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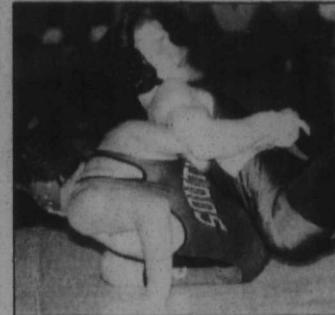
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Affordable housing likely to get OK

By Michael Prospero
Correspondent

MONROE — The township's affordable housing plan will be given the green light by the state — provided Monroe meets several conditions during the next two months.

On Wednesday, the state Council on Affordable Housing issued a conditional approval of the township's affordable housing plan, giving it 60 days to sign a Regional Contribution Agreement, update its zoning ordinances, draft a spending plan for rehabilitation of older housing and

Monroe faces 2-month deadline from state

draft an ordinance allowing the Affordable Housing Management Service to manage the affordable units.

If Monroe fails to meet the conditions, COAH will not certify the township's plan, leaving it exposed to lawsuits.

Anthony Wilcenski, chairman of the township's Affordable Housing Board, said he expects Monroe to meet the conditions without difficulty.

"They gave us six conditions to do and most of it was just paperwork," he said.

A COAH "substantive certification" protects a town against lawsuits brought by developers seeking higher densities in exchange for building affordable housing.

"You insulate yourself against some developer who has a thought that he is going to benefit as far as density by including affordable units,

even if his plan isn't good," said Jerome Convery, attorney for the Monroe housing board. "It gives the municipality the ability to plan its own program for affordable housing, as opposed to some builder trying to force it upon the town."

As a result of a state Supreme Court ruling in the 1980s, every municipality must provide a "fair share" of its region's housing for low- and moderate-income families. Munici-

pality typically alleviate their need by resorting to the "builder's remedy," whereby a developer will build a number of affordable homes as part of a housing development, in exchange for a higher density for the total project.

Mr. Convery said COAH certification allows a municipality to control the growth of development to a greater degree.

"It provides a mix of various affordable housing, and I think it's im-

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School opening delayed

Approvals needed for new JFK wing

By John Saccenti
Staff Writer

JAMESBURG — A snafu over building inspections has resulted in a delayed opening of the new John F. Kennedy School addition.

Winter break was extended three days because of confusion surrounding inspections. School reopened Thursday, but because the new wing, which includes the new lunchroom, was not granted a certificate of occupancy, students attended for only half a day. Work has already begun to convert the old lunchroom into classrooms.

As of Thursday at 3 p.m., the addition had not been approved for use by students. If the addition is not ready by today (Friday), the school will continue with half-day classes.

Superintendent Adam Drapczuk said he is optimistic that the district will receive its CO and be able to hold a full day of classes today.

"We're hoping. We did have a fire inspection and are hoping to be approved," he said Thursday. "We're waiting for a written CO which will allow us to open for a full-day and to have rooms available for the fourth-grade and to have lunch."

Two classes of fourth-graders were expected to be moved from their previous rooms at JFK into the \$5.9 million school addition while renovations to the existing portion of the school took place. Lunch periods also were to be moved to the new addition.

On Thursday, rather than canceling another day of classes, the Board of Education shortened the day, letting students out at 12:30 p.m. so that lunch would not be an issue. The district also temporarily moved fourth-grader classes to the Grace M. Breckwedel School library.

According to Mr. Drapczuk, the building was originally scheduled for inspection last week, but because asbestos tiles were being removed from two of the classrooms that are being renovated in the existing building, inspectors could not enter the building. Mr. Drapczuk said the amount of asbestos in the tiles was small — about 10 percent — but the district had to take precautions and not allow entry into the building.

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Staff photo by John Keating

After-school snack

Buddies Janelle Van Siclen and Maggie Bleach share a snack and a smile during the before- and after-school program at Cranbury School on Monday.

The (un)importance of being Ernie

Nobody wanted a singing doll — but so many wanted to help

By John Saccenti
Staff Writer

CRANBURY — This Christmas, the Bichsel family discovered that kindness and charity are as important as ever when it comes to celebrating the holiday.

This Christmas the Bichsel family tried to take advantage of the annual holiday gift-giving frenzy to raise money for charity. The idea was to hold an auction, with the item up for bid being one of the year's hottest gifts — a Sing-and-Snore Ernie doll.

But in the end, it wasn't Ernie that generated the most response. It was the kindness in the hearts of area residents.

Not one bid was cast for the doll, but more than \$700 was donated to the Exchange Club of Greater Princeton Foundation.

The Bichsel family — mother Kathy, father Mike, 10-year-old Alexa and 7-year-old Max — had hoped that people unable to get the doll for

their children through conventional means, would take part in the auction. All proceeds of the auction were intended to go to the Exchange Club.

Through the course of several weeks, the Bichsels found that people were more interested in donating money to the Exchange Club than they were in getting the doll.

"I guess that's it. There was not one bid on the doll, but at least we raised some money," said Ms. Bichsel.

They raised \$740 to be exact, with every dime greatly appreciated by volunteers of the Exchange Club. The Exchange Club is a hunger ministry that serves the motel population along Route 1 in Lawrence and in Trenton.

The motel population is made up of families who are basically homeless. The Mercer County Department of Social Services places these families into three different hotels; the Sleep-E-Hollow and the Trent, both on Route 1, and the Budget Hotel in Trenton.

The Exchange Club puts families into these hotels until they are able to find work and move out on their own. The club often gives the families money to get started and gives them clothes, furniture and food.

The money raised by the Bichsels went directly to helping these families. It was presented by the Bichsels at the Exchange Club's Christmas party.

According to Connie Mercer, executive director of the Exchange Club, the money was used to help two families with the security deposits for new homes. The money also went to help give a temporary home to a family who needed help over Christmas.

"The money was a godsend. It helped two people," said Ms. Mercer.

The motel population has about 300 residents, many with children. It is not uncommon to find up to seven people in each hotel room and there is

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Barbara Reinhardt, owner of Barbara's Unique Antique Boutique, with customer Valerie Montgomery as Ms. Montgomery admires an antique ring.

Staff photo by John Keating

Selling antiques, following dreams

Editor's note: Part of an occasional series looking at the people and places, issues and concerns of the business districts in Cranbury and Jamesburg.

DOWNTOWN

By John Saccenti
Staff Writer

JAMESBURG — Barbara Reinhardt bought her first antique in 1965 from Wheatley's Jewelers. It was a gold ring.

By making 50 cents an hour baby-sitting, it took her weeks to save up for it. But for her it was worth it.

Today, that same store on East Railroad Avenue still sells jewelry. Today, Ms. Reinhardt is the owner.

Ms. Reinhardt bought and opened Barbara's Unique Antique Boutique 15 years ago. The shop, whose bright pink front makes it stand out from others on the street, has had different names since Ms. Reinhardt first walked in more than 30 years ago, but little else

has changed.

"I used to buy jewelry from here when the shop was being rented out for other things. I've watched the store change hands many times and when I found out it was for sale I said, 'I'll sell everything I have to buy it.' Thankfully I didn't have to," Ms. Reinhardt said.

Like that gold ring, bought so many years ago, purchasing the store was a culmination of a lot of hard work and a lot of dreaming. Ever since that first purchase, Ms. Reinhardt has had a passion for antiques that shows in the way she approaches her business.

Much of the merchandise found on the shelves of antique dishes and jewelry and vases were actually bought by Ms. Reinhardt

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Antiques

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in the years preceding her opening the store.

"I've collected jewelry for about 30 years. I bought a lot of stuff for 20 years just so I could sell it in a shop of my own," she said. "When I was growing up I went a lot of places with my grandmother and I wanted the same old-fashioned atmosphere I found in those stores."

Not much has changed over the

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Barbara Reinhardt

years as far as what types of merchandise to carry. As when she first opened, everything is hand picked by Ms. Reinhardt, with a helping hand from her husband, Richard. Many purchases are made on frequent buying trips to antique stores in New Hampshire and Maine. Some merchandise is also purchased at the store itself from customers or other people.

No matter where they get their merchandise, the Reinhardts are always careful to buy things they believe their customers will like. With a strong core of regular customers who have specific tastes, the Reinhardts always keep an eye open for items they know someone wants and would like.

"We always try and find what are customers are looking for. I can't even express the pleasure I get having such a nice group of customers," Ms. Reinhardt said.

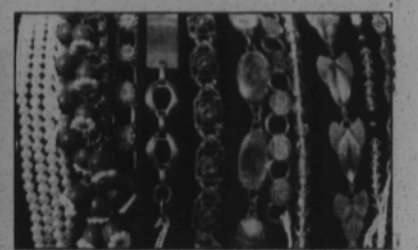
Ms. Reinhardt says that the wide variety of merchandise found in the store — from old movie photographs to antique handbags and wine decanters — is something that can actually keep gift giving exciting and interesting.

"If people want something different, they go to an antique shop. Ninety-nine percent of my jewelry is different," she said, bending over a case with shell cameos, sterling silver compacts, tie tacks and watches. "Kids come in to get something for their moms. You can get jewelry or a tea cup here — something for people who collect things."

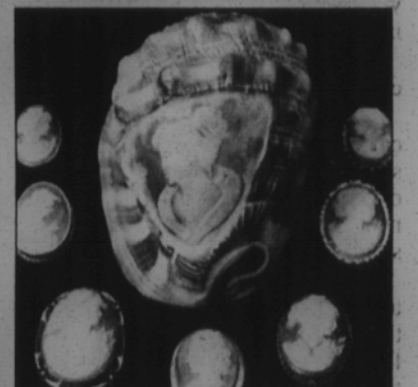


Above, Eleanor Reid shops at Barbara's Unique Antique Boutique; left, Richard and Barbara Reinhardt, owners of the antique shop; below, a collection of necklaces.

Staff photos by John Keating



A variety of antique boxes and containers.



Four antique displays (clockwise from top left): Antique tea cup with a card design; a collection of cameos; antique pins; figurines.

Whenever they find something a customer is looking for or is interested in, they will put it aside and let the customer know about it. In fact, anyone who collects something particular can go to the Unique Antique Boutique and request that the Reinhardts keep an eye out for it.

It's just one of the things they do to let the customers know how important they are. Ms. Reinhardt says people come her shop for two reasons: "they love what I do, and I bend over backwards and I think that if I'm honest with customers, I get it back ten times over."

"People like the atmosphere. They come in and sit right there and talk," she said, pointing to an old, waist-high stool in front of the counter. "When people come in, we just let them look."

Another reason for her success, Ms. Reinhardt said, is her competitive prices. With items that range in price from \$1 to more than \$1,000, there is practically something for everyone.

"My prices are very good. If I can buy things at a reasonable price, I will sell them at a reasonable price," she said.

Barbara's Unique Antique Boutique is located on 35 E. Railroad Ave. Store Hours are Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 a.m. and on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Richard Reinhardt helps Eric and Pam Wuster, collectors visiting from Ft. Myers, Fla.

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Danser continues in familiar role

By John Saccenti
Staff Writer

Named mayor for 11th time

CRANBURY — Committeeman Alan Danser will take a position he is very familiar with as he begins his 11th term as mayor.

Mr. Danser was elected to serve a second consecutive term as mayor of Cranbury last week when the Township Committee held its annual reorganization meeting.

The committee voted 3-2 to appoint the Republican as mayor. The vote broke down along party lines with Republicans Wayne Wittman and Art Hasselbach supporting Mayor Danser and Democrats Kathy Evans and Thomas Gambino voting in opposition.

"I don't know if I'm excited but I do enjoy it," Mayor Danser said. "It's always an honor to be selected and it's a privilege to serve Cranbury as its mayor."

Mayor Danser served as mayor from 1983 to 1987 and then again in 1989 to 1992 and in 1997. He is about to begin his seventh consecutive term on the Township Committee.

Mayor Danser will serve as mayor for one year, until next year's committee reorganization meeting.

As mayor in a committee form of government, Mayor Danser has few special powers and has one vote on the committee, the same as the other four members. The mayor serves

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mainly as the chairman of the committee, sits on the Planning Board and runs committee meetings.

Ms. Evans had nominated Mr. Gambino to serve as mayor, but the nomination did not receive a second. Mr. Gambino served as mayor from 1994 to 1997 before losing out to Mr. Danser by a 3-2 vote at last year's reorganization meeting.

Mayor Danser's appointment came after he and Mr. Hasselbach were sworn in to serve three-year terms on the committee. Each won a seat at last November's municipal elections.

This will be Mr. Hasselbach's first full term on the Township Committee. He was elected to fill a one-year unexpired term in 1996.

Other appointments included:

- William Moran as township attorney and Michele Donato as deputy township attorney; David Orron as Board of Health attorney and Kenneth Verccammen as prosecutor through Dec. 31.

- Cathleen Marcelli and Harvey Moskowitz as members of the Development Review Committee through Dec. 31 and Ms. Marcelli to the Middlesex County Transportation Committee through Dec. 31;

- William Diefenbach/Groendyke Associates, P.C. as auditor through Dec. 31;

- Jeanette Gettings as deputy court administrator;

- Eileen Greenberg as violations clerk;

- Betty Wagner as township historian and Cultural and Heritage Committee chairwoman through Dec. 31;

- Michael Lupovici through Dec. 31 and Michele Kemper through Dec. 31, 2000 to the Board of Health. Dr. Lupovici as township physician through Dec. 31;

- Bonnie Larson and Nathaniel Doughty to Citizens Committee on Cable Television through Dec. 31, 2000;

- Don Jo Swanagan to the His-

toric Preservation and Advisory Committee through Dec. 31, 2001;

- JoAnn Powell and Christine Smeltzer as Middlesex County Housing and Community Development Representatives through Dec. 31;

- Judy Dossin, Richard Schroeder, Patricia Scott, Norma Swale, Beth Veghte, and Thomas Witt to the Park Planning Commission through Dec. 31;

- Mr. Gambino to the Planning Board through Dec. 31 and to the library board of trustees;

- Robert Corby, Maria Carin, and Richard Allegretti as public officers through Dec. 31;

- Donald Patterson, Dale Smith, John Toscano to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and William Rue as an alternate;

- William Chermak to the Board of Recreation Commissioners and William Spraul as an alternate;

- James Applegate and David Nissen to the Environmental Commission through Dec. 31, 2000 and Mr. Nissen as the chairman through Dec. 31, 1998;

- Marcy Zebhur to the library board of trustees;

- Thomas Kincade to the local assistance board;

- Tom Witt as the mayor's representative to Middlesex County Solid Waste Advisory Council and the Middlesex County Urban Forestry Committee through Dec. 31, 1998.

- Councilman Sam Cline as the Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator and as representative to the Middlesex County Economic Opportunities Corporation through Dec. 31;

- Larrie Collura, Cathy Speranza, and George Zelasko as members of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development through Dec. 31;

- Mr. Wyzykowski to the local assistance board through Dec. 31;

- Chad Hetzell as insurance commissioner through Dec. 31;

- Linda Kichin as police secretary through Dec. 31;

- Councilman Adam Bushman as grants coordinator through Dec. 31 and as clean communities coordinator;

- Carole Butewicz as deputy municipal court administrator;

- Joseph Collura as director of the Office on Aging through Dec. 31;

- Becky Sanders to the library board of trustees through Dec. 31, 2002;

- Brian Wright and Neil Greenspan to the environmental commission through Dec. 31, 2000; Mr. Greenspan also to the shade tree commission;

- John Vandewater as laborer through Dec. 31;

- Wallace Fisher as the right-to-know coordinator through Dec. 31;

- Michael Sanders as the zoning officer through June 30;

- The Rev. Gary Philson as chaplain to the Police Department;

- Irving Nisnoff, Estrella Marks and Mary Ann Taylor to the municipal alliance/human relations committee

Mayor breaks tie on council president vote

By John Saccenti
Staff Writer

JAMESBURG — Mayor Joseph Dipierro cast a deciding vote at last week's annual reorganization meeting.

The council was locked in its decision for council president.

The vote was 3-3, with Republicans Adam Bushman and John Gross supporting Dorothy Tatum and Democrats Sam Cline and Anthony Lamantia supporting Mark Wyzykowski.

For the first time during his tenure as mayor, Mayor Dipierro cast the final and deciding vote, making fellow Democrat Mr. Wyzykowski the council president for 1998.

"It was a very unique experience," Mayor Dipierro said. "It was a one-time occurrence and I don't believe there will be any disagreement (in the future)."

Under the borough's form of government, the mayor is allowed to cast a deciding vote when the council is deadlocked.

Despite last week's actions, Mayor Dipierro and other council members believe that the council members will work together as they have in the past. The Republicans held a 4-2 majority in 1997, and in 1996 the council was all Republican.

"I think the split greatly benefits the taxpayers because it keeps everybody on their toes," Mr. Wyzykowski said. "Everyone who sits on the council, regardless of whether they're Republican or Democrat, number one concern is the residents of Jamesburg."

Ms. Tatum, the outgoing council

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Mayor Joseph Dipierro

president, said she was unsure about what lines the council's votes would follow during the next year, but was optimistic that the council would not let partisan politics play a part in the decision making process.

"It's hard to say because everyone has the right to vote the way they want," Ms. Tatum said. "I just hope it's the same as last year. I think everyone can get along together."

Before the council named a president, Mr. Lamantia and Ms. Tatum were sworn in. They were elected in November to fill two three-year seats on the council.

Also, the council hired Michael Vena of Remington Vernick & Vena to serve as the borough engineer. Previously, the position was held by Michael Kobylarz.

Mayor Dipierro said the change was made because of finances.

"I don't think we were getting the best value for our dollar," Mayor Dipierro said.

According to Mayor Dipierro, Mr. Kobylarz charged \$88 per hour and \$150 per meeting. Mr. Vena will charge \$90 per hour, but there will be no charge for meetings.

Mr. Vena also will be the representative to the Middlesex County Housing and Community Development Program.

Other appointments included:

- Richard J. Shaklee as borough attorney through Dec. 31;

- Eugene M. Farrell of Hutchins, Laezza, Farrell and Allison as borough attorney through Dec. 31;

- Denise Jawidzik as tax collector, borough sewer administrator, assistant to certified municipal financial officer, and tax search officer;

- Gretchen Schauer as public agency compliance officer through Dec. 31;

- Michael Toto as municipal court judge through Dec. 31, 2000;

- Christopher Rafano as borough prosecutor through Dec. 31;

- Dr. Frank Sparrow as borough physician;


- Mark Seevers and David Jaruchik as special class 2 officers to the Police Department through Dec. 31;

- Joan Alzin, Maureen Brown, Esther Mae Clayton, Ed Matthews, Pat Rose, Stephen Demanovich, Anita Roberts, Katherine Anania, Edward Boulogne, and Jeanne Vicario as crossing guards;

- Mr. Lamantia as the recycling coordinator, director of recreation and representative to the advisory committee of water quality management;

- Jeff Axelrod as assistant recreation director;

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6 charged in connection with break-ins POLICE BLOTTER

By John Saccenti
Staff Writer

Five juveniles and one adult have been charged in connection with a series of December break-ins in Monroe and Jamesburg.

Two 15-year-old boys and a 17-year-old boy from Jamesburg and a 16-year-old boy from New Brunswick were each charged with one count of burglary in Monroe and four counts in Jamesburg.

Another 15-year-old Jamesburg boy and an 19-year-old Jamesburg man were each charged with counts of burglary in Jamesburg. Police would not release the name of the

19-year-old because he is the subject of an ongoing investigation, said Jamesburg Police Lt. David Lester.

Borough police were dispatched to a Forsgate Drive residence Dec. 29 on a report of a burglary in progress. After arriving on the scene, the officers saw a teen running from the residence. They chased him onto Front Street where he was taken into custody.

Evidence gathered at three previous Jamesburg break-ins between Dec. 13 and Dec. 29, including fingerprints, linked the first teen to the earlier break-ins, Lt. Lester said. Further investigation and interviews with the teen resulted in the arrest of the other bandits on Dec. 30 and Dec. 31,

Lt. Lester said. The teens also were linked to a Dec. 28 break-in on Fox Run in Monroe, Monroe Sgt. Larry Linke said. The four teens broke into the residence by prying open the rear kitchen window with a pitch fork, he said. Stolen was an AM/FM dual-cassette/CD player, a portable boom box and a flash light. All items were recovered.

Two of the 15-year-old Jamesburg boys were lodged at the Middlesex County Youth Correction Center awaiting a hearing. The 19-year-old was being held at the Middlesex County Adult Correction Center on \$10,000 bail.

The other three teens were released to their parents.

CRANBURY

Mark Alston, 32, of Jamesburg was taken to the Medical Center at Princeton after his motorcycle hit a deer on Brickyard Road at 6:37 p.m. Saturday.

Mr. Alston was travelling west towards Route 130 when the accident occurred. He was found lying by the side of the road by another driver and by police.

Mr. Alston was treated and released for cuts to his legs and leg injuries.

A 1996 Volvo tractor-trailer, valued at \$50,000, was stolen from a Route 130 business sometime before 3 a.m. Tuesday. The truck was found later that day in Newark with \$5,000 in parts stolen, including tires and rims.

A tractor-trailer stolen on Nov. 4 from Nassau County, N.Y., was found parked at the Cranbury Service Center Tuesday at 10 p.m.

Police noticed that the truck was parked sloppily and an investigation revealed that the vehicle had been reported stolen.

MONROE

Gabriel Davis, 22, of Freehold was arrested Dec. 30 after he allegedly threatened to kill the owner of a service station on Perrineville Road with a 3-foot samurai sword.

Mr. Davis had been fired from the Fastrac service station earlier in the day and returned with the sword looking for his boss, police said. He left the station and employees notified police.

Mr. Davis was arrested at 10:30 a.m. and charged with terroristic threats and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose.

He is being held at the Middlesex County Adult Correction Center in lieu of \$50,000 bail.

Michael Bernstein, 24, of Monroe was arrested twice on New Year's Day morning and charged with drug

possession and possession of stolen property.

Police first stopped Mr. Bernstein Jan. 1 at 12:01 a.m. when they saw him walking away from an abandoned car parked in the middle of Monmouth Road. After patting Mr. Bernstein down for personal safety, police found two syringes and a strap commonly used to assist in intravenous drug use.

Mr. Bernstein was then charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and was released on his own recognizance.

Police later saw Mr. Bernstein driving an unregistered vehicle at 1:32 a.m. on Matchaponix Road.

When Mr. Bernstein stepped out of the vehicle after being stopped, 10 packets of heroine and two packets of cocaine valued at \$120 fell to the ground. There also was a stolen license plate on the car.

Mr. Bernstein is being held at the Middlesex County Adult Correction Center on \$1,000 bail.

William Rembert, 32, and Renee Curtin, 29, both of Monroe, were arrested and charged with trespassing on Sunday at 11:40 p.m. at Woodland School on Harrison Avenue because they were on school grounds after dusk.

Both were released on their own recognizance.

A security guard working for Greenbriar at Whittingham was charged with starting a fire at the housing development Sunday at 1:32 a.m.

After responding to reports of a fire in a dumpster at the housing development, police interviewed security guard Anthony Schiano, 21, of Monroe.

According to police, Mr. Schiano gave conflicting statements. He was then charged with criminal mischief after police determined that he had set the fire.

According to police, Mr. Schiano said he was not in the vicinity of the fire, but later stated that he could see the fire.

Mr. Schiano was released on his

own recognizance.

George Stampoulos, 49, of Monroe was charged with driving while intoxicated after he was pulled over for speeding on Perrineville Road Jan. 2 at 6:53 p.m.

Mr. Stampoulos also was charged with speeding, improper passing, refusal to submit to a breath test analysis, failure to keep right and careless driving.

During the traffic stop, police detected the odor of alcohol, after failing a field sobriety test, Mr. Stampoulos refused to submit to a Breathalyzer test and was charged with driving while intoxicated.

He was released on his own recognizance.

Benjamin Chanley, 41, of New York was charged with driving while intoxicated following a dispute at a Schoolhouse Road residence on Jan. 1 at 4:25 p.m.

Police were called to the scene of the dispute where they found Mr. Chanley sitting behind the wheel of his car with an open container of alcohol.

Mr. Chanley was also charged, with refusal to submit to a breath test, possession of an open container of alcohol and driving with a suspended license.

Mr. Chanley was released on his own recognizance.

A window valued at \$50 was broken at the Mill Lake School on Monmouth Road between 4 p.m. Dec. 26 and 10 a.m. Dec. 30.

A purse belonging to an employee of the Cranbury Nursing and Rehabilitation Center on Applegarth Road was stolen from the center between 5:30 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. Dec. 31. The purse contained \$75 and was valued at \$10.

Two wooden bear Christmas decorations with a total value of \$200 were stolen from a Cherry Blossom Drive residence between 11:30 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Sunday.

Council to approve dispatch cash

By John Saccenti
Staff Writer

JAMESBURG — The Borough Council will vote Tuesday on an ordinance allowing it to borrow up to \$1 million to pay for renovations to the new borough hall and to upgrade its dispatching system.

The \$1 million will be used to renovate the American Legion building on Perrineville Road to make it suitable for municipal services and to upgrade radio equipment to make it compatible with Monroe's dispatching system, so the township can begin providing service later this year.

The ordinance, introduced at the council's reorganization meeting Jan. 1, amended an earlier ordinance that allowed the council to borrow \$400,000 for borough hall.

The remaining \$600,000 will be for the dispatching system.

Mayor Joseph Dipierro said while the ordinance allows the borough to borrow up to \$1 million, it is unlikely that the council will need to. He has also said he would like Monroe to

provide dispatching by no later than June 1 if possible.

"We will use only what we need," he said.

The Borough Council voted unanimously last month to have Monroe provide Jamesburg with dispatching services. The agreement will officially begin once Jamesburg upgrades its radio equipment to be compatible with Monroe.

Estimates furnished by Motorola, which will sell or lease the equipment to the borough, show that it will cost between \$380,000 and \$411,000 for equipment upgrades, which include handheld walkie-talkies and car radios for the Jamesburg police and fire departments and the first aid squad, a Dictaphone and computer equipment.

The additional money will be used to switch 911 services and phone lines from Spotswood to Monroe.

Mayor Dipierro said the council is unsure how much the phone line changes will cost, which is why it

prepared to borrow nearly \$400,000 more than originally anticipated.

"We went this route so we don't have to amend the ordinance later," he said. "Of course the cost will be lower than that."

Jamesburg has been receiving dispatching services from Spotswood for the past five years. In 1996, Jamesburg was told by Spotswood that it wanted to end the relationship.

Since then, the Borough Council has been looking for a new provider. In December, Monroe agreed to provide dispatching services to the borough for an annual fee of between \$90,000 and \$100,000.

The \$400,000 will be used to renovate the American Legion building, including upgrades that make the building meet standards set by the federal Americans With Disabilities Act. Renovations include making the basement suitable for use by the Police Department as a headquarters.

The top floor will house all other municipal services. Dispatching also will be provided from the building.

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Lining up for prime real estate

50 lots at Greenbriar at Whittingham available Saturday

By John Saccenti
Staff Writer

MONROE — Don Margolin of Bergen County was No. 9 in line. He'd been waiting in front of the Greenbriar at Whittingham retirement community since 10:15 a.m. Tuesday and still had 71 hours to go.

Mr. Margolin is just one of the 15 or so people camping out in front of the community in order to get a prime piece of real estate.

"My son lives in the area and my feeling is, I've looked at areas in New Jersey, that I like this one," he said. "I think it's (Whittingham) got more bang for the buck."

The line in front of the community began forming at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday. These early birds are all vying for what they think is the perfect piece of property to live on.

The sales office will open at 9 p.m. Saturday and those in line will get to choose from 50 lots of property along the golf course. Once they select their property, they will choose from several models of houses to be built.

According to Whittingham General Manager Marcy Sensibello, the first of the houses is expected to be ready by August.

Greenbriar at Whittingham is a senior living facility open to those who are 55 years or older. There are currently 413 existing units. According to the sales office, U.S. Home expects to have 1,600 units built when the community is finished.

Villas start at \$158,950 and detached, or freestanding units begin at \$199,950.

Since the prospected buyers arrived, Ms. Sensibello and the Whittingham staff have gone out of their

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Frank Damasiewicz

way to make their visitors — and soon-to-be neighbors — at home.

A breakfast of doughnuts, bagels and coffee, compliments of U.S. Home, the builder of the community, greets them each morning. Lunch and dinner are also supplied to help make their wait a little easier.

The management at Whittingham is also opening the doors of its clubhouse by allowing those on line to spend their nights inside.

But some came prepared.

"I got a camper because I knew I'd be out here for a long time, so I'm pretty well set," said Frank Damasiewicz of Rahway. Mr. Damasiewicz arrived at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and knew he'd have quite a wait in store for him.

"If I'm going to be out here this many days I wanted to be in comfort," Mr. Damasiewicz continued.

Mr. Damasiewicz said that even without the camper, the wait wouldn't be that bad. The time spent in line is almost like getting to know neighbors before they actually become neighbors.

"I'm meeting a lot of people. Everybody here is mingling," Mr. Damasiewicz said.

The early crowd didn't surprise Ms. Sensibello or any other members of the Whittingham staff. Last year, when a section of property was getting ready to be built people came almost as early to ensure that they got the spot they wanted.

"It happens every time a section opens up. It's a wonderful place to live. I'd call it country club living," Ms. Sensibello said.

Among some of the perks these future residents can expect to find are a 29,000-square-foot clubhouse with two pools, billiards, shuffleboard courts, a card room, tennis courts and 24-hour in-house security.

But these extras aren't the only reason people want to buy and live in Whittingham. For many, it is simply the location of the community.

"I'm interested because for me it won't be that much of a change," said Lynn Levine of East Brunswick. "It's centrally located and I'll be able to maintain my friendships."

Not wanting to lose their spot in line, the Levines decided to do their waiting in shifts. At around 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Ms. Levine showed up, waited for her husband, Bob to pull his car out of the spot, and parked her car in line.

"I think everybody gets worried. That's what happened to us," said Ms. Levine on why she and her husband are working so hard to get their favorite piece of property.

"There is a limited number of lots that we want and we want at least one of them," Mr. Levine said. "I suspect we're early enough to get at least one of them."

Monroe council honors Junior Pee Wees

By Michael Prospero
Correspondent

MONROE — Move over, Michigan and Nebraska. The Monroe Township Wolverines are moving up in the rankings.

At Monday night's Township Council meeting, the members of the team received plaques recognizing their 10-1 season in which they won the Central New Jersey Junior Pee Wee division.

"Success comes before work only

in the dictionary, and I know how hard you worked to be successful," Council President Joanne Connolly said. "You made the town very proud of you."

"We expect now every year that record will remain the same, especially when you get to high school," Mayor Richard Pucci said. He also thanked the coaches and the parents of the players.

Mr. Pucci received a football signed by the members of the team.

"I want to congratulate you and put your record in perspective," Councilman Irwin Nalitt said. "Ten-and-one sounds great. But it sounds even greater when you realize that it's a better record than the Green Bay Packers and the San Francisco 49ers wound up with, so you should be proud of yourselves."

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NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS
(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO DIGIAN ASSOCIATES, INC. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG, BECKER & ACKERMAN, ESQS., plaintiffs attorneys, whose address is 1139 Spruce Drive, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint and Amendment To Foreclosure Complaint filed in a civil action, in which NATIONSBANC MORTGAGE CORPORATION is plaintiff, and MORTON S. HEITZNER, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Middlesex County, and bearing Docket F-11173-97 with-in thirty-five (35) days after JANUARY 9, 1998 exclusive of such date if you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint and Amendment To Foreclosure Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Su-

perior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, together with your check in the sum of \$105.00 representing the filing fee in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure. This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated September 23, 1988 made by Morton S. Heitzner & Annette G. Heitzner, h/w, as mortgagors, to Carteret Savings Bank, FA recorded on October 5, 1988 in Book 3722 of Mortgages for Middlesex County, Page 676 which Mortgage was assigned on April 16, 1990 to the plaintiff, NATIONSBANC MORTGAGE CORPORATION by Assignment of Mortgage recorded on in Book 506 of Assignments of Mortgages for Middlesex County, Page 902, and (2) to recover possession of, and contents premises commonly known as 211 Christopher Avenue, Unit 2, South Plainfield, NJ 07080. If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey Bar Association by calling 609-394-

1101. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 1-908-828-0053. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services office of the County of venue by calling 1-908-249-7600. DIGIAN ASSOCIATES, INC. is made a party defendant to this foreclosure action by reason of a mortgage dated September 29, 1997, which was made by MORTON S. HEITZNER and ANNETTE G. HEITZNER, his wife, to DIGIAN ASSOCIATES, INC., a New Jersey Corporation to secure the sum of \$14,700.00 and recorded on November 21, 1998 in Book 3745 of Mortgages for Middlesex County, Page 056, and for any lien claim or interest on the mortgaged premises. DONALD F. PHELAN, CLERK SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. CRP: 1-9-98 11 FEE: \$30.69

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(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: ALICE SZUBSKI N/K/A ALICE FOY YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG, BECKER & ACKERMAN, ESQS., plaintiffs attorneys, whose address is 1139 Spruce Drive, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint and Amendment To Foreclosure Complaint filed in a civil action, in which MARINE MIDLAND BANK is plaintiff, and ALICE SZUBSKI N/K/A ALICE FOY, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Middlesex County, and bearing Docket F-15816-97 with-in thirty-five (35) days after January 9, 1998 exclusive of such date if you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint and Amendment To Foreclosure Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof

of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, together with your check in the sum of \$105.00 representing the filing fee in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure. This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated April 30, 1987 made by Alice Szubski, as mortgagor, to Centar Home Inc. recorded on May 11, 1987 in Book MB-3438 of Mortgages for Middlesex County, Page 466 which Mortgage was assigned to the plaintiff, MARINE MIDLAND BANK by Assignment Of Mortgage which is unrecorded at this time and (2) to recover possession of, and contents premises commonly known as 124 Cypress Drive, Township of Woodbridge, Colonia, New Jersey 07067. If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey Bar Association by calling 609-394-1101. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, that the attached schedule of meetings with times, dates and locations be authorized for 1998.
I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury at a regular meeting on January 2, 1998.
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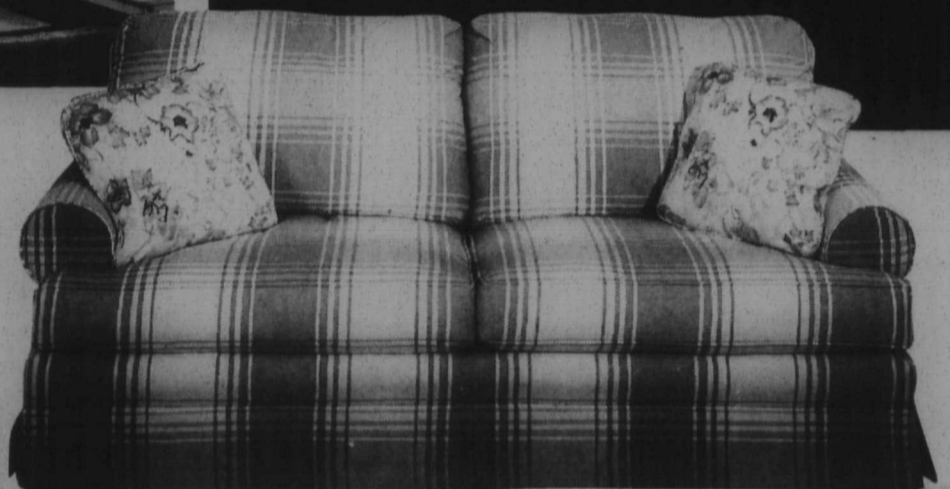
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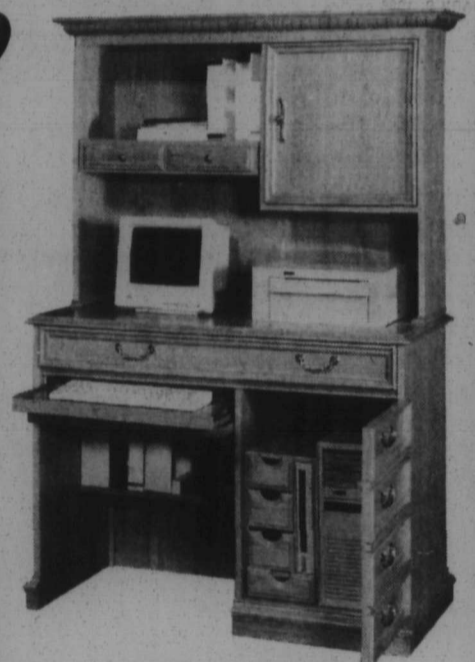
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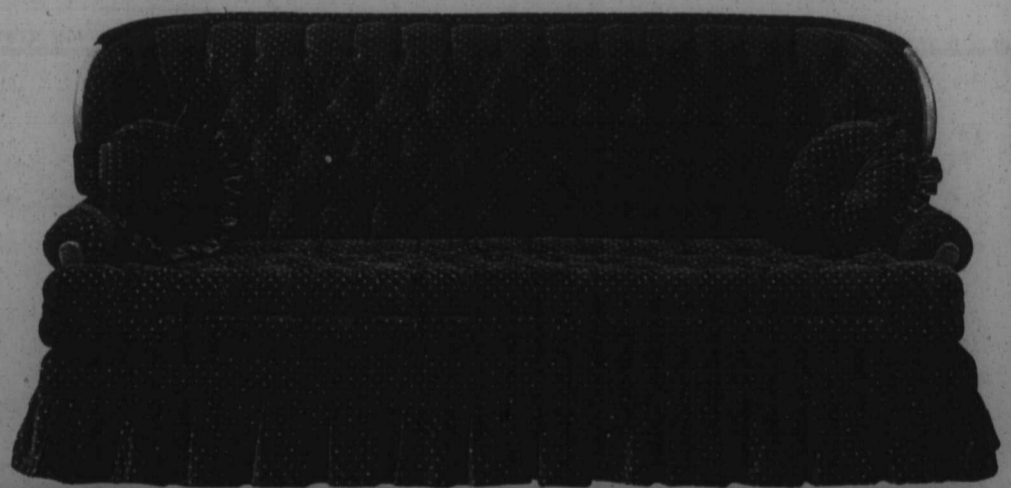
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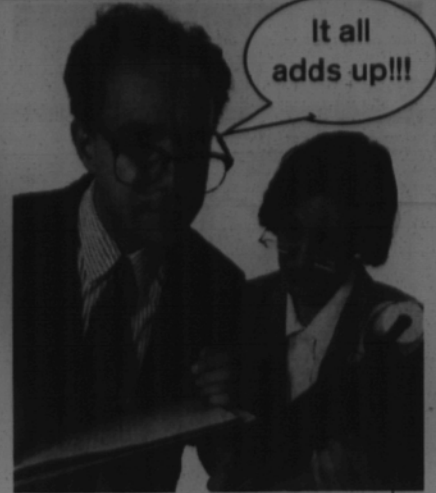
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OBITUARIES

Mary A. Plenninger

Mary A. Plenninger, 89, died Monday, Dec. 29, at the Sunnyfield Nursing Home in Cranbury.

Born in Mt. Vernon, N.Y., she lived in Montvale before moving to Clearbrook in 1979.

A daughter, Ruth Marilyn Granada; a son, Joseph Granada, and sisters Audrey McElvery and Marguerite Boehm are all deceased.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph Plenninger; a daughter, Norine Tarasoff of Mt. Vernon, N.Y.; two brothers, James Abbott of Old Greenwich, Conn. and John Sherman Abbott of Stanford Conn; 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Services were Friday, Jan. 2. The A.S. Cole Funeral Home, Cranbury, was in charge of arrangements. Interment was at the Cemetery of the Holy Sepulchre in New Rochelle, N.Y.

Norma Bee

Norma M. Michalowski Bee, 52, died Tuesday, Dec. 30, at St. Peter's Medical Center, New Brunswick.

She was born in New Brunswick and lived in West Virginia before moving to Jamesburg in 1989.

She worked for 14 years as a speech and language pathologist for the Freehold Township Board of Education.

She was a member of the Jamesburg Book Club, the American Speech and Hearing Association and the Folk Choir at St. James Church, Jamesburg.

Surviving are her husband, John; a son, Satyam of Jamesburg; a daughter, Bhavani of Jamesburg; her parents, Stanley and Mary Michalowski of Jamesburg, and a brother Stanley Michalowski Jr., of Carrollton, Texas.

Ernie

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rarely a place to cook, do laundry, or go outside and play.

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As far as the Bichsels are concerned, they are extremely happy to help, but they still have one problem. They still have a lonely Sing-and-

George Ross

George Ross, 77, of Monroe, died Wednesday, Dec. 31, at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick.

He was born in Ukraine and immigrated to the United States in 1921. He lived in Highland Park before moving to Clearbrook 10 years ago.

He was the retired owner of a wholesale distribution business for antiques and home furnishings in New York.

He was an Army veteran of World War II. He was active in the 94th Infantry Division Veterans Association.

His wife, Helen, is deceased.

Surviving are two sons, David of Princeton and Robert of Marlboro; a daughter, Bonnie Curra of Stony Brook, N.Y.; six grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

Services were Friday, Jan. 2. The Kimble Funeral Home, Princeton, was in charge of arrangements. Interment was at Beth Israel Cemetery, Woodbridge.

Contributions may be made to the Deborah Heart and Lung Center, P.O. Box 820, Browns Mills, N.J. 08015.

Arthur Spitzer

Arthur Spitzer, 88, died Saturday, Jan. 3, at the Cranbury Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

He was born in Bayonne and

lived in Queens, N.Y., before moving to Monroe in 1990.

He retired in 1975 after 40 years as a certified public accountant.

His wife, Blanche, died in 1989.

Surviving are two daughters, Susan Rutsky of Monroe and Ellen Flamholtz of West Columbia, S.C.; six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Services were Sunday, Jan. 4, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapels, East Brunswick. Interment was at Beth David Cemetery, Elmont, N.Y.

Eugene V. Fusco

Eugene Vincent "Gene" Fusco, 60, died Thursday, Jan. 1, at home.

He was born in New Brunswick, and lived in Jamesburg for most of his life before moving to Chincoteague, Va., eight years ago.

He was the owner of Gene Fusco Plumbing.

He served in the Marines for three years.

He was a member of American Legion Post 156 of Chincoteague, as well as the Elks Lodge.

He was a member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Jenkins Bridge, Va.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Jean McCarty Fusco; two daughters, Jeanne Marie of Robinsville and Laura Beth Semancher of Jackson; two brothers, Carmine of Jamesburg and Joseph of Bristow, Okla.; three sisters, Edith Sisti of Hamilton, and Veronica Cicio and Mary Fusco, both of Jamesburg, and two grandchildren.

Services were Sunday, Jan. 4. The Fox Funeral Home, Chincoteague, was in charge of arrangements.

Contributions may be made to the Eastern Shore Hospice of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Jenkins Bridge, Va.

Snore Ernie Doll sitting under their Christmas tree.

"We don't know what to do with it," said Ms. Bichsel.

According to Ms. Mercer, the Exchange Club will be changing its name to HomeFront within the next month.

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Remember, you read it here first

In the world of political punditry, January is a time for predictions and pronouncements. Knowledge and accuracy do not matter — just the ability to fling one-liners into the void.

With this in mind, I sought assistance from myriad experts in the fields of numerology, psychic anthropology, radiology, ophthalmology and zoology — and assorted members of The Cranbury Press staff — to help me craft the following twists and turns that may grace the landscape in 1998. Remember, it's not the accuracy of the predictions that counts — only that I can make them.

January: Gov. Christie Whitman is sworn in for her second term in office. During her inaugural speech, she announces that she plans to replace the state Department of Environmental Protection with the cast from "Seinfeld." She explains her decision by saying "those guys are out of work anyway, and I understand that George is a marine biologist."

February: Congressional Republicans abandon their attempts to bring in a special prosecutor to investigate President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore for fund-raising improprieties. Instead, they join with the president to revamp the campaign finance system, offering a proposal that would sell public office directly to the highest bidder.

March: The NCAA basketball tournament is canceled when bad grades, bad play and the flight of underclassmen to the NBA and the European leagues result in a lack of available players. Rutgers is declared the de facto champion. Congressional Republicans call for an investigation into President Clinton's role in the scandal, saying he arranged it as a coverup for the University of Arkansas' inability to hit the three.

April: Cranbury solves local tax dilemma when it strikes oil during the installation of the Tercentennial fountain.

May: Less than a week before it is scheduled to begin a new dispatching arrangement with Monroe, Jamesburg cancels the contract. Instead, the Borough Council opts to install a "Bat Signal" atop the new Borough Hall.

June: Suffering from Tercentennial withdrawal, Cranbury hosts a bash to celebrate the six-month anniversary of its 300th birthday. The town invites notables ranging from state legislators and New Jersey athletes to President Clinton. President Clinton declines the township's invitation, leading congressional Republicans to call for an investigation.

July: President Clinton, who has been dogged by constant Republican attacks, announces a new addition to the family — a pet iguana named Bubba. The national press corps spends the next several weeks debating the merits of the new presidential pet and speculates as to whether it will help Vice President Gore's chances in the year 2000.

August: Bill Gates offers to bail out the still-reeling Asian economies, paying off their debt in exchange for making the eastern nations a subsidiary of Microsoft.

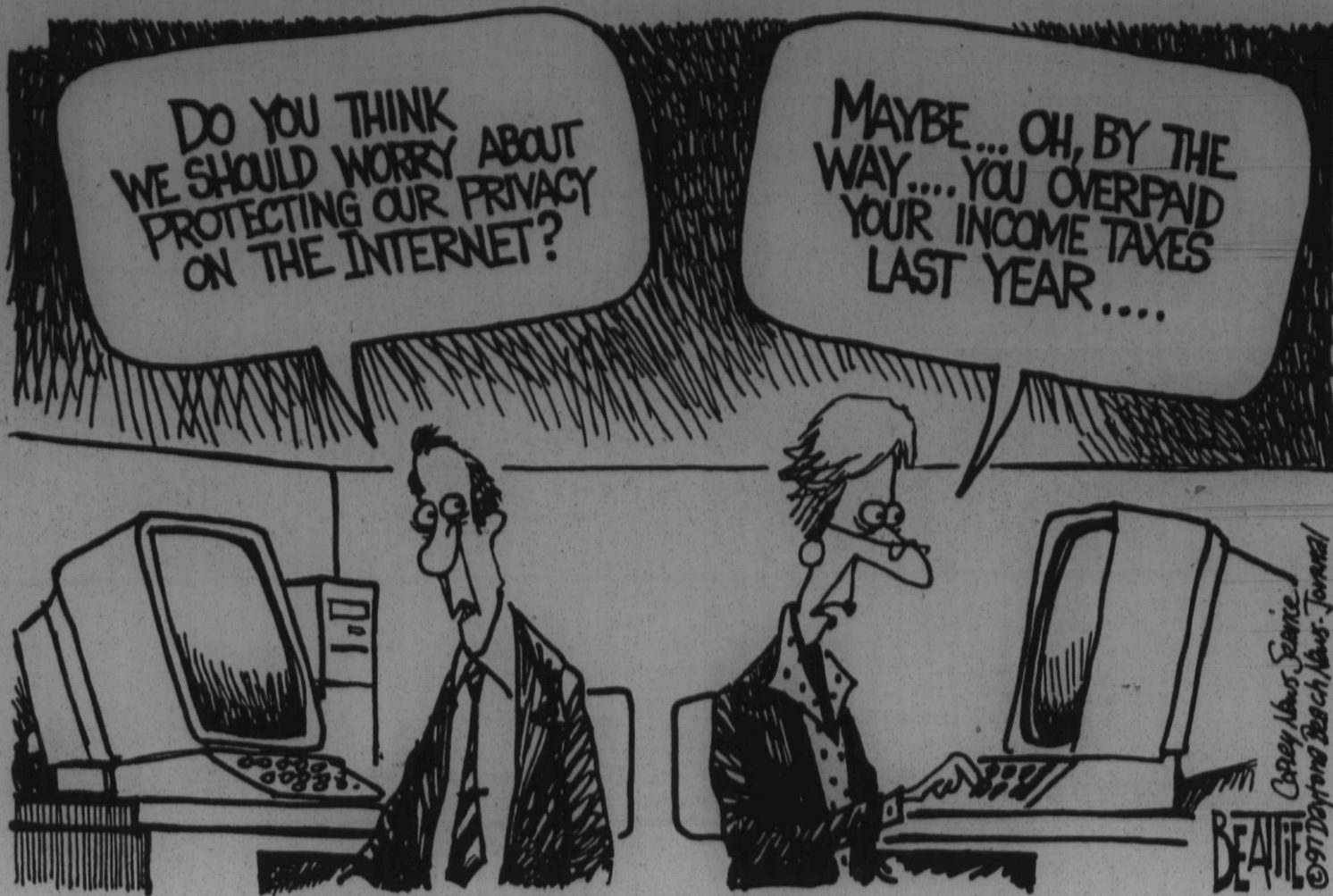
September: After the Rutgers football team gets off to an 0-3 start, Gov. Whitman signs an executive order firing the players and replacing them with members of the Monroe Pop Warner program. The new team responds with Rutgers' first victory in two years.

October: The stock market reaches a record high then collapses, rebounds to a new high, collapses again, then spikes and falls — all on the same day. An investigation ensues (Republicans blame the president; Democrats point the finger at House Speaker Newt Gingrich) and it is discovered that Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan is to blame. Mr. Greenspan, an avid admirer of "The Wizard of Oz," steps from behind his curtain and claims "I'm a very good man; I'm just a very bad wizard."

November: Elvis Presley turns up as a contestant on "Wheel of Fortune," where he breaks into a rendition of "Don't Be Cruel" and passes out after failing to guess a single letter. His prostrate body is whisked away by agents from the National Security Agency as Republicans call for an investigation.

December: Potential presidential candidates begin testing the waters to see if they might have enough support. Among those considering a run are Vice President Al Gore, former cabinet member Jack Kemp, U.S. Rep. Richard Gephardt, House Speaker Gingrich, N.Y. Jets Coach Bill Parcells, Michael Jordan, Steven Spielberg, Phil Donahue, Oprah Winfrey and the cast of the film "Titanic." Mr. Jordan is declared the early favorite.

Hank Kalet, news editor of The Cranbury Press, hopes to be chosen as Mr. Jordan's running mate.



CRANBURY PRESS RETROSPECTIVE

10 Years Ago

■ This year Monroe Township celebrates 150 years as an incorporated municipality, and the township Cultural and Heritage Commission is planning a year-long celebration of the event. Monroe Township officially became an entity on Feb. 23, 1838, and to mark the day the commission has planned a banquet on that day to be held at the Forsgate Country Club. Tickets will be available for \$29 a piece.

■ Teens in Cranbury, Monroe and at the Grace Mr. Breckwedel School in Jamesburg were interviewed this week and asked to reflect on Martin Luther King and his accomplishments. Despite the passage of time, students said they believe racism still exists and some said they feel the effects of it almost daily.

25 Years Ago

■ The Helmetta school board, which has been sending its seventh- and eighth-grade students to the Cranbury School since 1968, has de-

ecided to bus them to Jamesburg next year. The tuition, according to Jamesburg's School Superintendent Michael Gaeta, will be \$980 per student. Jamesburg reportedly has a void to fill next year, caused by the expected exodus of Monroe Township students who will be attending their own new high school.

■ Gerald E. Michael of Evans Drive has been elected president of the Cranbury First Aid Squad. He takes over the top post from Barry S. Clayton of North Main Street, who stepped down after two years. Marvin Dey of Evans Drive was elected the new captain, heading line officer appointments and Ed Deitrich of Highstown was named assistant captain.

50 Years Ago

■ Cranbury boy on world trip for Pan American. George Denison, son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Denison of Cranbury, left California on a world inspection tour for Pan American World Airways last Wednesday morning. The trip will

be about six weeks in duration and he will visit Hawaii, Manila, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Bangkok, Siam, Turkey, Paris, London, Ireland, the Holy Land and New York, and several other places around the globe.

■ Mr. and Mrs. John Trowbridge have returned to their home after spending the holidays in Florida.

75 Years Ago

■ Five of the young men stopping at the Cranbury Inn endeavored to give Cranburyians a miniature Mummers parade on New Year's Day. Masqueraded in odd gowns and costumes, the boys paraded the highway and were in great glee at the merriment they provoked. In one establishment in town the proprietor was so deceived by the female attire of one of the young men that his wife ordered them in the street. At the conclusion of the day, the boys were entertained at supper by the Misses Schnells.

Compiled from back issues of The Cranbury Press by Lisa Phillips-Liu.

LETTERS

No instant replay for the voters

To the editor:

When the TV viewer enjoys Sunday afternoon and Monday night professional football games they no longer have expectation that mistakes in calls by the officials will have instant replay to correct the errors in judgment.

The voters don't have that expectation either after the Trenton "insiders" got re-elected. Promises were made to solve our fiscal problems, no more bond issues without voter approval, reform of auto insurance and proper funding of public school education. Some even promised there would be no more raids on pension funds to "balance" the budget.

We are beginning to get the sound byte of bonds, bonds, bonds and more bonds to resolve issues that should be funded out of the general tax fund. Bonds are a future promise with interest to those who hold them. The full faith and credit of the State of New Jersey is pledged to pay... and so will the taxpayer who has been made promises of fiscal responsibility, but is getting the run-around.

"Mirror, mirror on the wall who are the worst sinners of all?" the voters ask. The Mirror replies, "Seek and ye shall find them in the Legislature sitting in Trenton."

Martin Berkowitz
Monroe

LETTER POLICY

We encourage our readers to write letters to the editor.

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Letters must be received by noon on Tuesday to appear in the following Friday's edition.

A hard lesson learned about human nature

Johanna and I have been friends since we were 12. Her family lived in a huge white house by the bay on Long Island. The house was surrounded by a high black wrought iron fence with spikes on the top, and there was an intercom at the gate. By our standards (and most of our town's), Johanna's family was rich.

She had more material things than the rest of us, and she paid for a good portion of them herself. It was easy for her. At a time when the rest of us were getting a dollar an hour for occasional babysitting, she was earning \$5 an hour working for her dad.

I was a bit envious, but when she got her new car, we spent many nights "cruisin'." When she got her motorboat, our days on the bay were heaven. And when her parents purchased a condominium on Fire Island — well, what college kid wouldn't want to spend a few weeks on Fire Island during the summer?

Johanna's friends were grateful for her generosity, but most of all, we valued her friendship. She was one of the most honest people I ever met, with a firm sense of fairness and the ability to judge right from wrong. If there were questions of ethics or morals to be dealt with, Johanna was able to help us sort out our feelings and do the right thing.

She eventually married a wonderful guy, had children and continued in the lifestyle in which she had been raised. She worked hard, enjoyed life and wanted for nothing.

Suddenly, everything changed. Johanna's husband was diagnosed with cancer and was dead within a year, leaving her with two small children at the age of 37. Emotionally, she was totaled. The only thing she did not have to worry about was money. Her husband had been insured for more than a million dollars.

They say that money isn't everything, but it can at least ease some of the problems most young mothers are left with when the father leaves or dies.

I am telling you all this because I want you to understand that by a middle-class person's standards, Johanna is very well off financially. To this day, if she wants to redecorate, she does. She owns two homes (one on Fire Island), a cabin cruiser, and several cars, including a Mercedes. She lacks for nothing.

And that's why I was so disappointed in her when I spoke to her a few days after Christmas. She had bought \$2,500 worth of computer equipment from a store that does not usually grant refunds or exchanges. Included in that purchase was a \$250 monitor she wasn't sure she actually needed. She got the owner to agree to take the monitor back if it was unnecessary.

Sure enough, she returned to the store three days later with the monitor. The manager kept his promise and authorized the cashier to credit

MOST THINGS CONSIDERED

Minx McCloud

Johanna's charge card. She was in a hurry and didn't notice until she returned to her office that the clerk had credited her the entire \$2,500, not knowing only one item had been returned.

I was amused at this snafu and asked her how the manager had reacted when she brought it to his attention.

"Minx, are you nuts?" she said. "I just got a \$2,200 computer system for free. Why would I take it back? It's their mistake."

I was horrified. Was this the same person who used to berate me for playing hooky from church and lectured me about stealing candy bars from Shand's Market when I was 13? I couldn't believe my ears!

"Johanna, first of all, they'll probably pick up the mistake, and second of all, it's stealing," I said.

"Well, if they call up about it, I'll just say I didn't look at the receipt," she said. "I usually don't, you know. I just throw it in a drawer. And it wouldn't have been stealing if I hadn't noticed it."

"Besides," she added belligerently. "They deserve it. They're notorious for overpricing items. They cheat a lot of people. My father said he probably would have done the same thing."

This take on free enterprise amazed me. Johanna's father is a shrewd businessman, and sometimes shrewd businessmen do things that are not totally aboveboard, but even if he agreed with her actions, I wondered what she could possibly tell her two teenagers that would justify not bringing this to the attention of the store manager.

I don't pretend to understand why someone who can afford just about anything needs to know she got something for free at the expense of others. Johanna says she'll return the money if they bring it to her attention. She says that if nobody notices the mistake, she's justified in keeping the equipment.

I say that even if the store manager doesn't notice, there's a higher power that will.

And I'm hoping she'll remember back to the time we were kids, and do the right thing.

Minx McCloud is a freelance journalist based in Middlesex County.

Housing

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portant that it was planned by the town, and not imposed on the town," he said.

Monroe currently has to provide 634 units of affordable housing. The plan calls for 127 units to be built as part of the 734-unit Monroe Manor development and 204 units to be built as part of the 890-unit Stratford-at-Monroe development, with an additional 100 credits for providing family, handicapped and age-restricted rental units in the two developments. The township also was given eight "group home" credits.

"What we're basically trying to do is get some affordable housing rentals for some of the kids in town

for them to stay in the township," Mr. Wilcenski said. "Right now, there's hardly anything affordable for them."

In addition, the township plans to rehabilitate 80 existing housing units, of which 41 have already been completed, and "sell off" 115 units to New Brunswick as part of a Regional Contribution Agreement.

Under the RCA, the township will pay New Brunswick \$2.3 million to build 115 affordable housing units in the city. Municipalities are allowed to transfer up to 50 percent of their obligation to other municipalities in their region.

"By transferring credits to New Brunswick, you're providing assistance to people who need it in a more urbanized area, without having to put

up a large apartment complex in Monroe, which is really quite rural," Mr. Convery said.

"It's a nice mix of options that benefits a lot of people, and it was planned thoroughly by the township."

But before this can happen, however, the township has to rezone two parcels at the southern end of the township, totalling 290 acres, to allow a 903-unit development to be built by Toll Brothers. The development would include 857 market-priced senior-housing units and 46 market-priced single-family homes. The ordinance was introduced in November and is expected to be approved by the Township Council Feb. 2.

In exchange for the rezoning, Toll Brothers will pay the township \$2

million toward the New Brunswick RCA.

Because a large number of affordable units hinge on the RCA, COAH is requiring that the township submit a signed agreement and update its zoning within 60 days.

It also required that the township create a spending plan that invests at least \$10,000 per unit for the remaining 39 units and that 13 must be rehabilitated this year.

It also required the township to adopt an ordinance that will allow it or the builders of the developments to contract with the state Affordable Housing Management Service, which screens potential residents to ensure they meet state income requirements and sets rents and mortgage levels for those who move in.



Staff photo by John Keating

Swoosh!

The warm weather Monday meant outdoor fun for Cassie Gare, Harriet Kadar and Alex Johnston as they spent some time at the playground. Cassie makes her way down the slide as Harriet awaits her turn.

JFK

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Inspectors from the state Department of Community Affairs were expected to arrive earlier this week, but due to a communication problem, the fire inspector did not show. According to Mr. Drapczuk, the fire inspector, building inspector and electrical inspector must all sign off before a certificate of occupancy can be issued.

As of 9:30 a.m. Thursday, all three had inspected the building, leaving school officials hopeful that a normal class routine will be put into effect soon.

"It's better than 50-50. The fire inspector said everything was fine, but the building inspector needs to sign off on it," Mr. Drapczuk said. "We're optimistic."

The Board of Education was expected to meet Thursday night, after The Cranbury Press's late afternoon deadline, to discuss how to make up the three canceled school days and meet the state requirement that there be 180 days of classes.

School board member Patrice Faraone said the school board would consider extending the end of the year or shortening the spring break.

This is the second time school was delayed because of the new school addition. In September, the first day of school was delayed to accommodate unexpected delays in the project.

Classes were scheduled to begin on Sept. 4, but were delayed to Sept. 8 to give faculty and staff adequate time to prepare the building.

CAPITOL NEWS AND COMMENT

The following items are taken from reports issued recently by legislators representing Central Jersey communities and other items of political concern.

Drunks targeted

Drunken drivers in New Jersey now face tougher penalties under legislation sponsored by Assembly members Paul Kramer and Barbara Wright that was signed into law Dec. 30 by Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco, acting governor.

Under the terms of the bill signed, A-932, drunken driving convictions in other states will count as prior convictions in New Jersey. "We cannot afford to be lenient on drunken drivers," said Mr. Kramer, R-Mercer, Middlesex. "With their recklessness, they threaten the lives of innocent people each day. Our legislation imposes tougher punishment on those with repeat convictions."

"We must crack down on repeat offenders," said Ms. Wright, also R-Mercer, Middlesex. "They should not be able to get away with a simple slap on the wrist from our justice system. These stiffer penalties are greatly needed."

"We are confident that our legislation will serve as a strong deterrent," Ms. Wright added.

The new law also specifies that a

motorist who refuses to submit to a chemical test for a possible DWI violation in another state will face enhanced penalties if the individual refuses to submit to such a test in New Jersey.

For a conviction in another state to count as a prior conviction in New Jersey, the standard for drunken driving must meet New Jersey's standard.

The maximum penalties for drunken driving include: for first offense, \$400 fine, 30 days in jail and a one-year loss of license; second violation, \$1,000 fine, 90 days in jail, loss of license for two years; and third or subsequent offense, \$1,000 fine, 90 days in jail and a 10-year loss of license.

Bank disclosure urged

Sen. Richard J. Codey, D-Essex, called on First Union Bank Dec. 30 to reveal the job shifts in store for hundreds of workers currently employed at the bank's corporate offices in Summit.

In a letter sent to First Union Chairman Edward Crutchfield Jr., Sen. Codey said that after announcing its merger with CoreStates Bank in October, First Union has turned its decision over relocating its northern

regional headquarters "into a ping-pong game between Summit and Philadelphia."

Sen. Codey is asking First Union to reveal how many of its banking jobs will remain in New Jersey and how many will be offered to Summit-based employees who are displaced by the merger.

First Union is the custodian of approximately \$50 billion in New Jersey pension fund assets. New Jersey has \$150 million in pension funds invested in First Union stock.

KidCare praised

Sen. Richard J. Codey issued the following statement Dec. 23 after the enactment of S-2269, a bill he co-sponsored to provide \$47.6 million annually for KidCare, a health insurance program for children of the working poor.

"We're telling people with this law that if they're willing to work, we're going to help their kids when they have health needs."

"We can't turn our backs on people who are trying to support their families by working."

"Just because working parents make too much money to qualify for Medicaid doesn't mean they can afford proper health care for their kids."

"Whenever you can provide

health insurance to more than 100,000 children of working parents, it's the right thing to do. It's gratifying to work out something positive for working families."

Giaquinto picked

Gov. Christie Whitman, on Dec. 24, announced her intention to name Daniel Giaquinto of Trenton to be Mercer County prosecutor. Mr. Giaquinto serves currently as a judge of the Municipal Court for the City of Trenton and the Municipal Court Judge for the Township of Hopewell. He is a lieutenant colonel in the New Jersey Army National Guard, where he serves as a judge advocate and military judge. He is a graduate of the Rutgers School of Law, Camden.

Appointments filed

Gov. Christie Whitman on Dec. 19 filed the following appointments with the Secretary of State:

HIGHWAY AUTHORITY: Designate Ronald Gravino of Ewing as Vice Chair.

INFORMATION RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COMMISSION: Reappoint Arthur J. Maurice of Hopewell.

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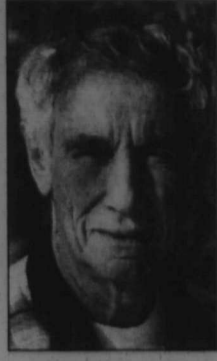
I was thinking about the title of a famous novel by Thomas Wolfe, "You Can't Go Home Again," when we visited our daughter recently on Long Island. We lived there for many years before moving to our present home in New Jersey.

Wolfe in his autobiographical novel evidently meant that when he returned to his small-town roots in North Carolina, after experiencing a literary life in New York, things really didn't seem the same. He and the residents and the town had changed so much, or so he thought, that it was like visiting a strange land in which he no longer belonged.

Long Island, however, is but one place where we have "a history." As a married couple and when single, we had lived in other places that we called home — where we also have a history.

As I looked around me on Long Island — at structures and locations that used to be so familiar — I had

PHASE THREE



Arnold Bornstein

physically gone home again. That "home," however, now exists only in my memories — for the home I knew is no longer there.

It's like watching on television scenes from a movie you saw 10 or

20 years ago. Everything is the same in the movie, of course, but it certainly doesn't seem like the same movie you're reacting to — because you have changed... physically, mentally and emotionally.

In any event, when discussing the thought with a friend in our retirement community, he said:

"My old neighborhood has changed greatly, but when I go back to Brooklyn, as I did a couple of weeks ago, I feel I'm home. I have a history there. I know the street names... I grew up there."

Other friends have told me they don't miss their old neighborhoods at all, especially compared to where they live now.

"I have good memories, as well as a few bad ones," said another friend, "from the places we lived before."

My wife reminded me that a few years ago we got the romantic idea to return, as a vacation, to the Emerald

Beach Hotel in Nassau in the Bahamas, where we stayed on our honeymoon.

The travel agent, however, suggested that perhaps we shouldn't return to a place where we had already been, and of which we have fond memories. We also learned that the hotel was beginning to deteriorate badly. We didn't go back.

The hotel eventually was demolished and is now the site of Carnival's big, booming Crystal Palace resort.

Whatever the case, and whatever our homes and our histories were there, they no doubt shape the lives we lead as we get older.

I still have vivid memories — almost like movie flashbacks in my mind — of my boyhood home in Pennsylvania.

I grew up in a small, anthracite (hard coal) mining town called Shamokin. My father owned a shoe store on the main street, Independence Street.

Years later I returned to Shamokin, now looking at it with a man's eyes rather than the eyes of a 9-year-old boy. The apartment house where we lived, and that I remembered as big, now looked only half the size.

Certain memories of that time in my life — both good and bad — will never leave me. It's that way for all of us, whether you moved a few miles or a few thousand. Because time doesn't make the move with you...

On a somewhat humorous but also serious note, I read recently in USA Today that federal regulatory agencies are planning to mandate safety devices for golf carts that are used off the golf courses.

The new rule, expected by the spring, would affect carts that are used on streets in retirement communities — as well as where they are used as utility vehicles, such as on

college campuses and by businesses. Safety features would include seat belts and headlights.

We have friends who live in Pinehurst, N.C., considered by many to be the golf capital of the world, home of the Golf Hall of Fame, and with the development's several tournament-site golf courses.

They own and keep their golf cart in their garage and drive it along the development's streets to one of the nearby golf courses.

Liz Neblett of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said: "We're talking about vehicles used on a street and by the older population. It's important."

The federal agency proposed the regulation a year ago but initially backed off because of ridicule and criticism.

Industry officials said fender-benders have become common at retirement communities.

Until next time, take good care and enjoy!

COMMUNITY CAPSULES

Applicants sought for career award

The Business and Professional Women's Club of Hightstown/East Windsor is accepting applications for Career Development Awards.

The Career Development Awards are given to women 25 years of age or older who are continuing or returning to school, in a two- or four-year college or a vocational training program. The application deadline is Feb. 28.

For an application or more information, call Kim Friedman-Muller at (609) 448-5599.

SAT course to start in February

Educational Services Center, an established tri-state SAT training facility, is offering preparation courses in February and March for the SAT I Spring 1998 exam at Monroe Township High School.

The course focuses on test-taking techniques in addition to improving mathematics and verbal skills.

Experienced, licensed high school teachers will conduct three eight-hour sessions for classes of 10 to 17 students. Cost of course is \$315, including books. Students can arrange for free additional help with the instructor. The center guarantees students will improve their scores or they can retake the course free of charge next season.

To register or for more information, call 1-800-762-8378.

NCJW plans future events

Although the National Council of Jewish Women, Concordia Section, will not be meeting during January and February, the group is busy planning future events for members.

A March 18 trip has been planned to the Museum of Natural History in New York to see an exhibit on diamonds. Cost is \$28; call Adele at (609) 655-4487 for reservations and more information.

On Thursday, March 19, the general meeting will be held. Gertrude Dubrovsky will discuss "The Kinder Transport," saving the Jewish children prior to World War II.

On Wednesday, April 22, the group will hear the opera "The Marriage of Figaro" in West Trenton. Cost is \$50; call Roz at (609) 655-1919 or Edythe at (609) 655-8390 for reservations or more information.

There will be an author luncheon on Tuesday, May 5, at 12:30 p.m. at the East Brunswick Chateau. The event will feature guest speaker Joyce Carol Oates. Cost is \$18; leave check at the clubhouse or mail to Rose Bergman, 7 Dolley Madison Drive.

Reservations have been made for an 11 a.m. tour of the Museum of Jewish Heritage on Tuesday, May 19.

Business advice free of charge

The Greater Princeton Chapter 631 of SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) will conduct counseling sessions on Wednesdays from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the Summit Bank Training Center in Jamesburg.

SCORE provides no-charge private and confidential consulting sessions for individuals seeking business start-up advice. SCORE also meets with small business owners who have a particular problem or are in need of a sounding board.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (609) 520-1776. SCORE also holds consulting sessions on Tuesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Princeton Chamber of Commerce's office in Forrestal Village in Princeton.

See the simple side of the Internet

The Hightstown/East Windsor Business Professional Women will present "The Internet Made Simple" on Monday, Jan. 12, at the Coach & Four Restaurant in Hightstown.

Featured speaker Anna Lustenberg, external affairs director of Bell Atlantic for Middlesex and Union Counties, will demonstrate use of the Internet for home business and everyday personal applications. The presentation will offer solutions and answer questions for those seeking general knowledge about practically using the Internet.

Networking starts at 6:15 p.m., followed by dinner and presentation. Cost of meeting is \$2 and dinner is \$16.50. Call (609) 426-4490 for reservations.

Church announces women's retreat

The Immaculate Conception Rosary Society, Spotswood, is sponsoring a women's retreat on Friday, Feb. 6, through Sunday, Feb. 8, at Villa Pauline in Mendham.

The trip will leave from the church parking lot on Friday at 3 p.m. and return on Sunday at 4 p.m. Transportation and meals will be provided. Cost is \$100.

For information/reservations, call (732) 521-1308 or (732) 723-0875.

Gerontologist talks with local residents

Activities for Workers has scheduled a visit with a gerontology specialist at its next meeting on Sunday, Jan. 25, at 3 p.m. in the art studio at Rossmore.

Ms. Ebero-Kerns, a native of the Philippines, will present the discussion "The Value of Older Americans in Today's Society."

She works with senior citizens in locating county and state resources for the aging as a state regional supervisor and provides consulting services to those who need assistance in establishing elder-care services.

She holds a bachelor's and master's degree from the University of the Philippines and has attended Set-

on Hall University and Kean College, specializing in courses on gerontology.

The meeting is opened to all Rossmore residents and refreshments will be provided.

Monroe announces Internet site

The Monroe Township Internet site has been officially launched and can be reached at the address www.monroetwp.com.

The new site will include information on community events, descriptions of official township functions as well as facts and figures regarding life in Monroe.

Residents also will be able to send E-mail directly to governing bodies and municipal department heads, as well as obtain certain commonly asked for applications.

Loan books due back March 8

March 8 is the new due date for Cranbury residents who borrowed books for vacation loan from the Cranbury Public Library during renovations.

The expanded library will open to the public on Sunday, Feb. 22. For more information, call the library at (609) 655-0555.

Archaeological finds to be topic of talk

The Monroe Township Library will present the program "What's

New in the Past," a lecture with visuals by Mary Lewis, on Thursday, Jan. 22, at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Lewis, a professor at Kean College and member of the Monroe Township Public Library board of trustees, will discuss new archaeological discoveries. She will use the World Wide Web to illustrate new excavations around the world. The program is free and open to the public.

B'nai B'rith plans trips

B'nai B'rith International, Concordia Unit No. 5266, is sponsoring several upcoming events.

The unit is planning a five-night cruise on the Orient Cruise Lines Marco Polo to Greece and Turkey from June 9 or Sept. 1 for \$2,529 per person. There will be a two-night pre-cruise in Athens and a three-night post-cruise in Istanbul.

The group also is planning a cruise to Russia from July 11-26 for \$2,799 per person. Visit Moscow, Uglich, Kostroma, Yaroslavl, Irma, Kizhi and St. Petersburg. Spend a day and evening in Copenhagen.

Also planned is a 13-day Alaskan cruise and tour leaving on July 29 from \$3,099 per person. The cruise tour on the Princess Cruise Sky Princess will include a five-night land tour (two nights in Fairbanks, one night in Denali and two nights in Anchorage) with a seven-night voyage of the Glaciers Cruise.

For more information on any of the trips, call Nikki at (609) 443-8200.

SENIOR CALENDAR

South Brunswick AARP

The following events are sponsored by the South Brunswick Chapter of the AARP. For information regarding membership, not restricted to South Brunswick residents, call Judie Weber at (609) 655-4075.

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The South Brunswick Chapter of AARP will hold its general membership meeting today (Friday) at 1 p.m. at the South Brunswick Senior Center on Ridge Road in Monmouth Junction.

The meeting will feature guest speaker Clare Gregorek, special representative for Exacta Medicare Services, who will explain current Medicare benefits and contemplated changes in the program.

The chapter is sponsoring a bus trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse in Clinton on Tuesday, Jan. 20, for a luncheon and a show, "Born Yesterday." Cost is \$42 per person. For reservations, call (732) 297-4884 or (732) 297-3562.

The chapter also is taking reservations up to Feb. 15 for a bus trip to Media, Pa., to see "Man of La Mancha" on Thursday, March 19, which includes lunch at Zachary's Restaurant. Cost is \$50 per person. Both trips will depart from the South Brunswick recycling area at 10 a.m.

Jamesburg/Monroe Seniors

The following activities are planned by the Jamesburg/Monroe Seniors at the Senior Center, 139 Stevens St., Jamesburg:

Jan 14: Membership meeting and blood pressure screening at 12:30 p.m.

Jan 22: Trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see "Born Yesterday" and lunch. Bus leaves 9:30 a.m.; cost is \$36.

For more information about activities, call (732) 521-4620 or (732) 251-2044. All Jamesburg or Monroe residents over age 60 are welcome to join.

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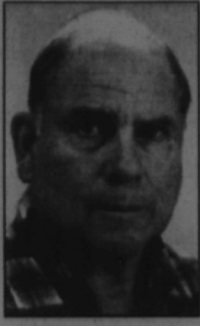
Edison will feature a variety of shows this summer

One of the great bargains of the summer season is Plays-in-the-Park in Edison. The group, which operates in the beautifully equipped site in Roosevelt Park, just off Route 1, is entering its 36th summer.

In days of yore, you merely brought your camp chair (no high backs please) parked in the large spaces nearby, set up your chair along the white-washed guide lines on the gently sloping hill and watched strong casts performing some of the favorite musicals of the half century. It was all free.

Well, most of that is still true. The only change is a \$3 charge per person; most of the cost is still underwritten by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Oh sure, the charge has necessitated a fenced-in area for the audience. And this works not only to keep out the

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Stuart Duncan

freeloaders, but to keep the area guards around to keep out the freeloaders and, oh, never mind.

But for the most part, it's still the best bargain for the summer. With good casts, a live orchestra (albeit not so large as it once was) and wonderful sight lines, this is good stuff.

The '98 summer schedule is certainly eclectic; it opens with the rock opera "Tommy," written by Peter Townshend and originally played by The Who. It was written in the '60s, but recently readapted for the stage. It may well horrify traditional musical comedy enthusiasts who hold Rodgers and Hammerstein dear to the heart, but the "baby boomers" will have a ball.

"Tommy" premieres on Tuesday evening, June 23, and runs through Friday, July 3. Note the dates, they have been slightly altered from past years. All performances are at 8:30 p.m. There are no advance reservations, but you may start setting up

your chairs at 6. There is one small proviso: you must stay at or close to your spot until the show begins. None of this setting up your location and then dashing off for dinner nearby.

The next show is "She Loves Me," a complete change of pace with a score by Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick, the pair who wrote "Fiddler on the Roof." This is a charming musical, set in the 1930s in a European perfume shop. The work is based on a play by Miklos Laszlo. And while it exudes saccharine sentiment and doesn't really have anything much in the way of memorable tunes, there's not much to hate either. "She Loves Me" plays from Wednesday, July 15, through Saturday, July 25.

Next up is "My Fair Lady," on almost everyone's all-time favorite list. The Lerner/Loewe musical has it

all — super songs such as "I Could Have Danced All Night," "On the Street Where You Live," "I'm Getting Married In The Morning (Get Me To The Church On Time)," "I've Grown Accustomed To Her Face" and on and on. Plus a terrific script, adapted from George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion." You might have to get to the amphitheater a little early to get the choice locations for this one. It opens on Wednesday, Aug. 5, and runs 10 performances through Saturday, Aug. 15.

And the summer season closes with "Jerry's Girls," a whirl through the music and lyrics of Jerry Herman. It is really a cabaret-style evening, with tunes from Mr. Herman's big Broadway hits such as "Mame," "Hello Dolly" and "La Cage aux Folles." Be warned that Mr. Herman has always written songs that fit very

particularly to the script involved. Some of his tunes, thereby, aren't well suited to a cabaret show. They just don't mean much without the characters of the show itself.

"Jerry's Girls" opens on Tuesday, Aug. 25, and runs through Friday evening, Sept. 4. Notice, again, the fact that the final Saturday night performance is missing. Due, presumably, to Labor Day weekend.

If you have any questions, you might try calling either Gary Coeh, who produces the summer, or Jacky Neill, his pretty assistant (and a terrific performer herself). The number is (732) 548-2884.

Stuart Duncan welcomes readers' comments and their suggestions on shows they'd like him to write about. Messages may be left for him at (609) 924-3244, ext. 715.

RELIGIOUS NEWS

Congregation Beth Chaim

Congregation Beth Chaim, at 329 Village Road East in Princeton Junction, is celebrating the synagogue's 25th anniversary.

The current Religious School serves 500 children, with an award-winning special education program. The preschool features programs for children 2½ to 6 years old, with a Mommy and Me class and afternoon enrichment programs.

Rabbi Eric Wisnia is the spiritual leader of the congregation. Cantor Stuart Binder co-leads the Friday evening Shabbat services, beginning at 8 p.m. and Saturday morning services at 10 a.m. Family Services are held on Friday evenings at 7:30

For information, call (609) 799-9401.

First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury

The First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury holds contemporary worship service at 8:45 a.m. and traditional worship service at 11 a.m. Sunday School for all ages is at 10 a.m. Child care is provided. The Rev. Paul Rhebergen is interim pastor.

The church is located on 22 S. Main St. in Cranbury. For more information, call the church office (609) 395-0897.

Trinity United Methodist Church

Sunday School classes at the Trinity United Methodist Church, located on 70 Manalapan Road in Spotswood, are available for age 3 through adults. Children's classes begin at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call (732) 251-0815.

United Methodist Church of Cranbury

The United Methodist Church of Cranbury holds Sunday worship service at 8:30 and 11 a.m. with the Rev. John M. Foster. Church school begins at 9:30 a.m. for 2-year-olds

through high school. Adult Forum is at 9:30 a.m., Bible Study and Topical Issue class.

A nursery is provided for the 11 a.m. worship service. Coffee hour follows the 11 a.m. service.

The United Methodist Church of Cranbury is located at 21 N. Main St. in Cranbury. For information, call (609) 395-1737 or (609) 395-0613.

Lion of Judah Faith Center

The non-denominational Lion of Judah Faith Center, located on 4 Brickyard Road in Cranbury, holds worship every Sunday at 11 a.m. and Sunday School at 10 a.m. On Wednesdays, there is prayer at 7 p.m. and Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. Friday

night intercession prayer is at 7 p.m. Call the church office at (609) 371-1850 for more information.

Rossmoor Community

Rossmoor Community Church holds worship services on Sundays at 11 a.m. at Village Mall in Monroe. On Sunday, Jan. 11, the Rev. Dr. Donald R. Fletcher will preach and Donald Sheasley will be the soloist.

St. George's Episcopal Church

St. George's Episcopal Church, located at 56 Main St. in Helmetta, holds regular Sunday services at 8

a.m. for an early service and at 10:30 a.m. for the late service. Coffee hour is at 9 a.m., an adult discussion class meets at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday School for children is held at 10:30 a.m.

For information, call (732) 521-0169.

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BIRTHS

The Medical Center at Princeton has announced:

A girl to David and Christine Dzingleski of Jamesburg, Oct. 31, 1997.

A girl to Duane and Kathleen Watlington of Jamesburg, Nov. 2, 1997.

A boy to Andrew and Ruth Jost of Cranbury, Nov. 5, 1997.

A girl to James and Lisa Gill of Jamesburg, Nov. 12, 1997.

A girl to Kyle and Jillian Tattle of Cranbury, Nov. 13, 1997.

A boy to Glenn and Julie Buck of Cranbury, Nov. 28, 1997.

A boy to John and Josey Katerba of Cranbury, Dec. 2, 1997.

A boy to John Simonetti and Toni Costabile of Cranbury, Dec. 5, 1997.

A boy to Thomas and Nancy Vandesande of Jamesburg, Dec. 12, 1997.

A girl to James and Fiona Ro-mainne of Cranbury, Dec. 21, 1997.

A girl to Anthony and Anamaria Balestrieri of Cranbury, Dec. 25, 1997.

The Helen Fuld Medical Center, Trenton, has announced:

A girl to Russell and Nancy Anselmo of Cranbury, Oct. 10, 1997.

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| National Resources for Special Education | Wednesdays | 4:50-7:30pm | Doty |
| Learning Disabilities | Thursdays | 6:00-8:40pm | Frawley |
| **Materials & Methods in Special Education | Tuesdays | 6:00-8:40pm | Regan |
| Supervision of Instruction | Wednesdays | 4:45-7:25pm | Ash |
| Foundations of Education | Mondays | 6:00-8:40pm | Fanelli |
| Principles of Staff Training & Development | Mondays | 4:50-7:30pm | Lucas |
| The Law of Higher Education | Thursdays | 5:15-7:50pm | Richardson |
| MEDICAL BUILDING, 47 PATERSON ST., NEW BRUNSWICK | | | |
| Seminar on Giftedness (3 credit course) | Thursdays | 12:00-2:40pm | Lewis, Louis, Feiring, Wilkinson |
| JEK REHABILITATION CENTER, EDISON | | | |
| Interdisciplinary Assessment of Infants & Young Children | Tuesdays | 4:50-7:30pm | Lennon |
| Infant/Parent Therapy | Wednesdays | 4:50-7:30pm | Fornberg |
| CROSSROADS SCHOOL, SOUTH BRUNSWICK | | | |
| **Assessment For Instructional Planning | Mondays | 4:50-7:30pm | Barudin |
| Program Development in Adult & Cont. Ed. II | Wednesdays | 4:50-7:30pm | Novak |
| Psychometric Theory | Thursdays | 4:50-7:30pm | Gorham |
| Education Law | Wednesdays | 6:00-8:40pm | Belan |
| Learning Disabilities | Mondays | 4:30-7:10pm | Porwancher |
| Introduction to Counseling Psychology | Wednesdays | 4:50-7:30pm | Robbins |
| Personality Assessment II (Doctoral Students) | Wednesdays | 4:50-7:30pm | Nebel |
| Psychopathology (Doctoral Students) | Thursdays | 4:50-7:30pm | Mastrich |
| FREEHOLD HIGH SCHOOL, FREEHOLD | | | |
| Curriculum Development in the Secondary School | Wednesdays | 4:30-7:10pm | Hayden |
| Psychology of the Exceptional Child | Tuesdays | 4:30-7:10pm | Shapiro |
| **Resources for Individuals With Disabilities | Tuesdays | 6:00-8:40pm | Fitch |
| FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL, SOMERSET | | | |
| Literacy Development in the Early Years | Tuesdays | 4:50-7:30pm | Morrow |
| DISTANCE LEARNING MODE COURSE | | | |
| ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, COLTS NECK | | | |
| Principles of Staff Training & Development | Thursdays | 5:30-8:10pm | Nicola |
| SAND HILL SCHOOL, FLEMINGTON | | | |
| Learning Disabilities | Wednesdays | 6:00-8:40pm | Hobbie |
| Curriculum & Instruction | Tuesdays | 6:00-8:40pm | Flathmann |
| PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL, PLAINFIELD | | | |
| Literacy Development in the Early Years | Tuesdays | 4:50-7:30pm | Morrow |
| DISTANCE LEARNING MODE COURSE | | | |
| WEST WINDSOR-PLAINSBORO HIGH SCHOOL, WEST WINDSOR | | | |
| **Assessment for Instructional Planning | Tuesdays | 4:30-7:10pm | Herrero-Taylor |
| MORRISTOWN HIGH SCHOOL, MORRISTOWN | | | |
| **Materials & Methods in Special Education | Wednesdays | 6:00-8:40pm | Stepura |
| Learning Disabilities | Mondays | 6:00-8:40pm | Gerhardt |
| Curriculum Development in the Secondary School | Thursdays | 6:00-8:40pm | Weiss |
| MORRIS HILLS HIGH SCHOOL, ROCKAWAY | | | |
| Curriculum & Instruction | Tuesdays | 4:30-7:10pm | McNasby |
| WAYNE HILLS HIGH SCHOOL, WAYNE | | | |
| Curriculum Development in the Secondary School | Tuesday | 5:00-7:40pm | Staff |
| Foundations of Educational Administration & Supervision | Wednesdays | 5:00-7:40pm | Montesano |
| WASHINGTON SCHOOL, SADDLE BROOK | | | |
| Curriculum Development in the Secondary School | Wednesdays | 4:30-7:10pm | Centolanza |
| **Resources for Individuals with Disabilities | Thursdays | 5:15-7:55pm | Zucker |

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11:15am Morning Prayer (2nd & 4th Sundays)
4:30pm Choral Evensong (1st Sunday, October-June)

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Monroe Recreation is holding **Adult Volleyball Registration** for residents and non-residents. Volleyball will be held on Wednesday evenings at Applegarth School from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The program will begin Jan. 14. You must pre-register at the Community Center. Fee is \$10 for residents and \$20 for non-residents. For further information call the Community Center at (732) 723-5000.

A **free clinic for pitchers ages 13-15** entitled The Game Within The Game will be held Thursday, Feb. 5, in the large conference room on the first floor of the main branch of the Old Bridge Public Library from 7 to 8:45 p.m. The library is located at the Old Bridge Municipal complex on the corner of Cottrell Road and Route 516.

The main focus of the clinic will be mental mastery: teaching pitchers how to achieve ultimate performance and success, how to master your communication with yourself, how to master your physiology, and how to create positive mental movie making. Lead speaker will be Frank Bacchetta, chairman of AAU baseball in New Jersey. Other speakers include Matt Rondo, assistant baseball coach of St. Mary's High School, and several others.

Players should have at least one full year of experience playing on 90-foot bases to benefit from the clinic. Position players are welcome. For further information and to reserve a spot call Frank at (732) 750-5506.

Any individuals or teams **looking to play in the South Brunswick Modified Fast-Pitch Softball League** should call Kevin Ryan at (732) 329-8827. The league runs from April to September and is played on Friday nights.

The **Garden State Independent Baseball League is seeking All-Star teams** to play in a state-wide Sunday doubleheader traveling All-Star League. Divisions will be separated by individual ages ranging from 12-and-under to 19-and-under. Legion, federation and town all-star teams can get a jump on their tournament season competition. High school freshman, JV and varsity teams are also welcome. For further information, call Chris at (732) 750-5506.

The New Jersey Lightning AAU 14- and 15-year-old tournament and traveling baseball team is **seeking qualified volunteer coaches and managers**. Positions are available on teams based in East Brunswick, Old Bridge, Edison and Millburn. Ex-high school and college players are welcome. For further information, call Frank Bacchetta at (732) 750-5506.

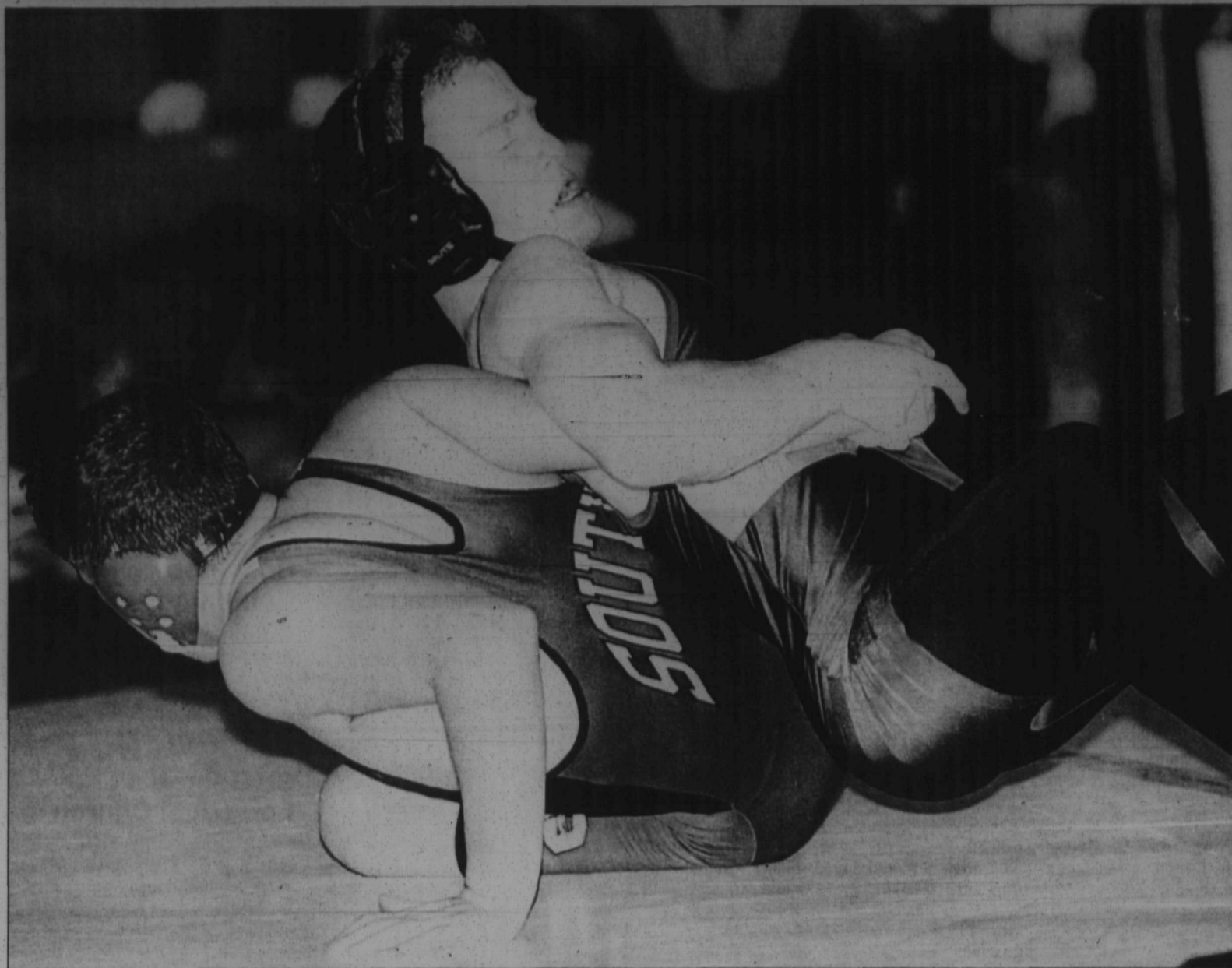
Monroe Township Baseball Registration will be held Wednesday, Jan. 14 through Saturday, Jan. 24 at the Recreation Center on Monmouth Road. Registration will be done from 7 to 9 p.m. on week nights and from 9 a.m. to noon on weekends. Cost is \$60 per player. However, each player will receive 60 raffle tickets at the time of registration. If all 60 tickets are sold, registration is free. There is a late registration fee of \$5 with no opportunity to sell raffle tickets. Anyone registering for the first time must bring a copy of their birth certificate.

The Jamesburg Recreation Department is now an official program center for the **New Jersey Street Devils**, sponsored by the New Jersey Devils, along with the National Hockey League and NIKE. Street Devils is designed to provide children with an athletic and educational program, through local community centers and schools. The program is for boys and girls ages 6-16 who live in Central New Jersey. For questions call the Jamesburg Recreation Department at (732) 521-2843.

Boys youth lacrosse sign-ups are now being held for the Lightning Lacrosse teams. Applications are being accepted for the spring season from boys in grades 4-8. The teams include boys from Cranbury, West Windsor, Plainsboro, East Windsor and the surrounding area. No experience is necessary. For further information call (609) 655-1197.

The **Jamesburg Traveling AAU Baseball Organization is forming under-14 teams** for next spring. Players must live in Middlesex or Monmouth Counties. Anyone interested should call Gary Bordonaro at (908) 521-0246.

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Staff photo by John Keating

Monroe's Andy Blumenstock battled hard before falling to South Plainfield's Dave Fiore in Tuesday's 145-pound bout in South Plainfield.

Falcons run into South Plainfield buzzsaw

By Bill Sullivan
Sports Writer

WRESTLING

To be the best, you have to wrestle the best.

That's the sometimes unfortunate bottom line for the Monroe High School wrestling team, which will earn no sympathy points from its brethren of Central Jersey Opponents for being young and inexperienced this season.

That point was made abundantly clear Tuesday night, when the falcons opened their 1997-98 dual campaign with a 59-14 loss to perennial Greater Middlesex Conference power South Plainfield at South Plainfield High School. The Tigers, off to a 2-0 start this year, tuned up for a GMC

Red Division showdown with Old Bridge Saturday night by collecting four pins and technical fall against Monroe, while also receiving four wins by forfeit.

It wasn't a match the Falcons figured to win from the outset, but it might have been closer had forfeits and injuries not stacked the deck so high against them.

Highlighting Monroe's efforts

Tuesday night were victories by Zack Morolda at 130 pounds and Jeff Horsch at 160. Morolda got the best of the closest bout of the evening, handing John Blondet a 6-4 loss to break a string of four straight Tiger arm raises and run his seasonal record to 6-2.

Horsch collected the lone pin for

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Monroe numbers thin at Relays

By Carolyn M. Hartko
Sports Writer

For the Monroe High School winter track team, this year's entries into the Greater Middlesex Conference Relays will be a matter of quality, not quantity.

The Falcons will be entered in a limited number of the relay events at

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the big meet which is scheduled to take place this coming Sunday at Crossroads School in South Brunswick (the former South Brunswick High School).

"For the boys team, we're only entering two events," Falcon head coach Lew Stonaker said. "That's mainly because a lot of the kids did not show up for practice over the break. Families were away and things of that nature."

However, the Falcons expect to do well in the one running event they compete in. Junior distance specialist Steve Roman will lead a distance medley squad which also features senior Tim Farrell, and sophomores Aaron Liptak and Brian Farrell. Roman is fresh from a first-place finish in the 3,000-meter race at the Seton Hall Invitational track meet held over the winter break.

The other event with Monroe representation is the boys shot put, where Stonaker has entered two teams this year.

"The shot put is only a two-man team, and we have six shot putters," Stonaker said. "So, we're going to enter an 'A' and a 'B' team just to give more kids some experience."

Stonaker has also cut back on the number of events that the Lady Falcons will contest this Sunday. Monroe girls are entered in the distance

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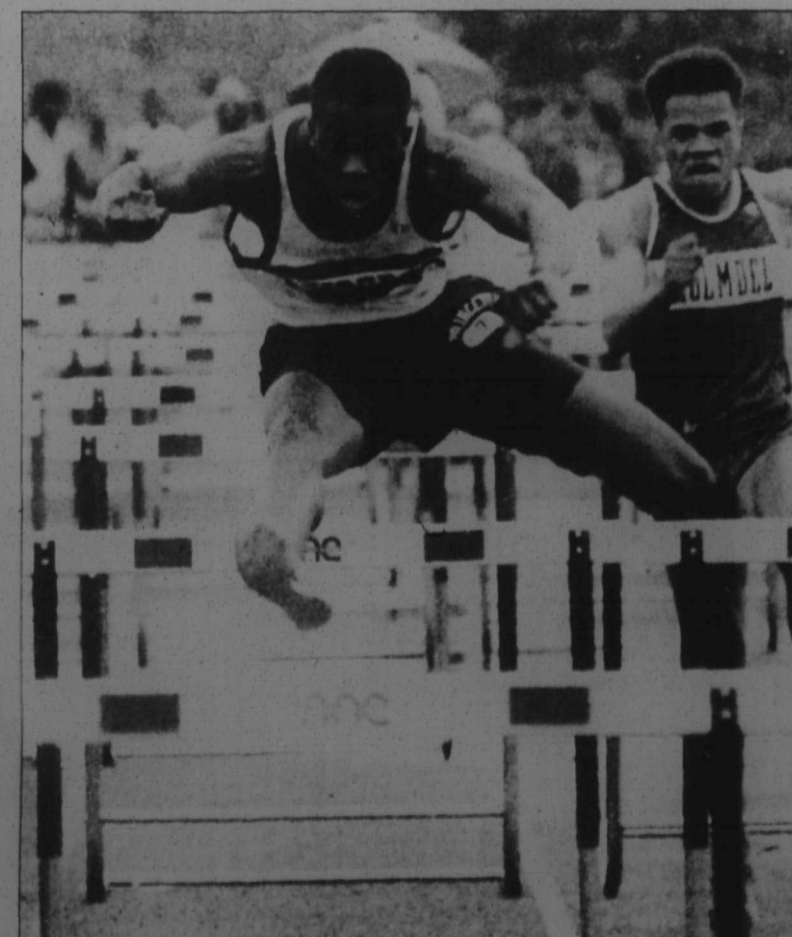
Former PHS track star returns as boys coach

By Bob Nuse
The Packet Group



Princeton Packet file photos

New Princeton High track and field coach Wagner Marseille, a 1989 graduate who hopes to return the program to its glory days, was a double edged threat as a high jumper and a Group II champ in the 110 hurdles.



Wagner Marseille was part of the Princeton High track and field program when the Little Tigers were one of the premier programs in the state.

Now that he's back at his alma mater as a teacher and a coach, he hopes to bring the program back to the level it was when he was when he graduated in 1989.

"With high school athletes, if you want to talk about winning states and sectionals and eventually being one of the better athletes on the East Coast, those are high expectations," said Marseille, who will be the head coach of the boys' team during the indoor and outdoor seasons, with Andre Bridgett, who had coached both teams, now able to devote his energies to the girls' program. "But I want to bring that to the front burner and get the program back to what it was when I was in school. Ever since (former coaches) Mr. (Marc) Anderson and Mrs. (Becky) Mackey left, the program has not been the same as it was when I was here."

"I had been thinking for a while about getting into coaching and getting back to Princeton High to teach. I've been very interested in special education. Before I came back to Princeton High, I kept track and compared what the athletes were doing now to what it was like when I was here."

Once Marseille got his job as a special education teacher at Princeton High, he knew getting into coaching wouldn't be far behind. On the track, he is one of the school's more accomplished athletes, having competed for Haiti in the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. But for Marseille, seeing Princeton return to its glory days is a top priority now.

"I know the workouts Mr. Anderson and Mrs. Mackey put us through were top-notch," said Marseille, a Mercer County and state Group II champion in the 110-meter hurdles as both a junior and senior. "When they left, it seemed like the program fell to the wayside and the kids weren't being challenged. Mr. Anderson demanded excellence and set a standard."

"I'm glad to be back and hopefully I'll be here for a long time. I'm trying to build a great program, not just great individuals. I'm not looking for a handful of athletes to just barely qualify from sectionals. I'm not going to be happy with just one, two or three guys qualifying. I want to see half the team qualify for even more than that. It's been done before with Mr. Anderson and I think it can be done again."

Marseille will get his start with a small group now in the indoor track program. The former All-America at Fairleigh Dickinson University has just 14 boys out right now, few of whom have established themselves even at the county level. But Marseille is confident this group, and

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GIRLS

Head Coach: Andre Bridgett, fourth year

Last year: 2-7-1

Key returning athletes: Mara Shindleman (Sr.), Julia Driscoll (So.), Julie Wepplo (So.), Leslie Wright (So.).

Top newcomers: Caitlan Teifer (Sr.), Jene-Vieve Thayer (Sr.), Swapna Reddy (So.), Kendra Uglietta (So.), Stephanie Chung (Fr.), Caitlan Dennehey (Fr.), Stephanie Fee (Fr.), Valerie Fee (Fr.).

Coach's Thoughts: We're really undermanned, as usual. We're hoping to develop some of the younger kids on the team. I'm hoping we can develop and be ready for the spring season. I'm hoping we can be competitive indoors, but we're short on numbers right now and that makes it tough.

BOYS

Head Coach: Wagner Marseille, first year

Last year: 1-10

Key returning athletes: Nicholas Chang (Sr.), Stefan Kolata (Sr.), Matt Wimmer (Sr.), Patrick Warren (So.).

Top newcomers: Frank Bernazard (Sr.), Durlitch Douge (Sr.), Adam Straus (Fr.), Adam Wagner (Fr.).

Coach's Thoughts: We don't have a lot of depth and that has been plaguing Princeton High for a long time. You can't be a tremendous force, even within the county, when you only have 12 guys, with no throwers and no field events. You can't win a team championship without a number of individuals. The workouts we're going through are tough. I'm getting workouts from UCLA and Tennessee. I tell the kids they're getting the best, top-notch workouts. I think these kids that are freshmen now, by the time they're seniors they'll be there. Not just at the county level, but East Coast. I see that happening with these athletes.

those who follow, will eventually grow into a solid program.

"The training is a lot more intense with the indoor season, which is so hard for an athlete, both academically and physically," said Marseille, whose team opens its season against Lawrence at Peddie tonight. "The meets during the week at Peddie go until 11 o'clock and for training you're caught between the cold outside and working in the hallway to get something done inside."

"This is a year to get used to coaching. My long term plan is to bring the program back to the glory days that I remember. We have some great athletes out right now and I'm trying to keep them interested until the spring season."

Having competed at the highest level as recently as two years ago, Marseille knows a thing or two about what he speaks. He just hopes he has a receptive audience in the Princeton High athletes.

"I think they know about what I've done in the past," said Marseille, who also played soccer at PHS and was the freshman boys' soccer coach this fall. "I try not to toot my own horn but they want to know what I did and I tell them I was in the Olympics and it takes a lot of work to get to that point. It started for me freshman year in high school with Mr. Anderson and Mrs. Mackey. I knew then I wanted to be able to compete at a high level. I think these guys are starting to feel that and understand that."

"I'm still trying to compete. I'm in transition right now because I left

my coach and I'm not performing up to the level I would like. My schedule is compatible because I get done at 3 o'clock and then I do some of the workouts with the kids and some of the drills. I think it's important that you just don't talk about it, but that you can also demonstrate it."

For most of this decade, the Princeton High program has struggled with numbers, often getting just enough athletes out to field a competitive team. There have been occasional standouts, but not the constant flood of top-notch individuals there were in the 1980's.

"Princeton High has not come to a big meet competitively for three or four years now," said Marseille, who was fifth in the 110 hurdles at the Meet of Champions as a senior. "When I was there, we had quality guys vying for national rankings and East Coast championships. I decided, that if I was going to go back, I wanted the whole package. We're not going to go to a relay meet unless we go there expecting to win."

"They're getting used to me and my expectations. I know if you set a standard, they'll rise to the occasion. Indoor track is hard. It was hard for me and I was a track fanatic. So I can imagine what it's like for a kid that is just barely interested. I want them all to stay with it and return in the spring."

If they do return, Marseille will be there waiting for them. And in turn, he hopes those who do come out are willing to join him in his quest to bring the program back to its highest level.

Falcons can draw from loss

By Bill Sullivan
Sports Writer

MONROE — If you only looked at the scoreboard, you wouldn't have seen anything positive about the Monroe High School boys basketball team's humbling 72-49 loss to Highland Park Tuesday night.

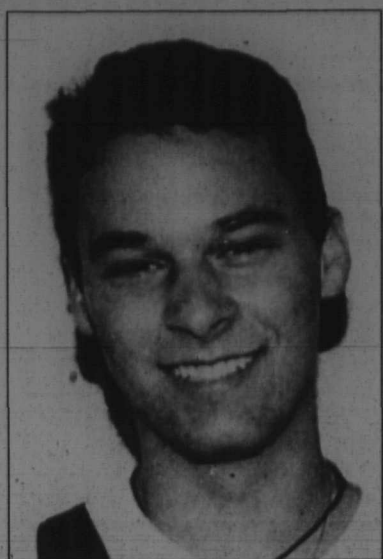
But if you watched the Falcons play a close first half and hustle to the end in the second, you saw something that a winless team can build on: emotion.

That's what Monroe coach Pete LoPresti and junior forward Sam Lawrence both noticed about the game, which each is hoping could be a springboard for more successful efforts down the road.

"We played hard and they played hard. They were a real athletic team, but we didn't let up," said Lawrence, who scored 10 points for the Falcons while grabbing 10 rebounds in a respectable all-around showing. "Today we played with a lot of emotion, which we haven't been doing in the past. Even though we lost, everyone went out there and played hard. That's what we need."

Highland Park brought a variety of inside and outside weapons into the Monroe gym, including the explosive talents of forward L.J. Smith. The Rutgers-bound senior established his game in the paint and also sank three 3-pointers in the second half en route to a 28-point performance for the Owls. Led by Smith, the scrappy, tenacious Highland Park team pressured Monroe into a host of turnovers in, pulling away with a 16-3 run to start the third quarter.

Up to that point, Monroe wouldn't go away. The emotion of which Lawrence spoke seemed to keep the Falcons close before halftime. Monroe stayed with five points for much of the half, and after falling behind by 12 (38-26) with two minutes remaining in the second quarter, got successive baskets from Jack



Jack Creegan
...11 first-half points

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Creegan and Ed Musa to creep within a 39-30 half-time deficit.

"I thought we ended the first half on a positive note," LoPresti said. "(Junior small forward) Greg DeBenedetto really gave us a big lift, he's probably the hardest worker we have on the team, and he just stepped up big-time, not just emotionally, but in doing some positive things in the game. I thought the kids fed off him in the first half."

The third quarter brought a perimeter barrage from Highland Park, with Smith firing away from beyond the arc.

"They started hitting some shots, which hurt us," LoPresti said. "And Smith is just an excellent athlete. He's a 6-4 kid who is going to score in the paint and also can pull up and shoot the three."

Creegan led Monroe with 11 points, all in the first half, while Lawrence added 10 and DeBenedetto

six, Preston Beverly, Anthony Bartocci and Musa each had four for the Falcons.

In defeat, however, there seemed to be a spark.

"Everything is relative," LoPresti said. "We know what our shortcomings are. If you look at the scoreboard you'd say 'Monroe didn't do much tonight,' but from what I saw, there were more pluses than minuses from this game. Of course, a game like this also identifies your weaknesses."

One problem Monroe won't have this season is inactivity. LoPresti's Falcons have utilized a revolving door substitution policy through the first six games. Monroe has used 13 players in each of four games this year, and 11 players in two others.

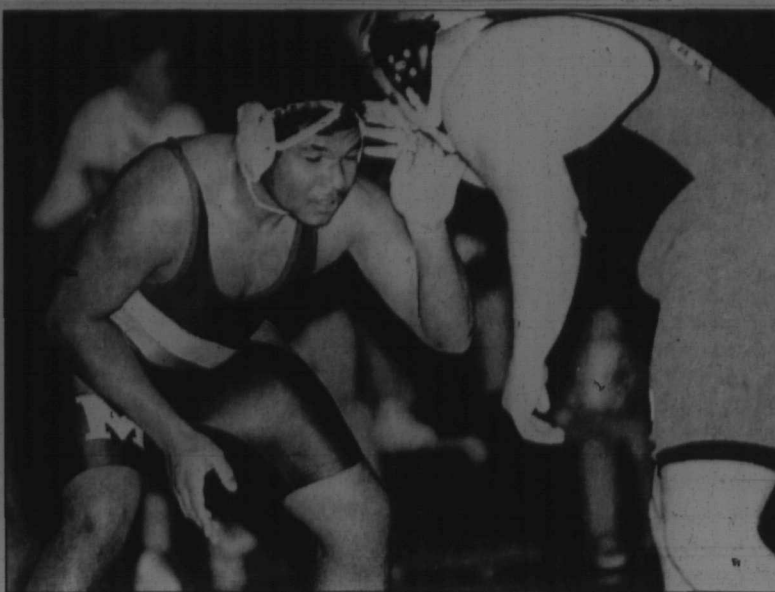
"We've gotten a look at everybody," LoPresti said. "I think we can say everyone is getting a shot to show us something. Part of the reason we're doing that, I think, is because this team doesn't really have an identity yet."

"You can look at most ballclubs and say they do this well or that well, but we haven't really put a stamp on our game yet. Maybe it's because we're playing so many players that we don't have an identity, but the flipside of that would be, we're playing so many players because we don't have that one strength in our game."

Despite losing their first six games this year, the Falcon players have remained upbeat.

"The team's spirits are up, nobody's throwing in the towel," he said. "Everyone's looking forward to doing better this season. We just have to go out there and play with a lot of emotion — diving for balls and stuff like that. We need more of that."

Monroe will try to ride that wave of emotion to victories against Spotswood today (Friday) and John F. Kennedy Saturday. Both games are expected to be competitive.



Staff photo by John Keating

Monroe 215-pounder Jason Green battles South Plainfield's Chris Cioffi Tuesday.

Mosley, PHS put first win in 'bank'

By Bob Nuse
The Packet Group

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Through his first few weeks as the Princeton High boys' basketball coach, Gene Mosley has stressed patience to his team.

But by halftime of Tuesday night's game against Nottingham, Mosley was starting to lose patience with his team.

"I told the kids that at halftime tonight that was about as upset as I've ever been in 12 years of coaching," said Mosley, who would be the anti-thesis of upset by the end of the second half after his team rallied from 18 points down to beat Nottingham, 49-48, and give Mosley his first win as Little Tiger coach.

"I didn't think we were playing with intelligence and the patience we need to be successful," Mosley added. "At halftime, I challenged them to step up and show confidence in each other. I just kept challenging them the rest of the way."

What was a 25-18 halftime deficit turned into a 40-22 deficit with less than a minute to play in the third quarter against the winless Northstars. That's when, all of a sudden,

things began to click for the Little Tigers.

Eventually, the Little Tigers got within 40-37 before Nottingham scored four points to go up 44-37. But Princeton came right back with eight straight points to take a 45-44 lead on a foul shot by Linwood Marshall.

After four Nottingham foul shots gave the Northstars a 48-45 lead, Daryl Boone drew Princeton within two with a foul shot. Then, Ott Phanthavong's off-balance three-point shot banked in with two seconds left to give Princeton the win.

"As we approached this game, I really felt we were at a stage where the kids needed a win because they were working so hard and because they have been so committed to what I'm trying to do here," said Mosley, who will go after win No. 2 tonight at Ewing. "They needed evidence that it was all going to pay off. This is a big boost for us."

"Even when we were down 18, I still thought we could still come back and win because, the way we play,

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Monroe, decking the Tigers' John Foscolo with just 23 seconds left in the bout. Heavyweight Jameel Ives also took a forfeit for Monroe.

A pair of Falcons performed respectably in defeat in the contest. Senior Andy Blumenstock went the distance in an 8-4 loss to David Fiore at 145, while freshman teammate Brant DeBoer went nearly as long at 189 before losing by fall in 5:09 to Dan Kunst, one of the Tigers' top wrestlers.

Monroe's next match is Saturday at home in a 10 a.m. against Shore Conference foe Wall Township. The Falcons are also in action Tuesday at home against John F. Kennedy in a 7 p.m. tilt.

we get the most out of eight minutes. A lot of things can happen in a short period of time. They're not always good things, but it makes the game longer and tonight it paid off for us."

Even as the Little Tigers have struggled through the first four games of the season without a win, Mosley has still had faith that his players were putting in the effort necessary to win.

"All I can ask is that they leave their hearts on the floor each game and so far they've done that," Mosley said. "I was so happy that they had the chance to celebrate on the floor."

And Mosley had a chance to celebrate his first win, which he's hoping to have a chance to do more often over the course of the season. He knows the group will keep working hard enough.

"Coach has been pushing us to work hard and practices have been intense," said Phanthavong, who has led the Little Tigers in scoring in all five of their games. "I think the hard work paid off for us tonight. We work too hard in practice to keep losing like this."

Now the Little Tigers have their first win. And they hope there are more to come.

Monroe put in check by Zebras

By Carolyn M. Hartko
Sports Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — It was a rough and tumble game featuring body checks any hockey player would have been proud to claim. The only problem is the contest at New Brunswick High School last Tuesday evening was a high school girls basketball game, and not the NHL playoffs.

A very physical Zebra team used a 23-point fourth quarter to snatch a come-from-behind victory over the Monroe Lady Falcons in the Greater Middlesex Conference Blue Division match-up. The loss puts Monroe at 4-3 at this point in the season.

"They were big, they were strong," Falcon head coach Dave Kosa said of Monday night's opponents. "But we didn't back down or anything like that."

Monroe held a tenuous lead throughout the first half of the game, going into the break with a 26-20 lead, thanks in part to an eight-point run in the second period. Freshman newcomer Christina Venetucci (four points) sparked the run by draining two free throws, and sophomore Danielle Kushner followed suit. Venetucci then nailed a jumper from the wing off a pass from Kristen Cortiglia, and point guard Kim Noto concluded the run with a solid shot from the perimeter.

Monroe continued to add to their lead, until Cortiglia's shot from the arc 15 seconds into the fourth quarter put the Falcons up by 10. The two teams traded baskets and by the 5:16 mark, Monroe was still ahead 43-33. That's when things started to unravel.

A couple of key turnovers, and a couple of Falcon run-and-gun shots that didn't work, led to an 11 point run for the Zebras. With 1:25 left on the clock, New Brunswick went ahead 44-43. The Falcons managed to regain the lead 10 seconds later on a Kushner layup, but that turned out to be Monroe's final lead. Venetucci missed a three-point attempt that would have tied the game at 48 with less than 10 seconds to play. Instead, New Brunswick got the rebound and ran the ball back up the court to seal the victory with just three seconds left on the clock.

Monroe was short two regulars this week. Sophomore swingman Kami Russ is still sidelined with an injury suffered during the Manasquan game in the Freehold Tournament, and sophomore guard Laura Reinitz was out sick. That compounded the problem when junior Ashley Lobba, the team's highest scorer in Tuesday's game (10 points) sat out the end of the third quarter and the first half of the fourth with foul trouble.

"Having to sit Ashley out hurt," Kosa admitted. "But not having Laura Reinitz today also hurt us. She's one of our main six, so not having her, it just cut down the rotation a little bit."

The absence of Russ and Reinitz has given Venetucci some quality playing time, and the petite freshman has been making the most of it. Though a little unpolished, the ninth-grader has an upperclassman's poise under pressure, and should be an asset to the program.

Although no one thought the game was in the bag midway through the final period, Kosa did admit that the 10 point cushion may have given his squad a false sense of security.

"We never think like that," the coach said. "We know that we always have to play 32 minutes. I think we relaxed a little bit. We didn't look to the basket as much. We just made turnovers that would pass the ball

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back out, instead of being aggressive. Maybe we became a little passive when we got that lead. (New Brunswick's) a quick team, so when they got the steals, they capitalized on them."

Kushner (eight points) had a great day on the line, making six out of six free throws. She led the team in re-

bounding, pulling down eight. Cortiglia netted nine points and five boards. Noto and Niki Banack added seven apiece on offense, and six and five rebounds, respectively.

Monroe hosts Spotswood for the first home game of the season tonight (Friday) at 7 p.m. and they will be on the road again Saturday at J.F. Kennedy for a 1 PM start.

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medley, sprint medley, 4x200, and 4x800.

"We're entering four relays out of the six," Stonaker said. "We're not in the hurdles, because I don't have four girl hurdlers. And we're not in the shot put, or the high jump."

"I think our strongest girls' team is probably our 4x800, which I think will be very competitive," the coach added. "I think they should do real well."

Sophomore Valerie Felton, who recently placed third in the girls'

3,000 meter race at the Seton Hall Invitational, will take the longest leg of that relay. She'll be joined by classmates Mary Mancini and Jaimie Kerstetter, and junior Tiffany Cincotta.

On the dual meet scene, Monroe got disappointing news on Monday of this week when Stonaker learned that what was to have been the season opener at J.F. Kennedy scheduled for Tuesday had been cancelled. The Mustangs' winter program was a victim of poor turnout, so that is one less dual meet for the Falcons this winter. Instead, both Monroe teams will open next Tuesday (Jan. 13) at Highland Park.

Track and cross country coaches clinic on tap

The New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association will hold its second annual Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Clinic Feb. 28 at The College of New Jersey (formerly Trenton State). The clinic will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with registration beginning at 8 a.m. It is designed to meet the needs of varsity coaches, assistant coaches and recreational coaches. Pre-registration is \$25 for NJSCA members, \$35 for non-members and \$55 for non-members who wish to become members. Add \$10 to each cost for on-site registration.

Monroe recreation track club holds sign-ups

The 1998 Monroe Recreation Track Club season is currently underway. Sign-ups are open to all school age boys and girls and practice is scheduled for Mondays from 7:15 to

8:15 p.m. at the Applegarth School. For additional information, call Monroe Township Recreation Center at (732) 723-5000, or call Stephen Roman Jr. at (732) 521-5027.



Aaron Liptak will be part of Monroe's distance medley relay team at the GMC Relays this Sunday.

Whitewater Swim Club wins 45 medals at Peddie

The Whitewater Swim Club of Cranbury had one of its best showings in years in the PAA Winter Challenge at the Peddie School. The Whitewaters had 62 swimmers entered, the largest number among the 12 participating teams. Last year, the Whitewaters had just 40 members.

The team gained 99 personal bests and brought home 45 medals. The outstanding time improvement of the meet was achieved by 11-year-old John Winters, who lowered his 200 IM time by over 18 seconds (3:01.15).

Two of the most outstanding swims were achieved by 8-year-old Allison Lichtenstein and 10-year-old Julie Sichertman. Lichtenstein achieved a silver time in her first-ever 50 backstroke with a fourth-place time of 43.89 in a 10-and-under event. Sichertman narrowly missed a gold time in her first-ever 100 butterfly race. Her time of 1:30.11 was four-tenths of a second from the 1:29.69 gold standard.

The following are the Whitewaters results:

8-and-under girls

25 free—5th, Amy Jacobi, 17.75; 8th, Allison Lichtenstein, 18.79; 10th, Cathy Greenman, 19.07, 12th, Danielle Palumbo, 19.42; 18th, Paola Simon, 20.89; 21st, Ariel Malberg, 23.08; 29th, Amy Golomb, 27.34; 30th, Sammi Sichertman, 28.21.
25 back—5th, Simon, 23.35; 9th, Palumbo, 26.47, 16th, Sichertman, 31.29.
25 breast—5th, Jacobi, 25.99; 13th, Malberg, 29.30; 14th, Winters, 29.12, 15th, Greenman, 29.91; 17th, Golomb, 41.34.
25 fly—Palumbo, 25.55; 6th, Simon, 35.19; 7th, Sichertman, 35.44.

8-and-under boys

25 free—6th, Daniel Cohen, 18.87; 7th, Hugh Le, 19.17; 13th, Matt Kalinowski, 24.26; 14th, Kevin Foy, 26.37; 15th, Lenny Prilutskiy, 30.15.
25 back—1st, Le, 21.43; 3rd, Cohen, 24.03; 6th, Foy, 31.59.
25 breast—6th, Kalinowski, 27.51.
25 fly—2nd, Cohen, 31.78.

10-and-under girls

50 free—6th (T), Gabriela Feibel, Milagros Simon, 36.28; 15th, Kim DeLeon, 39.07; 23rd, Anna Yermilov, 41.75; 24th, Jill Kalinowski, 41.93; 25th, Lilly Crackel, 42.64; 26th, Jenna Lichtenstein, 43.02; 28th, Brittany Lacouze, 43.14; 29th, Kelsey Foy, 43.76; 31st, Stephany Hull, 46.59; 34th, Allison Trevorrow, 50.49; 35th, Nicole Sutter, 51.56; 236th, Katherine Winters, 52.02.
50 back—3rd, Feibel, 41.36; 4th, A. Lichtenstein, 43.89; 12th, Kalinow-

ski, 47.25; 17th, A. Malberg, 53.85; 18th, Winters, 54.44; 21st, Sutter, 56.78; 23rd, Hull, 59.58.
100 back—10th, Yermilov, 1:46.64.
50 breast—1st, Julie Sichertman, 45.58; 5th, DeLeon, 48.46; 9th, Lacouze, 51.03; 13th, Kalinowski, 53.36.
50 fly—4th, Simon, 43.80; 13th, Crackel 59.73.
100 fly—3rd, Sichertman, 1:30.11.
100 IM—8th, Simon, 1:36.94; 10th, DeLeon, 1:37.74; 16th, Lacouze, 1:41.47; 17th, Feibel, 1:41.90; 33rd, A. Jacobi, 1:58.31.

10-and-under boys

50 free—3rd, Daniel Le, 34.29; 7th, Daniel Fasanello, 36.83; 12th, Jake Brennan, 39.63; 16th, Cameron Faghan, 44.10; 17th, Nicholas Collett, 46.26; 18th, Alex Bautista, 47.30; 20th, Jason Burke, 47.97; 22nd, Chris Reil, 51.04, 23rd, Joshua Chen, 1:00.95.
50 back—2nd, Fasanello, 43.10; 7th, Faghani, 47.65; 12th, M. Kalinowski, 59.60; 13th, Reil, 1:00.59; 14th, Chen, 1:05.46.
100 back—5th, Brennan, 1:41.33; 12th, Burke, 2:03.34.
50 breast—4th, Le, 46.89; 12th, Reil, 1:07.31.
50 fly—Fasanello, 43.61; 8th, Faghani, 58.66.
100 IM—2nd, Le, 1:27.52; 7th, Brennan, 1:35.56; 19th, Burke, 1:56.37; 21st, Collett, 1:59.06.

11/12-year-old girls

50 free—4th, Megan Kalinowski, 31.41; 10th, Brittany Fiorello, 32.93; 13th, Kristina Harutoonian, 33.40; 18th, Emma Impink, 34.55.
200 free—12th, Fiorello, 2:43.28.
50 breast—2nd, Kalinowski, 40.92; 7th, Harutoonian, 42.88; 8th, Impink, 43.67; 15th, Katie Chanler, 48.36; 100 fly—3rd, Amy Lee, 1:26.98; 6th, Harutoonian, 1:31.97; 7th, Collett, 2:42.62; 14th, Leila Faghani, 3:25.90.

11/12-year-old boys

50 free—3rd, John Winters, 31.55; 5th, Jamie Will, 33.68.
200 free—1st, Ben Kim, 2:24.94.
100 back—1st, Kim, 1:15.08; 9th, Winters, 1:27.99.
50 breast—3rd, Will, 43.67.
200 IM—5th, Winters, 3:01.15; 9th, Will, 3:20.60.

13-and-over girls

200 free—2nd, Gwen Slatas, 2:14; 3rd, Jennifer Hong, 2:15.66; 9th, Rose Riccobono, 2:21.17.
200 back—1st, Andrea Collett, 2:36.17.
100 breast—1st, Alexis Gelperin, 1:20.25.
100 fly—1st, Gelperin, 1:08.65; 4th, Riccobono, 1:13.44, 5th, Hong, 1:14.54.
200 IM—3rd, Riccobono, 2:35.56; 4th, Hong, 2:35.79; 5th, Slatas, 2:36.96; 7th, Collett, 2:42.62; 14th, Leila Faghani, 3:25.90.

13-and-over boys

200 free—1st, Sal Riccobono, 2:04.23; 4th, William Shu, 2:17.90; 6th, Stan Parish, 2:22.02.
100 breast—2nd, Ian Le, 1:14.08; 4th, Mike Fasanello, 1:14.78; 7th, Parish, 1:23.64.
100 fly—1st, Bill Volckening, 1:03.06; 2nd, Riccobono, 1:03.59; 5th, Shu, 1:12.30; 6th, Fasanello, 1:13.94.
200 IM—3rd, Shu, 2:31.24; 4th, Fasanello, 2:32.50; 6th, Parish, 2:44.42.

Jimenez finishes 10th in PP&K

Monroe's Jarred Jimenez did not advance in the national Punt Pass & Kick competition, but did finish 10th in the United States in his age group. Jimenez and the remainder of the Monroe Pop Warner Junior Pee Wee Football team were presented a "Certificate of Excellence" by Mayor Richard Pucci Monday night for winning a Central Jersey division title.

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The 15th annual Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen's Show is underway at the New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center at Raritan Center in Edison. Encompassing a full range of outdoor activities and travel, the show offers the best in hunting and fishing exhibits.

Show hours are 1 to 10 p.m. Jan. 9, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Jan. 10 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 11. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$3 for children under 12 and free for children under 6. For further information call (717) 676-9900.

Princeton University softball coach Cindy Cohen will be among the clinicians at the Softball Coaches Clinic Friday, Jan. 16 at the Cherry Hill Hilton. The Baseball Coaches Clinic will be held the following Friday, Jan. 23, at the Cherry Hill Hilton.

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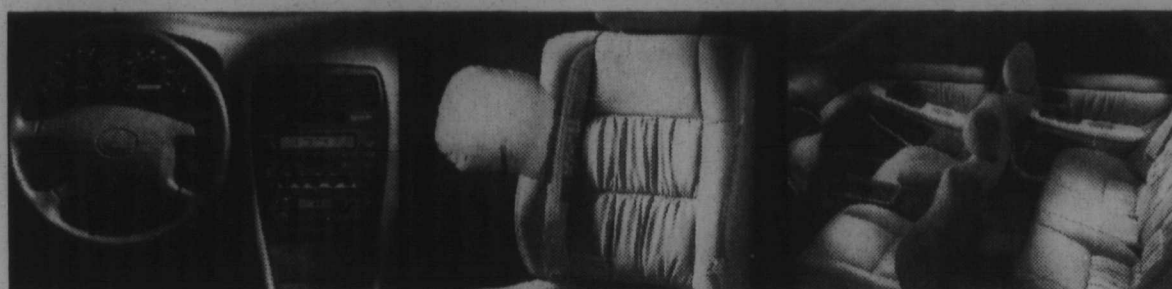
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