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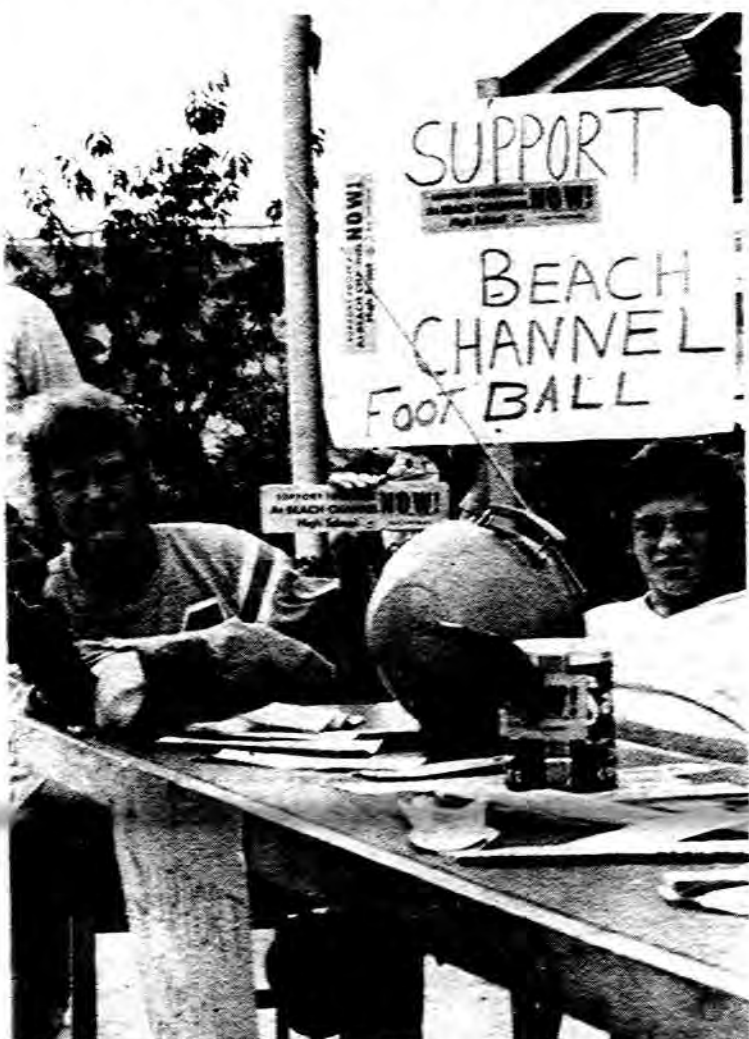
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Pitch For Football



Students of Beach Channel High School work hard at a rally to raise funds for the football team, held on Sunday, November 9, at McDonald's, 91-18 Beach Channel drive, with posters, bumper stickers, and just plain sales pitch to passers by. McDonald's helped by allowing use of its premises and supplying expertise in setting up carnival games. Funds raised will be used mainly for football, but will be available for other sports at the school. (Photo by Harold C. Weisberg).

3 Convicted In Sex Assault Face Jail Up To 14 Years

Three college students convicted of sexual abuse and assault in a Belle Harbor attack on a slender 22-year-old brunette face up to 14 years in prison in sentencing set for December 14.

The youths were convicted on Thursday, November 6, in Jamaica Supreme Court after a two-week trial and after three hours of deliberation by a jury of 10 men and two women.

Supreme Court Justice John Leahy had the verdicts read to Gary Mandel, 19, of 421 Beach 140th street; Michael DeVito, 18, of 2477 nostrand avenue, Brooklyn, and Theodore Buckley Jr., 18, of Brooklyn.

Reportedly, during the trial, one male juror was so shocked by the prosecutor's opening statements that he fainted and had to be replaced.

The frail victim, a professional dog groomer, broke down twice on the stand during her testimony. She told Assistant District Attorney Salvatore Marinello that she was lured to Mandel's home on April 4 when he asked her to help him with an assignment he was completing for a course at Brooklyn College.

She was drugged and taken in a semi-conscious state to the basement, where the other two assailants joined Mandel, and all three stripped her, and attacked

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Zionists Honor 3 West Enders

The Rockaway Park Zionist District will honor Harry Forster of the West End Temple, Dr. Donald Heisler of Congregation Ohab Zedek and Dr. Leonard Levin-Epstein of Temple Beth-El of Rockaway Park, at the district's Annual Breakfast on Behalf of the American Zionist Fund, on Sunday morning, November 23, at the Belle Harbor Jewish Center, 134-01 Rockaway Beach boulevard.

Congressman James H. Scheuer will speak.

Reservations for the breakfast can be made with the offices of the congregations named.

Ben Bienenfeld is chairman of the Rockaway Park Zionist District.

City Closing Three Sr. Citizen Centers

Notice Our New Format

Don't be upset when thumbing through this week's Wave. We have changed our format for the first time since 1893.

Some of the changes, you will note, will be full pages devoted to individual topics.

The columns that you have become familiar with will still be available. It will now be easier to read the paper, since you won't have to struggle with standard-size pages.

Area Losing Fire Unit Too

Senior citizens who were brought to Rockaway by the thousands according to plans worked out in City Hall now are being deprived of activities and centers by planners in that same City Hall.

On Wednesday, November 12, an announcement from City Hall stated that due to budget squeeze the City would close three senior citizen centers and five day care centers in Queens by January 1.

The three senior citizen centers in Queens turned out to be all in Rockaway. They are at St. Gertrude's R.C. Church, 36 Beach 38th street, the Gustave Hartman YM-YWHA, 710 Hartman lane, Far Rockaway, and the Rockaway Park Senior Citizens Center, in the 100 block of Beach 116th street, open only a few months and extensively used from the moment it opened.

Along with the announcement about the closing of the senior citizens' centers, Rockawayites received word that the west end of the Peninsula definitely will lose the Fire Department's ladder company based at Beach 169th street and will have to get along with only an engine company there.

No details were released on this projected loss.

Community reaction to the closing of the senior citizens' (Continued on Page 9)

Benny Goodman To Swing Saturday In Rockaway

The incomparable Benny Goodman and his Sextet will perform Saturday, November 15, at 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Beach Channel High School.

This Saturday's concert is the

first of the "Bicentennial" 1975-76 Great Performers Series presented by the Rockaway

Brutal Beating On A Train In Far Rockaway

A man traveling home on the Long Island Rail Road was brutally beaten by an unknown assailant late Sunday night, November 9.

The Peninsula Volunteer Ambulance Corps, with Howard Levine, Richard Powers and Raymond Sedita as crew, responded to the call immediately, after receiving it from Gene Burke, a former member of the corps who happened to be at the scene.

The victim, identified as Michael Baker of 88-09 Northern boulevard, Queens, was traveling home after visiting his brother-in-law who was a patient in the South Shore Division of Long Island Jewish-Hillside Medical Center.

Minutes after he left the hospital, he said he was attacked. He was on the train then in the LIRR station in Far Rockaway.

Manes Hits Cut In Beach Season

Borough President Donald R. Manes reportedly has protested a city plan to reduce the beach season.

Manes reportedly has asked the Environmental Protection Administration in a letter to cancel its plan to cut the season during which chemicals are added to sewage at city beaches, including the Rockaways, which open them for swimming. In cutting its budget, the agency announced last month that it would shorten its waste-treatment program by eight weeks, thus reducing the season from mid-May through mid-September to July 4 through September 7.



BENNY GOODMAN

Music and Arts Council. In January, the internationally acclaimed pianist Andre Watts will perform. The Leventritt

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Check For Resuscitation



The National Council of Jewish Women, Rockaway Section, presents a check for \$250 to the Peninsula Volunteer Ambulance Corps to pay for a resuscitator the corps has just purchased, to replace one that was stolen from an ambulance during the summer. Presenting the check (from left) are Karen Funtleyder, president of the NCCJW section, and Marlene Schneider, vice president of fund raising. Accepting the check for the ambulance corps are (left to right) Anne O'Malley, secretary, and Judy Rose, controller, while Mrs. Rose's daughter looks on from the rear. The Council Women held an Evening at Art Steiner's Health Spa to raise the funds. Mrs. Charles Bernstein chaired the evening.