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## C.O. denied to 'adult entertainment' center *Zoners uphold opinion that use is not permitted*

By Pat DiMaggio  
Rahway's Zoning Board of Adjustment upheld the decision of the construction official in denying a certificate of occupancy for an "entertainment" center offering "live performances." At a meeting held Monday night, the seven-member board voted unanimously to uphold Construction Official Bob Cotte's decision to deny a certificate of occupancy to Do Wop Associates, who planned an "entertainment" center for the former McDonald's location on Route 1.

Mr. Cotte explained that although an alterations permit was issued, it was his determination after further research that the operation was not a "permitted use" for that area. Therefore, he denied a certificate of occupancy.

Chris Taylor, a partner in the corporation, explained that the center would offer instructional videos, books and magazines and novelties. He explained that the center would include a mini-theatre for guest speakers and the filming of "how-to" videos, private booths for viewing videos before rental and retail operations.

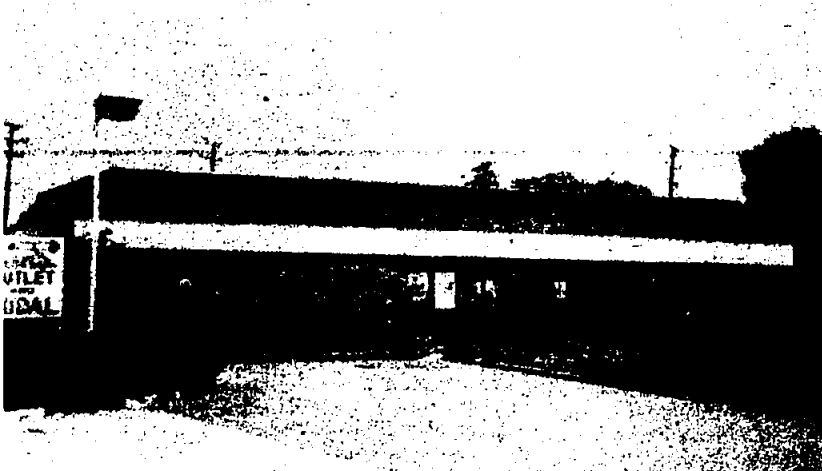
Cotte said he went to inspect the premises after alterations were completed and found the "mini-theatre" to consist of a raised stage covered by curtains

and surrounded by mirrors. He also found private booths with coin-operated mechanisms.

Cotte said he also went back to the original application and found the words "live in person" and "exhibiting live performances" in small print. He asked the applicants' attorney for further clarification, and was told the center would provide a private theatre for "entertainment." "It gave me food for thought," said Cotte. "On further consideration, I decided I made a gross mistake in my determination. This is not what was initially presented to me, and it was my decision as such, it is an improper use

under zoning in the City." Although Taylor reiterated that the center would be basically a retail outlet for instructional videos, he admitted that the words "live in person" were included in the application. After a five-minute recess, the Board of Adjustment voted unanimously to uphold Cotte's interpretation and denied the certificate of occupancy. Board of Adjustment Chairman William Herrin said the applicant may reapproach the board for a use variance or may appeal its decision to Superior Court Judge Edward Beglin Jr.

Taylor said he would discuss his options with his attorney.



Future 'Entertainment' Center?

### Baby found in box in excellent health

By Pat DiMaggio  
A newborn baby boy left in a box at Rahway Hospital Monday morning in excellent condition and is undergoing a battery of tests, said a hospital spokesperson.

Police were called to the hospital at 7 a.m. Monday morning to investigate a report of an abandoned infant. Registered Nurse Patricia Kelnhofer, just coming off the night shift, found the baby in a cardboard box placed on the hood of her car, located in the rear employee's parking lot, according to Rahway Police Captain Edward Tilton. She immediately brought the 6 lbs. 9½ oz. white male infant into the Emergency Room where he was examined, said Tilton. "He appears to be in excellent health," said

Rahway Hospital Public Relations Coordinator Susan Hessemer. "He is very active and is eating well. He is a beautiful baby."

Known as Baby John Doe, the nursing staff is calling him "honey" and "sweetie," said Hessemer. Doctors determined that he was born between 3 and 4 a.m. Monday morning, so was only a few hours old when discovered, she said.

The child will remain in the hospital nursery until all tests are completed. The Division of Youth and Family Services has been notified, and will look for a foster home for the infant.

Rahway Police are asking anyone with knowledge of the parent or of the child to contact Det. Mark Schwartz at 388-5600 Ext. 330, or call the Rahway Police Hot Line at 388-1553.

### Rahway YMCA active in summer

Registrations are being taken now for new swim classes starting Monday, July 22, for everyone from six months to 80, at Rahway YMCA, 1564 Irving St.

Summer Day Camp continues to be active and involved. Camp Littlefoot for three- to five-year-olds is spending time doing arts and crafts, playing games, singing, swimming, and going through the sprinkler.

Camp Fairweather's six- to eight-year-olds enjoyed their visit to Space Farms while the older campers journeyed to Statue of Liberty, with the majority climbing to the top of the Statue. This camp has been doing crafts, swimming, and enjoying games at Hart Street Park.

The big event of the summer will be Family Festival Day at Veteran's Field, Rahway, on Saturday, Aug. 10.

Stephen Lutak is a fighter, according to family friends. The 2 1/2-year-old Rahway youngster remains at the University of Chicago Medical Center, where he has developed complications after his latest surgery.

Stephen, a Lambert Street resident, was diagnosed with biliary atresia, a fatal liver disease, when he was six days old. Three weeks ago, the youngster was rushed to Chicago when doctors found a suitable live liver donor.

Unfortunately, after surgery, complications set in, and Stephen needed another donor immediately. After his father was tested and found to be unsuitable, his paternal uncle Frank Lutak was chosen as a "perfect match," according to family friend Richard Kress of Clark.

Surgery was performed last Thursday, and 20 percent of Frank's liver was transplanted into Stephen. The prognosis was good until Tuesday, when a spokesperson for the family said Stephen's condition had deteriorated.

The youngster suffers from an elevated temperature, possible blood poisoning and pneumonia. A biopsy was performed to locate the problem, and Stephen began antibiotic treatment, said Mrs. Betty Maurer, a spokesperson for Mr. Kress' office. "His parents are exhausted," she said. "They have been taking turns at his bedside."



ALL DONATIONS CHEERFULLY ACCEPTED... Councilman and Vietnam veteran Sal Mione and March Coordinator Melinda Knopp receive donation from "Miles for Miracles" walkathon volunteer Chester Holmes.

### Walkathon raises \$1,700

By Pat DiMaggio  
On Saturday, June 29, participants in the Vietnam Veterans of America's "Miles for Miracles" walkathon raised \$1,700 to help find a cure for spinal cord injury paralysis in a combined effort with the Miami Project.

The City of Rahway opened its doors to those who were determined to see the effort through and worked hand-in-hand with those who came to walk. The Rahway Police Auxiliary and Police Explorers volunteered their time, effort and talents. The Rahway Volunteer First Aid Squad stood by to offer medical attention, if needed.

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 233 and the Central Jersey Spinal Cord Injury Association each presented \$500 checks

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Rahway Chargers is invited to come to the tryout. The tryout will be held at Greenfield on Saturday, July 27, at 10:30 a.m. In order to try out, you must bring a copy of your birth certificate, be a resident of Rahway, and dress appropriately for the tryout.

### NEED A LIFT?

If there are any questions regarding this tryout, call 381-3283.

### City hires firm to study sewerage flow

By Pat DiMaggio  
At a meeting last week, Rahway's Municipal Council approved an agreement with an engineering firm to study the City's flow rights and related problems as a member of the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority (RVSA).

The authority's charge that Rahway is exceeding its flow rights has resulted in a recommendation of a City connection permit curtailment. Because of the recommendation, the City has gone on record asking for a better verification of the flow as well as the sewerage strength to justify the dramatic jump in rates to the City.

The Municipal Council approved a contract with Orma, Inc., professional engineers, to undertake a study of the flow, increased sewerage charges and sewerage strength. The contract will not exceed \$10,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year.

The council also approved a resolution authorizing the tax collector to charge a 6 percent penalty on delinquencies in excess of \$10,000. A tax delinquency is the sum of all taxes and

Business Administrator Peter Pelisser noted that several business properties owe more than \$10,000 in back taxes. He also noted that delinquencies may occur when foreclosure proceedings are enforced.

The City will purchase a new 1991 Dodge pick-up for the Department of Health under state contract. Cost of the truck will be \$14,533, and it will be purchased from Wamock Fleet, East Hanover.

Any boy born between August 1, 1980, and July 31, 1981, who is interested in playing soccer for the Rahway Rockets is invited to come to the tryout.

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ACADEMIC AND FOOTBALL HONORS... Mayor Jim Kennedy presiding over a meeting last week. White received National AA American National academics and football, and has maintained "A" average during his career with Pop Warner Football Association. Looking on, from left, are Councilman and father of Mayor Jim Kennedy, mother Janice, sister Kathy and father William B. Kennedy.