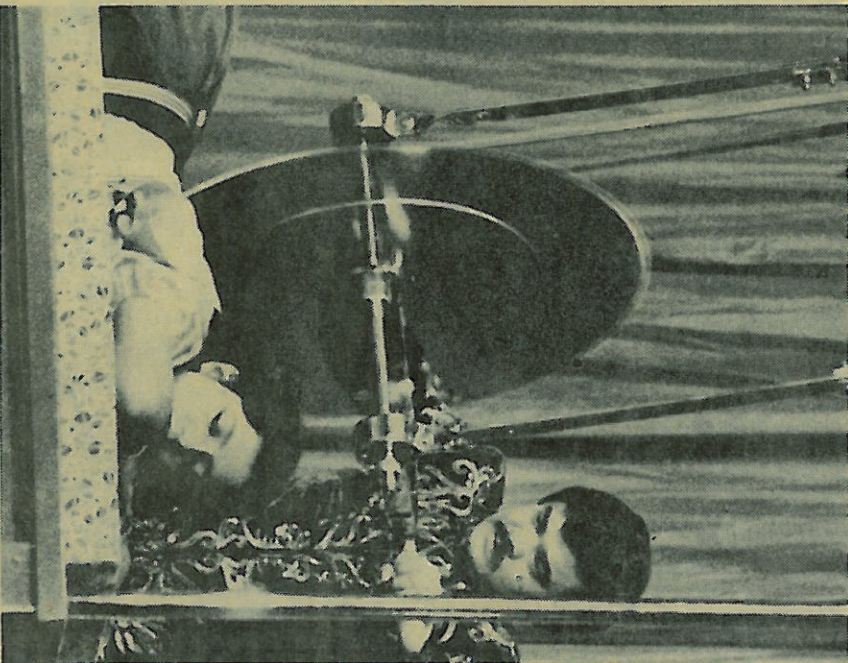


This won't hurt a bit, my sweet...



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DOG OWNERS FACE FINES FOR STRAYS

IRRESPONSIBLE dog owners could find themselves landed with a hefty bill in a clampdown by Luton Borough Council.

It wants to fine owners who allow their dogs to roam the streets and has asked its officers to find a way to introduce such a scheme.

Environment committee members decided against designating more roads where it is a crime not to have your dog on a lead, but wanted to find a way of charging owners who let their dogs stray.

Under the Road Traffic Act it is an offence for a dog not to be on a lead on a designated highway. A

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majority of Luton's bus routes and a limited number of other roads come under this law.

And a number of lampposts have plates attached warning owners their dogs must be on a lead. Councillors voted against more signs but wanted to be able to charge dog owners.

The council's warden could charge owners if he had to take a roaming dog off the streets and back to them.



● PAUL Daniels, eat your heart out! Acclaimed magician Jewel Aich, on his first visit to Britain, cut his own wife in half with a circular saw at Luton College on Sunday as part of a two-hour performance of stunning illusion.

● Other feats featured in his act included levitation and turning scrap paper into money.

● But it was the saw setpiece that had the audience on the edge of their seats.

● The multi-cultural event organised by the Mitalee Youth Association failed to attract members from all Luton's ethnic groups but there was a good turn out from the Bangladeshi community. Mr Ashuk Ahmed said he hopes next time everyone will enjoy the show.



Green boost for drivers

A LUTON service station is one of the first in the country to sell a high octane unleaded fuel. The Super Green fuel, now on sale at the BP station in Mount Pleasant Road, will also soon be available at BP outlets in Round Green and Barton Road. It costs more than standard unleaded, but it's made specially for high performance cars like Jaguars and turbo models which are designed to run on four-star fuel.

Good return

BOOKS and other items worth about £3,000 were returned to local libraries during a recent fines amnesty. Text books, expensive sets of boxed records and a language course were among the items returned.

Say cheese

A BRING and buy cheese and wine evening at the new Peter Newton Pavilion in Skimpot Road, Dunstable next month aims to raise funds to buy a £15,000 ventilator for the Luton and Dunstable Hospital. The evening is being organised by Mayor of Dunstable Ken Biswell.