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Briefs

Big band dinner set for Feb. 1

Tickets are on sale for "Fascinating Rhythms," the Saturday, Feb. 1 big band dinner dance at the Westfield "Y," 220 Clark St. The event is sponsored by the Westfield Young Artists' Cooperative Theatre Inc. (WYACT).

The 16-piece King's Road Swing Band, under the direction of Torn Sheffel, with vocalists Nancy Nelson and Cynthia Meryl, will provide the night's entertainment.

Dinner will be catered by Soup to Nuts of Westfield. Period costumes are encouraged, but optional.

Tickets are \$45 each. For information, call 233-3200.

Jardim, colleagues to take oaths Jan. 1

The swearing-in ceremony for Thomas C. Jardim as mayor and John J. Walsh and Lawrence A. Goldman, the newly-elected Town Council members, will be 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1.

Gail Vernick and James Gruba, excisting members of Town Council, will also take the oath of office for their new terms.

A reception hosted by the mayor and members of the Town Council will follow the ceremony in the Community Room at the municipal building. The public is invited.

Jewish music

to be course topic

Cantor Martha Novich will present a three-session program about the Jewish musical heritage 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 8, 15 and 22 at Temple Emanu-El, 756 Broad St. For information, call 232-6770.

about Kwaanza

Members of the Second Baptist Church of Perth Amboy will visit the combined Sunday schools of the First Baptist Church of Westfield, 170 Elm St., Sunday, Dec. 29 to explain the festival of Kwaanza.

Kwaanza begins Dec. 26 and for seven days focuses on basic values of the African-American community endorsed by the church. The First Baptist Church will continue a cross-cultural focus Jan. 5, when member Georgina Cancel, who was raised in Puerto Rico, explains the customs of Three Kings' Day. Both intergenerational classes run 9:20-10:15 a.m.

Marshall named to NUI post

Jennifer Marshall of Westfield has been named manager of position reporting and controls at NUI Corp. of Bed. k minster.

Her responsibilities include acting as controller for NUI Energy Brokers Inc., a wholesale broker of natural gas am electricity, and monitoring the physical transactions and financial position of the firm.

Early deadline for The Record

Because of the new year's holiday, all submitted news to be published in next week's edition of the The Westfield Record must be in the editor's office at 102 Walnut Ave. In Cranford by noon Thurs. day, Dec. 20.

Questions? Call Editor An drew Simpson at 276 6000.

Huge gift boosts holiday fund

Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield gives \$750 donation

By KAREN BITZ

THE RECORD

Four donations this week put the Record Holiday Fund in good shape to surpass last year's record stands at \$1,926.34.

The Junior League of Elizabethfund's success this week when it women committed to improving ilies in need right here in our own

donated \$750.

Enclosed with the check was a letter from league President Mary Landriau, which stated the donation came from proceeds of the American Girls Fashion Show bentotal of \$2,104. The 1996 fund now efit, which raised more than

"The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield was instrumental in the Plainfield is an organization of

their communities through the ef-neighborhood." fective action and leadership of trained volunteers." the letter said.

"Although over half our members are drawn from Westfield, the Junior League's projects primarily serve less privileged communities throughout Union County. It is especially gratifying during the holiday season to be able to assist fam-

Also contributing to the fund were the Lincoln Road neighbors, who donated the money unspent from their neighborhood party, the Colbert/Steenberg family and Ariene Hughes.

All money donated to the Record | Caring Neighbor Fund Holiday fund benefits the Caring Neighbor Fund, which assists local (Please turn to page A-2)





What would you like?

The Westfield Center, Genesis ElderCare Network, hosts its annual breakfast with Santa Claus for employees and their children recently. Nicole Palmer Alonzo, a daughter of a doctor at the center, is telling Santa what she would like for Christmas.

Toddler death case declared a mistrial

By KAREN BITZ

THE RECORD

The Westfield woman who has been accused of beating her toddier daughter to death remains unsure of her fate.

Martha Faye Farris, 35, of Livingston Street, stood trial last week on a charge of aggravated manslaughter in connection with the Oct. 9, 1993, death of her daughter

Arter to hours of deliberation over a three-day period, the jury reported it was still undecided and Superior Court Judge Joyce Munkacsi declared a mistrial.

Assistant Middlesex County Prosecutor Ralph Cretella and Ms. Farris's council, Richard Shiarella of Westfield, will meet with Judge Munkacsi next month to schedule a date for a retrial.

Mr. Cretella claimed Ms. Farris repeatedly struck her daughter on the head Oct. 4, 1993, one day before a relative found the little girl unconscious in her crib at her caine, an act that would cause her grandmother's home in South to get violent, at the time of her Plainfield.

The child was immediately rushed to Muhlenberg Hospital in Plainfield and later transferred to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, where she died Oct. 9, 1993.

At first, authorities believed the child died of organ failure but due to uncertainty, further testing was

A second medical exam, conducted by Dr. Landa Rourke of Children's Hospital in Philadelphia, indicated signs of brain injury that caused the child's organs

This second examination was the basis of the prosecution's argu-

Mr. Shiarella countered that the child had died of natural causes. He said his client had no history of child abuse and there was no evidence that she caused the death of her child.

Testimony at the trial disclosed that Ms. Farris reportedly used codaughter's death.

No Christmas spirit here

Dy KAREN BITZ

THE RECORD

The grinch came a little early this year to one congregation. And while he may not have stolen Christmas, he got away with some valuable goods.

Altar tapestries were reported stolen from the Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity to the Police Department Dec. 17, Sgt. John Parizeau said.

Between 45.30 p.m. Dec. 16, the crook or crooks entered the sanctuary of the church, which is on First Street, and stole the tapesfries. The items are valued at \$1,343

Rev. John Masiello, pastor of the charch, would not comment.

Police said the thief may have entered the sanctuary through an unlocked side door to gain access to the altar cloths. At this time, there are no suspects. Police are investigating.

First Night to feature Irish music and songs

By KAREN BITZ

THE RECORD

First Night has been dubbed "the New Year's celebration with it so eclectic.

Two local high school students: giving participants the chance to fullaby bear traditional Irish rouse: WHS juniors Sarah Mullen and of Celtic pride, which has been Genevieve Manion are members, instilled by their families, and it of the traditional Irish music

duct known as Brightening Airs. Samb is the trish harpist of the pair and Genevieve is the soprano soloist

Throughout the night, the girls something for everyone," and it will perform traditional frish is the more than 30 performers, songs, including, "Danny Boy" scheduled to appear that makes, and "My Wild Irish Rose" as wellas Jesser known songs including "Goodnight," which Genevieve will be adding to the diversity by referred to as the "loveliest Irish

Both girls have a strong sense (Please turn to page A 2).



Genevieve Manion, Sarah Mullen will perform at First Night.

Boy must 'bee' a good speller

William Sims, a fifth grade student at Franklin School, won the school level competition of the National Geography Bee Dec 17 and in chance at a \$25,000 college schol-

The kickoff for this year's been was the week of Dec. 2, with the fourth, and Afth grade students in Frankho School participating

-Finaleds were chosen from each of the homeroous in these grades, Representing the fourth grade seere Brandon Boill, Jeremy Berk, Relicca Majon and Matthew Delancy The fifth grade finalists were William Sans, Alleon Willia, Throng Landelea and Alex Brooks

A modern 12 days

From partridges to turtle doves, let's check the cost analysis See Community Life



Tourney time

Local high schools teams prepare to play holiday tournaments

See Sports, page A-10



First Nights

Start the new year with a special celebration

See Weekend Plus Inside

Women's lives are a parallel in happiness

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN RECORD CORRESPONDENT

aura Negele and Esther Iarussi have lived next door to each other on East Second Street in Scotch Plains for 71 years. As individuals and frequently as a team, they 👑 have forged successful careers in business and public service, getting involved and making things happen.

At ages 83 and 82, respectively, these friends are also first cousins. Laura's father and Esther's mother were brother and sister. Laura, born in Italy, emigrated to the United States with her mother and sister when she was 6.

She recalled her father meeting her at the ship with a warm cape in his arms. It was the first time she had ever seen him.

"I don't remember much from the age of 6," she said, "but I do recall running all over the ship, and seeing the New York skyline and Statue of Liberty. It was so impressive, so beautiful.'

A Scotch Plains native, Esther was born on Stanley Avenue (now Route 22), then moved to the house she still lives in on East Second Street.

Laura's father bought the property next door to his sister's home shortly before he died 11/2 years after Laura arrived. Her mother then built a four-room home for her family there. Years later. Laura and her husband, Eugene, added a second story.

Speaking only Italian, Laura started school in first grade because she was too old for kindergarten. She and Esther were members of the first class to enter the new Scotch Plains High School (now Park Middle School) in 1927.

For fun, they did anything that did not cost money: "We didn't realize how poor we were because everybody was in the same boat," Esther said. Because money was so tight during the Depression, each home maintained plentiful gardens, canning and preserving their produce to get the family through the winter.

"After my first year of high school," recalled Laura, "my mother wanted me to leave school to go to work. I locked myself in the bathroom until she changed her mind. I wanted an education so bad." Though she did leave high school early, Laura attended Drake Business College at night, and studied design and dressmaking in New York.

Esther graduated from high school as salutatorian in 1932. Her first job was working for a judge in offices above Westfield's Rialto Theater. He paid her \$2.50 a week, enough for bus fare, an oc-

casional lunch and very little else. Esther said, "I needed to get experience so I could say I had it when I applied for the next job.

Everybody wanted experience." Esther went to work for her brother-in-law, Arthur Venneri, at the Arthur Venneri Construction



Scotch Pleine residents Eather larveel and Laura Negele look through a book that contains a picture of their seventh-grade class.

Co. in Westfield. As a general contractor, the company handled government contracts at Fort Dix and Fort Monmouth. Of her job as vice president and office manager, she said, "It was quite a title, and quite a job."

Esther was also co-partner in a ladies and children's apparel store in Scotch Plains. She later worked with her brother, Joseph, building housing developments in Somerset and Hunterdon counties.

Despite her own professional success, she said, "It was a man's world then. Women weren't respected for their knowledge."

Laura disagreed. "It wasn't a man's world for me." She said that, since it was unusual in those days for children not to have a

father, the responsibility for supporting her family fell on her. She started in the dressmaking busi-ness in Plainfield, then commuted to New York for 15 years.

In the early 1960s, Laura and her sister, Josephine, opened their own bridel shop in Westfield. Lours was the buyer and seller. Josephine was the seamstress. The shop flourished for 25 years.

During that time, Laura and her husband raised three children.

"Working was rough," she re-membered. "My husband would start the supper cooking, and I would finish when I got home."

The cousins have also mounted numerous fund-raising campaigns for St. Bernard's and St. Bartholomew's churches.

"Wherever money needed to be raised," smiled Esther, "we were there." Eather ran USO dances during World War II. Laura worked at the Red Cross.

In 1935, they and some friends founded "The Intimates," a ladies' club designed to further social activities in the community. The 15 surviving members of the club still meet monthly.

Today, Laura and Esther cochair the township's Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee, fighting hard as advocates for their peers. They are especially eager to see improved transportation services for seniors. Since Union County decided to handle transportation a year ago, they said they have seen little progress.

First Night

(Continued from page A-1) is this sense of culture that persuaded them to focus on Irish

Both have taken piano lessons from Carolyn Klinger-Keuter and she inspired them to look into performing at First Night.

"I've been to First Nights in other towns and I'm glad Westfield finally decided to do one," Sarah

Most of the music the girls play is traditionally light music.

"We don't play very hard stuff and only have one or two jumpy numbers," Genevieve said. "If you have any Irish in your blood, you just want to get up and Irish

Both musicians said they would like to pursue their study of music beyond high school but are not sure of the extent to which they would like to study it.

Sarah is a member of the WHS Symphonic Orchestra and sings in the achool's Concert Choir. She is also a member of the Westfield Junior Musical Club and the Oratorio Singers.

Genevieve is involved with a total of six choirs. She also studies voice and composition.

Brightening Airs will perform in the Municipal Building during the First Night celebration.

Gift boosts holiday fund

(Continued from page A-1) families in need throughout the year. People like this:

Due to a serious disability, a mother is not able to care for her four minor children. Her mother. the children's grandmother, is caring for them all. While mother awaits long-term disability benefits, the family's only income is the grandmother's Social Security benefits that do not cover the family's monthly expenses.

Readers wishing to support this year's campaign may send checks to the Record Holiday Fund, P.O. Box 626, Cranford, N.J. 07016. Donors will have their names published in The Record unless they

County superintendent getting into swing of things

RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Five months into the job, Frances Lobman, the county superintendent of education, facts County."

Dr. Lobman came to Union over the post vacated earlier in the every other way," she added. year by Leonard Fitts.

Lobman had extensive teaching districts, affluent and less affluent and administrative background, districts - that make the job exserving most recently as director of citing.

The job came with 24 school districts and the challenge of a dissolving regional high school, decided by popular vote in May.

The more I'm getting to know people, the more I really love it. Dr. Lobman said.

County in July, officially taking variety - small geography, big in

Dr. Lobman said it is precisely Before coming on board, Dr. the variety - urban and suburban

changes for kids," she said.

Many events are proving that body new to the county," she said. the job is, in fact, exciting.

Dr. Lobman cites the bond referendum that was passed in Plainfield, interactive television posstatities being envisioned by many districts and a countywide in-"It's a small county with a lot of service day March 24, for which 22 of the 24 districts have already signed up.

'People really want to do **good** things to stay on the leading edge," Dr. Lobman said.

As for the deregionalization issue, Dr. Lobman admits it's a

white, and does his own develop-

Development of an art collection

in the Community Room has been

a favorite project of Mayor Garland

A number of prints and paint-

ings have been given or loaned to

the town for permanent display.

other than when the Westfield Art

Association show is in progress. Artwork relating to Westfield, or

artwork by Westfield residents, is

ing and printing.

"Bud" Boothe.

particularly sought.

Ex-town resident displays photography WESTFIELD - Arthur Carlson, go into the photography business. He prefers working with black and

He has traveled widely, including

a former resident of Westfield for 20 years, has made the first photo- New England, Florida, Canada, graphic addition to the art collec- Alaska and the Southwest, and his tion growing in the Community Room in the Municipal Building.

Mr. Carlson's work, titled "Rahway River at Sunrise," was taken borough Public Library and the Ulin the morning mists in Nognahegan Park.

to attend this program. Susan Ben-

nett, the early childhood director,

will answer questions about the JCC nursery school and early

childhood programs. A tour of the

newly expanded JCC facility will

Registration for 1997-98 nursery

school year begins Wednesday,

Feb. 5. Families wishing to bring

their children to visit the JCC

numery school are asked to call

Monday, Jan. 13.

conclude the evening

photographs have been exhibited in the Union Public Library, the Rahway Gallery of Art, the Hillstimate Image in Cranford. Many of his pictures feature ar-

Mr. Carlson, now living in Hills-chitectural details, reflecting his borough, was trained as a civil en- business career working with argineer. He took early retirement to chitects in office interior designs.

JCC nursery school plans open house

Community Center of Central New Jersey Nursery School, 1301 Mar- is a constituent agency of the Jewtine Ave., will sponsor an open ish Federation of Central New Jerhouse for new families 7:30 p.m. sey and the United Way.

For more information, call 889-Parents interested in the 1997-98 8800. nursery school year are encouraged



SCOTCH PLAINS - The Jewish 889-8800 for a daytime tour.

The Jewish Community Center



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are pleased to welcome Marilya Agin, M.D., F.A.A.P. into the practice of pediatrics and adolescent medicine and announce the opening of a second office location

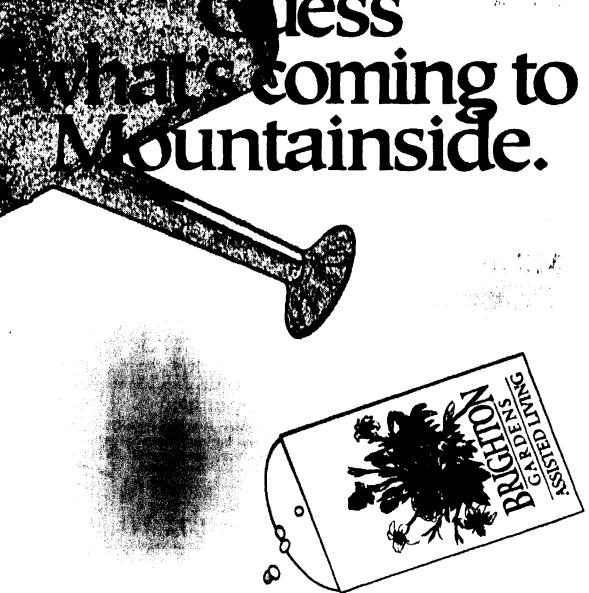
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"There are so many legal ramifi-

"It's an interesting ride for some- cations and groundbreaking situations," she said, "and it all needs to happen quickly."

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WESTFIELD — The excellence of Westfield's schools was well documented at last week's Board of Education meeting.

Superintendent of Schools William Foley presented the results of Westfield's test scores as published in the state report

In the 1995 High School Proficiency Test administered to 11th graders, West-

field surpassed the average scores pro- provement in these scores and we are compared the 1996 test results of fourth-, students apparent in school concerts, includes schools with similar socioeconomic makeups and includes such districts as Princeton, Summit and Chatham.

When reviewing the results of the eighth-grade Early Warning Test administered in spring 1996, Westfield students scored similarly to the DFG mean score in reading, mathematics and writing.

schools in its District Factor Group, which synopsis of the meeting addressed to staff 1992.

Edison and Roosevelt,"

In the latest EWTs, Roosevelt Intermediate School's scores were consider- their grade equivalent." ably higher than those from Edison Intermediate School.

"We would like to see some im- parative data for the Iowa tests, Dr. Foley one to look at the everyday successes of on the redistricting process.

"In every aspect, there has been a dis-"We also want to close the gap between tinct increase in scoring by Westfield students. In several areas of the test, students have achieved four to six years beyond

Dr. Foley reminded board members that test scores are not the only measure of Although the state does not supply com- success in schools. He encourages every-

duced by some of the most competitive committed to this," Dr. Foley said in a fifth- and sixth-graders with those from statewide competitions and college ac-

In other business, the board accepted several gifts from the Jefferson PTO to Jefferson School, including T-shirts, video

cameras and software. The board also approved a motion to permit the Long Range Planning Committee to consult with parent-teacher council members who would provide public input



Coming together

Members of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Association of **Nestfield met recently to finalize plans for the 10th a**nnual interfaith memorial service to be held 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Plans also include a 10th anniversary luncheon noon Saturday, Jan. 25 at the Westwood in Garwood. Pictured are Nathan Hollis. Beverly Johnson, Sylvia Ballatt, Dorothy Kirkley, Carol LaPierre, Patricia Faggins and Donnell Carr.

Crimes reported at Lord & Taylor

Lord & Taylor on North Avenue has been hit with several crimes recently, police said.

On Dec. 18, an Elizabeth woman was charged with shoplifting, police said, Jodi Slade, 29, was arrested while allegedly attempting to steal a red knit dress valued at \$80, police said.

A New Providence resident reported her wallet stolen out of her handbag Dec. 18, police said. The wallet contained credit cards and

A Mountainside resident reported a phone was stolen from his car while parked in the parking lot outside Lord & Taylor Dec. 19, police said. The front window of the shopper's Lincoln was smashed to remove the phone.

A high school wrestling coach reported his wallet was stolen from a locker in the boy's lockerroom Dec. 18, police said.

Westfield

police log

A Ford pickup truck was reported stolen from A&M Auto Center on South Avenue Dec. 17, police said.

A report was filed concerning a theft from Taylor Hardware on Elm Street Dec. 18, police said. Police did not say what was stolen.



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County's mobile facilities coming to the rescue

THE RECORD

WESTFIELD - The county Division of Emergency Management recently acquired two mobile facilities that contain state-of-the art technology to provide quick response, effective coordination and crucial planning to protect lives in Union County.

"They will help incident management by providing a place, technology and surroundings for the incident manager to handle any problems," director Ben Lag-

The 37-foot mobile communications unit with sophisticated comradio and weathermonitoring systems will assist the county in responding to emergencies in the 21 municipalities it serves, Mr. Laganga said. The 24foot decontamination trailer, which will be pulled by emergency man-said. agement vehicles, will provide disinfectant showers for emergency personnel or anyone exposed to

controlled setting.

These units are examples of Union County's continued commitment to be ready for and adequately deal with any emergencies that might arise," said Freeholder Vice Chairman Henry W. Kurz, liaison to the Emergency Management Advisory Board.

Because it was built on a 1094 Navistar chassis, Mr. Laganda sald, the county aved \$25,00 for the communications unit and paid only \$175,000 for the vehicle. A state Police Office of Emergency Management 'grant contributed \$20,000 to the purchase and donations accounted for \$30,000.

The trailer cost the county \$38,000.

"It is important to note that the vehicles were bought new and are under warrantee so the county isn't suffering any," Mr. Laganga

The two units are ready to be used in case of emergency at this time but will not be officially on hazardous substances in a climate—the road until the end of the year.

Milanov named to WSO post

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Symphony Orchestra has announced the appointment of Rossen Milanov as interim artistic adviser for the 14-year-old professional orchestra.

Mr. Milanov will serve in this capacity until the symphony's search committee completes its search for a permanent music director and conductor next year. He brings to the WSO extensive experience in conducting, programming and music education.

In his position as interim artistic adviser to the Westfield Symphony, Mr. Milanov will develop the repertoire for the coming sea son and oversee orchestra devel opment and educational programs. WSO subscribers and patrons will have the opportunity to meet Mr. Milanov at the pre-concert presentations for upcoming concerts.

The symphony's first concert for 1997 will be Saturday, Jan. 25. Guest conductor Jack Everly will present a evening of strings featuring Copland's "Quiet City," Ben-Jarnin Britten's "Simple Symphony" and the Borodin "Noe-

Also on the program is Samuel. Barber's "Knoxville: Summer of 1915" (Carolann Page, soprano) and Poulene's "Concerto for Organ, Tumpani and Strings" (David Messinco, organ).

For mini-subscriptions to the WSO's 1997 concerts or tickets for the Jan. 25 concert, call 232 9400 or visit the WSO homepage at west -fieldnj.com/wso.

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will offer the excitement and to mance of Carmen's Spain in a galaevening to support the Westfield Symphony Orchestra The WSO's Gala Committee has announced the special event will be 7 pm midnight Saturday, April 19 at the U.S. hendquarters of K Line Amer Ica in Murmy Hill.

The committee is planning inevening that will include cocklads, a silent auction, buffet dinner, muction, entertainment and dancing all night. There also will be a 50/50.

"This season's gain not only celebrates the vivid color and excite ment of a remantic culture, the Spanish theme connects with this ven's full length opera in concert, Carmen, which the WSO will perform this season," said Emma De Giralamo of Westfield, cochairwoman of the symphony's annual finel miser.

Co-chairing the event with Ms. phony Orchestra board President at 232 9400.

DeGiralamo also serves as copresident of the Westfield Symphony Friends, the volunteer as sociation of the WGO "We have a spectacular night

planned. There'll be great food, including 'tapas,' and entertainment from strolling guitars to gypsy for tune tellers. Among the impressive nuction items we already have no a stay at a Cambbean island vacation home and an heirloom Span-

The K Line building in Morray Hill be notable for its architectur. ally dramatic space, which includes a cherilar ballinger area enclosed in glass from floor to reiling with varilted stanchions lighted from

Tickels to the April gala wall be \$125 per person. Baffle tickets at \$25 are available now Last year's prize was over \$5,000. For more information or to receive an invita-DeGiralamo is Westfield Sym flon, call the Westfield Symphony

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Reply to question is still valid a century later

One of the most famous newspaper articles had nothing to do with war, politics, crime or the economy. The article was a simple reply to a letter to The New York Sun from a little girl, Virginia O'Hanlon who lived with her parents in New York City. Below is the full text of the letter and the reply written by Sun editorial writer Francis Pharcellus Church.

Dear Editor,

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to have men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive of imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest mean, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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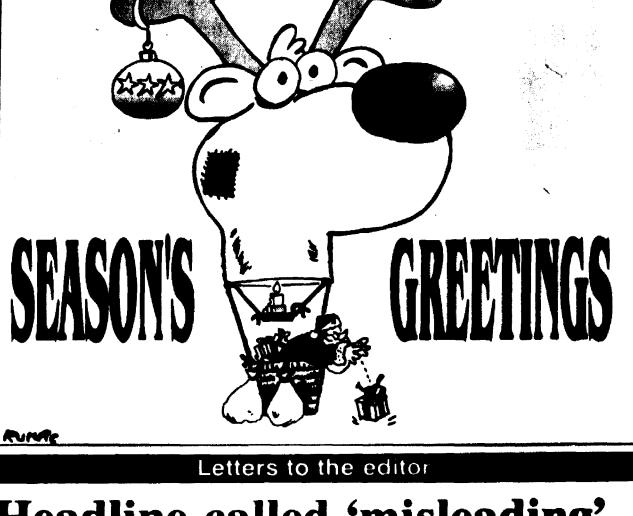
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Headline called 'misleading'

This is in response to the letter from Margaret Cook that you printed recently. I don't know if Ms. Cook wanted her letter printed in your newspaper, since it was not addressed to the paper, but to the Fanwood Borough Council.

Now that it's been made public, I feel compelled to

Your headline is misleading. Democracy has nothing to do with what Ms. Cook has stated in her letter. Democracy is not at issue here. Separation of church and state is the main issue.

I was not a resident of Union County last year at this time. My family and I settled in Fanwood this past June, so we missed what Ms. Cook seems to be describing: a controversy over a religious display in a public place. I don't know if the one letter printed in your paper last year was an isolated protest, or indicative of wider opinion. That is not my main concern-

I found the tone of Ms. Cook's letter very disturbing. It is exclusionary and intolerant. Her language is the language of bigotry. Ms. Cook would impose herparticular religious beliefs on the entire community. Christmas is already quite pervasive in it's more seasonal, rather than overtly religious, manifestations.

I have yet to see any prominent religious displays—ity toward those who disagree with her position. in public places from other religious groups. Of course, I missed Fanwood Scotch Plains' observances

of Diwali, Ramadan, and Tet last year, since we had is the one Mom gave us for our not yet moved here. As is our practice, we placed our first Christmas ... Here's Grandmenorah and Hanukkah decorations in our home, where they belong.

I do not think a public place is the appropriate venue for a religious display. If Ms. Cook believes that the way to keep Christ in Christmas is to have a nativity prominently displayed, then she should have one on her lawn.

This country was founded by people seeking religious freedom. The creators of the Bill of Rights and the Constitution wrote guarantees of religious freedom into our laws, and our courts have repeatedly upheld those rights. As a member of a religious minority, I cherish those guarantees.

Ms. Cook, as a member of the community's religious majority, seems insensitive to the exclusionary nature of what she is asking. If Ms. Cook wants her opinion respected, then she must respect the opinions of her neighbors, even if they are different from hers.

No one has denied Ms. Cook her right to free expression or her right to practice her religion. Her protests to the contrary are disingenuous. While I support your decision to publish all viewpoints, no matter how misguided, the paper's interpretation of Ms. Cook's grievance as having to do with democratic principles is incorrect and could possibly incite hostil-

Whalen's will be missed in Westfield

To The Editor:

At a time when we are witnessing a dramatic we are really going to miss them. change in the flavor of downtown Westfield, we would ... Thank you Jimmy and Billy and best wishes for the like to pay tribute to the Whalen family, who served future. our community for 65 years.

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Discovering the true meanings of holiday

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would like to touch the hearts of

people at Christmus - as well as

every other day of the year and

just let them know they are OK,

they are loved and they are special.

in the eyes of God. I want people

to know they are to be cherished.

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fully, wonderfully made as Scrip-

GUEST

June tells us we are

By DAVE ALLENA

GUEST COLUMNIST

In the past, I have tried to share what I believe to be the meaning of Christmas, Now, however, I beheve there are two meanings to Christ

Nothing, of course, should distort the overall meaning of this hely day, which is Jesus and his birth-His coming as num among men when no one expected it and few accepted it.

But I think there exists for each of us an individual meaning to Christmas, one shaped by our past experiences, our values and our hopes. I want to, however, hold upmy personal meaning of Christinas to the light of that first Christmas. morning.

Part of my personal meaning. comes from the memory of the sacrifices my parents always made. to ensure their brood of six boys. Another part comes from my belief. in God and that the saving grace of affended to by one another accord And to their needs

I think my meaning of Christ mas is about family, but not about

I know I fall short—sometimes far short— of this personal goal of mine on a daily basis, but more than any other time, Christmas is the time I want to be successful at this It is almost a next to be able. to mitall in the heart of a mother. always had a wonderful Christmas. - buman being a little of God's love. I guess in a way it's the same

kind of love God showed when he the infant Jesus was meant for all sent His son as an infant among people. Yet another comes from us. We were not worthy of such a my hope for peace and that all peo staving act, and we were not even ple will be taken care of, loved and paying attention and to a great would, our towns and our streets.

I want to lift the head of a broth ily of humankind and responding weighed down by life's misfortune. to a need that exists in each of us. I want to look into their eyes and I suppose more than anything, I see some of that hart and sorrow copy editor for Forbes Newspapers.

and troubles dissolve if only momentarily by the reflection of God's love through me to that per-

A plaque in a Christian book store caught my eye once. It's message was simple and yet so profound and I know I need to incorporate it into the way I look at others and myself. The message "God danced the day you were born." And He did - for each and every one of us.

Each of us is a treasure ervone from that one person you know who is always smiling, always cheerful to that homeless man asleep on the street. The difference is simply the treasure has yet to be discovered. But it is there because God created it.

And I think Jesus came to show us this, to reveal the immense value in each of us. I think he gave up His divinity so we could under stand how important each of us is to God, with value, worth, importimee, specialness. Each of us is worth God's coming as a child

More than anything, I would like to get the opportunity to tell some one who needs to hear it this extent still aren't as evidenced by. Christmas, I would also like to unwhat continues to happen in our lock the heart of another and find the treasure that lies there.

And maybe I would like some physical family. It's about the fam - er or sister in pain, in mourning or - one to do the same for me when 1

Editor's note: Dave Allena is a



Remember the holiday's true gifts

What is it about Christmas that makes the air seem crisper, the stars seem brighter and people seem friendlier? I love this time of

Last week, I stood in the darkness and listened to the sounds of the night, the bells from the local church, the low whoosh of passing cars from the nearby highway. I felt a sense of peace.

I adore Christmas with an absolute passion. I start singing carols around Thanksgiving and burst out in song whenever the spirit moves me, causing some of my coworkers to respond with a cur mudgeonly but amused "Bah, humbug," or sometimes a simple. "Minx! Shut up!"

I love Jim's and my Christmas tree which, although artificial, looks real if you've had a few glasses of egg nog and you squint a bit We've collected quite a few ornaments during the past 22 years, and each holds a memory.

"Remember this one, Jim? This ma's ornament; look how cloudy it's gotten ... Here's the ceramic tabby cat with the Santa Claus hat made. Remember Kashka, our first cat? ... Hey, your mother made us that Snoopy ornament."

We stopped using tinsel on our tree when we first got a cat, because cats are prone to sucking down tinsel and ending up at the animal emergency ward on Christmas Eve. We found that a tree without tinsel takes on a soft, rather Victorian look, and we've left the tinsel off ever since.

We nod in the shining lights of the Christmas tree, and if we're lucky, there is a light snow falling outside. You can see the snow re flected in the soft halo of the street the in front of our house.

For me, Christmas gift giving is symbolic. There are only a few token gifts purchased for Mom. Dad and Jim, who are my entire family except for some distant cousins, aunts and uncles.

Gifts are nice, I suppose, but I think we could avoid most of the holiday frenzy if we would just realize the gifts are not the reason for the holiday. It's nice for children to receive a visit from Santa and some toys, but there is also a spiritual aspect of the day that we all too often forget.

Christmas is a time of reflection. re-evaluation and sometimes, reaffirmation. We need to remember that above all, Christmas is a birth day, and furthermore, it's not our birthday.

Our most important gifts should be love and faith, and they should be given to the One whose birth day we celebrate on Christmes Duy.

But you don't have to be Chirtian to reap some of the benefits of the holiday. Everyone seems a lit tle kinder and a little more tolerant around Christmas People go out of their way to share what they have with those less fortunate. True, some folks can get pretty

testy, but you can usually get a smile out of them if you just empathize a bit and you're sincere T've not yet met a salesperson f couldn't melt with a cheerful smile and a sincere "Thank you. Have a nice holiday" If's corny, but true

I realize there are a lot of people who are not having a merry Christ mas this year. They've been hit by tragedy or their lives are just miserable, often through no fault of their own. There's not much I can say to case their pain, and I can only hope their faith in a helghter tomorrow and a Higher Power will get them through the holidays.

Faith is a big part of Christmas. and we would do well to fry and keep flut faith working for us all year long

And while we're gazing up of these glittering stars, it's important we remember He who waits for those who follow the light of the brightest star of all.

Briefs

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 are due by Friday, Jan. 10. An equal number of men and women will participate, with a minimum of 34 people. Call 232-8827.

AARP chapter to meet Jan. 6

The next meeting of the Westfield Area Chapter No. 4137 of the American Association of Retired Persons will be 1:30 p.m. Jan. 6 at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, East Broad Street and Mountain Avenue. Social starts 1 p.m.

Members should bring a nonperishable food item.

The program for the January meeting will be presented by Marjorie Deas, community relations director for The Chelsea, 295 South Ave., Fanwood. The subject will be "Assisted Living as an Option for Housing for Older

High school reunions planned

Reunions have been set for graduating classes of West-

field High School. Class of 1971 will reunite March 22, Class of 1977 will reunite Aug. 2 and Class of 1987 will reunite Nov. 28. Class members should write to Reunions Unlimited, P.O. Box 150, Englishtown, N.J. 07726 or call 780-8364.

Recreation offering skiing trips

The Westfield Recreation Commission has announced its schedule of ski trips for the community.

The cost is \$43 per person. which includes transportation and lift ticket. Rentals and lessons are also available at an additional cost. The bus will depart from the Municipal Building parking lot at 6:30 a.g., and return about 6 p.m. Register early because space is limited.

Trips are as follows: Sunday, Dec. 29 Carnelback Ski Area; Sunday, Jan. 12 --Vernon Valley/ Great Gorge; Sunday, Jan. 26 - Montage; Sunday, Feb. 9 - Shawnee; and Sunday, Feb. 23 -- Cam elback

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. For information, call 789-4080.

Rec commission plans Broadway trip

The Westfield Recreation Commission is offering Broadway theater tickets and transportation to see Chicago 8 p.m. Thursday, March 6,

The bus will leave at 6 p.m. from the Municipal Building, 425 E. Broad St, and return about 11.30 p.m.

Tickets are \$83 per person and are on sale now on a first-come basis at the Recreation Commission.

Checks can be made pay able to Westfield Recreation Commission, 425 E. Broad St, Westfield, NJ 07000 Call 789 4085

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AUGUSTO F. MENEZES/THE RECORD Travel Time in Westfield has closed. The staff included Maria Monto, Shirleyanne Nilsen and Eileen Fleming-Blancato.

Travel agency books final trip

By KAREN BITZ

THE RECORD

WESTFIELD - A local business is closing its doors to Westfield forever.

Travel Time, an associate of Carlson Travel Network, located at 112 E. Broad St., has closed for good after 30 years of serving Westfield.

Eileen Fleming-Blancato, who took over the reigns of the business in 1989, is closing the business for personal reasons. The toils of owning her own business and working an average of more than 60 hours per week have prompted the owner to reach a breaking point, she said.

to another agency affiliated with Carlson Travel Net-

work, Carlson Wagonlit Travel of Watchung.

"I just want them to have the name affiliation. I'm not trying to force anyone there," she said.

Travel Time serviced both vacation and corporate accounts from all over the area. Ms. Fleming-Blancato will still work in the travel business on a limited basis from her Summit Avenue home.

She is the owner of the building that houses both the travel agency and Vicky's Place next door and is currently negotiating a lease for the spot.

"I love Westfield. We have a nice business. Closing is like an emotional rollercoaster. On one hand you'll miss it, but on the other hand it's kind of a relief," Ms. Fleming-Blancato.

Clients who wish to continue on in the Carlson Ms. Fleming-Blancato is referring all of her clients Travel Network can call the referral agency at 756-

By KAREN BITZ meeting last week, three devoted dents of Westfield." town residents stepped down from their posts as government officials. "Bud" Boothe conducted his last public meeting of the Town Coun-

cil. Mayor-elect Thomas Jardim will be sworn in as Mayor Boothe's successor at a Jan. 1 ceremony.

> Goldman and John Walsh will also begin their terms in office New Year's Day. Mayor Boothe first came into

Town leaders

say goodbye to

public office in 1980 as a 2nd Ward councilman and served that post for 11 years until he was appointed as mayor to fill the gap made by former Mayor Richard Bagger's resignation in 1991.

"As I turn town government over to new leadership and a new generation, I do so knowing that those who served up here with me over the past 16 years gave our honest and best efforts to preserve and advance the Westfield community, its residents of all ages, its downtown, its activities, its infrastructure," the retiring mayor said in his address.

"I leave you with my heartfelt thanks for the confidence you have shown in me, the help and the guidance and criticism you have provided, your loyalty and your friendship.

Councilman James Gruba set forth a resolution honoring the mayor for his 16 years of service to the town, a motion that caused the audience to lead in a standing ovation for the retiring mayor.

The mayor also mentioned his admiration and respect for the many people he has worked with as the risk manager for the Suburduring his tenure in office, includ- ban. Municipal. Joint. Insurance ing town employees and fellow government officials.

serving Westfield "They have all been helpful and loyal to me as your mayor, but more important they have been WESTFIELD - In an emotional helpful and loyal to you, the resi-

He advised his successors to always keep the needs of constitu-After five years of serving as ents first in their minds either Westfield's leader, Mayor Garland when appointing positions or creating ordinances.

At last week's meeting, outgoing 4th Ward Councilwoman Janis Weinstein and 3rd Ward Councilman Gary Jenkins were also hon-Incoming Councilmen Lawrence ored for their service.

Second ward Councilman Matthew Albano said he would miss all three peers for different reasons.

"It's been a pleasure working with each one of you. Bud, I will miss your dedication. Gary, I will miss your fairness and businesslike approach. And Janis, I will miss your pleasant personality and upbeat outlook on things."

The swearing in ceremony is slated for 3 p.m. New Year's Day in council chambers and will be followed by a party in the Community Room, to which the entice town is invited.

The reorganization meeting is scheduled for Jan. 7, at which Mr. Jardim will announce various appointments.

In other business, the council approved the demolition of a drive in banking structure on Central Avenue. The site had been approved by the Planning Board to become a MRI facility.

Also approved were two resolutions approving the appointment of the special and auxiliary police officers for 1997, a resolution requesting the county to conduct a feasibility study of a county animal shelter, and resolutions approving Louis LeFevre of Bollinger-Fowler Fund and Suplee, Clooney and Co. . as auditors for 1997.

Roosevelt announces top students

WESTFIELD - Roosevelt Intermediate School has announced its academic honor roll for the first marking period:

Seventh-grade distinguished honor roll:Joshus Bengal, Alexandra S. Brill, Matthew D. Chazanow, Erin E. Cockren, Kevin J. Cutro, James Donovan, Rachel Falcone, Bret Fleming, Daniel L. Hertz, Elizabeth Imbert, Angela Y Km. Simon P. King, Nikhili Koperkar, Shen-non E Kunelli, Megen A. Lesko, Nethalie Levey, Matthew K. Lowenstein, Joshua Ludmer, Jeffrey Luker, Elizabeth Madresh, Erin M. McCleffer, Mitgari McGleisen, Metty Rose Cr-Buch, Jeremy Owens, Gregory Raigh, Berjamin P. Rustin, Eleaboth P. Salemme, Zed A. Shehaci, Mergaret M. Smith, Charles P. Tortorello, Melanie L. Totams, Pieter W. Van Iporen, Jonathan P. Williams, Minam Zichlin

Seventh-brade honor roll: Lauren A. Baedor, John Barbiere, Matthew Brinkmann, Sarah Burke, Daniel J. Caprario, Michael Charney, Tara Christalica, Neil Clemniecki, Kathleen Dura, Kiera Evans, Rachel Feldman, Alexandra F. Felissoff, Heather B. Flehberg, Christopher Freisen, Jonathon Gerson, Christopher Gie-Elizabeth B. Heisler, Sarah Heitner, Gerritt P. W. Alan E Kantz, Michael A. Kazazis, Cameron D. Kelly, Christine Kolenut, Morgan B. Lang, Michael Duffy Lau, Brian J. Levy, Brian Ludlum, Mary M. Lygate, Michael MacKechsie, Sarah

Mahran, Kristin L. Mann, Katie Massenzio. Owens, Lisa K. Paul, Morgan Pearlman, Elizabeth A. Perrella, Marian Pomann, Sarah E. Printz, Michael Quintanilla, Jenniller blum, Sarah E. Round, Daniel B. Seeger Amanda Shutta, Lauren Elysse Solon, Elizabeth Spinneto, Jennifer Star, Laura Starkey, Even Station, Gregory Stawart, Rebecca M Swenson, Anthony Tomasso, Marie B. Tracy. Kaitlin Valla, Rachel M. Wagner, Stuart J.

Eighth-grade distinguished honor roll: David A Bhasin Jessica A Bowers Brett Friedman, David P. Geenberg, Matthew T. Hall, David V. Imbert, Lianna M. Kong, Jennifer Koracky, Sean Lewis, Army E. Lombard, Charles S. Maffey, Brendan Maher, Daniel R. Maus, Christopher McClellan, Eva Moltoy, Julie Muroff, Victoria McCabe, Eileen McKeever, Jennifer Philips, Edward Pizzi, Daniel R. Ramage M. Frances Re, Richard R. Rows, Gregory I Jeffrey Tabachnick, Shell J. Tamboll, Margaret

Honor roll: Jacob D. Albertson, Marisa Anthony, Timothy C. Anthony, Joselyn Arlington, Ingrid Amold, Christopher Beil, Heather R Bark, Jermiller H. Bernstein, Brian W. Boltini, Meden H Brown, John O. Carpenter, Julie Cleaves, Brianne Cobuzzi, Cristina V DaCosta, Ushma Dedhiya, Krystle K Dixon, Charles Dodge, Christopher C Dodge, Peggy M Doerr, William Donohue, Colby Facin, James G. Fleming, John Henry Flood, Bradley S. Gil Cheryl Gordon, Rebecca Gorlon, Clifford J Haldeman, Kerry Hart, Krista Hasenhis, Nichole A. Hertius, Robert Hwang, Victoria L. Joyce, Richard Kaplan, David King, Allison D. Klass Lisa E. Krieger, Kelly Ann Lane, Jonathan B. Lau, Kyle A. Legones, Andrew Lin, Shannon Look, Ryan S. MacDonaki, Leanne M. Meriton, John W. Merriman, Jessica E. Meylor, James Mitchel, Rechel E. Moloshok, Carolina Grace Moore, Erin O'Brien, Brian F. O'Neill. Andrew Olsen, Jessica Orleanski, Jossica L. Patterson, Joseph I. Petrson, Julie E. Phelan, Ricardo Roig, Christopher W. Schwarz Mat-thew J. Seeguil, Rebecca Sierra Shulman, Litya Shuster, Randi Sieuel, Mary L. Snauffer, Elizabeth A. Sweeney, Ann E. Tabachnik, Elizabath Tabachnik, Katherine Trimble, Jill Vollif, Kelly F. Wanca, Thomas F. Wade, Carolyn White, Ashley L. Wilson, Ki Bong Yang

To be included in the distinguished honor group, a student must obtain a grade of A in all of his or her major academic subjects and no grade below B in any minor subject.

To be in the honor group, a student must obtain grades of A or B in all subjects, major or minor.

\$50,000 is bequeathed to Westfield Foundation

WESTFIELD - Unexpected gifts tary to an executive of Chase Manare always welcome, particularly at hattan Bank in New York City. holiday time. Such a gift - a genwoman whom many people knew casually, but few knew well.

foundation to provide scholarships for Westfield students.

"She was a private person, quiet, their education."

Ms. Taylor was born here in was for many years a private secre-high school.

She was an active roomber of St erous one - was made recently to Paul's Episcopal Church and sevthe Westfield Foundation by a cral local organizations. In New York, she was a past president of the Municipal Bond Women's Club

Yet none of Justina V. Taylor's Ms. Taylor never expressed any friends are surprised that Ms. Tay-regret at not attending college her for, in her will, left \$50,000 to the self, but friends say they are nex others who might not be able to -afford college on their on. When reserved," says a longtime friend of she died in late 1995, no one knew Ms. Taylor. "But she was always of her generous gift until her will interested in young people and in was probated recently and her at torney notified the foundation.

The \$50,000 bequest will be held 1904, the daughter of John D. and in the "Justina V Taylor Scholar" Sallie Taylor. She never married ship Fund "Income from the fund and had no children. After gradu- will provide an annual scholarshap ating from Westfield High School, to a Westfield High School student she attended business school and to be chosen by a committee at the

Historian to discuss missing cornerstone

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> DECEMBER 31 New Year's Eve To Do List **✓Buy our First Night Buttons** √5:00pm - Have early dinner out with friends √8:00pm - Oo to Orand Procession 17:00pm - Plan First Night Schadule Acospello or Opera Comedy or Postry Mozart or Blue Drass Ballroom or Country Wastern Hypnotist or Story Teller Lear Bhow or Bymphony /Midnight - Meat everyone downtown for Grand

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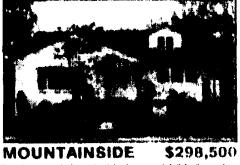
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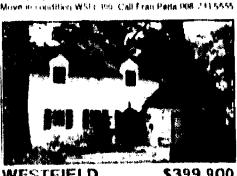


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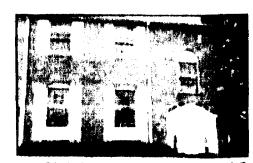


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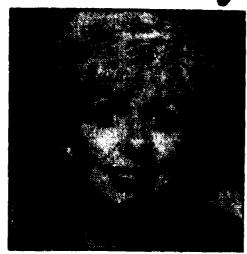
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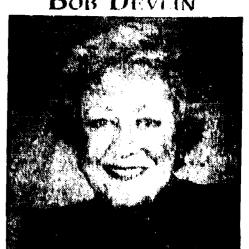


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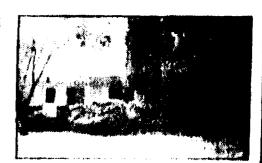
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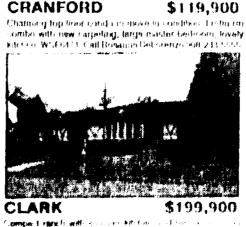
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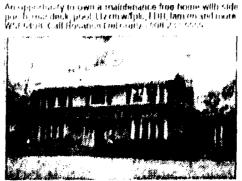
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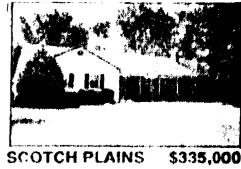
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TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS -A COST ANALYSIS: \$16,851.91



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For \$29.95, Dreyer's Farm in Cranford can supply you with a 6-7 foot pear, peach, plum, nectarine or any other fruit-bearing tree. Lush and hearty, when transplanted in the spring, the trees may attract a variety of sweet song birds but at last look, partridges are nowhere in sight. If you're following the song, you can decorate your pear tree with a \$20 hand-painted ceramic partridge from The Arrangement in downtown Cranford.

Total: \$29.95 + \$20 = \$49.95.



Day 2

White turtle doves, the classic picture of peace and purity, are extremely sweet and gentle birds. They don't make perfect gifts, however, because they need to be kept outside and can't be bought in local pet stores. But, if your true love really wants a pair, you can pick them up from a bird breeder for about \$15 each.

Total: \$45 x 2 = \$30



Day 3

Save your money on that trip to France. At Flanagan's, 2501 Plainfield Ave. in South Plainfield, you can taste the most "outrageous" French onion soup in the world. For only \$3.95 you can order 150 of these soups for a price of one round trip ticket to France. It literally makes your mouth water. And, speaking of hens, you can't beat the chicken or buffalo wings. For only \$4.95 you will find flavors in this dish like nowhere else. It's not surprising that the chef of these two dishes, John Ziminski, has a background in French cooking.

Total: \$8.90 x 3 = \$26.79



Day 4

Consider a parakect for your calling bird. Parakects are \$17.99 each at Pheasant Run Pets at the Pheasant Run Shopping Center off Warrenville and Washington Valley roads in Warren.

Total: \$17.99 x 4 = 71.96



Every finger on your honey's pretty little hand can be glistening in gold when you pick up five 14-karat gold rings at \$150 each from J. Winthrop and Co. jewelers in Wastfield

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Day 6

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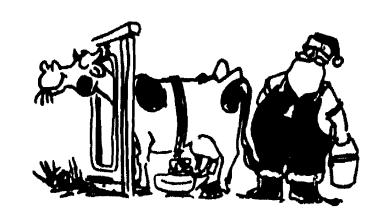
With a net (and a little patience) you can get six geese for no cost. These days, the birds are often seen as little more than pond polluting pests, causing problems at parks and golf courses across the state. If you really need six of them, they shouldn't be too hard to find. Catching them, on the other hand, could be a different story. Of course, throwing six live geese into a car isn't exactly the best thing healthwise _ for you or your car. It's almost guaranteed there will be a few automotive upholstery repair and hospital bills in the future of the bird watcher who tries it.

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Day 7

You can learn to swim like a swan at the Metuchen-Edison YMCA. An eight-week class of half-hour sessions costs \$50.

Total: $$50 \times 7 = 350



Day 8

If you want "maids a-milking" go rent an old movie because you won't find anybody manually milking cows in Hillsborough anymore. But you can see machinery milking cows at the Rainbow Valley Dairy Farm at 91 Rainbow Hill Road in Neshanic, tree of charge, Rainbow Valley sends their "raw" milk to Readington Farms in Whitehouse for processing and bottling. You can purchase a gallon of the finished product, pasteurized with only 1 percent of the fat left, at ShopRite in the Nelson's Corner Shopping Center on Route 206 and Amwell Road for \$2.85. Then you could run next door and rent an old movie about "maids a milking" at the Moovies video rental store for \$3

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Day 9

You can give nine of your friends drum lesson at Rifino and DeSorbo Music Studio, Dunellen, Cost is \$648 per year for one private lesson each week.

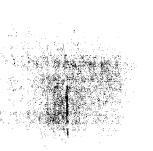
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Day 10

Hand-crafted pipes are consistent sellers about \$50 and up. Why not fill one up with Saneuil cavindish blend tobacco. It is mildly and cool scented and costs about \$8,95 for a 4 ounce bag from Perkins C B Tobacco store in the Bridgewater Commons. So while your your sweetie endulges, you won't suffer too much in their clouds. Total \$50 x 10 = \$500 for 10 pipes.

plus the scented tobacco at \$8.95 x 10 = \$89.50. Total for both is \$589.50.



Day 11

If your beloved really trusts you, he/she may provide you with escorts from Marilyn Escorts for a night out for dancing at Peter's Wildlife in Piscataway. Male and female escorts are available in the Piscataway area, 24 hours a day, seven days a week at \$250 an hour. And don't forget the cover charge.

Total: Escorts -\$250 X 11- \$2,750. Peter's cover charge -\$5 X 11- \$55. Total cost: \$2,750 + \$55- \$2,805.



Day 12

To help the twelve lords a leaping jump even higher, they could do a lot of leaping, lunging, and jumping at a step aerobics class at the Scotch Plains "Y". They'd need to buy memberships, which cost \$525 per membership or \$6,300 for twelve. But, for \$784 they could purchase a family membership and leap together.

Total: \$525 x 12 + \$6,300.

Obituaries

Charles A. Jones, 69; editor of boating magazine

editor and publisher of a boating magazine, died Dec. 16, 1996 at the Glenside Nursing Center in New Providence.

He joined Boating Industry magazine in 1948 as a part-time production assistant while attending Ardrews University in Michigan. Mr. Jones, who remained with the magazine and its Waterway Guide throughout his career, was editor and publisher when he retired in

He received the Charles Chapman Award from Motor Boating & Sdiling magazine in 1989 for lifetime achievement in his field.

ville, Mich., and lived in Plainfield tion.

Charles A. Jones, 69, the former before moving to Westfield in 1968. Surviving are his wife, Jean Part-

ner-Jones; a son, S. Charles of Buchanan, Mich.; a stepson, James J. Partner of Skippack, Pa.; five grandchildren; and three brothers, Michael of Stevensville, Donald of Tucson, Ariz., and Joseph of Beaumont, Texas.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m. Sunday in the chapel at the Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lake Nelson Seventh-day Adventist Church, 561 S. Randolphville Road, Piscataway, N.J. 08854, or the Parkinson's Disease Foundation,

Arrangements are by the Gray Mr. Jones was born in Stevens- Funeral Home. There is no visita-

Girl Scouts, Habitat make homes happen

By Q. JEAN ATWOOD-WALLER WASHINGTON ROCK GERL SCOUT COUNCIL

Washington Rock Girl Scout Council and Habitat for Humanity joined forces Nov. 9 to build a home on Monroe Street in Plain-

Habitat for Humanity, Plainfield Chapter was officially organized in 1990 and has nearly completed 12 houses since its inception. The organization purchased a vacant lot on Monroe Street with the goal of building a four-bedroom home for someone in substandard housing.

Each incumbent family has to out in "sweat equity." The Habitat for Humanity program requires a minimum of 250 hours per adult to help build a house as one of the equirements for occupancy.

Mountainside Girl Scouts from **Proops** 750, 557 and 586 arrived arly to prepare and serve the ork crew lunch. They prepared ti, roast beef sandwiches, beef marley soup, and brownies.

"This is my first time," said Launen Whritenour, 13. "It feels good to help. This is a Silver badge opportunity and confirmation project

ipr me.' Pam Hoffman, 13, said she also Helps at a homeless shelter at erfield School.

Other girls preparing and servlunch were Courtney Volpe, Laya Monroe, Mariel Piscitelli, Rercca Paskow, Brittany Saunders, Beirdre Norris, Nicole Taeschler, thristine Reidy, Kailey Wheaton and Christine Weag.

In the afternoon, the Cadette Girl Scouts arrived from Troop 455 of Cranford to help with physical abor. Seven of the girls attend Cranford High School, and two dirls attend Mount St. Mary's, Watchung.

In the background, we hear "Larry" in command of the job: We need a 51-inch header in there; a front door and front window goes in there. I'm going to need two 811/2 inch, four eventually, and get one 51.5-inch and a 2by 4 in there first, Pete.'

With a hammer in her hand and a big smile, Megan Hannon, a student a Mt. St. Mary's said, "It's cool building a house. It's nice to know a girl can help build a house. I feel good about myself. Wow! I'm ictually up here doing it myself."

The girls had a work-in-progress opportunity. They learned, and helped to frame the walls of the house. They learned to drive nails,

line up studs, and what to do if a nail bends.

"It's different than going to the mall or something on Saturday," said Christina Bayak.

Jullian Myers arrived on the scene and said, "I'm taking a construction technology class a Cranford High. We're learning about floor joists, studs, and building walls in miniature. I'm really out here building a house today."

One girl actually wore construction boots.

"It's cool to wear these boots; other times I wear sneakers," Deborah Pearl said. "But I've never done anything like this before. It's fun nailing and hammering."

Working on a community service project like this one really makes a difference.

Retiree Larry Golden, one of the construction supervisors, said, "Habitat for Humanity is doing a tremendous job. I like seeing the people blossom.

Utilities Authority names Joe Spatola as its new director

The Union County Utilities Dr. Joseph A. Spatola of Scotch Plains, a former environmental educator at the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJTI) and one-time federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) official, as its new Executive Director. Dr. Spatola replaces Jeffrey Callahan who is leaving the Authority for a position in Boulder,

Dr. Spatola, who joined the UCUA as Deputy Executive Director in 1995, will move into the top administrative slot Jan. 2. Filling Spatola's current post will be Harry P. Pappas of Springfield, now Environmental Compliance Enforcement Director at the Essex County Utilities Authority.

While at NJIT, Dr. Spatola conducted a program to retrain Department of Defense professionals displaced by military base closures and downsizing to become environmental professionals. He also trained young people living near the poverty level to become entry-level environmental technicians, and developed and taught NJIT's curriculum on air pollution sampling and environmental compliance procedures.

Prior to his EPA, where he was employed from 1988 through 1991, Dr. Spatola was Manager of Air and Hazardous Waste Services at Jacobs Environmental, Inc., in Piscataway. He holds a Ph. D. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Maryland and has participated, either as member or chairman, in a number of scientific and environmental associa-

For the past year, Pappas has responsible for the en-

Authority (UCUA) has named compliance for the Essex County Utilities Authority (ECUA), which he joined as Purchasing Agent in 1995. Earlier, he had been Chief Executive Officer Federal Equipment Company in Newark, after which he devoted 27 years to the management of his own company, The Harry Pappas Company, a provider of food service equipment. He is also a former Director of Purchasing for Union County.

Commenting on the appointments, UCUA chairman William Ruocco said, "The Authority is extremely fortunate to have filled these positions with men of such exceptional skills and experience. Naturally, we will miss Jeff Callahan, who has done such an outstanding job under what were often very difficult circumstances, but I am confident that the high level of our performance, which was certifled by the recent audit conducted by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, isn't going to miss a beat.'

Dr. Spatola also commented on the audit, which was undertaken by the Freeholders in an effort to find ways to improve the operating efficiency of the authority.

"The fact that this intense study has confirmed the high level of operating efficiency we had reported back in February makes the goal of my new position very clear," he said. "I'm going to do everything I can to maintain the high standards that have been set and improve them wherever possible.'

Mr. Callahan, the UCUA's Executive Director since June 1992, will be retained as a consultant until Jan. 31 to aid in the transition.

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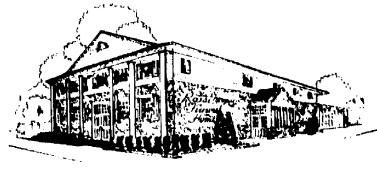
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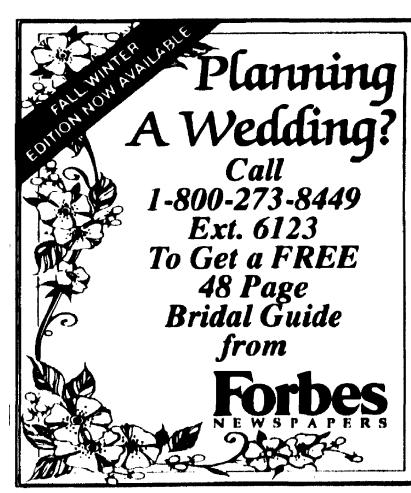
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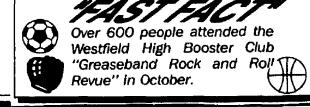
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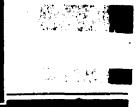
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'Learning and improving are great, but we want to get some wins, too. - WHS boys basketball Head Coach Stew Carey (story







Hardwood holiday

Westfield High basketball teams eye victory in second annual Blue Devil Holiday tourney

By JAMES REILLY

THE RECORD

Last-minute changes are as much a part of the holiday season as crowded malls and bickering relatives, so at least Westfield High was prepared.

The Blue Devil Holiday Basketball Tournament was thrown a curve, but in true holiday fashion, Westfield High has promptly poked the ball into right field.

The J.F. Kennedy-Iselin High boys team was slated to be one of four squads competing in the tourney this weekend but a scheduling snafu has prohibited its participation. Westfield juggled a few things and came up with a three-team round-robin competition to salvage the tournament.

"We got caught short at the last minute and had to make some changes," said WHS boys Head three remaining teams will play two games and that's the way it'll all shake out this year. It's unfortunate we couldn't get another mat, with the Lady Devils hosting team, but this way we'll still be a four-team tourney. JFK-Iselin able to get some good basketball plays South Brunswick 1 p.m. confidence."

Basketball

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Under the new schedule Westfield was penciled in to play Watchung Hills Monday, Dec. 23 before Watchung Hills takes on Emerson (Union City) 7:30 Thursday evening at Westfield High. The Blue Devils will then compete against Emerson 7:30 p.m. Friday.

This is a great way to compete against teams that give you a completely different look," said Carey. "Emerson is usually a run-and-gun team, while Watchung Hills will probably be more deliberate and work the ball. It's a great change of pace for us and it gives us a good Coach Stew Carey, "Each of the opportunity to play against different styles.'

On the girls side, the schedule has remained in the customary forThursday, and Westfield battles Arthur L. Johnson Regional High (Clark) 6:30 Thursday. Friday will have the two winners facing off in the championship game at 6:30 p.m., while the two losers will play in the consolation game at 1 p.m.

"We chose to play against very tough competition, because that's the way we feel we'll get better as a team," said WHS girls Head Coach Kathy Hauser. "Johnson is very tough as our first opponent, and the other game should also be competitive."

Hauser thinks the home court advantage is something the Lady Devils can work to their advantage.

"It's a great way for our kids to showcase themselves," said Hauser. "Usually many students come to support the girls, and family and friends who might not be able to attend regular-season games can come down and watch us play during the holiday week. We need to concentrate on one game at a time this year, but playing well in this tournament can mean a lot for our



WHS grapplers hosting invitational Saturday

By JAMES REILLY

THE RECORD

As if cradles and whizzers now they're trudging mats around and cleaning up the gym.

The Westfield High wrestling chance to get their feet wet.' team is hosting the Blue Devil Invitational Saturday at the high talented opponents, the WHS wres- on, and with getting his young tiers will also be

handling necessary duties of a host team.

like But Santa's elves, the Blue Devils consider the extra work a labor of love.

eat. It's always better to have a day,' tournament at home."

Dover, Piscataway, Howell, Princeton and Colonia will descend on Westfield Saturday for the day long meet. The early season meet provides WHS Head Coach Don Mac**good** look at his team for the long class.

Wrestling

Preview

"Hosting this tournament works well for us," said MacDonald. "At this point of the year we don't reweren't enough to worry about, ally know anything about our opponents, but it does give the team especially the young guys - a

While winning is always preferable, MacDonald is more interested school, and in addition to battling in spotting areas he needs to work

> charges familiar with the rigors of an all day tournament.

"We've got a young group, and with the way the tourna-

ment is set up, we'll try to get as "It's a great thing to be able to many people wrestling as poshost the tournament," said West-sible," said MacDonald, "Then we field junior Mike Baly. "We have a can get a look at what needs to be **w** more responsibilities, but also—done to get better. But it is a hectic a lot of the advantages. Between day for a lot of the younger guys. matches we're at our own school so. Some of them have never wrestled we know where we can rest or a varsity match, and they might be relax, or where to get something to wrestling three matches in one

Baly, juniors Dan Todd and Jeff Eight squads, including the Blue Kivetz, seniors Brian Joffe and Devils, will compete in the tourney Jared Kamins, and sophomore Roselle Park, Morristown, Onur Tezucar are the more experienced Blue Devils.

Junior Nick Friedman and sophomore Ari Goldman figure to see plenty of action, while newcomers Dan Sawicki and Senn Joffe should



Junior 119-pounder Jeff Kivetz and his Westfield High wrestling teammates will host the Blue Devil Invitational Saturday Westfield High.

The wrestlers and coaches won't make the tournament a success.

Donald the opportunity to get a be the leaders of the freshman be the only people working hard to hind the scenes in a tournament help of parents and alumni who portunity for family and friends to like this," said MacDonald. "And volunteer to help out and get ev- come out and support the team."

"There's lots of work to do be—we couldn't get it done without the—erything done. It's also a good bp-



ice men cometh

Ronnie Kashlak and the Westfield High loe hookey team will play at Montolair 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

A much-needed boost

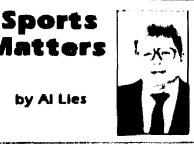
Yannuzzi leads Westfield High Booster Club in support of Blue Devil student-athletes

The Westfield Booster Club is starting its second 50 years of service to Westfield High athletes, and from its first president, Walter Hyde (1945.46) to the current president, John Yannuzzi, the club's lendership has always been top-

Yanuzzi is a 1968 graduate of Essex Catholic High School, where he played both basketball and baseball. He attended Seton Hall University and later graduated from the University of Maryland in onships

The wife, Carolyn, who operates: the Enchanted Gardens florist shop in Cranford, was on the fenclug team at Ramapo High School, lege of New Jersey

Their son, Adam, is a 1993 gradunte of Westfield High, where he Blue Devil sophomore and mem- people attended the "Greaseband Bruett at 233-5684.



ber of the girls varsity soccer tenm. which was ranked No. 3 in the state after winning conference, county and state sectional champi-

"Our organization is as strong as ever," said Yannuzzi of the West field Booster Club, "We have membees who want to get things done

they are doers. They take membefore geaduating from Rean Cot. bership in the club very seriously retary. and do whatever they can in sup--port of Westfield athletes."

lettered in baseball. He now at find-raisers have been very suctends the University of New cessful due to outstanding town-

Rock and Roll Revue." This event will be repeated in 1997. Football programs and the Super Bowl raffle also add to the Club's coffers. Button Day and a 550 Club mailing program round out the club's fund-

All the funds are used to provide scholarships, equipment about anything in support of the Westfield High School athletic bro-

Besides Yannuzzi, officers are: Bob Roguso, first vice president; John Schmidt, second vice president; Bill Hedden, recording sec retary; Bill Mansfield, treasurer; and Mike King, corresponding sec

"We're always looking for new members, people who are intent in Through the years, the club's supporting and working for West field athletes," said Ymmuzzi.

Individuals interested may con-Hampshire. Daughter Liza is a ship support. In October over 600 tect membership chairman Vince

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All forms are due by Jan. 15. Registration fee for children age 7-8 is \$40. Players 9-10 are \$50, 11-12 are \$65, and 13-16 are \$75. Maximum per family fee is \$140. Anyone registering ter Jan. 16 will be charged a late processing tee of \$86. For information call 233-4787.

NEW LEAGUE?

The Westfold Basebell League is proposing pnear an instructional league for players as 8-16. The fernation of the league is deprefert upon the number of interested particis per age group and field availability. Regon too will be \$20.

All players interested can cell 233-4767 and we name, date of birth and phone number. A representative of the WBL will then contact you with additional information.

HANGOVER RUN

are now being accepted for the 15th Annual SK Hangover flun fload Race to be held on Jan. 1, 1997 at room at Tamequet. Park in Westfeld. The race is conducted by the Central Jarsey Road Runners Club and has become a New Year's Day traction — snow, rain er shine.

All entrents will receive a cotton T-shirt and enjoy post-tees hat chacolate and begale. There will be a rendom merchandles drawing for all participants. Awards will be given to the top three male and female finishers overall and top male and female Weetfield resident finigher. A commic mug will be awarded to every

ations can be obtained by mailing a sed stamped envelope to CJMAC, M. Zunebia, 64 Thornes Drive, Clark, NJ 008. The west of the race is \$10 for pretrante before Dec. 28, and \$12 the day of the race. For further information call fince Di-Mark Zenobia at (900) 361-0319 or

LACROSSE CLUB

The Westfield Lacrosse Club is seeking volunteer coaches and managers, Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Westfield Lacrosse Club or any questions concerning registration can contact Ed Joffe (232-8705), John Flood (654-7441) or Lois Hely (233-

MACCABI OPPORTUNITIES

Team New Jersey, a girls softball squad which has earned medals in the National Maccabi Tournament the past three years, has roster spots open for a pitcher and catcher. Players must be Jewish girls ages 13-16. The team will compate in the national tourney next summer in Pittaburgh but the scheduling won't interfere with traveling team participation. For information call Neel at 499-0660.

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The ski meccas of New York, in my view, are Central New York's Greek Peak and the Catakilla' largest ski mountain, Hunter Moun-

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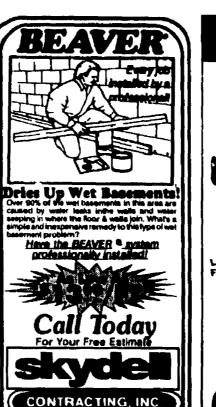
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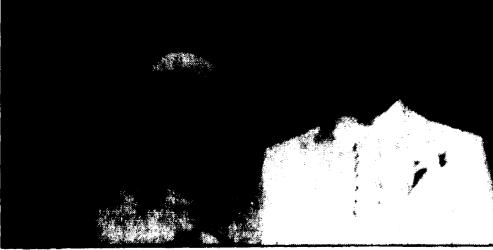
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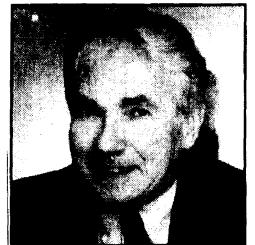




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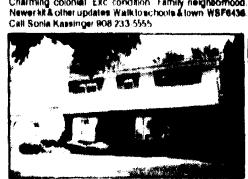
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WEEKEND CONFIDENTIAL

At the movies

: Weekend Confidential didn't quite have the experience we had hoped for when we attended the new Losws multiplex in New Brunswick, as we promised to do two weeks ago. But we're confident that its theaters, with their stadium-style seating, will prove to be a great place to catch a flick.

On the night we went to take in Mars Attacks!, everything looked promising. They ran a completely inconventional trailer for the rules of the theater, in which the Mupbets cautioned patrons not to surfand not to forget to watch the movie.

Because the seats rise gradually from the entrance level of the theaters to the back where the projector is, one gets the feeling found watching a film in the balcony of a performing arts theater, described two weeks ago by Confidential.

At the Loews, an audience full of Rutgers students, all hip to the filmmaking vision of director Tim Burton, was into it! Welsh superstar Tom Jones's name came up in the opening credits and they broke Into applause. As the film (which deserves comparison with Dr. Strangelove) progressed, the crowd develed in the moviewatching ex-Derience, laughing and com-Imenting uproarlously in all the wight places. It was a scene remi-Iniscent of the great poet Joe Weil's 🖲 Ode To Elizabeth," in which a Theater of teens acream at Nurse **Ratched in One Flew Oper The €uckoo's Nest** and cry at Nichol-**⊕on's** death.

Alas, midway through the movie, the picture shut off and the lights went up. Fire drill! ... or something of that ilk. And the end of the show for Confidential. We returned two days later. The staff graciously let us in to see the rest of the movie. It was a Sunday afternoon, to the audience was a little more ledate, possibly even offended at some of the more gruesome sluff in the film, despite it being done

tongue in check
On the second go round, the seats were just as comfortable, the legroom just as spacious, the view of the screen just as unobstructed. If you're hip to movies, get hip to the Loews.

Making '97 a family affair

Metuchen counts down to New Year's bash

By VERA CARLEY Weekend Plus writer

he countdown is on.

The borough is ticking off the days until its New Year's Eve
"Celebrate Metuchen's Nite" celebration, when it will strike midnight and usher in 1997.

The Celebrate Metuchen Nite Committee expects a big turn out for the third annual event.

"I hope that what's going to happen, especially because New Year's Eve is mid-week this year," committee member Bill Lovett says. "I hope since it's our third year, people are used to it now and have planned for it."

Lovett says 20 sponsors have contributed \$100 donations to sponsor performers at the event. The committee hopes to have 20

'I hope since it's our third year, people are used to it now and have planned for it.'

Bill LovettEvent organizer

more sponsors on board before the event.
"We are walking a delicate balance between donated money and admission fees,"
he says. "The more sponsors we have, the
less we have to rely on admission. We may
just end up with seed money for next year's

The committee has selected performers it

believes will attract large crowds. Musical entertainers playing the event include singer Kathy Graham, who specializes in Broadway tunes; the Cantabile Choir, a chamber chorale; Deans of Harmony, a barbershop quartet; Metuchen opera singer Shirley Mosteller, Keltia, a Celtic/Scottish group; blues singer Scarlett Moore; and Metuchen folk singer Greg Stier.

The committee has also booked performers appealing to children. Performers between 6-8 p.m. include: Magic by Westcraft; art teacher Mickey Waring; Jingles the Clown; a Beauty and the Beast show; Angel the Amazing Dog; a balloon artist and a ventriloquist

"We think it's a great way for families with real young children to participate And then the parents can come back in the

evening for the adult stuff," Lovett says.

Another crowd pleaser that has attracted the crowds is the fireworks display at midnight in the heart of downtown.

"I think that's a great way to actually celebrate the New Year's starting," Lovett says. The Celebrate Metuchen Nite is still looking for a few more volunteers. All volunteers will be able to attend the events for free.

Until Dec. 25, admission is \$4 for children ages 2-12 and \$9 for adults. After Dec. 25, tickets are \$2 more. Shows run 8-11:40 p.m., after which attendees will gather to usher in the new year. Buttons for admission can be purchased at the Metuchen YMCA, Metuchen Borough Hall, Metuchen Savings Bank and Seldows in Metuchen by calling 632-8502.

Somerset County towns join forces for First Night

Westerd Pha witer
rtists are booked, venues
are chosen, filers are posted and buttons are selling.
Organizers are excited
about First Night BridgewaterRaritan-Somerville, and all they
need now is people to come out
and party.

First Night, the alcohol-free New Year's Eve gelebration, is boasting a wide variety of performers and activities for people of all ages to enjoy.

"It's a community celebration.

It's geared for everyone," executive director Ellen Rannels says. "We want to bring neighbors, friends and family together."

"New Year's Eve is an important holiday," Rannels says, adding that it's one people sometimes don't know how to celebrate, instead ending up home on the couch.

After visiting family in Virginia and Massachusetts nearly 10 years ago and attending First Night festivities there, Rannels thought it would be a great idea for this area.

event to the community," she says.
"You can really adapt it anywhere."
First Night is inspiring because
it's done through the arts. Rannels

"I wanted to bring this cultural

it's done through the arts, Rannels says. "The arts transcend a lot of barriers. It's unified." First Night has been celebrated in communities around the coun-

try for about a decade, but First Night Bridgewater-Raritan-Somerville is unique because events will happen simultaneously in three towns, Rannels says. The three towns have been declared a "regional center" and encouraged to participate in group activities, so it seemed natural to have the First Night celebration in all three communities, Rannels adds.

"Each town is reflecting its own personality, and people will be able to enjoy everything," she says.

The First Night festivities will begin with a small ceremony at 6 p.m., but there will be a golf tournament and a five kilometer run in Bridgewater during the day. The golf outing starts II a.m. at the Green Knoll Golf Course, and the run kicks off at noon from the Bridgewater-Raritan High School field house.

Most evening events will be indoors, because "you never know with the weather," Rannels says. As for food, some snacks will be available in the Bridgewater-Raritan High School cafeteria, some restaurants in Somerville will offer discounts for First Night button holders and "warming stations" will be set up at some sites. In Raritan, pizza and soda will be available at one of the event sites.

All Bridgewater events will be held at Bridgewater-Raritan Regional High School in the lobby, auditorium, gymnasium and studio classrooms of the 100 Building. The bands Point Cross, 4 @ Jazz and the Philharmonic Orchestra of N.J. string quartet will perform there. Some children's rides will also be set up.

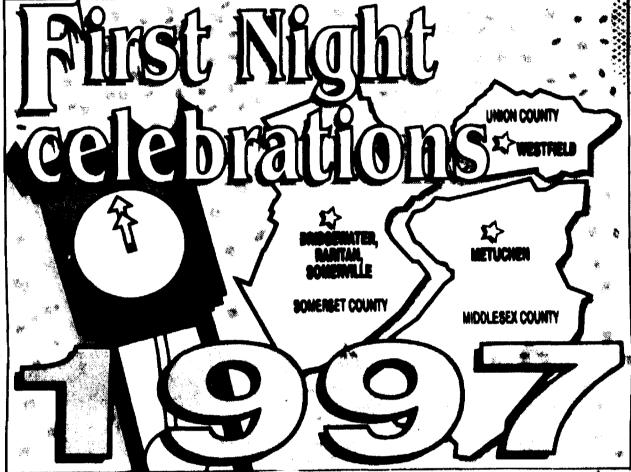
In Raritan, a battle of the bands geared for teenagers will be held in the Somerset County Annex building on First Avenue. Interactive storyteller and Raritan resident Kathryn Weidener will perform, along with The Great Carlini and an Elvis impersonator. There will also be a country line dancing site. Events will be held at St. Ann's church, St. Paul's Luthers Church

and the Municipal Building.

In Somerville, Captain Hawker's 13-piece band, the Shoestring Players, Jazz Accident and Mr. Goodbody will perform. Carnival games will be set up and many local choirs will perform. Events will be held at the Central/Middle School buildings on Cliff and High streets, Immaculate Conception Church on Mountain Avenue, First Reformed Church on Main Street and the County Administration Building on Grove Street.

At the stroke of midnight, First Night festivities will conclude with a fireworks display at Exchange Field on Green Street in Somerville.

First Night admission buttons are available in each community and complete schedules will be provided upon purchase. For more information, call 707-8308.



BARRY RUMPLEWEEKENÖ PLU

Westfield to hold its first First Night

IN KAREN BITZ Weekend Plus writer

For the first time ever, Westfielders will be able to unite in a family-oriented, nonalcoholic atmosphere to ring in the new year. This year, the Westfield "Y" is sponsoring Westfield's first ever First Night celebration, a night chock-full of entertainment for people of all ages and back-

"First Night is a New Year's Eve celebration with something for everyone," says its director, Julia Black. Scheduled for the night are several musical and dance performers, entertainers, athletes and artists.

grounds.

"It's a very safe community event that will bring a lot of life back to the downtown community," she says.

The event begins 6 p.m. Dec. 31 with a town-wide procession starting at North and Central avenues in the hub of downtown. Children from the town's six elementary schools will create masks and puppets to display along the route.

After this, participants will be able to enjoy any of the more than 30 events that will go on simultaneously throughout the town. The sites will be grouped into three clusters so people will not have to drive from location to location.

'It's a very safe community event that will bring a lot of life back to the downtown community.'

— Julia Black Event director

"If they do pick events far from each other, they will be able to drive around the periphery of the sites," Black says.

The streets in the downtown area will be closed throughout the celebration.

Among the many events scheduled for First Night are ballroom dancing instruction; an internationally known bluegrass band known as Skyline; a performance

by the Westfield Symphony Orchestra; an interactive singer and entertainer named Pierce Joyce; and Aquaducks, a synchronized swim show by national ranked jury ior Olympic medalists.

There will also be several events for teens, including a bouncy bosing show, a gladiator joust, a human gyroscope, Rocky Mountain joust, a human gyroscope, Rocky Mountain wall climbing and a volleyball tournament.

"We had a focus group of teenagers and they said they wanted activities," Black says.

Buttons for Westfield's First Night, which allow admission to all the events, are now on sale for \$10 at the Westfield "Y" on Clark Street, the Westfield Recreation Department, the Town Bookstore on East Broad Street, Rorden's Realty on Elm Street, and King's supermarket on South Avenue in Garwood, For more information, call Julia Black at the "Y" at 233-2700.

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By ANITA JOY AUSTENBERG Weekend Plus writer Fith the swift approach of another year, people tend to look inside themselves for some ev-

idence that they have bettered themselves or the human condition within the last year. Failing that, they look for ways to ease their consciences, that perhaps they may live on borrowed karma for the next twelve months.

And so, the New Year's Resolution is born - cared for and nurtured for three, perhaps four days before it is left to fend for itself, where the unsupervised Resolution inevitably sticks its finger in a socket or crosses the street without looking both ways and meets its untimely end. Why are these resolutions so hard to stick to?

Probably because people overshoot and make them too hard to keep up with. This year, I have personally vowed to gain 60 pounds of empty calories, and resolved to squander my entire paycheck within two days of receipt. Will I be able to accommodate these goals? With pleasure!

For those who have a more genuine interest in improving the quality of life for the other creatures - human and animal - who share our earth, the following are some relatively simple suggestions:

• Volunteer to help out your local shelter or humane society. It may not be glamorous — what many shelters need most is someone to mop or stuff envelopes but it will be rewarding.

• Write at least three letters this **Year to endorse an animal-related** cause or legislation. The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) has suggestions for every level of humane advocacy -- from boycotting whaling nations, a letter to improve conditions at puppy mills, or a telegram to a company that still tests its products on ani-

 Vow not to procure an animal as a gift for anyone at any time,

 Decide against exotic pets. Many are captured from the wild. Those which are raised in captivity are done so under inhumane, frightfully inadequate conditions. It is often irangeable to be commodate these animals' special physical needs in a home environ-

 Purchase New Jersey's "Animal Friendly" license plate. Proceeds benefit the state's Animal Population Control Program, to spay and neuter pets.

Though the propensity toward **self-improvement seems to be** uniquely human (ever heard of a kitten makeover?) there are some **very specific way**s my animals : working to make themselves even more perfect, if that were possible 📆 have compiled the following list **S**of their reolutions:

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· Finally, the cats will double litterbox usage this year. Also, at least one cat will be present while the box is being changed, so reaction time for re-soilage can be shortened to a bare minimum.

Though we will probably never attain perfection in this lifetime, we can be content knowing we lived each day to the fullest, making each year better. Topping this year is going to be difficult — in 1996 John Shaft came to live with me, his mom and littermates found

happy, loving homes, and Mouse survived and has thrived through the removal of a noncancerous but still very scary abdominal mass. Miss Kitty and Rusty-Bob have remained blissfully free of injury and disease, knock wood, and all of them have given me so much joy to make me happy for a lifetime. Just sharing my life with them has made me a better person. If a pet can do all that, why bother making resolutions at all?

On behalf of all of us - wishing you and yours a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Anita Joy Austenberg works with the Humane Society of the United States, which has more than 2.8 million members. She shares her home with two cats, Mouse, Kitty and John Shaft, and a retriever, Rusty-Bob. For more information, call (201) 927-5611. This column runs the fourth week of the month.



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After the tour, Frampton sifted through the various tapes and chose what he thought would be most representative of his concerts. He chose well. Frampton Comes Alive became one of the biggest selling live albums of all time, and one of the biggest selling albums, period.

Certain songs on these discs have been played ad nameum by I'M radio, so I will refrain from discussing those. There are some real beauties here that deserve explain that feeling well. Change), Frampion and his mote trucks parked outside some another listen, however. One is

tures heartfelt lyrical imagery, as well as a Frampton guitar solo that begins in a slow dirge-like manner before erupting into a dramatic crescendo. Another gum "Wind of Change," which gives the listener a chance to appreciate Frampton's acoustic suiter prowess. The lyrics actually predated Frampion's meteoric has to superstandom but, coincidentally,

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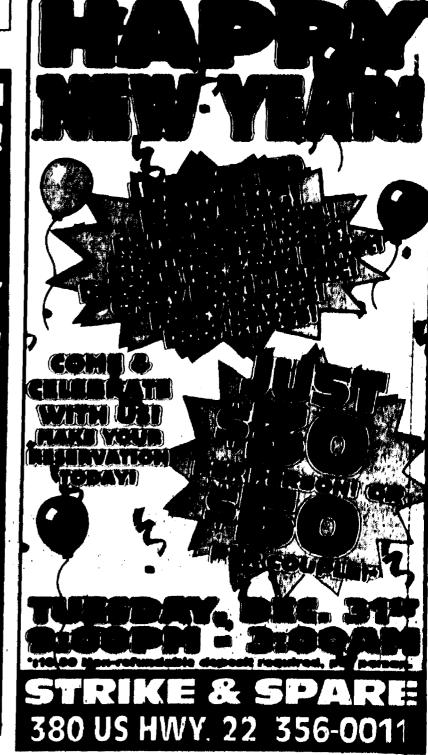
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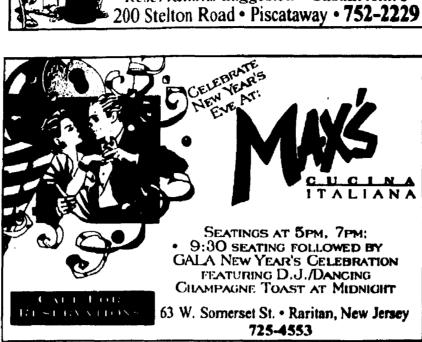
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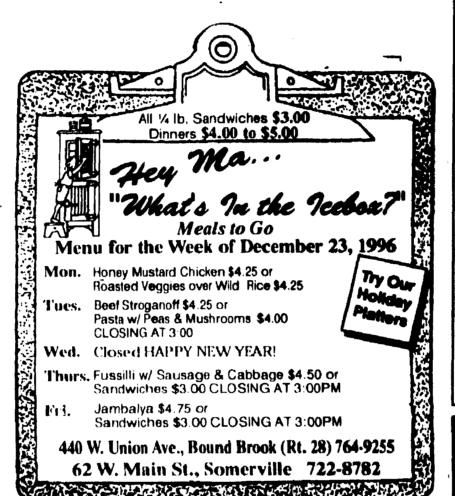
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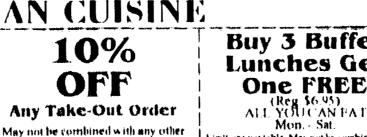


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The Crucible doesn't give you what you want

But it gives audiences what they need

By JEFFREY COMEN Weekend Plus film critic ollywood tends to give the people what they want. And what the people want, in most cases. Disnappy, predictable entertainnt, with lots of uplift and at the y least, a glimmer of hope. Let's honest, too: that's one of the sons we love Hollywood; it gives hope, no matter how false. Arthur Miller, on the other hand. never offered audiences much hope. In 1949, when he gave us what will always be known as his masterwork, he did not bother to

Salvation of a Salesman, after all. That could be why Miller has wer translated especially well to screen. Hollywood being Hol-wood, the movies have tried to m Miller's work into something not, and Miller being Miller, the playwright was not in the least inprested in selling out to let them

sugarcoat it, even in the title. It's Wit called Near Death But Ultimate

... All of which makes the current film of Miller's The Crucible all the more amazing. Miller held onto the rights to the play for decades, tinkering with his own screenplay and holding out until someone would agree to make it his way. And now someone has.

Nicholas Hytner, who previously

adapted The Madness of King George to the screen, has taken what Miller wrote, and he has filmed it very well. Casting Daniel Day-Lewis as John Proctor, the decent but flawed hero of the tragedy, and Winona Ryder, working extremely well against her traditional casting, Hytner has not sold out to give us sexy Pilgrims the way Demi Moore's laughable The Scarlet Letter did last year. He has made the suffocating allegory the playwright always intended.

Written as a reaction to the Mc-Carthy-era Communist persecutions, Miller brought the scene back to its roots: Salem, Massachusetts in the Puritan era. And someone is about to start the ball rolling to have an entire society scream "witch."

When first seen, Abby Williams (Ryder), with fire in her eyes, is leading a group of her young girlfriends into the woods for an innocent-looking dabble in spells that will make a boy fall for each of the participants. But Abby has darker things on her mind, and when the local minister (Bruce Davison) stumbles upon the ritual, she has the means to implement

Abby and her friends, to escape persecution themselves, begin naming local townspeople as practicing witchcraft or consorting with Satan himself. And, as such things do, the pranks shortly get seriously out of hand. Innocent people are taken away in chains.

Among them is Elizabeth Proctor (Joan Allen), John's wife, whom Abby wishes to remove. It seems that when Abby was in John and Elizabeth's employ, she and John had an affair, and now Abby believes - mistakenly - that if Elizabeth is hanged, John will be free to love her.

Day-Lewis is at his best here. watching the trap spring around him even as he knows that he set part of it for himself. He starts off as the charming hero, even a little on the arrogant side, then deteriorates as he realizes his powerlessness. Even Ryder, often an incredibly annoying actress, here uses that to her advantage, giving us evil disguised as innocence.

While Miller's language might seem somewhat stilted and a little melodramatic in another setting, in the Puritan setting, it works beautifully, and the actors converse, rather than recite, which helps the language do its work.

There is no hope given. There is no salvation to be found here, even in standing up for principles and doing the right thing. In the end, nobody gets what they want. And the warning is clear: allow yourself to be swept up in hysteria, and



Daniel Day-Lewis, as Proctor, tries to keep Abigail Williams (Winona Ryder) at bay in the new film version of Arthur Miller's classic play, The Crucible.

there will be no good end.

Hytner has done Miller's text proud.

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Porn publisher's saga puts punch back into movies

People Vs. Flynt is a superb chronicle of a life

By JOHN ANGELO Weekend Plus correspondent leaze peddler. Millionaire publisher. Born-again Christian. Assassin's target. Nemesis of Jerry Falwell. Drug-addled recluse. Courtroom fighter for the First Amendment. The life of Larry Flynt, founder of Hustler magazine, could only hapsimon in America.

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the people's rights to freedom of the press and freedom of speech? In The People vs. Larry Flynt, director Milos Forman brings to the screen the circus-like life of Flynt and relishes every ironic detail. The loose-cannon title character,

played by Woody Harrelson, begins as a small-time club owner with his brother Jimmy (played by Harrelson's real-life brother Brett Harreison). As the two brothers struggle to keep their business afloat, young Larry devises a scheme to attract the attention of his male audience: He'll create a club newsletter that features revealing photos of the dancers scheduled to appear in person. This is when Larry first encounters his opposition with the law (he's baffled when his publishers tell him his newsletter must contain some sort of text).

The brothers' wildest dream come true as the newsletter slowly evolves into the infamous Hustler and becomes a tremendous success. Larry basks in his newly found success, living a life filled with sex and drugs. His wild and lascivious ways continue throughout his marriage to stripper and Hustler centerfold Althea (Courtney Love, in a stunning and unforgettable performance).

Flynt gains notoriety across the country and receives the moniker of "the most hated man in America" for spreading pornography throughout the nation. One of Flynt's many enemies goes so far as to attempt to kill him, an act which left him confined to a wheel chair for the rest of his life. Even

paralyzed, Flynt spends his life stepping on the toes of conservative America, including evangelist Jerry Falwell, and as a result spends the majority of his days in the courtroom defending the First Amendment.

Woody Harrelson delivers a splendid performance as the film's unlikely hero. Whether he's playing Flynt as an arrogant young man, drunk from his own power. or a weak and vulnerable man watching his empire crumble, he evokes the audience's sympathy.

The film isn't interested in whether you agree with the material published by Flynt. In fact, most people will call it garbage. It does, however, challenge you to consider what the First Amendment really means. Do the rights of freedom of the press and freedom of speech apply to everyone or only those with messages we want to hear? With his outrageous sense of humor, dedication to principles and wild courtroom antics, I soon found myself rooting for the so-called "worst man in America."

the movie, though, is an intense performance by Courtney Love. As Flynt's stripper-turned-wife Althea, Love is instantly believable as the wild party girl basking in her newly found life of Juxury. Her performance, however, grows even stronger when society pummels the helpless Flynt and Love displays the ferocity with which Althea defends her husband. It was no mistake that Columbia released

Probably the biggest surprise of



PUBLICITY PHOTO BY: SIDNEY MALDANI Woody Harrelson (Larry Flynt) and Courtney Love (Althea Flynt) get close over a little light

time when studios try to get their best films into the minds of Academy Award voters. I know, you'd sooner expect Steven Seagal to approach the podium to receive the gold statuette, but I'm telling you,

reading in The People Vs. Larry Flynt.

she's that good. Rounding out the cast is Edward Norton (last seen in Primal Fear) as Alan Isaacman, Flynt's longsuffering attorney and reluctant friend.

Complaints have been running rampant lately about the lack of

quality product coming out of Hollywood these days. Poor screenwriting, big studio disappointments and low-risk moviemaking are all cited as reasons for the lackduster year in film.

The People vs. Larry Flynt, on the other hand, is an exception. The film made its world premiere at the closing night of this year's New York Film Festival. As the only Hollywood film shown in the notoriously artsy festival, The People on Larry Flynt surprised many

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moviegoers by being one of the highlights of the entire event. With its dynamic writing, compelling characters and astounding performances, The People vs. Larry Flynt puts the punch back in Hollywood films

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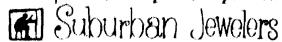








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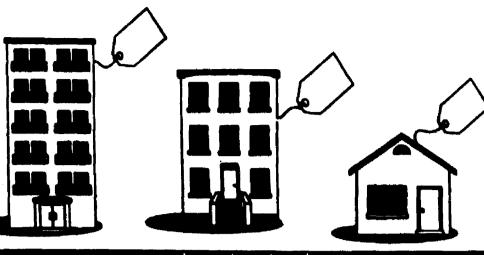




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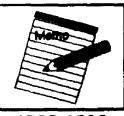


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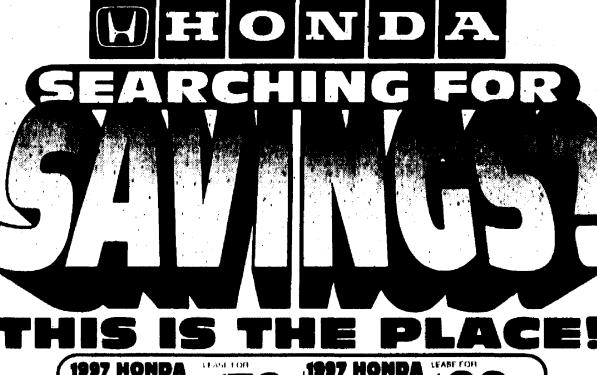
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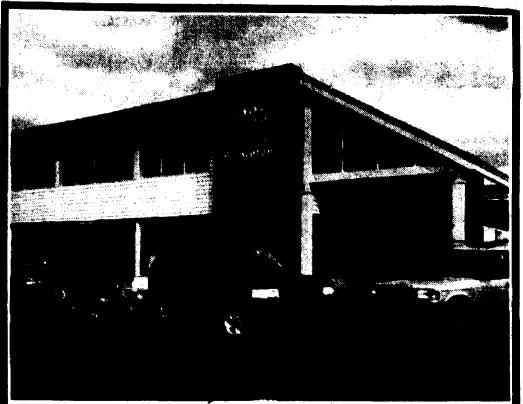
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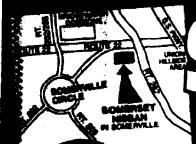
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