

Molester

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Brominski said the sentences will probably be served concurrently.

"They gave him a choice of when he's to report to the prison," exploded one of the victims' mothers, who identified herself as Karen. "Werts didn't give my son a choice. He didn't ask him if it was okay to molest him - he just took what he wanted."

"The only way justice will be truly served is if more people come forward and tell police what they know about Werts," she added. "He should be put away for as long as possible. Scum like him don't deserve to walk the streets, especially when children are around."

She thinks that the justice system should pay more attention to the children in the case and not worry so much about Werts's rights.

"My son can't deal with this now," she said. "What will the boys be like later? Will these two boys end up like him?"

Her son, who identified himself as P.J., said he laughed at Werts while Werts waited to enter his plea.

P.J. said Werts's mother asked him why he was laughing and if he really thought the situation was funny.

"I laughed because he got caught and tried to get out of it," the sandy-haired boy said. "He deserves more than five years - maybe 20 years or life. And with no parole."

Werts was arrested November 19, 1994, at his Franklin Township home by Kingston Township police sergeant Michael Moravec and charged with eight counts of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, nine counts of indecent assault, five counts of endangering the welfare of children and five counts of corruption of minors.

He waived his right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper November 23, 1994.

Although two separate background checks on Werts showed no criminal convictions, police records say he pled guilty in August, 1986, to charges of furnishing liquor to minors after being arrested by Exeter police. Background checks are required by the state for anyone working with children.

Werts has driven school buses for Wyoming Valley West and Dallas school districts.

Township will have first offices

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP - Thanks to a \$10,000 state grant, Franklin Township will soon have its first municipal office.

The supervisors have applied for a grant to add the office and a small conference room to the municipal garage on Municipal Road, with the road department doing all but the final finishing work.

"Since the township was formed in 1843, all of our offices have been in our homes," said township secretary Sandy Race.

The supervisors rejected a \$23,475 bid from Champion Builders to replace a Kirby roofing system at the municipal garage because it had only budgeted \$10,000 for the job.



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Top science students

Gate of Heaven students who won the highest percentage of first-place awards in the region in the Junior Academy of Science are, first row: Nicole Sietz, Maria Wright, Tess Bruns and Melissa Stevens; second row: Bryan Wagner, Michele Jose, Christen Czwalina, Robyn Considine, Theresa Guntli and sponsor Mrs. Nedda Cashore. Absent from photo: Megan Chapman.

BMT seniors plan spring activities

The Back Mountain Senior Citizens Club recently met to install officers: Lillian Sovoroski, president; Kay Hudock, vice-president; Sophie Kapral, recording secretary and Joseph Balrushes, treasurer.

Dues must be current by March 30.

High bowlers were Joseph Balavage, Ray Yuknavage, Louise Capozzi and Irene Katyl.

Members are reminded to submit recommendations to Project

Head, regarding the nomination of "Member of the Year" award, by April 30. The award will be presented at the annual dinner to be held May 11, Genetti Hotel, Wilkes-Barre, with sign up time at 9 a.m. This Advisory Board dinner is open to all members.

First Choice Labels are being collected for the club

Coming events include the Charlie Pross Show, April 8, at Our Lady of Grace Auditorium, Hazleton. Car pooling from St.

Therese's parking lot, leaving at 11:45; and the annual Project Head Interfaith Service will be held at St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, April 20 at 1 p.m.

Ethel Balrushes will continue as membership chairlady, Sunshine, Gertrude Miscavage, Fifty-Fifty by Marjorie O'Hara, Kaye Ray, publicity, and Florence Precone, refreshments.

The next meeting will be held March 16, at the Bonanza Restaurant, 1 p.m., Dallas.

Proposed new zoning ordinance will be aired

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP - The Franklin Township planning commission, zoning board and supervisors will hold a public meeting March 22 at 7 p.m. at the fire hall to solicit residents' comments on proposed changes to the zoning ordinance.

According to the draft of the development objectives, the primary goal for the township's future is to maintain its rural character, with agriculture as the main economic activity and the best use for the fertile soils of the township. Recommendations include:

- The only commercial activities allowed will be roadside produce stands, village grocery stores and similar businesses.

- Other commercial activities, hunting reserves, golf courses and recreational developments will be controlled.

- Low-density housing and the preservation or restoration of older housing will be encouraged. Mobile home parks and multi-family housing will be discouraged.

- Historic buildings, such as one-room schoolhouses, churches and "old homes of exceptional beauty" will be preserved and made usable wherever possible.

- The township will prevent developments which may pollute the air or water resources, ham-

The proposal says, "Anyone who seeks anything but the rural lifestyle will be discouraged from becoming a resident."

per drainage facilities or harm the environment in any way.

- The township won't discriminate against potential residents because of color, race or creed, but "anyone who seeks anything but the rural lifestyle will be discouraged from becoming a resident."

The proposed ordinance will combine several zoning areas and eliminate the mining, industrial, two-family residential and general commercial zones. Minimum lot sizes will be enlarged.

Franklin Township's largest industry is Quality Metal Products on Orange Road, established March 31, 1968. It employs 73 people, according to president Alan Reese.

The township is home to two mobile home parks, Country Village on Orange Road, which has 34 homes, and part of Valley View Park on Valley View Road.

There are no stores, strip malls or shopping centers.

'Datelines' come to The Post

The Dallas Post has begun to use "datelines" on its staff-written news copy.

Datelines are universally used by daily newspapers to quickly tell readers where a story originates from. The name is a throwback to the days when news traveled slower than it does today, so the line contained both the place and date of origination. Major metropolitan newspapers still include dates.

Using datelines will allow us more flexibility in writing headlines, since it will no longer be necessary to include the name of the town or school district in each headline.

Correction

Because of incorrect information supplied to the newspaper, a listing under the *Divorces sought* heading in the March 8 issue of The Dallas Post was incorrect. The listing said a complaint of divorce was filed by Lori M. Gober, Roosevelt St., Edwardsville against Brian J. Gober, 219 Clearview Ave., Trucksville. No such complaint was filed. The Post regrets the error, and will suspend publication of divorce listings until we are certain they will be accurate.

Obituaries

DOROTHY MAZUR

Dorothy C. Mazur, 71, of RD 2, Harveys Lake, died Mar. 8, 1995, in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, following an illness.

Born in the Breslau section, Hanover Township, she was the daughter of the late Edward and Genevieve Pincheski Jago.

She resided in Harveys Lake the past five years, previously residing in Elizabeth, N.J.

She was a member of Good Shepherd Polish National Catholic Church, Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Patricia Kloss, at home; brother, Edward, Larksville; sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Dobrowski, Philadelphia; one grandson, Christopher Kloss.

Interment, parish cemetery, West Nanticoke.

PEARL MCKEEL

Pearl McKeel, 75, of RR 2, Hunlock Creek, Lake Silkworth, died Mar. 11, 1995, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late Owen and Grace Culp.

Employed for many years in the dress manufacturing industry, she worked for Luzerne Dress Co. and Karen Dress Co.

She was preceded in death by sisters, Beatrice and Hilda.

Surviving are her husband, Sheldon; son, Jack, RR 2, Hunlock Creek; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday from the Clarke Platt Funeral Home, Sunset Lake Rd., Hunlock Creek.

Interment will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

HOWARD MILLER

Howard Miller, 73, of Hildebrand Road, Dallas, died Mar. 10, 1995 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

A resident of Dallas for most of his life, he was the son of the late John and Elizabeth Miller and attended Dallas Township schools.

Prior to his retirement he was employed on the maintenance staff of Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, and previously worked in the warehouse of the former Samtil Co. until 1972.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas and the Teamsters Local 401, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are his wife, the former Anna Steve; sons, Joseph J., Carverton; Robert S., Buffalo, NY; Thomas J., Dallas; daughters, Ann Marie Flannagan, Dallas; Suzann Stride, Cheltenham; sister, Laura Martin, Kunkle; 13 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

Interment, Holy Trinity Cemetery, Swoyersville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gate of Heaven Church, Machell Avenue, Dallas, 18612.

WILLIAM E. LEISER

William Earl (Bill) Leiser of Mid-Florida Lakes, Leesburg, Florida, formerly of Dallas and Kingston, PA passed away on Feb. 7, 1995.

Born in Shillington, PA, he retired as an Estate Planner and Manager of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company District Office in Wilkes-Barre in 1979. Among his many accomplishments, Leiser attained his C.L.U.M. designation, served as President of the Northeast Chapter of the Chartered Life Underwriters Association, was a former Member of the Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, Valley of Bloomsburg and the Shrine and was a founder and active member of the Dream Mile Fishing Club in the Poconos, where he was a Past Secretary/Treasurer. He and his wife moved to Florida in 1979.

He is survived by his wife Kathryn E. (Dolly); daughter, Joanne and her husband, Jim Dean of Oakville, Ontario, Canada and three grandchildren. Jamie resides in Tokyo, Japan; Jason is a senior at Cornell University; and Kristen is a junior at Syracuse University.

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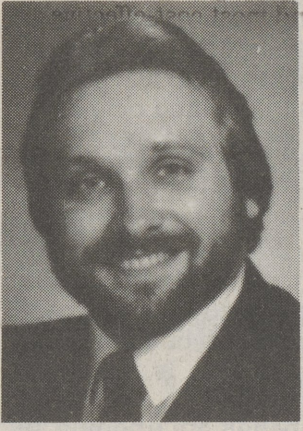
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