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Investment Workshop

Legg Mason, 203 Elm St., will conduct a workshop for investors 8 p.m. tonight. Call Rene Dierkes at 232-2686 for more information.

Home show returns

The Union County Home Show returns to the armory this weekend: 4-10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Call 538-5765.

Easter egg art

The N.J. Workshop for the Arts will hold a class on designing Ukrainian Easter eggs 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. Call 789-9696.

Party on ice

The Westfield Recreation Commission will hold an ice skating party at Warinanco Rink 6-8 p.m. Sunday. Call 789-4080.

Spring recreation

The Westfield Recreation Commission is now accepting registration for all its spring programs set to begin Monday. Call 789-4080.

La Leche to meet

The Westfield P.M. La Leche League will meet Tuesday in the municipal building to talk about "The Art of Breast-feeding and Avoiding Difficulties." Call 298-0961.

Workshop for Arts

Mayor Garland 'Bud' Boothe proclaimed this week the 23rd annual Westfield Workshop for the Arts Registration Week. Summer programs are held June 27-July 29. Call 789-9696.

Citizen's handbook

The New Jersey Citizen's Handbook, published by the N.J. League of Women Voters, contains a wealth of government, court, tax and voter information. Call 654-8628 for a copy.

Carnival fun

Temple Emanu-El of Westfield has rescheduled its annual Little People's carnival for 11 a.m.-2 p.m. April 10. Proceeds benefit the temple's nursery school. Call 232-6770.

Pool registration

The Westfield Recreation Commission is now accepting registration for the 1994 Memorial Pool season, June 11-Labor Day. Call 789-4085.

Spring tennis social

Residents are invited to join the Westfield Tennis Association for their annual spring social, 7 p.m., April 9 at the Mountainside Indoor Tennis Club. Call 233-6451 for reservations.

Donations needed

The Westfield Day Care Auxiliary seeks donations for its annual garage sale May 1. They welcome any items in clean and good condition. Call 232-6717.

Help Mobile Meals

Mobile Meals of Westfield seeks volunteers to help serve the nutritional needs of disabled residents. Call 233-0146.

Green thumbs needed

The Miller-Cory House Museum welcomes candidates interested in becoming a volunteer to oversee maintenance of the ground's historical gardens. Call 232-1776.

State aid to town is up, but mayor unmoved

By NICOLE A. GAVINO
THE RECORD

According to preliminary figures from the state Treasury Department, the Town of Westfield will receive \$315,261 more in state funding than last year. Mayor Garland 'Bud' Boothe had previously expressed concern over the possible loss of state aid to municipalities, and is not appeased by these preliminary numbers.

The mayor explained that he didn't want to assume that these numbers will match

the final numbers. When asked what effect the numbers will have on the town budget and on local taxpayers, Mayor Boothe said, "Those are not the final numbers and I don't want to comment on a hypothetical situation."

Town officials have been working on the 1994 budget, and have said that they cannot figure out how much money they will need from the taxpayers until they receive state aid figures. The Town Council has already spent a great deal of time on the expense and capital side of the budget, without any

major disagreements.

One of the biggest issues in the budget this year is the cost of over 15 storms since December. Westfield has already spent \$300,000 over the \$50,000 allocated in a normal year, and this does not include possible storms yet to come next winter. Mayor Boothe said that Westfield may still decide to seek a waiver on the 2.5 percent cap, partially because of the unexpected winter costs.

"We're on hold to see what kind of money we get in," Mayor Boothe said. "To do the

budget you have to have some real numbers, otherwise we're just shooting the breeze."

At press time, the council was meeting yesterday to discuss the revenue side of the budget, but Mayor Boothe said that they may not receive their state figures until late this week and this may change.

However, Mayor Boothe did say that "the town's pattern of spending has been pretty predictable to provide taxpayers some assurance of what they can expect."



Passover lesson

Nursery school pupils at Temple Emanu-El in Westfield experience a Passover seder lesson Tuesday. They also sang traditional songs and listened to Judy Green on the accordion. Passover begins at sundown Saturday.

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Seven-town forum coming

The Westfield Bicentennial Commission will sponsor a Mayor's Bicentennial forum at 8 p.m. Wednesday. Harriet Derman, Gov. Christie Whitman's commissioner of Community Affairs, will be keynote speaker.

Westfield Mayor Garland 'Bud' Boothe will host the event.

Among the participants in the symposium will be Council President Maryanne Connelly, representing Mayor Linda D. Stender, Farwood; Mayor Michael Crincoli, Garwood; and former mayor Joan Papen representing Mayor William McClintock, Scotch Plains.

The forum will be in Roosevelt Intermediate School.

School tax rate to jump 14 cents

By NICOLE A. GAVINO
THE RECORD

The Westfield Board of Education Tuesday night unanimously adopted a tentative \$48.7 million school budget for the 1994-5 school year which would raise the local school property tax rate by 14 cents.

The school tax rate will increase by 6.44 percent, raising the current \$2.20 school rate to \$2.34 per \$100 of assessed value. This means that the owner of the average home assessed at \$173,724 will pay \$4,065 to support this budget, \$246 more than last year.

"As a taxpayer, I am quite conscious of the effect of school budgets on local property taxes," said board member Susan Jacobson. "As head of the finance committee, I can assure you that we wrestled with the tax impact of the tentative budget we are proposing." Mrs. Jacobson noted that part of the tax increase is due to a loss of state aid.

Superintendent Mark Dr. Smith said that this tentative budget contains the lowest total increase in more than a decade. The budget is 2.4 percent larger than the 1993-4 revised budget. The budget comes in (Please turn to page A-2)

ShopRite hearings continue tonight in Garwood

The Westfield and Garwood Planning Boards will meet tonight to continue the Village Supermarkets hearing on a proposed ShopRite straddling both towns on North Avenue.

At last month's meeting, Jeff Lehrer, attorney for Village Supermarkets has sent to the state Department of Transportation identifies a shared access and Mr. Lehrer said that is how they want

it to remain. Also at last month's meeting, objecting attorney William Butler, representing Reilly Oldsmobile, began presenting his case with testimony from professional planner Joseph Burgis. Mr. Burgis testified that Village supermarkets does not meet the criteria in the intent of both the Westfield and Garwood master plans due to potential

shortcomings in three areas, including the truck unloading area, the lack of rear yard space and the lack of landscaping as a buffer.

Tonight, Mr. Butler will bring his next witness, traffic engineer Hal Simoff, to testify on traffic issues. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Westwood, North Avenue, Garwood.

— Nicole A. Gavino

Содружество - вот что объединяет двух учителей.
(Two teachers share one ideal — unity)



Edison School Russian exchange teacher Valentina Chernyshova, Steven Wath, 14, and Nancy Liggere go over lessons in English as a Second Language class.

GEORGE PACCIELLO/THE RECORD

By NICOLE A. GAVINO
THE RECORD

Valentina Chernyshova and Elizabeth Hetherington stand today as a symbol of hope, possibility and cooperation. Mrs. Chernyshova is on her first visit to Westfield as part of the Hands Across the Water teacher exchange program, only months after Mrs. Hetherington returned from a similar trip to Russia.

"Our children are our future," Mrs. Chernyshova said. "We can find an understanding between us. This is the main aim of our trip - to be in peace with American people and teachers."

The two women agreed that years ago, they would've stood aside. But as doors open between the two countries, there are many benefits to be found by working

and sharing together.

"We have so many misconceptions about their country and their culture and I'm sure they have misconceptions about us too," Mrs. Hetherington said. "Now with an open society and our new friendship, we can truly get to know each other."

Mrs. Chernyshova is reaping these benefits as she tours the Westfield schools, talking to the students and watching Americans teach and learn. On top of that, she is soaking in American culture with visits to Manhattan, Trenton, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

From her hometown of Kirov, a large city 500 miles north of Moscow, the northeastern U.S. is something altogether different.

"There are too many differences, our lives are very different," Mrs. (Please turn to page A-6)

County GOP confab set for Saturday a.m.

Union County Republican Chairman Frank X. McDermott has announced that Union County Republican Committee members will convene Saturday to select its slate of candidates for November's election.

McDermott noted that at least six candidates have indicated that they may throw their hats in the ring, seeking to become the party's nominees for the three seats on the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders now held by Republicans Frank H. Lehr, of Summit, the current board chairman; James F. Keefe of Westfield; and Mario A. Paparozzi of Cranford.

Paparozzi has indicated that he will not run for re-election. However, Lehr, a former mayor of Summit, and Keefe, a former deputy surrogate in the Union

County Office of the Public Defender will seek new terms on the freeholder board.

It is expected that the GOP Committee will approve, possibly by acclamation, the candidacy for Congressman Robert Franks, now completing his first term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Support will also be sought at the convention for Assembly Speaker Garabed (Chuck) Haytaian and former state Senator Brian Kennedy in his bid for the U.S. Senate seat now held by Senator Frank Lautenberg.

The convention will open at 8:45 a.m. at Johnathan Dayton Regional High School on Mountain Avenue in Springfield. Press representatives are invited to attend the event, which will conclude at about 1 p.m.

Two charged with drug possession

Two Elizabeth men were arrested for cocaine possession Saturday after being stopped for a motor vehicle offense.

At about 5 p.m., police stopped a Toyota Corolla with three occupants on the corner of South and Windsor avenues because their was no license plate displayed on the front of the car. As the officer approached the car, he said he saw the driver attempt to conceal a partially consumed can of beer under the seat.

He asked the driver, 29-year-old Martin Hernandez, to get out of the car. After Mr. Hernandez did, he then allegedly took something out of his pocket and tried to conceal it in his hand. The officer discovered it was a \$5 bill with a white powdery substance inside, suspected to be cocaine.

As Mr. Hernandez was being taken into custody, police said they saw the rear seat passenger, 36-year-old Ruben Perez, trying to hide something in his right sneaker. When police asked him to take off his shoe they found a folded \$1 bill with suspected cocaine in it.

Both suspects were arrested and charged with the possession of cocaine. They were later taken to Union county Jail and each was held in lieu of \$2500 bail. The car was turned over to the front seat passenger and owner of the car.

ARRESTS

On Mar. 17, Debra Hughes, 27, of Flemington, was arrested on a charge of issuing bad checks. She was released on her own recognizance with a summons.

Delroy Smith, 38, of Plainfield was arrested on March 18 for driving on the revoked list. He was released on \$250 bail.

Curtis Porter, 38, of Scotch Plains was arrested on a contempt of court warrant out of Westfield on March 18. He was released on \$150 bail.

Darien Easley, 25, of Scotch Plains was arrested on a contempt of court warrant out of Westfield on March 18. He was held in lieu of \$2500 bail.

William Fields, 35, of Plainfield was arrested on a contempt of court warrant out of Westfield on March 18. He was taken to Union County Jail and held in lieu of \$575.

BURGLARY AND THEFT

An East Broad Street store reported the theft of a pocketbook March 18. An employee said that two men entered the back of the store and

took the pocketbook from behind a main desk while she and her husband were waiting on customers. She said the men then left through the front door. \$2000 in cash, checkbooks, check cards, and numerous keys were in the purse.

A Hillside resident reported the burglary and theft of a car stereo from his car March 18. The unlocked jeep was parked on East North Avenue when a pullout stereo was allegedly taken from under the car seat.

A Hort Street resident reports the theft of a \$400 camera tripod from her vehicle while it was parked in front of her home March 20. She believes that someone smashed her passenger side to enter the locked car.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

A Trinity Place resident reported criminal mischief to his residence March 18. He said that someone defaced his stone front steps, which showed scratches and gouges from an unknown object.

On March 19, a Park Street resident reported that someone smashed the front windshield to his car while it was parked on front of his home.

School candidates mull financial quandaries

By NICOLE A. GAVINO
THE RECORD

As part of a weekly candidate quiz administered by *The Record*, Westfield Board of Education candidates explore different educational issues each week. This week the school board approved a \$47 million tentative school budget after finding themselves in a situation wherein they had to cut their original budget draft by about \$1.5 million in less than a week's time. Candidates were asked what they think a reasonable school board member should begin doing now to prepare for similar fiscal restraints in future years. Their ideas and opinions are outlined below, by candidate in reverse alphabetical order.

Incumbent Susan Pepper said that especially since the Quality Education Act was instituted, the need for a school board member to be proactive and think about long-range planning has been clear.

"I think that the Westfield Board of Education have done exactly what I believe we need to do for the future," she said, pointing out three main things that the boards have been doing as part of an on-going process.

She noted that the board has been involved in cost-cutting, such as lower salary increases and shared health benefits in contract settlements. She believes that these kinds of cuts are important because they will make a difference over time as opposed to one-time cost-cuts.

She also pointed to the value of seeking alternative sources of funding, such as grants or cooperative efforts from the business community and Westfield's Education Fund.

Finally, she said that board members need to be proactive legislatively and be involved with speaking to his legislators. Mrs. Pepper believes that the board has been taking these steps, and "clearly, we need to continue to be more proactive."

Incumbent Carol Molnar said that there needs to be an on-going budget process, wherein present and future fiscal concerns can be met, so that board members will be prepared and able to submit the

best possible budget.

"To address this issue the finance committee should meet monthly the whole year so that there's an on-going method to continuously address the short-term and long-term budget concerns," she explained.

"This will enable the whole board to take a proactive approach to successfully develop an operating budget well ahead of the time for its submission."

Newcomer Tom Madaras believes that the school board needs to undertake a detailed analysis of expenditures and define present and future priorities of the town. He said the task should be done by the board with input from all areas of the community.

"The process has to be opened up somehow. There has to be some frivolties, I can't imagine that we're down to the bare bones," he said. "We should start looking at each expenditure and see if we can do things better."

Suggestions include a good look at curriculum to see if it can be tightened up or the consideration of restructuring the school day. He said that the board needs to analyze all the schools' programs and rank them all in terms of priorities. "And as new recommendations are brought to the board, we should slot them into our priority list," he explained. "We shouldn't assume we can't get new programs into place; we should look at all options to fund programs."

Mr. Madaras pointed out that Westfield only received 4.2 percent of district funding from other re-

sources. He said that the state average is 7.7 percent and Westfield should be investigating what other communities are receiving and why Westfield isn't finding as much.

Incumbent Peter Gould feels that the budget process should begin a great deal earlier in the year and in the context of a longer-range planning process.

"It should be in the hands of board members for evaluation and discussion before Christmas," Mr. Gould said. "The board should be in a position to discuss not just line items, but instructional and opera-

tional options that will maintain the quality of services but may be more cost-effective." He added that public input should also be an important part of the process.

"It's regrettable that the process has happened on such a compressed time frame this year," he continued. "As a member of the board of education, a longer-running and more-detailed budget process is a major priority for me."

Candidate Robert Flast also feels that "the approach to budgeting needs to be revisited." He thinks it should be more priority-oriented and program-oriented. He

said that the state's own schedules and deadlines should not stop the board from doing the proper analysis early in the year, and developing their priorities and a budget to support them.

If expenses were organized and examined on a program by program basis, Mr. Flast feels assured that it would be easier for the board to decide what they would be willing to sacrifice if the need arose.

"That's a style of budgeting in the private sector that been drummed into me for over 25 years," he explained. "I understand that the state wants the numbers in a different format and the state may keep you guessing on parts of the revenue up until the last minute. But if you had your information organized the way I'm suggesting, you're ability to respond to both of those state issues would be pretty mechanical."

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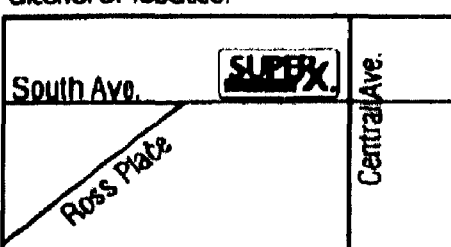
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This Passover pensive time for many: rabbi

By NICOLE A. GAVINO
THE RECORD

This weekend members of the Jewish community around the world will join in their celebration of Passover. They will celebrate human dignity, justice and freedom, in a time when Israel is at war and Jewish students in America have to take cover for safety.

"The theme of freedom is an eternal theme of Passover," said Rabbi Charles A. Kroloff of Westfield's Temple Emanu-El. "The Jews and Arabs alike must learn to live together in freedom. That's what this peace process is all about."

As Jews join friends and family for Passover Seder, Rabbi Kroloff is sure that these topics will be discussed. As they remember and pay tribute to what their people did thousands of years ago to achieve freedom after being enslaved, many Jews are also reminded that history repeats itself. Local youths who are preparing for their confirmation explained the connection.

"An important part of Passover is remembrance of the Jews becoming distinguished, and now we're becoming distinguished again," said 13-year-old Matt Pavoni. "It's important to remember it and to think how there's a connection between the two. Throughout history we've been oppressed a lot, we're showing that we're just another peoples."

Twelve-year-old Beth Salkin sees a connection in people she calls "heroes," who sacrifice their lives for the freedom of their people. "If it weren't for what the people did in Egypt we probably would've never been free," she said. "We're proud of that. There are heroes now again, people who will put their lives on the line

to save other people of their kind."

Tamara Ruben, religious school director of Temple Emanu-El, said that the themes of remembrance and freedom are exactly those they try to promote. "We also try to promote a great sense of Jewish identity throughout the school," she said. "We try to instill pride in who they are and where they came from, with some questions for the future."

Due to recent threats on Jewish institutions in New Jersey, Temple Emanu-El keeps all but one door locked at all times. And the door that is open is watched carefully. At Solomon Schechter Day School in Cranford, students are even wearing baseball caps over their yarmakas while they ride the bus to school.

"They've had to hide their identity all through history," Beth pointed out. "It's going back again."

Noting different stories of Passover, Matt explained, "if we cover up for safety, in God's mind it's more understood. He'd rather have us hide it than jeopardize ourselves."

For many people, this weekend will simply be a time to get together with the family and cherish life and freedom. "It's the only time of the year see the whole family and that makes it special," said 12-year-old Mark Forscher. "By celebrating it every year, we ensure that it will never happen again. People won't be enslaved."

The optimism is as evident as Rabbi Kroloff words, "I'm positive that human freedom will win over."

Services at Temple Emanu-El begin on Sunday at 10:30, preceded by a Matza Breakfast at 9:45. The last day is April 2, services at 10:30 a.m. with guest speaker Rabbi Michael Marmur of the Leo Baeck Educational Center in Israel.

Candidate Madaras suggests lower grades teach kids more

After reviewing the 1992-93 school report cards for the nine schools in the Westfield school district school, Board of Education candidate Tom Madaras is recommending that the elementary schools spend more time on instructional activities and that the district reduce class sizes in the lower grades.

"Two statistics concerning our elementary schools that disturb me are, one, our school day is nine minutes shorter than the state average, and two, the ratio of students per teacher is 46 percent higher than the state average," Mr. Madaras said in a prepared press release. "The cumulative effect of the first number is that each school year, our children are re-

ceiving between one and two weeks less instruction per year than the average elementary school student in New Jersey. The higher student/teacher ratio leads to larger class sizes and our children receiving less individualized attention from their teachers."

"These two factors impact the amount of instruction that our children receive at their earliest ages," Mr. Madaras said. "Since concern about our students' academic performance led to my seeking a seat on the Board of Education, I wanted to share this information from the 1992-1993 school report card with the community."

"Success is based on a strong basic foundation of reading, writing and arithmetic which allows our

children to achieve superior performance both academically and on their standardized tests," he continued. "To accomplish these objectives, we must require our children to spend more time learning the basic fundamentals of education. This can be accomplished by lengthening the school day, reducing class sizes and increasing the amount of individual attention students receive from teachers."

"It seems strange that our largest class sizes, and the least amount of instruction, occur at the earliest grades when the opposite should be true," Mr. Madaras said. "If we can accomplish the dual goals of increasing instruction while reducing class sizes, this will lead to better performance by our children."

58th time

The Easter Bunny will be making his 58th straight appearance at the Westfield Lions club Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 2 at 1 p.m. in Clark Park next to Roosevelt School. More than 1,200 hard boiled eggs will be in the park and an additional 100 plastic eggs containing gift certificates for ice cream cones donated by Hills Ice Cream will also be hidden. Westfield children up to 7 years old are eligible. Lions Renee Dierkes and William Villane are co-chairing the event that has been held every year since 1936.

Russian teacher exchange program

(Continued from page A-1)
Chernyshova tried to explain. "It's so unusual. I like it very much." "It seems to me that I will always remember my visit to America and my meetings with people," she continued, noting that another nice surprise has been our "spring" weather. It seems our worst winter does not come close to the everyday weather in her hometown.

Besides an exchange of culture and an opportunity to experience a different lifestyle, Hands Across the Water also provides the opportunity for educational professionals to exchange teaching strategies. Education in Russia is more traditional, with less focus on cooperative learning and the teaching of critical reasoning skills, but it does have many methods that American teachers could learn from. Mrs. Hetherington explained that there is a great emphasis on Russian culture and tradition and on early education.

Mrs. Chernyshova is both a teacher and administrator at the Kirov School No. 32. She is vice principal and teaches English to grades 1-11 in an over-crowded school with nearly 1300 students.

Through her visits in the Westfield schools, Mrs. Chernyshova said she will have much about teaching methodology to bring back to her colleagues. In particular, she was impressed with they way Westfield students learn to express their thoughts.

"I like that your teacher teaches pupils how to think, to speak," Mrs. Chernyshova said. "The pupils write everything and express their thoughts in writing. I think this is a nice thing."

She said she was also struck by the daily flag salute and the fact that every classroom has a flag in it. She applauded the way Americans teach their students to love their country and said that it was something she would bring back to Russia.

Besides the exchange of ideas and information, there is also the great exchange of gifts. Mrs. Chernyshova arrived with a suitcase full of gifts, ranging from Dymka figurines to Mitryoshka dolls to flowered handkerchiefs, all hand made pieces of Russian folk craft. She will leave with items from American music to the American flag.

And on top of getting to know the country, the two women have gotten to know each other. They have been hosting each other on their visits and are keeping in constant

touch, exchanging ideas on everything from art to teaching methods.

As their friendship grows, Mrs. Hetherington's sixth-grade class is

beginning to make new friends across the water also as their letters to Russian students travel back to Russia with Mrs. Chernyshova.



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Commentary

Forget/remember

An instructional guide from taxpayers to all town and school budget makers

The Governor and her cabinet have made the first move toward applying the brakes to the ever-rising tax burden teetering on the shoulders of New Jersey homeowners and wage earners. Her proposed budget shows a determination to cut state expenses, including aid given to towns and school districts.

The signal from the Whitman administration in the Governor's Tuesday night budget speech last week is, "We cut back at state level; you cut back at local level, oh county, town and school elected officials."

When that sank in, say about 8 a.m. Wednesday, KABOOOOM!

School board members and superintendents, mayors and a string of senior administrators of all stripes were wringing their hands. They also were ringing legislators' offices, apparently. Next thing you know, the Assembly and Senate figurines from all over the state were assuring voters that the Governor's aid cuts would never get past the legislature. No, sir. Legislators would not be a party to shifting state spending cuts onto the backs of local property tax payers. (There is, you see, no alternative to hiking local taxes when state aid to towns and schools is cut. It's the way it is.)

So, is the Governor off her rocker already in saying state cuts spending/local governments cut, too? Is the legislature alone tuned in to the plight of local towns and schools? Can both be working for the taxpayer down at the bottom of the budget-tax food chain? Hardly. Is it OK that the owners of a Westfield home assessed at \$173,850 last year have to shell out \$5,858 in

property taxes? Why should Garwood taxpayers be paying close to \$4,000 in property taxes?

Here are some unsolicited forget/remember memos to the budget makers:

FORGET trying to be a hero in year one, Governor Whitman; the cut's too big, too soon.

REMEMBER what New Jersey taxpayers really deserve is a synchronized, top-to-bottom overhaul of the nearly 1,200 taxing entities sucking cash from their constituents' disposable incomes.

FORGET, Legislators, playing hero by tranquilizing yourselves, local governments and the taxpayers by rejecting the Governor's budget cuts.

REMEMBER that incentives for consolidating services, personnel and purchasing among schools and towns will effect real tax savings, while improving the quantity and quality of services. A top-to-bottom, step-by-step financial master plan is what New Jersey taxpayers need, not knee jerk cost cutting followed by knee jerk "rescues."

FORGET the wimpy salary negotiations towns and school boards carry out that cost taxpayers millions and are later explained away at budget time as "contractual obligations that we can't touch."

REMEMBER, school and town negotiation and budget leaders, the bottom line is the tax levy, the amount of cash homeowners have to come up with to meet your budget.

REMEMBER, elected ones, if the tax bill goes up...

...You can **FORGET** reelection.



Letters to the editor

A & M Auto Body supporter sees no reason to deny appeal

To The Record:

I wish to respond to a recent letter which appeared from Mary D. Herberich, chairwoman of the Westfield Board of Adjustment, regarding the A & M Auto Body case. Mrs. Herberich stated that her board is accountable to the Town Council under "very limited" circumstances. On the contrary, public officials entrusted with tax dollars are accountable under all circumstances to the taxpayers.

It is my understanding that this case has been presented in various forms to the Board of Adjustment on numerous occasions for almost a decade. What these applicants want to do at this site is a permitted use. There has been no opposition from the surrounding residents to the plan. In fact, they have demonstrated support for it.

Only after repeated denials, even after the applicant fulfilled all of the requirements melted out by the board, did they appeal to Union County Superior Court, where Judge Pisansky ruled in favor of the

applicant (by the way, this litigation has already cost Westfield \$10,000.00). Now this board has served notice that it intends to appeal Judge Pisansky's ruling to the Superior Court of New Jersey. How much more is this going to cost Westfield taxpayers? Can you please explain what benefit these expenditures will bring to Westfield? What I see is that a local business will not be able to improve its situation and more expensive litigation for the town of Westfield.

This is clearly a permitted use, and the applicants have long ago met all zoning requirements. Furthermore, Judge Pisansky has already ruled in favor of A & M. This should have been settled in Westfield from the beginning. If this matter is taken to the state level, I must ask the following: Just whose interests are being protected? I do not believe that Westfield residents should spend additional money on a situation that has already been ruled upon by Judge Pisansky.

ROBERT DELLO RUSSO

Rulf backs Flast for Board position

To The Record:

I would like to endorse Mr. Robert Flast, who is running for a three-year term on Westfield's Board of Education in next month's school elections.

Mr. Flast is a technology executive who has, in the past, volunteered his good services to the board as a member of an advisory committee on technology. He has spent a considerable amount of

time studying the needs of our school system and suggesting ways in which modern technology should be used to improve the quality and relevance of our children's education.

When I left the Board of Education after serving on it for nearly six years, Mr. Flast expressed his interest to serve on the board, and was selected to serve my unexpired term. He has shown great enthusiasm in his new responsibility, and is bringing to the board a unique and vital expertise which enhances the board's capability in carrying out its functions.

I believe that it is most important to have a technology expert on our Board of Education and hope that our town's voters will agree with me. Bob Flast is also a person of high integrity and ethical standards. Please give him a chance to work for Westfield's schools in the next three years.

BENJAMIN RULF
Westfield

'Thanks' on the flip side

To The Record:

The Westfield Rotary Club Foundation held its 28th annual Scholarship Pancake Day March 12. We thank all those who supported us to make this, our main scholarship fund-raiser, such a great success.

Our fund-raising efforts, coupled with other support from the community, have enabled us throughout the years to provide financial aid to over 1,000 students totaling over one million dollars. We are proud of you, the people of Westfield, who helped make this a reality — and indeed most grateful for your support.

A special thanks to our entertainment for the day: the Boy Scout Band; the Old Guard Merry Men; the Westfield Community Band; and Jim Barone, the great Elvis impersonator. You brought smiles to all of us.

After 28 years and 180,000 pancakes, we say thanks again for helping us to make it happen.

LINDA MAGGIO
President
Pancake Day Chairman
Westfield Rotary Club Foundation

Ruotolo creates guide for teachers

More than 11,000 copies of the *Quick Reference Guide for Teachers*, a guide for handling student guns and weapons, child abuse and neglect, drugs, hate crimes and gambling, will be distributed among county teachers.

The booklet distribution was announced last Wednesday at a Westfield press conference led by Attorney General Deborah T. Poritz, Union County Prosecutor Andrew K. Ruotolo Jr. and Union County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Leonard D. Fitts. The booklet features an easy-to-read format that outlines rights and responsibilities of teachers and other school staff confronted with difficult student situations.

"Once again, Union County is the model for others to follow in developing an innovative strategy to bring schools and educators together to help our young people," said Ms. Poritz. "The (booklet) will be an invaluable resource to explain to school employees how to handle such sensitive and often dangerous circumstances as guns and drugs on school property, child abuse and neglect, and hate crimes," the Attorney General said. "Parents and students can take comfort in knowing that teachers are well-equipped to

deal with these situations," she added.

In 1992, Union County played a key role in revising the Model Memorandum of Understanding between education and law enforcement officials, which deals with the issue of drugs in schools, to respond to the emerging problem of firearms, knives and other weapons being brought onto school property. Similarly, last summer, the Prosecutor's office developed a document, now known as the "Elizabeth Agreement," to deal with hate crimes and bias incidents committed on school grounds on or by or against students.

County Superintendent of Schools Leonard D. Fitts noted safety in schools is a major problem. The law enforcement/education partnership in Union County continues to actively pursue lasting and permanent solutions as it relates to safety in our schools. "It is our hope the *Quick Reference Guide for Teachers* helps educators to understand their rights and responsibilities and to know not only whom to call for advice and assistance when a problem arises, but also to recognize when such advice or assistance should be sought," Dr. Fitts said.

The booklet is to be distributed through the County Superintendent's office by the end of the month, according to Mr. Ruotolo and Dr. Fitts.

USMC Cpl. Sjursen, 21, killed in battle in south Pacific area

Forbes Newspapers' weekly reviews hometown news of 50 years ago when World War II consumed so much time and attention in this community. Information in this column is from the Citizen & Chronicle in Cranford.

By CHERYL NEHL

FORBES NEWSPAPERS

As the troops engaged in new campaigns all over Europe and the South Pacific, their townsfolk stateside suffered the daily anxiety of not knowing if loved ones would return or not. And it never took long for word to spread when bad news was heard from the front.

Such was the case when the March 23, 1944 edition of the *Citizen and Chronicle* hit the stands.

"Cpl. Paul Sjursen, USMC, 21 years old, has been killed in action in the Southwest Pacific, according to a telegram received by his family from the War Department last Thursday night." A native of Cranford, Cpl. Sjursen graduated from Cranford High School with the class of 1940 and was employed by the Western Electric Company in Kearny before entering the Marine Corps in January 1942. He trained at the Marine Base at San Diego, Calif. and was never able to return home on leave before he left for active duty. His family last heard from him January 20 and believed him to be stationed on a South Pacific Island.

In addition to his parents, Cpl.



Sjursen left three brothers, Herbert of Cranford, Clifford, an aviation cadet in Texas and Ralph, a student at Cranford High School.

Those who knew this soldier, who had horsed around in high school with him, or had watched him grow up in their neighborhood were stunned by the news. His brother Clifford received special leave to be with his family after he received word of his brother's death. And still others came to the memorial services for the war hero who gave his life.

"The church was filled with friends of the youth and his picture was surrounded with flowers on the altar."

Further down the page that week, the weekly update of local residents in the armed forces informed residents where local boys were being shipped out to, who was home on furlough and combat injuries.

But although saddened by the death of one of their own, just

down the page residents could turn to the feats of heroism hometown soldiers accomplished on the front.

"Lt. Richard Dike Faxon, son of A. D. Faxon, of Casino Ave., received the Air Medal for his participation in combat against enemy aircraft on the Italian front, according to word received this week by his father. He is piloting a Spitfire plane and has brought down three Fock Wulf German planes and damaged a Messerschmitt."

"Pvt. Frank J. Martz, on leave of absence as principal of Sherman School, is now stationed in England." News also revealed that Pvt. Herbert Haszen of Blake Avenue recently "returned to this country after 17-months active duty in Africa and Sicily. A member of an infantry unit, he took part in three major and two minor battles and was wounded in Sicily. He received the Purple Heart medal and reported back for duty in this country."

Of particular interest was news that two Cranford brothers, who have served overseas on different fronts with the Army Air Corps, met for the first time in two years.

Sgt. Olney Kestenbaum and Tech. Sgt. Stephen Kestenbaum returned home on furlough and offered some first-hand information about what it was like on the front.

"After having watched Keesler graduates do their stuff as mechanics at his station in China, Olney can give first hand experience to the potential mechanics at the field. The men in China he states, have no hangars, work on dirt runways and many times use salvaged materials for homemade equipment. They keep the planes flying despite their handicap."

"The local flyer rates as his greatest thrill watching 14 Japanese bombers be knocked out of the sky by the American P-20s after the (Japanese) had threatened the 14th Air Force with extermination if they did not leave China."

But men were not the only ones braving the front. "Capt. Gail Wild of North Avenue West, of the American Red Cross, is in England doing 24-hour coffee service, feeding the men coffee and doughnuts when they return from bombing missions in the wee morning hours."

And selectees continued to be called up for duty. Counted among those headed out was the second policeman to join the war effort.

"Patrolman Louis Guertin, who will leave Monday to begin Army duty, was granted a military leave of absence by the Township Committee at the meeting Tuesday night. Patrolman Harry Bohman, having enlisted several months ago, is now serving in England as a lieutenant."

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Courts 'support Planning Board on new housing

By NICOLE A. GAVINO
THE RECORD

Earlier this month, Union County Superior Court Judge John Pisansky denied the charges of the Coalition to Preserve Westfield Goals in their case against the Westfield Planning Board, the Town of Westfield and the Westfield Senior Citizens Housing Corporation.

The coalition filed a complaint last November, less than a month after the Westfield Planning Board approved a site plan application for the Senior Citizen Housing II site on Boynton Avenue. The coalition argued that the Planning Board acted unreasonably, ignoring the environmental impact of the site, failing to protect the existing wetlands environment and to ensure the quality of the community.

"From the point of view of the court, the senior citizens housing can go ahead with their work," said John Irving, attorney for the coalition. "The opinion is very disappointing and we are talking with our clients about an appeal."

Specially, the coalition said that the Planning Board denied the public a fair hearing, ignored an existing wetlands study which is in conflict with the study that the board did use, and did not take the steps necessary to ensure minimal environmental impact.

However, in his opinion Judge Pisansky said "this court is predisposed to see the basis of the coalition's arguments," noting that the board only had the one wetlands study before them and expert witnesses testified to minimal environmental impact.

"The board could only have based their decision on what information it had before it, and such action obviously could not be characterized as improper," Judge Pisansky wrote.

The coalition also questioned the validity of the Westfield zoning ordinance vis-a-vis the Fair Housing Act. They also argued that environmentally sensitive lands were jeopardized when the town zoned the site for senior citizens housing. However, Judge Pisansky said that the town carefully considered all factors when it zoned this site, and continued to point out that the development of the site will further the purpose of the Fair Housing act by providing low income housing for senior citizens.

"The actions of the Planning Board in approving site plan for the senior citizen housing complex is affirmed and the zoning of the site for such use is found valid," concluded Judge Pisansky.

Coalition member Michael Wolski said that the group was disappointed and is considering an appeal to a higher authority. "It's ironic that a judge ruled against a case regarding environmental impact when the DEPE has stopped work on the project," Mr. Wolski said, pointing out that several permits have not been issued by the DEPE.

Several months ago, the Senior Citizens Housing Corporation received a letter from the DEPE stating that they needed a general permit and asked them to stop the construction to avoid any violations. The DEPE has not yet made a decision whether to issue the permit or not.



Bicentennial baby feted with a sweatshirt

James Michael Kowalski, Westfield's Bicentennial Baby, shows off his official sweatshirt to admirers. They are Joseph Spector, owner of the Leader Store, who donated a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond for the Bicentennial Baby; Grave Kowalski, James' mother; Linda Maggio, chairperson of the Westfield Bicentennial Commission; and Roger Love, commission member in charge of the event. James, the first baby born to Westfield parents in the Bicentennial year, arrived at Overlook Hospital at 1:53 a.m., Jan. 1, 1994.

Fire department call report...

Last week the Westfield Fire Department responded to the following calls:

March 14:

100 block of Elm Street - smoke odor investigation.
Washington Elementary School - investigation.

100 block of Elm Street - electrical short.

March 16:

200 block of Springfield Avenue - oil burner malfunction.

March 17:

600 block of Nottingham Place - false call.

March 18:

North and Central Avenues - overturned truck.
300 block of Orenda Circle - alarm activation.

Central Avenue and Sycamore Street - auto accident.

1000 block of Wyandotte Trail - oven fire.

1000 block of Columbus Avenue - lock out.

March 19:

300 block of South Chestnut Street - water condition.

March 20:

400 block of Park Street - furnace malfunction.

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Candidate airs views on violence

B. Carol Molnar, who is seeking re-election to the Westfield Board of Education, believes that the issue of violence is constantly on everyone's mind. According to recent studies, the typical child will see on television approximately 8000 murders and more than 100,000 acts of violence before completing elementary school. By the age of 18, the same child will have seen 200,000 acts of violence as well as 40,000 murders. Sensationalism is given a high priority.

Molnar believes that "in addition to television, our American Society sanctions and even glorifies aggression in many other areas of our lives. The media, entertainers and citizens' personal behavior and language portray violence as a way of dealing with life's frustrations."

"Today, violence in children's lives has grown to the point that it is also exhibited within our schools where children try to work things out by violent means. As they play, children imitate what they see and hear around them. To counter this, our schools must continue to teach our children alternative conflict resolution methods to deal with their anger and frustration. Also, since violence is also associated with the use of drugs and alcohol, programs dealing with substance abuse must be continued and enhanced. As a corollary to conflict resolution, our schools must continue teaching our children to appreciate differences in our multicultural society, and thereby reject prejudice and bigotry."

However, Ms. Molnar cautions that "schools alone cannot solve the problem of excessive violence. Appropos here is the famous African saying that it takes a whole village to raise a child. We as parents must reject violence in any form; we must live these higher values we expect of our children."

In closing, Ms. Molnar stated "I will work towards eliminating violence in our schools and I appreciate the community's support of my re-election on April 19th."

Newcomers to meet

The Westfield Newcomer's Club will have morning coffee and bagels 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Bagel Chateau in Westfield.

On Wednesday, a group of ladies are planning a day at the Newark Museum, followed by lunch. The new traveling museum will be the focus of this visit. For more information, call Sue at 780 0088.

The next Book Group Meeting will be 8:30 p.m. April 4. Jane Austen's book, *Emma*, will be discussed. Call Anne at 780 7001.

For more information about the club, call Grace at 232-2177.

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SPRING HOME & GARDEN

Today's episode is 'Mission: Unmowable?'

By BOB TRACINSKI
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Good morning, Mr. Phelps. Your mission this spring — should you choose to accept it — is to mow your yard properly and safely to enjoy the other pleasures of the season. Remember: An attractive lawn is vital to the environment and the security of your property values.

Sometimes, even the spy business can seem easier than the obstacles and rugged terrain many of us face every time we mow our lawn. But with a few simple safety tips in mind, you can complete your assignment without a nick or scratch — to you or your mower blade.

First, do a little reconnaissance. Patrol your yard for branches, twigs, stones, pine cones. Any object that could cause damage when hurled by a whirling mower blade. Discard or recycle these objects. Bake up any leftover fall leaves that could conceal potential UFOs, or "unwanted flying objects." And make it a habit to check your yard before each mowing. The few extra minutes you spend surveying your lawn could save an expensive trip to a dealership or repair shop or, worse yet, a visit to the doctor.

If twigs, leaves or other debris clog your mower's discharge chute, turn off your mower immediately. With a walk-behind mower, be sure to disconnect the spark plug wire to keep the engine from restarting if you accidentally turn the blade while examining the mowing chamber. With a riding mower, turn the ignition key to "off." In either case, don't touch hot engine or exhaust surfaces. Carefully use a stick or tool to dislodge the debris. Never use your hands or feet to clear a clog!

These same tips should be followed if you accidentally run over

Organic matter makes lush lawns

It takes healthy soil to grow a lush, green lawn. And that typically requires adding more organic material, such as Canadian sphagnum peat moss, to your soil. Whether you're creating a new lawn, working on an existing lawn or just trying to fix a few brown spots, you can use these simple techniques to improve your soil's ability to retain water and nutrients, keeping them available to your grass.

New lawns

Before seeding a new lawn area or laying sod, rollout about 2 inches of sphagnum peat moss into the top 6 inches of soil.

When the area has been properly amended with organic matter, rake it smooth. If you're seeding, spread the seed — one that grows well in your region — over the entire bed, about 3 pounds of seed for every 1,000 square feet of lawn. Lightly rake the seed into the soil and top dress with a quarter-inch layer of peat moss. If sodding, lay out the rolls and fill in cracks with a quarter-inch layer of peat moss.

Finish with a fertilizer. Water both seeded and sodded lawns with a fine spray. Continue to water your new lawn every other day for the first two weeks.

Spot patching

To fix brown spots in your lawn, loosen the soil in the affected area to a depth of 6 inches. If the dead spot stems from dog urine, discard the top 2 inches of the soil. Work a 2-inch layer of peat with a thin layer of starter fertilizer into the soil, then spread a handful of seeds over the area. Rake lightly to barely cover the seeds, top dress with a quarter-inch layer of peat to protect them until the germination, and water daily for two to three weeks.

Existing lawns

You can convert your lawn into thick, green turf in just one season by increasing the nutrient- and water-holding capacity of your soil. Simply rake a quarter- to a half-inch layer of sphagnum peat moss over the entire lawn.

Other tips

- Mow often enough to maintain your desired height — without cutting more than one-third of the grass blade's height at once.
- Set your mower blades at 2 inches and keep them sharp so they don't shred the grass — torn grass blades have more tissue exposed, making them more vulnerable to disease.
- Mow when your grass is dry for a cleaner cut. Let your grass clippings disintegrate into a moisture-retaining mulch.
- Give your lawn a deep watering once a week, and counting rain.

an object. If you've hit a glass bottle or plastic toy, for example, cautiously remove all shards blown into the lawn. These pieces can be extremely dangerous if hurled outward from the mowing chamber. Inspect your mower, too, before you restart it. If the blade or any safety devices or mechanisms are damaged, have a qualified technician repair the mower before you use it again.

Some mowing obstacles are more permanent, like slopes, embankments and drop-offs. These, too, can be navigated safely by remembering some simple rules.

Regardless of your terrain, always keep family members, espe-

cially children, far away from the area you're mowing to protect them from flying debris. Never take passengers on a riding mower. And be particularly careful when backing up with riding or walk-behind mowers.

Luckily, mowing safety tips aren't closely guarded secrets. So share these hints with your family, friends and neighbors, and you can all enjoy weekly reruns of "Mission: Mowable" this spring!

Here are a couple of questions about mowing safety I'm often asked:

Q: What is the best technique for

mowing in tight areas?

A: Mow in a forward direction as much as possible, since it's easier to see where you're mowing and to keep your balance. If you have to mow a tight area in back-and-forth fashion, remember to always move slowly and look behind you when backing up. Consider using a weed trimmer or combination trimmer/edger for these areas. Add ground cover to areas that can't be mowed safely.

Q: What about trimming around trees? First, landscape with mowing in mind. Remember that small saplings can grow into large trees,

so be sure to leave ample mowing room for full-grown trees when planting. Prune low-hanging branches that could interfere with your vision while mowing or knock you off balance. Remove a one-to-three-foot circle of grass around the base of your trees and fill the circle with pine straw or a soft mulch, like shredded tree bark. This makes trimming faster and easier. It helps protect your trees from potential bumps, nicks and scratches.

Bob Tracinski is consumer information manager for John Deere.

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Picking the right appliance can pay off for today's consumers down the road

Electrical home appliances account for 8 percent of all energy used in the United States and 20 percent of all the energy used in our homes. Wise use, proper appliance maintenance and buying energy-efficient products will all help to lower energy usage and energy costs.

Homeowners can begin to reduce their energy costs when shopping for a new appliance by comparing

energy use information and operating costs of similar models by the same and different manufacturers. In addition, homeowners need to read labels and consider any special features which may affect overall energy usage.

Consumers should be aware that energy-efficient products may cost more initially, but that extra cost is eventually recovered through reduced energy bills year after year.

Recovering the cost of buying a more energy-efficient product over a period of time and then cumulatively saving money is called "pay-back." It is an important concept to those making home improvement decisions.

To help consumers determine which appliance costs less to operate yearly, the federal government created the Appliance Labeling Program. When shopping for re-

frigerators and freezers, room and central air conditioners, furnaces, water heaters, dishwashers and Gas (PSE&G) offer free brochures and pamphlets to homeowners on how to save energy and lower home utility costs when buying appliances.

Utilities and the DOE also recommend that homeowners be wary of buying new appliances with special features which can sometimes

use more energy than other, less convenient models. For example, a frost-free refrigerator uses more energy and is more costly than one that is defrosted manually; the convenience may not be worth the added expense.

Do look for appliances with built-in energy-saving features which can save you money. For example, a dishwasher with an air-dry selection can lower dishwasher energy costs by 10 percent.

For your free information on energy-saving appliances call the DOE at 1-800-485-2525, New Jersey's Department of Environmental Protection and Energy 1-800-492-4242 or PSE&G's Energy Conservation Center 1-800-654-4444, Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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More to color than meets eye

Many people create color schemes by borrowing from ideas they have seen elsewhere: a friend's home, a decorating magazine, or even a painting, window treatment, piece of pottery or fabric in the room.

While a good idea, it fails to recognize the important roles color can play and the fundamental rules of color selection.

Color affects the way we perceive space. It can create a mood or visually alter the dimensions of a room by creating a feeling of expanding or shrinking space.

In carpet, color is the key to transforming space. To cozy up a room with a northern exposure, choose a dark color carpet from the warm side of the spectrum (red, orange or yellow hues). Because deep rich hues absorb light, they give the illusion of smaller, more intimate space.

Lighter colors will help to visually expand space, particularly pale pastels and neutral hues. For sunny southern exposures, greens and blues will help to cool the atmosphere.

The choice of color can enhance and complement furniture styles. Traditional rooms are best suited to high quality carpet with luxurious dense pile. Saxones in muted tones such as rose, delft blue, green gray and subdued pastels are well suited to enhance traditional furnishings. On the warmer side, the richer tones of garnet, sapphire, topaz and emerald are also compatible with traditional environments.

Country style furnishings go best with modified earth tones: chestnut, sand and gray or alternately, the muted dusty tones of blue, rose, peach, burgundy or green.

The purity of line and practicality of design symbolic of contemporary furniture are ideally reflected in upscale colors such as warm mauve, peach, coral, blue green and a variety of creamy whites, which can soften high-tech furnishings. Alternately, try deep rich jewel tones to add life and energy to mix-and-match decor.

Not everyone has the eye of a color expert. Most people, however, have strong color preferences. The key to matching your color preferences to the other decorating elements in the room so that the end result is coordinated.

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While you're enjoying the view it's a good time to think ahead to next year's blooms. Some simple steps taken now can pay off with a yard full of beautiful bulb flowers for many springs to come.

Give "naturalized" bulbs a spring energy boost. The term naturalized refers to bulbs that are left in the ground to return year after year. Some are better "returners" than others. Most tulips, for example, are magnificent their first year of bloom, but diminish over time. On the other hand, narcissi, such as daffodils, will not only return but also multiply over the years.

When the first shoots appear in spring, naturalized bulbs appreciate a shot of a high nitrogen liquid fertilizer such as Stern's Miracid. The young shoots crave nitrogen, and Miracid contains 30 percent of this vital nutrient. Mixed in water according to label directions, the nutrients can be absorbed through the plant's leaves as well as the roots.

When the blooms of spring bulbs in garden beds have faded, cut the flower heads off but leave the green foliage. Professional bulb growers in Holland call it "heading" the bulb. By removing the flower, the plant will expend no effort making seed pods. It will put its energy into building a strong, healthy bulb for next year's bloom. This technique is especially helpful for tulips but is labor-intensive and best confined to bulbs in the bed and border. For naturalized bulbs, say a whole field of daffodils, it's not worth the effort. Natural is natural.

If bulbs are growing in the lawn, hold off mowing the lawn until the naturalized bulbs die back. For a good return next season, it's necessary to let the foliage remain for six weeks. This is usually not a problem for very early bulbs, such as crocus. However, for later blooming daffodils, six weeks may be too long to let the lawn grow. In that case, mow them down, and next fall confine your "daffs" to a more marginal area of the yard.

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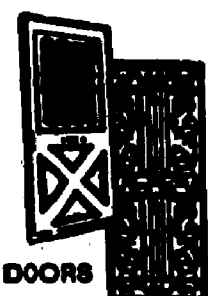
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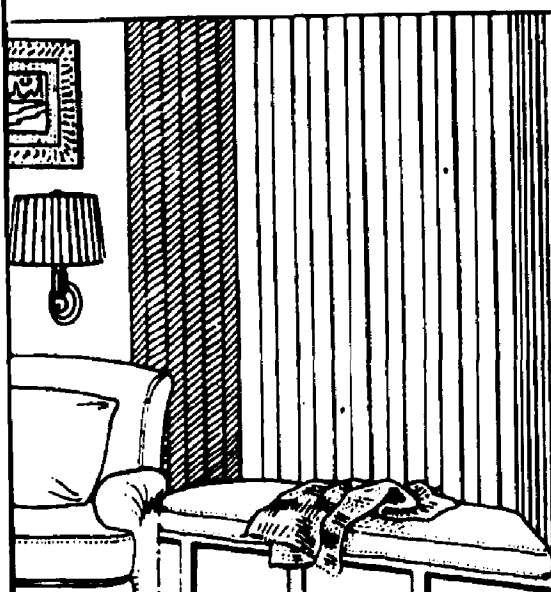
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Community Life

Sharing

This column highlights accomplishments of suburban Union volunteers and charitable agencies they support.

400 coats collected by temple

CRANFORD — Temple Beth El recently collected more than 400 winter coats in its second annual Coat Drive for the Homeless. Volunteers sorted and bagged coats for distribution to Cranford Family Care, St. Rocco's Shelter in Newark, Coalition for the Homeless in Elizabeth, the Salvation Army Shelter in Elizabeth and St. Vincent's in New York. Temple President David Springer asks that winter coats be saved for next year's drive.

Good Friday Blood drive set

SCOTCH PLAINS — A blood donor drive, sponsored by Evangel Church, 1251 Terrell Rd., will be held in its gym 3-8:30 p.m. April 1, Good Friday. Those over 110 pounds, age 17-75 and in good health are eligible. Written parental permission is required for 17-year-olds. Call Kathy Deary, 322-9300.

Day care center seeks goods

WESTFIELD — The annual Gigantic Garage Sale of the Westfield Day Care Center Auxiliary seeks items to sell at its May 1 event at the Westfield Armory. Items including clothing, winter sports items and books (no Christmas items, please) will be accepted at Memorial Pool ladies' locker room through April 6. Drop-off times are 9 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Overlook plans 'Rainbow' gala

Overlook Hospital's black tie "Over the Rainbow" gala to benefit the established children's medical center will be held June 18 on the hospital campus. Proceeds from the \$250 per person tickets will go to a new pediatric critical care unit, expansion of the Valerie center for children with blood disorders and cancer, the pediatric playroom and community outreach programs. For information, call Georgene Granholm, Overlook Foundation, 522-2841.

First Fidelity gives to needy

Customers and employees of First Fidelity Bank contributed \$32,250 to children's Miracle Network telethon through the Trim-a-Tree-of-Hope Christmas program. The bank's own "Costumes for Kids" program raised about \$45,000. Telethon proceeds aid Children's Specialized Hospital and Children's Hospital of Newark.



Scouts receive religious medals

Sixteen Girl Scouts from Holy Trinity School and Parish received Girl Scout religious awards Sunday at the church from Monsignor Francis J. Houghton. Receiving the Mother of God Medal were Brownies Dakota Nave Hurt, Jennie Mathew, Colette Moryan, Megan O'Shea and Alexandra Ramirez.

Receiving the I Live My Faith Medal were Juniors Tara Behr, Crissy Deury, Dana Froelich, Deanne Froelich, Colleen Macaluso, Kristen Ghabrial, Heather Saunders, Courtney Thrower, Alexis Zukowski, and Holly Lynn Blessing.

Cadet Girl Scout Christine Intrabancolo received the Marian Medal.

These religious recognition programs help the girls grow in their faith and relate their own beliefs to the spiritual values of Girl Scouting.

In photo, front row, are Crissy Feury, Colleen Macaluso, Tara Behr, Alexis Zukowski, Megan O'Shea, Deanne Froelich, Dakota Nave Hurt, Dana Froelich and Kristen Ghabrial. In back row are Kitty Fromting, Msgr. Houghton, Holly Lynn Blessing and Heather Saunders.



CHRISTINE HENN and GLENN MCSWEENEY

Christine Henn planning July wedding rites

William and Patricia Henn of Hillside have announced the engagement of their daughter, Christine, to Glenn Alan McSweeney of Winter Park, Fla., son of Joseph and Patricia McSweeney of Westfield.

The bride-to-be graduated from Roselle Catholic High School in 1988. She received bachelor's degrees in elementary/special education and communications/public relations from Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. She is employed by Elizabeth Public Schools as a special education teacher at Battin Middle School.

Mr. McSweeney is a 1987 graduate of Westfield High School. He also received a bachelor's degree in communications/public relations from Marist College. He is the Central Florida territory manager for the Direct Sales Division of Frito-Lay Inc.

A July wedding is planned.



KIMBERLY KOSCIUK and JONATHAN CHRISTENSON

Miss Kosciuk, Mr. Christenson to wed in May

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Kosciuk of Mountainside have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Kosciuk, to Jonathan Maxwell Christenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Christenson of Watchung.

The future bride is a graduate of the Gill/St. Bernard's School in Gladstone. She graduated cum laude from Drew University with a bachelor's degree in Russian Area Studies and earned her master's degree in Soviet Business from the University of Washington, Seattle. She is employed by Municipal Information Systems in Mountainside.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Watchung Hills Regional High School. He earned his bachelor of science degree in hotel/restaurant management at Johnson and Wales College in Providence, R.I. and is employed by Willie's Tavern in Bedminster.

A May wedding is planned.



AMY CHOROST and STEPHEN BENESON

Amy Chorost plans to wed this summer

Amy Chorost, daughter of Sherwood Chorost of Summit and Susan Chorost of Westfield, is engaged to marry Stephen Benenson, son of Murray and Sylvia Benenson of Dallas, Texas.

The couple lives in Austin, Texas, where Ms. Chorost is completing her doctoral studies in human ecology at the University of Texas.

Mr. Benenson is employed as an economist for the Public Utility Commission of Texas, where he has worked since 1991.

After graduating from Westfield High School in 1984, Ms. Chorost completed her bachelor's degree at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She finished with a joint major in psychology and interpersonal communication and received her degree in May 1988. She was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society at the University of Massachusetts and Phi Kappa Phi, a graduate honor society at the University of Texas. She expects to complete her doctoral degree in August and then plans to do college teaching and professional counseling.

Mr. Benenson completed high school studies at the St. Marks School of Texas in 1983. He attended Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., where he majored in economics and received his bachelor's degree in economics in 1988.

He received a master's degree in business administration from the University of Texas at Austin in May 1991.

A summer wedding in New Jersey is planned.

Kimberley Tabor is wed to Thomas Borowski in autumn

Kimberley Elizabeth Tabor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Tabor, was married Nov. 7, 1993 to Thomas James Borowski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Borowski of Wallington.

The afternoon nuptial Mass took place at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Mountainside, with the Monsignor Raymond Pollard officiating.

The bride wore a princess-style satin gown trimmed in alençon lace with a sweetheart neckline, puffed sleeves and a chapel-length train. Her bouffant headpiece was adorned with matching lace and tulle veil. She carried a slight cascade of white roses, designer snapdragons, freesia and baby's breath.

The bride's sister, Mrs. Michael Humelsine, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were the bridegroom's sister, Wendy Borowski; and Sharon Novak of Union. The bride's cousin, Megan Mary Baniewicz of Cranford, was flower girl.

Each bridal attendant wore a hunter green gown with a velvet bodice and iridescent taffeta skirt. They carried loose garden-style bouquets of fall flowers.

The bridegroom's brother, Robert C. Borowski of Absecon, was best man. Ushers were William Herrera of Wayne, Joseph Lambariello of

Warren and Steven Maxwell of Princeton.

A reception followed at Primavera Restaurant in Stirling.

Prior to the wedding, a bridal shower was given by the attendants and a rehearsal dinner was held at Costa Del Sol in Union.

The bride graduated from Westfield High School and attended the University of Delaware in Newark, Dela. She completed a residency in medical technology at Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch, under the auspices of Kean College, from which she graduated with a bachelor's degree in medical technology. She is employed by Schering Plough Research Institute in Kenilworth.

The bridegroom graduated from Don Bosco Prep in Ramsey. He received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Rutherford, where he is completing his master's degree in pharmaceutical business management. He is employed at the Research Institute of Schering Plough in Kenilworth.

The couple honeymooned on the island of Tortola in the British Virgin Islands.

They live in Scotch Plains.



MR. and MRS. THOMAS BOROWSKI

Sorry, Gloria Steinem, I'm afraid I just don't get it

I've kept my peace the last 45 or 50 years, especially the last five, when women began acting as though females were just invented.

I've never felt the need to let people know I have certain rights because I have brains. God help me. I've tried to keep my mouth shut, but it's just not in my nature. I've kept my peace because I felt intimidated by these women who keep talking about how oppressed women have been, will be and are by the male population. And frankly, if the truth be known, if I hear one more thing about "The Year of the Woman," I'll scream.

The way I see it, we are all people first. I just don't know where women are coming from any more, and from what I hear,



By Cheryl Hehl

neither do men.

Everywhere I go, women are footing their horns about how they are "achieving," no thanks to the men who put a Mack truck in their way and demanded they stay barefoot, pregnant and at home.

Open a magazine these days and all you see are articles about women who work and how tough it is when you are

trying to juggle a family and career. Women who have kids and hold down a job, women who "do everything" despite the pitfalls they encounter in the "male-dominated workplace." So what else is new? About ten million other women, myself included, have been doing the same thing for over 20 years. We just didn't make a big deal about it.

In many ways we did a lot more than women in their 20s and 30s have done. We bucked the system when most women still stayed at home raising families. We entered the work force unskilled and often emotionally unprepared for what awaited us. But we did it. And believe me, there were no support groups.

When women were in Washington D.C.

burning their bras, I was waiting tables in New Mexico so I could take care of two kids and go to school. And sure men were tough on me, but so were women. Sometimes more so. And if I had to decide which were worse, I'd say women were.

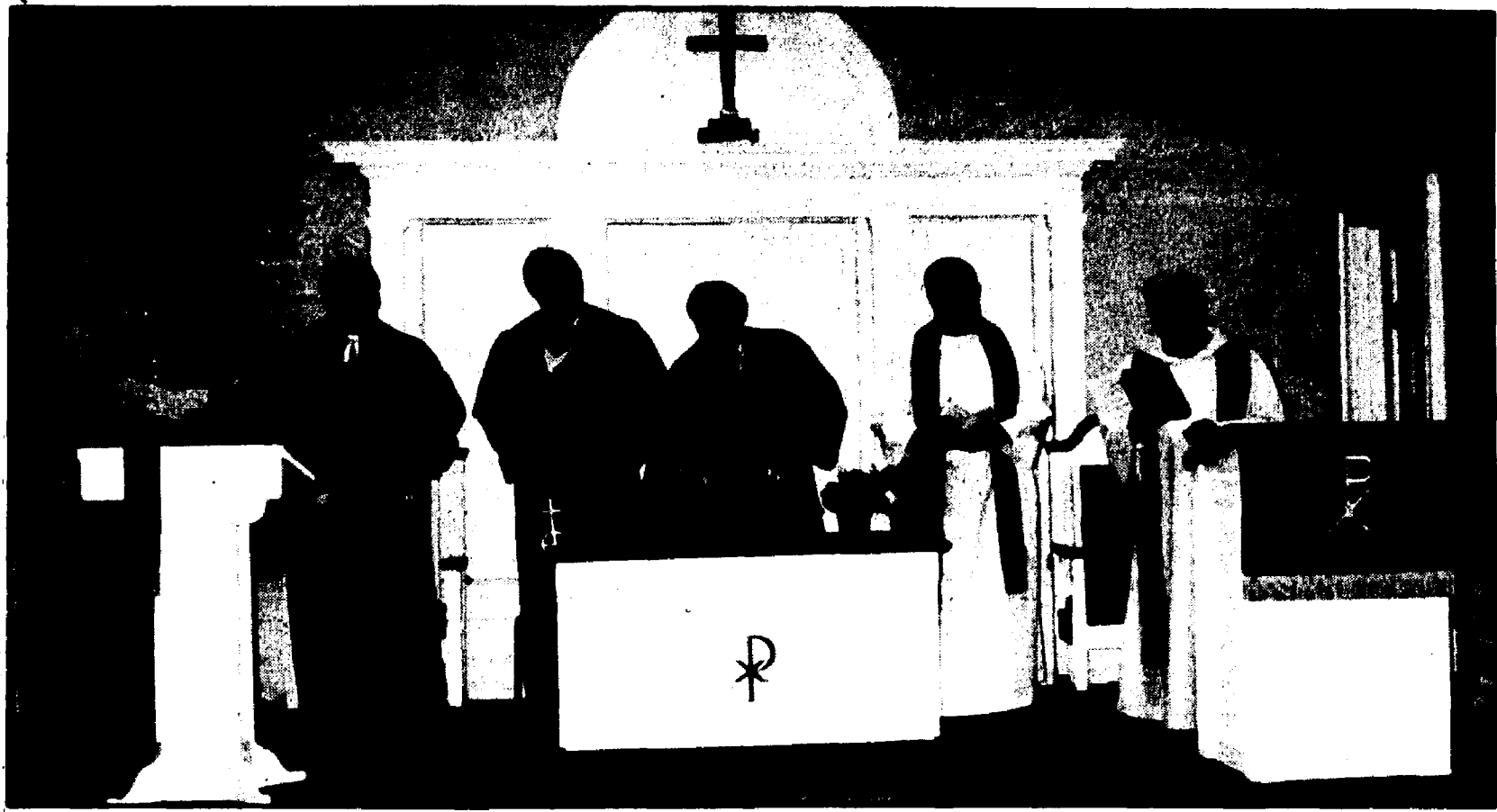
I guess what I'm wondering is, what the heck has happened since I was a kid? It seems like I'm in this twilight zone between my mother's generation and this beat your breast and tell everyone how

oppressed women are generation. I don't fit in either one and, honestly, I wouldn't want to. I can't say how I feel or I'll be stoned by the activists who cringe when I say the word "gal." Or worse. And besides, what's wrong with being called a

gal anyway?

When I hear it's the "Year of the Woman," I wonder when it will be the year of the teenager, who now carries guns to school or plunges knives into the chests of classmates. I wonder when it will be the year of AIDS, when people actually start talking about the "Year of the Suburban" and doing something about it, or when it will be the year people start caring about their fellow man again so people stop dying.

Maybe next year it will be the "Year of the People," and we will all start taking a cold hard look at not just how far we can get as women, but what we can do to solve some of the really big problems facing this world of ours. Then we will have come a long way.



Scout Saturday

Girls Scouts from Westfield, Plainfield and Garwood gather in the Presbyterian Church in Westfield March 12 for a birthday party and ecumenical worship service. In the sanctuary for the ritual were Skip Adams, Westfield Community Manager of Girl Scouting, Rev. Dr. William Ross Forbes of the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, Rev. Marc Trister of the Congregational Church of Westfield, Rev. Gary Wetzel of the Garwood Presbyterian Church, Rev. Paul E. Kritsch of Redeemer Lutheran Church, and Rev. Magr. Francis J. Houghton of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church.



Barbara Vincentsen reviews plans for renovation and expansion of Redeemer Lutheran Church with church leaders during recent planning session.

Lutherans plan church expansion

Redeemer Lutheran Church and School of Westfield is about to fulfill a dream that was born in the 1930's. In the Summer of this year, the congregation will begin the renovation and expansion of its school and office facilities. The people of Redeemer consider themselves fortunate to work again with Barbara Vincentsen of Vincentsen Associates in Westfield who designed the narthex/entryway which was constructed in 1990. Through a recent fund raising campaign entitled "Great Expectations: Building On Our Foundation," Redeemer has successfully raised enough money to carry out its plans and take advantage of two challenge grants. To date, donations are still coming in.

The 1.6 million project, which should be completed by the fall of 1995, will offer newly renovated office and classroom space, elevator service, handicapped accessible restrooms, a covered walkway and ramp, and on-site parking. Roger Borchin, principal of Redeemer School, stated, "Our new facility will meet the educational needs of our present as well as our future student body. Classrooms will be designed to provide flexibility in room arrangements and 'state of the art' cabling for educational technology while at the same time being attractively decorated to provide a nurturing atmosphere. One room will be devoted to our school's Extended Care which is so very important to the families we serve."

Mike King, the church's president, believes that Redeemer is a church in motion. "Redeemer is a body of Christians striving to move in a single direction with the common purpose of finding ways to serve God and the community," observed King. "This is what brought me to the church five years ago. I believe it is something that will continue to draw others."

Gerry Claves, who has chaired Redeemer's long range planning committee during its recent building phase, stated, "We want to reach out to our neighbors and provide a church home for young families, senior citizens, our children and our friends."

Redeemer Lutheran Church serves the communities of Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Mountainside and surrounding area. The congregation's pastor is The Rev. Paul E. Kritsch. The school is in its 41st year of operation, offering nursery through grade six with both morning and afternoon extended care. In 1995, the church will celebrate its 65th anniversary. Redeemer is located at the corners of Clark and Cowperthwaite, across the street from Roosevelt Intermediate School. Sunday morning services are at 8:30 and 11 with Sunday school and Bible classes at 9:50. Wednesday evening services are at 7:30 each week. For more information, contact the church office (232-1517) or the school office (232-1592).

St. Paul's Episcopal

St. Paul's Episcopal Church will begin its Holy Week services with 7:45 and 10 a.m. Eucharists on Palm Sunday, March 27. The Palm Sunday services include the Blessing of the Palms and commemorates the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem. The 10 a.m. service will begin in the Parish Hall (entrance on St. Paul St.), and following the Blessing of the Palms, a procession will take place up St. Paul's Street into the church. A reading of the Passion according to MARK and a Solemn Eucharist will follow. Everyone is invited to bring a bell to ring in the procession.

On Maundy Thursday, March 31,

a choral Eucharist is planned for 8 p.m. This service will observe the Lord's Institution of the Eucharist. The Rev. Elizabeth R. Geitz will be the preacher. The service will conclude with the Stripping of the Altar.

There will be two Good Friday services commemorating the Passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at noon. The Good Friday Liturgy will include a homily and choir. The 8 p.m. service will be The Way of The Cross. Deborah Ford-Bigger, soprano, will sing at both services.

The first Easter Eucharist will take place at the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening, April 2 at 8 p.m. The service scheduled for Easter Day, April 3, is a 7:45 Eucharist Rite I, with homily and hymns. The 9 a.m. Eucharist will include the Flowering of the Cross, children's choirs, brass quintet and percussion. A solemn Eucharist is planned for 11:15 and will include the St. Paul's Choir, with brass quintet and percussion singing works of Haydn, Handel and Leisring. The Rev. Roger H. Ard, rector of St. Paul's, will be the preacher for the Easter services.

Child care is available for infants through preschool age at the 10 a.m. Palm Sunday Liturgy and for the 9 and 11:15 a.m. celebrations on Easter Day. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 232-8506.

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Obituaries

Arthur Teitelbaum, 76 Electrical engineer, naval aviator

Arthur Teitelbaum of Lakehurst, formerly of Westfield, died Thursday, March 17, 1994.

A 30-year resident of Westfield, Mr. Teitelbaum was an electrical engineer with PSE&G for 42 years, retiring in 1980. He was a member of the Central Jersey Chapter of the PSE&G Retirees.

He served on the scholarship committee at Union County Vocational Technical School and was a fund-raiser for the Westfield YMCA Wallace Pool.

After graduating from Rutgers University in 1940, he served as a naval aviator during World War II on the USS Bunker Hill and the

Intrepid, receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Marilyn; a daughter, Susan of Glastonbury, Conn.; a son, Steven of Westfield; and three grandchildren, Christopher, Katherine, Anne, and a brother, Louis of Bricktown.

A memorial service was held at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, Manchester. Arrangements were made by D'Elia Funeral Home of Lakewood. Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Redeemer Lutheran Church Food Bank.

Alice Messenger, 92 Westfield teacher for 30 years

WESTFIELD — Alice Messenger, 92, of Mountainside, a Westfield teacher for 30 years, died March 19, 1994 at home.

Born in Flemington, she lived in Westfield before moving to Mountainside. A member of the New Jersey Teachers Association, she taught at the Franklin, Elm Street and Lincoln schools for 30 years before retiring in 1961.

Mrs. Messenger was predeceased by two husbands, Charles Lehman and Walter Messenger. Surviving is a brother Josiah Britton.

Services were held yesterday at the Gray Funeral Home in Westfield. Donations may be sent to the Seeing Eye, P.O. Box 375, Morristown, 07960, or to Overlook Hospital, 99 Beauvoir Ave., P.O. Box 220, Summit, New Jersey, 07920.

Mildred Bianco, 85 Lived in Westfield for 61 years

WESTFIELD — Mildred Bianco, 85, a Westfield resident for 61 years, died March 17, 1994 at Rahway Hospital.

Born in New York City, she was the wife of the late Ralph Bianco. She is survived by a daughter Constance; and three sisters Marge

Kuelli, Anne Wahlnier and Lee Chiachiaro.

A mass of Christian Burial was offered Monday at Holy Trinity Church in Westfield, with burial at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield. Arrangements were by Dooley Colonial Home in Westfield.

Friday at the Christmas season, Father "Bill" as everyone at Meridian knows him, will also perform the Healing Mass, also known as the Sacrament of the sick. He and his helpers from the parish, led by Mr. and Mrs. John Briggs, will visit all the rooms of those who cannot come to the service to give them the sacrament.

"It is a real comfort for the residents," said Mrs. Briggs. "They look forward to it every Friday, but especially at Easter and Christmas."

Temple Emanu-el

Rabbi Michael Marmur, a leading educator of children and teenagers in Israel, will be the guest speaker at Temple Emanu-El of Westfield at the Temple's service for the last day of Passover on Saturday, April 2, at 10:30 a.m.

A graduate of Oxford University, ordained at the Jerusalem campus of the Hebrew Union College and a native of London, Rabbi Marmur leads the synagogue and the religious studies program at the Leo Baeck Educational Center in Haifa, Israel. One of liberal Judaism's most articulate spokespeople in Israel, he has emphasized the role of educational institutions and progressive religion in creating harmonious relations between Jews

and Arabs in Israel and throughout the Middle East.

The community is invited to the Temple at 756 East Broad Street.

Heartsong production

Heartsong, a musical production with music by Peter Jacob and script by Dennis and Nan Allen, will be presented 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 26 at the Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield.

Performing will be a touring youth choir from Salisbury Presbyterian Church, Middlethian, Va. Currently involved in the production are 54 students ranging in age from middle to high school. Their local visit is one of five performances.

Heartsong is a musical about making a difference in the lives of others. The message is one that is appealing to people of all ages in an inspirational, humorous and touching performance.

The choir, under the direction of Sharon Miller, has been preparing for the production since September. Mrs. Miller is the director of music at Salisbury Presbyterian Church.

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Payoff time

Now that it's spring, Cub Scouts from Den 5 of Pack 270 at Washington School in Westfield may see the fruits of their autumn labor of planting bulbs on the school grounds. The project moved them closer to a Bear badge. Cubs in photo are Jordan Warner, Chris Thayer, Michael Babetski, Ben Masel, Timmy Heine, Adam Boone, Matt Cleaves, Stephen Adamowitz and, kneeling, Stefan Mogielnicki.

Chalk talk

WEA Scholarships

The Westfield Education Association is offering two scholarships this year to qualifying seniors graduating from Westfield High School. Applications are available from the guidance office and are due April 15th.

Kindergarten prep

McKinley School will host a "Getting Ready for Kindergarten" meeting for parents tonight at 7:30.

Tamaques school will hold its kindergarten roundup for students entering next fall May 13. Call 789-4580 for registration.

Secretarial grants

The Westfield Association of Education Secretaries is offering scholarships to WHS seniors who are preparing for careers in secretarial science. Applications, available from Carol Ann Backus in the athletic office, are due April 15.

Bicentennial cakes

At McKinley School, Mrs. Cook's fifth-grade class visited Mrs. Adriance's kindergarten and made a presentation commemorating Westfield's Bicentennial. The fifth-graders brought a time line, horn

books and directions for the preparation of "hoe cakes."

Sporting their pride

Westfield School sports teams and students are supporting the town's 200th birthday by wearing Bicentennial Patches on their uniforms. Proceeds will be used for the Youth Bicentennial Commemorative Square to be constructed on Mountain Avenue and dedicated in June. Patches are available in school stores as well as the Bicentennial Gift Shop.

WHS Spring Fair

The second annual "Galore & More" Spring Market and Fair WHS fund-raiser is set for May 14. Committee members are gathering merchandise for the Chinese Auction, and asking town businesses to contribute goods and services.

Merchants and crafters who would like to participate should contact Barbara Stanat at 789-8762. Anyone interested in volunteering time, merchandise or services can call Ronnie Frankel at 232-5641.

Bee contestants

Roger Lieberman, seventh-grader at Edison Intermediate School, and Ryan St. Clair, eighth-grader at Roosevelt Intermediate School will compete as state finalists in the 1994 National Geographic Society Geography Bee, April 8 at Rutgers University.

New day camp is offered by Girl Scouts

Washington Rock Girl Scout Council will offer a new day camp program this year for girls 5-12 years old. Named after Juliette Low, the founder of Girl Scouting, Camp Juliette will be offered July 5-15 and July 18-29 at Hehrly School in Clark and a site in Somerset County as well. Bus transportation from several key locations to the schools will be provided.

Camp Juliette will offer activities 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., including arts and crafts, outdoor activities and science. There will be a focus on Girl Scout contemporary issues, such as "Be Your Best" (health and fitness), "Right to Read" (exploring books), and "Growing Up Female," featuring guest speakers.

A highlight of each camp session will be an overnight stay at Camp Hoover, Washington Rock Girl Scout Council's 328-acre campsite in Sussex County. Hike trails, swimming, boating and campfires will be enjoyed by the campers during their stay.

Registrations are limited and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Non-Girl Scouts can apply.

For more information, call 232-3236.

School budget to jump 14 cents

(Continued from page A-11) slightly under the state-determined 4.88 percent cap over the net budget. Due to this cap and losses in state aid, the board's finance committee cut \$1.4 million from their working draft in the last week alone.

"We are tightening our belts in several ways," Dr. Smith said. "These are things that may impact in modest ways on the students and teachers in the district."

These measures include:

- ☐ the reduction of one administrative position - assistant supervisor of buildings and grounds;

- ☐ the replacement of the elementary computer teacher position with two computer technicians;

- ☐ the elimination of the elementary math resource teacher position;

- ☐ the elimination of the third-grade string instrumental program;

- ☐ a reduction of the teacher sti-

pend for the state-mandated mentor program from \$1200 to \$600;

- ☐ an across-the-board 5% reduction in the projected athletic budget; and

- ☐ the elimination of busing for the pre-season band camp.

The superintendent reviewed other cost-saving measures they have taken to keep the budget down, including the use of \$900,000 in reserve funds, the tightening of supply and maintenance accounts, changes in insurance such as benefit cost-sharing with employees, and the cutback of about \$500,000 in various maintenance projects originally planned for the budget.

There are also several new items in the budget including:

- ☐ two guidance positions for the six elementary schools;

- ☐ four elementary teacher positions to cope with a 3 percent increase in enrollment;

- ☐ one elementary library aide

for Franklin and Tamaques;

- ☐ upgraded computers for the high school;

- ☐ numerous maintenance projects for all nine schools which primarily are in response to state and federal-mandated environmental compliance.

These changes are largely responsible for the major changes in the budget, such as an increase in teacher's salaries due to new positions. Additionally, Assistant Superintendent in Charge of Business Robert Rader pointed out several areas of special education such as speech instruction whose numbers are growing at a quick rate.

A formal budget hearing April 5, to adopt a final budget in time to prepare the ballots for the April 19 election. Meetings are held at 8 p.m. at 302 Elm St.

Copies of the budget are available at the business office, 302 Elm St., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



Top spellers

Five Holy Trinity eighth-graders competed in the Union County spelling bee. Pictured are Elena Angeles, Mary Korfmacher, Jason Myer, Lauren Friend, who was third against all Union County entrants, and Timothy Ryan, who was fourth among the final 10 contestants. Tim will be in the Archdiocesan finals April 15.

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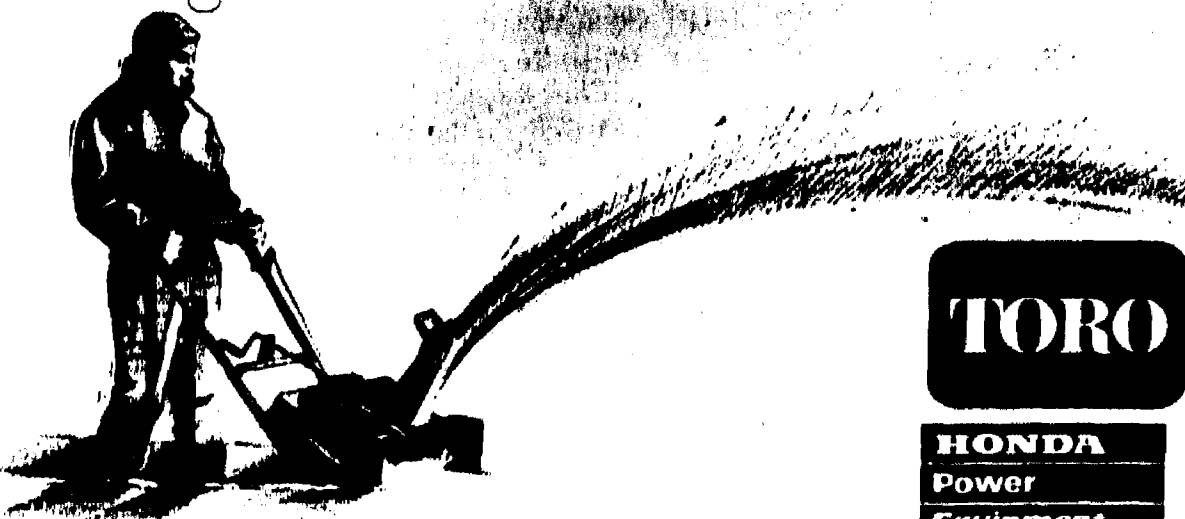
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Westfield Rescue Squad member Richard Jackson prepares an emergency medical kit on one of the unit's ambulances. The squad is in the midst of its annual fund drive.

Squad asks clergy to appeal for volunteers

The Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad is reaching out to churches and temples asking clergy to appeal to their congregations for volunteers.

Pastors at the Church of St. Helen recently appealed to their congregation to consider the joining the Westfield Rescue Squad as a way to give something back to the community.

"This would be an excellent opportunity to interest people in the rescue squad and at least bring to people's consciousness that the squad comes from the community," the Rev. William Morris said. "I think sometimes people think the squad is always there. The crisis comes when we find that

the squad is not always there, that there may not be enough volunteers to go around. There may be someone who may be sitting back and waiting for the opportunity to volunteer. Maybe they'll respond to this call."

Mary Anne Murphy, a member of the Church of St. Helen who has been with the rescue squad for eight years, explained why she joined the squad.

"I always wanted to be part of the excitement of rescue, and also wanted to have skills to help my family," she said. "I had a young family when I joined the squad; two young boys with many cuts and scrapes. For me, joining the squad was also a tremendous way

to confront fear — fear of being injured, fear of death. It has really opened my eyes. It builds a tremendous amount of confidence in terms of a skill you have, and you can help others."

When asked why people should join the squad, Mrs. Murphy said, "I think there are a lot of people who are afraid to come out and join the rescue squad because they don't know what's involved and it's a time commitment, but it's also of tremendous value."

"It's worth coming out and finding out about the squad. You can fit it into a very busy schedule, because I do it. I was able to fit it in even during the time when I had two young children and was work-

ing full time as a teacher. Just come out and find out about it."

The Westfield Rescue Squad is an all volunteer organization serving the community of Westfield and one of the few resident squads in the state of New Jersey. The rescue squad provides training for volunteers to become Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), and telephone dispatchers.

For more information or to volunteer, call the squad at 233-2501 or stop by the squad building during normal business hours to pick up a membership packet and application. The squad is located at 335 Watterson St. (off the Westfield traffic circle on South Avenue).

Foundation has new partnership for key bequests

The Westfield Foundation has announced the establishment of the Foundation Partnership, a donor recognition program to encourage major bequests or gifts to the endowment fund of the foundation.

Members of the partnership will be those individuals whose thoughtful philanthropy supports the activities of The Westfield Foundation through commitments of \$2,000 or more to this endowment fund.

Since 1975, The Westfield Foundation has been the choice of generous Westfielders who wish to make an enduring philanthropic gift to enhance the quality of life in their town. The Westfield Foundation, the town's own community foundation, receives contributions from individuals and organizations to fund projects and programs that respond to the social, educational, civic, and cultural needs in Westfield.

Donors make contributions to the foundation's unrestricted fund, allowing the trustees to meet pressing needs and new challenges. Donors have also established special funds within the foundation representing their field of interest, which are designed to meet specific needs or special purposes.

The foundation, which began with assets of \$2,000, was founded by a group of local citizens led by former Mayor H. Emerson Thomas. Assets were greatly increased by the 1981 transfer of the Westfield Wallace Fund to the foundation, and have grown through the addition of many individual endowments and contributions over the years.

By 1993, the foundation held assets of \$2.7 million, and had returned \$1.3 million to the town through the funding of such projects and programs as support

for the underprivileged and disabled, youth employment, child care, art, music and science education, scholarships, and support for local music, art, health, historical and town improvement organizations.

The strength of The Westfield Foundation is in the continued growth of its endowment. Gifts of capital assets to the foundation's endowment fund, as well as the establishment of the new special funds within the foundation have been and will continue to be very important to the growth of the endowment. The foundation wishes to honor those dedicated and forward-thinking people who make such major gifts, and are thereby ensuring the service and good work of the foundation into the future.

Membership into the partnership will be given to those individuals or families who have provided an investment through a direct gift of assets, a bequest or a planned gift, as well as all those who created a special fund within the foundation. The foundation provides a permanent structure which enables the donor's gift to have a long-term and enduring impact on Westfield's quality of life. Those donors wishing to see their philanthropy continue indefinitely can be confident their wishes will be carried out.

Because the foundation's trustees oversee a large pool of funds, contributors have the advantage of professional investment management and low administrative costs.

For those desiring to set up a special endowment fund, the foundation has procedures and appropriate forms that make the process convenient and easy.

The foundation's executive director, Freia Mitrali, will answer any questions and furnish the Foundation Partnership booklet upon request. Call 233-9787.

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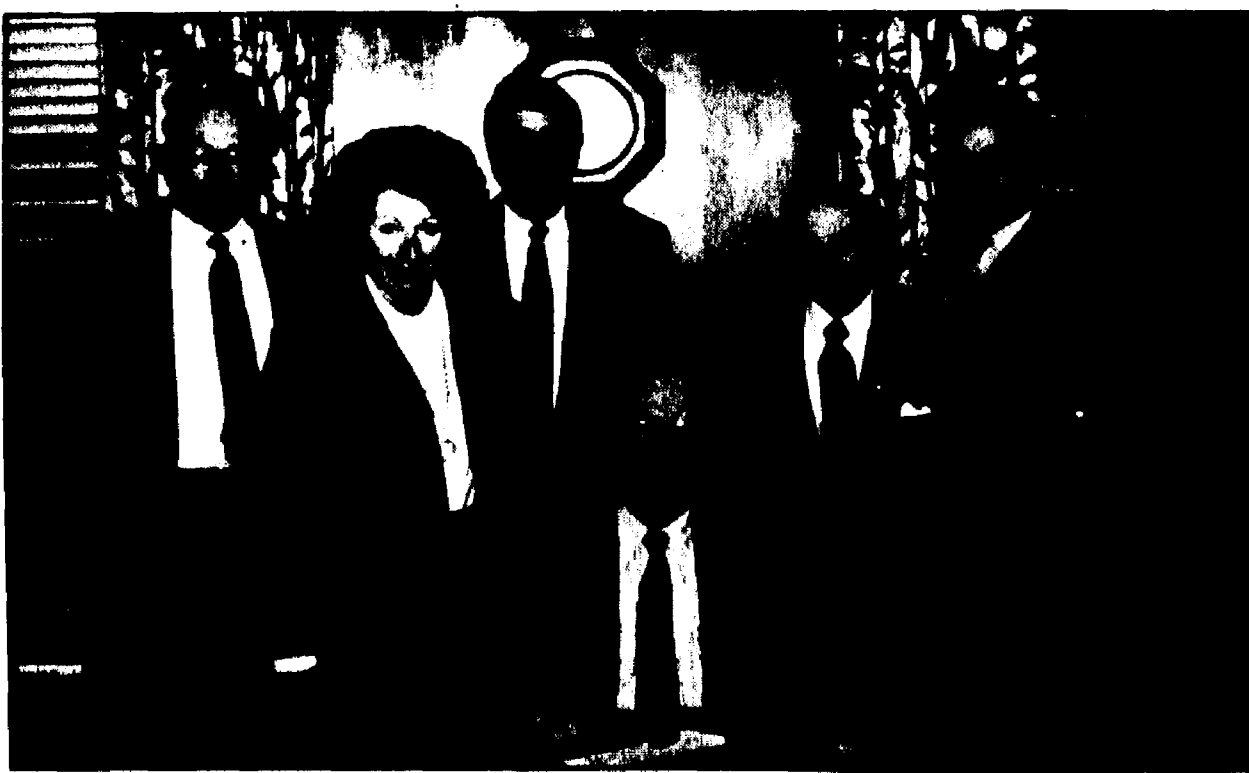
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Registration week

Town Councilman Norman N. Greco presents Dr. Theodore K. Schlosberg, workshop director, with a proclamation naming March 21-27 23rd annual Westfield Workshop for the Arts Registration Week. More than 12,000 have gone through the workshop, which began in 1972.

Red Cross fund drive continuing

The March 1994 campaign of the Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross is under way and Mayor Garland Bud Boothe has signed a proclamation giving the drive impetus. At the signing, from left, are Chapter treasurer Dr. William Bonsall, co-chairman membership/funds Ernest Winter, Chapter Chairman Dennis Kinsella, Executive Director Gail Moffett and co-chairman membership/fund William Lonsdale. Mayor Boothe is seated.



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• D2: The Mighty Ducks (PG) Friday: 7:20, 9:35 p.m. Saturday-Sunday: 1, 3, 5, 7:20, 9:35 p.m. Monday-Thursday: 7:20, 9:20 p.m.

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Sports

SIDELINES

WTA social

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Players who are interested in taking lessons should register quickly because WTA classes are filling up. Call Gordon Vickers at 654-8675 for more information. Those players who intend to play on any of the WTA challenge ladders must sign up before Apr. 15 in order to have their names listed in the Directory.

Free skating

The Westfield Recreation Commission and the Municipal Alliance are teaming up to hold an ice skating party at Warinanco Skating rink on Sunday, March 27, from 6 to 8 p.m. The event will be open to all Westfield residents and will be free of charge with proper identification. There will also be a special banner contest with a theme promoting a substance-free Westfield. For additional information, call the Recreation Department at 789-4080.

Spring fever

The Westfield Baseball League will conduct its final tryout for the Major and Pony Leagues on March 26. Tryouts for the Majors will be held at Edison Intermediate School and the schedule is as follows: 9-11 a.m. for 12-year-olds; 11 a.m.-1 p.m. for 11-year-olds and 1-2 p.m. for 10-year-olds. Pony League tryouts will be conducted at Tamaques Park. The 13-year-olds will meet between 9 a.m. and noon, while 14, 15 and 16-year-olds start at noon and end at 2 p.m. The WBL photo day is slated for Saturday, April 23, the same day summer league registration will be held.

Safety clinic

The Westfield Recreation Commission will host a coaches safety clinic, presented by the Rutgers Youth Sports Research Council, on Thursday, March 31, at the Westfield High School cafeteria. The cost of the clinic, which will run from 7 to 10 p.m., is \$20. Under law, each volunteer coach must attend a recognized three-hour clinic in order to be provided with partial civil immunity from lawsuits. For details, call the Recreation Department at 789-4080.

Pool registration

The Rec Commission has begun accepting membership registration for the 1994 Memorial Pool season. The 1994 season will begin on Saturday, June 11. The fees are: family (\$195 for residents, \$370 for non-residents), family with full-time child care (\$245 res., \$490 non-res.), husband and wife without children (\$155 res., \$310 non-res.), individual (\$115 res., \$220 non-res.), senior citizen (\$55 res., \$100 non-res.). For more information, contact the pool office at 789-4085 or stop by the second floor of the Municipal Building.

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1994 Winter Season Award *Outstanding* High School Athletes

Cory Posey Soph., wrestling

By KIP KUDRUK
THE RECORD

Whenever Cory Posey wants to brush up on a move or put in extra time during practice, Don MacDonald's wife is usually the first to know.

While the veteran coach and the sophomore review the technical aspects of wrestling or discuss strategy well after the rest of the Blue Devils have filed out of the practice room, MacDonald's late arrival home is pushed back even further.

However, there is an upside for the coach.

"He always says, 'let's drill coach, let's drill,'" said MacDonald. "Consequently, I'm in better shape because of it."

Not only has Posey's tremendous drive and unrelenting work ethic rubbed off on his coach and teammates, but it has also made him one of the most accomplished and feared wrestlers in the state.

As a freshman, the Tennessee native won the 140-pound District XI title, reached the semifinals of the state tournament and rolled up a 28-6 record.

Returning to the same weight class this winter, the word jinx never entered into the sophomore's vocabulary. Posey, who was taken down only once all year, won his first 17 matches and took first place in every tournament he entered except the states.

The Union County, District XI and Region III champ went 28-2 and placed third in the state at 140. Posey's two losses were by a combined three points.

His first, which he later avenged in the state tourney, was a 3-1 double-overtime setback to Randolph's Sam Hakim in the first round of the North Jersey Section 2, Group 4 playoff.

Posey's second setback was a 5-4



GEORGE PACIELLO/THE RECORD
CORY POSEY

loss in the state semifinals to eventual state champ Rusty Read of Hawthorne.

"Placing in the states is very good, but it's not what I wanted," said Posey, who is 44 victories away from winning his 100th bout and breaking the school record of 99 set by Chris Jordan. "I'm going to work my butt off all summer and all year to win the states next

year. I don't like to lose at all."

Whether it's the hatred felt by losing or the joy experienced by winning, Posey ranks as one of the most determined wrestlers who's ever slipped on a Westfield singlet. In fact, MacDonald believes Posey's loss in the state semis will not make him any more motivated than he already is.

"I don't know if that's possible,"

said MacDonald. "I've had some highly motivated kids in the past, but he's the most. He's very big on goal setting and if he has to work out 18 hours a day to reach his goals he'll do exactly that."

"The harder I work to win something the more it means to me," said Posey, whose older brother Chris was redshirted this season from the wrestling team at Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC. "If I didn't work hard it wouldn't be worth winning."

Posey's unsurpassed diligence has certainly not gone unnoticed by his teammates. In his own quiet way, the sophomore has emerged as a leader by example.

"He just does everything the best he can and if he does something wrong he doesn't blame anyone. He just says he'll work harder in practice," said sophomore Kevin Sullivan, who went 17-8 at 112 this year. "He drills so much. We'll drill the same move 100 times in a row. We'll drill it until he's perfect, but he'll say there's always more room for improvement."

"When you wrestle him it makes you better and it makes you want to wrestle your best. He just sets a great example even though he doesn't say much."

While the high school season concluded a week and a half ago, Posey will continue to compete in various regional and national freestyle and Greco-Roman tournaments throughout the spring, summer and fall.

Posey's wrestling itinerary will take him to Las Vegas next month. Then, he will travel to North Carolina in May before participating in the Junior World Team Trials in Colorado.

In between tournaments Posey will wrestle at the New York Athletic Club, lift weights and run three and a half miles practically every day.

"I have to keep going to reach the goals," Posey said. "It's so tough and so hard that it's great to accomplish your goals."

Unusually harsh winter weather leaves golf course superintendents wondering

Echo Lake's greenskeeper thinks course will be OK

By KIP KUDRUK
THE RECORD

It seemed that every other day this winter the Northeast was bracing itself for yet another blast of snow, sleet or ice.

While most area residents were busy complaining about the rush-hour commute or bellyaching about their never-ending shoveling chores, Chris Carson had some genuine concerns — and still does — about a situation which will probably not manifest itself for a couple of weeks.

Carson, the president of the New Jersey Golf Course Superintendents Association and head greenskeeper at Echo Lake Country Club for the past eight years, has been worrying about the effects the harsh winter will leave on his golf course.

Since Echo Lake will be hosting the 47th United States Junior Amateur Championship in late July, Carson obviously wants the private Westfield course to be in tip-top condition.

The Junior Amateur, which will



GEORGE PACIELLO/THE RECORD
Echo Lake Country Club greens superintendent Chris Carson has a gut feeling the rough winter will not damage the grounds at his course. However, he knows the possibility certainly exists.

be the first United States Golf Association tournament at Echo Lake, is the course's first significant championship since the 1985 New Jersey State Open. Echo Lake was also the site for the 1970 NJ

State Open and the 1935 Met Open.

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Patterson, Pollack produce big time

Westfield resident Jessica Patterson recently qualified for the New Jersey State Gymnastics Meet, which will be held in May.

The Franklin Elementary School student accomplished this feat at a recent sectional meet, where she placed first on the vault, second on the uneven parallel bars and fourth on the balance beam. This performance enabled Patterson to claim second place in the all-around competition.

Patterson is a Level 8 gymnast and she represents the North Stars Gymnastics Academy in Parsippany, N.J.

Jay Pollack, a seventh grade honor student at Edison Intermediate School, completed his winter swimming season with the Westfield Y Devilfish by swimming to his best times of the season at the East Field

Regional YMCA Swimming Championships.

The event was held last weekend at Princeton University and it attracted over 1,200 swimmers who represented teams from the Tri-State area, New England and the Middle Atlantic states.

Pollack captured first place in the 50, 100 and 200 yard freestyle events. He also established new Westfield Y team records in his age group in the 50 yard breaststroke (1:15.4), the 100 breast (1:10.25) and the 100 yard backstroke (1:05.0).

The Westfield resident earned a berth in the Long Course YMCA National Championships. Pollack will compete in the 50 yard breaststroke when the event takes place in August at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.



JAY POLLACK

Ice hockey supporters still hot over refusal

By KIP KUDRUK
THE RECORD

A standing room-only crowd of hockey enthusiasts spilled out of the Board of Education's meeting room and into the hallways last Tuesday night, making entry into the packed chamber more difficult than slipping a puck past goalie Patrick Roy.

The largest throng to assemble at a board meeting in quite some time had hoped to see the board put its stamp of approval on a proposal to field a varsity ice hockey team at Westfield High School next year on a "pay-for-play" basis.

Instead, the board squashed the bid by a 6-3 vote, leaving avid supporters of the plan upset and wondering what went wrong.

It appeared the bottom line was largely a money issue.

While advocates of the plan stated each player would be responsible for his own expenses (approximately \$700), thus, removing any financial burdens from the board, board members felt the town would eventually be forced to pick up the price tag in future years. This assumption was made based on the evolution of "pay-for-play" sports in neighboring towns.

"I believe that we should not add programs which will require a significant fee from the families of participants," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark C. Smith in a Feb. 28 letter to Doug Schwartz, who made a formal presentation to the board last Tuesday.

"I am not opposed to the acceptance of outside funding for school programs," the letter continued. "I do not believe, however, that such funding should be in the form of high user fees from students to support an ongoing school activity."

Board of Education president Susan Pepper agreed.

"Based on the experience of a number of other districts that had hockey started this way, the board eventually ends up paying," she said.

Board members also seemed reluctant to accept such a large undertaking when facing the mandate of chopping \$1.5 million from their original budgetary draft.

"The second obstacle is the difficulty of expanding the high school's athletic program at a time when both short and long-term budget constraints require efforts to hold costs down," said Dr. Smith in the letter. "The record is clear and absolute that high school athletic teams begun with parent funding eventually become a budget responsibility of the Board of Education."

Schwartz, who guaranteed the board that the team would be totally self-funded for three years, thought "pay-for-play" programs could be a wave of the future.

"Given the way cutbacks occur, most new programs probably won't happen in the future unless you find a way to raise taxes, cut programs or implement funded programs," he said. "We believe that in order for us to survive the parents must manage expenses and the players must go out and raise funds themselves. I think the board may have underestimated the kids."

"As far as asking the school for money, I think we have a pretty strong argument because we'd continue to spend our money with the high school like we do now with the club teams," said WHS junior Natalie Urciuoli, who plays hockey with two separate all-girls' club teams.

"I understand their budgetary concerns, but all we were asking for is their endorsement. We didn't ask for any money," said Judy Gualtieri, whose son Matt is a WHS junior who currently plays with the Cranford Hockey Club.

Certain board members add: (Please turn to page A-14)

Ice hockey

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mitted they were receptive to what they had heard during last Tuesday's meeting until the concept of refundability arose. The board asked what would happen to a player who had already paid his personal fee and then was cut from the team.

When the supporters replied the funds would be refunded to the player, the board balked, feeling the lost money would have to be recouped in some manner.

"A number of board members said that before the refundable issue came up they were taken by the proposal," said Pepper. "After that things kind of went downhill."

Proponents of the plan complained they were not provided ample time to adequately answer some of the board's impromptu questions, such as refundability. They felt it would have been more fair for the board to allow a few days to research and prepare, rather than refuse the proposal immediately.

"I didn't expect a vote that night," said Gualtieri. "I felt disappointed that they shut us off from answering the questions. I think a lot of people were offended with the way it was handled."

"We would've liked to see them vote to continue discussion on the proposal," said Wendy Gates, who has two hockey-playing sons, 17-year-old Christopher and 14-year-old Bryan. "I felt very disappointed that the whole idea of pursuing it was shot down. I felt we should've at least been given the opportunity to deal with them."

The supporters' presumed intolerance by the board led them to believe the board had determined their votes even before Tuesday's meeting was called to order.

"I felt when I walked into that room they had both barrels loaded and it was just a matter of time before they unloaded them," said Gualtieri. "When the meeting started you could just feel the negativity. I feel their minds were made up and the votes were taken beforehand."

"It seemed to me they were bent on killing it before it came up before the board," said Terrie Allon, who spoke before the board briefly on Tuesday. "I'm upset they rejected it so quickly. I would've liked to see us pursue it further and let us prove it's a viable thing."

"I believe it would have been more unfair to table it and keep them hanging on when the board wasn't exactly thrilled with the concept," said Pepper. "That's the decision the board had to make. It made more sense to be honest. The 'no' vote doesn't mean it's closed forever, but it makes them realize they need to fine tune it."

No matter how you slice it, rest assured the final word has yet to be spoken about this matter.

"If the kids want it we'll do what we can to help our children," said Schwartz.

"This is probably the hardest thing I've ever voted 'no' for in my five years on the board," said Melba Nixon. "I think it unlikely that the decision will be reversed this year because we'll be focusing all our energies toward cutting nearly one and a half million from our draft budget. But, we could look at it again."

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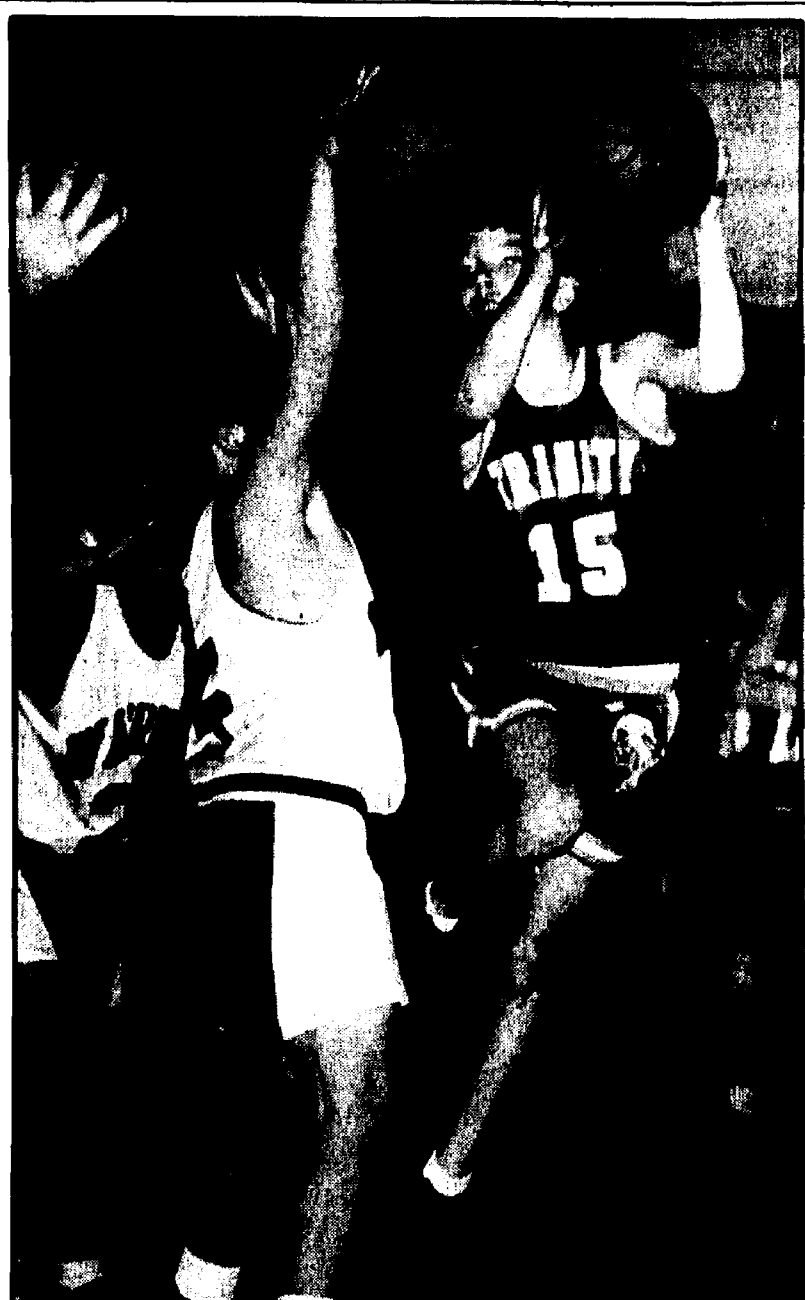
Red Cross Golf Outing
The Third Annual Golf Outing, hosted by the Westfield/Mountainside Red Cross and the Westfield Jaycees, will be held on Monday, May 2, at the Plainfield Country Club. The activities for the day will include a buffet lunch, 18 holes of golf, a cocktail hour and a dinner which will conclude with awards and prizes. The golf committee is recruiting volunteers, golfers, sponsors and donated prizes for the fund raiser. Interested persons may contact the Westfield/Mountainside Chapter at 232-7090.

Spring lacrosse for 5th-8th graders
The Westfield Recreation Commission is once again offering its popular spring lacrosse program for fifth to eighth grade Westfield students. A new division for fourth grade students will also be offered. It's not too late to register because league play will not commence until early April. Beginners and experienced players are welcome. The cost of the program is \$35 per person and equipment is available at the Rec Department for a nominal deposit. Contact the Recreation office at 789-4090 for additional information.

25-year WHS track & field reunion
A 25th and 26th year reunion is planned for former track and field and cross country athletes who graduated from Westfield High School in 1968 and '69. The event will be held on Saturday, June 11, from noon to dusk in Tannock Park. Families are invited to bring their own food and drinks for a cookout. For more information, contact either Mike McGlynn (Class of '68) at 36 Tannock Way, Westfield, NJ 07090 (954-1051), or Jeff Griesemer (Class of '69) at P.O. Box 22080, Franklin, NJ 07037 (609-882-8503).

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Albert Thrower of Holy Trinity drives the lane in recent action against St. Michael's of Cranford.

Squires edged in final

The Virginia Squires of the Westfield Basketball Association fifth grade boys' division ended their season last Saturday with a hard-fought loss to St. John's in the championship final.

After a slow start in the regular season, it appeared Virginia would not even be in contention to win the title. However, a continually improving offense, combined with the Squire's trademark — a hustling aggressive man-to-man defense — enabled a different Virginia team to qualify for the playoffs.

An early 13-2 deficit put the Squires in a deep hole in the fi-

nals. But, a relentless defensive effort, spearheaded by "Scooter" Brewster, Michael Pollack and Daniel Maus, combined with some dominating rebounding by Mark Kolvites, slowed down St. John's attack.

When Doug Minarik, Sam Sobel and Alex Dupre began finding the range, Virginia trailed by only a point at halftime, 19-18.

The Squires surpassed the Johnnies during the third quarter, as David Napiorski and Matt Nackson contributed on both ends of the court. The upset did not materialize, however, as a poised St. John's squad weathered the Virginia comeback.

Golf courses

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According to Carson, the golf course is susceptible to three winter-weather related problems.

The first is called snow mold and is not expected to create difficulties because the grounds were treated during the fall to prevent it from happening.

A bigger complication is a condition named direct kill. This situation may exist when the grass is covered by ice for 60 days or more. Direct kill causes physical damage to the grass by actually suffocating it and prohibiting any exchange of gasses which normally occurs.

The final dilemma is called crown hydration and it takes place at ground level, where the roots go down and the blades of grass grow. This condition usually arises in low lying areas where water collects and it occurs predominantly during freeze and thaw cycles.

Carson says the adverse effects of crown hydration and direct kill have already been seen in southern Jersey, especially in the greater Philadelphia vicinity.

But, can this area, and Echo Lake in particular, survive the bite of old man winter?

"It's too early to tell yet," said Carson, who graduated from Rutgers University's Cook College. "We've definitely had the conditions to have had some damage, but, we really don't know what'll happen until all the snow melts."

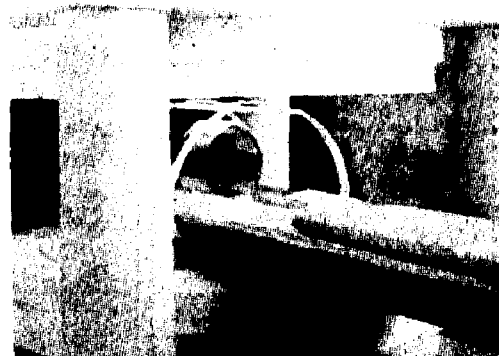
It'll also take some time to see the damage. My gut feeling is that I don't think our area will have a problem, but, the possibility certainly exists."

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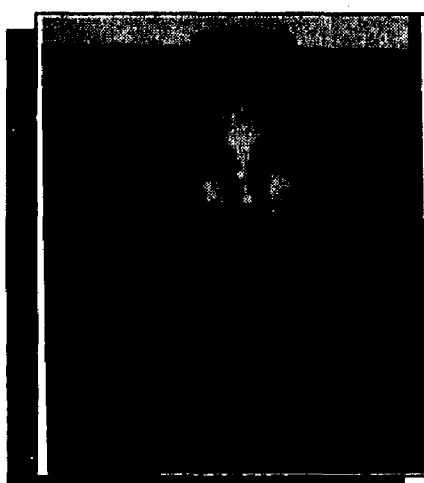


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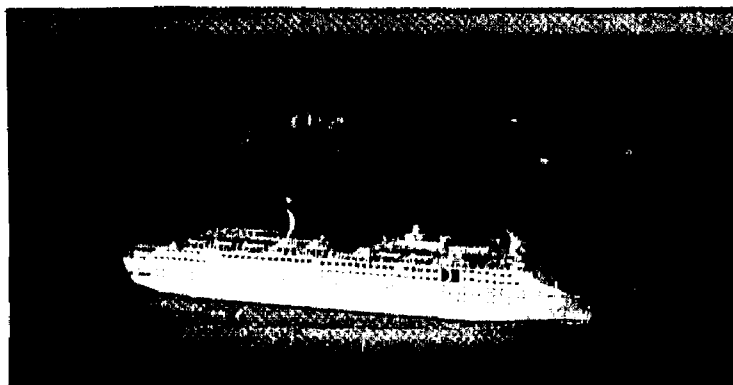


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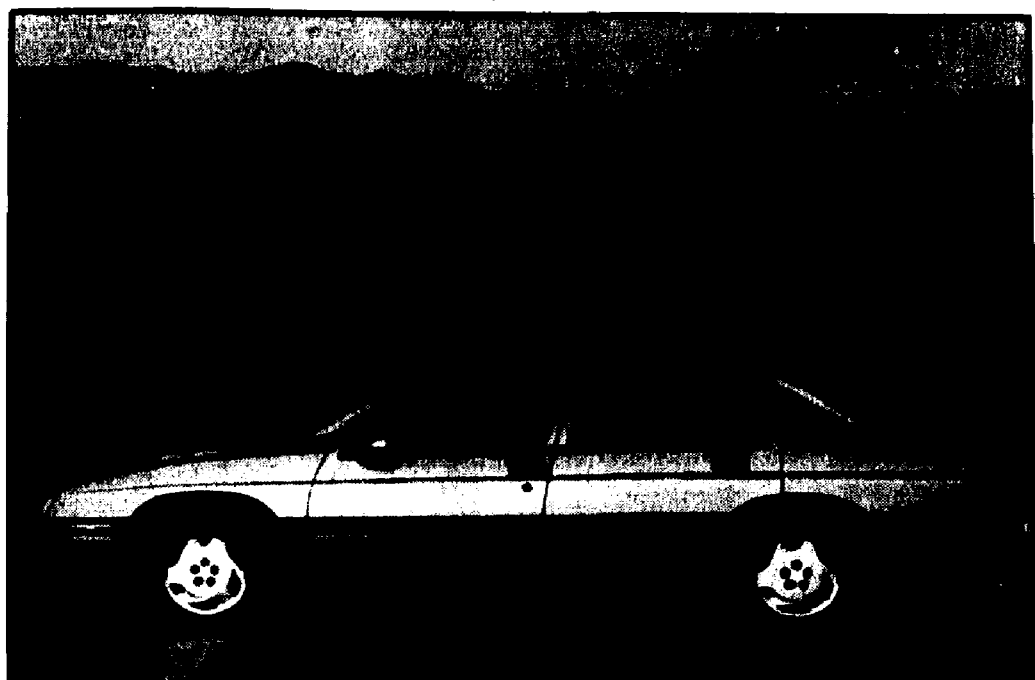
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By TOM HAGIN
FORBES NEWSPAPERS

The Corsica/Beretta line is the bread-and-butter of Chevrolet's small sedan line, the Beretta being the two-door version of the pair. Since 1988, a combined 1,446,892 of these vehicles have been sold to propel the Corsica/Beretta line into the top ten list of vehicle sales in this country. Assembled in Wilmington, Del., all Corsica's are backed by a three-year/36,000-mile limited warranty, along with 24-hour roadside assistance.

Simplicity is the key feature of the Corsica. It's available in one body style — a four-door sedan — and one trim level. A brief option list makes it easy for retailers to fill their new car sales lots with what our local dealer calls one of his best-selling vehicles.

New for 1994 are two redesigned powerplants. Base power comes from a 2.2-liter four-cylinder, in which Chevy engineers have reduced friction and lightened some of the mass generated by spinning internal parts. The optional V6 has been bumped from 140 to 160 horsepower, primarily by the use of a more efficient fuel injection system and lighter, more durable components. The results are apparent in increased economy and smoother operation.

EXTERIOR

Corsica looks larger than its 2,600-pound curb weight suggests. Chevrolet provides big rear doors which make sliding inside easy for rear passengers. A full-length rub-strip protects against parking lot door dings, while styled wheelcovers snapped onto 14-inch wheels carry Goodyear Invicta black wall radials. A favorite of rental fleets and corporations, Corsica can transport five adults to their destination economically and efficiently.

INTERIOR

Front bucket seats offer above average support, especially at the sides. Ergonomics have been addressed by placing roller-type headlamp and wiper controls within easy reach of the driver, while a standard AM/FM stereo isn't concert quality but better than average. I'm a bit undecided about the passive seat belts connected to the door, although this ensures everyone will buckle up. Cloth inlays on the door panels sweep into power door lock controls and

hand-operated roll-up windows. All interior fabric has been treated with Scotchgard-brand protectant as a shield against spills.

ENGINEERING

Minor changes have been made to Corsica's underpinnings. Borrowing technology from the new Camaro, relocated mounting points in the front suspension now transmit less road shock back to the driver through the steering wheel. Front-wheel drive pulls the car through turns, and as expected from a car made for just-above-basic transportation, hard cornering involves lots of tire squeal and understeer. Corsica isn't a high-performance car and it wasn't meant to be, although the Beretta 226 model is a wolf in Corsica clothing.

HANDLING

We drove the car on its designated turf: the freeway commute. With four adults aboard, our test model's four-cylinder engine struggled to launch into traffic, which always seemed to be traveling at 70 mph or more. The five-speed manual is the standard transmission, while our test car was equipped with the optional three-speed automatic. Standard power rack-and-pinion steering contributes to adequate road feel. A center console houses a small storage compartment and cupholder, along with providing a spot to rest an arm. A handy net in the trunk can help secure items stored in its 13.5-cubic-foot cargo space.

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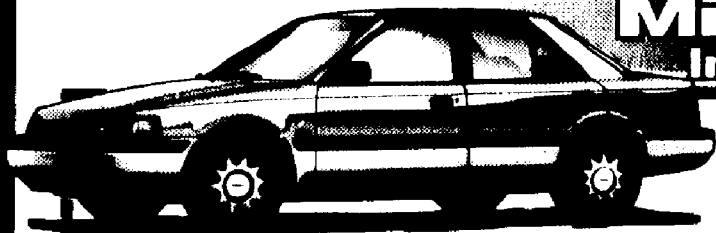
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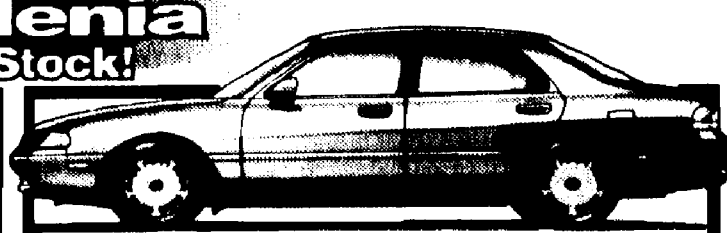


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Convertibles can shake, rattle and roll

By BOB HAGIN
FORBES NEWSPAPERS

Q I have a 1972 Ford Mustang convertible. The engine is great and the body is in mint condition. However, every time I drive over a string of railroad tracks, the car rattles like a pair of dice in a cup. What kind of facility is there that can remove all these rattles or undertake a tightening up process?

A All of those old mid-sized Ford chassis had a tendency to develop rattles, and I think it's due in part to the fact that the front springs are mounted above the top control arm rather than the lower one. It's also inherent in convertibles to rattle as the years roll on due to the fact that they don't have the rigidity of a sedan. De-rattling a convertible is a very time consuming job and could require the services of a true restoration shop to do it right. All the suspension parts will need to be rebushed, shock absorbers replaced — and then the hard, tedious work begins. It's possible that the

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doors, windows, etc. may have to come off and have new soft-parts installed. All of this is usually done on a time-and-material basis. It all depends on how much you want to spend for a rattle-free vintage car.

Q I have an '86 Nissan Stanza wagon. The car is fine, the odometer reads 102,000 miles, but the defrosting system seems very underpowered. The side windows cloud over very quickly and stay fogged except for a small area by the rear view mirrors. Is this a design flaw in this model or does it reflect a problem with my car's system? The heating system is slow to warm up but if we're caught in traffic and sit for more than a minute or two, the engine almost overheats. My oil and fluid levels are

fine so I don't think they're the cause of the problem.

A The overheating at idle problem could be caused by a couple of things. If you haven't had the cooling system flushed for a while, have a shop do a power reverse-flush on it. Sometimes an accumulation of "stuff" gets packed up in the rear of the engine block and causes the coolant flow to only cool the front section. This isn't so noticeable at speed but prolonged idling can cause overheating. Have another thermostat installed at the same time — they're cheap. Also check for collapsing or soft radiator hoses. Another problem could be the automatic fan not activating at the right temperature or not at all. A mechanic can check this also. While he's at it, have him check for an internal leak like a seeping head gasket or a slight block or head crack. To get a better defrosting going, try turning on your heater, set the controls to defrost and then turn on the air conditioner too. This works great on my wife's Toyota.

Q On my 1987 Ford Bronco, the owner's manual specifically states "do not use four-wheel drive on hard pavement." On my 1990 Mazda MPV minivan with four-wheel drive, however, the manual says you can drive at high speed on the highway while the system's engaged. Please explain the difference.

A Your Bronco is a true off-road machine designed to crawl through loose surfaces, over rocks, along dirt roads and other places where traction is a problem. When the front-wheel drive system is engaged via a center transfer case, the driving axles are literally locked together. During a turn, the wheels all turn at slightly different radii and in the case of a U-turn in your Bronco, for instance, the driving wheels could actually lock up and prevent forward motion. Instead of a transfer case, your Mazda MPV has a planetary third differential in the center that actually compensates for the different turn angles of the wheels. It can also be engaged on the run in really slippery stuff.

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High school seniors throughout New Jersey are invited to participate in the inaugural Volvo Dealers College Scholarship "Safety First" Essay Contest, which runs now through April 16. The contest is sponsored by the NY NJ CT Volvo Dealers Association, Inc.

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Combustion advance announced

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The fuel stabilizer is a 7-inch-long, 2-inch diameter cylinder that can be installed in the fuel line of any automobile, truck, bus, jet aircraft or boat, new or used, to eliminate pollution from the vehicle exhaust. It eliminates carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons and particulates so that only water and carbon dioxide are emitted from the exhaust pipe, Inset officials said.

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ing processes. This process of aligning molecules makes the fuel stabilizer also ideal for applications such as water purification, steel manufacturing, semi-conductors and agriculture.

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The fuel stabilizer is available immediately with a money-back guarantee, a life-of-the-engine warranty and is backed by \$1 million in product liability insurance from Chubb Insurance.

From Kerosene Clessie to the diesel Dodge

By BOB HAGIN
FORBES NEWSPAPERS

Last year, my next door neighbor drove home with his newest acquisition, a full-sized Dodge pickup truck. I wasn't outside when Al drove up in his latest prize, but I was well aware of the fact. In fact, most of the neighborhood knew he was home. His Dodge is powered by a Cummins diesel, an engine that has become a legend in the world of automotive engineering. And while his Cummins is almost a mechanical work of art, it has that diesel proclivity for noise. We all thought a tractor/trailer had somehow gotten lost in our residential neighborhood.

Maybe a little mechanical education is in order here. A diesel engine (named after Rudolf Diesel, inventor of the compression ignition engine) runs on a very refined form of kerosene. It has no spark plugs and derives its power from mixing the kerosene with air and then compressing the mixture in its cylinders. At a critical time, an additional amount of kerosene is squirted into the cylinders to ignite the charge. The high-pressure explosion produces a much louder bang than gasoline, which explains why diesel engines make so much noise. Most Big Rigs are powered by diesels.

The Cummins engine in Al's Dodge enjoys an interesting history. Clessie Cummins was an early-day machinist/mechanic and inveterate tinker and fabricator. While employed as a chauffeur in 1908 in Indianapolis (a job that required considerable mechanical skill in those early days), he took an extended and adventurous vacation down the Mississippi in a small boat into which he had installed a small gasoline engine. All went well until he ran out of fuel and discovered that, while gasoline was more-or-less common in the Indianapolis area, it was almost impossible to find in the hinterlands. Being resourceful, Cummins filled his tank with readily available kerosene, wrapped the fuel line around the exhaust system to preheat the fuel and went on his way.

That the engine ran at all was amazing. That it pushed the little boat all the way to Louisiana and back to Indianapolis was a miracle.

Cummins soon opened his own auto repair shop but spent World War I years producing parts for the military. This lucrative contract dried up at war's end and he began producing a diesel engine. In a stroke of genius, he installed one of his huge stationary units in a vintage Packard, drove it from Indianapolis to the New York Auto

Show of 1930 and spent just under two dollars for fuel. At the time, kerosene was only a nickel a gallon and the depression-conscious press of the day gave Cummins and his economical but slow Packard more coverage than anything in the show.

This event led to Cummins' "barnstorming" days which included several factory sponsored cross-country trips at little expense, the setting of the first-ever world land speed record run for a diesel-powered vehicle and the first-ever entry of a diesel-powered race car at the Indy 500 in 1931. In 1951, a Cummins-powered race car came within a whisker of winning the event and was then legislated out of contention.

A contract with a California packing company in 1932 was a milestone event for Cummins as was the installation of the Duesenberg-designed Schwitzer centrifugal supercharger in 1937. These events led to the now-common installation of relatively high-powered diesel engines under the hoods of millions of large trucks around the world.

Al Smith's new Dodge pickup doesn't exactly qualify as a large truck but I notice a satisfied smile on Al's face every time he drives his new machine. And well he might smile. He's driving a piece of American automotive history.

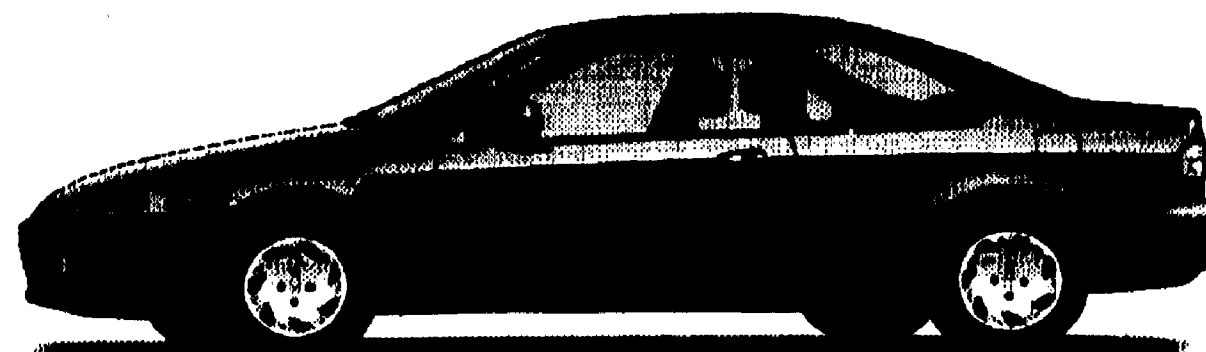
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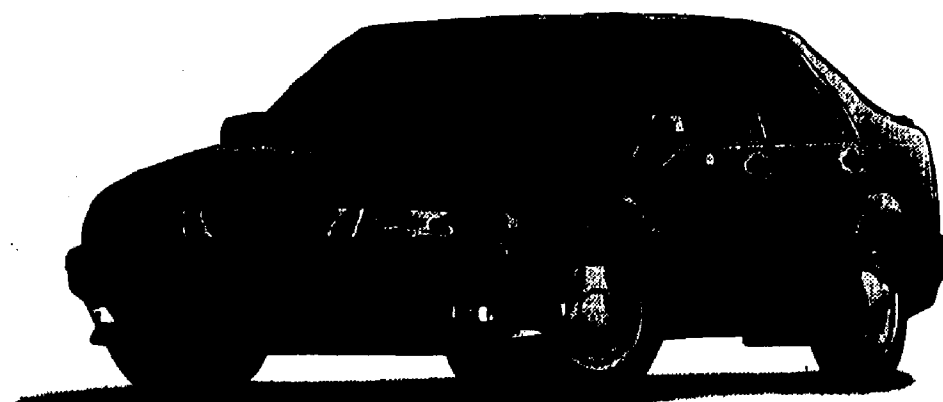
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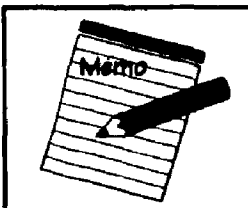
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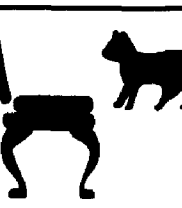


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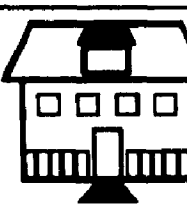


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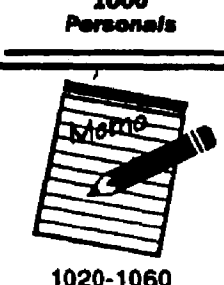
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1020-1060
1020 - Singles Organizations and activities
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Singles Organizations and Activities

ALLOW ME TO GIVE YOU the gift of a lasting relationship. Personalized, 18 yrs. experience. Call Judy Yoda's Comp. 908-707-9098.
MATCHMAKER INTERNATIONAL The largest & most selective personal introduction service in the nation. For free info. 908-218-9090
PATTI'S PARTY - Buffet, Dessert & Coffee. 326 & 430, 8PM. *908-722-5294. -Come Mix & Mingle-

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Lost & Found

BRANCHBURG - Small blk & brn striped cat, blk female cat, Hillsboro, ough, older brn & blk mixed breed male dog wearing bright pink flea collar & choke chain, long-hair gray cat with white paws. Somerset Humane Society, Rt. 22, North Branch, NJ. 08876. 908-526-3330.
FOUND GRAY & WHITE CAT - River Rd. Piscataway/Overbrook Rd./Michele Ave. area. 483-1448
FOUND - eyeglasses, Roger Ave. in Westfield. Call for more info. 908-272-1552
LOST - \$200 Reward! Keeshond, 35 lbs. furry female dog, silver/black, named Trouble. No collar. Lost Cranford near Exit 137 Parkway. 3/4. 908-276-4349
MULTI-COLORED ADULT CAT - found in Roselle on house trained. 298-0952

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Personals

A CLASS ESCORTS M/F, Penthouse playmates, College students, Role playing. 398-3100
ADOPTION - Caring, well-educated, psychologist and artist (longly) to adopt a newborn infant. We have the time to devote to the raising of your child. Looking forward to becoming parents and sharing our Love, Laughter and Life. Ellen and Mike. 1-800-656-7007. Home study approved adoption available. Diane 1-800-734-7743
ADOPT - Let us help Prof. couple will give loving home with excellent pets, music, sports, & loving friends & family. Winnie & Tom 1-800-662-1087

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SISTER SUZAN Tarot Card readings Love? Success? Health? Difficult decisions, look into your future for results in all manner of life, w/crystal & psychic readings, 30 yrs. in Cranford. 908-272-9791
DUTCH STUDENT - interested in sports, computers, Other Scandinavian, European, South American, Japanese high school exchange student arriving in August. Become a Host family/AISE. Call Kathleen (908) 389-3346 or 1-800-SIBLING.
Advertise in the Classified!
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WANTED - for studious Hungarian high school sophomore for academic year 94-95. For more info, call 908-448-6810.
LOSE WEIGHT. FEEL GREAT! Safely and effectively guaranteed. Make the right choice. Call Select Pharmaceuticals, 1-800-258-0989. Ask about our special Visa, MasterCard and COD's accepted.

PERSONAL PSYCHIC MRS. "D"

Help and guidance in love, health and financial problems. I am confused in any matters of life, one visit will help to bring you true happiness. I give all types of readings and advice. Call 908-789-3043
PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN (Never known to fail). Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and hear me, herein you are my mother, Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother, Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3x). Holy Mother, place this cause in your hands (3x). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me, I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is fulfilled.
PSYCHIC READINGS BY BELINA Palm and Tarot card readings. Advice on all problems of life. Consult this gifted lady today for help and advice. call now, 908-872-3142. With this ad special readings \$10 off.

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"YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE" Call Now! 1-900-267-7700 ext. 3241. \$2.99/mon. Must be 18 yrs. old. Pro-call Co. 602-954-7420
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Coming Events
TRICKY TRAY - 3/25, Kay Bldg., 5 Willow Ave., Peapack, N.J. Opens 7pm, drawing 8pm. By P&G Woman's Club
2000
FOR SALE



2010-3100

2010 - Antiques
2020 - Appliances
2030 - Art
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2080 - Farm & Garden
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2120 - Garage Sales
2130 - General Merchandise
2140 - Office Furniture and Supplies
2150 - Software
2160 - Wanted to Buy
2010
Antiques
MAIN ST. ANTIQUE CENTER - 158 Main St. Flemington, 908-788-8767. 2 flrs., 6000 sq. ft. open daily 10-5 pm.
2020
Appliances
APPLIANCE SALE Refg. \$95, washer/dryer \$75. Fully guaranteed also service \$19.95. 908-754-7209 or 231-1047
NEARLY NEW - Westinghouse washer/dryer. Top/bottom. Space saver, 1 unit. Electric top quality. Paid \$775, moving must sell. \$500. 908-603-9407
WASHER - \$75. Dryer, \$65. Stove, \$75. Refrigerator, \$170. Can deliver. Color console TV \$100. Pls call 722-6329
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Auctions
PUBLIC AUCTION SUN., MARCH 27, 1994 SALE AT 2 P.M. PREVIEW 1 P.M. Country Mile Fire House Middletown Road Bridgewater DIRECTIONS: Route 202 South. Turn right onto Milltown Road. (Follow signs for 1444 Center) Firehouse on right
This is a Auction featuring a variety of household items, Collectibles, Furniture and miscellaneous treasures
TERMS: Cash or Approved Check, N.J. Sales Tax, Buyers Premium
2110
Furniture
BLOND DRESSER - A night table, Martha Washington chair, antique grain bin, painted pine kit table, 356-3166
DR SET - Broyhill tract, dark oak, 8 high back chairs, 3 leafs, triple hutch w/light, must sell \$700. 908-908-6517

2050 Clothing & Apparel

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BRIDAL GOWN - Priscilla of Boston, size 8, orig \$2100, firm \$600. Pictures avail. 908-879-9091.
2070
Computers
IBM COMPATIBLE \$295. We also buy and repair computers, monitors, printers and boards. 908-464-7496
2080
Farm & Garden
MULCH - Topsoil, Stone, Pickup or prompt del. Retail or Wholesale. EAGLE FENCE 826-5778
WANTED PROPERTY TO LEASE - for small hunting club. Fully insured. Call (908) 261-6842 or (908) 548-5356
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Firewood
FIREWOOD - seasoned, split, hardwood, & free delivery. (908) 756-2878
2090
Flea Markets, Sales and Bazaars
Crafters, Food Vendors Wanted 4th Annual Summer Craft Fest, 8/7, 8nd Brk. 356-7273, 469-0434.
FLEA MARKET & CRAFT SHOW - St. Thomas Parish Center, 1407 St. George Ave. Rahway, Sat. 4/9, 9-4pm. For info. 908-574-0654. Vendors wanted.

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2110 Furniture

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ANTIQUE TRUNK - \$100. Wicker love seat, \$100. Pine DR table, 102" x 44", \$500. 6 matched rush bottom ladderback chairs, \$600. Slant top desk, \$200. Pair porcelain figurines, \$70. Cherry chest of drawers, \$200. Queen Anne cherry drop-leaf table, \$350. Bluebird table, \$50. Plus a store full of quality used furniture and household items. Bookcases, desks, lamps, tables, chairs, mirrors, pictures and frames, paintings, etc. PRICED TO SELL. Collins Corner, Antiques and Used Furniture, 23 DuMont Rd., Far Hills, 908-234-0995. We buy and sell.
DR SET - Pican, lighted china, 6 chairs, 2 leafs, pads, \$500, white w/leafs \$75. 2 walnut LR tables \$35/each. 908-276-0517
GIRL'S DR SET - Dresser w/mirror, night stand, bed frame, Camcorder, desk & night stand to match and bookcase. 908-526-4333 anytime.
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BERNARDSVILLE - 123 Claremont Road; Almost new. Clothing, Jewelry, Furs, Accessories. Fine quality home furnishings, antiques, collectibles, from consignments & select dealers. \$5.00 OFF purchase of \$25 or more. **ENCORE QUALITY CONSIGNMENTS** Dealer co-op space avail. Tue-F 10-6, Thurs. 11-8 Sat. 10-5. 908-766-7760
BRIDGEWATER - 9 Ivy Lane; 8am. Sat. 3/26, Sun. 3/27. Stoves, ladies clothes, szs. 14-24, collectibles, HH, fishing, remote plane, dark rm kit, much more. Rain/shine.
Ads in Classified don't cost - They pay!

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Wanted to Buy**

SOLD TOYS
Battery operated, tin wind-up, banks, vehicles, character, lead figures, wooden, games, metal lunch boxes, etc. 752-4874.

SSAAA AUTO BUYINGS
INSTANT CASH DEAL. Paid on the spot. Interested in buying your car/truck. Foreign/domestic. Specializing in high mi. & damaged cars. For pick-up call 609-888-5012.

ALL LIONEL, IVES, AMERICAN FLYER—and other toy trains. Collector pays highest prices. Call 1-800-464-4671 or 201-635-2056

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Wanted to Buy**

AASACUS ANTIQUES
ANTIQUE BUYING SERVICE
We Are Purchasing Furniture & Paintings Oriental Rugs & Statues Clocks & Toys & Mirrors ESTATE LIQUIDATIONS Call 908-246-8383 or 1-800-281-8385

ANTIQUE & USED
Furniture, DR & BR Sets. 1800-1950's. Juke Boxes, pinball mach's. 647-1950.
ANTIQUES WANTED
Furniture, china, porcelain, oil paintings, military items, glassware. One item or an entire estate. 908-626-8035

**2100
Wanted to Buy**

AMERICAN FLYER & LIONEL TRAINS & OLD TOYS—Pls call 908-755-0346, leave message or call after 6pm
COINS WANTED—Pay cash, top prices! Paper money, foreign, stamps, scrap gold, old jewelry & sterling. Estates and Collections. 908-782-0840. Raab Coin, 4 Bloomfield Ave., Flemington.

DOLLS—from the 50s & 60s. Small or large collections. Any condition. Will travel. Please call now! Kathy 276-7661

\$1000-\$10,000—Paid for Antique Oriental rugs. James Proctor, (201) 278-0280; 900-358-7647.

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Wanted to Buy**

FISHING TACKLE—collector wants to buy OLD, rods, reels, lures, catalogs. 233-1654 after 5PM
GUNS, SWORDS, KNIVES, MILITARIA—NJ & Fed. lic. Top cash paid. House calls made. Bert 821-4949

HIGH PRICES PAID—for postcards, sheet music, old toys, baseball items, cameras, military, TV's, Worlds Fair, fountain pens. Call 272-5777.
HOUSE CONTENTS WANTED
Partial or All. Call 908-636-2613

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INVESTOR SEEKS—Real Estate notes & mortgages. Turn monthly payments into CASH you can use now! Call 215-838-2700 for quote. Cost of call refunded.

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PETS AND LIVESTOCK**

3010 - Birds
3020 - Cats
3030 - Dogs
3040 - Fish
3050 - Horses
3060 - Livestock
3070 - Other Pets
3080 - Adoptable Pets
3090 - Breeding
3100 - Miscellaneous Supplies & Services

**3020
Cats**

CAT—adult male, short hair, solid smoky grey, neutered/declawed. Healthy/all shots needs to be an "only child". Donation required. 754-7349

**3030
Dogs**

LABRADOR RETRIEVER
Pups: AKC, champ lines, shots. Yellow, black, chocolate. 908-730-7281
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PUPPIES—Exc. lines. Yellow, black, choc. \$350 and up. 908-730-7281

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Come and experience the Shake-A-Paw difference at New Jersey's most beautiful puppy store.
* All puppies are AKC registered and selected for breed conformity and temperament.
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Bring the whole family. 14 Route 22 West, Greenbrook, NJ 08812 (50 yards west of Rock Ave.) 908-968-2522 Mon-Sat 11-9, Sun 11-6

**3090
Adoptable Pets**

ADOPTION DAY
Sat. 3/26, 11-3PM at Pet Food Giant, 2438 Rt. 22 S., Union. Many dogs, cats/kittens need new homes. Info 908-424-2006
ADORABLE SPANIEL/TERRIER PUP—6-7 mos. Excellent with children, obedient, great temperament! Perfect family dog. Grand child allergic, must give away. 908-699-9122
CAT—wonderful, affectionate, all black, neutered male needs loving home with no other cats. Free. 526-1723 lv. msg.
GIVE SOMEONE A SMILE—Somerset Regional Animal Shelter has puppies, kittens, dogs and cats. Adoption reasonable. Missing a pet? Call 725-0308

**3090
Boarding, Training & Grooming**

DOG OBEDIENCE
Kind, positive methods. 27 yrs. exp. Vet rec. results guaranteed. 2 loc. in area. 689-8566

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Miscellaneous Supplies & Services**

HAPPY JACK TABLICKS—Prevent flies! Mother Nature's way without pesticides. Chewables & nutritious tablet. For Dogs & Cats. At farm & feed stores

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Horses**

BOARD YOUR HORSE—in well-maintained private pleasure barn. 25 gorgeous acres of groomed open & wooded trails & access to private 100 mile trail system. 7 happy, healthy geldings looking want 2 more stable mates. Riding ring. GELDINGS only. \$285. CALL 908-832-2122. If no answer, leave name & tel.

FREE BOARD AT—beautiful 100 acre indoor/outdoor facility in exchange for P/T stable help. Call Pine Hill, Branchburg, 1-800-439-7087 for details

STALLS AVAILABLE—Small barn loc. in Fair Hills. Quality feed, custom care, riding arena, beautiful trails. \$325/mon. (201) 208-8519 aft. 5pm

WANTED TO RENT/LEASE—in Morris City/Smart area, 6 stalls for est. horse operation. Call 201-361-3300 or 908-234-2430.

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Child Care Provided**

BEDMINSTER—mother of 3 will watch your child P/T in her home. Call 908-781-2204 for more info.

CERT'D TEACHER—exp'd day care worker and mother of 2. P/T in So. Plainfield home. Exc. ref's. Patty 908-755-5749.

CHILD CARE—Experienced Mom of 3 is willing to watch children in my Dunellen home. Great atmosphere, fenced yard, snacks provided. F/T/PT Mon-Fri. 908-752-2883.

Childcare Services
Dependable, reasonable, christian environment. If interested please call 545-7228 (lv. msg.)

CHILDCARE—in my Raritan home. Own playroom, state registered and ins. Ref. 429-1450.

EXP'D CERT. DAYCARE PROVIDER—for infants or preschool in her Pleasanton home. After school care also. 985-8563.

EXP'D MOM—will care for your children in my Hillsboro/Neshanic home. Non-smoker, ref's. 369-3422.

EXP.—Mom w/one toddler will provide P/T childcare for your toddler/or 2 children. indy. atn., Pleasanton. Conv to Rt. 287 627-9833

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SERVICES**

4010-4230

4010 - Adult Day Care
4020 - Business
4030 - Carpentry
4040 - Child Care
4050 - Cleaning
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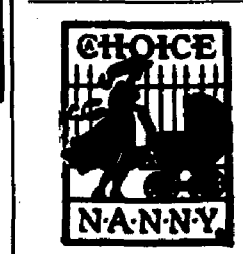
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By JEFFREY COHEN
WeekendPlus Film Critic

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away...It really seems like a long time ago now.

In 1977 a relatively unknown filmmaker named George Lucas (yes, he had made *American Graffiti*, but he wasn't really a household name) released a little film that 20th Century-Fox was figuring would do well with kids. In fact, the trailer made it seem like an impossibly sticky childish escapade ("a boy, a girl and an adventure"). When *Star Wars* made the cover of *Time* magazine, opened to lines around the block, sold-out showings, and marketing possibilities beyond any studio executive's dream, it proved one thing: American audiences will sniff out something new and exciting, even if they have to do it themselves.

The rest truly is entertainment history. The *Star Wars* franchise (as it came to be known) quickly shot to the top of the all-time box office list (where it languished until *E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial* and *Jurassic Park* came along) and sold 900 gazillion toys to kids who are now in their 20s. And yes, you can watch the three *Star Wars* films on video now. You can watch them one at a time, or two at a time, or once every three years if you want to. But let's make a case for watching them on a theater screen all at once, as you can at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway, which will host a *Star Wars* triple-feature benefit Saturday for the Rahway YMCA.

The *Star Wars* movies are much more a real trilogy than many other series that are often lumped together. Oliver Stone's Vietnam trilogy, for example, is comprised of three films that have absolutely nothing to do with each other outside of the fact they center on the war in Southeast Asia. Here we're dealing with episodes of a much longer, larger story.

Yes, they are escapist, disposable entertainments. But they are made with intelligence and with a vision peculiar to themselves. Lucas invented an entire universe for his films, and the richness in detail is unparalleled outside the series. The movies don't lump all the action together in the center of the screen to make it easier for videographers to pan and scan them properly for TV viewing. In short, there's something going on all over the screen here, and if you watch it on TV (even on laser disc) you're missing something. You're missing a lot. Think about the opening shot of *Star Wars*: what seems like a very large ship, when first seen, is being pursued by a very, very large spaceship. If you don't see the size, you don't get the point. And you don't see the size on TV no matter what.

Star Wars (also known as *Episode IV: A New Hope*) — the first film in the series, and the only one Lucas wrote and directed — turned movies on their collective ear in 1977 and can be held responsible, given Hollywood's tendency to try and recapture lightning in a bottle, for everything from the *Star Trek* movies to the latest Steven Seagal feature, with stops at the James Bond film *Moonraker* and virtually every other adventure movie made since 1977.

After years of antiheroes and cynicism, *Star Wars* was bold enough to provide an almost innocent view of good vs. evil. It is, finally, the story of a boy called to action because he has been born with a special power that can free his people, and because he's just plain bored living a safe life. It is the best of the three movies because it's not copying itself, because it feels no obligation to provide sequels to specific scenes, and because Lucas was pouring his heart and soul into his story. Unfortunately, the same can't be said about his dialogue, and some of it is incredibly corny. But somehow it all works. The breathless pace may

Union County Arts Center to screen 'Star Wars' trilogy Saturday



and everything else is a copy.

As copies go, *The Empire Strikes Back* (1980) makes a pretty strong case for itself. Still, there's something about lost innocence that is unmistakable: here the characters strain to banter out of a need for comic relief, everybody's taking everything so seriously they look like they'd rather die than crack a smile, and a lot of the movie is padding. Serious film critics will try to tell you this is the best of the series, mostly because it is the most visually stunning and because it doesn't have a happy ending. It ain't so. This movie has its pleasures, including the maturing of the characters and the addition of a couple new ones (Yoda and Lando Calrissian make their debuts here), but at its core it is a nasty trick to play on an audience.

It's one thing to make a serial in which the hero is left in an untenable situation and the audience must return next week to see it resolved. It's quite another to create world-beloved characters only to have them beaten, humiliated, and horrified, leave them in quite a pickle, and then ask the audience to come back in three years when the next installment is finished. *The Empire Strikes Back* is essentially not a whole movie. It's the middle of one.

That's what makes a one-day viewing of the trilogy so satisfying. Because minutes after Han Solo is frozen in carbonite and sent to be hung on Jabba the Hutt's wall as a souvenir, you can be immersed in *Return of the Jedi* (1983) and see how he gets out. *The Empire Strikes Back* and *Return of the Jedi* are really a double feature, and seeing one without the other isn't recommended.

Return of the Jedi does get back to the spirit of the first film, but it is also a major marketing bonanza, and the movie knows it. By now, director Richard Marquand (Irvin Kershner directed *The Empire Strikes Back*) is saddled with a 2,000-ton elephant, and he has to avoid doing anything that might tick off the kiddies who buy the action figures or the parents (who really buy the action figures). Hence we are given the series' most egregious error: the Ewoks, cute little teddy bears on whose moon the final battle between Empire and Rebels is waged. These creatures are so adorable you could go into insulin shock just looking at them, and no matter what they do (capture our heroes, threaten to eat them, wipe out Imperial storm troopers), you just can't get past the fact that they're cute little teddy bears.

Also, in trying to resolve some of the story's more ragged points, Lucas has painted himself into a corner. It is up to Alec Guinness, a fine actor, to explain how Luke Skywalker's father, who he said was betrayed and murdered by Darth Vader in *Star Wars*, can actually be Darth Vader in the next two films ("It's true from a certain point of view"). You half expect Mark Hamill to grab him by the neck and throttle him at that point. Also, if Carrie Fisher is really his long-lost twin sister, how'd she get to be a princess? She got adopted by the king?

Don't let the criticism cloud your view of any of these films: Nothing is perfect, but *Star Wars* the series comes close. These are reflections of a time when we needed simpler heroes and battles we could win, and when George Lucas gave us what we needed, in ways that only his vast imagination could do. A hundred years from now, when something like Richard Attenborough's *Gandhi* is considered a long history lesson left to scholars, kids of all ages will be watching the *Star Wars* films. Is that so bad?



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V E N T S

State Theatre to host 'Sesame Street Live'

By WILLIAM WESTHOVEN
WeekendPlus Editor

For several of Jim Henson's favorite Muppets, entertaining children is as easy as A-B-C.

And that's just what Bert, Ernie, Bib Bird and the gang are doing as they migrate across America, starring in the live stage show "Big Bird and the ABCs," which will pull into the State Theatre in New Brunswick for nine big shows beginning Tuesday.

And it will be a homecoming of sorts for Oscar the Grouch, who has roots here in the Central Jersey area. Actually, the homecoming is for actress-dancer Christina Racek, a Piscataway resident now in her second year as part of a show that is so popular in its 14th season, it takes four separate productions, touring up to 45 weeks each year, to meet the demand.

"It's always nice to visit home," said Racek, a 1987 graduate of Mt. St. Mary Academy in Watchung. Racek, who has a degree in modern dance from the University of Arts in Pennsylvania, auditioned for the part just looking for a job. But she's found it's more than a job, it's an adventure.

"I'm enjoying the chance to

travel around the country and see places I might have not otherwise seen," she said.

Joining the Sesame Street company also earned her a union card, a valuable commodity in a competitive business where she has high aspirations. In the meantime, though, she's enjoying her role as "the messy green monster" who lives in a trash can.

"I hope to join a major dance company some day, but for now, I enjoy what I do and I'm taking it one day at a time," she said.

The show also stars a new character, the space alien Tee Hee, who lands on Sesame Street, whose famous residents teach her about friendship, understanding and the letters of the alphabet. Naturally, there's plenty of joking, singing, dancing and a chance for the audience to join in the fun.

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BIRCH HILL NIGHT CLUB

Route 9, Old Bridge
(908) 536-0650
Male revue, Saturdays, Thursdays.

•T.T. Quick, March 25.

•The Nerds, March 26.

BOURBON STREET CAFE

Old Bay Restaurant
61 Church St., New Brunswick
(908) 246-3111
•The Derailers, March 25.
•Night Train, March 26.
•C.J. Chenier, March 30.
•The Booglenzers, March 31.

CATCH A RISING STAR

Hyatt Regency Hotel
Route 1, West Windsor
(609) 987-8018
Headline comedy every night except Monday.
College night, Sundays and Tuesdays.
Ladies' night, Thursdays.
•Gary Lazer, through March 27.
•Will Durst, March 29-April 3.

CLUB BENE

Route 35, Sayreville
(908) 727-3000
•Steve Forbert, March 25.
•Rob Bartlett, March 26.
•Dave Koz, March 30.
•Stanley Jordan Band, March 31.

THE CLUBHOUSE

116 Watchung Ave., Plainfield
(908) 769-9267
•Rich Meyer, March 25.
•Love Pumps, March 26.
•New Life Crisis, March 30.
•The Headspins, March 31.

COACH N' PADDOCK

I-78 Exit 12, Clinton
(908) 735-7889
•Rick Flori (swing band), Fridays.

COCKTAILS

51 Main St., South River
(908) 257-8325
•The Machine (Pink Floyd tribute), March 25.
•Voices, March 26.

CONNIE'S

Route 35, Sayreville
(908) 721-6223
Live oldies.
Bill Turner & Blue Smoke, Thursdays.
Masquerade (w/April), Sundays.

CORNERSTONE

25 New St., Metuchen
(908) 549-5306
•Dick Meldonin Quartet w/ Dan Wall (piano), March 25.
•Cocuzzi-Dale Quartet, March 26.
•Terry Blaine Trio w/Richard Wyands, March 30.

CRYAN'S

660 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen
(908) 549-2040
•The McArdle Brothers, March 30.

FREDDY'S

1 Mill St., Bernardsville
(908) 766-6575
•Grand Central, March 25.
•Illegal Aliens, March 26.

JOHN & PETER'S

96 South Main St., New Hope, Pa.
(215) 862-0823
Free admission for afternoon and Wednesday shows.
Open mike, Mondays.
Liberty Blues Jam, Tuesdays.
•Twelve:01, March 25.
•Little Red Rooster, afternoon March 26.

•Flamin' Harry, evening March 26.
•The Razorbacks, afternoon March 27.
•Amy & Jenny, evening March 27.

KING GEORGE TAVERN

King George Post Rd., Fords
(908) 738-9822
•Hard Country, March 26.

MARITA'S CANTINA

Albany St., New Brunswick
(908) 247-3840
•Johnny Charles, March 31.

MAXWELL'S

1039 Washington St., Hoboken
(201) 798-4064
•New Bomb Turks, Killbilly, March 25.
•Lucy's Fur Coat, Eric's Trip, The Melting Hopefuls, March 26.

MINE STREET COFFEEHOUSE

First Reformed Church
9 Bayard St., New Brunswick
(908) 699-0570
•Colleen Donahue/Deborah Nuse (instrumental), March 26.

MINSTREL COFFEEHOUSE

Environmental Education Center, 190 Lord Stirling Rd., Basking Ridge
(201) 335-9489
•Kim & Reggie Harris, March 25.

ORPHAN ANNIE'S

1255 Valley Rd., Stirling
(908) 647-0138
Open jam, Sundays.
Audition night, Wednesdays.
•Higher Authority, March 25
•Wing and a Prayer, March 26.

PHEASANTS LANDING

Amwell Rd., Belle Mead
(908) 359-4700
•Issue, March 25.
•Shotgun, March 26.

RARITAN RIVER CLUB

85 Church St., New Brunswick
(908) 545-6110
•Scarlet Moore-Ryan (vocals w/ quartet), March 25.
•Dena DeRose (piano w/trio), March 26.
•Scott Strunk Trio, March 31.

STONE PONY

913 Ocean Ave., Asbury Park
(908) 775-5700
•The Greenberry Woods, Outcry, March 25.
•The Connells, March 26.
•Lucy's Fur Coat, March 27.

STRESS FACTORY

Hyatt Regency Hotel
2 Albany St., New Brunswick
(908) 545-4242
Live comedy Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.
•Angel Salazar, March 24-26.
•Chris Rush, March 31-April 2.

T.J.'S HIDEAWAY

605 Tompkins Ave., South Plainfield
(908) 668-9860
Open blues jam, Wednesdays.

•Hot Sauce, March 25.
•Trash Mavericks, March 26.
•Goodrider & Flynn, March 31.

U.S. 1 FLEA MARKET

Route 1, New Brunswick
(908) 846-0900
•Jeff Lloyd & The Cadillac Cowboys, March 27.

THE WATER TOWER

900 Bordentown Ave., Sayreville
(908) 727-3553
•Hard Country, March 25.

S T A G E

Beloved Berlin melodies to be heard at McCarter

Broadway stars featured in world-premiere revue

By MICHAEL P. SCASSERRA
WeekendPlus Theater Critic

Princenton's McCarter Theatre, which last season presented *Sweet and Hot*, a world-premiere revue which featured the music of "Over The Rainbow" composer Harold Arlen, is now treating audiences to the work of another classic American composer whose music and lyrics are a part of our collective consciousness.

C'mon and Hear: Irving Berlin's America, which opened this week and continues through April 10, is an entirely new revue dedicated to the musical genius behind such standards as "Alexander's Ragtime Band," "Cheek to Cheek" and, of course, "God Bless America."

"The show is not a revue in the traditional sense," explained Tony Award-winning director and choreographer George Faison, who has created *C'mon and Hear* along with collaborator David Bishop. "We've made a story out of Berlin's songs. Through a number of immigrant characters, we're exploring the American phenomenon of coming to a country with nothing and making a life for oneself."

Faison, the director and choreographer behind a line of New York shows including Broadway's *The Wiz*, is returning to the McCarter where he has previously worked on a revival of Arthur Kopit's *Indians* and a memorable production of *Betsey Brown*, a rhythm and blues musical created by poet Ntozake Shange, composer Baikida Carroll, and McCarter artistic director Emily Mann.

"I remember being sick as a child and staying home from school to watch old movie musicals on television," Faison continued. "I grew up watching Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. They were heroes to me. Today, young people don't get that sense of our American theatrical heritage."

C'mon and Hear will be performed by a cast of 10, including musical theater regulars Laurie Beechman, Carol Woods, and Mary Testa.

"I've been marveling at the amount of material Irving Berlin wrote, and it's all so different," Woods said. "It's amazing because he had to experience so much in his own life to write all of this material." Woods performs four solos in the show including "I Left My Door Open and My Daddy Walked Out," an amusing number with which she was unfamiliar before rehearsals. She also closes the first act of *C'mon and Hear* with her own rendition of "God Bless America."



Broadway stars Carol Woods and Mary Testa are part of the cast of *C'mon and Hear: Irving Berlin's America*, a world-premiere musical revue that opened this week at McCarter Theatre.

Having played on Broadway in *Grind*, *Big River* and last season's *The Goodbye Girl*, Woods maintained that the same amount of energy that goes into a Broadway opening has gone into *C'mon and Hear* at McCarter. "This is a new, original musical in the sense that Berlin's music has not been done in this context before," she explained.

For Testa, the revue format of *C'mon and Hear* allows her to display a wide range of talents. "Every member of the cast plays a particular character," Testa said. "Part of the challenge is to play that character consistently. Sometimes the character is developed, sometimes not. Sometimes the development comes during a song."

Having starred on Broadway in *Barnum* and *The Rink*, as well as on film and television, Testa's talents run the gamut from vocalist (she has performed with the New Jersey Symphony) to film and television actress, to writer and performer of her own comedic shows in New York.

"Though there will be a lot of theatrical magic in the show, we're not just looking to create spectacle," Faison said of *C'mon and Hear*. "We want to examine the genesis of the American spirit and the American dream. The show will hopefully return to the magic and the sensations which brought us to the theater in the first place."

C'MON AND HEAR: IRVING BERLIN'S AMERICA through April 10 at McCarter Theatre, 91 University Place, Princeton. Tickets \$32-\$23. (908) 683-8000.

Stage right

Evangel Players stage 'Choice'

The Evangel Church Singers and Players will reprise their production of the dramatic Easter musical *The Choice* Sunday and again next weekend at the Evangel Church, 1251 Terrell Rd., Scotch Plains.

The Choice, a Bible-era story that relates well to our modern society, is a *Romeo and Juliet*-style romance about a loyal Roman Centurion during the time of Jesus' crucifixion who falls in love with a young Jewish girl who is also a follower of Jesus. Their love for one another, the political climate and the influence of families and friends all affect the decisions they must make.

The Choice, which director Bob Olsen hopes will become an annual production, is back by popular demand this year after being seen by an audience of 1,200 in 1993.

Showtimes are 10:30 a.m. Sunday, and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 1-2. Admission is free, although an offering will be taken. For more information, call (908) 322-9300.

Curtain calls

NOW PLAYING

CIRCLE PLAYERS

416 Victoria Ave., Piscataway
(908) 968-7555
• *A Couple White Chicka Sitting Around Talking*, as dreamed up by John Ford Noonan. Through March 26. Admission \$10 Friday and Saturday, \$8 Sunday; discounts available.

ENTERTAINERS

REPERTORY THEATRE
PeopleCare Center, 120 Findern Ave., Bridgewater
(908) 846-5032
• *Ravenscroft*, whodunit inspired more or less by the board game Clue. Through March 27. Admission \$9, discounts available.

EVANGEL CHURCH

1251 Terrell Rd., Scotch Plains
(908) 322-9300
• *The Choice*, Robert and Cindy Sterling's drama about a Centurion at the time of the Crucifixion. 10:30 a.m. March 27; 7:30 p.m. April 1, 2. Donation.

GEORGE STREET PLAYHOUSE

9 Livingston Ave.
New Brunswick
(908) 246-7717
• *The Diary of Anne Frank*, based on the writings of the Dutch teenager hiding from the Nazis. Through April 3. Admission \$30-\$22, discounts available.

GROWING STAGE

Route 124, Chester
(908) 879-4946
• *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Shakespeare's warhorse adapted for the stage by Aurand Harris.

March 25-April 10. Adults \$10, senior citizens and children \$8.

JASPERS

Route 206, Somerville
(908) 526-5584
• *'Til Death Do Us Part*, murder mystery in a dinner-theater setting. 7:30 p.m. March 25, April 2. Admission \$37.50.

McCARTER THEATRE

91 University Pl., Princeton
(609) 683-8000
• *C'mon and Hear! Irving Berlin's America*, told by his songs in a world premiere revue. Through April 10. Admission \$32-\$14, discounts available.

EDWARD NASH THEATRE

Raritan Valley Community College
Route 28, North Branch
(908) 725-3420
• *Romeo and Juliet*, Shakespeare's version of the tender tragedy. 8 p.m. March 25. Adults \$12.50, senior citizens and students \$10.

OLD MILL INN

Route 202, Bernardsville
(201) 301-0562
• *A Deadly Brief Case*, murder mystery in a dinner theater setting. 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Admission \$39.

RAMADA INN

Raritan Center, Edison
(609) 443-5598
• *Murder-mystery dinner theater* with audience participation. 7:30 p.m. March 25. Admission \$39.95.

SOMERSET VALLEY PLAYERS

Route 514, Neshanic
(908) 369-7469

• *Lend Me a Tenor*, or Murphy's Law as it would happen in the opera. March 25-April 17. Admission \$11, discounts available.

SPRINGFIELD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
210 Morris Ave., Springfield
(908) 769-4397, 561-5360
• *Godspell*, musical based on the Gospel According to St. Matthew. 8 p.m. March 25, 26. Admission \$8.50, discounts available.

COMING UP

BUCKS COUNTY PLAYHOUSE

70 South Main St.
New Hope, Pa.
(215) 862-2041
• *Jesus Christ Superstar*, rock opera based on the Gospel According to St. Matthew. March 29-April 3. Admission \$15.

CROSSROADS THEATRE

COMPANY
7 Livingston Ave.
New Brunswick
(908) 249-5560
• *Home*, one-act drama by Samm-Art Williams. March 29-May 8. Admission \$30-\$20, discounts available.

FORUM THEATRE

314 Main St., Metuchen
(908) 548-0582
• *Spittin' Image*, world premiere of a musical by Stephen A. Weiner, Laura Szabo Cohen, and Karin Kasdin. March 30-April 24. Admission \$27-\$15, discounts available.

Dance

BALLROOM AND LATIN CABARET SHOW

9 p.m. Saturday, March 26
Ed & Mary's Tavern
555 Penn St., Perth Amboy
(908) 388-4605
• A competition that's strictly ballroom. General dancing at 8 p.m. Admission \$10.

DanceWORKS

8 p.m. Friday, March 25
Conackamack Middle School
Witherspoon St., Piscataway
(908) 469-7621
• Dance ensemble from Mason Gross School of the Arts. Free admission.

NEW JERSEY BALLET

8 p.m. Saturday, March 26
Wilkins Theatre, Kean College
Route 82, Union
(908) 527-2337
• Repertory concert, including the company's premiere of *Oceanis* and *Pearls* by Gorsky. Admission \$17, discounts available.

Auditions

VILLAGERS THEATRE

475 DeMott Lane, Somerset
(908) 873-2710
• For June production of *Hello, Dolly!* Auditions at 11 a.m. March 26, 7 p.m. March 28, 29; call-backs at 7 p.m. March 30. Call for requirements.



Falsh Agnew, James Marhold, Jeff Perrine and Mary Anne Ver star in *Lend Me a Tenor*.

'Lend Me a Tenor' opens at Somerset Valley Playhouse

Has the dreary winter robbed you of your sense of humor?

Well, the Somerset Valley Players can help you get your funny bone back into shape this weekend, when they premiere their production of the comedy *Lend Me a Tenor* at the Somerset Valley Playhouse, Amwell Road, Neshanic. Tickets for *Tenor*, which follows

the misadventures of a Cleveland Opera Company whose must replace their famed Italian tenor on the eve of their gala benefit, are \$10 for Friday and Saturday performances (8:30 p.m.) and two-for-\$18 on Sundays (3 p.m.; no performance Easter Sunday, April 3).

For more information, call (908) 69-7469.

Museums

THE ART MUSEUM

Princeton University
(609) 258-3788
Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday from 1-5 p.m. Free admission. Tours of museum highlights Saturday at 2 p.m. Western European paintings, sculpture and decorative art from 19th and 20th centuries; also pre-Columbian art and art of the Americas.
•19th-century photographs by Henry Peach Robinson and Peter Henry Emerson, March 26-June 6.
•Photographs from the museum's collection, March 26-June 6.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

190 Lord Stirling Rd.
Basking Ridge
(908) 766-2489
Daily from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Free admission.
•Wildlife Art Preview, through May 5.

GREAT SWAMP OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER

247 Southern Blvd., Chatham
(201) 635-6629
Open every day from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Registration required for programs.

MACCULLOCH HALL

45 Macculloch Ave.
Morristown
(201) 538-2404
Historical museum open Thursday and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. Group tours by appointment. Admission \$3, discounts available.

•"Flora '94," through May 15.

METLAR-BODINE HOUSE

1281 River Rd., Piscataway
(908) 463-8363
Piscataway Township historic museum, with permanent exhibition of life in the town's early days. Open Thursday through Saturday from noon-5 p.m. Donation.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY MUSEUM

Cornelius Low House
1225 River Rd., Piscataway
(908) 745-4177
Daily (except Monday and Saturday) from 1-4 p.m. Free admission.

MILLER-CORY HOUSE

614 Mountain Ave., Westfield
(908) 232-1776
Farmhouse built in 1740 on the West Fields of Elizabeth-town. Open Sunday (except

April 3) from 2-5 p.m. Adults \$1, children 50 cents.

•Quilling, March 27.

MONMOUTH COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

70 Court St., Freehold
(908) 482-1466
Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday from 1-4 p.m. Closed April 3. Admission \$2, discounts available.

•"Tools of the Trade" from early crafts and occupations, through July 17.

MONTCLAIR ART MUSEUM

3 South Mountain Ave.
Montclair
(201) 746-5555
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday and Thursday from 1-5 p.m. Free admission for members. Non-member admission: adults \$4, senior citizens and students \$2, children under 18 free. Free admission for all on Saturday.

•Outdoor installation of works by Sam Gilliam, through April 3.

•"The Hand and the Spirit," through June 19.

•Navajo and Rio Grande textiles from the collection, through June 26.

MORRIS MUSEUM

6 Normandy Heights Rd.
Morristown
(201) 538-0454
Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday from noon-6 p.m. Closed April 3. Free admission for members. Non-member admission: adults \$4, senior citizens and children \$2.

•Permanent gallery exhibits: dinosaurs, live animals, mammals, model trains, history, North American Indians, Woodland Indians, rocks and minerals.

•"Backyard Monsters: The World of Insects," through May 15.

MUSEUM OF EARLY TRADES AND CRAFTS

Route 124, Madison
(201) 377-2982
Exhibits portray the role of crafts people in the 18th and 19th centuries. Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday from 2-5 p.m. Closed April 3. Free admission for members. Non-member admission: adults \$2,

children \$1.

•Mini-quilt for kids to make, 1 p.m. March 26. Cost \$3.

N.J. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

230 Broadway, Newark
(201) 483-3939
Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Adults \$3, children \$2.

•"Urban Oases: Newark's Mount Pleasant Cemetery," through July.

NEW JERSEY MUSEUM OF AGRICULTURE

Cook College
Route 1, New Brunswick
(908) 249-2077
Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Admission \$3, discounts available.

•Baby chicks that are "Cheepers by the Dozen," March 26, 27.

•Scavenger hunt, April 2, 3.

NEW JERSEY STATE MUSEUM

205 West State St., Trenton
(609) 292-6464
Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m., Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Closed April 1. Free admission.

•"Artists' Collect, Artists' Give," ongoing.

•Works by Regina Bogat, through April 10.

•"The Traveler as Ethnographer," through June 29.

NEWARK MUSEUM

49 Washington St., Newark
(201) 596-6550
Wednesday through Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Free admission. Largest museum in the Garden State. Permanent exhibits include Greek, African, and native American art; paintings and sculpture from 18th-century America; live animals in a mini-zoo. Newark Fire Museum displays antique firefighting apparatus.

•Paperweights by Paul Starkard, ongoing.

•"Furnishing Choices in the American Home," ongoing.

•"A Vision of the Future" for the museum's science gallery, through June 30.

•"Treasures from the Korean Collection," through June 30.

•Photographs of "Vanishing Korea" by Rhoda Sidney, through June 30.

•"Amazonian Harmony: Shipibo Pottery and Textiles" from Peru, through 1994.



This color block print by Billy Morrow Jackson is part of the "Small Impressions" exhibition running through April 21 at the Printmaking Council of New Jersey in North Branch.

•"E. Pluribus Unum," American money from colonial times to the Civil War, through 1995.

REEVES-NEED ARBORETUM

165 Hobart Ave., Summit
(908) 273-8787
Gardens open daily from dawn to dusk. Registration required for programs.

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Hardscrabble Rd., Bernardsville
(908) 768-5787
Wildlife sanctuary open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Nature walks at 8 a.m. Friday and Saturday.
•How to create a "Backyard Habitat," 10 a.m. March 26.
•"Lunar Lunacy" night hike, 6 p.m. March 26. Cost \$5.

TRAILSIDE NATURE AND SCIENCE CENTER

Coles Ave. and New Providence Rd., Mountainside
(908) 789-3670
Open daily from 1-5 p.m. Registration required for programs.
•"Gardening in Deer Country," 8 p.m. March 29. Cost \$15.

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George Washington's headquarters when he was stationed in Somerville in 1778. Open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m., Sunday from 1-5 p.m. Free admission.

THE WILLOWS

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Gothic Revival mansion once owned by the late Caroline Foster. Open Thursday through Sunday (beginning April 2) from 1-4:30 p.m. Closed April 3. Admission \$4 weekends, \$3 weekdays; discounts available.

JANE VOORHEES ZIMMERLI ART MUSEUM

Rutgers University
Hamilton St., New Brunswick
(908) 932-7237
Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Free admission.

•Mason Gross School of the Arts MFA show, through April 3.

Galleries

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL

150 New Providence Rd.
Mountainside
(908) 233-3720, Ext. 379
Open to the public Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Also open by appointment.

•Paintings by Roberta Ferrara, through March 31.

•Collage by Irene Feigen, through March 31.

•Paintings by Debbie Tintle, through April 29.

CREATIVE IMAGES

29 Station Pl., Metuchen
(908) 548-3747
Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
•Paintings and drawings by Harold Laton, through March 31.

CREATIVE SPACE PLACE

100 Jersey Ave., Building D, New Brunswick
(908) 254-7611, 254-0856
Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday by appointment.
•"Seasonal Celebration," through April 29.

EVERHART GALLERY

117 South Maple Ave.
Basking Ridge
(908) 221-9007
Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Also open by appointment.
•"Spring Watercolors" by five artists, through April 30.

JAMES HOWE GALLERY

Kean College
Vaughn-Eames Hall
Route 82, Union
(908) 527-2347
Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.; Friday from 10 a.m.-noon.
•"Text/Anti-Text," works by Judith Page, through April 1.

HUNTERDON ART CENTER

7 Lower Center St., Clinton
(908) 735-8415
Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed April 3. Admission \$2.50, discounts available.
•"Nocturnes" by Tim Daly and multimedia works by Joe van Ramp, through April 17.

JEFF'S JAVA CAFE

Route 206, Rocky Hill

(609) 252-1292
Open during cafe hours.
•Montgomery Arts Council members' show, through March 25.

LEXINGTON GALLERY

25 Texas Ave., Lawrenceville
(609) 883-8660
Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
•"Five Eyes," photography, through April 22.

MORTIMER GALLERY

Old St. Bernard's School
Mendham Rd., Gladstone
(908) 234-2345
Thursday and Sunday from 2-4 p.m. Also open by appointment.
•Oil paintings by Jean Buckley, through April 27.

NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS

68 Elm St., Summit
(908) 273-9121
Palmer Gallery open Monday through Friday from noon-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 2-4 p.m. Members' Gallery open from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. when classes are in session. Closed April 1-3.
•International juried show, Palmer Gallery, through April 15. Free admission for members; non-member admission \$1.
•"The Lay of the Land," landscapes painted by five faculty members. Members' Gallery, through April 23. Free admission.

N.J. DESIGNER CRAFTSMEN

65 Church St., New Brunswick
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Daily (except Sunday) from noon-6 p.m.
•"Off the Wall" 3-D art from high school students, through March 26.

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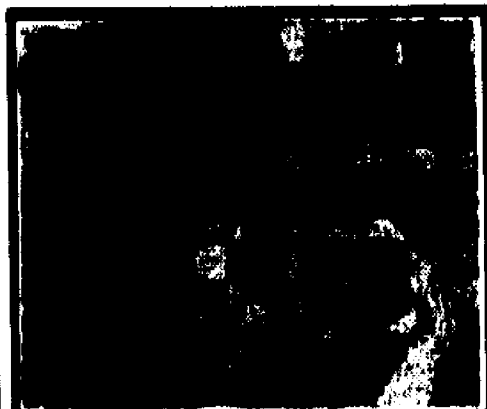
440 River Rd., North Branch
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•"Small Impressions 1994," national exhibition, through April 21.

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Looks good on 'Paper'

Howard's latest hit captures the thrill of the tabloid newsroom

By JEFFREY COHEN
WeekendPlus Film Critic

You just gotta love newspaper movies. Even lousy ones are good: the stalwart search for the truth, the ever-present deadline pressure, the hard-drinking sassy characters. There's nothing quite like the rush of watching yet another world-weary reporter get the chance at that Big Story and rejuvenate his career.

With *The Paper*, Ron Howard's new star-studded newspaper comedy-drama, the genre breaks absolutely no new ground. And it doesn't matter a bit. This is just as entertaining and crowd-pleasing a movie as you'd expect from the director of *Splash* and *Parenthood*.

Michael Keaton, looking sprightlier and more irreverent than he has in quite some time, stars as Henry Hackett, metro editor of a fictitious New York tabloid called *The Sun*. And Henry is about to go through a day that his extremely pregnant wife Martha (Marisa Tomei) warns him could change their lives — good or bad. She doesn't know the half of it.

Martha (or "Marty") is referring to a job interview Henry has with the *New York Sentinel*, an obvious stand-in for the *New York Times*. Moving up to a classy broadsheet from the sleaze of the tabloids is just what Marty thinks Henry should do, although why she thinks so is never clear. Marty is a reporter on *The Sun* and expects to go back to work after her baby is born.

But there's more for Henry to worry about today. Two black teenagers are about to be arrested for the murder of two white businessmen in Brooklyn, a story *The Sun* failed to cover the night before. And every other newspaper in town got it. Plus, *The Sun*'s managing editor (Glenn Close) is gunning for Henry's head, his executive editor (Robert Duvall)



Columnist Randy Quaid and editor Michael Keaton check the early edition in the new Ron Howard film *The Paper*, which is based on a day in the life of fictional Manhattan tabloid.

moving to the *Paper of Record* when he can stay with this wayward bunch of down-and-dirty players.

What you may not understand is why his wife, who surely must know the charms of *The Sun*, and whose comment on visiting Henry in his office and seeing the chaos there is "I miss this place," is so intent on his taking the job. She is an unfortunate attempt to blend the loyal Wife of the '50s with the independent but supporting Wife of the '90s, and she ends up seeming like the Wife of Multiple Personalities, helping one minute, complaining the next. The screenwriters (brothers David and Stephen Koepp) would probably explain this as a conflict in her hormones. It wouldn't help.

The problems are all there, surely, but for some reason they seem extremely unimportant while *The Paper* is playing itself out on a theater screen. Yes, we could have used more Randy Quaid, and especially more scenes like that in which he and Keaton corner a reluctant cop in the precinct men's room (the movie is preoccupied with men's rooms; they're all over). But the rule still applies: you gotta love newspaper stories. Even lousy ones are good, and *The Paper* is far from lousy.

is about to get the results of his biopsy, and his best columnist (Randy Quaid) is sleeping on Henry's office couch because he's sure the city's parking commissioner is gunning for him after a series of less-than-complimentary columns. And it isn't even noon yet.

Almost all the action in *The Paper* occurs in the course of that one day, and it's meant to give us a glimpse of the inner workings of a big-city tabloid. Unfortunately, Howard's penchant for big emotions has him concentrating too much on the soap-opera-ish problems of the newsroom staff (Duvall's relationship with his daughter, who hates him; Close's financial worries) than on the Big Story, and the film occasionally gets sidetracked a little too far.

When it's on its game, though, *The Paper* is as much fun to watch as *His Girl Friday*. Okay, so the situations are a little bit grittier, but the characters are still all there. Sure, this may be the most ethical group of tabloid sleazemonsters ever to hit the newspaper game, but they're darned hard to resist. You can understand why Henry would be conflicted about

Video rewind

Quaid alert

It's Dennis Quaid week at Video Rewind: two, count 'em, two movies that star the grinning actor who is not only allowed to keep starring in movies despite the fact they never make money, but is married to Meg Ryan, to boot.

The first, *Undercover Blues*, is a very conventional high-concept comedy, in which Quaid and Kathleen Turner play spies who have gotten married and had a baby, and when they're drawn into a new case, they take the baby with them. It's much better fun than you'd think, and deserves a better fate than the theater box offices allowed it.

Then, there's *Wilder Napalm*, possibly the weirdest movie of the year, in which Quaid is one of two brothers who can start fires at will and are in love with Deborah Winger. It's stranger than 90 percent of all non-David Lynch movies, but has a quirky sense of humor, and really, really deserves a better fate than theater box offices allowed it.

'Gettysburg'

If you want a four-hour lesson on military deployment, check out *Gettysburg*, the Ted Turner movie that was supposed to be (and should have been) a TNT miniseries. Tom Berenger, Jeff Daniels (who is excellent), Martin Sheen (as Robert E. Lee) and 135 tons of fake facial hair star. Just don't try to sit through it all at once.

—Jeffrey Cohen

Newman chews abstract scenery of 'Hudsucker'

By WILLIAM WESTHOVEN
WeekendPlus Editor

You can draw a line through their cinematic progression, from *Blood Simple* through *Raising Arizona* and directly into *Barton Fink*. But it wouldn't be a straight line.

Now, the Coen brothers continue their skewed path to the upper echelon of Hollywood movie makers with *The Hudsucker Proxy*, which opens in New Jersey this week after a short exclusive run in Manhattan.

Drawing imagery more from the warped Metropolitan visions of Terry Gilliam (*Brazil* comes to mind) and *Batman*'s Tim Burton (his dark, abstract Gotham City could be the sister city to the Coen's dreamy, art-deco Manhattan), *Hudsucker* represents a quantum leap, production-wise, for the Coens, who previously spent more time (and less money) establishing moods with lighting, oddball dialogue and narration than in erecting big-budget sets.

Still, for all its cavernous skyscraper offices, clock towers, mailrooms with pneumatic devices that look like a church organ designed by

Rube Goldberg and special effects, *Hudsucker* is at first and foremost a screwball satire that doesn't always succeed, but always keeps your attention, mainly due to a couple of terrific, eccentric performances by some unlikely participants.

Hudsucker follows the rise and fall of Norville Barnes (Tim Robbins of *Bob Roberts* and *The Player*), a dim-bulb graduate of the Muncie College of Business Administration, fresh off the Greyhound and looking to make his mark in the Big Apple. At first, the best he can do is get a job as a mailroom grunt for mighty Hudsucker Industries, but when founder Waring Hudsucker (Charles Durning) takes a flying leap out the boardroom window, and his right-hand man (Paul Newman) needs a sap help him devalue the stock to precipitate a takeover bid, Norville suddenly finds himself promoted to Chairman of the Board.

Newman, gorging on cigars, scenery, and generally having a ball, gets a rare chance to ham it up in a comic role, a real treat for the audience that also helps to overcome a great deal of the big-business satire that fails to reg-

ister with audience.

The film's homage to screwball comedies of the '30s and '40s, a subtext carried by an over-the-top performance by Jennifer Jason Leigh as a snappy, tough-talking reporter out of the Rosalind Russell-Katherine Hepburn mold, hits closer to the mark. As strange as it is to see Newman playing fast and loose, it's even more bizarre to see this talented actress, whose realistic performances in such gritty fare as *Miami Blues*, *Last Exit to Brooklyn* and *Single White Female* are so memorable, spit the bit and run wild. She's virtually unrecognizable, and a perfect foil for Norville, whom, naturally, she falls in love with.

As much as the Coens would like it to be their breakout movie, *Hudsucker* is destined to be discussed by more critics than casual movie fans. There is the risk of *The Hudsucker Proxy* being a box-office bomb. Still, while it's not commercial enough to compete with *Batman*, it's far too good to be their *Heaven's Gate*. It is also a movie that begs to be viewed on the big screen, so hopefully the general public won't wait till it hits video to catch up with it.

Top 10 video rentals

1. *The Fugitive*
2. *The Man Without a Face*
3. *Gettysburg*
4. *Damnation Man*
5. *In the Line of Fire*
6. *The Good Son*
7. *Much Ado About Nothing*
8. *Manhattan Murder Mystery*
9. *Undercover Blues*
10. *So I Married an Ax Murderer*

—List courtesy of Easy Video

Film capsules

Capsule reviews
by WeekendPlus staff
Guide:
✓ — Recommended
✱ — Strongly recommended

OPENING THIS WEEK

ABOVE THE RIM
•Urban drama centered around a high school basketball phenom, his coach and a drug dealer. (R)

D2: THE MIGHTY DUCKS

•Emilio Estevez stars in the sequel to the popular comedy about a misfit youth hockey team. (PG)

CURRENT FILMS

ACE VENTURA: PET DETECTIVE
•Rubber-faced comic Jim Carrey (in *Living Colour*) stars as an animal-loving sleuth who must track down kidnapped quarterback Dan Marino. (PG-13)

ANGIE
•Geena Davis stars as an unwed mother from Benson-

hurst in this appealing comedy directed by Martha Coolidge. With Aida Turturro. (R)

THE CHASE

•Romantic road comedy about a innocent fugitive (Charlie Sheen) who kidnaps a hostage (Kristy Swanson of *Buffy, The Vampire Slayer*) and heads for the Mexico border. With Josh Mostel, Ray (Twin Peaks) Wise and rocker Henry Rollins. (R)

GREEDY

•Michael J. Fox heads a large cast in this comedy about a group of cousins fighting over the fortune of ailing patriarch Kirk Douglas. With Nancy Travis, Olivia d'Abo, Ed Begley Jr., Phil Hartman. (PG-13)

GUARDING TESS

•Shirley MacLaine stars as the eccentric widow of an ex-president who drives her Secret Service protectors (including Nicholas Cage) to distraction in this comedy directed by Hugh Wilson. (PG-13)

THE HUSBAND PROXY

•The Coen Brothers (*Raising Arizona*, *Barton Fink*) wrote and directed this visually-stunning satire about a mailroom ssp (Tim Robbins) whose promoted to Chairman of the Board of a large corporation as part of a takeover plot by a greedy executive (Paul Newman). Jennifer Jason Leigh adds sass as a tough-talking reporter who uncovers the scam. Tries to do too much, but big budget and strong performances keep it from teetering over the edge. A must for those with a taste for the unusual. (PG)

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER

•Daniel Day-Lewis (*Last of the Mohicans*) stars as an innocent young Irishman who is falsely accused of, and imprisoned for, a terrorist bombing in the '70s. The drama builds as he is forced to share a cell with his estranged father, who is implicated by association with his son. Strong performances (especially by Peter Postlethwaite

as the father) make this true-life drama all the more authentic. (R)

LIGHTNING JACK

•Paul Hogan transplants his *Crocodile Dundee* persona to the Old West, where he's a sharp-shootin' outlaw who teams up with a mute partner (Cuba Gooding, Jr., of *Boyz n' the Hood*). (PG-13)

MONKEY TROUBLE

•Comedy about a nine-year-old girl (Thora Birch) adopts a pet monkey, unaware that it works as a pickpocket for a con man (Harvey Keitel). (PG)

NAKED GUN 3 1/2: THE FINAL INSULT

•Leslie Nielsen and the gang return for the third installment of this police-spoof series. (R)

ON DEADLY GROUND

•Action icon Steven Seagal (*Under Siege*) jumps back into the frying pan as an oil-rig worker who foils the nefarious plans of his former boss

(Michael Caine). Seagal also directs this grainy, incoherent disaster, which elicits unintentional laughter at every turn. (R)

THE PAPER

•Director Ron Howard's look at the day in the life of a fictional New York City tabloid trying to avoid bankruptcy and break a big story. Standout cast includes Michael Keaton, Glenn Close, Robert Duvall, Marisa Tomei, Randy Quaid. (R)

PHILADELPHIA

•Tom Hanks turns in a memorable performance as a lawyer who sues his employers, who fire him when they dis-

cover he has AIDS. Denzel Washington is the reluctant, homophobic lawyer who takes his case to court. Directed by Jonathan Demme (*Silence of the Lambs*). (PG-13)

REALITY BITES

•Ben Stiller directs and stars in this Generation X romantic comedy with Winona Ryder and Ethan Hawke. (PG-13)

THE REF

•Comedian Dennis Leary stars as a would-be burglar who must endure the relentless bickering of a couple (Kevin Spacey, Judy Davis) he holds

hostage in this comedy directed by Ted Demme. (R)

SUGAR HILL

•Wesley Snipes stars in this drama about a drug kingpin trying to get out of the bad-guy business. (R)

WHAT'S EATING GILBERT GRAPE

•Johnny Depp (Benny and Joon) stars as a Iowa stockboy, saddled with the responsibility of supporting his dysfunctional family, whose life is transformed by the arrival of a free-spirited young girl (Juliette Lewis). (PG-13)

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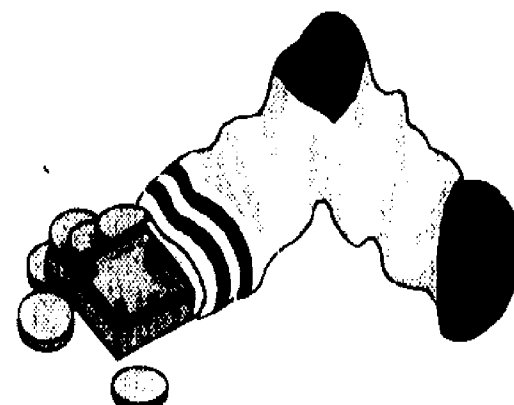
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Dining out

Never underestimate the power of soup

Hyatt to host 'Soup Kitchen' benefit for Women Aware

By WILLIAM WESTHOVEN
WeekendPlus Editor

It's time to chowder down for a good cause.

Just as they did last year, many of Central Jersey's finest restaurants will join together at the Hyatt Regency New Brunswick for the second-annual Soup Kitchen Fundraiser...A Taste of Kindness for Women Aware Abused Women's Services of Middlesex County. And while the cause is vital, the menu will be even harder to resist.

The admission price of \$30 (in advance; \$35 at the door) will entitle patrons to sample some exotic gourmet soups from 15 of the leading restaurants in Middlesex, Union and Somerset counties, not to mention bread, cheese and desserts donated by local establishments. There will also be live music and a long list of door prizes, ranging from theater tickets to books autographed by author Mary Higgins Clark and New York Times columnist Anna Quindlin.

The incredible menu of gourmet soups includes: grilled salmon and corn chowder (from the Hyatt's 2 Albany); shrimp and lobster bisque (La Fontana, New Brunswick); crawfish bisque (Raritan River Club, New Brunswick); New England clam chowder (Sinclair's Seafood Restaurant, Westfield); lentil soup (Cedar Restaurant, New Brunswick); cream of taco (Great Tastes, East Brunswick); smoked alligator sau-

sage gumbo (Michael's Backstreet Cafe, Springfield); miso soup (Sapporo, New Brunswick); seafood bouillabaisse (Stage Left, New Brunswick); crab gumbo (The Newsroom, Somerville); potato leek with brie croutons (40 Main Street, Millburn); acorn squash and lobster soup (Constantine's, Edison); vegetable soup (The Heights Cafe, Berkeley Heights); chicken, corn and andouille gumbo (The Old Bay, New Brunswick); and venison with roasted fennel and potato dumpling soup, (Tufoli, Somerville).

Stage, screen and film actress Bibi Besch, currently starring in *Diary of Anne Frank* at the George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick, will also lend a hand by making an appearance.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Women Aware, Middlesex County's only agency for abused women and their children. Women Aware provides shelter, counseling, support groups, education and training programs for over 13,000 battered women on an annual basis.

Last year, the inaugural Soup Kitchen Fundraiser raised nearly \$20,000; this year's goal is \$25,000.

WOMEN AWARE SOUP KITCHEN FUNDRAISER...A TASTE OF KINDNESS 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, at the Hyatt Regency, 2 Albany Street, New Brunswick. Admission \$30 (advance), \$35 (door), (908) 937-9525.



Actress Bibi Besch, currently appearing in *The Diary of Anne Frank* at the George Street Playhouse, will lend a hand at the Women Aware Soup Kitchen benefit Tuesday at the Hyatt Regency hotel in New Brunswick.

Happenings

GREATER NEW JERSEY MUSIC COLLECTORS EXPO

Marriott hotel
Route 1, Plainsboro
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•With vinyl for those who can't (or won't) use CDs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. March 27. Admission \$4, discounts available.

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Ukrainian Cultural Center
Davidson Ave., Somerset
(908) 356-0090
•Annual show of toy soldiers, military memorabilia, etc. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. April 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. April 2. Admission \$6.

PRINCETON ANTIQUES SHOW

Princeton Day School
The Great Rd., Princeton
(609) 924-2496
•35th annual show of furniture, china, and other collectibles. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. March 25, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. March 26, noon-5 p.m. March 27. Admission \$6.

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2 p.m. Sunday, March 27
Trailside Nature and Science Center, New Providence Rd. Mountainside
(908) 789-3670
•In which a boy and a dog go on the Wayback Machine to prehistoric times. Adults \$5, children \$3.50; children under 4 not admitted.

MARUSHKA'S EGG

1 p.m. Saturday, March 26
Borders Book Shop
Route 18, East Brunswick
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PETER AND THE WOLF

10 a.m. March 25; 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. March 26; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hoboken
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TREASURE ISLAND

1 p.m. Saturday, March 26
Watchung Arts Center
18 Stirling Rd., Watchung
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•Robert Louis Stevenson's classic from the high seas. Admission \$5.

Speakers

MILTON BABBITT

8 p.m. Tuesday, March 29
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ANNETTE MEYERS

7:30 p.m. Monday, March 28
Art History Building, Douglass College, New Brunswick
(908) 932-9626
•New Jersey writer appears as part of the colloquium "Romance to Realism?" Free admission.

Singles

ALADDIN DANCE PARTY

(201) 797-7777
•Ballroom dance (jacket required) at Knights of Columbus hall, Rahway. 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Cost \$5.

•Ballroom dance (jacket required) at Town & Country Inn, Keyport. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Cost \$5.

•Ballroom and line dance (jacket required) at Don Quixote Inn, Matawan. 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Cost \$5.

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Jacket required for men; no jeans or sneakers. Must reserve in advance.
•Chinese brunch buffet (BYOB) at Wang's Kitchen, Franklin Park, noon March 27.

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NEW EXPECTATIONS

(201) 984-9158
•Discussion group, dancing, and buffet at Morristown Unitarian Fellowship. 8 p.m. Friday. Cost \$8.
•Dance (jacket required) at Marriott hotel, Somerset. 9 p.m. March 26. Cost \$10.

SINGLEFACES

(908) 462-2406
•Dance and buffet at Scanticon-Princeton. 9 p.m. Saturday. Cost \$10.
•Dance (jacket required) at Sheraton Tara hotel, Parsippany. 9 p.m. March 25, April 2. Cost \$12.

•Dance (jacket required) at Hilton hotel, Short Hills. 8 p.m. March 27. Cost \$12.

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(908) 766-1839 (7-9 p.m.)
•Bridge at Central Presbyterian Church, Summit. 6:30 p.m. Sunday (except April 3). Cost \$3.

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SINGLE HIKERS
(908) 774-6759
•Hike at Jockey Hollow, Morristown. 11:30 a.m. March 27. Meet in lot across from Willie's Tavern, Bedminster. Cost \$4.

SOPHISTICATED SOCIALS

(908) 221-1182
•Brunch at Basking Ridge Country Club, noon Sunday. Cost \$20.
•Business card exchange at Hemingway's, Bridgewater Manor. 5 p.m. Tuesday. Cost \$5.

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Galleries

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Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from noon-3 p.m.
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• MFA thesis exhibitions by Scott Uzama and Shari Zolla, March 28-April 1.

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• Works by Joy Barth, through March 25.
• Works by four New Jersey photographers, March 28-April 29.
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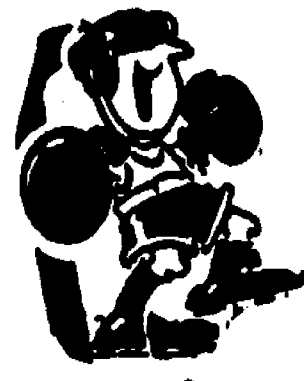
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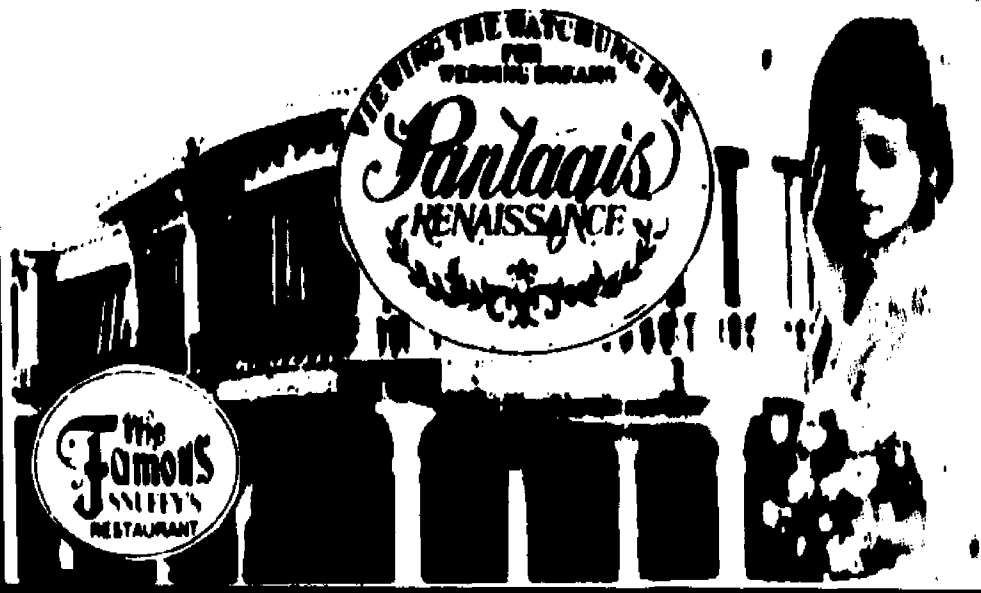
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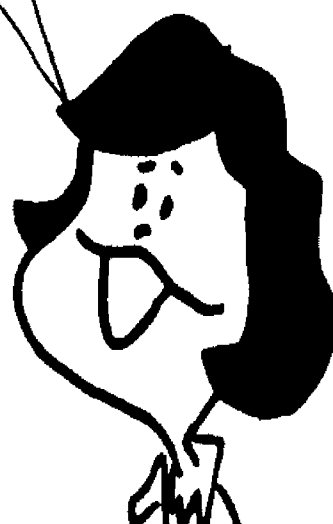
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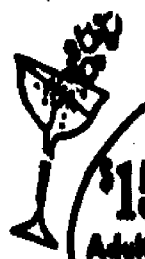
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ATTENTION SBW'S-

Attractive Blondes, full-figured WF- works hard all day...needs time for play. Seeks honest BM to share intelligent conversation & fun times. **THIS ADVERTISER HAS CHOSEN TO RECEIVE MAIL ONLY. PLEASE SEND LETTER AND PHOTO TO: INTRODUCTIONS BOX 4271, FORBES NEWSPAPERS, PO BOX 699, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876.**

ATTRACTIVE SBW, 35

Blonde hair, blue-eyes, sexy, well built, good heart and full of laughs. Seeking attractive female who is honest, sensitive, caring and affectionate for possible LTR. Must like hugs!! Ext. 4807.

ATTRACTIVE- affectionate, DWPM, 45, 5'10", 175 lbs., likes movies, dining out, travel & adventure. Looking for slender or petite S/DWF, 35-50, Who likes an assertive, Take-charge kind of guy. Looks not as important as personality. Please call ext.4775

BLACK SINGLE FEMALE-

25, 5'7, fit, attractive, calm natured, down to earth, open minded & sincere. Non-smoker or drinker w/ good values. My interests are indoor/outdoor activities, seeking tall employed SBM/SHM 25-35 w/same interests who desires a good friend whom he can spend quality time with. Please call Ext. 4537.

BORN AGAIN SBW- 31, attractive, good sense of humor, sincere with much to offer to the right woman, looking for attractive SWCF, 24-34, who puts God first. Must be honest, affectionate and likes having fun. Call if you're the special lady I'm looking for. Please call ext. 4806.

BROWN EYED GIRL-

28 seeks the same. Blue, Green, speckled eyes also welcome. I enjoy sunsets on the beach, softball, running, football, reading Maupin & King, movies, quiet evenings at home & my cat. I'd like to hear from A GWF 25-35 who enjoys this and more. For friendship or possible relationship. Please call Ext. 4535.

CARING, HONEST SBW-

From Nantucket, 28, energetic, seeking WF who enjoys long walks, beaches or just a night out. Please reply ext. 4723.

COLLEGE GRAD

25-yr. old SJM who enjoys sports, music & movies & the shore seeking SJF, 20-25, with similar interests. Please call Extension 4328.

DANCE PARTNER WANTED-

To dance the Hustle. Disco is back and my feet can't keep still. Wanting to teach a S/DWF under 45. 5'5 or taller and thin would be nice but not a necessity. I'm a SBW, 39, slim, 6' 1", 165 lbs, brown hair & eyes. Dancing up to 3 nights per week. Please call ext. 4907.

DEAR TALL, SMART, SINGLE AND HANDSOME,

I'm a very attractive 37 year old tall, funloving red-head - adventurous and full of life. I like a man with a great sense of humor, rugged, down to earth, and must be financially secure. Someone who likes anything from fine dining to getting lost in the woods. If you're looking for Cindy Crawford, keep looking. If you're looking for a genuinely attractive sincere woman to have a relationship with please respond to ext 3604.

DETERMINED TO FIND ONE NICE GUY- not looking for stereo type Bimbo. Me-SWF, wheelchair. Brn. eyes/hair S-Mom, intelligent, independent, active, shy, actress. Into RenFest, loves red carnations, music, parties, quiet nights, romantic, sensitive. ISO S/DWM, age? Similar interests, honest, sincere, outgoing, patient, non-smoker. No head games. Please call Ext. 3607.

DIVORCED FEMALE 33, 5'9, pretty, ISO SM 5'11 & over, 30-38, handsome, race unimportant, likes kids, party, dance, R&B music, Rapp, fun loving & light drinker. Please call Ext. 4852.

DIVORCED FEMALE

Big blue eyes, blonde, 40-something, pretty, nice, interesting life, hardworker, successful career and a good friend. Looking for an intelligent, kind, educated man for companionship and fun and whatever develops. Love black tie, the beach, boats, hikes, exploring, adventure, museums and Brigantine. Please call Ext. 3049.

DIVORCED WHITE FEMALE

43, slim, attractive seeking single/divorced white male- 38-48, trim and good looking, who is physically and emotionally free to build a relationship with the right woman if he were to find her.. and also have time for fun, dancing, dining and just being with someone special. Please reply ext. 4188.

DIVORCED WHITE FEMALE- 55, 5'10, average weight, Blonde, green eyes, nice looking, smoker. Newly divorced & lonely. ISO companionship & friendship for now. I enjoy reading, TV, movies, walks, dining out & flea markets. I'm successful, caring & easy going. Only tall, honest & sincere need reply. Ext. 4550.

DIVORCED WHITE FEMALE-

40, 5'5, blonde hair, brn. eyes, pleasant to the eye, physically & mentally. I am honest, secure, independent, witty & outgoing w/a great smile & sense of humor. Seeking handsome 5'10 to 6'2, fit, financially secure, S/DWM 40-48 who is confident, sensitive, romantic, honest & able to build a lasting relationship. Alcoholics, drug users, gambler & head gamers need not apply. Please reply Ext. 4528.

DIVORCED WHITE MALE

50, professional, very active, fit, & financially stable. An average man- no drinking or drugs, but I smoke. looking for SWF, slim, 28-43, needing a nice emotional start in life who likes to be spoiled and knows how to spoil in return. Must be level headed, like sports, cars, dining out, quiet evenings. Sense of humor a must!! Ext. 4014.

DIVORCED WHITE PROF. MALE- young 43, Single Dad, successful, educated, sensitive, 5'11, 165 lbs., very fit, bright, likes outdoors, beach, old movies, fireplaces, Rock & Blues, seeking S or DWF 28-40 who is attractive, fit, warm, intelligent & eclectic for good times shared experiences. Please call Ext. 4548.

DIVORCED WHITE PROF. FEMALE-

Pretty lady-looking for the right man to compliment me. If you like a spirited, intelligent, independent lady very family oriented, caring-giving, who ran the gamut from wife/Mom to Politician, comfortable in any setting. S/DWPM 40ish+ call me & decide if we are compatible. Ext.4541.

DJPF- 45, youthful, NS, attractive, outgoing, creative, secure. Enjoys music, theatre, travel, outdoors ISO special JM for warm, loving, committed relationship. Please call ext. 4807.

DO YOU LIKE BEING LONELY? Neither do I! I am a SBPF, 27, 5'2", seeking SPM, 25-35, who is pleasant & fit.. I like reading & movies, I don't drink or smoke, or have any diseases & neither do you. If you are looking for a casual friendship & have a good sense of humor & respect women. Please write. This advertiser has chosen to receive mail only. Please write to Introductions Box 4778, Forbes Newspapers, Po Box 699, Somerville, NJ 08876

DW BORN AGAIN CF-

39, attractive, 6'7", blond hair, green eyes, affectionate, loving, caring, good listener, lots of fun, walks on the beach any time of the year, has a strong walk with the lord. ISO, single Born-again WM, no older than 50, at least 5'10", nice looking, w/a strong relationship w/God. Must be attentive, romantic, affectionate w/a good sense of humor, good listener/talker, considerate, old fashioned. Children ok. I'm interested in a LTR, maybe marriage. Serious inquiries only. Please call ext.4585

DWCF-

39, hard working professional, attractive, sincere and sensitive, non-smoker, lots of travel, 1 school aged child. Enjoys the outdoors, tennis, shore and mountains and values family times. Seeks SDWCM, non-smoker, 37-45, with similar interests for relationship based on friendship, companionship with mutual respect and love. Ext 4835.

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DWF- in search of SDWM 6', trim, over 55, non-smoker and no drugs w/ a sense of humor, likes dancing and going to the movies. Ext 4848

DWM-

74 yrs young, Leo, 170lbs, 5'10", semi retired, financially secure. Seeks honest, DWF/WWF/SWF, age no barrier, N/S, N/D, good cook, smart shopper, drives, affectionate, enjoys good conversation w/ sense of humor, likes long walks, short trips, enjoys outdoors, typewriter or computer smart a plus. Race unimportant. For long term friendship, a + for Mrs. Right. **THIS ADVERTISER HAS CHOSEN TO RECEIVE MAIL. PLEASE SEND LETTER AND PHOTO TO: INTRODUCTIONS BOX 4639, FORBES NEWSPAPERS, PO BOX 699, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876.**

DWPF-

50, 5'7, Pretty, dk. hair, dk. eyed lady. Financially & emotionally secure, honest, fun loving, good sense of humor, socially active, enjoys the finer things life has to offer. Seeks M counterpart for same. Please call Ext. 4545.

EDUCATOR- DWM, attentive, sincere, honest, 50's, 150lbs., 5'8", enjoys reading, travel, theatre & dining out.. Seeks a Slim, caring, understanding woman, 45-55 yrs.old, to share time together & possible LTR. Please call ext.4769

FEMALE FRIEND WANTED-

SWF, 23 looking for SWF, 20-26 who loves heavy metal and long-haired guys for friendship/outings in Middlesex County. Unable to call 900#.

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FEMALE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD FRIENDS- Interested in dining out, going to club, having fun and must love to dance. Please call ext. 4919.

FEMALE-

Separated but available. Average but unique, professional but intelligent, science oriented but artistic in search of male, similar, prepared but not scared, 30's to fit 40's, 5'9" + and please write! **THIS ADVERTISER HAS CHOSEN TO RECEIVE MAIL ONLY. PLEASE SEND LETTER TO: INTRODUCTIONS BOX 4892, FORBES NEWSPAPERS, P.O. BOX 699, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876.**

FIT, WHITE, PROFESSIONAL MALE-

35, who likes children, coaching football and summer vacations; is seeking a special long-haired white or hispanic woman, S or D, for a long-term relationship! Please reply ext. 4715.

GIGOLO 40ISH-

Monogamous, verbose, jaded, self-centered, cruel, egotistical, grotesque, drunk and eclectic- earned type A personality- who is at times angered. Impoverished DWM- artisan, smoker, recluse, secretive, non-supportive, denying-one-track-mind... who attempts no improvement, searching like female counterpart, 19-55; no children, affluent, obnoxious, financially secure, offensive, sensual, erudite, humorous, omnivorous- who can be manic, obsessive & seductive. Craving smiles, cuddles, tenderness, therapy, romance, honesty, intimacy, recipes, Mozart & cappuccino. Sequel. (will use your credit card) in favor of superficial, long term contractual relationship. Knock Knee commitment. Adv. MORE. Feces happens. PS... No Lawyers, Cardboard professionals. Public servants, New Yorkers, drugs. ASAP. **PLEASE REPLY TO BOX 4767.**

GOOD LOOKING, COLLEGE DEGREE-

Prof., DBM (w/no children), 40, 5'9, 185 lbs. seeks a good woman to spend time with. I am sincere, honest, & considerate, & I look for that in others. I enjoy skiing, music, Sci-Fi, going to movies, dining out, dancing & good conversation. I also enjoy quiet times at home, watching movie while snuggling on the couch w/someone special. If you're a S/DWF bet. 28-42 who is: fun loving, yet down to earth; have a healthy sense of humor; a nice disposition & appearance; honest, reliable, & emotionally secure; & believes that romance should begin with good friendship & shared values please give me a call right now. (NO smokers, drug users, or heavy drinkers, please.) Race is unimportant. I hope to hear from you soon. Please call Ext. 4544.

GWPM- 43 yrs old, 5'10", 165 lbs., brown hair/eyes, good shape, masculine, kind & sincere individual, ISO GW or asian Male, 30-45, in good shape, for friendship or LTR, HIV negative please! Please call ext.4778

HANDSOME DIVORCED JEWISH MALE

42, professional, positive, good shape, romantic, caring, many interests ISO S/DWF, up to 42, petite attractive, romantic, smart. Friendship-Romance relationship call ext. 4360

HANDSOME, ATHLETIC, SUCCESSFUL SBW-

Very good looking, intelligent, physically fit, financially secure, romantic, sincere, active, multi-faceted individual. Have many interests which include skiing, golf, tennis, outdoors, sports, music, fine dining, movies, quiet evenings and travel. In search of very attractive, trim, athletic 5'7" or less, NS female (30-39) who is affectionate, caring and enjoys sharing all that life has to offer. If you are looking for an LTR based on friendship, companionship, mutual respect and love with a clean-cut wonderful man, then **PLEASE CALL EXT. 4893.**

HANDSOME, WPM, 49

Upbeat, successful, trim and healthy. I'm happy, enjoy life and having fun. ISO WF counterpart for loving but discreet friendship. Please reply ext. 4716.

HAPPY DIVORCED MALE SEEKS JOYOUS MATE

Mid 40's DWM seeks female best friend,lover for the rest of out lives. Must enjoy growth, communication, laughter, sailing, homelife, and outdoors. All written responses answered. Please reply ext. 4712. **THIS ADVERTISER HAS ALSO CHOSEN TO RECEIVE MAIL. PLEASE SEND LETTER AND PHOTO TO: INTRODUCTIONS BOX 4712, FORBES NEWSPAPERS, PO BOX 699, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876.**

HOW CAN I ATTRACT- responses from the ladies I'd like to hear from? What are the qualities that I either don't have, or haven't thought to tell you about? Are the calls not coming because I'm seeking a MUCH younger woman?(30-40). Or because I'm seeking a cute, sexy, petite woman? This JPM, self-employed, just turned 53, attractive, separated but available, has a lot to offer. My interests range from reading a book to spending some time in Vegas. Most people see me as a thoughtful, caring, affectionate, reasonably bright man who gets along with kids and dogs. And speaking of kids, it wouldn't be so bad to have a couple more! Maybe I shouldn't say I hate acid rock & rap. Or maybe I shouldn't say that I have a sense of humor that sometimes turns bizarre. Or maybe I shouldn't say that my belief is that kids should not be raised on junk food. Or maybe I shouldn't say that I was raised in a house

filled with love. Or maybe I shouldn't say that I'm a touchy-feely guy. But I'm willing to risk letting you know these things about myself, and am hoping you will be just as honest and open. I'm seeking a long term relationship that will grow stronger year by year. By the way, I'm a non-smoker and VERY light social drinker. So if you fall into the right group, listen, to my audio message and give us both a chance. Who knows what could develop from a simple phone call! Please call ext. 4771

I AM AN HONEST, TRUSTWORTHY, KIND, CARING, GENEROUS PERSON

I am creative, love all kinds of music, song, dance, hike, nature, gourmet cook. Seeking similar values in a divorced or widowed man 44-55 years old. Ext. 4172.

IF YOU ARE A SLENDER KOREAN FEMALE-

25 to 40 yrs, please respond to this ad. Nice-looking, athletic, 40ish DWM w/patience, passion and own home- would like to meet you for dating, friendship and maybe more. Please reply ext. 4719.

IF YOU GOT THE FEVER FOR THE FLAVOR OF A LONG LASTING STRICTLY MONOGYNOUS ONE ON ONE TYPE RELATIONSHIP-

you need not read any other ad. SBF 20, 180 lbs. & ISO Mr. Right. My good points are that I'm tall 5'10 & attractive, smart & open minded. My interests are bowling & playing basketball. Also a little old fashioned, meaning I don't believe the world revolves around sex, I believe that is something that is shared between 2 people who really care for each other. I'm a kind hearted & giving individual & I expect that you are too. My Mr. Right is a SBW, 6' or taller, Blond or Brown hair w/blue eyes, 180-200 lbs. 25-37 very outgoing, without beard or receding hairlines, self assured, highly educated, kind hearted, very generous w/time & everything else it takes to build a healthy, stable, long lasting relationship. I like Rap, Hip Hop & R.B. music. Also I like men who are not ashamed to show their love & affection in private or in public. Someone who is a very good conversationalist as well as a good listener. You must not be quick tempered. I would like someone who has a serious relationship in mind. I'm not into pets & you must be Child Free. I don't drink, smoke or use drugs & you shouldn't either. **PLEASE REPLY TO EXT. 4848. THIS ADVERTISER HAS CHOSEN TO RECEIVE MAIL. PLEASE SEND LETTER & PHOTO TO: INTRODUCTIONS, BOX 4548, % FORBES NEWSPAPERS, P.O. BOX 699, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876.**

LOOKING FOR S/DWFS- to go to singles functions, I hate going alone, I'm in my early 50's. Do you need friends? So do I! This advertiser has chosen to receive mail only. Please write Introductions Box 4777, Forbes Newspapers, PO BOX 699, Somerville, 08876

LOST IN NEW JERSEY- Recently transferred by a Co. in the Mid-west. SBW, 25, 5'11" blond hair, blue eyes, slim to medium build, good looking (will exchange photo). Looking for a female to help find my way out of this loneliness. I'm a well rounded individual. I enjoy country music to alternative music, skiing, camping, fishing, the Arts, exploring NYC, I like to take off on the weekends & explore places I've not seen or experienced. Seeking female whose personality & character are more attractive than her looks. Someone who knows how to cut loose and have fun and knows when to be serious. I appreciate sincerity, romance, kindness, sweetness, but what I respect and am attracted to most is a woman who is unafraid to be completely open & honest. Please call ext. 4930. This advertiser has also chosen to receive mail. Please send letter and photo to: Introductions, Box 4930, Forbes Newspapers, P.O. Box 699, Somerville, NJ.

MARRIAGE MINDED?

Want a child? I want a wife: Let's make a deal...Hardworking SBW, 28, very fit, 6' +. Very intelligent, suave looking, Prof. needs mousy Country Girl, Corporate Lady, or in-between, 19-29 or so, to share walks, movies, dinner, cuddling, beach, love (a business together?) Sacrificing for Bountiful life. Ext. 3926.

NEWLY GRADUATED MEDICAL CAREER- Just graduated as an EKG technician. I'm a 23 yr. old, SBW, short blond hair, blue eyes, 5'11, 160 lbs. who doesn't get a chance to mingle due to school & work devotion. Formal Black Belt in Karate is in search of (marriage minded), single white college educated female, 20-26 who enjoys what I do (dancing, dining out, horseback riding & working out in gym). Cannot dial the 900 number for message retrieval so please let's exchange photos and letters. (Medical career college educated & brunettes would be a plus.) (LETTERS & PHOTO ARE PREFERRED BY ADVERTISER.)

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Introductions

Central New Jersey's Best Choice For Meeting Someone Close To Home

NICE GUY

5'6", 180 lbs., I enjoy the simple things in life: ice cream cones, movies, good conversation, good books, great dinners, dancing and good laughs. I'm a WSM, responsible, non-drinker, financially secure, with a wicked sense of humor. I would like to meet someone who is comfortable with themselves, "pretty-plain-jane", 35-45 years old, 5'7" & under, no little kids, and BLENDER build, moderate drinker, non/light-smoker, easy-going, intelligent, compassionate, strong- (but not domineering) and feminine. Not looking for a one night stand but a serious contender. Lv. phone number & I'll call you back! (Bridgewater area, please.) Reply ext. 4170.

ONE AVERAGE POOR BOY— 140 lbs., 5'10", Brown hair/eyes, 40's, SWM, who is working on old motorhome to go camping & fishes when his kids come visit this summer. Would like to meet average, friendly, slim, goofy girl, who looks good in a Baseball cap for friendship, Companionship. Bookworm & Tom-girls welcome. Please call ext. 4767

PRETTY DBF— 40-something, med. sized, seeking DBM/BSM. Enjoys good conversation, fine-dining, Motown "Oldies" shows, outdoors, NYC. No drugs! No heavy drinkers! This advertiser has chosen to receive mail. Please send letter & photo to introductions, Box 4925, Forbes Newspapers, P.O. Box 699, Somerville, 08876

PRETTY DJF

5'5" slender intelligent, nurturing & aesthetic. Seeking attractive, cultured, financially secure male, 55-65 for caring, long lasting relationship. Ext. 4955.

PRETTY, FEMININE, CONFIDENT—

5'6", DWF, sz 10 with many accomplishments seeks a LTR with a successful, professional quality gentleman between the ages of 49-59. PLEASE CALL EXT. 4801.

SDW, PROFESSIONAL MALE

51, 5'11", 187 lbs. Interested in dining out, movies, music, sightseeing, sports, etc. I wish to meet an attractive woman, 38-50 years old, 5'2"-5'6", who is educated and has compatible interests. Please reply ext. 4725.

SEEKING SINCERE S/DW FEMALE—

Petite to medium build, 24-30 years old- for a long term relationship. No head games, please. I am a single, white male, 27, 5'8", brown hair & eyes, 145 lbs. I am very sweet, sincere, & romantic. I love movies, dinners, spending time together and cuddling. I will answer every response, to take a chance-write to me. THIS ADVERTISER HAS CHOSEN TO RECEIVE MAIL. PLEASE SEND LETTER, PHONE NUMBER, AND PHOTO TO: INTRODUCTIONS BOX 4924, FORBES NEWSPAPERS, PO BOX 699, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876.

SINGLE BLACK FEMALE LOOKING FOR NO ONE IN PARTICULAR— 25, 5'5", Exotic dancer, ISO someone who is interesting & likes to go out & have fun. If this is you just give me a call at Ext. 4547.

SINGLE PARENT FATHER— DWCM 47, 5'9", stocky but dieting, seeking affectionate, playful woman, social drinker for LTR. Ext 4646.

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE

very attractive, 30, 110 lbs., 5'5" w/1 child, non-smoker, non-drug user, sincere, honest, organized & neat, secure about myself. Wishing to meet SWM, must be very attractive, 28-36, 5'9"-6'1", in shape, 34 inch waist or small, 0-2 kids ok, non-smoker/drug user, honest, polite, not a slob or lazy, must be secure about yourself yet not self centered, for a meaningful relationship & possible marriage, if you fit all of the above, then please call ext.4294

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE— 18 yrs. old 5'7", Auburn shoulder length hair, Green eyes, fun, romantic & outgoing. ISO SWM 20-28 tall, outgoing, sensitive, romantic & serious when he wants to be. Please reply Ext. 4928.

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SINGLE WHITE MALE

31, 6'2, 190 lbs. likes sports, movies & outdoors. I am sincere & honest & have a good sense of humor. I work crazy hours 3-11pm. Looking for WF 25-40 with similar hours & interests, who believes in meaningful relationships. If you're out there-let's talk! Please call Ext. 3030

SINGLE WHITE MALE, 20

6'1", short brown hair, brown eyes. Workout every day, college student, humorous-yet romantic. ISO pretty, thin-yet shapely, SWF with a good personality, honest, communicates well, 18-33. Please reply ext. 4714.

SINGLE WHITE MALE—

25, Brn. hair, hazel eyes, slim, athletic, enjoys the little things, Sports, Beach, Books especially children. Seeking SWF w/similar interests. Please call Ext. 4540.

SINGLE WHITE MALE— 32, 6'2, 190 lbs. Good looking, honest w/good sense of humor. I like sports, the outdoors, movies, etc. ISO woman 28-38, attractive w/good sense of humor w/similar interests. If this is you. This advertiser has chosen to receive mail also. Send letter &/or photo to: Ext. 3030 Introductions, Forbes Newspapers, P.O. Box 699, Somerville, NJ, 08876.

SINGLE WHITE MALE—

Professional, honestly good-looking, 34, 5'11, 160 lbs., dark hair/eyes, financially secure, selective. Enjoy dining, travel, conversation, outdoors, distance running. Seeking (very) attractive SWF, 20-35. Photo helpful, can exchange. Please call Ext. 4529. THIS ADVERTISER HAS ALSO CHOSEN TO RECEIVE MAIL. PLEASE SEND LETTER TO: INTRODUCTIONS, BOX 4829 4FORBES NEWSPAPERS, PO BOX 699, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876.

SINGLE, BLACK, JAMAICAN FEMALE—

Divorced, 38 years old. I have been single for over 4 years and I am looking for a Black, single, Christian man. He must be in his 40-50, and love God and kids. I am looking for Mr. Right and I am very loving and kind. Please reply ext. 4720.

SLIM, NICE LOOKING

DWM, Professional- looking for slim, nice looking, S/ DWF professional, aged 32-42, drug-free, nonsmoker, for friendship/relationship. Interests include working out, tennis, theater & the shore. Please reply Ext. 4508.

SPECIAL LADY WANTED—

This 48 DWPM is looking for a special woman. She should be between 35-55 and very open-minded and enjoy living an alternative lifestyle. I like all the regular activities, dining, dancing, etc. and all the activities NYC has to offer. She may be attached or unattached. I am disease and drug free in Somerset County. Ext. 4800.

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SWCM—

This lonesome, nice appearing, trim, college educated executive seeks the companionship of an attractive personable lady in her 50's or 60's from or near Somerset County for possible LTR. Call ext.4588 and please leave your name & phone no. Thank you.

SWF— 34, I've answered ads in the past and met some interesting men but none were a "match". This time, I'm placing the ad in the hope you'll find me. You're honest, unattached, tall, stable, intelligent, fun-loving, well-educated, good-looking, thin and I live - like me. I'm looking forward to hearing from a man who will enhance my life and I his. Please call ext. 4800.

SWF— 38, 5' 6", 135 lbs, pretty, educated, catholic. Loves golf, hiking and antiques. Seeks SWM 36-42, 5'10" plus, warm and reliable, educated, non-smoker for relationship. Please call ext 4842.

SWF—

39, independent, earth mufin, turned alternative, punkett, equally a home at clubs or beach. Seeking honest SWM, be something to believe in or somebody to shove. Lets get closer to the stars. No negative creeps.

THIS ADVERTISER HAS CHOSEN TO RECEIVE MAIL. PLEASE SEND LETTER AND PHOTO (OPTIONAL) TO: INTRODUCTIONS BOX 4840, FORBES NEWSPAPERS, PO BOX 699, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876.

SWF— Young and attractive 50, 5'4, 120 lbs., blonde hair, hazel eyes. Honest, caring, romantic and sincere. ISO handsome, honest, caring romantic gentleman who know what he wants in life and is not into head games to share life's ups and downs in a lasting relationship. Please call ext. 4920.

SWINGING ATTACHED MALE

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SWM— 35, 6 ft., dark hair & eyes, good looking & trim, seeks pretty, petite & caring SWF, 21-29, who loves Harley's for possible LTR, please call ext.4773

SWM— 41 seeks single or divorced white female between 35-45. Social drinker okay & light smoker. Like to dine out, beach, movies, flea markets and much more. Ext 4637.

SWM—

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SWPM— 45, Business owner, type A personality. Boating enthusiast seeks classy SWPF, 30-40 counterpart for caring/sharing possible LTR. Ext 4843. THIS ADVERTISER HAS CHOSEN TO RECEIVE MAIL. PLEASE SEND LETTER AND PHOTO (OPTIONAL) TO: INTRODUCTIONS, BOX 4843, FORBES NEWSPAPERS, PO BOX 699, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876.

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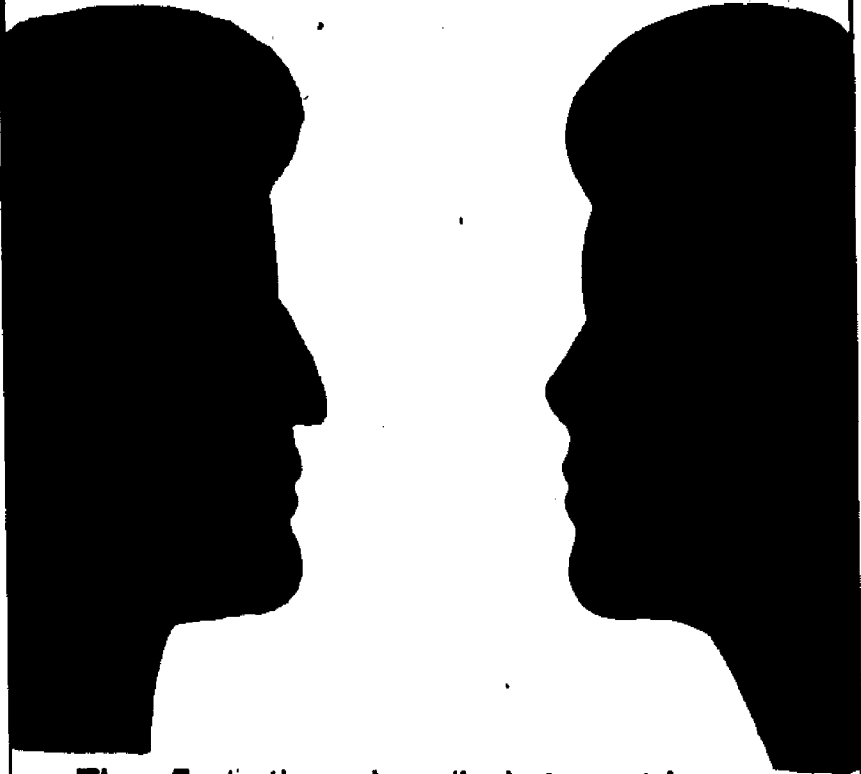
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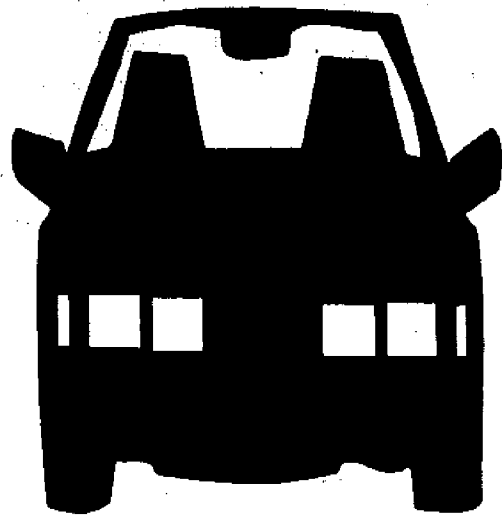
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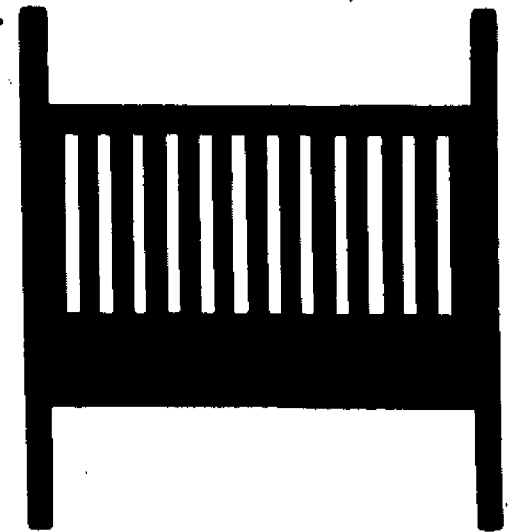
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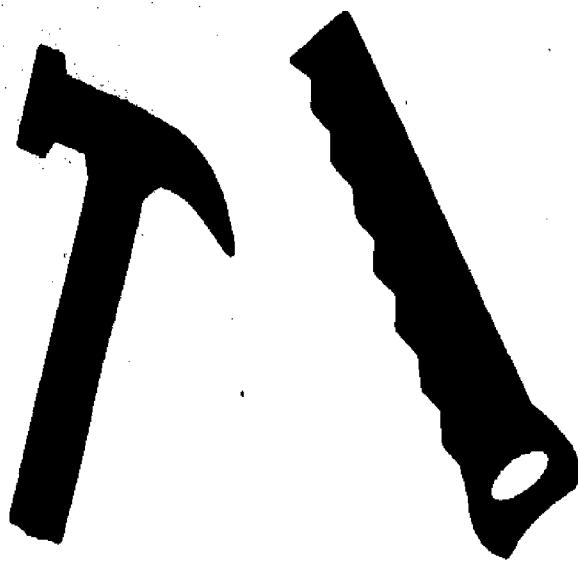
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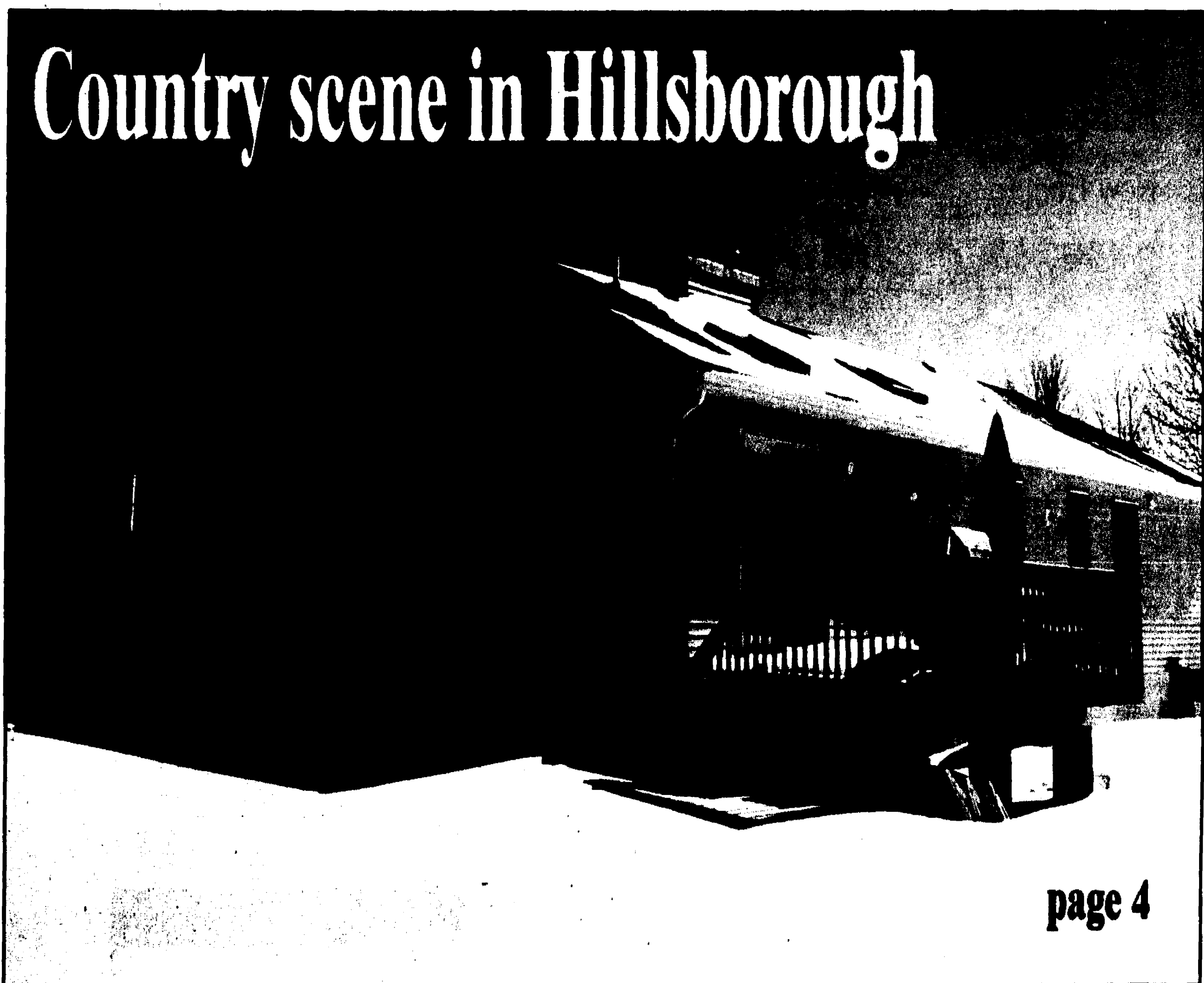
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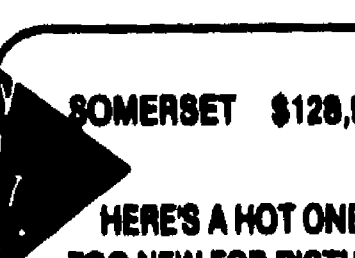
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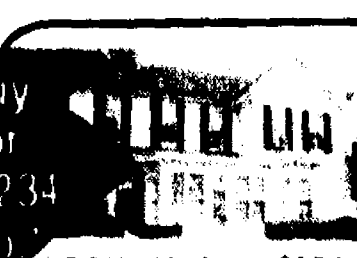
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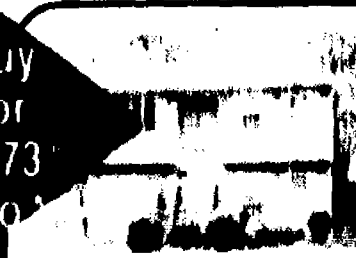
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Rural surroundings enhance this two year old ranch style home located in Hillsborough Township.

Tucked away in a country setting, yet accessible to Routes 202/206, this three-bedroom ranch is situated on 216-by-369-by-377 feet of wooded, landscaped property.

The backyard, which features a deck, is fenced for privacy. The exterior of the home is comprised of brick and vinyl siding with a composition roof. A gravel driveway leads to the two-car, attached garage which provides direct entry into the house and automatic door opener.

The one-level home offers spacious living with various amenities. The 15-by-13 living room features a double-sided fireplace which also faces an informal dining area located in the eat-in-kitchen. Sized at 18-by-14, the kitchen is equipped with a dish-

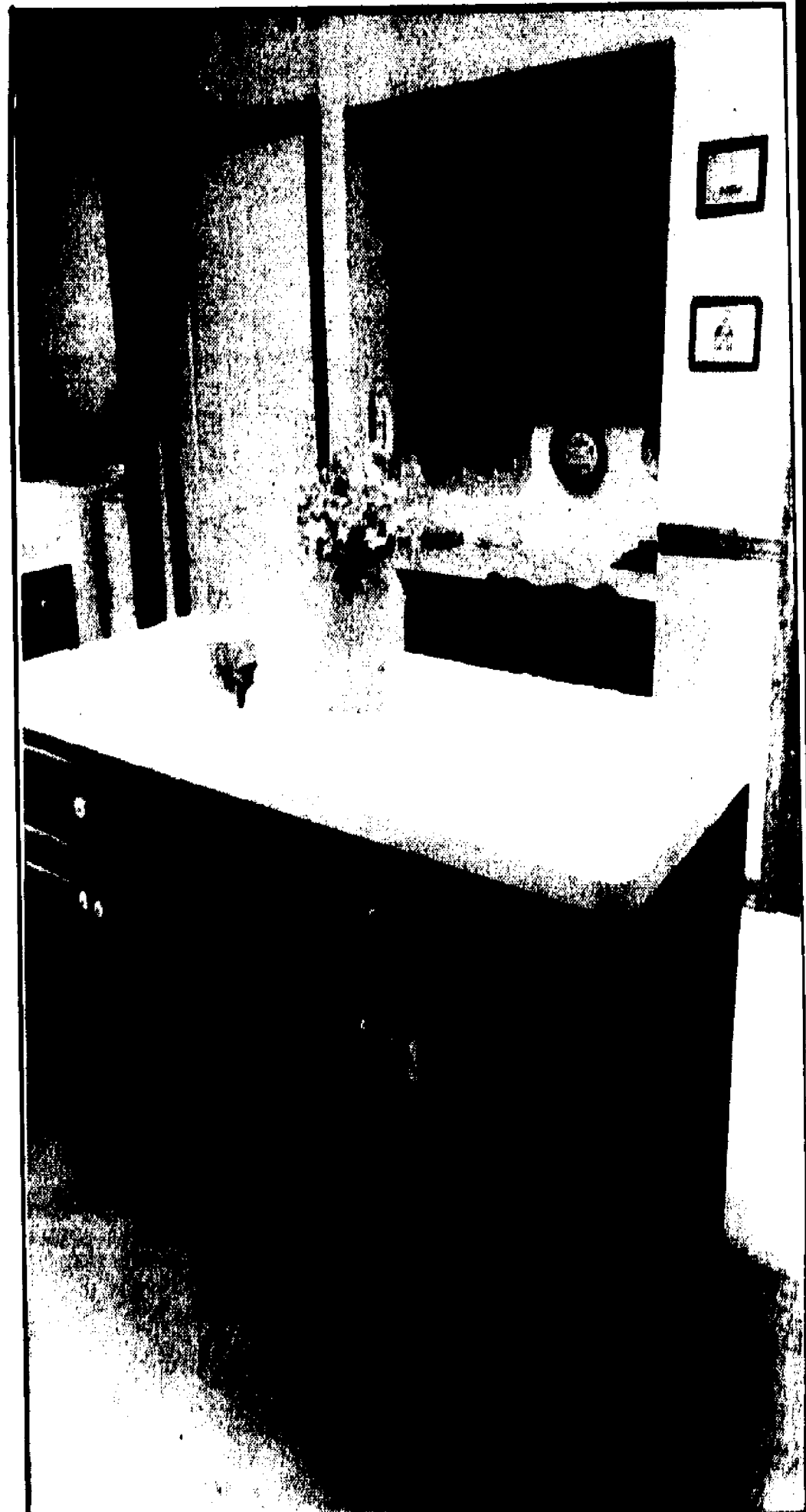
washer and gas stove, and features a center island. There is a 13-by-9 formal dining room.

The master bedroom, 16-by-11, has its own full bathroom. The other two bedrooms are sized at 14-by-10 and 11-by-10. There is an additional full bathroom and one-half bathroom; all the bathrooms feature ceramic tiles. A laundry room is also located on the main level off the kitchen.

The house includes an unfinished full basement and an attic for extra storage space. Oak hardwood floors and natural stain woodwork highlight the home's interior.

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Top producer **Jane DiGian** swept all six year-end awards for the Warren office.

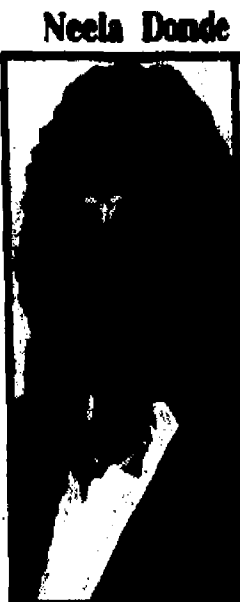
For the fourth year, Ms. DiGian earned a seat on the company's President Council; with \$8 million of sales in 1993, she ranked seventh in the entire company of 500 sales associates.

Jean Massard, Burgdorff vice president who manages the company's Westfield office, accepted the Office Production Awards for January. Westfield office posted both the highest dollar volume for sales and the greatest number of transactions of any of Burgdorff's 34 branches.



Other Burgdorff sales associates who achieved membership in the 1993 Producer's Club include: **Eileen Burlinson**, **Bruce**

Graham, **Jan LaRusso**, **Judy Lewis**, **Pat Peterson** and **Gay Sacharoff** from the Warren office; **Al Bello**, **Rose Cohen**, **Pat Connolly**, **Lee Corcoran**, **Rosemary Dunlap**, **Doris Kopil**, **Mary Ellen O'Boyle**, **Ann Ribardo**, **Gina Suriano** and **Rebecca Wampler** from the Westfield office; and **Carol Ann Franssen**, **Cleone Hendricks**, **Dorothy Parker** and **Brian Richardson** from the Bedminster/Bridgewater office.



Neela Donde has joined Weichert, Realtors' Watchung office as a sales associate.

With four years listing and selling experience, Ms. Donde is a licensed broker and a member of the Somerset County Board of Realtors as well as the New Jersey Association of Realtors.

Cheryl D'Altrui, a sales associate with Weichert, Realtors' Hillsborough office, has recently received her broker's license.

Ms. D'Altrui has been listing and selling for seven years and is a member of the Somerset County Board of Realtors.

Fred W. Schaan, a sales associate with Weichert, Realtors' Warren office, has volunteered to serve on the Mediation Committee of the Somerset County Board of Realtors. A licensed real estate agent for six years, Mr. Schaan holds the Graduate Realtor Institute designation, indicating advanced real estate knowledge. He is a member of the Summit, and Somerset, Hunterdon, and Morris County Boards of Realtors.

Joe Thurackal has joined Weichert, Realtors' Hillsborough office as a sales associate. A newly licensed real estate professional, Mr. Thurackal is a three-year resident of Hillsborough.

Norma Cohen, a sales associate with



Nancy Kose, a sales associate with Weichert, Realtors' Hillsborough office, has recently received her broker's license. Selling homes for seven years, Ms. Kose has previously earned membership to both the New Jersey State Million Dollar Club and Weichert's Million Dollar Sales Club.

Maggie Kenny, a sales associate with Weichert, Realtors' Basking Ridge office, has received the office's Top Producer award for the greatest number of listings in December 1993.

A licensed real estate professional for eight years, Ms. Kenny is a member of the Somerset County Board of Realtors. Her previous achievements have earned her consistent membership in Weichert's Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs.

Joseph L. Gorsky, president of ERA Van Syckel Realty announced the firm had recently received awards at the ERA Regional Sales Rally, which was held on Feb. 17 at the Hilton Renaissance in East Brunswick. The sales rally honored ERA agents from offices located in the northern New Jersey broker council. **Maria Lewis**, **John Lewis**, **Eileen Koehler** and **Carol May** were honored as recent recipients of the New Jersey Association of Realtors Million Dollar Sales Club.

Maria Lewis received individual awards as the top listing and selling agent from the of-

fice. In addition, **Maria** and her husband, **John**, received a special award from the New Jersey Broker Council as a top agent team for 1993 in the New Jersey Broker Council.

Arten Lombardi, broker-sales associate of Century 21 A. Merola & LaVecchia Inc. in Green Brook, received the Century 21 system's "Gold Associate" Award for superior real estate sales within the Century 21 system in Central New Jersey for 1993.

Ms. Lombardi also received an award for top achievement for the first half of 1993 for the most closed units in her office. She is a member of the Somerset County Board of Realtors and is a member of the Somerset County Board of Realtors' Political Affairs Committee.

With a 1993 sales production in excess of \$3,500,000, **William Vorhaben** of Westfield's Coldwell Banker Schlott Realtors has qualified for the New Jersey Association of Realtors Million Dollar Club at the Bronze level. Mr. Vorhaben's production has also earned him membership in the Coldwell Banker Schlott Realtors Ambassador's Club and a trip to Cold-

well Banker's International Business conference recently held in San Diego, Cal.

Ton Spiro has joined Weichert, Realtors' Hillsborough office as a sales associate.

A newly licensed real estate professional, Ms. Spiro is a resident of Franklin.

Joan Accatatta, a sales associate with Weichert, Realtors' Hillsborough office, has recently qualified for the 1993 New Jersey State Million Dollar Club. Ms. Accatatta has been listing and selling homes for seven years and has just received her broker's license.

Michael Holmes has joined Weichert, Realtors' Hillsborough office as a sales associate. He has been a licensed real estate professional for the past six years.



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Despite an aggressive mortgage industry spurred on by low interest rates, there are a number of financing products which have not been readily available because of their perceived low value on the secondary market.

In particular, it is often difficult to obtain loans for mixed-use properties (which might, for instance, include apartments and a store), and construction loans on one- to four-family houses, especially where no proof of income is required.

The way the markets have run in the past, these loans have lost a great deal of value as portfolio items, so fewer investors are willing to take the risk.

"Most real estate investors want the 'plain vanilla' Freddy Mac and Fanny Mae-type mortgages with good credit," observed Frank Nichols, president of Mortgage Money Mart of Edison. "They can turn these into cash anytime by

selling them in the secondary market. But when a loan doesn't conform to that, it's an entirely different situation." Mr. Nichols explained Mortgage Money Mart routinely handles these and other hard-to-place loans, including those for small commercial properties.

"The rarest you can find are construction loans, whether on new properties or for improvements to existing properties, with no income. For the most part, anyone wanting a construction loan has to show excellent credit. But we can do it with less-than-perfect credit."

Rates on such loans are higher than that of standard Freddy and Fanny loans, which have liquidity and are thus more marketable. "To cover the additional risk," explained Nichols, "the investor wants a higher return. Each is on a case-by-case basis, and the rates vary, depending on how they differ from those highest grade ap-

plicants."

Right now, Nichols sees great opportunities for investors looking to build real estate portfolios of non-owner-occupied one- to four-family homes. For such investors, Mortgage Money Mart has a program which requires only a 10 percent down payment, instead of the standard 30 percent required by Fanny and Freddy loans. (Most mortgages can be arranged with no income verification provided the borrower has at least 20 percent equity.)

For those seeking to capitalize on long-term investments in real estate, now would seem to be the perfect time to explore opportunities in properties generally overlooked by others in the market.

Money Mart is located in Edison and can be reached at (800) 54-LOAN-1.


Seminar topic is 'Women in power'

Women from Massachusetts to Washington, D.C. will gather on Friday, April 15 at Newark Airport Marriott Hotel for a conference on Women and Power. The day-long event, sponsored by the Industrial/Commercial Real Estate Women (ICREW), will feature workshops, panel discussions, and speakers on subjects relating to the development of and communication in political, business, and personal power relationships.

Dorothy W. Cantor, Psy.D., noted author and Westfield resident will be the keynote luncheon speaker. Her latest book, *Women in Power: The Secrets of Leadership*, which she co-authored with Psychologist Toni Bernay, looks at twenty-five women who have redefined the model for leadership in American politics today.

Jean Farinelli, president and chief executive officer of Craemer, Dickson and Brasford, an international public relations firm will keynote the closing session.

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Office moves with upward trend

The residential real estate cycle is on a definite upswing — and the rebound will continue throughout 1994, according to a survey of Century 21 brokers in the Northeastern United States and from Vincent and Barbara Puccia. The Puccias, owners/brokers of Century 21 Ultimate Homes at 53 Mountain Rd. in Warren, saw the positive trend and moved their real estate office from North Plainfield to Warren.

"We're having a building frenzy here," reports

Mr. Puccia. "A year ago you wouldn't see someone hammering a nail. We're finally out of our economic slump. In addition, the move is part of our commitment to offer the public a better quality service."

Having been a realtor in the area for the past 25 years, Vincent Puccia predicts that this "buyer's market" won't last for long in the country, because the demand will soon outstrip the supply and prices will start to escalate.

Home owners reap financial benefits

As taxes take bigger bites out of our income checks, home ownership is allowing individuals to stay a step ahead of inflation as they take advantage of various financial benefits, ranging from tax breaks to interest deductions. The long-term result is equity in a sound financial investment.

"Home ownership is equity, and this equity is a lot like automatic savings," says Michael A. Lewis, Northeastern Division Manager for The Chicago Title and Trust Family of Title Insurers. "Over time, your equity usually grows with the value of your home. If you're considering buying a first home and carefully evaluate the many tax benefits of home ownership, you may find that the tax advantages can actually make mortgage payments less expensive than monthly rental cost!"

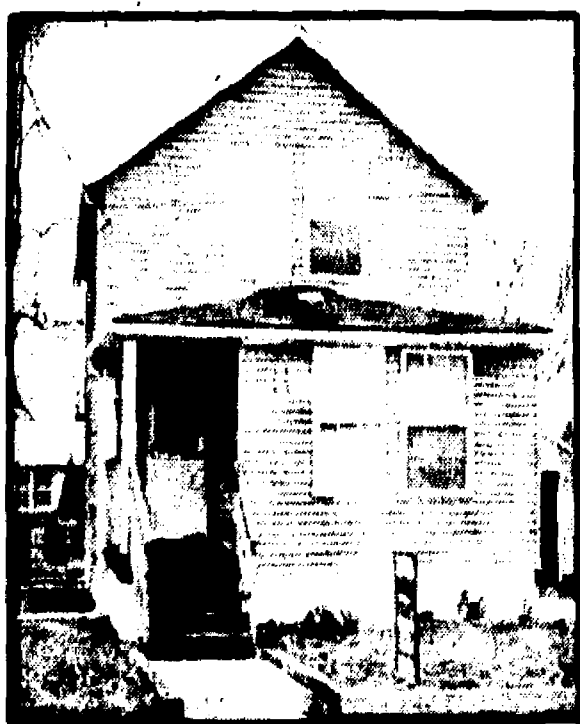
Securing home equity is just as important as obtaining it. That's where title insurance comes in. Title insurance serves as the anchor that can protect your property from preexisting legal claims and liability. It acts as a safeguard against possible risks that could threaten property ownership or use. As a result, title insurance benefits all parties involved in the purchase of property, including the purchaser, seller, broker, builder, lender and attorney. A home, backed by title insurance, provides value in five areas: mortgage interest, home equity loans, mortgage points, non-taxable gains and tax-free privilege. The following explains them in detail:

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Home owners benefit

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with certain exceptions. Generally, mortgage interest is any interest paid on a loan secured by a qualified residence. Loans secured by a principal residence, including first and second mortgages, home equity loans and refinanced mortgages, fit within this definition of mortgage interest. A qualified residence includes houses, cooperative apartments or condominiums and can be a taxpayer's principal residence as well as a second home, such as a summer or vacation home. "One key benefit is that interest deductibility has the effect of lowering your interest costs," states Mr. Lewis. "This is especially true of married couples who file a joint return, but there are additional benefits for single tax payers as well."

Home Equity Loan — Because a home equity loan is secured by your residence, it too gives you interest deductions. Your home can be used to secure a home-equity loan of up to \$100,000 and the money can be used for any purpose. The loan functions as a line of credit, and you write checks against the line of credit when you choose. So you pay nothing until a check is written.

Points — Points are defined as the cost or charge often paid to secure a mortgage. (Points are also known as premium charges, maxi-

mum loan charges or loan originator fees.) In other words, points are prepaid interest. This prepaid interest is deductible for home buyers. The points paid by taxpayers refinancing an existing mortgage are not fully deductible in the year of the closing, but are amortized over the life of the mortgage. "In other words, if the life of a mortgage is 10 years, 1/10 of the points would be deductible each year," according to Mr. Lewis.

Non-Taxable Gains — When you sell a house for more than you paid originally, the gain is not taxable if another home is purchased for a price equal to or greater than the sale price of the old home. Generally, to be eligible, the new residence must be purchased within two years of selling the original residence.

Tax-Free Privilege — There also exists a one-time exclusion for taxpayers 55 and older. To qualify for this tax-free privilege on a gain up to \$125,000 (\$62,500 if you are married and filing a separate return), you must be 55 years old before the date of the sale and must have owned and inhabited the residence for at least three of the previous five years.

Prequalifying helps buyers determine affordability

Before beginning your house hunting in earnest, the real estate professional with whom you are working will likely "prequalify" you to determine a price range you can afford. According to the New Jersey Association of Realtors (NJAR), prequalification is a necessary part of the home buying process which helps save you time and money.

"Don't be shy or withhold information about your income or credit status," said Inez H. Lief, president of NJAR. "Your real estate professional isn't trying to pry. Rather, they must know all details related to your ability to obtain a mortgage."

"By candidly discussing your financial situation, you will give the agent the information necessary to show you homes you can afford," said Lief, broker and professional relations manager of Burgdorff, Realtors in Morristown. "If you don't open up, you are placing the real estate professional in the role of tour guide, not someone who can help find a home within your budget. You will waste your time and the seller's."

Once you have signed a contract to purchase a home, you must choose a lending institution or mortgage company from which to obtain your home loan. Your loan application will request financial

data including place of employment, assets and liabilities (including recurring debts such as credit card bills and car payments). Here are two important tips on loan qualification from NJAR:

1) Do not borrow the down payment without disclosing the loan, submit fake letters-of-credit or gift letters, or make secret financial arrangements; and 2) Accurately list your income and assets, all debts and the approximate amounts you owe.

You will most likely be charged a credit report fee by the lender, which will cover the cost of having your credit history examined. Federal credit reporting laws do not give you the right to inspect the actual credit report at the reporting agency or to receive an exact duplicate of the report. But you are entitled to a summary containing the sources of the report's information.

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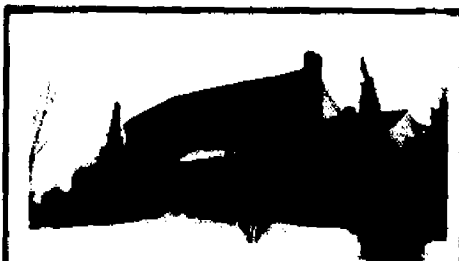
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On the first level you will find the 12-by-13 living room. The 12-by-13 kitchen is equipped with dishwasher, oak cabinets, and self-

cleaning gas range. The master bedroom, sized at 12-by-12, is located on this level, as is the second bedroom sized at 12-by-12. There is one full bathroom located on this level.

The lower level has the family/recreation room sized at 12-by-15 and the third bedroom which is 8-by-12. There is also a laundry room and one half bathroom on the lower level. Sliding glass doors in the family room lead out onto a large deck.

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The asking price for this home is \$147,888 and is listed with Century 21 Golden Post. Call Shirley Gulla, 469-3900, for more information or to arrange a tour.



This bi-level Middlesex home has a fenced yard for privacy.

PSE&G awards N.J. homes

Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) has announced that five single family homes in two Somerset County communities have been certified as energy-efficient. These energy-efficient homes are Morning Mist in Warren Township, developed by CRW Properties, Inc., and Cardinal Ridge in Bridgewater, developed by America's Best Contractors.

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New estates give rise to home buyers in Warren

American Properties has earned an enviable reputation for creating homes that instantly appeal to the market for which they are designed.

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Hugh Griffith is the Project Manager at Warren Rise, American Properties' exclusive new community of thirty-seven estate homes in Warren Township. Part of his job is to keep an eagle eye on every stage of construction, making sure that every quality standard is met. Another part of his job is devoted to the home-buyer.

"Even though I work for American Properties, I think of myself as our buyers' private general contractor and am available to our buyers every day. When they are ready to move in, I walk them through their new homes every step of the way to make sure they understand how everything works and, just as importantly, that we haven't overlooked a single detail. My goal is to make everyone at Warren Rise a proud homeowner."

This level of personal service and attention to detail is unusual in the homebuilding industry and

it helps account for the unusual success of Warren Rise as well as American Properties' other communities. A look at the plans and elevations further verifies the community's reported success.

Continuing the company's tradition of designing and building homes of great elegance, quality and value, the six designs offered at Warren Rise include exciting new plans with innovative architectural details as well as some of their most popular classics. The homes range in size from 3,294 square feet to 4,760 square feet. Preconstruction prices range from \$449,990 to \$629,990.

"Anyone who has visited our other estate home communities will instantly recognize the superb value we are offering here," Ms. Sandberg noted. "This location only enhances that value. In addition to its great natural beauty, Warren Township is less than two miles from Route 78 and less than five miles from Route 22, making it one of New Jersey's most sought-after locations because of its proximity to New York."

In addition to a great location, every home at Warren Rise will be built on a graded and seeded homesite of 1 1/4 to 4 1/2 acres enhanced by beautiful shade trees and rather lavish landscaping at each front entrance. The homes feature four and five bedrooms, up to four and one-half baths, side-entry, three-car garages and handsome brick fronts with cedar sides.



The Courtland model, which is available at Warren Rise in Warren Township, features a handsome first-floor library just off the entry foyer.

All have baronial, two-story entry foyers with powder rooms and guest closets. In addition to formal living rooms and formal dining rooms, the homes feature expansive island kitchens with breakfast rooms adjacent to family rooms that feature woodburning fireplaces. All homes have 9-foot first-floor ceilings and laundry rooms. Most also have maid's rooms with private baths, which can also serve as quiet studies or guest rooms.

Each home boasts unique design features that have become benchmarks of American Properties' estate homes. For example, The Courtland features a handsome first-floor library just off the entry

foyer. The Dorchester also features a library with a woodburning fireplace and double doors leading to a huge wrap-around deck. All of the formal staircases at Warren Rise are elegant, but two homes feature backstairs as well, which, in The Braemar, lead from the kitchen and breakfast room up to a wonderful playroom/loft.

"We have lavished special attention on the master suites of these homes," Ms. Sandberg added. "They are really spacious parental retreats complete with sitting rooms, enormous walk-in closets and luxurious private baths with whirlpool tubs, separate showers and double-sink vanities. Cathe-

dral and volume ceilings and skylights are among the other features; and one master suite has been planned with room for a gas fireplace."

The other features and amenities of these exceptional homes run a gamut from security, intercom and central vacuum systems to Jenn-Aire kitchen appliances to full basements to landscaping packages and Belgian block street curbing.

"There are really just too many top-of-the-line features to list here," Ms. Sandberg said.

The Warren Rise sales center is open daily, except Tuesday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, please call (908) 580-9884.

Selling? Enlist an agent's help

Media reports recently have been focusing on whether a home owner, who decides to sell should do so by oneself or hire a real estate professional. Take a tip from the New Jersey Association of Realtors (NJAR): List a home with a broker and save the time and trouble of selling it alone.

People who try to sell their own homes are denying themselves the benefit of a real estate professional who is trained to sell real estate on the terms most advantageous to the party he or she represents. (If a seller goes into an office which displays the REALTOR "R" in its window, the broker he or she will be working with also abides by a strict code of ethics and professional standards.)

"An efficient real estate broker keeps the clients' interest in mind at all times, provides frequent status reports and has a clear understanding of the housing market and financing terms," said NJAR President Inez Lief, broker/corporate liaison and professional relations, Burgdorff, Realtors.

According to a 1991 survey from the National Association of Realtors, nearly 80 percent of the respondents sold their homes through a real estate professional. The majority of those who decided to "go it alone" had misgivings about doing so again. Among the major problems cited were the inability to sell in the length of time desired and to sell for the price sought and difficulty in understanding and processing paperwork.

"To maximize exposure and minimize problems, enlist the services of a broker. Your peace of mind and a great deal of money are at stake," added Lief.

The following guidelines, suggested by the NJAR, can help a prospective home seller find a broker who will meet both personal and financial needs:

- Choose your agent with care, as you would a doctor or lawyer. Talk with friends, neighbors and coworkers who have recently sold or bought a home in the area.

- Attend an open house to observe sales associates in action and judge their expertise. Were you shown the home in a professional manner? How familiar were the sales associates with the property?

- Focus on real estate companies specializing in residential sales. Look for posted "sold" signs. A company with a successful track record warrants consideration.

- Read the real estate section of your newspaper or local Board of Realtors real estate publication for listings of homes in the same price range as yours. This will allow you to identify companies marketing homes similar to yours, and see how your home stacks up against the competition.

- Target companies located in your area of the community. They are more likely to be familiar with local schools, businesses and places of worship, precisely the type of information sought by a significant number of prospective buyers.

Once you have narrowed your selection of potential listing companies to five or less, contact each for an interview. Look for the sales professional who takes copious notes on decorating, construction, landscaping and any personal property to convey with your home. The following questions may be helpful in selecting a broker: How long have you been licensed?; How long have you actively worked in this area?; How many homes have you closed in the last three months?; Are you a full-time real estate professional?; Can you supply me names of three references whose homes you sold? How will you work to actively seek buyers for my home?; Will you participate in a cooperative listing agreement?; Are you a member of the National Association of Realtors?

"The size of a company, as well as its status as a franchise, independent firm or conglomerate, are all variables to consider. However, your choice generally will be a matter of personal preference. Each variable has certain advantages to offer, but the reputation of a particular company is based on knowledge, competence and professionalism of the individuals who work there," said Lief.

For more information or to schedule interviews with NJAR officers, please contact Ms. Swanson at 494-4703.

Mortgage help offered to buyers

The New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (HMFA) has announced its support for the efforts of New Jersey Citizen Action (NJCA) to provide outreach and mortgage counseling services to low- and moderate-income residents across the state.

The Agency recently joined with the NJCA at the opening of its second counseling center in Asbury Park as part of its Loan Counseling Service Program. Appointments are being taken for Asbury Park, Collingswood, Orange, New Brunswick and Newark. The group has plans to expand into every urban area of New Jersey over the next three years.

Christiana Foglio, executive director of the HMFA, says "Education is a very important and necessary step in buying a home. The involvement of Citizen Action in providing counseling to families and individuals interested in homeownership works to support our efforts at the agency of help-

ing residents of New Jersey access low-interest mortgage programs." During the last twenty-six years the agency has provided more than 53,000 mortgages to families and individuals. The HMFA offers its programs through 60 lending institutions in the state. Traditionally, the programs help first-time and urban area home buyers of low-, moderate- and middle-incomes.

Phyllis Salowe-Kaye, Executive Director for New Jersey Citizen Action says, "With the Opening of the Citizens Action Loan Counseling Service, New Jersey residents will be able to find out if they can afford to buy a home, figure out what's the best mortgage for them, locate affordable homes, and obtain counseling to resolve credit problems free of charge."

For more information on the HMFA mortgage programs, contact the agency's toll-free hotline, 1-800-NJ-HOUSE. For counseling information call 1-800-NJ-OWNER.

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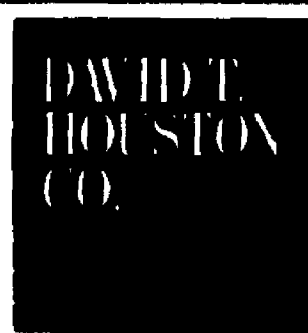
Annual builders' showcase will be held April 14

The Sales and Marketing Council of the Community Builders Association of New Jersey will present its Showcase Thursday, April 14.

The Showcase will be held at Bridgewater Manor in Bridgewater. Realtors are invited to attend 8:30-11:30 a.m. Corporate relocation managers are invited to attend a luncheon and private viewing 12-2 p.m. The Showcase will be open to the public 5-9 p.m.

All New Jersey Builders Association (NJBA) builder member with current inventory or planned new projects are encouraged to register for a table. Take advantage of this once a year opportunity to reach customers from all over the state. Builders exhibiting will receive advertising and public relations exposure.

Builders interested in exhibiting at the 1994 New Homes Showcase should contact Barbara Quilban of the Sales and Marketing Council at the Community Builders Association of NJ, 647-6683.



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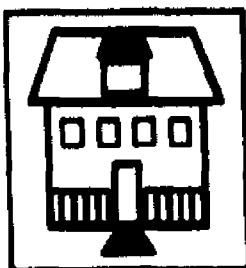
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Amboy National Bank, Old Bridge	609-861-8700	200 7.50 3.00 7.87	7.13 3.00 7.88	6.86 1.00 6.86 A
American Federal Mtge, Union	609-688-8800	190 7.25 3.00 7.60	6.88 2.50 7.31	7.00 2.00 7.21 B
ARCS Mortgage, Totowa	609-228-1186	400 8.13 0.00 8.28	7.75 0.00 7.95	7.00 0.00 7.12 B
Bay City Mortgage, Hazlet	609-284-2700	350 7.25 2.00 7.45	6.75 2.00 7.07	7.38 2.00 7.58 B
Capital Funding, Parsippany	609-682-8700	0 8.13 0.00 8.13	7.63 0.00 7.63	7.63 0.00 7.63 H
Capital Home Mtge, Bedminster	609-781-6780	325 8.00 0.00 8.00	7.50 0.00 7.50	7.00 0.00 7.00 U
Center Fed'l Savings, Princeton	609-228-6627	350 7.63 3.00 7.95	7.00 3.00 7.51	7.75 3.00 8.08 B
Charter Fed'l Savings, Randolph	201-386-3300	400 8.25 0.00 8.25	6.88 1.00 7.04	7.00 0.00 7.00 E
Choice Mortgage, Morris Plains	609-244-2821	300 7.88 0.00 7.88	7.50 0.00 7.50	5.75 0.00 5.92 I
Collective Fed'l Savings, Edison	609-548-4848	350 8.00 0.00 8.00	7.38 0.00 7.38	7.13 0.00 7.13 F
Columbia Natl Mtge, Cranford	609-278-8848	375 7.50 3.00 7.81	7.13 3.00 7.62	8.00 1.00 8.10 T
Countrywide Mortgage, Westfield	609-788-8455	288 7.25 2.63 7.65	6.75 2.50 7.37	6.75 2.50 7.31 H
Crestmont Fed'l Savings, Clark	609-827-8600	300 7.50 2.75 7.79	7.00 2.75 7.45	4.25 3.00 6.88 A
Directors Mtg Loan, Rochelle Pk.	609-672-0200	294 7.63 2.00 7.83	7.13 1.00 7.45	4.50 1.00 6.18 A
Diversified Mtg Svcs, Middletown	609-788-1388	350 7.50 2.50 7.70	6.88 2.50 7.20	3.63 3.00 6.61 A
Empire Mortgage Co., Somerville	609-784-2342	350 8.00 0.00 8.00	7.63 0.00 7.63	3.50 3.00 N/P A
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First Savings Bank SLA, Edison	609-228-4488	325 7.63 3.00 7.99	6.88 3.00 7.42	7.38 0.00 7.25 N
Genesis Mtge Svcs, E Brunswick	609-257-6700	375 7.50 3.00 7.81	7.00 3.00 7.49	7.63 3.00 7.94 B
Huntington Mortgage, Chester	609-828-1318	300 7.38 3.00 7.58	7.25 1.00 7.41	3.88 2.00 7.25 A
Imperial Credit, Parsippany	609-248-2788	245 8.00 0.00 8.11	7.50 0.00 7.99	N/P N/P N/P
Ivy Mortgage, Belle Mead @	609-488-5383	300 7.38 3.00 7.69	6.88 3.00 7.37	7.50 3.00 7.81 B
Jersey Pacific Mtge, Old Bridge	609-883-2121	325 7.50 2.75 7.79	7.00 2.75 7.45	3.50 2.25 N/P A
Key Corp Mtge, Laurence Harbor	609-539-8878	250 7.50 3.00 7.83	7.00 2.50 7.44	4.63 1.50 6.99 A
King Mortgage Corp., Clifton	609-388-8888	300 7.38 3.00 7.69	6.88 3.00 7.38	5.50 2.13 6.95 A
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Manor Mtge Corp, Parsippany	201-884-0040	225 7.88 0.00 7.88	7.50 0.00 7.50	7.88 0.00 7.88 B
Metropolitan Mtge Svc, Freehold	609-284-9900	350 7.25 3.00 7.58	6.88 3.00 7.40	6.13 3.00 6.90 J
Monarch Svcs Bank FSB, Clark	609-334-8003	299 7.50 3.00 7.81	6.99 3.00 7.49	3.75 3.00 6.13 A
Morgan Carlton Fin'l, Matawan	609-562-6718	0 7.25 2.88 7.57	7.50 0.00 7.50	3.63 2.88 4.83 A
Mortgage Unlimited, Secaucus	609-888-2274	195 7.99 0.00 7.99	7.75 0.00 7.75	4.25 0.00 5.83 A
Natwest NJ	609-374-4500	350 7.50 3.00 7.81	7.13 3.00 7.62	3.88 2.50 N/P A
New Century Mtge, E. Brunswick	609-380-4800	375 7.63 2.00 N/P	7.25 2.00 N/P	4.13 0.00 N/P A
NJ Home Funding Group, Edison	609-248-4400	0 7.25 3.00 N/P	6.88 3.00 N/P	7.50 3.00 N/P B
NJ Savings Bank, Somerville	609-722-0000	325 7.75 2.25 7.99	7.50 1.00 7.68	N/P N/P N/P
Paradise Mortgage, Warren	609-581-3332	350 7.50 2.50 7.79	7.75 0.00 7.82	4.25 2.63 7.34 A
R & J Mortgage, Ledgewood	609-742-7858	300 7.25 2.88 7.55	6.75 2.88 7.22	3.50 2.50 6.32 A
Royal Mortgage, E Brunswick	609-888-2288	395 7.25 3.00 7.58	6.75 3.00 7.24	5.50 3.00 5.78 M
Royal Mortgage, Morristown	609-581-5582	395 7.25 3.00 7.58	6.75 3.00 7.24	4.38 0.00 4.38 A
Source Mortgage, Somerville	609-696-1880	325 7.88 0.00 N/P	7.50 0.00 N/P	7.38 0.00 N/P D
Source One Mtge Svcs, Cranford	609-870-4657	0 7.50 3.00 7.87	6.88 3.00 7.45	N/P N/P N/P c
Summit Mortgage, Bridgewater	609-429-2028	350 7.63 3.00 7.94	7.00 3.00 7.44	4.25 0.00 6.73 A
United National Bank, Plainfield	609-788-8800	400 N/P N/P N/P	6.75 2.50 7.15	4.25 2.00 5.48 A
Watchung Hills Bank, Warren	609-885-8800	300 7.38 2.50 7.65	6.88 3.00 7.39	4.13 0.00 6.67 A
Worco Financial Svc, Warren	609-881-8888	0 7.88 0.00 7.88	7.50 0.00 7.50	4.13 0.00 N/P A

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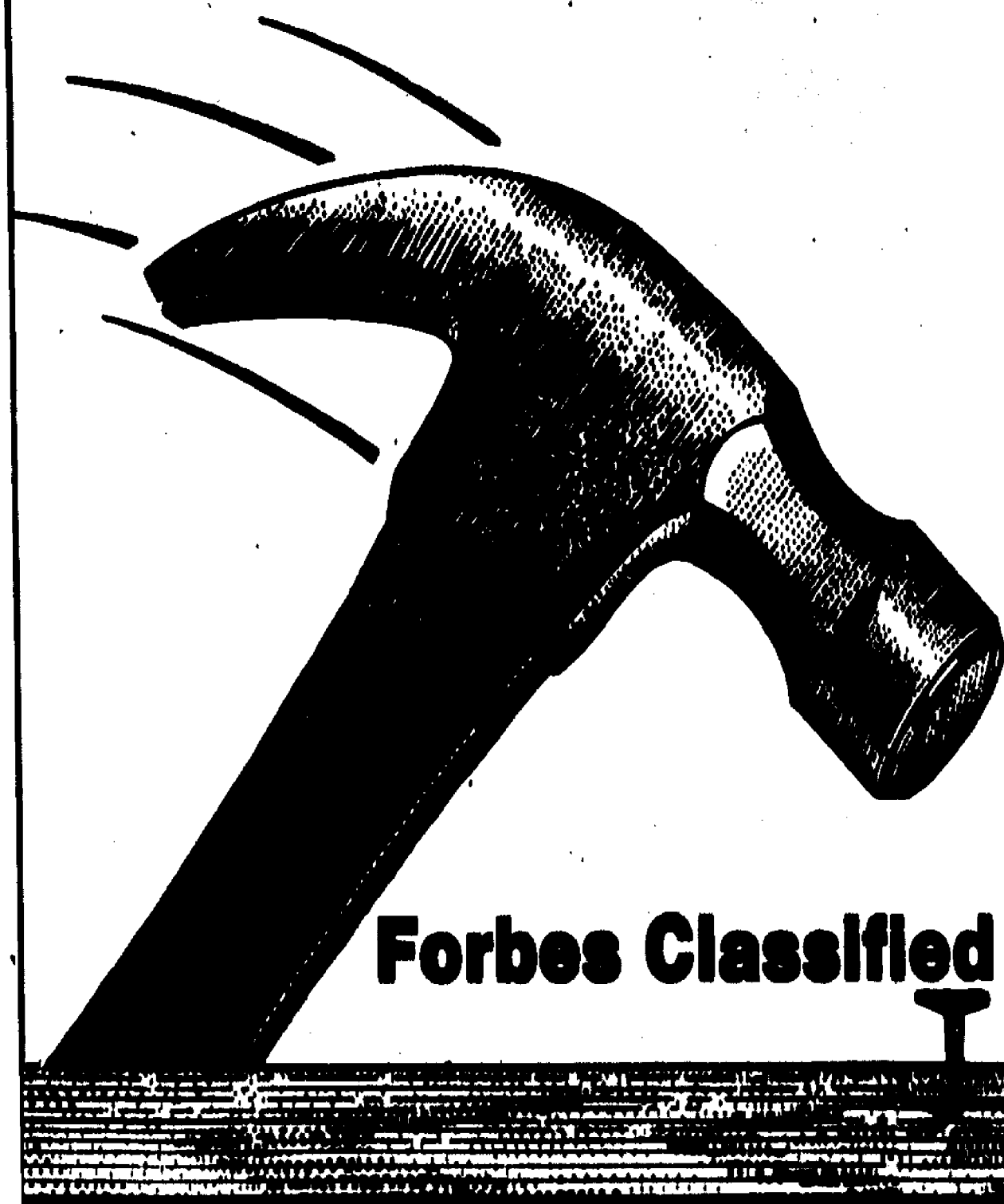
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