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Briefs

Candidates Night

Westfielders will have a chance to meet and question contenders for seats on the Board of Education at Candidates Night, sponsored by the Westfield Parent-Teacher Council and the Westfield Area League of Women Voters, 7:45 p.m. Monday in the auditorium at Edison Intermediate School.

Leaf pickup

The Westfield Public Works Department will continue to pick up leaves in clear plastic bags until Tuesday, April 30. Bags are available 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mondays-Fridays at the Public Works Center, 959 North Ave. Once bags are placed curbside, residents should call 789-4100 for pickup.

Egg hunt

· Video Video, 184 Elm St., will host an Easter egg hunt 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. Free photos will also be available with the Easter Bunny 1-5 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. Call Coleen or Jack at 654-9600 for information.

Benefit concert

Rev. Alphonse Stephenson, conductor and music director of the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea, will perform in the Youth and Family Counseling Service's sixth annual benefit concert 8 p.m. Saturday, April 20 at the Church of St. Helen, Rahway Avenue and Lamberts Mili Road.

Musical club

The Musical Club meets in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield 1 p.m. Wednesday. Several musicians will perform.

Low-fat salads

The Westfield Adult School has scheduled a three-session course on low-fat salads 7:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays April 8, 15 and 29. The course will be taught at Classic Recipes Inc. Cooking School, 401 W. Broad St., by owner David Martone. Call the adult school registrar at 232-4050 for information.

Storytime

Registration for Toddler Time Stories at the Westfield Memorial Library begins 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 18. Children must be 21/2 years old, be registered in person and be Westfield library members.

Family history

Stephen Conte, producer and host of cable television's Family Historian, will present a program on researching Waldensian family history 1 p.m. Thursday, April 11 at the meeting of the Genealogical Society of the West Fields in the Westfield Memorial Library.

Waste day

The Union County Utilities Authority will sponsor a Spring Household Special Waste Day 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 13 at the Westfield Municipal Swimming Pool, Scotch Plains and Cumberland avenues.

Hard-to-dispose items such as oil-based paints and varnishes, pesticides and herbicides, aerosol cans, etc. will be accepted. Disposal is free, but preregistration is required. Call 382-9400 1-4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday or Friday for information or to register.

Record E-mail

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Be sure to include your full name, address and telephone number (for confirmation purposes only).

Boothe won't seek third term Greco to run for GOP; Dems will find hopeful

By KEVIN COLLIGAN

THE RECORD

Two-term Westfield Mayor Garland "Bud" Boothe announced last week he will not seek

"I think it is an appropriate time for someone else," he said.

With Mr. Boothe out of the running, the Republican mayoral torch will be handed to 1st Ward Councilman Norman Greco.

"I have the nomination from the Republican party," said Mr. Greco Tuesday.

Westfield Democratic Chairman Lawrence Goldman stopped short of naming his party's nominee for mayor. But he promised the Democrats would field candidates for mayor and council in the June 4 primary.

One prominent Democrat who will not be running for mayor is Tony LaPorta. Mr. LaPor-

more time with his two young children.

"There are possible candidates, but we are still in discussion," said Mr. Goldman. "We will

be filing petitions the early part of next week."

As of press time, no candidate for mayor or Town Council had officially filed with the town clerk. The filing deadline is 4 p.m. Thursday, life.'

Mr. Greco said his "lifelong ambition" has been to wield the mayor's gavel.

the passion to see Westfield remains a strong council. and viable community."

Mr. Greco said, "I really haven't thought about it. I don't know. It's too early for me to make that statement."

In addition to the mayor's chair, council seats

ta lost to Mr. Boothe by less than 600 votes in occupied by 1st Ward Councilwoman Gail Ver-1994. But he told The Record he wants to spend nick, 2nd Ward Councilman James Gruba, 3rd Ward Councilman Gary Jenkins and 4th Ward Councilman Janis Weinstein are up for grabs.

While Mr. Boothe said it is too soon to tell what his future in Westfield politics holds, he would probably volunteer in town activities "subject to my own personal plans and personal In the prepared statement announcing his

departure, Mr. Boothe said the decision not to run again was made with mixed emotions. And "I've lived here all my life," he said. "I have he asked Westfielders to support the current

"I am confident they will bring to conclusions Asked what his campaign platform would be, programs and projects I consider of great importance to the Westfield community which will not be completed in my tenure," he wrote.

The mayor also warned against "fractious dis-(Please turn to page A-2)



GARLAND "BUD" BOOTHE



The Westfield Chess Club, whith captured the eastern divisional chess championahip last month, came within a draw of sharing the national crown. The team ingludes Years Merowitz, Jason Cohen, Robin Cunningham (seated), Todd Luna and Jerry Berkovitz.

Chess club misses U.S. crown by single, late-night maneuver

By KEVIN COLLIGAN

THE RECORD

The Westfield Chess Club won this year's U.S. Amateur East Championship — and came within a draw of sharing the national crown.

The five-member team, consisting of Robin Cunningham, Todd Luna, Jason Cohen, Jerry Berkowitz and Yaacov Norowitz, bested a field of 260 competitors from as far afield as Maine and North Carolina to win the eastern title last month. The group then entered the playoffs to face off against the Midwest and West champions March 23-24.

"The playoff games were long and hard-fought," said Todd. "Some games went into move 60."

Making the match-ups even more difficult in the playoffs was the way the games were played - via long-distance telephone.

"There were telephone operators and four runners between the telephone operators and the (four) chess boards," said Todd.

Every time a player moved a piece, a runner would tell an operator, who would transmit the move to the opposing player's operator, who would tell their runner, who would make the first player's move on the 11/2. second player's board and hit the clock timing the second player's move. The process would start all over again with the next move. Four players on each for information.

team played against four players on an opposing team simultaneously.

The long-distance logistics did more than tire runners and please AT&T. It more than doubled the

"In the real world, a game would take a maximum of three hours," Todd said. "Our first match took seven hours. It was very nerve-wracking for the play-

The elongated games may have also been a factor in the Westfield team's second-place finish, Todd said. As soon as it dispatched the West team 21/2-11/2 in a grueling seven-hour match, the Westfield club had to do battle with a rested Midwest team.

"Unfortunately, we were supposed to start the second game at 7 p.m. with an hour to an hour-and-ahalf rest," Todd said. "We wound up starting at 8:30 and playing until 2:30 a.m. - that's kind of late to be playing chess."

In the end, the East won one game, had one draw hold its 61st annual Easter Egg and lost two games to the Midwest champs. In one of the losses, Jason Cohen could have forced a draw for Westfield, which would have made the final score 11/2-

"He went for the win and it backfired," Todd said. Everyone is invited to join. Call Todd at 561-3847

Board aiming to find school chief by July

By LYNN A. FOLEY

RECORD CORRESPONDENT

The Board of Education began planning its search for a new superintendent of schools Tuesday

Working with search consultant Dr. William Attea of Hazard, Young & Associates Ltd., the board set a tentative timetable that will see a superintendent hired in early July. Some key dates in the selection

process are: • April 17: The school board will beginnstleing the open position in national trade journals.

• April 24-25: The consultant firm will interview members of the Westfield community, including past and present school board members, administrators, teachers, parents, and past and present representatives of the town government, to develop a leadership proine tust will establish cuitems dec

essary for a successful candidate. • April 24: Questionnaires, which will be sent to all residents to find out their concerns and priorities, will be due. The school board expects to mail the questionnaire as soon as possible.

• May 2: Dr. Attea will present a verbal and written report to the Board of Education that will detail the results of the interviews and school board finds that it needs questionaires, and will identify more time later on, he recomnecessary criteria for a future superintendent.

 June 3: Dr. Attea will present a slate of about six candidates to the school board.

• June 4-6: The Board of Education will conduct its first interviews with the candidates, each lasting about two hours.

• June 17, 19, 20: The school board will invite its three top picks to spend a day in the district so they can visit the schools and meet with principals, teachers, and members of the public. The Board of Education will also conduct another extensive interview at this time.

◆ June 24-28: The school board will visit the candidates in their present work environments and conduct interviews with key people at those sites.

• July 1-5: The selection of a new superintendent will be announced.

• Aug. 1-15: The new top admin-

School board member Tom Madaras expressed his concern about the tight schedule for finding a superintendent to start work at the beginning of the 1996-1997 school year.

Dr. Attea, however, said it is common to find an appropriate candidate in the time frame that has been established. But if the mends an interim superintendent (Please turn to page A-3)

Lions will host Bunny at 61st Easter egg hunt

The Lions Club of Westfield will tributed to the children. Hunt 1 p.m. Saturday in Mindowaskin Park.

More than 1,200 plastic eggs will be hidden around the park's gazebo. Immediately after the hunt, plastic bags containing gourmet jellybeans and prizes will be disThe Easter Bunny will be avail-

able for pictures with the children at the gazebo noon-12:45 p.m. and following the hunt for a \$3 donation to Lions' charities. Buyers will receive a framed Polaroid photograph.

The Easter egg hunt is open for Westfield children 7 and younger.

What's best, what threatens our schools?

By KEVIN COLLIGAN

THE RECORD

The five candidates seeking the three three-year terms open on the Westfield Board of Education were asked to look on the bright side of things this week. The Record asked for their views of reasons to be proud of the schools - and what the five things that make you most threatens those positive aspects.

The exact question, and the can-

School Board Elections '96

Please list (in descending order) proud of the Westfield School District. What are the five biggest didates' responses, as they wrote threats (also in descending order) to that pride?

1. Student achievement demon-

strated by high HSPT and SAT scores and prestigious college admissions is a source of pride. Our students also excel in athletics, drama, music and other extra- and co-curricular activities.

2. A dedicated and caring staff is a direct link to student achievement. All grade levels have staff that enable students to realize their potential.

3. The range of programs presently available at the high school is uting their expertise to committee

of these offerings permit students to compete with top schools.

4. Parent commitment and involvement help students excel and achieve. For example, volunteering time in libraries, college resource centers, PTA/PTO projects and ser-

5. The community at large has proven its dedication and commitment to the school system. Examples of support are evidenced by passage of budgets and contrib-

vice in various committees.

important. The variety and depth like the Technology Committee.

1. A major threat is the uncertainty of the funding formula. How much funding will we lose? Will property owners bear the burden of a pension and social security costs?

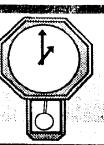
2. If the Comprehensive Plan is adopted as written, Westfield would have to conform to a minimalistic

type of education. 3. In this hold-the-line budget, any cut made if the budget doesn't

pass will cause pain. (Please turn to page A-6)

Spring ahead It's that time-

turn your clocks ahead Time changes this weekend



Twin victories

Caravello sisters

qualify for gymnastics meet See Sports, page A-11



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SID hearings continue Tuesday

RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Another public hearing on the Special Improvement District (SID) will be held 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Town Council's chamber, Mayor Garland "Bud" Boothe announced at Tuesday night's council meeting.

The Laws and Rules Committee still is considering and evaluating previous public comments, and has not yet revised the original SID ordinance.

Westfield's parking problems will be discussed by the Super Committee on Parking formed on the recommendation of the council's Parking Task Force. Members of the

group include the chief of police, the town duced fruits and vegetables from six-eight sory Committee. The session, tentatively scheduled for the morning of Friday, April 12, will be held to work on development of a parking management plan, explore funding sources, and discuss plans for renovation of Avenue traffic circle.

will be operated in Westfield on a trial basis police officer instead of two. this summer, Councilwoman Gail Vernick said. The market will be open 2-7 p.m. Thursdays in the municipal parking lot opposite the post office. The market will operate June 13-Oct. 31, and will offer New Jersey pro-

engineer, and the chairman of the SID Advi- local farmers. The market will occupy 14-16 parking spaces parallel to the defunct H. Wyatt clothing store.

The flea market at the South Avenue train station parking lot will continue but with fewer dates, Councilman Michael Panagos anthe train station and elimination of the South nounced. The operation will be cut back this year, occupying only half the parking lot, of-In other council action, a farmer's market fering two Portajohns instead of four and one

A public hearing on Elizabethtown Water Company's application for a 30 percent rate increase will be held 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Town Council chamber. The hearing will be conducted by the Board of Public Utilities.

One scuffle, two tales in law office

A March 28 scuffle in a North Avenue law office led to two strikingly different assault reports.

The attorney in the office told police a former client disrupted his business, refused to leave when asked and touched the attorney on the shoulders with both hands, according to police reports.

The former client told police the attorney refused to turn over files, then punched the client in the face and threw him to the ground, according to police reports.

As yet, no charges have been filed.

Police log

police Sunday they were assaulted by the other, according to police

A 34-year-old man told police his neighbor hit him with a hand truck and punched him in the face after a verbal argument. The 29-year-old neighbor told police the 34-year-old threatened him with a knife during the argument. No knife was found and no charges were filed.

Harassment

Two men living in different • A Highland Avenue man told era were stolen, according to police apartments in the same house on police March 28 he was receiving reports. There were no signs of the 600 block of Stirling Place told harassing phone calls, according to forced entry.

• A 26-year-old employee of Edwards Supermarket on Elm Street told police March 27 he was being harassed by a co-worker aged 24-25 who allegedly insulted him and threatened him with bodily harm, according to police reports.

Burglary

Several items were reported stolen from a classroom at Westfield High School March 27. A cordless telephone, phone accessories, film, batteries and a recharger for a digital camera belonging to the school district and valued at about \$200, and a privately owned video cam-

• Shades of Green on Central Avenue reported the theft of two trees and a case of Christmas wreaths worth \$1,000 Sunday, according to police reports.

• Marilyn Fiore, 48, of Staten Island was charged March 27 with shoplifting a spandex top, a sweater and a denim top worth \$221.99 from Lord & Taylor department store, according to police reports. Ms. Fiore was released on \$275

• Sardaria Philon, 19, of Newark, was charged March 26 with shoplifting a DKNY Jeans-brand T-shirt worth \$70 from Lord & Taylor department store, according to police reports. Ms. Philon was released on

second senior citizens' facility and

worked with board which sur-

mounted many financial and other

problems en route to another suc-

cessful housing facility. State un-

dertook replacing the Tuttle Park-

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layor outlines his top achievements · Chaired committee to study a

Departing Mayor Garland "Bud" Boothe listed the following as the "major accomplishments" of his two-term tenure:

• Kept tax increases for municipal purposes at the lowest possible level. The tax increases for the last minimum. three years have been 2, 1 and 4 absolutely no choices or discretion, cessful application for inclusion in and heritage.

Council.

and reductions in state aid. A bi- state MainStreet program and appartisan effort of the Town Council pointed Parking Task Force and examined every area of expense, and as a result many difficult Study Committee whose reports choices and decisions were made and recommendations which are to keep increases at the absolute now being discussed.

• Focused community attention the Westfield Bicentennial Comcents, notwithstanding horrendous and consideration of the cause of mission in 1994, a year-long series snow removal expenses in two of downtown Westfield, one of the of diversified events brought the those three years, increases in reasons newcomers chose to move community together in a celebramany areas where the town has to our community, including suc- tion of our long and rich history

Special Improvement District

Appointed and worked with

way bridge, a project which had been stalled by an inter-agency dispute in Trenton. Boothe will not run again for mayor

• Following initiatives from town, the state has refined and presented to town for consideration a design for rebuilding the South Avenue circle.

· Coordinated with several community groups review and changes to proposed New Jersey Transit improvements to the train station

(Continued from page A-1) can ever say. The confidence and tion. In 1992, he was elected putes between elected officials," briendship of thousands of West- major. Mr. Southe overcame Mr. which he believes have been field residents and the privilege of LaPorta, the Democratic chalavoided on the Westfield Town working with many of them over lenger, to win a second mayoral many years in a diversity of civic, term in 1994. athletic, nonprofit and governmen-"I hope that this almost-uniquely Westfield tradition also will continue, and not be subverted in the Mr. Boothe was first appointed quest for votes or personal power," to the Westfield council in Sep-

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Budget cuts trim library hours

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In a time of budget constraints at all levels of government, the Westfield Memorial Library recognizes that it must pull its weight along with other departments similarly affected.

At the same time, the library is determined to maintain a level of vorably with that of most New Jersey municipalities.

The library's main source of oppropriation by the Town Council, quested by the library.



The library cannot simply service that has long compared fa-streamline its operations to achieve increase late-return fines to 15 expenditure reductions, since by cents a day from 10 cents; various objective measures it is already among the most efficient in non-Westfield residents; erating funds is an annual ap- the region. While the quest for • close 5 p.m. Friday evenings ingreater efficiency will continue as stead of 9 p.m. which has approved a 2 percent in- before, the library and its Board of crease for 1996 that nevertheless is Trustees have decided on some im- Westfield Memorial Library, said 3.6 percent below the sum re- mediate economy moves that will the elimination of Friday evening in no way curtail ongoing plans to hours, while regrettable, should

ning this spring.

brary will.

• raise the cost of library cards for

Barbara Thiele, director of the

acquire new books and audio- cause the least amount of inconvevisual materials or jeopardize its nience to the public because patrons' access to a growing num- evening patronage is lightest Friber of computer reference services, days. Both Ms. Thiele and the liincluding Internet access begin- brary board hope this measure will prove temporary, and Friday To live within its budget the li- evening hours can be restored in

Jaycees selling new Mercedes raffle tickets

The Westsfield Jaycees this year will continue a traditon of more than 25 years with their annual C Mercedes rafile, the club's major fund-raiser of each year,

ships for deserving Westfield High School seniors and to Jaycee O sponsored programs such as Child

Raffle Chairman Larry Engel O said the grand prize this year is a white 1996 Mercedes Benz C220 from Cumming Motors in Eliza- O beth. Its retail value is more than

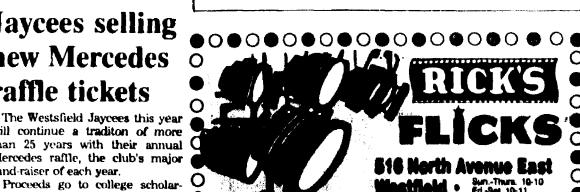
A maximum of 350 tickets will be sold with the drawing 8 p.m. Friday, April 19 at L'Affaire on Route 22 in Mountainside. Dinner, an open bar and dancing to music by Flashback will be featured.

The Westfield Jaycees have sponsored an annual Mercedes raffle since the late 1960s, raising O more than \$200,000 for charity. Last year's raffle generated \$14,000. Additional prizes have been do-

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Party time

The sober spirit of 'Project Graduation' needs to be spread year-round for teens

It happened again Friday night in Cranford. Police arrested two teens, 14 and 15 years old, who showed up at the teen center under the influence of alcohol. They later were released to

In an unrelated incident about a month earlier, Cranford police were called to a township residence where they held 50 teenagers accused of underage drinking. Dozens more fled before police arrived; there were no adults in the home at the time.

In Westfield, police, church and even athletic officials have said that beer parties, more than drugs, represent a threat to more teenagers. Community-wide forums have recently been held to underscore the dangers and to induce more parents to see the importance of their example and disciplinary efforts in heading off teenage drinking.

Incidents in Cranford, Westfield or anywhere else close to home shake adult presumptions and trust that young people either do not face many temptations to drink with peers, or that they have the spine to decline such invitations when they arise.

When teenage drinking becomes lethal, not just corrosively permissive, and young peoples' lives are wasted in some highway tragedy triggered by alcohol, the shock chills the youthful, dangerous tendency to drink at parties usually without adult supervision on hand.

A spate of such tragedies on graduation nights some years ago led selfless parents to organize alcohol-free, all-night graduation parties for high school seniors. These "Project Graduation" fetes draw more than 90 percent of graduates, and give the seniors and their families the blessed relief of knowing that at least on the biggest night of their young lives, the teenagers won't endanger themselves and their friends with the effects of drinking alcohol.

The trick, of course, is to implant the Project Graduation wisdom and logic in the minds of the teenagers so it means something every day of the year. Police, school, medical and clerical leaders already are aware of the potential for tragedy inherent in teen drinking binges.

The legislature has enacted parental liability laws, police pursue those who sell alcohol to minors and civic-minded groups have preached the dangers to teenagers for years.

The personal and legal consequences of teenagers binging on beer are defined and magnified to the maximum.

Another "societal" problem comes back to the dinner table for its resolution.



Letters to the editor

Nurse wants support for course

I have been the school nurse/health educator at Washington Elementary School for the past nine years. I teach a comprehensive health education program for grades 2-5. My philosophy is to try to cover all the important health topics that the children need to know in today's world to grow up happy and healthy. I do not view the program as a sex education program.

Subjects such as alternative lifestyles and types of sexual activity are never discussed. I do not know of anyone who would do this in a Westfield elementary school. If the students ask a question that is not in the curriculum, they are instructed to "ask their parents" or they will learn about it when they are older. I have never received a complaint about anything taught in health class.

I was disappointed and saddened when the revisions to the Family Living Curriculum were rejected. The health education program has now been crippled.

The children, for their own protection, need to know about diseases both communicable and noncommunicable.

They are concerned that cancer is contagious and "are cancer and AIDS the same thing?" They trust the teachers to answer their age-appropriate questions. The students should also know, for their own protection, not to touch other people's blood and not to become blood brothers or sisters.

When the students are asked, "What does family mean to you?" they are eager to answer and typical replies are: "They take care of you when you are sick" and "They help you with your homework." We talk about how their class is like a family and this builds cooperation.

I believe that all of Westfield's education programs are first-rate. Please give support to our excellent health program and allow us to talk to the children about what they need to know.

BENEDETTE GRAF, R.N.

Family courses are appropriate

To The Record:

Two years ago I was asked to serve on the committee of parents and professionals who were charged with reviewing the Family Living Curriculum K-12. As a parent of four daughters who has been involved

in PTA work for 10 years, I was happy to help. After careful consideration and much discussion. the changes the committee made were what we determined were in the best interest of today's students who are increasingly faced with a changing world and a blunt and frank news media. Topics are discussed now on radio and TV which were unheard of a few years ago. As much as some of us would like to return to the days of Ozzie and Harriet, I am afraid it just is not possible. Therefore, our young people need to be equipped with as much knowledge as we can reasonably give them at an appropriate time so that they will understand and be able to cope with today's world. That was our overriding concern. With the guidance of the caring staff who work daily with our children, I feel we accomplished our goal.

The nurses and health professionals who served on this committee and who teach the children from this curriculum impressed me-tremendously with their gentle dedication and concern for their work and for the young people they teach. I am confident that

these teachers deal with sensitive areas of the curriculum in the most age-appropriate manner. Their goal is to protect and inform, not to frighten. They are very tuned-in to their students, sometimes more so than a child's own parents. Because they are highly trained in their field, they know what to say and how to sav it.

Isn't knowledge better than ignorance or misunderstanding? Let's face the world and deal with it frankly and honestly so we are not surprised when we realize that Westfield is indeed very much a part of today's world with all its blemishes. We are far from being an island; we cannot help but be part of the mainstream, so let's equip ourselves and our children to stay healthy and safe.

I am dismayed and disturbed that three of the five Board of Education members who voted against approval were not forthcoming with their reasons during the discussion or even when challenged by a parent after the vote. The great majority of those attending spoke strongly in favor of the forthright approach to the issues. What is happening here? I hope that those parents in favor of this curriculum will make their views known to our board.

> JILL SITCER Westfield.

For school board...

Three candidates do seem better suited

The forces coming into play before the Westfield Board of Education and the entire community in the next year are considerable. Who can foresee what may follow in the two years beyond that?

Nonetheless, voters must select in April 16 balloting three from a field of five hopefuls to help manage the school system for the next three years.

While the three represent only one-third of the entire board, they will share the substantial. long-lasting burdens of hiring a new superintendent and principal, overseeing the multi-million dollar classroom expansion program about to begin, resolving wide differences of viewpoint over the "family life" curriculum, negotiating a new teachers' work contract and facing aging buildings and growing pupil populations in a climate of shrinking state aid and citizen re-

From this corner, incumbent board President Susan Jacobson and newcomers Annmarie Puleio and Frances Masterson seem to have an edge in the competiton and deserve Westfielders' votes.

Ms. Jacobson is completing her ninth year on the school board, the most recent of which saw a shift from a "rubber stamp" board to one that is able to air community and its own members' differences of opinion — and grow as a result. Ms. Jacobson's work experience with the Union County Chamber of Commerce and her success heading board negotiating teams facing teachers and others with respect and determination have led to trail-breaking, money-saving labor contracts — and sound labor relations. Whether as board president or hard-working member, Ms. Jacobson has clearly grown on the job and deserves to be returned to continue bringing her overview of public concerns and education to board proceedings.

Ms. Puleio, a first-time school board candidate here, offers voters a unique combination of personal academic achievement and a refreshingly analytic perspective on organizational behavior - and Westfield priorities for public education.

She received a full academic scholarship to William Paterson College and graduated from its honors program with a bachelor's degree in psychology with extensive work in biology.

She honed her grant writing skills while working as an administrator for the college's vice president for academic affairs. She also coordinated search committees, administered budgets and integration of technology into administration and faculty realms.

Here in town she developed and taught a grant-writing course for the schools' professional development program for teachers. She also helped the district write grants and is active in PTA, library, after-school enrichment programs - and has never missed a PTA meeting since her daughter started school.

Education is central in Ms. Puleio's life, plus she has the schooling and experience to consider the concerns and interests of others. She will hit the ground running, once she's seated on the board.

Ms. Masterson has a clear agenda that accurately mirrors the worries of many taxpayers and parents of school system students. In addition, she has a wealth of experience in the insurance industry, having served as supervising liaison between the commercial and personal lines sectors of a major insurance firm.

As valuable as that knowledge promises to be for skittish school taxpayers, Ms. Masterson's greater contributions will come from her evocation of a distinct point of view on school issues.

She vows to be vigilant in maintaining ageappropriate material in the controversial "family life" curriculum,

She is deeply concerned about Early Warning Test results and how these reflect the curriculum in town intermediate schools. She calls for an appraisal of any link among the present curriculum, overcrowding and the Early Warning Test results.

Ms. Masterson promises energy and focus and must be seated for at least two reasons: to keep the board as diverse as the points of view in town at large, and to apply her business experience to the schools fiscal needs.

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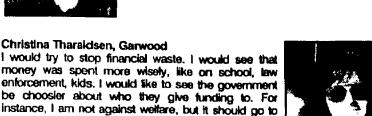
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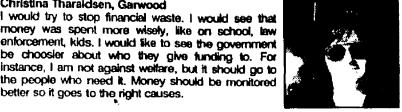
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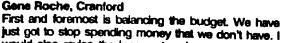


Cindy Clarke, Westfield would elect all women to the cabinet! Does that sound too aexist? I would want to focus less on business and more on family.





Sally Johnston, Scotch Plains Well, the first thing I'd do is move into the White Housel Then I would probably have more women around for advice. I would concentrate on education and tightening up discipline in the school system. After that, I'd move on to evening out the tax structure.



just got to stop spending money that we don't have. I would also revise the income tex department. I don't think a flat tax is the answer, but messive revisions are in order. I would also reinstate universal military training for all high school graduates.





What's the first thing you would do if you were President?

James Woglom, Cranford I would make a welfare program which would include benefits for most people. It would, in many ways, mimic the one used in Sweden. Everyone would have a roof over their heads. The crime rate would drop because people would not need to steal.



better so it goes to the right causes.

Dr. Alan J. Glickman, Westfield I would try to balance the budget, because I think it's an important step to stimulate the economy. It certainly would give people more confidence in our govern-

Patches not enough for street

Being relatively new to the town of Westfield, I was hoping someone might be able to advise me on how to get issues addressed and dealt with by the local officials. My neighbors and I have been trying to get the town to correct a problem and we are being completely ignored. Granted, while the problem pales in comparison to some town issues, it is certainly exacerbated by the town's lack of response to the people who it is supposedly serving.

I live on the section of Florence Avenue that borders the community pool. The condition of the street is horrendous. It has been decimated by years of obvious neglect, as well as erosion from poor drainage. In short, it is in desperate need of complete repaying, not just patches.

Last summer, my neighbors submitted a petiflat out ignored. My first call, late last summer, was to the head of the DPW who informed me was repaving West Broad Street, they were

patched. Much to my surprise, a few weeks section of Florence Avenue where the roads later Summit Avenue near the train station was intersect and repaying it, they partially alleviripped up and repaved. I also found it ironic ated a dangerous flooding condition that octhat the town, using taxpayers' money, not the curred after every rain and snow storm because pool budget, repaved the community pool park- there are no sewer drains nearby. In the winter, ing lot. At the time, the lot was in better shape the pool of water that accumulated there would than almost all of the surrounding roads, not freeze, making it almost impossible to stop just Florence Avenue. It doesn't seem justified without sliding onto West Broad. to repaye a lot, with taxpayer dollars, for a facility that is only used a fraction of the year, when I am paying to fix flat tires on my car because of the condition of my street.

tion to the town asking for help which has been other side of town are not a top priority for him. remembered.

I'd like to add that when the County of Union

that streets in Westfield are never repaved, only sympathetic to our request. By fixing a small

Perhaps the town can learn something from the county. I implore the officials of this town to stop ignoring these and other "quality of life" problems (i.e. leaf pick-up). I pay a considerable In the last three weeks, I have called the sum of taxes each year and I would like to see mayor's "not line" twice hoping to discuss the some of it applied to my neighborhood. I would issue and to date have not heard back. The like to remind our elected officials that I, as street the mayor lives on is in nice shape, so I well as my neighbors, vote, and these types of am sure that the condition of the streets on the issues and how the town reacts to them will be

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Curriculum changes are for the best

To The Record:

I am an advocate of the revised Family Living Curriculum after having read the entire document. However, I am frustrated by those who reject the proposed changes without having read the curriculum, believe certain parts of their homework by analyzing the issues and it are not age-appropriate, or object to language that acknowledges that not everyone lives in a how this curriculum evolved. For those who "traditional" family.

how AIDS prevention was going to be handled. particularly at the elementary school level. of Education, the Citizens Advisory Committee However, after hearing members of the Board particularly the staff respond to many cononly handle the subject matter appropriately, but are very sensitive to the maturity of the individual students. For example, the fourthcannot contract the disease through casual contact. More mature topics like needles, condoms. Consequently, I believe it is both insensitive

or prevention are not addressed with this age and wrong to pretend that these family constel-

After reading the school Loard candidates' responses on this issue, I felt that Annmarie Puleio, Susan Jacobson and Arlene Gardner did addressing and providing some history as to have not read the candidates' responses or spo-Like many parents, I was concerned about ken with staff members, I encourage you to do

Having grown up in "traditional" households, my husband and I present to our children the family model of mother, father and children as the ideal constellation. However, we also teach cerns, I was completely satisfied that they not our children that not everyone comes from the same situation as us and try to stress the importance of respecting all people, regardless of their family situation. For example, some chilgrade curriculum reassures children that they dren are raised by a single mom or dad, grandparents, other relatives or even a foster parent.

lations do not exist, or even worse, that there is something "wrong" or "inferior" about them.

I am convinced that the revised curriculum acknowledges the diversity found in real life while opening up dialogue, in school and at home, on many important matters. I do not understand how anyone can object to providing children with information which can allay their fears and help them protect themselves from potential dangers - in or outside of Westfield. However, I acknowledge that not everyone will share my perspective and respect their right to have their children withdrawn from all or portions of the curriculum. Accordingly, I believe that the majority position which favors the curriculum revisions should not be unnecessarily compromised, particularly when such an option

> PATRICIA H. CLARK Westfield

urriculum on family 'outstanding'

standing. This program is taught the covered topics. Our students by, an extremely knowledgeable, graduate from Westfield High throughtful and sensitive faculty School very well prepared for dealwhich teaches this subject with the ling responsibly and knowledgeably ulmost respect for our children, with the major issues of health and Axide from learning accurate information at age-appropriate times

family living that confront all of us.

Unfortunately, there has been about drugs, alcohol, tobacco and fear and anxiety generated in some sexuality, the children are taught a members of our community about mation, and not with pseudobroad range of skills: from learning this program. This has led to some to respect differences between peo- misunderstanding and misinformaple, to stress management (using tion. As a member of the Advisory

Voter likes candidate's 'super' selection ideas

and executional process. Technol-

recognizing the importance of pa-

Tapplaud Westfield Board of Ed- ogy advancement that keeps up Puleio and let her be our voice

Students are carefully educated to take good care of their bodies and minds with solid, up-to-date inforpsychological or religious practices

(as some have suggested). This program has been in place

On April 16, vote Annmarie

SUBAN SOULMAN

Westfield

which selects the next superin-

standard techniques), to CPR, to Committee that was formed to up- for many years. The revisions pro-The Westfield public school's the selection of appropriate health date this curriculum, I would like posed by our committee were mod-Family Living Curriculum is out- insurance. This names just a few of to reassure those with misgivings est and served to update some that there is nothing in this cur- antiquated language and to ensure riculum to worry about. In the high that all our children would get the school, for example, shetinence is correct information at appropriate taught and recommended as the ages. This is a curriculum we preferred birth control method, should all support and be proud of. PATRICIA STECKLER, Ph.D. Westfield

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needed to select Westfield's next minimal impact on class size, im-

superintendent of schools, as well proving student performance and

Annmarie has identified the crit-rental and community involvement

ical leadership skills needed to en- with curricula, are priorities high

sure Westfield remains on the cut- on her list. Meeting these goals will

ting edge of education, while recog- only further allow our children to

To The Record:

as her goals for the district.

We, concerned citizens of Westfield, would like to thank the landlords of downtown Westfield for cibing as many businesses as they have in record time, for making small entrepreneur the opportunity the best as we once were. to realize the American dream (feed their family), for forcing us to

go out of the community and spend our money in beautiful renovated areas.

Keep up the great job you are doing and your greed will certainly destroy our shopping area or, stop our shopping area look like West- the madness and give us a chance field is moving, for not giving the to rebuild and once again become

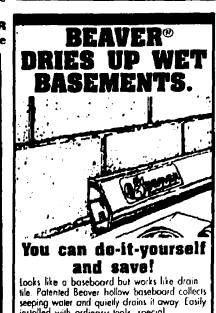
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What's best, what threatens Westfield schools?

(Continued from page A-1) 4. Projected encollment growth, as being experienced nationwide, will be a threat if we are not prepared with sufficient space and staff.

5. The philosophy that we should teach only the basics (three R's), thus restricting our ability to compete with other high-achieving districts.

Arlene Gardner

- I believe that the strengths of the Westfield public schools are the following:
- .. 1. The involvement and strong support of the parents and the community.
- 3 2. The school district's efforts and ability to meet the educational heeds of all of the children in Westfield.
- 3. The high academic achievement of our students as reflected in the numerous merit finalists and students attending excellent colleges and universities.
- 4. The many extracurricular activities - plays, musicals, variety Ishows, art shows and sports teams ranging from soccer to swimming - which provide students op-Inortunities for enriching experiences, responsibility, discipline, competition and school spirit.
- These strengths are a reflection of our commitment to high standards, the quality of our teaching "staff and the fact that education is valued and supported at home. They are the source of Westfield's Preputation for excellent schools.
- I believe that the loss of parental and community support is the bigigest threat facing the schools not the loss of state funding which I would place a close second. Limited funds are a threat to the quality and pride of our school system only if we cannot get past our differences and work together. I fear that those who claim our schools are terrible and cost too much will disillusion those who seek to work constructively to better the schools. Our biggest threat is ourselves that we will lose the will or the desire to continue to demand and to support high quality education for all our children.

Frances Masternon

Our teachers have the highest degree of dedication and education schievement. Their dedication has is responsible for; that is, the role been shown by their interest in of being the first teacher of the professional development and their child. devotion to our children.

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their time and talent to our children in the areas of classroom, media center, library, computer, art appreciation, science day, school store, newsletter, team planning, lunchroom and volunteer coaches.

PTA involvement is essential and has been something Westfielder's can be proud of. PTAs have helped furnish tables for lunch, run fund-raisers and buy much needed library equipment.

Sports programs in our schools which include lacrosse, baseball, track, tennis, softball and golf.

The Board of Education, along with Dr. Smith and his staff, have shown their commitment to improving the quality of our children's education by reviewing curriculum, the facilities, and having a vision in the crucial area of tech-

Five biggest threats:

The addition and proposed amendments of non-ageappropriate material in the Family Life Curriculum.

Due to budget constraints, the elimination of "courtesy busing" to over 75 families in our community.

The Comprehensive Plan would significantly reduce state funding for special education and would consider most of Westfield's athletic programs to be "unnecessary."

Due to ongoing budget constraints, the possibility of a reduction of classes offered in the fine arts program.

Passing the school budget. I ask that we still vote for this muchneeded budget so that we can make capital improvements and work on the "courtesy busing" problem with the town council.

Mike Farrell

There are many reasons to be proud of Westfield's system. Without assigning a value to each level, here are my thoughts.

Parental involvement: There is an unbelievable amount of volunteer work that goes into the resources which support the district. This is in addition to the day to day effort of the roles each parent

Dedication of the staff: An im-Volunteers in all our schools give portant and often unrecognized at-

who staffs the front lines, the table for resolution. nurse who administers care, the secretary who goes the extra mile; these are people who, upon close scrutiny, are deserving of the roles they play, spending more hours with our children than most parents can during these critical years.

Student environment: Throughout the district there is a sense that the overall learning environment is for those resources with all the sound and caring.

Co-curricular activities: There is a deep effort outside of the regular curriculum to provide activities of interest to many of our students,

Platform for discussion: Many people do not recognize the signifi-

The five biggest challenges to the system are, in no particular order, the state's proposed Comprehensive Plan for Education, reduced federal and state funding. the task of creating a cost-effective program which prepared our stutechnological program, finding business relationships that will benefit the district, and competing High School Proficiency Test. The other districts.

Annmarie Pulcio

Westfield can be proud of: the 568-plus parent volunteers working in our schools this year assisting our teachers and enriching our ter districts: Maintaining the lower field's reputation to the forefront of cant strides the present board took children's education. Our teaching class sizes expected of a district academic excellence in New Jer during the past year in identifying staff who regularly extend them- like ours in the face of rising en-

high school program which embodies our commitment to advance the academic ability and willingness of all students. Our exemplary writing dents to earn the highest mean score in the state in writing on the townwide commitment to education that enabled l;last year's high school seniors to earn the highest SAT scores since 1972.

However, we face these challenges if we are to advance our reputation as one of the state's bet-

tribute. Whether it is the teacher issues and putting them on the selves to assure every student the rollments. Improving scores on the best academic preparation. Project 8th grade early warning test to a 79 - our award winning alternate level well above minimum level of proficiency. Maintaining the breadth and depth of our curricula in a budget sensitive times and in the specter of the Comprehensive Plan. Implementing a technology plan to enable our students to function at a level of sophistication that is consistent with personal and business computer use.

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Maundy Thursday

April 4

11:00 a.m. & 8:00 p.m.

Services of Absolution

Holy Communion

Good Friday

April 5, 8:00 p.m.

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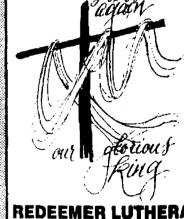
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Holy Thursday, April 4

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Good Friday, April 5 Morning Prayer: 9 am

Ouldoor Stations of the Cross: 10 am Stations of the Cross (in Church): 3 pr Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Death (Communion Service): 7:30 pm Night Prayer: 10 pm

Holy Saturday: April 15, Morning Prayer: 9 am

Blessing of Food: 11:30 am (chape) No 5:30 Mass

Easter Sunday, April 7 Masses: 7:30 am, 9,

10:30 am & Noon Children's Easter Egg Hunt after 9 am Mass

Ms. Tuthill wins Rotary's Philhower Award



tie Tuthiil, recipient of the fourth annual Westfield Rotary club's Charles Philhower Fellowship s fourth-grade teacher at McKinley School.



Wilson School reading program coordinators Mrs. Snauffer, Mrs. LaCarrubba, Ms. Brostel and Ms. Corona pose with pupils near a display featuring the "Dewey Know Our Way Around the Library?" theme.

State compliments district schools for early warning, HSPT results

state monitoring of the Westfield public schools, the Department of Education gave passing grades to Westfield on every element of the monitoring, with special com-mendation for Westfield's performance on the Eighth-Grade Early Warning test and the Eleventh-Grade High School Proficiency

In order to be rated acceptable by the state, 75 percent of students must be at or above the minimum level of proficiency (MLP) on the Eighth-Grade Early Warning Test. Last year, 98.1 percent of Westfield students achieved this level in reading, 95.5 percent in writing and 95.5 in mathematics, all more than 20 percent higher than the standard. In addition, the 1994-95 school year was marked with significant 11th-grade achievement. With the state requiring that 85 percent of students be at or above the MLP on the Eleventh-Grade High School Proficiency Test, in Westfield 98.5 percent met or exceeded this level in reading, 99.6 percent in writing, and 98.9 in mathemat-

As required by the 1991 state law which called for a new monitoring system for school districts, representatives from the state Department of Education visited Westfield in February, and monitored eight different elements of administrative, instruction and physical plant requirements. These included a quality assurance program, which incorporates the district's annual report; community surveys; demographic data; available resources to social service agencies, etc.; school level planning, which required each school to develop and implement a twoyear plan, a school report card and pupil performance objectives; curriculum and instruction, covering many aspects of curriculum standards including gifted and talented programs and services; student performance, skills and competencies; student behavior; teaching staff and professional develop-ment; school resources/finance and facilities; and mandated programs, such as special education, aftirma-

tive action, etc.) In receiving the final passing re-

Following the recently completed port from the state Department of and the High School Proficiency Education, Superintendent of Test, I do not believe that the the state Department of Education. While it is gratifying to receive spe-Eighth-Grade Early Warning Test years.

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The next scheduled state monicial commendation on Westfield toring of the Westfield public students' performance on the school district will be in seven

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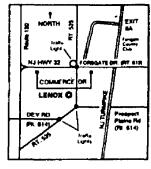
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Bette A. Tuthill, a fourth-grade teacher at McKinley School, is the 1996 recipient of the Westfield Rotary Club's Charles Philhower Fellowship in recognition of outstanding teaching at the elementary school level.

Dr. Ronald Swist, president of the Westfield Rotary Club, presented Ms. Tuthill with the award Monday at the Rotary Club luncheon meeting, where she was the guest of honor.

"The Philhower Fellowship was established in 1993 by the Rotary Club to honor former Westfield educator and Rotarian Charles Philhower and to recognize the importance of teaching in the elementary grades," Dr. Swist said.

Mr. Philhower, who died in 1962, was supervising principal (superintendent) of the Westfield schools for 30 years - 1917-47 - and was co-founder and past president of the Rotary Club of Westfield.

A selection committee, composed of four Rotarians - Superintendent of Schools Mark C. Smith, Westfield elementary former school Principal Wey Steengrafe, United Way Executive Director Linda Maggio and board member Darielle Walsh; director of human resources for the Westfield public schools, David Tuller; and last year's Philhower Fellowship recipient, Carol Joyce, a first-grade teacher at Washington School selected Ms. Tuthill from among 53 nominations.

"The Philhower Fellowship is a wonderful tribute to elementary teaching, which is so critical in the creation of positive attitudes and academic successes among our students," said Dr. Smith. "The Westfield public schools are grateful to the Rotary for its recognition of this meaningful profession."

This year's recipient has been an elementary school teacher for 25 years, with her career in the Westfield school system beginning at Tamagues School in 1974. For the past 16 years, Ms. Tuthill she has taught at McKinley School, with the last 11 as a fourth-grade teach-

Among the many nominations received on Ms. Tuthill's behalf, a parent of a current fourth-grader wroye, "She is a gold mine of resourcefulness in demonstrating science through clever experiments and simple magic tricks. Her classroom is a treasure chest of handson activities and books available to

Another letter from a parent of a student who was in Ms. Tuthill's class last year stated, "My son said. 'I wish I had Ms. Tuthill again this year. In fact, I wish I could have

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Still another endorsement stated, "Ms. Tuthill emphasizes her students' strengths and teaches them to compensate for their weaknesses. She is concerned with the whole child, not just academics. Bette has the ability to find the best in her students. Each child is special in her eyes, and is made to feel that way.'

In addition to receiving her award at the Rotary meeting, Ms. Tuthill will be recognized Tuesday, May 7 when the Westfield Board of Education holds its regular meeting at McKinley School in her honor.

In addition to Ms. Tuthill and Ms. Joyce, the other Philhower Fellows were Susan Feldman Glick, special education teacher at Tamaques School who received the award in 1993, and Carol Mastroianni, a first-grade teacher at Fran-



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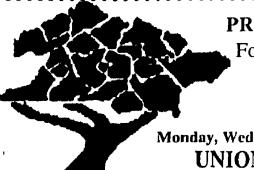
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Community Life

Helpline unit in 22nd year of local service

FANWOOD - CONTACT We Care's Annual Meeting and Commissioning Service was held recently to celebrate the 22nd anniversary of

The nonprofit helpline/crisis intervention service, which serves central New Jersey, includes CONTACT Helpline, CONTACT TDD Helpline (for the hearing-impaired) and CareRing.

James Kullmann, president of CONTACT's Board of Trustees, convened the annual meeting, during which individuals were nominated for Board of Trustee positions. Re-elected to the board were Jane Annis of Mountainside, Joan Bonner of Fanwood and David Monzella of Scotch Plains. Newly elected to the board were Christopher Loder of Summit, Edwin Mitchell of Fanwood and Linda Van Fossen of Scotch

Candy Santo, executive director of CONTACT We Care, gave the State of the Service Report. She said that in 1995, 120 volunteers donated a total of 7,798 hours on the phone lines handling 13,258 calls, an increase from 1994. Mrs. Santo said that in spite of tough financial times, CON-TACT had a successful year. She spoke about what it takes to run CONTACT We Care, including recruiting and training volunteers, scheduling telephone workers, the administration it takes to give direction to the organization, as well as planning for CONTACT's future.

The executive director also spoke about the varied types of calls CONTACT receives on a daily basis and how important it is for the volunteers to be there to answer them. She said that at the end of a shift on the helpline, a volunteer said, "It's good to be here for people," and to that Mrs. Santo added, "May it long be

The Commissioning Address was given by Rabbi George Nudell from Congregation Beth Israel in Scotch Plains. In his address, he said many of those who call CONTACT have problems that stem from loneliness. Many of those who call CONTACT can't rely on others to talk to, he told the volunteers, and from deep inside we find the compassion to listen to them. Rabbi Nudell spoke of some of his personal experiences about listening. He asked the group how often we are too self-absorbed to notice those who need our help every day and how often we have many excuses or not enough time to listen to others?

During the past year, 32 people became CON-TACT We Care volunteers. Following the address, they were commissioned and presented with CONTACT pins and certificates.

Telephone workers who reached milestones in 1995 were recognized. Ellen Anthony of Westfield was honored for a career total of 2,000 hours on the lines. Those honored for serving 500 or more career hours on the phone lines were Joan Bonner, Paul Couphos, George Doldouras, Helen Grygiel, Juanita Hearn, Caroline ller and Millie Lubas.

Fifteen volunteers who played an important part in CONTACT We Care, other than phone time, for the past year were also recognized and presented with the Esther Brunnquell Honorary

Music for the evening was provided by organist and choral conductor Trent Johnson, director of music and the arts at First United Methodist Church in Westfield.

The annual event, held at Presbyterian Church in Westfield, concluded with a reception for CONTACT's volunteers and their guests.

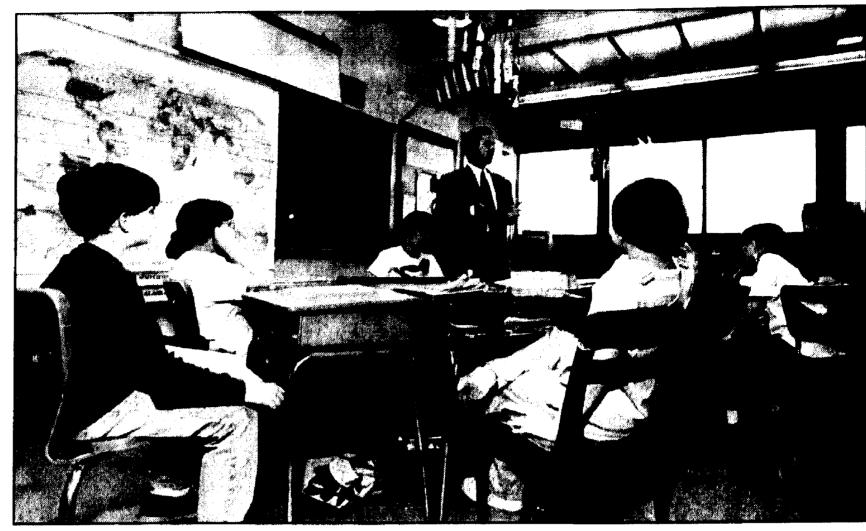
CONTACT's helplines are staffed by trained volunteers to answer calls for help about various issues including loneliness, depression, stress, family problems, financial troubles, abuse and suicide. Its CareRing service provides a daily telephone call to homebound, elderly and disabled individuals. CONTACT We Care provides these services free of charge and all calls are

The Helpline number is 232-2880 and TDD (908) 232-3333. For information about training to become a volunteer, call 889-4140.



MS Walk coming

Colorfully dressed clowns, balloons and walkers of all ages will meet at Westfield High School and eight other north Jersey sites Sunday, April 21 for the annual MS Walk fund-raiser. For details on the event, call the Natonal MS Society's regional office at (201) 261-WALK.



MELISSA KLAVER/FORBES NEWSPAPERS

Fourth-graders at Cranford's Orange Avenue School hear how education is delivered in Sweden during a presentation by Swedish

A peek at Swedish education

Swimming, religion study are on curriculum with English

By ELLEN M. FELICETTA

FORBES NEWSPAPERS

After a one-week visit to Cranford's school district, Swedish Headmaster Rune Svaninger leaves behind an indelible mark of friendship and an inside look at an educational system far from American shores.

Part of the international teacher exchange program "Hands Across the Water," the head-master's reciprocal visit followed Orange Avenue School computer teacher Gloria Smith's tour of Swedish schools in 1994.

Speaking to many of Cranford's middle and high school students, Mr. Svaninger drew a vivid picture of Swedish students and their academic life. As headmaster of Withula School in Vetlanda, a suburban community of 20,000, Mr. Svaninger oversees senior level students in seventh, eighth and ninth grades. In the country's nine-year compulsory education system, children begin school life at 7 years old, completing everything except food, so it's now their mandatory academic career at 15. An upper secondary school exists for ages 16-19, and Mr. Svaninger said 98 percent of the student population continues its education. One quarter then go on to pursue a college-level

All children are also entitled to preschool education, but these institutions generally do not belong to the regular school system; they're part of the public child care programs.

"Although the family unit is still the mainstay of Swedish life, there is a growing number of households where both parents work," Mr. Svaninger said. "Our cost of living is very high, we pay 25 percent taxes on almost everything except food, so it's now important for many mothers to work outside the home."

To bolster economic support, the socialized government continues to give parents a monthly "child contribution." From birth, parents receive about \$130 per child until the age of 16. Monetary payments continue to age 19 if the most 90 percent of the Swedish population is here."

child continues his/her secondary education. Mr. Svaninger said Sweden's free public

schools, which include the nation's colleges and universities, are in many ways similar to their American counterparts, yet some striking differences exist.

Much to their interest, Cranford students learned that no formal marks are given until the eighth grade in this Scandanavian country. In the earlier grades, to keep in tune with students' progress, marks are replaced by personal interviews between teachers and parents. When marking begins, a five-point scale was traditionally the accepted measure. Mr. Svaninger said a recent change will now categorize students' work as good, very good and excellent.

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Founded on strong basic skills instruction, all compulsory schools emphasize three main subject areas; Swedish, math and English.

There are goals and standards each pupil must reach, especially in these subjects before they can leave the compulsory grades," Mr. Svaninger said.

Swimming is another mandatory element in the country's well-rounded curriculum. Using indoor pools, each student begins swimming in the second grade and lessons continue throughout the compulsory years.

Also of interest, Mr. Svaninger said religious education continues to be a fundamental part of each public school curriculum. Although al-

Lutheran, the headmaster said, the classes are non-sectarian.

The subject matter covers all religions. We also use the Bible as a study tool for learning. We try to give students a general overview of religion and its importance," he said.

Students receive 80 minutes of instruction

Emphasizing morality and ethics, Mr. vaninger feels this helps maintain the country's strong family values. He also noted the country continues to have a low divorce and

'We also work very closely with parents anytime a problem arises," Mr. Svaninger said. "Families and the school staff are very closely related, working together to ensure a student's

An accomplished musician, Mr. Svaninger would like to incorporate America's advanced instructional music programs into his own.

"Our students receive music instruction it is limited," he said. "It isn't common to have a school band or orchestra. Each community has a separate music school, but it is costly. I would also like to make greater use of the school facility after school hours. We don't have school sports programs like you do here. Communities have private sports clubs which many students belong to."

Mr. Svaninger does have an advanced computer curriculum in his school.

"Each school can have a special "profile" subject," he said. "Since mine is computer, our school is among the very few in the country that has computer listed on its curriculum."

Receiving special funds from the government, the headmaster now has two computer labs. Each lab has 16 computers and eight printers. The school is linked to the Internet, and all new computers have upgraded CD Rom.

Already planning his next trip to Cranford. the headmaster said he "felt right at home



On a weekend visit to New York harbor sites are Svaninger family members Michael, Madelene, Rune, Orange Avenue School teacher Gloria Smith and Ethel Svaninger.

A snapshot of Swedish school season, hours

Swedish public school students are guaranteed 178 winter sports holiday is given in February and there days of school each year. Daily hours are 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and there is an early release time each Wednesday.

Christmas. The spring term runs Jan. 10-June 10. A strong.

is an Easter break.

Teachers work a 45.5-hour week with 10.5 of those hours worked at home. Teachers have no tenure, but The autumn term starts Aug. 20 and ends before teacher and principal unions in the country are very

Contrasts emerge at lunch time

Throughout the compulsory and secondary years, all Swedish public school students receive free hot lunch and transportation to school.

Students help themselves from a smorgasbord-like steam table. The daily menu changes and can include meat, fish or poultry, with side dishes of vegetables, rice and potatoes. A salad bar is always available, but no dressings are served.

Students drink only milk or water with a fresh lemon spritz no soft drinks are on the menu. There are limited sweets; fresh fruit is a staple.

Cranford teacher Gloria Smith remarked, "The (Swedish) students take only what they need. There is very little waste. The students, and the country overall, are very environmentally conscious. Ceramic plates and stainless utensils are always used. Paper products are con-

Elien Felicetta

Albert Lawson Kraus, 75

Former editor of financial publications

former editor with a number of fi- 1992. nancial publications, died Friday at **mis** home.

He became editor of all publications of Bond Buyer Inc. in 1972 with responsibility for daily and weekly editions of Bond Buyer, the Munifacts news wire and Money Manager. Mr. Kraus joined the Journal of Commerce newspaper in 1978 as its chief editorial writer, was named the editor in 1981 and held that post until his retirement in 1987.

He began his career after World War II as a newswriter on a number of New England radio stations. He reported police, court and political news for the Providence Journal-Bulletin of Providence, R.L. from 1947-56.

Mr. Kraus joined the New York Times as a banking reporter in 1956 and subsequently was an assistant to the financial editor. He edited the Times's Sunday business and finance section as the assistant financial editor until he joined Bond Buyer Inc. in 1978. He also wrote a weekly column on economics for the Times and helped the newspaper expand its coverage of international finance.

He received the Elliot Bell Award from the New York Financial Writers Association in 1987 for contributions to financial journalism. He was a Kilgore Coun-

Albert Lawson Kraus, 75, a selor at DePauw University in

A native of Queens borough, N.Y., Mr. Kraus maintained homes in Westfield and in Franklin, N.Y. He received a bachelor's degree in history from Queens College of the City University of New York in 1941. He earned a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University in 1942 before joining the Navy for service in World War II.

He held membership in the American Society of Newspaper Editors, the Society of American Business Editors and Writers, the New York Financial Writers Association and the Queens College Journalism Advisory Board. He was an alumni member of Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at Queens College.

He was a parishioner of two Episcopal churches, Trinity Church in Cranford and St. Paul's Church in Franklin, N.Y.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia Lou Bohrman Kraus; three daughters. Carla Kraus Reichek of Berkeley, Calif., Linda Patricia of Lakewood and Laura Kraus Bento of Assonet, Mass.; a son, Peter Albert of Chicago, Ill.; and a grandchild.

A requiem service was held Monday at Trinity Episcopal

Church, Burial was private. Arrangements were by the Gray Memorial Funeral Home in Cran-

Arnold J. Manzo, 78 Worked for Greyhound, Sperry-Rand

Arnold J. Manzo, 78, died April 1, Havelin of Pompton Lakes; two 1996 at his home. He worked for sons, Arnold D. of Clark and Christhe Greyhound bus lines in New York City and was a mechanic with the former Sperry-Rand Corp. in Springfield until his retirement in 1976.

A native of Brooklyn, he served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and had lived in Westfield since 1964.

Mr. Manzo served with the 818th Air Engineer Squad in Normandy, central France, the Ardennes, the Rhineland and central Europe in the war. He was a member of Leonard James Sanders Memorial Post 11467, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in Westfield.

He was a parishioner of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church.

Petito Manzo, a daughter, Diane ston, 07039.

topher of Westfield; two grandchildren; five brothers, Anthony of Floral Park, N.Y., Joseph of Deer Park, N.Y., John of Manalapan, Christopher of Woodbridge, Va., and Richard of Massapequa, N.Y.; and three sisters, Rose Leonard of Sag Harbor, N.Y., Marie Buscemi of Floral Park and Gloria Mastriani of Rockville Centre, N.Y.

Services will be 7:15 a.m. today at the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Ave. A blessing will follow 8:15 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church, 315 First St. Burial will be in the Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Arnytown.

Contributions may be made to the St. Barnabas Medical Center Surviving are his wife, Susan Development Foundation, Living-

Harold Kestenbaum, 74 Pharmacist, once owned drug store

35 years and more recently was a pharmacist with Schraft's Pharmacy in Irvington.

A native of New York City, he lived in Newark before moving to Westfield in 1960.

A 1943 graduate from what is now the Rutgers College of Pharmacy, he was a member of the Epsilon Chapter of New Jersey within Alpha Zeta Omega, a pharmaceutical fraternity.

He also held membership in the

Harold Kestenbaum, 74, died Oriental Lodge, Free & Accepted April 1, 1996 at Overlook Hospital Masons, in Westfield, and the lker Drugs store in Irvington for on East Broad Street. He was a first lieutenant in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Marilyn Meyer Kestenbaum; a son, James; a daughter, Carol Levy; and two grandchildren.

A sister, Annette K. Stern, is de-

Funeral services were held yesterday at Temple Emanu-El. Burial was in Beth Israel Memorial Park, Woodbridge.

Arrangements were by Menorah Chapels at Millburn, Union.

Obituaries

Frances Hansen Torgersen Active in local church, garden club

Frances Hansen Torgersen died Radford, Va., Edward G. of Cincin-

Westfield since 1946.

Mrs. Torgersen was active in the byterian Church, Mountain Avenue, and a member of the Rake etery. and Garden Club of Westfield.

Her husband, Einar, died in 1995. of Blacksburg, Va., Robert H. of the Presbyterian Church.

March 30, 1996 at JFK Medical nati, Ohio, David E. of Cairo, Center in Edison. She was born in Egypt, and Peter F. of Fanwood; 10 Staten Island and had lived in grandchildren and six greatgrandchildren.

Funeral services were held yes-Women's Association at the Pres- terday at the Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Pennington Cem-

Arrangements were by the Gray Funeral Home. Contributions may Surviving are five sons, Paul E. be made to the Memorial Fund of

Rodney Kuntz, 79

Owner of steelmaker, machinery firm

edly on his 79th birthday March 31, Co. of Springfield until 1964. 1996 at Southern Ocean County owned the Gibson Steel Co. in Beruntil his retirement in 1980.

Mr. Kuntz, who was born in Cranford, lived in Westfield before great-grandchildren. moving to Little Egg Harbor Town-

Rodney H. Kuntz died unexpect- designer with the Carpenter Steel

Surviving are his wife of 57 Hospital in Manahawkin. He once years, Ruth L. Kohler Kuntz of Little Egg Harbor; two sons, Rodney keley Heights and also owned KNS H. of Fair Haven and Douglas L. of Machines in West Creek from 1975 Manford, Okla.; a daughter, Jacqueline Hamberger of Mountainside; seven grandchildren and four

A memorial service was held last ship in 1984. He was a machine night at the Gray Funeral Home.

Nathan Paladino, 87

Retired pattern maker, 12-year resident

March 28, 1996 at JFK Medical Mrohs of Edison; his brother, Rich-Center in Edison.

Born in Elizabeth, he lived in ing to Edison 34 years ago. He was a pattern maker for

Richmond Industries in Metuchen for several years, retiring in 1994. His wife, Helen V., died in 1984.

Surviving is his daughter, Diane Mrohs of Edison; his granddaughter, Dawn Mrohs of Edison, Deborah Hospital.

Nathan Paladino died Thursday. his great-granddaughter, Amanda ard of Stuart, FL and three sisters, Margaret Dieudonne of Brick, Westfield from 1950-62 before mov- Dolly of Stuart,FL and Marie Jackson of Pasadina, CA.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 30, 1996 at Gray Funeral Home in Westfield. Burial was at Hillside Cemetery, Scotch

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Manuel J. Pinero, 73

Was company's vice president of sales

Manuel J. Pinero, 73, who died received a degree in engineering March 28, 1996 at his home. He from Brown University. once was a regional vice president Burchard of Chicago.

lived in Englewood before moving Green. to Westfield in 1956.

Navy during World War II, was as- Hillside. Contributions may be sociated with Lloyd-Thomas for 35 made to a diabetes association.

Private services were held for years prior to his retirement. He

Surviving are his wife, Jean of sales for Lloyd-Thomas/Coats & Dolan Pinero; a son, Daniel; a daughter, Linda DiMare; three A native of Woodcliff Lake, he grandchildren; and a sister, Edith

Arrangements were by the Fu-Mr. Pinero, who served in the neral Service of New Jersey Inc., in

Victor Russell Schaible, 76

in Summit. He once owned the Men's Club at Temple Emanu-El Descendant of early New Jersey settler

was descended from Nathaniel Denton, one of the signers of the Elizabethtown Charter when New Jersey was chartered in 1664.

Mr. Schaible, who was born in Irvington, lived in Union before moving to Westfield in 1954.

He was a tool and die maker with the Bellows-Valvair Corp. of Mountainside until his retirement Home. Contributions may be made in 1970. Mr. Schaible served in the to your favorite charity.

Victor Russell Schaible, 76, died Army with the 258th Quartermas March 25, 1996 at his home. He ter Corps in France during World

War II. Surviving are a sister, Ethel Simpson of Forked River; eight nieces and eight nephews.

His wife, Louise Wilde Schaible, died in 1991. Four brothers and four other sisters also are deceased.

Private services were held under the direction of the Dooley Colonial

College aid seminar to be held April 11

Congressman Bob Franks, District 7, will host a student financial aid seminar, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11 at Summit High School, 125 Kent Place Blvd., Summit.

The New Jersey office of student assistance will present an overview of financial aid options and then will answer questions. Representatives from more than 20 New Jersey colleges and schools of higher education will be staffing tables.

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Local Red Cross is food grant recipient

supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the area.

The selection was made by a national board chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and consists of representatives from the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Council of Jewish Federations, Catholic Charitary organizations chosen to reties, USA, National Council of ceive funds must be non-profit, Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and United Way of America, which provides the administrative staff non discrimination, have demonand functions as fiscal agent. The board was charged to distribute emergency food and/or shelter profunds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A local board is made up of the volunteer and staff in the United Way of Union County, business leaders and professionals and social service agencies. They deter- field. The agencies provide food to mine how the funds awarded to more than 225 people each year.

The American Red Cross West- Westfield/Mountainside Red Cross field/Mountainside chapter has are to be distributed among the been chosen to receive \$3,987 to emergency food and shelter programs.

The local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of

the program. Under the terms of the grant, a local government of private volunhave an accounting system and conduct an annual audit, practice strated the capability to deliver grams, and if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board.

The Westfield/Mountainside Red Cross has distributed emergency food and shelter funds to Holy Trinity food pantry and First United Methodist food bank in West-

Pingry's open house is to offer tours and panel

year. The program is particularly low. designed to acquaint students and their parents with the co-educational, country day school, its Short Hills (grades K-6) and in philosophy, curriculum, faculty, Bernards Township (grades 7-12) students, programs and activities.

The evening will begin with ville. For information call 647-6419.

An informal evening open house tours at 7 p.m., followed by a panel will be held at The Pingry School discussion about Pingry, as seen Tuesday for students interested in through the eyes of students, facentering Pingry's Middle and ulty and administrators who will Upper Schools (seventh-12th take part, A question and answer grades) in the 1997-98 academic period and refreshments will fol-

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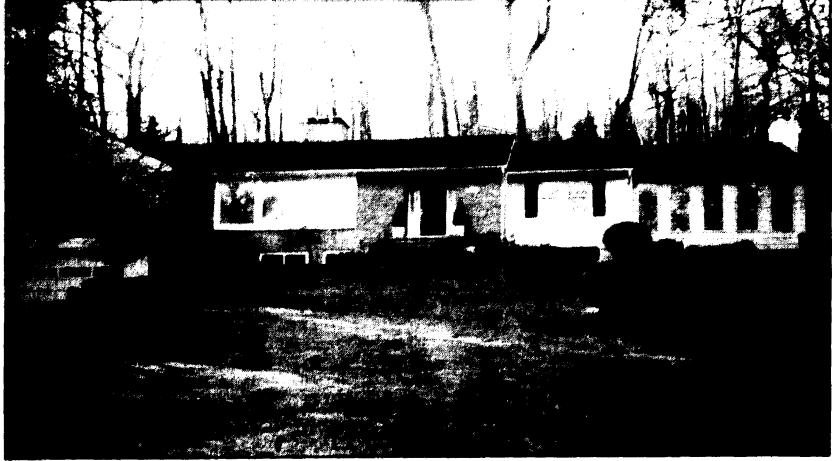
Rev. Joseph F. Barbone, Pasto

'Celebrate America' theme for big spring party of hospital auxiliary The annual spring party committee of the Auxil- Joan Murray of Westfield, prizes.

iary of Children's Specialized Hospital is busy planning this year's event, titled "Celebrate America."

Committee members in the photo above include: seated, Dot Teller of Westfield, hostess; Elizal th Loland of Westfield, auxiliary vice president and cochairwoman; Kerstin Rosen of Mountainside; and field, publicity.

Standing are: Yvonne Jeka of Mountainside, decorations and favors; Tia Iles of Mountainside, auxiliary president and co-chairwoman; Brucie Talcott of Plainfield, program journal; Jean Sawtelle of Westfield, luncheon tickets; and Doris Molowa of West-



tfield Symphony Orchestra Friends house tour next month.



This grand colonial home in Westlield is also on the WSO Friends' tour scheduled for May.

Area eco panel names new officers

Nancy Koblis, health officer for was elected executive secretary. ine Lity of cnau woman-elect of the Regional Environmental Commission, has announced that a new slate of officers

was elected for 1996-97. Warren Hehl, health officer for the Township of Cranford, was elected vice chairman; Gail Cheety, sanitary inspector for the Westfield Regional Health Department, was elected treasurer; and Kevin

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Two residences featured on the tour have been decorated by their professionally trained owners, a painter and a fashion designer. The owners will give visitors an unusual opportunity to see uniquely personal decorating details.

The Mountainside Ranch house, constructed in 1955 by an area builder for his family, sits atop a generous and fully landscaped property amidst the Watchung Reservation, and has been lovingly brought to life by its owner, a former fashion designer.

Off the specious new kitchen is a massive family room addition with breathtaking skylights and cathedral ceilings. Also notable are the children's bedrooms, which include a miniature wing chair and an old fashioned doll collection, and a hand-sponged office area along with various antiques collected from a family antique business in

A classic colonial home in Indian Forest features hand stenciling on the exterior of its entrance, a hint of the whimsical feeling continued within. An antique hand towel collection is displayed on an artist's easel in a decoratively painted powder room. In the den, killim rugs have been layered beneath rugged Mission and hand-painted furniture. The owner's own paintings fill the home, behind which lies a fully landscaped back yard complete with a sculpture and pool area visible from the kitchen. Above the garage, a spacious new art studio has also recently been added.

Tickets for the tour are \$18 and will go on sale Wednesday at the Symphony office, 321 Elm St., and at these shops: Baron's Drug Store, Lancaster Hallmark Ltd., Periwinkle's Fine Gifts and Rorden Realty. Tickets also are available at Cranford Bookstore, Burgdorff Realtors in Fanwood and Irma's Bag in Scotch Plains. For details, call the WSO office at 232-9400.

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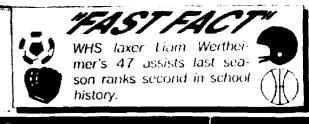
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You said it:

'We'll probably take some lumps early, but hopefully we can get better as the season moves along.

- WHS Head Lacrosse Coach Shaun Cherewich





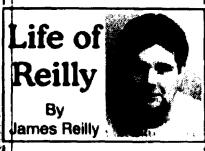
Money changes everything

The selection of Ed Tranchiha to lead the Westfield High football team was met with significant popular support.

Students, parents and fans alike have expressed more than a little satisfaction with the recent announcement that Tranchina would once again gam the Blue Devil sideline. After a two-year hiatus, where he concentrated on his duties as athletic director, while Jim Benedict's single-wing offense failed to take flight, the Westfield football program needed a bbost.

APP Securing the services of a Highly-respected individual with fine athletic and educational standards is certainly a Ceather in Westfield's cap, but the recurring preeminence of the almighty dollar in the search for a new coach was for the birds.

-"With the way the budget climates are today, it's hard to say with any certainty whether



someone will be with the program for any number of years," said Tranchina after being named coach. "With me, everyone knew I'd be back for at least a few years and we could consolidate the program."

.⊈In other words, most coaches would like the guarantee of a all-time teaching job before taking the reigns of a school's otball program, and the budlet cutting that currently domihates the educational landscape has limited the lending of such uarantees.

Make no mistake, the opinion here is that Westfield is blessed to have Tranchina at the helm. dedication to the children he teaches is unquestioned and is football know-how unchal-Enged.

But the odds of the best guy for a job being down the hall ge long at best. Westfield nicked out that they had Tranchina already on staff, and Willing to shoulder the added sponsibility of coaching the sotball team while serving as thletic director. To be blunt, Westfield found a quality re-Macement despite itself.

The tug-of-war between school sports programs and the heavy-handed sickle of the budet slashers is common, but the onflict between football and Westfield seem to be particu-**M**rly sharp.

Just five years ago intermedite school sports programs were defeated by the beanounters, and it took the Herculean efforts of Tranchina and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark Smith to win back two quads - football and field hockey - in the fall of 1995.

"With the budget cuts at the time, the teams had to be cut, but it was tragic," said Tranchiha after winning a reprieve for football and adding field hocky last fall with some creative bookkeeping. "It was terrible having groups of kids just hanging around after school, when they used to be playing on these teams. We needed to o something to get them back involved with the school atmos-

phere." Westfield has set aside a little over \$600,000 a year for athletes, in order to encourage and purture that involvement. The esults, athletically and educaionally, are clearly evident. The evel of sustained excellence by Blue Devil sports teams rivals that of any public school sysfem in the state. And the number of students securing athetic scholarships, and using the essons learned on the playing helds to succeed in life, is

qually impressive. That's got to be the best-\$pent \$600,000 investment you gan make.



RECORD FILE PHOTO Junior Dan Matro will man first singles for the Westfield High

Blue Devil destiny

Matro-led Westfield High tennis team hopes to serve up a state championship campaign

By JAMES REILLY

THE RECORD

One more step to the promised

The Westfield High tennis team reached the state sectional final three years ago, the Group 4 semifinals two seasons ago, and the Group 4 final last year, before being eliminated from the state tournament. This time the Blue Devils want it all.

"We don't set unrealistic goals here," said WHS Head Coach George Kapner. "But talent-wise, with the team we have, it is a le-Group 4 championship. We've moved up one step each of the we can get to the top this year."

Devils, who were scheduled to face Elizabeth yesterday, will be first singles star Dan Matro, who compiled a sterling 26-5 record last year while only a sophomore. Kapner was pleased to see an improved Matro show up for practice

this year. "Dan is a year older and a year better," said Kapner. "He's bigger, stronger and more consistent with his strokes, which is saying a lot considering how good he was last

"He really settled in as the top guy last year and he's definitely a known quantity around the state," second doubles last year, also with title."



said Kapner. "Everyone knows who Dan is, and he's a very confident young man who can really

Another Blue Devil who can certainly play is senior second singles player Brad Jankowski, who was 27-4 last season at the second slot, including a Union County Tournagitimate goal of ours to win the ment championship, and is also a stronger player this time around.

"Brad's better and more confipast three seasons, and we think dent, you can see it in his game," said Kapner. "He's one of the cap-Leading the way for the Blue tains of the team, along with Dan, and he's taken it very seriously. He's been a vocal leader in the preseason as we've prepared for the year because he knows what has to be done to reach our goal and he wants it."

Rounding out the starting group are senior Rich Cohen at third singles, and classmate Ken Diamond and junior Chris Camuto at first doubles, and sophomore Dan Aq- three is we'll need for the two douuila and junior John DiGiovanni at second doubles.

Camuto was 20-5 at first doubles last season, including a county teams. If we can do those three title, while Diamond was 23-3 at things, we can challenge for a state

Junior Greg Cameron is recovering from an illness and won't be able to play competitively for about a month, but when he does return he'll bolster an already impressive

The Blue Devils worked hard in the preseason on fitness, not leaving anything to chance.

"The level of play in the Group 4 championships is very high," said Kapner. "It's a tremendous challenge. You've got several schools, like Cherry Hill East, West Windsor-Plainsboro and Bridgewater-Raritan who are very strong. In order to compete, we'll need to be in top physical shape. Every single member of the team needs to be in perfect shape to reach that goal. And I think the guys know that."

The Devils travel to Kearny today before hosting East Side (Newark) Monday, Kapner feels Westfield must do three things in order to meet its lofty goals.

"Number one, we need to stay physically fit, that's very important," said Kapner, "Number two, we need to get mentally fit and keep improving so we can peak in the state tournament, Number bles teams to grow and mesh as teams so they can perform at their highest level against the best

Star siblings

Westfield's Jessica and Lauren Caravello both qualify for state championship meet

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Lauren and Jessica Caravello are 11 years old but are grizzled veterans in gymnastics circles.

"I've taught them since they were two years old," said coach Annmarie Henderson of the LaGymnastique Team of Henderson's Gymnastics Academy. "Of course, they were just doing a little tumbling at the time. But I always kept an eye on them, and as they grew, you could see they really had what it takes to be fine gymnasts. The dedication and love of the sport was there, and they've really taken advantage of it."

Jessica and Lauren have taken such good advantage of it that they both qualified for the Level 8 State Meet at Pompton Plains April 27-

Lauren won the first-place allaround ribbon Sunday at the state sectional meet at the Eastern Gymnastics Academy in Pompton Plains with an outstanding performance which qualified her for the state meet.

Lauren bested the field on the uneven parallel bars (8.55) and floor exercises (9.00) and took second on the balance beam (8.40) and fifth on the vault (8.10).

"I was hoping to do my best so I could make the states and I was glad when I made it," said Lauren. "Before the meet I was a little nervous, but I just pretend like I'm that event, but it was very excitpracticing and concentrate on making my moves.



LAUREN and JESSICA CARAVELLO

separate sectional meet at Shields evident when they perform. Gymnastics Academy in Hillsborwith a score of 33.65. Jessica took while placing third in the floors

"I just wanted to make sure I had a good day," said Jessica. "I bars, because usually Lauren wins dedicated to their sport."

According to Henderson, the

RECORD FILE PHOTO

"They're both excellent gymough, taking first place all-around nasts, but they do have their own styles," said Henderson. "Jessica first-place ribbons on the beam has a softer style with a lot of (8.40), vault (8.10) and bars (8.40), dance-like qualities. Lauren is a stronger, more aggressive style of gymnast. But one thing they both have in common is that they both made it to the states, and I guess I love gymnastics and work very hard to get better. They almost was a little surprised to win the never miss practice and are very

And with all that dedication and practice, the girls should have a good shot at cracking the top 10 at Lauren's twin sister Jessica also Caravello girls may look alike, but the state meet, which would qualimade some pretty nice moves at a their distinctive personalities are fy them for the regional meet.

Trout Time Opening Day

Season begins: Saturday, April 6 at 8 am Fishing license fee: \$16.50

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dam to second RR bridge below Main Street, Milltown (4) Roosevelt Park Pond- Edison Township (3)

Union County *Green Brook- Route 527, Berkeley Heights to Route 22, Scotch Plains

·Lower Echo Park Pond-Mountainside (3) •Milton Lake- Madison Hill Road bridge to Milton Lake, Rahway (4) Rahway River- Route 78 bridge, Springfield to St. George Avenue (Route 27), Rahway (4)

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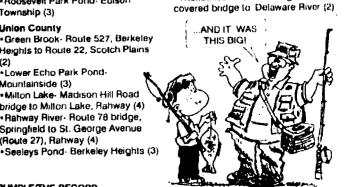
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entire length (5) · Lockatong Creek- Opdyke Road bridge, Kingwood Township to Delaware-Raritan Canal (5)

. Mulhockaway Creek- Pattenburg. source to Spruce Run Reservoir (5) Neshanic River- Kuhl Road, Ranian Township to Hunterdan County Route 514 (2)

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Westfield laxers slowed by soggy pre-season weather

graduation, and then Mother Nature took their pre-season.

The Westfield High lacrosse the Blue Devils' scheduled preseason.

"We've had a tough time getting ready for the season," said Head Coach Shaun Cherewich. "We haven't had one scrimmage against another team, and we haven't gotten a chance to even practice that much and the season is starting. We'll probably take some lumps early, but hopefully we can get better as the season moves along."

While Joffe and his team-record on this level," said Cherewich. 59 goals have departed the Blue Devils, attackman Liam Werthei-First they lost their top scorer to mer, who dished out 47 assists last smart lacrosse." season, is returning to lead the Westfield offense.

"Liam's back and he's the guy team will not only be without the who set up most of our offense last services Ed Joffe this season, but season," said Cherewich. "He'll be the snow and rain of the past a key guy for us in keeping possesmonth has washed out much of sion and in playing smart lacrosse."

Wertheimer is one of the Blue Devils' tri-captains along with defenseman Ethan Marsh and midfielder Alex Schmidt, whose leadership will be of paramount importance for the relatively inexperienced team.

"We don't have many guys who've played varsity lacrosse, so the junior varsity can get it done game Saturday.

"We'll need to stay away from oneon-one play and we'll have to play Joining Wertheimer on the at-

tack are senior Paul Boudreau, sophomore Kevin Mansfield and junior Brian Joffe. Mike Baly and Drew Stotler join Schmidt at first middies, with Tom Urbano, Brian Graye and Austin Riley playing second middie. Kevin Sullivan, Brendan Quirks and John Bruett

will also see time in the midfield. Scott King and Mark Juelis join Marsh in defense, where Chris Keller, D.J. Curry and Tim Cook will also see action. Bruno Parente and Steve Abeles will man the

Westfield was scheduled to open with Peddie yesterday and travels we'll have to see if the guys from to Summit for the Bristol Cup

Replacing the scoring touch of Ed Joffe will be a tall order for the Westfield High lacrosse team this season.



The Clark Indoor Soccer Tournament champion Westfield Emeraids: (front row) Shannon Gilmartin, Rachel Hirsch, Kate Wade, Carrie Hubbard, Emily Mortenson, Lauren Meriton, and Maryanne Garry; (middle row) Erica Triola, Alexa Vantosky, Megan Conners, Ali Weinstein, Ali McMahon, Sarah Masterson, Staci Spass and Dianna DePalmer; (back row) Coaches Mike Meriton, James Glimartin, Joe Masterson and Joe Triola. Not pictured is Rebecca Sabreen.

Soccer kicks off

Emeralds win Clark Indoor Tournament while Comets falter in first two matches

The 10-year-old division Emeralds defeated the host Clark Crush 2-1 in the semifinals before shocking the Roxbury Lightning 5-4 in the final.

In the Roxbury match, the score was knotted at 4-4 at the end of regulation, as Emerald Kate Wade shook the back of the net with less than two minutes remaining. Keepers Megan Conners and Erica Triola made numerous acrobatic saves to keep the game

With only one minute left in OT, Wade made a perfect wall pass to Ali McMahon on the left flank, who then slotted the ball over to Ali Weinstein, who buried a left-footed cracker to seal the victory.

In the semifinal, the low-scoring contest ended at 1-I in regulation, before Staci Spass put the ball in the back of the net with two minutes in OT, to push the Emeralds into the final. Westfield featured a balanced attack in the tournament, with 10 players scoring in the seven-game tourney.

COMETS DROP PAIR

The Westfield Comets have yet to awaken from their winter hibernation, as they suffered two defeats last weekend to start the Mid-New Jersey Youth Soccer Association season. The Comets fell 2-1 to the Aberdeen-Mahwah Rockets Saturday and were topped by the Summit Stingrays 3-0 the next day.

Against the Rockets, Westfield started strong when midfielder Dan Mahoney made a nifty pass upfield to

The Westfield Emeralds soccer team played like the right winger Neal Kroncke. Kroncke used deft footcardiac kids recently with two overtime goals leading work by blowing by a defender and saw the everto the championship of the Clark Indoor Soccer Tour- ready J.J. Sobala in the middle. Kroncke's pass was a perfect, and Sobala made no mistake, rifling the ball into the left side of the net.

Comet sweeper Brian Pirot played a strong game in defense, stealing several balls and starting counterattacks with fine passing. Westfield keeper Chris Johnson had a good day, getting in front of two straight volleys in the first half.

At the 14 minute mark, the Rockets broke through. when winger Andrew Ozga took off on a breakaway and after a nice head fake, fired a burner into the back of the net. The Rockets then sealed the game, with the final goal.

On Sunday, the Stingrays stung the Comets early in the game with a quick goal, despite their defensive. efforts, again led by Pirot. He constantly cleared the ball up into the midfield out of harms way. Comet winger Mike Huber used fancy footwork to take a shot, but it swerved wide of the goal. The Stingrays padded the lead to 2-0 by half-time, when Coach Joe-Sobala gave his squad an inspirational speech.

Comet fullback Jacob Mirsky used his speed to chase down several attackers in the second half, and Huber again drove in and got a shot off, which hit the outside of the net. Pirot moved up the center-forward and blasted a shot over the bar. Newcomer Bart Walsh showed great intensity in the midfield, while stopper Sean Devaney was tight in defense. But the Stingrays were too fast and added the third and final tally eight minutes into the half.

SCOREBOARD

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ture idea? Or do you just want to vent your spiech to the local sports editor? If your answer to any of the above is "Yest," please call James Rellly at 276-6000 or fax to: 278-6220. Our address is: 102 Walnut Ave.,

SUMMER SOCCER

The annual Raider Soccer Camp will be held this summer at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School soccer complex. There will be two sessions offered - the weeks of July 5-12 and

The directors of the camp are Tom Breznitsky, head coach of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys team, and Tom Turnbull of Scooler Skills and Drills Inc., a year

round sooper tutoring school. The camp is open to soccer enthusiasts in grades K-10 with special segments for goal-keepers and Lady Raiders. For more information and brochures, call Breznitsky at 322-6102 or Tumbuli at 753-8240

LACROSSE CLUB The Westfield Lacrosse Club is seeking volunteer coaches and managers.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of concerning registration can contact Ed Joffe (232-8705), John Flood (654-7441) or Lois

ON THE LINKS

Hely (233-3960).

The third annual Community Access Golf Classic Tournament will be held Monday, June 17 at the Echo Lake Country Club in Wastfeld. Community Access, a non-profit agency that helps teens and adults with disabilities live inpeople with disabilities in Union, Essex, Ber gen, Morris, Hunterdon and Passaic countles.

The event is expected to draw up to 150 golfers from businesses throughout the state who will enjoy a day of golf, prizes, afternoon barbecue, cocktail hour and dinner. Proceeds will benefit Community Access teens and

For information and player registration, call Tara Romanoski at 354-3040.

LAST CALL

The Girls Softball Leagus of Westfield held Its last in-person registration in February but girls can still register by contacting one of the four league directors. Second and third graders can call Terry Tracy at 654-3838. Fourth and fifth graders can call Bill Nicol at 233-7081. Sixth and seventh graders can call Bob Guer-riero at 654-1799. Girls in grades 8-12 can call Tom Kemps at 233-9261

WHS CALENDAR

All times p.m. unless noted

THURSDAY, APRIL 4 - at Union, 4 Softball - Union, home, Golf - Franklin home 4 Keamy, home, 4 FRIDAY, APRIL 5 at East Side, 4

SATURDAY, APRIL 6 Baseball East Side, home, 10 a.m. Lacrosse - at Summit, 1

MONDAY, APRIL 8 Softball - Plainfield, home, 4 Golf -- E. Brunswick, home, 4 - at East Side, 4

TUESDAY, APRIL 9 Linden, home, 4

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 Baseball - at Piscataway, 4 Tennis — at Unden, 4 Lacrosse - at Hunterdon Central, Volleyball - Irvington, home, 3:45

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TUESDAY, APR. 9 -- Summit, away, 3:45

WEDNESDAY, APR. 10 Basebail - Rahway, home, 4 Softball - Rahway, away, 4

Registration is open to all girls who are residents of Westfield. The registration fee was \$40 if received by March 10. Now, a \$20 late

RED CROSS GOLF

The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold its fifth annual Golf Outing May 6 at the Plainfield Country Club. This year the chapter will have a double shotgun start. To enter the event as a sponsor



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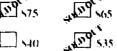
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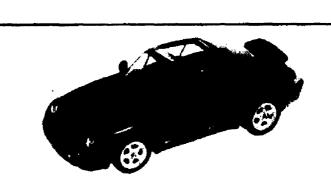


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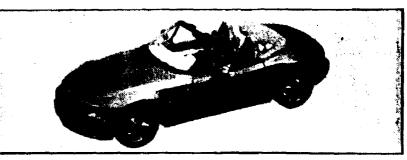
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Bread bakery pops up in town

By ELLEN M. FELICETTA

THE CHRONICLE

Shopping Center on South Avenue, There's a new business in town the bakery features more than a and Big Sky Bread Company may dozen tempting varieties of tradiprove to be an added staple for tional and gourmet whole wheat

breads. Most are made without oils, Located in the Cranford Square refined sugar, cholesterol or preservatives. The breads are baked fresh daily on the premises; each loaf weighs about 2.3 pounds.

> Owner Dan Margolis uses only organically grown whole wheat from Montana, Mr. Margolis stonegrinds the wheat into flour each day, guaranteeing fresh, bountiful loaves.

> The shop's bread board is laden with a variety of warm, tasty slices of the daily fare for customers to sample.

> A Westfield resident, Mr. Margolis has always dreamed of owning his own business. A former vice president of real estate for Chase Manhattan Bank, Mr. Margolis felt opening a bread bakery was a natural course

> After an informal survey and working closely with Cranford's Downtown Management Corporation, Mr. Margolis was pleased to find the perfect location in Cranford. The store is open 7 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays, and 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays.



AUGUSTO F. MENEZES/THE RECORD

Dan Margolis pauses briefly at the ovens in his newly opened Big Sky Bread Company in the Cranford Square Shopping Center on South Avenue last week.

Distinguished salesman

Jonathan W. Jones, second from left, received the Distinguished Sales Award at a recent meeting of the N.J. Sales & Marketing Executives Association. Mr. Jones is president of Jones & Auerbacher in Newark. From left at the presentation are Esther Bateman, controller; Philip J. Kinzel, CPA, of NJSMEA; Mr. Jones, and sales manager Bill DePalma.

Lampert named partner at Princeton law firm

Michael A. Lampert of Westfield has joined the Princeton office of Saul, Ewing, Remick and Saul as a partner.

Mr. Lampert's experience includes banking litigation, broker dealer litigation, representation of employers in employment litigation and franchise litigation. He also practices in other contract litigation including the sale of com-

panies, goods and services. Mr. Lampert also provides counsel in antitrust, takeover and oppressed shareholder litigation and in recent years has expanded his practice to include insurance coverage and product liability litigation, as well as intellectual

McManimon and Scotland and devoted a substantial amount of his time representing major financial institutions and commercial lenders.

Mr. Lampert serves on the editorial board of The New Jersey Lawyer. He also serves as chairman of the federal practice and procedure property law. Prior to joining Saul, Ewing, Mr. section and is a member of the civil litigation Lampert was a partner of the Newark law firm and bankruptcy sections of the state bar.

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of Fanwood and Edison, was elected president of the ERA Northern



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New Broker Council.

Ms. Flagg will direct the organization of 60 companies and guide it through development, recognition and community service functions traditional to ERA brokers. Her election to the

poet was unanimous. Ms. Flagg opened Queen City Realty in 1982, and has grown the company from start-up level to production of more than 350 transactions a year. It is in the top 100 ERA offices nationwide.

Leigh Meyer Hill, a sales associate with Weichert Realtors' Chester office, has qualified for the 1995 New Jersey Association of Realtors'

It is the third consecutive year Ms. Hill has earned the distinction. She qualified at the silver level company's prestigious President's long resident of Bound Brook. Club, Weichert's Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs, 100

A licensed real estate professional for 16 years, she is a member of the Morris, Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren counties Boards altors' Million Dollar Club. of Realtors and the Sales and Marketing Council of the Somerset and Morris Counties Builder's Association. She resides in Long Valley.

Jane DiGian, a sales associate in the Warren office of Burgdorff Realtors, has earned membership in the President's Council for the sixth time.



achieved membership in the New Jersey Association of Re-Dollar Club at the gold level. received gold level recognition in 1992 and silver level honors in 1993

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and 1994. A real estate professional for 12 years, she was named 1993 Realtor Associate of the Year by the Somerset County Board of Realtors for leadership in establishing the board's acclaimed Community Service Committee. She resides in Warren.

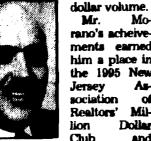
Joe Gorsky, president of ERA Van Syckel Realty, Bound Brook, recently returned from the annual ERA International Business Conference held in Phoenix, Ariz.

At the conference, ERA Van Sy- on Mr. Flagg, naming him ckel Realty was honored as a a lifetime member of the member of the prestigious Top 200 Distinguished Sales Club. ERA offices across the country. To He achieved the NJAR Milqualify, the firm was judged along lion Dollar Club for 10 con-

Irdia Sanches Flagg, broker/ with 2,500 other offices and seowner of ERA Queen City Realty lected for outstanding service to its customers.

Mr. Gorsky met the chairman of Jersey HFS Inc., Henry Silverman, and John Snodgrass, president and chief operating officer, as they shared information about their vision for the future of the ERA-HFS

> Frank Morano, a sales associate with Weichert Realtors Warren office, has won four regional awards for 1995, including new home sales and new home



rano's acheivements earned him a place in the 1995 New ٨s-Jersey sociation Realtors' Mil-Dollar lion Club and membership

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in the company's Million Dollar Marketed Club. He also took top honors for Million Dollar Club at the gold new home listings and a marketing

award. A real estate professional for 10 years, and a licensed broker, he is sales manager for four subdivisions 1985-1992, and is a member of the marketed by Weichert. He is a life-

Catherine Dickinson, a sales as-Sales Club and 100 Marketed Club. sociate with the Bernardsville office of Weichert Realtors, has earned gold level honors in the 1995 New Jersey Association of Re-

Of the 10 years Ms. Dickinson has earned state honors, she achieved the gold level six times. She won five office awards in January, including highest dollar volume, and led the office in listings and several marketing categories. She was named to the company's President's Club for the 10th time in 1995, and is a member of the company's Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs, and 100 Marketed

A longtime Bernardsville resident, she is a member of altors' Million the Somerset, Morris, Hunterdon and Summit Boards of Realtors.

> Bill Flagg of ERA Queen City Realty in Fanwood, has spent part of February reaping the rewards of his outstanding 1995 produc-

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secutive years, 1985-1995. The second honor was the Gold Level Million Dollar Club Award.

He also attended ERA's International Business Conference in Phoenix, Ariz., where he was named to the elite "Best of the Best," for achieving top volume with more than \$12 million; number two in listing units closed, with 100; fifth in listing volume closed, with \$10.7 million; and eighth in sales units closed, with 124.

Eva Baresh of the Hillsborough/ Montgomery office of Weidel Realtors, has been recognized as top producer for February.

A native of Czeschoslovakia, Ms. Baresh has resided in Hillsborough 13 years and worked as a Realtor for four years.

A sales associate in the Basking Ridge office of Weichert Realtors, Joy Kenyon Venker has been named to the company's 1995 President's Club.

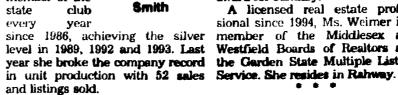
She is a repate member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors' Million Dollar Club, including at the silver level in 1994. Ms. Venker is a member of the company's Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs, and 100 Sales Club. She won the office's top listing award for January.

A real estate professional for 10 years - five as a broker - she is a member of the Somerset, Morris and Summit Boards of Realtors. She resides in Basking Ridge.

Norma Smith, a lifeling Metuchen resident and a sales associate withe the Metuchen office of Burgdorff Realtors, has earned membership in the company's President's Council.

Having produced \$11.5 million in 1995, including extraordinary unit production which stood as second in the entire company, Ms. Smith

ond consecutive year in the New Jersey Association **of Re**altors' Million Dollar Club at the gold level. She has been a member of the club state



Nancy Smith, a sales associate with Weichert Realtors' Basking Ridge office, has been named to the company's 1995 Ambassador's

A consistent top producer, she won the office's top sales award in and sold real estate for 10 January. A real estate professional years. She has been a for 11 years, including nine as a member of the New Jersey broker, Ms. Smith has earned repeated membership in the New lion Dollar Club at the sil-Jersey Association of Realtors' Mil-

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lion Dollar Club, achieving the silver level in 1994. She is a member of the Summit, Somerset and Morris counties Boards of Realters and resides in Basking Ridge.

Linda Weimer, a sales associate with the Westfield office of Weichert Realtors, has won the office's marketing award and sales award for January.

A licensed real estate professional since 1994, Ms. Weimer is a member of the Middlesex and Westfield Boards of Realtors and the Garden State Multiple Listing

Joy Kaplan, a sales as-sociate with Weichert Realtors' Metuchen office, has been recognized as the region's top producer for selling the most Weichert listings during 1996.

Ms. Kaplan has listed Association of Realtors' Milver level every year since 1989. She has also achieved repeat, membership in Weichert's Ambassador's Club, and the Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs. She is a, member of the Greater Easter. Union and Middlesex County: Boards of Realtors. She resides in North Edison.

Steve Brann has joined the Wari? ren/Watchung office of Coldwell Banker Schlott Realtors.

Mr. Bran has sold real estate in the Somerset and Hunterdon count ties area for five years. He is ar relocation specialist.





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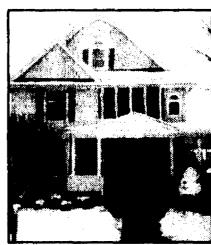
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She resides in Plainfield.

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> Gary Gebeau has joined the altors as a sales associate.

He is a member of the National Association of Realtors, the New Jersey Assocation of Realtors and the Someraet County Board of Realtors. He resides in Bedminster.



Martha Silverman, a sales associate in the Hillsborough office

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secutive year.

A graduate of Silverman the Realtor In-

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She has earned repeated membership in Weichert's Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs. She has resided in Hillsborough 10 years.

Carel Sutter, a sales associate in Weichert Realtors' Hillsborough office, has qualifed for the New Jersey Association of Realtors' Million Dollar Club for the second consecutive year.

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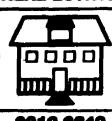


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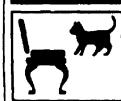
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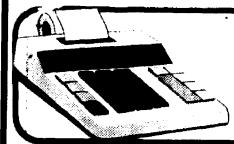
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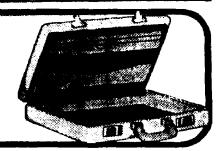
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"The all new, four-door 1996 Acura 3.5RL takes Acura to an unprecedented live of comfort, refinement and human ingineering," he said. "At the same time, in the areas of confident handling, immediate response, extensive safety engineering and optimum levels of performnce the RL goes even beyond what drivers have come to expect from Acura."

The 3.5 in the vehicles new name dein Acura. Peak torque off 224 pounds per foot occurs at a low 2,800 Rpm's, giving

BRIDGEWATER - Calling it "The all the RL the immediate throttle response longitudinally, moving weight to the rear sion in lower gear, even if the reduction in new standard in luxury sedans," Kent Car- and authoritative acceleration of a typical penter, general manager of Acura in Som- big-bore V-8, but with the simplicity, light weight and packaging efficiency of a so-

> This responsive performance reflects one of the two major goals of the engine development team," Mr. Carpenter said. "They set out to provide maximum thrust at the engine speeds normally used in most day-to-day driving, that is, the range from 1,000 to 4,000 rpm's."

Mr. Carpenter said the other engineering goal achieved was that of developing an engine that is quieter, smoother and more durable than any engine in Acura tiotes its 3.5 liter engine, the largest ever history. The RL can travel 100,000 without a tuneup.

and giving the 60/40 weight distribution deemed optimum for a front-wheel drive up shift. This prevents "hunting" of the sedan. The longitudinal mounting also better noise/vibration/harshness (NVH) performance because it allows for use of softer and better-located engine and transmission mounts.

Another intensive development program resulted in the RL's advanced, computer controlled automatic transmission. The program focused on smooth shifting, responsive operation and state of the art efficiency in driveability. It employs Grade Logic control to enhance performance during uphill and downhill driving. Using software with "fuzzy logic," the Electronic Control Module senses when the RL is The new engine is mounted in the RL traveling uphill and holds the transmis- seat belt tensioners, dual front-door anti-

throttle position would otherwise indicate transmission between gears during steady uphill driving. On downgrades, the transmission stays in third gear instead of automatically shifting to fourth, to let engine breaking help keep the RL from picking up unwanted velocity.

Inside, the RL features a subtle, roomy "open feeling" design with amenities such as an available state of the art Acur/Bose Music System, and the best in class airconditioning and climate control performance - both in cooling efficiency and quiet operation.

Advanced safety features in the 1996 Acura 3.5 RL include dual air-bags, front

intrusion beams, front door hip and shoulder pads and advances in side impact head protection.

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Collectibility' is in eye of beholder

PORBES CORRESPONDENT

Pre just acquired a 1967 Dedge A100 van with relatively low mileage, about 180,000 miles. It has a 170 cubic-inch slant six engine and an automatic transmission. Pve been a Mopar enthusiast for many years, ever since my high school days, but I've always had Dodges, Chrysler and Plymouths with V8 engines.

The reason I bought this van is because it has "barn" doors on both sides of it so that rear seat passengers have access from either could always be removed from the side. The rear seat seems to have been put in after the van was built made on a one-way street. pince it doesn't match the front leats. Does this van have any particular collector value?

- B. C. Tucson, Aris. A Since you bought it on the strength of it being unusual, it obviously has collectible value, but maybe only to you. Collectibility, like beauty, is often in the eye of retirement around the idea of sellsome later date.

Car collectors come in several categories. The knowledgeable investment collectors buy high-ticket Wehicles like investors buy stocks with an eye for what their prothe road. They sometimes get price. burned, since the value of exotic cars can fluctuate or be manipulated just like stocks. Other, less speculative collectors buy less ex- compared to major repairs and otic, but still rare machinery just your maintenance program for

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because they like to restore, drive and exhibit them. Then there's people like you and me who are opportunistic buyers who stumble onto something that just looks like it would be fun to own.

I'm told that those double doors were put there for businesses that made town deliveries so that cargo curb side even if the delivery was

QI have a 1983 Lincoln Town Car, 302 cubic-inch engine, electronic fuel injection and 145,000 miles. I change the oil and filter every 3,000 miles and the automatic transmission fluid and filter every 30,000 miles. The recent smog tests have been very good the beholder, so don't plan your well below the limits. I'm interested in a patented device that acts ing your van at a huge profit at to collect the heavy hydrocarbons in blowby gasses before they are recycled into the intake manifold. I'd also like your opinion on spark plugs that have twin electrodes. They are promoted as being able to increase fuel mileage and I wonder jected market value will be down if they are worth the premium

- H.P. Magalia, Calif. A Motor oil, automatic transmission fluid and filters are cheap

CURA

your Lincoln is proof of that statement

The blowby vapor separator you refer to has been around a long time and at one time was part of a marketing program wherein if you bought two or more, you became a "representative." I've been approached three times by promoters during the past 15 years to participate. I'm not convinced it does any good, since the blowby gasses get burned up via the positive crankcase ventilation system anyway. I've seen those ads for multielectrode spark plugs, too, but I'd have to do a really objective test such as the several vehicles sparked by two consecutive sets of new plugs, one of which was the "miracle" plug. It only takes one spark to make the initial fuel charge ignition.

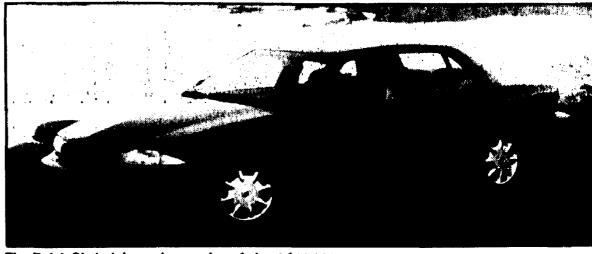
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- H.F. St. Petersburg, Fla. A Sometimes a mechanic has to refer to factory bulletins. I found one that traces the problem to a faulty fan shroud design that allows too much air to recirculate under the hood. A modified shroud is available along with a new underbumper air deflector.

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The Buick Skylark has a base price of about \$16,000.

Buick's Skylark flies high

By TOM HAGIN

FORBES CORRESPONDENT

The Buick Skylark is clearly targeted toward the standard sedan buyer wishing for a bit of luxury. Priced closer to a subcompact than its EPAdesignated compact class suggests, all Skylark models are well appointed with no-charge items such as air conditioning, dual airbags and anti-lock brakes.

Buick starts the Skylark lineup with the Custom model, while Limited and Grand Sport packages are offered upscale. Our week was spent behind the wheel of a Skylark Custom Sedan with a handful of

Outside

Skylark retains its integrated rear fender skirts, a visual reminder of Buick's past. A mild reskinning of its exterior is all that is noticeable from last year's version. A new grille leads the way, while freshened bodyside cladding extends across its tail. A new taillamp cluster now covers nearly the entire width of its tail, and both bumpers are body-color. Skylark's daring features blend sweeping, curvaceous lines that bespeak luxury, with real world affordability. Our test vehicle came with Buick's "California Value Package," which includes exterior extras such as larger P195/65R15 tires and full wheelcovers. Cargo-hauling is best left to other vehicles, however, as Skylark's trunk is limited to just 13 cubic feet of space, even with its tiny compact spare tire in place.

Inside

A totally new interior is welcomed. Gone are the motorized shoulder belts, replaced by three-point, shoulder-height adjustable units, and dual airbags. The new seat belt location has been moved from the previous model's door frame attachment point, to the door pillars. Even as Buick's entry-level vehicle, the interior is geared toward vintage "posh." Up front is a 55/45 split bench seat with new seat material and padding which is softer, and more comfortable. The redesigned instrument cluster is easier to read, and the controls that are most used are within easy reach of the driver. Controls for the power windows (optional on our Custom version), door locks and rear defogger have been moved as well, Grand Sport Package: \$2,206. and backlit for easy identification.

On the road

Standard Skylark power comes from a 2.4 liter, tested, \$17,050.

dual overhead cam four cylinder engine. This powerplant features numerous refinements, including a composite intake manifold and relocated mounting points for accessories such as the air conditioning, power steering pump and generator, which produce less vibration. Powerful yet small, its 150 horsepower is only five horses shy of Skylark's optional 3.1 liter V6, which powered our test vehicle. Where the standard four cylinder's 150 pounds per foot of torque power falls short in off-line acceleration, the V6's 185 pounds per foot of twist did well to launch our sedan quickly to speed. Skylark is especially well-suited toward freeway cruising, and long drives are quite comfortable. A four-speed automatic transmission is now standard on all models, and provides better fuel economy than the previously used standard-issue three-speed gearbox.

Behind the wheel

Skylark is supported by MacPherson strut suspension at all four corners, with softly sprung coil springs to smooth the ride. Its twist beam rear axle is very basic, and made for ride comfort, with high performance road handling coming secondary. Skylark absorbs bumps effortlessly, although with two full-sized passengers aboard in back, its suspension bottoms on large pavement undulations. Its brakes are basic as well, with discs up front and drums in back, A four-wheel anti-lock braking system (ABS) is standard equipment, and helpful during panic stops. A traction control system, new on 1996 Skylark models, gathers feedback from ABS sensors to reduce wheelspin on slippery pavement. While Custom and Limited models are funed toward comfort. Skylark buyers wanting a sporting flair can opt for the Grand Sport package, which adds stiffer suspension, a rear stabilizer bar and grippy 16-inch performance tires.

Safety

Dual airbags, ABS, and traction control, along with child-proof rear door locks round out Skylark's safety features.

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Evolution of Ford's foreign market

By BOB HAGIN

FORBES CORRESPONDENT

A couple weeks ago, I was driving from the parking lot of our local parts house and just ahead of me, waiting for the light to change, I saw a familiar face — or maybe is should say, a familiar trunk.

by a forest green strip, the car was modern enough to be Japanese from the late '70s, but the words "Ford" and "Lotus" indicated it had to be British and from the '60s. As it turned out, it was indeed British and a Ford, but the Lotus legend was a sham.

"No twin-cams," said the driver in a thick Australian accent when I queried him through our open windows. "It's a pushrod with twincarbs.'

I didn't pursue the matter any further, knowing full-well that the knowledgeable owner had disguised his Ford Cortina GT MKII Mark I two-door family sedan, lowto look like its more muscular and certainly more famous sibling, the Lotus Cortina. But to those of us larger, hopped-up and enlarged who know the history of the British Ford Cortina, he need not have bothered: the Cortina GT has a proud pedigree of its own.

At the beginning of the post-war era, British small sedans in general the Cortina GT, to sell alongside and Fords in particular were a homely lot, to put it politely. I the more practical members of the owned a half-dozen of them; An- population. It was obviously an glias, Prefects, Consuls and Zeph- Anglo version of the American and rallies around the world.

yrs. And their performance factors paralleled their looks. They had just enough speed and quickness to keep up with traffic, but it required extreme concentration on the part of the driver to avoid being a rolling obstruction in town or on the highway.

Ford began to change this stodgy Refrigerator-white and encircled mien with the introduction of its tiny-but-expandable overhead valve, short-stroke "Kent" engine, in the '59 Anglia. It was light, welldesigned and could be "tweaked" easily to produce high horsepower.

About that time, Ford world-wide decided to change its image and got on the performance bandwagon. (Remember the superfast Galaxies and four-placed T'Birds of that decade?) That mindset crossed the Atlantic to Ford of England headquarters in Dagenham where an economical performance car blueprint was adopted. It took its then-current compact Cortina ered and stiffened the suspension, bolted on wider wheels, installed a version of the standard Kent engine and added some "sporting" instrumentation and paint. Immediately, Ford dealers in the British Isles had a performance car, the mundane Cortina purchased by

muscle car formula.

While no one in particular is credited with the implementing Ford's "Total Performance" image, Sid Henson, a well-known motorsports engineer of the day, became Competitions Manager at Ford of England and the company built special performance workshops at a little-used airfield. Colin Chapman, the Lotus guru, was looking for a high-performance engine for his upcoming Elan sports car and quickly saw the potential of the new Cortina engine.

And like it's American cousin. Ford of England presented its new over-the-counter Cortina GT sports sedan by highlighting it with a "concept car" at the Earl's Court car show. Chapman had taken an enlarged Kent engine and had engine whiz Harry Mundy design a twin-cam cylinder head for it. The power was nearly doubled and although Chapman has his own Elan roadster in mind for the powerplant, Ford had him extensively modify a Cortina, install the twincam head and dubbed it the Lotus Type 28, essentially a Cortina on steroids.

But more important to the average British enthusiast was the Cortina GT that was on the same stand. Not only was the GT version upscale and trendy, but this lowly Ford sedan began winning races



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Our test week was spent behind the wheel of a well-appointed SR5 model, with almost all the trimmings.

Outside

Muscular and looking every bit a rugged four-wheeler, 4Runner now looks even closer to Toyota's topline Land Cruiser luxury SUV.

It now uses larger headlights and outside mirrors, along with wider front and rear door openings. With a 2-inch longer wheelbase and an overall length that's been stretched by nearly 3 inches, the new 4Runner's extensive outside modifications not only enhanced its appearance, but make things less return to 2WD-Hi, the lever is cramped inside. Replacing the previous model's two-piece tailgate is a single swing-up door with a power window, and a lowering of the cargo floor height by over three model's hood is a 3.4 liter V6, out-

back is much easier. 4Runner's standard tires are large 225/75R15 all-season radials, including the spare, which is located under the rear of the vehicle. Steel wheels are standard; alloy wheels are offered optionally.

Inside

While 4Runner is based on a heavy-duty truck undercarriage, things inside are remarkably civilized. Its longer wheelbase and larger doors have opened a spacious amount of back seat room, something the previous model didn't offer.

Headroom and legroom have increased, while cargo capacity expands by a few cubic feet with the 50/50 split folding rear seat up or of controls and instrumentation, all logically placed and simple to reach. Its dashboard is very carlike and easy on the eyes. Shift-onthe fly 4WD engagement is done with a floor-mounted lever, while limited models are fitted with a dashboard button for 4WD-Hi. To

On the road

Under the SR5 and Limited

inches makes loading "stuff" in fitted with dual overhead camshafts and 24 valves. Where last year's version pushed 150 horsepower, this new model enjoys 183 horsepower and 217 pounds per foot of torque. This represents a healthy power jump, and it's noticeable on the road. Accelerating to freeway speeds comes a couple of seconds earlier, and the engine doesn't sound strained under full throttle as with prior 4Runner models.

Our test drive included climbing several of California's steep mountain passes and the '96 required fewer downshifts. On Base model 4Runners, an enlarged 2.7 liter four cylinder engine is standard, and equally as powerful as last year's V6. Gear changes with the automatic transmission are smoother down. Inside is a full compliment now, thanks to modified programming inside its electronic control module.

A five-speed manual transmission is also available.

Behind the wheel

4Runner rides on a full laddertype truck frame, rigid and strong, but aside from a few suspension bits and its powertrain, it doesn't share many components from its pickup stablemate, the Tacoma.

The underpinnings have been created specifically for the 4Run-lower.

ner. The front suspension is all new, using a double wishbone configuration, but instead of relying on torsion bars like the old model, 4Runner is now supported by coil springs which absorb bumps better. The rear suspension, while still using an archaic truck-type solid rear axle, is also supported by coil springs. Both front and rear suspension travel has been increased.

but its climb-aboard height is now

Its steering is different as well. Instead of the old recirculating-ball type steering assembly, a rack-andpinion design is utilized, which is more precise and stable, and more responsive as well.

On all but base model 4Runners, an anti-lock braking system (ABS) is standard equipment, and optional on four cylinder versions.

Safety

bags grace its dashboard, while steel beams inside the side doors protect during side impacts.

Options

Rear seat heater: \$165; air conditioning: \$985; power moonroof. \$915; alloy wheels and larger tirest \$1,030; CD player: \$457.

Price

Manufacturer's suggested retail Besides its ABS system, dual air- price: \$26,048. As tested: \$32,484.

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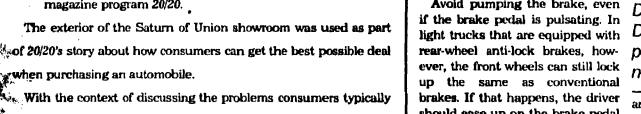
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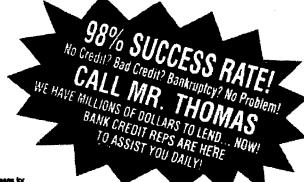
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Oscar wrap-up

In the March 20-22 issue of Weekend Plus. Forbes Newspapers staffers and others made their Oscar predictions, attempting to top Weekend Plus film critic Jeffrey Cohen, who had a perfect track record last year.

Two people whose predictions did not appear on the chart topped our critic this year. Warren-Watchung Journal reporter Art Swift correctly predicted all the categories except for Best Picture and

Weekend Plus culinary correspondent Phyllis Reckel picked them all correctly except Best Director.

This year, Jeffrey Cohen correctly predicted all the acting winners, but didn't think Braveheart would capture the other prizes. Brook Theater manager Jim Brannon also made four correct guesses, missing only supporting actress and director. Psychic Patti Antares correctly predicted the Best Picture and Director honors for Braveheart, as well as the Best Original Song award, as she relates below.

Correspondence

Dear Weekend Plus:

Thank you for including me in your Weekend Plus Oscar picks.

When we were ending our conversation, I did predict that "The Colors of the Wind" from Pocahontas would be top song. When I heard Mel Gibson as Braveheart give his speech to his troops before battle, it brought me to tears. It's then I knew the film would be given an Oscar. I have been accurately picking the top film and top song from the Oscars for over 13 years.

PATTI ANTARES

"Psychic to the Stars" Patti will again be appearing at the Middlesex Mall April 13-14.

The 'Duh' **Files**

Real life stories from the police logs of Forbes Newspapers:

- A South Plainfield woman told police that two people throwing ears of corn around the Lakeview Plaza parking lot in the borough had damaged her driver side mirror with one of the ears.
- Somerville police arrested a 24year-old Somerset man on an outstanding warrant after he allegedly was found wandering the fourth floor hallway of Somerset Medical Center.

When the man was taken to the Somerset County Jail, police said, a body cavity search allegedly revealed a package with 12 vials of a powdery substance concealed in his anus.

Police reported that when they discovered the vials, the man allegedly said, "It looks like heroin or cocaine, but it's not mine."

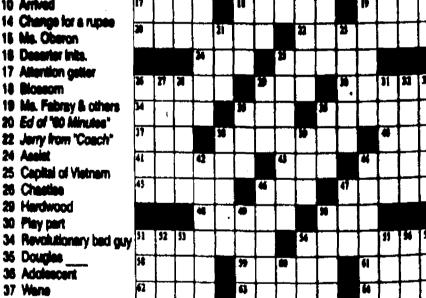
 A couple to whom an employee of the First Savings Bank in Piscataway refused to sell traveler's checks one morning "stormed" out of the bank and kicked the front door, breaking the glass, police said.

The employee had told the couple the bank only sold checks to those with accounts there.

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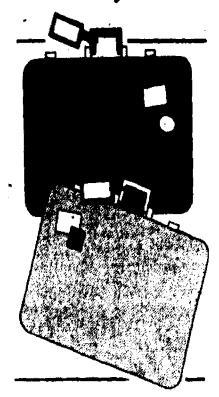
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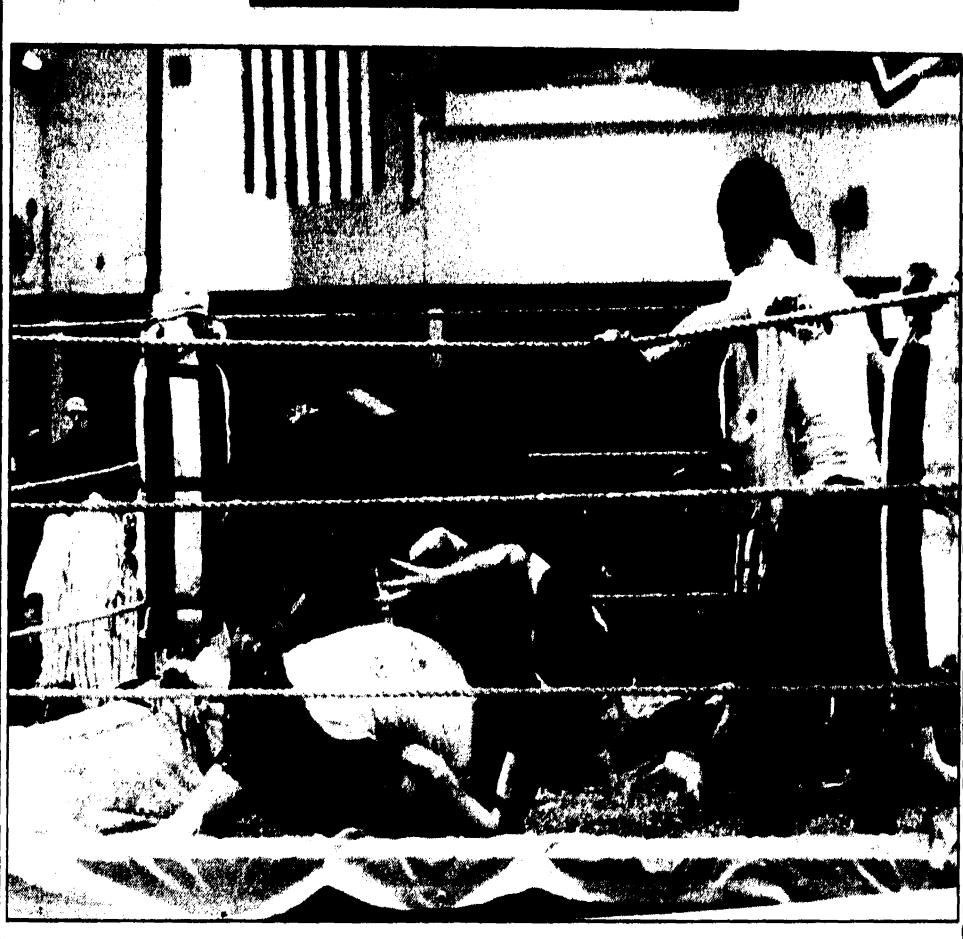
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Guests get away from it all poolside at the Doubletree
Hotel in Somerset.

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There's always room for Jello at Middlesex High School.

Whatever happened to April Fool's Day?

WEEKEND CONFIDENTIAL

Weekend Confidential is convinced we're too serious these days. When was the last time you played a practical joke on someone, were the victim of one or enjoyed one at someone's expense?

Perhaps Confidential was reared in a dysfunctional family. One of our favorite television shows was "Truth or Consequences," where Ralph Edwards and Bob Barker played funny, sometimes cruel, practical jokes on unsuspecting innocents. When we took baths with our older brother, he and our parents conspired in an elaborate ruse to make us believe he was being sucked down the bathtub drain, but would come back up through the kitchen sink.

On April Fool's Day, mother used to send us off to school with a small rubber snake in our lunch bag. It wasn't scary, but it was the thought that counted.

Even as a cub reporter in 1982, Confidential was allowed to play a practical joke on the readers of one of the papers in this chain, the Bound Brook Chronicle. We ran a story on Bound Brook being chosen as the site of the 1984 World's Fair. A Japanese auto parts firm, Mister Motors Inc., picked Bound Brook's abandoned landfill as the site for the fair, which would then be replaced by a shopping mail with a Japanese theme.

The lawyer for Mister Motors told The Chronicle that Bound Brook had been chosen over countless American cities because a delegation from Japan visited the borough and was "highly impressed. They were reminded of the old Ginza Strip back in Japan."

We're proud and ashamed to say that many were fooled by this article. Those were the days when people really did believe everything they read. The American Book of Days recommends that "for successful April Fooling, it is necessary to have a considerable degree of coolness."

Perhaps that's why we don't value practical jokes anymore. The quality of coolness is strained these days. Our culture's bloated sense of "the self" doesn't allow us

to enjoy the silly pleasure of looking at our loafers when someone says our shoe is untied.

We hope you were either the fool or the fooled on Monday. Every now and then, we need to be reminded of the absurdity of life. A well-placed whoopee cushion reaffirms the value of life.

A big deal smudge

Confidential took a look at this yakitwhatchyamacallit comet this week, and you know what, life went on.

While astronomers huddled around Charlie Rose's roundtable saying what an extraordinary once-in-a-lifetime experience this comet was, Confidential was outside squinting at the stars trying to see the so-called brilliant comet.

What Confidential saw was a smudge. A dirty little smudge hanging in the sky.

Now, as you can probably tell,

Confidential is not an overly sentimental person. But, come on! If you listened to the news, you'd think this comet would light up the sky, turn night into day, and flatten Tammy Faye Baker's hair. But the only thing that happened was we got a headache from trying to figure out if what we were seeing was the comet or a cloud.

Astronomers spend most of their time looking at obscure objects which most of us don't really care about. They get excited about non-events like last week's comet.

The rest of us just stand in our back yards, look at the sky and say, "Huh?"

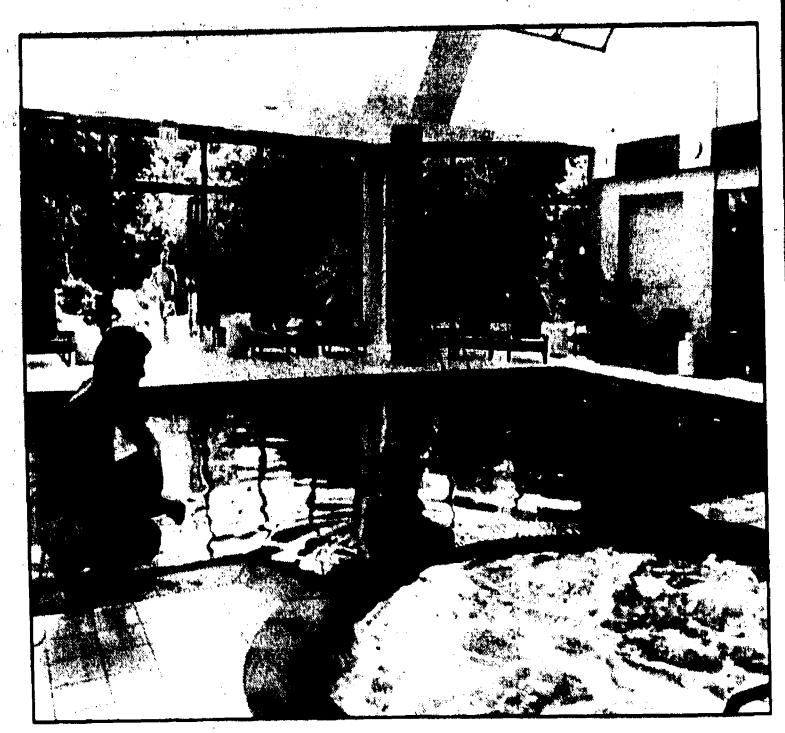
Batman of a robin

Driving through a dismal mixture of rain, sleet and snow last Friday, Confidential's eye was drawn to a spot of color alongside the dreary gray and slick road.

A robin sat on the curb, red breast puffed out, head held audaciously high. He didn't back off as cars crept by, splashing cold, dirty water over his tiny body.

Think he knows something we don't?

A getaway is closer than you think



Guests enjoy the pool at the Brunswick Hilton.

Hotel packages make a weekend vacation effortless

By TERM JONES SALTER Weekend Plus writer fter enduring the hard-

ships of record-breaking snowfalls and mindboggling ice storms, everyone needs a relaxing getaway - a chance to leave wintry nightmares behind and dream of summer.

Unfortunately, as much as most of us would love to get away, we find ourselves having to plan our vacations at least six months in advance. Couples juggling their dual roles as providers and parents mentary in-room tray of either find it nearly impossible to get anywhere but work and home.

There's hope, however. You may not be able to visit exotic locales such as the Bahamas or Hawaii, but with a little imagination and a

visit to a local hotel, you can create your own private paradise for much less than a longer trip would cost.

Many hotels have created special packages which can provide working couples with muchneeded relief.

The Brunswick Hilton and Towers is offering a "Spring Weekend" package which offers families a weekend of quality time and couples a romantic getaway. The package includes a complifresh strawberries and champagne, or milk and cookies. The choice is

The package, offered through June 21, is \$89 on Friday and Saturday nights and includes over-

'Going away together for a weekend as a couple or a family is a great way to stay in touch with those you love."

> Angelo Giammanco Sales director, Brunswick Hilton

night accommodations, continental breakfast and full use of the indoor pool and whirlpool. For those who want to get in their workouts, the hotel has a fitness center onsite.

The hotel's cafe serves a wide variety of deliciously prepared foods for breakfast, lunch and dinner at the hotel's cafe. Guests can unwind with a glass of wine or cappucino near the cascading waterfall in the Atrium Lounge located in the hotel's lobby.

"Going away together for a weekend as a couple or a family is a great way to stay in touch with those you love," says Angelo Giammanco, director of sales for the Brunswick Hilton. "We know time is a precious commodity and our goal is to help people make the most of the time they have this spring by offering a weekend getaway that's easy and carefree."

The hotel is convenient to some interesting sights, providing a change of scenery that can uplift a weary soul.

"Whether couples plan a weekend shopping trip, visit the university towns of New Brunswick or Princeton, or simply want to unwind with a relaxing swim in the pool, the Brunswick Hilton and

Towers is the perfect place to spend a weekend mini-vacation," Giammanco said.

The Seasons Resort and Conference Center At Great Gorge knows how difficult it is for proud parents to part with their bundles of joy, so they created a package that caters to children's needs as well as those of adults. Children 18 and younger stay free of charge. The package includes free meals for children younger than 12 and weekend activities for children.

The hotel is also close to several popular attractions for children, including Action Park; Fairy Tale Forest, a 20-acre theme park; Gingerbread Castle, a theme park designed for younger children; and Waterloo Village, a historical 18th century village. Kids also enjoy visiting the nearby Ehrengart Museum, which features artifacts and exhibits from 141 countries, said Bill Jackson, the hotel's sales director.

For the adults, Seasons offers a fitness center, indoor pool, salon, hiking trails, billiards, indoor and outdoor tennis courts, a softball diamond and game room. As a complimentary gift, guests receive a book of coupons good for shopping and entertainment.

For \$79 per person per night, guests are guaranteed a rejuvenating stay and a weekend to remember, Jackson said. Those staying at the hotel for two consecutive nights receive a complimentary 5inch portable television set. The package is offered through June

For many New Jerseyans, it will take more than just a weekend away from the children to put the color back in their cheeks. So Short Hills Hilton has put together a one-of-a-kind package for those in search of more.

The hotel has teamed with Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, one of the state's top theaters, to offer a leisure weekend extravaganza for couples.

The hotel's "Show 'n' Spa" package consists of two orchestra seats for a show at the playhouse, overnight accommodations in a deluxe suite, complimentary shuttle service to the Mall at Short Hills, and unlimited use of the hotel's spa, which includes a 50-foot indoor pool, fitness room, an elevated Jacuzzi, saunas and massage

"By teaming up with the Paper Mill Playhouse, we're offering visitors the best New Jersey has to offer: first-class musical theater, world-class accommodations, and a spectacular spa experience," says Gary Schweikert, the hotel's general manager. Guests also receive a 10 percent discount in the hotel's Terrace restaurant and a complimentary bottle of wine with dinner (Please turn to page 5)



The family getaway packages at Seasons Resort at Great Gorge include horseback riding for the kide....

Cover story



(Continued from page 4) at the F.M. Kirby Carriage House restaurant adjacent to the playhouse.

"Thanks to this package, more visitors will begin to see Short Hills and Millburn as a prime weekend getaway destination," said Angelo Del Rossi, a producer at the theater. The playhouse presents Call Me Madam, a story about a Washington hostess who is appointed ambassador to the Kingdom of Lichtenberg, through May 26 and a production of Evita June 5-July 21. The package is \$179 per couple on Friday nights and \$199 on Saturday nights.

This month, the **Doubletree** Hotel in Somerset is offering a "Surf 'n Turf" weekend which in cludes accommodations for two, a gourmet dinner, health club privileges, a buffet breakfast and the undivided attention of the hotel's staff for \$99 per couple per night. An \$89 Friday night rate is also available.

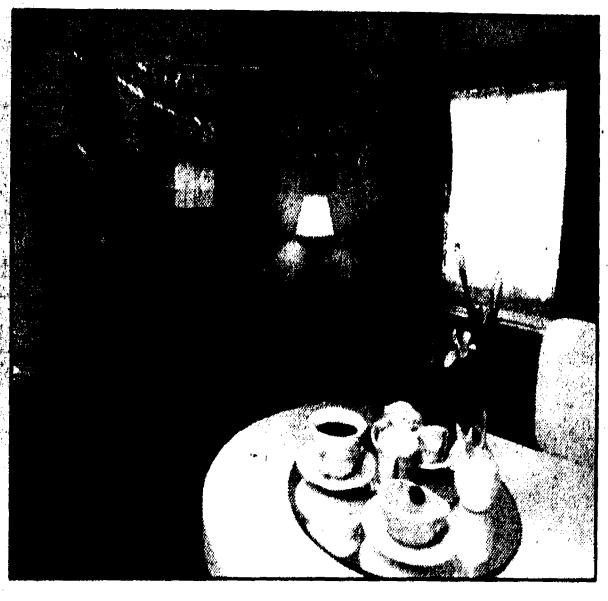
"With the Northeast suffering from an unusually cold and snowy winter this year, we're getting numerous calls from couples who want a hassle-free weekend away from snow shovels and frozen sidewalks," said Doubletree general manager William Fitzgerald. "This special weekend package is our way of helping them out."

Doubletree also offers, for a few dollars more, an expanded version of the package which adds champagne and chocolate, and an inroom movie.

Chivalry is not dead at Somerset Hills Hotel in Warren. The hotel has three packages that are guaranteed to put the romance back into any relationship.

The "Bed, Breakfast, and Bubbly" package, which is \$129 per couple, includes champagne and a full breakfast buffet. Guests can add a five-course dinner at Christine's, one of the hotel's restaurants, for a total package cost of \$249.

The hotel's "Classic Weekend" package offers Saturday night accommodations for two, a bottle of champagne upon arrival and a sumptuous brunch at Christine's.



MEUSSA KLAVER/WEEKEND PLUS At the Madison Suites Hotel in Somerset, manager Tunde Toth greets guests

The package is \$155 for double occupancy and \$275 with dinner.

with a European continental breakfast.

"Our standards here are very high. We want to offer our customers only the best. Our rooms are newly renovated, the service in our restaurants is top notch, and we offer several other amenities," said Michael Moussa, a manager at the hotel.

The "Romance and Roses Weekend" package includes a suite with a Jacuzzi or a deluxe king room where you'll be greeted with longstemmed roses, chocolate-covered strawberries and champagne. The five-course dinner is included. The Jacuzzi suite costs \$395, \$275 without dinner. The deluxe king room costs \$269, \$149 without dinner.

Somerset Hills also knows that all work and no play can make anyone a dull boy, so, for \$265, guests can enjoy a golf weekend for two. Singles can bring along a friend and couples can spend quality time, sharing a weekend of fun activities. Guests are greeted with a golf basket containing golf tees and a towel and can indulge in a breakfast buffet before taking a tour of the United States Golf Museum.

After the museum tour, guests venture to a nearby private golf club, where 18 holes await them. Green fees are included in the package. Guests then enjoy a free round of drinks at the hotel's "19th hole," the Polo Lounge.

"All of our packages are attracting many people. We've definitely seen a very good turn out so far," said Moussa.

If packages such as these are a little extravagant for your taste, simpler and thriftier ones are available.

The Madison Suites Hotel in Somerset is offering a "Give Someone an Enchanting Evening" package for those who want to escape the stresses of home, but not the amenities. The package, of-

fered through December, includes overnight accommodations in a deluxe duplex suite with a kitchenette, a sleeper sofa, two 25-inch color televisions, a vanity area and two skylights.

Dinner for two is included in the \$89 package. Couples also receive a complimentary gift basket complete with champagne and candy, and, the next morning, a European continental breakfast.

and we provide great service. Overall, this package guarantees couples a very romantic evening and a nice quiet weekend where they can get reacquainted," said

Laura Cosmillo, the hotel's sales director.

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sider everything unplugged," said Chris Macaluso, director of sales for the Somerset Marriott.

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After writing this story, Terri Jones Salter couldn't resist going on vacation.



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B.J. Ward takes students of the Middlesex County Arts High School on his journey.

Poet's trek stops here

B.J. Ward to read in National Poetry Month event

By NATHAN SHASHOUA Weekend Plus editor

"Death must be hard, Karen — it can scatter anything — and that's why I choose kie. It's full of softness — it flows into valleys and leans toward the moon."

— from "Something You Haven't Found" in Landing in New Jersey With Soft Hands by B.J. Ward; North Atlantic Books.

In his last appearance in the open poetry readings at the Bridgewater Borders Books and Music, poet B.J. Ward humbled the assembled aspiring poets with the power of his work.

That time, a couple of months ago, he just dropped in. This time, he's appearing as part of the store's special events for National Poetry Month. Author of the collection Landing in New Jersey With Soft Hands and the upcoming 17 Love Poems with No Despair, Ward will be featured in an open reading 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11. The store will also host a poetry workshop 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18.

Landing, Ward's first book, has travel poems, political poems, landscape poems and love poems. To him, they're all about a journey.

"I don't see myself easily categorized," he says. "I draw on all of these things.

"Landing in New Jersey — physically, but really at a place within yourself."

Ward does travel, though. Last year, he toured the country doing

readings from his book. Ward's poetry is informed by his experiences on the road and in his life, but does not merely report those times.

"As T.S. Eliot said, 'Poets should lie their way to the truth,' " Ward says. "A lot of it is geared to a higher truth than reality often affords"

"It's getting to a spiritual place of being OK with what's in you," he adds.

To reach that place, Ward writes every day. Sometimes, it comes out only as ramblings, he said.

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- B.J. Ward

But, "the more loyal you are," he says, "the more it starts to show up." His upcoming Love Poems collection finds him in a place he never thought he'd be.

"One year ago, if you told me I'd be publishing a book of love poems, i would never have believed it. But I got into a great relationship," Ward says. "Love poems are often contrived and have gotten a bad rap. I never considered myself in that vein."

At the Middlesex County Arts
High School, Ward leads a poetry

workshop where he helps students reach places they never thought they could.

"Every great teacher I've ever met is a great student of life. There's a great Japanese saying, "The more you know, the more you know that you don't know,' " Ward says. "I've just been walking on the same path a little longer."

To interest readers, poets have to translate their internal journey for an audience, Ward believes.

"The difference between an entertainer and an artist is that an entertainer is playing to the outside world. With artists, the great ones know how to bring it to the outside, but you can tell they're also working internally," he said. "In the workshops, the purpose is for the students to understand how to write for an outside audience."

On his tour, Ward learned something about audiences himself.

"People react differently in different parts. In Arizona, they were enthusiastic, but cheap. They didn't buy very many books," he remembers. "In New Orleans, they didn't seem enthusiastic, but they bought a lot of copies. You never know what's going to fly where."

On the night Ward wowed his Borders audience, once they stopped applauding, they noticed he had gone — as abruptly as he appeared. Don't miss him this time.

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Miracle Worker production is intelligent and emotional

Remarkable actresses meet demands of classic roles

By Michael P. Scassenm Weekend Plus theater critic illiam Gibson's The Miracle Worker, now on stage at New Brunswick's George Street Playhouse, shows no signs of age. This moving theatrical account of the relationship between Helen Keller and her teacher, Annie Sullivan, is every bit as inspirational as it was when it debuted on Broadway well over three decades ago. Keller, who as an infant was stricken with an illness which left her blind and deaf, remains, as Mark Twain once said, "one of the most interesting figures of the 19th century." Similarly, Gibson's drama about Keller's early relationship with her teacher remains one of the most genuinely moving plays of the 20th century.

The Miracle Worker chronicles the first weeks during which Annie Sullivan, a 20-year-old teacher and governess, struggles to reach the hopelessly withdrawn Keller. Unable to communicate with her family, Keller is depicted as a young woman whose boundless spirit and strength is matched only by her isolation. The play functions as a biographical slice of history, as well as a thoughtful contemplation of the power of language and communication. Gibson's supremely moving Miracle Worker remains as intelligent as it is emotionally powerful.

Since its first production, the play has been a theatrical tour-deforce for unintimidated leading ladies willing to take on the physical demands of the roles. Fortunately, Wendy Liscow, the theatre's associate director, has cast two remarkable actresses who meet the considerable demands of these classic roles, originated on both stage and screen by Anne Bancroft and Patty Duke.

Judy Blazer, a performer known primarily for her work in musical theater both on and off Broadway, displays her considerable dramatic abilities. Her Annie is a forceful, vivid creation, youthfully brazen even when she is unsure of herself. As Helen, young Nathalie Paulding is nothing short of spectacular. From the first act, this remarkable young performer successfully depicts the internal world of a determined but trapped child. Lending particularly fine support to the leads is Rose Stockton,



PUBLICITY PHOTO BY: MIGUEL PAGUERE Nathalie Paulding plays Helen Keller and Judy Blazer is her determined teacher Annie Sullivan in the George Street Playhouse production of The Miracle Worker by William Gibson.

heartbreaking as Helen's often hopeless but consistently loving mother.

Special mention, too, goes to fight director Rick Sordelet who finds all the rage and just the right amount of humor in those infamous physical battles of will between teacher and student. Adding to the effectiveness of this production is set designer Atkin Pace, who has created a homey yet roomy 1886 homestead beautifully filled in by Barbara Forbes's finely detailed costume designs.

The George Street Playhouse, which has had great luck in recent seasons with other revivals like The Diary of Anne Frank and Of Mice and Men, has rediscovered another theatrical gem. This lovely

Miracle Worker shows no signs of age; Gibson's play remains an immensely moving experience, one sure to be met with great interest by a whole new generation of theatergoers.

The Miracle Worker runs
through April 21 at The George
Street Playhouse, 9 Livingston
Avenue in New Brunswick. Signlanguage performances of the
play will be offered April 12, 14
and 18. Helen Keller and Annie
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Bad Religion: Jay Bentley, Bobby Schayer, Brian Baker, Greg Graffin and Greg Hetson.

Bad Religion steamrollers through our local clubs

By ANDY SIMPSON Weekend Plus writer

Weekend Plus recently spoke to Jay Bentley, the bass player for Bad Religion, at his home in Vancouver, Canada. He was resting up before starting the next leg of the tour in support of the band's ninth album, The Gray Race.

After a swing through the West Coast, the band is making its way to our area, with a show scheduled for Friday, April 19 at the Stone Pony in Asbury Park.

Bentley told Weekend Plus he doesn't like it when people put labels on his music. But at the risk of offending Bentley, we'll describe his band's music as intense, harddriving punk. In fact, one of our favorite songs on their new album is titled "Punk Rock Song."

Q: You've played shows in Europe and America. How are European crowds different than over here?

A: "There's not that much of a difference. Southern California crowds are a bit more violent than any other crowd. There's more fighting. I think it's some kind of a crazy gang mentality. It's just out there, but we all understand it. The East Coast has more of a unity thing. I'm kind of getting schooled in that philosophy."

: Tell us about the best crowd Yyou've ever played for.

A: "There was a time when we played a club called Iguana in more. It was just insane there. It was crazy."

Q: What are your most and least favorite parts of touring?

A: "The best would have to be meeting people. Whether it be friends you already have or meeting new people. The worst? Probably being away from my wife and kids. But there is no real bad part about it."

Q: Bad Religion has been making records since the early '80s. How has the music scene changed over the years?

A: "There's more of an aware-ness now. Awareness of the underground scene has helped everyone. Awareness has happened at the radio level, the retail level."

Q: Where do you see the band in five years?

A: 'Actually, we never looked much further than six weeks ahead. It's the band's heritage. We absolutely refuse to look long term. I never really thought we'd be here right now."

Q: What was it like working with producer Ric Ocasek (singer of The Cars) on the new album?

A: "It went really well. Ric's a A very good person to work with. Tijuana, Mexico. It's not there any- He doesn't try to dictate what we should do as a band. We wouldn't stand for that anyway. He really is In great at achieving a certain sound. He would work on things as minute as placement of microphones. We've always had a great live energy and he was good at capturing that."

> Q: All of your albums have been recorded in California, except this one. Why did you decide to record The Gray Race in New York City?

A: "Two reasons. One was that A Ric wanted to do it there. He was familiar with the studio (Electric Lady). New York didn't seem like a bad place to do it anyway. Also, everyone in the band is from different areas, so someone would have to get on a plane anyway."

Q: When you're not on the road, what music do you listen to?

A: "Irish folk music. Mostly a lot of Chieftains, the Pogues, Kate Bush, Elvis Costello. Stuff like that. The Clash, Hank Williams Jr., the Foo Fighters."

Q: What can people expect at the Stone Pony show in April?

A::"A massive guitar attack. A: Marshall-driven steamroller."



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Disaster sneaks up on you in strange ways

Alan Alda, Mary Tyler Moore give film's stars more than they've bargained for

Weekend Plus film citic

arce is a tricky thing. When you see it coming, the results are either hilarious (the stage version of Noises Off) or incredibly disappointing (the film of Noises Off). But when it sneaks up on you, farce can be a wild, exciting pleasure.

Such is the case in Flirting
With Disaster, now testing the waters in a few area theaters. David
O. Russell, whose previous credit
was writing and directing Spanking the Monkey, a film that found
fun in incest, here explores parental relations in a different way, and
gets just as many laughs.

Mel (Ben Stiller) is a 30-year-old entomologist (a bug scientist) married to a colleague named Nancy (Patricia Arquette), and they have a newborn son. Mel is adopted, and until he "finds himself," he can't feel complete enough to name his baby.

Toward that end, he employs
Tina (Tea Leoni), the leggy representative of the agency through
which Ben's adoptive parents
(Mary Tyler Moore and George
Segal, and she's even more overthe-top than he is) found him in
1965. Tina uses the agency's computer to find Ben's natural parents, and he packs up wife, baby
and Tina (who's studying the process) to meet Mom and Dad for
the first time.

That sounds like the plot for a very standard comedy, and it is. For a while. But when Moore

Sy JEFFREY COMEN

Weekend Plus film critic

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starts lifting her sweater to demonstrate the benefits of a support bra to Nancy, we can be warned that something just a little bit stranger is on its way. And it is.

It suffices to say that some of the adoptive parents along the way aren't exactly who they're supposed to be, and the ones who are (Alan Alda and Lily Tomlin, playing both to and against type at the same time) are a little bit more than Mel bargained for.

Also part of the road trip are various possibilities for Mel's marriage, since he and his wife haven't had sex since the baby was born (at least four months ago), and Tina, with her dancer's body, makes no bones about her desire to "find some intelligent man and have him impregnate me."

Arquette also has a number of scenes with Josh Brolin, as an old high school friend who is now a Federal Drug, Tobacco and Firearms agent (trust me, it becomes significant), who is now involved with his partner (Richard Jenkins) but still interested in licking Nancy's armpit. You're just going to have to take some of this on face value.

Flirting With Disaster is a road movie and a farce that never builds to the wild, hilarious climax it might have, but maintains a very steady joke-to-laugh ratio along the way. It is outside the mainstream of Hollywood, and just for that, deserves a look. And besides, it's funny.

Publicity Photo By: JON RAGEL.
Patricia Arquette, Ben Stiller and Tea Leoni form an unexpected triangle in Filrting With Disaster.

Our critic fights back

I don't care what Weekend Confidential thinks. Babe, now on home video, is a cute little movie aimed at kids that goes on a little too long with its novelty. It features a number of animals who have been made to look like they're talking, and a story about a pig who finds fulfillment as a sheepdog. And that's it. So stick to your own turf, Confidential. You don't see me writing about my dog and not putting my name on it.

Video P Rewind

Assessing (Werner Home Video) is about 40 minutes too long. It details the efforts of the "Number One" hit man (Sylvantur Stallone) to exit the business while "Number Two" (Antonio Banderys), who certainly tries harder, magns to idl him and claim the title. IR goes on so long that eventually you wonder who does the

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Universal Pictures pats itself on the back with The Universal Story, two hours of sugarconting housed by Fichard Drayluns. Hey, Warner Brothers did it, and MGM made it a cottage industry with the That's Entertainment Street, What the hock.

From the ade, you'd think Marter's Medding (Minamax Home Video) is a surry little fentagy about the plain Jane who gots her Down Under revenge on the little peahens who tormarted har as a youth, instead, amid the death, censor, perspingle and infidelity, somehow the humor loose its way. Maybe it's all the Allia music.

(Orion Home Vided) is a faccinating documentary shout the electronics wizard who inverted the favorite musical instrument of 1950s horror movies, then veriened mysteriously from his New York apartment, spirited back to the USSR by the KGB. It also includes a hilarious cameo by a completely incoherent Brian Wilson, explaining the use of the Theremin on "Good Vibrations."

Seven (New Line Home Video) is so busy being hip that it forgets to have characters. The cat-and-moune game between a serial latter murdering his way through the seven deadly sins and a pair of cops is done better on NYPD Blue. At least you care about Andy Sipowicz.

Top ten rentals

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- . Babe
- 3. Copycat
- 4. Ace Venture 2
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- A Walk in The Clouds
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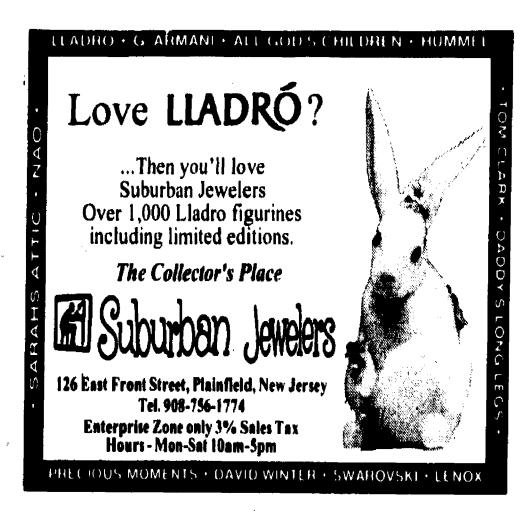
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Fruit varieties grow well when growing together

By CLAIRE LIPTAK

If you're thinking of growing fruit in your back yard, cross pollination is something you ought to know about. Cross pollination means that two compatible varieties must grow near each other to provide pollen for each other's flowers during bloom. Apples, pears, plums and sweet cherries are called self-unfruitful because they can't pollinate themselves.

Nature's plan is further complicated by the fact that certain species are incompatible. For ex-

The pollen of fruit trees is too heavy to be carried by the wind, so we really have to rely on bees. You can help them along a bit, though.

ample, Bing, Lambert and Napoleon are all sweet cherry varieties, but they don't pollinate each other. Bartlett and Seckel pears are incompatible, too. So, if you want Bartlett and Seckel pears, you have to grow a third variety, such as Anjou, to pollinate them both. Stayman apples have sterile pollen, so consider them an extra tree, rather than a pollinator.

Sour cherries won't pollinate sweet varieties because they don't bloom at the same time. European plums won't pollinate Japanese types for the same reason.

The pollen of fruit trees is too heavy to be carried by the wind, so we really have to rely on bees. You can help them along a bit, though. If there's no suitable pollinator growing close enough to your tree, gather a bouquet of blossoms from a good pollinator and place it near your tree. Four hours of sunny, warm weather will ensure fertilization of flowers by bees.

Bees aren't active if it's cold, rainy or windy. The best climatic conditions for pollination are 70-89 degrees and moderate relative humidity. If the temperatures are above 80 degrees and below 40, the pollen doesn't germinate.

The flowers that don't get pollinated will not have their embryos fertilized. The fertilized embryo develops into the seed in the fruit. Most apples, for example, have to be fertilized at least six times or

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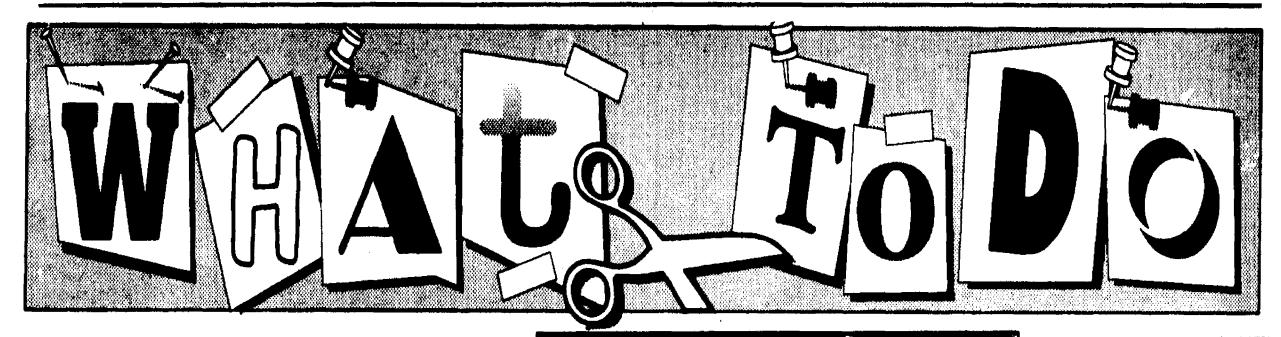


the young, developing fruit falls from the tree in June. The seed is the magnet in the fruit that draws the starches and sugars from the rest of the plant. This is why, when you bite into the small side of a lopsided apple, you'll find there aren't many seeds on that side. The apple can't develop to its normal size and shape if it doesn't contain enough seeds.

But don't worry about not getting a crop. In most years, apple trees have too many fruits on them. Only about 5 percent of the blossoms have to set fruit for the tree to have a bountiful crop. This is burden enough for a healthy tree. It takes about 54 healthy leaves to produce enough starches and sugars to produce one apple.

Blueberries are quite selffruitful, but you can expect larger and earlier ripening berries if the blossoms are cross-pollinated. Cross-pollination isn't necessary for strawberries, bramble fruits, grapes, peaches, nectarines and sour cherries.

Clare Liptak is an agricultural agent with Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Somerset County. For answers to your gardening questions, call (908) 526-6293 weekday mornings.





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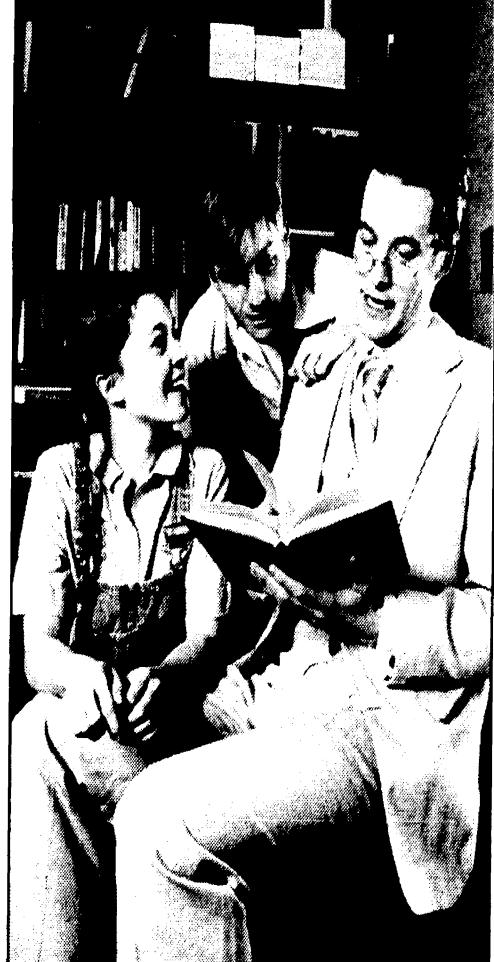
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Kid Stuff

THE ART MUSEUM **Princeton University** (609) 258-3788

Gallery talks for children in kindensarten through fifth grade 11 a.m. Saturday. Younger children must be accompanied by an adult. Free admission.

"Painted Ladles," April 13. THE GREAT VAUDEVILLE

MARIC SHOW

1, 3:30 and 6 p.m. April 14 **Edward Nash Theatre** Rarltan Valley Community College, North Branch (908) 725-3420

elitusion, pantomime and music, Admission \$8.

WHEN I GROW UP

To April 7 State Theatre, 19 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick (908) 246-7469

Big Bird, the Cookie Monster and all the other characters from Sesame Street. Admission \$15-\$10, discounts available; call for



NOW PLAYING BICKFORD THEATRE

Merris Nuseum, 6 Normandy Heights Rd., Mor-

ristown (201) 538-8069 Driving Miss Daisy, adaptation of the play that became an Academy Award-winning movie. To April 14. Adults \$17.50, senior citizens \$15.75, students and museum members \$15. Group rates available.

BUCKS COUNTY PLAYHOUSE 70 South Main St. New Hope, Pa. (215) 862-2041

Jesus Christ Superstar, Andrew Lloyd Webber opera based on the Passion According to St. Matthew. April 5-7. Admission \$10.

CROSSROADS THEATRE COMPANY

7 Livingston Ave. New Brunswick (908) 249-5560

*Fear Itself, world premiere of Eugene Lee drama that gets its title from a famous FDR speech. To April 7. Admission \$32-\$22.

ELIZABETH PLAYHOUSE

1100 East Jersey St., Elizabeth (908) 355-0077 Bus Stop, stage version of the play that became a Marilyn Monroe movie classic. To April 7. Adults \$8, senior citizens and students \$6; group rates available.

GEORGE STREET PLAYHOUSE

9 Livingston Ave. New Brunswick (908) 246-7717 The Miracle Worker, the story of author/philanthropist Helen Keller's life. To April 21, Ad-

mission \$32-\$24; discounts available. OFF-BROADSTREET THEATRE 5 South Greenwood Ave.

Hopewell (609) 466-2766

•Forever Plaid, musical about an all-male pre-Beatles singing group. To April 21. Admission \$19 Saturday, \$17.50 Friday and Sunday.

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE

Brookside Dr., Millburn (201) 376-4343 *Call Me Madam, Irving Berlin musical about a D.C. socialite/ambassador. To May 26. Adults \$46-\$31; students (15 minutes before curtain) \$10. Group rates available. PLAYWRIGHTS THEATRE

OF NEW JERSEY

33 Green Village Rd., Madison (201) 514-1940 *The Seductions of Johnny Diego, concert reading of a new comedy by Guillermo Reyes. 8 p.m. April 5. Free admission; reservations required.

THE SECOND STAGE George Street Playhouse, 9 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick (908) 846-2895, Ext. 195 *Burled Treesure, world premiere of cornedy by Rick Sordelet. To April 5, Adults \$18, senior citizens and students \$14.

SOMERSET VALLEY PLAYERS Route 514, Neshanic (908) 369-7469

*The Pied Piper, musical comedy by Feether

Schwartz, April 6-21, Admission \$6; group rates available. **VILLAGERS THEATRE**

475 DeMott Lane, Somerset (908) 873-2710 •Burn This, play by Lanford Wilson. April 5-14.

COMING UP

BUCKS COUNTY PLAYMOUSE 70 South Main St.

New Hope, Pa. (215) 862-2041

\$17, senior citizens \$18-\$15; group rates

EDWARD NASH THEATRE Rartten Valley

(908) 725-3420

*The Skin of Our Teeth, comedy by Thornton nior citizens and students \$5.

Rutgers Arts Conter

(908) 932-7511 sion \$16-\$12; discounts available.

(800) 488-6873 of the Lighy Dumpling." 8 p.m. April 12, Admission \$49.95; includes dinner,

RIDER UNIVERSITY

(609) 896-5303 •Rumors, early Neil Simon farce. April 12-20. Admission \$8.

HIGH SCHOOL Westfield Rd., Scotch Plains (908) 889-8600

STATE THEATRE

19 Livingston Ave. New Brunswick (908) 249-5560

Shange, 3 and 8 p.m. April 13, 3 p.m. April 14. Admission \$37.50-\$20.

1601 Irving St., Rahway (908) 499-8226



Morris Hillis High School Knoll Dr., Denville (201) 538-6413

ingram. Admission \$40-\$25.

6 p.m. Sunday, April 14 185 Madisonville Rd.

Basking Ridge (908) 356-6165

GOOD FRIDAY MUSIC 8 p.m. Friday, April 5

(201) 484-4600

7 p.m. Tuesday, April 9 Fairleigh Dickinson University Lanfell Halt, Medison (201) 443-8661

senior citizens and students \$2. MARK LAUBACH

12:30 p.m. Wednesday,

Admission \$8.

Phantom of the Opera, musical based on the

famous mystery. April 12-May 5. Adulta \$20avallable.

Community College Route 28, North Branch

Wilder, 8 p.m. April 10-13, Adults \$7,50, se-

THE NEW THEATER George St., New Brunswick To Kill a Mockingbird, stage drama based on the novel by Harper Lee. April 11-28. Admis-

THE PAVILION 70 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen

■The Matzo Ball Murder Mystery, or "The Case

Route 206, Lawrenceville

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD

Guys and Dolls, musical brought to the screen in the 50s. 8 p.m. April 11, 12; 1 and 8 p.m. April 13. Adults \$5, students \$3, senior citizens and children under 4 free.

Nomathemba, musical co-written by Ntozake

UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER

*The Pirates of Penzance, adapted from the Gilbert & Sullivan operetta. April 12-20, Admission \$23-\$16,



PATTI AUSTIN 8 p.m. Saturday, April 13

•R&B singer best known for her 1983 TVdriven hit "Baby, Come to Me" with James

ELAINE CHRISTY

Basking Ridge Country Club

"Harpist performs chamber works. Social hour for singles 5 p.m. Admission \$15.

Cathedral of the Secred Heart 89 Ridge St., Newark

*Choral music from the 18th and 19th centuries on the Passion and death of Christ, Free

admission. SARA LAIMON

> Planist performs and discusses music of Charles Ives and Frederic Rzewski. Adults \$5,



Chestnut at McCarter Theatre 8 p.m. Saturday, April 13. See In Concert.

performed by the Chamber Music Co-Op. Free

April 10; Princeton University Chapel (609) 258-3654

 Organist performs works of Sir Edward Eigar. Free admission.

CHRISTIAN MCBRIDE/ **CYRUS CHESTNUT**

> 8 p.m. Saturday, April 13 McCarter Theatre 91 University Pl., Princeton (609) 683-8000

•Jazz quartet (former) and a trio (latter), led by their respective musicians. Admission \$27-\$17.

N.J. SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

8 p.m. Friday, April 12 State Theatre, New Brunswick 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 13 Crescent Temple, Trenton 3 p.m. Sunday, April 14 Symphony Hall, Newark

(800) ALLEGRO •New Jersey premiere of Ceremonial No. 3 by Bemard Rands; also works of Verdi, Beethoven and Respight, Adults \$47-\$15; senior citizens (30 minutes before curtain) 30 percent off; students (30 minutes before cur-

tain) \$5. Group rates available. THE ROCHES

8 p.m. Friday, April 12 McCarter Theatre 91 University Pl., Princeton (609) 683-8000 Maggie and Terre and Suzzy, three sisters from Park Ridge. Admission \$26-\$18.

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY CONCERT CHOIR

8 p.m. Friday, April 12 Nicholas Music Center New Brunswick (908) 932-7511 Spring concert, featuring works of Brahms. Debussy, Vaughan Williams and Giocomo Car-Issimi. Adults \$12, senior citizens and Rutgers employees \$10, Rutgers students \$6.

THE NEW PHILHARMONIC OF NEW JERSEY

8 p.m. Saturday, April 13 Community Theatre 100 South St., Morristown (201) 539-8008 *Brahms's Piano Concerto No. 2 in B flat major, Beethoven's Eroica Symphony No. 3 in E flat major. Admission \$22, \$9 in advance; \$25, \$12 at the door. MORDECA! SHEHORI

Bedminster area (908) 356-6165 Planist performs in a private home (location given at time of purchase). Admission \$85; black tie optional. Seating limited, SPRING CONCERT

8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 13

8:30 p.m. Friday, April 12

Temple Emanu-El 100 James St., Edison (908) 549-4442 *Sacred and secular music with Cantor Florence Merel (of the synegogue), Carstor Steven Yubov (of New Orleans) and the temple's choirs. Adults \$20, senior citizens \$15, students \$5, all in advance; admission \$25 at

the door. SPRINGTIME IN FRANCE

8 p.m. Saturday, April 6 Westminster Choir College Williamson Hall, Princeton (609) 921-2663 •Music of Hotteterre, Debussy and Koechlin,

admission. **MARGARET SWINCHOSKI RON LEVY**

3 p.m. Sunday, April 14 Watchung Arts Center Watchung Circle, Watchung (908) 753-0190 •Flutist (she) and planist (he), Admission \$10, **ELLEN TEPPER**

7 p.m. Sunday, April 14

Watchung Arts Center Watchung Circle, Watchung (908) 753-0190 Celtic harp player performs solo and with her ensemble Separate Reality. Admission \$8.

THIRD STREAM SOUNDS 8 p.m. Saturday, April 13 Purnell School, Pottersville 3 p.m. Sunday, April 14: Diamond Hill United Methodist Church, Berkeley Heights

(908) 810-1548 Chamber music with some jazz flavor, performed by the Triad Arts Ensemble, Adults \$10, senior citizens and students \$8 in Pottersville (group rates available); admission \$5

in Berkeley Heights.

MAXIM VENGEROV 8 p.m. Monday, April 8 McCarter Theatre 91 University Pl., Princeton (609) 683-8000 ·Pianist performs works of Mozart, Beethoven, Prokofiev and Shostakovich. Admission \$25,

VOCAL MUSIC FROM AROUND THE WORLD

8 p.m. Friday, April 12 Fairleigh Dickinson University Lenfell Hall, Madison (201) 443-8661 *Sung by the FDU Performing Ensemble with Thuli Dumakude, choreographer. Adults \$5, senior citizens and students \$2.

WOMEN COMPOSERS

8 p.m. Tuesday, April 9 Nicholas Music Center, Rutgers University, **New Brunswick** (908) 932-7511 "World premiere of an Arrondissement by Joan Crowell, plus works of six other composers. performed by female (and some male) musicians. Free admission.



BOURBON STREET CAFE Old Bay Restaurant 61 Church St., New Brunswick (908) 248-3111 Sonny Rhodes, April 5.

The VooDudes, April 6. CATCH A RISING STAR Hyatt Regency Hotel Route 1, West Windsor (609) 987-8018 Headline comedy.

Eddie Brill, to April 7. CLUB BENE Route 35, Sayreville (908) 727-3000 Soft Parade, April 5. •John Valby, April 6.

 Groove Theory, April 7. George Carlin, April 12, 13. *Leftover Salmon, April 14.

THE CLUBHOUSE

116 Watchung Ave., Plainfield (908) 769-9267 New Life Crisis, Thursdays, Sensational Soul Cruisers, April 6.

COACH N' PADDOCK Route 173, Hampton (908) 735-7889 •Chet Varner, April 6. **COURT TAVERN**

124 Church St.

New Brunswick (908) 545-7265 •Mildred Pierce, Pervis, The Heart-Drops, April

The Urchins, Tiny Lights, Sweet Tank, April 6. Clowns for Progress, Phantoms, Vacant Lot, Killer Kowatski, April 13.

MAXWELL'S 1039 Washington St. Hoboken (201) 798-4064

•Jonathan Richman, April 4-6. METRO LOUNGE 369 Broadway, Long Branch (908) 229-9186

The Little Kings, Wednesdays. **ORPHAN ANNIE'S** 1255 Valley Rd., Stirling (908) 647-0138 Open jam, Sundays.

Scott Hallock (acoustic), Thursdays. . Billy Hector & The Fairlanes, April 6. **PALM GRILL** 30 Park St., Montclair

(201) 509-7882 Billy Hector & The Fairlanes, April 10. STONE PONY 913 Ocean Ave., Asbury Park

(908) 775-5700 •Gov't Mule, April 6. •Morphine, April 12. THE STRESS FACTORY 90 Church St., New Brunswick (908) 545-4242 PGary Conned, April 5, 6. TIERNEY'S TAVERN

138 Valley Rd., Montcleir (201) 744-9785 PBilly Hector & The Fairlettes, Horit 5, 1985

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THE ARTISTS SHOWCASE

10 Budd Ave., Chester

(908) 879-9552 Noon-6 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

Free admission. "Haitian Art: A Triumph of Spirit," to April 30.

""Billie Holiday and Friends," to April 30.

ATRIUM GALLERY

Chubb Group of Insurance

Companies, 15 Mountain View Rd., Warren

(908) 903-2608

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. *"Aspects of African-American Art," to April

11. BERNARDSVILLE

PUBLIC LIBRARY

2 Morristown Rd., Bernardsville (908) 766-0118

Open during library hours.

Lorette Cheswick about the Internet, 7:30

p.m. April 9. Registration required. *Ilene Beckerman on her book Love, Loss and

What I Wore, 7:30 p.m. April 10. Photographs by H. Usa Solon, April 1-30.

Demonstration by the artist 10:30 a.m. April

CLARENCE DILLON LIBRARY

2336 Lamington Rd. Bedminster

(908) 234-2325

Open during library hours. "Sout of Woman" in cotor photographs by

Alison Jones, to April 6.

MABEL SMITH **DOUGLASS LIBRARY**

Douglass College Chapel Dr., New Brunswick (908) 932-9411

Open during library hours. Paintings by Virginia Cuppaidge, to April 26.

GALLERY AT

BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB

Route 206, Princeton

(609) 252-6275 Free admission; call for each day's hours.

"Tengo Duelas (I Have the Pain)," to April 14.

HUNTERDON ART CENTER

7 Lower Center St., Clinton

(908) 735-8415

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. Free admission for members. Non-member admission; adults \$2.50, senior citizens \$1.50, students \$1.

Painted constructions by Lori Van Houten, to

April 14. Paintings by Cloely Cottingham and Victor

Dayson, to April 14.

MAIN STREET GALLERY

Montgomery Center Route 206, Skillman

(609) 683-8092

Open during store hours.

Works by Lucy Graves McVicker and Charles

McVicker, to May 11.

MEDICAL CENTER AT PRINCETON

300 Witherspoon St.

Princeton

(609) 497-4191

Open during dining hall hours. Paintings by Diana Wilkoc Patton, to May 16.

NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS

68 Elm St., Summit

(908) 273-9121 Call for each day's hours.

*Juried show, to April 14.

PLAINSBORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

641 Plainsboro Rd., Plainsboro (609) 275-2897

Open during library hours. Paintings by Yong Zhou, to April 30. Reception 3 p.m. April 14.

RABBET GALLERY

120 Georges Rd.

North Brunswick

(908) 828-5150

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday.

*The Princeton Artists Alliance "Beyond the

Image," to April 6.

Paintings by Lyanne Malamed, April 14-May

11. Reception 3-5 p.m. April 14.

 Ceramic vessels by Lynn Peters, April 14-May 11. Reception 3-5 p.m. April 14.

RARITAN VALLEY

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Route 28, North Branch

(908) 21848876 chip 2 mit 2 mit 2 mit 24 Mille Noon-3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday; 1-8 p.m.

Wednesday.

"Student show (part 1), to April 16. SOMERSET ART ASSOCIATION

2020 Burnt Mills Rd.

Bedminster (908) 234-2345

9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.noon Saturday.

"'Florals" by Patricia Machierlete, to April 26. ""A Sculptural Odyssey" of Michael Shachem, to April 26.

SOMERSET COUNTY CULTURAL and Heritage Gallery County Adminstration Building

20 Grove St., Somerville

(908) 231-7110 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Closed April 5. Free admission.

*Printmaking Council of New Jersey exhibit, to May 3.

STUDENT CENTER GALLERY Rider University

Route 206, Lawrenceville

(609) 896-5327 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Free admission.

•Paintings by Pnina Ramati, to April 21. SWAIN GALLERIES

703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield (908) 756-1707

9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. •English and Scottish paintings of the 18th

and 19th centuries, to May 2. TOMASULO ART GALLERY

Union County College, 1033

Springfield Ave., Cranford (908) 709-7183

1-4 and 6-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 1-4 p.m. Friday, Saturday.

Portraits "Working from Life," to April 19. Reception 7-9 p.m. April 5.

JACOB TRAPP GALLERY

Unitarian Church 4 Waldron Ave., Summit

(908) 273-3245 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-noon

Sunday. Also open by appointment. "Nature's Reflections" in watercolors by

Shirley Pu Wills, April 9-May 14.

WATCHUNG ARTS CENTER Watchung Circle, Watchung

(908) 753-0190

1-4 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Free admission. ="Insight Out," April 1-27. Reception 1-4 p.m. April 14.

Paintings by Lisa Pressman, April 1-27. Reception 1-4 p.m. April 14.

WESTMINSTER ART GALLERY

Bicomfield College

(201) 748-9000, Ed. 279

1-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday. Also open by appointment.

"'The Decade Show" of the Women Artists of Montclair, to April 5.

THE WILLIAMS GALLERY

8 Chambers St., Princeton (609) 921-1142 or wmgallery@aol.com

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. "Exploring the Landscape — Expanding

Awareness," to April 13.

ALBORADA LATINA

7 p.m. Sunday, April 14 Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Rd., Morristown

(201) 627-3282 •Flamenco and Latin American dance (re-

scheduled from January). Admission \$14.

LES BALLETS AFRICAINS 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 9 McCarter Theatre

91 University Pl., Princeton (609) 683-8000

•First Princeton performance of the troupe from Guinea, featuring the world premiere of

Heritage, Admission \$35-\$27. BEST OF PRINCETON DANCE

8 p.m. Thursday, April 11 McCarter Theatre

91 University Pl., Princeton (609) 683-8000 Dancers and choreographers who all are Prin-

ceton University alumni. Adults \$23-\$12, students \$5. 4.CHI4.FR4 FD4.5 KEAN DANCE THEATRE

8 p.m. April 12, 13 Williams Theetre, Keen College of New Jersey, Union (908) 527-2337

*Featuring students and choreography from the college. Adults \$6, senior citizens and Kean employees \$5, students \$4.

New Jersey Dance THEATRE ENSEMBLE

> 5 p.m. Saturday, April 13 South Plainfield High School Lake St., South Plainfield (908) 753-5370, 754-6576 Les Sylphides and the 2nd String Quartet. Adults \$10, children and groups \$8.

COLLEGE DANCE PESTIVAL B p.m. April 10, 13; 8:30 p.m. April 12; Dragonetti Auditorium, County College of Morris

(201) 328-5225

NORTHEAST AMERICAN

*Featuring dance troupes from 30 colleges as far away as California. Admission \$15 each

PRINCETON BALLET II

1 p.m. Sunday, April 14; Mercer County Community College Route 535, West Windsor (609) 921-7758

•Works of Leigh Witchel, Alan Hineline, Tracey Katona, Laurie Abramson and Sherry Alban. Adults \$8, senior citizens and children under 12 \$5.



PRINCETON OPERA

Peddie School South Main St., Hightstown

(609) 538-0848 For 1996 season of productions. Auditions for children and adults April 13, 14 by appointment only; callbacks April 15. Prepare a song or an aria in English (preferably from the shows); \$5 fee for adults.



CANTABILE

CHAMBER CHORALE

7:30 p.m. Wednesday Presbyterian Church, 409 Mountain Ave., Bound Brook

(908) 753-5424 •Middlesex County ensemble with an emphasis on new American music. Singers with chorai experience encouraged to audition.

CELEBRATION

CHILDREN'S CHOIR 6:45 p.m. Tuesday United Methodist Church, 201

Lincoln Ave. East, Cranford (908) 245-2339

*Newly formed ensemble of singers 9-13. CENTRAL JERSEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

AND MASTER CHORALE 7:30 p.m. Monday (chorus), Tuesday (orchestra); Arts Building, Raritan Valley Community

College, North Branch (908) 231-8813 Regional orchestra and chorus based at the college. Openings in all string sections; audition necessary for orchestra. No audition

needed for experienced choral singers.

DEER RIDGE SINGERS 7:30 p.m. Tuesday; United Methodist Church, Washington Valley Rd., Martinsville

Chamber music ensemble specializing in Re-

naissance and Baroque works. Alto, tenor and bass needed.

(908) 604-2039

HIGHLAND PARK

COMMUNITY CHORUS 7:30 p.m. Thursday Reformed Church, 21 South Second Ave., Highland Park

(908) 246-4186 Chorus from Highland Park and nearby towns that performs in local concerts. New voices

welcome, especially tenors and basses. HOUNDS FOR HARMONY 7:45 p.m. Monday

PeopleCare Center, 120 Findeme Ave., Bridge-(908) 647-2180, 526-0872

All-male ensemble singing barbershop style.

·Community orchestra with amateur and pro-

HUNTERDON SYMPHONY 7:30 p.m. Monday Remington or Annandale

(908) 730-8941, 782-5160

fessional players. Audition required for new

KOL RINA

7:45 p.m. Monday; Conservative Temple, 201 South Third Ave., Highland Park (908) 545-6482 Community chorus specializing in Jawish chowhich runs at Swain Galleries in Plainfield through May 2. See Galleries. ral music. Call for an audition.

HARMONY CHORUS 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Reformed Church, Main St., South Bound Brook

(908) 725-6178

MID-JERSEY

style. Open rehearsals. **MORRIS CHORAL SOCIETY** 7:30 p.m. Monday United Methodist Church

All-woman ensemble singing barbershop

(201) 887-1732 •Ensemble that sings oratorios and traditional choral works.

50 Park Pl., Morristown

NEW JERSEY INTER-GENERATIONAL ORCHESTRA 7 p.m. Thursday Cranford High School West End Pl., Cranford

(908) 561-3802 ·Symphony orchestra with players of all ages. No formal audition necessary. **ORATORIO SINGERS** 7 p.m. Thursday First United Methodist Church

1 East Broad St., Westfield (908) 233-8883 *Ensemble that sings major choral works. All levels of experience accepted; adults and high

school students welcome. RAHWAY VALLEY **JERSEYAIRES**

mony.

7:30 p.m. Monday First Baptist Church 170 Elm St., Westfield (908) 494-3580, 925-2629 All-male ensemble singing barbershop har-

 Ensemble that gives choral concerts in Centrai New Jersey. **RARITAN VALLEY**

SYMPHONIC BAND 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Hillsborough High School Raider Blvd., Belle Mead

RARITAN VALLEY CHORUS

Neshanic Reformed Church

7:30 p.m. Tuesday

Route 514, Neshanic

(908) 281-8509

(908) 359-7485 •75-piece orchestra that performs year-round. Openings for clarinet, tuba, trombone, trumpet, French hom, drums, mallet, alto clarinet and piccolo: bring your own instruments.

4:30 p.m. Tuesday First United Methodist Church 48 West High St., Somerville

RARITAN VALLEY

YOUTH CHORALE

SAENGER CHOR

8 p.m. Monday

7 p.m. Tuesday

"Fascinated," by Arthur Charles Dodd, appears in the exhibit

"18th and 19th Century Paintings by Artists of Great Britain,"

(908) 281-8509 *Ensemble for singers in Grades 4-9. Auditions by appointment.

St., North Plainfield (908) 276-8572

Saenger Halle, 220 Somerset

 Chorus that specializes in German song. All voices welcome; not necessary to speak Ger-SOMERSET VALLEY CHORUS

PeopleCare Center, 120 Finderne Ave., Bridge-

water (908) 469-3983, 873-8833 •All-woman ensemble singing barbershop style. Women in all vocal parts needed.

SOMERSET VALLEY ORCHESTRA

7:30 p.m. Thursday Bound Brook High School Route 28, Bound Brook (908) 722-0122 Community orchestra with players from the area. New players needed, especially French

. . . .

audition needed. **SUMMIT CHORALE**

7:45 p.m. Tuesday Christ Church, 561 Springfield Ave., Summit

homs, string basses, cellos and tubas. No

(201) 467-1454 ■70-member ensemble singing choral works from the Renaissance to the present.

WOMEN HELPING **WOMEN CHORUS**

7:30 p.m. Monday Our Savior's Lutheran Church 50 Calvert Ave. East, Edison (908) 549-6000

*All-woman chorus singing all types of music. No audition necessary.



THE ART MUSEUM Princeton University

(609) 258-3788 Gallery talks 12:30 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Sunday, Free admission.

*Maxine Lewis on Benjamin Franklin, April 12,

E.L. DOCTOROW

8 p.m. Thursday, April 11 Student Center, Rutgers University, New Brunswick (908) 932-8029

Novelist reads from his work. Free admission.

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2 p.m. Seturday, April 13 Riversate Books 7 Lambert Lane, Lambertville (609) 397-1920

*Signing copies of Fire! Fire! Said Mrs. McGuire, a picture book for children. Free admission.

HARRY HENDERSON

1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 14 Newark Museum 49 Washington St., Newark (201) 565-6801

*Speaking about A History of African-American Artists from 1792 to the Present, which he cowrote with the late Romans Bearden, Admission \$15.

CÁRLA MULFORO

1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 14 " Morven

55 Stockton St., Princeton

(609) 292-6062 Pennsylvania State University professor

* a speaks about "Annis Boudinot Stockton, Woman of Letters," Free admission; reservations required.

SAMUEL DEWITT PROCTOR

5 p.m. Wednesday, April 10. College Center, Kean College

of New Jersey, Union

(908) 527-2311

*Author, Rutgers University professor emeritus and former church pastor. Free admission.

YEVGENY YEVTUSHENKO

5 p.m. Monday, April 8

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SYSTEM PRATURES.

SWPF, 43. S: striking, Scorpio. sensuous seeking sun and snow. W: warm and witty, worship the wilds. P: petite. pretty passion for peppy, pedalling. F: fascinating, frolic and fur. 1123344

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

Accomplished, tured, trim, hopelessly romantic SWPM, 35, 5'10", traditional values; enjoy movies, tennis, dancing, dining out, travel, romantic evenings. Seeking warm, attractive S/DF. 24-40s, for a quality relationship. #23337

Adventurous, young DWM, 49, who enjoys New York City, the shore, dancing, along with quiet romantic dinners. Is seeking **DWF**, 36-42, to share intimate feelings and a long-term relationship. 223324

Adventurous; assertive, blue-collar SWM, 44. Seeking easygoing, attractive Oriental or Spanish Woman, 30-50, 5'5" or shorter, who'll appreciate the right Man. Call for more if interested. **#**23353

Al Pacino seeking Michelle Pfieffer for never-ending love story. Athletic honest, caring, understanding, nonsmoking SWPM, with great body, seeking slender, pretty, affectionate, nonsmoking, honest WF, 25-36. **±**23355

Caring, compassionate, patient SWM, 44, with sense of humor. Enjoys golf, people, conversation, being active, all music. Harleys adventure. and people. Seeking lifemate, the right down-to-earth, spontaneous, eclectic SWPF, 30-42. **#**23338

intelligent, Caring, easygoing DWM, 35. Seeking attractive S/DA/HF, 18-34, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. Kids OK. #23349

Dear friends, hi! I am looking for a person who is interested in going on a dating game and who is seeking for a loved one to have a good relationship with. **233322**

DWPM, construction executive, 50s, 6'2", 185 lbs, nondrinker, avid sports fan, dog lover, gardener, seeking attractive, slender, foxy Female for coffee, conversing, consoling, cavorting, casino going, comforting, commiserating, counseling, etc. #23320

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Introductions

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Attractive. sincere. honest. fun-lovina SWF, 27, 5'4". Enjoys brown/blue. movies, the shore, some sports, getaway weekends, appreciate evenings at quiet home. Seeking SWM, 25-35, good communicator, similar interests. relationship. **±23318**

Attractive DWPF, early 40s; like outdoors, beach, music and Seeking dancing. SWPM with good humor and diversified Interests. Only Single attractive Males should reply. **n**23342

Honest, Italian SWF, 27, n/s, with good personality, enjoys dining out, movies, dancing and Atlantic City. Seeking Italian SWM, 27-33, 5'10"+, n/s, with sense of humor, for serious relationship. **±23330**

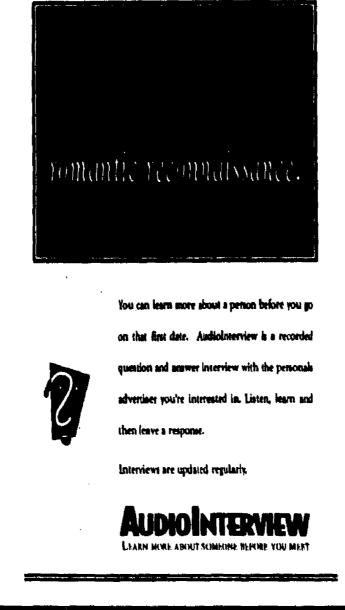
Intelligent, determined SBF, 34; enjoy travel, dancing. Seeking successful BM, 35-42, a drug-free nonsmoker, for great conversation, good times and fun. 223340

Intermediate Female wone skier seeks green/blue downhill or cross-country, nonsmoking Male skier, 50+, also interested in dancing, computers, movies, and has a conservative background. 23319

Just the facts. Somewhat sane, nearly normal, creative, confidant. capable, child-free SWF, 47, communicator. Crave coffee with unattached, tall Gentleman, 40s-50s, who shares remote, asks directions, opens doors and gives hugs. m23341

Right time to write to you. Humorous SWF, 5'6", 132, long dirty blonde/blue, seeks gentle, honest, loyal SWM, 6'+, 30+, funloving, stable, commitment-minded, no control freaks, for friendship. **±**23336

Romantic DWF, mid-40s, no kids, ISO S/DWM, 35-50, n/s, financially secure, passionate and kind with a sense of humor, for adventure, companionship and respect. Union County. 223328



Romantic, charming, good-looking, vivacious DWJF, 5'2", 40s. Looking for true love and happiness. Not outdoors type, but I love the Carribean, holding hands and laughing. Seeking Man successful to travel. enough 123345

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Sincere, honest, attractive DWF, 50 (look 35), 5'5"; enjoy plays, movies. Seeking tall, quiet, nonsmoking, nondrinking, family-oriented, attractive, caring DW Gentleman, 40-50, who's not afraid of commitment. **±**23343

Stunning natural blonde: blue-eyed, tall, slender DWCF, 42, with outgoing personality. Seeking sensitive. dynamic Gentleman who is giving and knows how to communicate - for dindancing and romancing. ± 23354

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*Battroom and Latin dence at Ricochet Health and Recoust Club, South Plainfield, 9 p.m. Friday, Admission \$5.

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mon 6'2" and taller; 21-up)

*Business meeting at Plane's Rectaurant, Monmouth Junction, 7 p.m. April 10. (608) 987-1814 by April 8.

Dinner at Horth Branch Inn, 6:30 p.m. April 12. (908) \$26-8426 by April 10.

offline, dinner and mayle in South Brunawick area, 1 p.m. April 14, Cost \$6, (908) 329-8366 by April 11.

DINNER CONNECTIONS

(908) 221-1182

"Dinner (jeclet and tie) at Culcine's, Basking Ridge, & p.m. Seturday. Cost \$50; must reserve by noon that day.

NEW, NEW EIPECTATIONS (201) 984-9158

eSocial at Marriatown Uniterior Fellowship, & s.m. Friday, Cost \$8. **REDITS WITHOUT PARTNERS**

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Chapter 1252

(908) 713-8484

*General meeting at Hunterdon County Parks System, Annandale, 7:30 p.m. April 12.

 Dence at Holiday Inn, Clinton, 7 p.m. April. 14. Members \$6, non-members \$8. **SINGLEFACES**

(908) 462·2406

 Dance at McLoone's Rum Runner, Sea Bright, 9 p.m. April 5. Cost \$12.

"Sweet 16" anniversary parties at Hilton hotel, Short Hills, and Forrestal at Princeton, 9 p.m. April 6, Cost \$12.

Easter dence at Hilton hotel, Iselin, 8 p.m. April 7. Cost \$12.

Dence at Van's, Freehold, 9 p.m. April 12. Cost \$12.

Dences at Radisson hotel, Fairfield, and Princeton Country Club, 9 p.m. April 13. Cost

 Dance at The Gote House, West Orange, 8 p.m. April 14, Cost \$12,

SOMERSET HILLS SINGLE HIKERS

(908) 774-6759

#Hike at Mount Tammany, Delawere Water Gap, 11:30 s.m. April 7. Meet in lot across from Wille's Taverne, Bedminster. Cost \$5; bring water.

TOWN & COUNTRY SINGLES CLUB

(908) 766-4982

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April 13.

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Easygoing SWPM, 44, 6'; interests include gardening, horticulture, the arts. Seeking growing relationship with a creative, compatible Woman. Kids OK. I'm good-natured, quiet, witty and reliable. = 23346

European professional SWM, 50s, tall, slender, blue eyes, nonsmoker, good listener. understanding, kind, many interests and hobbies. Seeking like Lady to spoil and cherish. **#23325**

Honest SWM, 23, 5'5", brown/brown; enjoy movies, sports, music. Seeking SWF, 20-25, similar interests and must enjoy having fun. 223351

Healthy, spontaneous, adventurous, passionate, prudent and playful Italian businessman, 5'10", 210 lbs, brown/brown. Seeking same in a CUIVY Female - for love in smoky places and shadowy corners. 223350

Outgoing SWM, 23, brown/brown, enjoys sports, movies and having fun. ISO attractive SWF, 20-25, with a good sense of humor and similar interests, for possible long-term relationship. 223321

Romantic, sensuous, professional WM, 58. 6', 160 lbs, in shape, considerate, patient, giving, seeks similar younger Female, any status, for exciting, casual times together. **#23334**

Senior professional, retired, mint condition, unattached. seeks companion, economically secure, able to travel worldwide, possibly establish commitrelationship. Looking forward to good times. #23333

Successul. normaltype DWJ Guy, 54 (but look and act younger). Looking for an attractive, nonsmoking, outgoing Lady, 5'5" or shorter, 45-50, to help share the good life with me. **#23348**

SWM, 30, 6'3", 235 lbs, loves all sports. Looking for pretty, honest nonsmoking SWF. who to do crazy things, laughing and having a good time. For possible lasting relationship. #23335

SWM, 32, 5'8", 150 lbs, n/s, nice-looking, honest, caring, romantic, enjoys sports, travel, beaches, movies and outdoors. ISO slim SWF, 24-32, who is honest and seeking a long-term relationship. #23331

Tastefully on the edge, Very interesting, romantic, very tectile and caring SWPM, 29. ISO self-aware, curious, fit, imperfect Lady, for conversation and more. **233339**

Warm, generous person, I love walks on the beach, Women's feet, art exhibits. ISO European F with a cute accent, full-figured. Must love Cajun food. **2**23323

OVER 50

Attractive SF, 55, interested in dogs, Atlantic bingo. City. race tracks, flea markets. garage sales, day trips, dining. Seeking WM, 55+, clean, neat, trim, for friendship, companionship. Morris County. **±23332**

Blue-eyed blonde. DWCF, 59, 5'3", 118 lbs, enjoys country movies. music. Atlantic City, dining out and quiet times. ISO similar Gentleman who believes in honesty and communication. #23327

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G-GAY

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P+FROFESSIONAL SISNOLE WWHITE

NS-NONSMOKER

NID-NONDRINKER WW-WIDOWED

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*250th anniversary exhibition, April 14-Oct.

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1.5 p.m. April 14, then the first Sunday of each month after that.

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Reopens April 14. Museum and study center

in the home of Gustav Stickley (1910-c. 1917), Noon-3 p.m. Thursday; 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, Adults \$4, senior citizens and

students \$3, children under 12 free. *"By Hammer and Hand: Metalwork of the Arts and Crafts Movement," April 14-June 2.

DRAKE HOUSE MUSEUM

602 West Front St., Plainfield

(908) 755-5831 Colonial home built in 1748 and chronicting New Jersey history from before Independence to after the Civil War. 2-4 p.m. Sunday. Free

admission for members. Non-member admission: adults \$1, children free.

"History in the Making: Honoring Achievement in Plainfield," to March 31.

DUKE GARDENS

Route 206, Hillsborough

(908) 722-3700

Gardens open noon-4 p.m. every day to May 31. Adults \$5, senior citizens and children \$2.50; wear comfortable walking shoes. Res-

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EAST JERSEY OLDE TOWNE

Johnson Park

River Rd., Piscetaway

(908) 463-9077

Village composed of relocated 18th century structures set near the headquarters of the county park police. No tours offered at present. Gift shop closed until further notice.

•Easter sunrise service, 6:30 a.m. April 7.

FORTERFIELDS

73 Kahdena Rd., Morristown

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Living historical farm with cows, draft horses, planting, harvesting, etc. Farm activities explained weekends by guides in costume. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, noon-5

p.m. Sunday. Free admission Wednesday and April 7. Other days: adults \$4, senior citizens

\$3, children 6-16 \$2, children under 6 free. Admission fee includes The Willows (see),

Spnng tilling, April 4-6. Caroline Foster's birthday, April 14.

GREAT SWAMP OUTDOOR

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247 Southern Blvd., Chatham (201) 635-6629

9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. every day. Closed April 5, 7.

Registration required for programs.

Photographs by Lloyd Higgins, to April 27.

HUNGARIAN HERITAGE

CENTER MUSEUM

American Hungarian Foundation, 300 Somer-

set St.

New Brunswick

(908) 846-5777

11 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

•Eva Zombory retrospective, to Sept. 22.

LIBERTY SCIENCE CENTER

NJ. Tumpike Exit 14B Jersey City

(201) 200-1000

"Where Science = Fun." 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. every day. Science Center: adults \$9, senior citizens and students \$8, children 2-12 \$6, children under 2 free. Omni Theeter: adults \$7, senior citizens and students \$6, children 12-under \$5. Combination: adults \$13, senior citizens and students \$11, chil-

dren 2-12 \$9, children under 2 \$5. "Black Achievers in Science," to April 12.

""Balancing Acts," to April 28.

*"Special Effects: The Science Behind the Magic," to May.

MACCULLOCH HALL

45 Macculloch Ave.

Morristown

(201) 538-2404 Gardens open until dusk every day. Museum open 1-4 p.m. Thursday and Sunday. Adults

\$3, senior citizens and students \$2. ""Thomas Nast and the Glorious Cause," to

"Undley Hoffman Miller; A Noble Cause and Tragic Ending," to May 19.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY MUSEUM

Cornellus Low House 1225 River Rd., Piscataway

(908) 745-4177

Closed for renovations.

MILLER-CORY HOUSE 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield

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Bullt on the West Fields of Elizabethtown in the 17th century. 2-5 p.m. Sunday (except April 7). Adults \$2, children 6-over 50 cents, children under 6 free.

Sheep-to-Shawl Day, noon-4 p.m. April 14.

MONTCLAIR ART MUSEUM

3 South Mountain Ave.

Montclair

(201) 746-5555

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Thursday, Sunday, Free admission for members. Non-member admission: adults \$4, senior citizens and students \$3, children under 12 free. Free admission for

all Saturday until 2 p.m. "Lois Dodd: Silence and Shadows," to May

12. "Kachina Dolls: Sculpture of the Spirits," to

May 19. "Lynch Fragments" by Melvin Edwards, to May 26.

""Spatial Matters" in sculpture, to Aug. 4. MORRIS MUSEUM

6 Normandy Heights Rd.

Morristown

(201) 538-0454

Free admission for members. Non-member admission: adults \$4, senior citizens and students \$2. Free admission for all Thursday after 1 p.m. Call for each day's hours. Registration

required for programs. Pottery of Albert Green, to April 21.

"These Are a Few of My Favorite Things," to April 28.

"Fresh Perspectives" in high school art, April 4-May 19.

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57 Musconetcong River Rd.

Hampton

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*Dolls from the collections of Maria and

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NJ. HISTORICAL SOCIETY 230 Broadway, Newark

(201) 483-3939

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, plus the first and third Saturday of each month. Free ad-

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Arts in New Jersey," to April. NEW JERSEY STATE MUSEUM

205 West State St., Trenton

(609) 292-8484

9 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Closed April 5. Free admission. #jos Overstreet retrospective, to April 7. Works by Tove Beck-Friedman, to May 26.

Kuster, to June 30. "The Last Dinosaurs," to July 13.

eWorks by African-American artists, to February 1997.

•Fulper pottery and watercolors by John O.W.

NEWARK MUSEUM

*Astronomy Day, April 11. "'Art Together" for parent and child, Saturday

*"African Design: Heirs to the Trans-Saharan Trade," to June.

*"Ceramic Gestures" from Magdalene Odundo, to June 30. Lecture by the artist 3 p.m.

•Religious themes in the art of Coptic Egipt,

"Explore Korea: A Visit to Grandfather's House," to January 1997. Related workshops

"The Printed Pot," to spring 1997.

NORTH PLAINFIELD

(908) 757-5720 History of the North Plainfield and Plainfield fire departments, plus antique fire apparatus from the mid-19th century, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

OLD BARRACKS MUSEUM

Barrack St., Trenton

(609) 396-1776

10 a.m.-5 p.m. every day. Adults \$2, senior citizens and students \$1, children 12 and

under 50 cents.

Registration required for programs.

"Wiggly Worms," 1 p.m. April 9, 10, 12.

TRAILSIDE NATURE

AND SCIENCE CENTER

Mountainside

(908) 789-3670 1-5 p.m. every day. Registration required for

WALLACE HOUSE &

OLD DUTCH PARSONAGE

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THE WILLOWS

73 Kahdena Rd., Morristown

(201) 326-7645 Gothic Revival mansion of the late Caroline Foster, refurbished to its tum-of-the-century look, 1-4:30 p.m. Thursday-Sunday (except

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ART MUSEUM

(908) 932-7237

"Flora and Fauna" in Western art, to May 26. Stained glass from the Gordon Henderson collection, to July 31.

 Early 20th-century works on paper, to July *"The Spirit of Montmartre," to July 31. Re-

49 Washington St., Newark

(201) 596-6550 Largest museum in the Garden State. Noon-5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. Free admission.

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""Cooking for the Gods" in Bengal, to June

to December.

Saturday and Sunday to June.

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Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick through July. lated colloquium April 13; registration re-

"Mona Lisa with a Pipe" by Eugene Batalile appears in the

exhibition "The Spirit of the Montmartre" at the Jane Voorhees

quired. *Watercolors of Kimberly Bulcken Root, to July 31. Related storytelling 1 p.m. April 13. "Joan Snyder: New Works on Paper," to July

"Unique Impressions" in monotypes, to July 31.

THE BICYCLE THIEF

31.

(Italy, 1948) 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 10; Morris Museum, 6 Normandy Heights Rd., Morristown

(201) 538-0454, Ext. 224 "The epitome of Italian neo-realism" (Halliwell's Film Guide), directed by Vittorio de

Sica. Admission \$4.

LA CAGE AUX FOLLES (France/Italy, 1978)

10 p.m. Friday, April 12 Princeton University Chapel

(609) 258-3654 *Gay farce on which the current box-office smash The Birdcage is based. Admission \$5.

EXPERIMENTAL FILM:

A PRIVATE VIEW 7 p.m. Saturday, April 13

Milledoler Hall, Rutgers University, New Brunswick

EYES WITHOUT A FACE

7 p.m. Friday, April 12

Scott Hall, Rutgers

(France/Italy, 1959)

(908) 932-8482

 From Maya Deren, Kenneth Anger, Al Nigrin and others. Admission \$4.

University, New Brunswick (908) 932-8482

Horror film that developed its own ing over the years. Admission \$4.

FACES (America, 1968)

8 p.m. April 9, 10 Shannon Lounge

106 First St., Hoboken

(201) 217-4077 •An advertising executive goes through a trou-

bling divorce. Admission \$5.

ILL MET BY MOONLIGHT (England, 1956)

7 p.m. Friday, April 5 Scott Hall, Rutgers

University, New Brunswick (908) 932-8482

WWII drama set on Nazi-occupied Crete

(shown in America as Night Ambush). Admission \$4.

A MONTH BY THE LAKE (America/Italy, 1995)

7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11. Claindge Cinema, 486

Bloomfield Ave., Montclair

(201) 596-6550 *Two people fall in love in Italy, Admission

\$15.

LA NOTTE (Italy/France, 1960) 7 p.m. Saturday, April 6 Milledoler Hall, Rutgers

University, New Brunswick

(908) 932-8482 A novelist and his wife question their mar-

riage on a Milan night. Admission \$4.

Coming Soon 11

Cappelli gives children's songs a unique style

in the star of Nickelodeon's Cappelli & Company for a magical afternoon when Frank Cappelli performs at the State Theatre in New Brunswick 2 p.m. Sunday, April 21. A student matinee is scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, April 22.

As host of the award-wining Cappelli & Company and critically acclaimed national children's recording artist, Cappelli is fast finding a place in the hearts of the young and the young at heart.

A Parent's Choice Awardwinning artist, Cappelli performs original songs ranging in style from Cajun to country, reggae to polka, opera to rock 'n' roll songs TV Guide praised as "lively, imaginative and memorable."

Whether performing alone or with a symphony orchestra, his unique style is augmented by his wireless capability, allowing him total freedom to wander with his guitar throughout the audience. His trademark "sing-and-dancealongs" always generate enthusiastic participation from the audience.

Cappelli entered the field of children's entertainment in 1987 when he formed Peanut Heaven, a record label for children. His goal was to produce quality albums to entertain and educate young children. In 1988, Cappelli joined forces with WTAE-TV in Pittsburgh to develop Cappelli & Company, a children's television variety show he later took to Nickelodeon. Cappelli's programs include taped instudio segments with an audience of children ages 3-7, videos of his original songs, special guests and informative "how-to" segments.

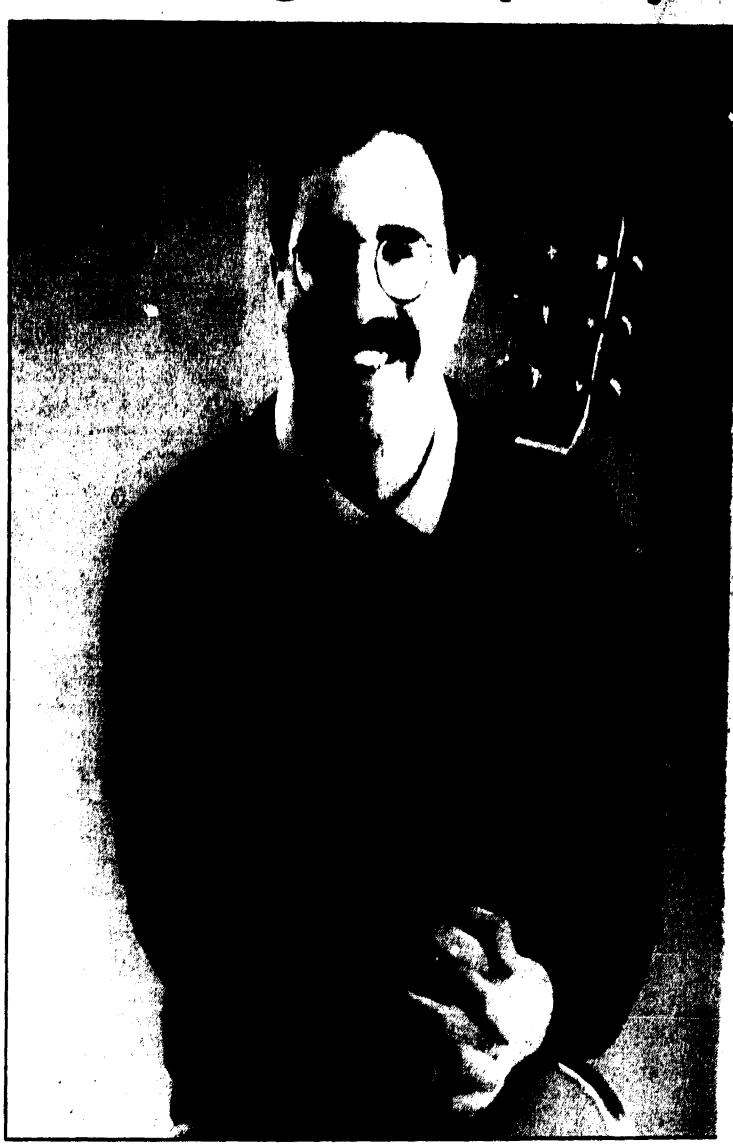
Cappelli's albums include: Look Both Ways, You Wanna Be a

Duck?, On Vacation, Good, Pass the Coconut and Take a Seat. With the 1990 video release of All Aboard the Train and Other Favorites and Slap Me Five, his popular television program first became available to kids nationwide. Both videos, made up of segments extracted from the Cappelli & Company series, have received high marks from a number of national publications.

Cappelli's awards include: Parent's Choice Gold Award (Pass the Coconut album, 1991 and All Aboard the Train video, 1990); Emmy Award for Outstanding Children's Programming for Cappelli & Company, 1992 and 1990; Gabriel Award for Outstanding Achievement in Children's Programming for Cappelli & Company, 1993 and 1990; Achievement in Children's Television Award for Significant Contribution to Television For Young Audiences for Cappelli & Company, 1990; and Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters Award for Best Children's Program in Pennsylvania for Cappelli & Company, 1993, 1992, 1991 and 1990.

To purchase tickets for Cappelli's performances, or for more information, call 246-7469. The State Theatre is equipped with an assistive listening system for patrons who are hard of hearing and the main floor is wheelchairaccessible. Program notes are available in large-print or audiotape formats for most events.

Funding for the event has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.



FRANK CAPPELLI

Revival of classic musical will win your heart

The enchanting award-winning musical, She Loves Me, will win your heart when this national touring production comes to the State Theatre in New Brunswick 8 p.m. Saturday, April 20.

This song-filled musical reverie recently completed a critically acclaimed revival on Broadway. She Loves Me has won the Outer Critics' Circle and Drama Desk Awards for Outstanding Musical Revival.

The charming boy-meets-girl story, set in Budapest in 1934, portrays two ever-squabbling em-

ployees of a parfumerie, Georg and Amalia, who are unaware that they are one another's afterhours pen pals. In daily life they are dull and ordinary, but at night they are romantic dreamers who write passionate letters to each other. The musical is a classic romantic tale with a clever twist: boy does not meet girl until they are already profoundly in love. Before they realize the truth, there are a few farcical mix-ups, sad misunderstandings and journeys to self-knowledge. With 22 instantly hummable

and frequently funny songs from Sheldon Harnick and Jerry Bock, the lyricist/composer team whose credits include Fiddler on the Roof, Fiorello! and Tenderloin, the score of She Loves Me includes such treasures as "Will He Like Me," "Vanilla Ice Cream," "A Trip to the Library," "Good Morning, Good Day," "A Romantic Atmosphere" and the title song.

The story is based on the play by Miklos Laslo, whose own creation was entitled Parfumerie when it premiered in Budapest in various forms - staged readings,

the 1930s. Subsequently, Ernst Lubitsch spun the enchanting tale of love into The Shop Around the Corner, starring James Stewart and Margaret Sullivan. A second motion picture, the musical version, In the Good Old Summer Time, starred Judy Garland and Van Johnston.

She Loves Me debuted on Broadway in 1963. Despite wonderful reviews, the show lasted only nine months. In the past three decades, however, She Loves Me has been revived in

Equity Library Theatre productions, a British television program and two recent major revivals on Broadway and in London's West End, where it received five 1995 Olivier Awards, including one for Outstanding Revival.

To purchase tickets, or for more information, call 246-7469.

Promotional support for the production has been provided by AAA Central-West Jersey and AAA South Jersey. Funding has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.





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The staff at Eccoqui — cooks Joe Marques, Carlo Ciracusa and Alfredo Chimborazo; walter Carlos Isaza; assistant chef Jeffrey Perry and chef Peter Parente — with some of the fina ingredients used in their tasty menu of Italian-American cuisine.

Bistro's choices range from simple to fabulous

BY PHYLLIS RECKEL

t's not easy to find **Eccoqui**, but it's well worth the effort. Seemingly glued onto the side of a supermarket on Route 202 in Bernardsdville, you only know you're at the right-location by a small road sign.

It's a surprise to come to the enormous and beautiful wood and etched glass doorway, and another surprise as it opens into a very attractive dining room filled with happy diners relaxing over Italian-American fare. No matter where you sit, there is something pleasant to view: a mural of an Italian town, the gorgeous floor-to-ceiling wood and glass bar, the open kitchen, a wall of huge shuttered windows. It's a nice place to dine.

And it's made even better by a diverse, exciting menu with choices from the simple to the simply fabulous. The cold antipasti (\$6.50-\$7.95) includes prosciutto and melon, two styles of mozzarella, two styles of carpaccio, asparagus salad and, of course, antipasto for two (\$14). Hot antipasti (\$7.95) include dishes with calamari, mozzarella, mussels, oysters, eggplant and mushrooms.

One special we sampled was grilled scallops wrapped in bacon and served in pesto sauce. Scallops are not my favorite food, but these were delicious, firm and quite

wonderful. So were the mussels, clams and shrimp in scampi sauce. The seafood was incredibly tender, the sauce flavored but not overwhelmed with garlic.

Flavored homemade pasta is a specialty at Eccoqui, with 22 such selections on the menu, averaging \$9.75 each or slightly more with clams, sausage or salmon. There are various styles of lasagna, ravioli, gnocchi and the more basic pastas, all with a huge choice of sauces and accompaniments. We tried the garlic and rosemary fettucini in a light sauce (\$15.95) and found it a delight for an appetizer, too strong for a full plate.

Vegetarians and light eaters have several choices on the light fare portion of the menu. There's a grilled (\$11.95) and a roasted (\$10.95) vegetable dish, polenta with cheese and mushrooms (\$9.95) and a polenta of the day. Even the vegetable menu has exotic choices of escarole, spinach, broccoli rabe or asparagus.

Salads, all \$5.95, include tomato, caesar, tri-color or beans and tomato. The house salad (\$3.95) is a mix of romaine, radicchio and arugula dressed with parmesan bits and a house dressing, making the dish a crispy, peppery delight.

There are several choices of grilled and roasted meats and fish, mixed with polenta or pasta, vegetables or greens. There are many

more choices of baked or sauteed meats and fish. We sampled veal Sorrentino, a luscious dish that includes eggplant and mozzarella; we also tasted a superb deboned chicken leg stuffed with prosciutto, spinach and mushrooms and served in a white wine demi glace. That's the kind of dish those who like simple meals would avoid, but they'd be missing a simply delicious treat made even better by the side of tasty mashed potatoes.

The dessert tray offers outrageously tempting treats; the wine list offers moderately priced wines from California, Italy and France.

Don't be fooled by the shopping center locale of this lovely restaurant. Once inside, you'll join diners holding business meetings over a meal, or friends relaxing over dinner, or couples dining before a movie. As chef/proprietor Nenad Tamburin says, "Whether you are having a four-course meal with appetizer, salad, pasta and entree, or splitting a pasta, the choice is yours at Eccoqui."

Eccoqui Italian Bistro, 107 Route 202, Bernardsville; 221-0040, fax 221-0064. Hours: 11:30-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, to 11 p.m. Friday, noon-11 p.m. Saturday; 2-9 p.m. Sunday. Reservations only taken for parties of five or more; handicapped accessible. All major credit cards except Discover.

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By Phyllis Reckel Weekend Plus culinary correspondent

An Evening of Taste, offering gourmet food from area culinary stars, plus a wine tasting and a silent auction, is presented 6:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, April 15 at David's Yellow Brick Toad, Lambertville, on behalf of the American Diabetes Association. Cost is \$75/person, \$125/couple. Call the ADA, Central Regional Chapter at (609) 987-1444.

The 13th annual Buffet Breakfast Benefit for the East Brunswick Association of Brain Injured Children is 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, April 14 at the Brunswick Hilton and Towers, East Brunswick. The hotel is donating facilities and staff for the event, so all money raised goes directly to the children. Leftover food is donated to local Catholic Charities. Last year, 1,500 patrons raised more than \$9,200.

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By Phyllis Reckel Weekend Plus culinary correspondent

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Music and Desserts from some of Somerville's finest restaurants will be featured at the Afternoon Delights program which includes classical, jazz and folk music at Somerville Public Library 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 28. Tickets are \$5, call 725-1336.

An Evening with Davidoff Cigars which includes a gourmet dinner and wines from the houses of Mellini and Santi is presented 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 17 at Christine's at the Somerset Hills Hotel. Warren. Reservations are \$125; call 647-6700, Ext. 110.

Chef/proprietor Craig Shelton of The Ryland Inn, Clinton, presents a Cigar Lovers Dinner 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 29. The five-course gourmet dinner and four-cigar offerings cost \$200; call 534-4011 for reservations.

Sample the specialties of more than 20 Central Jersey restaurants and caterers at An Evening of Taste sponsored by Women's American ORT at the Sheraton at Woodbridge Place. Iselin, 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 29. Selections range from appetizers to main courses to desserts; music is provided by Bruce Gladstone and his computer orchestra. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. Call 390-9052 or 686-3004.

Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar introduces Pasta Americana which offers new menu items through May 19. In addition to five new pasta dishes, the menu also features new items: grilled salmon and Alfredo pasta, smothered Tuscan chicken, Jambalaya pasta, low-fat garlic chicken pasta and for dessert, parfait caffe. Also returning is lasagna primavera and an appetizer, veggie patch pizza. The eatery is at several New Jersey locations including Route 22 West and Mountain Avenue, Watchung, and Piscataway Towne Center at South Washington and Centennial Avenues.

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New paint additives can contribute control, beauty to painting tasks

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out beautifully and other times it seems impossible to get professional-looking results.

The reason, according to the painting experts at The Flood Company, is that most paint is manufactured to suit a particular range in temperature, humidity and surface type. Many times, however, your project may fall outside of that range.

In the old days, painters mixed their own paint to suit each job for perfect results. Today, there's an casier way - paint additives.

Additives for oil and latex paint can make paint cover better and more beautifully, preventing brush and roller marks, dripping and sagging. Often, additives can prevent the need for a second coat and help paint spread more quickly, saving you time and money.

Here are some common questions and answers on the subject:

What are paint additives? Paint additives are basically made of the same ingredients as paint base. When used properly, additives adjust the paint to suit your project without diluting the paint or changing the color.

How do you know if you need a

When it comes to painting, we paint additive? First, try your paint without an additive. Does it spread easily or do you have to apply pressure to the brush? Does Sometimes a painting job works it leave brush marks as it dries? Does the paint cover evenly - or do you have to brush over repeatedly? Do the "boxes" you painted when trimming windows show through after finishing the wall? All of these situations can be corrected with a paint additive Whether brushing, rolling or spraying, additives help paint flow for truly professional results.

How much do you add? Start by adding about 10 percent of additive to your paint. You can add up to 25 percent additive before you start affecting the quality of the paint. The best advice: Try as you go.

Where do I find them? Processional painter Greg Frohnapfel of Akron, Ohio, recommends The Flood Company's Penetrol for oilbased paint and Floetrol for latex paint. They can be found in most paint and hardware stores or home center.

What if I have other questions? For free literature or to get answers about your painting problems, call The Flood Company at (800) 321-3444 (TYY call (800) 356-6346. Ext. 322) or visit the company's web site at www.floodc-O.COTTL

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Forget the snow! It's lawn care month

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To celebrate springtime and the vices, which represents an in-

nation's focus on outdoor activities, **Professional** Lawn Care Association America designates each April as National Lawn Care Month.

"April is an excellent time recognize the many benefits lawns pro-

vide," says Ann E. McClure, executive vice president of PLCAA. "A healthy turf helps to purify and cool the air, filters water that drains into the ground, increases the value of your home, and provides a cushioned play surface for children."

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As the country welcomes the lion on do-it-yourself lawn and garfirst signs of spring, lawn care and den activities in 1994. They spent landscaping activities swing into an additional \$13.4 billion on professional lawn and landscape ser-

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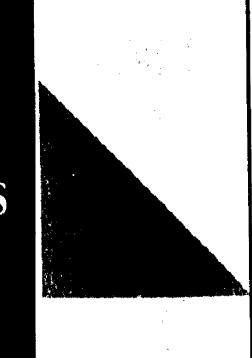
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ness or professional occupations, and live outside the central cities.

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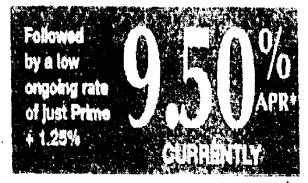
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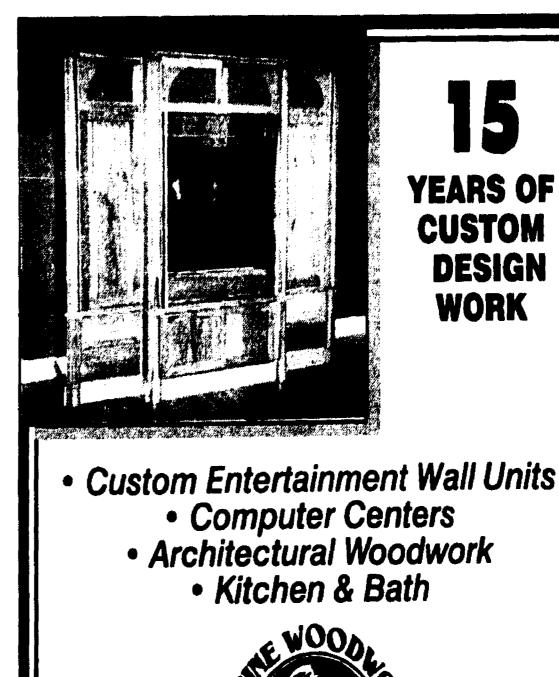
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Uninvited house guests

Tips for ridding your home of pesky mice

That telltale scratching noise in the walls. Tiny tooth marks that Fido didn't make. The flick of a disappearing tail as you turn on the lights.

You know the signs — you've got a mouse in the house. Now what?

Weighing just about an ounce, Musmusculus is perfectly built to squeeze through holes as small as 14 of an inch.

"Man provides a really nice environment for mice, particularly in the garage," says Ed Marshall, director of technical services at a Milwaukee-based pesticide manufacturer. "It's warm and dry. And that's where we keep the grass seed and bird seed."

These little creatures may seem cute, but they're hardly cartoon mice. Rodent-borne diseases include salmonella, ratbite fever and dermatitis. And the economic impact of mice is enormous.

"In just six months, one pair of mice can eat up to 4 pounds of food and deposit as many as 18,000 droppings," Mr. Marshall says. "But the greatest loss is not what the mice cat, but what is thrown out because of contamination, either real or suspected."

Despite their small size, mice can actually be harder to kill than rats. Their keen sense of taste and smell helps them detect - and avoid — the slightest amounts of poison.

"Mice are picky eaters," says Mr. Marshall. "And they tend to stay within about 20 feet of their nest, which is why proper bait placement is critical. What they don't eat won't kill them."

But getting to mice has been made easier

Four easy steps

Mouse in the house? The experts at Farnam Companies, Inc. offer these tips:

• Se, what is M? Check for gnew marks around doors and woodwork, and watch for telltale droppings.

· Pind trechie meta. Is it your garege? Outbuildings? Kitchen cabinets? Make sure you identify and treat all potential spots concurrently.

d the invitation." Clean up apilled bird seed, take old tires to the dusty, out beckyard woods and get rid of other "invitations to hungry mice. Cover pet dishes when not in use. Store household surbage indoors in redent-proof containers. Seel game around doors, dryer vents and foun-

along walls or other mouse "rusways." Koop beit fresh.

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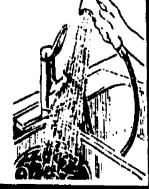
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have in common?

Answer: Empty homes.

for a burglar. And burglary is big busi- recommends consumers take the followness - estimates are that one of every ing steps to secure their homes with a

20 homes will be burglarized.

A recent Temple University study indicates that most burglaries occur when no one is home and that small families are burglarized more frequently than large ones.

Aside from having more children, or renting out rooms to the

in-laws, there are steps homeowners can tion. take to secure their homes, according to the National Burglar & Fire Alarm Association.

Prices of security systems have dropped, says Jim Lees, NBFAA president. "Electronic security systems are not luxury items. They are simple to use thesda, Md. 20814 or call (301) 907-3202.

Question: What do kids in school, and are easy to fit into your family's working moms, holidays and vacation lifestyle. Any homeowner can afford one."

Since burglaries occur three times as An empty house is an inviting target often in non-alarmed homes, the NBFAA

> burglar and fire alarm system:

 Call several companies. Make sure each is a NBFAA member. Ask if employees are trained or certified by the NBFAA.

• Ask to see anpropriate licenses.

• Make sure the company tailors the system to your needs. Ask for a demonstra-

- Jim Lees

Ask for and check references.

 Ask about the company's false alarm prevention program.

For free information about electronic security systems, write the NBFAA at 7101 Wisconsin Ave., Suite 901, Be-

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warming up to some seasonal cleanup chores?

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home seem brighter. Mix one cup tection. white vinegar with one gallon of

tight corners and to remove ex- with a broom. Rinse well with can be cleaned with a heavy-spray

 Hose down outdoor furniture ful household hints from Judy and use Bon Ami to remove stubborn soil and stains from plastic or mist at the Faultless Starch/Bon aluminum furniture by making a paste, rubbing gently and rinsing. • Washing the outside of win- Some outdoor furniture makers dows can make the inside of your recommend a coat of wax for pro-

• Hard-to-clean dirt and grime clean will prolong its life. warm water and apply with a large that has built up on the garage

oes warmer weather mean a cloth or paper towels to get into such as Bon Ami and scrubbing the pump and filter. A dirty filter water.

> • Use a mild household detergent and water solution, applied with a stiff brush or broom, to clean wooden decks. Or use a special deck cleaning solution. Remove mildew with a solution of three-quarters cup bleach to one

sponge. Rinse with the garden floor can be removed by wetting before the first dive of the season. before the boat is repainted.

garden hose. Stains and scale deposits can be removed from pool plaster and tile with Bon Ami Cleanser.

 Fiberglass boats and campers can be cleaned with a mildly abrasive, biodegradable cleaner such as Bon Ami. the same cleanser can gallon water. Keeping your deck be used on a boat's teakwood trim before it's oiled. Hull planking • Check your swimming pool should be recaulked and sanded hose and dry with a squeegee. Use the surface, sprinkling a cleanser Make any needed repairs, check Screws and fittings should be

checked to see if they have corroded.

• To clean your grill, use Bon Ami Cleanser to remove burnedon grease. To clean permanent briquettes, remove the grilling surface, close the lid, open the vents and turn the heat to high for about 20 minutes. If needed, use a wire brush for further cleaning.

To prevent food from sticking, spray cooking surfaces with vegetable oil while grill is not in use.

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Tomato facts and fancies

'Tomato tree' can be a fun first foray into world of gardening

round?

Some horticulture experts suggest starting out with the "Tomato Tree," a fun houseplant the plant. which produces tomatoes up to five months a year - year after er kit called "Big Red." Included

more about gardening all year to eat, these fruit-laden plants can grow up to 10 feet tall.

The secret?

The bigger the pot, the bigger

Also available is a tomato start-

tainers, "growing" mix, and hybrid seeds.

Fun to grow and quick to produce, six plants could yield as much as 100 pounds of fruit. Just add water.

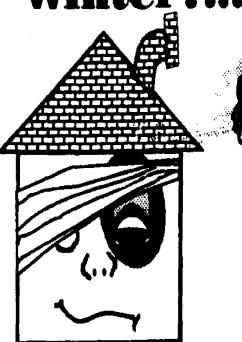
den centers. To find the nearest Big Red retailer, call (415) 457-

Greenhouse gift

Want to get hooked on horticulture? Get started with a free Tomato Tree can be found in Greenhouse that includes plant-

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your walkway:

Prepare mix and fill mold

Add clean water to the concrete mix and mix thoroughly until you achieve a workable consistency, do not get concrete too wet. Place the concrete mold level on the ground. Fill the cavities of the mold with pre-mixed concrete, which has been mixed

Smooth surface

Once the cavities are filled with concrete, smooth the surface on all edges with a trow-Follow these easy steps from the experts el until even. When cavities of the mold are at The QUIKRETE Companies for building smoothed, pat the surface to prevent any air bubbles.

Remove mold and complete walkway

Remove the mold immediately and let the concrete blocks or stones harden. Place the mold adjacent to the section just completed and repeat the process until the entire length of the path is finished.

or a more authentic pattern, rotate the mold one-quarter turn each time. When the entire walkway is complete and the concrete has hardened, set the walkway by sweeping mortar mix or sand between the bricks or stones.

Design options and other uses

The end result is a path resembling pro-

fessionally-laid brick or stone, enhancing the appearance of and improving access to any outdoor area. The concrete molds offer unlimited design options, making curves, circles and right angles. In addition to pathways, the concrete molds can be used to build patios, courtyards, barbecue and picnic areas, terraces and other garden areas.

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Modern techniques put garden within the grasp of the novice

think again.

Gone are the days when a gardener of seeds. had to spend hours and hours toiling in the garden in order to grow a couple of less than impressive vegetables. Nowadays, thanks to the introduction of several cost-effective, time-efficient and chemical-free solutions, anyone can create a salad-worthy vegetable garden that's easy to start and maintain and one which will reap a bountiful harvest.

Choosing the right vegetables

According to the experts at Easy Gardener, a manufacturer of numerous vegetable gardening products, step one on the road to great vegetables is choosing the vegetables you wish to grow. Lettuce, carrots, peas and potatoes do best in slightly cooler weather, while cucumbers, squash and eggplant thrive in warmer weather. Corn and peppers crave hotter temperatures. The next step is to choose and prepare a planting site. Bear in mind that all vegetables grow best in soil that's drained well, airy and filled with nutrients. This is because plant roots are able to spread down deep into the soil, thereby securing them firmly in the ground and allowing them to soak up as much moisture as needed. Bad soil will lead to a bad harvest, so be certain to amend soil, especially compacted or dry soil, with compost to supply nutrients. Also, try adding a balanced fertilizer to keep plants well fed.

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If you intend to grow plants that climb, such as cucumbers, tomatoes and peppers, try installing a plant support such as the Easy Trellis. A sturdy, reusable 70inch-high netting for vegetables, fruits and flowers, the Easy Trellis can be secured to wooden or metal posts positioned about six feet apart, with plants tied onto the netting with Trellis Ties.

Now that the bed has been properly prepared, the hour has come to plant seeds or place seedlings into the ground. ond or third harvest.

Everyone loves a ripe juicy vegetable. Should you be planting seedlings, set the especially one grown in your own back roots deep into the soil, according to the yard. Does the prospect of cultivating a directions on the plant's container. Hanbounty of tomatoes, cucumbers, green die seeds carefully, as they often suffer peppers and carrots sound scary? Time transplant shock. If starting from seed, consuming? Not worth the effort? Well, read the packet directions for information on planting depth and the spacing

Weed prevention

Nothing can thwart the potential growth of vegetable plants quite like weeds in the garden bed. Why? Weeds battle with plant roots for moisture and it's a battle weeds usually win. The key is not to pull weeds out once they pop up but to prevent them from popping up in the first place. Some people use sheets of black plastic laid atop the soil to deter weeds. However, plastic does not let air or water reach the soil and it can lead to soured soil which will kill the vegetable plants. One new product, BioBlock, is an environmentally friendly and easy way to control weed growth. Made from 100 percent recycled fibers and available in easy to use rolls, BioBLock is designed to block weeks and then biodegrade. Thus, it never has to be removed. Further, thousands of tiny "MicroChannels" permit the water and air to pass through the thick paper-like material to the roots

Stimulating plant growth

Even after a garden bed has been aerated and fertilized and plants stacked and protected from weeks, plants can still use a little help, the kind of help that will result in an increased vegetable yield. Floating row covers, sheets of clear plastic laid over seedlings, are just the kind of help plants can use. A product such as Fast Start, for instance, serves as a physical deterrent to insects and animals and, more importantly, creates a greenhouse effect that keeps plants warm and moist. The product is also ideal for getting seeds to sprout more quickly. While a row cover should not be used at peak sun hours or in extreme heat, it's perfect come fall when temperatures drop and frost threatens a sec-

Learning proper terms for plants

Do you know the difference between a perennial and a pesticide? Experts at The Home Depot say knowing the following items can help put a little paradise in your back yard.

Annual: a plant that completes its life cycle in one year: seeds germinate, the plant grows and flowers are produced, in turn, producing seed. Examples of annuals: impatiens wallerana (impatiens), helianthus annus (sunflower), petunia hybrids.

Cutting: a method of increasing plants, by which a severed piece of a parent plant is encouraged to develop roots.

Derris: (better known in U.S. as Rotenone); a pesticide for killing pests on plants.

Flower: the reproductive organ of the plant. Most plants flower in their natural environment, but certain plants bloom in-

Perennial: a plant that lives more than one year, often surviving cold winters. Examples of perennials: monardo didyma (beebalm), hemerocallis hybrids (daylily), phlox subulata (moss phlox).

Root: the anchor of the plant that absorbs water and minerals that nourish it. It sends water and nutrients to the stem and also stores food.



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