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Union free set stage for 2000

Several new initiatives to improve and enrich the lives of Union County senior citizens were announced Sunday during the Board of Chosen Freeholders' reorganization meeting.

The initiatives were announced after Daniel P. Sullivan was sworn in for his second non-consecutive term as freeholder chairman.

"As we enter the 21st century, we must recognize that ... the fastest growing segment of our population is men and women over the age of 60," Sullivan said. "In ... 2000, Union County government will recognize the great potential and energy to our senior citizens with a series of new programs to meet their changing needs."

With "Senior Focus," Union County will offer grants to municipalities for capital costs associated with building, repair or expansion of a senior citizens center. This will bring more residents into contact with the information, services and recreational opportunities these centers provide.

"Seniors in Motion" will provide vehicles to local communities to broaden local transportation services for seniors.

Following on the success of the "Freeholder Scholars" program, which provided scholarships to excellent younger students, "Senior Scholars" will offer lifelong learning scholarships to older residents in the county.

In a separate program, seniors, families and school groups in Union County will be able to attend the Newark Museum at little or no cost through the "Newark Museum Connection."

The reorganization meeting also saw the oath of office administered to new Surrogate Jim LaCorte, new Freeholder Angel Estrada and incumbent Freeholders Nick Scutari and Linda Stemler. LaCorte was elected to a five-year term as surrogate and Estrada elected to a three-year term as a freeholder on Nov. 2.

West Fields Sons to meet Tuesday

WESTFIELD — The West Fields Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the community room of the Municipal Building, located at 425 E. Broad St.

Jerry Jaquinto will speak about the French contribution to the Revolutionary War. He has participated in Revolutionary War re-enactments since 1993.

Membership in the Sons of the American Revolution is open to any man who is a lineal descendant of a man who woman who was a soldier, sailor, marine or civil officer in the War of Independence. The West Fields Chapter began in 1921 and has more than 100 members.

For more information, call Registrar George P. Gross at (908) 232-3845.

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Something old, nothing new at Westfield reorganization

By **TERRENCE DOPP**
THE RECORD-PRESS

Partisan bickering continues as town sets volunteer roster

WESTFIELD — Sometimes, the crowd hissed. Other times, it laughed. If there was one thing Tuesday's annual reorganization meeting of the Westfield Town Council was not, it was quiet.

Mayor Tom Jardim's promise to not shake up the municipal government this year was fulfilled at the meeting, despite stiff resistance from the Town Council's Republican majority to a handful of appointments to the

town's professional and volunteer staffs.

The reappointment of Municipal Court Judge William Brennan and Town Attorney Bill Jeremiah brought the most opposition from Republicans, who accused the mayor of trying to force appointments without a full council discussion. The Republicans said the mayor's appointments, made without first discussing his choices with coun-

cil members, lacked due process. "Basically, he failed to discharge his responsibility," said Republican Councilman Matt Albano. "He owes it to the town to consult (with the council). By doing that, he failed the voters."

Jardim, in turn, called the Republicans' arguments "hog-wash" and said he offered the council full opportunity to discuss his appointments. "Don't be hoodwinked," said Jardim. "We

had plenty of time to talk."

The mayor also accused Republicans of making back-room deals. He said Republican Councilwoman Janis Weinstein called him and asked him to make a deal that would keep Brennan in his post, while ousting Jeremiah.

Weinstein, however, refuted this claim. "Mr. Mayor, I really think you might be dreaming," she said during Tuesday's meet-

ing, adding said she never offered to make such a deal.

Republican resistance to the reappointment of Brennan focused on his job performance, while Democratic officials, including the mayor, said the judge instituted night court, a fair way for people to defend themselves without taking a day off work, and added they've heard good reviews of his performance. "In the year he has been (municipal court) judge, I have heard nothing but compliments,"

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Changing of the guard

Jung, GOP majority take over in Fanwood

By **TERRENCE DOPP**
THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD — The new Republican majority's first official act met with staunch resistance during the borough's first reorganization meeting of the century.

Republican members of the Borough Council asserted the power of their new majority New Year's Day when they appointed

Will Coronato borough attorney, despite fierce opposition from Democrats over what they called Coronato's lack of experience and the fiscal repercussions of having both Coronato and his predecessor, 13-year Borough Attorney Dennis Estes, on the borough payroll during the beginning of Coronato's term. Estes has agreed to stay on with the borough as a special counsel to show Coronato the ropes.

Coronato, a partner in the Springfield-based law firm of McDonough, Korn and Eichorn, wrote a 20-page ordinance while serving as counsel for the bor-

ough's Historic Preservation Committee. Democrat Councilman William Populus agreed with Republicans that Coronato's experience satisfies the five years mandated by the recently rewritten borough code, but Democratic Council members Karen Schurtz and Katherine Mitchell did not agree.

"Experience — that is the biggest concern, I think," said Mitchell. "I'm sorry, but I do take umbrage with paying someone with no municipal experience the same as our previous attorney."

Although he felt experience (Continued on page A-5)



Former Fanwood Mayor Maryanne Connolly handed over the mayor's gavel — literally — to new Mayor Lou Jung at the Borough Council's annual reorganization meeting, held Saturday. Jung, a former member of the council, was elected in November to succeed Connolly, who will be seeking election to the U.S. Congress this fall.

A year to remember

Tragic deaths, political bickering, 100-year storm all factored in last year of 20th century

By **TERRENCE DOPP**
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — In 1999, life here came full-circle.

Shortly after the year began, the town mourned two pedestrians killed in separate East Broad Street accidents. A third accident later in the year saw a township woman struck by a bus on North Avenue.

The accidents spurred BRAKES, a local citizen action group, to pressure the town to make Westfield's streets safer for pedestrians. A year's worth of traffic safety efforts were kicked off in February, when police issued 28 tickets in one night to jaywalkers. Those efforts continued through December, when the Town Council voted to lower the speed limit on East Broad Street and began a detailed study of how to slow traffic and increase enforcement on the road from Gallows Hill Road to Mountain Avenue.

Traffic safety was by no means

the only issue to make Westfield headlines in 1999.

In March, a quiet, 43-acre park became a center of controversy when residents debated the merits of putting a ball field in Sycamore Park, a place some see as a wildlife sanctuary and others view as a former trash dump that could be turned into a home for Westfield sporting events. But March 1999 will forever be known as the month Westfield began fighting for its name — literally.

Westfield America, Inc. of Australia, which owns various American shopping malls, began playing 30-second radio spots advertising the Garden State Plaza shopping mall in Paramus as "A Westfield Shoppingtown." The corporation claimed they owned the rights to use the name, but the Downtown Westfield Corporation and Town Council said the commercials were confusing to people who were not sure whether the commercials advertised Garden

State Plaza or downtown Westfield and began a legal fight to get the Australian mall corporation to stop the commercials. During the recent holiday season, the ads were toned down, according to DWC officials, making them less confusing to shoppers.

On Saturday, April 25, Westfield High School students found themselves doing the last thing they would have expected: Going to school. The Saturday classes were scheduled to make up for the numerous school days canceled by the Labor Day storm of September 1998.

In May, an MSNBC special — titled "Lessons from Littleton: A Town Meeting" — was filmed at Westfield High School. But the even left students and town leaders upset over what they perceived as a loss of focus. People decried the television show for losing sight of student violence and becoming a debate over the merits of gun control.

Also in May, a struggle to

lengthen the terms of Town Council members and the mayor from two years was initiated — and divided the council along party lines. The longer terms, which would require changing the town's charter, was defeated in August in a bitter political battle.

Parking also made headlines in late May. The ongoing problem, which became a larger issue when the town began the process of scouting locations for a new parking deck, is expected to be addressed in a consulting firm's recommendations concerning the parking deck, which should be released early in 2000.

For the summer of 1999, hot and dry were the words, much to the dismay of anyone not lucky enough to be among the 1,800 families granted membership to the Memorial Pool under Recreation Commission membership guidelines. The summer of 1999 was the first time in the three-decade history of the pool membership reached capacity.

The summer also saw a major drought, which did not break until the rains returned late in August.

As September came, students returned to class in record numbers. Everything seemed quiet and peaceful in the early Autumn — until Floyd came to town.

Hurricane-cum-Tropical Storm Floyd ripped into New Jersey Sept. 16, bringing more than a foot of rain in one day and winds that downed power lines and trees throughout the state. However, despite some flooding, Westfield slipped through the storm without the major damage seen in nearby towns such as Cranford and Bound Brook.

The fire department pumped over 100 basements during the clean-up efforts; Public Works crews and PSEG worked around-the-clock to restore power; and for days after the storm, under orders from the Elizabethtown Water Company, residents were forced to boil their tap water.

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DAN MURPHY/RECORD-PRESS
James Melvin of North Scotch Plains Avenue in Westfield was killed Tuesday afternoon when his BMW collided head-on with a Ford truck on Mountain Avenue.

Westfield man killed in two-car collision

By **TERRENCE DOPP**
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — A town resident was killed Tuesday morning in a two-car accident on Mountain Avenue, police officials said.

James Melvin, 41, of North Scotch Plains Avenue, was killed when the 1986 BMW he was driving swerved out of the north-bound lane of Mountain Avenue at 10:06 a.m., near North Euclid Avenue, and struck a 1996 Ford truck driven by 17-year-old Vincent Stass of East High Street in Bound Brook, according to Lt. John Parizeau of the Westfield Police Department.

The two cars hit head-on, police said.

Melvin was taken by the Westfield Rescue Squad to University Hospital in Newark, where he was pronounced dead at 12:15 p.m., according to hospital officials. As of Wednesday evening, officials were still awaiting the results of an autopsy and did not have an exact cause of death, although one hospital spokesperson said Melvin suffered "massive chest trauma."

Police said Stass experienced neck pain after the collision, although he was not taken by the Rescue Squad to any hospital. He chose to see his own doctor, police said.

Stass could not be reached for comment.

Police are investigating the accident, and officials say an autopsy will be performed by University Hospital doctors.

"For reasons we don't know, Mr. Melvin veered into the other lane," said Parizeau. "I don't know if we ever will (know why)."

Police said no skid marks were detected at the scene, and they do not know whether Melvin was even aware he was crossing into the opposite lane.

No summonses were issued to Stass, police said.

Mountain Avenue, between Dudley Avenue and Kimball Avenue, was closed for approximately two hours during a police investigation, according to police reports.

Ketubah couples to mangia

EDISON The B'nai Brith Ketubah Married Couples Unit (49+) will meet Jan. 23 for dinner at LouCas, an Italian restaurant located in the Colonial Village Shopping Center.

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Westfield Foundation aids Cranford groups

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A grant of \$1,000 was made to the Cranford Family Care Association to assist Cranford residents who suffered the effects of Tropical Storm Floyd. This support was used to help two families replace needed electrical appliances that were destroyed in the flood.

In addition, at their quarterly meeting held in November, foundation trustees approved a grant in the amount of \$1,800 to Project Home of Cranford, Inc., to provide emergency funds to assist families in danger of losing their homes due to job loss, medical bills or other crises.

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"The Westfield Foundation is pleased to be able to make this small contribution to the well-being of our neighbors," said Grants Committee Chairman Dr. Gerald J. Glasser.

"We firmly believe that helping our neighbors helps all of us," Glasser said.

The Westfield Foundation, founded in 1975 with a \$2,000 donation from local citizens, has grown to current assets in excess of \$8 million. Comprised of more than 75 individual funds, the foundation holds unrestricted funds which provide the income for the annual grants program, temporarily restricted funds which include scholarships and funds benefiting specific non-profit programs, and managed funds, which are endowment funds for local non-profit organizations.

For more information about the Westfield Foundation, contact Betsy Chance, executive director, at P.O. Box 2295, Westfield, NJ 07091. You can also call (908) 233-9787 or visit the foundation's World Wide Web site at www.westfieldnj.com/wf/.

Police Log

Westfield

A Sandra Circle resident reported Saturday the theft of a 1984 Mercedes Benz, which was parked outside the victim's residence, according to police reports. The vehicle was later recovered by the Kenilworth Police, police said.

A 1984, two-door Pontiac was reportedly damaged Sunday by an act of vandalism, according to police reports. The driver's-side door was scratched while the vehicle was parked on Sterling Place, police said.

Frederick Roe of Oakwood Place was charged Monday with outstanding warrants issued by the Orange Municipal Court, according to police records.

Scotch Plains

A business on Beryllium Road reported this week the theft of \$597 in goods, according to police reports. A check for the goods, written Dec. 27, was returned without payment, police said.

A 1999 Pontiac was reported stolen Dec. 27 from in front of a Front Street home, according to police records.

A pocketbook containing approximately \$300 cash was reported stolen Dec. 28 from an employee locker at the Ashbrook Nursing Home, according to police records.

A Tussell Road resident reported Dec. 29 the theft of a 1992 Honda. The vehicle was stolen while parked outside the residence, according to police records.

Vincente Valente, 53, of Kenilworth, was charged Saturday with simple assault. Valente was taken into custody at roughly 1:45 a.m. after he punched another patron during a New Year's celebration at Pantagis Renaissance, police said.

A decorative deer was reported stolen Saturday from the front of a Cecilia Place home, according to police records.

A Seward Drive resident reported Jan. 1 that someone stuffed leaves into the engine compartment of his car, damaging the wiring, according to police records. The incident left the vehicle inoperable, police said.

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Bridgewater, Bridgewater Raritan Middle Sch	Foundations of Educational Admin/Supervision	15:230:500	Rock	W	5:00pm-7:40pm
Bridgewater, Bridgewater Raritan Middle Sch	Materials & Methods in Special Education	05:300:480	Frawley	Th	6:00pm-8:40pm
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Wayne, Wayne Hills High School	Foundations of Educational Admin/Supervision	15:230:500	Montesano	W	4:30pm-7:10pm
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Scotch Plains is ready for new year — almost

By **TERRENCE DOPP**
THE RECORD PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — The municipal government will not be able to finish the last of its planning for the new year until Tuesday, according to new Mayor Marks.

Marks was appointed mayor Sunday by the Township Committee at the committee's reorganization meeting, becoming the last person so appointed before the town government switches over to a system with a directly elected mayor. Also at the meeting, Committeeman Frank Rossi was sworn in to his new post. Rossi was elected in November to complete the remaining year of the term of late Committeeman Frank Donatelli, an election that shifted

Differences among committee members delay completion of 2000 appointments

control of the committee to township Republicans.

Although the committee finished most of its reorganization business Sunday, committee members remain divided on several municipal appointments, at Marks said the committee will not be able to finish placing volunteers on subcommittees and in municipal departments until its next meeting, scheduled for Tuesday night.

"The ones we didn't absolutely have to do we put off until (Tuesday)," said Marks, noting the committee finished all of its most pressing business and the rest of

the appointments are not time-sensitive.

The committee voted to keep most of the township's volunteer staff the same as it was last year, with the notable exception of moving former Township Attorney Andrew Baron to assistant township attorney and naming Douglas Hanson, who has done legal work for the municipality in the past, to fill the lead attorney spot.

"Whenever there is a change in the balance of power, it's not uncommon to make new appointments," said Marks, adding he opted to name Baron assistant attorney, a long-standing position

that was never utilized, to keep stability in the government. "We thought it was important to have continuity."

In a speech to the public, Marks outlined his plans to make improvements to recreational facilities, continue the revitalization of the downtown area and create bridges between the government and its constituents. "I want to make it a lot easier for those who want to come forward to the committee to be heard," he said.

The committee also approved a \$3.7 million temporary budget, allowing the government to function during the opening months of 2000. Marks said a permanent budget should be approved by April.

Jardim's 2000 agenda includes housing, arts

By **TERRENCE DOPP**
THE RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — The next year may see some sweeping initiatives around town, according to the mayor. In the 97th annual State of the Town address, Mayor Tom Jardim announced plans to create an agency charged with improving what he said were the often poor conditions in houses on the south side of town. The mayor said the Housing Commission, formed last year, has already targeted many houses in need of improvements.

"None of us should let the pride of our success blind us to the fact that many living within our midst do not yet share that success," Jardim said during the speech, delivered during the town's annual reorganization meeting Tuesday night. The mayor said "it is time to take a good, hard look" at the south side and noted he would be appointing a special task force to do just that. "This task force, according to the mayor, will examine ways to improve conditions and create more affordable housing opportunities for town residents. He added the task force may result in a comprehensive redevelopment plan which would be permitted and governed by the New Jersey Housing and Redevelopment Law. Another possibility the mayor put forth was allowing the Special Improvement District to be expanded to include this area. "We must take these steps not simply because

it is our responsibility as elected leaders, but because it is a moral imperative that we do so," he said. Jardim also announced plans to convert part of the Board of Education building on Elm and Walnut streets into a community arts facility, with possibly museum space for the Westfield Historical Society. He said the town and the school board have been quietly working together for the past few months to renovate the building and convert a currently unused portion of the building into gallery and performance space.

"One of the first things we can do in 2000 is to focus our efforts on providing the residents of this town with a physical space where the arts and culture can flourish," the mayor said. "This plan not only serves to create an exciting cultural and civic center for the town, but it also continues our efforts to make our central business district a more dynamic place to be — and the town of Westfield a more attractive place in which to live," Jardim said. Westfield entered the new century in a sound but imperfect state, and the two programs will be aimed at making life better for all of the town's residents.

"As we enter this new year and this century, we should be asking ourselves what kind of community do we want to be," he said. "What more can we do to insure that all residents of this town share in the spirit of community and benefit from that spirit in their lives?"

Geared science

Kids' program aims to keep science 'real'

WESTFIELD — If it's winter, it must be time for "Hands-On Science."

The after-school enrichment program goes into its 10th year Feb. 7. Goals are to encourage young children to get interested in science through hands-on activities that keep it real. The effort includes programs in chemistry, mathematics, physics, biology and environmental sciences.

Each class of 10 to 14 pupils meets once per week at Edison Intermediate School, Roosevelt Intermediate School, Franklin School, Jefferson School, Tamaques School and Wilson School. Registration forms are now available in the elementary schools.

Classes are geared to the elementary level. They are taught by qualified instructors from schools in Westfield and other towns.

New this year are "I Love Bugs!" for Grade 1; "Rock Hounds" and "Super Science Activities I," for Grade 2; "Electrifying Science," for Grades 3-5; "Super Science Activities II," for Grade 4; and "CO2 Rocket Cars," for Grade 5.

Returning courses include "Amazing Flying Machines," "Bizarre Body Works," "Discovering Weather," "Kitchen Chemistry" and "Science and Literature Together."

Nearly 400 children were part of "Hands-On Science" last year, according to a press release announcing this year's

program.

In addition, class mothers are needed to help in the classroom, set up telephone trees and conduct related tasks. Class mothers only have to pay 50 percent of normal registration fee as an incentive. Details are available in the registration packet.

"Hands-On Science" is sponsored by the Optimist Club of Westfield in cooperation with the Westfield school system and Parent-Teacher Council.

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Willow Grove Pre-School to host 2000-01 open house

SCOTCH PLAINS — Willow Grove Pre-School, located at 1961 Raritan Road, will hold a parent pre-registration open house for the 2000-2001 school year at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 19.

A slide show giving an overview of the program will be presented along with a tour of the facility.

Willow Grove Pre-School is a Christian preschool sponsored by Willow Grove Presbyterian Church and licensed by the state of New Jersey. Class teachers are state-certified. Classes

are offered for children who will be 2 1/2 by Oct. 1 in the 3 Minutes Program, along with classes for 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds and the 4-plus class for children who either miss the kindergarten cut-off date or just need another year of pre-school.

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Commentary

Can't they all just get along?

As the calendar flips to the new millennium, Westfield is riding a high note.

In his "state of the town" message delivered at Tuesday's Town Council reorganization meeting, Mayor Tom Jardim put it best. With improved parks and recreational spaces, a joint town-board of Education plan to ameliorate the town's artistic and cultural efforts and a refurbished and revitalized downtown area, current Westfielders are proud of their town, and rightfully so.

But with all the things going right, one thing remains terribly wrong — and continuously threatens to subvert the fine efforts town leaders have made over the past few years.

This problem resurfaced in full force at the reorganization meeting, when the same town officials who've worked so diligently to improve Westfield's quality of life once again resorted to partisan sniping and puerile quarreling. Instead of starting the new year and the new century with a tenor of cooperation and understanding, officials from both sides of the political aisle continued their game of one-upmanship that, quite frankly, borders on childish.

Republican Town Council members complained that Jardim did not consult them enough on his list of municipal appointments for the new year. The Democratic mayor called those complaints "hogwash" and said the Republicans were simply unhappy with his selections. In the end, the two most disputed appointments — new terms for incumbent Municipal Court Judge William Brennan and incumbent Town Attorney Bill Jeremiah — were approved by council vote. But not before the Republicans and the Democrats managed to fire more factional salvos toward each other.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to understand how Westfield can be doing so well under the rule of leaders who act so immaturely, so often. Political debate is fine, and in fact necessary to maintain the vitality of a democratic system. But in Westfield, the debate routinely exceeds the scope of best-for-the-town social science and stumbles into a haze of he-said, she-said finger-pointing best reserved for the school yard.

Jardim and the rest of Westfield's leaders have set an ambitious 2000 agenda. High on the list is improving the quality of life for the town's less-fortunate citizens, whom Jardim noted reside in homes in "barely livable condition." Also targeted are continued improvements to the town's parks, the creation of a town website to keep residents informed and, most challengingly, the fostering of what Jardim called "a sense of purpose" in the Westfield community.

Those are fine goals. But if the behavior of Westfield's leaders continues to degenerate — if the ugliness we saw during November's election and the ill-tempered behavior we saw Tuesday continue to hold sway — those efforts are doomed to fail. And the failures just may take the town down with them.

New Year's Eve 1999 was an unprecedented day on this planet — never before has so much of the world banded together to celebrate a single event. If so many diverse cultures and peoples can get along, even for just one day, then certainly the Westfield Town Council can do the same. After all, they're all adults ... right?

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Letters to the editor

Kudos for 'fitting' Connelly story

To The Record-Press:

As usual, your reporter, Terrence Dopp, did a good job reporting the final days of Mayor Maryanne Connelly's long and productive term of public service in Fanwood. It was fitting that his stories and Connelly's photograph graced the front page "above the fold" (Dec. 31, 1999).

However, for sake of historical accuracy, the final paragraph of the article about Mayor Connelly's last meeting needs correcting. The paragraph reads "Her departure and that of Democratic Councilman William Populus means the Republicans will hold a majority for the first time in 16 years."

First of all, Councilman Populus's term on the Borough Council ends on Dec. 31 of this year. The Republicans now hold a 4-3 majority because Louis Jung was elected mayor last

November.

Second, while three Democratic mayors in a row held the office of mayor of Fanwood for the past 16 years, former Mayor Patricia Kuran, Fanwood's first Democratic mayor, served with a Republican majority on the Borough Council for part of her eight years in office.

Thank you for your attention to "the little town that could." With your renewed effort to keep readers well informed and with the added interest of election campaigns for the presidency, U.S. Senate and 7th Congressional District this year, hopefully more than 47 percent of Fanwood's registered voters will take part in our wonderful democratic election process next November.

TOM PLANTE
President,
Fanwood Democratic Club

Time for real property tax solution

To The Editor:

Your recent editorial, "A 2020 vision of NJ" was for the most part right on target. There were, however, two points that need to be revisited.

First I believe that a current survey of the local school districts will indicate that the actual cost per pupil is much closer to \$10,000 per year than the \$8,000 you cited. Second, your parenthetical suggestion that a "state-wide property tax" may be the solution is way off base.

In today's society where information is the critical commodity, it is mandatory that our educational system prepare our children thoroughly. Unfortunately this requires a lot of bucks. The payment of this expense must come from those of us with the present ability to pay. The use of a property tax puts an unfair burden on those with fixed incomes who have worked all their lives to afford a home of their own and now find they cannot afford to live there. Likewise, the increase of the sales tax unfairly burdens those of lower income because they will pay a propor-

tionally larger percentage of the disposable income to buy the products they will need.

Clearly the best approach must be an increase in the personal income tax coupled to a major reduction in our property tax. By using a surtax or a higher rate for upper level wage earners that stand to benefit the most, the impact on those less able to pay will be, surprisingly, less! The state should dole out the funds on a per pupil basis granting larger amounts to those areas that choose to regionalize and save operating cost. Construction and maintenance costs likewise could be funded by the state again based upon regionalization.

It's about time we face the fact that without a major economic incentive we will never get "home rule" out of our educational system. What we need our state legislators to do is to stop worrying about increasing their pay and start working on a long term solution to our property tax dilemma.

W.F. SARRA
Bridgewater

AIDS quilt was perfect holiday gift

To The Chronicle:

A special thank you to Girl Scout Troop 600, their leader Patti Hackenberg and Jean Pacarella from Dove Tails for bringing the AIDS Memorial Quilt to Cranford. We would also like to thank Brookside Place School and the Cranford Public Library for housing such a worthwhile project.

These people brought our family the perfect holiday gift, a chance to see a loved one's quilt panel. We have visited Russell's quilt panel in many other locations in and out of the state but there is no place like home. December is a month we try to remember Russell in some special way. It begins with participating in World AIDS Day projects and ends with celebrating Mass on

Christmas Eve, the anniversary of his death. Seeing the quilt here this past December helped us to honor his memory in a special way this holiday season. The New Jersey Names Project wants to keep the memory of those gone before us alive. We would like to think it promotes awareness and discussion among parents and their children.

AIDS education has come a long way in the past decade. Hopefully, we have learned how to protect ourselves and our loved ones from this deadly disease. Our family wishes your family health and happiness in this new year.

MICHELE ANN FAZIO
CATHERINE KIDNEY BREMNER
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What a view of the world

Television may be a violent, time-wasting assault on the brain cells, but on New Year's Eve 1999, television became the ultimate window to the world, providing an unprecedented look at the myriad cultures and peoples of Planet Earth.

Never before had so much of the world celebrated a single event. When Year 1000 rolled around, Christianity had not spread enough for a global impact. The celebrations following both World Wars were tempered by mourning, and the defeated nations were not much in the mood for a party. This was a true first for humanity, a terrestrial bash that embraced diversity and said, in no uncertain terms, we are one people. And as all the world became the stage, the malignant medium known as TV brought us to the show.

The festivities began on the tiny island nation of Kiribati (pronounced "Kiribus"), where the calendar flipped to 2000 at 5 a.m. EST. As the local midnight struck, natives in ceremonial costumes danced around small fires, kicking off in modest fashion the biggest source of all time. Then it was on to New Zealand, the first industrialized nation to cross over, and a relief-filled sigh of planetary proportions could be heard as Y2K failed to cripple computer systems. In Australia, brilliant fireworks illuminated the Sydney Opera House, and from there, the celebrations only grew bigger and brighter.

At 9 a.m. EST, on WCBS-TV in New York, Martha Stewart was sprinkling "red-hot chili flakes" on something. But most other networks were cooking up a day of history and spicing their marathon coverage with informative, localized tidbits. One interview featured a Washington, D.C. terrorism specialist, who discussed the nation's readiness for potential terrorist acts. Another took us to AT&T's Bedminster facility, where the telecommunications giant would monitor any Y2K problems. In New York City, Katie Couric chatted with robots that told knock-knock jokes and played Tony Bennett songs. Somewhere in Egypt, the first bend-and-wire abacus was probably spinning in its grave, but the goofy automations only added to the colorful tapestry of this special day.

One network gave viewers a live, sobering look at the Ali-Adde Refugee Camp in Djibouti, Africa, where 11,000 Somali refugees — half of them children — have long been eking a meager existence. The Somalis represent a mere fraction of the 6 million refugees struggling to survive in Africa, and nobody at Ali-Adde was celebrating. Not everyone, it appears, was invited to the global party.

Still, 2000 swept on, and more incredible images were beamed to our living rooms: A tense day in Jerusalem, where Christians gathered next to Muslims observing the final day of Ramadan; revelers in Nara, Japan, counting down from 20 as the Land of the Rising Sun greeted the new century; tuxedo-clad guests arriving on camelback at the Great Pyramids in Cairo; a solemn and dignified ceremony marking the day on the 13,000 islands of Indonesia.

The day, of course, was not without its non-millennium news. The sudden resignation of Russian President Boris Yeltsin and the release of the 150-plus hostages aboard the hijacked Indian Airlines jet were melded flawlessly into the continuing coverage of Year 2000 festivities, giving even more flavor and magnitude to this incredible moment in history.

There was more, much more. The Pope and a massive assemblage welcoming 2000 in St. Peter's Square. The Acropolis in Greece, shaded a cool ice-blue. Paris' Eiffel Tower making like the ultimate Roman candle. The skies over London exploding like it was WWII, when the bursts rumbled with a decidedly different tenor. The grandiose fireballs over Lisbon, Portugal, the huge but orderly celebration in Times Square.

So many customs, so much diversity, all of it taking place on this one, little world. And television emerging as the medium that brought it all home. Print may be dead and television may hold the smoking gun, but sometimes, TV can be wondrous.

Briefs

Westfield Y to host bone density screening

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Y will hold screenings for bone density from noon-8 p.m. Feb. 6, the Sunday after the Super Bowl.

Bone density tests can identify osteoporosis, determine the risk for fractures and monitor response to treatment. A "heel scan" test that will be in use Feb. 6 takes less than 15 minutes using ultrasound technology. No disrobing is required and the results are provided the same day.

More than 25 million Americans suffer from osteoporosis. The disease can cause vertebrae to spontaneously collapse and bones to break under certain conditions, like coughing or sneezing.

Other factors that may cause osteoporosis are age, gender, race, family history, smoking, drinking, calcium intake, eating disorders, lack of weight-bearing exercise and (for women) irregular menstrual periods.

Cost for each screening is \$40. Payment in advance is required; call (908) 233-2700 or visit the Y at 220 Clark St.

He knows much about geography

WESTFIELD — Patrick Gessner has won the school-level round of the National Geographic Bee, held at the Benjamin Franklin School.

The fifth-grade student was a first-round winner in the 12th annual competition, held Dec. 21 and sponsored by the National Geographic Society. He will now take a written test with other school-level winners from across the country. Up to 100 top scorers in every state and U.S. territory will be eligible for the state rounds, scheduled for April.

State winners, in turn, will be eligible for the national finals in May and an opportunity to win a \$25,000 college scholarship.



GEORGE PACCIELLO/RECORD PRESS
Thomas Ryan, the newest member of the Fanwood Borough Council, takes his oath of office at Saturday's council reorganization meeting.

Changing of the guard

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was not an issue. Populus also objected to Coronato's appointment, calling the idea of paying both attorneys a "baffling" waste of taxpayer money. "He certainly meets the qualifications," said Populus. "But as a taxpayer, I'm going against the appointment."

Republican Councilman Joel Whitaker said he was surprised at the Democrats' interest in fiscal responsibility in light of their vote — in late December, when the Democrats held the majority — to accept a high-priced bid by Fai-Gon Electric of Piscataway to install lighting throughout the downtown area. Fai-Gon's bid was nearly double what the borough expected to pay, according to various township officials.

"(Coronato) is a very bright attorney," said Republican Mayor Lou Jung, who assumed his new post at Saturday's reorganization meeting. "I'm convinced he'll do a good job."

Jung and Coronato were not the only people to assume new positions at Saturday's meeting. Councilman Stewart Kline was sworn in for another term, and Councilman Thomas Ryan — elected to his first term in November — was also sworn in.

"I'm looking forward to starting," said Ryan, who took the council seat Jung abandoned to seek the mayor's position. "It's exciting. It's been a long time since (Republicans) have had the majority."

The council also voted to approve Jung's recommendations for appointments to the six standing committees of the Borough Council, and Whitaker was appointed council president.

Kline will head Council members Katherine Mitchell and William Populus on the Administration and Finance Committee and will serve as Administration/Judicial Liaison, while Mitchell will be in charge of Communications/Volunteerism and Populus will head Long-Range Planning.

Schurtz will chair the Public Safety Committee and serve as police commissioner, while Kline will head the fire department and Mitchell will oversee the rescue squad.

Whitaker will be in charge of the Land Use and Historic Preservation Committee and will also head the Planning/Land Use board, while Ryan will serve as the Construction/Zoning official and will serve as council liaison to the Board of Education. He also will chair the Recreation and Community Services Committee. "That tends to be the rookie appointment," Ryan noted.

Populus will chair the Public Works Committee, with members Whitaker, Schurtz and Jung

sharing responsibilities. Whitaker will head the downtown Revitalization committee and Jung will head the Engineering/Capital Projects division, expected to be two powerful forces in the year to come.

Something old, nothing new at Westfield reorganization

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said Democratic Councilman Jack Walsh.

The reappointments of both Brennan and Jeremiah required the confirmation of the council. Brennan's reappointment was approved by a 5-4 vote, with Republican Councilman Jim Gruba being the sole member of his party to support the reappointment, while Jeremiah's reappointment — while disputed — was approved by an 8-0 vote. Republican Neil Sullivan, citing a lack of input in the process, abstained from the vote.

Jeremiah, who as town attorney was appointed last year with bilateral support, did not enjoy such support this year. "He lost the con-

fidence of the Republican majority at points during the last year," said Albano. "There is a question about the confidence level and trust the council had in him."

Town Democrats, however, did not agree. "He has been a great find," said Walsh, noting he saw Jeremiah — a Republican — as an ideal chance for a non-partisan appointment. "There's no Democratic legal advice and no Republican legal advice. There's just good legal advice."

The only change in the town's staff made at the meeting was a Republican-led ousting of Special Improvement District board member David Judd. Judd's term on the SID board expired in 1999, and Republicans moved to replace him

with Sal Caruana, a land owner in the SID. Democrats, however, felt the town should not turn away volunteers.

"David Judd has served well," said Jardim. "It's a shame he should be knocked off like that. I certainly can't see why someone is yanked off a volunteer committee."

Sal Antonelli, who has volunteered his services to the town for six years and in 1999 served on the town's Recreation Commission, was nominated by Jardim to be chairman of the Recreation Commission, but that nomination was shot down by the Republican majority — and he was removed altogether from the commission. Antonelli agreed with Jardim that partisan politics should play no

part in the appointment of volunteers, and said he was "a little upset" over his ouster.

"I enjoy volunteering my time," Antonelli said. "But I'm a little concerned about how it's become partisan, even at the Recreation Commission level."

Despite the disputed appointments, at least one council member said he felt the meeting went smoothly. "There was no problem," said Sullivan. "We probably made 70 appointments — we agreed on 67."

"The others should have been discussed," he added.

Others, however, felt the meeting signaled trouble in the government's ability to function. "The communication has broken down," Albano said.

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Situation 'critical'

State center needs help during National Volunteer Blood Donor Month

ELIZABETH — The need is great. The cause is just. Now, volunteers are required to step up and make it a happy and healthy new year for all.

The Blood Center of New Jersey is announcing blood drive locations and asking healthy adults to call and sign up to donate.

"Donations are critical during the month of January," said Judy Daniels, BCNJ spokesperson. "The nation's blood supply often hits critical levels."

For that reason, President

Clinton has declared January 2000 as National Volunteer Blood Donor Month. To help ensure an adequate blood supply, the BCNJ has joined with the NVBDM Coalition in celebrating the 30th anniversary of National Volunteer Blood Donor Month with the theme "2000 Reasons to Give Blood."

As a special thank-you to donors taking time out of their busy schedules, all donors giving blood before Jan. 17 will receive a complimentary gift.

There is no upper age limit

for donors provided they have donated within the last two years or have a doctor's note. Donors should know their social security number and bring a signed form of identification. People with cold or flu symptoms should wait until they are feeling better before donating, and there is a 72-hour deferral for dental work, including routine teeth cleaning.

Blood drives will be held:

Today, 3 p.m.-7 p.m., at Union Hospital, 1000 Galloping Hill Rd., Union; Saturday, 8 a.m.-

12:30 p.m., at St. John the Apostle Church, 1805 Penbrook Terrace, Linden and from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at First Baptist Church of Union, Colonial Avenue, Union; Sunday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at John L. Ruddy VFW Post in Clark; and Monday, 4 p.m.-8 p.m., at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Park Avenue and Randolph Road, Plainfield.

For more information or to sign up for a blood drive, call the blood center at (1-800) 652-5663, ext. 140.

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JCC Senior Adults

Seniors 60 and older are welcome to take advantage of programs run by the Senior Adult Department of the Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey.

Classes, trips and special events are available with many of them at the JCC building at 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains. A kosher lunch is provided three days a week. Transportation is available for those who do not drive.

In addition, a new program for newly retired seniors begins in the spring.

For more information, call Nan Statton at (908) 889-8800, Ext. 207.

Old Guard of Westfield

The Old Guard meets 10 a.m. Thursday at the Westfield Y, 220 Clark St. Committee reports, films and other programs are included along with guest speakers. Upcoming programs:

Jan. 13 — Julius Stang, master gardener, on annuals.

Jan. 20 — Carol Konicki on mutual funds.

Jan. 27 — Walter Pomnitz, master gardener, on composting.

Regular group activities include golf, bowling, bridge, day trips, luncheons, women's events and shuffleboard. In addition, the Merryman chorus performs regularly for charity functions, public gatherings and formal concerts.

For more information, call Robert Broadwell at (908) 232-5150.

'Over 55' Travel Club

Adults are invited on these trips for the "Over 55" Travel Club from the Senior Citizens Council of Union County:

Feb. 17 — Gala 2000 in Mount Haven. Includes champagne toast, open bar, surf and turf dinner. Cost is \$50.

Feb. 26 — Mummies show. Cost is \$40.

March 15-16 — "Cozy Morley" (Three Little Bakers) and tour of Wilmington, Del., area. Cost is \$155 per person, double occupancy.

March 17 — St. Patrick's Day show (Irish food and entertainment) at Poconout (Poconos). Cost is \$54.

April 5 — Carnivale, lunch and show at Fernwood (Poconos). Cost is \$54.

April 7 — Charlie Prose show at Riveredge. Cost is \$60.

April 20-May 1 — QE2 to Miami, Barbados, Dominica and St. Thomas. Cost begins at \$1,500. Space is limited.

April 28 — "Millennium Showstoppers" Broadway revue at Lily Langtry's Dinner Theater. Cost is \$57.

May 2 — The Gaylords at Poconout. Cost is \$54.

May 6 — Van Cortlandt Manor and Sunnyside Estate on the Hudson. Cost is \$40.

May 6-13 — Charleston, S.C.; Savannah, Ga.; and Myrtle Beach, S.C. Cost is \$595 per person, double occupancy.

May 17 — Polkafest at Mount Haven. Cost is \$50.

May 22-23 — Cape May and Longwood Gardens.

May 23-24 — Longwood Gardens, American Music Theatre and tour of Amish area. Cost is \$160 per person, double occupancy.

June 14-15 — Italian Fiesta at Tamarack (Catskills). Cost is \$130 per person, double occupancy.

June 23-26 — Finger Lakes region (upstate New York). Cost is \$385 per person, double occupancy.

July 1-5 — Independence Day cruise aboard the QE2.

July 16 — "The King and I" at Three Little Bakers. Cost is \$60.

July 30 — Woodloch Pines with smorgasbord. Cost is \$56.

Oct. 3 — Kay Starr at Fernwood. Cost is \$58.

All trips leave from the Boys and Girls Club in Union. Groups are especially welcome; special pickups can be arranged. Payment in full is required for one-day trips.

For more information or a brochure, call Richard Stone at (908) 964-7555.

Briefs

Women for Women plans helpful February

GARWOOD — Women for Women of Union County is planning a number of "self-actualization" and self-help groups for February.

These programs address social, emotional, peer, financial and legal issues of import to women and children. Among the topics announced:

"Meditation and Guided Imagery," based on the "Course of Miracles" by Betsy Zipkin. The meditation group will explore techniques to improve relaxation and well-being.

"Teen Peer Focus," led by guidance counselor Pat Gilhaus. This will aim to create a positive teen-peer atmosphere in which to address matters concerning the transition to adulthood.

"Ladies Nite Out," featuring social activities for women.

"Bridge for Beginners," an introduction to the card game for novice players.

"Gaining Life Direction" with Dorothy Van Dyke, director of counseling, based on the "Manifesting Your Destiny" video series by Wayne Dyer.

"Building Self-Esteem," featuring ways to improve confidence and overall well-being.

"Separation and Divorce," dealing with related legal, financial and emotional issues.

"Emotional Eating," addressing self-defeating eating patterns and exploring alternatives.

A "Women's Investment Group."

"Scrapbooking," for those who want to put together photographic histories.

"Children Helping Children," for those 5-16 years old who are affected by the breakup of their families.

For more information, call (908) 232-5787. The Women for Women newsletter is available on request.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood alumni set meeting

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Alumni Association will meet 7:30 p.m. Jan. 18 in Room 101 of the school, located on the SP-FHS campus at 641 Westfield Road.

Diane McKenna will speak about the SP-FHS World Wide Web site. Students who helped build the site and keep it up will also be present. The public is invited to attend.

Anyone who graduated from SP-FHS may join the Alumni Association. Membership information will be available at the Jan. 18 meeting.

In addition, the association's executive board will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Local cellist earns musical scholarship

CRANFORD — Cellist Karen Polshuck has received a merit scholarship for 1999-2000.

Karen was one of nine New Jersey Youth Symphony members who earned scholarships sponsored by the Frank and Lydia Bergen Foundation. She was among those who performed

concertos and sonatas Nov. 19 for a panel of professional musicians at the symphony's Murray Hill hall.

Her grant will cover the cost of his private music study during the school year.

The foundation provides aid to "worthy students of music in securing a complete and adequate musical education," according to a Youth Symphony press release.

This week

SUNDAY

JAN. 9

MORE, PLEASE! — sausage-making demonstration at Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 2-4 p.m. Adults \$2; students 50 cents; children 6 and under free. Call (908) 232-1776.

MONDAY

JAN. 10

HYPERTENSION? — screening for high blood pressure. Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave., Scotch Plains, 10 a.m.-noon. Call (908) 322-6700.

TUESDAY

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IN COLONIAL TIMES — Jerry Jaquinto on the French contribution to the Revolutionary War. Community Room, Municipal Building, 425 E. Broad St., Westfield, 7:30 p.m. Call (908) 232-3845.

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NO WORDS — instrumental concert of bands from Westfield High School, 550 Dorian Road, Westfield, 7:30 p.m. Call (908) 789-4463.

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BOOK TALK — discussion of "Snow Falling on Cedars" by David Guterson. Fanwood Memorial Library, North Avenue, Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. Call (908) 322-6400.

COMING UP

STARTING AGAIN — first in seven-week "divorce recovery" workshop. First United Methodist Church, 1 E. Broad St., Westfield, 7 p.m. Jan. 18. Registration recommended; call (908) 233-4211.

LOG ON — program with Diane McKenna about the Web site of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, 641 Westfield Road, Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 18. Call (908) 889-8600.

MASS IN B MINOR — composed by Johann Sebastian Bach and sung by the Choral Art Society of New Jersey. Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 8 p.m. Jan. 22. Adults \$15; seniors/students \$10. Call (732) 382-0394.

A year to remember

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Still, Westfield was spared the types of destruction that laid west to other towns in the state.

In the fall, the town's political landscape heated up — and the ugly face of crime surfaced.

October brought the season of political rhetoric, as Republicans and Democrats accused each other of election-eve skullduggery. Leaflets passed out by county-level politicians from both parties accused the other side of double-dealing and failing to serve the people.

The November election was also marred by a resident's claim that Fourth Ward polls were improperly manned by workers from the Union County Elections Board. A board investigation determined nothing was wrong in the election, although the controversy did inspire Third Ward Democratic candidate Claire Lazarowitz to seek a recount. The recount upheld the Third Ward results.

Later in November, Florence Avenue resident Kim Vo was charged with the murder of her husband in the apartment they shared in suburban Philadelphia. Vo has since been arraigned and later this month, preliminary hearings are expected to begin.

The last big news of the year came in December, when Temple Emanu-El got the go-ahead from the Planning Board to expand its facility on East Broad Street. The temple plan to nearly double the size of its classroom building.

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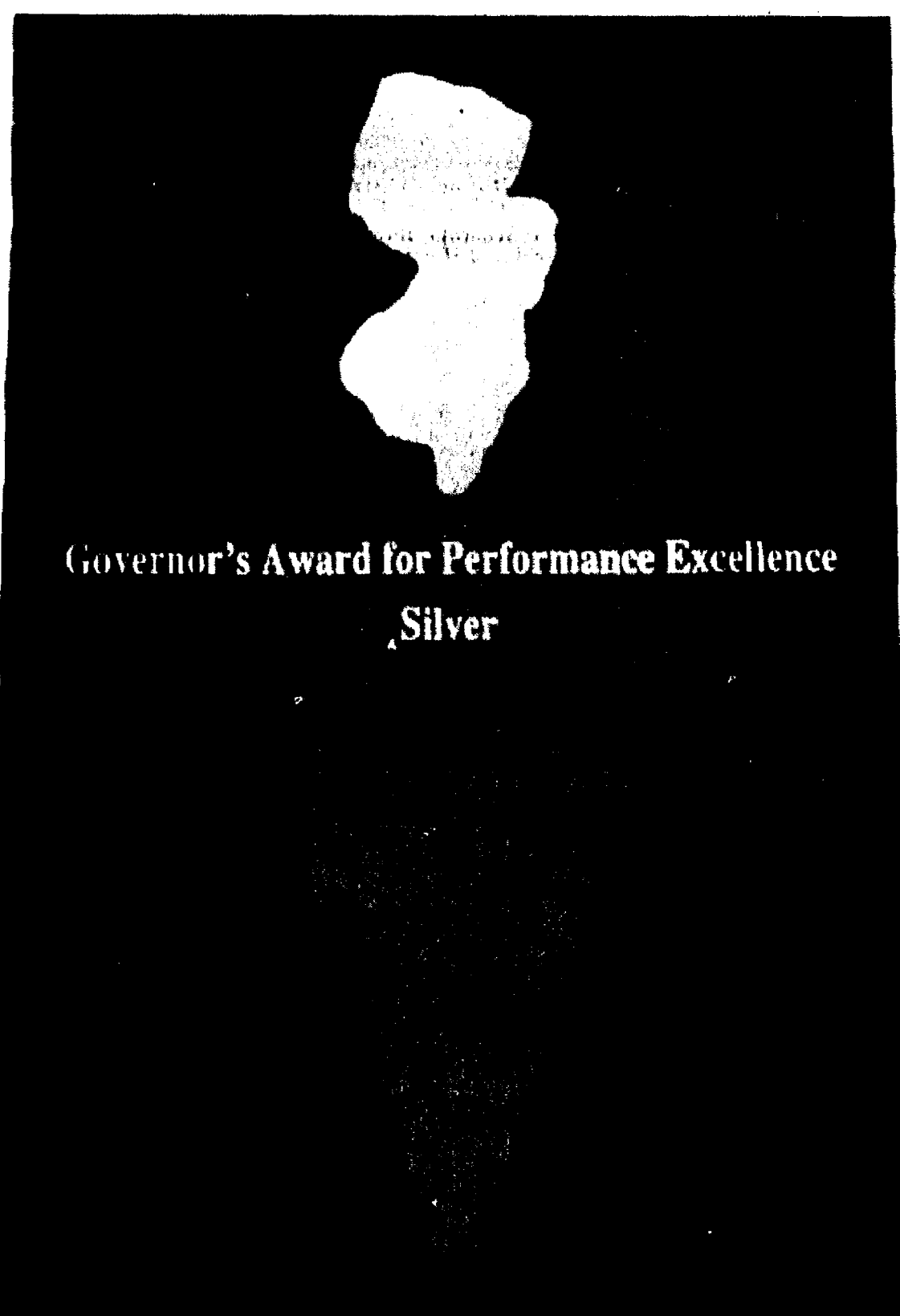
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BEST BETS THIS WEEK

'Bridges' exhibit spans the state

SPRINGFIELD — Jay Gehring Smith of Hillside is presenting his photographic work in an exhibit, "Bridges of New Jersey," at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library beginning today.

Smith traveled throughout the Garden State to capture the artistic essence of many of New Jersey's interesting, unique and historic bridges. An award-winning photographer, he has served as the supervisor of the Fine Arts and Applied Technology Department of the Cranford School District for 11 years and has been a teacher of photography and visual communications at Cranford High School since 1977. During the Vietnam War, he served as a senior combat photojournalist with the First Infantry Division.

The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. The hours of the exhibit are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, call (973) 376-4930.

Notre Dame choir performs in Cranford

CRANFORD — The Notre Dame Concert Choir will perform 7 p.m. Jan. 15 at St. Michael's Church, located at 40 Alden St., Cranford.

The ensemble from the University of Notre Dame is on an East Coast tour and under the direction of Gail Walton. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$7 for seniors and students.

Advance tickets are available at the St. Michael's parish center. For reservations, call (908) 276-0360.

French puppets come to Springfield

SPRINGFIELD — Attention, *tous les enfants!*

French puppets are coming to the Springfield Public Library Jan. 22 at 2 p.m. Children ages 6-9 are invited to make a French Guignol hand-puppet. Participants will learn the history of a well-loved tradition, along with some easy French phrases, and then will put on a performance.

Debbi Zsiga, the leader of the hour-long workshop, has taught French at elementary and middle school levels and presently teaches at Millburn High School. She will introduce Guignol, the mischievous little fellow with a ready smile, who has given his name to all French glove puppets as well as to the theater where his plays are given.

Registration is required, as space is limited. Call the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., at (973) 376-4930. The snow date is Jan. 29.

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Koichi's colors

"Post-Mono," a show featuring the works of artist Koichi Urano, debuts this week at the Watchung Arts Center, located at 18 Stirling Road on the Watchung Circle. The opening reception for the show is scheduled for 1 p.m. Sunday, and the display will run through Jan. 31.

Amateur Astronomers, observatory ready for 2000's first lunar eclipse

CRANFORD — The night of Jan. 20-21 will bring a total eclipse of the moon, the first of the new year and the first to be seen from New Jersey in more than two years.

In anticipation, Amateur Astronomers Inc. is planning an event that will provide a spectacular view of the stellar event — and some insight in the workings of an astronomical observatory.

The Amateur Astronomers will open the William Miller Sperry Observatory at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 20 for those who want to see the moon occluded by Earth. Before the eclipse begins, members will give lectures on eclipses and conduct tours of the observatory.

The observatory is located on the main campus of Union

County College in Cranford.

The eclipse is expected to begin around 10 p.m. Jan. 20. Totality will begin 11:04 p.m. Jan. 20 and end 12:22 a.m. Jan. 21, and the moon is expected to be full emerged from the earth's shadow at roughly 1:28 a.m. Jan. 21.

Patrons are welcome to view the night sky through the observatory's two large telescopes.

Unlike some lunar eclipses that take place in the wee hours of the morning, this eclipse, experts noted, is ideal for those punching the 9-5 clock. "One can

"One can view the entire eclipse and get up the next morning and go to work without missing much sleep."

— Steve Clark
President

Amateur Astronomers, Inc.

view the entire eclipse and still get up the next morning to go to work without missing much sleep," said Steve Clark, president of Amateur Astronomers Inc.

For more information on Amateur Astronomers Inc. and the Sperry Observatory, visit www.asterism.org or call (908) 276-STAR.

'Bach' in business

Choral Art Society kicks off 2000 with composer's 'Mass in B Minor'

WESTFIELD — The Choral Art Society of New Jersey will perform Johann Sebastian Bach's "Mass in B Minor" at 8 p.m. Jan. 22 at the Presbyterian Church, located at 140 Mountain Ave.

Bach composed the "Mass" over a 25-year span; he produced the "Sanctus" in 1724, the "Kyrie" and "Gloria" in 1733, and the "Credo" and "Agnus Dei" in 1749.

Soloists are Andi Campbell, soprano; Sharon Morrison, alto; Russell Weinberg, tenor; Mark Watson, bass; and Sandor Szabo, pipe organ.

The chorus and chamber orchestra will be conducted by James S. Little, musical director

of the Union County-based Choral Art Society. He also is director of the Calvary Chorale and concert series at Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit.

Admission is \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students.

The Choral Art Society is a nonprofit community chorus of nearly 80 singers dedicated to the study and performance of choral works.

Rehearsals for a May performance of "The Seasons" by Haydn begin the week after the "Mass in B Minor." Anyone interested in joining the society is invited to attend the rehearsal scheduled for 8 p.m. Jan. 25 in the Presbyterian Church choir room.

Workshop helps artists on the road to success

FLORHAM PARK — Are you an artist en route to success? In Pursuit of Professional Recognition, a workshop for visual artists, will supply a detailed road map.

Five panel members will present five fresh perspectives on the journey. The workshop is scheduled to take place from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jan. 15 at the Hamilton Park Conference Center, located at 175 Park Ave. in Florham Park.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Department of Economic Development, and the Arts Council of the Morris Area are co-sponsoring this half-day workshop.

"We are delighted to be able to extend a morning of nuts-and-bolts information and networking to our thriving art community," said Freeholder Mary P. Ruotolo, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board.

Artists will gain insight into the competitive world of promoting their art and presenting themselves. They will learn what galleries are looking for from the people who run them. Panelists will advance tips on

everything from preparing for gallery submissions to putting invitation lists together.

Phoebe M. Pollinger, artists' representative, will moderate. Panel members will include Arthur H. Bolden, director of Art in the Atrium, Inc., a nonprofit arts organization in Morris County, and Charles Chamot, artist and owner of Chamot Gallery, a commercial venture in Jersey City.

Speaking for cooperative galleries will be Annette Adrian Hanna, an artist and teacher at the Blackwell Street Center for the Arts in Dover. Martha Suhr Rolland, representational expressionist painter from New Vernon, will present what she discovered on the road to a New York exhibition.

The Jan. 15 workshop is partially funded by a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, which is supported in part by the national Endowment for the Arts.

Registration, including a \$15 fee, is required by Friday. To request a brochure or more information, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, NJ 07202 or call (908) 558-2550.

Something's cooking at Miller-Cory House Museum

WESTFIELD — The Miller-Cory House Museum will open

its winter season Sunday with a demonstration on early-American sausage-making.

The museum is located at 614 Mountain Ave. in Westfield.

Sausage was a very popular food during Colonial times and was often prepared using meat or leftover food, such as stew. Cooked grain or bread crumbs were often used as a binder.

Mae Frantz of Cranford will demonstrate how sausage was made during Colonial times. Colonial cooks usually used beef, pork or lamb intestines as the casing for the sausage. During the warm summer months, prepared sausages were smoked for preservation purposes.

Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for students, and children under 6 are admitted free.

Visitors are invited to step back in history with a tour, given by costumed docents, of the farmhouse built in 1740 by Samuel Miller for his wife, Sabra.

The Miller-Cory House stands on the "road to the mountains" in the West Fields of Elizabethtown.

The quaint museum shop has an inventory that is appropriate to the historical era of the museum and includes education materials, Colonial reproductions and handicrafts, including cook books and Colonial recipes prepared by Miller-Cory volunteers.

On Jan. 23, the museum will feature Iron Pots and Colonial Cooking Techniques by Pam McGovern of Westfield.

For information about the museum and its calendar of events, call the museum office at (908) 232-1776 weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon.



Toys will be toys

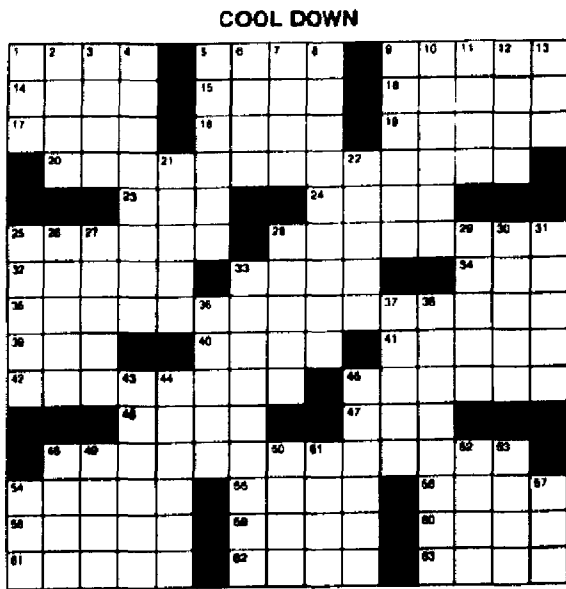
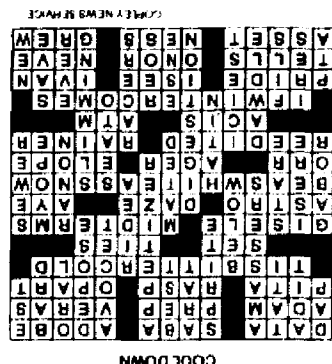
"Disney on Ice Presents Toy Story," a live-action version of the popular "Toy Story" movies, is now playing at the Nassau Coliseum in Unlondale, N.Y., and will hit the ice at the Continental Airlines Arena in East Rutherford from Jan. 25-30. For Continental Airlines Arena ticket information, call (201) 935-3900.

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Films In Focus

'Anna' snoozes, the robot loses, but 'Devil' and the mouse score

"ANNA AND THE KING" — The quaint tale of Anna Leonowens, English tutor to the royal Siamese children in the 1860s, was filmed as "Anna and the King of Siam" (1946) with Irene Dunne and Rex Harrison. In the '50s it became the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The King and I" (Yul Brynner and Deborah Kerr did the movie). More recently, there was an anemically cartooned version.

This one must be the live-action cartoon. Minus the famous songs, and plus nothing but improved scenery and some flabby violence, it has Jodie Foster as hoop-skirted Anna and Hong Kong crime film star Chow Yun-Fat as the even starchier king. It's rare for a movie to be lousy by pure weight of tedium. "Anna and the King" has such heft. This long nap seems to come from a century before movies, maybe even before entertainment, was imagined.

Cast: Jodie Foster, Chow Yun-Fat, Bai Ling, Tom Felton, Randall Duk Kim, Syed Alwi. Running time: 2 hours, 25 minutes. Rated PG-13. 1 star.

"BICENTENNIAL MAN" — Andrew (Robin Williams) is the property of a well-to-do San Francisco family that has purchased the Model No. NDR-114 robot to help around the house. But from the start, it's clear

there's more to Andrew than mere microchips.

The father, known only as "Sir" (Sam Neill), senses Andrew's uniqueness and makes him a member of the family, shielding him from both an absurdly priggish robot-company exec (Stephen Root) and an absurdly bratty eldest daughter (Lindze Letherman).

The story of "Bicentennial Man" is supposed to be about Andrew's tireless search for what it means to be human. But there's another story here — about a movie that gives up too early in its search to say something authentic.

Cast: Robin Williams, Embeth Davidtz, Sam Neill, Oliver Platt, Kiersten Warren, Wendy Crewson, Hallie Kate Eisenberg, Lindze Letherman, John Michael Higgins. Running Time: 2 hours, 11 minutes. Rated PG. 2 stars.

"THE CIDER HOUSE RULES" — The time is the late wartime years, 1943-45, yet life is still bucolic and flinty in a rugged little Maine town. The first half is set in an old orphanage outside town.

The crusty lord of the roost is Dr. Wilbur Larch (Michael Caine).

For Larch, the child of destiny is orphaned Homer Wells, who grows up to learn his medical skills, but resists Larch's desire that he become his successor. Homer wants to find his own life, so he heads off to the coast to work on lobster boats and in an apple orchard.

"The Cider House Rules" is often sweet, effervescent cider, though not a cola for chumps. Sip away, if you will.

Cast: Michael Caine, Tobey Maguire, Charlize Theron, Delroy Lindo, Jane Alexander, Erykah Badu, Kathy Baker. Running time: 2 hours, 9 minutes. Rated PG-13. 2 1/2 stars.

"RIDE WITH THE DEVIL" — The film restores to the Civil War the cruelty and bitterness of a giant family feud gone berserk — and yet, it's a beautiful film.

Set in Missouri and Kansas, in the "irregular" war that involved a lot of pillage, rape and impulse murder by armed brigands, Ang Lee's movie (wonderfully shot by Frederick Elmes) is succulent in its sweep and details.

Tobey Maguire plays Jake Roedel, called Dutchy. He goes with the family that mostly raised him and takes to the woods and back roads with rebel roughriders, later storming into Kansas on a grisly revenge raid led by the notorious Quantrill (John Ales).

The conflict stays confusing and madly mortal, shredding into fragments of slaughter. This movie has virile limbs, clear sight and almost no corn in its diet.

"Ride With the Devil" serves neither blue nor gray, but the red of human loss and passion.

Cast: Tobey Maguire, Skeet Ulrich, Jeffrey Wright, Jewel, James Caviezel, Jonathan Rhys Meyers, Tom Wilkinson, Simon Baker. Running time: 2 hours, 18 minutes. Rated R. 4 stars.

"STUART LITTLE" — The mouse in New York has become a special effects animation furball, personalized not only with a voice (Michael J. Fox's, still boyish) but with rather humanized teeth.

Look upon this petite dearie, and you don't think "feral" or "verminous." Geena Davis and Hugh Laurie play Mr. and Mrs. Little.

They decide to adopt an orphan and, with hearts made firmly of cheese, like the idea that he's a mouse. Their friends and relatives gulp a bit, but fall right into the inter-species family values.

The one hard-line negativist is the family cat, the white and puffy Snowball, voiced by Nathan Lane. Naturally, this entertainment was not made for the Actors Studio, the Academy or, Lord knows, critics. It's about making big bucks and making little kids happy for 92 minutes. In a mouseke-toned way, "Stuart Little" gives good squeak.

Cast: Geena Davis, Hugh Laurie, Jonathan Lipnicki, Harold Gould, Estelle Getty, Jeffrey Jones. Running time: 1 hour and 32 minutes. Rated PG. 3 stars.

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Your horoscope guide Jan. 10-Jan. 16

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Career undertakings will thrust you into the spotlight. Put forth a professional effort, and be prepared to move quickly up the ladder of success.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): This is a great time to make travel plans for the year. Visit places that will help you get in touch with your spiritual values or beliefs.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): The emphasis is on joint accounts, shared resources and deals with regard to others. Take a close look at annuities, mutual funds or pension plans.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Your personal relationships are highlighted. Don't gloss over any potential problems at this time. Openly talk about your feelings.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Turn your attention to health and your general well-being. Investigate a New-Age healer or holistic system for disease prevention.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Creative, recreational or social activities top your list of priorities. Make a note to accentuate the positive and spread happiness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Make changes on the home front to create a more cozy, warm or comfortable atmosphere. A lesson learned through a partner is long-lasting.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Keep up with the latest in technology. Explore new avenues of communication, and take steps to upgrade your current phone or computer system.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Put into motion plans to increase your personal income. A speculative venture has a lot of potential. Go ahead, and take a chance!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Get focused, and put all of your energy into attaining a personal goal. Your ideas are met with acceptance and popularity among your peers.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Lay low, and play a behind-the-scenes role. Visit friends who are sick or shut-in. A charitable organization welcomes your contribution.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Your income is overdue for an increase. Look for opportunities to make it happen. Benefit from a tip or lead from a friend or associate.

If your birthday is this week, the need for freedom, travel and personal expansion are your main themes for the coming year. Think twice before piling your plate with more than you can eat. All of the opportunities presented may look good, but you must be selective. Lean toward endeavors that will benefit your family as well as yourself.

Also born this week: Andreas Vesalius, Alexander Hamilton, Jack London, Horatio Alger, Albert Schweitzer, Martin Luther King Jr. and Dian Fossey.

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Community Players present classic 'Laura'

WESTFIELD — Director Joy Christopher More, known to local theatergoers for her many past efforts at Westfield Community Players, has assembled an ensemble cast for "Laura," by Vera Caspary and George Sklar.

The show opens Saturday and continues Jan. 14, 15, 21 and 22, each date at 8 p.m., in the WCP theater, located at 1000 North Ave. West in Westfield. Tickets are \$12 apiece.

This classic murder mystery that personified the film-noir genre portrays a single-minded detective torn between feelings of love and his professional duty to catch a killer. Was the girl he loves really murdered? Did she murder someone else? Or is she an unwitting victim in a dark plot?

Larry Aleshire is Detective Mark McPherson, in love with the picture of Laura that hangs above a grisly murder scene. Eileen Hladky is Laura, who turns to Mark for comfort — or is she trying to get away with murder herself?

Book tells inspiring story of World War II nurses

CLARK — Author Elizabeth M. Norman will sign and give a presentation of her book, "We Band of Angels: The Untold Story of American Nurses Trapped on the Bataan by the Japanese," at the Barnes & Noble located at 1180 Raritan Road.

The presentation is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Jan. 25.

In her book, Norman tells the inspiring, true and valiant tale of women searching for

adventure and suddenly finding themselves face-to-face with war at its worst. Through interviews with survivors and through unpublished letters, diaries and journals, Norman vividly recreates that time, telling the story in richly drawn portraits and in a dramatic narrative driven by the voices of the women who were there.

The event is free and open to the public.

Opening night patrons are invited to stay after the curtain falls for a dessert and coffee hour with the cast in the main lobby. Tickets can be reserved by calling the 24-hour ticket line at (908) 232-1221.

Funding has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Local author to sign copies of novel, 'Harvesting Ice'

CLARK — Local author Lawrence Cirelli will sign copies and give a reading from his first novel, "Harvesting Ice," at the Barnes & Noble located at 1180 Raritan Road.

The event is scheduled to take place at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 20. Set in upstate New York in 1927, the novel's compelling story chronicles a tumultuous year in the lives of its three main characters. Kristen Scott is beautiful, passionate, without a place to land in the post-war New York hamlet. Emily Harrison is wealthy, sensual, alternately drawn to and denying her awakening passions. Mark Lerner is loved by one and in love with the other, and is wrenched from innocence and youth by a force he underestimates.

In "Harvesting Ice," Cirelli explores the most dangerous human emotion — love.

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Sports

Raiders win county relay title, Devils second

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

Heading into the Union County Relay Championships, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High girls track coach Bill Klimas said he was hoping for a top three finish. He got just that and more.

The Raiders ran away with their first county indoor relay title Monday, outscoring Elizabeth and two time defending champion Westfield 54-34. Scotch Plains scored in seven of eight events, including two first finishes to secure the victory.

"I'm pleasantly surprised," said Klimas. "You always go into these events with the intention of winning, and that's what we did. I knew we could be in the top three. It's a very gratifying

win." The team of Jaymie Ferraro, Kate Bereznak, Alyssa Sams, and Erin Kelly captured first place in the one-mile relay in 4:40.8. Westfield placed second in 4:43.6. Linden, Plainfield, Union and Cranford rounded out the top six, in that order.

Ferraro, Christina Hillman, Ruth Rohrer and Sams, teamed up for Scotch Plains in the shuttle hurdles and took first in 35.0 seconds. Governor Livingston was second, Linden third, and Westfield placed fourth in 37.1.

"That was a big accomplishment," said Klimas. "The time they ran should put them up among the best in the state."

Like the Raiders, Westfield, who tied for second overall, was able to capture first place in two events. Maura McMahon, Amy Sobala, Kyle Legones, and Alexis

Anzelone led the Blue Devils to victory in the distance medley relay, finishing in 13:56.2. The Blue Devils also won the two-mile relay behind Adrianne Blauvelt, Rachel Ackerman, Aubrey McGovern, and McMahon in 11:02.9.

But the difference in the meet was the Raiders' versatility. Scotch Plains placed second in the 880-yard relay, second in the two mile relay, second in the sprint medley, third in team high jump, and fourth in team shot put to push themselves ahead of favorites Westfield and Elizabeth. Coming off of a highly successful cross country season, Westfield was the favorites in



the distance events, but Scotch Plains was able to score in all but one event to garner more than enough points for the victory.

"In order to win a relay meet you have to cover all of the events," said Klimas. "We scored in all but one event. It kind of demonstrates our depth that we could cover all the events at that level of competition."

Sams medaled in four events on the day, the two relays, the hurdles, and the high jump. Ferraro ran on the two winning relay teams, while Hillman was on the winning shuttle hurdle team, the third place high jump team, and the fourth place shot

put team. Rohrer was another example of the Raider versatility, running on the shuttle hurdles team, and throwing shot for Scotch Plains. Kelly showed her versatility, competing on the second place two-mile relay team, the second-place sprint medley relay team, and ran the anchor leg in the one-mile relay.

Klimas also credited several of the unsung heroes on the team. While he wouldn't specify any names, he did say that several inexperienced members of the team overcame the nerves of running in their first big events and performed admirably when called on.

"All the girls pitched in," he said. "Everybody did a great job."

"Once they started to realize they were in the thick of things they overcame their nervousness," he continued. "They used

their desire to win to overcome that nervousness."

Klimas is hoping the county relay championship can be the building block for a tradition of indoor track success at Scotch Plains. He credits Westfield and Cranford for the long, outstanding tradition of excellence they have maintained over the years, and he hopes Monday's victory can bring that kind of success to the Raiders.

"This is one step closer for us to having a tradition like them," he said. "The longest of journeys begins with a single step. Hopefully this was the first step for us."

The boys teams took to the track Wednesday in Elizabeth. The Union County Individual Championships will be Jan. 19 for the girls and Jan. 26 for the boys.

Feeley, Jackson propel Raiders over Blue Devils

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

The long range accuracy of Jeff Weber was not enough to overcome the superior size and strength of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High boys basketball team, as the Raiders defeated the Westfield Blue Devils, 56-46 Tuesday in Westfield.

Weber launched three pointers from all over the court, often a step or two behind the arc, to lead Westfield with 24 points, on seven three's. But the inside scoring of Andrew Feeley (17 points) and Derrick Brown (12 points) along with the clutch shooting of Mike Jackson lifted the Raiders to their second consecutive win.

Scotch Plains led throughout the game, using a 10-0 run at the end of the first quarter to jump out to a 19-9 lead after the first eight minutes. Feeley scored eight points and Brown had four in the quarter. Five turnovers by the Blue Devils led to eight Raider points.

Brown connected for nine points in the second quarter, including a three pointer at the half-time buzzer to open up 32-17 lead. Weber connected on two long range bombs for six of Westfield's eight points in the quarter.

Down 15 on their home floor, the Blue Devils didn't quite. They turned up the defensive pressure, and found a way to get the ball inside to big men Dan DeSerro and Jay Cook. DeSerro scored six of his seven points in the quarter, working a high-low post game with Cook.

Weber hit a three pointer with 1:15 left in the quarter to cut the lead to ten, but Jackson answered right back with a three, and after Cook hit a 15-footer, Brown scored inside to give the Raiders 42-29 advantage going into the fourth.

Weber drilled another three to open the quarter and cut the lead back down to 10, but a 6-1 run by the Raiders opened the lead back up. A Weber three, a free throw by Jim McKeon, and a 15 foot runner by Weber cut the lead to nine with 3:54 left, but that was as close as the Blue Devils would get.

Feeley and Brown scored inside, and after a series of misses by Westfield, Scotch Plains had a 15 point lead with 30 seconds remaining.

The game was a story of two halves. In the first, the Raiders controlled the paint, on both ends of the floor. The lack of inside scoring for Westfield, allowed Scotch Plains to extend their defense and challenge Weber and McKeon on the outside.

But in the second, DeSerro and Cook found a way to score inside, and opened things up for Westfield. The clutch shooting of Jackson was the key to the Raiders maintaining the lead.

"We were very timid in the second half," said Scotch Plains Head Coach Willie Leonardi. "We didn't play like we did in the first half. We didn't get aggressive. We backed off."

Westfield Head Coach Kevin Everly was pleased with the way the young Blue Devils

were able to make adjustments and come back in the second half.

"In the second half we outplayed them," said Everly. "They kept fighting."

Everly said the Raiders were the first team to play the Devils in a zone so far this season, and it took some time for his team, which starts three sophomores, one junior, and a senior, to adjust.

"The first half was an adjustment," said Everly. "In the second half we started getting better shots, and started scoring inside. They gained some confidence and experience."

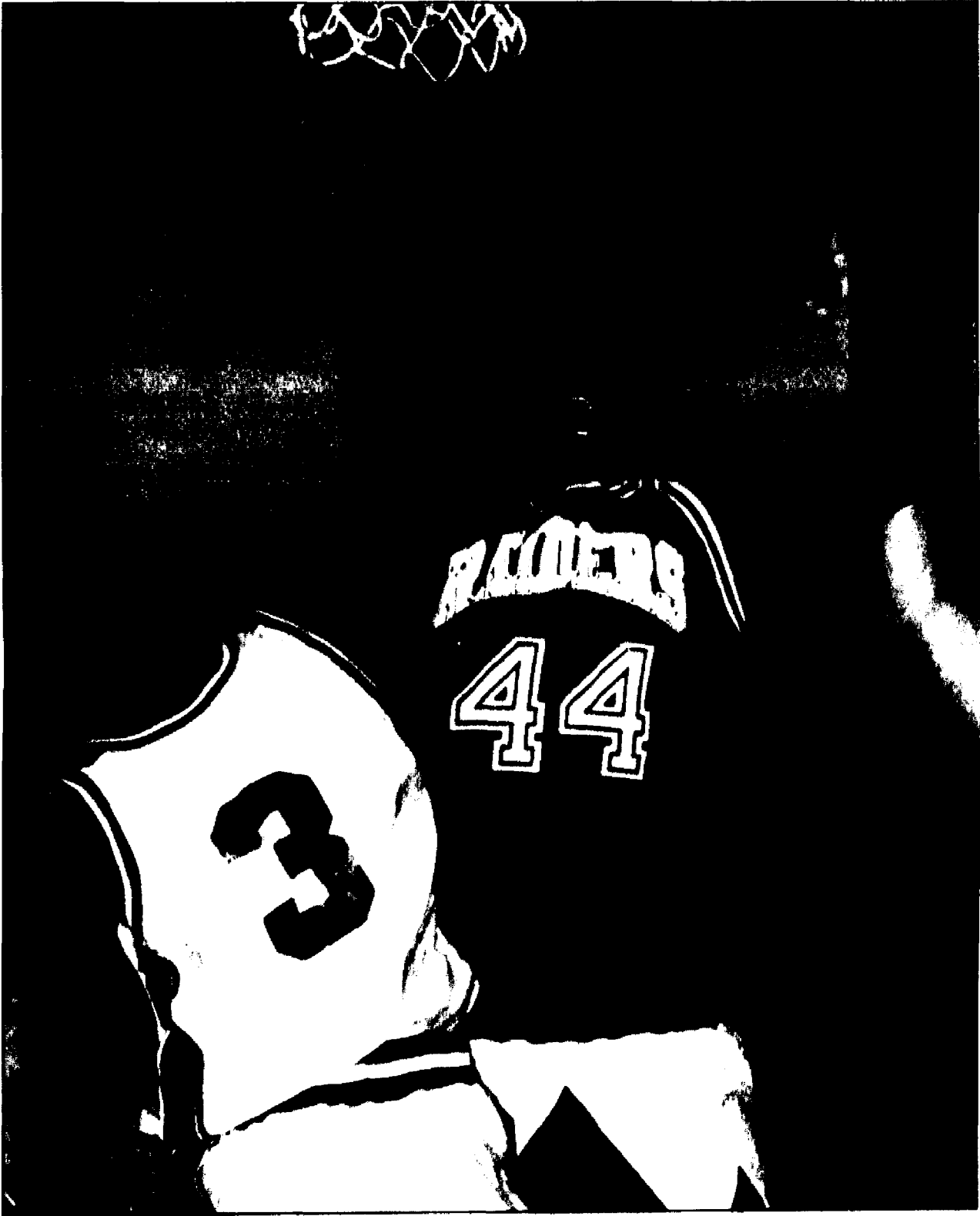
While Leonardi was disappointed in the play of his big men in the second half, he was pleased with the performance of Jackson at the point. The Raiders have been plagued by turnovers early in the season, but Jackson limited turnovers, and gave the Raiders an outside threat which helps open up the lane for Feeley and Brown.

"He hit some key buckets," said Leonardi. "It was good to get that kind of production from the point guard."

Scotch Plains traveled to Cranford yesterday, and will host Shabazz tomorrow at 2 p.m. Westfield dueled with Shabazz yesterday, and hosts state power Linden tomorrow night at 7 p.m.

Scotch Plains 56
Jackson 4-2 2-16, Feeley 7-0 3-17, Hermann 0-0 0-0, Burwell 4-0 3-11, Schiller 0-0 0-0, Brown 4-0 4-12, Chewing 0-0 0-0

Westfield 46
Weber 2-7 1-24, McKeon 5-0 1-11, Cook 1-0 2-4, DeSerro 3-0 1-7, Samanara 0-0 0-0, Turner 0-0 0-0, Carroll 0-0 0-0, Kylvits 0-0 0-0



SCOTCH PLAINS SENIOR DEREK BROWN'S SIZE AND STRENGTH INSIDE HELPED LEAD THE RAIDERS TO THE 56-46 VICTORY OVER WESTFIELD, TUESDAY.

LaForge nails free throws to carry Raiders past Westfield

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

After winning the Panther Pride-Sports Authority Tournament in Roselle Park last week, the Westfield High girls basketball team was playing well and carrying a lot of momentum.

But Scotch Plains ended that Tuesday. The Raiders used a shutout in the second quarter and came back from three points down with just under two minutes remaining to pull off the victory.

Westfield took an 11-7 lead after the first quarter, but the Raiders defense held the Blue Devils scoreless in the second quarter and went into the half leading 18-11.

The Blue Devils responded in the second half, outscoring the Raiders 14-9 in the third period, cutting the lead to two points. The Blue Devils grabbed the lead late in the fourth, when junior Karen Manahan nailed a three-pointer to give Westfield the 31-30 lead.

The action was nip and tuck for the final two minutes when

Kelly LaForge had a break away with 20 seconds remaining. Manahan fouled her to prevent the easy layup, but LaForge calmly sank both free throws to put the Raiders ahead 39-38. Westfield had several shots to win it, but the Raiders held on when Manahan's attempt at the buzzer bounced off the rim.

"This is an incredibly disappointing loss," said Manahan who finished the game with a team high 10 points. "We thought we had them the whole time."

The second quarter proved to be the difference in the game as mental mistakes and a sloppy offensive game prevented the Blue Devils from making a single basket. Scotch Plains also took advantage of its superior size as sophomore center Erin Gillooly scored eight of her game high 12 points in the quarter.

"They played good defense and was able to shut us down," said Westfield Head Coach Joe Marino. "They were definitely bigger than us. They got the ball inside and that hurt us."

Marino adjusted in the sec-

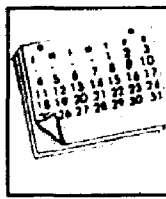
ond half, pressing the Raiders full court, and letting his athletic team get out into the open floor and run.

"They're more confident in the press," said Marino. "They tend to relax a bit when they sit back in the zone. They are much better when I set them loose."

The Blue Devils were able to force eight Scotch Plains turnovers in the third quarter and five early on in the fourth to climb back in the game. But fouls put the Raiders on the line early in the fourth quarter and Scotch Plains took advantage, ultimately with LaForge sinking the game winner with 20 seconds left.

Scotch Plains finished in second place at the Cougar Classic in Cranford, while Westfield defeated Dayton and Roselle Park to capture the Panther Pride-Sports Authority title in Roselle Park over the holiday break.

Westfield dropped its record to 2-3, while the Raiders improved to 4-2. The two teams will add the next chapter to this rivalry Feb. 10 in Westfield.



HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

(all times p.m. unless noted)

FRIDAY, JAN. 7
Wrestling
Westfield at Kearny, 7
Scotch Plains at Eastside, 4

SATURDAY, JAN 8
Boys basketball
Westfield vs. Linden, 4
Scotch Plains vs. Shabazz, 2
Girls basketball
Westfield at Linden, 12:30
Scotch Plains at Shabazz, 2

MONDAY, JAN. 10
Hockey
Westfield vs. Hun, 3:45
Boys Basketball
Westfield vs. Nutley, 4

TUESDAY, JAN 11
Bowling
Westfield vs. Shabazz, 3:30
Scotch Plains at Elizabeth, 3:30

Boys Swimming
Westfield vs. Delbarton, 2:15
Girls Swimming
Westfield vs. Bishop Ahr, 2:15
Boys basketball
Scotch Plains vs. Cranford, 4



WESTFIELD'S VAL GRIFFITH BLOCKS THE SHOT OF SCOTCH PLAINS' NAJWA GLOVER. WESTFIELD BATTLED BACK FROM A SEVEN POINT HALF-TIME DEFICIT, BUT THE RAIDERS PULLED OUT THE VICTORY 39-38.

Wizards work magic in Linden

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

In hopes of revitalizing the Westfield basketball program, the Westfield Basketball Association has sponsored an eight grade Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) team, which is in the midst of its second successful season.

The Westfield Wizards are currently ranked third in the state of New Jersey, according to Head Coach Jeff Pular, after knocking off the Jersey Shore Colts and Central Jersey Jammers in the fall league, and placed second in the Linden Tournament last week.

The Wizards won their first three games in the Linden Tournament, knocking off Cranford

90-56, Roselle 62-20, and Linden 52-38. Westfield fell to a Lakewood team which featured 10th graders, 68-61, in the finals. Andrew Pular was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, averaging 28 points a game in the tournament.

"We started this team one year ago to help build back Westfield basketball," said Jeff Pular. "It's a good way to rebuild a basketball program."

Pular described the first season, in which the Wizards won five tournaments, as a trial balloon, and believes the team's success will lead to the founding of more teams on the younger levels. The team plays a year long schedule, and has now been able to qualify for national tournaments.

During the winter the Wizards will compete in the nationally renowned Gauchos League. Gauchos has a long tradition of excellence in AAU competitions. Stephon Marbury, Chris Mullen, and Felipe Lopez are only a few of the prominent names who have played with the team in their youth.

The tournament should provide invaluable experience against some of the top AAU clubs in the area. The Gauchos League will feature the top teams from the tri-state area, including the Jersey City Boys Club, the Jersey City Heat, and the Connecticut Flames.

Andrew Pular, Joe Korfmacher, Andrew Sinnenberg, and Charles Johnson are the Westfield representatives on the team. The roster of 11 players is filled out with athletes from Irvington, Roselle, Elizabeth, Green Brook, and the Jersey shore.

Jeff Pular said because of the year long commitment, and desire to compete on the highest levels, it

is necessary to bring in players from outside the town. Kids who play other sports, would have to give them up to fulfill the time commitment of the AAU team making it difficult to fill roster spots.

"If the kids are good enough we would like to stay in-house," said Pular. "But if we stayed in-house now, we'd get killed. It depends on how competitive you want to be. If you only take kids from the town it becomes a glorified traveling team."

Pular is planning to start AAU teams as young as the fourth grade level and also hopes Westfield High boys basketball Head Coach Kevin Everly will begin to take an active role in the program.

"So far Kevin has not gotten involved," said Pular. "We're hoping he will become more involved as it goes along. Everybody was kind of waiting to see what would happen. The next step is to get the whole town behind this."



GEORGE PACCIELLO/RECORD-PRESS
Westfield's David Pular looks to drive around Green Brook's Travis Zilg during the championship game of the 4th Annual Clem Santy/Dunellen Lions Club Holiday Boys Tournament.

Westfield 4th graders fall in tourney final

Both squads wanted this title so much, they battled through a pair of overtimes before Green Brook pulled out a 31-30 triumph over Westfield at Faber School in Dunellen.

"I would've loved to have seen both teams get first-place trophies," said Green Brook Head Coach Paul Muldowney. "It's a shame both teams couldn't have been winners, especially at this age level when they go this far for that long. The level of play was very good."

"It was a very exciting game," said Westfield Head Coach Jeff Pular. "They kept battling and had a chance to win it."

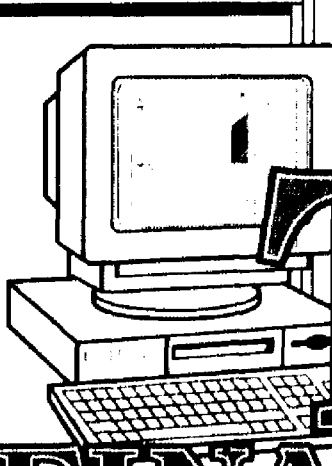
Kyle Getz's bucket and free throw and Eric Kane's two points proved to be the difference in the second OT. Westfield launched a pair of errant shots in the final 11 seconds.

Gill Scott Chapman and David Pular each had 10 points to lead

Westfield's scoring. Justin Matisak led Green Brook with six points, including the winners' lone basket of the fourth period, and Getz added five.

Green Brook took an 18-14 lead in the third quarter but the contest was knotted at 22-all entering the fourth stanza, when stingy defense from both sides resulted in just two points for each squad. After Matisak scored, Westfield tied it up with less than a minute to go in regulation.

Zilg put Green Brook ahead in the initial OT but Westfield again pulled even late in the five-minute session, forcing another overtime, which was three minutes. Trailing by two points with 15 seconds left on the clock, Westfield's Dean Kowalski stole the ball and went the length of the court, scoring a layup to knot the score again with just five seconds remaining in the first overtime period.



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WBL REGISTRATION
The Westfield Baseball League (WBL) completed its "in person" registration Dec. 11 and is now accepting "mail in" registration for children in grades Kindergarten through 10th. Last year over 1000 children participated and more are expected this season. Children will be assigned to leagues based upon their current grade. The cost for grades K-3 is \$50.00 per child, and grades 4 and up is \$75.00 per child. A family maximum of \$175.00 (plus processing and late fees if applicable) will be in effect for the 2000 season. Forms are available at Kehler's Athletic Balance and The Leader Store. Send completed applications to WBL, P.O. Box 156 Westfield, NJ 07091. Late fees will apply to applications received after January 22, 2000.

CRANFORD VOLLEYBALL CLUB
The Cranford Volleyball club is ready to kick off its second season of teaching sixth, seventh and eighth graders basic volleyball skills, and giving them a chance to compete once a week.

Pat Hall, the head coach of the Cranford High volleyball team, will run clinics from 7-9 p.m. every Wednesday night beginning Jan. 5 and continuing through the month of May. Each night will start with skill work and end with games. Last season Hall was able to field an eight grade club team which competed in USVA Junior Volleyball tournaments, and he is looking to do the same again this season with the thought of possibly expanding the team to include sixth and seventh graders. For more information call Pat Hall at 789-9959. The program is free, and no prior volleyball experience is necessary.

BASKETBALL PLAYERS SOUGHT
The Scotch Plains Recreation Department of Parks will be starting a 40 and over basketball league. Games will be played at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High. The league is open to residents of Scotch Plains and Fanwood only. Depending on the number of individuals teams may be prepared with a schedule. For more information call 908-889-8456.

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If you are a post-menopausal woman less than 60 years of age with a history of urge incontinence or increased frequency of urination and are interested in participating in this exciting clinical trial, please call to receive additional information and to schedule a screening appointment.

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Real Estate

There are 21 steps involved in selling your home

By BERNADETTE HOUSTON

WESTFIELD — Selling a home is a complex and time-consuming process, involving countless details, long hours and exhausting legwork. Still, many home sellers opt to take the "For Sale by Owner" route. To help you determine if you can successfully sell your home yourself, carefully review the following steps.

Step One. Thoroughly research information regarding the price terms of sales in today's real estate market. Investigate recent sale prices of properties similar to yours in your immediate area. Know lot size and current tax information. You'll also need existing loan information and New Jersey property disclosure laws.

Step Two. Meet with local lenders and determine financing alternatives for your prospective buyers.

Step Three. Conduct your own mini walk-through inspection. Jot down all items that need repair or improvement. Your checklist might include: fresh paint throughout; clean windows and window coverings throughout; well-manicured lawn and yard; plumbing and all appliances in working order; all sealants (window, tub, shower, sink, etc.) in good condition; roof and gutters in good condition — no repair needed.

Step Four. Make all necessary repairs and improvements before you begin to advertise the property.

Step Five. Be available at all times to walk through the property with prospective buyers, while answering questions and offering information about local schools, parks, transportation, shopping, houses of worship, etc.

Step Six. Establish a marketing budget.

Step Seven. Determine

which newspapers will best advertise your property. Call them for rates and deadlines.

Step Eight. Prepare a professional, attention-getting advertisement that will attract the right buyers to your property. Place your ad in the newspaper(s), then check that it ran as placed.

Step Nine. Prepare a plan to reach local buyers as well as those out-of-town buyers, who account for a major portion of today's home purchasers.

Step Ten. Purchase an eye-catching and weatherproof yard sign; install it at the front of your property.

Step Eleven. Check with your local police department for any guidelines they may have about real estate open houses. You don't want thieves to use the open house as an opportunity to look for things to steal.

Step Twelve. Purchase special "open house" signs and

install them in paths leading from main roads or thoroughfares, through the neighborhood, to the property.

Step Thirteen. Prepare a "feature/benefit fact sheet" outlining specific features of your home and the corresponding benefits to prospective purchasers.

Step Fourteen. Schedule and conduct open house "weekdays" as well as open weekends.

Step Fifteen. Learn how to separate the "lookers" from the qualified buyers. Ask for names and phone numbers, and be sure to follow up with telephone calls.

Step Sixteen. Be prepared to negotiate with the buyer(s) as though you are an impartial third party.

Remain calm and refrain from any emotional outburst that might spoil the sale.

Step Seventeen. Obtain all forms necessary for the legal sale of real property such as

Deposit Receipt and Offer to Purchase, Buyer's Cost Sheet, and Seller's Disclosure Form (in our increasingly litigious society, it is imperative to disclose all known defects to the buyer(s).)

Step Eighteen. Determine the types(s) of financing you are willing to consider, such as FHA, VA, Seller Carryback First Loan, Conventional Loan With Seller Carryback Second Loan, and "Wrap Around" Loan.

Step Nineteen. Negotiate with the buyer(s) all final terms of the sale including price, financing, inspections, date of closing, date of possession and other pertinent considerations.

Have an attorney review contracts if appropriate.

Step Twenty. Plan a final walk-through with the buyer(s) before the settlement process is complete in order to resolve any dispute. Have a witness present.

Step Twenty-one. While marketing your current property, locate and negotiate to purchase your next home. Attempt to schedule both transactions to close simultaneously so you and the buyer can move at the same time.

Many home sellers feel very comfortable in the "For Sale By Owner" role. However, people pressed by limited time and energy may be better suited to partnering with a real estate professional. While making efficient use of your time, a pro can manage the entire process and steer it toward a successful sale.

Bernadette Houston is sales manager of Prudential New Jersey Realty's Westfield Office at 215 North Avenue West and can be reached at (908) 232-5664. Prudential New Jersey Realty is one of the top 10 independently owned and operated members of The Prudential Real Estate Affiliates, Inc.

Real Estate Transactions

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305 Mountain Ave. from Lawrence C.K. & Sibyl C. Yang to Bac-Thuoc N. Davis for \$360,000.

604 Mountain Ave. from Howard Z. & Diana F. Chen to Brian & Stacey A. McGovern for \$280,000.

243 Washington St. from Angelo Yannotta to Ronald J. Carluccio for \$186,000.

NEW PROVIDENCE

32 Club Lane from Sheldon R. & Deborah Stoughton to Lydia Svoboda for \$489,000.

28 Newcomb Drive from Marilyn Gaylord to Mark N. & Carrie J. Grant for \$358,000.

52 Pearl St. from Peter P. Stodola to John & Christine Miskulin for \$234,000.

19 Salem Road from Natalie J. Pyden to Christopher W. & Stacey Kinum for \$280,000.

8 Salt Brook from Peter S. & Jennifer A. Pagano to Kathleen M. Cuddihy for \$227,000.

49 Union Ave. from Donald J. & Nancy Scheiderman to Wilbo Builders L.L.C. for \$145,000.

210 Union Ave. from Terbilt Const. Inc. to Albert G. & Theresia L. Deen for \$436,119.

6 Badgley Drive from James P. & Judith L. Gallagher to Eric & Diane Erdenberger for \$250,000.

366 Central Ave. from Gary Hallingse et al. to Donald R. Hallingse for \$260,000.

37 Crane Circle from Vincent J. & Marie A. Marino to John M. & Virginia D. Liberato for \$320,000.

25 Elmore Place from Joseph & Cheryl A. Shema to Peter S. & Jennifer A. Pagano for \$335,000.

69 Jones Drive from Paul B.

& Shelley F. Lehrman to David M. & Jennifer R. Arthur for \$355,000.

115 Passaic St. from Dennis C. & Sharon M. Marshall to Karen Alworth for \$286,000.

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109 Ashland Road from Edward J. Lynaugh Trust to Mark & Tracey Carlson for \$645,000.

41 Baltusrol Road from John C. Everts Jr. & Mary J. Everts to Jennifer E. Glynn & K.P. Hang for \$220,000.

6 Dogwood Drive from Douglas & Susan F. Hitchner to Gregg G. Seibert for \$1 million.

18 Dunnder Drive from Ellen E. Lynch to Cynthia G. Levene for \$469,250.

4 Montview Road from Joan C. Neely to Donal F. & Amy C. Mastrangelo for \$760,000.

244 Morris Ave. from Larry

Minsky to Misael G. & Leidy Chaves for \$229,900.

80 Mountain Ave. from Oswald & Blendena Duncan to Robert C. & Alicia G. Collins for \$495,000.

53 Parkview Terrace from Thomas E. & Anne M. Britt to Peter Tulloch Jr. for \$491,000.

1 Primrose Place from John A. & Michelle E. Haigh to Thomas E. & Anne M. Britt for \$692,000.

206E Roosevelt Commons from Karen Olson to Margaret M. Beute for \$180,000.

10 Rotary Lane from Stuart C. Levene to Cynthia G. Levene for \$87,780.

24 Van Dyke Place from Rose A. Hoeffer to Robert A. Swan for \$270,000.

115 Beekman Road from Eric R. & Jessie W. Dunnder to Eric R. Dunnder Jr. & Ellen M. Dunnder for \$410,000.

40 Beverly Road from Yong-Jin & Jing Zang to David Merola & J. McLaughlin for \$365,000.

8 Harvey Drive from Edward J. & Susan A. Emanuel to Francis J. Pittelli et al. for

\$405,000.

10 Kent Gardens from Kenneth J. & Laura L. Nolan to Nahid Oloumi for \$173,000.

42 Locust Drive from Lois V. & Vaux H. Boeninghaus to William G. & MaryLisa Kein for \$265,000.

210-212 Morris Ave. from Michael Abdalla to April Owens & Judith Johnson for \$293,000.

468 Morris Ave. from Dale & Joanne Milsark et al. to Carla Montefusco et al. for \$325,000.

4 Morris Glenn from Carole A. Dieton to John A. & Jill L. Robina for \$133,000.

33 New England Gardens from John & Cesija Spitals to Joel & Sharon Zucker for \$215,000.

115 River Road from Elizabeth A. Brennan to Omar Carvajal for \$199,900.

3 Roosevelt Commons from Susan J. Picus to Chingping E. & Mei C. Liao for \$240,000.

4 Stacie Court from James R. Helvey III & Jane W. Helvey to Ellen F. Lynch for \$880,000.

14 Summit Village from Arthur J. Criscione Jr. & Eileen Criscione to Jude S. Colangelo

for \$115,000.

WESTFIELD

624 Ripley Place from Jerry Simunovich to Mark P. Perretti for \$196,500.

925 St. Marks Ave. from Harry E. Lupia Jr. & Dorothy A. Lupia to Gary & Diane M. Odachowski for \$430,000.

651 Shadowlawn Drive from Katherine K. Bonamo to Robert J. & Cheryl McCormack for \$625,000.


671 Shadowlawn Drive from Robert J. & Cheryl McCormack to Shadowlawn 2000 L.L.C. for \$525,500.

370 South Ave. East from William & Margaret Branch to Lottie Wright for \$59,500.

1143 South Ave. West from Helen Yastine to Paul M. & Mary E. Davis for \$122,500.

239 Sylvania Place from Lee E. Miller & L.G. Milley to Neil P. Horne III & Stacy K. Horne for \$510,000.

762 Westfield Ave. from Geoffrey & Maria Hewitt to Marla Hewitt for \$40,000.

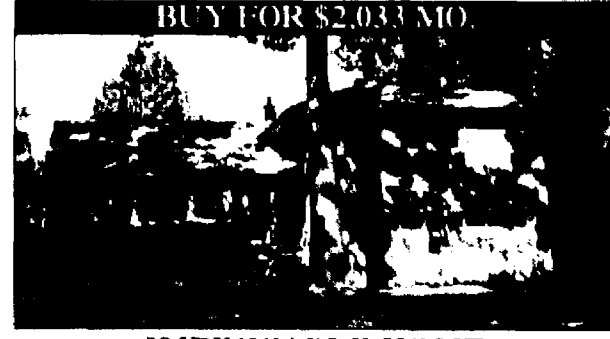


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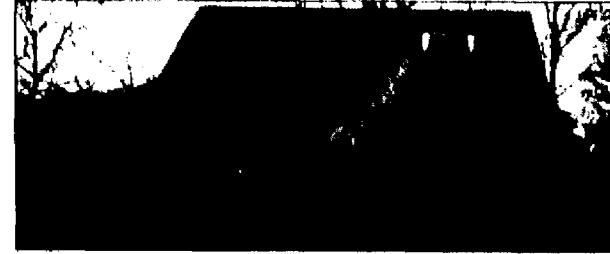
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A sports car that is fast, fun and useful

By Mark Maynard

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It isn't enough that a sports car be fast and fun. It has to be useful, too.

A sports car with utility might sound like an oxymoron, but that is the theory behind the redesigned Mitsubishi Eclipse and others in this class of 2- or 2+2-seaters.

Porsche opened up the Carrera without compromise to performance. Mazda stretched out the Miata for more trunk and hip room. And the Corvette now has enough storage nooks and bins to satisfy a pack rat.

Something had to be done. Sports cars were dying off and being replaced by sport-utilities, a category that stretches the definition of sport and utility. Yet, look what you get for the money: 15 feet of big-tired steel protection that holds its value.

Sports cars cost about the same but can be trendy one season and out the next.

Mitsubishi has a good formula for roominess, sportiness and usefulness in its reworked 2000 Eclipse.

The 2+2 (four-passenger) hatchback coupe, the third generation of Eclipse, is a bit longer for more back-seat leg room and trunk space, more safety protection and more power from a choice of two new engines.

The 2000 model comes in RS, GS and GT trim levels, with no turbocharged engine or all-wheel drive offered. Prices start at \$18,132 for the five-speed manual RS with four-cylinder engine and go to \$21,622 for a top-line GT with V-6 and automatic Sportronic transmission.

Pile on all the factory- and dealer-installed options, which include about five things, and the price barely breaks the crust of \$25,000.

I spent a week in two test cars: A GS with no options that had a sticker of \$19,482, including \$435 destination charge, and a base GT with five-speed for \$20,622.

The option I would add is the dealer-installed fuel-filler lid for about \$100. It's a slick-looking aluminum version of a quick-release race-type filler, but the standard nonmetallic lid looks plasticky.

On the street, the new Eclipse is a head-turner, especially among males, who often asked: "Is that the new Eclipse?" which means Mitsubishi preserved the image but freshened the concept.

The new, larger and more stylized Eclipse helped pull the plug on the 3000 GT sports tourer, which lingers in memory and perhaps on a few dealer lots. It was discontinued at the end of '99.

The 2000 Eclipse is still in the subcompact category, but it is a little longer and taller with more real-life usable space. It has many practical features, but the high-fashion styling compromises some over-the-shoulder visibility, a criticism I did not have with its predecessor.

And while the 2-inch-longer wheelbase gives a steadier ride, the car is sensitive to understeer, as were its predecessors.

Understeer is encountered in sharp turns at elevated speeds when the front tires can't get a bite and push/slide through the corner.

It didn't take much to get the front tires to squeal in a turn, and even with the 17-inch tires on the GT, the car felt a little underdirted. That may be objectionable as an autocrosser, but not as a high-style street car.

The so-called "geo-mechanical" styling screams next millennium, and there are interesting touches inside and out that support the theme, which Mitsubishi explains as "organic shapes and machined surfaces."

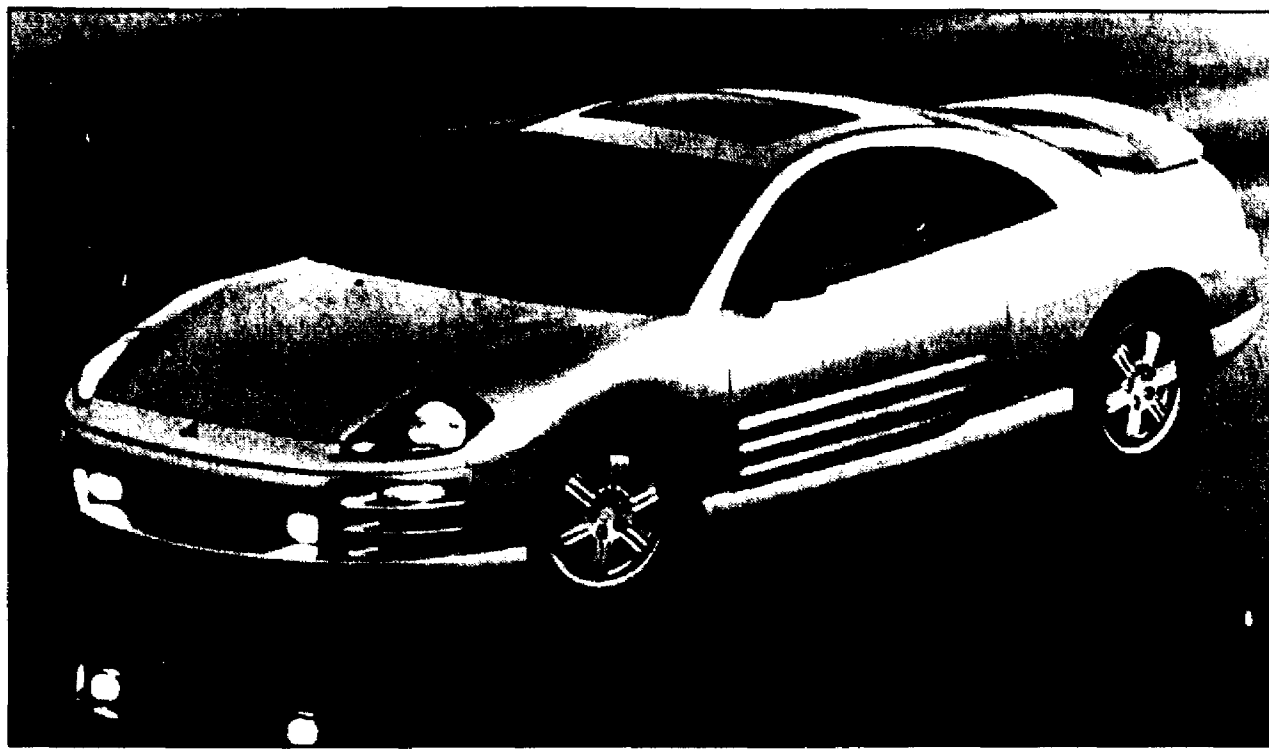
In application, it creates nicely contrasting textures and colors with a durable, upscale appearance on even the base RS.

Inside, the dual-cockpit layout is functional and simple. Gauges, vent-fan-temp controls and radio are easily reached and not confusing.

A good innovation is the remote digital readout for radio, CD and clock on top of the dashboard. Moving that information upward keeps eyes closer to the road.

I also liked the horn pad that replaces the little thumb buttons.

Side air bags are available on the GT, as part of a premium package, for \$1,750. That package includes a seven-speaker Infinity audio system with cassette and CD,



leather front seats, power driver's seat, anti-lock brakes, security system and rear wiper.

Despite the added length, there are about 2 inches less front hip room and about an inch less shoulder room, which made me feel closed-in.

The steering wheel also seemed to protrude into my driving space, and I was concerned that I couldn't get a 10- to 12-inch space between the air-bag module and my chin.

A bottle of water in the center-console cup holder also got in the way of shifting, but the five-speed gearbox is so enjoyable that I tossed the water bottle onto the passenger seat so I had room to row the shifter.

The long hood and high shoulders can be unfriendly in tight-spaced parking lots where the wide turning radius (36.5 feet, or 41.1 in the GT) requires room and dexterity to maneuver. The high sides inhibit over-the-shoulder views when backing out or when making a lane change.

One interior feature many look for today is a place to stow a personal phone, and the Eclipse has a secure nook in the front of the floor

console, where there's also room for a sunglasses case.

Back-seat leg room is impressive at 30.2 inches (vs. 29.9 in the Mustang and 26.8 in the Camaro), and the trunk space is equally generous at 16.9 (vs. 10.9 in the Mustang and 12.9 in the Camaro). Trunk space can be expanded by a fold-down seat back.

The positive effect of Eclipse evolution is noticeable in the sturdiness of the chassis. It is firm but supple and is reassuring in its stability on the road. The suspension filters out harshness from road surfaces, and the well-soundproofed cabin leaves the sound of the engines for the driver to enjoy.

The new Mitsubishi-built 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine (replacing the 2-liter Chrysler-built engine) puts out 147 horsepower (in California and the Northeast, but 154 elsewhere).

The seven extra horsepower provide a flexible and lively performance. The power carries upward through the shift pattern without flat spots and is strong enough to make you not want to pay the extra money for the six-cylinder.

But, then, the 3-liter V-6 with five-speed manual shifter is inspiring enough for a heel-toe hound. It's as close in sound and feel to a tightly wound BMW as any Japanese manufacturer achieves in a \$20,000 car.

The V-6, which replaces the turbocharged four-cylinder, is a 24-valve single-overhead-cam design that is rated at 200 horsepower in California and the Northeast (205 elsewhere) and 205 foot-pounds of torque at 4,000 rpm (4,500 rpm outside California and the Northeast).

The RS model can be fitted with an \$800 four-speed automatic transmission, and for \$1,000, the GS and GT can be upgraded with the automatic Sportronic transmission that gives the interaction of shifting gears without the clutch work.

Buyers in this class of image-vehicle have to pay to play, but the 2000 Eclipse delivers fun with the fun. It's a good reason to think sports car instead of sport-ute 2000 Mitsubishi Eclipse.

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The Eclipse

Body style: Four-passenger, subcompact 2+2 hatchback coupe in RS, GS or GT trim levels.

Drivetrain: Front engine, front drive.

Engine, RS and GS: In-line SOHC, 16-valve four-cylinder with aluminum head and cast-iron block, rated at 154 horsepower (147 horsepower in California and other states requiring stricter emissions control) at 5,500 rpm and 163 foot-pounds of torque at 4,000 rpm; regular unleaded fuel recommended.

Engine, GT: 3-liter SOHC 24-valve V-6 with aluminum head and cast-iron block, rated at 205 hp (200 hp in California) at 5,500 rpm and 205 foot-pounds of torque at 4,500 rpm (4,000 rpm in California); premium unleaded fuel recommended.

Transmissions: Standard, five-speed manual; optional RS transmission, \$800, driver-adaptive four-speed automatic; optional for GS and GT, \$1,000, Sportronic auto-manual.

Environmental Protection Agency fuel-mileage estimates: RS/GS with manual, 23 mpg city, 31 highway (21/29 with automatic); GT 20/28 or 20/27 with Sportronic transmission.

Fuel tank: 16.4 gallons

Wheelbase: 100.8 inches

Length: 175.4 inches

Width: 68.9 inches

Height: 51.6 inches

Trunk space: 16.9 cubic feet

Curb weights: 2,822 pounds RS, 2,910 GS, 3,053 GT; add 66 pounds for automatic transmission.

Standard equipment: Air conditioning, AM-FM-CD stereo with four speakers, power windows and locks, height-adjustable driver's seat, tilt steering, dual side mirrors, folding rear seat, air filter, variable-intensity two-speed wipers.

Options, include: Power tilt and slide sunroof with shade, \$850 (for RS); dealer-installed deck-lid spoiler, \$300; dealer-installed aluminum alloy fuel lid, \$100.

Steering: Engine-speed sensitive rack and pinion.

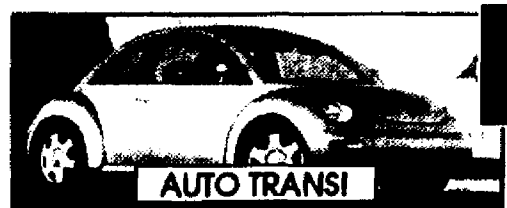
GS pricing, with five-speed manual, \$19,482; price as tested, \$20,332, including \$435 destination.

GT pricing, with five-speed manual, \$20,622; price as tested, \$21,972.



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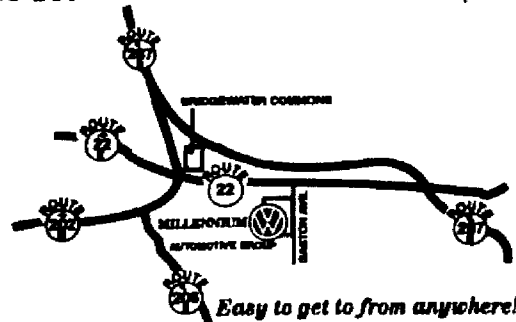


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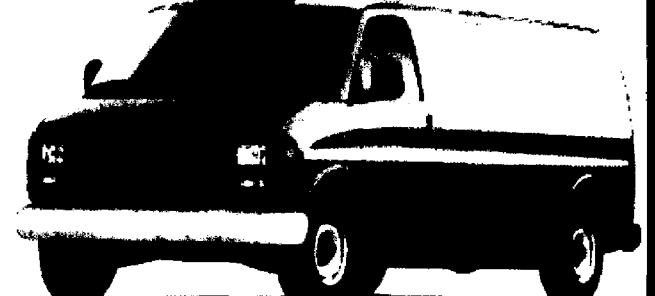
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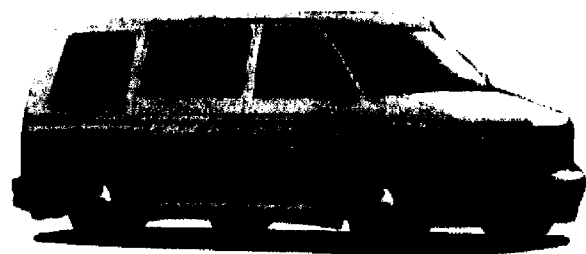


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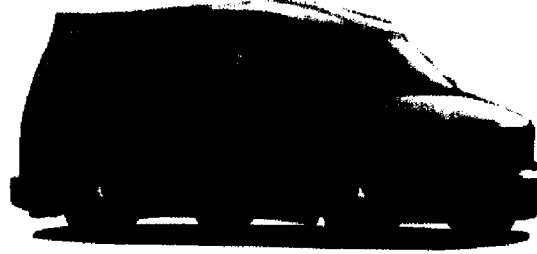


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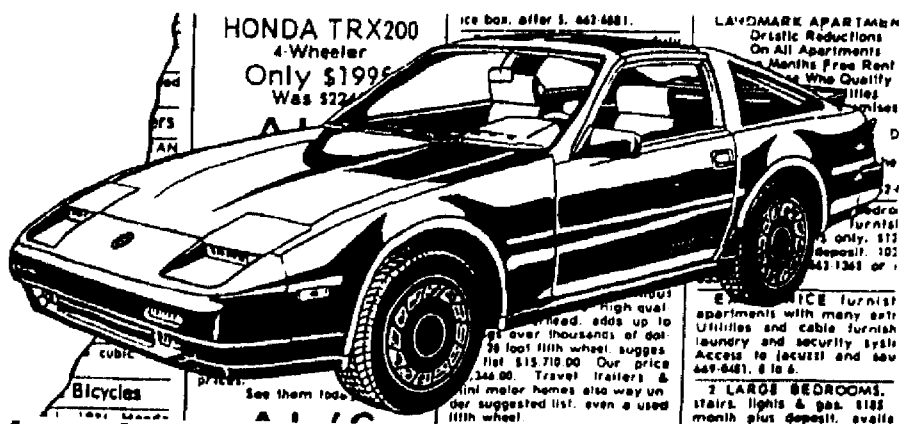
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