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Town talk will listen to Westfield youths

WESTFIELD — "Listening to Our Youth" is the theme of a town meeting 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Westfield High School.

This program will include the official release of a survey of nearly 650 pupils in the Westfield school system. Students surveyed were juniors at Westfield High School and eighth grade pupils in the town's intermediate schools.

The survey was developed by a steering committee which "sought to find ways in which the school system and the community could support and protect the children of Westfield," Superintendent of Schools William J. Foley said in a press release.

A related discussion will come from a panel of school administrations, youth counselors, clergy, students and parents. The discussion will be open to the public.

For more information, call (908) 789-4463.

Non-profits groups can get to 'the source'

KENILWORTH — If limited resources challenge your nonprofit organization, if a lack of money or supplies hinders the implementation of your projects, then a special panel discussion coming to the Schering-Plough Corp. might be just the ticket for you.

"Getting to the Source" is the theme of the discussion, which aims to educate nonprofit agencies about different types of funding — as explained by officials of the funding organizations themselves. The program will be 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Feb. 10 in the Schering-Plough Corp. plant at 2000 Gallop Hill Road, Kenilworth.

Among those scheduled to appear are John Griffith, director of public affairs, Public Service Electric & Gas Corp.; Robert Perry, programs officer, Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation; Joyce Harley, senior vice president,

Community Development Group, Fleet Bank; Jane B. Rutkoff, executive director, New Jersey Council for the Humanities; Joseph P. Starkey, manager of community affairs, Schering-Plough; and Susan P. Coen, director, Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

A question-and-answer session will follow the presentation. Ample time for networking will be provided before and after the program.

Fee is \$10. Registration is required by Feb. 4. Call (908) 558-2550 to register or for more information.

Sponsors of the event are the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. Funding for the program is provided in part by a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State.

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Working in a winter wonderland



Area kids may have enjoyed a day off from school, and some local adults may have been blessed with a day off from work, but for some — like Nelson Martence, 21 — Tuesday's snowstorm meant hard labor. Martence kept busy by keeping part of the sidewalk clear along Main Street in Scotch Plains.

Intrepid public works crews help region survive first major snowstorm of 2000

BY TERENCE DOPP
THE RECORD PRESS

The first snowstorm of the year 2000 brought the area to a standstill almost.

Many people and most students took the day off as the snow began piling up Tuesday morning, but other intrepid souls left home early to trek through the snow at a snail's pace. Road crews throughout the area did their best to keep people safe as the precipitation changed from snow to hail to freezing rain and back to snow, and continued into the night.

In the end, it was the hard work of municipal employees in Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood that kept local roads passable throughout the storm.

Westfield, where the town government was closed completely, used 150 tons of salt, 32 plows and eight front-end loaders, working around the clock, to keep roads open and free of ice, according to Public Works Superintendent Dan Kelly.

"We're in pretty good shape right now," Kelly said Wednesday. "As fast as it came down, we went out and plowed it."

The Westfield superintendent said the most intense part of the storm was between 5 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, although town crews, he added, were just as able to deal with the large amounts of snow that fell earlier in the day as the few sporadic bursts that came later.

Not that Mother Nature didn't have a hand in helping the Westfield crews save the day, Kelly noted. "What saved us was in the middle of the day, when it went to rain," he said, noting how the switch prevented even greater snow accumulations from

blanketing the town.

Kelly said Tuesday's storm, coming right on the heels of the Jan. 20 snowstorm, has not put too much of a strain on the town's resources, although he said another snow event in the not-too-distant future would not be very good for the town. "With the two storms, we're not overstressed," he said. "If we get into a third one, we'll start to wear a little thin."

In Scotch Plains, where the snow forced municipal offices to shut down at 3:30 p.m., Superintendent of Public Works Walter DiNizo said the township got off easy — at least, compared to areas like North Carolina, where upwards of 18 inches of snow buried entire communities. DiNizo estimated seven to eight inches of snow covered township roads and parking lots during Tuesday's storm, with snow sometimes falling at a rate of nearly two inches per hour.

DiNizo stressed that his snow-accumulation estimates were by no means official. "We don't have any scientific method — just put a finger in the snow," he said.

About 20 trucks and other pieces of township equipment, as well as private contractors, hit the streets in Scotch Plains at 4 a.m. Tuesday and kept at it through Wednesday afternoon, working overtime to clear their assigned roads of snow and keep them free of ice, according to DiNizo. "Everything got plowed twice," he said. "We used every thing we have."

The Public Works superintendent said there was one problem parked cars on some streets required, by law, to be clear of parked vehicles when the snow is falling. He said plowing trucks have to go around parked cars.

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Survey: Westfield students feeling A-OK

By TERENCE DOPP
THE RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — Nine out of 10 Westfield Public School eighth- and 11th-grade students feel good about themselves, according to a recent survey.

The survey was conducted in November to correct what many students and parents saw as a lack of focus during the taping of a television special about violence in schools, filmed at Westfield High School last summer. The survey was optional and distributed to roughly 600 total students in the two grades during a regular school day. Every student given a survey decided to respond, according to school officials, and an independent firm tabulated and sorted the results for the district.

Superintendent of Schools William J. Foley said the results of the survey are good news for the school district. "By and

large, the kids feel good about themselves," Foley said.

One aspect of students' lives officials found encouraging was the stability most students apparently enjoy. About 85 percent of the students surveyed reported living in town more than five years, and another 82 percent reported living with both parents.

Over 70 percent of the students saw themselves as A or B students and almost all of the children responding to the survey have access to a computer with an Internet connection. District officials said this was indicative of the achievement orientation of Westfield students, although 63 percent of the students believed they could do better in school — despite the majority receiving high marks on report cards.

Foley, enthusiastic about the results, said the district should work to create a positive outcome from the survey. "We'd like to see how we can make these very good results even better," he said. "We want to help the students who might be falling through the cracks."

Despite the overall trend toward success in town schools, there were some areas that officials believe could use some improvement. Students' reported good attitudes toward drugs and alcohol, as well as sexual activity, at the eighth-grade level, although the numbers were less inspiring among 11th-graders. About three-quarters of eighth-graders reported they would not drink alcohol, while only 55 percent of 11th graders rejected that idea.

Foley said the best place to

combat alcohol use among students is at home. "Frankly, the most important aspect I would see as the parents," the superintendent said.

He added it was important for parents to know where their kids are going, make sure kids' parties are supervised and provide a positive atmosphere for children.

Also troubling about the student response was that 90 percent of students reported experiencing depression at least once per month. Even more troubling was the 40 percent who said they were depressed at least three times per month. Foley said it was all of Westfield's responsibility to help these students. "We need to unite as a community and reach out to those teens who need help," he said.

Westfield is not the only district to conduct such a study. Similar surveys of students were done in school systems throughout the state, although Westfield opted not to distribute the same surveys and tailored its survey specifically for district students.

Foley said some of the questions on the other surveys were too intrusive and did not apply to Westfield students. He said by making the survey specific to Westfield, student needs would be better served.

A full report on the survey will be presented to district officials, students, parents and other groups who have contact with children at a town-wide meeting scheduled for February. Foley said he would like to see students, parents, clergy and school district officials speak out — at the town meeting and in the future — on their needs and issues. "I'd like to see a dialogue in our schools," he said.

Bum steer?

Locals question Union County law prohibiting use of certain sleds

By TERENCE DOPP
THE RECORD PRESS

UNION COUNTY — When Sandy Paparozzi took her 13-year-old son and two of his friends sledding Jan. 20 at Echo Lake County Park in Mountainside, she thought it would be a good way for the kids to have fun and stay out of trouble.

That was before the five county police patrol cars, red lights flashing, rolled into the parking lot.

"We weren't there more than 20 minutes before the cops showed up," said Paparozzi, a mother of two from Cranford. Sledding down the big hill at

Echo Lake County Park, as it turns out, is a no-no, as far as Union County officials are concerned — at least, sledding on those big plastic discs or other "non-steerable" vehicles. In fact, what still could be considered a snowy-day rite for youths across the land is a violation of county law, unless you happen to ride a particular kind of sled.

The only clue that any type of sledding at Echo Lake County Park is against the law is a somewhat cryptic sign at the top of the hill noting "non-steerable devices not allowed." Paparozzi said the sign is confusing.

On Jan. 20, county police fol-

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This sign, sitting atop the large hill in Mountainside's Echo Lake Park, says it all — unless your sled can be steered, you cannot ride it, legally, on Union County property.

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Westfield

Mark Shallaby of Scotch Plains was taken into custody Jan. 19 on a contempt of court warrant issued by the Wildwood Municipal Court, police said. He was released after posting \$160 bail.

Kenneth J. Sweeney, 36, of Astor Place, Bayville, was charged Jan. 19 with contempt of court by the Westfield Municipal Court, police said. He was also charged with two counts of contempt of court by a Millville court, police said. Combined bail was set at \$460, according to police reports.

A Walnut Street resident reported Saturday the side window in her car was smashed in. The incident reportedly occurred while the vehicle was parked in front of her home on the 200 block of Walnut Street, according to police records.

A Fanwood resident reported Monday the license plate was stolen from his car while the vehicle was parked at 401 Boulevard, police said.

The security department at Lord and Taylor reported Monday that a credit card believed to be stolen from the Westfield Lord & Taylor on North Avenue was used to make \$1,400 in fraudulent charges. The charges were made at the Woodbridge Lord & Taylor facility, police said.

Police log

Charles Candia, 39, of Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, was charged Monday with robbery.

The charges stem from a November incident on Cacciola Place, police said.

On Nov. 19, Candia reportedly entered the Cacciola Place apartment of an acquaintance without the resident's permission, according to police records. When police arrived at the apartment, Candia fled the scene, police said. Nothing was reported taken during the intrusion, according to police reports.

Candia's bail was set at \$10,000, police said.

Scotch Plains

A daylight burglary at a Portland Avenue home was reported Jan. 18. A perpetrator entered the house through a first-floor window and ransacked the bedrooms, according to police reports. Police could not determine whether anything was taken.

"I am Ed" was written in permanent marker on a Treeview Circle resident's fence Jan. 20, police said.

A .25 caliber handgun was reported stolen from the home of a Hunter Avenue resident Jan. 21, according to police records. There was no sign of forced entry

to the home and police are currently investigating the crime, according to reports.

Valley National Bank on Westfield Avenue reported an unknown person attempted to cash a forged check in the amount of \$466 at about 11:30 a.m. Saturday, according to police reports. The actor fled when a teller asked to see proper identification, police said.

Donald Patterson, 19, of Jackson Avenue, was charged Sunday with shoplifting. Patterson allegedly took an unknown quantity of cigarettes from the Sunoco Mart on Route 22 at about 10:45 p.m., police said.

Louis F. Buono II, 37, of Harding Road, was charged Sunday with eluding police and driving while under the influence of alcohol after he fled the scene of a traffic stop on Park Avenue at approximately 6:15 p.m.

During the ensuing chase, Buono struck a car at Park Avenue and East Second Street, then continued to Midway Avenue, police said. He was eventually taken into custody on Morse Avenue in Scotch Plains, according to police reports.

He was taken to Muhlenberg Hospital and was released after blood samples were taken, police said.

Buono was also charged with a number of minor traffic violations pursuant to the chase, police said.

Beadleston student faces charges after school officials discover gun

Principal: Student carried loaded gun for self-defense

By TERRENCE DOPP

THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Two students at Beadleston High School on Lamberts Mill Road were taken into police custody Monday and charged with bringing a loaded gun to school after school officials found a rickety old .22 caliber revolver in one student's backpack.

Det. David Wayman took a 16-year-old Elizabeth boy and another 15-year-old Elizabeth boy into custody at about 2 p.m. after Daniel McMullen, principal at the school for students with emotional problems, discovered the 16-year-old had the loaded and very aged .22 revolver in his backpack and notified the Westfield Police Department. McMullen had already confiscated the weapon by the time police arrived.

The principal said police told him if fired, the aged weapon may have simply

exploded in the student's face. "I don't know that much about weapons, but it appeared very old," he said.

School officials at the tiny school of about 60 students noticed one student playing with a shotgun shell and at 1:30 p.m. began an investigation and locker search, which led to a student fingering two others.

The 15-year-old allegedly gave the youth the shotgun shell, while the 16-year-old student admitted he had a gun in his possession, police said. "All three of the students are out on suspension," said McMullen.

Westfield police said Wednesday the two Elizabeth boys were transported to county juvenile facilities. McMullen said the 15-year-old was released.

The 16-year-old, whose name was not released because of his age, brought the weapon to school because he was threatened at his bus stop by an unknown person, according to McMullen, who said in his opinion, the student most likely never meant for the gun to be fired.

The incident was the second weapons-possession incident in the past two years at the school. In March of 1998, a student was found to be in possession of a .22 caliber handgun. McMullen said that student never returned to the school after the incident.

The principal stressed the two incidents are in no way typical of the school, nor are they due to the emotional problems faced by students. He said the school does not focus on violent youths and keeps a staff of professionals including therapists and teaching assistants on duty.

He also said the school stepped up efforts to ensure student safety after the first incident. "One of the things we did after the first incident was hire security," McMullen said. "We watch very carefully."

Police said the matter will be dealt with in the court system, and would not comment on possible outcomes of any criminal proceedings. "What the judge decides, I can't tell you," said police Lt. John Parizeau.

Union sheriff charges fugitive with 1989 murder

ELIZABETH — Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich announced this week his office and U.S. Marshals have arrested a fugitive wanted in connection with a 1989 slaying.

Walter Griggs was arrested last weekend in Winston-Salem, N.C., where he was working under an alias. He is being held in a North Carolina jail and faces extradition to New Jersey on charges of first-degree murder and weapons possession.

Griggs has prior convictions for assault and drug charges, according to a press release

issued Wednesday by the sheriff's office. He was one of three suspects in the July 9, 1989 murder of Robert Pretlow in the Elizabethport section of Elizabeth.

The second suspect, Bobby Ray Davis, was shot dead the next day. A third suspect, Maurice Crowley, remains at large, officials said.

Griggs was taken into custody by Lt. William Malcolm and Sgt. Gerald Green of the sheriff's office, who were working together with U.S. Marshals as part of the Northern New Jersey Fugitive

Task Force. The task force was aided by the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Task Force.

Malcolm is assigned to the Fugitive Task Force, a joint venture coordinated by the U.S. Marshals Service.

Committee seeks acts for summer concert series

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Cultural Arts Committee is planning the Village Green concert series for this summer.

Bands and children's performers are invited to perform. Local talent is especially welcome.

Shows are Thursday evenings in July and August. Performances for children are usually 45 minutes long. Main-attraction concerts run 90 minutes.

Interested performers should send a compact disc, audio cassette or video, plus background information and price requirements, to Laura Botto, Executive Director, Scotch Plains Recreation Office, 430 Park Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

For more information, call (908) 322-6700, ext. 220.

Park Middle School friends seek multimedia donations

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Friends of the Park Middle School Library are seeking donations for a "Multimedia Exchange."

"Gently used" books, compact discs, CD-ROMs and videos for

all ages are desired. An emphasis is being placed on material for children of middle school age.

Donations in the school library, located at 580 Park Ave., will be accepted 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday until

Feb. 11. The sale will be held 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Feb. 16 in the school library.

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For more information, call (908) 889-1732 or (908) 322-9025.



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Sparks fly as County Manager Lapolla announces Congressional candidacy

Candidate Jeff Golkin, a Warren Township Democrat, took shots at Union County Manager Michael Lapolla, who officially announced his candidacy at a press conference Monday morning. Golkin — who along with supported armed with pro-Golkin signs crashed Lapolla's announcement ceremony — derided Lapolla as an upstart candidate who does not know the needs of district residents, stating in a press release issued Sunday that Lapolla was a hand-picked chosen by "Union County regulars." Lapolla's candidacy, according

Lapolla, who served as a Union County freeholder for six years in the 1980s and as first assistant county prosecutor for most of the 1990s, announced his candidacy at the Cranford campus of Union County College. He has been county manager for the past two-and-a-half years, oversee-

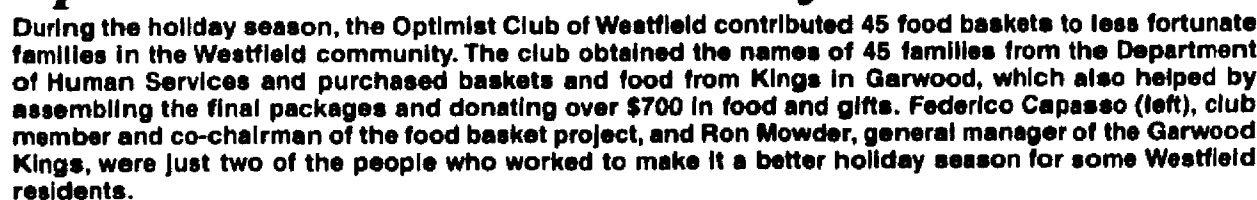
Lapolla countered Golkin's claims that he did not know the people of the district by noting he has worked with people in all 21 municipalities of Union County in his capacity as county manager, giving him a sense of the issues

Lapolla said as congressman, he would make the needs of working families his top priority. "I'll work to ensure that affordable health care is available to millions of Americans and that the education of our children is the priority it deserves to be," he said.

Maternal grandparents are Roger and Charlotte Weaving of Wayne. Paternal grandparents are Marianne Weyant of Ho-Ho-Kus and Gerald Maloney of Littlestown, Pa. The maternal great-grandmother is Marian Weaving of Maynard, Mass.

Connolly, who as of Monday had already raised \$220,000 more than what she spent in her entire 1998 bid, said debates are the fairest way for all candidates to get their views out to the public without the cost and tactics associated with television commercials. The ensure fairness, organizations

In a press release issued Monday, Connelly also mentioned abortion as a campaign issue. "As the Republican presidential candidates have made all too clear this week, we desperately need representatives in Washington who believe in a woman's right to choose," Connelly said.



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Bring on the 'difficult issues'

Outspoken Morrissey targets health care in Congressional bid

By **TERRENCE DOPP**

THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Republican hopeful Patrick Morrissey plans to make answering the tough questions the focus of his campaign for a 7th District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Westfield resident announced his candidacy last week, joining the ranks of Thomas Kean Jr. and Green Brook Mayor Pat Walsh in the race to win the GOP nomination to replace Bob Franks, who will seek a U.S. Senate seat this fall. Morrissey's campaign office is located at 7 Elm Street in Westfield and should be open in the coming weeks.

Morrissey has already raised more than \$106,000 dollars in the first 24 days of his campaign and has received the endorsement of Rep. Thomas Bliley of Virginia and other Republican officials.

"We need a candidate who is not afraid to talk about difficult issues," Morrissey said this week, "and someone who has the experience and determination to do something to solve the problems down in Washington."

Morrissey was born and raised in the district — at various points in his life, he has lived in all four counties within the 7th District — and he said that gives him a strong sense of what's important to voters. "We have a wonderful diversity — the shops in Westfield, the Route 22 corridor and the different areas in Somerset County," he said.

He uses health care reform a subject he said Republicans often try to wiggle around — as

an example of the tough issues that need to be addressed, not avoided.

"Health care is very important to me," Morrissey said. "Republicans traditionally shy away from health care reform. I think we need to tackle the issue head-on."

Morrissey — who has long been involved in health care law and served recently as health policy counsel to Bliley, chairman of the House Commerce Committee — said he is not afraid to talk about how health care costs affect the working people of the 7th District. "It's absolutely disgraceful seniors have to choose between spending money on cat food or prescription drugs," he said, noting the more than 110,000 pages of laws and regulations governing Medicare. He said the complexities of the current program mean health care professionals spend more time on paperwork than actually taking care of patients, and "that's not right."

In fact, Morrissey said, health care may be the largest issue affecting 7th District residents. "New Jersey is the medicine chest of the country," he said. "We need to insure we protect these jobs and keep them in the state."

Morrissey said his time in Washington has been a perfect preparation for a term in the House of Representatives. During his tenure as a congressional attorney, he drafted a major Medicare Act in 1999 and has seen what a representative must do to be successful. He said the majority of his opponents do not have such experience.

"When you look at it — we simply can't afford to leave the district in the hands of an inexperienced candidate," said the Edison native, who worked his way through Rutgers University Law

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— **Patrick Morrissey**
Republican candidate
for U.S. Congress

School. "I think my background allows me to help out in a number of important ways."

Morrissey also places reducing wasteful government spending and simplifying the tax code at the top of the list of things he would like to accomplish during his term in Congress. He said making inroads toward solving these problems is a more effective way to run his campaign and time in the House.

The candidate said he sees all of these issues as a seamless whole. By improving one area, the others will also improve, he said. Making government more efficient can transfer some of its savings to the people who most need it — those most hurt by the high price of health care. "If we make (government) more efficient, we can save taxpayers' money," he said.

The Republican hopeful said he is looking forward to beginning a door-to-door campaign throughout the district, which he plans to do Saturday. He called this approach "retail politics."

"I'm going to shake a lot of hands and knock on a lot of doors," Morrissey said.

Nursery school registration starts next week at Wesley

WESTFIELD — Registration for the Wesley Hall Nursery School takes place next week.

The nursery school is on the grounds of the First United Methodist Church, located at 1 E. Broad St. in Westfield.

Church members can register their children Monday and Tuesday. "In-house registration" will be Wednesday, Thursday and Feb. 4.

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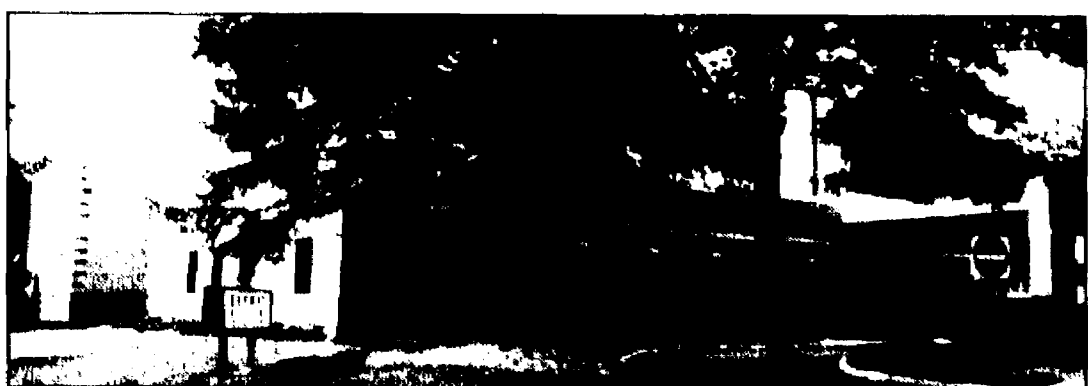
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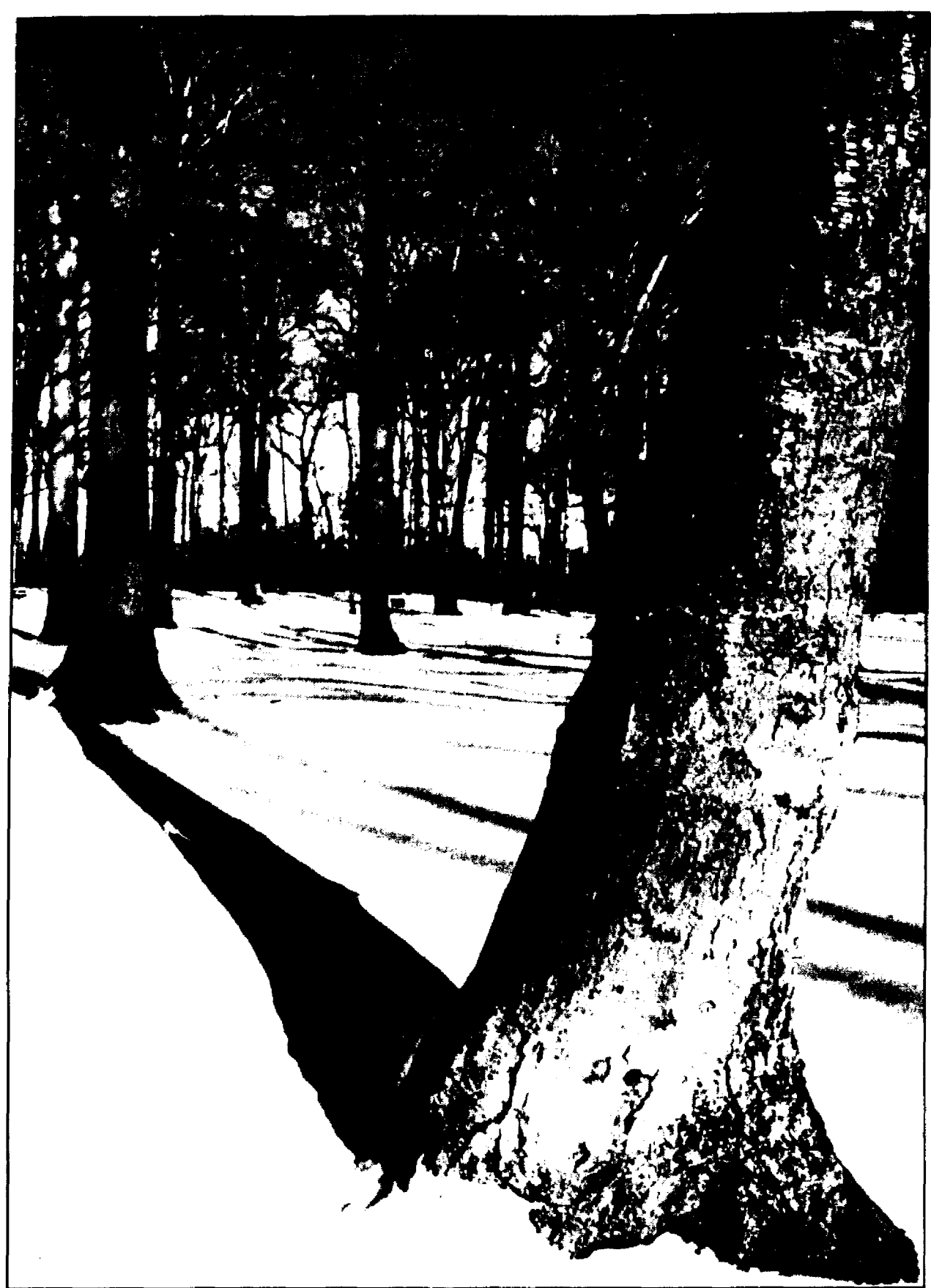
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The white stuff

A major snowstorm may mean a treacherous commute and some back-breaking shoveling, but it can also produce some true natural beauty — like this wintry scene in Westfield's Tamaques Park.

'Movable' gala benefits N.J. Arts Workshop

WESTFIELD — "A Movable Feast" is the theme for the first gala to benefit the Westfield-based New Jersey Workshop for the Arts.

The nontraditional event will be held March 26 at the Grand Summit Hotel in Summit.

"Because the workshop has provided multicultural education

in music and the arts to thousands of students during the last 29 years, we wanted our gala premiere to be a reflection of that diversity," said Robert Newell, chairman of the gala committee.

Diversity will be on display in the event's menu. Gourmet specialties will abound, with an international bill of fare featuring tasty treats from the old South, the Southwest, Asia, the Mediterranean and Vienna.

Entertainment will also be a

major part of the event. Newell said Theodore Schlosberg, the workshop's founder and executive director, "will gather the finest available musical and artistic talent for our mutual enjoyment."

The gala feast will also include a silent auction and a 50-50 raffle.

For gala invitations and 50-50 tickets, call (908) 789-9696 or visit the workshop office, located at 150 E. Broad St. in Westfield.

Let's Ask Jill

by Jill Guzman

IN YOUR ABSENCE

It sometimes happens that a job transfer or other circumstance unavoidably results in sellers having to vacate their homes while they are on the market. If so, sellers must keep up the appearances of their properties. And, as well intentioned as a friend or neighbor may be in pledging to watch the property for the absentee seller, the responsibility can be too demanding. As a result, the selling potential of the property becomes sabotaged. To avoid this problem, absentee sellers are encouraged to enlist the help of their real estate agents. Aside from pricing the house to sell soon, agents can monitor the condition of the property and take necessary action to ensure its continued upkeep.

If you home is going to be shown in your absence, it is extremely important that you enlist the help of sales professionals who work aggressively to show your home without your watchful eye. As mentioned, there are special considerations for showing a vacant property, and your sales professional will work with you to see that your home is shown at its very best. If you plan to list and have questions, we are pleased to provide additional information on any real estate issues; phone JILL GUZMAN REALTY. "Our success stories are never ending."

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Metro Stars dedicate game to the memory of Adam

Cranford High grad loved teaching kids the game of soccer

By ALEC MOORE
THE CHRONICLE

* CRANFORD — The New York-New Jersey Metro Stars professional soccer team will dedicate a home game to the memory of their departed friend, former Cranford High School soccer star Adam Ferreira.

To commemorate the memory of Adam, who trained and worked closely with the Metro Stars prior to his death in 1998, the team will donate \$8 of every ticket sold for its April 15 game against the Columbus Crew to the Adam Ferreira Memorial Fund. The game is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford.

The fund, dedicated in Adam's name because of his love of children, helps provide financial support to children and young athletes who are suffering from terminal and severe illnesses, particularly children who love soccer as much as Adam did.

"(The Metro Stars) know how much Adam loved kids, and they know how important this fund would have been to him, so they're trying to do whatever they can to help," said Francis Ferreira, Adam's mother.

Adam's close ties to the Metro Stars began while he was training and studying with the team, working toward his lifelong goal of coaching soccer professionally.

In an ironic twist of fate,

Adam's family received Dec. 31 a letter in the mail with Adam's own handwriting on the envelope. The letter — dated May 8, 1997 — had been written as part of a college assignment, in which Adam had to write a letter to himself outlining his respective aspirations for the new millennium.

Adam expressed in his letter his ambition to obtain his United States Soccer Federation "A" license. "I will constantly strive to achieve this," he concluded in the letter's final sentence.

Adam's love of soccer began practically before he could walk. His father gave him soft plush soccer balls to play with as a baby, and from that point on Adam developed a deep-rooted love of the game that was equaled only by his love of coaching and teaching children about the sport. Adam began climbing the ladder of coaching certifications sanctioned by the United States Soccer Federation at a young age, and by the time he was 18 had already received his "F" license, the first in the USSF certification series.

It was while he was rising through the USSF certifications that Adam got to know the Metro Stars. While working toward his "C" license, Adam studied and observed the Metro Stars coaching staff. After he achieved his "C" license, Adam trained and studied directly under the Metro Star's internationally renowned head coach, Carlos Querioz, while pursuing his "B" license.

At the age of just 22, Adam achieved his "B" license and gained national recognition as the youngest person ever to do it. Adam had no interest on resting on his laurels as the

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— Francis Ferreira

USSF's youngest "B" licensed coach, however, and wasted no time in going for his "A" license. But fate was not kind to the Ferreira family. Adam died Dec. 12, 1998 after fighting an eight-month battle with leukemia. His death came just one week before his 23rd birthday.

During a special ceremony held several months ago, Adam's family commemorated his memory at the grand opening of Adam's Goal, a soccer sporting goods store that both Adam and brother Eric had aspired to open together.

A limited number of tickets for the April 15 commemorative soccer game at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford are now on sale at Adam's Goal, located at 213 Centennial Ave. in Cranford. Tickets cost \$20 apiece. Tickets for the game may also be reserved at the Giants Stadium ticket window by calling (201) 583-7043.

Metro Stars representative Greg Pisarczyk said tickets purchased for the April 15 game may also be used as vouchers for any other Metro Stars home game.

For more information, call Adam's Goal at (908) 272-8910.

PET OF THE WEEK



Just 'Peachy'

"Peaches" may be a silly name for a male cat, cut with such a cute face, that moniker seems to fit this fuzzy little boy just right. Peaches has been neutered, has had all his shots and has tested negative for FELV and FIV. The orange-and-white fellow is a bit on the quiet side, but he does get along well with other felines and is most certainly a lap-cat. To meet Peaches or some of his furry friends, call the Clark-based, non-profit animal rescue organization Noah's Ark at (732) 815-1633.

Art auction benefits cultural programs

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Cultural Arts Committee will sponsor its second annual art auction Feb. 25 at the Scotch Hills Country Club.

Preview is 7 p.m. with bidding to begin 8 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres, wine and soft drinks will be served during the preview. Coffee and dessert follow the auction.

Admission is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Advance tickets are available from the Recreation Department in the Municipal Building, located at 430 Park Ave., or any Cultural

Arts Committee member. Proceeds will supplement cultural arts programs in the township. For more information, call (908) 322-6700, Ext. 220.

Workshop help people find ways out of debt

CRANFORD — Most Americans are one or two paychecks away from insolvency.

In today's economy, being laid off and losing two or more paychecks is an all-too-frequent occurrence, and can lead to ruin.

According to government statistics, 96 percent of Americans do not achieve financial independence. They end up depending on government assistance, charity or family help, or may have to keep working until they die.

As a response, Union County College is sponsoring a workshop for people on how to "Get Completely Out of Debt." The workshop will be held Feb. 15 on the main UCC campus, located at

1033 Springfield Ave. in Cranford. A second workshop has been scheduled for Feb. 24 on the downtown Elizabeth campus, located at 12 W. Jersey St.

Hours for both workshops are 6:30 p.m.-10 p.m.

The workshop will show how a person can pay off every cent of his or her debt, including his or her home mortgage, in five to seven years. The program will also cover how one can live 100 percent on cash and — simply yet safely — build his or her wealth.

The program facilitator is E. Gregory Frank.

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Briefs

Westfield Y schedules annual Health Fair

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., will hold its annual Health Fair from noon-3 p.m. Feb. 6.

In a related matter, bone density screening for osteoporosis will be conducted from noon-8 p.m. All women over 40 are invited to the screening, along with any woman over 30 who has a history of osteoporosis in her family.

The Health Fair is free. Cost for the bone density screening is \$40; appointments and prepayment are required.

For more information and appointments, call (908) 233-2700 or visit the Westfield Y.

Rosary Society holds annual Game Night

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Altar Rosary Society of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, 2032 Westfield Ave., will hold its annual Game Night following Mass 7:30 p.m. Feb. 7.

The event also is the first Altar Rosary meeting for 2000. All women in St. Bartholomew the Apostle parish are invited. Refreshments will be served; members are asked to bring a small gift.

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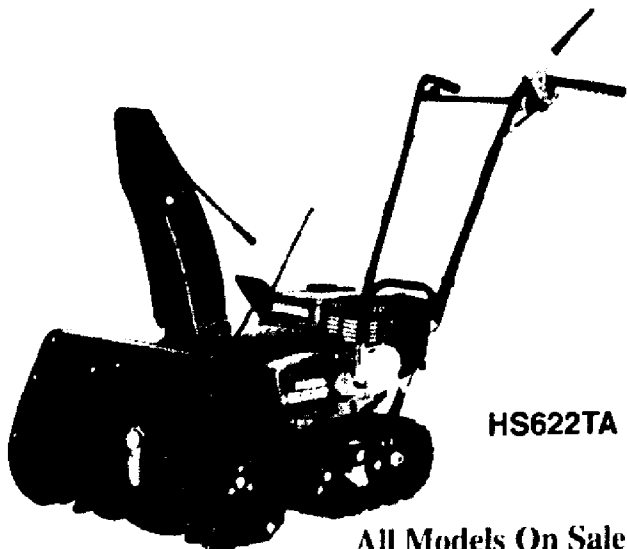
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These special programs can be one of the best investments in the road to permanent weight control.

In addition, Ms. Potashkin and her associates work closely with physicians to counsel individuals needing special diets with problems of cholesterol, diabetes, hypertension, as well as those with eating disorders. For special diets it's often a matter of "fine tuning" meals and snacks. The priority is to establish healthy and permanent lifestyle changes for clients.

For further information, call 908-789-5300.

Commentary

Spend the state's surplus very wisely

The budget proposed Monday by Gov. Christine Todd Whitman is aspiring, enterprising — and perhaps a little hasty.

With the longest economic boom in modern American history still roaring, Gov. Whitman announced an ambitious \$21.1 billion budget proposal — what Whitman calls a "prosperity dividend." The proposal has a little bit of something for everyone in the state, and fiscal belts — which have been tightened for the last decade — are being let out a notch or two.

The budget is increasing by 11 percent; with that kind of jump, you would almost think Whitman was a Democrat.

Major parts of the budget proposal include more money for property tax relief and municipal aid, more money for local school districts, more money for the state prison system and more money for the state's colleges.

Whitman is also proposing to spend more money to repair holes in the state's safety net. The governor is asking for more money for mental health services for children and the creation of a \$200 million Cultural Trust. There is also more money for people with disabilities and new charity care funding to repay hospitals for treating uninsured patients. Low-income families would get state credits and a \$217 million down payment would launch a \$10 billion school construction program.

It is a budget that makes the most hay while the economic sun is shining on New Jersey. And while we look forward to increased state aid to local municipalities and school districts — aid that, ostensibly, will cut down property tax bills — a few words of caution are still needed.

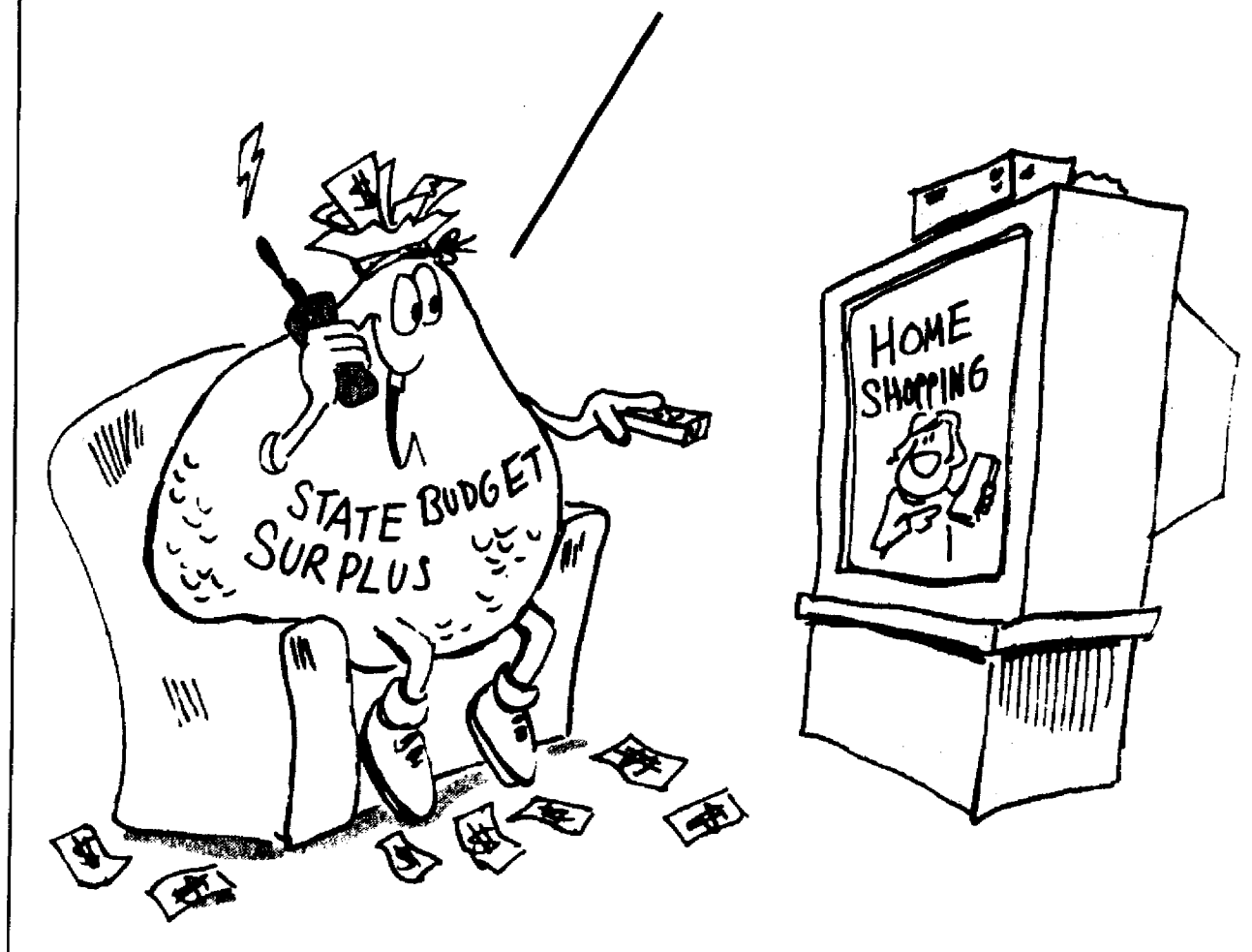
Just because more state aid is flowing from Trenton, municipal and school officials should not go on a spending spree. Eventually, unless this cycle of prosperity has permanently altered the laws of economics, the goods time will slow down and the gush of money coming from the Statehouse will turn into a trickle.

This is what happened in the last years of the Kean Administration, during the prosperity of the mid-1980s. Kean also offered an ambitious budget and the state went on a spending spree. When the economy turned sour, Jim Florio was left to pick up the pieces, and municipalities and school boards found themselves raising property taxes at a time when their residents were being pinched by a sluggish economy. We don't want to go through that nightmare again.

It's good to see the state is finally spending money on issues the state should have been spending money on for years. But it also would be nice to see the state save a little for a rainy day, instead of going deeper and deeper into bond debt. It would also be nice to see a broader tax cut, instead of just the property tax rebates.

There is a very simple idea legislators should keep in mind as they consider the Whitman budget — fiscal discipline is needed just as much in good times as in bad.

Gotta Have It!



Jersey Boy

Mike Deak

It's tough work to get sick

I can't get sick.

While everyone around me is sneezing and wheezing, coughing and retching, I remain so healthy it sickens me. Maybe I should stop exercising every morning, start smoking and drinking, and stay up all night carousing.

I want to get sick so I can have a few days off from work; preferably I can begin feeling feverish on a Wednesday night and make it a four-day weekend.

I want to spend an extended time in bed and be a pampered object of sympathy.

I want to enjoy the sensual delights of chicken noodle soup and stale crackers. I want an excuse not to shave or to get dressed.

I want to watch trashy talk shows in the morning and old movies on AMC in the afternoon.

I want an excuse to be cranky.

I want someone to feel my forehead to see if my hypothalamus is working and to pour Nyquil over a dish of vanilla ice cream.

I've tried getting sick, but I've failed.

I watched some shows on the WB network — "Dawson's Creek," in particular, and some insipid comedies — and while I began to feel a dull ache in my head, the onslaught of giggles wiped away any symptoms.

I went to an Asian supermarket and tried to induce nausea by examining what was for sale in the fresh meat section. There were duck feet, duck tongues, pork uteruses and something described simply as "pork bung." I began to feel relief as queasiness began to rise in my stomach, but then it disappeared as I realized that I had eaten a three-embryo omelet for breakfast, complete with a glass of liquid from a cow.

I tried walking recklessly in a cold rain without a hat, but that only resulted in me being mistaken as Adolph Menjou.

It's tough work getting sick.

When I was in school, a snow day was just as good as, if not better than, a sick day. On days that it snowed, I did not mind waking up at 5:30 a.m. and trying to tune in WCTC for the alphabetical list of closed schools. There was no sleep sweeter than the slumber after the announcer said the secret word — "Branchburg." A snow day was a gift from God, a day without an agenda or responsibility, except for shoveling, which was a small price to pay. It was a day full of faith in the power of God to produce the miracle of a snowstorm.

And though the awesome beauty of a snowstorm still inspires and comforts me, I don't have the luxury of staying home and dreaming the dreams of a one-day liberation from the rigors of the world. But I still enjoy the challenge of making it to work when others are struggling and complaining. During the awful and glorious winter of 1994, when there more than a dozen snowfalls, I made it to work on time every day. I consider that one of the greatest accomplishments of my dull life.

And even this week, like a parent awakened by a strange gurgle from the mouth of a child down the hallway, the fierce northeast wind wrapping against my window woke me at 6 a.m. and I was able to make to the comforts of my desk before the white hell enveloped New Jersey.

So it's easier getting to work in a snowstorm than getting sick. There would be nothing better to revive the traditional flagging spirits of mid-winter than to have a snowstorm on the same day I get sick. But that's too much to expect.

And so my quest to get sick continues. Perhaps I'll start hanging out with sick people and hope that while I'm comforting their afflictions, I will become afflicted as well. A good Samaritan can easily become a sick Samaritan, I hope.

Letters to the editor

Come to important town meeting

To The Record-Press:

I would like to extend an invitation to the adults and teens in Westfield to attend what I believe could be one of the most important community meetings of the year: "Listening to Our Youth," which will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Westfield High School auditorium.

At the meeting we will announce the results of a recent survey of eighth and 11th grade students. The survey was developed by a steering committee that included clergy, school administrators, community youth organizers, counselors, parents and students.

We now have the ability to look at the viewpoints

of more than 600 students who have responded candidly about their attitudes toward school, home, their town and themselves.

The meeting will be part presentation, part open dialogue. We look forward to a lively, interesting discussion, unlike the participation that was not afforded us during the MSNBC town meeting.

Please join us at the Westfield High School auditorium on Feb. 2 to discuss the future of the youth of Westfield.

WILLIAM J. FOLEY
Superintendent of Schools
Westfield

State must find 'alternatives' to create fair system of taxation

BY CHARLES V. REILLY

A recent survey by The Star-Ledger/Eagleton-Rutgers Poll showed that New Jerseyans are upset about many aspects of their lives: where they live, where they work, and how they spend their time. It's no wonder: These factors are influenced by the economy, and our state's economy is booming.

During this era of good feeling, it is easy for governmental leaders to put aside an issue that has gnawed at our state for years: its high property taxes. The increased government revenues and higher incomes produced by a strong economy mask the problem. But they don't eliminate it by any means.

New Jersey still relies too heavily on local property taxes to fund its schools, and many citizens feel the pinch. Moreover, just as the economy has grown in recent years, it may also recede at some point in the future — heightening the negative aspects of property taxes. Now is the time, during a period of unprecedented economic growth, to adjust the problem permanently.

In most states, education costs typically are split 50-50 between state and local sources. The percentage of education costs paid for by New Jersey state government, however, has hovered around 40 percent for more than a generation, with local property taxes paying close

Guest commentary

to 60 percent.

The results of this imbalance are abundantly apparent. Citizens on fixed or limited incomes are priced out of their homes. At budget and bond elections, many residents cannot vote in favor of further support for the schools. Their lack of support does not stem from opposition to education. Rather, it's a result of our state's revenue policy. The major source of school revenue in New Jersey, the local property tax, in no way reflects its citizens ability to pay.

A year ago, after extensive study, the New Jersey School Boards Association called for a reduction in school property taxes matched dollar for dollar by a shift to a progressive (that is, a fair) state revenue source. NJSBA's study showed that our state's two sources of school revenue — the local property tax and the state income tax — are sound ones. The problem does not result from the use of those two taxing sources; it rests in the fact that they are seriously out of balance.

Last fall, an NJSBA-commissioned poll by the Eagleton Institute at Rutgers, the State University showed that the vast

majority of New Jerseyans would support increasing the proportion of education costs paid by state government from approximately 40 percent to at least 50 percent. And almost two-thirds would support a shift from the local property tax to the state income tax to attain this goal.

Resolving our state's over reliance on property taxes to fund schools would not require an increase in the amount of money provided to public education. It must, however, involve a shift in the source of those dollars.

To accomplish such a shift, NJSBA could support several methods. Alternatives could include a direct municipal property tax subsidy resulting in a reduction in school property tax rates; a "circuit breaker" that would limit property tax liability for people on fixed incomes; or a state income tax credit for individual taxpayers based on the amount of property taxes paid. Whatever method or combination of methods is chosen, it must tie directly to a reduction in school property taxes.

Balancing school taxes is not only an issue of producing school revenue; it's matter of creating a fair system of taxation for all New Jersey citizens.

The author is the president of the New Jersey School Boards Association.

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Westfield High School issues honor roll for first marking period

WESTFIELD — Westfield High School has issued its honor roll for the first marking period of the 1999-2000 school year.

Named to the distinguished honor roll:

Grade 12 — Frank B. Ellis, Telitha Ellis, Jenna C. Ellsworth, Sasha M. Gibbons-Ohr, Valerie E. Griffith, Yao Young Huang, Julie C. Iannazzone, Kristen Jacobsen, Joanna D. Koepfel, Jason B. Laderman, Rachel L. Luria, Aubrey P. McGovern, Maura W. McMahon, Amy Ngeow, Elizabeth Nicol, Lisa G. Orchier, Yaron Sigal, Abigail K. Speck, Tanya Tran, Valerie Wicks and Ines Wu.

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Franks campaign adds more co-chairs

SOMERVILLE — Congressman Bob Franks (R-7th Dist.) has named Bergen County Clerk and former Republican State Committee Chairman Kathleen A. Donovan and former New Jersey Senate President Raymond H. Bateman as co-chairs of his U.S. Senate campaign.

During two campaign stops Jan. 19, first in Hackensack and then in Somerville, Franks told Republican leaders and supporters that both Donovan and Bateman will play instrumental roles in helping him win the Republican nomination and go on to become the first Republican from New Jersey elected to the United States Senate in 27 years.

Donovan, of Bergen County, and Bateman, who represented Somerset and Hunterdon counties, join Congressman Frank LoBiondo (R-2nd Dist.) and Congressman Jim Saxton (R-3rd Dist.) as co-chairs of the Franks for U.S. Senate Campaign. LoBiondo represents

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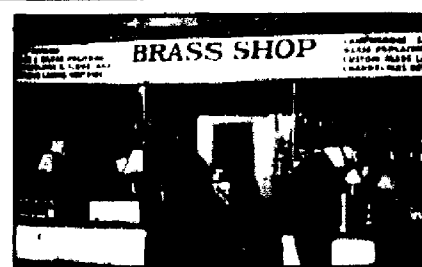
"(Bateman) is a model of integrity and honesty," Franks said. "He represents what's best about our political process and the Republican Party. From my earliest days in public life, I have always turned to Ray Bateman for advice and guidance. He is a close friend and mentor."

Franks is receiving strong support from Republican officials throughout New Jersey, with five county chairmen, 15 members of the New Jersey Assembly, 237 local elected officials — including 62 mayors — and 161 municipal chairs already endorsing his candidacy for the Republican nomination for United States Senator.

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Winter wonderland

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and when residents finally move the cars, large amounts of snow are left in the road. "You have to go back and clean it up," DiNizo said.

Another potential problem was resolved before it became an actual problem for crews cleaning up after Mother Nature. Scotch Plains salt coffers were low, thanks to the smaller snowstorm that grazed the area Jan. 20, according to DiNizo, who noted his Public Works Department can store about 200 tons of rock salt at a time. But a scheduled Tuesday delivery of more rock salt came just in time, he said, as flakes began to pile up on township sidewalks and roads.

DiNizo said Public Works crews spread about 37 tons of salt on Scotch Plains roads during the storm, an average number for a snowstorm of that size, he noted.

In Fanwood, Public Works Director Ray Manfra said large amounts of salt being spread on area roads is not an adequate indication of how well road crews are maintaining roads. Manfra's crews spread about 50 tons of salt and another 25 tons of cinders using the borough's four plow trucks and other equipment, such as front end loaders, he said. But according to Manfra, distributing large amounts of salt can be wasteful.

"Salt's not cheap," he said. "A certain amount of salt can melt a road as quickly as if you put five times that amount on the

road."

Manfra, a 38-year veteran of the Fanwood Public Works Department, said the borough also fared well in Tuesday's storm, although it was a tiring day for his eight-man department, which started plowing at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday and worked straight through the day. After a short rest, the crews were back out plowing the commuter lots at the train station at 9 p.m. Tuesday.

"There's no relief here," Manfra said, noting that eight men is a small number to plow so many borough roads — including whatever county roads that cut through Fanwood. "Even the county roads," the superintendent said. "If we see a problem, we'll take care of it."

Despite the best efforts of Manfra's crew, Fanwood was the scene of at least one serious vehicular mishap — a tractor trailer that tried to make it through a difficult stretch of Terrill Road and wound up jackknifed. According to Manfra, the truck driver backed up and tried to plow through the snow, but the cab slid out and came to rest at a right angle to the trailer. Manfra said DPW crews had police block off the area and plowed around the truck so it could get out. "We got it cleared up fast," he said.

All three of the public works officials noted the snow that fell during the storm was dry, which made clean-up — with trucks and shovels — much easier.

Bum steer?

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lowed the letter of the law and allowed only those lucky enough to be using a steerable sled — such as the old "Flexible Flyer" — to continue whisking down the hill. Paparozzi said when the cops finished, only about five of the 100-or-so children and adults enjoying the winter ritual were still sledding, and her group was not among the lucky ones.

When she and her charges returned to the hill Friday and Saturday, their sledding activities were again stymied by county police, Paparozzi said.

"I thought I was in Nazi Germany or something," said Paparozzi, a social worker by trade, adding she resisted her urge to practice Thoreau-style civil disobedience for fear it might have repercussions on her job. "It was almost like a police state," she said.

Paparozzi said she has never been politically inclined, although watching the faces of the children routed off the hill inspired an all-night e-mail session, in which she sent messages to every politician she could think of. "Why are they making a crime out of sleigh riding?" she asked. "What do you tell to a 13-year-old?"

County officials said they do not consider sledding a crime — and the Jan. 20 incident at Echo Lake County Park was in no way a "crackdown" against hard-core snow-lovers.

"It wasn't a crackdown," noted Union County spokesman Michael Murray. "It's protecting

the public safety more than anything else."

Murray said the law making it illegal to race down hills in Union County parks on any non-steerable sled was passed "a number of years ago" in the wake of a sledding accident on county property that left a child with a broken ankle. He said the law was designed to protect children from such mishaps. "The county would be remiss if we didn't do that," he said.

According to county ordinance, sledding is allowed at Echo Lake County Park — the only area designated by the county as an official sledding hill — but only on steerable sleds. "Toboggans, bobsleds, flying discs and other devices that cannot be steered are not permitted at any time," the ordinance notes.

The law also gives the park supervisor authority to end all sledding if there is not enough snow on the ground to ensure safety.

Murray said he was aware of the incident that booted Paparozzi and her children off the hill, but said county police do not use harsh tactics when removing sledders from a hillside. He noted there has never been any summonses issued to, or penalties imposed upon, those who get caught sledding illegally on county property.

"Basically, what the officer does is inform kids (about the rule)," Murray said. "We're looking out for the kids in the park."

Campus notes

Rebecca Wilhelms of Spruce Mill Lane, Scotch Plains, has received a Friar's Foundation Scholarship from Ithaca College in Ithaca, N.Y. A graduate of Westfield High School, she is a sophomore majoring in theater arts management at Ithaca and also has been awarded the Werly Scholarship in theater.

Jessica Marie Novak of Evergreen Boulevard, Scotch Plains, was named to the honor roll for the fall 1999 semester at East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C. She is the daughter of Susan and James John Novak.

Anne M. Lutkenhouse of Westfield was named to the dean's list for the fall 1999 semester at the University of Scranton in Scranton, Pa.

Two area students were named to the dean's list for the fall 1999 semester at Quinnipiac College in Hamden, Conn.

Erik M. Glazner of Drive, Scotch Plains, is majoring in English. Renu Mehta of Golf Edge Lane, Westfield, is majoring in health science and physical therapy.

Sixteen area students were named to the dean's list for the fall 1999 semester at the University of Delaware in Newark, Del. They are:

Janis Lane Acampora of Fox Court, Scotch Plains, a sophomore majoring in biological sciences.

Lauren A. Biedell of Canterbury Drive, Scotch Plains, a junior majoring in consumer economics.

Karin M. Bizzarro of Carleton Road, Westfield, a senior majoring in communication.

Maura Rose Burstein of Willow Grove Road, Scotch Plains, a junior majoring in early

childhood development.

Lauren Marie Castaldo of Fairmont Avenue, Westfield, a sophomore.

Laura Kathryn Dvorak of Scotch Plains Avenue, Westfield, a freshman majoring in geography.

Kerry Lea Fleming of Drummond Road, Westfield, a senior majoring in elementary teacher education.

Michael Andrew Kotler of Roger Avenue, Westfield, a senior majoring in marketing.

David Scott Lasus of Crest Lane, Fanwood, a freshman majoring in hotel, restaurant and institutional management.

Marisa Elaine Mangione of Linda Place, Fanwood, a sophomore majoring in English.

Jillian Mazzagetti of N. Martine Avenue, Fanwood, a sophomore.

Stacey Lee Peterson of Belvedere Drive, Scotch Plains, a senior majoring in elementary teacher education.

Adena Plesmid of Mountain Avenue, Scotch Plains, a freshman majoring in accounting.

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Adam David Ross of Locust Avenue, Fanwood, a senior majoring in finance.

Heather Patricia Vlach of Scotch Plains Avenue, Westfield, a senior majoring in English.

Two area residents were named to the dean's list for the fall 1999 semester at East Stroudsburg University in East Stroudsburg, Pa.

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Recreation Department offers drama program

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Recreation Department has announced a drama and theater program for children 8-11 years old.

Classes are scheduled for March 7-April 11 in the Terrill Middle School auditorium. These will lead to a performance for family and friends on April 18.

Stage movement, voice projection and improvisation are covered in the program. Instructor is Beverly Stewart, a professional actress who has appeared in musicals and stage plays.

Fee is \$55 for residents and \$60 for non-residents. Registration begins Feb. 7 for residents and Feb. 14 for non-residents. Class size is limited.

For more information, call (908) 322-6700, ext. 222.

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Singing Valentines will be available Friday through Monday, Feb. 11-14. Cost is \$45 for each.

Availability of the quartets is limited and reservations are strongly recommended. For more information or to make a reservation, call (732) 968-6677.

Both the Rahway Valley Jerseyaires and the Deans of Harmony are members of SPEB-SQSA, the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America.

Annual 'dip' aids SP-FHS athletics

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Athletic Boosters will hold their 21st annual "Quarter Dip" 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Wednesday on the SP-FHS campus, 641 Westfield Road.

Parents of SP-FHS athletes donate food which is set up buffet-style in the school cafeteria. Each dip of food costs 25 cents, and proceeds help support SP-FHS athletic programs.

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SATURDAY

JAN. 29

CULINARY SEDUCTIONS — four-course cooking class for singles. Classic Thyme, 161 E. Broad St., Westfield, 7 p.m. Cost \$65. Visit www.thatskismet.com or call (908) 232-8827.

SUNDAY

JAN. 30

INTERFAITH SINGLES — for single adults over 45. First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, 9 a.m. Cost \$2. Call (908) 889-5269 or (908) 889-4751.

TOYS ARE BACK — Scotch Plains Recreation Department trip to "Disney on Ice" at Continental Airlines Arena. Bus leaves from Municipal Building, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, 1:45 p.m. Cost \$27; includes event ticket. Registration: Call (908) 322-6700, Ext. 222.

WEDNESDAY

FEB. 2

FIRST WEDNESDAY — luncheon of Westfield Historical Society. B.G. Fields, 560 Springfield Ave., Westfield, noon. Non-members: Call (908) 233-2930 by noon Jan. 31.

BLOOD DRIVE — sponsored by Westfield Area Chapter of American Red Cross, 321 Elm St., Westfield, 3-8 p.m. Donor requirements: Call (908) 232-7090 or (800) BLOOD NJ.

QUARTER DIP — fundraising dinner for Athletic Boosters of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, 641 Westfield Road, Scotch Plains, 6-7:30 p.m. Cost 25 cents per dip. Call (908) 889-8800.

LISTENING TO OUR YOUTH — town meeting on what Westfield teens think. Westfield High School, 550 Dorian Road, Westfield, 7:30 p.m. Call (908) 789-4463.

COMING UP

ON WITH THE SHOW — 52nd annual faculty-parent show of Washington School (Westfield), Roosevelt Intermediate School, 301 Clark St., Westfield, 8 p.m. Feb. 4, 2 and 8 p.m. Feb. 5. Admission \$81 evening, \$6 matinee. Tickets: Call (908) 317-2775.

BLOOD DRIVE — sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 5437, 37 South Ave., Garwood, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 5. Call (908) 789-9809 after 4 p.m.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER — "The Many Ways to Say I Love You," benefit for Friends of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra. Westfield, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 5. Cost \$35. Reservations/directions: Call (908) 654-8329.

SUPER SUNDAY — annual fundraising event of Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Feb. 6. Call (908) 889-5335.

HEALTH FAIR — public event for Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, noon-3 p.m. Feb. 6. Call (908) 233-2700.

BRITTLE BONES? — bone density screening for osteoporosis, related diseases. Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, noon-8 p.m. Feb. 6. Cost \$40. Prepayment required; call (908) 233-2700.

JEWELRY SHOW — and sale, benefit for Best Friend Dog and Animal Adoption, 87 Cottage Place, Westfield, 2-6 p.m. Feb. 6. Call (908) 301-1397.

GAME NIGHT — and meeting of Altar Rosary Society at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, 2032 Westfield Ave., Scotch Plains, after 7:30 p.m. Mass Feb. 7. Call (908) 322-5192.

AUDITIONS — for Celebration Children's Choir, ages 9-13. Cranford United Methodist Church, 201 Lincoln Ave. East, Cranford, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 8. Call (908) 245-2339.

GRANT OPTIONS — seminar for nonprofit organizations on "Getting to the Source" of funding. Schering-Plough Corp., 2000 Galloping Hill Road, Kenilworth, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 10. Cost \$10. Registration required by Feb. 4; call (908) 558-2550.

MORE 'CREAM' — seminar on how to "Get Completely Out of Debt." Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 15. Cost \$39. Registration: Call (908) 709-7600.

MULTIMEDIA EXCHANGE — sale of used CDs, CD-ROMs, books and videos to benefit Park Middle School, 580 Park Ave., Scotch Plains, 6-9 p.m. Feb. 16. Donations accepted until Feb. 11; call (908) 889-1732 or (908) 322-9025.

ART AUCTION — benefit for Scotch Plains Cultural Arts Committee. Scotch Hills Country Club, Plainfield Avenue, Scotch Plains, 8 p.m. Feb. 25 (preview 7 p.m.). Cost \$10 per person, \$15 per couple. Call (908) 322-6700, Ext. 220.

BENEFIT BIDDING — auction to benefit AIDS Benefit Committee of New Jersey. Temple Emanu-El, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield, 8 p.m. Feb. 26 (silent auction 6 p.m.). Admission \$100. Reservations: Call (908) 232-6770, Ext. 129 or (908) 928-1600.

CIRCUS TRIP — for Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus at Continental Airlines Arena. Bus leaves from Municipal Building, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, 9:45 a.m. March 4. Township residents \$27 (registration begins Feb. 7); non-residents \$29 (registration begins Feb. 14). Call (908) 322-6700, Ext. 222.

National scholarship pageant seeking New Jersey entries

The New Jersey National Teenager Scholarship Pageant is now accepting applications for the 29th annual State Pageant, scheduled to be held April 29-30 in Ocean City.

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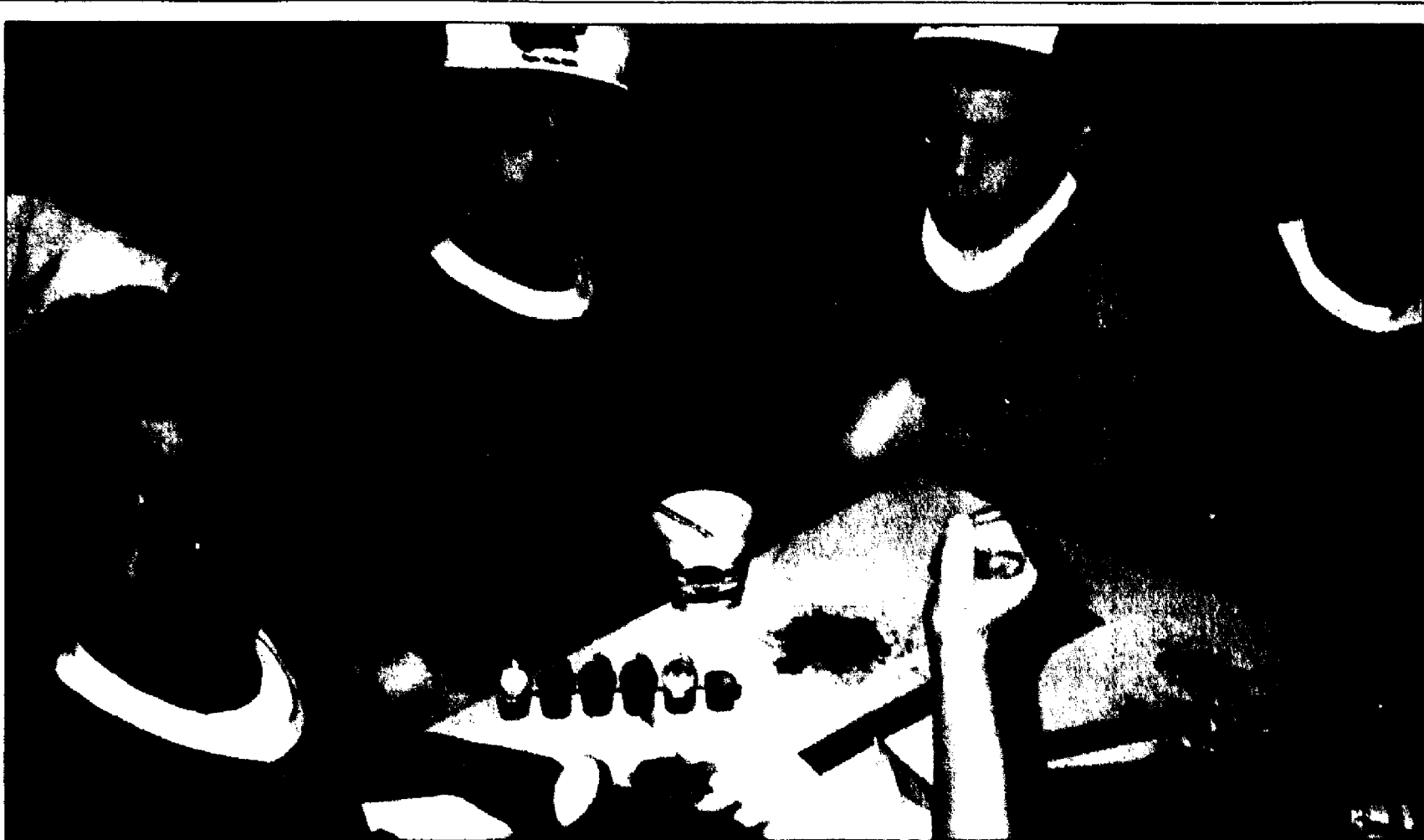
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The deadline to enter this year's pageant is Feb. 15.



Young at art

Members of Cub Scout Pack 4 of Scotch Plains-Fanwood took some time over the holiday season to create some festive posters depicting wintry scenes. The scouts then delivered the posters to local nursing homes and hospitals, just in time to bring the patients some holiday joy.

DECA students score in regional competition

SCOTCH PLAINS

Marketing students from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School won 92 awards, including 58 trophies, in the New Jersey Central Region competition of DECA.

The awards take from the event at Middlesex County College in Edison is the largest in the chapter's 30-year history, according to a chapter press release. Winners from SP-FHS:

First place overall — Food marketing, Nathan Jones, senior; hospitality management, Chris Gawryluk and David Larkin, juniors; marketing management, Andrew Elko, junior; travel and tourism marketing, Julie Lowen and Jane Shih, seniors; business services marketing, Megan Kiel, senior; quick service restaurant management, Becky Vilim, senior; apparel and accessories management, Lauren Regenthal, senior.

Second place overall — Apparel and accessories, Daniel Goerhy, senior; retail merchandising marketing, Jackie Sanders, senior; vehicle and petroleum marketing, R.J. Milligan, senior; financial services management, Rob Bugg and Eric Konzelman, juniors; apparel and accessories associate, Jessica LoBrace, junior; sports and entertainment marketing, Doug Gillie and James McClintock, juniors; retail merchandising associate, Matthew Vanderheyden, sophomore; Quiz Bowl, Rob Bugg (junior), Nathan Jones, R.J. Milligan and R.J. Raszka (seniors).

Third place overall — Hospitality management, Jennifer Miller and Sarah Vilim, seniors; marketing management, Robert Giordano, senior; full service restaurant management, Sandra Franco, junior; technical marketing representative,

Patrick Dinsmore, junior; vehicle and petroleum marketing, James Annesse, junior.

First place trophies — Daniel Goerhy, Jerry Salerno, R.J. Milligan, Megan Kiel, Julie Lowen/Jane Shih, R.J. Raszka, Nathan Jones, Lauren Regenthal and Becky Vilim, seniors; David Bell, Erin Watson, Chris Gawryluk/David Larkin, David Bell and Renee Zidonik, juniors.

Second place trophies — Robert Giordano, Daniel Kalisky, Nathan Jones, Jackie Sanders and R.J. Milligan, seniors; Rob Bugg/Eric Konzelman, Brett Bushinger, James Annesse, Jessica LoBrace and Doug Gillie/James McClintock, juniors.

Third place trophies — Monique Davis, Julie Lowen/Jane Shih, Nathan Jones, Megan Kiel, Jennifer Miller and Sarah Vilim, seniors; Patrick Dinsmore, Damiano Gaetano, Rob Bugg/Eric Konzelman, Andrew Elko, Sandra Franco, Doug Gillie/James McClintock and David Sigmon, juniors; and Matthew Vanderheyden, sophomore.

Honorable mention — Brian Lavery, Ann Espinoza, Michael Grabel, Tyler Locke, Giorgi Mikeladze, Russell Rabadeau, Douglas Rager, A.J. Romeo and Kate Sargent, seniors; Anthony Blasi, Peter Civins, Timothy Gander, Anthony Gicas, Melissa Lemus, Cori Ochoa and Sunita Shah, juniors; David Baumwoll, Ryan Crawford, Josh Finkelstein, Rob Mattar, Andrew Pavoni, Daniel Portnoi and Christine Troiano, sophomores; and Steven Doremus, freshman.

More than 800 students from 25 high schools participated in the Central Region competition. The state competition will be March 2-4 in Cherry Hill.

Golden Nuggets SENIORS

Old Guard of Westfield

Officers of the Old Guard of Westfield for 2000 are Robert Broadwell, director; Roy Bowman, vice direction; Thomas Splaine, treasurer; Forrest Allen, assistant treasurer; Charles Bilies, recording secretary; and Richard Weiss, corresponding secretary. All were sworn in Jan. 6.

The Old Guard is open to retired and semi-retired men. Meetings are 10 a.m. Thursday at the Westfield Y on Clark Street.

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 Broadwell at (908) 232-5150.

The Old Guard of Westfield is the second oldest of the 23 chapters in the statewide Inter-Chapter Council of New Jersey. Council officers for 2000 are William Thornton, director; Don Finter, first vice president; Peter Abitante, second vice president; John Macaluso, treasurer; Jack McHugh, secretary; Al Hirsch, parliamentarian; Frank Upton, chaplain; and John Ballentyne, assistant chaplain.

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.

'Over 55' Travel Club

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

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

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 Poemount. Cost is \$54.

May 6-12 — 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 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) and Scotts Lake House. Cost is \$385 per person, double occupancy.

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

July 22 — Port Chester on the Hudson, including estate tours. Lunch is on your own at area restaurants. Cost is \$40.

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

Sept. 17-21 — Wildwood Crest. Cost is \$325 per person, double occupancy.

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

Oct. 12-16 — Yankee Doodle Lodge (Vermont). Cost is \$430 per person, double occupancy.

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 day or (908) 687-1559 night.

Jewelry show, sale benefits non-profit animal agency

WESTFIELD — Best Friend Dog and Animal Adoption will sponsor a jewelry show and sale 2 p.m.-6 p.m. Feb. 6 at 87 Cottage Place, near St. Helen's Church.

Affordable costume jewelry will be available as well as sterling silver, amber and gold jewelry. Many of the pins feature cats, dogs and other pets, of particular appeal to animal lovers. As a prelude to Valentine's Day there will be lots of hearts for sale.

Proceeds will benefit Best Friend Dog and Animal Adoption, which helps lost, abandoned, starving and injured pets. The nonprofit agency also helps pets that are scheduled to be put to sleep. It provides spaying, neutering, vaccinations, grooming and other necessary things for pets.

Complimentary coffee and cake will be served.

For more information, call (908) 301-1397.

Births

A son, **Nicholas Richard**, was born to Angela T. and Michael J. Suske of Fanwood, at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville. Nicholas arrived Jan. 7.

Augustus J. Bender Sales executive

SCOTCH PLAINS — Augustus John "Jack" Bender, 81, a sales executive in the personal care industry, died Jan. 18 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

He was born in Elizabeth and lived in Westfield before moving to Scotch Plains in 1997.

He received a bachelor's degree in geology from Princeton University.

He once was national sales director for Shulton Inc. in Clifton and Faberge Inc. in New York City. He joined Combe Inc. in 1971 and was its director of national sales based in White Plains, N.Y., when he retired in 1986.

He was a member of the Princeton Club in New York City

and the Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield.

Predeceased by son Stephen Cunningham Bender and sister Betty Savagem he is survived by his wife of 47 years, Jane Cunningham Bender; daughters Diane Bender Wright and Lisa, both of New York City; son James Augustus and daughter-in-law Amy Higgins Bender, both of Sleepy Hollow, N.Y.; sisters, Sally Campagna and Joan, both of Elizabeth; and five grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Arrangements were by the Higgins & Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home in Westfield.

Fred Ginsburg

SCOTCH PLAINS — Fred Ginsburg died Jan. 18 at Hollywood Memorial Hospital in Hollywood, Fla.

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., he lived in Springfield and Mountainside before moving to Scotch Plains. He also maintained a home in Hallandale, Fla.

He retired in 1991 after 45 years as a co-owner of Joseph

Redegeld Inc., wholesale stationers in Elizabeth.

His wife, Jeanne Shtrax Ginsburg; and another son, Michael, are deceased.

Surviving are a son, Stephen, and a grandchild.

Graveside services were held Friday at Beth David Cemetery in Elmont, N.Y. Arrangements were by the Menorah Chapels at Millburn, in Union.

John P. Welkner

FANWOOD — John P. Welkner, 79, died Jan. 21 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

A native of Akron, Ohio, he lived in Brooklyn, N.Y., and Garwood before moving to Fanwood in 1957.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was machinist with Accurate Bushing Co. in Garwood for 45 years prior to his retirement.

He worked part-time for L&B Typo in Scotch Plains after leav-

ing Accurate Bushing.

Predeceased in 1974 by son Douglas J., he is survived by his wife, Anita Guerriero Welkner; brothers Robert J. of Brooklyn and Arthur of La Mesa, Calif.; sister Adele Maloney of Toms River; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held Tuesday at the Memorial Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be sent to Fanwood Rescue Squad, 218 Forest Road, Fanwood, NJ 07023.

Anna Marusic Miklas

SCOTCH PLAINS — Anna Marusic Miklas, 100, died Jan. 20 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

She was born in August 1899 in the former Czechoslovakia. She lived in Newark and Hillside before moving to Scotch Plains in 1990.

She was a member of the Senior Ladies Guild at Zion Lutheran Church in Clark.

Predeceased by her husband, Paul Sr., she is survived by sons

Paul and Walter; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at Zion Lutheran Church. Burial was in Hollywood Memorial Park, Union.

Arrangements were by the Werson Funeral Home in Linden.

Memorial donations may be sent to Zion Lutheran Church, 559 Raritan Road, Clark, NJ 07066.

Polly Pelletier

FANWOOD — Polly Pelletier, 68, died Jan. 19 at her home in Wolfeboro, N.H.

Born in Mincola, N.Y., she lived in Westfield, Fanwood and Vermont before moving to Wolfeboro in 1985.

She attended Skidmore College and the New York School of Fine Art.

For the past 15 years, she was a real estate agent in Wolfeboro.

She had been a breeder of standard poodles and a teacher in a private school. She was a primary teacher at the Hartridge School, a Plainfield school that has since been merged into the

Wardlaw-Hartridge School of Edison.

She also was a founder of the Mighty Mamas, an organization of mothers of avid sailors based in Wekapaug, R.I.

Surviving are son Todd Palmer Spayth; mother Mary Wallace Palmer of Bedminster; brother James Wallace Palmer of Mendham; grandsons Harrison and Andrew, both of Pittstown, N.Y.; and 9-week-old standard poodle Tyler of Wolfeboro.

A memorial service was held yesterday at the Lamington Presbyterian Church in Bedminster.

Obituaries

Barbara Mastroianni

SCOTCH PLAINS — Barbara De Cristofaro Mastroianni, 38, died Jan. 22 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

She was born in Plainfield and lived in Fanwood before moving to Scotch Plains.

She graduated from the Katharine Gibbs School in 1981.

Surviving are her husband, Dominick; parents John De Cristofaro and Gilda Vacca De Cristofaro; daughters Marissa and Lauren; and sisters Gina Rossman and Tina Ferrara.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church, following services at the Rossi Funeral Home.

Eleanor Marie Watts

WESTFIELD — Eleanor Marie Ortleb Watts, 81, died Jan. 21 at the North Carolina Lutheran Home in Hickory, N.C.

She was born in Binghamton, N.Y., and lived in Westfield before moving to Hickory.

She graduated from a women's college in Greensboro, N.C.

She had been a sales representative prior to her retirement.

Predeceased by her husband, Clifford J. Jr., she is survived by daughter Mary Ellen Watts Furkey of Rockaway; son C. John III of Hickory; sister Marion O.

Hines of Sebring, Fla.; brothers George E. Ortleb Jr. of Fanwood, Charles L. Ortleb of Bloomington, Ill., and Robert F. Ortleb of Ship Bottom; and five grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday at St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church in Rockaway. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Arrangements were by the Hickory Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be sent to North Carolina Lutheran Home, 1265 21st St. N.E., Hickory, NC 28601.

Elizabeth F. Jones

WESTFIELD — Elizabeth F. Jones, 70, died Jan. 19 at Hunterdon Medical Center in Flemington.

She was born in Westfield and lived in Green Brook, Wilmington and Bayville before moving to Lambertville in 1985.

She had been a telephone operator for many years, most recently with Sears, Roebuck & Co. at its store in Wilmington, Del.

Surviving are a daughter, Janet Marr of Hubbardton, Vt.; sons R. Dean of Flemington and Russell Glenn of Castleton, Vt.; daughter-in-law Trisha of Flemington; brother Werner Frickman of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; sister Louise Davies of Long Neck, Del.; and 10 grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday at the Holcombe-Fisher Funeral Home in Flemington.

Dorothy Mihalak

WESTFIELD — Dorothy Simonds Mihalak, 78, died Jan. 15 at Memorial Hospital in Peninsula, Fla.

She was born in Brockton, Mass., and lived in Westfield before moving in 1971 to Ponce Inlet, Fla.

She graduated from La Salle Junior College in Newton, Mass.

She had been a saleswoman with A-1 Employment Agency of New Jersey in Union County

prior to her retirement.

Surviving are her husband, Peter J.; daughter Linda Martin of Westfield; son Taylor Payne of New York City; sister Barbara LaPlace of Ponce Inlet; brother Kenneth Simonds of Whitefield, N.H.; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Services were held Jan. 20 at the Haeberle & Barth Colonial Home in Union. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Hillside.

Ernest 'Duke' Oerfradi

WESTFIELD — Ernest "Duke" Oerfradi, 74, died Jan. 18 at his home in New Castle, Del.

A native of Newark, he lived in Westfield before moving to New Castle in 1991.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He had been a United Parcel Service driver from 1955-87 and a landscaper for a Westfield nursery after that.

He was a member of the American Legion and a parishioner of St. Peter the Apostle

Roman Catholic Church in New Castle.

Surviving are his wife of nine years, Victoria; daughters Nancy, Deborah and Michele; son Michael; stepdaughter Gina; brother Joseph; sisters Viola, Yolanda and Pearl; four grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Friday in New Castle.

Memorial donations may be sent to St. Peter's Workforce or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Evelyn Rountree

Evelyn H. Rountree, 86, died Jan. 24 at her home in Bedminster.

She was born in West Orange and lived in Point Pleasant before moving to Bedminster in 1955.

She was a member of the National Audubon Society and National Wildlife Federation.

Predeceased in 1997 by her

husband, Albert L. III, she is survived by son Albert of Westfield and two grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday at the Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Middletown.

Memorial donations may be sent to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 815, Elizabeth, NJ 07207-0815.

Richard Graves Sr.

WESTFIELD — Richard Walker Graves Sr., 81, died Jan. 17 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge Division.

He was born in Cochran, Va., and lived for many years in Plainfield.

He served in the military in Europe and northern Africa during World War II.

He had been a Westfield Department of Public Works employee for many years prior to his 1984 retirement.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Mary Faye Graves; son Richard W. Jr. of Old Bridge; daughters Wendy Cross of Plainfield and Odessa Timpanaro of Manalapan; brothers Harry Sr.

and Joseph Sr., both of Westfield, James Sr. of Scotch Plains, Howard Sr. of North Plainfield, Jessie Sr. of Hampton, Va., George Sr. of South Plainfield and Thomas Sr. of Mesa, Ariz.; sisters Shirley Johnson of Scotch Plains and Harriet Dance of Newport News, Va.; brother-in-law David Hunsucker of Mitchellville, Md.; two grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Another daughter, Betty Ann Ward, died in 1981.

Services were held Friday at the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Scotch Plains. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery with arrangements by the Plinton-Curry Funeral Home.

Esther Trome

WESTFIELD — Esther Trome, 81, died Jan. 18 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

A native of Newark, she lived in Hillside and Irvington before moving to Westfield in 1980.

She was a member of the Newark Asthmatic League, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Knights of Pythias, also in Newark, and the

Deborah organization.

Predeceased by her husband, Leo, and by daughter Phyllis Calandrillo, she is survived by son Joel; sister Bessie Turkowitz; and two grandchildren.

Services were held Jan. 19 at the Menorah Chapels at Millburn, in Union. Burial was in Mount Lebanon Cemetery, Iselin.

Pearl Dreskin

WESTFIELD — Pearl Cartine Dreskin, 79, died Jan. 19 at the Central New Jersey Jewish Home for the Aged in Somerset.

A native of Newark, she lived in Colonia and Westfield before moving to Somerset in 1998.

Predeceased by her husband, Bernard, she is survived by a daughter, Sherri Bruder; son Jerold; sister Dinah Cartine;

seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Services were held Friday at the Menorah Chapels at Millburn, in Union. Burial was in Mount Lebanon Cemetery, Iselin.

Memorial donations may be sent to Temple Beth Miriam Book Fund, 180 Lincoln Ave., Elberon, NJ 07740.

Anna Belle McCoy

SCOTCH PLAINS — Anna Belle "Mama Mitty" McCoy, 70, died Jan. 17 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

A churchwoman and an avid sports fan, she was a lifelong Scotch Plains resident.

She sang in the Gospel Chorus and was a member of the Pastor's Aide auxiliary at St. John's Baptist Church. She also was a charter member of the church's credit union and was honored by the church as a senior citizen in 1999.

Surviving are sons Warren of Piscataway, David of Belleville and Alton, Calvin, Ralph and James, all of Scotch Plains;

daughters Chaunelle of Roselle and May Chaney and Cheryl, both of Scotch Plains; brothers William Boykin of Scotch Plains and Marion Boykin Jr. of Plainfield; sister Ella A. Coles of Scotch Plains; companion James Sillman; 16 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Two other brothers, Wilford Boykin and Edward Boykin, are deceased.

Services were held Friday at St. John's Baptist Church with Rev. Kelmo C. Porter, the pastor, officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Westfield. Arrangements were by Brown's Funeral Home in Plainfield.

Margaret DeCastro

SCOTCH PLAINS — Margaret M. Stefanelli DeCastro, 89, died Jan. 19 at her home.

She was born in Newark and lived in Scotch Plains since 1948.

She graduated in 1929 from the Drake Business School in Newark.

She had been a secretary from 1929-39 at the Newark office of the Sherwin-Williams Co.

She was a member of the Women's Auxiliary of UNICO

and the Altar Rosary Society at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church.

Surviving are her husband of 69 years, Thomas F.; son Thomas P.; sister Emily Pondillo; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Private arrangements were by the Rossi Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be sent to Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 325, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

Briefs

Deadline nears for BOE candidates

SCOTCH PLAINS — The deadline for filing nominating petitions for the April 18 Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education election is 4 p.m. Feb. 28.

Prospective candidates can

obtain a School Board Candidate Kit at the Board of Education office, located at 2280 Evergreen Ave. in Scotch Plains. The kit is published by the New Jersey School Boards Association.

First United Methodist sets weekly schedule

WESTFIELD — First United Methodist Church, located at 1 E. Broad St., has issued its schedule for the coming week:

Sunday — Seekers service (child care available), 9 a.m. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. Fellowship, 10:30 a.m. Worship service (child care available), 11 a.m.; Rev. David F. Harwood, senior minister, will deliver a sermon on "The Sacred and the Profane." Lunch in the social hall, noon. Confirmants mentoring, noon. Church conference regarding access, noon. Ensemble Leonarda (chamber music), 4 p.m. Youth Fellowship and music, 5:30 p.m.

Monday — Boy Scouts, 7 p.m. Oratorio Singers, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday — Bible study, 9:30 a.m. Children's music and fellowship, 3:30 p.m. Fife and Drum Corps, 6:30 p.m. "Divorce Recovery," 7 p.m. "Worship, Music and Arts," 7:30 p.m. Education ministry, 8 p.m.

Wednesday — "Smart Discipline," 7 p.m.

Thursday — Sanctuary Choir, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 5 — Oratorio workshop, 9:30 a.m.

For more information, call (908) 233-4211.

Historical Society welcomes county cultural director

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Historical Society will hold its First Wednesday Luncheon at noon Wednesday at B.G. Fields, 560 Springfield Ave.

The guest speaker is Susan P. Coen, director of the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. Her division is responsible for the "Four Centuries in a Weekend" tour of historic homes and the HEART grants administered to county arts agencies.

In addition to her county duties, Coen is chairwoman of the Local and National Concerns Task Force of the Community Relations Council within the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey.

Members who regularly attend First Wednesday Luncheons will be contacted by a Historical Society member to confirm reservations. Non-members are welcome to attend, space permitting. Call (908) 233-2930 before noon Monday.

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Friday 7:00 pm-Youth Meeting
Friday Night Children's Club
7-8:30 pm (Grade School Age)
Call for More Information

Terrill Road Baptist Church

1310 Terrill Rd Scotch Plains

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The Record-Press prints obituaries and memorial service notices free of charge.

The deadline for submission of obituaries is noon Tuesday. Obituaries received after this time will be published the following week. Please ask funeral directors to forward the information to us via fax at (908) 575-6683 or e-mail at njnews@compubell.com.

For more information, call Editor Gregory Zeller at (908) 575-6686.

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Before you select a family plot, consider the beauty, service, care and maintenance at Hillside Cemetery. All lots are in fully developed areas and include perpetual care. Hillside Cemetery, located on Woodland Avenue in Scotch Plains, is a non-profit organization. For further information, telephone (908) 756-1729.

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BEST BETS

Forum Theater presents Steve Martin's 'Picasso'

METUCHEN — The Forum Theater will present Steve Martin's award-winning play, "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," Feb. 5 to Feb. 27.

Called "Martin's poker-faced and very funny riff on the birth of the modern century" by *New York* magazine, "Picasso" was the recipient of the Outer Critics Circle Award for best new off-Broadway play, as well as for Best Playwright.

Set in 1904 Paris, the story has Albert Einstein encountering Pablo Picasso at the Lapin Agile bar. This hypothetical meeting takes the audience on a roller coaster ride of wit and words as the two discuss life, art, mathematics, love, and the future of the world. This production will mark the New Jersey premiere of this imaginative and hilarious comedy.

Discounted tickets are available for groups, as well as for students and senior citizens. There will be a sign language interpreted performance at 8 p.m. Feb. 18 and an audio described performance at 8 p.m. Feb. 26, with a sensory seminar at 7 p.m. There will also be a singles night on Feb. 11 with a wine and cheese reception to follow.

To arrange ticket, call the Forum Theater box office at (732) 548-0582; call through the Deaf Relay Service by dialing (800) 852-7899; or fax (732) 548-4230.

Be sure to include name, number of people in party and a contact person and number on all faxes.

Cranford Dramatic Club sets stage for 'Mame'

CRANFORD — Rehearsals are underway for "Mame," the Broadway movie musical and the winter production of the Cranford Dramatic Club, located at 78 Winans Ave.

Show times are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and Feb. 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 and 26.

More than 30 actors, singers and dancers are in the cast, directed by Peter Clark of Cranford. Music is under the direction of Anne Weeks of Westfield. Choreography is by Janice Lynn Shuhan.

Admission is \$15. A two-show mini-subscription for "Mame" and the spring production of "Lend Me a Tenor" is \$25.

For reservations, call (908) 276-7611. Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

Free lighted parking is available for patrons.

Scotch Plains hosts trip to earth's 'Greatest Show'

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Township Recreation Department is sponsoring a bus trip for a March 4 performance of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus at the Continental Airlines Arena.

The bus will leave the Municipal Building, located on Park Avenue, at 9:45 a.m. for a matinee, which begins 11 a.m. Cost is \$27 for residents and \$29 for non-residents. There is a limit of four tickets per person and every two children must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration begins Feb. 7 for residents and Feb. 14 for non-residents.

For more information, call (908) 322-6700, ext. 222.

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THE RETURN OF

Don Quixote

RAHWAY — Audiences at the Union County Arts Center can see for themselves the classic 1966 musical "Man of La Mancha" when it comes to the UCAC stage in March.

Performances are scheduled for March 10, 11, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24 and 25 at 8 p.m., and on March 12 and 19 at 3 p.m. There is a special student matinee scheduled for 10 a.m. March 22.

Tickets are \$24 and \$19, although senior and student discounts are available. Call the UCAC box office at (732) 499-8226 for more information.

Miguel de Cervantes joins his greatest creation, journeying knight errant Don Quixote, through adventures and misadventures in 16th-century Spain. The Spanish Inquisition is at its most powerful, yet poets and sto-

rytellers manage to inspire prisoners of the inquisition with Quixote's impossible dreams and stories of giants, dragons, knights, enchanters and beautiful damsels. Featuring characters as colorful as eternal sidekick Sancho Panza and the fiery barmaid Aldonza, "Man of La Mancha" is warm, funny, tender and magical.

With a score that features

"The Impossible Dream," as well as "To Each His Dulcinea" and "I, Don Quixote," "Man of La Mancha" is a feast for the ears as well.

David Edwards, late of "Jolson and Co." at the York Theater Company, plays Cervantes/Quixote. Christine Jagueta makes her UCAC debut as Aldonza.

"Man of La Mancha" is being directed by Russell Treyz, who made his UCAC debut in 1997 with "Into The Woods." UCAC favorite Mark George returns as musical director after last season's triumphant productions of "A Chorus Line" and "Fiddler on the Roof."

Mary Jane Houdina makes her Union County Arts Center debut as choreographer. Sets are by Joseph A. Miklojeik, lighting is by Rich Bishop and the costumes are by Meg Weedon.

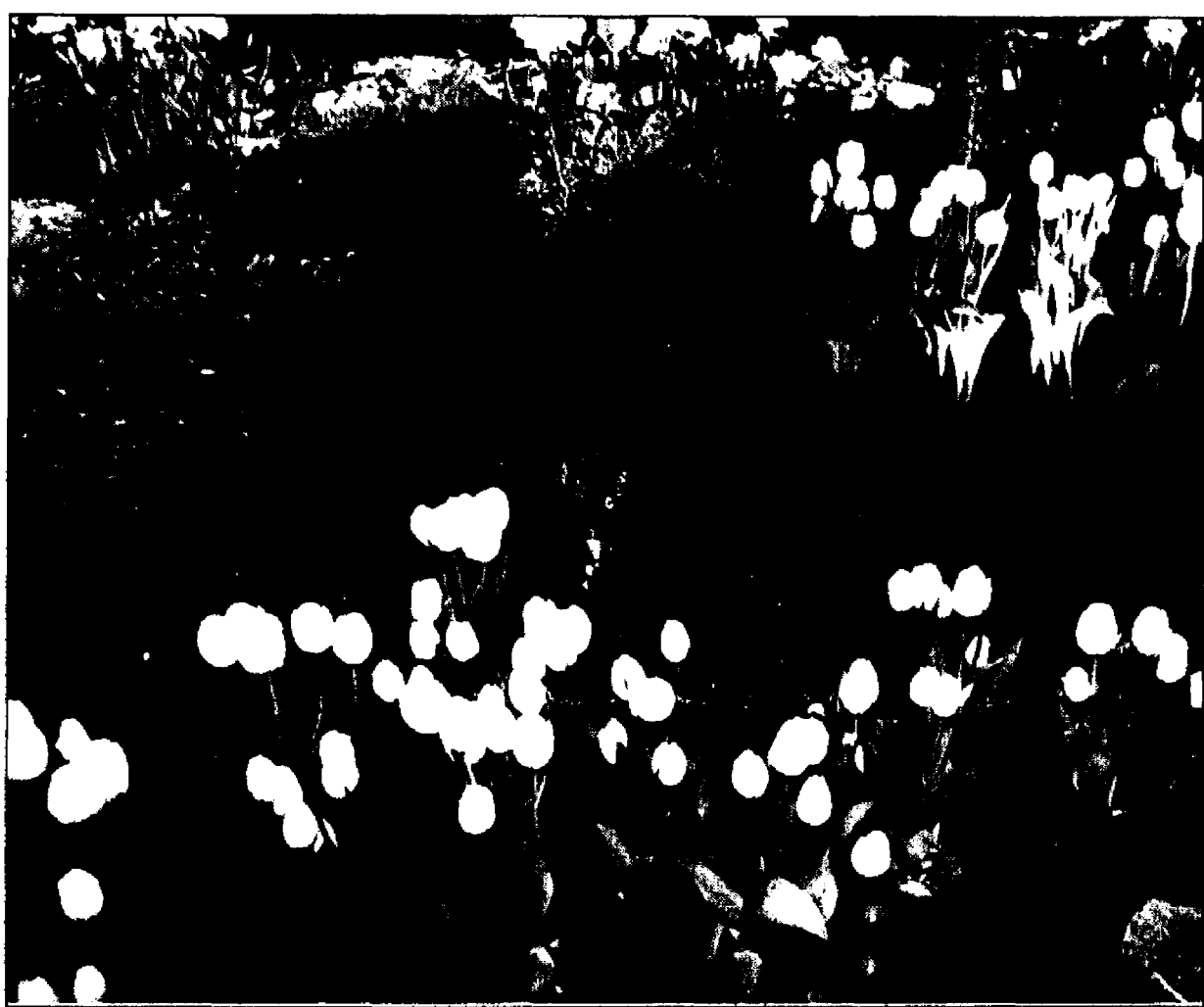
The Union County Arts Center is an affiliate member of the New Jersey Theater Group. The UCAC, a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to presenting

the best in the performing arts, is located in the recently restored Rahway Theatre, a 1928 vaudeville and silent film house in downtown Rahway. The Arts Center is handicapped-accessible and listening devices are available to patrons upon request.

Major support for the Arts Center and its programs comes from the City of Rahway, Merck & Co., the Board of Freeholders of Union County, Comcast Digital Cable of Union and the Rahway Savings Institution.

Tickets may be purchased by phone with a Visa, Mastercard, or Discover card, or in person at the Irving Street Box Office. In addition, tickets for concert and theater events are available online this season through the World Wide Web site at www.ucac.org, and through ETM Ticket kiosks located in the Menlo Park Mall and Edwards Supermarkets.

For more information, or ticket availability, call the box office at (732) 499-8226, or after 5 p.m. at (1-888) ETM-TIXS.



A little bit of spring

With the harsh winter weather of the past few weeks, it's difficult to realize spring is still two months away — but it's only one month until the annual New Jersey Flower and Patio Show, coming Feb. 24-27 to the Garden State Exhibit Center in Franklin. The 34th annual show will feature 11 gardens and more than 100 exhibitions and booths. Show hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8.50 for adults and \$7 for seniors, and children under 12 are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. For more information, call (732) 785-9174.

Montclair High School welcomes Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra

MONTCLAIR — The Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra will make its first appearance in the Unity Concerts Maestro Series when it performs Sunday inside the Montclair High School auditorium.

The concert is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. The high is located at the intersection of Park and Chestnut streets in Montclair.

Under the baton of longtime music director Jesus Lopez-Cobos, the fifth-oldest symphony

orchestra in the United States will present a program including the works of Copland, Barber, Bernstein, Strauss and Ravel.

Unity Concerts is a not-for-profit arts organization and is funded in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts of the Department of State, as well as the National Endowment for the Arts.

Tickets for Sunday's performance — priced at \$40, \$50 and \$55 — can be obtained by calling

the Unity Box Office at (973) 744-6770. Also available are \$5 "student rush" tickets, offered one-half hour before the performance. Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

The next concert in the Maestro Series will be pianist Horacio Gutierrez. Postponed from Dec. 5, that concert is now scheduled for 3 p.m. Feb. 13.

For more information, visit the Unity World Wide Web site at www.unityconcerts.org.

Springfield's Palmer Museum hosts two-artist painting exhibit

SPRINGFIELD — Alice Bryan Hondru and Christopher Pacio will show their paintings at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library.

The artists' work will be on display Feb. 11 through March 16.

Hondru's display is titled "Color, Line & Form." Her painting evolved from many years of teaching the use of color, line and form in clothing construction. Her art mainly concentrates on painting and drawing in oils, water media and pen and ink. The influence of growing up in China and Japan appears in her printmaking with her use of oriental symbols of all types.

Born and raised in Shanghai, China, Hondru is a graduate of Texas Women's University and did graduate studies at Rutgers University/Douglas College. She then studied at the Arts Student League in New York City. In her career, she has taught related arts in New Jersey schools.

Hondru has exhibited in group and one-person shows at the Arts Council of Livingston, the Watchung Art Center, the Essex Watercolor Club and the Millburn Library, among other places. She has won awards for her work — the Award of Excellence from the Essex Watercolor Club and the Union County Juried Arts and Craft Show 1999, among others. She is a member of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, Summit and an Associate Member of NJWCS, Paper Mill where she received an Award of Excellence in 1998.

Pacio will be showing his watercolor paintings, which will include wildlife in their habitat and paintings of New England lighthouses. He

will also display T-shirt art and wood carvings.

Pacio has enjoyed the visual arts from the time he was a young child. At that time, he attended various courses at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts. After graduating from Governor Livingston Regional High School, he attended the duCret School of the Arts, where he studied under the auspices of William Senior. He studied and perfected many mediums, among them wood carving, air brush, ceramics, oil painting, pastels pens and ink drawing, silk screen, T-shirt art and his most favorite, watercolors. After receiving his certification in fine art, he became a freelance artist. Pacio maintains a studio in Berkeley Heights, and is employed by the Summit Board of Education.

Pacio has participated in many juried shows including Animal Imagery, hosted by St. Hubert's Girlanda in Madison. He has displayed his work in several solo shows, his most recent at ADP Corporate Headquarters in Roseland. Pacio is a member of The New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit and participates in the Visual Arts Show during the summer. Last summer, Pacio received honorable mention for his painting of the Victory Train, which will be on display in this exhibit.

The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield.

The hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday hours are from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, call (973) 376-4930.

'Gala Celebration' set for March 26

WESTFIELD — The Board of Directors and Gala Committee of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts have set March 26 as the date for its first ever Gala Celebration, A Movable Feast.

The Grand Summit Hotel will host this non-traditional gala, which will feature individual cuisine and cultural settings from all over the world, accompanied by unique presentations of music, dance and drama. The stage is set for a wonderful evening as attendees are welcomed with champagne and ushered into a gourmand's delight.

Guests will be invited to sample and dine on beautifully prepared gourmet specialties from the Mediterranean, Asia, Vienna, the Old South, and the Southwest as they visit each of the Grand Summit's atriums, lobbies and ballrooms, transformed by decor, entertainment, and flavor.

Gala Chairperson Robert Newell, in describing the event, said, "Because the Workshop has provided multi-cultural education in music and the arts to thousands of students during the last 29 years, we wanted our gala premiere to be a reflection of that diversity. And our founder and executive director, Dr. Ted Schlosberg, will gather the finest available musical and artistic talent for our mutual enjoyment."

Tickets for A Movable Feast, scheduled to run from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., are available by visiting or calling the office of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts. Also scheduled for the evening is a unique silent auction and 50/50 cash raffle.

To receive more information or to request a gala invitation and 50/50 raffle tickets, call the Workshop office at (908) 789-9696.

Hester Troupe brings Klezmer to Watchung

WATCHUNG — The Watchung Arts Center's acclaimed Folk Series will present an electrifying evening with The Hester Street Troupe, beginning at 8 p.m. Feb. 26.

The Hester Street Troupe is a group that specializes in Klezmer and Jewish music. Their extraordinary repertoire consists of Klezmer songs from the Yiddish Vaudeville and Second Avenue Theaters, as well as older classics and more contemporary Jewish melodies.

This dynamic trio includes Alan Sweifach on clarinet, Jay Sweifach on keyboards and Jim Bazewiza on drums.

Klezmer, a style of music in which the clarinet imitates human emotions like laughing and crying, is a product of Eastern European Yiddish culture. Klezmerim were informal groups of musicians that traveled from village to village playing traditional music, folk songs and solemn hymns before prayer. Many lacked formal musical

training but were extremely gifted.

The Jewish immigrants brought Klezmer with them to the United States in the 1880s and, in some ways, it is like the music of jazz combos. It grew from improvisations, ingenious harmonies and solo innovation.

The Hester Troupe has performed extensively in the New York metropolitan area, playing to standing-room-only audiences. The trio combines its own special brand of schtick with popular Jewish songs for an explosive evening of entertainment.

Under the guidance and direction of Arlene Orson, the Watchung Arts Center's Folk Series has become a professional showcase for all types of folk and acoustic music. Future events include jug bands, bluegrass and comedy singer/songwriter John Forster (the folksies Mark Russell).

For reservations or more information, call (908) 753-0190.

Scotch Plains to host second art auction

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Cultural Arts Committee is sponsoring its second annual Art Auction at the Scotch Hills Country Club.

The auction will be held Feb. 25. Picture-viewing will take place from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., with the auction scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. During the viewing, light hors d'oeuvres, wine, and soda will be served. Following the auction, dessert and coffee will also be served.

Proceeds from the auction will

be used to supplement the Cultural Arts Program.

A fee of \$10 per person or \$15 per couple will be charged.

Interested persons may purchase tickets at the Township Recreation Office, located at 430 Park Ave., or from Cultural Arts Committee members.

One need not be an art expert to enjoy this social night out with friends for a good cause.

For further information, call the Scotch Plains Recreation Office at (908) 322-6700.

Your horoscope guide: Jan. 31 to Feb. 6

BY WANDA PERRY
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Aries (March 21 - April 19): Close friends or associates lend their moral support and expertise. Monetary needs are a different matter. Learn to depend on your own financial resources.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20): Exercise willpower and self-control this week to overcome obstacles. Follow traditional rules for the best results in investment ventures. Buy low!

Gemini (May 21 - June 21): A positive attitude brings about new and exciting changes. Inner values are stressed. Work to stay balanced and on top of an emotionally upsetting situation.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Weigh the rational against the unusual before making up your mind about a political or philo-

sophical issue. Ask and answer questions about what you believe is true.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22): Listen to the voice of experience made available to you through an elder or mentor. Some quality time spent with a loved one does wonders for the relationship.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Avoid obsessive tendencies. Work on a pet project or hobby, but don't get so involved that you ignore those close to you. Come up for air and take time to smell the roses.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Your money is well spent on social activities or entertainment opportunities. An elder woman proves to be good company for you this week. Listen and learn!

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Relocating is a real probability that must be seriously consid-

ered. Think your thoughts, needs and situation through and don't overreact or act too quickly.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Stay focused and apply extra energy to a challenging work assignment. Keep plugging away and you will soon reap the benefits of your hard work.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): You are warned against trying something risky with a large sum of money. Open a savings account instead. Allow some time to pass between visits to a friend.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Flex your muscles and break through barriers on the personal level. You'll quickly discover you've got what it takes. There's good news about a creative project.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20): Petty quarrels could get in the way of your professional progress

and success. Use your inner resources to help you find the strength and desire to rise above it all.

This week's birthdays: The coming year starts out slow, but promises action, excitement and change before it's over. The greatest challenges will come from your domestic sector. You are forced to deal with an elder parent or relative and in doing so will learn a lot about yourself. The financial and romantic aspects of our life are looking good.

Take a creative approach and cash in.

Born this week: Anna Pavlova, Langston Hughes, James Joyce, Gertrude Stein, Charles Lindbergh, Rosa Parks, Hank Aaron, George Herman "Babe" Ruth.

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Expect the unexpected Rahway guild opens 'Millennium' series with storyteller, folk musician Agranoff

RAHWAY — Throughout the year 2000, The Arts Guild of Rahway will present a series of concerts — The Millennium Music Series — featuring folk, jazz and classical music.

The opening concert of the program features New Jersey folk musician Mike Agranoff in a special performance scheduled to begin 8 p.m. Feb. 18.

Agranoff plays a superb finger-style guitar in idioms ranging from ancient harp tunes to obscure Tin-Pan-Alley compositions. He will occasionally, unexpectedly, come out with a number on banjo, harmonica, recorder or with nothing but his fine unaccompanied baritone. He is a storyteller and songwriter in league with the best.

Agranoff plays a wide variety of music falling under the definition of folk. He is equally at home with a traditional ballad or contemporary song, a dance tune on concertina or a Sousa march on guitar or some of the

most horrible parodies ever perpetrated on an unsuspecting audience. He is a very funny man, alternating up-beat songs with numerous stories and tales.

Agranoff's first love is making music — that love shows and is contagious. The shyest of listeners is drawn into the spirit of his concerts. He has pursued his passion over the last 10 years at festivals, concert series and coffee houses throughout the eastern United States, much to the delight of those who have seen him and shared his music.

This will be a concert fit for the whole family.

The Arts Guild is located at 1670 Irving St., at the corner of Seminary Avenue in downtown Rahway, only blocks from Route 1.

All seats are \$8. There is limited seating and reservations are recommended. Call (732) 381-7511 for tickets or more information.

Get in the mood with Calvary's 'Duets and Love Songs' concert

CRANFORD — To get a jump on Valentine's Day, the Calvary Concert Series will present "Duets and Love Songs" with Fred Miller, piano, and Susan Whitenack, vocal.

The concert will be 4 p.m. Feb. 6 at Calvary Lutheran Church, located at 108 Eastman St., Cranford.

Miller and Whitenack will take a lighthearted, romantic look at long-lasting love songs from some of the 20th century's most notable composers.

Songs the duo plan to pre-

sent are sweet ("Jeannie with the Light Brown Hair"), silly ("Aha Daba Honeymoon"), serious ("Lo! Here the Gentle Lark") and sublime ("St. Louis Blues").

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7.50 for seniors, students with identification and children.

For reservations, call (908) 276-2418.

On March 12, the Calvary Concert Series resumes with a recital featuring Vadeem Guzeman, violin.

Country Folk Art returns to N.J. Convention Center

EDISON — The Country Folk Art Craft Show returns this weekend to the New Jersey Convention Center for the first of five central New Jersey shows in 2000.

Show hours are 3 p.m.-9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday. Admission of \$7 covers all three days.

Top quality hand-crafted folk art and crafts by artisans from across the country are featured. Northwoods, primitive, rustic, Americana, Victorian and Southwest items may be found. All country decorating needs will be available as well as wearable art and gourmet food.

The New Jersey Convention Center is in Raritan Center. From Union County, take the Garden State Parkway to Exit 129 and follow Route 9 South to Industrial Boulevard (at Interstate 287).

For more information, visit www.countryfolkart.com or call (732) 417-1400.

Other show dates at the New Jersey Convention Center are April 7-9, July 14-16 and Oct. 26-29. At the Garden State Exhibit Center in Somerset, show dates are Dec. 8-10.

Oh, oh, oh ... it's magic!

Environment takes center stage in Somerset show

BASKING RIDGE — "The Great Environmental Magic Show" is returning to the Somerset County Park Commission Environmental Education Center, located on Lord Stirling Road.

Shows for the public will be 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. Shows for civic groups and schools are available through Friday by special arrangement.

Naturalists from the Environmental Education Center are getting ready to do 60 magical effects, five bizarre story lines and two major illusions for this year's edition.

Batstone the Magician will attempt to make the rabbit vanish before it's eaten by the fox; change a six-foot caterpillar into an enormous butterfly; save an assistant trapped in a video; and use a "mouse cannon" to rid the house and save the mouse.

Each sketch and illusion demonstrates concepts that help children understand the environment in which they live.

Admission is \$3. Saturday afternoon's show will be interpreted in sign language for the hearing-impaired.

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Organ Society hosts Greg Owen concert

LINDEN — The Hammond Organ Society of New Jersey will present Greg Owen in concert on at 8 p.m. Feb. 22.

The concert will be held in Presbyterian Church hall, located at Orchard Terrace and Princeton Road in Linden. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Owen is making a name for himself with his infectious enthusiasm and lively musical style. He has played on some of the most famous organs in the nation including Long Island University in Brooklyn, N.Y., The Trenton War Memorial, Birmingham's Alabama Theater, The Grand Court Organ at Philadelphia's Wannamaker's Store, Detroit's Fox Theater, The Atlanta Fox and the former N.Y. Paramount Wurlitzer at Wichita's Century II Civic Center.

He also has entertained at the local Ramada Inn and is senior organist of First Church of Christ, Scientist in New Bern, N.C.

HOSNJ members and friends usually meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, from September to June. The group has gathered for almost 50 years of great music, refreshments and friendship.

For more information, call (973) 256-5480.

Going for Baroque

Ensemble Leonarda presents program of chamber music

WESTFIELD — Ensemble Leonarda will present a concert of Baroque Chamber Music at 4 p.m. Sunday at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield.

The program will consist of works primarily by composers of the French and German Baroque.

Ensemble Leonarda has been active as an early music ensemble for nearly 15 years and has performed throughout the New York metropolitan area, Washington, D.C., and Virginia. Recent performances have been at St. Paul's Chapel at Columbia University; St. Peter's Lutheran Church at Citicorp; the Washington Musicians for Disarmament Series at the Church of the Epiphany in Washington, D.C.; and the Squires

Salon at the Virginia Institute of Technology.

The ensemble takes its name from Isabella Leonarda (B.C. 1641), an Italian from the convent of St. Ursula, Novarra, and a composer of numerous masses, motets and other church music. Its members include Susan Graham and Margaret Claudin, transverse flutes; Eve Miller, viola da gamba and baroque cello; and Nancy Kito, harpsichord. They formed an ensemble in Baltimore at the Peabody Conservatory, where its founding members were participating in the early music program. This gifted group of musicians has come together to form an ensemble dedicated to performing works of the Baroque masters with vim, vigor and enthusiasm.

The First United Methodist Church is located at One East Broad St. in Westfield. A \$10 donation will be received at the door. For further information, call (908) 233-4211.

Briefs

Annual Valentine's dance benefits Camp Fatima

UNION — The annual Camp Fatima Valentine's Dinner Dance will be held 7 p.m.-midnight Feb. 12.

The dance will be held at the Knights of Columbus hall in Union.

The cost is \$20 per person and includes a full-course dinner, soda and beer.

The event supports Camp Fatima, New Jersey's only all-volunteer one-to-one camp for handicapped children.

To order tickets, call Sister Ann Dominic at (908) 686-5271 or Barney Capriglino at 687-1566.

The deadline for ordering tickets is Feb. 6.

Culinary Seductions hosts cooking class

WESTFIELD — Culinary Seductions will host a full-participation, four-course cooking class/meal for single adults from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday.

Featured in the class will be culinary Chef David Martone

The event will be held at Classic Thyme Cooking School, located at 161 East Broad St. in Westfield. The cost is \$55 in advance and \$65 at the door.

For more information, contact Kismet at (908) 232-8827, or www.thatskismet.com.

Russian chamber choir returns to North America

WESTFIELD — Akafist, the male chamber choir from Moscow, returns to present the magnificent traditions of Russian folk songs with orthodox church singing continuing the legacy of Russian choral music.

The choir's next local performance will be at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, located at 250 Gallows Hill Road in Westfield.

It is scheduled to begin 8 p.m. Feb. 12 and a reception will follow.

Organized in 1990 by artistic director and conductor Andrei V. Malyutin, Akafist is composed of highly trained musicians who are graduates of the Moscow Conservatory and other renowned institutions.

Its repertoire spans the musical tradition of the Russian Orthodox Church from the 16th to the 20th centuries, and all the popular Russian folk songs and songs and spirituals familiar to Americans.

Their appearance at Holy Trinity will debut the group's the third North American tour.

Their recorded, tapes and CDs will be available for purchase.

Tickets are \$15 apiece and may be purchased in advance by calling the church office at (908) 233-8533.

Chansonettes singers tune up for spring program

WESTFIELD — The Chansonettes of Westfield, a women's singing group, have begun rehearsals for their spring program.

The Chansonettes enjoy singing for fun. They sing four-part harmony. Anyone interested in singing may join them on any Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. Rehearsals are held at the

Presbyterian Church, located on Mountain Avenue in Westfield.

All levels of voice are welcomed and no try-outs are necessary.

Selections for the spring program include "And All That Jazz," "Lady of Spain" and "Edelweiss."

Any group or organization wishing to book a performance

for the spring concert may call Louise Loffredo at (908) 232-8213. Anyone is interested in joining the Chansonettes may contact co-Presidents Nancy Lau at (908) 654-5130 or Ginny Bucci at (908) 232-1750.

The Chansonettes are under the direction of Jean Schork of Westfield and are accompanied by Mary Ellen Freda of Cranford.

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Moore shines in 'Affair,' but 'Hurricane' won't blow you over

New Releases

"THE END OF THE AFFAIR" is about an illicit love affair that becomes a crucifixion and then, for the woman at least, a rite of redemption. Julianne Moore brings her wonderful, red-haired glow to Sarah. She is the wandering wife of a stunningly dull civil servant, Henry (Stephen Rea). In 1939, she starts an affair in London with the writer Maurice (Ralph Fiennes). Sarah and Maurice have enraptured erotic union during the Blitz years, as bombs and rockets fall nearby. But the affair stops (if not emotionally) after Maurice is nearly killed by a blast. Sarah, thinking him dead, falls heartsick onto their bed of lust and makes a vow to God, and then... but let us leave some surprises. "The End of the Affair" is one of those films that gives sensitive searching and adult taste a certain midwest of moribund banality. It's far from terrible, but it isn't all that good, either. Cast: Ralph Fiennes, Julianne Moore, Stephen Rea, Ian Hart, Samuel Roux. Running time: 1 hour, 45 minutes. (Elliott) Rated R. 2 stars.

"THE HURRICANE"

Based on Rubin "Hurricane" Carter's memoirs and on another book, it deals with Carter's blighted youth, his time in juvenile prison, his boxing career that found some glory in the 1960s, then his trumped-up conviction for the murder of several people in a Paterson, N.J., bar in 1966. Most of the film is about his adult years in prison, and the efforts of three Canadians and a young boy to get Carter freed. Though steered by his boxing training and decades of white racism, Carter nearly folded into a hopeless shell, and his emergence as a stoically transformed, articulate and self-educated man is the story's spiritual pilgrimage. Of course, it is appealing to root for a man unjustly convicted who turned the big, raging chip on his shoulder into a diamond of character. But "The Hurricane" still seems like many gusts of wind jammed together to give us a good buffeting. Cast: Denzel Washington, Deborah Kara Unger, Liev Schreiber, John Hannah, Vicellous Reon Shannon, Dan Hedaya, Clancy Brown, David Paymer, Rod Steiger, Debbi Morgan, Harris Yulin. Running time: 2 hours, 26 minutes. (Elliott) Rated R. 2 stars.

Films in Focus

"MAGNOLIA" — Tom Cruise plays Frank T.J. Mackey, a built spicer to hurt, angry groups of sexually dismal men. Teaching them how to "seduce and destroy" women at insanely preening seminars, he is both macho guru and burlesque huckster. Jason Robards as Earl, the father, gives the most convincing portrayal of a dying man I've ever seen. Earl built up a TV empire and is something of a monster morally. Earl's big money machine is a "classic" quiz show featuring brainy kids. The host is Jimmy Gator (Philip Baker Hall), an avuncular, show-biz carnivore plagued by his own acid guilts. "Magnolia" might have been more tightly laced, more snugly boxed aesthetically. But its keen lust for plunge and splurge, for taking ripe chances, losing a few but winning most, makes it the first terrific American film of the new era. Cast: Jason Robards, Tom Cruise, John C. Reilly, Julianne Moore, Philip Seymour Hoffman, William H. Macy, April Grace, Melora Walters, Jeremy Blackman, Philip Baker Hall, Melinda Dillon. Running time: Two hours, 59 minutes. (Elliott) Rated R. 4 stars.

"SNOW FALLING ON CEDARS" This film from director Scott Hicks is set in a Washington town in the 1940s, climaxing in a trial in 1950. World War II rallies all the submerged racism directed toward the large Japanese subcommunity of farmers and fishermen. Ethan Hawke plays Ishmael. As an adolescent, he fell in love with a Japanese girl. Because of prejudice from both racial sides, their love finds only sexual fulfillment, briefly, and then the war comes

and Ishmael heads off for duty as an infantryman. Before the war ends, Hatsue is married to Kazuo (Rick Yune), a rather glum, stolid hunk favored by her parents. Ishmael still yearns for her, but racial bonding sustains the Japanese community, traumatized by having been forced into detention camps. The big framing device and suspense motor is Kazuo's trial for the evident murder of a local fisherman, involving old racial resentment and a land deal. "Snow Falling" doesn't melt, but it drifts. Here is another film far from bad, but not nearly so good as it so prettily imagines. Cast: Ethan Hawke, Max Von Sydow, Youki Kudo, Rick Yune, Sam Shepard, James Rebhorn, James Cromwell, Max Wright, Richard Jenkins. Running time: 2 hours, 6 minutes. (Elliott) Rated PG-13. 2 1/2 stars.

Recent Releases

"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. (Elliott) Rated PG-13. 1 star.

"ANY GIVEN SUNDAY" — Coach Tony D'Amato (Al Pacino) coaches the Miami Sharks, a pro football team on the skids due to aging players, injuries, fading confidence and a new boss who swims with the corporate sharks. Christina (Cameron Diaz). D'Amato himself is a virtual wreck, divorced, a drinker, reduced to a grim, manly fixation on the game. The simple story is how D'Amato infuses a regard for team spirit into a new star player. Jamie Foxx does the film's best acting as Steamin' Willie Beaman, the lean, angry young QB who carries a rude racial chip about the gridiron system. Most alienated is legendary Cap Rooney, a torture role for Dennis Quaid. Stone opts for the Big Game finish, each Sharks star given a redemptive moment. The Sharks may finally win, but viewers (and fans) are consistent losers. Cast: Al Pacino, Jamie Foxx, Cameron Diaz, James Woods, Dennis Quaid, Matthew Modine, Jim Brown, LL Cool J, Ann-Margret, Charlton Heston, John C. McGinley. Running time: 2 hours, 42 minutes. (Elliott) Rated R. 1 1/2 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. (Elliott) Rated PG-13. 2 1/2 stars.

"GALAXY QUEST" — This deliciously funny movie is about the still harnessed star cast of a long-expired show. "Galaxy Quest." Now they're reduced to appearing at store openings and going to conventions of campy "Questrians." The cast is pretty well fried by their long tour of duty. Most resentful of the fans and the kitsch demands of being a "legend" is soured British thespian Alexander Dane, as the Spock and doc figure, Dr. Lazarus. Even more than the others, Dane resents the star. Jason Nesmith (Tim Allen), who plays popular Commander P.Q. Taggart. It's at the same convention that he is approached by actual aliens, who have been watching the show for decades on their planet, absorbing every cornball, badly acted episode as a "historical document" fit to guide and even save their endangered world. Soon the Quest crew is whisked into deep space. A whole world is at stake! Cast: Tim Allen, Sigourney Weaver, Alan Rickman, Tony Shalhoub, Enrico Colantoni, Sam Rockwell, Daryl Mitchell, Robin Sachs. Running time: 1 hour, 42 minutes. (Elliott) Rated PG. 3 1/2 stars.

"THE GREEN MILE" Tom Hanks, jowly and mushing through a Southern accent, plays (Continued on page B-7)

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Films in Focus

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Paul Edgecomb, head of the Louisiana prison guard detail for the Death Row called E Block. The newest "dead man walking" on the green mile is a muscular Maxi-me named John Coffey, played by immense Michael Clarke Duncan. John is black, seems a simpleton, and faces death for having (evidently) raped and murdered two white girls. We soon find that John is a sweet, holy fool, able to magically gather up the sins or sufferings of others by a process of inspired inhalation; he then vomits the dismal intake. The movie suffers from advanced Stephen King disease. It has the popular writer's unique, icky mix of repetitive sadism, twisted logic and supernatural stunts. Cast: Tom Hanks, David Morse, Michael Clarke Duncan, Bonnie Hunt, James Cromwell, Sam Rockwell, Barry Pepper, Harry Dean Stanton, Michael Jeter, Gary Sinise. Running time: 3 hours, 4 minutes. (Elliott) Rated R. 1 star.

"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 full right into the inter-species family values. The one hard-line negativist is the family cat, the white and puffy Snowbell, 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 mouseketooned 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. (Elliott) Rated PG. 3 stars.

"THE TALENTED MR. RIPLEY" — Tom Ripley (Matt Damon)



Ethan Hawke deals with adolescent love and post-World War II racism against Japanese-Americans in "Snow Falling on Cedars."

wants the plush life of the rich, cultured and connected he's seen up close as a Princeton piano tuner. His smiling, beaverish pluck wins the instant favor of Herb Greenleaf (James Rebhorn), a rich killjoy who sends Tom to Italy to retrieve his wandering, jazz-mad, sensualist son, Dickie (Jude Law). An Italian girl kills herself over Dickie, setting the emotional stage for further violence that, sadly, removes Law from the picture. Now Tom is free to emulate and simulate — he can fake it as

dashing Dickie while dodging for cover into trite Tom. "The Talented Mr. Ripley" is destined to be over-rated yet not ignored. It is not a bore, has ravishing scenery, sets up clever surprises. But this is collectable drama. It feels like someone sitting in a swank bar, browsing through Henry James while doodling Hitchcock's profile on a napkin. Cast: Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Philip Baker Hall, James Rebhorn, Cate Blanchett. Running

time: 2 hours, 19 minutes. (Elliott) Rated R. 2 stars.

Ratings

- 4 STARS - Excellent.
- 3 STARS - Worthy.
- 2 STARS - Mixed.
- 1 STAR - Poor.
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Youth Symphony performs Puerto Rican's concertino

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The performance will be 3 p.m. Feb. 6 at the Community Theatre in Morristown.

Also on the program are "Death and Transfiguration" by Richard Strauss and an excerpt from "Water Music" by George Frideric Handel.

Featured soloist for the "Concertino" will be Luis Rodriguez, piano.

Among the musicians in the 90-member ensemble are Samuel Chaleff and Karen Poleshuck, both of Cranford; Kaliq Chang and Jeffrey Woo, both of Fanwood; and Andy Bhasin, Emily Chen, Robert Hwang, David Louie, Victoria McCabe, Diane Park, Rosemary Topar, Margaret Wei and Christina Yang, all of Westfield.

The Youth Symphony is conducted by Adrian Bryttan.

In addition, Romano will be honored at the Feb. 6 concert. He will give master classes while he is in the States.

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Sports

Blue Devils win county track championship

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD PRESS

Utilizing its depth in the distance events, the Westfield High girls indoor track team captured the Union County championships last Wednesday at the Dunn Center in Elizabeth, scoring 60 points and convincingly beaten Elizabeth and Plainfield. Scotch Plains, who won the Union County relay championships Jan. 3, finished fourth.

Westfield knew it would need a strong performance from its distance runners to win the championship, and they got just that. The Blue Devils scored 48 of its 60 points in the distance events, led by Alexis Anzelone who took first place in the one mile and two mile events to capture a very difficult double.

"The strength of our team came through for us," said Westfield Head Coach Jack Martin. "We had to have that to win. It was a solid team effort."

The depth of Westfield's team showed in the mile and two mile races, where it captured 40 points. Anzelone led the charge winning the mile in 5:45.1 followed by Maura McMahon who finished third in 5:50.0, and Kyle Legones who was fourth in 5:50.9.

Anzelone and McMahon then went 1-2 in the two mile race (12:29.2 and 12:50.1 respectively) followed by Rachel Ackerman in fourth place in 13:12.9.

"Alexis's double was a key component for us," said Martin. "Maura also came through big for us."

Adrienne Blauvelt finished

fourth (2:38.3) in the 880-yard race and Legones capped a strong overall performance with a fifth place finish (2:38.3).

Westfield also got an extra boost from Heather Dennis's third place finish in the 440-yard race, finishing in 1:06.5 edging Scotch Plains Jill Koscielo (1:06.7).

The Blue Devils mile relay team placed third (4:33.5) to clinch the victory for Westfield, in front of Scotch Plains (4:34.4) and Elizabeth (4:36.4). Paige Corbett and Aubrey McGovern each ran personal bests on the first two legs, and Dennis closed it out with a strong anchor leg to propel



the Devils to the county championship.

"Everything played out exactly how we needed it to in order to win," said Martin. "To score 60 points everything has to go your way."

Scotch Plains Head Coach Bill Klimas said he wasn't disappointed with the fourth place finish after winning the Union County relay title.

"I thought we could score as many points as we did," he said. "That night definitely belonged to Westfield. They dominated the events they were strongest in. For them to score as many points as they did, we never would have been able to match them."

While the Westfield juggernaut was to much for any team to overcome on that night, Klimas thought the Raiders might have been able to score a few more points if he had chosen to use Erin Kelly in two events, instead of just one. Kelly was recovering from the flu, and Klimas thought it was best to only race her in one event.

Even though she was only running one race, Kelly made it count. She won the 880 yard event in 2:35.0 beating out Plainfield standout Priscilla Hazlewood (2:35.8).

Scotch Plains only senior, Christina Hillman turned in a strong performance, scoring 17 points for the Raiders. Hillman placed second in the shot put with a 33-3.5 foot throw, falling short by just seven inches. She

then set a school record in the high jump, where she placed second with a jump of five feet.

Hillman set another school record when she placed sixth in the 60-yard hurdles, finishing in 9.2 seconds.

Jill Koscielo, in her first year running indoors, placed fourth in the 440-yard event. Alyssa Sams finished seventh in the high jump, and Ruth Rohrer placed seventh in the shot put for Scotch Plains.

"In a meet like this it comes down to who can dominate an event," said Klimas. "We don't have any real superstars. We have some really, really good runners. But you can win an event like this with three kids. If you can dominate an event or two you can win the whole thing. That's what Westfield did."

Devils trying to finish season on positive note

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD PRESS

After falling to Plainfield Saturday 60-38, the Westfield High boys basketball team fell to 2-9 and was officially eliminated from state tournament consideration, but Head Coach Kevin Everly believes the Blue Devils still have good basketball left in them, and the future is bright.

"Making the states was a goal, but maybe not a realistic one yet," said Everly. "It's something to strive for. We have a couple of winnable games left and hopefully we can generate some momentum to carry into the off-season."

The Blue Devils were scheduled to face East Side yesterday and host Watchung Hills tomorrow night. Westfield also has games with Elizabeth, Livingston, Irvington, Cranford, Kearny, Scotch Plains-Fanwood and Morristown remaining. Everly believes the Blue Devils are capable of winning six or seven of those games to end the season on an upswing.

"If we can get six or seven wins it would be a huge lift," said Everly. "If we can go out with a little momentum, we can get some confidence."

Everly is hoping the positive momentum from a late-season run can carry the Blue Devils into the off-season with a desire to improve, and the confidence they can play at this level. Westfield starts only one senior and is a very young team. In order for the Devils to compete in the always-tough Watchung



Conference, Everly believes they need to become more dedicated to improving themselves in the off-season.

"A lot of these kids don't play year-round," said Everly. "We need to improve in the fundamentals of basketball, and to do that you have to play. They don't play enough to become really good. The potential is there, they just have to work at it. That's what I'm trying to get them to understand."

The Blue Devils have been hurt most this season by turnovers, averaging close to 19 a game. In the loss to Plainfield, Westfield turned the ball over 31 times, sparking Plainfield to a 33-8 halftime lead.

According to Everly, Westfield was successful in its half-court set early in the game, getting open looks at the hoop, but once Plainfield began to trap and pressure the ball, the Blue Devils fell apart. Everly believes the Devils can cut down on those mistakes by gaining more experience on the court.

"Our strength is running a disciplined offense," said Everly. "They trapped us and took us out of our offense. We have to be able to make better decisions, and not just be robots. We just have to

start playing more, that's all."

Everly believes the Blue Devils need to play more outside of the summer leagues and camps. He plans to return to the Rutgers summer team camp, and once again compete in the Kean University and Cranford summer leagues. But he says to get better the team needs to play in more games than the summer leagues.

Westfield offers two good parks and highly-competitive summertime pickup games where the Blue Devils can hone their skills against some very physical and aggressive players.

"There's a lot of options," said Everly. "Hopefully these guys will start taking advantage of it. That's what they need to do."

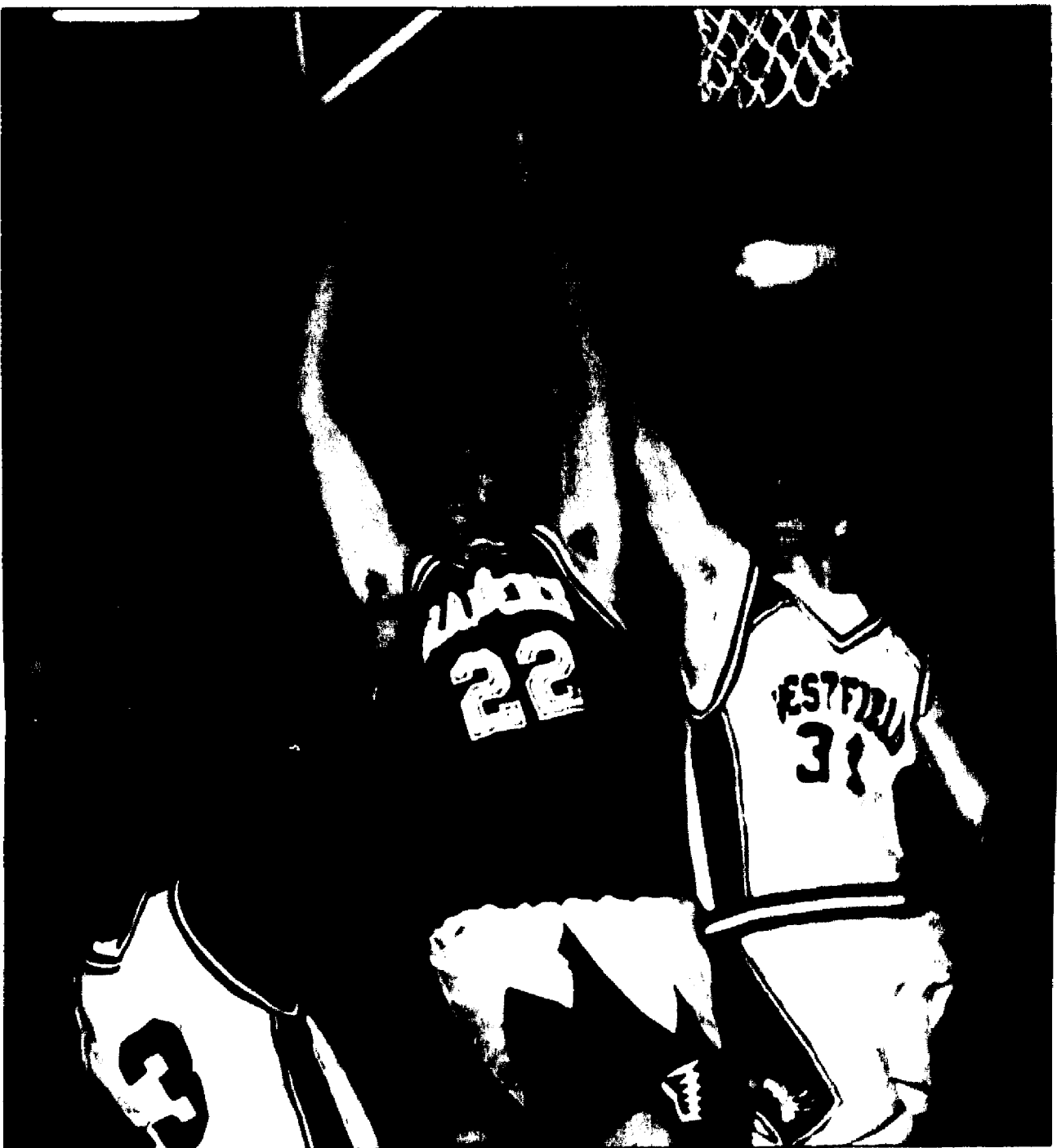
While Everly is stressing the importance of summertime improvement, he says he's seen growth from his young team over the course of this season. He's pleased with the way it has grasped the offense, and believes it will be ready next season when it faces a variety of defenses aimed to take them out of their sets.

"They've seen everything," he said. "Their understanding of the offense is getting better. We're taking steps in the right direction."

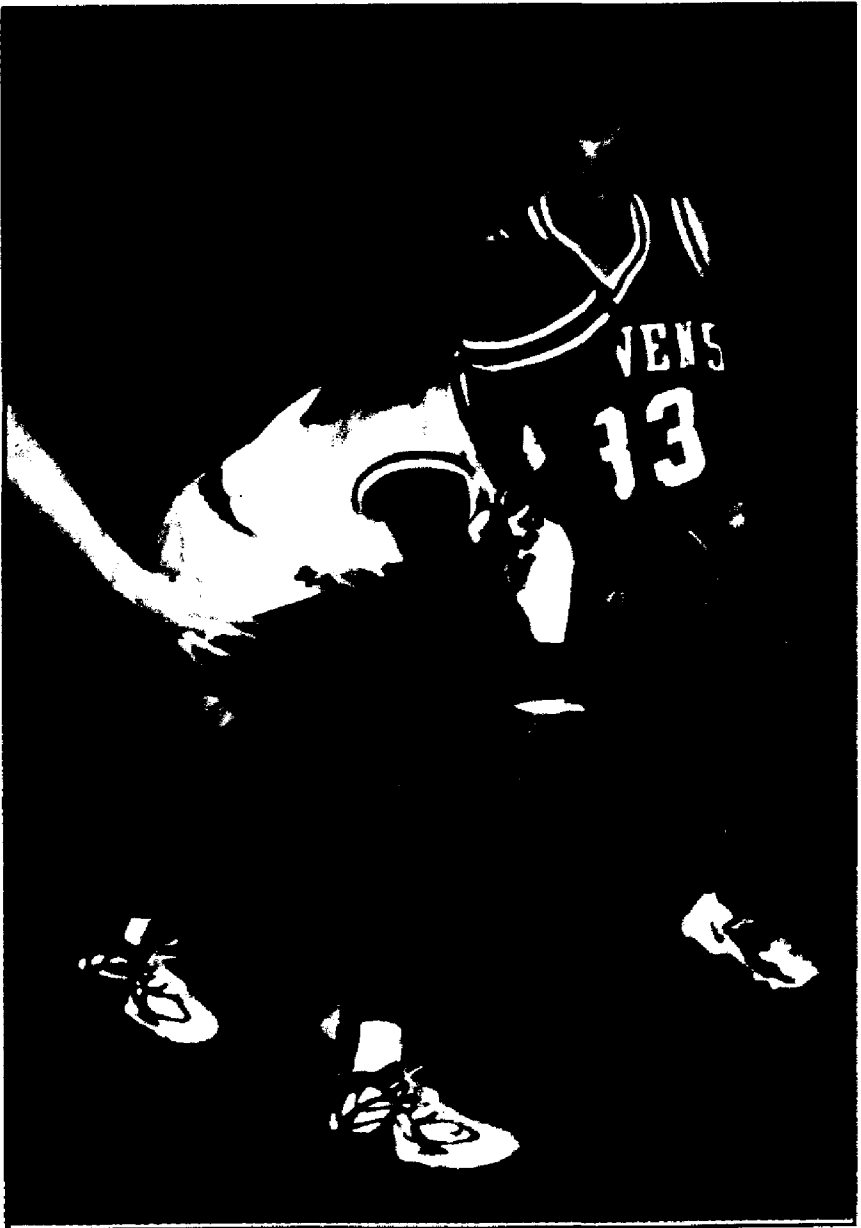
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Plainfield 60
Mohammad 2-2-1-11, Dubney 1-0-0-2, Peterson 3-0-5-11, Jackson 3-1-1-10, Holloman 4-0-2-10, Hillman 1-0-0-2, Stevenson 6-0-0-12, Harrison 1-0-0-2 Totals 21-3-9-60

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Westfield's Mark Kolvites blocks the shot of Scotch Plains center Andrew Feeley. The Blue Devils and Raiders will meet again Feb. 11 in Scotch Plains.



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Najwa Glover and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls basketball team need to win three of their next five games to qualify for the state tournament.

Raiders' state tournament hopes coming down to wire

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD PRESS

At the start of the season, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High girls basketball Head Coach Brian Homm was hoping his team would be .500 and qualify for the state tournament.

With a week to go before the deadline to qualify for the state tournament, the Raiders are 6-6 and need to win three of their next five to reach their preseason goals.

"I'm pretty pleased with the way we're playing," said Homm. "The Raiders were scheduled to face Irvington yesterday and will host J.P. Stevens tomorrow afternoon. Monday, Scotch Plains will host Elizabeth in a make-up game from last Thursday, before taking on East Side Tuesday and Union Thursday."

With difficult tests against Elizabeth and Union, Homm knows winning three of five won't be easy.

"We're hoping to win the next two (Irvington and J.P. Stevens)," said Homm.

"It think it's all going to come down to the East Side game. We have to beat them at home."

To make the state tournament, the Raiders will have to continue to play the slow-paced, half-court game they've been playing all season. Scotch



Plains has been able to utilize its height advantage effectively, with the lone senior in the starting lineup, Katie Feigner, and sophomore Erin Gillooly scoring effectively in the paint.

"Katie has been doing a nice job for us," said Homm.

"As a senior we need to count on her."

But Scotch Plains has been getting contributions from its entire lineup. Soph Kelli LaForge drilled two clutch free throws in the closing seconds to lift the Raiders past arch-rival Westfield earlier in the season, and Najwa Glover has been scoring much-needed points from the outside.

But the key to the Raiders' success has been their defense and ability to control the tempo of the game. With the exception of a loss to Kearny, Homm has been pleased with the effort on the defensive end.

"We have to rely on our defense," he said.

"The Kearny game got away from us, but I've been pleased with our defense and our rebounding."

"We have to play smart basketball, and control the tempo of the game," said Homm. "We have to rely on our defense, get the ball inside, and stay out of foul trouble."

And with each game, and each win, the young Raiders' confidence is booming. As the team has gained experience and confidence, it's become tougher and tougher.

"I didn't know what to expect with a young team," said Homm.

"But we've been fortunate to win some close games. I realize they can play with these teams, and the girls realize it, too. They expect a lot more out of each other."

The Raiders also need to shake off some rustiness which has accumulated because of a light schedule and postponements due to the inclement weather.

Before yesterday's game with Irvington, Scotch Plains hadn't played since it beat Plainfield, Jan. 18.

"We've gone over a week without playing a game," Homm said.

"I'm hoping that won't effect us. We've been trying to stay sharp in practice. This time of year four or five practices in a row isn't too much fun. We're anxious to get back into game situations."

HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

(all times p.m. unless noted)

FRIDAY, JAN. 28
Swimming
Westfield at Elizabeth, 4
Wrestling
Westfield vs. Union, 7
Scotch Plains at Plainfield, 4

SATURDAY, JAN. 29
Boys basketball
Westfield vs. Watchung Hills, 7
Scotch Plains at J.P. Stevens, 1
Girls Basketball
Westfield vs. Linden, 2
Scotch Plains vs. J.P. Stevens, 1
Ice Hockey
Westfield at Montclair, 6:30
Wrestling
Scotch Plains at Hillsboro/Watchung Hills, 11 a.m.

MONDAY, JAN. 31
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Scotch Plains at Elizabeth, 4
Girls Basketball
Scotch Plains vs. Elizabeth, 4
Swimming
Scotch Plains at Cranford, 4

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27 yr old, 5'2", 90 lb, single, white mother of two with blonde/brown hair and eyes. Seeking a white male, 35 to 55, who enjoys walks, music, sports and more. For a long term relationship. BOX 39889

LET'S SHARE OUR LIFE

45 yr old, 5'2", average build, divorced white female, down to earth, suburban hair, blue eyes. Likes long walks, motorcycles, movies, music, traveling, vacations and shopping. Looking for a nice, down to earth guy, not into games for a nice serious relationship. BOX 13450

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I'm a single white female, 60 yr old, very feminine, blonde hair, blue eyes, friendly and outgoing. I'm looking for a very sincere male for friendship and possibly more. BOX 34385

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NOT INTO GAMES

Single male, 39, dirty blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys dining out, movies and the beach. In search of single or divorced white female with similar interests. BOX 11687

LET'S MEET

Single white male, in his early 40's, 6', average weight, attractive, smoker, not into bar the scene. Looking for a single white female, for a nice easy going relationship. Age, race and weight unimportant. BOX 11712

I'LL GET BACK TO YOU

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I WANT TO MEET YOU!

32 yr old, 5'7", 180 lb, white male, brown hair and eyes. Enjoys dining out, movies, reading, the shore, the outdoors and is open to anything new. Seeking a petite to medium build, white female, 25 to 35, to share good times, friendship and maybe more. BOX 35184

MARRIAGE MINDED

35 yr old, single white male from Westfield, 5'9", 175 lbs brown hair, brown eyes, non-smoker. Enjoys antiques, working out, dining and movies. Seeking attractive single or divorced white female between the ages 28 and 40, with similar interests for long term relationship. BOX 32549

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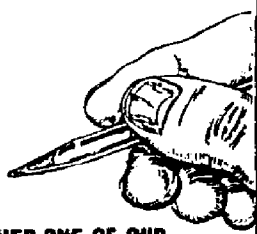
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If you are attractive, slim, non-smoker, enjoys the theater, music, adventure, exercising, self-sufficient, 30-42, female, then I would love to meet you. I am 40, considered handsome, divorced professional man, brown hair, 5'10", 203 lbs., athletic, fit but most of all, very happy. Give me a call soon. BOX 32998

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Real Estate

Rising home values may lead to more consumer spending

BY JAMES M. WOODARD
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Many people believe the current surge in consumer spending is the key culprit for rising home prices. But it may be the other way around. Increased consumer spending is generated by rising home values and prices.

Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan believes that a great deal of the surge in consumer spending has come from the increased market for and values of homes. He cited research that shows the rise in home prices has created \$1.2 trillion in household wealth over the past three years.

This is less than the wealth created in the stock market, but the capital gains from home sales have raised consumer spending by more than those from stocks, according to Greenspan. Unlike stock-market gains that are concentrated among high-income households, home-equity gains are more widely distributed among the population.

Also, consumers can tap into their gain without having to sell their homes by borrowing against the gains when they refinance their homes or obtain home-equity loans. Given the belief that the housing sector is one of the main reasons for excessive growth, it sometimes seems necessary to slow down housing-market activity. And a series of recent interest-rate hikes seemed to accomplish that.

The highest mortgage rates in two years have had an increasing impact on home sales. Since reaching the record-high annualized rate of 5.63 million units in June, existing home sales fell for the fourth consecutive month in October, dipping 6.6 percent to a rate of 4.79 million units.

However, despite declining sales in recent months, resales were on pace to make last year a record-breaking year at nearly 5.2 million units sold. Experts project a slightly slower market this year, generating about an even 5 million units.

These observations and predictions were included in a recent report from the National Association of Realtors.

"Y2K-induced capital flight could result in lower mortgage rates early this year, perhaps the lowest rate we will witness until 2002 when this economic expansion will finally come to an end," the NAR report stated.

Q. To what extent have home values increased over the past couple of decades?

A. Tracking the amount of home-value increases over the years is interesting - and very localized. For example, in the greater Los Angeles area in the 10-year period between 1980 and 1990, housing values rose 117 percent for a 2,000-square-foot home in communities where middle-income families live.

Values then declined and are just now regaining their 1990 levels. Those values realized a 57 percent gain over the past two decades.

By comparison, in Dallas, a similar home increased steadily in value during the entire 20-year period (from 1980 to 2000) but still only realized a 57 percent gain over the two decades.

"Americans have witnessed up, down and sideways movement of housing values over the past two decades, depending largely on where they live," said Thomas Peiffer, a consultant for Runzheimer International, a management consulting firm. "Some of us have gotten lucky based on when we bought and sold. Others have taken a financial hit."

During this same two-decade period, mortgage-interest rates have been largely favorable to buyers, falling from 13 percent to just over 7 percent.

Honolulu experienced the most dramatic home value increases from 1985 to 1995 - with median prices rising from \$175,200 to

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Automotive/Classified

Mazda has unveiled its compact sport-utility

By MARK MAYNARD
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

America will keep on truckin' this year.

Mazda unveiled its compact sport-utility, the 2001 Tribute, recently at the Los Angeles auto show, which will run through mid January in the downtown convention center.

Tribute was designed and engineered by Mazda, but parent company Ford will get a version for its own use, and both vehicles will be manufactured by Ford in Kansas City, Mo.

The Ford version debuted earlier this month at the Detroit auto show.

"This is not a rebadged version of anything," a company spokesman said of the Tribute. The platform is new and the only shared materials that can be seen or touched between the two SUVs is the roof and the glass.

"The addition of the new Tribute to the Mazda lineup marks the company's resurgence as a full-line manufacturer," says Richard Beattie, president and CEO of Mazda North American Operations.

It's a step above the smaller Kia Sportage and Suzuki Grand Vitara. In size, the 5-passenger Tribute is 5.5 inches longer than a Jeep Cherokee and, at 103.1 inches, it rides on the same wheelbase as the Lexus RX 300.

The Tribute, which will reach dealerships in June, will feature three trim levels, two engine choices and front or on-demand 4-wheel drive.

It has a unitized body design (vs. body on frame) and 4-wheel independent suspension.

The top tow rating (with V-6



Mazda has unveiled its new compact sports utility, the Tribute.

and tow package) is 3,500 pounds.

Functionality comes in a 60/40 split folding seatback and lift-up tailgate with flip-up rear glass.

Cargo space ranges from 17.8 cubic feet to 71.7 with the seatback folded. A 4-by-8 sheet of plywood can be passed through the rear window and two 26-inch mountain bikes can be loaded, without removing the wheels.

Prices have not been announced, but expect a standard 4-cylinder model to start around \$20,000, or about the same level as a Honda CRV or Toyota RAV4. Topline Tributes will come with leather upholstery and power driver's seat. Side air bags are optional.

Among the show's other debuts of sport utes were the Daewoo Korando and Pontiac Aztek.

Other interesting concept

vehicles include Ford's Desert Excursion, the Subaru Forester Woody and Saturn's CV1.

The redesigned Mercedes-Benz CL500 is about to go on sale with a price tag of \$85,500, and the challenge will be to find one that has not been pre-

ordered.

Just 2,500 are expected to be exported to the United States.

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Liccardi Lincoln Mercury has 2000 Car of the Year

GREEN BROOK — Motor Trend magazine named Lincoln's all-new LS luxury sport sedan its 2000 Car of the Year this week, citing the LS's performance, luxury features and overall values as major factors in earning the award.

"Among all the impressive entries in this international competition, none left a more notable mark in its class, pushed the boundaries further among its peers, and turned the heat up in its direct competition more than the Lincoln LS," Motor Trend editors wrote.

Lincoln's goal from the beginning was to create a vehicle in the luxury sport sedan market with timeless design, European performance dynamics and all the traditional luxury comforts to which Lincoln customers are accustomed.

Starting at \$31,450, the LS is priced well below its primary competitors and offers comparable, if not superior, per-

formance and luxury attributes. The LS is available with a V-6 or V-8 engine, and offers the first manual transmission in a Lincoln since 1951.

Liccardi Lincoln Mercury, located in Green Brook, has been one of the busiest Lincoln dealers in the region.

"The LS has been a great success for us," said Kevin Liccardi, of Liccardi Lincoln Mercury, noting the consumer demand for the LS. "Consumers have been praising the LS on its own merits, and now Motor Trend's Car of the Year award only adds to the credibility of the LS. We encourage people to come in and test drive the LS for themselves."

Liccardi Lincoln Mercury sells a full line of Lincoln and Mercury vehicles. The Lincoln line includes Town Car, Navigator, Continental and LS.

The Mercury product line includes Cougar, Sable, Grand Marquis, Mountaineer, Villager and Mystique.

Sales team has record year

FLEMINGTON — The sales team at Flemington BMW, Volkswagen, Porsche & Audi are celebrating a record sales year, according to General Manager Steve Opdyke.

Opdyke reported that 1,472 new and used vehicles were sold in 1999, a 20 percent increase over 1998's year-end statistics. In 1998, the sales team moved 1,248 cars.

"It takes a real effort on everyone's part to attain numbers like these," Opdyke said. "I am very proud of my team. They came to work everyday and gave it their all. Our year-end numbers certainly reflect a job well done."

In addition, Flemington BMW, Volkswagen, Porsche & Audi, members of the Flemington Car & Truck

Company family of dealerships, caters to its customers and enjoys high levels of customer satisfaction on a regular basis.

"Every salesman, every service tech, every manager recognizes that we are here to make purchasing a vehicle an enjoyable, stress-free time for each and every person who walks in the door," Opdyke added.

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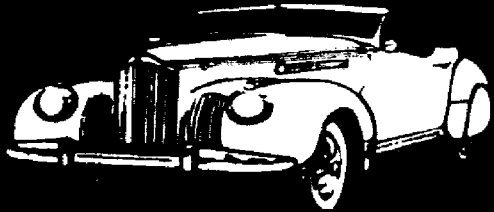
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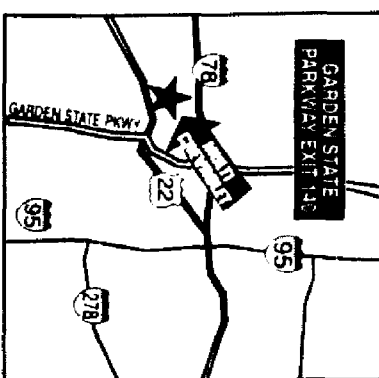
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\$298 PER MO LEASE

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2000 MERCURY SABLE LS

\$19,489

\$269 PER MO LEASE

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2000 CHRYSLER CONCORDE

\$18,989

\$18,989 PER MO LEASE

4 dr, 2.7L V6, auto, p/s/b, air, Next Generation air bags, AM/FM cassette, tilt, wiper, roof rack, MSRP \$22,490, VIN9Y161566, #000884 36 month lease

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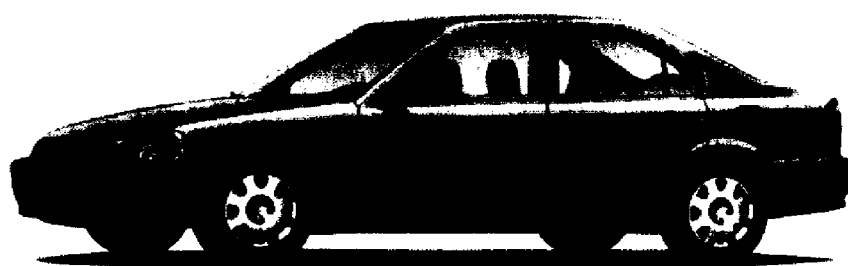


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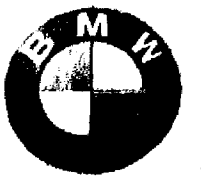
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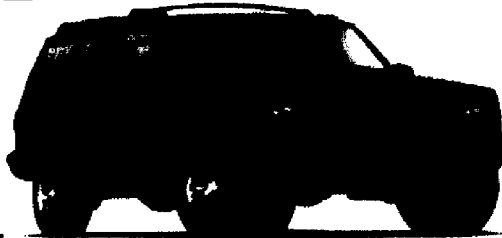
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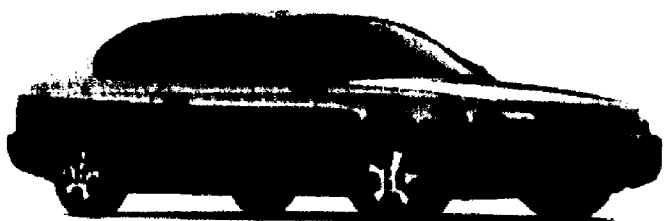
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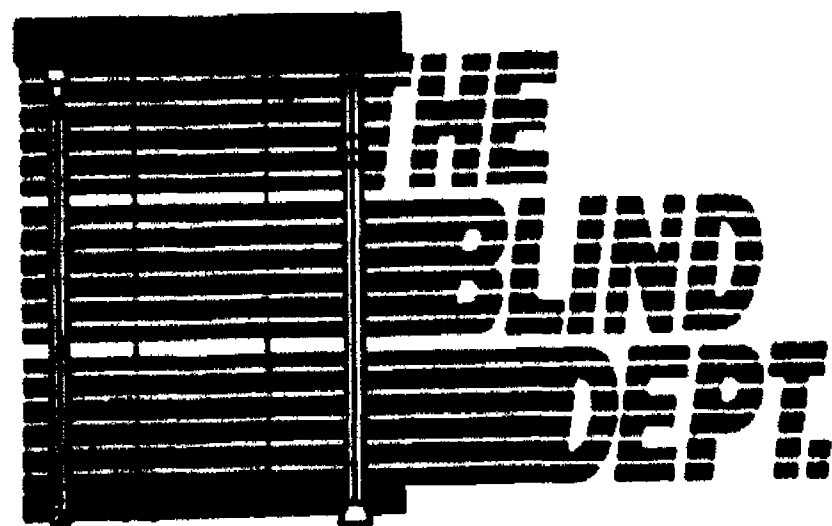
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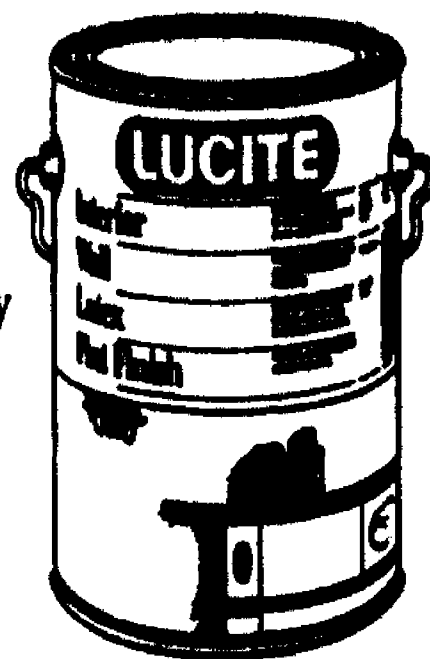
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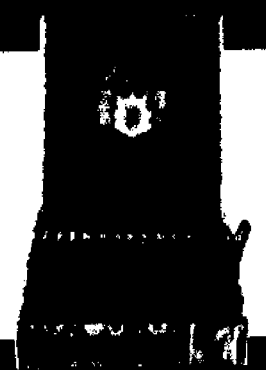
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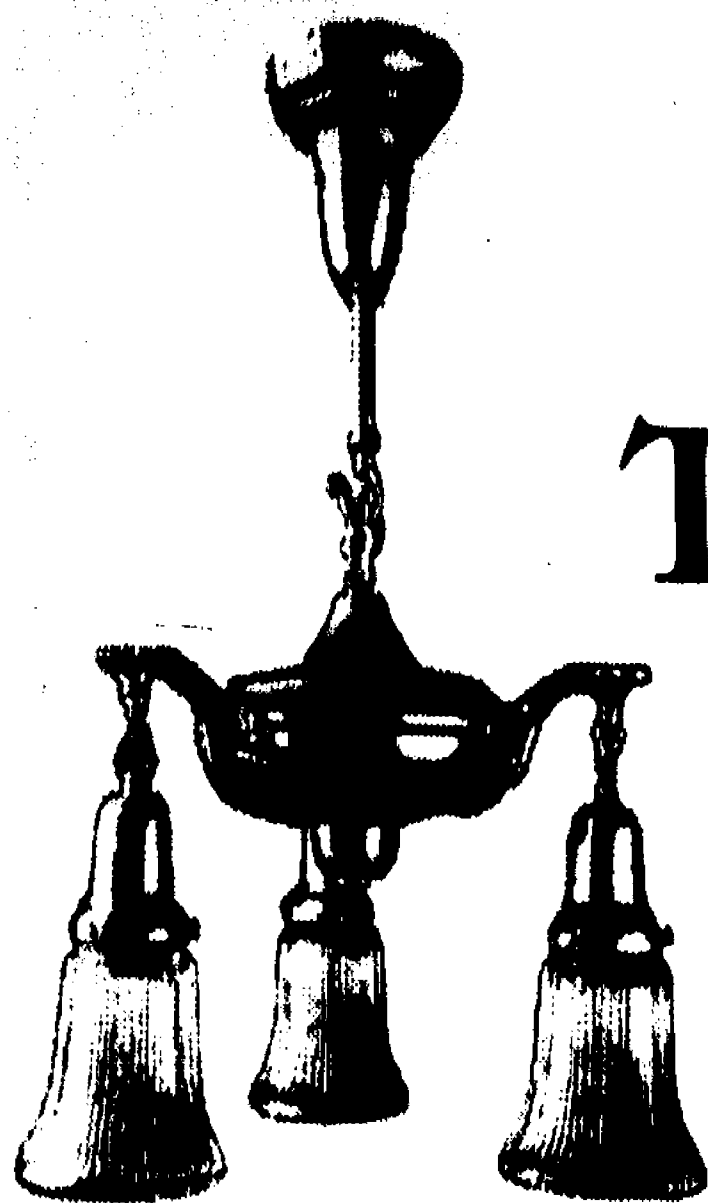
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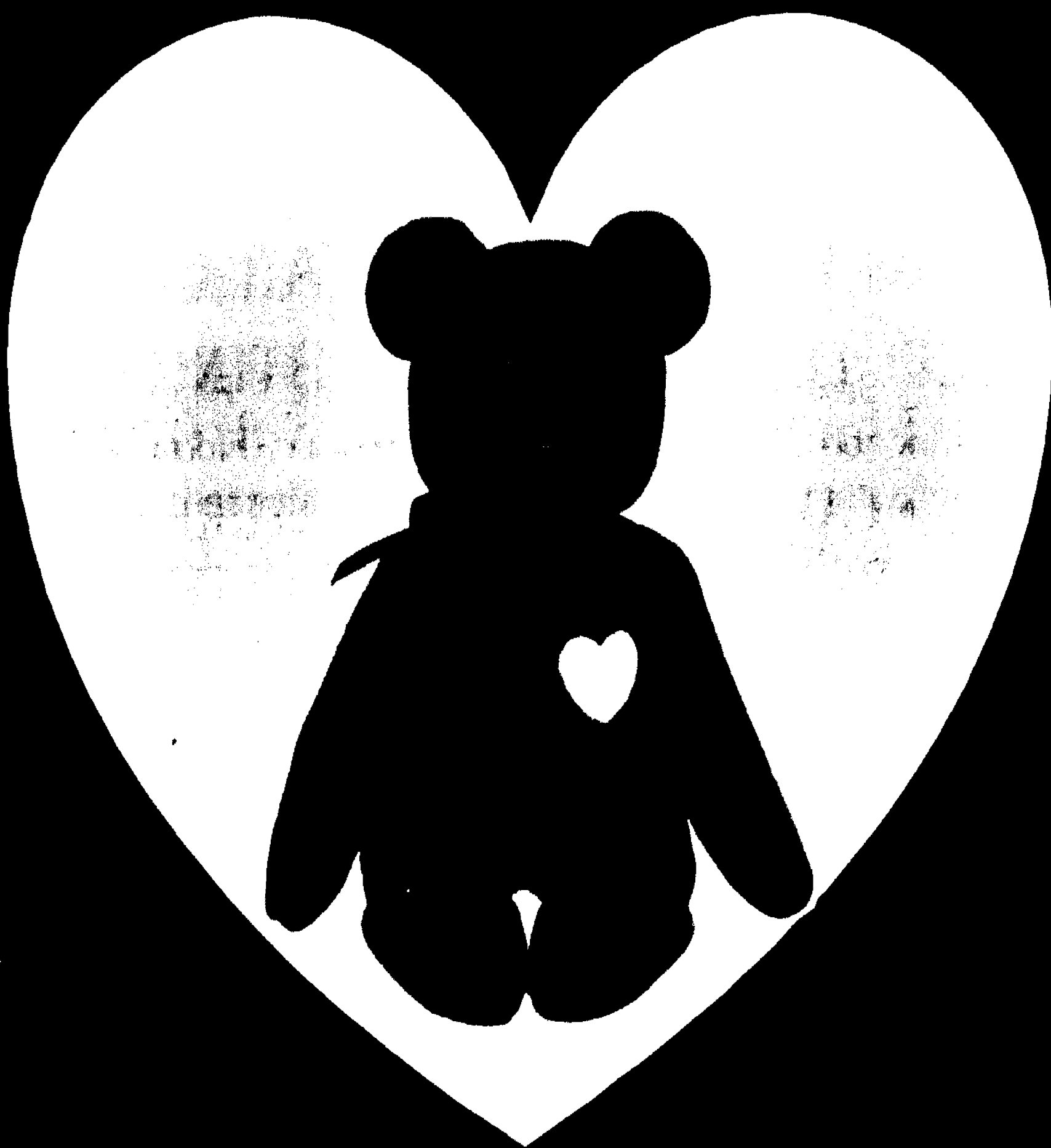
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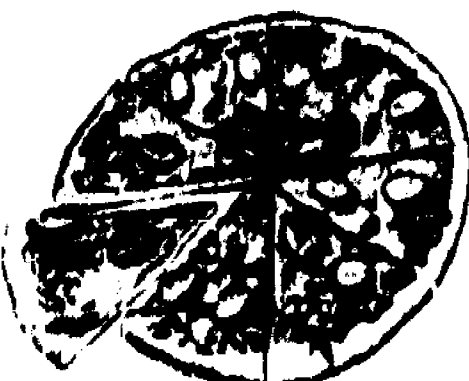
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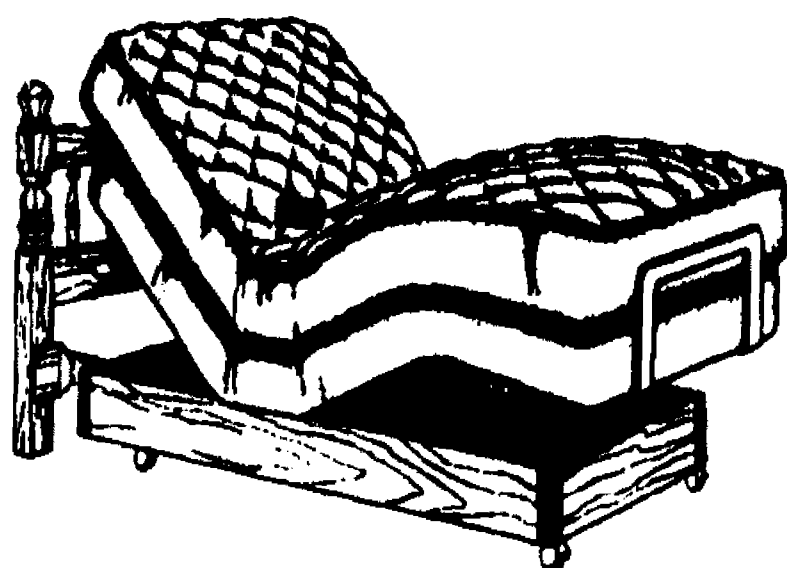
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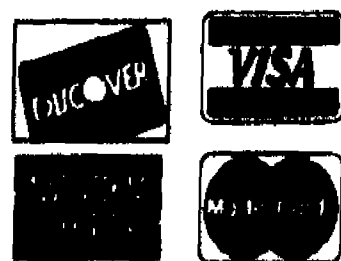
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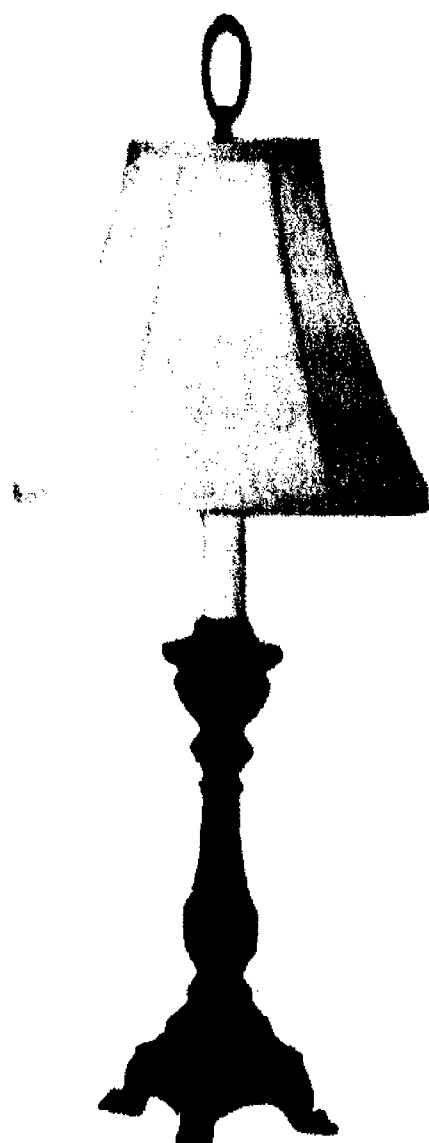
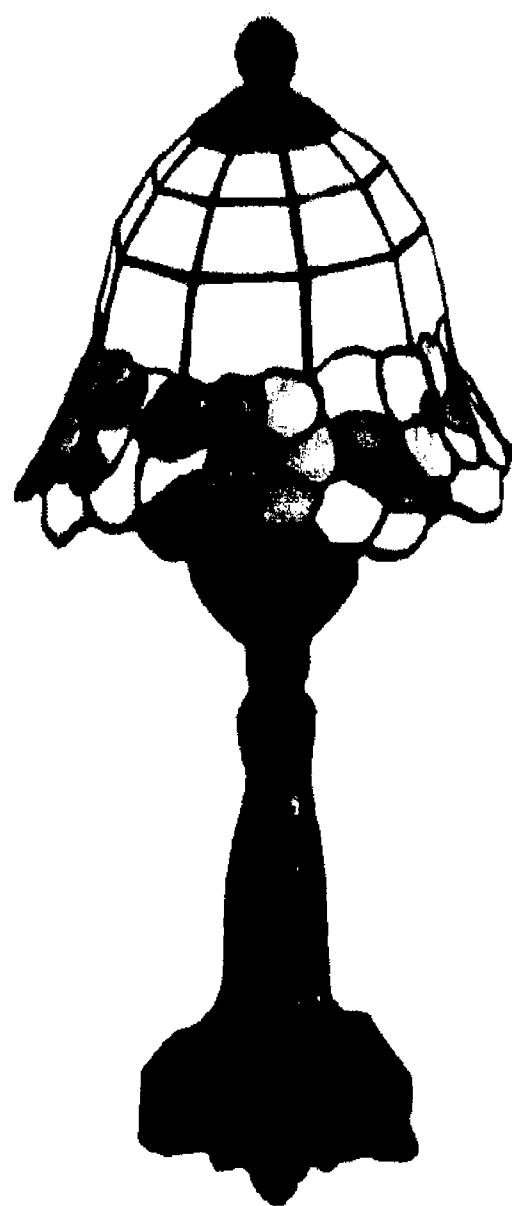
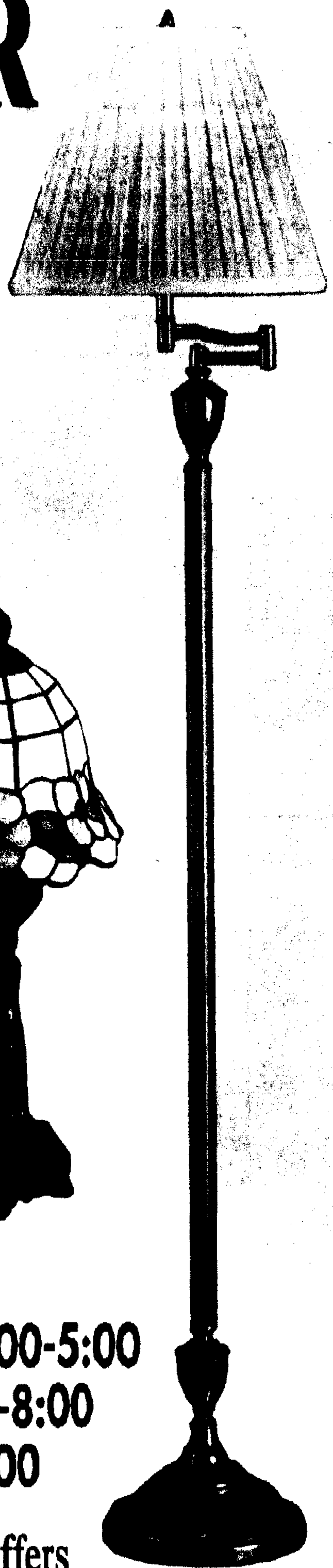
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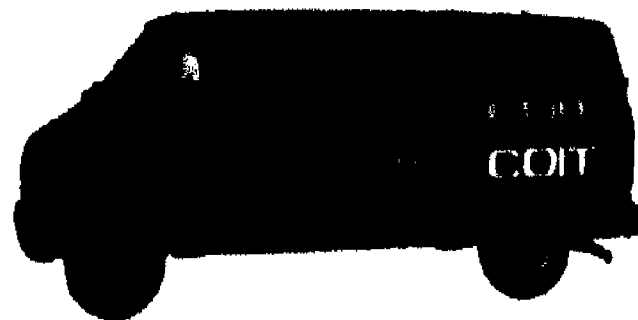




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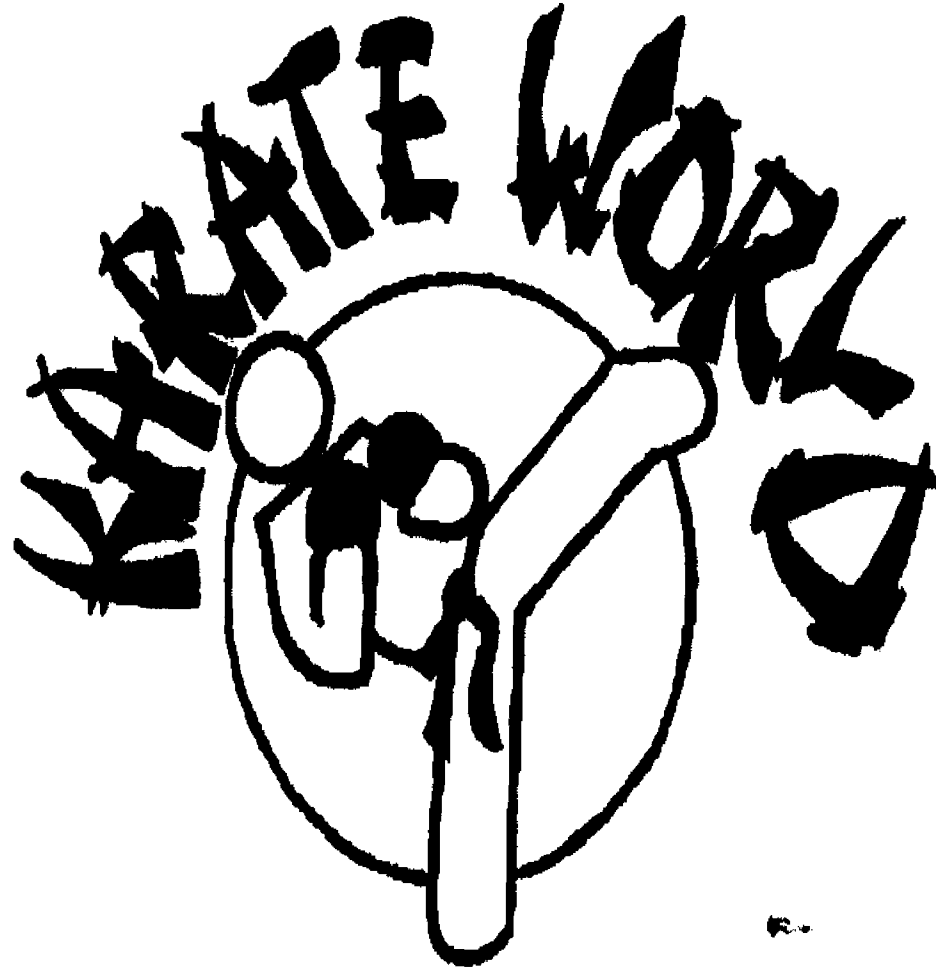
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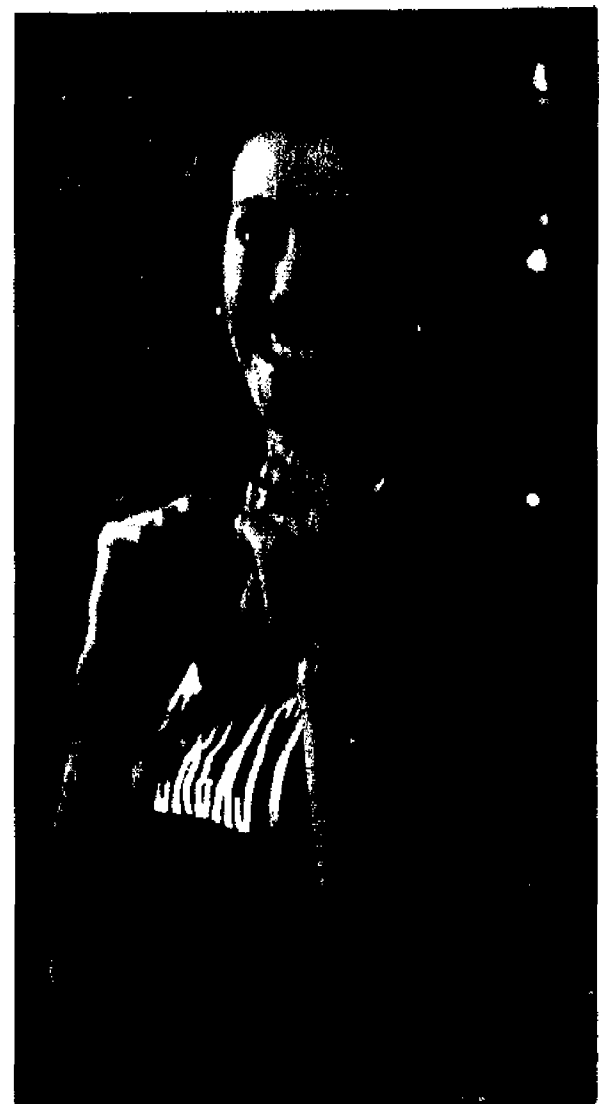
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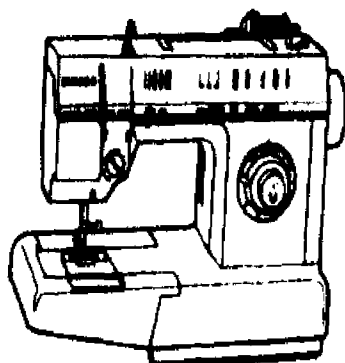
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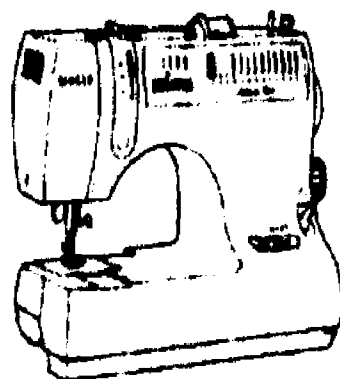
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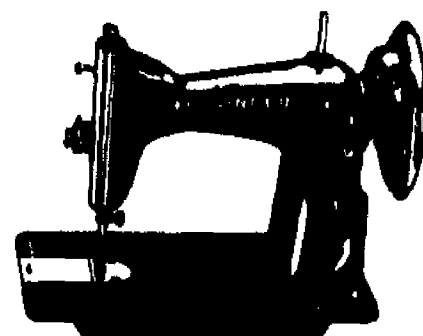
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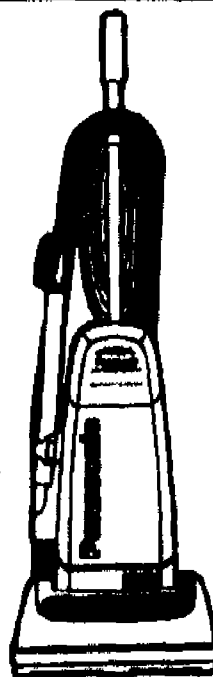
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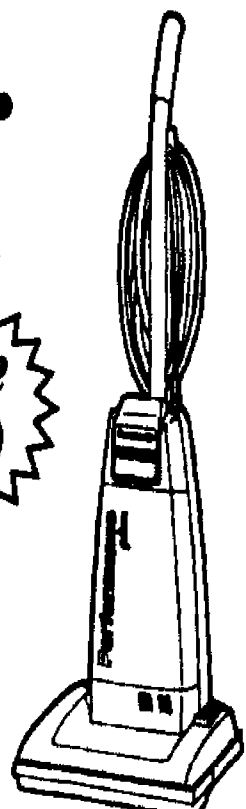
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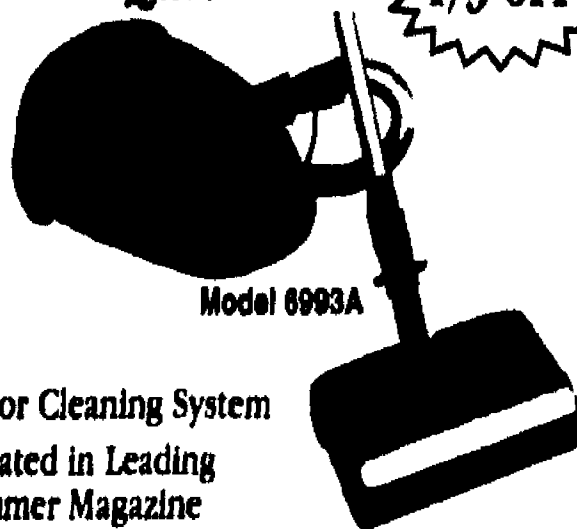


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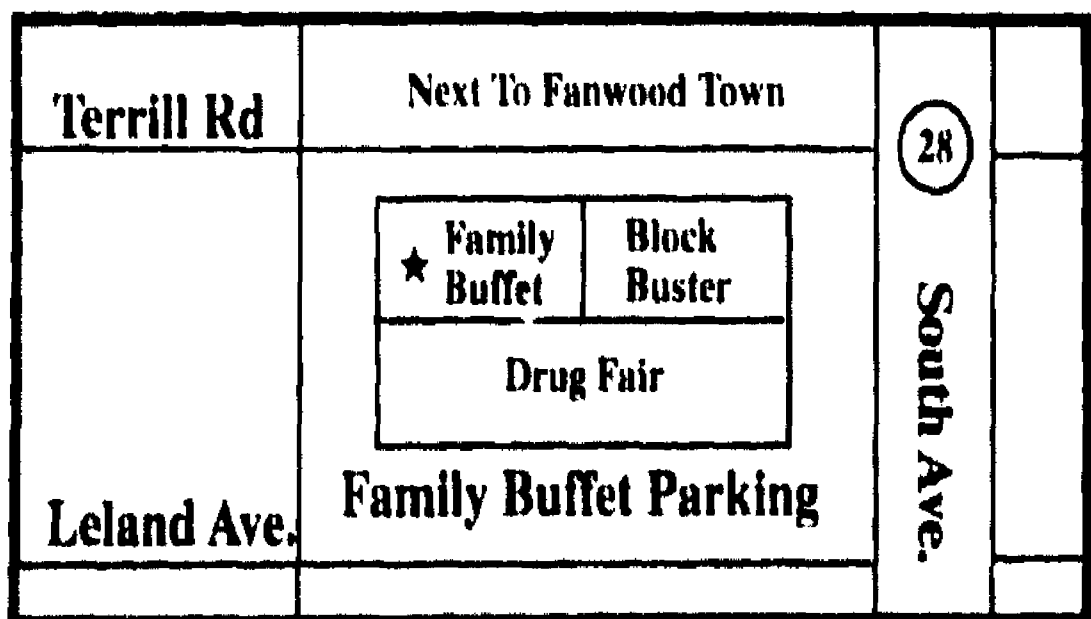
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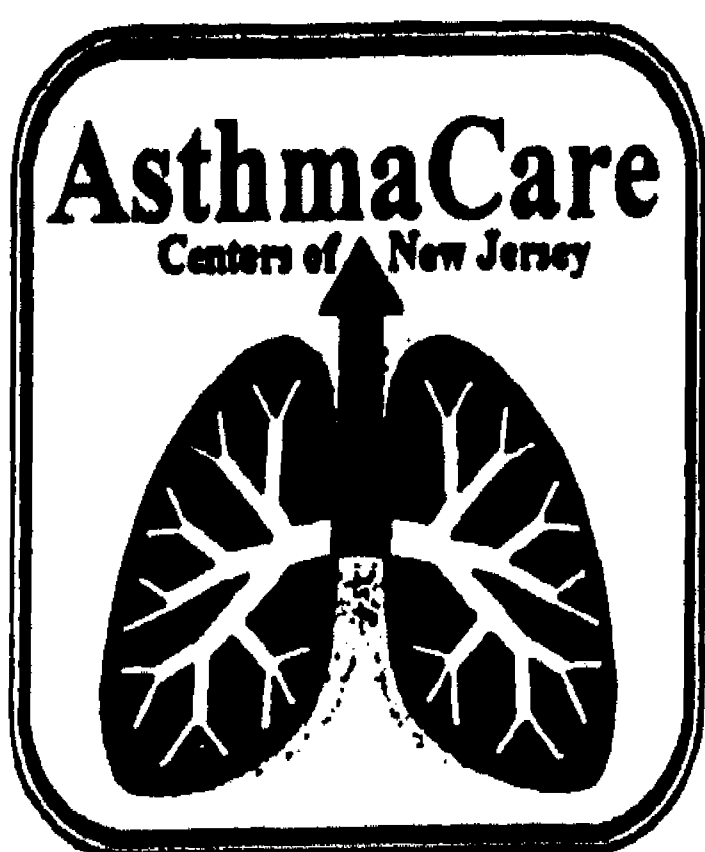
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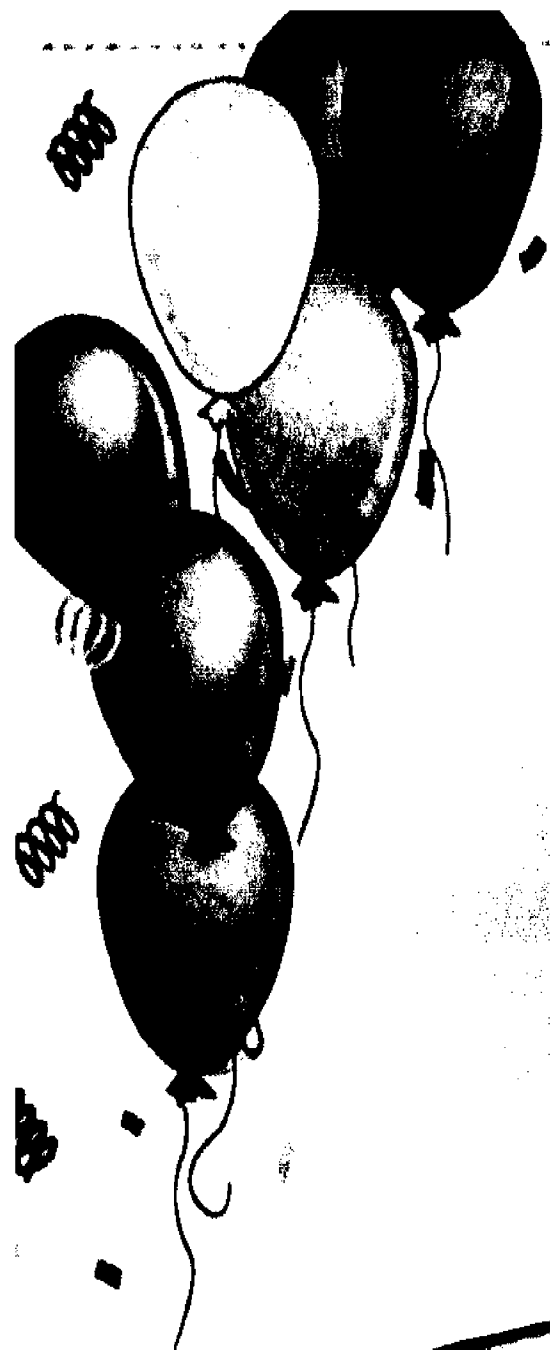
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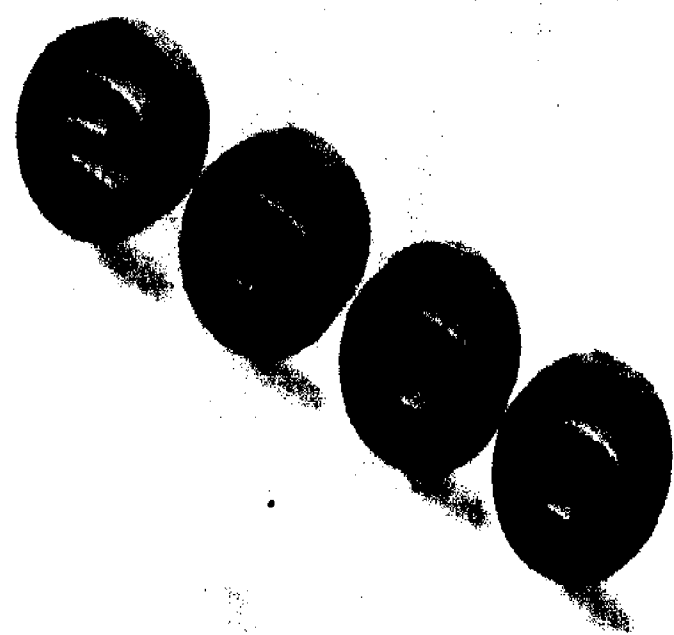
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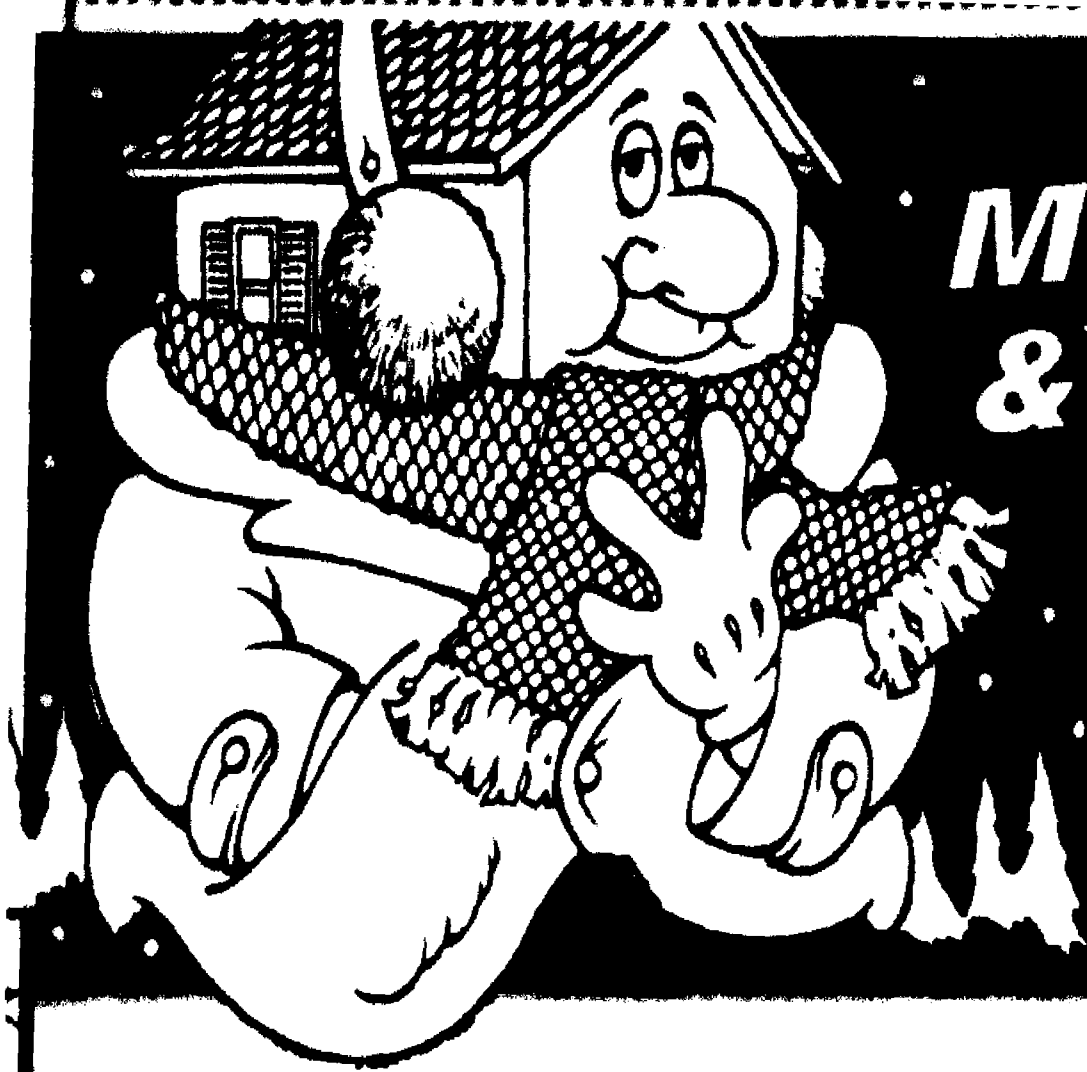
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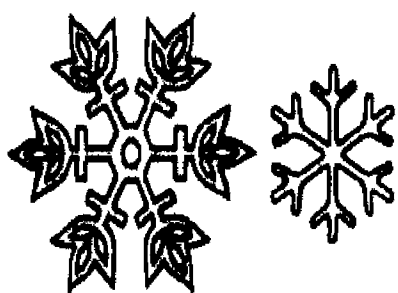
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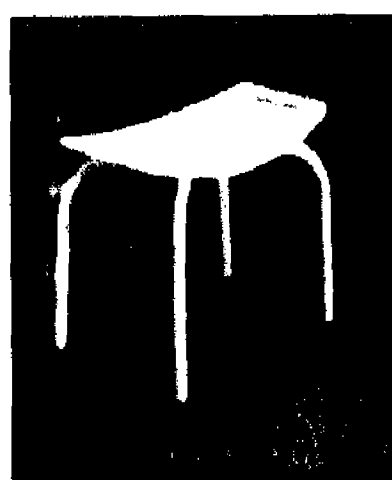
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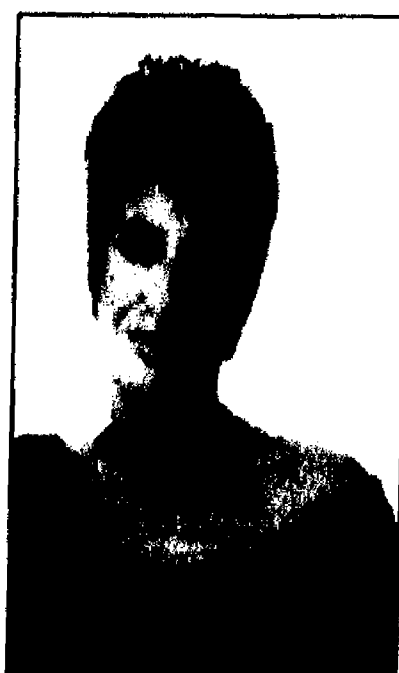


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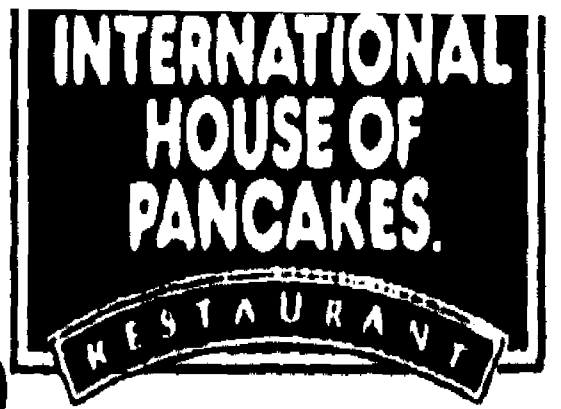
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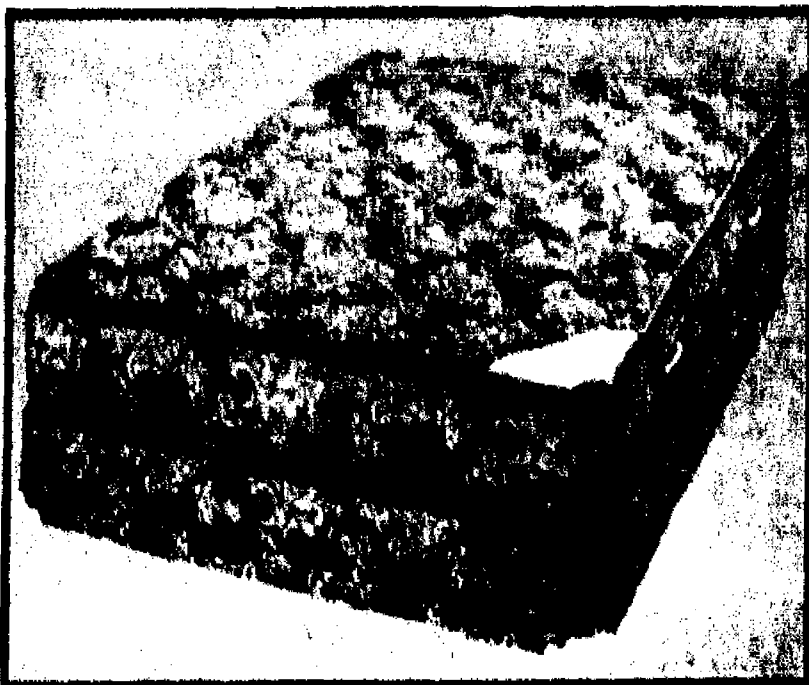
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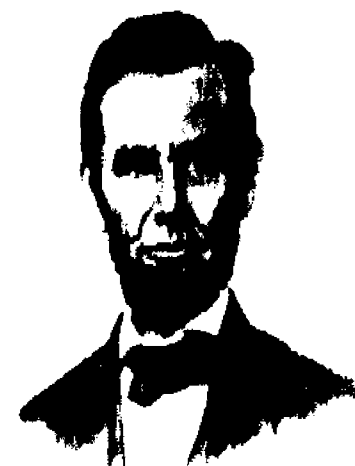
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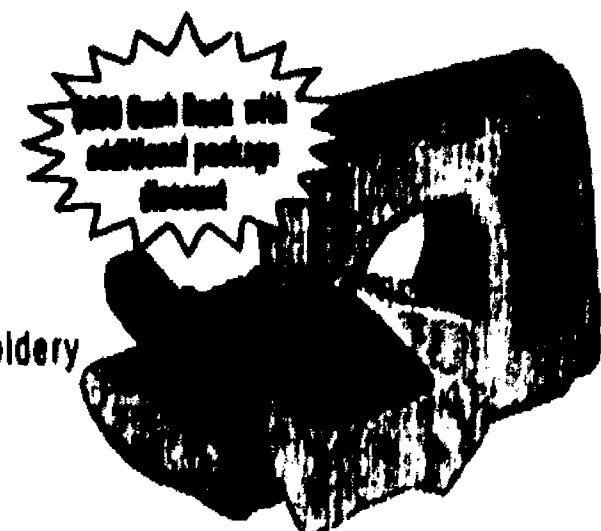
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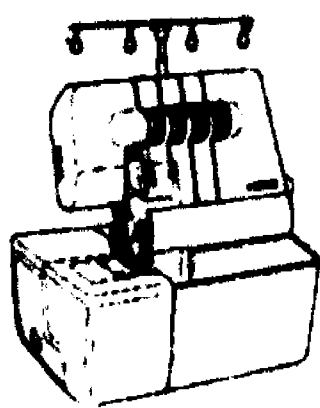
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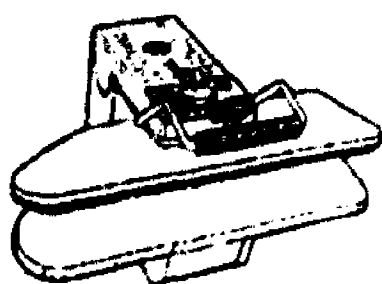


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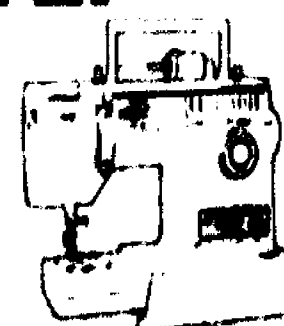


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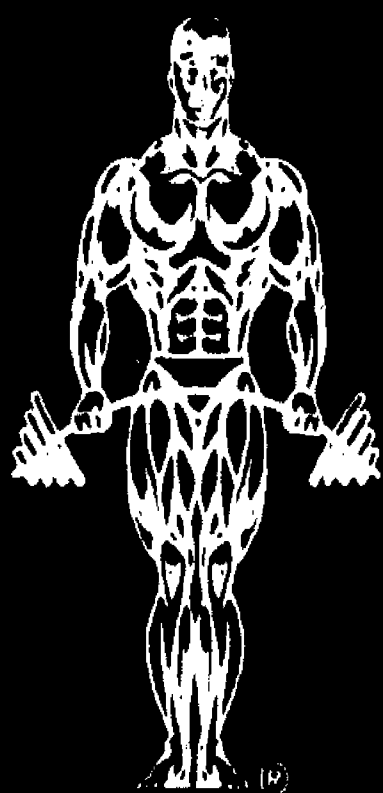
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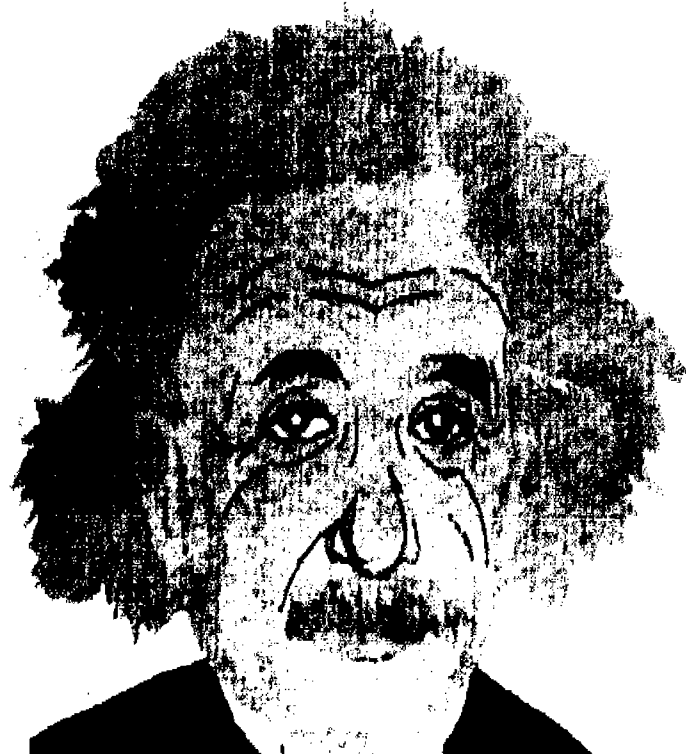
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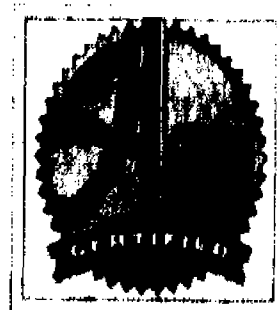
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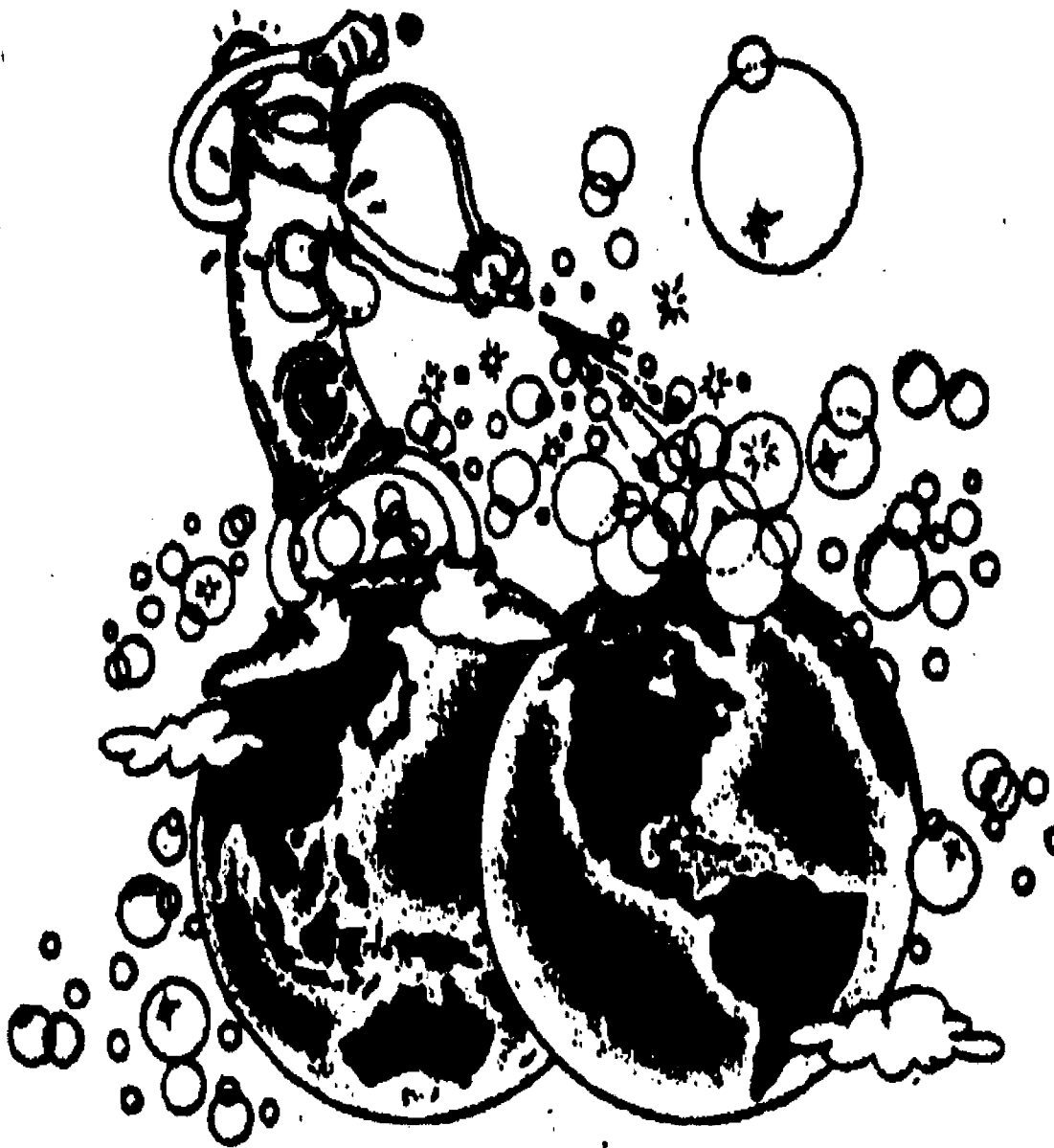
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