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## Briefs

### School board slates public meeting

The Board of Education will hold a public meeting 8 p.m. Tuesday in the board meeting room at 302 Elm St.

On the agenda will be a discussion of the results of the school report card. Time will be allotted for public input.

### Post office extending hours

The Westfield Post Office is extending its business hours to help make this holiday mailing season more convenient for customers.

"The postal service wants to make this Christmas as headache-free as possible for all postal customers," Postmaster Kenneth Brown said.

On Saturdays, Dec. 14 and 21, the Westfield Post Office at 153 Central Ave. will provide extended office hours. The hours of window service will be 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

For more information, stop by or call the post office at 233-1167.

### Holiday sherry set for today

The annual Panhellenic Holiday Sherry will be held at the home of Susan Amorette at 624 E. Broad St. 4-6 p.m. today.

The event is sponsored by the Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae group in Westfield. Alumni of all sororities are invited.

A \$5 donation for the local Department of Human Services will be requested to help support their efforts to assist families during this holiday season.

For more information, call Debbie West 232-4180.

### Musat honored at Schering-Plough

Frank Musat of Westfield, senior director of customer relations, managed care and disease management at Schering Laboratories, has been awarded a Management Development Excellence Award by Schering-Plough Pharmaceuticals.

Mr. Musat received his award for his work while sales director of the Key Specialty Sales Force within Schering Laboratories.

"This award recognizes our managers' outstanding support for the personal and professional development of the people in their department," said Richard Zahn, president of Schering Laboratories. "His outstanding performance while directing the 226-member sales team earned him this prestigious award."

### 'Night Place' set for Jan. 10

The fourth "Night Place" event of the 1996-97 school year will be 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10 at Edison Intermediate School.

The Night Place is open to all Westfielders in sixth-eighth grades, and is sponsored by the Westfield Recreation Commission.

The "Night Place" features dancing to music from a disc jockey, volleyball, basketball, pingpong, board games, movies and refreshments. The cost is \$2 in advance and \$3 at the door. Tickets will be on sale at both intermediate schools during the week of the event.

For more information, call 789-4080.

### Social news published for free

As a service to our readers, the Westfield Record publishes wedding and engagement announcements free of charge. To request a wedding or engagement form, call 276-6000.

All submitted news items, including weddings and engagements, are printed as space allows.

## 6-year-old donor has a big heart

### Child gives \$1.34 to holiday fund

By KAREN BITZ  
THE RECORD

To most people, \$1.34 is not a lot of money. In fact, most people in Westfield could probably manufacture that amount just by digging in their couch cushions.

But for 6-year-old Sam Ross, \$1.34 is a lot of money and it is precisely how much he sent to the Record Holiday Fund last week, making him the fund's first donor of 1996.

Along with his contribution of quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies, the child sent a letter to The Record indicating his identity and his thoughts on charity.

"Dear Caring Neighbor," the letter began. "I like how much you are doing this money. I am paying \$1.34 for your charity. My name is Sam Ross. I am 6 years old and



live in Westfield. I am in first grade at Tamaques School."

Sam's mother, Michelle Erik, said her son first heard of the fund when she pointed out an article about it to him.

A proponent of instilling children with a sense of charity, Ms. Erik discussed the fund with Sam and he decided it would be a good thing to do, she said.

"It's hard because kids are so self-centered, but I'm really trying to make them understand how im-

portant [charity] is."

Sam is no stranger to helping others. A faithful contributor to Szedaka, or Hebrew charity, Sam donates 50 cents each week in Hebrew school. He also has participated in several food and clothing drives.

"If people are poor, they may not survive," Sam said about why he helps those in need.

Like many 6-year-olds, Sam can barely conceptualize the difference between \$1 and \$100, but he does understand the idea of people being in need. Hence, he was able to explain how he would like to see his donation used.

He said jewelry is "rich stuff" and would not be a good thing for his contribution to go toward. However, toys and food are "not rich stuff," so those things would be all right, he said.

Sam's contribution paved the



Sam Ross, 6, poses next to his piggy bank.

way for other donors, pushing the fund's total from zero to \$226.34.

In addition to Sam, donors were James and Leslie Lewis, Aldo and Elsie Cerone, Joseph Gladis, Virginia Holschuh and two anonymous donors.

Donations help fellow Westfielders who find themselves in financial trouble. People like this:

A grandmother is terminally ill and continues to have high medical expenses. She resides with her disabled adult daughter and her three children. Most of this family's income is used for monthly

living expenses, which increase during the winter because of high heating expenses.

All the donations collected by The Record are forwarded to the Caring Neighbor Fund, which is administered by Westfield Human Services Director Lillian Corsi.

Readers wishing to support this campaign may send checks to Record Holiday Fund, P.O. Box 626, Cranford, N.J. 07016.

Donors who contribute to the fund will have their names published in The Record unless they request anonymity.

## Santa spreads Christmas spirit

### Greets dozens of youngsters

By KAREN BITZ  
THE RECORD

The children of Westfield got a special treat Sunday night when none other than Kris Kringle came to help light the town Christmas tree.

Santa Claus was originally supposed to come Dec. 1 to kick off Westfield's Christmas season but foul weather kept him from making his annual appearance.

Luckily, the season's most popular man was able to clear his busy schedule so as not to disappoint the hundreds of local youngsters who came out to see him at the train station Sunday.

Mayor Garland "Bud" Boothe was on hand to announce Santa's arrival to town.

"I have it on good authority that Santa Claus is here in Westfield," the mayor told the many children huddled near the station with the hopes of glimpsing the red suited figure.

Once Santa's makeshift sleigh (a Westfield fire engine) was in sight coming down Elm Street, the mayor led the crowd in a count-

"I have it on good authority that Santa Claus is here in Westfield."

— Garland "Bud" Boothe

Boothe  
Westfield mayor

down to light the town Christmas tree. Also, the Westfield Community Band added to the festivities by breaking into a rendition of "Santa Claus is Coming to Town."

Santa, who uncannily resembled Councilman Norman Greco, began working the crowd — shaking children's hands and even hugging some of the women — immediately after arriving at the station. He then took the podium and gave all the children a chance to hear what he had to say.

"Hi boys and girls," he began. "It's good to be in Westfield again."

Children then had the chance to tell St. Nick what they wanted him to bring them this Christmas and Santa distributed candy canes to the entire flock.

## Rides with Santa to highlight festivities

Ho-se-drawn wagon rides with Santa through downtown Westfield will highlight this weekend's Welcome Home to Westfield holiday festivities.

The horse-drawn wagon can be boarded at the northside train station, noon-3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Santa will be there to assist, as will his helpers. Riders will cost \$3 per person. Children should be accompanied by their parents.

Music students from the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts will play holiday music at various stores and business establishments around downtown during the three weekends in December.

A list of musicians and playing times will be given in the weekly updates of the holiday events schedule prepared by Westfield Main Street.

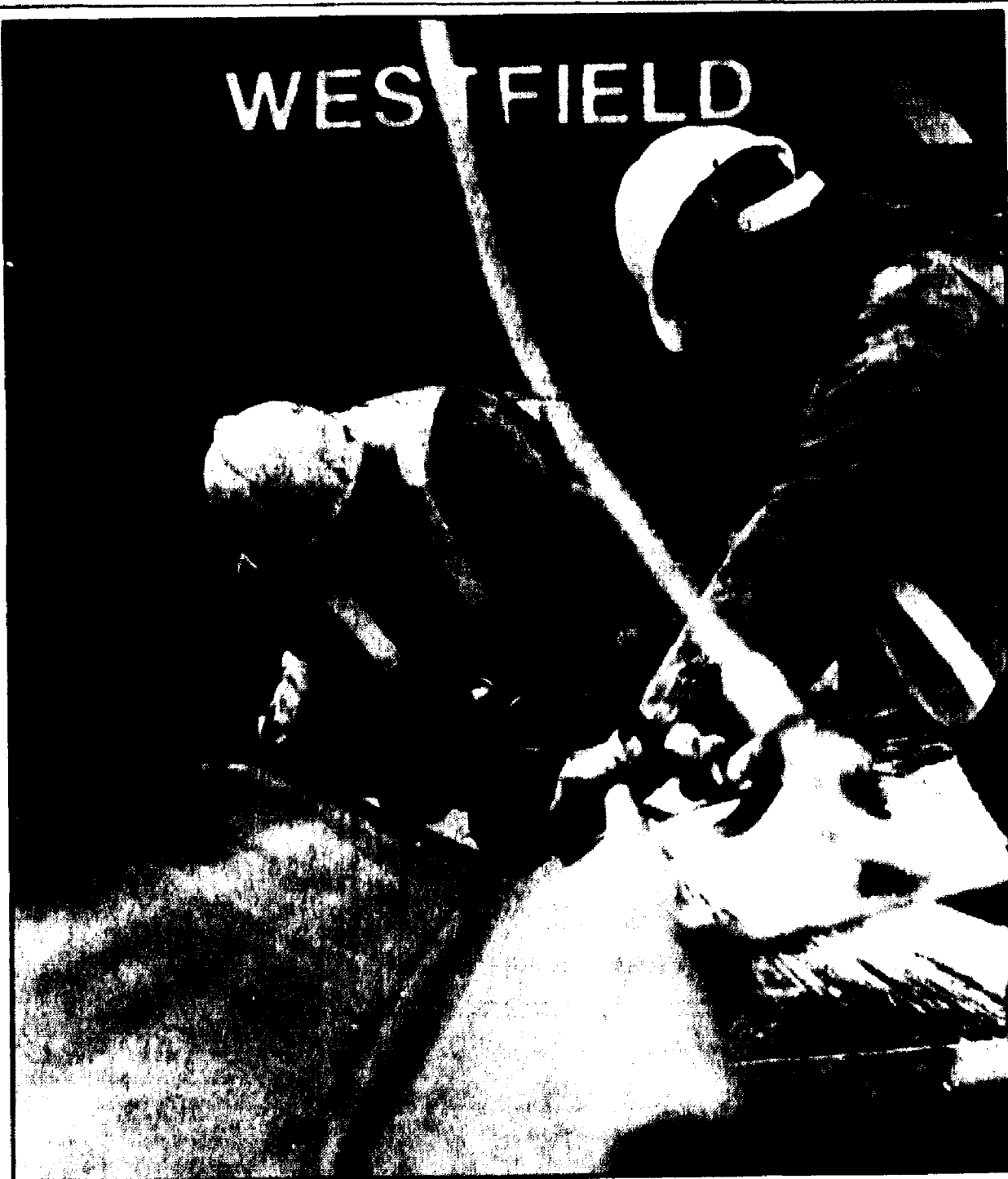
Sunday, the Jolly Trolley restaurant and the Chamber of Commerce are co-sponsoring free trol-

ley rides. Children can board the trolley on Prospect Street near North Avenue.

The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, 152 E. Broad St., will present special performances this Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 21. An all-star performance, featuring the large horn identified with the Swiss Alps, is scheduled for 1 p.m. each Saturday. There will be a chamber orchestra performance 3-4 p.m., and the jazz band will perform 4-5:30 p.m.

The annual ice sculpting contest will be at Quinby and Elm streets, noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22. Groups and individuals wishing to compete should call 789-0444 for information.

Welcome Home to Westfield 1996 is the fourth annual effort spearheaded by Westfield Main Street to feature downtown Westfield as a place to do holiday shopping and celebrating.



Tom Paulin and Pat O'Connor cut through sheets of steel to be used for the pedestrian tunnel at the Westfield train station.

## Work progresses at train station

By KAREN BITZ  
THE RECORD

As the construction at the train station continues in its first phase, NJ Transit and town employees are working to ensure the inconvenience to the 14,000 daily riders who board the line in Westfield remains minimal.

In Phase I of the operation, the east end of the inbound and outbound low-level platforms will be demolished and construction will begin on the new pedestrian tunnel. This phase will take about 10 weeks.

The demolition portion of the

### Update

work is complete, forcing passengers to board and detrain at the western portion of the track, NJ Transit spokesman Steve Coleman said.

The next step will shore up the tracks to keep them from shifting as the crew constructs the new tunnel.

In order to install the sheeting piles and construct the trestles, the work will have to be done while the tracks are not in ser-

vice. This will mean the pile driving will have to be done between 12:30 a.m. 5 a.m. when the Raritan Valley Line does not run.

NJ Transit will spread this mid-night labor over four weekends beginning this weekend. Town Administrator Edward Gottko said.

"There is no alternative. No time is a good time to do this," he said.

The \$6.1 million project complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act, which requires transit companies make their facilities accessible to disabled people. (Please turn to page A-2)

**Your holiday guide**  
Tips to help you get through the holidays  
Special section inside



**Fire on Ice**  
WHS ice hockey team skates into season  
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**Still collectible**  
Sports card fans kept it a hobby, not a business  
See Weekend Plus inside



## County sheriff aiding the needy

Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich has announced his office will once again conduct Operation Breadbasket, a program that helps feed those in need during the holiday season.

This year, 350 families will receive food baskets consisting of turkeys, eggs, bread, canned goods and household items.

Sheriff Froehlich attributes the success of Operation Breadbasket to the efforts of all those who volunteer and the support received from Tuscan Dairies, Atlas Pythagoras Lodge No. 10 in Westfield, Pappetti Hygrade Egg Products, IKEA of Elizabeth, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and many other unnamed benefactors.

"Participants in Operation Breadbasket appreciate that the holiday season is a time for happiness and sharing good fortune with our fellow man. Children and families cannot enjoy these feelings when they are hungry," he said.

Det. Peter Campanelli and Det. Ginny Fanelli are the coordinators for this year's "Operation Breadbasket."

Families in need of food baskets should contact the Sheriff's Office between 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays-Fridays at 527-4450. Resources are limited and baskets will be distributed to those most in need Dec. 19-20.

Operation Breadbasket still needs contributions. There is no donation that is too small. Anyone wishing to make a contribution of food, household items or money should call 527-4450 or send their donation to Operation Breadbasket c/o Sheriff Ralph Froehlich, Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad St., Elizabeth, N.J. 07066.

"The smiles on the faces of the children and other family members who receive the baskets is beyond description," the sheriff said.

"There is a feeling of warmth and brotherhood that lights the candle for next year's program. Not everyone can volunteer or deliver baskets but everyone who helps in any way then can will be blessed by the appreciation of those in need and the personal knowledge that they have made someone's holiday season a pleasant occasion to reflect on in years to come."

## Christmas sale begins Saturday

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Service League Consignment and Thrift Shops at 114 Elmer St. will begin their annual Christmas sale 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. The sale continues through Saturday, Dec. 21.

The Thrift Shop will offer special holiday and party clothing and holiday decorations. The sale also in-

cludes new clothes and gift items at prices reduced from the original retail prices.

A special highlight of the sale is the toy selection. All toys available at the sale are new, but sold at thrift shop prices. The new toys are purchased and contributed by the members of the Service League.

The Consignment Shop will also have a large selection of men's, women's and children's clothing, accessories and jewelry at reduced prices. Regularly priced items include holiday and evening dresses, shoes and accessories.

The Consignment and Thrift Shops are operated by the Westfield Service League, which is a nonprofit organization.

Proceeds from the Consignment and Thrift Shops are donated to charitable and civic organizations servicing Westfield residents.

The Westfield Service League also provides volunteer dispatchers for the Westfield Rescue Squad and monthly birthday parties and gifts at Children's Specialized Hospital.

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### Playing a tune

Dr. Ted Schlosberg, founder and director of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, has added a Swiss Alps horn to his vast collection of musical instruments, and will play the unique instrument on the streets of downtown Westfield this month. See Page A-8 for the story and another photo.

### Storm victims can call helpline

Telephone registration hours are being shortened for those filing for assistance from the storm and flood Oct. 18-23, the Federal Emergency Management Agency announced.

Registration hours are now 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays. New Jersey residents who suffered loss or damage as a result of the flooding can apply for assistance by calling a toll-free registration number, (800) 462-8029. Those with speech or hearing impairments can call (800) 462-7585 (TTY).

The Disaster Information Helpline, which provides applicants with additional information about assistance programs or the status of their application for aid, will also follow the new operating schedule. The toll-free helpline number is (800) 525-0321 and TTY: (800) 860-8005.

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## Work progressing at train station

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The work is also designed to improve accessibility at the station by raising the platforms at the station to the same elevation as the train so riders will no longer have to climb a set of stairs to reach the cars.

Furthermore, a new pedestrian tunnel will be built under the tracks, along with elevators at either side of the new tunnel to allow passengers who have trouble climbing steps to access the higher platforms.

The work has forced the town to rope off 30 of the 60 12-hour meters along the south side of the station. These spots are typically used by commuters who are not yet eligible for a permit parking sticker.

The waiting list for these stick-

ers is about two years, Mr. Gottko said.

To compensate for the 30 closed spots, the town has set up 12-hour meter parking on the north side of the train station behind Tailbats.

"They're both along the track and behind the buildings," Mr. Gottko said. "We've matched them all one for one with the spots [NJ Transit] closed."

The spots were formerly permit spots that were not being used to capacity, Mr. Gottko added.

The station building is also being brought up to the standards required under the federal law. Improvements include renovations to the restrooms, the expansion of doorways and the creation of a low-level writing surface near the ticket window.

Construction is slated to be completed by the end of 1997.

### Soloists to appear at church event

WESTFIELD — The annual Community Messiah-sing sponsored by the Choral Art Society of New Jersey Inc. will be 8 p.m. tomorrow in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St. in Westfield.

Seven soloists will highlight the performance. There also will be an audience sing-along.

Contribution at the door is \$8. For more information, call Helen Armstrong at 322-7240.

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# Woman on trial in death of child

By KAREN BITZ  
THE RECORD

WESTFIELD — Ashley Farris did not live to see her third Christmas. But this year, around what would have been her sixth Christmas, Middlesex County prosecutors are hoping to give her a post mortem gift by resolving the incidents that surrounded her death.

After being found unconscious in the crib of her South Plainfield home Oct. 4, 1993, Ashley, 2½, was

rushed to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, where she died Oct. 9, 1993.

At first, Middlesex County authorities believed the death was of natural causes, but a second autopsy of certain tissues led them to speculate differently.

This week, Ashley's mother, Martha Faye Farris, 35, of Westfield, is standing trial on a charge of aggravated manslaughter for allegedly striking the child on her head several times, an action that

may have led to the toddler's untimely death.

Assistant Middlesex County Prosecutor Ralph Cretella will present the second medical report, prepared by Dr. Linda Rourke of Children's Hospital in Philadelphia, as the crux of his case. She determined, in her exam, that the child died of blunt cranial cerebral trauma.

Lesions found on the Ashley's brain support the theory that she was hit on the head, Middlesex County Prosecutor Robert W. Gluck said Feb. 17, 1994, when he announced the results of Dr. Rourke's autopsy. Ms. Farris was arrested in connection with her daughter's death five days later.

Ms. Farris's attorney, Richard R. Shiarella of Westfield, will present a medical expert at the trial to testify the death was caused by a natural cause and the lesions on Ashley's brain were caused by complications associated with the child's liver failure.

"My expert cannot get anymore specific because the test for Reye's Syndrome that could have caused

Ashley's liver to shut down wasn't done," Mr. Shiarella said.

Ms. Farris has denied having anything to do with her daughter's death.

At a pretrial hearing last week, it was disclosed the mother was allegedly using cocaine at the time she allegedly committed the crime.

"She had used cocaine and become violent with the child," Mr. Cretella said.

Mr. Shiarella maintained Ms. Farris did not have a history of abusing the child. She has confessed she had a problem with cocaine at the time that Ashley died, and has also admitted there were occasions where Ashley was lightly spanked in punishment but never to the extent to warrant any injury, Mr. Shiarella said.

"Since the incident, Ms. Farris has freed herself of her drug habit and has been self-supporting, her attorney said.

If Ms. Farris is convicted of the charges at her trial before Superior Court Judge Joyce Munkacs in New Brunswick, she could face 10-30 years of incarceration.

## Police capture fugitive

Police captured an escapee from East Jersey State Prison Dec. 4, police said.

Officers recognized Edward Carter, 22, of East Windsor Avenue, who had recently escaped from the state correctional facility.

When the officers approached the suspect, he allegedly began to run. Officers immediately caught up with the escapee and returned him to the detention center.

Mr. Carter was also charged with resisting arrest, police said.

North Euclid Avenue residents reported a theft Saturday, police said.

One of the residents was sleeping in the home when she heard the floorboards creaking. When she called out, no one answered but she later noticed a rear window had been entered. Nothing was taken from the home.

However, the residents reported their 1996 Honda had been entered and a spare key had been taken from the ashtray. The key opens the door and starts the engine.

South Avenue residents reported a break-in to their apartment Friday, police said.

## Westfield police log

The intruder seemed to gain entry through a bedroom window and ransacked the closets and drawers of the apartment. Nothing was missing.

A resident reported a laptop computer had been stolen from a vehicle parked on Roosevelt Street Dec. 4, police said.

The driver-side window of the vehicle was partially opened, giving the thief access to the goods.

A manager of Edwards Super Food Store on Elm Street reported an employee had stolen \$340 from the store Friday, police said.

The manager said the employee had not returned from her break and when the manager retrieved her cash drawer from a register, he realized the money was missing.

A Westfield High School student reported jewelry missing from his locker Monday, police said.

## Elderly man dies after accident

WESTFIELD — An elderly Kenilworth man died Dec. 3 in Newark from injuries he sustained in a local car accident, police said.

Bruno Krok, 83, was injured in a car accident Nov. 15 after he failed to yield to a stop sign while traveling south on Scotch Plains Avenue. His car collided with a vehicle driven by Charles Gibilaro, 70, of Westfield, that was traveling east on Shadowlawn Drive.

Mr. Gibilaro was wearing a seatbelt and the air bag in his vehicle cushioned his impact in the collision. He sustained no injuries.

Mr. Krok was not wearing a seatbelt and his car had no air bag.

Mr. Krok was taken to University Hospital in Newark immediately after the accident. He was being treated for his injuries in the intensive care unit until his death.

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## A holiday warning

It's the season of excesses, so be careful when you party

This is the season of excesses.

At Thanksgiving, most people usually eat too much. And for some of us, chances are that sometime during the holidays, we may drink too much. When that happens, it's important to remember not to drink and drive.

It has been said many times and many ways, but the message remains the same — too many festive holidays and occasions of great joy have been turned into senseless tragedies by drunken drivers. That last glass of spiked egg nog for the road may also prove to be deadly on the road.

Despite all the public service messages and editorials you will hear and read this month, there will still be too many motorists weaving in and out of traffic after a holiday party, fully confident they can handle alcohol.

That can be a fatal mistake.

Any intake of alcohol — it doesn't matter if it's beer, wine or hard liquor — will have some effect of your motor — and motor — skills. That effect increases as the amount of alcohol you consume increases. Don't be fooled into thinking you're sober if you've spaced several drinks over a period of time or have eaten large amounts of food to absorb the alcohol. The effects of alcohol are insidious and it is often best just to say no to alcohol if you're at a holiday party.

If you drink, make sure you have a designated driver to take you home. And if you don't have a designated driver, have a friend or bartender call a taxi so you can make it home safe enough to celebrate another holiday season. Any bartender worth his or her salt would be happy to make sure you make it home safe.

Besides risking your life, our local police officers will do their best to get you off the roads. No one wants a drunken driving arrest on their record.

The key to avoiding holiday excesses — whether it's at the dining room table, tavern or a party — is self-discipline. That's a character trait that is often lost during the hoopla of the holiday season with its holiday celebrations, friendly gatherings and office parties.

Everyone should take the time to consider the consequences or over-indulging in any one of these pursuits before plunging into the pitfalls of excess.

## We're here for you

The newspaper is here to serve you. We invite your participation in putting the news together. The following information should help you see your ideas and community news in print:

### News department

**Andrew Simpson** is the editor. Please call him at 276-6000 with story suggestions, questions or comments. To send us your news, our address is: P.O. Box 626, Cranford, N.J. 07016. Our fax number is 276-6220. The newsroom is at 102 Walnut Ave., Cranford, and is open weekdays 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Or you can E-mail us at: [fornews@cnj.digex.net](mailto:fornews@cnj.digex.net). The deadline to submit press releases is 5 p.m. Friday.

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### Your letters

We prefer letters to be typed and double-spaced and no more than 250 words. If it is not possible to type a letter, please print neatly. Because of the chance of misinterpretation, we will not accept letters that are handwritten in cursive.

All letters must be signed by the writer with the writer's name, address, day and evening telephone numbers typed or printed. We reserve the right to edit all letters for grammar, libel and good taste.

The deadline for letters to the editor is 5 p.m. Friday. Letters, like all other submitted news and photos, are printed as space allows.

## HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON



Letters to the editor

## What happened to democracy?

To The Editor:

Last year at this time, you apparently received one letter complaining about having the manger scene displayed at the train station. At the time I was quite surprised that you displayed such a "knee jerk" reaction to one letter of complaint.

You were quite willing to do away with the display, even though it had been part of the real recognition of the real meaning of Christmas for very many years.

All had gone well over the years. The Christians celebrated Christmas and were more than happy to share the season with anyone and everyone who wanted to celebrate it with us. However — as it will happen upon occasion — there is always someone who just has to stir up trouble.

If you recall, there were quite a large number of people who showed up at the meeting at which you were going to vote to eliminate the display, and you were going to do it without any input from the Fanwood citizens.

You were only interested in accommodating the one letter writer and were quite willing to ignore the opin-

ions of the other 6,000 citizens. Since there were so many people present objecting to what you were going to do, the council members agreed not to push it. That is, everyone except Maryanne Connelly, who was still willing to ignore the voice of the people. That just isn't democracy in anyone's language.

All the decorations, lights, parties, presents and excitement are fine. But keep in mind that there wouldn't be any Christmas if it were not for the birth of Jesus Christ.

Was it Maryanne who selected the members of the Christmas Committee? From the information I read in the paper, it certainly sounds as if you have stacked the committee so that the "result of their study" will come out your way. That isn't democracy either.

Will the writer of this one letter receive the same consideration the original letter writer did?

MARGARET COOK  
Fanwood

Editor's note: This letter was originally sent to each member of the Fanwood Borough Council.

## Woman has beef with town meter

To The Editor:

On Saturday, Oct. 12, I left my home at 11:15 a.m. for an 11:30 a.m. appointment at Visage Hair Salon on North Avenue. I pulled into a parking space at 11:22 a.m. and inserted two quarters in the meter (No. 818) entitling me to park for two hours until 1:22 p.m.

When I returned to my car at 1:12 p.m., I found the meter already expired and a parking ticket issued at 1:10 p.m. — at least 12 minutes early. Obviously, this meter is defective or the meters are set with a short time to benefit the town.

I do not mind paying a fine if I am actually guilty. In this case, I was quite upset because I carefully monitored the time so that I would return to my car on time.

I am paying the fine for this ticket because it would cost me far more in time and money to take a day off from my job at the New York City Department of Health to make the obligatory court appearance.

I am signing the ticket "Under Protest" and forwarding copies of this letter to the town newspapers and Town Council. Perhaps this action will alert other law-abiding Westfield citizens to the possibility of being wrongfully ticketed and assure that the meters are checked so that they keep the correct time.

ANNE MARIE INCALICCHIO  
Westfield

Editor's note: This letter was addressed to the town Violations Bureau.

## Westfield should support Holiday Fund

To The Editor:

During this past election, we showed that we are ready for change. I also hope that during this holiday season we can also show our desire to change. I am referring to the lack of support of the Westfield Record's Holiday Fund.

Last year, Westfield residents donated \$2,104 to assist needy families in our community. This was an increase over 1994 but still falls far short of what could be done by our community.

During the ShopRite battle, some residents hired private attorneys to try and block the development of a much needed store, but these same residents probably did not contribute anything to the Holiday Fund.

It is time that we all realize that Westfield has needy residents and that a donation may help them get through a difficult time. So this year I urge all residents who can afford to make a donation to help their fellow residents.

A CONCERNED CITIZEN  
Westfield

## Education can prevent diabetes complications

To The Editor:

Over the past year, advances in technology, new treatments and a transforming health care system have made it a priority for the American Diabetes Association to inform people with diabetes how to take charge of their care.

Unfortunately, the message is still not getting out that diabetes is serious. More than 6,500 New Jersey residents will die this year from complications of diabetes, such as heart disease, kidney disease and stroke.

Another 1,800 will suffer from lower limb amputa-

tion, and up to 1,200 people may lose their sight. Finally, diabetes will cost New Jersey more than \$842 million in medical and productivity costs.

We urge all New Jersey residents with diabetes to call (800) DIABETES to learn about local educational programs and foot screenings. Education is the key to prevent the complications of diabetes, including heart disease, kidney disease, eye disease and foot disease.

DR. HOWARD GOLDSTEIN  
American Diabetes Association  
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## Lions Club thanks Westfield Record for help

To The Editor:

On Nov. 23, the Lions Club of Westfield held its first Toy, Train and Doll show at the Scotch Hills Country Club in Scotch Plains, in order to raise funds for sight conservation and to help the blind.

The Westfield Lions would like to thank the Westfield Record for its help in publicizing this event.

The Lions would also like to thank Norman Ben del of the Scotch Plains Lions for his contributions to the success of the show. Without his selfless efforts, this event would not have come off.

REV. LOIS SCHEMBS  
President  
Westfield Lions Club



## Holiday is about food and plenty of gratitude

Thanksgiving, the great American pigout... a holiday where nothing is expected of us except that we ooh and aah over the culinary efforts of the designated sucker who is cooking.

In my family, the designated suckers are my folks. Apparently they start cooking for Thanksgiving around August.

Those of you who know me have probably noticed I have an eating disorder. My parents are of normal weight even though they chow down like starving hyenas (if you can picture hyenas with perfect table manners).

I, however, am adopted, and have been blessed with a billion surplus fat genes. (I think I'm the love child of Orson Welles and Mama Cass). Whatever I eat clings to my hips and whimpers pathetically, "I love you and I'll never leave you, no matter how many Weight Watchers meetings you attend!"

Thanksgiving is perfect. I must eat on Thanksgiving or I will be an ungrateful child. After all, the folks have slaved for months to serve every dish in the Julia Child Cookbook, and what isn't eaten will be sent home with us in a cooler.

One year they loaded my trunk with so much food, my muffler dragged on the Long Island Expressway. The sparks ignited the brandy in the Indian pudding. Try to explain that to a Long Island cop who's miffed about working on Thanksgiving Day.

Besides eating, there's the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade. Dad recently bought a 32-inch TV so I asked him to record the parade for me. He said he didn't have time to read up on "all that technical crap," so we sped across Long Island and arrived just in time to see Santa Claus, also a high point of Thanksgiving Day.

And of course, I still found the time for the most important thing of all: saying a special prayer to the powers that be for the blessings I have received in my life.

I'm not a demanding person. I have never asked for much, and perhaps because of that, I seem to have received a lot.

I have a husband who is my best friend, who is always there for me and is a gentle soul. We do not have children, and that is our choice, but I have a cat that purrs contentedly when I nurture her.

I have friends who share my joy as well as my pain, and drop everything if I need them. We don't play games and we always keep in touch with each other, no matter how far apart we live.

My parents are still alive and even though Mom suffered a heart attack some years ago, she is in fairly good health. They are an important part of my life, even though they sometimes drive me crazy.

And this year, I'm deeply grateful that a dreadful, vivid premonition made me head back to New Jersey after we were halfway across Staten Island on our way to Long Island.

I couldn't shake the feeling that our house was on fire; I saw it clearly in my mind. My husband said I was imagining things, but we turned around anyway, adding an extra 44 miles to our trip.

When we returned home, we found that a flimsy curtain draped over a light bulb had accidentally left on had heated up and might have ignited had we not returned. My husband promised he will not doubt my "sixth sense" again.

So I am deeply thankful that God spared us the loss of our house and belongings.

And, I'm grateful for those of you who read this column, even when you write angry letters to me. You make me feel, you make me think and you make me humble when I'm a little too full of myself.

Roald Dahl once said, "Life is a banquet."

My life is proof that it isn't just about food.

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# Westfield schools, students continue to get high marks

By KAREN BITZ  
THE RECORD

WESTFIELD — Every one of the 1,278 students at Westfield High School recently brought home an excellent report card. The state-issued school report cards ranked Westfield's largest school as one of the leaders in New Jersey's public schools.

The school outscored both the state and its District Factor Group (DFG) of schools with similar socioeconomic makeup in its standardized testing.

WHS dwarfed its competitors in the 11th-grade High School Proficiency Test, surpassing the state average by 18.7 percent and the DFG by 3.8 percent. The school also outshined its own 1994-95 results by 4.6 percent.

WHS also blew away the state and the DFG in the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). While the percentage of WHS students taking the test was down 3 percent from last year's tally to 85 percent, WHS still out-ranked the state test-taking average by 20 percent.

The school's combined score average of 1122 bettered last year's local achievement by 17 points and came in 118 points above this year's state average.

WHS also beat the DFG average by seven points in the mathematics portion and 13 points in the verbal.

The excellence of this year's report card can be attributed to WHS's excellent staff. According to the report 67 percent of the faculty has attained a post-graduate degree. Sixty-four percent have a master's degree and 3 percent have a doctoral degree.

Also, students at WHS spend 17 more minutes per day in class than the state average.

WHS also shows an overwhelming success rate in sending its graduates to four-year colleges. Last year, 81 percent of WHS graduates went on to attend a four-year college or university, while 12 percent enrolled in a two-year college.

One percent go on to attend another type of post secondary school, join the military or enter the work force and 1 percent is undecided of their plans upon graduation.

The school's gargantuan success does have its price. Westfield was reported as spending \$8,067 per pupil each year, \$1,308 more than the state average.

Complete reports were mailed to the parents and guardians of students last week and are available at the high school, the superintendent's office and on reserve at Westfield Memorial Library.

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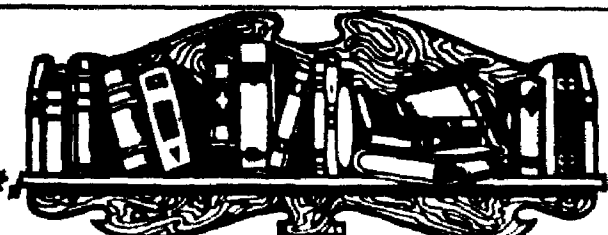
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## Officers' salaries approved

By KAREN BITZ  
THE RECORD

WESTFIELD — The Town Council recently approved the 1997 salaries for the 58 contracted members of the Westfield Police Department.

These salaries are determined through a contract between the town and the Policemen's Benevolent Association, a union that acts as a bargaining unit for all police employees except the chief, Chief Anthony Scutti said.

This year, the contract mandated the salaries for all employees, who rank at or above top-grade patrolman, increase by 4 percent.

Thus, the two captains on the force will receive the pay of \$69,103 for 1997. The lieutenant detective will get \$66,109; the four lieutenants will be paid \$63,852; and the two sergeant detectives will receive \$61,250. The seven sergeants on the force will receive \$58,592 for the year, as will the six first-grade detectives.

The investigator for traffic safety will receive \$53,553.

And, the 31 top-grade patrol officers will be paid \$52,533 except for the one patrolman who has been appointed a plainclothes officer, who will be paid an additional \$500 for the year.

Those officers who have not yet been on the force for six years and have not reached the rank of top grade patrolman will receive a probationary rate that is contingent on how long they have been on the force.

Chief Scutti's salary will be negotiated early next year when the council determines the budget. He is not included in the PBA salaries because his position is regarded as administrative.

## Firefighters' salaries OK'd

By KAREN BITZ  
THE RECORD

WESTFIELD — The Town Council recently approved the 1997 salaries for the 36 employees of the Westfield Fire Department.

These salaries are determined through a contract between the town and the Fireman's Mutual Benevolent Association, an agent that bargains for all of the fire department employees' salaries except for the chief, Chief Walter Ridge said.

The contract mandates in 1997 fire employees will receive a 4.5 percent salary increase over what they earned in 1996.

Thus, the fire inspector on the force will receive a yearly salary of \$60,503 for 1997. The four captains will receive \$63,196; the eight lieutenants will be paid \$67,894; and the 17 top grade firefighters will receive \$52,533 for the year.

The six employees who have not yet attained the status of top grade firefighter will receive salaries conditional to how long they have served on the force. These employees will move out of the probationary period to become top grade firefighters after they have served on the force for six years.

Any new hires to the force will be paid an annual salary of \$25,000.

The salaries for the chief and the deputy chiefs will be determined when the council establishes the 1997 budget early next year. Because these positions are administrative, they are not negotiated by the FMBAA.

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# Campus notes

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Who's Who in the East 1997-1998, published by Marquis Who's Who, is a guide to 22,000 of today's most influential easterners.

"We congratulate Brian McDevitt on his achievements," said Paul Canning, editorial director of Marquis Who's Who. "Our editors use stringent selection criteria to choose the most distinguished professionals for inclusion in each edition."

Sara Becker of Plainfield has enrolled as a member of the class of 2000 at Dartmouth College.

Ms. Becker, the daughter of Catherine and Robert Becker, is a graduate of Westfield High School.

Sara Mankoski, the daughter of Linda and Victor Mankoski of Westfield, entered the freshman class at Bryn Mawr College in Bryn Mawr, Pa., this fall. Ms. Mankoski graduated from Westfield High School in 1996.

The following Westfield students have attained honor status during the first quarter at St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen:

Jarret Crawford, 10th grade; Keith Habeeb, 12th grade; Michael McCabe, 11th grade; and Timothy O'Shea, 11th grade.

The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison has announced its honor roll for the 1996-97 first marking period. Students named to the roll maintained a B-plus or more average.

Westfield students were: Grade 6, Ashley Kent, Michael Kim; grade 7, Stefanie Forman, Isaac Kramer; grade 8, Kate Duddy.

## Public works employees are honored at meeting

WESTFIELD — Public Works Department employees were honored recently at the annual meeting of the New Jersey chapter of the American Public Works Association in Atlantic City.

Roads Supervisor Norman "Flip" Chambliss and parks Supervisor Marvin Stith received the Edward P. Decher Award, which recognizes 25 years of service to the Public Works Department.

# Time to eat the bagels in Westfield

By KAREN BITZ  
THE RECORD

WESTFIELD — Bagel lovers have a new niche downtown, with the opening of Bruegger's Bagel Bakery on Central Avenue.

Bruegger's is the largest bagel company in the country with about 500 stores open throughout the country. The company started in 1983 in Troy, N.Y.

So what makes Bruegger's bagels different from the rest?

"We are a legitimate bagel store, not a deli that sells bagels. If you want a corn muffin or a fried egg, go somewhere else," Branch Manager Greg Mateo said.

Three varieties of hot bagels are available at all times in the store along with several other varieties that have been baked within four hours.

"Once a bagel reaches the four-hour point, we use them for bagel chips or in soups," Mr. Mateo said. The store also offers what they

call "Last Night's Bagels," which are sold at discount.

"These are probably even fresher than what you'd get at a deli," Mr. Mateo said.

All of the baking is done on the premises, and customers can get a glimpse of the baker creating the bagels through a glass partition. The store will always have a batch in the oven, Mr. Mateo said.

In addition to a wide assortment of bagels and cream cheese varieties, the store offers an assortment of soups, bagel sandwiches, fresh

fruit, desserts and premium coffee.

"We offer premium products without the price," Mr. Mateo said.

Besides the products, Mr. Mateo said the ambience and professionalism set Bruegger's above the competition.

"Our precautions are above local standards and our employees are expected to be pleasant and serviceable," he said.

So far, Mr. Mateo has hired 24 people to work in the shop and has plans to hire a few more. Most of the employees are teenagers who

will work part time.

Anthony Schilling, a broker for Relocation Realty, worked with the company to bring the store to Westfield.

"They expect this to be their best market," he said.

Bruegger's is in the process of opening shops throughout north and central New Jersey. So far, locations are established in Madison and Wayne and shops in Short Hills and Raritan will open soon.

The store opens 6 a.m. daily. For more information, call 233-8889.

## BUSINESS REVIEW

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### Carl Mazzola, AIA

One profession, the importance of which we do not always recognize, is that of the architect. They are professionals who maintain certifiably high ethical standards and devote their energy to providing quality design and service for the community.

We are not often made aware of the important contributions of the architectural firm because architects do not generally publicize their services. When local businesses, corporations or municipalities plan to build stores, offices, schools and other use groups, an architect will be involved. When you plan to renovate or build a new home, the architect should be consulted. They prepare documents that are used for municipal approvals, obtaining construction cost estimates from selected builders and construction. In each case, the architect designs attractive, economical, structurally sound buildings and spaces.

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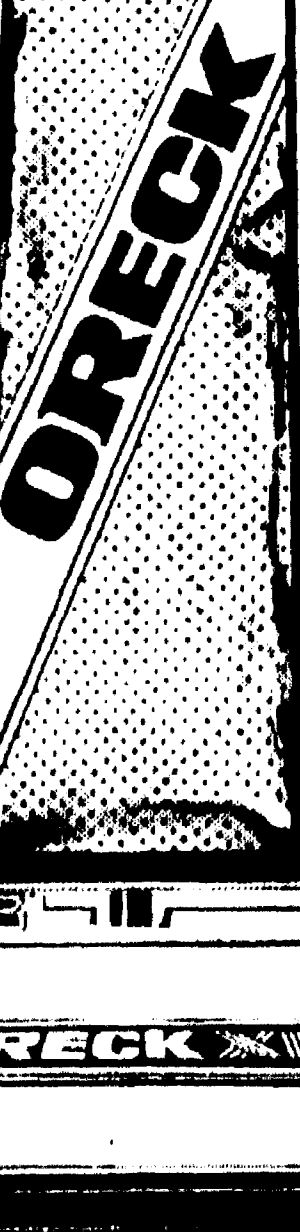
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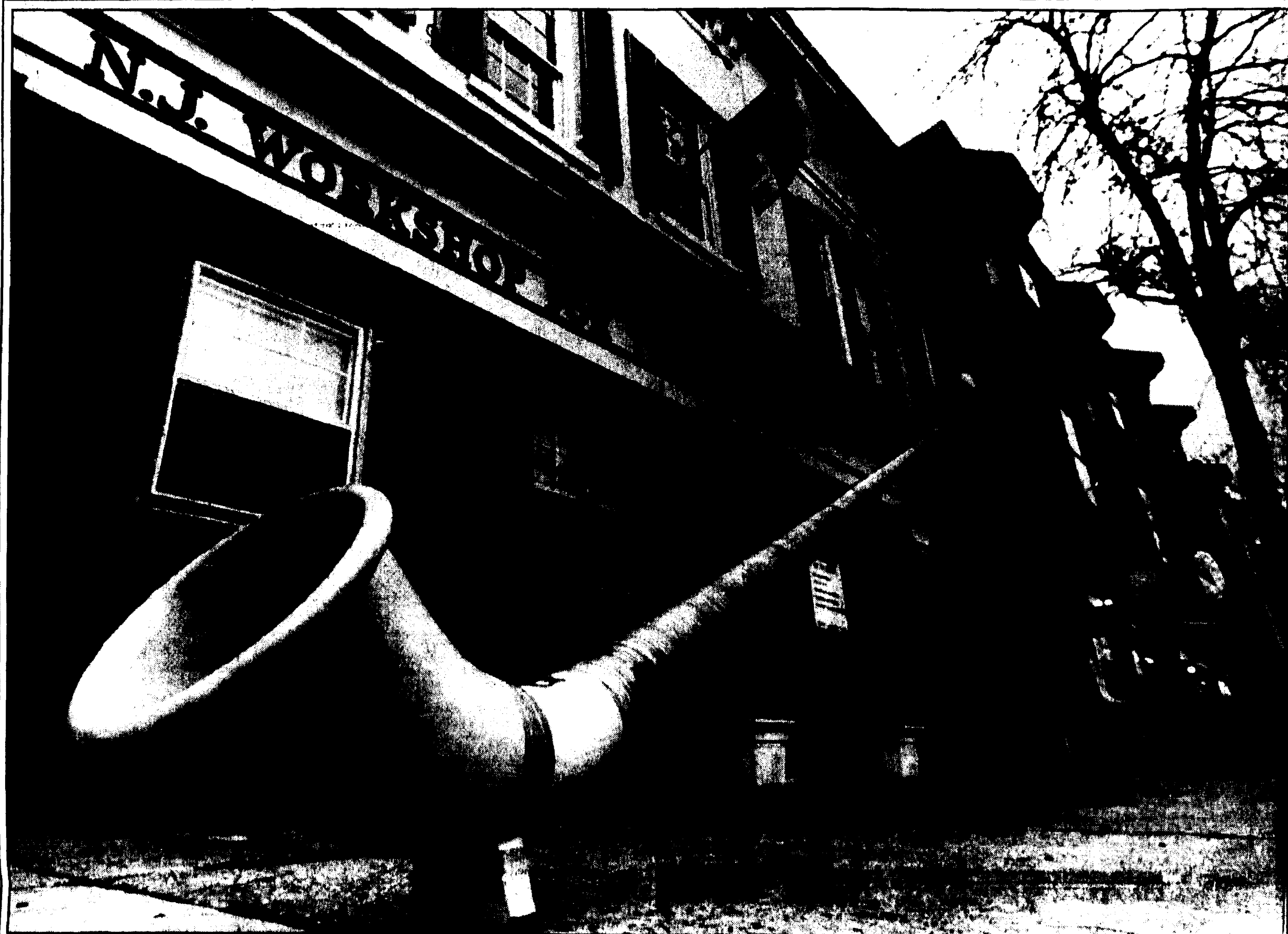
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# Community Life



Dr. Ted Schlosberg, founder and director of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, toots his horn in Westfield.

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## The streets are alive with sound of music

By KAREN DITZ  
FORBES NEWSPAPERS

WESTFIELD — The sounds of Switzerland will resound throughout the downtown streets this season, giving shoppers a treat as they finish their holiday shopping.

Dr. Ted Schlosberg, founder and director of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, added a Swiss Alps horn to his vast collection of musical instruments and will play the unusual instrument on the streets of downtown this month.

"I first saw this instruments two summers ago in Lake Louise, Canada. It was the most beautiful sound you could imagine," he said.

After hearing the horn, Dr. Schlosberg immediately began inquiring on how he could get one and eventually, heard of a South Carolina man, Jim Ghegy, who imports these horns. Dr. Schlosberg got one from Switzerland through the southerner.

The Alps horn was originally used by shepherds to bring sheep in from the fields, and although it is the National Instrument of Switzerland, they are few and

far between in the United States.

"I don't know of anyone or anywhere else (besides Mr. Ghegy) in the United States with this horn," Dr. Schlosberg said.

The valveless horn is completely made of wood, including the mouthpiece, and has a range from high C to an octave below G. Dr. Schlosberg's particular horn plays in the key of F.

Because its range does not include all of the chromatic scale and because of the rarity of the instrument, there is no set repertoire for the Alps horn, Dr. Schlos-

berg said.

"It can introduce a melody, it can stand on its own and it can be used in the middle of a piece to augment the piece."

Also, several musicians, including Leopold Mozart and Johann Strauss, have written pieces specifically for the instrument. Dr. Schlosberg has been researching other selections that are not specifically made for the horn but will suit it. He will eventually compile a book of these selections.

Before, receiving the horn from Switzerland last week, Dr. Schlosberg, who

plays all of the brasses, had never before played the instrument.

"Any brass player can play this horn," Dr. Schlosberg said. "There's no difference between the methods of performance. The only difference is it's a huge horn so you have to adjust from the time you make the sound to the time it comes out."

Dr. Schlosberg will play his new instrument in front of his building at 152 E. Broad St. 1-1:30 p.m. every Saturday until Christmas. He will also open the First Night activities downtown 6 p.m. New Year's Eve.

## Girl Scouts collecting winter items

The 10th annual Mitten Tree Project, sponsored by the Westfield Girl Scouts, will run through tomorrow.

New mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and socks are being collected for distribution to New Jersey's children and adults in need. Collected items will be donated to St. Joseph's Convent for the Homeless and St. Clare's home for HIV- and AIDS-afflicted children, both located in Elizabeth. Some clothing will also go to Madonna House in Neptune and The Arc in Plainfield.

All Westfield Girl Scout troops are participating, and public support is requested. Drop off boxes are located in all Westfield schools. They can also be found at: Sealtons Young World, East Broad Street; Sealtons, Central Avenue; Rendon Realty, Elm Street; and the Westfield Memorial Library, East Broad Street.

### Sunday blood drive set in Scotch Plains

The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday at Temple Beth Israel on Cliffwood Street in Scotch Plains.

Donors must be 18 years old, 17 with parental permission. Donors should also know their Social Security number and bring a signed form of identification. People with cold or flu symptoms should not donate.

For more information, call (800)

## Briefs

250-6305.

### Congregation seeks new members

Congregation Beth Israel will host a prospective members meeting 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the temple.

Prospective members will be able to meet with Rabbi George Nadell and school administrator Ruth Gross as well as congregation President Glenn Frank and membership chairs Barb and Larry Parrot.

Congregation Beth Israel, a conservative synagogue, has a membership in excess of 450 families with a religious school enrollment of more than 300 students from preschool through 12th grade.

Congregation Beth Israel is on Cliffwood Street, Scotch Plains. For more information, call 880-1830.

### Concert Choir to perform Wednesday

An evening of musical entertainment will be held at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Westfield Road, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The program will feature the 300-voice Concert Choir under the direction of Laurie Wellman. The choir will perform holiday classics complete with choreography, soloists, feature groups and instrumental accompaniment.

The Select Chorus will perform and the "Sensations Show Choir" will perform a Beatles show. The Hickory Sticks, the high school's Barbershop Quartet, will also sing.

The Chancel Choir, under the direction of Vincent Turturiello will entertain at the start of the show.

General admission is \$3, while students pay \$2 and senior citizens are admitted free.

### Andrew McCulley performs in play

Andrew McCulley, a first-year Hope College, Mich., student, performed as a Tragedian in the recent student directed play *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*, "a comedy of existence" written by Tom Stoppard.

Mr. McCulley is the son of Brenda and Douglas McCulley of Fanwood. He is a 1990 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

Mr. Stoppard's play centers around the two minor characters of *Rosencrantz* and *Guildenstern* from Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. As the story develops, scenes from Shakespeare intermingle with discussion between *Rosencrantz* and *Guildenstern* ranging from him going to the purpose of life as they attempt to discern their objectives for *Hamlet* and his family.

Instead of the conventional Elizabethan setting, the action was situated in the 1930s, replacing Shakespearean royalty with American gangster families and substituting handguns for rapiers.



### Pieces of history

The Westfield Preservation Commission recently presented a plaque designating the Miller-Cory House a historic landmark in Westfield. The house, at 614 Mountain Ave., was built in 1740 and all three sections were completed by 1782. The Miller and Cory families were among Westfield's earliest settlers. Pictured are Pat D'Angelo and Jack Peterson of the house.



## Joann Farrar Venezio, 62

Active in the town's PTA council

Joann Farrar Venezio, 62, died Dec. 5, 1996 at Rahway Hospital. She had been active in the Westfield PTA Council and also in the Deborah organization.

A native of London, Ohio, Mrs. Venezio lived in Elizabeth before moving to Westfield in 1956.

Surviving are her husband, Albert M.; three sons, Robert of Roselle Park, Michael of Elizabeth and Albert M. Jr. of Oldwick; three

daughters, Kathleen Donoghue of Westfield, Gina Holthausen of Sea Bright and Elizabeth Kovach of Edison; three grandchildren; and two sisters, Judy O'Rourke of Elizabeth and Eleanor Jones in Arizona.

Services were held Saturday at the August F. Schmidt Memorial Funeral Home, Elizabeth, followed by a funeral Mass at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

## Mary L. Perry, 63

Waitress, VFW auxilliary member

Mary L. Perry, 63, of Plainfield died Dec. 8, 1996, at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

She was born in Plainfield and was a former resident of Westfield for many years before moving back to Plainfield two years ago.

Mrs. Perry was a waitress in the area for many years and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign

Wars Women's Auxiliary in Edison. She is survived by her husband, Robert; one daughter, Diane McDonough of Westfield; one sister, Dorris Rumery of Waterville, Maine; and one great-grandson.

Services were held yesterday at the James W. Conroy Funeral Home 2456 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield. Private cremation followed at the Rosehill Crematory in Linden.

## Robert C. Howarth, 77

Lifelong resident of Westfield

Robert C. Howarth, 77, a lifelong resident of Westfield, died Dec. 8, 1996, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Mr. Howarth was the owner of Bob's Landscaping in Scotch Plains for 30 years, retiring in 1990. He served in the Army during

World War II. His wife, Caroline Sorge Howarth, preceded him in death.

Services were held Monday at Rossi Funeral Home, 1937 Westfield Ave., Scotch Plains.

Surviving are two brothers, Lewis B. and Walter.

## Obituaries

### Atelio B. Cagnassola, 94

County court clerk; 77-year resident

Atelio B. "Pete" Cagnassola, 94, died Dec. 6, 1996, at his home.

Mr. Cagnassola was born in Raritan and had lived in Westfield for 77 years. He was a clerk at the Union County Courthouse for 42 years, retiring in 1971. He was senior clerk for the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court when he retired.

A graduate of Westfield High School, Mr. Cagnassola graduated from Newark Law School, now part of Rutgers University, in 1925. He began working for Union County as a court clerk.

Mr. Cagnassola was a fourth-degree knight in the Knight of Columbus and the oldest past grand knight. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Monsignor Watterson Council 1711 in Westfield, a member and past exalted ruler of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks Lodge 1585 in Mountainside and a member of Merry-men of the Westfield Old Guard. He served in the New Jersey State

Guard during World War II.

In 1992, Mr. Cagnassola was best man at the wedding of his grandson, Peter.

He was a member of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

Memorial donations may be made to Center for Hope Hospice or St. Joseph's Social Services in Elizabeth.

Surviving are two sons, John L. of Martinsville and Robert B. of Westfield; a daughter, Frances W. Cagnassola of Westfield; a sister, Olympia Parrish of Satellite Beach, Fla.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

His wife, Frances O'Donnell Cagnassola, died in 1993.

Mass was offered by Holy Trinity Church in Westfield. Visitation was at Dooley Funeral Home in Westfield.

Memorial donations may be made to Center for Hope Hospice or St. Joseph's Social Services in Elizabeth.

### 'Cissie' Gardner, 105

Worked on her family's farm

Louise C. "Cissie" Gardner, 105, died Dec. 2, 1996 at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County, in Berkeley Heights. She had worked on her family's farm.

Mrs. Gardner was born in Camden, S.C., and had lived in New Jersey since 1958. She formerly was a member of St. John's Baptist Church in Camden, S.C.

Surviving are two daughters, Marnie Blanding of Camden, S.C., and Elouise of Westfield; 12 grand-

children; 15 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Hattie Calhoun of Camden, S.C., and Janie Oliver of Arlington, Va.

Funeral services were held Friday at St. John's Baptist Church, Scotch Plains, of which Mrs. Gardner most recently was a member. Burial was in Graceland Memorial Park, Kenilworth.

Arrangements were by the Plinton Funeral Home.

### Paul Henry Lagemann, 92

Former resident of Westfield

Paul Henry Lagemann, 92, died Dec. 7, 1996, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Born in Indianapolis, Ind., he lived there and in Westfield before moving to North Plainfield in 1956.

Mr. Lagemann worked for National Starch and Chemical Co. in Plainfield for many years, retiring in 1969.

He served in the Merchant Marines during World War II.

Mr. Lagemann was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in North Plainfield.

He was a member of the North Plainfield Senior Citizens.

His wife, Matilda (Gilbert), died in 1978.

Surviving is a friend, Margaret Kuntz of North Plainfield.

Private services were arranged by Scarpa Funeral Home, North Plainfield.

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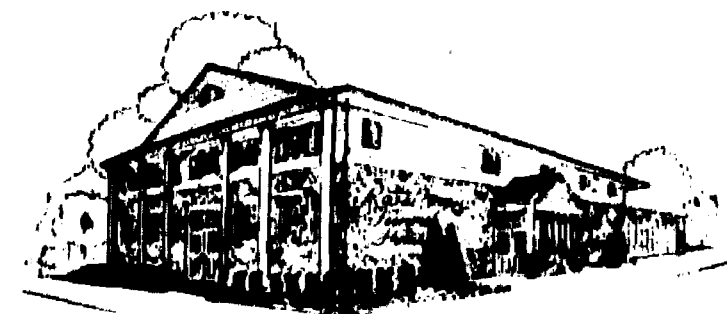
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### It's the great pumpkin

These pumpkins are just a sample of the works of art designed by first-grade students from Holy Trinity Interparochial School in Westfield. The children decorated the pumpkins and displayed them at school. Three pumpkins were selected and sent to Kings supermarket in Garwood, where they were entered in a contest.

## Chamber begins holiday lights program begins

WESTFIELD — As the 1996 Holiday season approaches, the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce has kicked off its Holiday Lights Fund Program.

This appeal for financial contributions is sent to its members, local businesses, landlords, civic organizations and individuals.

Funding is needed for the annual display of illuminated decorations that brighten the Central Business District and welcomes visitors and shoppers during December. These trees are especially modified to Westfield's specifications and include more than 2,500 lights.

The generosity of Holiday Lights Fund donors allows for modest expansion and maintenance of the lighted area, primarily filling in gaps on several streets," said project Chairman William Moore of Classic Studio.

Strollers and shoppers can view these displays on Central, North and South avenues and Broad, Elmer,

Quimby, Elm and Prospect streets.

Before the decorations went around Thanksgiving, the tree-shaped displays were removed from storage, all bulbs were checked and replaced as necessary, and branches were repaired.

Carefully arranging and testing the 125 displays takes about one week.

Since the 1970s, the chamber has taken responsibility for administering this traditional holiday decoration, which benefits the whole community. The chamber pays for materials, labor and utility expenses through the Holiday Lights Fund.

The project is funded solely by contributions from the citizens and business people of Westfield.

Checks, made payable to "Holiday Lights Fund," may be mailed to the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 81, Westfield, N.J. 07091. All contributors will be publicly thanked.

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Engagements



CHARLES FALLETTA and LINDA ISOLDA

Linda Isolda plans to marry Charles Falletta

Mr. and Mrs. Alfonso Isolda of Westfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Linda Jane Isolda, to Charles Joseph Falletta, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Falletta of Elmwood Park.

The future bride graduated from Westfield High School and received her bachelor's degree in elementary education/Italian with highest honors from Rutgers College, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

She is a third-grade teacher in the Franklin Township school system.

Her fiancé graduated from Elmwood Park Memorial High School and received his bachelor's degree in history from Rutgers College, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

He earned his juris doctorate from Seton Hall University School of Law and is a judicial clerk for the Hon. Harry A. Margolis, presiding judge, Chancery Division, General Equity Part, in Essex County.

A July wedding is planned.



JENNIFER CANCELLIERI and PERRY LOIA

Miss Cancellieri plans to marry Mr. Perry Loia

Jennifer A. Cancellieri, daughter of Anthony and Sandra Cancellieri of Westfield, is engaged to Perry Loia of Cranford, son of Cosimo and Angela Loia of Watchung.

The future bride graduated from Westfield High School and is employed at Gurner Enterprises in Cranford.

Her fiancé attended Union Catholic High School and Seton Hall University and is employed at Cosimo's Restaurant in Westfield, a family owned business.

A March 1997 wedding is planned.

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Residents to appear in concert at Edison School

The Junior Strings of the New Jersey Youth Symphony Inc. will appear in concert 3 p.m. Sunday at the Edison Intermediate School.

The Junior Strings include Westfield residents Emily Chen, Robert Hwang, Kira Jacobs, Dina Kim, David Louie, Diane Born Park and Christina Yang.

The program is directed by Barbara H. Barstow and features works by Vivaldi, Handel, Vaughan Williams, Bach and holiday music. Admission is by donation.

The Junior Strings is an intermediate level string orchestra of students from 28 towns in Central Jersey. They rehearse weekly throughout the school year, and present two concerts at the Edison Intermediate School. Membership in the orchestra is determined through annual auditions.

For more information, call 771-9839.

Organist Thomson to appear Wednesday

First Congregational Church of Westfield, 125 Elmer St., has announced the last of its Mid-Day Musicales series for Advent with a concert by organist Barbara Thomson Wednesday.

These half-hour concerts at noon are free, and they are followed by a soup-and-sandwich luncheon available in the church's social hall.

Ms. Thomson has performed extensively in the United States and Europe, and has been critically acclaimed for her technique, musicianship and ability to communicate.

Funding for these concerts has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Marriage-minded singles are sought

The Marriage Connection will hold a buffet lunch for marriage-minded singles at the Mojave Grille, North Avenue in Westfield, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19.

Reservation and \$29 payment is due by Friday, Jan. 10. An equal number of men and women will participate, with a minimum of 34 people. For more information, call 232-8827.

Optometrists group honors Dr. Offen

Dr. Suzanne Offen of Westfield received the distinguished service

Briefs

award from the New Jersey Optometric Association at the organization's recent awards banquet.

The New Jersey Optometric Association is the statewide professional association of vision care specialists with a membership of more than 600 optometrists and students of optometry.

Volunteers sought for tax counseling

Volunteers are needed for the American Association of Retired Persons' tax counseling to the elderly program.

The program provides tax counseling to the elderly and low-income individuals in Union County.

For more information, call Ed Evans at 233-1961.

Medina chapter is wrapping gifts

The Medina chapter of NAAMAT USA has begun wrapping holiday gifts at Kaybee Toys on East Broad Street. Wrapping has begun, and will continue Sundays until Christmas.

In addition, wrapping will be available Fridays until Christmas and Dec. 19, 23 and 24. Kaybee Toys should be contacted for store hours.

A selection of children's and adult Christmas and Hanukkah paper will be available. Items bought at Kaybee Toys and even items purchased elsewhere can be wrapped. A modest contribution is requested.

The Medina chapter of NAAMAT is the local chapter of an international charitable organization, which raises funds to support the needs of women and children locally, in the United States and in Israel. For more information, call 518-0094.

Westfield Adult School plans spring trips

The Westfield Adult School has announced the following trips will be held in the spring:

- The Philadelphia Flower Show is scheduled for Saturday, March 8. The trip includes departing for the morning, viewing the flower show in the early afternoon, and dinner

at a suburban restaurant before returning home.

- A trip to see the cherry blossoms in Washington, D.C., is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 5-6. The trip includes a stop for lunch at Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

- A visit to Winterthur, Wilmington, Del., is scheduled for Saturday, May 3. Participants will visit the Winterthur Museum, featuring a tour of certain period rooms in the DuPont mansion and enjoy a light lunch at the cafeteria before exploring the gardens and galleries of the museum.

Early registration is suggested. For more information and prices, call 232-4050.

Library to hold Holiday Family Night

The Westfield Memorial Library will hold its annual Holiday Family Night featuring crafts, stories and refreshments 7-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Children in kindergarten-fourth grade will celebrate the season by creating holiday decorations and listening to Christmas tales. Children must be accompanied by a parent/adult.

In-person registration has begun and everyone attending must be Westfield library members.

Families celebrating Christmas season

First United Methodist Church of Westfield is celebrating the holiday season with advent family celebrations.

About 30 families in the church meet weekly in the four weeks preceding Christmas and concluding on Christmas Eve.

Small groups of these families are gathering in people's homes to celebrate the season. The weekly home worship experience includes hymns and carols, scripture, prayer and other activities, including making the Advent wreaths they will be using.

The church is at 1 E. Broad St.

Science center trip is planned

The Westfield Neighborhood Council is sponsoring a free trip for community children and youth, 8-

18 years old, to spend a day at the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City.

The trip is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday. Space is limited. To register, pick up the forms and permission slip at the council.

Also needed for the trip are parents and other adults to serve as chaperones.

For more information, call Carl Barber-Steele at 233-2772.

Charcoal works now displayed

"Sans Color," an exhibition of charcoal works by S. Allyn Schaeffer of Fanwood, is on display until Wednesday, Jan. 8 in the Members'

Gallery at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts (NJCA), 68 Elm St.

Full of motion and energy, Mr. Schaeffer's charcoal works are created from life references. Permanent collections of his works include Continental Airlines Arena, East Rutherford; Monmouth Park Racetrack, Oceanport; New Jersey Sports and Expo Authority, East Rutherford; and New Jersey Transit.

Gallery hours are noon-4 p.m. Mondays-Fridays; 2-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; and 7-30-9 p.m. Thursdays.

Receptions and exhibitions are free to the public. For more information, call 273-9121.

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# Carlinsky meets with Rialto backers

By KAREN BITZ  
THE RECORD

WESTFIELD — Two months after his initial visit to Westfield, developer Herman "Hy" Carlinsky once again met with citizens intent on saving the Rialto movie theater.

Mr. Carlinsky's company, Armstrong Management Corp., is under contract to purchase the landmark theater from United Artists, and has plans to change the building into retail space.

Since this was disclosed in early October, residents have banded together in a "Save the Rialto" campaign. It was then that the developer told Westfield he would make every effort

to help them keep their sole remaining theater.

Up until last week's meeting, Mr. Carlinsky had done nothing to keep that promise.

At the meeting, Mr. Carlinsky brought illustrations and plans of a building that housed both retail space and a theater, similar to one he helped establish in Great Neck, N.Y., said Save the Rialto spokesman David Owens.

Mr. Carlinsky had been planning to convert the entire space to retail with the primary tenant being the Banana Republic Division of Gap Inc., but because of community opposition the Gap is unwilling to make the deal.

"The Gap will not move until the community unrest is settled and Mr. Carlinsky realizes this. That's the reason he's sitting down with us

now," Mr. Owens said.

While Mr. Carlinsky has suggested creating a multiuse facility in the building combining a theater with retail space, Mr. Owens said there is mixed sentiment about the option.

"Some people want to keep it all a movie theater because it would be less expensive, but with a mixed [use] Mr. Carlinsky would still be willing to buy the building and condo out the top floor," Mr. Owens said.

The group, which is comprised of lawyers, real estate specialists, architects and business people, is making contacts with investors and qualified movie operators in case Mr. Carlinsky's plan are not congenial to the town's wishes.



## Health classes addressed

Liane Kramer of the Bush Livingston Health Center at Rutgers University recently spoke to Westfield High School senior health classes about health services available to college students. Pictured are Donna Putzer, Moira Bernstein, Megan Brotherton, Mrs. Kramer and Sean Higgins.

## Bed and breakfast request will have to wait

By KAREN BITZ  
THE RECORD

WESTFIELD — Anyone interested in staying in a bed and breakfast will have to wait until the new year to see if they'll have the opportunity to do so.

Lawrence Mannino, chairman of the Board of Adjustment, advised attorney James Flynn to have his client, Maureen Garrels, hold any further testimony on her request to establish Westfield's first bed and breakfast to the board's next meeting in January.

Mr. Mannino made this advice because only four of the six board members who had heard Ms. Garrels's original testimony in November were present at Monday's meeting. A minimum of five votes are required to grant an acquisition, so the board was not in a position to vote Monday.

Because Monday's meeting was the last of 1996, Ms. Garrels will have to buy a transcript of the November meeting to present to the newly-appointed 1997 board in January. The chairman's advice will save the homeowner the expense of having to purchase the December transcript as well.

Ms. Garrels came before the board in November with a request to convert her single-family home on Westfield Avenue into a bed and breakfast. The town has no such establishment.

Ms. Garrels said she would continue to reside in the home, which was built in 1876, while operating the lodging. No more than six guests would be accommodated in the house at one time, and none of the visitors would have access to

the kitchen.

In order to convert the home into a guest house, which she would call "Holly Hedge," Ms. Garrels will do \$20,000 worth of renovations to her house.

Ms. Garrels's request will be on the agenda of the first Board of Adjustment meeting in January. Zoning officer Jeremiah O'Neil will use the interim to research municipalities similar to Westfield that have ordinances allowing for bed and breakfasts.

In other business, the board approved a request made by Norman Sevell, owner of Sevell's Auto Body on South and Windsor avenues, to erect an addition on his property.

The addition will fill in two areas along a building to make the building uniform. These areas will be used for storing equipment that is now being stored outdoors.

Mr. Sevell was granted his request under the condition he add three trees to his property to improve its aesthetic quality.

## WHS student to do work for elderly

WESTFIELD — The Red Cross Handyman Program has begun for elderly and disabled residents of Westfield and Mountainside.

Dan Walsh, a student at Westfield High School, will work 3-6 p.m. Mondays-Fridays performing odd jobs such as painting, cleaning, lawn maintenance, planting and pruning.

Dan said he will also arrange to

work 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. alternate Saturdays if necessary.

This is Dan's second year in the program, which was first extended into the fall months in 1995. More than 35 residents took advantage of the program last year. The program is funded by the Westfield Rotary Club and sponsored by the Westfield/Mountainside Red Cross.

To schedule work, call 232-7090.

## Book Value of Westfield to host local authors

WESTFIELD — Book Value will host a book signing 1-3 p.m. Saturday with the authors of two local history books.

Richard and Suzanne Bousquet will autograph their *Scotch Plains*

and *Fanwood* and Stanley H. Lipson will sign his *Westfield in the Golden Age of Postcards*.

Both books will be available at a discounted price. Book Value is at 1010 South Ave. West.



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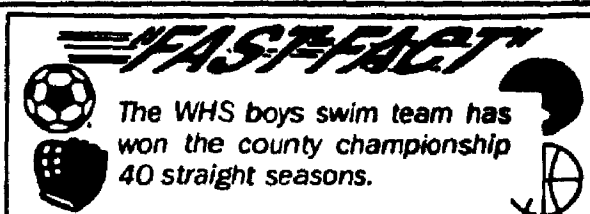
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## You said it:

'Bryan saw a lot of rubber last year.'  
— WHS hockey Head Coach Brian LaFontaine on the amount of action goalie Bryan Graye had last year (story below).

## Sports



## WHS boys swimmers look to make waves

By JAMES REILLY  
THE RECORD

Although they begin swimming in December, they don't start making waves until February.

The Westfield High boys swim team has made winning in February quite a habit of late, continuing the school's improbable 40-year Union County Meet championship streak, in addition to winning two straight Group 4 state crowns during the month.

The squad's goals are the same this season, and Co-Head Coach Bruce Johnson, who guides the team along with partner George

Kapner, thinks they are attainable.

"I think we can make it back to the state finals," said Johnson. "The last few years for whatever reason we've done extremely well when we got into the finals, and we've got a core of swimmers who've been there before looking to do it again."

Leading the way for the Blue Devils are senior co-captains Tim Romano and Steve Kapuscinski. Also back is senior Collin McGee, fresh off a Union County Tournament championship soccer season, and classmates Chris Panagos, Matt Hammond and Luis DeCosta. Juniors Erik Larson, Coley Lech-

## Boys Swimming



ner and Rob Meyers are swimming well for the team as are freshmen Scott Kautzmann, Matt Cahill, Kyle McCloskey, Paul Kolterjahn, Chris Driscoll, Ray Encarnacion and Turner Yevich. Sophomore Seth Burstein is also expected to contribute this season, while Jesse Hershkowitz is the lone WHS male

diver.

In all, a solid, but young squad. "We aren't as deep as we've been in past years," said Johnson. "We've lost like eight or nine top-flight swimmers the past two years and while we have a strong team we haven't found replacements that deep."

Johnson said that lack of depth is something he and Kapner have stressed to the team.

"George has told the kids over and over that while we do have a team that can win, we don't have a margin for error," said Johnson. "We need everybody to be as good as they can when it's their turn for

us to win. That's something we need to keep in mind when getting ready for the big meets later on in the season."

Thus far this season the Blue Devils have had mixed results, dropping last week's debut to Bridgewater-Raritan 96-74 and topping Pingry 97-73. While the swimmers are still getting into proper shape, an early-season loss is out of the ordinary for Westfield and Johnson took responsibility.

"We don't usually have any tough meets until January, and I underestimated Bridgewater. We didn't really have our top people competing in their top events,"

said Johnson. "We mixed it up a little bit, and while we had our best people swimming, some of them weren't in their best events and that's my fault."

While the team is currently sporting a 1-1 record, Johnson isn't overly concerned.

"Bridgewater is a good team, but I think if we met them late in the season there'd be a different result," he said.

The Blue Devils swim against Scotch Plains-Fanwood today at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA and travel to Kearny Tuesday as the Watchung Conference schedule begins.

## Westfield bowlers ready to roll

By JAMES REILLY  
THE RECORD

The Westfield High bowling team is on a roll.

The Blue Devils are coming off their first-ever undefeated regular

## Bowling



season after going 13-0 last year, and with only one major contributor lost to graduation in Shaun McNamara, the pins should be shaking.

"We want to ride the momentum we started last year," said senior captain Andrew Shannon. "We know what it takes to come together as a team and I think we can have a very good season with this team."

Joining Shannon in the alleys are junior Scott Bridgeman, sophomore Evan Baum, junior Tracy Masino, junior John DiToro, sophomore Jeff Diamond and freshman Dan Rock.

In their quest of the Watchung Conference and Union County titles as well as a good run in the state playoffs, the Blue Devils may have an advantage over the opposition. Three players — Shannon, Bridgeman and Baum — attended the highly regarded Dick Ritzer Camp in Ithaca, N.Y. during the summer sharpening their skills.

"I think it definitely improved our games," said Shannon. "They taught the importance of consistency in our games. They helped us find the most comfortable, natural way to start our swings. We had 10-20 pin raises in our scores after going up there."

Westfield competes in its home matches at Clark Lanes and begins the season Dec. 21 at the Summit Invitational before starting Watchung Conference play, where Cranford looms as a strong rival.

"The county is a big goal of ours, along with winning the conference, and Cranford will probably be one of the best teams we meet there," said Shannon. "But we also want to get as far as we can in the state playoffs this year. If we work hard during the season and get hot, we can make some noise."

Westfield had been slated to start bowling this Saturday in the North Arlington Tournament but a scheduling snafu came up, leaving the Devils with an extra week to wait — and practice.

"We were a little disappointed because we can't wait to get started," said Shannon. "But in the long run it might be the best thing that could happen. We haven't been able to play together as a team too much yet because people were having trouble getting off of work and other responsibilities. This way we've got a whole week to work on our games and start the season on the right foot."

Starting well is very important in a sport like bowling, where concentration and confidence are the keys to victory.

"We want to start strong as a team so if anyone isn't having a great day, the rest of the team can pick him up," said Shannon. "That was the strong part of our team last year. We all supported each other as a team and that meant a lot. If we can stick together like that we'll have a good chance to put together a great year."



Senior captain Derek Fisher of the Westfield High hockey team skates in on keeper Bryan Graye during a recent practice at Warinanco Skating Center. The Blue Devils face Lakeland 8:30 tonight.

Devils skate into third season  
Improved WHS ice hockey team faces Lakeland tonight

By JAMES REILLY  
THE RECORD

It's a case of good news and bad news for the Westfield High ice hockey team.

The good news is the Blue Devils escaped relegation to the American Conference after a 2-10-4 season last winter. The bad news is they have to play against the tough competition in the National Conference B Division.

"We didn't have to move down, even though we were down in the bottom of the heap," said WHS Head Coach Brian LaFontaine. "But now is our opportunity to improve in this division. It won't be easy, but we have the players to move up a notch or two."

Actually, the high level of competition is something LaFontaine thinks will in the long run help the Westfield High hockey program, still in its infancy in this its third season, reach the upper echelon of teams in the state some day.

"Sure, the competition is tough but we want to shoot for a few



reachable, realistic goals this season," said LaFontaine. "We're trying to build gradually and I think we're on track."

Included in those goals is a .500 record, which would secure a state tournament berth, advancing through the first round of the George T. Cron Holiday Tournament today and a good showing in the divisional playoffs. In order to reach these goals, the Devils will rely on a steady defense and a potentially powerful offense.

Leading the defensive corps for Westfield are two starting returnees from last season — juniors Brendan Hickey and Bryan Gates. Hickey will be paired with sophomore Kevin Anton, while Gates will skate with junior Matt Hannas. Splitting Hickey and Gates should balance the back line for the Devils.

ils.

"We didn't want to put all our eggs in one basket, so we decided to have two solid lines back there with Brendan and Bryan taking the lead with their partners," said LaFontaine. "Both of those guys have nice size and good experience after last season."

Backing up the defenders is goalie Bryan Graye, who fought through a tough season last year and after working diligently in the off season, is prepared for a solid campaign between the pipes.

"Bryan saw a lot of rubber last year, and I think it hurt his confidence a bit," said LaFontaine. "But he's come back strong this year and is playing very well. He could be key to our success this year."

Success in the offensive zone will be predicated on the performance of Westfield's budding dynamic duo — senior center Derek Fisher and sophomore winger Ronnie Kashlak. Those two players accounted for a combined 80 points last winter and LaFontaine expects them to pace the Devils.

fense this year.

"They worked very well together last year and they'll be our primary scorers again," said LaFontaine. "What we need to do is get some scoring from other forwards to complement them."

Candidates to score some goals include winger Christian Fagin, who'll play with Fisher and Kashlak, and second-line players Wayne Pai, Josh Falcone and Brad Schwarz. Junior Brian Garrison is the backup keeper.

"Our biggest problem is depth," said LaFontaine. "Other teams can go two or maybe three lines deep and we haven't gotten to that point. But if we can keep things together on defense, we can get scoring from our first line."

Westfield has thus far earned a pair of ties with Don Bosco, with Fisher scoring three goals and Kashlak adding two.

Next up for the Blue Devils is Lakeland 8:30 p.m. today at the Warinanco Skating Center in Roselle in the first round of the Cron Holiday Tournament.

## Devilfish swimmers win pair of meets

The Westfield YMCA boys and girls swim teams both defeated squads from Somerset Hills Saturday, running their records to 2-0 in the young season.

Paced by a balanced attack, the Devilfish girls team won despite the absence of several members.

## Swimming



Double individual winners lead the way for Westfield as Cheryl O'Donnell won the 15-18-year-old individual medley and butterfly. Kerry Carr took first place in the 9-10-year-old freestyle and backstroke. Chrissy Kolenut won the 11-12-year-old freestyle and breaststroke. Caitlin MacDonald was first in the 11-12-year-old individual medley and butterfly, and Colette Morgan won the 9-10-year-old breaststroke and butterfly.

Also leading the Devilfish to their second victory is as many meets in the New Jersey YMCA Swim League were first-place finishers Christina Fonseca in the 9-10-year-old individual medley, Emily Bregman in the 8-under freestyle, Kelsey Sullivan in the 8-under breast, Katie Bartholomew in the 15-18 breast, Jennifer Kujawski in the 8-under back, Tara Christakos in the 11-12 back and Katie Tutela in the 8-under butterfly.

Erin Reed, following her fine performance in Westfield's first meet, continued her excellent swimming in leading the other Devilfish that placed in their heats, including Lauren Winchester, Jen Bezurutzkyk, Nadia Simaika, Michelle Morawski, Nicole Hertius, Michelle Panagos, Cathy Currah, Lucy Fromling, Kelly O'Neill, Caitlin Hoens and Meghan Roberts.

Rounding out Westfield's total team effort were Erin McCloskey, Virginia Blauvelt, Shelly Carlin, Kim Morawski, Caroline Fage-Katz, Christine O'Donnell, Titiana Roll, Rachael Fallig, Suzanne Fowler, Juliana DaFonseca, Jayne Rupitolo, Alexandra Fragna, Allison Goodman, Meral Akuyz, Jenna Marioni, Sarah Myers, Brittany Avena, Cassie Lo, Melissa McCloskey, Anna McGrath, Noel Elber, Katie Eckman and Valerie Reider.

## BOYS TEAM

The boys squad also swamped Somerset Hills, winning 100-87, with double-winning performances from Cliff Haldeman in the 13-14 freestyle and breaststroke, Greg Matthews in the 11-12 free and 13-14 butterfly, Sean Baran in the 11-12 individual medley and backstroke, Luke Baran in the 8 under free and 8 under back.

"We had a great meet," said Westfield assistant coach Bart Thomas. "Many of our swimmers swam 'up' against older competition from Somerset Hills. Not only were our times very good, but we either won or placed in most of those events."

Westfield also received winning performances from Eric Hoens in the 8 under breast, Ryan Bartholomew in the 9-10 free, Sam Gordus in the 9-10 breast, Matt Rodriguez in the 11-12 breast, Matt Hammond in the 15-18 breast, Chris Heinen in the 9-10 fly and John Cottage in the 11-12 fly.

Also placing and garnering points necessary for the Westfield (Please turn to page A-14)

## Rocket soccer season ends in tie

The Westfield Rockets' Division I boys soccer team avenged an early season loss to the Bridgewater-Tomatoes with a 1-1 tie to close out the season.

The Rockets finished the season with a 4-4-2 mark in a very challenging flight, including a 3-1-1 second half finish to the season.

Against Bridgewater the Rockets were facing a bigger team and gave out away a year in age, but they managed to lead the game until the final minute, when Bridgewater scored to force the tie.

The Rockets took the lead early when sweeper Lee Tomasso



launched a 35 yard direct free kick into the box where Mike Delaney skillfully took it down and nailed a bullet on the pivot, which was saved by the keeper, only to have Delaney follow it up to put the rebound in the back of the net.

Blazing team speed by the Rockets keyed a ferocious counterattack throughout the game as strikers

John Boyd and Mike Huber terrorized the defenders with their speed and power, while Mike Delaney used slick moves to set up dangerous crossing balls.

Amadi Thom was the creative one in the middle, and Jeff Nusse used exceptional skills to key the midfield attack. Winger Alex Barlett had a fine game on the flank with dizzying moves, while his counterpart on the other wing David Flynn also made his presence felt.

Rasmus Thorsen completed the midfield play by patrolling the middle of the field and unleashing powerful kicks and Matt Sofia

used his versatility to switch from striker to midfielder to fullback without missing a beat.

Dave Lanza, Richie Moran and Mark Gafney marked the offense well in the back, while stopper Matt McManus was tenacious in defense while often blitzing into the midfield to make a play.

Lee Tomasso anchored the game from his sweeper position with a rare combination of quickness and strength which allowed him to play end-to-end soccer. Chris MacDonald and Taylor Hogarth were stellar fullbacks who split the goal-tending duties.



# Trio of Blue Devils receive All-Area honors

Yarusi, Guerin and Dowling led Westfield in trying football season as senior leaders

By JAMES REILLY  
THE RECORD

Competing in the ultra-competitive Watchung Conference against the likes of state playoff squads Elizabeth, Union and Plainfield is quite a daunting task under any circumstances.

But try playing them your senior year with an outmanned, outsized football team and it gets even tougher. So tough, in fact, that many players would crack under the pressure and begin to coast through the year without maintaining their intensity.

Not these guys.

"Jason Yarusi, Kevin Dowling and Chris Guerin are three players who no matter what the quarter, what the score, or what the record, would give it everything they had," said Westfield Head Coach Ed Tranchina. "All three of those guys gave it their all for 48 minutes. And even though we lost, they would be the hardest-working guys at the next practice."

Yarusi, who played linebacker and tight end, is a first-team Forbes Newspapers All-Area selection. Dowling, an offensive and defensive back, earned second-team laurels while Guerin, who went high ways on the line for the 1-8 Blue Devils, was among the "Best of the Rest" performers.

"We just didn't score enough to win this year," said Yarusi, whose skills at tight end were mostly relegated to blocking due to the in-



JASON YARUSI

tense pressure by opposing front lines. "But that doesn't mean you quit. I just went out on defense and made some hits."

The 6-foot-2, 220-pound Yarusi certainly did that, leading the team in tackles, including whopping 24-tackle games against Cranford and Irvington.

"He was a player you could depend on to make the play," said Tranchina. "Jason worked very hard in practice and in the weight room, which made him a real leader for us this year."

Yarusi is currently preparing for the varsity basketball season, and is looking at colleges where he can continue his strong academic career as well as stay on the gridiron, preferably at linebacker.

"I'd like to play in college, but my first priority is a strong ac-

ademic school," said Yarusi. "But if I can get that and play football that would be great. I just love playing and would look forward to moving up to the next level."

Dowling wasn't the biggest player on the field at 5-9 and 170 pounds but his jarring tackles from the secondary, as well as his strong running in the offensive backfield, got him second-team selection.

"Kevin is just a very tough kid," said Tranchina. "He's also very unselfish. As coaches we could ask him to do different things for us and he'd always do it to the best of his ability. If we needed to make a move, we could."

Dowling started the year at quarterback and then moved over to running back to better take advantage of his running skills. Either way he was a threat, and then on the defensive side of the ball he read the game well and was terrific in run support.

Guerin was a first-year starter and at 6-3, 210 pounds he had the unenviable task of battling the bigger linemen on the opposition.

"Chris was one of the pleasant surprises for us this year," said Tranchina. "He was mostly a junior varsity player last year, but he worked hard to get into the lineup and did a fine job on offense and defense, which takes a lot of stamina. He's a guy who's just reaching his potential. He could have a future in college ball if he sticks with it."



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Westfield High's Kevin Dowling, a second-team All-Area selection, played both offense and defense for the Blue Devils this season.

## Forbes All-Area Football

### OFFENSE

#### RUNNING BACKS

**DEAN PARLAPANDES**  
North Plainfield  
Senior 5-11 200  
883 Yards, 17 TDs

**AARON GIER**  
Piscataway  
Senior 5-10 185  
1,298 Yards, 188 carries, 21 TDs

#### QUARTERBACK

**SHAWN MAYER**  
Hillsborough  
Rushed for 1,528 yards (9.2 per carry, 19 TDs), passed for 502

#### RUNNING BACKS

**JOE GUERIN**  
Watchung Hills  
Senior 5-7 180  
1,181 Yards, 153 carries, 18 TDs

**MARCUS HAMILTON**  
Franklin  
Junior 5-10 165  
1,333 yds, 195 carries, 18 TDs

### LINEMEN

#### WIDE RECEIVER

**DUSHAWN DORSEY**  
Somerville  
Senior 6-2 190

**BRIAN WRONSKI**  
Bridgewater-Raritan  
Senior 6-7 295

**SCOTT BUCHANAN**  
Somerville  
Senior 6-5 251

**MARINO NIANG**  
J.P. Stevens  
Senior 5-8 240

**JUSTIN D'ANTUONO**  
North Plainfield  
Senior 6-2 205

**JASON HOPEWELL**  
Highland Park  
Senior 6-7 282

**EMORY PETEET**  
Franklin  
Junior 6-0 235

**REGGIE GARRETT**  
Franklin  
Senior 5-8 185

### DEFENSE

#### SECONDARY

**JAMES LEWIS**  
Piscataway  
Senior 6-0 175

**BRIAN McDONALD**  
Watchung Hills  
Senior 6-1 170

**NICK SOLOMON**  
Franklin  
Junior 5-8 175

#### LINEBACKERS

**ADAM FLOREK**  
Immaculata  
Senior 6-2 220

**P.J. JANKOWICZ**  
Hillsborough  
Senior 5-7 175

**JASON YARUSI**  
Westfield  
Senior 6-2 220

**DARYN PLUMMER**  
Franklin  
Senior 6-2 210

**RICH BAYACHEK**  
Middletown  
Senior 6-1 180

### LINEMEN

**GEOFF GIFFORD**  
Edison  
Senior 5-10 205

**BRIAN BADER**  
Piscataway  
Senior 6-1 244

**DEMETRIOS TZVOLOS**  
Hillsborough  
Senior 6-0 215

**QUENTIN KRYEZON**  
Johnson Regional  
Senior 6-5 280

**ANTHONY BOTTINI**  
Watchung Hills  
Senior 6-1 245

**JAN HANDELAND**  
Franklin  
Senior 6-2 205

### SECOND TEAM

**Quarterback**  
Bill Stewart, Bridgewater-Raritan, senior

**Running Back**  
Mark Bullock, South Plainfield, senior; Bert Schneider, Bridgewater-Raritan, senior; Alex Nicholas, Bernards, senior; Ed Curry, Scotch Plains-Farwood, senior; Jason Haasler, Johnson Reg., senior

**Offense**  
**Quarterback**  
Ed Allen, Somerville, junior; Mike Giuliano, J.P. Stevens, junior; Scott Torguensen, Immaculata, junior; Mark Carmichael, Highland Park, senior; Dennis Bowden, Johnson Reg., junior; Chris Wielgoz, Franklin, junior  
**Running back**  
Kile Emery, Bridgewater-Raritan, senior; Bryan Woldin, Bound Brook, senior; Jim Adleson, Cranford, senior; Chris Hill, Hillsborough, junior; Brian Crowe, Watchung Hills, senior; Michael Powell, South Plainfield, senior; Bret Zlatarowicz, Highland Park, senior

**Receiver**  
Sean Carly, Somerville, junior; Matt Wik, Bridgewater-Raritan, senior

**Linemen**  
Dave Perotti, Bridgewater-Raritan, senior; Dave Shottlander, Hillsborough, senior; Phil Ianiello, Immaculata, senior; Lennie LaPelle, South Plainfield, senior; Heath Papenberg, Piscataway, senior; James Jenkins, Hillsborough, senior

**Receiver**  
Mickey Martin, Immaculata, senior; Mike Kuzemski, Bishop Ahr, senior; Billy Phillips, Bound Brook, senior; James Watson and Anthony Jackson, Edison, seniors; Chris Harte, Franklin, senior; James Boyd, Highland Park, senior; L.J. Smith, Highland Park, junior  
**Linemen**  
Evan Madlinger, Bridgewater-Raritan, senior; Jihwan You, Bernards, senior; Chris Guerin, Westfield, senior; Jim Gabally, Watchung Hills, senior; Jim Vogt, Middletown, senior; Donnie Sargent, Franklin, senior; Mike Stolp, Piscataway, senior

#### DEFENSE

**Linemen**  
Tony DeLusant, Bridgewater-Raritan, senior; Keith Bader, Piscataway, senior; Dave Jara, Watchung Hills, senior; Mike Wysocki, North Plainfield, senior; Joe Madden, Bound Brook, senior

**Linebacker**  
Johnny Jones, Piscataway, senior; Don Markell, Piscataway, senior; Carlton Evans, Franklin, senior; Joe Quastella, Bernards, senior  
**Secondary**  
Tim Finger, Somerville, senior; Kevin Dowling, Westfield, senior; Terrence Whitaker, Franklin, senior  
**Placekicker**  
Keith Feigenbaum, North Plainfield, senior

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**Defensive**  
Dave Melitaki, Bernards, sophomore; Delmar Patterson, Scotch Plains-Farwood, junior; Jared Jones, Hillsborough, freshman; Mike Francis, South Plainfield, junior; Tom Blawett, Metuchen, senior  
**NOTE** The All-Forbes Area Team was selected by the Forbes Newspapers sports staff, which covers the following 23 high schools in Somerset, Middlesex and Union counties: Bernards, Bishop Ahr, Edison, Bound Brook, Bridgewater-Raritan, Cranford, Dunellen, Edison, Franklin, Highland Park, Hillsborough, Immaculata, J.P. Stevens (Edison), Johnson Regional (Clark), Manville, Metuchen, Middletown, North Plainfield, Piscataway, Scotch Plains-Farwood, Somerville, South Plainfield, Watchung Hills, Westfield







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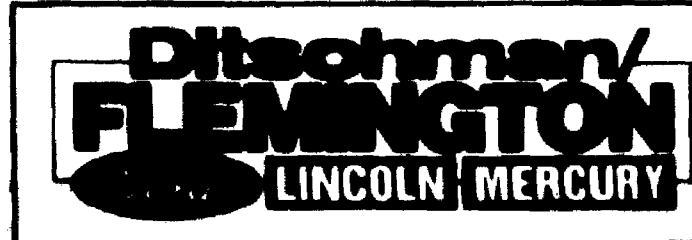
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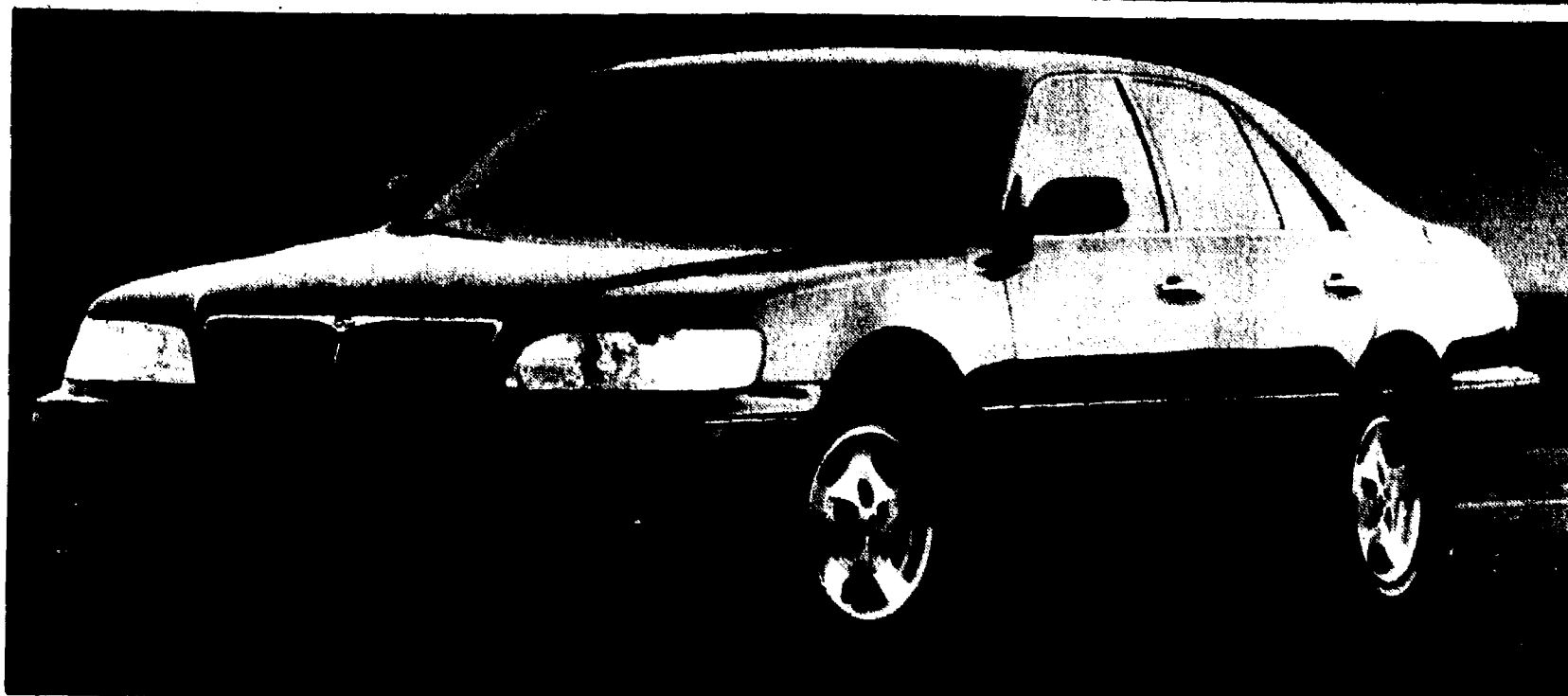
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The 1997 Infiniti Q45t gets 18 miles per gallon in the city and 24 on the highway, for an average of 21.

## Luxury added without sticker shock

By TOM HAHN  
FORBES CORRESPONDENT

These days high technology doesn't automatically mean expensive. And while the 1997 Infiniti Q45 is by no means inexpensive, it utilizes many upgrades, most geared toward luxury and convenience, without suffering from a skyrocketing window sticker.

This type of luxury car is meant to evoke passion in its owners, but it still must deliver genteel quality in the most subtle ways; a difficult formula to follow. There are two models of the Q45: Base and the more sporting Touring model, which is the focus of this week's test.

### Outside

The new Q-car outside dimensions are close to that of the previous version, but its appearance is dramatically different.

The new look starts in front, with an elegant chrome grille, larger headlamps, integrated fog lights and a new front bumper. Chrome trim surrounds the windows, the fenders have been reshaped, and its higher flanks and sweeping C-pillars give it a more elegant appearance.

To increase its stiffness, the new Q45 features a series of structural members in the under pan and tie bars across the front and rear shock towers. These additions have done little to its girth, as the new model is about 200 pounds lighter than before.

### Inside

Its interior is luxurious, of course. The uphol-

stery is leather, tightly stitched and uniform, and high quality synthetic materials look and feel like the real thing. Burled walnut trim accents aren't overpowering, yet from the driver's seat, it's obvious that you're driving a luxury car.

All of the switches and controls are placed at close proximity to the driver, and are all simple to operate.

Our Q45 Touring model came standard with features such as a 200-watt stereo with a trunk-mounted six-disc CD changer, heated 10-way power front seats, automatic climate control, cruise control, plus power windows, antenna, door locks, sunroof and outside mirrors. Keyless entry is also standard, as is a power tilt/telescoping steering column, and an integrated HomeLink transmitter system, which can be programmed to open garage doors and turn on home lighting systems.

### Behind the wheel

This year Infiniti has toned things down a bit under the Q45's hood. The all-aluminum, 32-valve, twin-cam V8 engine has been de-stroked from 4.5 liters to the current model's 4.1 liters. Producing 266 horsepower, this new engine gives up only 12 horsepower from the old engine, yet is lighter, has less internal friction, and gives slightly better fuel mileage. Its power delivery is smooth and responsive, and easily revs to its 5600 RPM maximum power output.

Mated to it is a computer-controlled four-speed automatic transmission that has been upgraded internally to deliver smoother, quicker gear changes. Its controls tell the gearbox to

shift smoothly and imperceptibly during everyday driving, but to shift firmly when the throttle pedal is fully depressed. This rear-wheel drivetrain concludes at a viscous, limited-slip rear differential, which is also standard equipment.

### On the road

The Q45's suspension has been massaged, too, which gives a more compliant ride, without sacrificing much handling prowess. Nissan has decided to replace the old model's multi-link front suspension with MacPherson struts, which are simpler to build, lighter, and quieter.

The rear setup continues with a multi-link design, an arrangement carried over from the previous model. Both front and rear assemblies are mounted to subframes with rubber isolation mounts, and use fluid-filled bushings to absorb vibrations. Piloting the Q45 over pothole-filled roads and highways strewn with road work didn't phase the car at all — but we were well aware of the imperfections.

New this year is speed-sensitive rack-and-pinion steering, in which the steering effort is light at slower speeds, yet becomes increasingly firm as speeds increase, giving more road feel. Its braking system is improved as well, with larger, four-wheel vented disc brakes and an anti-lock braking system (ABS). Q45 Touring models come with slightly stiffer suspension components, along with special alloy wheels.

### Price

Manufacturer's suggested retail price is \$49,900; as tested, \$50,395.

## Use the book with hydraulic brakes

By BOB HAGIN  
FORBES CORRESPONDENT

Q Is it necessary to change the brake fluid every 30,000 miles for both the master cylinder and the anti-skid brake system as recommended by the manufacturer? I have a 1993 Honda Accord ES with automatic transmission and it now has 30,000 miles on it.

A When I was a mechanic I got in the habit of pressure bleeding a bit of brake fluid from each wheel cylinder every couple of years for my regular customers. It got rid of the contaminants that collected at the wheel cylinders. I would also pull out the fluid from the master cylinder and replace it with fresh stuff. I felt this was especially important with drum brakes.

Many brake master cylinder are sealed from atmospheric contamination by an expanding diaphragm so water contamination can't get in but not all. So, it's a good idea to service the brake hydraulic system according to the factory recommendations.

Unfortunately a total flushing of a brake system is pretty costly.

Honda has recommended a purge every 45,000 miles for the past couple of years and our local Nissan dealer does it at 60,000. In checking back through old maintenance schedules, I found that in '74, Volkswagen recommended changing brake fluid every two years. I'm still not convinced that flushing out all the old fluid is an absolute necessity as long as the brake fluid that's added is up to the specifications of the fluid that's pulled out.

Q Our 1989 Acura Integra now has 102,000 miles on it. It has an automatic transmission and a four cylinder, 1.8 liter engine. It has run very well for us (we bought it new) and we have kept it up very well. Lately it has had a slight problem in restarting once it has been left sitting for as short a time as a half an hour.

It has progressively gotten worse (we especially noticed it because it has always started so well) and so we took it into our shop (not an Acura or Honda dealer). The me-

### Automotive Q&A

chanic said that it needs a new fuel pump. I've always been under the impression that if a fuel pump goes bad, the car just stops running.

A That is true in most cases but in the case of a fuel-injected vehicle, it's possible that the pump is simply leaking a bit of pressure when your engine is shut down. It has to deliver close to 40 pounds of pressure (compared to the three to five pounds needed for a carburetor engine) and it is supposed to hold that pressure for around 10 minutes.

If it has a slight internal leak, the engine will run fine but restarting is hard once the fuel pressure has bled off. Your mechanic is probably right although your problem could also be a faulty fuel pressure regulator. The tests for both problems is relatively simple and your mechanic should be able to pinpoint the problem pretty easily.

Q I have a '59 MGA that I've had for many years. I'm retired now and only drive it on the weekends and in good weather. I've been having a lot of trouble with the fuel pump on it and occasionally have to tap the area behind the passenger's seat with a hammer to get it clicking.

I've tried to find one through a local parts house but they don't even have it listed in their catalogs. There are no MG dealers left in the U.S. and I don't know who to write to in England to send me one. Are there still MG dealers in England? I want to keep it original.

A There are MG dealers there but you don't have to go that far. The pages of British Car magazine lists a half-dozen places that can supply you with new or rebuilt SU pumps. Write for a trial copy of British Car to Box 1683, Los Gatos, CA 94023. You might even want to subscribe.

## A retrospective look at BMW's 328

By BOB HAGIN  
FORBES CORRESPONDENT

When I was fresh out of high school and felt I knew everything about cars, I was sure that the most successful pre-war sports cars were British, hard sprung, flexible and a chore to drive. My "classic" icons were the Jaguar SS-100, the MG-TB, the Morgan and the HRC. Rough riders all, and all pretty much underpowered.

My opinion of what was "classic" and successful in those good-old-days of the '30s was modified in 1963 when I was drafted and sent to Louisville, Ky. During my weekend ramblings, I stumbled into a foreign car dealership in Nashville, Tenn. and sitting on the showroom floor were two BMW sports cars that were small, light and very modern. I was surprised to find that the roadster, a model 328, had been built in 1936 and its stablemate was a 1940 aerodynamic coupe that had been a factory entry in the last Mille Miglia race held in Italy before World War II.

I examined the cars very carefully and found that they sported tubular frames, a sophisticated suspension system and a strange straight-six 2.0 liter engine that had three Solex carburetors mounted directly on top of the valve cover. Although the wheels were held on by center-lock knock-off wing nuts, they were steel rather than the traditional wire construction. Needless to say, I was denied a test drive, but the bored salesman assured me that it rode as well as a Buick and handled better than an MG. This from an 17-year-old design.

Being something of a mechanical snob, I wasn't interested in the coupe (real enthusiasts drove open cars, of course) but inquired as to the cost of the roadster. Its price tag of \$2500 seems laughable now but at the time, it might as well have been 100 times that amount.

In later years, I became a mechanic and something of an automotive historian as well. BMW, I learned, stood for the Bayerische Motoren-Werke and the company had gone by that title since 1917. The "strange" engine was a modification of a traditional six-cylinder, overhead valve, 50 horsepower engine used by the company in more mundane passenger cars of the '30s. It had been converted by an ingeniously designed cylinder head that allowed it to be as efficient as a twin cam without the expense of a totally new engine design. It raised the horsepower to 80.

The Great Depression had affected Europe in the '30s even more than it had the U.S. so development

money was scarce even in Nazi Germany.

BMW wanted to produce a sports car that would challenge the best that Italy and France had to offer and called upon designer Freiherr von Falkenhausen to lay out a light, but strong chassis using state-of-the-art techniques. He created a timeless design that used independent front suspension, hydraulically operated brakes (a relatively new innovation in the '30s), torsion bars in the rear and a four-speed transmission.

The ingenious cylinder head was the work of Rudolph Schleicher, a long-time BMW engineer, and his design was an inspiration. It was difficult to work on due to the fact that all the ancillary parts had to be crammed in around the convoluted valve train but it worked well.

Put together early in 1936, the BMW factory eschewed the conventional method of introducing a new car at the various annual shows, electing instead to enter a prototype in the two-liter class of the annual Eifelrennen race at the Nurburgring track in June of that year. Driver Ernst Henne won at a walk and the reputation of the BMW 328 was made in a day.

BMW had built motorcycles from its earliest days, but its wartime activities included the building of aviation engines which made the factories prime targets for Allied bombers. Its two plants were pounded almost into extinction and it was a miracle of German tenacity that BMW survived the war. Its Eisenach plant fell into the Russian occupation section and was nationalized, but production of substandard BMW sedans began at once using pre-war parts that had been salvaged. Its Munich facility was stripped by the British and sold off to British companies as "war reparations." This led to an unusual situation in which the British-built Bristol 400 of 1947 was a near-clone of the BMW 327 coupe of 1941, and the Frazer-Nash Le Mans Replica sports car of the same era was built on a chassis nearly identical to the BMW 328 roadster of 1936. Both cars, as well as the racing version of the '57 to '63 AC Ace and the Arnolt-Bristol of the late-'50s used updated versions of the 1936 BMW "strange" two liter engine.

This year and next, BMW is celebrating several anniversaries. It officially became the Bayerische Motoren-Werke in 1917, its world famous 328 sports car is 60 years old, and the first run of post-war cars came out of the resurrected Eisenach East German plant 50 years ago.

I only wish I'd been able to scrape up \$2500 in 1953 to buy the 328 roadster I saw on that used car lot in Nashville.

## Test your knowledge of great cars

Here is a quick quiz to see if you know which of the breakthroughs in safety technology appear on some of the new models.

1. The 1997 Seville STS Eldorado Touring Coupe and DeVille Concours will feature StabiliTrak. (a) True (b) False?

2. This trio of 1997 joins other great production vehicles to incorporate this advanced crash-avoidance safety feature as standard equipment. (a) True (b) False?

3. The StabiliTrak system is designed to make vehicle handling

more predictable and consistent under all driving conditions and road surfaces. (a) True (b) False?

4. StabiliTrak improves the stability of the vehicle by comparing how much the driver turns the steering wheel and how well the vehicle responds to this input. (a) True (b) False?

Answers:  
1. (a) True.  
2. (b) False. The 1997 Seville STS, Eldorado Touring Coupe and DeVille Concours will be the first production vehicles in the world

to incorporate this advanced crash avoidance feature as standard equipment.

3. (a) True. This exclusive chassis technology also improves the performance of the anti-lock braking system on rough or bumpy roads.

4. (a) True. If the vehicle isn't responding appropriately to the driver's steering input, the system precisely applies individual front brakes to slow the car and bring the car back onto the path.

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The 1997 Ford F-150 4x2 gets 16 miles per gallon in the city and 21 on the highway, for an average of 18.

## Best-selling car is a pickup truck

By BOB and MATT HAGIN  
FORBES CORRESPONDENTS

The best-selling car in the U.S. isn't a "car" at all. It is, in fact, a pickup truck, and more specifically the Ford F-Series in all its many forms. Matt and Bob Hagin try one of the most common versions with a short cab, a long bed and two-wheel-drive. They have slightly differing opinions on this civilized roughneck. Manufacturer's suggested price is \$14,700; as tested \$17,912.

**Bob** — The F-Series has been around since my high school days. Matt, while I was still a senior, I worked at night as a pump-jockey in a gas station that used a '48 F-1 as a parts chaser. It's immediate successor, the F-100, has acquired the status of a collector's item and there are even special aftermarket shops devoted to their restoration.

**Matt** — The new F-Series Fords haven't gotten to that level of veneration yet, Dad, but it sure is popular. Over 450,000 of them were sold in '96, but that includes the bigger F-250 and the F-350, too. Ford was so hot to get this all-new '97 version in production that it started making them late in 1995 at a couple of its truck plants and in the beginning of this year, dealers could get both versions to sell simultaneously. The '97 F-Series has had considerable upgrading and it underwent a lot of major changes.

**Bob** — And the changes started with the suspension. The old Twin-I Beam swing axles are gone from the front and have been replaced by a more modern short-and-long "A" arm system. The two-wheel-drive version like the one we had uses coil springs up front, but the 4x4s use torsion bars for springs. I read in the Ford press kit that the Twin-I Beams had to go in order to fit Ford's hot overhead cam engines under the new, lower hood of the F-150, but for whatever reason, it gives this F-150 a ride that's more like a car. That's bound to be a plus for shoppers who are leaving a sedan for a more versatile pickup. And to alleviate that crowded feeling that full drivers get in a standard cab pickup, Ford has given the new cabin a slight overhang over the bed so that the reclining seats can be tilted back.

**Bob** — The engines Ford has put under the hood are new, too. They

begin with a 205-horse 4.2 liter pushrod V8 as standard equipment, which comes with either a five-speed manual gearbox or a four-speed automatic. Next up on the list is Ford's new overhead cam V8 that puts out an additional 20 ponies. That's the engine that was in our test truck and although its strong and is more powerful than the old 302-inch pushrod engine that the F-Series has used since '70, it's still a bit on the small side compared to that of the competition.

**Matt** — But Ford has an answer to that, too. There's a 5.2 liter overhead cam V8 available that puts out 235 horses. The horsepower isn't that much greater than the other engines but it puts out 75 more pound/feet of torque than the V8, which comes in very handy come summertime. This would be the obvious engine of choice if someone were going to do a lot of boat towing with a new F-150.

**Bob** — If a buyer was going to go into recreational towing of a boat or a camper trailer, I think that the extended cab version of any of the F-Series pickups would be a better choice than this short cab version. It has an optional third door on the driver's side that keeps passengers from having to crawl over the front seat and it makes stowing and locking gear back there lots easier. The interior is more car-like now and Ford has even put in a second air bag for the front passenger, and the driver can disable the second bag in the event that there's a baby being carried in a car seat. All the F-150s have anti-lock brakes on the rear, and four-wheel ABS is offered as an option.

**Matt** — The Ford designers have even gone so far as to put a lock on the tailgate to keep them from being ripped off. That's become a big problem now that pickups have become so popular with American drivers.

**Bob** — Matt, nice as these new pickup are, I kind of miss the days when they weren't so popular. Back then, I didn't have to worry about having the tailgate on my old Ford Courier stolen.

**Matt** — That's true, Dad, but maybe the reason yours wasn't stolen is that it was so rusty and beat-up nobody wanted it.

## Check your car before the bad weather season

By BOB HAGIN  
FORBES CORRESPONDENT

Sometimes we take our personal cars or trucks for granted — until something goes wrong. If we don't put fuel in the tank, the thing just stops running. If we let it run out of oil, it stops running too, but with a big bang in this case.

But there are several other items on our vehicles that don't get our attention so drastically if they malfunction. Sometimes we don't get any warning until it's too late. These are some of those items that we should check out before the really bad weather comes along:

• **Air in spare tire** — We all know that we should check the air in our tires once a month, right? And we do it, of course, but most of us neglect to check the air in our spare tire. This leads to the possibility of getting a flat tire and finding that the spare is also flat. In many cases, the neglect is understandable. My own means of personal transportation is a 12 year old Toyota van of very high (230,000) mileage. Its spare tire is tucked away under the rear of the body and it requires considerable ingenuity and resolve to crank it down for inspection. I don't look forward to checking the spare but I do it because a dislike the specter of being immobilized by the side of the road even more. This sunny weekend would be a good time to check your own spare tire.

• **Battery terminal cleanliness** — The average car in this country is seven years old which means that on average, it has racked up around 75,000 miles and is probably on its second or third battery. Batteries are messy and tend to get neglected under the best of circumstances. Even when they're tight, battery cable clamps tend to develop corrosion between themselves and the terminals they are clamped or bolted to. This tendency is exacerbated by damp weather and winter is just over the next hill. Battery cables connections that haven't been removed for cleaning for a long time should be disconnected very gently and with great care (rough handling can loosen or break a terminal and then the battery is history) but it has to be done in order to get a clean, tight connection. When terminal corrosion reaches critical mass, it's like the battery is gone — no starter, no lights, no nothing.

• **Heater hose brittleness** — My granddaughter Shannon recently called me from college and told me that there was a small puddle of antifreeze under her car. Grandpa rode to the rescue, of course, and found that one of her heater hoses had a slight leak. Like all small diameter heater hoses,

it had become brittle and the engine vibration caused it to crack. I shortened it a bit, pushed it back on, replaced the coolant and she was on her way. Later we found that all the heater hoses showed signs of cracking and replacing all the under hood hoses (including those attached to the radiator) became a Saturday morning project at Grandpa's garage. Maybe you'd better check your own heater hoses before too long.

• **Worn or brittle windshield wiper blades** — Did I say winter was over the next hill? I think it just came around the corner and necessitated the use of windshield wipers. If yours are average, they're about as old as your battery and possibly in need of replacement. It would be a good idea to check them now (the rubber part should be soft and pliable) and if they're in bad shape, they should be replaced before it starts to rain. Driving on a rainy night with wipers that don't quite do the job is almost as bad as having to replace them in the pouring rain.

• **Rear lights that are burned out** — Driving in that downpour or in a snow storm approaches the risk factor of playing Russian roulette when your car has no tail lights. If the driver is lucky, a policeman will stop him and make him aware of the problem before some big-rig acquires his Chevy for a hood ornament. Chances are that one taillight bulb burned out and then the second packed it up sometime later. Are you sure that your own tail lights are both working?

• **Alternator belt that has become loose** — Your alternator is the device that keeps your battery charged up and the belt that drives it can become worn and get loose. When this happens, it can drive the alternator fast enough to keep things working in the daylight hours but not enough if you have to do much nighttime driving. The belt is there under the hood (the black thing behind the fan) and it should have about an inch of play. If you don't know what I'm talking about, better have it checked out by someone who does before you find yourself driving at night with the lights growing dimmer and dimmer as the car goes slower and slower.

I can think of only one other insidious automotive problem that can creep up on us, and it doesn't have anything to do with mechanical things. Some years ago, my sister was pulled over for some minor traffic infraction and when the policeman inspected her license, he suggested that she should have it renewed immediately. It had expired almost three years before and she hadn't even been aware of it.

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## The 'Duh' files

Real-life stories from the police logs of Forbes Newspapers:

Meet us at the hideout, okay?

Police unsuccessfully attempted

to stop a motor vehicle for a speeding violation on Rahway Road in Scotch Plains 8:30 p.m. Nov. 7.

Police pursued the vehicle into

Plainfield at a low speed, where it hit another car near Dixie Lane and Ravine Road. Upon impact, the five female occupants fled on foot with only one person, a 5-

year-old, being apprehended, police said.

The vehicle, which contained a large amount of clothing still bearing Nordstrom tags, had been stolen the day before from Dunellen.

No injuries were reported at the scene of the accident and the juvenile was released to the care of her grandmother, police said.

A Somerville man, 19, was pulled over twice in less than 10 minutes about 5 p.m. Nov. 4, Green Brook police said.

The man was pulled over by

Watchung police the first time on Route 22 because his car's tail lights were not working. When they found he did not have a valid driver's license, he was told to park his car, have it towed, and not to drive it.

A Green Brook police officer saw the man's car pulled over and was told by Watchung police what had transpired, police said. About 10 minutes later, the same Green Brook officer saw the man's car exit from Route 22 East onto Washington Avenue, and pulled him over, police said.

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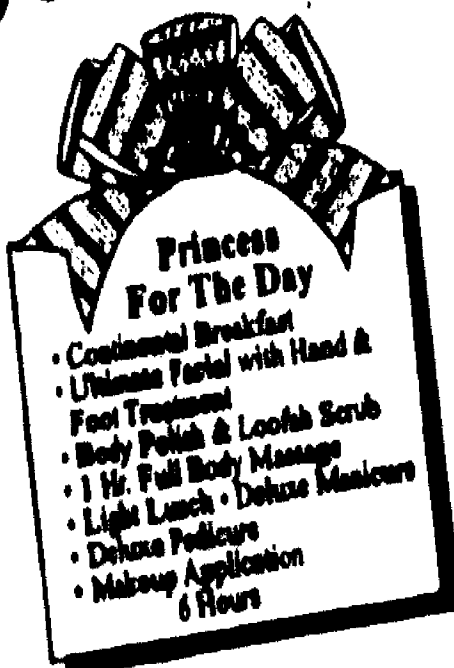
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"Dr. Suess"

By Gerry Frey

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A selection of the memorabilia that captivates sports fans.

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Don Finall of Highland Park gets lost in his painting in Donaldson Park.

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# Television lets us down again

## WEEKEND CONFIDENTIAL

Weekend Confidential was pleased when the show *NYPD Blue* introduced a heavy receptionist to the cast. At first, one of the handsome young police officers expressed his disappointment at the fact that another office had gotten the "pretty one," but he was quickly put in his place by a co-worker who would not tolerate his bias against fat people.

Oh goody, Confidential thought. Maybe the show's writers are going to illustrate the dangers of prejudging people based on their appearance. The actress portraying the part had a cheerful personality and a nice smile and we liked her immensely. Her character had great possibilities.

Unfortunately, we were disappointed when she turned out to be an oversexed rubber fetishist who harassed one of the married detectives unmercifully until he finally reported her. She was then transferred, at which point she vented her anger at the married detective. We were left with the impression of a frustrated, dysfunctional "fat chick."

Confidential is not naive enough

to believe every fat character on TV must be a positive one, but on the other hand, the few such women who have prominent roles seem to be stooges to the star.

For a while, Liz Torres (Mahalia) on *The John Larroquette Show* came across as strong and confident. Although very heavy, she dressed beautifully and made cracks indicative of a love life outside the bus station. As the format of the show gradually changed, she whined about her ex-husband, about not having a permanent relationship, about her life in general. She became another cliché as she gradually made fat jokes about herself. The old Mahalia knew who she was and liked herself, nobody thought she was a joke.

Also, Confidential switches from channel to channel, hoping to see a fat woman who projects a positive image, only to come face-to-face with "Mimi," the secretary from hell on *The Dana Carvey*

Show. With her bleached locks, five pounds of eye shadow (Cleopatra meets Kiss), loud, mismatched clothing and abrasive personality (To her boss: Hile me, Pig!), she is the quintessential fat joke, and an offensive one at that.

While Confidential does not want to minimize the plight of African-Americans, who have for decades been plagued by negative stereotypes on TV, we do feel this is a valid example of another minority being treated shockingly. For the first time, Confidential sees why blacks may be so upset by the way they are portrayed in the "entertainment" industry.

### Here's to balconies

When Confidential was a kid, there were no more grand movie houses in our town. So while we did get the great mythic tale of the *Star Wars* films, we didn't get to see them in a true movie palace.

It may seem picky, but where you sit in a movie theater makes a difference. So Confidential treasures the chances to see films in a performing arts or theatrical venue with a balcony, such as the State Theatre in New Brunswick or the McCarter Theatre in Princeton.

First of all, their screens are often much larger than even the biggest theater in a multiplex. What makes seeing a movie from a balcony so special is that instead of looking up at that huge screen, which would be nice enough, is that you get to watch it head on at eye level. You feel like you're in the scene with the characters.

Sitting in the balcony for a movie, as opposed to a concert or stage production, adds a certain rebellious thrill to the flinging experience. For a movie lover, it's also a pleasure to glance back and see the projectors' beam from a seat close to its source.

One caveat: Confidential didn't get a chance to check out New Brunswick's new *Loews* multiplex with its promise of stadium seating before we wrote this. Perhaps you'll see a part two to this soon.



# Still the same



Sports trading cards retain their fans despite becoming a big business

By TOM ZANKI

Weekend Plus writer

**T**he more things change, the more they stay the same. Yes, it's an overused cliché, but nothing more appropriately describes the continued fascination with sports cards and memorabilia.

Over the decades, the sports card industry has transformed from a small time hobby to a big time business. Despite the rapid changes, one thing remains constant: a loyal following of devoted fans.

The most significant development in recent years is the sky rocketing increase of card production. The proliferation of new companies, each of which prints a countless array of high priced premium sets, is a far cry from past decades when Topps ruled the roost.

"Back then it was great," says Lou Sabosky, owner of Sideline Sports in South Bound Brook. "You collected Topps and that's it. You collected your team or the whole set or whatever."

Other than sporadic exceptions of rival companies between the late 1940s and early 1960s, Topps monopolized the field until 1981, when Fleer and Donruss won legal approval to print cards. By the late 1980s, Score and Upper Deck joined the already competitive field, followed by additional manufacturers in the 1990s. With superior photography and innovative designs, the new companies gave Topps a run for its money.

Not to be outdone, the venerable company began its resurgence in 1991 when it joined forces with MLB to print Topps Stadium Club cards, whose breakleless

fronts and glossy photography caught the eyes of investors and collectors alike. With the creation of even fancier premium sets and special inserts, many card aficionados believe the company has regained its number one status.

"Topps is still the leader," says Tony Grimando, owner of Bound Brook's World of Stuff store.

Among the major sports, baseball is still the leader despite the

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— Lou Sabosky  
Sideline Sports

self inflicted damage of the 1994-95 strike, which helped level the playing field with other major sports. Hockey, in particular, gained notoriety with expanded television coverage and back to back Stanley Cup championships by the Rangers and Devils. Meanwhile, most dealers credit the recent New York Yankees World Series championship with revitalizing baseball.

"Baseball is still number one," Steve Nemeckoy, owner of Amazing Heroes in Union Township, says. "Hockey is a good number two. Football and basketball don't do as well in my store but I hear they do in other stores. It all depends on how you cultivate your market."

In today's fiercely competitive sports card market, bland head

shots and stationary poses are mostly memories. Action photos, superior card quality and imaginative design mark the modern era.

Also a faint memory are the 35 cent wax packs. (Most of us still have childhood memories of invading convenience stores and buying as many packages as our paper route and snow shoveling earnings allowed us.) Today, \$5-\$10 packs are commonplace.

"The technology changed, therefore the price changed," Sabosky says.

Special inserts are probably the most sweeping current fad. Last year Topps randomly inserted replicas of original Mickey Mantle cards in its regular packs, igniting a craze that occurred shortly after the Hall of Famer's untimely death.

"A lot of people don't look for sets anymore," says Joe Poytak, owner of B&G Sports Card in Middlesex. "Most people are after inserts. It's like insert mania."

The notion that memorabilia collecting is for kids only, ignoring the reality of its big business status, is a discredited myth. Topps alone reported sales of more than \$250 million in 1994, according to Sports Card Trader.

The most valuable card is the scarce 1910 Honus Wagner, recently sold at an auction for \$610,500. Many card experts say only 10 or so such card exists today.

The best modern investments are rookie cards for current and future Hall of Famers. At one extreme is the 1952 Topps Mickey Mantle, going for \$25,000, while the rookie edition of soon-to-be inducted strikeout king Nolan Ryan hovers near \$1,000.



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Joe Poytak, owner of B&G Sports Cards in Middlesex, proudly holds a football autographed by Lawrence Taylor and a baseball bat signed by Mickey Mantle.

The reliability of proven record-setters makes the Mantles, Ryans, Mayases, Schmidts, Aarons, and Reggie Jacksons sure bets. They definitely cost more, but unlike modern specialty cards, which can be in one day and obsolete the next, their value is unwavering.

"Pick a player who started young and hits for power," says Brian Leboeuf of Sports Minded Unlimited in Warren. "Home runs sell."

Getting a leg up on future Hall-of-Famers is more difficult, given the volatility of active careers. The rise and fall of Don Mattingly and Darryl Strawberry, whose roaring

starts in the mid-'80s generated widespread interest before they fizzled in the early '90s, testify to this.

"It's just like the stock market, where the player's performance dictates the value of the cards," Demarest collector John Pie says, "and it's like the lottery with these inserts."

There is undoubtedly a downside to all of this hysteria. The production boom has alienated some collectors, who don't have the resources and energy to keep up with all the latest trends.

Thumb through a price guide (Please turn to page 5)



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One of the pricier types of sports cards is this gold reproduction of a football trading card, available at B&G Sports Cards. Also on the market are ultra-glossy baseball cards, printed by Topps, that can sell for more than \$1,000 each.





Boys think about just which cards they want to spend their dollars on at Sports Minded Unlimited in Warren last week.



A wide selection of Giants memorabilia, including autographed footballs, awaits fans at Sideline Sports in South Bound Brook.

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nowadays and you'll find more than several dozen sets and sub-sets from each manufacturer. Put simply, most feel there are too many companies producing too many cards.

"That's one of the biggest complaints out there," Potyak says. "I think it confuses the consumers," Leboeuf says. "It sometimes turns the consumer off."

Pie, an avid collector for 10 years, agrees that "too much product makes choosing really hard."

"And the prices are absurd," he adds, referring to the 1993 Refrac-

tors edition of Topps Finest. The ultra-UV 200 card premium glossy set is valued at as much as \$40,000. Individual cards in the set can fetch more than \$1,000.

"\$1,200 for a 1993 Greg Maddux?" Pie asks. "How absurd is that?"

Soaring prices have hurt the industry's profitability, which has tapered off since the early '90s. The number of professional dealers is decreasing and, according to U.S. News and World Report, the trading card industry is worth about \$600 million, down from more than \$1000 million in 1992.

As a result, few stores can rely solely on card sales, or they risk burning themselves out. Most stores carry a wide selection of memorabilia, ranging from plaques, balls, bats, jerseys, helmets and caps, to classic magazines and yearbooks.

The greatest demand in memorabilia is for autographed items. (Most price guides now include a special section.) An authentic Babe Ruth signed baseball is rumored to sell for as much as \$10,000.

"I've combined collectibles with licensed sports apparel," adds Leboeuf. "If they're going to collect sports they're also going to wear sports. It's been a great marriage."

"If I had to sell cards alone I don't think I could cut it," Sabosky says.

Bargain hunters often turn to card shows for the best deals. One of the largest shows is the East Coast National held every summer at the Westchester County Community Center in White Plains, N.Y. The four-day spectacle includes about 500 dealers, covers two floors and attracts memorabilia enthusiasts from throughout the tri-state area.

The logic seems simple enough. A large gathering of dealers competing for sales is believed to drive prices down. Most shows only last a day or two and dealers are in a hurry to make a profit, tending to bles alone generally costs between \$25-\$50, so sellers often cut deals with buyers.

But store owners are battling that perception, arguing a friendly relationship with customers outshines the impersonal atmosphere at crowded shows.

"The biggest misconception is that people feel they have to go to a show to get a good deal," Sab-

osky says. "We're trying to educate people that you can get a deal here. None of the prices are etched in stone."

"You're better off with someone you trust," Leboeuf adds.

Many store owners are lifelong collectors, some of whom began selling at card shows, while others made the leap directly from collector to entrepreneur.

"Most people start out with col-

lection. Pie, for example, bought his first table this year but an even greater dream, a shop, is not on the radar screen.

"I would love to own my own store," he says, "but I don't think it's going to happen any time soon. I just don't have the money."

Hard reality aside, the simple joy of following your favorite teams and players through the collectibles market is a thrill, albeit a vicarious one, that perpetuates interest in the hobby.

Those just joining the vocation are advised to selectively focus their attention.

"You can't do it all," Sabosky says. "You've got to sit down and decide what brands you like the best and what you want to collect. What kind of money do you have and how far you want to go?"

"Make sure you're having fun," Nemeckay adds. "If you're not having fun then you're doing it for all the wrong reasons."

How long will the craze last? Given the fanatical following of professional sports, most are confident the hobby will cruise into the 21st Century.

"As long as there are television stations devoted to sports and 24-hour sports radio, I think sports collectibles are here to stay," Leboeuf says.

**Weekend Plus** antiques writer Arthur Milgrom looks at sports antiques. See page 6.

lecting one thing they like and like a disease it just spreads," Guimardo says. "But it's a good disease."

It's a daunting challenge, though. Between rent and keeping inventory stocked, the career is not as lucrative as it appears. Most owners juggle other jobs in addition to running their store.

"It's a frustrating thing," Sabosky says. "It's tough but I like it."

The costly time-consuming process discourages many veteran collectors from pursuing store owner-



Lou Sabosky holds an Emmitt Smith souvenir plate at his collectibles store, Sideline Sports in South Bound Brook.



## True sports antiques differ from collectibles

By ARTHUR MILGROM

Weekend Plus antiques writer

Often people ask, "What is the difference between antiques and collectibles?" The answer is that collectibles only arose as a category after the start of the current antique boom sometime in the late 1980s.

Collectibles are different from "real antiques," those items collected in the classic antique periods prior to the 1980s, in that most were manufactured during our lifetimes. One characteristic of many collectibles is that they are connected with the youth of the collector: toys, dolls, cars we admired but couldn't own, movie and TV memorabilia. Sports collecting is a prime example of this phenomenon. As we approach the holidays, many a man (because this is an almost all-male hobby) will receive sports-related collectibles, some genuinely old, some reproduced and some new but promised to be valuable in the future. To sort all this out, I consulted Joshua Leland Evans of Leland's, a leading sports memorabilia dealer and auction house in New York City.

Most collectors start off as card collectors, as witnessed by the proliferation of sports card shops throughout Central New Jersey. The average customer is an adolescent boy. This is actually an excellent way for the young collector to start; the products are not expensive; it's a good social situation and a paradigm for future collecting.

One of the major collecting mistakes in all areas from furniture and paintings to Depression glass and Barbie dolls is the belief that collecting is the same as investing. It's not, especially when you are buying mass-produced items whose values are temporary and driven by fad and whim.

The reason to collect is love of collecting and enjoyment of the objects themselves. Card collecting is a good teacher of this rule, since the chances of current cards increasing greatly in value is unlikely but the process is fun. The sports collecting business for many years has been card-driven, Evans says, but recently the higher end has begun to shift to other sports-related objects as collectors get older, more sophisticated and

financially more secure. Uniforms, autographs, architectural items (such as stadium seats), paper goods (programs, yearbooks, sports magazines), World Series rings and other non-card items have pushed their way to the forefront.

For the collector wishing to move to this next level, the twin questions of authenticity and provenance become important. All it takes to become a sports dealer (or antiques dealer in general) is the desire and a location — no tests, no licenses. Thus, it is really important to know your dealer, be aware of the level of his knowledge and be sure he is willing to guarantee your purchases. If these conditions are not met, stay away from items whose authenticity is hard to prove — uniforms, autographs, unmarked architectural pieces. (Remember all those genuine pieces of the Berlin Wall?) Stick with printed matter (programs, yearbooks, magazines, etc.) or other clearly marked items.

In sports collecting, baseball is still king and the East Coast is its kingdom. Memorabilia of the Yankees, the Mets, the old Brooklyn Dodgers and other Eastern teams is still the most desirable. Right now, 1996 Yankees World Series items are hot, but as time passes only the most unusual items will retain their value. According to Leland's, the Atlanta Braves are becoming desirable because of their wide TV exposure. They still feel like newcomers to me.

The "golden age" teams of the 1940s and '50s have long had a special aura for collectors, but as the sophisticated collector is increasingly a child of the '60s, '70s and '80s, items from these decades become more sought after. In the Leland's catalogs, there is a full range of these items: Mickey Mantle's childhood home in Commerce, Okla. (\$60,000), Carl Yastrzemski's 1971 Boston road jersey (presale \$2,000-\$3,000), a 1960 Negro leagues broadside featuring Satchel Paige (\$600-\$800), a Willie Mays game bat (\$1,000-\$1,500), a Lou Gehrig Memorial Day ticket from July 4, 1941 with his picture (\$1,000-\$1,500).

Baseball is not the only sport of interest to collectors, although it is the most important. Other sports don't have the same long history as a professional sport or the same wide public interest. Boxing is an exception. Boxing has had a long history of collecting going back to the early days of the century. There has always been a connection with art (think Hemingway, think Bellows) and a consequent perverse intellectual interest in pugilistic items. Boxing collectors are still not that widespread but they are intense and passionate.

Basketball collecting is on the



Leland's, a New York City auction house, sold this 1960 Mickey Mantle jersey for \$111,000.

upswing, not coincidentally mirroring the intense rise in interest in the NBA. Yet very little exists from the early days. For every early NBA uniform shirt sold at Leland's, there have been a hundred baseball shirts. Most basketball collectors started in baseball memorabilia and moved over.

Will Michael Jordan be the Babe Ruth of basketball collecting? Check with me in 2046. Leland's is selling some items now; some examples are Wilt Chamberlain's original NBA jersey (\$12,000-\$18,000) and a seat from Boston Garden signed by Larry Bird (\$400-\$600). Leland's is dipping its toe in the waters of incipient hockey collecting, having just conducted an auction in Canada with mixed results.

In September, the auction house sold much of the contents of Boston Garden: a partly smoked cigar from Red Auerbach (presale \$100-\$200), the arena's Zamboni machine (\$3,000-\$5,000) and tons of Boston Bruins paraphernalia.

If you are a sports collector wanting to branch out from a strictly card collection, there are several ways to do this. First you have to decide what sort of collector you want to be: one sport, one team, one player, one era, equipment, paper, uniforms, autographs. Or do you just want to pick and choose from what is presented to you on the great conveyor belt of goods? Once you have chosen your direction, you need to do some research and find sources. Research can start at your public library, which should have books on antiques and collectibles. You can attend sports memorabilia shows and visit your local dealers. Leland's has a number of auctions

every year; it is possible to view the items and obtain catalogs before sales. Incidentally, their catalogs are beautifully produced and fit to be included in any sports collection. Leland's address is 245 Fifth Ave., Suite 902, New York, N.Y. 10016; call (212) 545-0800.

Once you have directions and information, it's time to step up to the plate. Just get out and look — flea markets, garage sales, dealers (remember my admonitions above), auctions, any way that works for you. Remember, much of the joy is in the hunt and we all collect in a way that is right for us.

### Reader inquiry

A reader sent a photograph of a vase 12½ inches high and marked "Made in Japan." The vase is very colorful and decorated with raised Japanese figures. This piece is a type of ware often called Satsuma, after a prefecture in Japan where the original pottery was produced. The original Satsuma was very delicate and much different than this cheaper product designed for export in the 1920s-'50s. These pieces do not bring great prices but are prized for their decorative values. This particular piece would retail for \$75-\$85. Wholesale would be about 50 percent.

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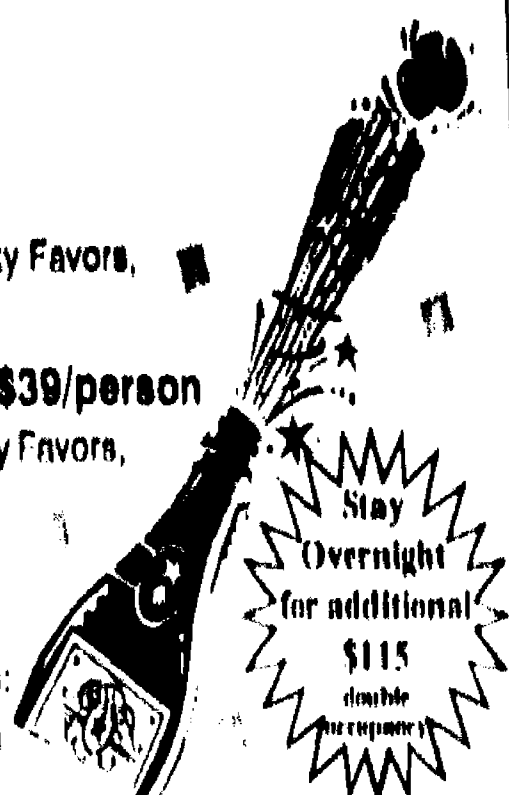
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## Mars Attacks! isn't like other Hollywood movies

By JEFFREY CONN

Weekend Plus film critic  
et's face it: Tim Burton is just never going to make a conventional movie.

Now, that's just fine on the surface of it: nobody's pushing Burton against a wall and forcing him to make *Gone With the Wind*. But when a director — even one this quirky — is working within the mainstream, it's sometimes hard to remember that he's not going to do anything that resembles anything else.

Take *Mars Attacks!*, for example. Here, Burton takes what is virtually the exact same plot as that of *Independence Day*, (and it's hard to know how many B-movies from the past 40 years) and concocts something that's familiar, but at the same time remarkably off-kilter. Sometimes it's hard to tell if you're watching a bad space invasion movie or a spoof of bad space invasion movies.

The first half of *Mars Attacks!* deals almost seriously with the threat of an invasion by little green men (well, little green people, anyway; a scientist reports they have no reproductive organs), with major characters played by big-name actors getting blown away casually. Not that the characters are ever real human beings, but it takes a little getting used to.

In fact, that first half is very slow to get going, even if it does keep moving from location to location in an effort to simulate story momentum. Whole subplots rise and fall for no particular reason other than to kill time. Guest stars like Danny DeVito and Annette Bening find themselves with remarkably little to do.

Midway through the film, though, Burton finds his rhythm, and the movie gets much funnier. Still not focusing on one story, the director decides instead to pile on the jokes, and that proves to be the movie's salvation. If you take something this arch seriously, it's bound to look like a John Waters movie without the wit.

Burton, who has never been especially interested in telling a strong story (witness *Edward Scissorhands*, *Batman Returns* or *Ed Wood*), isn't all that fascinated with it here, either. He is interested in making cheesy looking sets and erratic special effects whirl around his characters, none of whom is especially well formed, either.

The director's solution to thin characters in a very slim story is to provide star power. Jack Nicholson plays the president, who first sees the alien invasion as an opportunity to appear statesmanlike; Glenn Close his Nancy Reagan-type first lady; DeVito is a casino slob; Michael J. Fox and Sarah Jessica Parker are rival newscast-



PUBLICITY PHOTO BY: BRUCE TALAMON  
Tom Jones and Annette Bening become unlikely saviors of the planet in *Mars Attacks!*, opening this weekend.

ers living together; Pierce Brosnan the stuffer-than-thou scientist; Rod Steiger and Paul Winfield dueling generals; Bening the wife of an aspiring casino developer, also played by Nicholson, who was trying for a *Dr. Strangelove* kind of experience.

Burton also mines the second tier of show business in interesting ways. Jim Brown and Pam Grier, veterans of blaxploitation movies, show up quite heroically here, and Tom Jones, playing himself, helps save the earth. So does Sylvia Sidney. Don't ask.

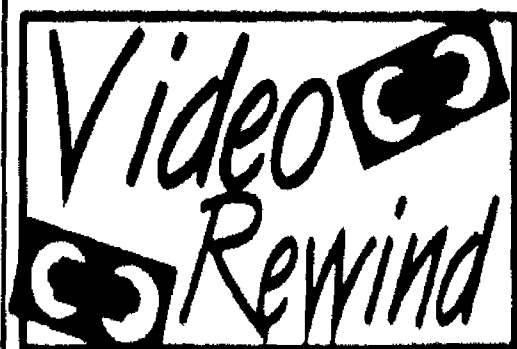
In the end, one's enjoyment of *Mars Attacks!* is going to hinge on one's tolerance for "wink-wink-nudge-nudge" type satire, the kind

of movie that would have gone right over the head of old Ed Wood, the filmmaker Burton must have most often been thinking of as he prepared this movie. If you find the idea of Slim Whitman records hilarious, this is the movie for you.

*Weekend Plus* rates films on just how much of their \$8 ticket price they're worth:

### Mars Attacks!... \$6.50

Directed by Tim Burton. Produced by Tim Burton and Larry Franco. Screenplay by Jonathan Gems. Starring Jack Nicholson, Glenn Close, Annette Bening, Pierce Brosnan, Danny DeVito, Martin Short, Sarah Jessica Parker, Michael J. Fox, Rod Steiger, Tom Jones, Lukas Haas and Natalie Portman.



Speaking of *Independence Day*, (Fox Home Video; \$22.99 and less), it's probably old news by now to report that it just wasn't worth all the hoopla. Yeah, the effects are okay, but nothing especially groundbreaking, and the story has holes in it you could invade a planet through. It has its moments, but for the most part is just kind of silly.

Now, Jane Eyre (Miramax Home Video) is far from silly. The latest in a series of Masterpiece Theatre-style literary efforts, this re-telling of Brontë's work, starring William Hurt

as Rochester and Charlotte Gainsbourg in the title role, is effective enough without ever being really moving. It's kind of like reading the "Cliff's Notes" version of the book, and has been very nicely filmed.

## Top ten rentals

1. *Independence Day*
2. *Mission: Impossible*
3. *The Nutty Professor*
4. *Strip-tease*
5. *Eraser*
6. *Beautiful Girls*
7. *Dragonheart*
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## Actors play several parts in lively holiday musical

By MARK TERENZI  
Weekend Plus writer

**S**ing A Christmas Song, which premiered Friday at the George Street Playhouse, is a campy, upbeat modern day musical adaptation of A Christmas Carol.

Set in Harlem with a cast that includes Scrooge as a Donald Trump wannabe, Cratchit as his computer-literate clerk, Marley and the Marlettes, and the three ghosts of Christmas as familiar rock and rollers, the play is as fun as its characterizations suggest.

From the opening number's declaration the Dickens' classic is going to be told in an "inner city passion way" to the closing in which Scrooge slaps five with Tiny Tim, the audience is treated to a string of catchy, stylistically diverse Top 40 type songs through which the timeless tale is told.

Only a scant amount of lines are not sung, almost all are delivered in rhyme.

A delightfully greedy Scrooge (played by Rutgers University graduate Rudy Roberson) is introduced as "a real estate pig by trade" who plans to bulldoze his former church and an orphanage. Rejecting a plea from the preacher (Erich McMillan McCall) and second guessing from Cratchit (Clent Bowers), Scrooge, with derby and cane, gleefully croons he's happy to be the heavy and as long as profits are up he'll drop a coin in the orphanage's cup. He also defers Cratchit's promised raise.

Scrooge falls asleep caressing and kissing his piggy bank, only to face his deceased business partner, Marley (also played by Clent Bowers), in a dream. Accompanied by three mini-skirted, hip-swinging Marlettes (Kim Hawthorne, Sharon Wilkins and Jessica Dillan) bedecked in police regalia, Marley calls for Scrooge to "give it up" so Marley can be released from Purgatory. Scrooge arrogantly rejects the advice and returns to sleep, with each snore exclaiming "money, money, money, money."

The ghost of Christmas Past (Philip Anthony) next takes Scrooge through some bittersweet memories. With braided and beaded hair, purple pants, red felt platform shoes and a glittery, paisley patterned shirt unzipped to near his belly button, Christmas Past recalls Scrooge's first love, Mary (also Kim Hawthorne), who was rejected as a "bleeding heart" by a 23 year old Scrooge. The pair sing a love ballad and just as they are about to kiss, Christmas Past pulls Scrooge away and takes him to his church as a 12 year old. There, Scrooge sees his gospel singing mother (Sharon Wilkins) and recalls she died the next year. He gets swept up in the hand clapping



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Rudy Roberson, as Scrooge, gets to step back in time briefly to rekindle his romance with his lost love, Mary, played by Kim Hawthorne, in the George Street Playhouse production of Sing A Christmas Song.

and singing of the choir and, as the first act closes, Scrooge's cockiness is replaced by a concern that he may have been too quick in rejecting Mary and church.

Scrooge soundly rejects his experience with Christmas Past and declares, "I don't need love or the holy spirit" as he drifts back to sleep in the beginning of the second act. It's dreamtime again, and in struts the saucy ghost of Christmas Present (also Kim Hawthorne). With a Tina Turner hand and outfit, she sings "what goes around comes around" in Turner's R&B style and takes Scrooge to Cratchit's house on Christmas Eve. There, Scrooge sees Tiny Tim (Jessica Dillan) cannot get the medical care he needs because Cratchit was denied a raise. Scrooge wants to help, but is yanked away by Christmas Present, who tells him, "I just show what's going down. It's up to you to turn it around."

Scrooge once again returns to sleep before being awakened by a ghost of Christmas Future resembling James Brown (Erich McMillan McCall again). Large Monopoly style signs indicating his properties have been foreclosed are around his bed. His empire up for auction, Scrooge observes the funeral of Tiny Tim who is "dead for lack of bread" and is escorted to a cemetery in Potter's Field.

"where the rats and roaches play." He realizes the tombstone's harsh epitaph is his, not Tiny's, and amid swirling lights and a deep, reverberating laugh, Scrooge leaves the nightmarish scene and awakens Christmas Day.

Scrooge immediately visits Cratchit's house to make amends, meets up with Mary (his ex-girlfriend) and everyone lives happily ever after.

The creators of the show have been entertaining audiences with their music for years. Lyricist/bassist Peter Udell has written five major musicals including *Shenandoah* and *Parade*. He has also penned three No. 1 songs, "Sealed With A Kiss," "Save Your Heart For Me," and "Hurting Each Other."

Composer, orchestrator and musical director Gary Sherman has worked as a composer and arranger on the movies *The Heartbreak Kid*, *Alfie's Restaurant*, and *Midnight Cowboy*, as well as on the classic rock and roll songs "Up On The Roof" and "Brown Eyed Girl."

*Sing A Christmas Song* runs through Dec. 28 at the George Street Playhouse, 9 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick. For tickets, showtimes or more information, call 246-7717.





Ida Jackson (Rita Dove) talks with Sister Margaret (Phyllis Yvonne Stickney) in the Crossroads Theatre production of James Baldwin's *The Amen Corner*.

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## Stickney shines in Crossroads' production of *The Amen Corner*

By JOHN ANGELO

Weekend Plus theater writer

**A**t the opening night gala premiere of James Baldwin's classic play, *The Amen Corner*, audiences were surrounded by the musical power of gospel and the powerful performances of a gifted cast. In the Crossroads Theatre production, Baldwin's play, originally performed on Broadway in 1965, is set in modern times and deals with the concerns of today's African American family.

The production, directed by Crossroads founder and artistic director Ricardo Khan, features the inspirational music of Proclaimers' Rev. George Shearing and Royal Priesthood, a professional choir which combines the sounds of gospel, jazz and hip hop. The choir's contagious enthusiasm brings the audience into the center of Sister Margaret's church as she takes on the evils of society with song and prayer.

In the play, Sister Margaret (played by Phyllis Yvonne Stickney) offers inspirational words to her congregation each week, filling them with the faith and hope they need to survive in Harlem. We later learn that Sister Margaret turned to the church for strength and guidance when her husband walked out on her and her young son, David (Corey Parker Robinson), 10 years ago. Given the strength by God "to be both mother and father" to her son, she re-

lies on her experiences to lead her church members — though sometimes to a fault. When a young woman approaches her pulpit unaccompanied by her husband and asks Sister Margaret to pray for her sick baby, she instantly encourages the woman to leave the man because of his lack of faith.

Margaret's world is shaken — as is David's — however, by the sudden appearance of her rambling jazz musician husband, Luke (Mansoor Najee Ullah). His presence has a powerful effect on both mother and son, as it recalls Margaret's buried past and rekindles David's desire to play piano in places other than Margaret's church.

After a long separation, father and son share their dreams about playing together, the holy music has on their lives and finally, David's fear that leading the man's life will land him in the same position his father is in now — sick and lonely. Najee Ullah and Robinson, through their fine acting, bring to the audience the frustration and deep love shared by those kept apart by miles but connected through a common interest.

Many standing ovations are due Phyllis Yvonne Stickney, who as Sister Margaret brings a broad range of emotions to this production. As pastor, mother and wife, Stickney conveys the strength given to her by God, the frustration she feels as her son plans a life that may lead him out of her

parish, and the confusion one feels when dealing with a past that was thought to be buried — all with equal force and emotion.

Stickney is no stranger to stage and screen. Her stage work includes the New York production of *Tartuffe*; her films include *Anna Douglas*, *New Jack City*, *Jungle Fever*, *What's Love Got To Do With It?*, and even *Die Hard With a Vengeance*. She co-starred in the television mini-series *The Women of Brewster Place* and has had roles on *The Cosby Show* and *A Different World*.

Daniel Proff's set design is exceptionally well done. While Sister Margaret's church is the focal point of the set — and the place where the characters go for strength and guidance — it is surrounded by the temptations of everyday life, such as advertisements for beer and cigarettes, as well as the local liquor store.

Crossroads presents honest portrayals of African American life and culture. As Ernie Johnston, the theater's public relations director says, "The company provides a home where African American craftspeople can develop and explore their genius in a nurturing and supportive environment."

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Dec. 13. Adults \$14; senior citizens, youth employees and alumni \$10; students \$8.

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## Dance

### THE HUTCHERSON (American Repertory Ballet)

Dec. 18-22  
State Theatre, 19 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick  
(908) 246-7400, 246-1254  
•Tchaikovsky's holiday standard. Admission \$27-\$14; call for showtimes.

### THE HUTCHERSON (New Jersey Ballet)

Dec. 18-24, 26-29  
Paper Mill Playhouse  
Brookside Dr., Millburn  
(201) 376-4343  
•Tchaikovsky's holiday standard. Admission \$36-\$24; call for showtimes.



## Auditions

### FUNCTION TEN

Osceola Presbyterian Church  
1689 Raritan Rd., Clark  
(908) 602-2173  
•For February production of A Valentine Spectacular II. Open auditions 7 p.m. Dec. 18-19. Actors, singers and dancers needed.



## Rehearsals

**CANTABLE  
CHAMBER CHORALE**  
7:30 p.m. Wednesday

Presbyterian Church, 408  
Mountain Ave., Bound Brook  
(908) 860-7132, Ext. 2  
•Middlesex County ensemble with emphasis on new American music. Singers in all vocal parts welcome; auditions by appointment only.

### CELEBRATION SINGERS

8 p.m. Tuesday  
United Methodist Church, 201  
Lincoln Ave. East, Cranford  
(908) 245-2339  
•Choral group specializing in show tunes and light classics.

### DEER RIDGE SINGERS

7:30 p.m. Tuesday; United Methodist Church,  
Washington Valley Rd., Martinsville  
(908) 604-2039  
•Chamber music ensemble specializing in Renaissance and Baroque works. Additional male voices welcome; some choral experience required.

### FESTIVAL CHOR

7:30 p.m. Tuesday  
St. Joseph Church  
Mountain Ave., Bound Brook  
(908) 247-6781  
•Performs for Catholic services in the four-county Diocese of Metuchen. New members welcome.

### HIGHLAND PARK COMMUNITY CHORUS

7:30 p.m. Thursday  
Reformed Church, 21 S.  
Second Ave., Highland Park  
(908) 545-1958, 572-5405  
•Preparing for cabaret concert of show tunes. Singers high school age and older welcome; membership not required for cabaret.

### HOUNDS FOR HARMONY

7:45 p.m. Monday  
PeopleCare Center, 120 Findeme Ave., Bridge-  
water  
(908) 647-2180, 526-0872  
•All-male ensemble singing barbershop style.

### MID-JERSEY

### HARMONY CHORUS

7:30 p.m. Wednesday  
Reformed Church, Main  
St., South Bound Brook  
(908) 725-6178  
•All-woman ensemble singing barbershop style. Open rehearsals.

### CRATON SINGERS

7 p.m. Thursday  
First United Methodist Church  
1 E. Broad St., Westfield  
(908) 233-8883  
•Ensemble that sings major choral works. All levels of experience accepted; adults and high school students welcome.

### RARITAN VALLEY CHORUS

7:30 p.m. Tuesday  
Neshanic Reformed Church  
715 Amwell Rd., Neshanic  
(908) 281-8509  
•Adult chorus with members from throughout the area.

### RARITAN VALLEY SYMPHONIC BAND

7:30 p.m. Wednesday  
Hillsborough High School  
Reider Blvd., Belle Mead  
(908) 399-7485;  
tisch2@ix.netcom.com  
•Community ensemble which draws from within Central New Jersey.

### BAEGER CHOR

8 p.m. Monday  
Seenger Hall, 220 Somerset  
St., North Plainfield  
(908) 276-8572  
•40-voice chorus that specializes in German song. All voices welcome; not necessary to speak German.

### SOMERSET VALLEY CHORUS

7 p.m. Tuesday  
PeopleCare Center, 120 Findeme Ave., Bridge-  
water  
(908) 459-3983, 873-8833  
•All-woman ensemble singing barbershop style. Harmony workshop Tuesdays in November; registration required.

### 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 horns, string basses, cellos and tubas. No audition needed.

### STARLITE CHORALE

7:30 p.m. Tuesday  
Osceola Presbyterian Church  
1689 Raritan Rd., Clark  
(908) 885-1120  
•Specializing in show tunes, standards and big-band songs.

### SUMMIT CHORALE

7:45 p.m. Tuesday  
Christ Church, 561 Springfield Ave., Summit  
(201) 762-8486  
•Choral works from the Renaissance to the present.

### WASHINGTON ROCK

### GIRL SCOUT CHORUS

6:45 p.m. certain Wednesdays  
(call for dates)  
Edison Intermediate School  
Grove St., Westfield  
(908) 232-3236, 233-1716  
•All-girl ensemble from 24 towns in three counties. New members welcome.



## Poetry

### BARRON ARTS CENTER

582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge  
(908) 634-0413  
•Poets Wednesday, 8 p.m. Dec. 11. Sean Dougherty, B.J. Ward and Nicholas Kolumben. Plus open reading.  
**CHAPTER ONE BOOKS**  
128 Raritan Ave., Highland Park  
(908) 828-7648  
•Emanuel di Pasquale, 8 p.m. Dec. 13.  
**METUCHEN PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
480 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen  
(908) 321-0130  
•Jack Wiler (taping for TV show), Dec. 19.



## Planetariums

### RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Route 28, North Branch  
(908) 231-8805  
•"The Light Before Christmas," 2 and 4:30 p.m. Dec. 14, 15. Admission \$8.50.

### TRAILSIDE NATURE AND SCIENCE CENTER

452 New Providence Rd.  
Mountainside  
(908) 789-3670  
•"Festival of Lights," 2 p.m. Dec. 18. Adults and children \$3, senior citizens \$2.55; children under 6 not admitted.  
•"Laser Noel," 3:30 p.m. Dec. 15. Adults and children \$3.25, senior citizens \$2.75; children under 10 not admitted.

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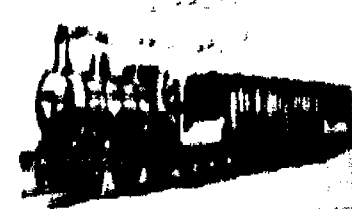
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# In Concert

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10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.  
Dec. 14; Unitarian Church  
Route 206, Princeton  
(908) 281-5228  
\*Magician and escape artist performs as part of the Winterfest (see Happenings). Admission \$5 in advance, \$8 at the door.

## AMERICAN BOYCHOIR

4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22  
Richardson Auditorium,  
Princeton University  
(609) 258-5000  
\*Traditional Christmas music. Admission \$28-\$18.

## A BACH NOEL

5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15  
United Methodist Church  
George St., New Brunswick  
(908) 249-6999  
\*Brandenburg Concertos No. 3 and No. 5, plus other works of J.S. Bach, performed by the New Brunswick Chamber Orchestra. Adults \$12, senior citizens and students \$8.

## A BAROQUE CHRISTMAS

8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18  
Richardson Auditorium,  
Princeton University  
(609) 258-5000  
\*Holiday works of J.S. Bach, Handel and other composers, performed by Concert Royal. Adults \$22, \$16; students \$5.

## BROOKLYN SWING ENSEMBLE

8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14  
Reformed Church, 23 S.  
Second Ave., Highland Park  
(908) 940-1553, 828-3528  
\*Quartet performs in a contra dance with Yvonne Gordon, caller. Lessons for beginners 7:30 p.m. Admission \$7.

## JOHN BURKHALTER/RYTA ASCH

4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15  
1860 House  
124 Montgomery Rd., Skillman  
(609) 921-3272

\*Recorder player (he) and harpsichord player (she) perform works of Luidhens, Dandrieu, Corelli, Marcello, Van Eyck and Veracini. Admission \$10.

## CALVARY CHORALE

4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15  
Calvary Episcopal Church  
31 Woodland Ave., Summit  
(908) 273-1814  
\*Holiday concert featuring works of Vivalli, J.S. Bach and other composers. Donation.

## CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15  
St. Bernard's Church, 88 Claremont Rd., Herndonville  
(908) 766-0002  
\*Lessons and carols service with the church's choir. Donation.

## CHRISTMAS AT WESTMINSTER

Westminster Choir College  
101 Walnut Lane, Princeton  
(609) 921-2063  
\*The Colors of Christmas, Bristol Chapel, 8 p.m. Dec. 13. Adults \$12, senior citizens and students \$10.  
\*Westminster Community Orchestra, Richardson Auditorium (Princeton University), 8 p.m. Dec. 13. Admission \$8.  
\*Readings and carols, Princeton University Chapel, 8 p.m. Dec. 14. Adults \$18, \$15, senior citizens and students \$12.  
\*Westminster Singers, Bristol Chapel, 4 and 8 p.m. Dec. 18. Adults \$12, senior citizens and students \$10.  
\*The House of Winter, Bristol Chapel, 8 p.m. Dec. 21, 22. Adults \$12, senior citizens and students \$10.

## CHRISTMAS CAFE

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20  
1860 House  
124 Montgomery Rd., Skillman  
(609) 921-3272, 663-0563  
\*Holiday tunes done singalong style. Admission \$8.

## AN ENGLISH CHRISTMAS

8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14  
Edward Nash Theatre  
Raritan Valley Community College, North Branch  
(908) 728-3420  
\*Yuletide music from the U.K. as performed by the Central Jersey Symphony Orchestra and Master Chorale. Adults \$12, senior citizens \$8.00, students \$7.

## HESPERUS AND THE WESTERN WIND

8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15

State Theatre, 19 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick  
(908) 246-7469  
\*Hanukkah songs, indigenous music and British wassails. Admission \$25-\$18.

## PETE & MAURA KENNEDY

7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15  
Watchung Arts Center  
Watchung Circle, Watchung  
(908) 753-0190  
\*Husband-and-wife folk duo. Admission \$10.

## KING'S LANTERN

7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13  
Clark Alliance Church  
2 Denman Ave., Clark  
(908) 388-1272  
\*Holiday songs with a Christian group. Admission \$4.

## LESSONS AND CAROLS

4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15  
St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral  
Main St., Metuchen  
(908) 548-0100  
\*Christmas concert with the cathedral's choir and the Brunswick Symphony Orchestra. Adults \$12, senior citizens \$10, students \$8, children 14 and under \$3.

## A MEDIEVAL CAROLFEST

8 p.m. Dec. 13, 4 p.m. Dec. 15; Osceola Presbyterian Church, 1689 Rantan Rd. Clark  
(908) 885-3454  
\*Yuletide music of Olde England performed by the Stanite Choral. Adults \$10, senior citizens and students \$8.

## MESSIAH (Choral Art Society of New Jersey)

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13  
First Baptist Church  
170 Elm St., Westfield  
(908) 322-7240  
\*Community sing version of the Handel oratorio. Admission \$8.

## MESSIAH (Dunellen Community Chorus)

5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15  
First Presbyterian Church  
218 Dunellen Ave., Dunellen  
(908) 968-3844  
\*Christmas portion of the Handel oratorio. Donation.

## MESSIAH (Masterwork Chorus)

8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14  
State Theatre, 19 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick  
(201) 442-2004  
\*The Handel oratorio in its entirety. Admission \$35-\$15.

## MESSIAH (Princeton Pro Musica)

8 p.m. Dec. 20, 21  
Richardson Auditorium,  
Princeton University  
(609) 258-5000  
\*The Handel oratorio in its entirety. Adults \$22, \$22; senior citizens \$22, \$20; students \$10, \$8.

## MESSIAH (Raritan Valley Chorus)

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17  
Neshanic Reformed Church  
Route 514, Neshanic  
(908) 281-8500  
\*Christmas portion of the Handel oratorio, performed in a "community sing" format. Show date Dec. 20. Admission \$7.

## MESSIAH (Summit Chorus)

8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17  
Central Presbyterian Church  
70 Maple St., Summit  
(201) 762-8486  
\*Community sing version of the Handel oratorio. Show date Dec. 18. Free admission, scores \$2.

## NEW JERSEY INTERGENERATIONAL ORCHESTRA

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19  
Cranford High School  
West End Ave., Cranford  
(908) 561-3802  
\*Holiday concert with musicians from 5-84. Free admission.

## N.J. SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13  
State Theatre, 19 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick  
(800) ALLEGRO  
\*Brahms's Piano Concerto No. 1 in D minor; Dvorak's Symphony No. 7 in D minor. Admission \$48-\$12; discounts available.

## A NIGHT OF MUSIC

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13

Metuchen High School  
400 Grove Ave., Metuchen  
(908) 548-2964, 549-0008  
\*In memory of Donald Mirman, Metuchen music benefactor. Admission \$25.

## NOWELL SING WE CLEAR

8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20  
Somerset County Environmental Education Center, 190 Lord Stirling Rd., Basking Ridge  
(908) 766-2489, 782-8656  
\*Traditional Yule music of England and early America. Admission \$15.

## JEFF PRILLAMAN/ANGELA ST. PIERRE

7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15; Somerset Hills Baptist Church  
Route 525, Basking Ridge  
(908) 647-7091  
\*Tenor (he) and soprano (she) perform works of Handel, Mozart, Franck, Schubert, Adams and Niles, plus Christmas carols. Donation.

## PRINCETON CHAMBER SYMPHONY

4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15  
Richardson Auditorium,  
Princeton University  
(609) 258-5000  
\*Holiday concert, featuring works of James, Canteloube, Butterworth and Rimsky-Korsakov. Adults \$24, \$21; senior citizens \$22, \$19; students \$8, \$6.

## PRINCETON PRO MUSICA

8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14  
Richardson Auditorium,  
Princeton University  
(609) 258-5000  
\*Holiday concert, featuring works of Benjamin Britten, Conrad Susa and Leonard Bernstein. Adults \$27, \$22; senior citizens \$22, \$20; students \$10, \$8.

## RALPH RINGSTAD Jr.

7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21  
Union County Arts Center  
1601 Irving St., Rahway  
(908) 499-8226  
\*Holiday music with a concert organist. Admission \$8.

## ST. PAUL SEVEN

7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13  
St. John Vianney Church  
420 Inman Ave., Colonia  
(908) 634-0413  
\*Holiday music with a New Jersey-based ensemble. Free admission.

## BARBARA THOMSON

12:05 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18; First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer St. Westfield  
(908) 233-2494  
\*Organist from Central New Jersey. Free admission.

## LEONID YANOVSKY/YURI MAJORSKY

8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21  
Christ United Methodist Church  
485 Hoes Lane, Piscataway  
(908) 483-1817, 483-2007  
\*Violinist (former) and pianist (letter) perform works of Tchaikovsky, Liszt and Brahms. Adults \$10, students \$6.

## YULETIDE BY CANDLELIGHT

8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15  
Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church  
716 Watchung Ave., Plainfield  
(908) 766-2468  
\*Choral works and carols performed by the church's members. Free admission.



# Club Mix

## BOURBON STREET CAFE

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61 Church St., New Brunswick  
(908) 246-3111  
\*Is that Jazz? (and jazz), Sundays.  
New artist showcase, Mondays.  
\*Lionie Shields, Dec. 13.  
\*Low Budget Blues anniversary, Dec. 14.  
\*Holiday singalong, Dec. 18.  
\*Johnny Charles, Dec. 19.  
\*Michael Hill's Blues Mob, Dec. 20.  
\*The Blues Jumpers, Dec. 21.

## BUTTERFIELD BEANERY

120 Albany St., New Brunswick  
(908) 545-4900  
\*John Bianculli, Dec. 13.

## CLUB BENE

Route 35, Sayreville  
(908) 727-3000  
\*Michael Schenker, Dec. 18.  
\*Physical Graffiti, Dec. 14.  
\*Manower, Dec. 20.  
\*The Machine, Dec. 21.  
\*The Whispers, Dec. 22.

## CORNERSTONE

25 New St., Metuchen  
(908) 842-8208  
\*Ray Gellon Quartet, Dec. 14.

\*John Bunch Quartet, Dec. 14.  
\*Ken Popowski Quartet, Dec. 18, 20, 21.  
**CROSSROADS**  
78 North Ave., Garwood  
(908) 232-5666  
\*William Clarke tribute, Dec. 15.

## HYATT REGENCY HOTEL

2 Albany St., New Brunswick  
(908) 873-1234  
\*John Bianculli Trio, Dec. 14.

## MINSTREL COFFEEHOUSE

Somerset County Environmental Education Center, 190 Lord Stirling Rd., Basking Ridge  
(201) 335-9489  
\*Open stage, Dec. 13.

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1255 Valley Rd., Stirling  
(908) 647-0138  
Open jam, Sundays.  
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Open jazz session, Wednesdays.  
\*Johnny 7, Dec. 13.  
\*Bonnie & C.L.Y.D.E., Dec. 14.  
\*Cruzin' for a Blazin', Dec. 20.  
\*Mr. Blue, Dec. 21.

## PALMYRA TEA ROOM

22 Hamilton St.  
Bound Brook  
(908) 302-0515  
\*Burgandy, Dec. 13.  
\*Vic Juris, Dec. 14.  
\*Vera Mara, Dec. 20.  
\*Whole Earth, Dec. 21.

## STRESS FACTORY

90 Church St., New Brunswick  
(908) 545-4242  
Comedy club.

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\*John Bianculli, Dec. 18.



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\*The Very Young at Art: Shape Up! 1 p.m. Dec. 14.  
\*Works by Alexander Arefiev, to Jan. 26.  
\*Recent acquisitions to the Rutgers Archives for Printmaking Studios, to Feb. 16.  
\*Four Centuries of Prints from the collection, to Feb. 16.  
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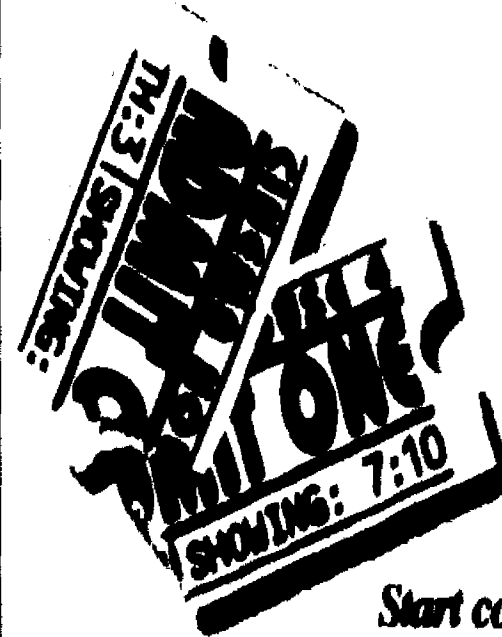
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# New Jersey Film Festival announces spring schedule

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Jan. 24, 25: *Maboros* (1996).  
Jan. 28: *The Big Sleep* (1946).  
Jan. 31, Feb. 1: *Paradise Lost — The Child Murders at Robin Hood Hills* (1996).  
Feb. 7, 8: *United States Super 8mm Film and Video Festival*.



Feb. 8: *Small Faces* (1996) and *Girl Town* (1996).  
Feb. 14, 15: *Saint Clare* (1997).  
Feb. 18: *Secrets & Lies* (1996) and

*Inan* (1996).  
Feb. 21, 22: *Microcosmos* (1996).  
Feb. 23: *Brother of Sleep* (1996) and *Beautiful Thing* (1996).  
Feb. 28: *The Big Heat* (1946).  
Feb. 28, March 1: *Predators of Fire* (1996).  
March 2: *Breaking the Waves* (1996).  
March 7, 8: *Gulnara* (1996).  
March 8: *Portrait of a Lady* (1996; subject to availability).  
March 22: *The Last Wave* (1977).

March 28, 29: *Apocalypse Now* (1979).  
April 2: *Maya Deren retrospective, part 1*.  
April 4, 5: *A Thelma in the Heart* (1996).  
April 6: *Bob El-Oud City* (1996) and *Once Upon a Time: Beirut* (1996).  
April 11: *The Lady from Shanghai* (1946).  
April 12: *Shanghai Express* (1932).  
April 13: *The People vs. Larry Flynt* (1996, subject to availability) plus sec-

ond feature.  
April 18: *Maya Deren retrospective, part 2*.  
April 19: *The Purge* (1997) and *The Immortal One* (1996).  
April 19: *The Best Years of Our Lives*.  
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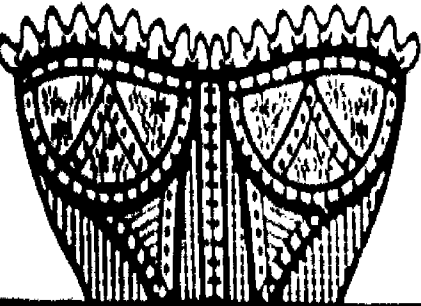
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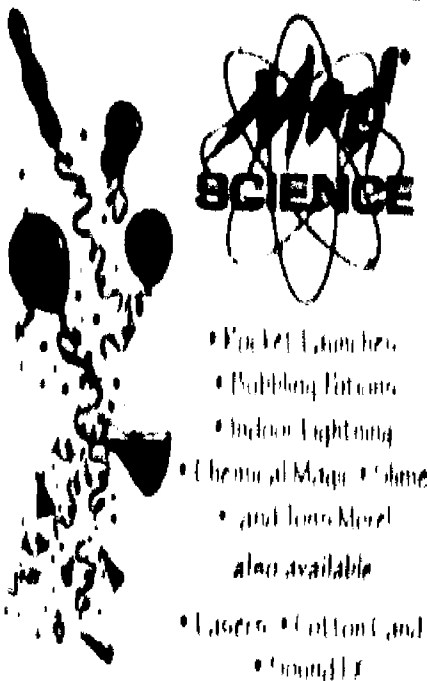
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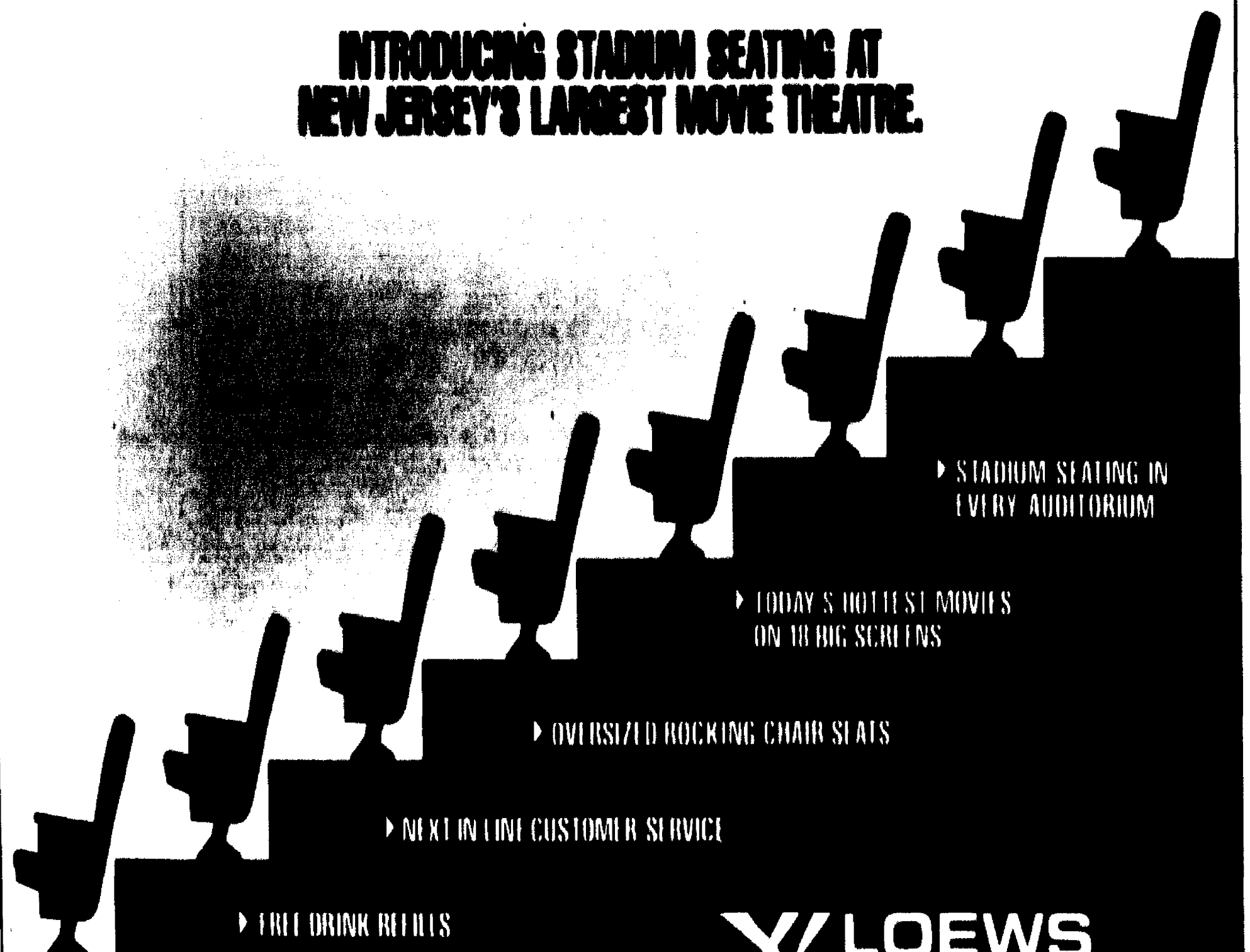
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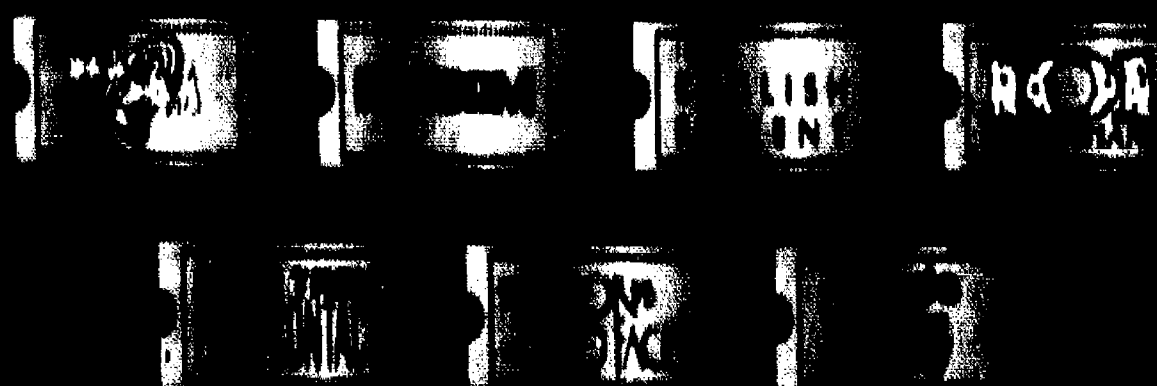
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# Dining out 15

## Local diners welcome a family restaurant

Raritan's Acqua  
captures corporate  
lunchers and others

By PHYLLIS RECKEL

Weekend Plus culinary correspondent

Corporate America, or at least Corporate Raritan and Somerville, has welcomed Acqua, the Italian restaurant that took over the space once known as Sam's Grille. It's a great place for lunch or for dinner, for business or for dining with friends.

An upscale restaurant, its wait staff are professionals with experience. They know how to be ever-present without being obvious and they chat easily about the menu — or anything else — if you are so inclined.

The dinner menu begins with an antipasti list (\$6.95-\$12.95) that includes hot or cold antipasto trays or various forms of mussels, calamari, and clams.

Salads include a \$4.95 house salad, which is a crispy mix of tomato, cucumber olives and red onions mixed with fresh greens. Three other salads are offered for \$6.95 — caesar, lemon garlic vinaigrette and tricolor.

It wouldn't be an Italian restaurant if it didn't have pasta and it does, \$11.95 for rigatoni with plum tomatoes to \$17.95 for shrimp, lobster, scallops, clams and mussels over linguine. The latter is a sea lover's delight. One of my dining companions had the special, linguine with artichoke hearts, which proved to be a tangy temptation.

Three sauteed veal dishes (\$15.95-\$16.95) come with a cherry lemon butter sauce, a ham, cheese and herb mix in marsala demi-glaze, or a marsala wine sauce with asparagus and pistachio nuts. Veal marsala is one of my favorites and Acqua's version is quite wonderful.

Five chicken dishes — offered roasted, grilled and sauteed — are \$14.95. Fresh cod and marinated trout are \$17.95 and crabcakes and marinated salmon are \$19.95. Meat lovers will find roasted pork chops (\$16.95) and a 16-ounce Black Angus grilled steak, topped with Roquefort cheese and walnut compound butter, for \$23.95.

All entrees are served with a vegetable and a potato or rice. The evening we were there, the vegetables were teeny tiny asparagus and julienne carrots, as delicious a combination as it was attractive,



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Owner Franco Ingraro, his sons Luciano and Matteo Ingraro, Tomasino Casanola and head chef George Vella welcome patrons to Acqua Ristorante in Raritan.

and the potatoes were even tinier threads creating a deep fried web, again a different and great taste because of the cut.

Acqua's lunch menu is a delight. We began ours with the soup of the day (\$3.95), a wonderful combination of white beans, sausage and arugula, a country table kind of dish that was delicious.

Although there's ordinary antipasti fare (\$6.95), the salads, in addition to the caesar (\$6.95) and house (\$3.95) for \$7.95 include grilled marinated chicken on greens, sauteed salmon on spinach and portabellos with romaine, mozzarella and artichoke hearts.

Four sandwiches on homemade breads are offered. For \$7.95, there's mozzarella, roasted pepper, tomato and arugula or, our choice, a satisfying combination of portabello, eggplant and onion. The sandwich was accompanied by a most scrumptious tomato relish that ought to be featured rather than just served as an accompaniment. And for \$8.95, there's an open face BLT or, a surprise to me, an 8-ounce hamburger.

Two frittatas (omelets) are offered for \$6.95, one with potatoes and fresh artichokes, and our choice, mushroom, asparagus and bacon, a great combination. Also on the lunch menu are personal size pizza, pasta, veal and chicken.

The two specials of the day were goat cheese ravioli in a dried chicken, pistachio and peas sauce for \$7.95, another country flavor delight, and a fettuccini with shrimp and garlic for \$8.95. If you

like scampi, you will love this dish!

In house pastry ends the meal (\$5.95) day or night and the choices are a delicious mix of tort and mousse and Italian delights, plus ice cream or sorbet.

There's a bar at Acqua, and patrons may eat there. It serves beer and wine by the glass or bottle. Bottles of wine are mostly in the \$20 range.

The restaurant offers a most pleasant ambiance whether you're seated in front of the huge window wall or on the upper level between two Picasso type murals. White linen tablecloths and napkins, and a bread basket of crisp Italian bread and focaccia, tells you immediately you are in a fine dining place, but the relaxed service allows you to sit back and enjoy your meal.

Before opening Acqua, Franco Ingraro sold his small Italian restaurant in Freehold and opened this larger endeavor with sons Matteo, Luciano and Joseph. It looks like he made the right decision at the right time with just the ambience this area needed.

Acqua Ristorante, Route 202, Raritan; 707-1777. Open 11:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 8-10 p.m. Saturday, 3-8:30 a.m. Sunday. All credit cards except Discover accepted. Handicapped accessible. Private room for parties available. A guitarist plays Thursday nights.



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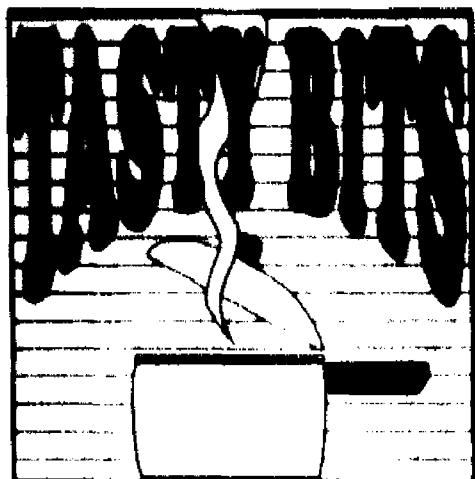
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Next week's **Weekend Plus Dining Out** column will feature Christmas dining at area restaurants.

Bess Peterson, president of **Peterson Farms** in Andover, has been named 1998 Restaurateur of the Year by the N.J. Restaurant Association.

**Randazzo Pastry**, a bakery with shops in Brooklyn and Staten Is-

land, takes over the Quo Vadis bakery shop on Route 202 in Raritan. For information, call 595-0322.

**Golden Palace**, the Chinese restaurant in the Bedminster Shopping Center, now delivers. For details, call them at 781-6800.

The only restaurant in the state to receive American Automobile Association (AAA) top honors of five

diamonds is **The Dining Room** in the Hilton at Short Hills, (201) 379-0100. Its rich decor provides an elegant setting for a gourmet dinner as does its carefully selected wine list for pre-theater, à la carte and prix fixe menus.

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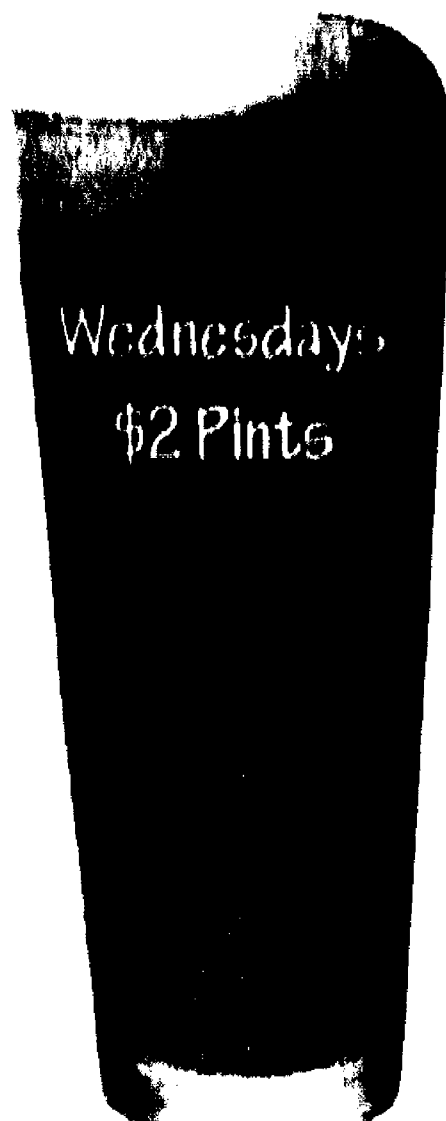
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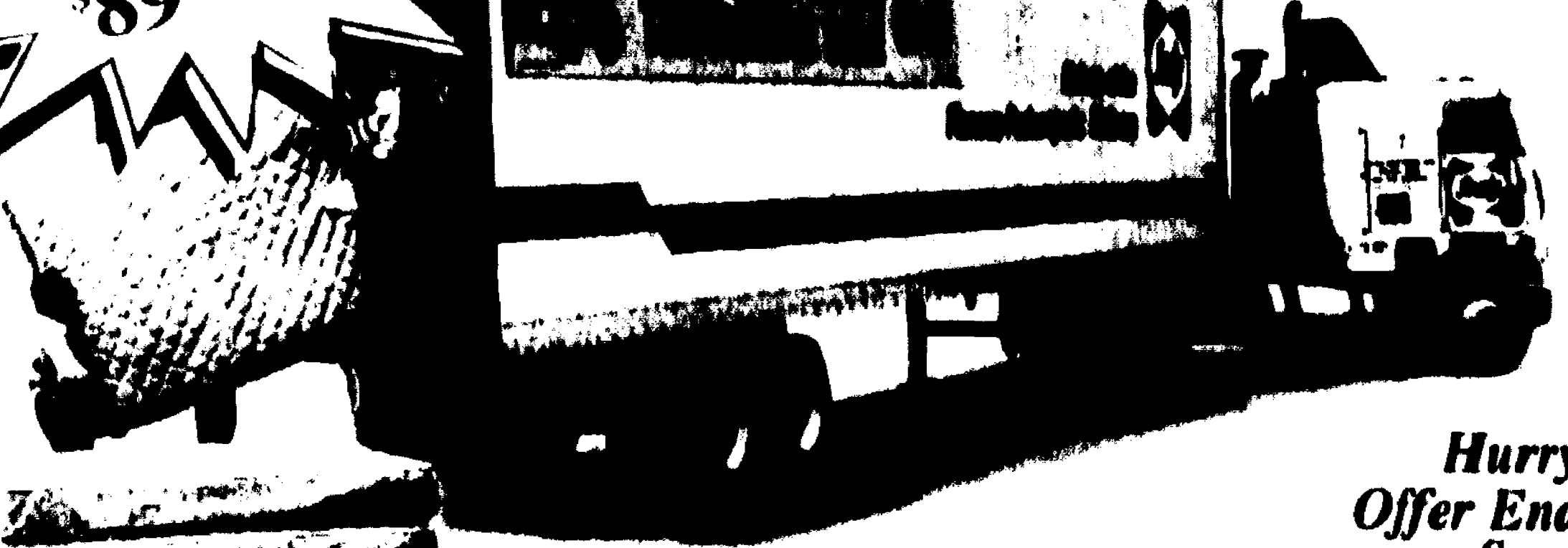


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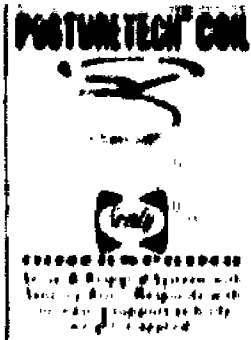
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## You'll find heaven in Scotch Plains

If you don't think you deserve heaven on earth, then maybe you'll settle for 10 Michael Lane in Scotch Plains.

Situated on a cul de sac, this house sports a contemporary design and should appeal to the well-to-do home buyer. The house comes with a professionally landscaped 1/2 acre lot.

"Spacious" does not begin to describe the inside of the house. The living room alone is 24 feet long and 17 feet wide, and comes equipped with its own fireplace. The formal dining room is 13 feet by 15 feet, with plenty of space for visiting relatives or other guests.

The kitchen comes complete with an eat-in area for breakfasts for less formal meals, and is equipped with European cabinets, a dishwasher, garbage disposal, microwave oven and a self-cleaning conventional oven.

The family room, 20 feet long and 13 feet across, has another fireplace for its own use.

Also downstairs are a first floor recreation room and a laundry room.

Upstairs, the house has a total of five bedrooms, including a master bedroom as big as the family room. The master bedroom has a cathedral

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ceiling.

The house comes with 3 1/2 baths; a built-in basement and attic; and a two car garage.

The house also contains a den to provide peace and privacy, a solarium with a greenhouse for the garden hobbyist, and a kitchenette for relatives or servants to use.

Outside, the house is approached on a circular driveway, and features an outdoor gazebo.

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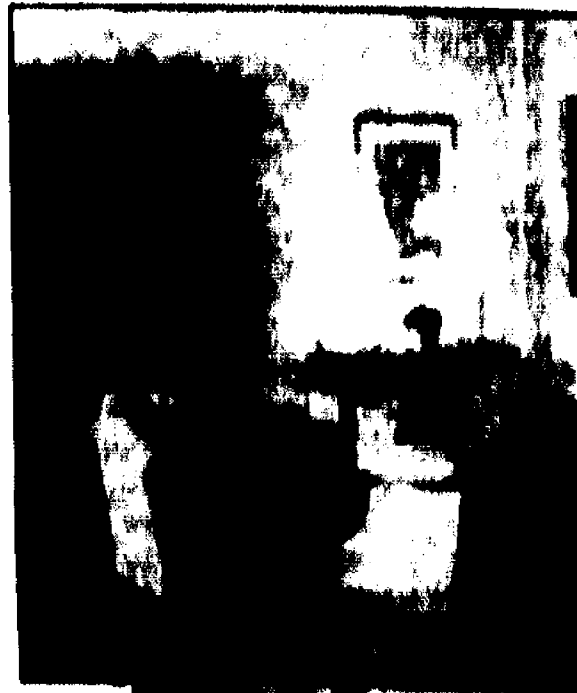
For more information, call Ms. Ardrey at Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage at 233-5555.

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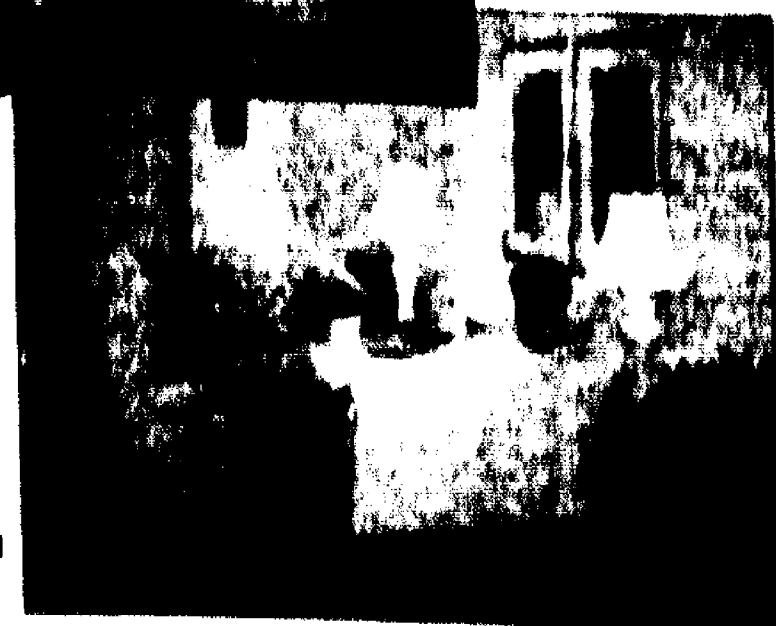
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# PSE&G reports record new energy-efficient houses

Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) recently announced the results of the utility's Energy Efficient Home (EEH) program for October. A record 13 new builders were certified by PSE&G for constructing energy-efficient residences.

"PSE&G is pleased to welcome these new builders to the EEH program," said Susan Ringhof, product manager of PSE&G's EEH program. "This month's all-time record of 13 new builders is proof that builders of all types, from the custom builder to the large-community builder, can qualify for EEH certification, simply by adding the appropriate energy-efficient upgrades to the home."

PSE&G's EEH program recognizes builders of single-family, town home, condominium and individually metered apartment communities that meet PSE&G's high requirements for energy efficiency.

These requirements often exceed the standard New Jersey State building codes. Some of these products include high-efficiency heating, cooling and hot water systems; insulated or storm



windows and doors; added insula-

tion in walls and the attic; and set-back thermostats.

Equally important, every home in an EEH community is inspected to ensure all energy-saving measures are properly installed. Builders who construct new homes under PSE&G's guidelines receive recognition, financial incentives and advertising support.

Among the communities certified by PSE&G in October are:

- Bear's Nest, a 120-town home community in Park Ridge;
- Ridgeview Estates, a community of seven single family-homes in Basking Ridge;
- Apple Hill Estates, a community of 10 single-family

homes in Montvale;

- Shadow Brook a community of 11 single-family homes in Westwood.

"Because of an increasing interest in energy-efficient construction, PSE&G's EEH program has gained popularity among both

builders and new home buyers," said Ms. Ringhof. "Builders will benefit through faster sales of these value-added homes, while the buyer will benefit from lower utility bills."

Since the program's inception 12 years ago, more than 7,000 resi-

dences and 200 builders have been recognized by PSE&G for energy efficiency.

For more information on EEH builders and their communities, please contact the EEH hotline, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, at (800) 220-8090.

## Fox Hunt offering exceptional homes

Coldwell Banker's New Homes Division has been chosen as the exclusive sales and marketing agent for Fox Hunt at Far Hills. Barbara Penny, sales manager at Coldwell Banker's Metuchen office, will be the Project Specialist for this spectacular estate-caliber home community in Somerset County.

Fox Hunt, a community of six custom-built homes, is set on generous home sites ranging from 6-10 acres. Homes in this exclusive enclave offer a minimum of 5,500 square feet of living space, and will be priced from \$1,150,000. Home sites are also available for purchase, starting at \$495,000.

"The idyllic country setting of Far Hills, which is home to the U.S. Equestrian Team, holds strong appeal to even the most discerning home buyer," said Ms. Penny. "The elegant homes at Fox Hunt offer every luxury, and home buyers are encouraged to visit soon to plan their dream home."

Presented by BDS Group, one of the area's leading home builders, the homes at Fox Hunt will be built to the home buyers' specifications. Situated on a cul-de-sac street, and located adjacent to estates, each wooded home site at Fox Hunt offers privacy in a prime sylvan setting.

Nestled in the center of the Somerset Hills is Far Hills, site of the annual Far Hills Race Association's Steeple Chase and



the Midland Run. Rolling hills, rambling white-fenced pastures and scenic views in every direction are hallmarks of the horse country of Far Hills.

The community has less than 5 square miles and a population of just 600 residents. Frequent train service to New York and the community's close proximity to major highways, including Interstates 287 and 78 and Route 202, make Far Hills an ideal choice for commuters. Students attend school in neighboring Bernardsville, which boasts an excellent school system.

Recreational and cultural opportunities abound at area parks, riding stables and historical sites such as Washington's Headquarters in nearby Morristown.

Interested home buyers are encouraged to obtain more information by contacting Ms. Penny at the sales office at 953-0010, or at Coldwell Banker's Metuchen Office at 494-7700.

Directions: Route 287 to Exit 22D, Bedminster, follow Route 202/206 North to fork. Bear right, stay on Route 202 North. Turn right at light (Willie's Tavern) continue 1/2 mile past Far Hills Train Station to sign for Fox Hunt.

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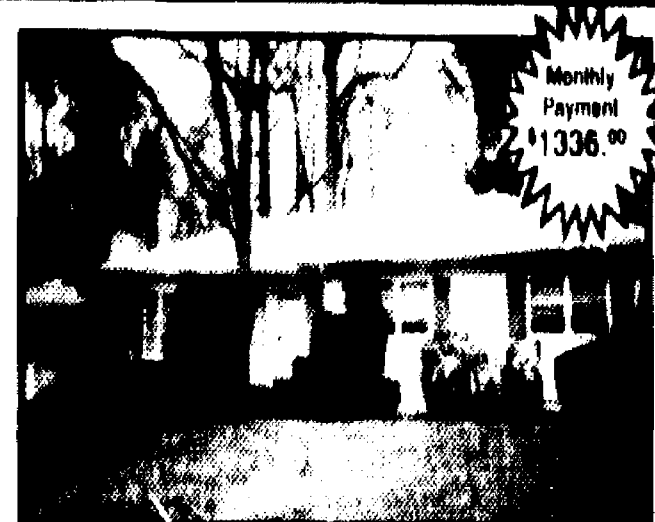


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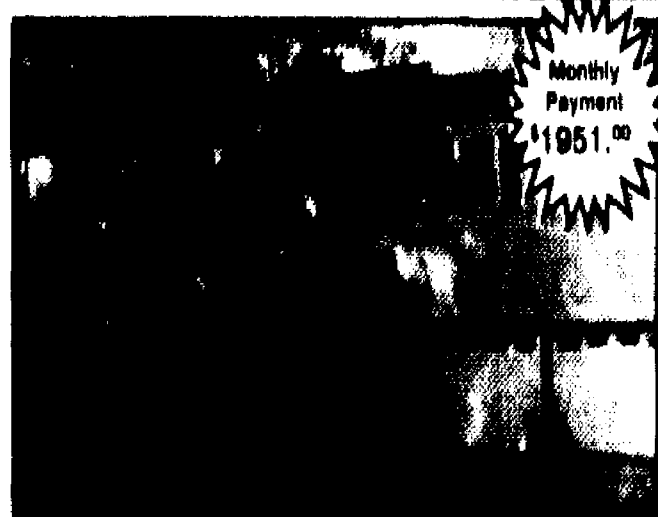


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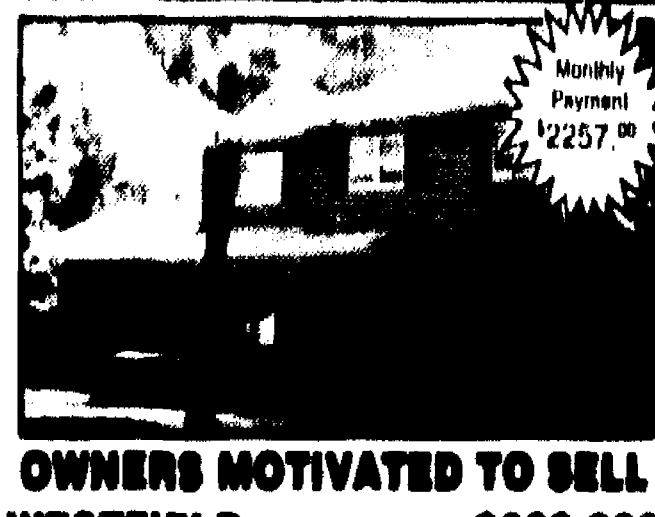


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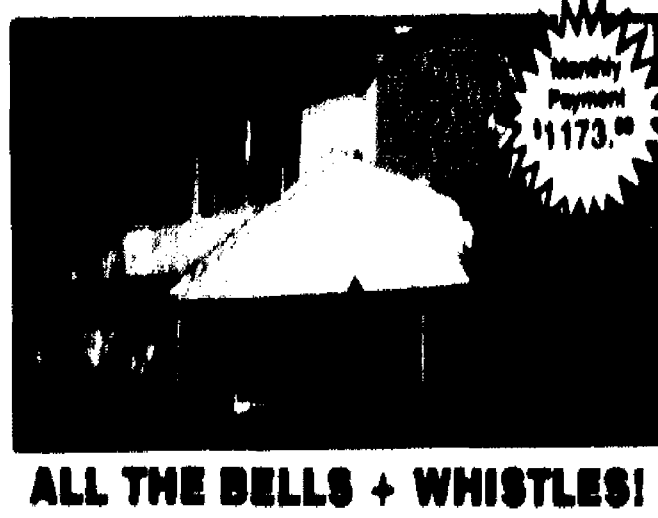


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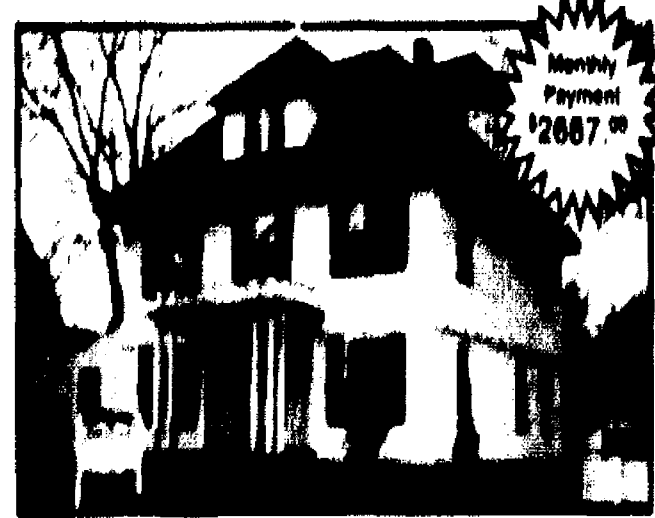
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# Country Walk II offers home for the holidays

Sterling Properties, one of New Jersey's leading home builders, has announced its Birchwood model is available for immediate occupancy at Country Walk at Bridgewater. Ideal for the growing family seeking a new home in time for the holidays, the Birchwood is priced from \$239,900. Country Walk continues to be the most popular community in the Somerset County area, according to Sterling Properties.

Offering about 2,200 square feet of living space, the Birchwood model has been popular with buyers who demand luxury amenities, spacious designs and a convenient location. With 2½ ceramic tiled bathrooms, a two-story open foyer, a decorative fireplace with wood trim and a luxury master suite with an oversized soaking tub in the master bath, this home features a long list of standard features. The list goes on to include a large eat-in kitchen with General Electric appliances, full poured concrete basements with windows, fully paved driveways, a 100-square-foot wood deck and an up-graded stone front. Sterling Properties notes these standard appointments add up to thousands of dollars of savings to the buyer.

"The beautiful Birchwood model represents an outstanding opportunity for a fast acting buyer to enjoy the holidays in style," said Bill Manicone, sales manager for Country Walk and Sterling's companion community, Country Walk II. "Besides this exceptional opportunity, Country Walk II currently offers many other prime home sites. Potential buyers should visit our sales center this weekend to learn more about all that Country Walk II has to offer."

Routes 22, 287, 202, 206 and 78 are just a short drive away from the Country Walk communities, making trips to shopping venues, Bridgewater Commons Mall, and recreational options such as private swim clubs and Bridgewater Sports Arena an easy drive away. In Bridgewater, residents of Country Walk will also benefit from the township's excellent school system and low tax rate, according to Sterling.

Developed by builder Sterling Properties, whose principals share more than 40 years of building expertise, the Country Walk communities are just a small part of the builders' new home community success stories. With a staff comprised of experts in land acquisition, architecture, construction and sales and marketing, Sterling Properties says it builds excellence in design, superior quality, unparalleled craftsmanship and unrivaled value in each



new home at Country Walk.

Sterling Properties' portfolio of upscale new home communities also includes: Park Lane at Hanover, luxury single-family homes; Lamington Falls in Pottersville, three- and four-bedroom luxury town homes; Autumn Crest at Long Hill, four- and five-bedroom

single-family luxury homes set on one-acre lots; and The Willows at Chatham, featuring semi-detached town homes.

For more information on Country Walk, visit the Sales Center Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and

Sundays noon-5 p.m.

**DIRECTIONS:** Take 202/206 South to the Somerville traffic circle. Follow signs for Route 28 West and take about 1 mile to Vanderveer Road. Make left and proceed one mile to the sales office on the right.

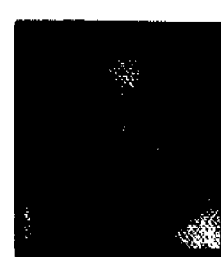
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# Wildflower Ridge records eight sales in November

The month of November is typically one of the slowest in the real estate market. But don't tell this to the staff at Wildflower Ridge at Six Mile Run. November was one of their busiest all year.

With eight sales over a three-week period in November, Wildflower Ridge has continued to remain one of the state's most active communities. Now selling in Village D, which is nearing sellout, Wildflower Ridge features a collection of three- and four-bedroom single-family homes priced from \$213,500.

"Besides our great location, value prices and quality construction, what has enabled Wildflower Ridge to outsell all other communities is our exceptional sales team," said Marge Karahuta, director of sales and marketing for Sunrise Communities. "Our outstanding sales staff takes time to understand each buyer's unique needs, walks them through the construction and selection process and does whatever it takes to ensure 100 percent buyer satisfaction. We are very fortunate to have such an excellent team as we do at Wildflower Ridge."

Wildflower Ridge is one of the most successful new home communities in all of Central Jersey. Besides their sales staff, the community's popularity is due to its designs, quality construction and location.

Additionally, only luxury appointments are offered in each home at Wildflower Ridge. Included in the base price of each home are basements, two-car side-entry garages, central air condi-

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tioning, gourmet kitchens with designer cabinets, gracious living and dining rooms, master bedroom suites and much more.

Adding to this long list of features are Belgium block curbing, paved driveways and walkways, and all-underground utilities.

Set in Franklin Township, Wildflower Ridge lies in the heart of Somerset County with all major commuting highways, parks and recreation, and shopping at the community's doorstep. With Interstate 287 and Routes 1 and 27 nearby, commuters also enjoy convenience living at Wildflower Ridge.

For more information on Wildflower Ridge at Six Mile Run, contact the sales center, open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily except Wednesdays, at 873-8433.

**DIRECTIONS:** Take I-287 to Exit 6. Follow signs to New Brunswick, Easton Avenue, Route 527. Turn right at the second traffic light onto Cedar Grove Lane. Proceed to Amwell Road (Route 514) and turn right. Make a left onto Van Cleef Road and proceed to sales center on the right.

**From Points South:** Take Route 1 North to Cozzens Lane. Proceed to Route 27 and turn right onto Middlebrush Road. Make the first left onto Blackwells Mills Road. Turn right onto Van Cleef Road and proceed to the sales center on the left.



Homes at Wildflower Ridge are priced from \$213,500.

## Ivy Mortgage offering new program

Glenn J. Wallace, managing director of Ivy Mortgage, has announced that the company has introduced a financing program for loans up to \$40,000 or more, backed by the U.S. government, that will enable homeowners to finance a wide variety of home improvement projects.

Borrowers can now obtain loans from Ivy Mortgage to finance the entire cost of a broad array of home-improvement projects, including adding a new heating system, carpeting, air conditioning, roofing and even luxury improvements like adding a swimming pool. A loan can be closed in

just three days because no property appraisal is required.

"The new, government-backed program that Ivy Mortgage has introduced gives homeowners an excellent opportunity to beautify, upgrade and repair their homes," said Mr. Wallace. "Not only can homeowners make their homes more attractive, they can add important safety and efficiency features by tackling many projects that they formerly had to postpone."

Owners of single-family homes, condominiums, multi-family dwellings, and nonowner-occupied properties are eligible for Ivy Mort-

gage's home improvement program, even if they have no equity in the property. No appraisal is required for the loan, monthly payments are low, and homeowners have up to 25 years to repay.

Interested homeowners are encouraged to call for additional information on the financing programs by contacting their local Ivy Mortgage office.

Ivy Mortgage offers one of the broadest mortgage product lines and is among the fastest growing mortgage bankers in the country. For more information, contact Ivy Mortgage at their headquarters in Belle Mead at 1-800-IVY-LEND.

## Sutton Place opens strong

Dorene McDaid, director of sales and marketing for Renaissance Properties, has announced the grand opening of Sutton Place at Helmetta. This community recently celebrated its opening with a strong turnout from prospective buyers; several homes have already been sold. Offering single family homes priced from only \$169,900, Sutton Place features the amenities today's families seek.

Located minutes from Route 18 and the New Jersey Turnpike in Middlesex County, Sutton Place offers five floor plans for buyers to choose from. Each three- and four-bedroom home includes two-car garages, and is loaded with standard features such as air conditioning, European cabinets and oak railings.

"Sutton Place at Helmetta is destined to be a huge success," said Ms. McDaid. "The community offers so much luxury and convenience for such affordable

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prices that buyers are overwhelmed by our value."

Renaissance Properties is also offering two additional single-family communities in Middlesex County, each featuring incentives for a limited time only.

The Estates at Monroe has only four homes remaining. Fast acting buyers can save \$20,000 in upgrades if they are one of the lucky buyers. Offering a model for sale, these four- and five-bedroom single-family homes are set in an established neighborhood with only prime lots remaining.


The Seasons at Monroe is celebrating its success and the opening of Phase II with a \$15,000 upgrade bonus on a limited number of homes.

These four-bedroom homes feature two-car garages, 2 1/2 baths, low taxes, basements and so much more.

For more information on Sutton Place at Helmetta, visit the sales center 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, or call Renaissance Properties at 972-2000.

To get to Sutton Place at Helmetta, take the NJ Turnpike from Exit 8A to Route 32 (Forge Drive), and follow it to the end. At the end of the road, turn right, and then make the first left onto Pergola Road. Proceed about 1/4 mile to Old Forge Road, then turn left to sales center.


From Route 9 South, turn right at Texas Road, and follow it to the end. Make the left there to Route 613, and then make the first right. Follow Matchaponix Avenue about 2 miles to Old Forge Road. Turn right to the sales center.



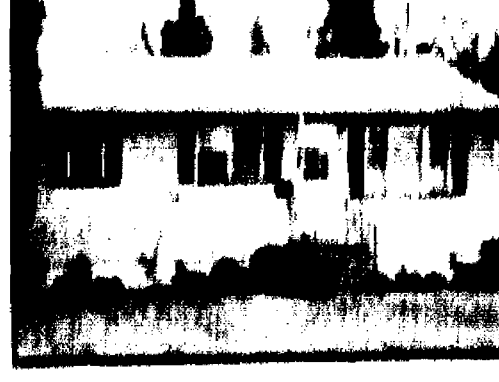
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## Realty Notes

Ellen Troeller, an associate with RE/MAX Realty Pros in Westfield, has ranked in RE/MAX of New Jersey's Top 50 list for highest dollar volume during the month of September. Her performance places her at the top of over 800 RE/MAX professionals throughout the state.

RE/MAX Hometown in Metuchen is pleased to welcome sales associate **Scott Gleason**. With several years of real estate experience, Mr. Gleason specializes in the listing and sale of residential property in Middlesex County.

A resident of Edison, Mr. Gleason lives with his wife, Nancy, and is fluent in the English, French, and Spanish languages.

RE/MAX Tri County in Hamilton Square is pleased to welcome sales associate **Terry Pratico Williams**. With a decade of real estate experience, Ms. Pratico Williams specializes in the listing and sale of new homes and other residential property in Mercer, Burlington and Middlesex counties.

A consistent top producer, Ms. Williams joins RE/MAX from Weichert Realtors. She is a member of the Central Jersey Builders Association.

A resident of Hamilton Square, Ms. Williams is the daughter of the late Phil Pratico Sr., prominent local jeweler. She lives with her husband, Dennis, who owns Terry Pratico Jewelers in Plainsboro, and has three children.

**Donna Iau**, an associate with RE/MAX Hometown in Metuchen, has ranked in RE/MAX of New Jersey's Top 50 list for most units sold year-to-date through September. Her performance places her at the top of over more than RE/MAX professionals throughout the state.

**Margaret West**, an associate with RE/MAX First Realty in East Brunswick, has ranked in RE/MAX of New Jersey's Top 50 list for highest dollar volume during the month of September. Her performance places her at the top of more than 800 RE/MAX professionals throughout the state.

**Daniel Boza**, an associate with RE/MAX First Realty in East Brunswick, has ranked in RE/MAX of New Jersey's Top 50 list for highest dollar volume during the month of September. His performance places him at the top of more than 800 RE/MAX professionals throughout the state.

**Faith Murphy**, a Metuchen Realtor, has been awarded the Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) Designation by the Residential Sales Council of the Realtors National Marketing Institute, an affiliate of the National Association of Realtors.

# Act quickly to get your home at Carousel Estates in East Amwell

Coldwell Banker's New Homes Division is very proud to announce the near sellout of Carousel Estates at East Amwell Township. The project manager of this 22-single-family home community is Josh Wilk of the Coldwell Banker's Flemington office.

Situated just north of Hopewell and south of Raritan Township, this Hunterdon County community has already received a tremendous buyer response, with 18 new home sales since its grand opening to the home-buying public in April.

Priced from \$274,900, each home at Carousel Estates boasts a home site from 1.5-2.5 acres, featuring views of the rolling hills and valleys of the Amwell Valley. Adding to this are 25 acres of preserved open land set adjacent to the community. Both lend to the private and scenic ambiance of the homes at Carousel Estates.

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"Carousel Estates has it all — beautiful homes, a perfect location, and extremely attractive prices," said Mr. Wilk. "Buyers from across the tri-state area have discovered the advantages of residing at this community, as evidenced by the 16 homes that have already been sold. Best of all, with construction begun on many homes, buyers can experience first hand all that Carousel Estates has to offer them. Visit Carousel Estates before the exceptional opportunities are gone forever."

With a portfolio of six model designs from which to choose, buyers will appreciate the versatility of the community's functional home designs, with models featuring

2,515-3,400 square feet of living space. Each home at Carousel Estates boasts the finest in single-family home living. Some of the many features buyers have been impressed with in all these four-bedroom homes are the two-story entrance foyers, first-floor studies/dens, family rooms with cathedral ceilings, fireplaces and skylights, modern kitchens, master bedroom suites with walk-in closets and master baths with skylights and whirlpool tubs.

Developed by New Trend Builders Inc., Carousel Estates offers the combined talents of three local builders, all who have long-term experience in local development and construction. Among them, they handle all aspects of the community's excavation, masonry work and general contracting, assuring each home at Carousel Estates receives the attention it deserves.

Set in East Amwell Township, Carousel Estates makes the most of its location. Home to the Sourland Mountain Reservation and the Amwell Lake Management Area, East Amwell offers close proximity to all suburban conveniences, including the Flemington Business Center, outlet shopping venues and many recreational choices. East Amwell also boasts a highly rated school system.

With ¼ of the community already sold, and several homes under construction ready for two-month delivery, prospective buyers should contact Mr. Wilk at 782-6850. Buyers are encouraged to make an appointment.

### Directions to Carousel Estates:

From Flemington Circle, take Route 202/31 South to left on Amwell Road (Route 514) at Sunoco station. Take a right at Van Liew Road to the project on left.

# Sterling Properties offers the finest New Jersey new-home communities

Take out a map and circle the most prestigious communities in New Jersey. Undoubtedly, you selected towns like Chatham, Hanover, Pottersville and Bridgewater. So did Sterling Properties when they chose where to build their new home communities.

As one of the state's leading home builders, Sterling Properties has earned a reputation in the industry based largely on its ability to offer new home communities in the finest locations.

"Before our company builds any new home community, we carefully scrutinize the town to ensure it meets our stringent quality of life criteria," said Joseph Forgione, a principal of Sterling Properties in Livingston. "The community must offer convenient access to major commuting highways, excellent schools, abundant parks and superb conveniences like shopping, dining and cultural venues. By adhering to this philosophy, home buyers can be assured that when they visit a Sterling community, they will be proud to call it home."

Sterling Properties is now building Park Lane at Hanover. This estate caliber community is priced from \$389,900, and is set in Hanover Township.

Featuring an outstanding collection of spacious four and five-bedroom homes, Park Lane offers heavily wooded, one-acre home sites minutes from all major commuting highways, excellent shopping and dining choices and nu-

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merous parks.

Country Walk II is set in Bridgewater and features three- and four-bedroom single-family homes priced from \$229,900. One home is now available for immediate occupancy, meaning a fast-acting buyer can enjoy his new home in time for the holidays.

Bridgewater's appeal lies in the community's school system, the Bridgewater Commons Mall and the area's unspoiled small-town flavor.

Quietly nestled in the historic town of Pottersville lies Lamington Falls, the most outstanding town home community in the area. Comprised of only 28 town homes, these three- and four-bedroom residences are priced from the mid-\$300,000s, and are surrounded by natural beauty and one of the state's most historic areas.

The Willows at Chatham has only 36 semi-attached town homes within walking distance of all this community has to offer. Offering three bedroom, 2½ baths and two-car garage houses, The Willows is a few minutes from The Midtown Direct Transit Line, Short Hills Mall and other attractions.

Developed by Sterling Properties, whose principals share more

than 40 years of building expertise, these new-home communities are just a small part of the builders' success stories. With a staff of experts in land acquisition, architecture, construction and sales and marketing, Sterling Properties builds excellence in design, quality, craftsmanship and value in each new-home community.

For more information on Park Lane at Hanover, Country Walk II at Bridgewater, and The Willows at Chatham, buyers are encouraged to visit the sales centers, open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and noon-6 p.m. Sundays.

For more information on Lamington Falls at Pottersville, visit the sales center 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, and noon-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

The sales center is closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Directions to Park Lane at Hanover:

From the East: Take Route 280 West to Exit 4A (Eisenhower Parkway). Take Eisenhower south, turn right onto Eagle Rock Avenue. Make the first left onto River Road. Turn right onto Christine, then left on Cedar Street to model.

From the West: Take Interstate 287 to Route 10 East to Old Mount Pleasant Avenue. Turn left onto River Road, cross Route 10, and proceed 1.0 miles. Turn left onto Christine, then left on Cedar Street to model. You can call the sales center at (201) 518-3030.

Directions to Country Walk II at Bridgewater:

Take your best route from 287 or 22 West to Routes 202/206 South. Continue on south on Routes 202/206 to the Somerville traffic circle. Take Route 28 West about 1 mile to Vanderveer Road. Make a left, and proceed 1 mile, to the sales office on the right-hand side of the road.

You can call the sales center at 231-8400.

Directions to The Willows at Chatham:

Take Route 24 West to Exit 7 A-B. Follow signs for 124 West to Chatham. After the exit, proceed ¼ mile on 124 West (Main Street Chatham) to the second traffic light. Make a left at the light onto Hillside Avenue. Follow Hillside Avenue through first light. Turn left onto Willow Street, and continue to the sales center on left.

You can call the sales center at (201) 635-8118.

Directions to Lamington Falls at Pottersville:

From Route 206 in the Bedminster/Peapack and Gladstone area: Take Route 512 West (Pottersville Road) 2.3 miles to stop sign. Turn right. Bear left immediately at fork, and make first left onto McCan Mill Road. The sales center is the first house on the right.

From Interstate 78: Take I-287 North to Route 206 North. Follow directions above.

You can call the sales center at 439-9151.



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## BEDMINSTER

11 GATEHOUSE ROAD SOLD TO GRIER, MARK B. FOR \$520,000 ON 10-03-98 BY FRANCIS, MICHAEL D.

6 BERKLEY LANE SOLD TO MITTENDORF, ANNE E. FOR \$271,000 ON 10-07-98 BY MITTENDORF, DAVID M.

46 SAGE COURT SOLD TO MANETTA, SALVATORE & JANE FOR \$95,000 ON 10-03-98 BY CILO, JOHN JR. & RUTH

69 HIGH POND LANE SOLD TO HORST, LOUIS III FOR \$135,750 ON 10-03-98 BY HILDRETH, FRANCES M.

323 ENCLAVE LANE SOLD TO SCUDERI, RICHARD FOR \$189,700 ON 10-03-98 BY HILDRETH, FRANCES M.

16 CAMBRIDGE ROAD SOLD TO PARK, HYUN & HAEWON FOR \$182,500 ON 09-30-98 BY GREENE, MATTHEW D.

4 CAMBRIDGE ROAD SOLD TO KUTZ, DAVID FOR \$175,000 ON 09-25-98 BY HUTNICZAK, CECILIA

79 SAGE COURT SOLD TO MANSFIELD, MARY L. FOR \$114,000 ON 09-19-98 BY METZGER, SUSAN E.

## BOUND BROOK

95 W. SECOND ST. SOLD TO CABALLERO, LEONARDO & LAURA FOR \$104,000 ON 10-07-98 BY GIAMIELLA, HENRY T.

308-310 W. HIGH ST. SOLD TO TARULLI, DONNA FOR \$172,000 ON FEDERAL HOME LOAN MTO CORP.

## BRANCHBURG

76 DELAWARE LANE SOLD TO CHIGI, MARGARET FOR \$151,000 ON 10-04-98 BY SCHUMACHER, DONOVAN J. & LINDA

1230 MAGNOLIA LANE SOLD TO MEALING, KEVIN FOR \$115,000 ON 10-03-98 BY LEWY, JAMES A. & MARY C.

14 CEDAR GROVE ROAD SOLD TO STEUTLER, CHERYL A. FOR \$215,000 ON 10-04-98 BY WILLIS, WILLIAM E. & SHARON A.

6 MULBERRY COURT SOLD TO NEDROW, MICHAEL S. & KELLY A. FOR \$250,000 ON 10-09-98 BY SCHWARTZ, BARRY & LISA

825 OLD YORK ROAD SOLD TO HART, MICHAEL J. & COLLEEN L. FOR \$227,000 ON 10-07-98 BY HARVITT, ERIC J. & PATRICIA A.

3280 ROUND HILL ROAD SOLD TO DEVOS, JOHN P. & ANN P. FOR \$318,000 ON 09-19-98 BY NEAGLE, THOMAS J. & PATRICIA

34 DELAWARE LANE SOLD TO PANTH, ANUP NANN FOR \$177,500 ON 09-19-98 BY OBERG, KENNETH L.

5 BLACKFOOT TRAIL SOLD TO DONAHUE, MARIA T. FOR \$184,000 ON 09-20-98 BY PARVIZ, JUDITH S.

8 WATCHUNG TRAIL SOLD TO DE RECHALO, CATHY Y. FOR \$154,900 ON 09-30-98 BY SHUM, TERENCE E.

118 CHOCTAW RIDGE ROAD SOLD TO BARNER, MARSELLA FOR \$160,000 ON 09-26-98 BY MACKEY, PHILIP E.

19 RAMAPO TRAIL SOLD TO SCILLIA, JOHN M. & PAULA FOR \$270,000 ON 09-30-98 BY LYNN, BARRY K. & PATRICIA

151 TANGLEWOOD DRIVE SOLD TO DEVERO, GREGORY A. & MEGAN K. FOR \$240,000 ON 09-26-98 BY BANGONE, JOHN & SHARON

## BRIDGEWATER

65 WOODLAWN AVE. SOLD TO MICHAEL I. TOSCO INC. FOR \$139,000 ON 10-03-98 BY DONNELLY, RUTH A.

2 HELLER DRIVE SOLD TO VILE, KRISTIN FOR \$170,500 ON 10-03-98 BY STOKER, RANDALL E. & LEATID

115 PEARL ST. SOLD TO PAPER HOME BUILDERS CORP. FOR \$87,000 ON 10-03-98 BY BRADLEY CONSTRUCTION CO. INC.

4 COPPERGATE DRIVE SOLD TO PIOT, NICK, JOHN P. & ROBYNNE J. FOR \$330,000 ON 09-18-98 BY SIMON, SYDNEY II. & LILIAN R.

321 OLD YORK ROAD SOLD TO ZELKOVSKY, DANIEL G. FOR \$164,900 ON 09-27-98 BY SPRAGUE, PATRICK R. & RUTH M.

87 WHITEHEAD ROAD SOLD TO DARR, JAWINDER S. FOR \$213,000 ON 09-19-98 BY MILLSTONE RIVER ASSOC. INC.

293 HANCOCK AVE. SOLD TO BRUCHART, DOMING M. FOR \$258,000 ON 09-24-98 BY MACHEL, THOMAS M. & LORI

107 ANDREAS DRIVE SOLD TO CRAVER, WILLIAM L. FOR \$108,000 ON 09-19-98 BY CASTIMORE, MARVELLEN

3902 GRAHAM COURT SOLD TO YACKO, SKY, DALE M. FOR \$108,300 ON 09-26-98 BY PALANUK, SHARON L.

401 W. PORTER WAY SOLD TO RAMON, DONNA FOR \$108,000 ON 09-25-98 BY WAY, STEVEN & KAREN

406 W. PORTER WAY SOLD TO DE-GEORGE, PATRICIA S. FOR \$92,000 ON 09-20-98 BY ALASKA NATL PARTNERS

3315 ROBINSON COURT SOLD TO MASCOLA, MARY FOR \$87,000 ON 09-19-98 BY LEVINE, MICHAEL & SUZANNE

3402 FRENCH DRIVE SOLD TO PECK, CROSBY S. III FOR \$112,750 ON 09-19-98 BY ROTH, KEVIN R. & SUSAN

PROPERTY ON VANDERVEER ROAD SOLD TO BUCKINGHAM ESTATES LLC FOR \$4,355,000 ON 09-26-98 BY SOVAN ASSOC. LLC

## FRANKLIN

13 CARTIER DRIVE SOLD TO SHAW, DONNA FOR \$177,000 ON 10-03-98 BY SANTANIELLO, DANIEL

78 ROBBINS AVE. SOLD TO PARKER, JOAN FOR \$147,000 ON 10-04-98 BY HARDY, WAYNE W.

75 PINE GROVE AVE. SOLD TO RIDDICK, JOSEPH & DOROTHY R. FOR \$130,000 ON 10-08-98 BY POPOVICS, ALEX & MARY

21 LEBED DRIVE SOLD TO MROFCHAK, JOHN M. FOR \$156,000 ON 10-07-98 BY BARTON, WILLIAM P. & ELEANOR J.

132 HAMPTON COURT SOLD TO HOOPER, MILDRED FOR \$121,000 ON 10-09-98 BY MASSARI, LOUIS A. & CHRISTINE

140 SUNNYVALE COURT SOLD TO KOSARAJU, SREEDHAR FOR \$145,500 ON 10-09-98 BY DARS, ANDREW L. & LORI B.

10 HENLEY DRIVE SOLD TO LAMELA, MANOLO FOR \$83,000 ON 10-07-98 BY KURTOWICH, LILLIAN K.

20 BALBOA LANE SOLD TO FALLON, LEILANI FOR \$123,400 ON 09-20-98 BY BLACKBURN, SCOTT J. & DIANE P.

85 BALBOA LANE SOLD TO LEWIS, SHAROL FOR \$128,000 ON 09-26-98 BY SOSA, MICHAEL R. & LAURA A.

19 DANIEL DRIVE SOLD TO KHAN, MUJAHID FOR \$108,000 ON 09-18-98 BY MAYER, ANTON & KAREN

47 CRABAPPLE LANE SOLD TO RANIERI, LAURA M. FOR \$80,000 ON 09-27-98 BY LOSKAMP, ERIC & JOANNE

10 TOWNSEND COURT SOLD TO CURTIS, SCOTT R. & SUSAN L. FOR \$108,000 ON 09-30-98 BY SANT ANGELO, RUSSELL F.

12 CORAL COURT SOLD TO FORMICA, KAREN E. FOR \$150,000 ON 09-18-98 BY ARONOFF, EYAL M. & Yael G.

18 MAHER ROAD SOLD TO RAMANA, AYANAN FOR \$477,000 ON 09-20-98 BY MILLION, ROGER J. & ALBA

185 CHURCHILL AVE. SOLD TO EBANKS, LAZARO FOR \$129,900 ON 09-27-98 BY MONTI, ANDREW S.

12 STONE PLACE SOLD TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LINCOLN GARDENS FOR \$131,000 ON 09-30-98 BY HOOPER, MILDRED

93 ARLINGTON AVE. SOLD TO BUZYNSKI, BRIAN E. & MARIE E. FOR \$169,900 ON 09-27-98 BY HOLMES, THOMAS B. & PAMELA D.

## GREEN BROOK

15 TUTTLE ST. SOLD TO EVILLE, JAMES E. & LAURA A. FOR \$134,000 ON 10-09-98 BY MINNICK, MATTHEW D.

21 BRIAR CIRCLE SOLD TO MISCIASCI, LUCA G. FOR \$180,000 ON 10-04-98 BY STACK, NORMAN & BARBARA N.

89 GREENBROOK ROAD SOLD TO COOPER, TIMOTHY & TRACY FOR \$115,000 ON 09-24-98 BY BROOK REALTY CO.

12 MAXAL ST. SOLD TO ULIS, ROBERT J. & VERNA FOR \$210,000 ON 09-27-98 BY PARISI, MARIA

## HILLSBOROUGH

909 BROOKSIDE LANE SOLD TO OBEI AMETAKO YAW & AMA FOR \$118,000 ON 10-08-98 BY COLLINS, ARTHUR & ELIZABETH

85 MEADOWBROOK DRIVE SOLD TO BANCHELL, WALTER & TERESA FOR \$178,000 ON 10-04-98 BY PALMER, RANSOM C. III & JANET M.

43 GIFTWOOD COURT SOLD TO GELLER, DONNA FOR \$109,900 ON 10-07-98 BY GROMKO, DANIEL & PATRICIA M.

1213 MILLSTONE RIVER ROAD SOLD TO SAULI, JARED & ELIZABETH FOR \$207,800 ON 10-04-98 BY RADECKI, STEVEN

37 FOX CHASE RUN SOLD TO JANOVSKY, THOMAS P. & JESSICA V. FOR \$227,800 ON 10-08-98 BY MOFFE, DAVID B. & JILLIAN S.

58 HORTLAND ROAD SOLD TO BRODY, JOEL & HENE FOR \$178,000 ON 09-30-98 BY GOURILAND DEVELOPERS INC.

27 VAN BOLTON ROAD SOLD TO MALDA, ANTONIO & MARIA FOR \$214,000 ON 09-27-98 BY BITTING, JOHN H. & JANIS S.

21 BAKER CIRCLE SOLD TO HEBBLER, FREDERICK C. FOR \$239,800 ON 09-30-98 BY SHEPHERD, ROBERT P. & PHYLLIS Y.

80 DEANNA DRIVE, NO. 144 SOLD TO TOYE, ELIZABETH A. FOR \$79,000 ON 10-01-

Property  
Sales

96 BY MEAD, LAWRENCE F. JR.

807 WESTMINSTER COURT SOLD TO BRACKETT, L.C. & ROSELLA FOR \$112,000 ON 09-26-98 BY KNAPP, WILLIAM K. & MAUREEN E.

1202 TUDOR COURT SOLD TO GOLLIN, RUSSELL & MINDY FOR \$112,000 ON 09-27-98 BY MARINO, ROBERT & PAMELA

914 CASE DRIVE SOLD TO RAVA, ROBERT & IRENE FOR \$205,000 ON 09-27-98 BY HUGHES, DONALD W. & BARBARA A.

1 SEBRING ROUND SOLD TO CATIRON, STEVEN & DAWN FOR \$171,325 ON 09-27-98 BY RODRIGUEZ, ROBERTO

45 WHITEHALL COURT SOLD TO SCHEFFEL, KATHRYN K. FOR \$123,200 ON 09-23-98 BY RUSSO, VINCENT J. & LUCILLE A.

16 RIVERVIEW TERRACE SOLD TO BOVITZ, PAUL J. & LAURA K. FOR \$227,500 ON 08-15-98 BY HAZELWOOD, ROGER & DONNA

2 HILAND DRIVE SOLD TO COLANTUONO, ANTONETTE FOR \$212,000 ON 08-20-98 BY ASHWELL-BRYAN, J. LAWRENCE

25 HILLCREST ROAD SOLD TO JEDZINIAK, PAUL & KAREN FOR \$245,000 ON 08-18-98 BY SUAREZ, JESUS & NANCY

959 RIVER ROAD SOLD TO ORECCHIO, ROBERT J. & ELLYCE FOR \$277,000 ON 08-30-98 BY SHERIDAN, JOSEPH M. & JOAN M.

## MANVILLE

1325 DUKES PARKWAY SOLD TO POLLARD, MYRON A. IV FOR \$125,000 ON 10-08-98 BY JANOVSKY, THOMAS P. & JESSICA V.

1025 KNOPF ST. SOLD TO GENEGA, ANNE Z. FOR \$189,500 ON 10-04-98 BY GELLER, EDWARD & DONNA

218 SIXTH AVE. SOLD TO WOJCIECHOWSKY, EDWARD J. FOR \$120,000 ON 10-03-98 BY KOBZAK ANNA

129 S. 18TH AVE. SOLD TO SZYMBORSKI, CHRISTOPHER P. FOR \$85,000 ON 09-10-98 BY WOROBUJ, NADIA

1038 HUFF AVE. SOLD TO JURKOWSKI, PAUL & DARLENE FOR \$129,500 ON 09-13-98 BY FIRST COMMERCIAL MTO CO.

178 N. 10TH AVE. SOLD TO NOWAK, RODDAN & MALGORZATA A. FOR \$181,000 ON 09-26-98 BY FEDERAL HOME LOAN MTO

PROPERTY ON WYOMING PLACE SOLD TO DROZ, DEBORAH FOR \$133,375 ON 09-27-98 BY GUSTELLA, JOHN A. SR.

94 S. 21ST AVE. SOLD TO GRZECZKOWICZ, JANUSZ FOR \$38,000 ON 09-30-98 BY CARDINALE, VINCENT

1707 W. CAMPLAIN ROAD SOLD TO GRABOWSKI, TADEUSZ & ZOFIA FOR \$186,000 ON 09-30-98 BY NIEDZIELSKI, JULIAN & MATYLDIA

111 DRISCOLL ST. SOLD TO THOMAS, FAITH M. FOR \$147,000 ON 09-26-98 BY KOTYUK, BERNARD L. & PATRICIA D.

134 VALERIE DRIVE SOLD TO ZACCARDI, VALERIE FOR \$144,000 ON 09-27-98 BY APPEL, LINDA A.

## MONTGOMERY

20 OAK RIDGE DRIVE SOLD TO FRIDOK, THOMAS FOR \$312,000 ON 10-04-98 BY SINGER, BARRY & ALLISON

1734 HIGHWAY 200 SOLD TO KLINE, BARRY E. FOR \$1,800,000 ON 09-09-98 BY GROSSO, RICHARD M. & NANCY

967 ROUTE 206 SOLD TO Z & W HONDA INC. & SPORTS FOR \$299,000 BY NINETEEN ASSOC.

107 CATSKILL COURT SOLD TO DAVIDSON, MICHAEL L. FOR \$370,000 ON 09-20-98 BY PELLETIER, ARTHUR L. & LINDA A.

72 FRANKLIN DRIVE SOLD TO POLTORAK, GEORGE & DIANE S. FOR \$430,000 ON 09-19-98 BY SCRIBNER VILLAGE LIMITED PARTN

21 BUNKER DRIVE SOLD TO OSTAPOW, STEVE J. & DENISE FOR \$235,000 ON 09-19-98 BY LAWRENCE, THEODORE H.

73 HOLLOW ROAD SOLD TO RAYMOND CAROL A. FOR \$218,000 ON 09-27-98 BY SAFFEL, ROBERT W. & KATHLEEN G.

20 ROBIN DRIVE SOLD TO DECICCO, MARY V. FOR \$280,000 ON 09-18-98 BY CHAFFEY, CHRISTOPHER B.

33 BYCAMORE LANE SOLD TO DERNINGER, DANIEL J. & LORI D. FOR \$305,000 ON 09-27-98 BY MURRAY, SIMON D. & RENATA S.

1377 GREAT ROAD SOLD TO SUNDQUIST, CHARLES FOR \$230,000 ON 09-20-98 BY REYNOLDS, RICHARD C. & MARY J.

23-D NORWOOD COURT SOLD TO MCLEOD, CELESTE J. FOR \$130,000 ON 09-27-98 BY GROOME, JAMES J. & ANITA J.

7-A MANOR DRIVE SOLD TO WARCOLA, KATHLEEN A. S. FOR \$199,000 ON 08-18-98 BY MACDONALD, KATHY

293 BERKLEY AVE. SOLD TO PUNG, YUNG-YU & HUI-CHU FOR \$480,000 ON 09-10-98 BY STONY BROOK DEVELOPERS

8 CLARK COURT SOLD TO HEATH, JOHN M. & CATHRYN B. FOR \$335,000 ON 09-10-98 BY BRAUN, BERND & SUSAN G.

830 GRINGSTOWN ROAD SOLD TO MAMOLA, JEROME & AMITY FOR \$203,450 ON 09-11-98 BY GERBER, KATHLEEN

87 DOGWOOD LANE SOLD TO BERRY, GLEN D. & HEATHER H. FOR \$437,000 ON 09-08-98 BY KAPLAN, JOHN & ELLEN S.

91 RIDGEVIEW DRIVE SOLD TO DEMME, DAVID C. & PATRICIA B. FOR \$372,000 ON 09-10-98 BY DIANA, WILLIAM D. & ROSALIE B.

## NORTH PLAINFIELD

401 HIGHWAY 22, NO. 2 SOLD TO HALL, HOWARD C. & RUTH N. FOR \$70,000 ON 10-04-98 BY MATARAZZO, EUGENE & IRENE

182 SANDFORD AVE. SOLD TO ALLEN, LESLEY FOR \$148,000 ON 09-09-98 BY KING, PETER M. & JANE E.

348 S. WATCHUNG AVE. SOLD TO GOLDSTEIN, JERROLD & ROBERTA FOR \$140,000 ON 09-11-98 BY CONRAD, GLORIA A.

1281 HIGHWAY 22, NO. F7 SOLD TO IERUBINO, ALEXANDER M. FOR \$40,000 ON 09-08-98 BY IERUBINO, ALEXANDER R.

290-2 DUER ST. SOLD TO DIETZ, DANIEL FOR \$88,000 ON 09-20-98 BY CORESTATES NJ NAT'L BK.

825-27 PARKVIEW AVE. SOLD TO MAVENO, GIOVANNI & MILEY FOR \$110,000 ON 09-20-98 BY TRAN, DUC

## RANITAN

131 WEISS TERRACE SOLD TO DIET, ERICH, GERALD A. FOR \$182,900 ON 10-07-98 BY DI GIOVANNI, JOYCE

81 VONES LANE SOLD TO PARIKH, NISHITH & HETAL FOR \$258,400 ON 09-24-98 BY GENESIS BUILDING INC.

777 HIGHWAY 202 SOLD TO INGRO, FRANK & LAURA FOR \$900,000 ON 09-19-98 BY FRANCHINO, SALVATORE I.

25 N. GASTON AVE. SOLD TO WILDE, ERIC V. & DAWN M. FOR \$110,000 ON 09-27-98 BY LAGGINI, DAVID

13 BRENTWOOD ROAD SOLD TO LEVINE, MICHAEL & SUZANNE FOR \$159,800 ON 09-19-98 BY LEVINE, SIXTA

908 OLD YORK ROAD SOLD TO MILLS, JEANETTE S. FOR \$148,000 ON 09-30-98 BY SINGER, BERNARD G. III

12 NORMANDIE LANE SOLD TO BERGEN, WILLIAM R. JR. & MARY FOR \$269,900 ON 09-17-98 BY LIMPRAYURA, ANONG

## SOMERVILLE

120 N. GASTON AVE. SOLD TO C.P. SOMERVILLE INC. FOR \$135,000 ON 10-07-98 BY RICHARDSON, LESTER G.

318 UNION AVE. SOLD TO NEWTON, JAMES A. & APRIL FOR \$118,500 ON 09-08-98 BY LARUSSO, SUSAN M.

80 N. GASTON AVE. SOLD TO ROSENFELD, BARRY S. & KAREN A. FOR \$250,000 ON 09-13-98 BY SUNNYSIDE ASSOC.

18 EVERIT DRIVE SOLD TO WENGEL, WALTER C. III & LAURA E. FOR \$188,000 ON 09-08-98 BY FOGEL, B. JEFFREY & ALLISON

13 SCHOOLHOUSE LANE SOLD TO GARDI, WILLIAM & CYNTHIA FOR \$138,000 ON 09-30-98 BY COLODNER, DANIEL & ANN

117 LINCOLN AVE. SOLD TO ARAGO, LENA A. FOR \$127,000 ON 09-25-98 BY HORNER, EVELYN M.

## SOUTH BOUND BROOK

218 BATHGATE AVE. SOLD TO GAREY, DUANE FOR \$104,000 ON 09-23-98 BY KRESS, MATTHEW J.

119 KENNEDY AVE. SOLD TO PERRY, RICHARD M. & REGINA FOR \$140,000 ON 09-20-98 BY HOLLENBACK, HABAN W. & KAREN L.

110 VAN BYCKLE BLVD SOLD TO LAUREL, WILLIAM R. KAREN F. FOR \$134,000 ON 09-18-98 BY KOTYUK, PATRICIA A.

118 VAN BYCKLE BLVD SOLD TO PYSKA, MICHAEL D. FOR \$129,000 ON 09-10-98 BY BAKER, HOLLY M.

## WARREN

133 SMOKE RISE DRIVE SOLD TO BZY-MANSKI, RICHARD T. FOR \$372,000 ON 09-30-98 BY PIERSON, JOEL H. & BARBARA S.

8 DEVON LANE SOLD TO WINDY, BRIAN & SUSAN FOR \$322,000 ON 09-26-98 BY TESCO, JOHN & MINNIE

88 SNEIDER ROAD SOLD TO COLALUCA, ANTHONY JR. & STEFANY FOR \$888,000 ON 09-23-98 BY WEBER, GEORGE W. & ANTONIA

8 THORESEN ROAD SOLD TO NEUWIRTH, MICHAEL & JEANNE R. FOR \$210,000 ON 09-24-98 BY BUSKURK, HOWARD A. & CLARA B.

143 TOWN CENTER DRIVE SOLD TO MARMARO, ROSE FOR \$168,000 ON 09-30-98 BY FERRUCCIA ASSOCIATES

7 BAGE DRIVE SOLD TO LUM, WILLIAM W. & BLO C. FOR \$275,000 ON 09-24-98 BY VERO, BARBARA

139 HIGH OAKS DRIVE SOLD TO MILLER, JOEL & INENE FOR \$412,000 ON 09-26-98 BY RICKEL, ROBERT & EVELYN

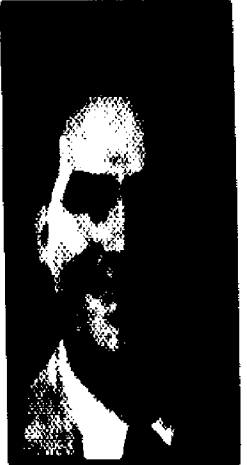
15 CHESTERFIELD DRIVE SOLD TO PREZIOSI, ALBERT JR. & LISA FOR \$880,000 ON 09-08-98 BY OLDEA, ROBERT B. & MICHELLE M.



## RealEstate Notes

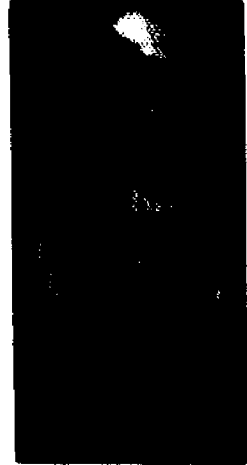
Mark Green said recently **Chris Ryan** is the top agent of the month for the East Brunswick office, located on Route 18.

Mr. Ryan had a productive September, resulting in his being the top seller of the month. Mr. Ryan is almost consistently the company's top producer each month throughout the year.



**CHRIS RYAN**

RE/MAX Preferred Professionals in Bridgewater is pleased to welcome sales associate **Melissa Horner**. With seven years of real estate experience, Ms. Horner specializes in the listing and sale of residential property and new construction property in Somerset and Hunterdon counties.



**MELISSA HORNER**

Ms. Horner joins RE/MAX from Sena Realty, where she was top office producer in 1993, 1994 and 1995. She is a graduate of the Realtor Institute (GRI), and has consistently been named to the New Jersey Association of Realtors Million Dollar Club since 1993.

Broker/Owner Tom Glick of RE/MAX First Realty in East Brunswick is pleased to welcome sales associate **Grant Awad**. With 13 years of real estate experience, Mr. Awad specializes in the listing and sale of residential as well as commercial property in Middlesex and Somerset counties.

Mr. Awad joins RE/MAX from Century 21. He is a graduate of the Floyd Wickman Sweet Hops, and has completed several commercial educational courses.

A resident of North Brunswick, Mr. Awad is fluent in the Arabic and English languages. He lives with his wife, Samira, and three sons.

**Lynn MacDonald**, a sales associate in Burgdorf, Realtors' Westfield Office, has won honors as saleswoman of the month for September for having the highest dollar volume production.



**LYNN MACDONALD**

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY

### DUNELLEN

209 DUNELLEN AVE. SOLD TO GORDON JR., YALE J. FOR \$182,000 ON 09-30-96 BY ULRICH, CHARLES S. & JANET.

111 FIRST ST. SOLD TO HARRINGTON, ANTHONY FOR \$139,000 ON 09-30-96 BY DUNN, GILES T. & MARGARET A.

### EDISON

17 PORTER ST. SOLD TO LEVINE, MIRIAM FOR \$222,000 ON 10-10-96 BY CHITTENDEN, JEFFREY & REBECCA.

53 GATE HOUSE LANE SOLD TO CHIN, YEE F. FOR \$122,750 ON 10-09-96 BY MARTINEZ, PAULINE.

114 PLEASANT AVE. SOLD TO LANDRUM, DIANA A. FOR \$166,000 ON 10-10-96 BY DEVRIES, HENDRIK W.

20 WELDON ROAD SOLD TO HEISE, HAROLD A. FOR \$129,000 ON 10-10-96 BY EVANS, ALAN & JODIE.

12 LYDIA LANE SOLD TO LAIETA, VINCENT & CAROL FOR \$179,900 ON 09-27-96 BY SINGER, ARNOLD A. & FRANCINE.

315 WALLACE ST. SOLD TO WHYATT, ELAINE FOR \$117,000 ON 09-27-96 BY MANDLER, JAMES F.

24 APPLE ST. SOLD TO WILSON, CHARLES O. FOR \$100,000 ON 09-27-96 BY KOLENSKI, ALAN.

88 OAKLAND AVE. SOLD TO CARANDANG, JESUS & MARIA FOR \$198,000 ON GRIFFIN, TIMOTHY M. & JULIANN.

9 MELVILLE ROAD SOLD TO LAWRENCE, STEPHEN III & DEBRA FOR \$127,000 ON 09-30-96 BY LEFKOVE, HERMAN & RENEE.

27 TRENTON AVE. SOLD TO CORSAIO, CARMELO FOR \$103,000 ON 09-30-96 BY HOLLER, DOROTHY.

7 VALE ST. SOLD TO SOTO, LUCRECIA FOR \$90,000 ON 09-30-96 BY DANISH, JOSEPH A.

128 LINDA LANE SOLD TO RICCIARDI, LUCILE FOR \$170,000 ON 09-27-96 BY RICCI, MARILYN.

11 TULIP COURT SOLD TO KRASKOL, IAN.

## Property Sales

& ALLA FOR \$140,000 ON MORRISSEY, DONALD & PATRICIA M.

13 ORCHID COURT SOLD TO LEE, KAM Y. FOR \$132,000 ON 09-30-96 BY WARGO, MICHAEL G. & BERNADETTE.

5204 STONEHEDGE ROAD SOLD TO RICCARDI, EVA FOR \$114,500 ON 09-27-96 BY SOBELSON, RONALD I. & GRETA.

978 GROVE AVE. SOLD TO DIPAOLO, ANGELO & CARMELA FOR \$205,000 ON 09-30-96 BY REID, JOSEPH D. II.

1206 MAPLECREST ROAD SOLD TO HAYNES, ALICE FOR \$104,000 ON 09-30-96 BY PERRICONE, BENNY & MARY.

40 CARRIAGE PLACE SOLD TO BERMAN, PHILIP & LISA FOR \$184,000 ON 09-27-96 BY CUOCO, FRANK D. JR.

883 BEATRICE PARWAY SOLD TO CHURCH, RAYMOND FOR \$55,000 ON ZAPPIA, ANTONIO.

9 MAIDA ROAD SOLD TO BOSENTHAL, KEITH & HILARY FOR \$205,000 ON 09-30-96 BY FRANKLIN, WILLIAM D. & ADELE.

174 VINEYARD ROAD SOLD TO KUMAI, AJAY & NANDANIE FOR \$168,000 ON 09-30-96 SOLD TO RUPAREL, JAYESH R. & REGINA.

### HIGHLAND PARK

201 S. SECOND AVE., NO. 12 SOLD TO GOTTLIEB, PAUL D. & NELL H. FOR \$87,000 ON 10-01-96 BY STEIN, FRIEDA & TOROK, LESLIE.

525 S. THIRD AVE. SOLD TO PAPOUTSAKIS, JOHN & AGONASTI FOR \$130,000 ON 10-01-96 BY GEMENTOS, PHOTIOS & LYNNE.

200 AMHERST ST. SOLD TO SCHLESINGER, KATHLEEN FOR \$122,200 ON 09-30-96 BY D'AMICO, ALLEN N.

### METUCHEN

237 CENTRAL AVE. SOLD TO ZELTZHOFSKI, STANLEY & ADELE FOR \$50,000 ON 10-11-96.

98 BY SIMPSON, MILDRED J.

12 ROBERT CIRCLE SOLD TO MANLEY, JUSTIN & SUZANNE FOR \$189,000 ON 10-11-96 BY MANLEY, ALAN W. & PAMELA G.

312 MIDDLESEX AVE. SOLD TO DEVRIES, HENDRIK L. FOR \$279,000 ON 10-10-96 BY MORELAND, PATRICIA L.

35 HILLSIDE AVE. SOLD TO EVANS, ALAN R. & JODIE FOR \$216,000 ON 10-10-96 BY AMOS, MALCOLM D. JR. & PEGGY A.

55 PELTIER AVE. SOLD TO FISKE, KEVIN B. & FIS FOR \$282,700 ON 10-11-96 BY LA PORTA BUILDERS.

47 KENTNOR ST. SOLD TO MANDLER, JAMES F. FOR \$178,000 ON 09-27-96 BY ROLWOOD, CRAIG J. & LORRAINE A.

15 HEROLD PLACE SOLD TO KELTON, ALAN J. & LAURA J. FOR \$185,000 ON 09-30-96 BY MACKENZIE, MARY E.

### MIDDLESEX

311 HAZELWOOD AVE. SOLD TO MCNULTY, JOSEPH K. & LEANORE A. FOR \$170,000 ON 09-30-96 BY WIGERT, GLORIA T.

425 DECATUR AVE. SOLD TO NICHOLSON, JOHN F. JR. FOR \$138,000 ON 09-30-96 BY MCNULTY, JOSEPH K. & LEANORE.

212 GILES AVE. SOLD TO O'RORKE, DONALD & CHRISTINE FOR \$142,000 ON 10-01-96 BY LOUGHLIN, MATTHEW.

2A HANOVER AVE. SOLD TO HASTING, MARK E. FOR \$60,000 ON 09-27-96 BY WARD, CHRISTINE.

### PISCATAWAY

158 BLACKFORD AVE. SOLD TO SCANNELL, EDWARD K. & KAREN M. FOR \$144,500 ON 10-10-96 BY CAFRO, GERALD & ROSE.

308 ELLIS PARKWAY SOLD TO LAURO, GEORGE & ROSEANN FOR \$199,900 ON 10-11-96 BY FAVANO, PAUL V.

139 ABBOT COURT SOLD TO WONG, GABRIEL & JOCELYN FOR \$94,000 ON 10-11-96 BY BROTHERS, LAURENCE R.

30 CURTIS AVE. SOLD TO UKEN, ELEANOR FOR \$87,000 ON 09-30-96 BY FORD CONSUMER FINANCE CO.

7 BUCHMAN ST. SOLD TO HORGAN,

JOHN P. FOR \$115,000 ON 09-27-96 BY TKATCHENKO, BORIS & WALBURGA.

1 BARNETT PLACE SOLD TO AGUILAR, PABLO & INES FOR \$123,000 ON 09-30-96 BY POLTACK, RAYMOND & MARION.

1105 JESSE WAY SOLD TO YAO, ZULIANG & MANYEE FOR \$80,000 ON 09-27-96 BY MCLELLAN, RICHARD J.

81 STURBRIDGE DRIVE SOLD TO FEKETE, THEODORE M. & LINDA A. FOR \$209,000 ON 09-30-96 BY LEWIS, JEREMY.

43 KARNELL DRIVE SOLD TO PATEL, JAGDISH A. & HEMLATA J. FOR \$189,500 ON 09-27-96 BY CHOU, YING M.

383 LANCASTER COURT SOLD TO CHANG, STEVE & SHU-HO S. FOR \$88,000 ON 10-01-96 BY TON, FRANCINE.

555 BUCKINGHAM DRIVE SOLD TO KWA, PAULUS R. & SHIH-FAN FOR \$218,000 ON 09-27-96 BY ZACCARDI, FRANK F. & VALERIE A.

128 CASTLE POINTE BLVD. SOLD TO ARIF, MOHAMMAD & FARIDA FOR \$180,000 ON 09-27-96 BY DHAMWOLAT, BRENDAN & VANESSA A.

321 OVERBROOK ROAD SOLD TO MONTANEZ, SAMUEL & NETTE FOR \$208,000 ON 09-30-96 BY LEE, JOHN P. & CYNTHIA E.

### SOUTH PLAINFIELD

710 E. HENDRICKS BLVD. SOLD TO HILSTORCK, PAMELA FOR \$140,000 ON 10-11-96 BY REID, WILLIAM S.

1033 CLINTON AVE. SOLD TO ESPOSITO, LORRAINE F. FOR \$138,500 ON 10-01-96 BY KOLLER, CHRISTENA.

130 N. MADISON DRIVE SOLD TO SALADELLA, GLENN & ANN FOR \$145,000 ON 09-27-96 BY GUMINO, RICHARD & MARGARET.

1106 CLINTON AVE. SOLD TO CLARK, GEORGE K. & DONNA M. FOR \$118,000 ON 09-27-96 BY KRAK, DARRIN C. & SUSAN D.

460 JOAN ST. SOLD TO JEFFERYS, PAUL & SHANNON J. FOR \$166,000 ON 09-27-96 BY MARABELLA, PAUL & TRISHA.

## Commercial News

**ERA Statewide Realty** held the grand opening for its new location in Westfield Sept. 20. The ribbon was officially cut 3 p.m. by Garland "Bud" Booth, mayor of Westfield. The relocation was made necessary by the addition of a winning residential department.

RE/MAX of New Jersey Inc. announced Dynamic Realty, located in Clark at 1049 A Raritan Road, has recently converted to RE/MAX.

Owned and operated by Lisa and Jerry Scuturo, both of Clark, RE/MAX Dynamic Realty provides residential and commercial real estate, relocation, real estate referral and asset management services throughout Union and Middlesex counties.

Together, Mr. and Mrs. Scuturo represent nearly two decades of real estate experience. Ms. Scuturo has her brokers license, and Mr. Scuturo was named to the New Jersey Association of Realtors Million Dollar Club in 1995.



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## CRANFORD

400 DENMAN ROAD SOLD TO HENKES, JOHN E. FOR \$170,000 ON 10-09-96 BY MCGARRY, WALTER J. & SHARON.

8 MARTIN PLACE SOLD TO DIAZ, JOSEPH & LINDA M. FOR \$180,000 ON 10-09-96 BY GALLEGOS, CECILIA M.

26 MANSION TERRACE SOLD TO BENES, JEFFREY B. & DONNA M. FOR \$187,000 ON 10-09-96 BY DIAZ, JOSEPH P. & LINDA.

## CRANFORD

9 MIDDLEBURY LANE SOLD TO COLUCCI, ROBERT A. & ANN FOR \$217,500 ON 09-27-96 BY VAICONIS, RICHARD P.

108 MLN ST. SOLD TO ROGUE INC FOR \$365,000 ON 09-28-96 BY COOPER, WALTER M. & SHIRLEY M.

14 ROGER AVE. SOLD TO LEAHY, BRIAN J. & SUSAN FOR \$167,000 ON 09-27-96 BY

## CHERRY, JENNIFER

4 INDIAN PLACE SOLD TO KLECHNER, MARK R. & ROBERTA A. FOR \$167,000 ON 09-27-96 BY GLENN, THOMAS J.

42 MADISON AVE. SOLD TO PROORA, ANTHONY & MARY E. FOR \$170,000 ON 10-02-96 BY GERTNY, PATRICK & BARBARA M.

4 BIRCHWOOD TERRACE SOLD TO BOVANY, STEVE W. & SHARON J. FOR \$218,000 ON 10-07-96 BY BELVEY, HAROLD R. & M. DOLORES.

## KENILWORTH

28 N. 22ND ST. SOLD TO FRANCE, MARIA E. FOR \$136,000 ON 10-08-96 BY HARRIS, DAVID J.

215 BOULEVARD SOLD TO MESSINGER, ROBERT M. FOR \$180,000 ON 10-08-96 BY ZESZOTARSKI, KAZIMIER & SYLVIA.

## SCOTCH PLAINS

321 FARLEY AVE. SOLD TO HUNTER, HENRY & STACEY FOR \$117,000 ON 10-04-96 BY FREEMAN, WILLIAM M.

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480 HENRY ST. SOLD TO DANIELOVICH, RICHARD S. FOR \$187,500 ON 10-11-96 BY JONES, MARC R. & ATILINO K.

223 WILLIAM ST. SOLD TO RATA, FROLAN & ELIZABETH FOR \$188,000 ON 10-02-96 BY DOREMUS, BRUCE C. & DONNA J.

1897 RAMAPO WAY SOLD TO BLONIGEN, PETER J. & STACEY L. FOR \$225,000 ON 10-15-96 BY SHADMI, ALLON & BETH.

1840 FARMINGDALE ROAD SOLD TO MARINE MIDLAND MORTGAGE CORP FOR \$100 ON 10-08-96 BY SHERIFF & COUNTY OF UNION (TE).

7 CLYDEDALE ROAD SOLD TO DELGROSSO, ROBERT J. FOR \$317,000 ON 10-01-96 BY BURSE, WILLIAM H. & MARGARET M.

## WESTFIELD

811 LYNN LANE SOLD TO DAVID, MICHAEL A. & HELEN B. FOR \$228,000 ON 10-04-96 BY WILHELM, FREDERICK M.

788 AUSTIN ST. SOLD TO BENCVENO, ANGELO JR. FOR \$210,000 ON 10-14-96 BY OSBORNE, WAYNE M. & MARY.

631 FAIRFIELD CIRCLE SOLD TO HARMER, MARTIN J. & SUSAN J. FOR \$275,000 ON 10-03-96 BY DANTONIO, ALBERT A. & KATHY K.

846 WASHINGTON ST. SOLD TO SIEGEL, WILLIAM D. & LORI FOR \$280,000 ON 10-04-96 BY FRUSCO, MARGARET.

772 MORGATE SOLD TO LEOPOLD, THOMAS D. & CYNTHIA FOR \$479,000 ON 10-01-96 BY DELGROSSO, ROBERT J.

1015 SUMMIT AVE. SOLD TO MEYER, CHARLES J. FOR \$298,000 ON 10-01-96 BY MANNINO, IDA J.

188 AYLUFFE AVE. SOLD TO DAWN, CHRISTOPHER J. FOR \$180,000 ON 10-11-96 BY WRONSKI, SCOTT M. & SUSAN M.

188 VIRGINIA ST. SOLD TO HESSEMER, JOYCE FOR \$188,000 ON 10-08-96 BY WITKOWSKI, BERNARD G. & DEBRA.

488 E. DUDLEY AVE. SOLD TO JIMONS, JOHN E. FOR \$278,000 ON 09-29-96 BY BROZ, IGOR R. & ROSE L.

717 OAK AVE. SOLD TO HUFF, TIMOTHY & LINDA FOR \$288,000 ON 09-30-96 BY SONNEN, DEBRA.

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414 W. GROVE ST. SOLD TO FRANKOLA, EDWARD J. & MELANIE FOR \$220,000 ON 09-27-96 BY LALOR, EDNA L.

15 TUDOR OVAL SOLD TO MELE, RICHARD & DENISE M. FOR \$196,000 ON 09-28-96 BY MAHONEY, MICHAEL.

1033 TICE PLACE SOLD TO MAHONEY, MICHAEL FOR \$270,000 ON 09-28-96 BY LEOPOLD, THOMAS D. & CYNTHIA.

## THE FORBES MORTGAGE MARKET

Survey Date: 11/8/96

## Amboy National Bank

800-942-4249

30 yr FIX	7.25	3	20%	65 days	7.61	Save thousands in interest
15 yr FIX	6.5	3	20%	65 days	7.04	costs with our 1/2 pay
1 yr ARM	4.25	2.75	20%	65 days	7.79	mortgage

(C) 3800 Highway 9, Old Bridge, NJ 08857

## Atlantic Home Mortgage Corp.

908-222-3377

30 yr FIX	7.875	0	5%	45 days	7.88	5% Down No income
7/1 yr ARM	7.25	0	5%	45 days	7.26	Lease Credit for Specials
3/1 ARM	6.5	0	5%	45 days	6.63	Open Sunday 11:2

(A) 1880 Broadway, W. Long Branch, NJ 07764

## Capital Financial Corp.

800-224-4545

30 yr FIX	7.875	0	20%	60 days	7.91	No Doc Construction
15 yr FIX	7.5	0	20%	60 days	7.55	Perm available
3/3 ARM	6.875	0	10%	60 days	6.95	25% No Doc in 1 MM

(A) 180 Morristown Road, Bernardsville, NJ 07804

## Commonwealth Savings Bank

800-924-9091

30 yr FIX	8.125	0	5%	60 days	8.14	
1 yr ARM	6.5	0	10%	60 days	6.53	
15 yr Jumbo	7.825	0	5%	60 days	7.84	

448 Rt. 206 N. Ste 271, Bedminster 07921

## CoreStates Mtge. Serv., Corp.

800-999-3885

30 yr FIX	7.25	1	5%	60 days	7.62	No (X) Loan Cost Loan Cost
15 yr Fix	6.75	1	5%	60 days	7.25	Out of State Invest Properties
30 yr FHA	6.5	0	2.25%	60 days	6.91	Preapproved

(C) 1 Millendale Rd., Perkasie, PA 18944

## First Savings Bank SIA, Edison

908-225-4450

15 yr FIX	7	1	5%	60 days	7.5	Same Rates to \$500,000
7/1 ARM	7.5	0	5%	75 days	7.85	Hi weekly No Income &
8 yr ARM	7	0	5%	75 days	7.73	1st Time Buyer Programs

(C) Balcon Corporate Center, Suite 800, 3000 Woodbridge Ave., Edison, NJ 08837

## First Union Mortgage Corp.

800-332-0599

30 yr FIX	7.125	2.875	5%	60 days	7.45	Fixed Down Option Avail
15 yr FIX	6.1	2.875	5%	60 days	7.14	Call For Zero

(C) 81 South Street, Morristown, NJ 07960

## Ivy Mortgage Corp.

800-489-5363

30 yr FIX	7.125	1	5%	60 days	7.47	All Credit Types
15 yr FIX	6.75	1	5%	60 days	7.3	Acceptable
1 yr ARM	4.125	1	5%	60 days	4.64	

(A) 5-13 Homestead Rd., Belle Mead, NJ 08502

## Hudson City Savings Bank

908-549-4949

15 yr FIX	7.125	0	10%	60 days	7.42	After a 3rd Time AWP
1 yr ARM	7.125	0	10%	60 days	7.88	Commitment to \$500,000
10/1 Arm	7.125	0	10%	60 days	7.72	30/10 Mt. PreLoan Lender

(C) West 80 Century Rd., Paramus, NJ 07652

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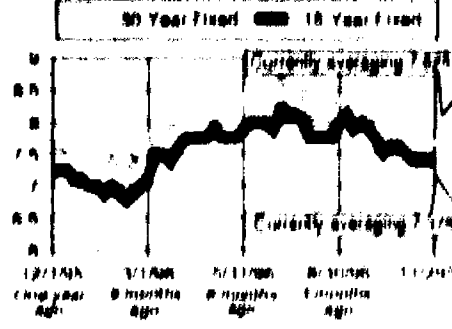
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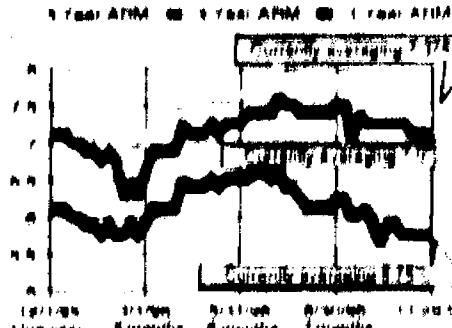
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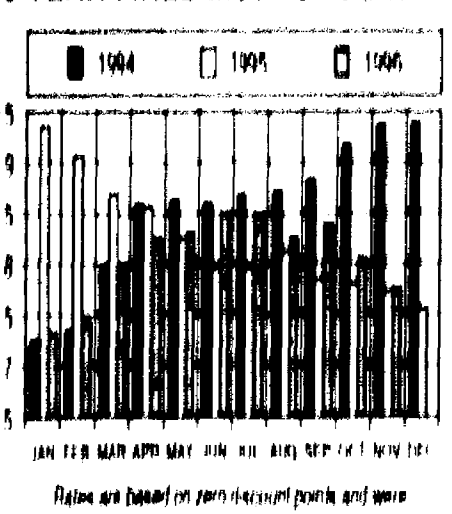
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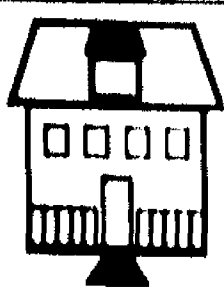
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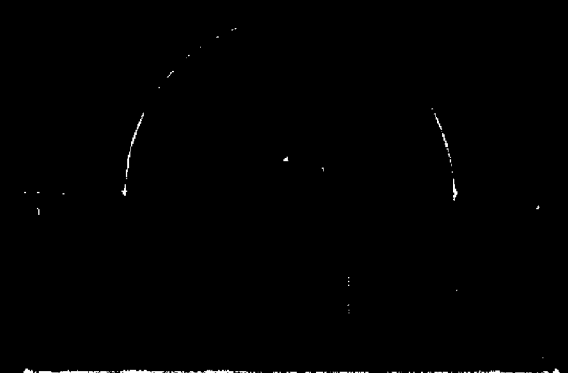
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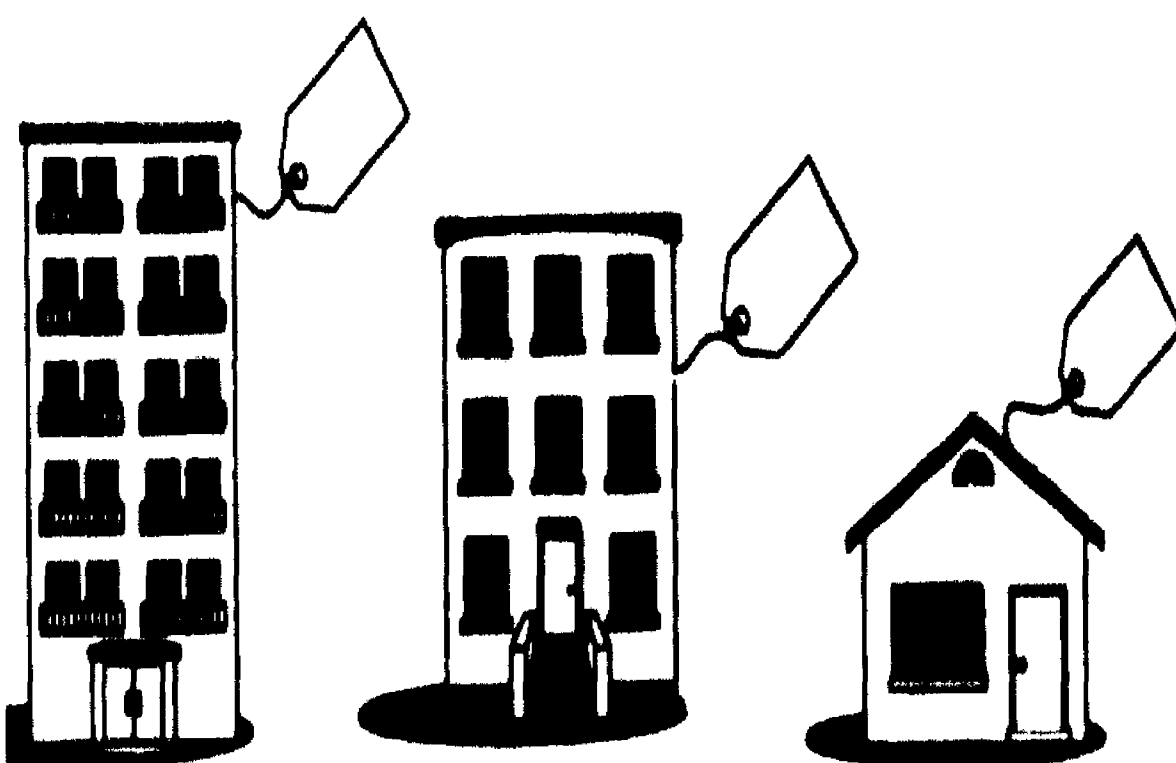
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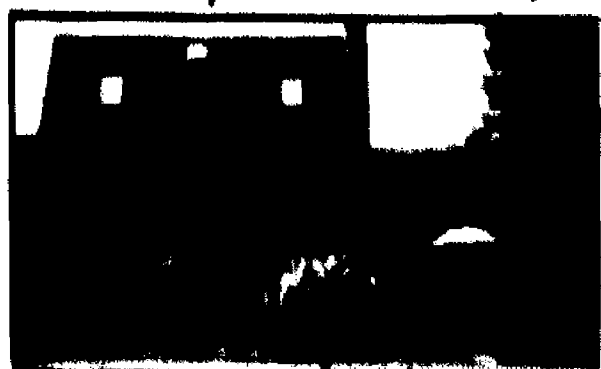


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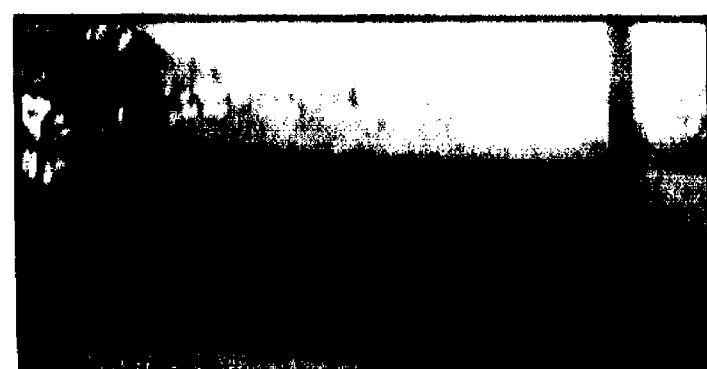


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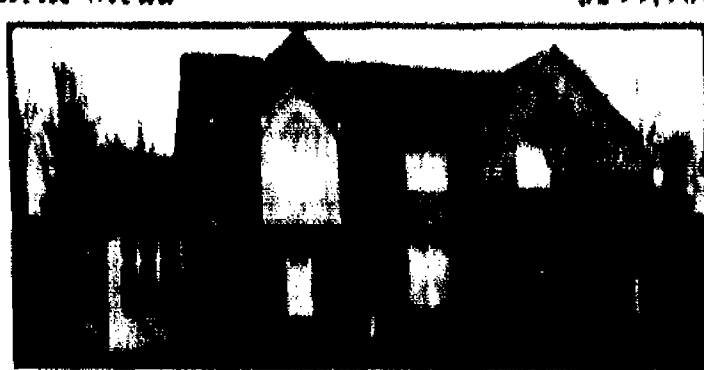


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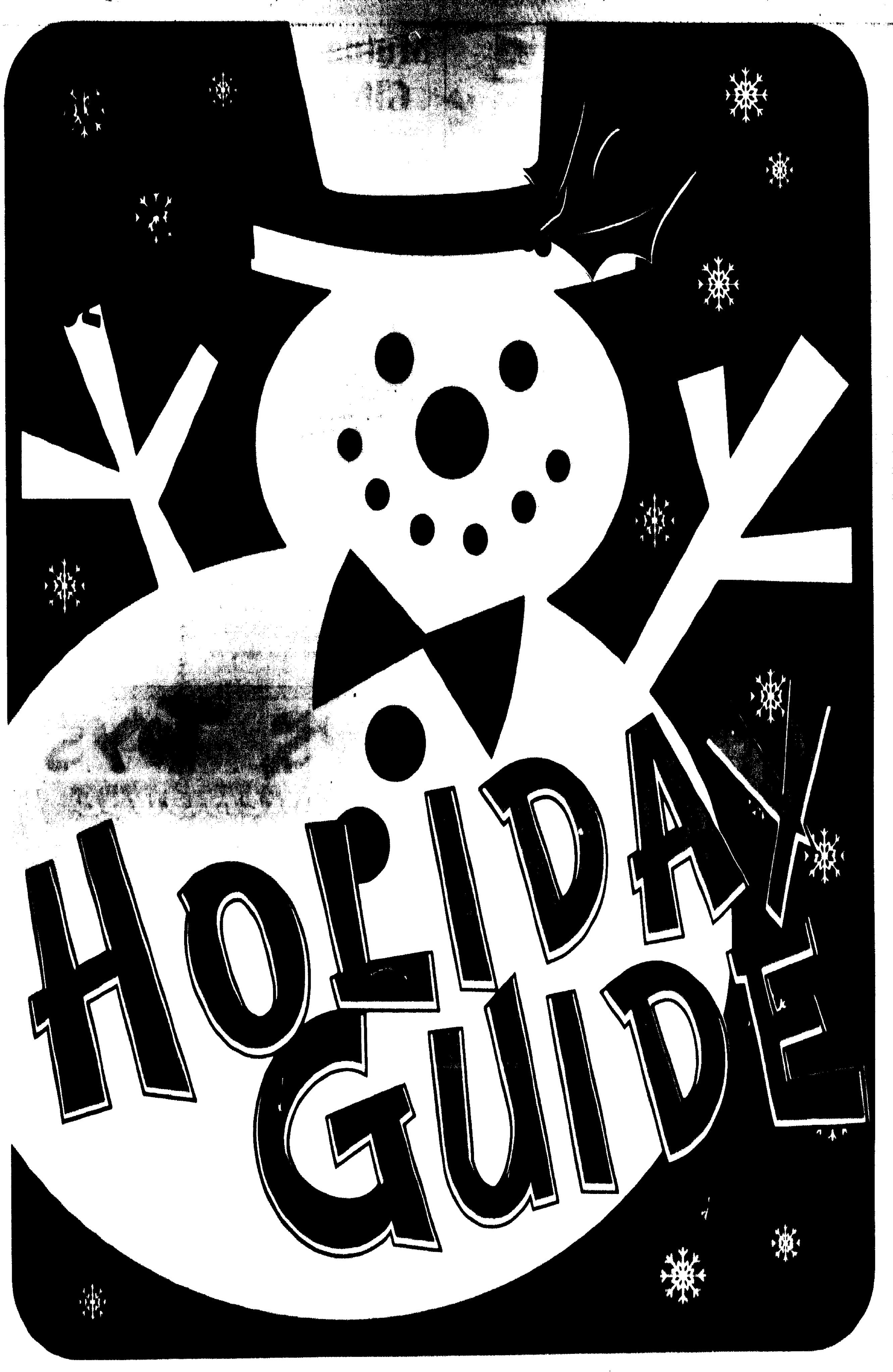
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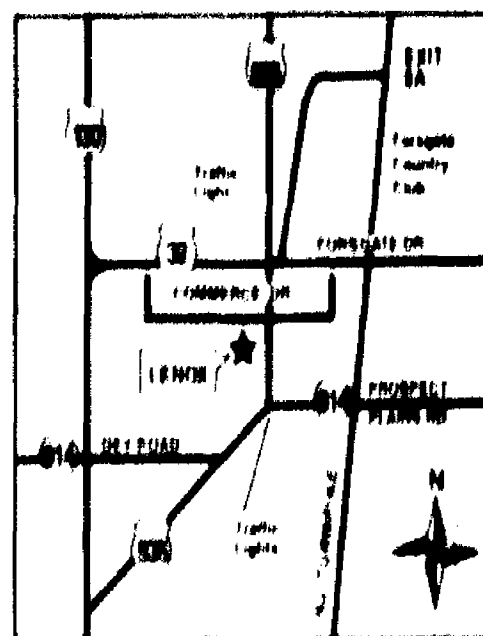


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- For those holiday fruitcakes everyone looks forward to — make sure you freeze the cake first, to keep it solid. Wrap the cake in plastic wrap and then aluminum foil to keep it cool. If possible, use a gel pack.
- Make sure your package is addressed properly.

For more information, stop by a FedEx World Service Center and pick up a free copy of "Holiday Shopping and Shipping Tips from FedEx."

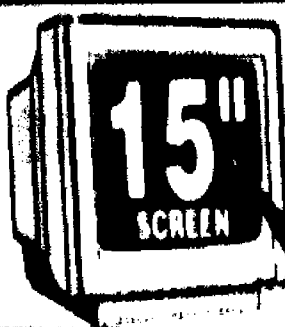
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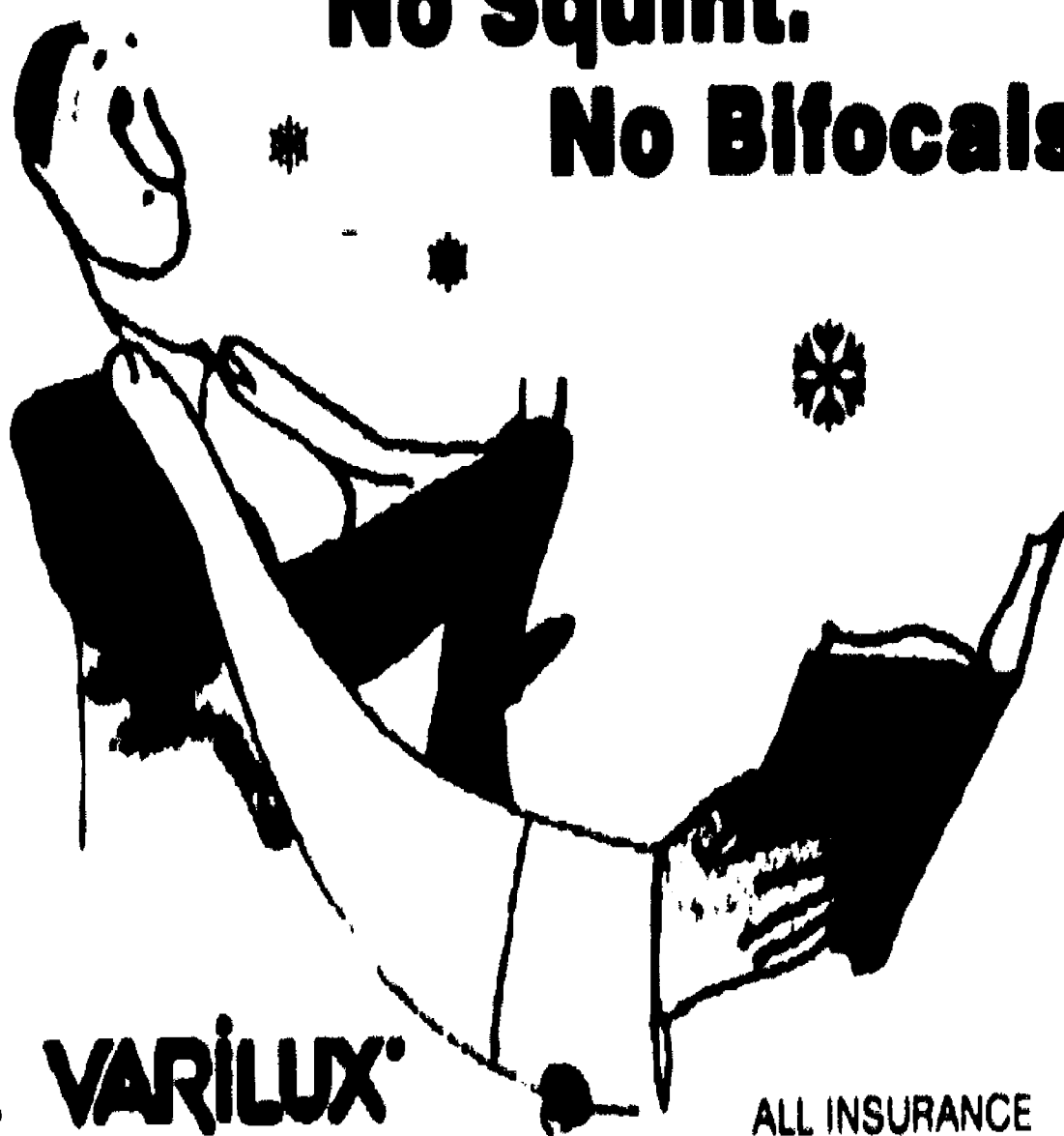
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The smallest phone ever made was created by Jeff Smith in Everett, Wash. It measured 4.125 x 0.75 x 1.5 inches.

But a sound telephone doesn't have to have these freakish qualities to be effective. Consumers now have the option of standard handsets, cellular, and mobile phones, with accessories ranging from modems to caller ID to faxes.

One idea that's been introduced in time for the holiday rush in Northern Telecom's (Nortel) full-featured, cordless phone with caller ID capabilities in the handset. No matter where they take the phone, users who sign up for the caller ID service with their telephone company can see who's calling.

Manufactured by Nortel, the Maestro 4600 CT cordless phone displays the caller's name or number and the call log. The phone also includes these features:

- (65,000) digital codes for call security;

Here's a sound idea for the holiday season: Nortel's cordless telephone with caller ID.

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## Tips on shopping for holiday bargains

To make sure you get the best bargains during your next shopping trip, experts at Prime Retail, which owns and manages 21 outlet centers nationwide, offer these tips:

• **Shop the back of the store.** Outlet stores often locate their best bargains and sales merchandise in the back of the store. Always shop there first.

• **Look out irregular merchandise and ask about discontinued and over-run merchandise.** Flaws in this merchandise are usually so minor that they are unnoticeable and the discounts are often the greatest.

• **Shop for out-of-season merchandise.** A majority of the merchandise carried in outlet centers is first-quality and in-season. Shop in the winter for summer goods and you will find these items at greater savings!

• **Get on store mailing lists.** Many outlet stores have customer mailing lists at the register. By signing up, you'll receive early notification of holiday sales and special promotions.

• **Plan an entire day.** Many outlet centers are located at least 30 minutes from the nearest metro area. Once you see the discounts, you'll be convinced it was worth the trip.

For a free coupon book to the nearest Prime Retail outlet center and a brochure listing outlet center locations, store names and hours, call (800) 980-SHOP.

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## Consider these key questions when buying computer games

**D**o you have computer games on your shopping list? No surprise. According to *Computer Gaming World* magazine, one out of every two home software purchases this year will be a game.

And with hundreds of new games arriving stores, shopping for a computer game can be confusing and even frustrating. That's when it's a good idea to do a little cyber-sleuthing before heading to the stores.

"There's a little box on every game package that lists the system requirements for using that game," says Johnny Wilson, editor-in-chief of *Computer Gaming World* magazine.

Here's what you need to know to help make your cyber-shopping tasks all fun and games:

1. Is the computer a Mac or a PC? Is the PC using Windows 95?
2. What is the processor type and its speed? (386, 486 or Pentium 50, 75 or higher.)
3. Does the computer have a CD-ROM? How fast is it?
4. Does the computer have a sound card? Is it "Sound Blaster" compatible?
5. What is the graphics resolutions (i.e. VGA or SVGA)?
6. Does the computer have a modem?
7. Does the gamer have a joystick or

game pad? (This is important to know because some games require them.)

You should also look for games that support multiple players, says Wilson. One of this year's hottest trends is on-line gaming — playing a game against opponents across town or across the country over the Internet. Again, advises Wilson, check the box to see if a game has a multiplayer option.

"On-line gaming adds a lot of life to a computer game," he says.

One of the easiest ways to guarantee a hit gift, Wilson says, is to match your gift with the computer gamer's interests. For instance:

- Fantasy novel readers may enjoy a role-playing game like the newly released *Daggerfall*.
- Golf fans will appreciate working on their game with *Links LS*.
- Military historians might set their sights on a war game like *Age of Rifles*.
- Auto sports fans will be looking for *NASCAR2*, *World Circuit 2*, or *X-Car*, as they become available.

*Computer Gaming World's* December issue features the "Holiday Hot 100," in which the top game experts have chosen the best 100 games by category to help you with your selection.

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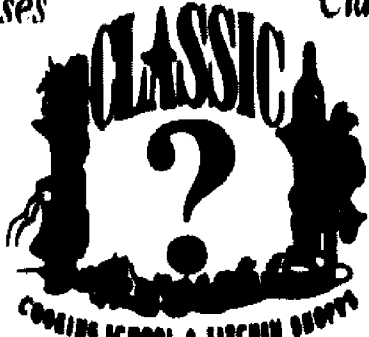
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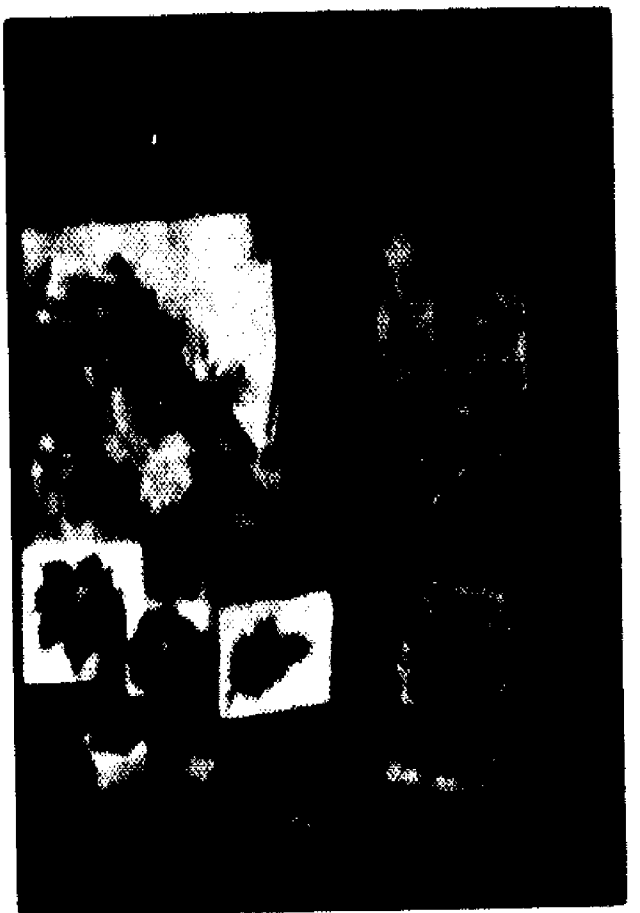
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Consider these handmade holiday gift wrap suggestions from HIA and Rubber Stampede:



• Decorate plain brown shipping paper with colorful images. For small gifts you can use parts of supermarket brown bags.

• Use holiday-themed stencils, rubber stamps or stickers to decorate solid-colored wrapping paper or jazz up plain craft bags.

• Top gifts with extra unused tinsel from the tree

• Cover gifts with leftover fabric and attach coordinating ribbon.

• Tie a bow out of red or green raffia ribbon and attach to gift bag handles.

• Add holly or berry sprigs to the tops of packages.

• Use sparkle embossing powders over rubber stamped images on gift wrap.

• Decoupage cardboard boxes with photographs from past holidays, images from magazines, catalogs or greeting cards.

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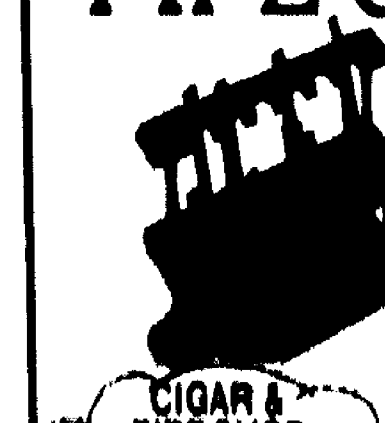
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4 1/2 cups sugar

1 box Sure-Jell fruit pectin

1/2 tsp butter or margarine

PLACE cranberries and water in large

saucepan. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 10 minutes. Pour mixture into 6- or 8-quart saucepot. Stir in walnuts.

**MEASURE** sugar into medium bowl. (Scrape excess sugar from cut with spatula to level for exact measure.) Stir fruit pectin into fruit in saucepot. Add butter. Bring mixture to full rolling boil on high heat, stirring constantly. Quickly stir in all sugar. Return to full rolling boil and boil exactly 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Skim off any foam with metal spoon

**LADLE** quickly into hot, sterilized jars, filling to with 1/4-inch of tops. Wipe jar rims and threads. Cover with two-piece lids. Screw bands tightly. \*Invert jars 5 minutes, then turn upright. After jars are cool, check seals.

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# The roots of tradition



An old Hanukkah tradition in some places was to light all eight candles on the Menorah on the first night, and reduce the lights by one each successive night.



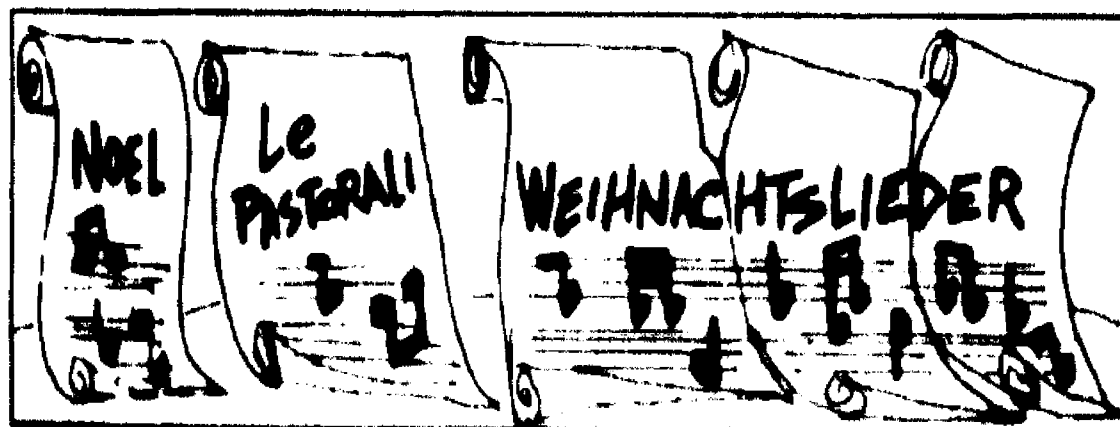
If a piece of holly from the church is kept in the house it's good luck year round. Legend has it that domestic animals thrive when they see a piece of holly hung on Christmas Eve.



Kwanzaa is an African-American holiday based on the traditional African festival of the harvest of the first crops. It begins on December 26 and lasts for seven days.



The use of evergreens for Yule decorations began in northern Europe, but flowers are used in Sweden, Italy, Spain and some other nations.



Christmas carols are called *noels* in France, *le pastoral* in Italy and *Weihnachtslieder* in Germany.



In Australia, the British Isles, New Zealand and parts of Canada, people exchange presents on Christmas Day and on *Boxing Day*, the day after Christmas. This custom may have originated in ancient Rome, where apprentice workers received money gifts in small boxes from their employer's customers.



It was the Roman ruler Julius Caesar who established January 1st as New Year's Day, in 46 BC.



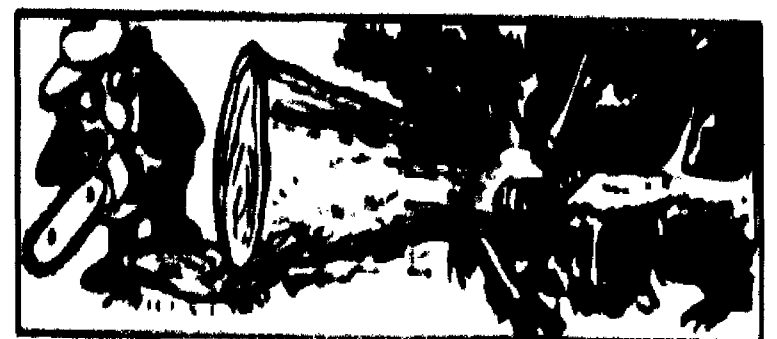
Outdoor carol singing seems to have started in the Middle Ages, when groups of people went from house to house to sing by torchlight.



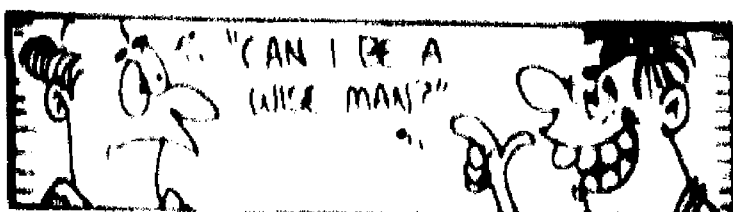
The custom of kissing under the mistletoe dates back to at least the early 17th century. The correct procedure is for the young man to pluck a berry as he kisses the young woman. When there are no more berries, there is no more kissing.



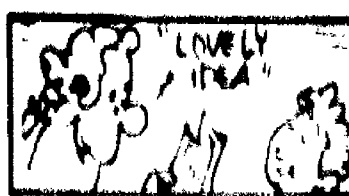
The custom of decking the halls with holly probably dates back to the early Christians, who did so in imitation of the Romans in their celebration of the festival *Saturnalia*, which celebrates the birth of the sun.



The world's tallest cut Christmas tree was a 221-foot Douglas fir erected at Northgate Shopping Center in Seattle, Washington, in December 1960.



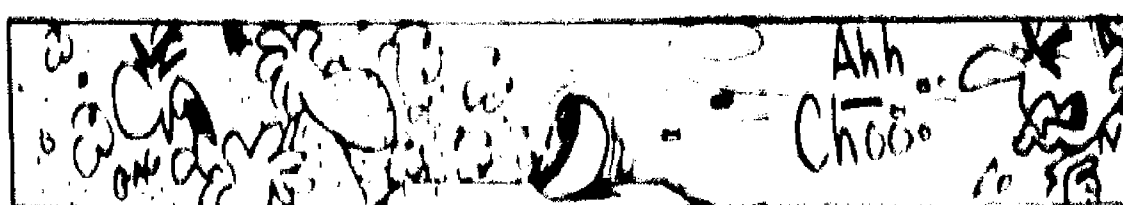
St. Francis is said to have started the custom of displaying a manger scene at Christmas. On Christmas Eve in 1224 he is supposed to have set up a stable in a corner of a village church near Assisi, with real people and animals to represent those of the first Christmas.



The first Christmas greeting card was printed in England in 1842 and is now in the British Museum.



The manger scene is called the (*presepio*) in Italy and the *nacimiento* in Spain.



Ashes from the great Yule log, were once saved throughout the year because they were supposed to guard the house from fire and lightning. They were also thought to have power to heal wounds and to make fields fertile.



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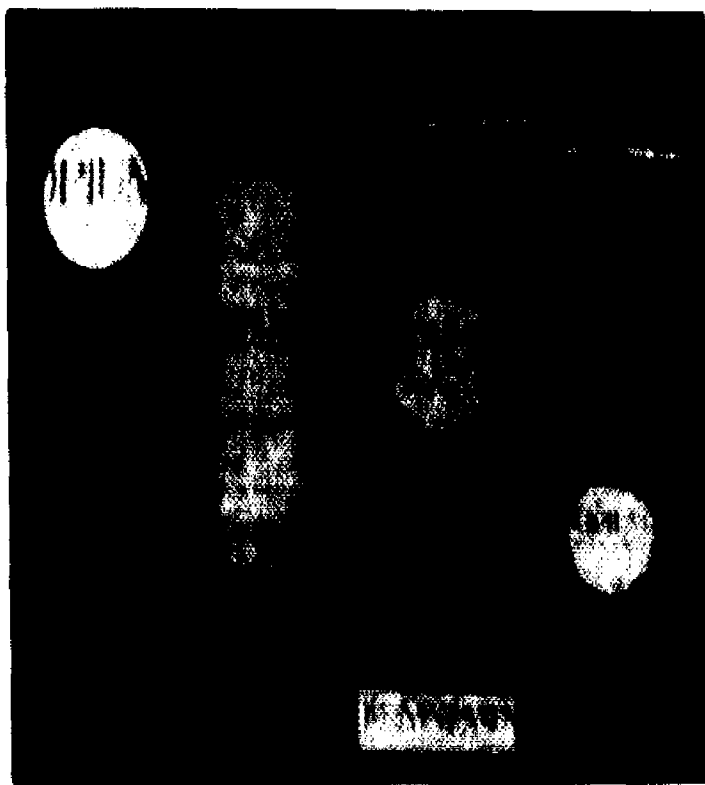
"Great fragrances are those that take us on the most fabulous journeys. They are also those that bring us the greatest joys," said Mr. Saint Laurent.

Opium For Men offers the mysterious and alluring scents of the Orient.

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Lingering notes include patchouli from Indonesia, sandalwood from Mysore, Chinese cypril and galac wood, while Oriental amber with its smooth woody notes, reminiscent of amber resin, enhances the sensuality, depth, and color of the Eau de Parfum.



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## Understanding your mood

### Familiar scents can help you relax

If you're not in the best mood during the holiday season — relax.

Not everyone can complete an endless list of holiday preparations while radiating good will toward men.

Setting the mood at home can help you relax into the true spirit of the holiday's. One sure way to spark a holiday mood is through the use of familiar scents that evoke happy memories of childhood holidays.

Scents that summon up the Christmas spirit include a fresh fragrant smell of pine trees, the comforting scent of cinnamon, nutmeg and pungent vanilla used in baking, spiced cider and mulling wine.

Scented candles can be used to add glow to the season. Candles are welcoming and cozy, serving a dual purpose: to lightly scent and flatteringly light a room.

"The rich colors and delicious scents of the season are heightened by the flickering light and warmth of a burning flame," says award-winning interior designer Catherine Bailly Dunne.

Candles and other seasonal decorations can create mini focal points for each room.

"To make an ordinary end table into something special, put several photos from

holidays past in metallic frames and intersperse with red and green candles in glass jars. The flicker of the flames against the sparkling frames and the delicious aromas of the candles create a lovely (and fragrant!) picture," said Ms. Dunne.

Here are some more holiday mood-making tips:

- Candles can also be used as a centerpiece. Place a collection on a mirror for a dramatic doubling effect.

- Use a vanilla candle to bring a home-baked aroma to the kitchen.

- If you're feeling too jangled to hear jingle bells, send tension down the drain by soaking in an aromatic bath. Recapture your holiday spirit by burning scented candles and listening to traditional carols.

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## Interactive holiday gifts

Finding the perfect holiday gift for every friend or family member can turn even the most cheery gift giver into the season's worst Scrooge. For every stocking hung by the chimney, there is a different wish list to satisfy and the task of checking your list becomes as difficult as finding a parking place at the mall. However, modern day technology, particularly the interactive CD-ROM, can turn the gift-giving blues into jingle bell rock. This holiday season, the standouts are easy-to-use, highly entertaining and, in many instances, educational.

For the adventurer or family daredevil, *The Sacred Mirror of Kofun* offers mind-challenging puzzles, mystery and intrigue. Filmed in Micronesia by world-famous explorer Jean-Michel Cousteau, this interactive adventure immerses players in the beauty of distant Pacific reefs and tropical islands, making the weather outside a little less frightful. With spectacular photography and thrilling video, including real live underwater footage, this CD-ROM game makes a fun-filled vacation out of your PC.

If the winter months have your favorite golfer in a hole, look for *Picture Perfect Golf*. A series of four CD-ROM titles, it offers a realistic golfing experience on your PC. By using digitized images, the software creates a visually spectacular simulation of what it's like to golf at the world's best courses. And, if your golfer is more picky about his golfing tools than he is about those plaid pants, the *Picture Perfect Golf* virtual reality system combines the software with an infra red club that mirrors the

weight, speed and feel of a real golf club.

With *Richie Sambora: Interactive Guitar*, the Mozart in your family can receive daily lessons from the world famous guitarist and Bon Jovi band member, Richie Sambora. He reveals the secrets to his techniques and riffs and gives insight into his personal life with private interviews and videos. With such a high caliber instruction and easy-to-learn tutorials, even the worst air guitarist will be able to jam with the legends.

And finally, for movie buffs, the ideal gift is *Real Women: The Untold Story*. Hosted by academy award winning actress and director-producer Jodie Foster, this CD-ROM gives a thorough retrospective of women in the film industry. With exclusive interviews, rare movie clips and mini-documentaries, the only element missing from this cinema experience is the popcorn and king-size soda.

"Interactive CD-ROMs offer something for everyone," says Andrew Gyenes, chairman and CEO of Interactive Inc, a leading producer and publisher of multi-media software. "With more than 2,000 titles available in a variety of subject areas, holiday shopping has never been easier."

Found in software outlets such as Electronics Boutique and CompUSA, CD-ROM gifts make for convenient, one stop shopping. For those of us who still find all that technology in one place a little intimidating, you can also pick up your title of choice at major retailers such as Best Buy, Wal-Mart and Target stores.

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- **Executive leather goods** (attaches, wallets, planners and appointment books) — The tried-and-true approach still works for dads, moms, sisters, brothers ... in fact, everyone with a job or a schedule to keep. This year, Staples offers Buxton wallets in green, maroon, tan or black, as well as At-A-Glance Appointment Books.

- **For that special someone on your list**, try the leather attache from Heritage with three additional pieces: a leather pad holder, planner and business card holder. And don't forget to add a writing gift set, like Diplomat's ballpen and fountain pen with a leather carrying wallet. Or from Cross, assorted fine pen sets with key chains and watches.

- **Traveler Comfort Items** — For friends and family who travel, look for Staples' selection of converter adapter kits, travel pillows, travel alarm clocks, travel irons, waist money belts and toiletry kits, even bungee cords and new luggage tags or straps. Add map travel guide software to plot out their trip in advance, or phone book software to help them find a long-lost friend.

- **Electronic Books** — Gifts for the Mind by Franklin offers a Webster's Spelling Corrector, a calculator sized unit that spell checks 80,000 words. There's also a Spanish-English Translator that can spell and translate 50,000 words.

- **Label Makers** — Staples suggests the Brother P-Touch Label Makers. They print in four type styles, two sizes, and come with a tape cutter.

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nache to the work environment? Then it has to be the O'Sullivan Cockpit Office Work Center. This unit is designed to fit into a corner with minimum space while containing an entire computer system.

- **Software**: Little girls are going crazy for Barbie Fashion Designer for Windows, for making their own awesome Barbie wardrobe. You're in luck if you've postponed buying Myst, the top-selling CD-ROM game — it's at a much lower price this holiday season. Also try Duke Nukem 3-D by Formgen, or Quake, by the makers of Doom.

- **And to go with that software**, kids everywhere are going to love a new joystick, like the Wingman Warrior, offering double-listed 360-degree precision for new 3-D games.

- **Internet Access**: Calling all surfers ... it's the year of the Internet. There is hot new Internet access software, like Microsoft's Internet Explorer Starter Kit which is free when you buy Microsoft Windows 95 Bundle CD Upgrade. Also popular is Netscape Navigator 3.0. For Internet surfers, anti-virus software is recommended, so try Norton Anti-Virus, or Virus Scan from McAfee.

- **Clear Electric Stapler**: Finally, technology has caught up with the demand to see what's inside that stapler. The latest in Staplers from Acco makes an ideal gift for a teacher or a curious student.

- **Gourmet Food Items**: Still at your wits' end? These will please absolutely anybody! Staples carries imported Perugina chocolates, Ripenza butter cookies, a 40-flavor Jelly Belly assortment, Friends TV show coffee mugs with hard candies by Houston Foods, coffee samplers and assorted popcorn in great collector vintage tins, and many other festive items. Perfect for a neighbor, your baby-sitter, or as a special holiday thank you for co-workers.



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# Taking the hassle out

**I**t's that time again. Time to shop for holiday toys for all the kids on your list. But don't panic ... because there are ways to ease what can be a bewildering toy-buying experience.

Lesson Number One? Avoid the frustration of finding out that your child's most wanted toy is sold out by shopping smart and early by catalog.

Pam Werner-Sponer, Spiegel's toy buyer, reports, "What we try to do is make shopping for toys simpler by presenting an edited selection of the hottest toys on the market. Nothing is more frustrating than walking into a toy store and feeling overwhelmed by too many options."

Another way Spiegel helps is by providing in-depth descriptions of each toy or game as well as advice about age appropriateness. Says Werner-Sponer, "Selecting an age-appropriate toy is especially important. If a toy is too juvenile, the child will be bored, and if it's too difficult, the child will be frustrated."

So what toys are topping the list of favorites this holiday season? Here's a sneak peek:

• **Radio control toys** — These are very big with youngsters ages 8 and up, and Spiegel has a great selection of remote control cars, trucks, speedboats and planes. This season, toddlers also get into the act with safe, easy-to-operate radio control racers, fire engines and dumptrucks in bright, colorful plastic.

• **Collectible dolls** — For older girls, as well as many adults, collectible dolls, espe-

cially Barbie, are more important than ever. This year, Spiegel offers designer Barbies, including Bob Mackie's Moon Goddess Barbie, as well as many exclusive Barbie items that cannot be found anywhere else, such as the "Summer Sophisticate" Barbie, and coordinating items such as a Barbie watch and trinket set. Spiegel's "Shopping Chic" Barbie, also a catalog exclusive, is a unique African-American Barbie all decked out for a day of shopping.

• **Collectible cars** — For the men and boys on your list, the collectible items of the season are limited edition miniature die-cast cars, including a "Johnny Lightning" Indianapolis 500 Pace Car Set, a Spiegel exclusive. There is also classic car reproductions such as a '55 Mercedes Benz 190SL and a '56 Corvette LT-4 Convertible.

• **Gymnastics Equipment** — Post-Olympics fever is still running high, and little girls will be clamoring for tumbling mats, trampolines and gymnast tote bags. There's even an 8-foot-long junior balance beam for your future gold medalists.

• **Toys that teach** — Parents are reporting that kids of all ages seem to enjoy toys and games that make learning fun. Among the standouts this season are high-powered telescopes and the Geo Safari Talking Globe, which is programmed to ask over 10,000 questions and score a child's correct answer. For ages 10 and up, the Big Screen Video Lab offers the clarity and sharpness of a microscope projected on a fine-resolution screen. For preschoolers through age 7, the

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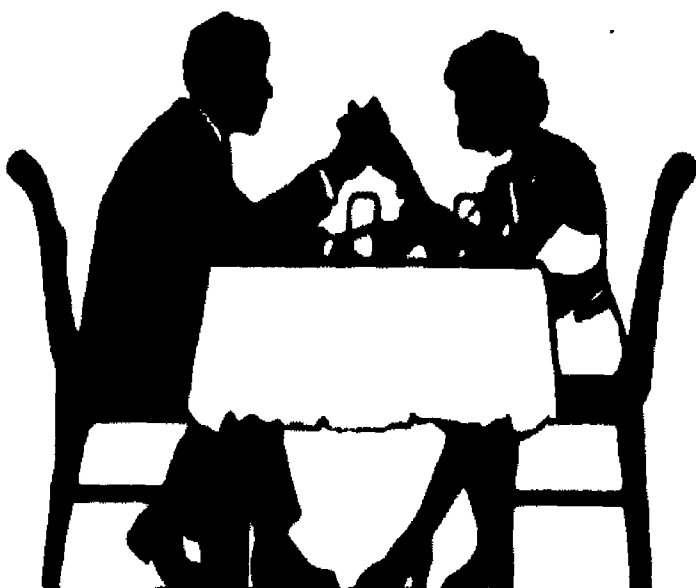
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Radar talk 'N' Listen Robot encourages educational discussion by quizzing kids on early learning concepts. For babies and toddlers, developmental toys such as Fisher-Price's Musical Lights and Sound Gym provide endless stimulation and discovery.

• **Anything "Star Wars"** — With the February '97 re-release of the movie, *Star Wars*, which has been updated with new high-tech special effects, Spiegel is predicting a rush on licensed *Star Wars* products. Among the hottest items is the limited edition *Star Wars* Figures Collector Set, which includes detailed 12-inch models of Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, Darth Vader and Obi-Wan Kenobi. Your kids will also want to help the "empire strike back" with the Imperial AT-ST Armored Walker and the *Star Wars* Rebel Snowspeeder with flashing laser lights and authentic movie sounds, for "traveling icy inter-galactic terrains."

• **Baby's first Christmas** — Spiegel offers an exclusive holiday afghan in cozy cotton embroidered with your baby's name and birth year. In red, white and green with an adorable teddy bear design, it's the perfect keepsake.

• **Goosebumps** — Kids love to be scared — and the popular *Goosebumps* books are great for hours of terrifying fun. There are *Goosebumps* sleeping bags and duffels. A standout in this series is the *Goosebumps* glow-in-the-dark bookstand/clock radio, featuring two ghoulish hands to hold your

books in place. And if that weren't creepy enough, the bookstand makes scary sounds whenever a book is touched.

• **Great gadgets** — For boys or girls, the hottest news is from Nintendo this season. The new Nintendo 64 is the first 64-bit home video game system with the power to blast you back into your seat. It features unparalleled memory speed, real-time 3-D and a controller that lets you run things with a 360-degree joystick.

Also look for unusual items such as Anti-Gravity Moon Shoes, which are basically trampolines for the feet. Or Talkboy and Talkgirl talking pens that can record up to 12 seconds of sound. And guess what? Pogo sticks are back, and they're still lots of fun.

Among the best reasons for shopping by catalog are: instantly finding out if an item is in stock as well as the ease of shipping gifts to family and friends, no need to worry about hauling gifts to the post office and waiting in long lines to send them out. And the Spiegel Holiday '96 catalog is a boon to last-minute shoppers because of its special Christmas Guaranteed feature; Spiegel guarantees delivery by Christmas Eve on any in-stock item charged by Monday, Dec. 23. There is no extra charge above standard delivery rates.

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## Don't forget milk, cookies for Santa Claus

The American Dairy Association and Dairy Council Inc. (ADADC) is on a grand mission this holiday -- to remind children to leave milk and cookies for Santa. Why? Because rumor has it the better the snack, the better the gifts!

All humor aside, the local promotion organization, ADADC, is spending a quarter of a million dollars during December to air a commercial that shows Santa eating the cookies left for him and then taking back all the gifts because of the great disappointment of finding an empty milk carton in the refrigerator. The last frame, of course, asks consumers, "Got milk?"

At the national level, the advertising team felt that airing the commercial before 9 p.m. would frighten children because they would not understand the humor, but Michele Martens, ADADC's director of advertising, disagrees.

"ADADC has chosen to begin airing the spot during adult programming, starting at 8 p.m., with the rationale that this is a great ad with a timely message. We just want to humorously remind adults what could happen if they run out of milk for the big guy on his special night."

Other efforts to highlight milk and cookies for Santa include featuring the Norman Rockwell scene of an affable, puffy-cheeked Santa enjoying a milk and cookie break.

In 1968, Norman Rockwell created this painting as the cover feature for Family Circle magazine's holiday issue. The original painting was later presented by Family Circle to the national office of The American Dairy Association as a tribute to the dairy farmers of America.

Family Circle's management team wanted to recognize American Dairy's outstanding promotion of milk and dairy products. The name "Jane" was used in the note to Santa in recognition of Jane Holmes, American Dairy's advertising director in 1968.

For many years, the painting was stored at American Dairy's national office in Rosemont, Ill. During remodeling of the Rosemont facility in the mid-'80s, the painting resurfaced and was dusted off for holiday promotions. The painting is now displayed in the board room of the Dairy Management Inc. headquarters, and is currently valued at more than \$250,000.

Norman Rockwell will always be best remembered for the 332 Saturday Evening Post covers he created. The image of Santa Claus enjoying milk and cookies on Christmas Eve was a natural scene for Rockwell, as his work is known for depicting themes

of tradition, love, kindness and family.

Hallmark Card Shops have created a photo frame ornament that features Santa with milk and cookies. Lenox China also features a special collectible set just for Santa's milk and cookies. And on the Internet, many holiday web sites include reminders to leave milk and cookies for Santa.



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