERSEY REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR Featuring the work of students from 10 counties. March 11 and March 12 at **Morristown High School**, Early Street and Atno Avenue, Morristown. 582-6084.

Music

BARBERSHOP QUARTET COMPETITION Competition for newly-formed quartets will be held Saturday, Feb. 27, at 8 p.m. in **Roosevelt Junior High School**, Dudley and Clark streets, Westfield. Free admission. 272-6610.

COLLEGIUM MUSICUM Performances of Renaissance music from England. Saturday, March 5, at 8 p.m. in **Kirkpatrick Chapel**, Somerset and George streets, Rutgers College, New Brunswick. Free admission.

AN EVENING OF GOSPEL CHOIRS Saturday, Feb. 20, at 8 p.m. in **Voorhees Chapel**, Douglass College, New Brunswick. Free admission. 932-9878.

MUSIC FOR CLARINET AND VOICE Singer Valorie Goodall performs works by Mozart, Cavallini, Child and Ries with clarinetist George Jones. Sunday, Feb. 21, at 4 p.m. in the **Nicholas Music Center**, George Street and Route 18, Douglass College, New Brunswick. Admission \$7. 932-7511.

RUTGERS GLEE CLUB All-male ensemble in joint concert with the all-female **Smith College Choir**, featuring world premiere of "Missa Humilis" by Crystal Kowalski. Saturday, Feb. 20, at 8 p.m. in the **Nicholas Music Center**, George Street and Route 18, Douglass College, New Brunswick. Free admission. 932-7511.

TENEBRAE Ancient worship service of light and darkness, with music and readings from the gospels. Crescent Concerts, Sunday, Feb. 21, at 5 p.m. in the **Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church**, 716 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield. Free admission. 756-2466.

SARAH VAUGHAN Renowned jazz vocalist performs with the **New Jersey Symphony Orchestra**. Saturday, Feb. 20, at 8 p.m. in the **War Memorial Theatre**, West Lafayette Street, Trenton, and Sunday, Feb. 21, at 3 p.m. in **Symphony Hall**, 1020 Broad Street, Newark. Admission \$22, \$16, \$10. 624-8203 or (800) ALLEGRO.

ANDRE WATTS Acclaimed pianist performs works by Berlioz, MacDowell and Ravel with the **New Jersey Symphony Orchestra**. Friday, Feb. 26, at 8:30 p.m. in the **Count Basie Theatre**, 99 Monmouth Street, Red Bank. Saturday, Feb. 27, at 8 p.m. in the **War Memorial Theatre**, West Lafayette Street, Trenton; and Sunday, Feb. 28, at 3 p.m. in **Symphony Hall**, 1020 Broad Street, Newark. Admission \$24 to \$9.50, student/senior rush tickets available. 624-8203 or (800) ALLEGRO.

Nightlife

BIRCH HILL NITE CLUB, Route 9 South, Old Bridge. (Light rock and dance-oriented music) Every Tuesday, Teen Nite and Lip-Synch Contest, Every Wednesday, Rock'n'Roll Party with three bands. Every Thursday, Gee Whizz and Co. All-Male Revue. 536-0650.

CENTER STREET CABARET, 10 North Center Street, Orange. (Popular music). Feb. 19: The Cucumbers, Private Sector; Feb. 20: Billy Preston; March 4: Ronnie Laws; March 11: Taj Mahal. 673-6379.

CHRISTIE STREET, Clarion Hotel, 2055 Route 27, Edison. (Dinner and dance) Ladies Night every Tuesday, New York City Comedy Show every Wednesday, "Remember When" Oldies Show every Thursday, and Top 40 Night every Friday and Saturday. 287-3500.

CITY GARDENS, 1701 Calhoun Street, Trenton. (Popular music) Every Thursday is 90-cent Dance Night for those 21 or over. Feb. 19: The Wallers; Feb. 20: Schooly D; Feb. 27: Henry Rollins (spoken word); Feb. 28: Bad Brains; March 4: The Wallers. (609) 392-8887.

CLUB BENE DINNER THEATRE, Route 35, South Amboy. Feb. 19: Scott Cosso; Feb. 20: Bo Diddley; Feb. 26: Loudon Wainwright III; Feb. 27: John Cafferty and the Beaver Brown Band; March 4: Miki Howard; March 5: Dennis Miller; March 8: Hiroshima; March 11: Ramones; March 12: Regis Philbin; March 18: Annie Haslam; March 19: Tommy Makem and Liam Clancy. 727-3000.

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

CORNER TAVERN, 113 Somerset Street, New Brunswick. (Rock) Open stage every Monday night, live acts every Saturday. Rush Hour will be the featured band every Thursday in February. Feb. 20: Frozen Concentrate; Feb. 27: English Eyes. 247-7677.

CORNERSTONE, 25 New Street (corner of New and Pearl streets), Metuchen. (Jazz) Feb. 19: George Kelly Quartet; Feb. 24: Kenny Davern Trio; Feb. 26, Feb. 27: Kenny Davern Quartet; March 2: Bucky and John Pizzarelli; March 4: 5: Kenny Davern Quartet; March 9: Mark Shane; March 11, 12: "Big Nick" Nicholas Quartet; March 16: Lodi Carr Trio; March 18: Irving Stokes Quartet; March 19: Bill Easley Quartet; March 23: Phil Bodner w/Bucky Pizzarelli; March 25: Ed Polcer Quartet; March 26: George Kelly Quartet; March 30: Ken Popowski Trio. 549-5306.

COURT TAVERN, 124 Church Street, New Brunswick. (Rock) Feb. 18: Sleaze Factor; Feb. 19: Whirling Dervishes, Moby

Dick; Feb. 20: Tiny Lights, Speed the Plow; Feb. 25: Trash Maverick, Dan Kidney & the Pulsators; Feb. 26: Brian Brain, Luna Bar; Feb. 27: Subculture, Alice Donvet. 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.

HUNKA BUNKA BALLROOM, Jernee Mill Road, Sayreville. (Top 40 dance music) 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Admission \$5, free admission Thursday. 254-6700.

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. Feb. 20: Annie Anderson & Bob Dupree (a capella English and American folk); Feb. 27: Bernice Lewis, singer/songwriter. 851-2326.

O'CONNOR'S BEEF AND ALE HOUSE, 708 Mountain Boulevard, Watchung. Every Saturday in February: The Central Jersey Dixieland Jazz Band. 755-2665.

PINES MANOR, Route 27 and Talmadge Road, Edison. (Dinner and dance) 287-2222.

PLAYPEN LOUNGE, Route 35, Sayreville. (Rock) Every Sunday, Waterfront. Every Monday, Co-ed Burlesque Show. Every Tuesday, Bystander. Every Wednesday, Edgar Cayce. 721-0100.

THE STONE PONY, Second and Ocean avenues, Asbury Park. (Rock) Feb. 20: Meat oaf; March 4: Glen Burntuck. 988-7177.

WAITING ROOM, 1441 Irving Street, Rahway. (Rock) Open stage for acoustic acts every Thursday. Live acts every Friday and Saturday. 574-8469.

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 9:30 p.m., psychic at 8:30 p.m. Cover charge \$4. Every Sunday, Jazz night with Mark Kirk and Quartet. Every Friday, melow 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.

Art

FAMOUS BLACK MEN AND WOMEN Photography exhibition focused on prominent black residents of Middlesex and Somerset counties, throughout February at the **Kennedy Library**, 500 Hoes Lane, Piscataway. 463-1633.

DOUG FRIEDMAN Watercolors on display through March 4 at the **Jewish Community Center of Middlesex County**, 1775 Oak Tree Road, Edison. 541-6333.

REVELATION Oil paintings by Rashid Arshad, through Feb. 21 at the **Barron Arts Center**, 582 Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge. Gallery open weekdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. 634-0413.

STUDENT ART Work by students from Piscataway High School on display throughout February in the **Piscataway Municipal Building**, Hoes Lane and Sidney Road.

THUNDERBIRDS Air Force art collection depicting combat scenes and the Air Force Aerial Demonstration Team, throughout February at the **Kilmer Library**, Piscataway.

CHIHUNG YANG Paintings by the Taiwanese Expressionist on display through Feb. 28 at the **Tomasulo Gallery**, Union County College, Cranford.

Speakers

DEATH AND AFTERLIFE IN WORLD RELIGIONS Lecture series at 4:30 p.m. in **Hickman Hall Room 138**, Douglass College, New Brunswick. Feb. 23: "Islam," with William C. Chittie of the State University of N.Y. Stony Brook. Free admission. 932-9641.

18TH CENTURY BLACK HISTORY: A NEW JERSEY PERSPECTIVE Symposium in honor of Black History Month. Saturday, Feb. 27, at 2 p.m. in the **Newark Public Library**, 5 Washington Street, Newark. Free admission. 483-3939.

OF STARS AND STELLAR SYSTEMS Topic of monthly meeting of **Amateur Astronomers**, with lecture by Joseph Patterson of **Columbia University**. Friday, Feb. 19, at 8 p.m. in **Nomahagan Building**, Main Lecture Hall, Union County College, Cranford. Free admission.

ARNOLD ROTH Well-known cartoonist presents informal lecture and workshop. Thursday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the **Cornelius Low House/Middlesex County Museum**, 1225 River Road, Piscataway. Free admission. Limited seating. 745-4489.

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it's that the arrangement throws in too many good old ideas, but I have a hard time considering that much of a problem.

P.E.D. adds a goofball song, "Don Johnson," a bit of white-boy fake rap over a scratchy guitar; there couldn't be an easier target in the world than *Miami Vice*, but the treatment is unserious enough that it's hard to accuse the band of breaking a butterfly upon a wheel. Side 1 closes with Spiral Jetty's "Keep It Alive" (from the *Art's Sand Bar LP*), adding a healthy degree of professionalism with their precise rhythm treatments and Andy Gesner's spirited harmonica solo. The Blases' "Firefighter," opening Side 2, is another piece of studio craft, putting agile drums and piano forward in the mix and treating the lead vocals more forcefully (someone might say theatrically) than anyone else on the record.

The purest rock and roll here is the Plague Dogs' "It's Like That," a non-sense I-IV rave that proves David Aaron Clark and his comrades had the dirtiest garage of all the Brunswick garage bands. This is as nihilistic as anything else on the record, but it doesn't require angst-ridden posing to get that way; New Grungewick is a much less interesting turn to live in since these Dogs split up.

The old reliable I-IV chord sequence appears again in Third Party's "Fade to Grey," but not to good effect: on top of tuning problems and odd guitar tones, there's a lot of shopworn sensitivity about sex ("you will realize and take my heart in hand...") — it's obvious this lyricist needs to hear Tom Lehrer's "Masochism Tango," and *quickly*). Time-tested housekeeper strategies also fail to save the Vendettas' "Leave Me Alone," a medium-rousing but basically nondescript number at a punk tempo.

The *Wooden Soldiers* (Hub City's answer to the Meat Puppets and the only local band to be nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in editorial cartooning) contribute their single "Commercial Avenue" and raise the record's danceability quotient by a giant margin. "Comm. Ave." shares the antiseptic-production problem with the rest of their EP, but it's a likable song with real hooks and sharp attention to details; the *Soldiers* turn their corners on dimes instead of cutting them.

Destroy All Bands follows with a completely antithetical piece of ill humor, "No Time Left," full of Zeppelin 16th-note chugs and dissonant licks; it's closer to metal than your aging rock reporter tends to enjoy, but it may get by on drums and adrenalin if you're in a headbanging mood. The album closes with a slice of minimalist perfection, "Large Plain Pie" by Tom's Electric Tombstone: the unaccompanied guitar is barely competent, and there's no extra cheese on the vocal, either; nothing could be more appropriate.

There isn't really a "New Brunswick sound" that you could compare to the instantly identifiable noises from Athens, Minneapolis, Hoboken or Lawndale, Calif.; still, there's an attitude that's 100 percent Brunfiness, and *Mental Floss* gets it across. It wouldn't be a bad idea to put out one of these compilations every year or two; everyone in town knows there are some surprising bands hiding under rocks and behind bushes around here.

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Spike Lee's already got it

Screen Tan

by Steven Hart

Having scored a surprise hit with his low budget debut *She's Gotta Have It* — and sick to death of being called the black Woody Allen — Spike Lee wisely set out to beat the sophomore jinx by heading in a completely different direction with his follow-up feature. Indeed, *School Daze* is miles beyond its predecessor in terms of ambition, scope and budget. But it could have used some of the earlier movie's focus. A satiric musical, a raucous campus comedy in the *Animal House* mold, a look at caste distinctions among blacks — Lee has packed *School Daze* with the beginnings for several fascinating movies. Unfortunately, he didn't bother to finish any of them.

School Daze is set in Mission College, a black-run institution modeled on Morehouse (Lee's alma mater), where the student body is split along color lines: here the light-skinned "Wannabees" (i.e., wanna be white) scorn the dark-toned "Jigaboos." The Gamma Phi Gamma fraternity, led by "Big Brother Allmight-tee" Julian (Giancarlo Esposito), is a conservative force that interferes with anti-apartheid demonstrations; their women's auxiliary, the Gamma Rays, devotes its time to little else besides visits to the beauty parlor and preparations for the imminent Homecoming celebration. The other social grouping, Da Fellas, follows Dap Dunlap (Larry Fishburne, a.k.a. Pee-Wee Herman's buddy Cowboy Curtis), who does his best to stir up some kind of activism. Ironies and contradictions multiply everywhere: the college itself, underfinanced because all-black schools are considered anachronistic, depends on South African investments to stay solvent.

Though he insists on turning out black-made, black-run films that offer no concessions to white viewers, Lee doesn't suffer from the pull-the-wagons-in-a-circle mentality that often accompanies such projects. Rather than traffick in tired jokes about palefaces who can't dance (see Eddie Murphy's latest concert film for examples), Lee takes aim at all sides without undue worry over positive role models. *She's Gotta Have It* generated considerable heat with its depiction of the friction between black men and women, and his caustic look at intraracial prejudice and spoofing of black fraternities got his filming privileges revoked at the four Atlanta University Center Schools (including Morehouse) where much of *School Daze* was shot. Alone among homegrown American filmmakers, Lee has the instincts of a natural born satirist: hot water is where he feels most at home.

Lee has style as well as nerve. He does the frats to a turn but he gives them their moment of glory with a riotous stepp show and follows it up with an initiation party that glows with libidinal energy, then in the most audacious scene turns a face-off between the Gamma Rays and the Jigaboos into a Busby Berkeley musical number called "Straight and Nappy." The travail of Half-Pint (Lee himself), a pledge ordered to bring back a "freak" for the brothers, becomes a cleverly-edited roundelay of forlorn male come-on lines and withering female responses, every bit as funny as the catalogue of doggy propositions in *She's Gotta Have It*. When the ultimately disastrous Homecoming Game gets underway (after an amusing pep talk from coach Ossie Davis), Lee ignores the gridiron and keeps his camera on the stands, where the real action is.

School Daze takes up a dazzling number of themes and styles, but each one is abandoned halfway through as Lee veers off on another interesting tangent. Are all-black colleges obsolete? Is divestiture some-

thing more than a trendy political gesture? Is Julian onto something when he scoffs at Dap's passion for "Af-ri-can mumbo jumbo"? Da Fellas are badly shaken by a meeting with some townies — implacably hostile lower class blacks who accuse them of putting on airs — but after some soul-searching on the drive back to campus the guys, and Lee, simply drop the subject.

And the man who convincingly imagined himself into the heroine's shoes in *She's Gotta Have It* gives the women pretty short shrift this time out. When Julian orders Jane to prove her loyalty to Gamma by sleeping with Half-Pint, then feigns anger over what happened in order to ditch her, Lee scamps Jane's anguish while tacitly inviting us to snicker at the diminutive pledge's good luck. Dap's girlfriend Rachel (the Brooklyn-born actress Kyme) barely exists outside the bedroom; when she accuses him of liking her "because I'm the darkest thing on this campus, good for your all-the-way-down black image," Lee lets him off the hook too easily — though their reconciliation scene, in which Dap's pleas evoke scathing commentary from every woman in the dorm, admittedly earns some of the film's biggest laughs. The thematic sloppiness is echoed by bits of technical ineptitude, such as the muddy sound that spoils parts of the "Straight and Nappy" sequence, though for the most part the film is quite handsomely made.

Spike Lee is obviously determined to be heard no matter what happens: he and his buddies did their own advertising campaign in Brooklyn and Greenwich Village when it seemed Columbia Pictures wasn't going to push *School Daze*, and the two books he wrote to accompany each of his films (*Spike Lee's Gotta Have It* and *Uplift the Race*) make it clear he has career smarts and ingenuity as well as talent. Here's hoping that discipline becomes part of the formula as well. To end a film by having the characters troop onto the quad, gaze directly at the camera and implore "Please wake up" indicates laziness and self-indulgence on the part of the filmmaker, not the viewer. A man not yet 30 is a bit young to start playing Fellini.

Rated R. Showing at area theaters.

I'm still not quite sure what to make of *The Serpent and the Rainbow*, in which Wade Davis claimed not only to have confirmed the existence of zombies in Haiti but also to have discovered the drug voodoo societies use to create somnambulist slaves. I suppose it should be taken on faith that it's all true, Davis being a Harvard man and all, but when I read the book it bothered me that all the Haitians sounded like Sydney Greenstreet in *The Maltese Falcon*.

I do, however, know what to make of *The Serpent and the Rainbow*, a diverting horror tale "inspired" by the Davis book. Wes Craven, the director and scenarist, keeps the Sydney Greenstreet touches ("In Haiti there are secrets we keep even from ourselves," somebody murmurs at one point) and ups the mar-larkey content, which centers on a young scientist searching for the secret of zombification and coming up against Baby Doc's henchmen, the Ton Ton Macoute. *The Serpent and the Rainbow* isn't as good as *A*

Nightmare on Elm Street, Craven's moment of lunatic glory, but the filmmaker deploys a good assortment of shock effects — including a gut-clenching sequence in which the zombified hero is buried alive with only a frisky tarantula for company — and directs with enough competence to quiet the suspicion, created by his last few pictures, that he is the 1980s version of Edward D. Wood Jr. Bill Pullman and Cathy Tyson are acceptable as the hero and his Haitian flame, but Zakes Mokae is truly creepy as the Macoute captain, who straps Pullman down and hisses: "I don't want your money. I want to hear you scream." Pullman does, and so will you. (Rated R, showing at area theaters.)

Ironweed, adapted by William Kennedy from his wildly overpraised novel (capstone to a trilogy that proves bad things come in threes), is a fearful bore. The protagonist, Francis Phelan, is an ex-baseball

player who comes to Depression era Albany after 20 years of drifting and drinking. He hooks up with his old flame and old pal, both down-and-outers themselves, and for the next two and one-half hours they wander from one would-be poignant scene to the next. Hector Babenco, who directed the muddled *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, gives no sense of movement or purpose to the listless narrative, leaving his able cast (notably Jack Nicholson, Meryl Streep and Tom Waits) to twist slowly, slowly in the wind. An increasingly ludicrous device has the guilt-wracked Francis pursued by the highly visible ghosts of men he has killed, either accidentally or with justification, and at one point they gather across the street to hold candles and sing a song. (The Mormon Tabernacle Dead Choir?) When this dusty culture package finally grinds to a close, you want to scream from sheer relief. (Rated PG, showing at area theaters.)



Giancarlo Esposito and Spike Lee in *School Daze*.

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Sports

Boslet, Hrubic optimistic about their football future

By STEVE SMITH

You read about it quite often on the sports pages.

The script usually reads something like this: Local high school star is heavily recruited by a series of colleges, signs a letter of intent with a certain university, is told he'll be an important member of a team, then winds up languishing on the bench for most, if not all, of his college career.

Mike Boslet is convinced that will not happen to him.

The Edison High School quarterback standout signed a letter of intent last Wednesday to play college ball with the University of Maine, a Division I-AA school that competes in the Yankee Conference. While some high school players nationwide have some skepticism about whether they're getting a sales pitch or not while being recruited, Boslet knows he's been dealt with honestly concerning his football career with the Black Bears.

"The thing that really turned me on was the way the coaches acted," explained the 6-foot-4, 205-pounder about the Maine coaching staff. "They were very straight forward and honest with me. I liked that a lot."

BOSLET'S TEAMMATE, tight end Scott Hrubic, also signed a letter of intent last Wednesday to matriculate at Holy Cross this Fall. Like Boslet, Hrubic was impressed with the overall honesty and attitude at the Worcester, Massachusetts-based school.

"I like the team attitude up there," said Hrubic, a 6-foot-5, 230-pounder. "The coaches really care about the players up there. They respect what you want. They'll give you a shot at

the position you want to play, not try to move you around."

As it stands now, Boslet will probably be red-shirted this Fall unless there is an injury to starting junior signalcaller Mike Buck (6-3, 230), who broke 11 Division I-AA passing records last season. If Buck does get hurt, Boslet should step in right away as the number one quarterback at the Orono, Maine-based university.

"Right now, I'm the second string quarterback," noted Boslet. "It looks real good—that's one of the reasons I went there. Eventually, it looks like I'll be starting for three years."

Boslet enjoyed a solid season for the 3-5-1 Eagles last Fall, scoring five touchdowns, tossing nine touchdown passes and throwing just five interceptions in 220 attempts. Maine's offensive passing scheme is very similar to Edison's, so the transition may not be overly difficult for Boslet once he begins playing under Black Bear head coach Tim Murphy.

"They run a multiple pro offense and use the seven-step dropback," stated Boslet, who plans on majoring in Business. "They really liked me on film. They want a kid who can throw the 15-yard out on a strike, and they like the way I go back in the pocket. They also said I showed great poise. Overall, they liked me because I fit into their program."

"He comes in as their top recruited quarterback," said Edison High head coach Gary Reiter. "He has the size and skills they can build an offense around. He a tough kid, a competitive kid. He has a lot of confidence in his ability. I think Mike is going to make a very smooth transition."

The Black Bears return 18 starters from a team that made the Division I-AA playoffs last year, and with the good reputation the university has academically, Boslet seems as delighted with his college selection as kid with a dollar bill in his hand at the local candy store.

"It's a dream come true," declared Boslet. "They have everything I'm interested in. They have a good reputation academically and athletically, and the coaches can all relate to the players real well. I'm excited."

HRUBIC IS HOPING to start this Fall at tight end for the Crusaders, who compete on the Division I-AA level in the Colonial Conference. Edison gridiron enthusiasts vividly recall Hrubic's strong blocking ability and pass catching prowess this past season.

"There are not many kids up there

(Holy Cross) that are as big or athletic as Scott," noted Reiter. "He has the skill to play the position and speed in addition to that. And he can catch the ball. He has great hands and he can block."

Hrubic was asked what his best assets were.

"I can block and catch well for my size," said Hrubic, who plans to major in Business Economics. "I feel I can run with the ball well once I catch it and I can block well."

Not only is Hrubic about as sure-handed as they come, but he also has decent speed— he's been time in 4.8 seconds in the 40-yard dash. He explained what he thought his role would be during his freshman campaign.

"Right now, I'm looking to start," explained Hrubic. "He (head coach Mark Duffner) said they'll definitely be a spot for me on special teams."

As was the case with Boslet, Hrubic likes the fact that the coaches are up front with him and will be there to lend a hand if a problem arises. He also enjoyed meeting members of the Crusader squad as well.

"The players are really friendly," said Hrubic. "And the coaches are there to help. I see Mark Duffner as a father figure."

A solid student, Hrubic is currently ranked at number 69 in a senior class of 450 at Edison. A member of the National Honor Society, Hrubic likes the fine academic reputation that Holy Cross has earned over the years.

"They have a good academic reputation up there," said Hrubic. "I like that a lot."

It seems quite evident that neither young man could have made a wiser choice.



MIKE BOSLET
...solid QB



SCOTT HRUBIC
...Holy Cross-bound

Pravato's half-court shot at buzzer lifts J.P. Stevens

Boys basketball

Senior guard Rocky Pravato sank a three-point half-court shot at the buzzer to lift the J.P. Stevens High School boys basketball team to a dramatic 54-52 triumph over John F. Kennedy in a Greater Middlesex Conference game Tuesday night in Edison.

Pravato finished with 13 points, eight assists, and five steals for the Hawks (15-5), while junior teammate Tony Newsom chipped in with 21 points and 10 rebounds for the winners. Newsom dropped in 12 of his points in the final quarter.

Lennie Reyes paced the Mustangs (10-7) with 23 points.

John F. Kennedy (52)
Appice 2-3-7; Reyes 9-5-23; Staklinski 2-3-7; Soper 3-0-7; Coppola 0-2-2; Panko 2-0-4; Thorn 1-0-2. Totals 19-13-52.

J.P. Stevens (54)
Pravato 4-2-13; Newsom 8-4-21; Clark-Christie 2-3-7; Bowen 2-2-8; Zatorski 1-0-3; Layne 2-0-4. Totals 19-11-54.
John F. Kenn 13 11 08 20 - 52
J.P. Stevens 09 12 10 23 - 54
Three-point goals: JFK-Soper. JPS-Pravato (3), Newsom, Zatorski.

Metuchen 68, Hoffman 36: Junior forward Larry Spigner continued his brilliant play by popping in 31 points, grabbing 22 rebounds, making four steals, and handing out six assists to power the Bulldogs (18-3) to their seventh win in a row Tuesday night in Metuchen.

Senior Charlie Grubbs did not play for the winners due to an ankle injury.

Spigner, who was 16 points shy of 1,000 for his career at press time, netted seven of his points in the second quarter when Metuchen opened up a 33-18 halftime lead. Billy Bandola added 10 points to the winning attack. Mark Lewis topped the Governors (8-12) with 15 points.

Hoffman (36)
Moskal 1-0-2; Lewis 4-6-15; Boyer 5-2-12; Bialoblocki 1-0-3; Olsen 2-0-4. Totals 13-8-36.

Metuchen (68)
Spigner 13-5-31; Bandola 3-3-10; Wielage 4-0-8; Smith 4-4-9; Walters 2-0-4; Hargwood 1-0-2; DeSantis 1-0-2; Salmon 1-0-2. Totals 29-9-68.
Hoffman 10 08 07 11 - 36
Metuchen 14 19 19 16 - 68
Three-point goals: M-Bandola. H-Lewis, Bialoblocki.

Perth Amboy 76, Bishop Ahr 56: Matt Golden and Matt Kervick pumped in 14 and 11 points, respectively, but it wasn't enough as the Trojans dropped their season finale Tuesday night in Edison.

Bishop Ahr lost its last 13 games to finish the year at 4-17.

John Carpenter and Ray Stewart netted eight points each in the third quarter when the Panthers (14-8) rolled to a 55-36 lead. Carpenter led the winners with 17 points, while Stewart and Darrell Cross added 16 apiece.

Perth Amboy (76)
Juliano 2-2-6; Stewart 8-0-16; Cross 7-2-16; Hubbard 1-0-2; Vira 0-1-1; Ritchard 3-0-6; Carpenter 8-1-17; Soanaf 1-0-2; Tiv 4-1-9; Curent 0-1-1. Totals 34-8-76.

Bishop Ahr (56)
Albinowski 3-0-6; Wilson 3-4-10; Kervick 3-0-11; Golden 7-4-14; Gumina 4-0-8; Fitzgerald 1-2-4; Kuchie 1-0-2. Totals 22-6-56.
Perth Amboy 17 14 24 21 - 76
Bishop Ahr 11 14 11 20 - 56
Three-point goals: BA-Kervick (3), Wilson.

St. Joseph's 84, Marist (Bayonne) 60: Junior Jim Kinahan flipped in 23 points, while senior forward Mike Reilly tossed in 21 points and grabbed

Falcon trackmen third in championship meet

NEW YORK, N.Y.— The St. Joseph's High School boys winter track team finished third in the Catholic Conference Championships at Manhattan College Saturday by placing in nine events.

Geoff Taylor was second in the high jump with a leap of six feet, two inches, while the mile relay team of Tom Jurcsek, Peter Ayoub, Bob Steitz, and Jeff Russalesi took second in 3:38.9.

The Falcons' Chris Drury was third in the pole vault (10-6), while

seven rebounds to power the Falcons (18-3) Monday night in Metuchen.

Kinahan drilled in five three-pointers as the Falcons connected on six in all from the field. Sophomore guard Bob Timinski netted all eight of his points in the fourth quarter when the Falcons erupted on a 24-10 spree to put the game away.

Senior guard Tony Allen chipped in with 11 points and six assists, while senior Mike Klag added seven points and seven rebounds. Senior Brian Francfort chipped in with five points and six assists.

Paul Oshust and Kevin George scored 26 and 17 points, respectively, for Marist (7-12).

Marist (60)
George 5-6-17; Mitchell 2-0-5; Oshust 9-5-26; Jackowski 1-0-2; Guilfoyle 2-1-6; Policastro 0-2-2; Lane 1-0-2. Totals 20-14-60.

St. Joseph's (84)
Allen 4-3-11; Reilly 9-3-21; Kinahan 9-0-23; Gesek 0-1-1; Klag 3-1-7; Francfort 1-2-5; Timinski 4-0-8; Langan 1-1-3; Labosco 1-0-2; Rebak 1-1-3. Totals 33-12-84.
Marist High 09 24 17 10 - 60
St. Joseph's 17 22 21 24 - 84
Three-point goals: M-Oshust (3), Mitchell, Guilfoyle. SJ-Kinahan (5), Francfort.

Metuchen 68, New Brunswick 58: Larry Spigner fired in 12 of his 24 points in the opening quarter when the Bulldogs took an 18-10 lead last Friday night in this Blue Division game in New Brunswick.

Ayoub placed third in the 55-meter high hurdles in 8.0 seconds.

Junior Rob DeFillipis took fourth in the two-mile run (9:58.3), while Chris Horan finished fourth in the mile (4:41.9).

Jim Posel was fifth in the shot put with a toss of 46-feet, four inches, while Steitz also placed fifth in the long jump with a leap of 19-feet, 10-inches. Also, the two-mile relay quartet of Tom Hines, Steve Novitsky, DeFillipis, and Horan finished fifth in 8:46.



—Photo by Sue Utzielak

JUNIOR BERNADETTE ADAMS of the J.P. Stevens High School girls basketball team eyes the basket at the low post during the Hawks' 45-19 triumph over Woodbridge last Friday in Edison. Adams finished with 19 points.

Watson powers Metuchen to tenth straight triumph

Junior Marie Watson flipped in a game-high 24 points to spark the red-hot Metuchen High School girls basketball team to a 60-52 victory over John F. Kennedy in a Greater Middlesex Conference game Tuesday in Iselin.

The triumph was the tenth in a row for the Bulldogs, and improved their season record to 17-4.

"What I really like about this team is that they don't give up," said Metuchen head coach Kathy Glutz. "No matter what the adversity may be, they have the ability to come from behind. They're confident they're going to win."

The Bulldogs rallied from a two-point fourth quarter deficit to nail down the win. Cathy Bonica chipped in with 16 points for the winners.

Denise Koury sank 19 points for the Mustangs (5-14).

Metuchen (60)
Watson 11-2-24; Bonica 6-4-16; Bangert 1-7-9; Dnistran 4-1-9; Lynch 1-0-2. Totals 23-14-60.

John F. Kennedy (52)
Koury 8-2-19; Kole 3-1-12; Mulhall 6-2-14; Stappi 1-1-3; Sweigin 1-0-2; Wojton 1-0-2. Totals 22-6-52.

Metuchen 12 16 08 24 - 60
J.F. Kenn 16 12 10 14 - 52
Three-point goals: JFK-Koury, Kole.

Colonia 54, Edison 50: Stephanie Brodack drilled in a season-high 25 points and grabbed 13 rebounds but it wasn't enough for the Eagles (11-8) Tuesday in Edison.

"She (Brodack) did a fantastic job," praised Edison head coach Jim Dickinson. "They (Colonia) shut us down a little in the second half."

The Eagles were without the services of Melinda Darby, who sat out the game with a sprained ankle.

Stephanie Stolz poured in eight of her 17 points in the third quarter when the Patriots (6-11) took a 40-34 lead. Jennifer Gaines led the winners with 18 points.

Colonia (54)
Gaines 7-4-18; Stolz 8-0-17; Swain 1-0-2; Brzelomski 2-1-5; D'Alesandro 1-1-3; Parker 2-1-5; Howard 2-0-4. Totals 23-7-54.

Edison (50)
Novis 3-4-10; Kanski 3-4-10; Barwick 1-0-2; Brodack 11-3-25; Battaglia 1-1-3. Totals 19-11-50.

Colonia 16 10 14 14 - 54
Edison 16 14 04 16 - 50
Three-point goals: E-Kanski, C-Stolz.

North Brunswick 39, J.P. Stevens 23: Junior Bernadette Adams finished with 13 points but it wasn't

Bulldog cagers seeded second for state playoffs

The Metuchen High School boys basketball team has drawn the number two seed in Central Jersey, Group I for the upcoming NJSIAA Boys Basketball Tournament, which commences on Monday, Feb. 29 with preliminary round games.

Dates of first-round games have not been decided yet. It's up to the two teams that are playing each other to decide on a date and time for their contest.

The Bulldogs will face the winner of the sixth-seeded South River at third-seeded Green Brook contest in the semifinal round. Manville is the top seed in the bracket.

Also, J.P. Stevens was tabbed as the third seed in CJ, Group 4, and will host sixth-seeded Manalapan. The winner of that contest will face the winner of Perth Amboy (seventh seed) at second-seeded Piscataway. Trenton is that section's top seed.

In South Parochial Group A, St. Joseph's of Metuchen is seeded fourth and will host fifth-seeded Holy

Girls basketball

enough for the Hawks (4-12) Tuesday in Edison.

Joann Puleio drilled in five of her game-high 16 points in the second quarter when the Raiders took a 21-13 halftime lead.

North Brunswick (39)
Rein 1-2-4; Puleio 5-6-16; Libro 2-4-8; Hudson 0-1-1; Eayers 2-4-8; Williams 1-0-2. Totals 11-7-39.

J.P. Stevens (23)
Adams 5-3-13; Fisher 0-4-4; Myrowitz 1-0-2; Stephens 0-1-1; Belluscio 1-0-2; Daniels 0-1-1. Totals 7-9-23.
N.Brunswick 10 11 06 12 - 39
J.P. Stevens 07 06 04 06 - 23
Three-point goals: None.

Rutgers Prep 42, Wardlaw-Hartridge 37: Senior Sasha Blechinger netted 10 points, corralled 15 rebounds, and made five steals but it wasn't enough for the Rams (10-4) in this New Jersey Prep League game

Spigner closes gap in hoop scoring race

We're headed down the home stretch.

Senior Rocky Pravato of J.P. Stevens and junior Marie Watson of Metuchen continue to lead all boys and girls scorers, respectively, in high school basketball competition in the Metuchen-Edison Review area, as they have for nearly the entire 1987-88 campaign.

However, junior Larry Spigner of Metuchen has closed the gap somewhat between himself and Pravato among the boys and is currently one of the hottest players in Middlesex County.

Here is a look at the Top Five scorers in the area, as of Tuesday morning:

BOYS

1. Rocky Pravato, J.P. Stevens: Games (19)...Points (383)...Average (20.2).
2. Larry Spigner, Metuchen: Games (20)...Points

Tuesday in Somerset.

Julie Cunjac drilled in nine of her 17 points in the second quarter when the Argonauts (10-7) opened up a 25-16 lead at halftime. Heather Bensko chipped in with eight of her 20 points in the deciding period.

Senior guard Laura Stout added 10 points in a losing effort.

Wardlaw-Hartridge (37)
Lyons 3-1-7; Blechinger 4-2-10; Sullivan 2-1-5; Stout 5-0-10; Malitano 2-1-5. Totals 16-5-37.

Rutgers Prep (42)
Cunjac 7-2-17; Gussis 1-0-2; Bensko 9-2-20; Chelel 0-1-1; Coleman 0-2-2. Totals 17-7-42.
Ward-Hartridge 11 05 09 12 - 37
Rutgers Prep 08 17 06 11 - 42
Three-point goals: RP-Cunjac.

Metuchen 53, New Brunswick 50: Senior Jill Bangert connected on five straight free throws with less than two minutes remaining in the fourth quarter to lift the Bulldogs in this Blue Division game last Friday in Metuchen.

Bangert finished the evening with nine points. Junior Marie Watson

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(390)...Average (19.5).

3. Tony Newsom, J.P. Stevens: Games (19)...Points (345)...Average (18.2).
4. Mike Reilly, St. Joseph's: Games (20)...Points (360)...Average (18.0).
5. Charlie Grubbs, Metuchen: Games (19)...Points (308)...Average (16.2).

GIRLS

1. Marie Watson, Metuchen: Games (18)...Points (342)...Average (19.0).
2. Bernadette Adams, J.P. Stevens: Games (15)...Points (270)...Average (18.0).
3. Chris Shumaker, Bishop Ahr: Games (19)...Points (328)...Average (18.0).
4. Kerry Sullivan, Wardlaw-Hartridge: Games (13)...Points (200)...Average (15.4).
5. Jill Bangert, Metuchen: Games (20)...Points (303)...Average (15.1).

Spirit of Absecon. The number one seed in that bracket is McCorristin of Trenton.

Central Jersey, Group IV
Cedar Ridge (9) at Hunterdon Central (8) winner will play at Trenton Central (1).
Neptune (5) at Woodbridge (4). Manalapan (6) at J.P. Stevens (3).
Perth Amboy (7) at Piscataway (2).

Central Jersey, Group I
Highland Park (5) at Asbury Park (4) winner will play at Manville (1).
South River (6) at Green Brook (3) winner will play at Metuchen (2).

South Parochial Group A
Holy Cross (9) at Notre Dame (8) winner at McCorristin (1).
Holy Spirit (Absecon) (5) at St. Joseph's (4).

Paul VI of Haddonfield (6) at St. Rose, Belmar (3).
Camden Catholic (7) at Christian Brothers Academy, Lincoft (2).

GIRLS

Metuchen has earned the second seed as well in Central Jersey, Group 1. The Bulldogs will host seventh-seeded Spotswood in opening round play. The state tournament begins on Monday, Feb. 29.

In Central Jersey, Group 4, Edison is seeded ninth and will travel to meet eighth-seeded Middletown North. The winner of that game will

meet top-seeded Neptune on Neptune's home floor.

Also, Bishop Ahr has been seeded ninth in the South Jersey, Parochial

A bracket and will travel to battle eighth-seeded McCorristin of Trenton.

The winner of that contest then meets top-seeded Holy Cross in Delran.

Central Jersey, Group IV
Edison (9) at Middletown North (8) winner at Neptune (1).
Freshold Township (12) at Hightstown (5) winner at Hunterdon Central (4).
Howell (11) at Manalapan (6) winner at Sayreville (3).

Perth Amboy (10) at Cedar Ridge (7) winner at Trenton Central (2).

Central Jersey, Group I
Millville (8) at Hoffman (1).
Spotswood (7) at Metuchen (2).
Highland Park (5) at New Brunswick (4).

Bound Brook (6) at Keyport (3).

South Parochial Group A
Bishop Ahr (9) at McCorristin (8) winner at Holy Cross (1).

Notre Dame, Trenton (5) at Camden Catholic (4).

Monsignor Donovan, Toms River (6) at St. John Vianney, Holmdel (3).

St. Rose, Belmar (7) at Paul VI, Haddonfield (2).

Trojan grapplers lose heartbreaker

By MIKE RANTKOWSKI
EDISON— Anyone who says that high school wrestling is not exciting should have attended last Saturday's Colonia-Bishop Ahr clash.

The match went down to the final bout of the day- the heavyweight match- before it was decided when Colonia's Lawrence Archie pinned the Trojans' Todd Vogel in 1:28, giving the Patriots a 29-27 victory over Bishop Ahr.

The Patriots improved to 9-7 after building a big lead in the lower weight classes, then held off a late Trojan surge by claiming the heavyweight bout.

Bishop Ahr fell to 7-8 with the loss. TROJAN HEAD COACH Scott Runkel was disappointed after the match.

"I really thought we could have beaten Colonia today," Runkel said. "But we lost some close decisions in the middle weights which eventually led to the loss."

A bright spot for Bishop Ahr was the continued contribution by senior

School wrestling

Nick Tonzola. Tonzola wrestled at 135, and in one of the most exciting matches, drew with Greater Middlesex Conference Tournament champion Brian Taylor, 5-5.

"Tonzola really wrestled extremely well," noted Runkel. "Taylor is very tough, but Nick hung in there with him all the way."

Things started off well for Bishop Ahr. After two consecutive forfeits at 103, Runkel was able to move down John Collins from 112, and Collins came away with a technical fall over Colonia's Chris Conete, 16-0.

"Collins dropped enough weight to qualify at 103, so I was able to move several down a weight and fill in the gaps," stated Runkel.

The next four bouts went to the Patriots. At 112, the Trojans' Mike Pe-

tronella moved down from 119 and dropped a tough 2-0 decision to Jim Karaman. Moving into the 119 spot, Len DePinto lost via technical fall, 16-0, to Russ Introcaso. Introcaso, like DePinto, was also wrestling at a lower weight.

Colonia then took its third bout in a row when Michael Baron (125) scored an impressive 7-2 decision over Jim Mooney. Mooney had several chances to bring Baron down, but Baron made the most of his opportunities.

The Trojans were forced to forfeit at 130, then came Tonzola's draw with Taylor at 135 in the feature bout of the day. Bishop Ahr then won the 140-pound match when Jim Lepping edged Carl Gomes, 1-0.

The Patriots bounced right back though as Jamie DeZany captured the 145-pound bout by decisioning Dave Tighe, 4-1.

"I thought Dave was going to win that for us," Runkel said of the close match.

Bishop Ahr's strength is in the up-

per weight classes, and they stormed back with four consecutive wins to take a 27-23 lead. Tony Nitto (152) took John Mizerny, 3-0, then Trojan standout Tom Duffy (160) registered the first pin of the meet by decking Jim Derdepiano in 5:57.

"Duffy's pin really got some momentum going for us," Runkel stated.

Always reliable Mike Ianelli won a dramatic 8-6 decision over Frank Verducci at 171 to close the gap for Bishop Ahr. Archie Leonardis put the Trojans into the lead with his 18-9 victory over David Ronk in their 189-pound bout, and the entire match rested on the shoulders of heavyweight Todd Vogel.

Unfortunately, Colonia's Lawrence Archie was just too tough, registering his pin in only 1:28.

"Todd did his best, but Archie is too tough," said Runkel. "I think we could have won at least two of the lower weights, which would have changed the outcome, but unfortunately we couldn't."



—Photo by Sue Udzielak
AIMEE FISHER of J.P. Stevens shoots a one-hander over a Woodbridge player during the Hawks' 45-19 victory over the Barrons last Friday in Edison. Fisher had three points on the evening.

Edison wrestlers notch pair of wins

The Edison High School wrestling team concluded its dual meet season in winning style Saturday by posting a 43-27 triumph over North Brunswick and a 36-27 victory over South River in a tri-match in South River.

The victories boosted the Eagles' record to 8-4. South River (16-2) also recorded a 54-21 win over North Brunswick (8-3) in the other match.

Sophomore Joe Duhigg (112), the Greater Middlesex Conference Tournament runnerup, improved his seasonal record to 16-1-1 with a pin and a major decision for the Eagles, while Darryl Ianni picked up a pair of pins at 130 and 135.

School wrestling

171- Joe Guido (NB) p. Marlow Fitzgerald, 5:11
189- Carlo Soccio (NB) won by forfeit
HWT- Dan Horinczewich (E) p. Rich Ortiz, 5:51

Edison 36, South River 27
103- Scott Muscle (SR) tech fall over Scott Disbrow, 15-0, 5:10
112- Joe Duhigg (E) md. Steve Lutsko, 16-6
119- Rob DeSantis (SR) drew with Harold Parra, 4-4
125- Bob Murphy (E) p. Doug Rossano, 4:35
130- Sam Jacobone (E) p. Rusty Bara, 1:18
135- Darryl Ianni (E) p. Joe Bacciagaluppi, 0:59

140- Jon Guarino (E) d. James Harris, 7-6
145- John Evanson (SR) won by forfeit
152- Joe Cstari (SR) md. Scott O'Hara, 10-2
160- Chris Lau (E) d. Ian Evanovich, 13-7
171- Rich Byrd (SR) md. Marlow Fitzgerald, 15-4
189- Todd Czech (SR) won by forfeit
HWT- Dan Horinczewich (E) won by forfeit
Team records: Edison (8-4), South River (16-2), North Brunswick (8-8).

St. Joseph's 48, John F. Kennedy 24
St. Joseph's 53, South Brunswick 21:
The Falcons improved to 5-9 on the season during this tri-match Saturday afternoon in Iselin.

Dennis Crespo (119), Val Arminio (130), Peter Graybar (135), and Peter Pawlik (140) recorded two falls apiece to lead the St. Joseph's attack.

In the other tri-match bout, John F. Kennedy (3-10) ripped winless South Brunswick (0-12), 52-21.

St. Joseph's 48, John F. Kennedy 24
Tony Santoro (SJ) p. Andy DiNetta, 5:50
112- Pete Negro (JFK) d. Frank Micale, 1:59
119- Dennis Crespo (SJ) p. Lance Curry, 3:50
125- Luke Coyle (JFK) p. Lance Gremillion, 3:10
130- Val Arminio (SJ) p. Jay Lamperelli, 0:59
135- Peter Graybar (SJ) tech fall over Joe Klein, 4:53
140- Pete Pawlik (SJ) p. Dave Burricelli, 4:24
145- Jack Warren (JFK) d. Mike Payor, 1:16
152- Bill Burke (SJ) p. Oscar Betacourt, 1:16
160- Jim Berkery (SJ) p. Neil Polacasto, 5:36
171- Vic Schoenig (JFK) p. Paul Bove, 5:07
189- Ed Billings (JFK) won by forfeit
HWT- Jae Han (SJ) sd. Rick Kimmick, 13-0

St. Joseph's 53, South Brunswick 21
Todd Greene (SB) d. Tony Santoro, 12-5
112- Frank Micale (SJ) p. Neil Stockmaster, 1:21
119- Dennis Crespo (SJ) p. Glen Donaldson, 1:52
125- Jeff Goldberg (SB) p. Lance Gremillion, 0:52
130- Val Arminio (SJ) tech fall over Howard Keller, 4:21
135- Peter Graybar (SJ) p. Vince LoTito, 1:22
140- Pete Pawlik (SJ) p. Chris Belding, 1:19
145- Mike Payor (SJ) won by forfeit
152- Bill Burke (SJ) won by forfeit
160- Jim Berkery (SJ) won by forfeit
171- Paul Bove (SJ) won by forfeit
189- Rich Hague (SB) won by forfeit

Bulldog cagers earn tenth straight victory

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flipped in seven of her 15 points in the third quarter when the winners exploded on a 19-4 spree to rally for a 37-32 lead. Cathy Bonica tossed in six of her 13 points during the stanza.

The victory gave Metuchen a sweep of the season series. The Bulldogs nipped the Zebras, 57-55, in a double overtime thriller on Jan. 12.

Margaret Lewis topped the Zebras (13-6) with 18 points.

New Brunswick (50)
Rivera 4-0-8; Kemokai 2-1-5; Morris 4-0-8; Lewis 8-2-18; Rosario 1-4-6; Riley 1-0-2; Stevenson 1-0-2; Ebanks 0-1-1. Totals 20-10-50.

Metuchen (53)
DeNicola 1-2-4; Dnistran 2-5-9; Bangert 1-7-9; Lambdin 1-1-3; Bonica 6-1-13; Watson 7-1-15. Totals 18-17-53.
N. Brswk 14 04 18 - 50
Metuchen 11 07 19 16 - 53
Three-point goals: None.

J.P. Stevens 45, Woodbridge 19:
Bernadette Adams poured in a game-high 19 points to spark the Hawks last Friday in Edison.

Teammate Cheryl Mytrowitz chipped in with 12 points, while Debbie Belluscio added six for the winners, who exploded out to a 14-2 lead in the first quarter and never looked back.

Heidi Martyniuk led the Barrons (0-15) with six points.

Woodbridge (19)
Graham 1-0-2; Schwimer 2-0-4; Lesnesky 1-0-2; Martyniuk 3-0-6; Lekulitch 1-1-3; Leahy 1-0-2. Totals 9-1-9.

J.P. Stevens (45)
Fischer 1-1-3; Adams 8-3-19; Mytrowitz 5-2-12; Belluscio 2-2-6; Stephens 2-1-5. Totals 18-9-45.
Woodbridge 02 03 12 02 - 19
J.P. Stevens 14 05 15 11 - 45
Three-point goals: None.

Killcooley, Fitzsimmons are triple swim winners

MORRISTOWN— Junior Pat Killcooley and senior Jeff Fitzsimmons were triple winners to spark the St. Joseph's High School swimming team to an easy 106-50 triumph over Delbarton Tuesday afternoon at the 25-meter pool in the Morris Center YMCA.

The victory boosted the Falcons' record to 7-1, while Delbarton dipped to 7-3.

Killcooley captured the 100-meter butterfly in 1:04.41, the 100 breaststroke in 1:17.21 and teamed with Bill Goldstein, John Kennedy, and Fitzsimmons to take the 200 medley relay in 2:00.04.

Fitzsimmons won the 100 backstroke in 1:04.78, and also combined with Jason Singalwitch, Jeff Totz,

and Derek Sztot to claim victory in the 400 freestyle relay (4:08.41).

Sztot also took the 200 freestyle (2:10.51), while Goldstein won the 100 freestyle in 59.45 seconds. Sophomore teammate Lance DeLuca captured the 400 freestyle in 4:26.54, while senior Jeff Quinn took the 200 individual medley in 2:20.99.

The Falcons will compete in the National Catholic Swimming Championships this weekend at Villanova University in Philadelphia, Pa.

Swim-A-Thon set at Wardlaw

EDISON— The Booster Club of Wardlaw-Hartridge School will hold its annual Swim-A-Thon at the Upper School on Inman Avenue tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Students, parents, faculty, staff, and friends all participate in the event. Funds raised from the Swim-A-Thon will be used to support the athletic programs for the Upper and Lower Schools. Additional information concerning sponsoring swimmers or viewing the event is available at the Upper and Lower School offices.

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Meeker, Moyle, Hoang lead Metuchen Grapplers

EDISON— The Metuchen Grapplers youth wrestling team received pins from Brian Meeker (71), Shawn Moyle (77), and Quoc Hoang (94), and a technical fall from Alan Febus (101) to power their way to a 33-28 victory over the Edison A wrestling squad recently.

The victory boosted Metuchen's record to 4-1 and marked the first time in several years that Metuchen had beaten Edison.

Metuchen 33, Edison A 28

56- Clint Vicker (E) p. Justin Killan, 2:12
61- Adam Willis (E) d. David Honig, 15-0
64- Randy Einhorn (M) d. John Rotella, 3-2
68- Anthony Cortese (E) d. Dan Ruddy, 13-12
71- Brian Meeker (M) p. Mike Malinconico, 1:21
74- Rich Mellase (E) p. Jason Erickson, 2:09
77- Shawn Moyle (M) p. Zack Hoppe, 0:44
81- Adrian Velasquez (M) won by forfeit
87- Mark Pappas (E) d. Chris Tonzola, 11-7
94- Quoc Hoang (M) p. Matt Lechelt, 2:10
101- Alan Febus (M) tech fall over Chip Frank, 15-0, 1:20
111- David Stephens (E) d. Wayne Taylor, 8-7

St. Peter's gains top seed

EAST BRUNSWICK— St. Peter's of New Brunswick was selected as the top seed for the Greater Middlesex Conference Boys Basketball Tournament, based on votes from the conference's coaches who gathered Sunday at East Brunswick High School.

The tourney began with opening round games last night. The second set of opening round games will take place tonight at various sites.

Here is a look at how the 16 teams were seeded and what their records were at the time of the seedings:

Team Seedings
1. St. Peter's (17-2); 2. St. Joseph's (17-3); 3. J.P. Stevens (14-5); 4. John F. Kennedy (10-6); 5. New Brunswick Tech (14-4); 6. Metuchen (17-3); 7. Carteret (15-6); 8. Woodbridge (14-6); 9. Perth Amboy (13-8); 10. South Brunswick (13-7); 11. Highland Park (12-8); 12. Cedar Ridge (11-9); 13. Piscataway Vo-Tech (16-7); 14. North Brunswick (10-10); 15. East Brunswick (9-13); 16. South Plainfield (10-10).

Hoffman collects top seed

EAST BRUNSWICK— Hoffman of South Amboy was awarded the top seed for the Greater Middlesex Conference Girls Basketball Tournament, which commenced with opening round games last night.

The Lady Guvs were tabbed by conference coaches at the tournament seeding meeting Sunday at East Brunswick High School. Hoffman was scheduled to face 16th-seeded Piscataway Vo-Tech last

night. Here is a look at how the 16 teams were seeded and what their records were at the time of the seedings:

Girls Team Seedings
1. Hoffman (20-1); 2. St. Peter's (18-0); 3. Sayreville (17-1); 4. St. Mary's (16-2); 5. Metuchen (16-4); 6. South Plainfield (13-7); 7. Cedar Ridge (13-6); 8. Highland Park (14-4); 9. Bishop Ahr (11-8); 10. St. Pius (14-4); 11. New Brunswick (13-6); 12. North Brunswick (12-7); 13. Edison (11-7); 14. East Brunswick (10-9); 15. Perth Amboy (12-9); 16. Piscataway Vo-Tech (12-8).

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LARRY SPIGNER

Junior

Metuchen

The 6-foot-3 forward had a superb week for the Bulldog basketball team last week. Spigner drilled in a season-high 31 points, grabbed 12 rebounds, made seven steals, and handed out five assists in Metuchen's 71-57 win over Highland Park last Tuesday; scored 20 points and corralled eight rebounds in a 59-51 victory over Monroe last Thursday; and pumped in 24 points in Metuchen's 68-58 triumph over New Brunswick last Friday.

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Board delays decisions on three pending matters

EDISON — Decisions on three pending cases again were held Tuesday night by the Board of Adjustment.

The applicants are Steve Latoni, who wants to legalize the addition of a second kitchen to his one-family residence at 52 Brookside Road; Joe E. Leasing, which seeks approval of parking in a residential zone to serve a commercial building at the corner of Route 27 and Suttons Lane, and Dr. Phyllis Sellino, who wants to conduct the practice of chiropractic in her home at 652 Grove Avenue.

Bernard Shirhar, Latoni's attorney was asked to submit a memorandum of law dealing with the definition of a family and a sketch showing the layout of the house involved.

When the application was heard at the board's January meeting, Latoni testified that the second kitchen was installed in the ground-level recreation area of the house for use by his in-laws, who had moved from Brooklyn to live with their daughter.

Shihar argued that the elements of the case paralleled those of a Matawan case in which the Appellate Division of Superior Court ruled that the addition of a second kitchen for use by elderly parents if no structural changes were made did not create a two-family house.

It was the court's determination that such an arrangement for the benefit of elderly family members fills a needed social purpose in today's world.

Shihar's memo will deal with the similarities between the two cases.

The sketch of the layout is designed to satisfy the board that the Latino residence remained unaltered in all other respects.

"The board would like to see a

Safe water topic for LWV

METUCHEN — Thursday's meeting of the League of Women Voters of Metuchen will pose the subject, "Safe Drinking Water — Now and In the Future?"

The meeting begins at 8 p.m. at the Metuchen Public Library, 480 Middlesex Avenue, and the public is invited to attend. Featured speakers will be J. Richard Tompkins, president of Middlesex Water Co., and Joseph Ritter, the utility's superintendent of water treatment.

Included on the program will be a short film about water company operations, along with a question and answer period from the audience.

People once believed glasses made in Venice would break if anyone put poison into them.

plan, the way out of the house, with doors," Shihar was told by board attorney Richard Kracht.

Agreeing somewhat reluctantly to the board's request for more time to consider his application was Joseph Gemelaro, owner of the building at Route 27 and Suttons that houses a beauty shop and has units for two additional businesses.

Gemelaro's plans to provide additional parking to the rear, which would encroach on a residential zone, encountered considerable neighborhood opposition when the matter was heard last month.

Gemelaro was told by Kracht that before reaching a decision the board wants a zoning officer to visit the beauty shop to determine how many operators are employed or how many work stations there are, which would be an indication of a future increase in staff.

"That does make a big difference in parking spaces," said Kracht, who

noted there seemed to be "a big dispute" on the subject.

Told that either he granted the extension of time or faced having a decision rendered that night, Gemelaro replied: "You grant me no choice."

Dr. Sellino also ran into neighborhood opposition when she appeared before the board last month seeking approval of a conditional use that would allow her to convert the garage of her house into a waiting room and office.

She testified that she was cutting back on her practice, which presently is housed elsewhere, and would be seeing only a limited number of patients.

Objectors testified that a boat, snowplows and other vehicles already are stored on the Sellino property and they expressed concern that the need for accommodating patients' cars might result in the backyard being used for storage and parking.

Elizabeth Sklarz named for national orchestra

EDISON — Elizabeth Sklarz has been chosen to play with the National Honors High School Orchestra, an ensemble of 160 high school musicians from across the country.

A junior at John P. Stevens High

School, Miss Sklarz will play the viola in the honors orchestra at the combined meeting of the National School Orchestra Association and the Music Educators National Conference. The meeting will be held in Indianapolis, Ind., during April.

Miss Sklarz is a violist in the Senior Regional High School Orchestra and the Edison String Orchestra. She was also principal violist in the All-State Orchestra when it performed at the New Jersey Education Association convention in Atlantic City last November.

Candidates for selection to the National Honors High School Orchestra were from among members of All-State orchestras, with each state being limited to 20 nominees.

Miss Sklarz began her studies in viola during 3rd grade and made her Carnegie Hall debut while in 7th grade. She has attended the Summer Music Conservatory of Southern Methodist University and the International String Conference at Immaculata College in Pennsylvania.

She also performed for four years with the New York Youth Symphony.

Miss Sklarz is the daughter of William and Dorothy Sklarz of Stephenville Parkway. She is interested in a possible career in music therapy.



ELIZABETH SKLARZ

Neighbors rally against house on undersized lot

EDISON — An undersized lot on Savoy Avenue around which the Country Estates homes were constructed some years back was the subject of another controversial hearing at Tuesday night's meeting of the Board of Adjustment.

Appearing before the board seeking variances that would enable him to construct a three-bedroom house of 2,100 square feet on the lot was John Bender.

However, a contingent of Country Estates residents rallied against the application and contended that a house of this size on a lot of only 4,860 square feet, as compared to the requirement of 10,000 square feet, would be out of character with the neighborhood. The property also has a frontage of only 50 feet as compared with the 85 feet required.

Variances for lot coverage, which would be 21 percent as compared to the permitted 20 percent, as well as for backyard depth also are needed.

"I hope to build a house that enhance the neighborhood," Bender testified.

When board member Charles Searfoss questioned if Bender had purchased the property knowing that it was undersized, Bender's attorney, Joseph Bonk, argued that this could not enter into the board's deliberations. Searfoss replied that he only was looking for possible "hardship grounds" to support the application.

The objectors reminded the board that in 1985 the son of the original owner of the property had been denied

similar variances and it was suggested that any hardship in this instance was self-created because requests by the developer of Country Estates to buy the land had been rejected.

As a result, it became an undersized island in the development.

Bonk presented evidence that Bender had made requests to adjoining property owners to buy strips of their lots to bring his closer to the required size but had been unsuccessful.

It was the position of the objectors that Country Estates is a unified development that was built according to standards and that Bender's proposed house would stick out like a

sore thumb.

When Michael DeMatteo, a real estate expert appearing as a witness for Bender, was asked by Bonk what else the lot might be used for, if not a house, he replied: "I don't know — a basketball court?"

The board put off reaching a decision on the application.

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The front window of Zippo's Car Stereo at 1650 Oak Tree Road was found smashed February 8. According to Patrolman DeChirico, the damage was caused by rock that had been removed from the surrounding landscaping. A sign on the lawn also was pushed over.

An aboveground pool on the property of Evelyn M. Sozio at 124 Woodbury Road was found February 8 to have been punctured by a sharp object. Patrolman Louis Kirsh reported the damage was discovered after it was observed that water was leaking from the pool.

A 1981 Mazda RX7 owned by Danielle Mucci of 31 Brookville Road was reported stolen February 8 from in front of her house. Mucci told Patrolman Michael Hegedus that the car was taken sometime between January 30 and when she returned home on the 8th after being away.

Computer equipment valued at approximately \$3,000 and an undetermined quantity of papers were stolen February 8 from the offices of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States at Raritan Plaza III in Raritan Center. According to Patrolmen John Guilfoyle and George Berne, there was no evidence of a forced entry.

Howard W. Robinson, 46, of 46 Reading Road, was arrested February 6 on a charge of aggravated assault after he allegedly struck Lisa McGill, 32, of Somerville on the back of the head with a 24-inch-long steel reinforcing rod. According to Patrolman Rod Benedickson and Alan Engel, McGill's head was split open and she was taken to Robert Wood Johnson Hospital. The officers were told that the attack took place during an argument in Robinson's apartment, which they described as "a shambles." Blood was splattered over the walls and in the bathroom sink and the sofas had been slashed with a knife, they reported.

A picture window at the home of Joan Kazlany at 11 Concord Street was smashed by an unknown object February 9. The victim told Patrolmen John Guilfoyle and Thomas DeChirico that she had heard a loud noise between 3 and 3:30 a.m.

A Blaupunkt stereo was reported stolen February 9 from a 1984 Volkswagen owned by Amy Altenhaus of Freshold while it was parked overnight at the Mazda Co. at 60 Distribution Boulevard. According to Patrolman Rod Benedickson, a vent window was broken to gain access to the interior of the car.

A \$189.27 shortage in Sunday's receipts was reported February 9 by Craig Pennella, owner of Phase II Sunoco at Route 1 North and Russell Avenue. He told Patrolman Rod Benedickson there have been similar shortages in the past and on each occasion the missing amount has been greater.

James Bradley, 33, of 9G Lyle Place, was arrested February 9 on a charge of simple assault after he allegedly struck Michelle Copeland of Plainfield in the mouth with a rake during a dispute at Bradley's residence. According to Patrolmen Patrick Kelly and Allen Sabo, Bradley said that he hit Copeland in self-defense and claimed that she had struck him in the head with a glass. The officers said that Bradley did have a smudge on his forehead. Copeland was taken to John F. Kennedy Medical Center by Edison First Aid Squad No. 2.

A wallet owned by Alice A. Daut of 6 Walnut Street was stolen February 9 from her pocketbook while she was at work at the Sizzler restaurant on Route 27. The purse was in a rear room used by employees when it was rifled between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., according to Patrolmen Anthony Pacella and Jeffrey Gottlieb. The wallet contained \$8 in cash, change, a VISA card and the victim's driver's license.

David West, 33, of Newark, was arrested February 9 on a charge of possession of narcotics and narcotics paraphernalia during the investigation of a shoplifting incident at Rickett's Home Center on Parsonage Road. Patrolmen Louis Kirsh and William A. Revill reported that West was found sitting in a car in the Rickett's parking lot. He reportedly was in possession of a quantity of what appeared to be cocaine and hypodermic needles. Arrested during the same investigation on a charge of shoplifting was Jean Bell, 31, of Elizabeth, who reportedly attempted to leave the store with a lawnmower valued at \$119.99.

A gym bag containing gym clothes was stolen February 9 from a 1976 Chevrolet owned by Anthony Cacciola of 31 Dobson Road while the car was parked at the Edison railroad station. Patrolman Thomas Kapcsandi reported the driver's side window of the car was smashed.

A stereo unit and speakers were stolen February 9 from a 1985 Toyota owned by Mahasti Pourastan of Highland Park while the vehicle was parked at the Edison railroad station. According to Patrolmen Thomas Marino and Thomas Kapcsandi, a window was broken and a large rock was found inside the car.

A third victim of a theft February 9 at the Edison railroad station was Ernest W. Brodbeck of 184 Hana Road whose 1985 Ford was broken into by a thief who smashed a window. Taken from the car were an Escort radar detector and power booster.

William Naccarato, 27, of 63 Stony Road, was arrested February 9 on a charge of drunk and disorderly conduct after he allegedly resisted efforts by Patrolmen Thomas Marino and Thomas Kapcsandi to investigate a fight in the parking lot of Danny's Bar on Vineyard Road. The officers reported that Naccarato was loud and abusive when they attempted to question him. Naccarato had several bruises and scratches on his face that were inflicted during the dust-up by an adversary who had departed before Marino and Kapcsandi arrived on the scene.

Shawn Peterson, 21, of Atlantic City, was arrested February 9 on a charge of shoplifting at the Acme market in Kilmer Plaza. He was observed by the manager concealing items with a value of \$8.13 in his coat, according to Patrolmen Anthony Pacella and Jeffrey Gottlieb.

Hearing the sound of breaking glass at 11:30 p.m. February 9, James Tharp, night manager of Destill's Tavern and Restaurant at 1630 Route 27, investigated and found that a pane of glass in a front window was smashed. Investigating was Patrolman Michael Hegedus.

A 1979 Chevrolet driven by Maria Sigethy of 47 Dorothy Avenue was struck by a hit-and-run vehicle February 9 while she was stopped in westbound traffic on Vineyard Road. She told Patrolman Timmie Brown the other vehicle was making a U-turn when it hit her car and then drove off.

Gina M. Carbone of 115 Orlando Street was attempting to make a left turn February 9 from the northbound lanes of Route 27 onto Sycamore Avenue when her 1982 Plymouth collided with a 1985 Oldsmobile driven south by Sunnie Cohen of 393 Suttons Lane. According to Patrolman Michael Kohut, Carbone was turning in front of a pickup truck that was stopped in preparation for turning left in the opposite direction when Cohen came up alongside it.

Paul R. Quinn, 24, of 18 Sims Road, was taken to St. Peter's Medical Center February 9 after he was pinned against a wall at the Nixon Service Center at 2042 Route 27 by a tow truck. According to Patrolmen Richard Westover and Thomas Bryan Quinn and Anthony Bonanno of 42 Morgan Drive, both mechanics for the Nixon Service Center, were working on the truck when Bonanno turned on the ignition and the truck, which was in gear, lurched backward.

Larry Ransdale, 42, of Houston, Texas, was arrested on a charge of drunken driving February 9 by Patrolman John Vaticano after a four-car rear-end at Oak Tree Road and Alpine Street that resulted in four people needing hospital treatment. They included Ransdale, who was taken to John F. Kennedy Medical Center, and Muralidharan Varadachari and Louise N. Reece, both of Plainfield, who were taken to Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center. According to Vaticano, Ransdale's 1980 Pontiac rammed into the rear of Varadachari's 1987 Honda, which struck a 1987 Dodge driven by Kenneth C. Schnell of 12 Brookville Road. Vaticano reported that Schnell's car was pushed across the intersection and off the roadway.

John Garshos, 54, of 1 Koster Boulevard, had approximately an inch severed from each of two fingers February 9 as he was attempting to start a Volkswagen outside his apartment. He was administered first aid at the scene by Edison firefighter Norman Jensen and was taken to John F. Kennedy Medical Center by the Clara Barton First Aid Squad. Mercy 9 also was at the scene. Investigating was Patrolman Rod Benedickson.

Two smoked glass T-tops were found stolen February 10 from a 1986 Pontiac owned by Annemarie Lowery while the car was parked outside her residence at 72 Meadowbrook Drive. The owner's husband, Robert Lowery, told Patrolman George Berne and William Kady that when he was attempting to start the car at 7:40 a.m., he found that the engine was running. According to Berne and Kady, the plastic cover on the steering column had been smashed, exposing the ignition switch locking device. They said there was no evidence of how the locked car had been entered.

A parent-teacher conference scheduled for the night of February 10 at Bishop Ahr High School is the suspected motivation for a bomb threat telephone call received that afternoon by the school secretary. Patrolmen James Smith and Rod Benedickson were told that the caller was a male who sounded to be of high school age. He warned that the bomb would go off at 8 p.m.

A group of Woodrow Wilson Middle School boys are in hot water over the theft of a starting pistol. Patrolmen Adam Tietchen and Michael Promutico were told that the pistol was confiscated February 9 from a student while he was in the company of two youths and placed in a desk drawer of the vice principal for safekeeping. On February 10, according to Tietchen and Promutico, two other youths removed the pistol from the desk while the vice principal was out of his office.

The emblem was stolen February 10 from a 1975 Mercury owned by Kenneth Campbell of Highland Park while the car was parked outside his mother's house on Stony Road. Patrolmen Gary Thomas and Anthony Marcantuono investigated.

A Beeline camping trailer parked on the Salareino property at 57 Whitely Road was found vandalized February 10. Patrolman Milton Bridges reported several windows of the trailer, which is the property of the Salareinos' son-in-law, were shattered.

A Waterford crystal clock and a wood grain trinket box with gold top were stolen February 10 from the apartment of Cynthia Lombardi at 555 Old Post Road. Other than the living room, none of the other rooms appeared to have been disturbed and over \$700 in cash still was sitting in plain view on a kitchen counter, according to Patrolman Michael Hegedus. He said it appeared that entry may have been gained through a bedroom window.

The sunroof of his 1984 Audi along with contents of the car that included a stereo unit, a denim jacket, his girlfriend's three-quarter length coat and the registration and insurance card for the vehicle were reported stolen February 10 by Paul Lulo of 298 Hana Road. The Audi was parked outside Lulo's residence when it was broken into by smashing a window, according to Patrolman Michael Hegedus.

Six outdoor lights on his property were reported smashed February 10 by Norman LI of 510 Rieder Road. Patrolman Michael Hegedus said investigation showed the damage was caused by BB pellets.

A 1987 Mercury wagon driven by Phyllis Flancbaum of 49 Hamlin Road was hit February 10 as it was making a left turn from Route 27 into the Kilmer Plaza parking lot. Flancbaum told Patrolman Michael Hegedus she had activated her left turn signal and had negotiated a change from the right to left lanes before stopping to make her turn when her wagon was struck by a 1983 Toyota driven by Kathleen M. Hazlett of Little Ferry. Hazlett said that Flancbaum made a sudden change of lanes and she did not see a turn signal operating.

An accident February 10 at Inman and Wood avenues resulted in James L. Mays Jr. of Elizabeth being ticketed by Patrolman George Spearnock for careless driving and driving an uninsured vehicle. May, who was taken to Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, told Spearnock he was headed east on Inman when his 1987 Nissan was cut off by an unknown vehicle, causing him to swerve and strike a 1976 Cadillac driven by Christine A. Alonso of 4 Sherry Court.

A 1977 Pontiac driven by Richard M. Francis of 27 Minebrook Road and a 1981 Datsun operated by Donald Davis of Charlotte, N.C., collided February 10 as both entered the intersection of Oak Tree Road and Wood Avenue on an amber light. According to Patrolman George Spearnock, Francis was making a left turn from Oak Tree onto Wood as Francis headed west on Oak Tree.

A 1981 Toyota driven by Virgilio A. Cruz of Reading Road and a 1986 Accura operated by Sharon L. Burke of 20 Sunshine Lane collided February 10 as Burke was headed north on Plainfield Road and Cruz was making a left turn from Remington Drive onto Plainfield. Investigating was Patrolman George Spearnock.

An empty vodka bottle was thrown shortly before midnight on February 11 through the living room window of the home of Charles D. Francesco at 69 Oliver Avenue. According to Patrolmen Salvatore Filannino and Michael Muldowney, both panes of the double window were broken. Francesco told the officers that this was the second incident of vandalism to his property within the past three weeks.

Ten carpet drying fans were reported stolen February 11 from a storage area at A.G.P. Carpet Cleaning at 27 Phillip Road. Owner Allen Paul told Patrolman Thomas Kenney the fans are worth \$320 each. Kenney reported that the door to the storage area was pryed open.

A 1986 Chevrolet owned by Wanda T. Bardsley of Sayreville was stolen February 11 from the parking lot of John F. Kennedy Medical Center while she was at work there. The victim told Patrolman Thomas Bryan the car was locked.

The paint on the rear quarter panel of a 1988 Mercury was found scratched February 11 by its owner, Norber J. Percy of 55 Oakland Avenue. According to Patrolmen Patrick Kelly and Thomas Marino, the damage was caused while the car was parked in the United Parcel Service lot in Raritan Center.

A second bomb threat telephone call was received February 11 at Bishop Ahr High School. This was one took place at 9:05 a.m., and the caller claimed there was a bomb in the school's little theater. A search turned up nothing suspicious and classes proceeded as usual.

A fox fur coat owned by Barbara Costin of North Plainfield was stolen February 11 from a fourth-floor closet while she was at work at a Revlon on Route 27. The victim told

Patrolman Patrick Kelly the coat was worth \$3,000.

Joseph Spatoro of North Brunswick reported February 11 that an American Express Card that was either lost or stolen January 18 after he used it to pay a lunch tab at the Holiday Inn in Raritan Center had fallen into the hands of someone who charged purchases that same day at the J.C. Penney stores in East Brunswick and Trenton. According to Patrolmen James Smith and Michael Promutico, Spatoro became aware of the illegal use of the card when he received his statement. He informed the officers that after realizing the card was missing, he called Holiday Inn and it could not be found. He also notified American Express and was told the card would be cancelled but not to worry because its expiration date was the end of January.

Tina M. Martinez, 21, of Highland Park, was arrested February 11 by Patrolman Thomas Kenney on a charge of passing bad checks at Shop Rite, Route 1 and Old Post Road. According to Kenney, she attempted to cash a check in the amount of \$350 issued by MPT Information Services of New Brunswick on a First Jersey National Bank account that had been closed in December. Kenney said that Martinez claimed she had found the check on the street. He reported that three other bad checks MPT checks totaling \$847 had been cashed at Shop Rite in December.

An unidentified vehicle that was edging out of Grove Avenue onto New Dover Road was blamed for obstructing the views of two other drivers and causing an accident February 11 that involved a 1985 Plymouth operated by Laurel Muglia of South Plainfield and a 1986 Buick driven by Andrea J. Perrucci of 71 Wintergreen Avenue West. According to Patrolmen Catherine Ruppert and Andy Nagy, Muglia was headed north on New Dover and Perrucci was pulling out of Grove to the right side of the unidentified vehicle when the collision took place.

A traffic signal at Route 1 and Parsonage Road that was not functioning properly resulted February 9 in an accident involving a 1987 Chevrolet driven by Jerome L. Mathias of 18 Judson Street and a 1982 Toyota operated by Alberto Ydoate of Iselin. Mathias told Patrolman Robert Zuber that the light for Parsonage Road was stuck on red and he was attempting to follow other cars that were edging out to turn left when he collided with Ydoate, who was southbound on Route 1. Zuber noted that the malfunctioning signal was causing heavy congestion at the intersection.

An accident February 9 in front of 26 Leland Road resulted in Anthony Morgan of 33 Matson Road being ticketed by Patrolman John Halulka for careless driving. Halulka reported that Morgan's 1985 Mustang bowled over three trees in front of the home of John Zavisostki and struck a utility pole. Morgan said he was driving at approximately 25 miles per hour when he looked down to tune the car radio and lost control of the Mustang.

A 1983 Cadillac owned by Guy DeCarlo of 12 Menlo Park Mall parking lot. He

told Patrolman Michael Burzinski there was clothing worth approximately \$100 in the trunk of the car, which was locked.

The front window at the home of Mardy Galls-Mendez at 70 Ashley Road was smashed with a snowball February 12. According to Patrolman Joseph Kenney, the broken window was approximately 2'x2' in size.

The Bodzas house at 118 Fay Street received similar damage on February 12. Patrolman David Orosz reported a storm door glass was shattered by a snowball.

Two large limbs from an old tree in front of 21 Suydam Street fell into the roadway February 12, one of them landing partially atop a 1979 Datsun owned by Herish K. Patel of 18 Suydam Street. However, it wasn't possible to determine how much damage was caused, according to Patrolman Steven Young, because the Datsun previously had been involved in an accident. Young said the limbs probably broke off because of the age of the tree and the weight of the wet snow.

Approximately 150 feet of fence on the property of Hong W. Chung at 11 Clemons Court were found damaged February 12. The cause was not determined, it was reported by Patrolmen Catherine Ruppert and Andy Nagy. They said three panels were knocked over completely and a number of slats were broken.

Several residents registered complaints February 12 about damage caused by township snowplows. Leo O'Brien of 7 Robin Road reported that his 1980 Buick was damaged as the result of a plow that traveled down his street at high speed, hurling debris-laden snow as it passed by. O'Brien told Patrolman Michael Palko, the snow was thrown with such force it cracked his side-view mirror. He said his mailbox also was damaged. Other property owners who reported damaged mailboxes were Maria Gangemi of 18 Fishel Road, Randi Pollard of 22 Hazel Street and Kenneth Kruga of 51 Cedar Street.

A 40-foot trailer that was being used to store items with an approximate value of \$35,000 that are the property of Alphaaz Liquid Air Corp. of 977 New Durham Road was stolen February 12 from Nader's truck yard in Raritan Center. Investigating were Patrolmen Louis Kirsh and William A. Revill.

Theft of a gold chain valued at \$1,500 and \$15 in cash from his house was reported February 12 by Zvonko Radovanovic of 73 Wilk Road. He told Patrolmen David Yanvary and William Plodzien he discovered the theft after two casual acquaintances had been working with him on his car in the attached garage and who on separate occasions each had gone into the house to use the bathroom.

Sharon A. Nemeth of 52 Walnut Street was driving east on Andre Avenue February 12 when she was braked for an oncoming vehicle. Her 1986 Pontiac went into a skid on the snow-covered roadway, according to Patrolman Joseph Kenney, and hit the rear of a parked 1978 Chevrolet owned by Thomas Timponso of South Plainfield.

Anna C. Rivera of 113 James Street was traveling west on Talmadge Road February 12 when a GMC truck in front of her operated by James Johnston 3rd of 13 Caldwell Road slowed down. As she applied the brakes of her 1976 Pontiac, Patrolman Joseph Kenney reported, it went into a slide on the slippery roadway and hit the rear of the truck.

A 1977 Chevrolet driven by Betty J. Shipman of 18 Mercury Road skidded out of control on a patch of ice February 12 as she traveled north on Route 27. According to Patrolmen William A. Revill and Louis Kirsh, it landed in a private parking lot at Route 27 and Highway Terrace and struck two parked cars, one a 1974 Mercury owned by Doris L. Kociban of 1561 Highway Terrace and the other a 1978 Ford owned by Jean M. Webber of Sewaren.

The right rear of a 1985 Dodge owned by Paul D. Finkel was struck by a hit-run vehicle February 12 while it was parked in the driveway of his home at 3859 Park Avenue. Patrolman Alex Glimsky reported that Finkel's mailbox also was damaged.

John M. Quinn of 18 Sims Road was slowing down February 12 to turn right from Lafayette Road into Menlo Plaza when his 1979 Ford was rear-ended by a 1983 Toyota driven by Colin D. Noonan of 1 Pace Drive. Noonan reported to Patrolman John Dauber that when he braked for the Ford his car skidded on the snowy roadway.

Lawrence Luzack of 10 Preston Street was stopped on Route 27 waiting to turn left onto Stony Road February 12 when his 1983 Chevrolet wagon was rear-ended by a 1983 Renault driven by Scott D. Corbo of Newark. Corbo told Patrolman Robert Zuber that his brakes failed to hold and his car went into a skid on the slush in the roadway.

Wendy Sandowicz of 17 Whitewood Road was making a left turn off Route 27 into a parking lot, between Plainfield and Prospect avenues, February 12 when her 1983 Buick was involved in a collision with a Lincoln Mark IV operated in the opposite direction on the highway by James G. Petosky of 385 Pierson Avenue. Patrolman Louis Kirsh investigated.

A 1986 Ford T-Bird driven by Gwendolene McGowan of 6 Ridge Road skidded out of the Boulevard of Eagles on the ice February 12 and collided with a 1975 Plymouth operated east on Old Post Road by William A. Hennessy of Somerset. Investigating was Patrolman Leonard Mitchell.

Stephen Lawrence of 1 Schoolhouse Lane was driving his 1979 Chevrolet along Old Post Road February 12 behind another 1979 Chevrolet driven by Beatrice Tarnofsky of 21 Melville Road when Tarnofsky activated her left turn signal and started to brake. Lawrence skidded into her, according to Patrolman Robert Zuber.

A 1986 Nissan driven by Robert M. Kaplan of 32 Sims Road struck the curb on Division Street February when he saw a township snowplow backing up in his direction and he hit his brakes. Patrolman Thomas Vick-

ery found no visible damage to Kaplan's car.

A 1984 Mitsubishi driven by Robert S. Hunter of 449 Forest Drive was driving his leased 1984 Mitsubishi south on Brunswick Avenue February 12 when, he told Patrolman John Vaticano, an oncoming truck flashed its lights at him so he pulled over. The Mitsubishi, Vaticano reported, was rearended by a TKR Cable Co. van operated by Kenneth E. Riddle of Piscataway.

Building 11 at Evergreen Meadows apartments was vandalized February 14. According to Patrolman Donald Jeffrey, a group of juveniles broke a door lock to enter the building and once inside they put a hole in a wall and burned a hallway rug. Jeffrey was told that damage to the building has been an ongoing problem.

A pocketbook owned by Ke-Shu Yang of Holmdel was stolen February 14 while she was shopping at Macy's outlet store in Menlo Park Mall. She told Patrolman Donald Jeffrey that she hung the bag on a rack while trying on a coat and then began walking around the store, forgetting about the pocketbook. Returning to the rack, she found it was gone. The purse contained \$50 in cash and personal papers.

A stereo system worth \$300 was reported stolen from his apartment at 1920 Route 27 February 14 by Mat Eikhil. Entry to the basement unit was gained through a window, which had been pushed open, according to Patrolmen John Spielman and Dewitt Giles.

Damian P. Ciacciarilli, 43, of Staten Island, was arrested February 14 on a charge of shoplifting at Alexander's in Menlo Park Mall. Patrolmen Bruce Polkowitz and Douglas Deak were told by a store security officer that he was seen hiding two VCR tapes valued at \$16.99 each under his jacket.

Anthony Carvello, 19, of 67 Sturgis Road, was arrested February 14 on a charge of possession of marijuana after Patrolmen Andrew Chupelia and David Buchok observed him seated in a parked 1976 Chevrolet in the Shop Rite lot at Route 1 and Old Post Road. They reported that when they approached the car to question Carvello about why he was parked there, they observed a package of rolling papers in plain view and then found a plastic bag containing what appeared to be marijuana in his shirt pocket.

A stereo unit was reported stolen from his 1985 Volkswagen February 14 by Spencer Brody of 256 Hana Road. The right vent window of the car was smashed while the vehicle was parked outside Brody's apartment, Patrolmen Thomas Marino and Jeffrey Gottlieb reported.

A quantity of New Jersey Lottery tickets valued at \$900 was stolen February 13 from the Krauszer's store at 931 Amboy Avenue. Patrolman David Orosz was told by a clerk that shortly before 6 p.m. a male and female entered the store and while the man kept him busy at the lottery machine, the woman went to the back of the store, where, it later

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was discovered, the padlock had been forced off a door leading into a closet in which the rub-off Olympic series tickets were kept. Both suspects were described as black and in their mid-20's. According to Grosz, the tickets had not yet been run through the lottery machine to be activated and are worthless unless the suspects have access to such a machine.

A pocketbook owned by Helen Rice of Redfield Village that she had left in a shopping cart in the Acme parking lot in Tano Mall February 14 was found by Salvatore A. Mancine of 1 Koster Boulevard and turned over to Patrolman Anthony Pacella. The contents of the purse including \$15.44 in cash were intact when Mancine came across it.

A wallet, radio and radar detector were stolen February 14 from a 1988 Saab owned by Errol Warner of Fanwood while it was parked at John F. Kennedy Medical Center. Warner told Patrolman Thomas Vickers the wallet contained several credit cards and his driver's license. The car was entered by breaking a window.

The left front tire of a 1984 Plymouth owned by Melvyn Schechtman of 16 Peake Road was slashed February 14 while the car was parked at the Edison Brunswick Bowl-A-Mat on Oak Tree Road. Patrolmen Patrick Kelly and William A. Revill investigated.

Cigarettes were stolen February 14 from a backroom at Krauser's at 931 Amboy Avenue from which a padlock had been broken off. Suspected are a trio of three individuals who entered the store at 7:30 p.m., and alternately kept a clerk busy playing lottery numbers while the others wandered around. Patrolmen Bruce Polkowitz and Douglas Deak were told the padlock was found broken off the door after the trio left the premises and drove off in a small red car.

A 1981 Toyota pickup truck driven by David G. Kagdis of 91 Wooding Avenue was rear-ended February 14 on Route 1 North at Grandview Avenue. The other driver, Robert A. Rothchild of Elmhurst, N.Y., told Patrolman John Dauber his attention was diverted when another vehicle started to pass his 1982 Ford on the shoulder of the highway.

A 1984 Chevrolet driven by Zvi I. Weiss of 41 Hamlin Road spun out of control while rounding a curve on Hamlin February 14 and ran into a 1985 Plymouth being operated in the opposite direction by Stuart L. Naar of Kendall Park. Patrolman Robert Zuber that when he saw Weiss coming around the curve, he slowed down and pulled to the right as far as possible but the Chevy skidded into him.

Patricia A. Bayruns Crocker of 42 Reading Road reported she was preparing to pull out of Seymour Avenue onto Plainfield Avenue February 14 when her 1986 Plymouth was sideswiped by a 1977 Chevrolet Blazer operated by Carrie Ann Scelso of 22 Comstock Road as it turned onto Seymour. She told Patrolman Robert Zuber that the Blazer didn't stop and, blowing her horn, she followed it to Glenview and Idlewild roads, where it finally pulled over. Scelso told Zuber she had been forced to make a wide turn by a vehicle exiting from Seymour and that she was aware of any problem until she realized that Crocker's toots were directed at her. She added that she was unconvinced that she had hit the Plymouth as claimed.

A 1987 Plymouth operated by Ahmad A. Abdel-Wahed of 30 Oliver Avenue and a 1986 Buick driven by Janet Fiorletti of Linden collided February 14 at Route 27 and Plainfield Avenue. According to Patrolman Robert Zuber, Abdel-Wahed said he was southbound on the highway and had entered the intersection with a green light when the Buick shot out in front of him. It was reported by Fiorletti that the light was amber when she proceeded through the intersection while eastbound on Plainfield and because of the sun she couldn't see if it had turned red.

Pamela LaPointe of 152 Fifth Street reported February 14 that her leased 1987 Dodge received hit-run damage while parked overnight in front of 28 Kenmore Road. According to Patrolman Jeffrey Gottlieb, smudges of white paint were left on the damaged Dodge.

Kelly P. Joyce of 115 Idlewild Road was ejected from the 1975 Chevrolet she was driving during an accident February 14 on Route 1 South at Oakland Avenue. She was taken to John F. Kennedy Medical Center. She told Patrolman Thomas Marino that when a truck in front of her started to make a right turn into the Harley Davidson parking lot, she swung into the center lane but was forced to jam on her brakes when she saw traffic was stopped because of a disabled vehicle. At this point Joyce's Chevy struck a 1981 Chevrolet operated by Ernest R. Beatty of Richboro, Pa., and she was tossed out of her car. According to Marino, the driverless car then swerved to the right and hit a 1986 Dodge driven by Gabriela Galeazzi of New Brunswick.

Damage to the windshield of her 1979 Oldsmobile was reported February 13 by Pamela M. Sampogna of 7 Robin Road. She told Patrolman Anthony Vitello she thought it may have been caused by the force of

snow kicked up by a passing township plow. Diane Muller of 52 Monroe Avenue complained the same day to Patrolman Anthony Marcantuono that her mailbox had been damaged by a plow.

A wallet owned by Marjorie Lee of 19 Myrtle Avenue, Metuchen, was stolen February 13 from her pocketbook, which she had left on a table while dancing at the Pines Manor on Route 27. According to Patrolman Thomas Vickers, Lee said a man who remained at the table while she was dancing with his friend claimed he knew nothing about the missing wallet, which contained \$20 in cash and her driver's license.

Jeffrey A. Sorrell, 23, of 8 Weston Forbes Court, was arrested February 13 on a charge of disorderly conduct. Patrolmen Michael Palko and Andy Nagy reported that while on patrol on Weston Forbes Court, Sorrell shouted an obscenity as they drove by and then gave them the finger. When questioned about his conduct, they reported, Sorrell became loud and abusive.

Jack Schwaber of 5 Jacklyn Court reported February 13 that someone — presumably a juvenile — had smeared food all over the picture window of his house. Investigating was Patrolman Anthony Marcantuono.

Four juveniles were discovered February 13 on the rear porch of a vacant house at 40 Glencourt Avenue after a report was received of a possible burglary in progress. According to Patrolmen John Haluka and Scott Benedickson, when they arrived on the scene they saw one of the four holding a screen door open and he reportedly appeared to be making an attempt to open the inside door. The four told the officers they were gathered on the porch seeking protection from the cold and the screen door had been opened only to block the wind. The four were carted home to their parents after Haluka and Benedickson checked the house and found that it had not been entered.

Carol Barnes, 30, of Elizabeth, was arrested February 13 on a charge of shoplifting after she allegedly removed the tags from a woman's coat valued at \$99.99 and attempted to walk out with it from Alexander's at Menlo Park Mall. Patrolmen John Haluka and Scott Benedickson reported that Barnes was taken to John F. Kennedy Medical Center by Edison First Aid Squad No. 1 after she complained of after-effects from recent child birth.

A storm door glass and inner window at the Plaganis residence at 251 Loring Avenue were broken February 13 by a snowball. Investigating was Patrolman David Orosz.

A vent window of a 1979 Volkswagen was found smashed February 13 by its owner, George P. Demko of 122 Winthrop Road. The car was parked at the rear of the Big T Truck Stop on Route 1 South at the time, according to Patrolman Joseph Kenney.

A 1985 Dodge custom van with customized interior was reported stolen from the Menlo Park Mall parking lot February 13 by Fred D. Taylor of East Orange. Patrolman David Orosz said the vehicle was taken between 6:30 and 9:35 p.m. from a spot near the Menlo Cinema.

A 1980 Datsun driven by Johnnie L. Taylor of 22 Reading Road was damaged February 13 when it was struck by a tractor-trailer truck that cut him off as it turned from New Durham Road onto Route 287. He told Patrolman William Revill the truck kept right on going.

Richard W. Jordan Jr. of 1045 Grove Avenue also was the victim of a hit-run vehicle on February 13. He told Patrolman Fred Lack he was traveling west on Vineyard Road when a dark blue pickup truck ran the stop sign on Whitman Avenue and hit his 1976 Mercury. He said the pickup took off at a high rate of speed.

James A. Prisco of Iselin and his passenger, Cindy Mulhearn of 12 Phillips Drive, were taken to John F. Kennedy Medical Center after his 1974 AMC Gremlin was involved in an accident at New Dover and Parker roads. Prisco told Patrolman Joseph Tauriello he was driving south on New Dover when a 1986 Ford pickup truck operated by Thomas J. Shjarback of 727 New Dover came through the stop sign on Parker and hit him. Shjarback said he was unable to stop because of ice on the roadway.

Bad road conditions also were blamed for an accident February 13 in which a 1978 Cadillac driven by Rosita M. Linsongan slid backwards on the ice as she attempted to enter her driveway at 666 Grove Avenue and collided with a 1979 Chevrolet operated by Theodore W. Dolan of South Plainfield. Patrolman Joseph Tauriello investigated.

Edward Sandora of 32 Henry Street was headed south on Vineyard Road February 13 when a 1982 Ford van driven by Steve Redman of 471 Old Post Road was unable to stop because of the ice, causing it to slide out of Magee Road and strike Sandora's 1986 Ford. Investigating was Patrolman Louis Kirsh.

A 1987 Plymouth driven by James D. Fisher of 6 Jones Place skidded out of control February 13 as it rounded the curve on Heathcote Avenue, near Wilshire Road, and

ran head-on into a 1968 Pontiac operated in the opposite direction by Susan M. Harrison of 6 Laythan Road. Patrolman John Dauber noted that the entire surface of the road at this point was coated with ice.

Passengers Joe and Lee Adackapora of Elizabeth were taken to John F. Kennedy Medical Center February 13 after a 1980 Dodge driven south on Oak Tree Road by Joseph Simon, also of Elizabeth, skidded out of control on the ice, entered the northbound lane and rammed a 1985 Honda operated by Scott H. Field of 22 Calvert Avenue. Investigating was Patrolman Thomas Kenney.

Gail Turbutt of 24 Clark Avenue braked as she headed west on Grandview Avenue February 13, causing her 1978 Ford to go into a skid on the ice and hit a parked 1979 Chevrolet owned by John J. Valla of 262 Grandview. Patrolman Gary Thomas investigated.

Kenneth J. Bruck of 12 Kester Drive was charged February 13 by Patrolman George Berrue with leaving the scene of an accident in which his 1978 Chrysler reportedly went into a 180-degree turn on icy New Durham Road and struck a 1986 Audi driven by Jeffrey L. Ochs of 45 Laura Avenue. According to Berrue, Bruck left the scene but was traced through his car license plate number.

Lisa A. Fogas of 69 Schuyler Drive was traveling along Plainfield Avenue February 13 when a car in front spun out of the control on the ice near Simpson Avenue and Fogas' 1983 Mitsubishi was then rear-ended by a 1985 Ford driven by Chester A. Jameson of Morganville. Investigating was Patrolman Patrick Kelly.

Shawky W. Awad of Highland Park was making a left turn from Fox Road onto Leo Street February 13 when his 1983 Cadillac was hit in the rear by a 1988 Nissan driven by Kevin Steinbeck of 2 Eardley Road. Steinbeck told Patrolman Patrick Kelly ice on the road was to blame.

Sherrie A. Battaglia of 36 Finley Road braked her 1978 Chevrolet as she approached the stop sign on Holly Place February 13 but because of the ice, she told Patrolman Louis Kirsh, it slid into the intersection and collided with a 1986 Mercury wagon driven south on Eden Avenue by Carl T. Genzel of Neshanic Station.

Central Avenue and Parich Place was the scene February 13 of a three-car accident in which a 1981 Chevrolet driven by Lisa C. Henry of Plainfield slid past a stop sign on Parich and into Central Avenue. Seeing what was happening, Robert L. Pierrot of 71 Campbell Avenue, who was headed north on Central, swerved to avoid a collision but his lost control of his 1985 Mazda, which wound up in a snowbank. Taimin Ou Yang of 449 Horizon Drive, who was following Pierrot in his 1983 Oldsmobile, told Patrolman Louis Kirsh that when he applied his brakes his car went into a skid and was hit by Henry's Chevy.

Sadhan M. Guha of 12 Wintergreen Avenue East attempted to drive onto the shoulder of Oak Tree Road when he lost control of his 1988 Plymouth wagon on the ice February 13 but was rear-ended by a 1976 Buick operated by Donna M. Lowies of Iselin. Investigating was Patrolman David Yanvary.

Olivia Harmon of 17 Beaver Street was taken to John F. Kennedy Medical Center February 13 when her 1978 Dodge, which was stopped in traffic on Grove Avenue, near Oak Tree Road, was rear-ended by a 1985 Nissan driven by Telsing Jan of 12 Sunflower Court. Jan told Patrolman William Plozdien he was unable to stop because of ice on the roadway.

Ice also contributed to an accident February 13 on James Street in which a 1979 Firebird driven by Michael R. Peterscock of 265 Tingley Lane skidded into the curb when he braked for a car that had started to slide. The Firebird, according to Patrolman Joseph Tauriello, was then hit by a 1978 Dodge operated by John R. Torres of 12 Golf Road.

Joe Chicarella of the Edison Job Corps at 500 Plainfield Avenue was taken to Robert Wood Johnson Hospital after he was struck by a car February 13 while walking along Plainfield Avenue. Patrolman Leonard Mitchell was told by witnesses that when an unidentified vehicle came to a stop near Kilmer Road, a 1975 Ford driven by Sanjay K. Chopra of 194 Plainfield Avenue slid off the roadway and struck Chicarella. Others in the group with whom he was walking managed to jump out of the way of the Ford.

Unable to stop because of the ice, a 1979 Ford driven by Gertrude A. Cherophon of 65 Crosby Avenue slid out of Maplewood Avenue February 13 and struck a 1972 Oldsmobile operated north on Grandview Avenue by Irene V. White of Redfield Village. Patrolman Anthony Marcantuono investigated.

A 1986 Oldsmobile leased by Anthony Martucci of 5 Fred Place received hit-run damage February 13 while parked in front of his house. Investigating was Patrolman Timmie Brown.

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An Escort radar detector valued at \$230 was stolen either February 5 or 6 from a 1978 Oldsmobile owned by Stephen Kovacs of 250 Main Street while the vehicle was parked to the rear of Kovacs' house. Patrolman Theodore White reported that entry was gained by smashing a driver's side window, which caused an estimated \$200 worth of damage.

Four tires and rims, altogether valued at \$1,113, were stolen between February 6 and 8 from a 1984 Chevy owned by Boris Motors, 909 Middlesex Avenue. The vehicle was parked in a rear lot, reported Patrolman William McDuffie.

Steven Turner of 64 Center Street told Patrolman Gary Tolley that on February 9 an attempt was made between 10 and 10:16 p.m. to break into his garage. A garage door handle was broken, but nothing was reported stolen.

A 20-inch Schwinn bicycle, valued at \$200 and belonging to Christopher Evans of 262 Newman Street, was stolen February 9 while it was parked at the Foodtown Supermarket on Middlesex Avenue, reported Patrolman Gary Tolley.

A basketball rim and backboard were taken from the yard of Peggy Muntz, 144 Christol Street, between February 8 and 9.

The driver's side window, outside mirror and front fender and roof of a Pontiac owned by Martina Gilbert of 231 East Chestnut Avenue were damaged with rocks February 7 while the vehicle was parked on the north side of Hillside Avenue, reported Patrolman Stanley Bozinta.

Ed Andlich of 11 Voorhees Place told Patrolman Edward Mosko that on February 11 two rocks were thrown through three of his front windows, resulting in an estimated \$250 worth of damage.

A Canon desk calculator valued at \$100 was stolen from an office area either February 11 or 12 at E.H. Canis and Sons on Coan Place. According to Patrolman Ed Mosko, a warehouse refrigerator was also gone through and its contents dumped on the floor.

Steven Schneider of 22 Gales Road, Edison, reported to Patrolman John Franklin that on February 11 between 2:30 and 4:20 p.m., while he was working out at the YMCA on High Street, his alligator wallet containing \$200 in cash was stolen from his locker. According to Franklin, Schneider's combination lock was pried open.

Drivers Susan Ricardy of Iselin and Roy Radin of 256 Newman Street collided February 10. Patrolman Steven Wilczynski reported that Ricardy was heading east on High Street, near Newman Street, as Radin went through the intersection while traveling on Newman. Radin was charged with not yielding the right-of-way.

Carla Colquhoun of Spring Valley, Ohio, while driving a tractor-trailer truck south on Plainfield Avenue on February 11, struck the top of the railroad bridge, according to Patrolman William Johnson.

Avelino Cuevo of 178 Lafayette Avenue, Edison, while driving east on Middlesex Avenue February 11, was rear-ended by an unidentified driver who left the scene. The impact sent Cuevo's car into the rear of a car driven by Sharon Trembley of Fords, according to Patrolman John Franklin.

Motorist Linda Miller of 120 Redwood Avenue told Patrolman William McDuffie on February 11 that she struck a Public Service Electric & Gas Co. pole after losing control of her car while driving east on Woodbridge Avenue.

Cars driven by Andre Boutoille of Grotton, N.Y., and Diane Cirillo of Dunellen collided February 10. Patrolman Theodore White reported that Boutoille had entered New Durham Road from Bridge Street but stopped because of heavy traffic. Cirillo, traveling east on New Durham, attempted to pass around Boutoille's vehicle, according to White.

Katherine Petrovich of 94 Jefferson Avenue, Edison, while driving east on Amboy Avenue February 9, collided with motorist Frederick Folscher of 63 Middlesex

Avenue when Folscher pulled out of Pierston Avenue, according to Patrolman Gary Tolley.

Tractor-trailer truck driver Aldine Ballard of Cleveland, Ohio, was heading south on Plainfield Avenue February 8 when his trailer got stuck under the railroad bridge. Ballard told Patrolman William Johnson that he had traveled successfully under the bridge on previous occasions and that new tires may have raised the height of the

trailer slightly. Cars driven by Jan Guarneri of 91 Lake Avenue and Rosario Panzarella of 37 Forrest Street collided February 8. Patrolman William Johnson reported that Panzarella pulled out of Midland Avenue and rear-ended Guarneri as he headed north on Main. The impact sent Guarneri's car into a tree and sign post at the northeast corner of Main and Victory Court. Panzarella was charged with not yielding the right-of-way.

fire log

Edison

February 11
No alarms were reported.

February 12
11:52 p.m. — Report of smell of gas at Roosevelt Moses residence, 71 Wintergreen Avenue West, which proved unfounded. Engines 11 and 12, Truck 1, Cars 7 and 55 responded.

February 13
9:37 a.m. — Furnace backed up with smoke at Menlo Park fire station, 73 Route 27. Engines 8 and 9, Truck 1, Unit B responded.

11:54 a.m. — Smoke from drums being melted down at Joe's Scrap Yard, 191 Meadow Road. Owner advised open burning is not permitted. Engines 4 and 6, Truck 1, Car 8 responded.

3:25 p.m. — Electrical failure triggered alarm at PSE&G generating plant, Woodlake Avenue. Engines 4 and 6, Truck 1, Car 8 responded.

3:47 p.m. — Car fire at Featherbed Lane and West Locust Avenue, involving 1982 Lincoln owned by Harris Ghin of 1 Aztec Court. Fully involved on arrival. Engines 11 and 12, Car 55 responded.

11:41 p.m. — Alarm malfunction at PSE&G generating plant, Silverlake Avenue. Engines 1, 4 and 6, Truck 1, Car 7 responded.

February 14
12:53 p.m. — Oven fire at Linda Klumon apartment, 36-B Aldrich Drive, caused by fat from meat being cooked. Out on arrival of Engines 1 and 7, Truck 1.

10:01 p.m. — Assist first aid squad with removal of person trapped inside vehicle at scene of accident, 3987 Park Avenue. Engines 11 and 12, Cars 7 and 55 responded.

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February 15
8:53 a.m. — Wash down for motor vehicle accident, corner of Grove and Norris avenues.

February 13
5:19 p.m. — Burning odor, Somerset Tire Service, 203 Middlesex Avenue. Small coming from burnt ballast in fluorescent light. Firemen dismantled light fixture.

February 10
11:31 a.m. — Truck fire, Metuchen Builders Supply, 890 Middlesex Avenue. Wood chips under tank truck caught fire while tank being welded. Employees extinguished fire.

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 Gordon & Debbie Brown to Rajnikant & Sonal Patel, residence at 19 Bennington Drive, \$255,000.
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 West Homes to Susan Slinger, residence at 2 Cactus Court, \$91,400.
 West Homes to Robert & Helen Robertson, residence at 16 Cactus Court, \$98,400.
 Morris Prager to Fernando & Patrick Tan, residence at 23 Chestnut Street, \$134,000.
 Eugene & Martha Jenkins to Family Home Builders, residence at 942 Conway Street, \$65,000.
 Eugene Sullivan to Louis Caruso, residence at 2703 Cricket Circle, \$155,000.
 Grace Diaz to Tariq Ashraf, residence at 33 Dalton Place, \$125,000.
 Edison Glen Assoc. to Roland & Betty Chang, residence at 702 Edison Glen Terrace, \$175,990.
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 Michael & Gloria Sansone to Peter Cooper, residence at 74 Gate House Lane, \$229,000.
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 Louis Priore to Charles Alberto III, residence at 6802 Hana Road, \$156,000.
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 Ivan & Susan Goldberg to Barry & Doreen Siegel, residence at 28 Heritage Drive, \$260,000.
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 Kenneth & Evelyn Weingart to John & Elizabeth Motisi, residence at 20 Magee Road, \$180,000.
 Michael & Linda Helfand to Rene & Camille Sanabria, residence at 902 Maplewood Road, \$160,000.
 Roxy Dev. Inc. to Manan & Uma Chatrapati, residence at 1 Margolis Court, \$335,000.
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 Ralph & Adeline Camp to Herbert & Caroline Voorhees, residence at 6 Regent Court, \$110,000.
 Daniel & Patricia Ugarte to Angelo & Mary Mitrano to Miguel Santiago, residence at 124 Calvert Avenue East, \$280,000.
 Paul Walasko to Alice Cerami, residence at 49 Carriage Place, \$220,000.
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 Edison Glen Assoc. to Itzhak Greenbaum, residence at 819 Edison Glen Terrace, \$136,000.
 Alan & Linda Blank to Jen-Chieh Chang, residence at 5702 Hana Road, \$150,000.
 Robert & Beverly Saypol to Rosendo Socarras, residence at 8206 Hana Road, \$137,500.
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 Edward & Agnes Costello to George & Lucille Brown, residence at 29 Kenmore Road, \$125,000.
 Bud & Susan Maxwell to Stevens & Maria Yang, residence at 107 Lakeview Boulevard, \$137,000.
 Ahmad & Nargis Awan to Darryl Yoblick, residence at 8 Meredith Court, \$249,500.
 Edith Oliver to Sunil Patel, residence at 607 Merrywood Drive, \$163,000.
 Robert & Barbara Bellamente to Nicholas & Joyce Makris, residence at 2107 Merrywood Drive, \$155,000.
 United Jersey Bank/Colonia to Sungbong & Kyoung Oh, residence at 20 Phillip Drive, \$315,000.

Mary Nolan dies at 82

EDISON — Mary Brennan Nolan, 82, who moved to Edison six years ago from the borough of Queens in New York, died last Friday at Roosevelt Hospital.
 Mrs. Nolan was a switchboard operator for 10 years at the Alrae Hotel in New York before retiring in 1982. She was born in New York.
 Her husband, Patrick Nolan, died in 1969.
 Survivors include five sons, Richard of Leonardo, James of Queens, Michael of Hudson Falls, N.Y., Joseph of Huntington, N.Y., and John of Brooklyn, N.Y.; two daughters, Margaret D'Addario of Edison and Anne Epstein of Brooklyn; 21 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, and three sisters, Patricia Martin of New York, Margaret Hayden of Queens and Sarah Schuren of Sea Girt.
 Services were held Tuesday at the Gosselin Funeral Home, Colonia, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Helena's Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in St. Gertrude's Cemetery, Colonia.

Mr. Murawski dies at 91

EDISON — Edward W. Murawski, 91, a resident of this community for the past 20 years, died Sunday at Roosevelt Hospital after a long illness.
 A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Mr. Murawski lived in Rosedale, N.Y., before moving to Edison.
 He was a mechanical engineer for 20 years with American Electric Power Corp., New York, before his retirement in 1962.
 Mr. Murawski was a communicant of St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church and a member of the Edison Senior Citizens.
 Surviving are his wife, Ada B. Rabone Murawski; a son, Edward Jr. of Cranbury; a daughter, Natalie Davis of Edison; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
 Services were held Wednesday at the Boylan Funeral Home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Matthew's Church. Burial was in Resurrection Cemetery, Piscataway.

Mr. McGinnis of Edison, 73

EDISON — Chester McGinnis, 73, of Russell Avenue, a lifelong resident of Edison, died Sunday at St. Peter's Medical Center after a long illness.
 Mr. McGinnis was employed for 30 years by the Edison Diner before he retired in 1978.
 Surviving are a brother, Richard of Edison; two sisters, Ethel Fesler of Lavallette and Virginia Marsh of Nashua, N.H., and several nieces and nephews.
 Services were held Wednesday at the Boylan Funeral Home. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Metuchen.

LEGAL NOTICE

BOROUGH OF METUCHEN
 PUBLIC NOTICE
 ORDINANCE 88-84
 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF METUCHEN ENTITLED MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, "TAXICABS" TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM CHARGES TO REGULATE OUT-OF-BOROUGH FARES, TO ALTER THE FEE SCHEDULE, AND TO EFFECT OTHER CHANGES.
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen, Middlesex County, New Jersey, held on February 16, 1988, the above entitled ordinance was adopted on second and final passage.
 Eleanor M. Brennan
 Borough Clerk
 ME-7-11/February 19, 1988
 \$9.69

BOROUGH OF METUCHEN
 PUBLIC NOTICE
 ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 25 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF METUCHEN ENTITLED "TAXICABS" TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM CHARGES TO REGULATE OUT-OF-BOROUGH FARES, TO ALTER THE FEE SCHEDULE, AND TO EFFECT OTHER CHANGES.
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen, Middlesex County, New Jersey, held on February 16, 1988, the above entitled ordinance was adopted on second and final passage.
 Eleanor M. Brennan
 Borough Clerk
 ME-7-11/February 19, 1988
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Obituaries

Jacob A. Haulenbeek, 69; headed soldiers' home

METUCHEN — Jacob A. Haulenbeek, 69, of 10 Laureldale Avenue, a retired superintendent of the New Jersey Home for Disabled Soldiers in Edison, died last Friday at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center.
 A native of Princeton, he had lived in Metuchen since 1945.
 Mr. Haulenbeek was employed by the home for 41 years and was its superintendent from 1958 until his retirement in 1978. He was a 1937 graduate of Rutgers College.
 He was a Navy veteran of World War II.
 As a member of Fugle-Hummer Post 65, American Legion, Mr. Haulenbeek was very active in Legion affairs. He was post commander in 1954-55, a service officer for Middlesex County, and for the Department of New Jersey from 1956 to 1978. He also was a member of Edison

Memorial Post 3117, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and was president of the Metuchen Rotary Club in 1972, where he was a Paul Harris fellow.
 Surviving are his wife, Frances Bryan Haulenbeek; a son, Mark of Metuchen; two daughters, Paula Schwalje of Dunedin, Fla., and Anna Huskey of Santa Cruz, Calif., and six grandchildren.
 Services were held Tuesday at the Runyon Mortuary with the Rev. Robert A. Beringer, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen, officiating. Burial was in Presbyterian Cemetery.
 Memorial contributions may be made to the James Parkinson Fund, care of the UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, 1 Robert Wood Johnson Place, New Brunswick, 08901, or to the First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 385, Metuchen.

Richard Katz dies at 61; was butcher for markets

EDISON — Richard Katz, 61, a supermarket butcher for many years, died Sunday at John F. Kennedy Medical Center.
 Mr. Katz had lived in New Brunswick and Highland Park before moving to Edison in 1949. A native of Essen, Germany, he emigrated to the United States in 1940.
 Prior to his retirement in 1972, Mr. Katz was a butcher for the Shop Rite market in Gillette and for Davidson's Foodtown in New Brunswick.
 During World War II, Mr. Katz served in the U.S. Army as an interpreter in the European Theatre of Operations.
 Survivors include his wife, Bella Hirschfield Katz; two sons, Stuart of Point Pleasant and Jeffrey Michael

of Edison; two daughters, Janice Lynn Katz and Joy Cindy Katz, both of Edison, and two grandchildren.
 Services were held Tuesday at the Crabel, Harding & Jamison Funeral Home in New Brunswick. Burial was in Beth Israel Cemetery, Woodbridge.
 Shiva will be observed at the Katz residence, 16 Bradley Drive, through today.

Wesley Lee Sr., lifelong resident

METUCHEN — Wesley C. Lee Sr., 48, of Central Avenue, a lifelong resident of this borough, died February 10 at John F. Kennedy Medical Center.
 Mr. Lee was employed by Watson Paving Inc. here. He was born in Princeton.
 Survivors include his wife, Valerie Blakey Lee; five sons, Wesley Jr. of Plainfield, Harvey, Jermaine, Demarcus and Azim, all of Somerset; a stepson, Marcell of Somerset; his mother, Sadie Conover of Metuchen; five brothers, Rev. Frank of Neptune, John of Staten Island, N.Y., Herbert of Greenville, N.C., Harry and Alfonso, both in California, and five sisters, Uneeda Lee of Metuchen, Eula Moultrie of Cliffwood, Constance Leonard of Piscataway, Victoria Percell and Lillian Buggs, both in California.
 A service was held Wednesday at the Mount Zion Holiness Church, with burial in Hillside Cemetery. Arrangements were by the James Funeral Home of Perth Amboy.

EDISON — Wallace A. Wehringer, 59, of York Drive, died Sunday at St. Peter's Medical Center after a long illness.
 A native of Metuchen, Mr. Wehringer lived there for most of his life before moving to Edison in 1982.
 He had been employed by Rutgers University as a custodian for three years. Mr. Wehringer served in the Army during the Korean War.
 Surviving are three brothers, Harry of Highland Park, Richard of Edison and George of Orlando, Fla.
 Graveside services were held Wednesday at Hillside Cemetery, Metuchen. Arrangements were by the Runyon Mortuary of Metuchen.

Julia Saracino, former nurse

EDISON — Julia Trainer Saracino of Prospect Avenue, a registered nurse at Muhlenberg Hospital of Plainfield before retiring in 1978, died Saturday at her home.
 A native of Plains, Pa., Mrs. Saracino lived in North Plainfield and in Holiday Lakes Estates, Fla., before moving to Edison six months ago.
 She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Council 6476, Knights of Columbus, in Holiday Lakes Estates.
 Her husband, Salvatore Saracino, died in 1986.
 Surviving are two daughters, Anne Swartz of Edison and Mary Louise Keeny of Marathon, Fla.; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.
 Services were held Wednesday at the Rusciano Funeral Home, Highland Park, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Franklin Memorial Park, North Brunswick.

Anne Herczku of Edison, 69

EDISON — Anne M. Herczku, 69, of Prospect Avenue, died Sunday at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.
 A native of Perth Amboy, Mrs. Herczku lived in Edison for the past 38 years.
 She was a communicant of St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church.
 Survivors include her husband, John Herczku; two daughters, Nancy Carter of Dayton and Carolyn Blazka of Atkinson, N.H.; five grandchildren; a brother, Joseph Herczku of Marlboro, and two sisters, Helen Pintenich of Piscataway and Mary Mazar of Avenel.
 Services were held Tuesday at the Gowen Funeral Home, New Brunswick, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Matthew's Church. Entombment was in the Lake Nelson Memorial Park mausoleum, Piscataway.

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HOLLYWOOD SCANDAL ERUPTS AS Former Dynasty Make-up Artist Reveals TV's Best Kept Beauty Secret!

Now You Can Have the Same Top Secret Formula the Stars Use to Look 10 to 15 Years Younger!

HOLLYWOOD, CA — Make-up artist Bob Sidell used to get calls in the middle of the night from some of Hollywood's most beautiful women. They all wanted something from Bob that no one else outside of the TV and film industry had ever heard of.

Some Hollywood insiders call it a wrinkle eraser. Some say it's their own personal beauty "secret". And some just won't talk, because for them it seems to turn back the clock on aging skin.

First Used on "The Waltons"

Working with a pharmaceutical chemist, Bob first developed a new technique to create the "natural" look for THE WALTONS TV series. The cast had to look as though they didn't use make-up—and before Bob's discovery, the only way to get rid of wrinkles, lines and blemishes was heavy TV make-up—but it didn't look *natural*, especially during revealing close-ups.

More and more of Bob's celebrity clients started using it off the set in their everyday lives. That's when he started getting late night calls from stars who had run out of their sample supply and swore their wrinkles were coming back.

Used by Major Hollywood Studios

Once the word was out, nearly every film and TV studio in Hollywood started asking for Bob Sidell's secret. And up until now, only the stars could get it, and only from professional studio make-up artists. What is it?

One of TV's most glamorous stars named it "SilkSkin", because of the way it made her skin feel—smooth and supple like fine silk.

It rapidly became a rage among Hollywood's top stars. In fact, many of the stars asked Bob not to reveal this incredible beauty secret. But Bob had a dream. You see, Bob is a professional skin care consultant. He's concerned with more than just a handful of stars who need his help.

His real dream was to make it possible for anyone to appear younger—not just a few privileged show business insiders. That's why Bob Sidell, after careful study, has chosen California Cosmetics, a trusted name, to formulate SilkSkin under his strict personal supervision.

And now, for the first time, you don't have to be a movie star to have a movie star's youthful appearance. You know how good Hollywood's TV and film stars look, why shouldn't you have the same silky smooth complexion?

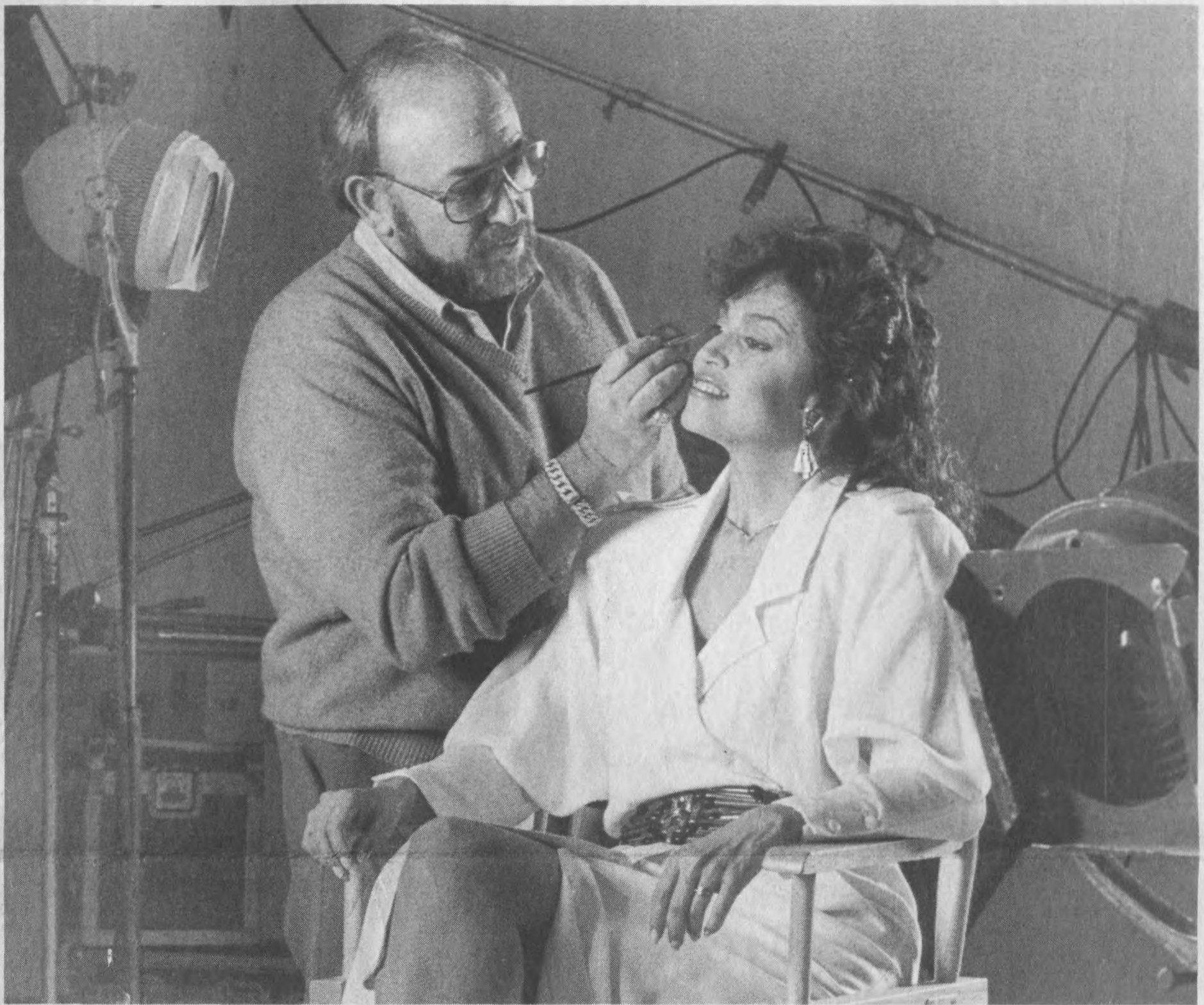
How Does it Work?

Like magic! Because unlike typical department store cosmetics, and other expensive "miracle" products you've read about, SilkSkin's Hyper-Synergistic Complex automatically balances itself to your own personal body chemistry—as if it had a mind of its own—whether your skin is dry or oily, cracked or wrinkled, young or old. This amazing formula contains a unique blend of Aloe Vera, Collagen, PABA, Chamomile, Vitamin E, A, B5 & D, Allantoin, and pure natural Royal Jelly.

But... the real "secret" is in the other 18 important elements (which Bob's attorney forbids us to mention in this ad), plus the ingenious method of purifying, blending, bonding, and curing. This new and exciting process is called Synergistic Chemistry, and it forces all 28 ingredients to work together.

SilkSkin then relentlessly attacks the ugly, aging look of lines and wrinkles, and gives your skin back what it needs to feel soft, smooth and appealing again.

With regular use, SilkSkin is all you need to look years younger — almost



Bob Sidell prepares popular actress Laura Grayson for a recent publicity photo session. For over 25 years Bob Sidell has been helping Hollywood's most beautiful stars look even more beautiful. He was the original make-up artist on such TV hits as THE LOVE BOAT, THE WALTONS, SPACE, and DYNASTY as well as the make-up artist for movies such as BODY HEAT, E.T., M.A.S.H. and RHINESTONE.

immediately! You can actually feel it working seconds after it gently absorbs into the skin where it works to nourish and replenish those natural elements which are often lost through time. It's not oily or greasy, and contains no damaging alcohol. In fact, it's so sheer and natural, you can even use it under make-up!

Beverly Hills Doctor Tests Formula

"I have personally examined Mr. Sidell's skin treatment system and have prescribed it to patients suffering from premature aging in the areas of the face, neck and hands.

Frankly, I never expected such immediate and remarkable results. In my opinion, the formula's rehydrating and nutrient properties represent an exciting alternative to conventional procedures such as surgery, under skin injections, and other products which I have evaluated and found to be far less effective.

The formula actually seems to replace many essential properties lost due to stress and exposure to damaging elements, such as weather, cigarette smoke, and common pollutants, leaving the skin soft and supple to the touch and younger in appearance.

Congratulations on your discovery."

A. A. Chaplan

Dr. A. A. Chaplan, MD, PhD
Beverly Hills, California

How to Prove SilkSkin is Working

As soon as you receive your SilkSkin by RUSH-PRIORITY MAIL, simply apply it to ONE SIDE of your face and neck. Wait just 90 seconds, then ask a close friend which side looks and feels younger. If they don't pick the SilkSkin

side, put it right back in the same package, return it to us within 30 days, and we'll send you the FULL REFUND OF YOUR PURCHASE PRICE IMMEDIATELY BY RETURN PRIORITY MAIL. No need for even a word of explanation. Just tell us the address you want your refund mailed to — it's that simple!

No-Questions-Asked 30-Day Guarantee

As one of Hollywood's most prominent make-up artists, Bob Sidell has too much to lose if you're not absolutely delighted by his discovery. A legally binding contract with Mr. Sidell specifically states that "California Cosmetics, Inc. shall issue a full refund, WITHOUT QUESTION, to any dissatisfied customer, requested within 30 days".

More Secrets Revealed on Cassette

Order SilkSkin now and we'll send you a free gift: Bob Sidell's own SECRETS OF THE STARS cassette. In his own voice, Bob personally takes you step-by-step through a simple five minute program to help you look younger with each passing day!

And on the same cassette, you'll hear this top Hollywood make-up artist answer the 20 questions most often asked by the stars about make-up, beauty and looking younger. Questions like "how the stars get rid of ugly dark circles under their eyes?" And "how do they keep lipstick from smearing during a kissing scene?" You'll also find out some very interesting inside information about things that go on behind the scenes on some of TV's most popular shows.

Sold separately, this special insider's cassette would cost you \$9.95, but it's yours FREE when you order your SilkSkin now. And it's yours to keep even if you ask for a refund. It's our way of thanking you for giving SilkSkin an honest try.

It's Easy to Order

To be on your way to better looking, healthier skin, simply pick-up the phone and call us (Mon.-Fri.) TOLL-FREE (8 AM to 5 PM Calif. time) at 1-800-872-3438 Ext. 32A (in CALIF dial 1-800-334-7755 Ext. 32A) for IMMEDIATE credit card ordering.

Or if you prefer, you may send a check or money order for \$29.95 plus \$3.50 shipping and handling to California Cosmetics, Dept. 32A, 8025 Deering Ave., Canoga Park, CA 91304.

You will receive a generous 3-months supply of SilkSkin and of course your FREE cassette "Secrets of the Stars." And remember, SilkSkin comes with a no-questions asked 30-day money back guarantee.

All orders are shipped immediately by UPS within 72 hours. If you happen to be in our area, we invite you to stop by the California Cosmetics plant and pick up your order directly.

So please don't wait. You no longer have an excuse not to look your best. Get ready to look and feel years younger—because you deserve it!

Bob Sidell, along with many other Hollywood celebrities, supports various charitable causes. Because of his special interest in skin care and his support for Danny Thomas' fund raising efforts, his contract with California Cosmetics states that at least \$1.00 for each new SilkSkin customer be donated to St. Jude's Childrens Hospital. Though tax laws do not currently permit your donation to be tax deductible, Bob thanks you for your contributions and support.

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Rt. 27 building denied in Edison

EDISON — A controversial application for construction of a professional office building at Route 27 and Hamilton Street was denied Tuesday night by the Board of Adjustment.

"It will have a definite effect on the neighborhood," said board member Edward Williams in urging denial of variances sought by Michael Khammar and his wife, Rebecca Rivera-Dugenio, a physician.

It was the second time around for the applicants, who had withdrawn a previous application for a professional building on the same site. On both occasions the project encountered opposition from nearby homeowners.

Sought by the applicants were a use variance because the property is split between a GB (general business) and RB residential zone and a number of bulk variances for such things as lot width, setbacks, the width of a buffer zone and lot coverage.

In moving that the application be turned down, Williams said that the applicants had offered no special reasons why the use variance should be approved.

When the case was heard by the board on January 19, Ted Karol of 7 Hamilton Avenue, who was represented by an attorney, was the main objector to the application.

Karol lives nextdoor to a vacant dwelling that would be torn down to make way for the proposed building. Karol told the board that he had pur-

chased his house a year and a half ago knowing that it was next to an existing residential property and he objected to having the rear of an office building thrust upon him as a neighbor.

Karol also was concerned about the steepness of the grade that would be created between his yard and the parking lot that would serve the building.

Objectors also contended that the building represented overuse of the site and said that a smaller structure could be accommodated on the portion of the tract zoned for commercial use.

Also at issue during the hearing was the question of whether the building, which would stand on pillars, was two- or three-stories in height.

James Gaspari, an architect testifying in Karol's behalf, contended it was a three-story building and would violate height limitations. It was his position that the area beneath the building that would be used for parking constituted a story.

However, it was the position of James Convery, attorney for the applicants, that the parking level could not be counted as a story.



Jason DeCarlo and Jennifer Symanski, students at Edison's James Monroe School, acquaint Mayor Anthony M. Yelencsics with the game "Triforce," which tests knowledge of facts about Edison. Standing are Karin DeCarlo, past president of James Monroe PTA, and Ted Symanski, the current president. The PTA is selling the games at \$13 each as a fund-raising effort and orders may be placed by calling the school at 225-3170.

Three in business suits steal linen from hotel

EDISON — Three men, described as "clean cut" and wearing business attire, fled from the Clarion Hotel in Edison Square on Route 27 February 11 with a large quantity of linens that had been stolen from a linen storage area.

Patrolman Michael Hegedus reported that 12 table cloths, white, peach, tan and burgandy in color, were found in a wooded area between Hoey Drive and New Brunswick Scientific.

Hegedus was told by a hotel employee that upon stepping off the elevator near the linen storage area, which is off-limits to the public, he saw the three men, their arms filled with linens.

When the employee called at them to stop and asked what they were up to, the trio exited through a side door and headed across Hoey Lane toward New Brunswick Scientific.

The employee told Hegedus that all three men were white and one at whom he got a good look appeared to be of Italian or Greek extraction, was about 6'2", had black hair and was wearing a tan jacket, black trousers and black shoes.

According to Hegedus, the door to the linen storage area normally is locked but the banquet rooms were

being set up for an affair and the door was open.

Hegedus said that after some of the linens were found the trio's trail grew cold.

School lunches may cost more

METUCHEN — As of March 1, school lunches could be raised by 10 cents across the board.

The proposed increase, which will come up for a vote at the Board of Education's first voting meeting in February, is in response to federal cutbacks and higher meat and dairy prices charged to the district's lunch distributor, Ja-Ce Lunch Company, according to board secretary James Paterno.

Lunches are presently \$1.15 in the elementary schools, \$1.20 in the high school and \$1.65 for adults. In New Jersey, schools can charge up to \$1.40 per lunch for students.

According to board president Eileen Dyas, "Ever other year or so this happens."

Apples, pears, plums, cherries and almonds are all related to the rose.

In the service

EDISON — Airman Richard J. Berry has graduated from the Air Force's cable splicing specialist course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Coleman Jr. of 872 Inman Avenue and is a 1987 graduate of John P. Stevens High School.

EDISON — Spec. 4 Stephen Wu, the son of Peter Wu of 113 Park Gate Drive, has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal at Fort Story, Va. The medal is awarded for meritorious service, acts of courage or other accomplishments. Spec. 4 Wu is a carpentry and masonry specialist with the 368th Transportation Company.

EDISON — Air Force 2nd Lt. Mark J. Macyszyn, the son of Heidi Macyszyn of 10 Midwood Avenue, has arrived for duty as a mental health nurse at the U.S. Air Force Regional Medical Center in West Germany. He is a 1985 graduate of Trenton State College.

METUCHEN — Army Pvt. John R. Dick Jr. has completed a unit and organization supply specialist course at the Army's quartermaster school, Fort Lee, Va. He is the son of John and Patricia Dick of 12 Roosevelt Court and is a 1987 graduate of Metuchen High School.

EDISON — Airman David R. Elro, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elro of 173 Mundy Avenue, has graduated from the Air Force's aircraft maintenance course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. He is a 1987 graduate of John P. Stevens High School.

EDISON — Airman Thomas W. Ksepka has graduated from the Air Force's avionics sensor systems specialist course at Lowry Air Force Base, Colo. He is the son of Thomas F. Ksepka of 712 New Dover Road and Arlene Langmaack of Brandon, Fla.

EDISON — Army Pvt. Lawrence A. Bartels has completed advanced individual training at the Army's armor center, Fort Knox, Ky. He is the son of Robert Bartels of 18-A Alva Court and Celeste Bartels of Oakhurst.

EDISON — Army Pvt. Margaret A. Massey, the daughter of Elaine Massey and Harold Dorn of 14 Colfax Road, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. She is a 1987 graduate of Edison High School.

Edison eight on honor roll

EDISON — Eight students from here are among those named to the honor roll at the Wardlaw-Hartridge School at the end of the second marking period.

Achieving honor roll standing were Joseph Bonk, Umar Latif, Daniel Mundy, Jayanti Rao, Jyoti Rao, Tula Ruggiero and Sonia Sawhney, all in 6th grade, and Rishi Bakshi, in 7th grade.

All attend the Wardlaw-Hartridge lower school in Plainfield, which covers kindergarten through 7th grade.

Quality

It is the one word that best describes the Bridgewater Commons mall. The careful planning, community input, workmanship and emphasis on high standards are all essential ingredients in achieving a level of quality that everyone can recognize.

For The Prudential and The Hahn Company, Bridgewater Commons is a statement. It is the culmination of the cumulative talents of the companies and their abilities to produce a first-class product. In fact, Bridgewater Commons has been designated as the east coast flagship facility for the San Diego-based Hahn Company.

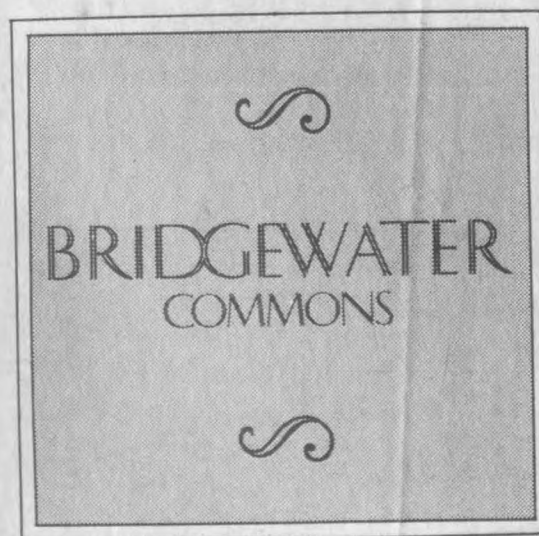
For the Bridgewater community,

the Commons is a source of pride. The commitment the residents of Bridgewater made to the project was substantial. It was based on extensive debate and honest discussion about the Township's future. Now, the future is at hand—and with it come these benefits: \$20 million in improvements to Route 22 and Route 202/206, a community center and

meeting rooms for Township residents, and an outdoor amphitheater for all to enjoy.

The Bridgewater Commons mall brings much more to the community and reflects the standards and aspirations of quality discussed over the past decade. When friends and family visit the Commons, they will invariably use the word "quality" to describe it. And in many ways, it is a term that also describes Bridgewater and its citizens.

Someone once said, "The future is built on the past." Bridgewater Commons represents a solid future and a wonderful past.



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