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Collared for Christmas



DIANE MATFLER/THE RECORD
Lauren McGovern pets a Christmas collared St. Bernard named Maggie during the Winter Festival downtown Sunday.

Council rejects committee's insurance recommendation

By DONALD PIZZI JR.
THE RECORD

The Town Council voted to go against the recommendation of the Insurance Review Committee Tuesday, opting to make Piersall Mahan and Frankenbach (PM&F) the town's insurance broker for the next three years.

The council voted 7-2 to go with PM&F, which had been the town's broker of record for over 40 years, until that system was abandoned this year. Voting for

Pooped Prancer



STUART AUBREY/THE RECORD
A bona fide Alaskan reindeer named 'Prancer' takes a breather on the hay at Williams Nursery Saturday while Marciare Lesniak and her daughter Jena Marie enjoy Santa Claus (played by Art Bullivant).

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Edison and Roosevelt intermediate schools. A-2

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Bagger will quit mayoralty and concentrate on Assembly post

By DONALD PIZZI JR.
THE RECORD

Citing his election to the state Assembly last month, Mayor Richard Bagger announced Tuesday that he will step down as Westfield's mayor.

Mr. Bagger, who is completing the first year of his first two-year term in office, announced that he will resign as mayor in January "as near as possible after I am sworn in to the Assembly on Jan. 14."

The Town Council will fill the mayor's seat by selecting an individual from a list of three names submitted by the town's

Republican committee, Mr. Bagger's political party. If the council fails to choose a successor within 30 days, the Republican committee can then make its own appointment.

The mayor had stated days after his election to the Assembly that he would consider stepping down from his local post. He cited his increase workload as an assemblyman as one of the primary factors in his decision.

"Ultimately, the decision comes down to whether it would be physically possible to serve both as mayor and in the Assembly, devoting adequate time to do both jobs

well, while at the same time trying to earn a living and maintain some family life," he said.

His decision was also affected by his appointment last week to the Assembly appropriations committee, which he said would require him to spend an additional 20 days at least in Trenton annually.

Mr. Bagger also stated that he does not believe holding two offices at once is a good idea.

"It creates conflicting loyalties, as it is inherently difficult to serve two masters," he said. "Moreover, why hold two elected

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Residents critical of study

Consultants respond to school use concerns

By DONALD PIZZI JR.
THE RECORD

While the tone was less tense than at a forum held Dec. 16, residents remained critical Monday of a study being done by two Columbia University consultants hired to review the possible uses of Roosevelt and Edison schools.

The meeting at McKinley School was the second forum at which town residents were asked to give input to Dr. Frank Smith and Dr. Jonathan Hughes, the two men hired in October to do a study on the possible uses for the two intermediate schools.

The consultants have been asked to consider three options: keeping both schools open, using both as middle schools and moving administrative offices currently housed on Elm Street, or combining both schools.

Mr. Smith has said that by finding out what type of education parents want for their children, the best uses for the schools can be determined.

As he did at the Dec. 16 forum at Wilson School, Mr. Smith said he is confident the Board of Education has not made a decision on the future of the schools.

"The board has made no assumptions, no decision and has no predetermined sense of what is the best option," he said.

He also said the board has stated that no changes will be made if no educational benefits.

Several residents raised questions about a survey the consultants are hoping will tell them what kind of education parents in the intermediate schools want for their students. One woman said she found the survey overly complicated and added that it contained "loaded" questions.

Mr. Smith responded by saying it was the consultants' intent to make the questionnaire a fairly complicated one, because they wanted it to engage residents in discussion.

"We didn't want to make it simplistic and quick," he said.

As far as the questions being loaded, Mr. Smith said that wasn't the case since each question was bipolar, with answers possible at both extremes.

Mr. Smith also said the intent of gear-

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Early deadline set for next week's 'Record'

This is the last edition of *The Record* before Christmas. Next week's paper will be printed on Christmas Eve and delivered Thursday, Dec. 26. This requires an early deadline.

Please submit your news items and letters by noon Friday, Dec. 20. The earlier the better.

The Y's Men's Club hopes to sell 2,500 Christmas trees at its 43d annual sale. A-3

A long roster of students achieved honor roll status at Edison Intermediate School. A-3

"We saw this happening since January," said Ms. Corsi of the overwhelming need, "and I was worried how we were going to take care of it all. The amount of help we're getting, though, is fabulous. I'm very proud of this community."

Ms. Corsi said local schools are making a big impact this holiday season. Franklin, McKinley, Tamaques, and Washington elementary schools and Roosevelt intermediate school are all collecting food. Edison Intermediate School ran a Thanksgiving

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Outgoing councilman receives Westfield's appreciation

By DONALD PIZZI JR.
THE RECORD

Councilman Jubb Corbet was lauded by his political peers Tuesday at his final Town Council meeting after seven years as a councilman.

Mr. Corbet received a resolution from the council applauding his work on the council. Among the accomplishments noted in the resolution were his seven-year tenure as chairman of the council finance committee, the five years he acted as liaison to the chamber of commerce, his membership on numerous council com-

mittees, his four years as liaison to the Board of Education and the work he put in as chairman of the Municipal Building renovation committee.

Councilman James Hely honored Mr. Corbet by stating that any Westfield resident would be hard-pressed to match what the outgoing councilman and his wife Joan have done for the community.

Mr. Hely said among the things he has learned from Mr. Corbet is that "people of extremely different political views can almost always work together to achieve a common goal."

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Y's Men's tree sale has become a 42-year holiday tradition

By DONALD PIZZI JR.

THE RECORD

This Christmas, as it has been for the last 42, 'tis the season for the Y's Men to sell trees.

The Y's Men's annual tree sale has become tradition in itself.

"I've been selling trees for 41 years," said club member Ernie Powell. "and I pretty much know all the customers we get. We have people who come back every year."

Mr. Powell said people have come from as far away as New York, Pennsylvania and even New Hampshire to purchase trees.

"I couldn't believe it, when he told me he came all the way from New Hampshire," he said with a laugh.

The club, a service organization of the Westfield Y, expects to sell about 2,500 trees by Christmas.

"Westfield and the surrounding areas have always been very supportive of our tree sales," said Mr. Powell.

The lot on Elm Street offers a wide variety of trees, including Douglas firs from Pennsylvania, Scotch pines from Michigan, and Frazier pines and balsam from North Carolina. Sizes range from tabletop to trees 12 to 14 feet high. The club specializes in large trees, said Mr. Powell.

All proceeds are donated to groups like CONTACT We Care, Children's Specialized Hospital, Wheelchair Olympics, the Westfield High School Marching Band and Camp Speers Eljibar in Pennsylvania.

Local organizations like the Old Guard of Westfield and youth group such as the Leader's Club, the Y Swim Team and Model U.N.

are helping the Y's Men with their sale this year. In return, the Y's Men support the activities of the youth groups.

"Their assistance has been invaluable to the club," said Mr. Powell.

The Y's Men is an international organization, with clubs in over 60 countries.

"We're pretty much involved in community service supporting Y's projects throughout the world," he said.

Of membership in the Y's Men, Mr. Powell said, "We welcome anybody into the club who enjoys getting involved in service type projects."

"This is probably one of our biggest years," said Mr. Powell. "By next weekend, there may not be any trees left. It's a very popular tree lot."

Soaring absentee rates force closure of two Westfield schools

By DONALD PIZZI JR.

THE RECORD

The flu bug has hit Westfield schools hard, causing absentee rates to soar and two schools to close in the past 10 days.

The district announced Monday that Roosevelt School would be closed the following day, due to a whopping absentee rate of 25.9 percent.

The announcement came on the heels of the closing of Edison Intermediate School Friday. Edison was one of five area schools closed Friday, Dec. 13, as the flu swept the county.

The decision was based on a student absentee rate of 21.6 percent. The rate grew from 72 students on the previous Monday to 104 students on Thursday, when the decision to close was made.

Schools are urged under the state sanitary code to monitor attendance records of both teachers and students when absentee rates

reach 15 percent, according to Margaret Klick, director of health services for the Westfield district. There is no law or guideline that specifies when a school should close, however, she said.

Town health officer Robert Sherr was notified when the rates reached 15 percent in both cases and concurred with closure.

When the decision to close Edison was made last Thursday, the absentee rate at Roosevelt was only 7 percent. The other eight schools in town remained open that day.

"We are closely monitoring the absenteeism rate of all schools on a daily basis," Mrs. Klick stated.

Edison was sanitized over the weekend and reopened Monday, when absenteeism fell to 17 percent. Roosevelt was sanitized on Tuesday and was scheduled to reopen on the following day.

Schools Superintendent Mark Smith announced the school closing in a letter to Edison School's

parents/guardians. Parents were also notified through the school's Parent-Teacher Organization telephone calling network. A similar letter was sent to Roosevelt parents Monday.

"We urge you to take advantage of this no-school day by taking steps to avoid contracting the flu," said Mr. Smith's letter. "If symptoms begin, stay in bed and get plenty of rest and plenty of liquids. If symptoms seem severe or persist, please contact your physician."

Both schools will have to make up the days later in the year. Dr. Smith said parents will be notified about the make-up dates as soon as possible.

On Monday, McKinley had an absentee rate of 17 percent, while Jefferson, Tamaques and Washington were all at 15 percent. All other schools were well under 15 percent.

Statewide, 150 schools were shut down Monday due to the flu.

UCC closes for holiday vacation

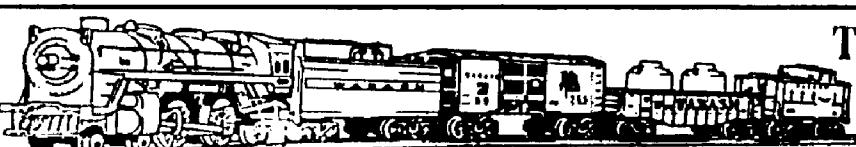
Union County College will close its offices from Dec. 25 through Jan. 1 in commemoration of the Christmas and New Year's holidays. It will reopen Thursday, Jan. 2 with classes resuming on Tuesday, Jan. 21 for the Spring Semester. This includes the Cranford, Elizabeth, and Scotch Plains campuses.

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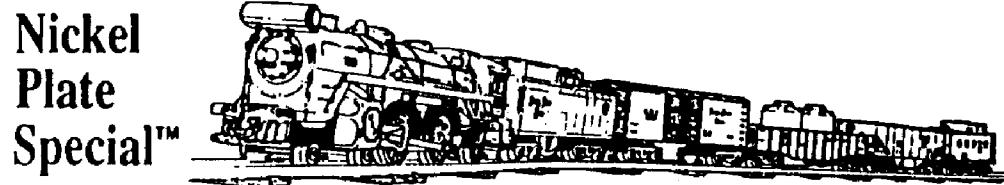
• The bundle of Christmas joy in Santa's arm at St. Paul's Church on the first page last week is Jeffrey Thomas Pearson. His surname was inadvertently dropped.

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A visit from a senator



Sen. Frank Lautenberg delivered over 200 Alf dolls to patients at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside Monday. The toys were confiscated by the U.S. Customs Service at Port Newark for copyright infringement and are being distributed through the Toys-For-Tots program. Jessica Galli, 8, was on hand to welcome the senator and presented him with a Children's Specialized Hospital scarf.

Snow figure stolen from house lawn

Here are descriptions of entries in the police log from Dec. 10 to Dec. 16:

A Clark Woman reported that her motor vehicle was vandalized on Monday, Dec. 16.

A Hillcrest Avenue man reported that a Christmas ornament was stolen from his property Dec. 15.

A female snow figure was stolen from the lawn of a Mountain Avenue residence on Dec. 16.

A motor vehicle was stolen from the parking lot of the First United Methodist Church on Dec. 16.

The car of a Monmouth man was stolen on Sunday, Dec. 15 from the 7-11 parking lot on South Avenue.

A Harding Street man reported his home was vandalized Dec. 15.

A South Chestnut Street resident reported that her motor vehicle was burglarized on Dec. 15.

Officer Robert Weiss arrested

A rear door on Schlott Realtors on East Broad Street was vandalized on Dec. 15.

A Hillcrest Avenue man reported that a Christmas ornament was stolen from his property Dec. 15.

A B.B. was shot through the window of a Hillcrest Avenue man on Saturday, Dec. 14.

An Oak Avenue man reported the theft of jewelry from his home on Dec. 14.

A resident of Fort Dix reported that \$100 was stolen from his wallet at the south side train station on Dec. 14.

The wallet of a St. George Place man was stolen from the Westfield Y on Dec. 14. Stolen was \$170.

Officers Robert McInerney and John Karpovich arrested Kevin Smith of Cacciola Place on a reported violation of a restraining order on Dec. 12. He was held without bail.

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Jeremiah elected president of Education Fund of Westfield

William Jeremiah has been elected president by the founding Board of Trustees of the newly created Education Fund of Westfield, a non-profit, community-based philanthropic organization. Roger Love was named vice president; Nancy Liggera, secretary; and Donald Pray, treasurer.

The purpose of the Education Fund is to provide an ongoing and centralized source of additional resources and funds to enhance and maintain the Westfield Public Schools. "In these times of uncertain state revenues and ever-increasing costs, Westfield needs to assure that there will still be a means of providing the innovative and enriching programs that have always made its schools excellent," Mr. Jeremiah said. "The change in funding of public education must be addressed in a way which will insure quality education continues. The Education Fund is one way to do this," he added.

"The Education Fund will be a vehicle, a catalyst and a focal point for organizing and coordinating community and alumni support, soliciting resources, and allocating them for worthwhile projects," he continued, noting that the Education Fund is not designed to solve the problems of single-interest groups within and without the school system.

Mr. Jeremiah, a Westfield lawyer, has been a resident of the town for 23 years, and is a former president of the Westfield Foundation, the Westfield Y, and the Westfield Rotary Club. He is a trustee of the United Fund of Westfield and the

Westfield Boosters Association, and on the Board of Elders of the Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

He is a graduate of Lafayette College, and received his law degree at Vanderbilt University. He and his wife Doty are the parents of four children, three of whom are Westfield Public School graduates. Youngest son Rich is a sophomore at Westfield High School.

"The first article of our by-laws states that the Education Fund is this community's response to a national challenge to keep Westfield's young people competitive and productive in an increasingly competitive, complex and changing world," Mr. Jeremiah noted. "This founding board of trustees is a dynamic and resourceful group of Westfielders who look forward to meeting that challenge, and I'm pleased to be working with them."

Roger Love, the board's vice president, is the realtor-owner of Century 21 Taylor and Love, Inc. His various community roles involve the Westfield Y's Board of Trustees, the United Fund of Westfield, the Westfield Boosters Association, and the Board of Directors of the Westfield Board of Realtors.

"The Westfield school system has been good to my family over the years," said Mr. Love, adding, "I feel good about giving something back."

Mr. Love has lived in Westfield all his life, and is the fourth generation of his family to do so. He is a graduate of Westfield High School and Springfield College. He and his wife Michelle have four



Officers of Education Fund of Westfield for 1991-92 include from left: vice president Roger Love, treasurer Donald Pray, secretary Nancy Liggera and president William Jeremiah.

grown children who are Westfield High School graduates, and a daughter Amanda, who is a student at Roosevelt Intermediate School.

Nancy Liggera, the board secretary, and her husband Richard are 11-year residents of Westfield. Mrs. Liggera teaches English-as-a-second-language at Edison intermediate school. Her children, Vicki and Michael, are both students at Westfield High School. Mrs. Liggera, who received a B.A. from

Rutgers University, and an M.A.T. from Fairleigh Dickinson University, has been active in the Girl Scouts and currently teaches C.C.D. class at St. Helen's Church. She is "hopeful that the Westfield Education Fund will be successful in its financial endeavors to further enhance the fine quality of education here."

Don Pray, a vice president of Bank of New York, is the board treasurer. Mr. Pray, as founding president of the Westfield Optimist

Club, led the effort to create Project Graduation, an organized post-graduation party for Westfield High School seniors. He will chair that event again in 1992.

A graduate of Rutgers University, Mr. Pray and his wife Penny have two daughters who graduated from Westfield High School. He is also a past president of the Westfield Jaycees, and a former member of the Westfield Recreation Commission.

Mr. Pray noted that "the Education Fund's goal is not to replace the Westfield taxpayer as the principal funder of public education, but rather to provide resources via the Fund so that special initiatives can be considered which otherwise would not be adopted."

The Education Fund board also adopted by-laws and a policy for relationship to the Westfield Board of Education.

The Westfield Board of Education voted in June to establish an education fund dedicated to raising private donations to enhance the quality of education in the Westfield Public Schools.

The board of trustees makeup, according to the Fund's by-laws, consists of 15 persons, 12 of whom are Westfield residents and not less than eight of whom are parents, when they are elected, of Westfield Public School students. One is a member of the Westfield Board of Education.

The 15-member board of trustees was appointed in August. In addition to the four officers, they are Ellen Albertson, Lawrence Goldman, William Jacobs, Edward Kas-

sakian, Robert Mulreany, William Peek, Susan Pepper, Carol Phelan, Michele Picou, David Tyre and Danielle Walsh.

The Special Projects Committee of the Education Fund, chaired by Carol Phelan, is already at work planning a kick-off fundraising event for March 1992 to introduce the Fund to Westfield. The committee is planning a series of dinners to be held in homes throughout Westfield and culminating in coffee and desserts and entertainment in the Westfield High School gymnasium. Further details will be announced in January.

In its policy statement for its relationship with the Westfield Board of Education, the board noted that it is essential that the Education Fund works cooperatively with the Westfield Board of Education. The board anticipates that the Board of Education will identify some projects it would like to pursue, and the Education Fund board will review and undertake to raise monies for those projects it feels can be funded.

In addition, the Education Fund may identify projects which it may undertake to fund after consultation with the Board of Education. The policy states that in such instances, the Education Fund "will do so in a manner which will not place the Board of Education and the Education Fund in an adversarial relationship and will not encourage interest groups...whose ideas have been rejected by the Board of Education to seek to accomplish their objectives through the Education Fund."

Roosevelt School performs

A holiday concert at the Roosevelt Intermediate School, sponsored by the Westfield Recreation Commission, took place on Dec. 4.

The program featured the Westfield Community Concert Band and the Roosevelt Intermediate School Sharps and Flats. The Concert Band, conducted by Elias Zareva, has been enjoyed by the community for over 100 years and is one of the few remaining bands of

this type in the area. They performed a number of classical holiday favorites such as Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

The Roosevelt Sharps and Flats, a select 8th grade choir under the direction of Peter Bridges, performed number of holiday songs which included "Gloria In Excelsis." For the finale, band, chorus and audience all joined together to perform Irving Berlin's "White Christmas."

School holidays begin tomorrow

Westfield public schools will close for the holidays at the conclusion of classes tomorrow, Dec. 20. Classes will resume at the usual starting time Thursday, Jan. 2.

Administrative offices at 302 Elm St. and secondary school offices will be open Monday, Dec. 23, and Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 30 and 31, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

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Commentary

The hard times that have touched so many seem to elicit a generous spirit of helping

Season's greetings are expressed in so many ways at this time of year. There are cards, toasts, sermons, lighted signs and letters among family members and friends.

But actions speak louder than all the words. Here, in the spirit of wishing all a warm Christmas holiday, is a small sampling of the Good Samaritan activities that have occurred throughout the tri-county area over this Thanksgiving-Hanukkah-Christmas time. May their example inspire us all; may their rewards come quietly and deeply:

• Many Westfield churches are making an extra effort to provide food and clothing to less fortunate people this season. Welfare director Lillian Corsi said problems have been apparent in town since January and that the "overwhelming needs" are being met by secular and religious groups.

• St. Helen's parishioners open paper ornaments from a "wish tree" that contains the first name of a needy individual and the gift they desire. The donor purchases the item and gets it to the recipient through the church.

- The Optimist Club and the Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity are among groups that are putting together food baskets. The Presbyterian Church in Westfield has been a regular contributor of food.
- The need for food is more than 100 percent greater than last year, reports Mrs. Corsi. School children have been particularly helpful this fall. Franklin, McKinley, Tamaques, Washington and Roosevelt are all collecting foods. Edison had a drive at Thanksgiving. Local Boy Scouts collected huge amounts of food this fall.
- Extra food from the school donations is being distributed to the Food Pantry, which is one of the busiest depots in the area. The pantry at Holy Trinity is available to Westfield and is Union County's emergency source of immediate, temporary help.
- On another front, the Y's Men's Club is staging its 43rd annual Christmas tree sale and expects to sell 2,500 trees. All profits go to local charities including hospitals, youth activities and Y programs. And United Fund member agencies are sharing 350 gallons of paint donated by Gifts in Kind in America, a United Way charity to help non-profit organizations.

Letters

School consultants not addressing questions

To The Record:

I attended the public meeting on Monday, Dec. 9, hosted by the outside consultants hired by our Board of Education to examine issues surrounding the future use of Edison and Roosevelt schools and walked away very confused.

The Board of Education hired outside "expert" consultants to answer the following four questions regarding the intermediate school situation: 1. What is the projected student enrollment for the next decade?

2. What are the classroom needs of this population? 3. What are the estimated costs of keeping both schools open or closing/modifying one or the other? 4. What is the impact of school size on the educational and social development of these children?

In my opinion, none of these four issues were addressed. Instead, we were given a 17-question survey which asked for our opinions on what constituted a "good class." Those 17 questions focused on the following: 1. The basis of what is talked about in class; 2. Measuring what students know; 3. How knowledge is perceived in the class; 4. Relation of subject/ fields; 5. Learning as a pattern of work; 6. Control of knowl-

edge and work; 7. Relationships in the classroom; 8. Discipline in the classroom; 9. Selection of content; 10. Deciding on instructions; 11. Authority to make rules; 12. Perspective on organization; 13. Perspective on curriculum; 14. Perspective on discipline; 15. Perspective on materials; 16. Perspective on unity and diversity; 17. Perspective on futures.

I failed to see how this survey addresses any of the four questions that the consultants were hired to report on. For example, what does my opinion on "classroom discipline" (questions 8 and 14) have to do with the closing of Roosevelt School?

In summary, I am very uncomfortable with this entire process. We have hired outside consultants who, instead of answering the questions we have asked them to address, are asking us questions which, in my mind, have no direct correlation to whether we should or should not close Roosevelt School. Roosevelt School should not be closed.

The other 100, or so, attendees seemed to agree. Please voice your opinion.

BILL RISBERG
410 Clark St.

Addams Scholarships to aid art students

To The Record:

The town of Westfield has been known for many years as a great place to live, visit and shop. Besides the historical importance of Westfield during the Revolutionary War, it now has another distinction as the home of Charles Addams.

Mr. Addams, a world famous cartoonist and creator of The Addams Family, has always had a special fondness for his home town. He would see old neighbors every now and then, keep in touch with high school friends and even pay tribute to the town in his drawings.

A Charles Addams Scholarship has been founded in

his name to assist young aspiring artists pursue their education. Ron MacCloskey, the founder of the scholarship, is asking for your support with a \$25 tax deductible donation. Please make out your check to: Westfield Foundation, P.O. Box 2295, Westfield, N.J. 07091. Please indicate on your check that your donation is for the Addams Art Scholarship.

If you would like to be mentioned as a sponsor of this effort, please let us know when the donation is mailed. If, however, you wish to remain anonymous, that can be accomplished by simply stating "no mention." Either way your dollar amount, \$25 or more, will be kept confidential.

RON MACCLOSEY

Unemployment bill will hamper tax filing

To The Record:

The New Jersey Society of CPAs strongly supports relief for the unemployed. However, the \$5.3 billion unemployment benefits extension law enacted Nov. 15 severely complicates tax filing and uses fiscally irresponsible funding that will increase the federal deficit.

The law's flaw is the provision forcing many quarterly tax filers to pay tax liability sooner by estimating quarterly earnings four times a year. Currently, they can base these payments on the prior year's payments and make any needed adjustments at year end.

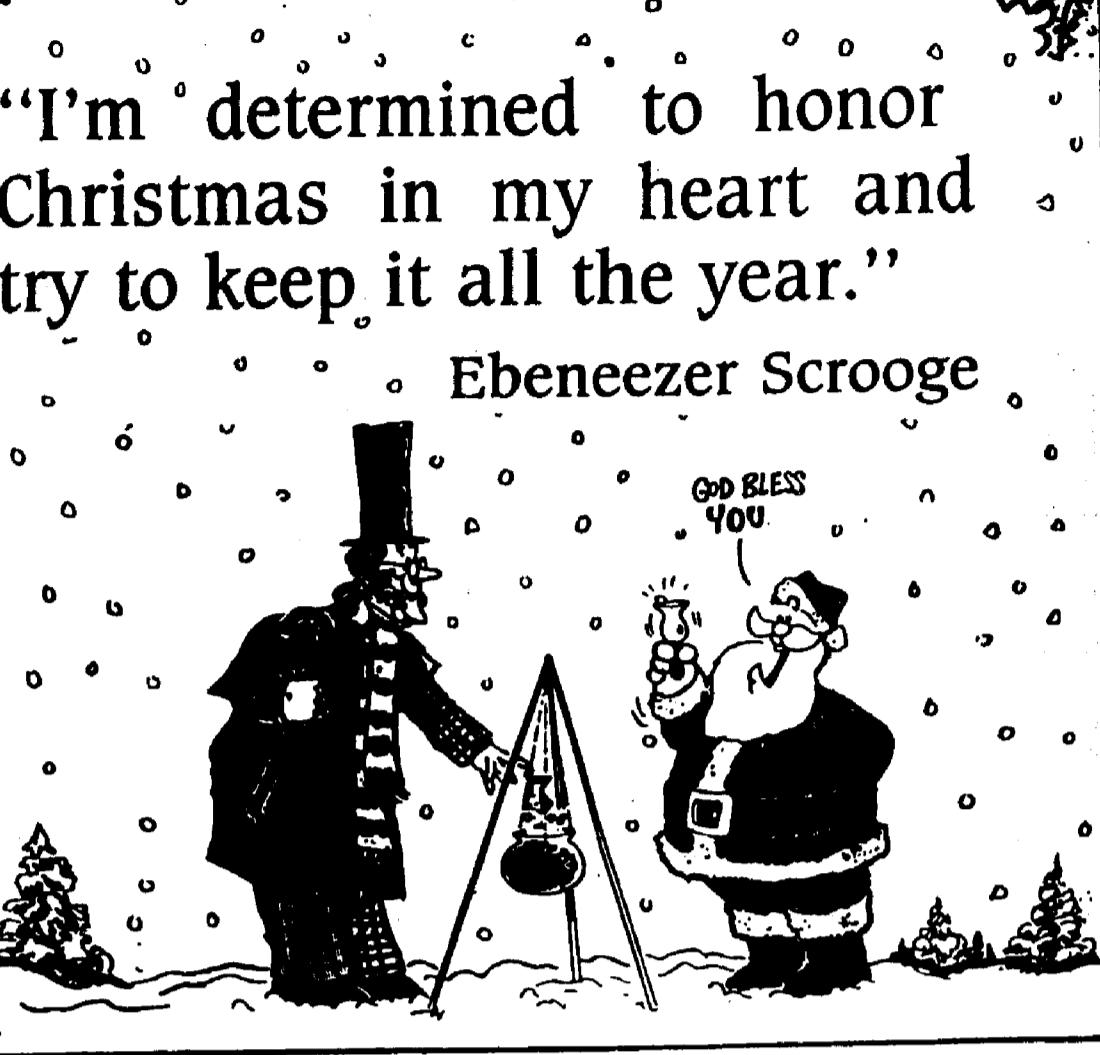
Forcing quarterly filers, many of them small business owners with constantly changing earnings, to guess and project earnings every three months is an incredible burden. It complicates filing to such a degree that many filers will be forced to hire tax professionals every few months. Moreover, this financing

scheme is not raising new funds to pay for the benefits. It merely speeds up tax collections and uses tomorrow's tax revenues to pay for today's programs. That kind of fiscal gimmick contributes to our huge federal deficit.

CPAs have no desire to see their clients and others forced to hire tax help four times a year. We feel it's not fair to them and is poor public policy. As we deliver the bad news this law creates, we are hearing sharp words of protest from thousands of New Jersey taxpayers.

We urge Senator Bill Bradley and Congressman Frank Guarini, two fine legislators from New Jersey who sit on tax committees in Congress, to try and fix this law. The law's purpose is noble, but its funding mechanism is severely flawed and must be changed to protect the public interest and promote fiscal integrity.

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Physician applauds town's bike helmet law

To The Record:

As both a physician and more importantly, a Westfield resident, I would like to congratulate the Westfield Town Council for their vision in passing Councilman Hely's bicycle helmet bill.

The simple wearing of a helmet has been shown repeatedly to diminish the incidence of serious head injury by upwards of 85 percent and, in my own experience, reduced my incident by 100 percent. Had I not been wearing my helmet at the time of my bicycle accident, I undoubtedly would have been seriously injured.

Given the many thousands of dollars of public funds spent yearly on the medical costs of treating

each head injured child, the "imposition" of a simple preventive measure makes good sense. The cruel reality of the effect of a serious head injury on the child and family is a daily fact of life at Children's Specialized Hospital. I invite anybody who questions that reality to visit us.

Once again, I applaud our Town Council for their precedent-setting action, and hope the bill currently being considered in the State Senate, which extends the helmet requirement to adults as well, meets with a similar successful passage.

MARTIN DIAMOND, M.D.
Director, Out-Patient Services
Children's Specialized Hospital

Helmet law infringes on individuals' rights

To The Record:

While it is difficult to argue with the good sense of wearing a bicycling helmet, passage of a law requiring it is clearly an error in judgment. It is the responsibility of lawmakers to protect the public's, not the individual's, interests. That is, a law is required when the action of an individual endangers the public, not when that action endangers the individual. This is the here-it-comes-responsibility of the individual.

Speed limits and the proper-scooper ordinance clearly protect the common good at the expense of

the individual "rights" of some. The helmet ordinance, like too many recently passed laws, affects only the rights of individuals. America has a history of preserving the public good at the expense of the individual's rights. The history of removing an individual's rights for his or her "own good" is associated with other, much less appealing places to live. If we continue to ask government to usurp responsibilities that are clearly our own, it won't be long before we're living in one of these "other" places.

DALE E. VITALE
231 Elmer St.

Sad to say farewell to Wilson principal

To The Record:

It is with great sadness and deep appreciation that we say goodbye to the Wilson School principal, Margaret Bain Scheck. In this ever-changing and complex world she has consistently found the time and energy to meet the needs of our children, staff and parents.

She has touched our lives in a most positive, enlightening way and we are forever indebted to her.

Thank you...and may the riches you have bestowed upon us be returned to you in your new adventures!

PAUL AND SANDY REIDER
Westfield

For the birds: the misnamed nuthatch

By JOHN B. WOLF RECORD COLUMNIST

During the holiday season, a bowl of mixed fruits and nuts often is placed on the dining room table to serve as a decoration and to provide a treat for residents and guests. The nuthatch, a bird that moves around your neighborhood, is not invited inside to open the nuts as a nutcracker is provided for this purpose.

Nuthatches are known as the "upside-down" birds. They creep head first up and down trees, unlike the woodpeckers that move tail first. Woodpeckers use their barbed tails and clawed feet to grasp the bark of a tree before they move.

The white-breasted nuthatch is found in most parts of the United States. It has black cap and a white face and breast. Its beady black eye is obvious. Listen for its high-pitched nasal "yank" note that signals its

presence in your neighborhood. When you see a nuthatch, note that it moves constantly. This bird does not use its tail feathers as props as the woodpeckers do when they strike a blow with their bill.

Thus the nuthatch has a long and slender bill whereas woodpeckers have stout wedge-shaped bills that they use to drill holes in trees. The nuthatch cannot and does not bore holes in trees. It is beneficial in its woodland environment as it conducts its seemingly endless search of crevices in the bark of trees for insects and larvae.

The bird's name is misleading as it lacks the capacity to break the shells of hard nuts produced by hickory or walnut trees. But it does force pieces of soft-shelled nuts, mostly acorns into the crevices in trees to provide it with food during the winter months. Any nuthatch knows that being hungry when the snow falls is "For the Birds."

The writer is a former Union County College professor.

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Calendar of events

Thursday 12/19

- The Westfield Teen Center is open 4:30-6:30 p.m. for all high school age Westfield youths. Call 789-4080.
- The Presbyterian Women invite the community to "The Music of Christmas" program at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Westfield Presbyterian Church. A Christmas tea follows.
- The museum and archives of the Westfield Historical Society at Tamaques School are open to the public 9:30 a.m.-noon.
- YMCA's Men's Club Christmas tree sale continues through Dec. 24 at the Elm Street Field, Orchard and Elm streets. Hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday to Fridays, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturdays, and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Sundays.

Friday 12/20

- The Westfield Teen Center is open 4:30-8 p.m. for all high school age Westfield youths. Call 789-4080.
- An AIDS update seminar is planned 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Union County Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Addictions, 300 North Ave. E. The cost is \$45. Call 233-8810.
- Westfield public schools close for the holidays at the end of classes

and reopen Jan. 2. Administrative offices at 302 Elm St. and secondary school offices will be open Dec. 23, 30 and 31 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

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Saturday 12/21

- Teen Center is open 1-6 p.m.
- YMCA's Men's Club Christmas tree sale continues through Dec. 24 at the Elm Street Field, Orchard and Elm streets. Hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday to Fridays, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturdays, and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Sundays.

Sunday 12/22

- Colonial holiday traditions and a spinning demonstration are featured at today's open house 2-5 p.m. at the Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave.
- "Astronomical Quirks" is the show at Trailside Planetarium at 2 and 3:30 p.m. It's a light hearted scientific look at some "out of this world phenomena. This is followed by a Star Show of the autumn stars.
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Monday 12/23

- Teen Center is open 4:30-8 p.m.
- The Westfield Y's preschool, adult, and youth aquatics classes are canceled through Jan. 1. Adult aerobic and exercise classes will run on a limited schedule. The Y is closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 and will close at 1 p.m. the 24th and 31st.
- A bloodmobile is stationed 2-7 p.m. at the Westfield Y, Ferris Place.
- YMCA's Men's Club Christmas tree sale continues through Dec. 24 at the Elm Street Field, Orchard and Elm streets. Hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday to Fridays, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturdays, and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Sundays.

Tuesday 12/24

- The Westfield Teen Center is open 4:30-8:30 p.m. to all high school age Westfield residents.
- YMCA's Men's Club Christmas tree sale continues through Dec. 24 at the Elm Street Field, Orchard and Elm streets. Hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday to Fridays, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturdays, and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Sundays.

Wednesday 12/25

- Merry Christmas.

Thursday 12/26

- Curbside recycling for northside.

Friday 12/27

- Curbside recycling for southside.
- Teen Center is open 4:30-8 p.m.

Coming up:

- Westfield Community Players is host to a New Year's Eve buffet dinner-dance at the theater.

The Nativity



Scott and Libby Leadbeater and son Richard represent Holy Family at 5 p.m. Christmas Eve service at First United Methodist Church. Details on page A-9.

Holiday traditions at Miller-Cory House

Holiday traditions practiced by New Jersey's first families and spinning will be highlighted at the Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, on Sunday, Dec. 22 from 2-5 p.m.

Although Christmas decorations were not as elaborate as today, many New Jersey homes during the 18th and early 19th centuries displayed various holiday items depending on the origin of the family.

One Swedish custom included placing a straw goat at the base of a pyramid of candles. The goat would come to life and butt children who misbehaved.

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Blair Brown at center portrays Peter Pan in performance of "I Won't Grow Up." This musical theater class of Westfield School of Dance took their talents to Edison Intermediate School for a holiday assembly program.

Dance school performs holiday show at Edison

The Westfield School of Dance (WSOD) Performing Troupe presented a holiday assembly program for the students of Edison Intermediate School on Dec. 17. The troupe consists of the Westfield Dance Company and selected acting and musical theatre students.

"Holiday Potpourri" was performed by students age 8 to 17 and was directed and accompanied on piano by high school senior Cindy Yu. Jenny Logus, artistic and dance director of the WSOD, and Cynthia Meryl, musical theater and drama director, was narrator.

Ms. Meryl called the program a "big cultural step for these children, who have never performed before." The students, many of whom were afraid to be on stage, began rehearsing in October and have since learned many acting techniques.

Three members of the Westfield Dance Company, Coleen Sexton, Kelly Reid, and Denise Howes, performed a Jingle Bell tap dance, a Funky jazz piece and an excerpt from the Nutcracker Suite. The acting students performed a Christmas scene from Little Women.

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LAST SEEN - 3:15 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25 by his mother in Del Haven, Middle Township (west of Route 47 and Wildwood on Delaware Bay side) Cape May County, N.J. Wearing blue sweatshirt, gray Docker-style pants, gray jacket, white sneakers.

DESCRIPTION Born May 23, 1980 in Cape May County, N.J. Height 4 feet 6 inches. Weight 85 pounds. Hair reddish. Eyes blue. Complexion white with freckles. Build medium. Recently healed broken left foot. Sixth grade student.

IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION: Contact Major Crime Unit, Middle Township Police, 31 Mechanic St., Cape May Court House, N.J. 08210. PHONE (609) 465-8700. Or CRIME STOPPERS (609) 465-2800.

These gifts add color to Westfield

Gallons of top quality Dutch Boy, Glidden, Olympic Stain and Rust-Oleum indoor and outdoor paint have been donated through K mart stores to United Ways across the country. The United Fund of Westfield has received 350 gallons of paint, donated through the Gifts In Kind America, the fastest growing charity in the country.

United Way created Gifts In Kind to help companies contribute new products to non-profit organizations.

Representatives of Westfield United Fund member agencies and non-member non-profit groups were invited to the old Townsend warehouse on North Avenue Dec. 11 to select paints to fit their needs. Milt Kupfer for Youth and Family counseling and Maureen Kaufmann of American Red Cross selected both indoor and outdoor paints to spruce up their buildings. Tony Savage of Visiting Nurse and Health Services, Bob Vignolo for the Westfield Day Care Center, and Graham Connolly for Cerebral Palsy League took many gallons of paint for its supervised apartments. The Westfield Rescue Squad chose odd colors to paint its garage. The



Prospective painters from Westfield United Fund member agencies and other local non-profit organizations surround executive director Linda Maggio, left foreground.

Don Watt and Bill Sumner of the Watchung Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, chose cans of redwood stain to refurbish the decks and porches of the Scouts' camp. Representatives of Association for the Advancement of the Mentally Handicapped selected paint for its supervised apartments. The Westfield Rescue Squad chose odd colors to paint its garage. The

remaining paint went to refurbish low income housing groups. During the seven years of operation, the Gifts In Kind America program has distributed more than a quarter of a billion dollars worth of product donations from corporate America to non-profit organizations. For information on Gifts In Kind America, call the Westfield United Fund, 233-2113.

Flutist joins Music Studio for private lessons

Clarissa Nolde of Westfield has joined the faculty of The Music Studio where she will give private flute classes to children and adults from beginning through advanced levels.

Miss Nolde graduated from Juilliard School last May with a master's degree in flute performance.

She received a bachelor of music degree from Northwestern University School of Music in 1989. For the past few years, she has taught privately in Chicago, New York and New Jersey. Her students have ranged from adult and young beginners to advanced college students.

Miss Nolde has performed with the New York Philharmonic, Juilliard Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic Institute, New World Symphony, and Waterloo Festival Orchestra, among others. For more information, call The Music Studio, 141 South Ave., Fanwood, at 322-5065.

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Clubs

Garden club decorates five classroom trees

Rake and Hoe Garden Club members recently set up and decorated five trees in the classrooms at the Union County Cerebral Palsy School. The tree in the main hall was decorated with clothes pin reindeer ornaments, one for each child and staff member to take home when the Christmas vacation begins. Fran Kravitz, Lisa Feick, and Jane Schmit helped decorate a classroom tree.

Area LWV announces handbook availability

The Westfield Area League of Women Voters announced the availability of the 1992 edition of the New Jersey Citizen's Handbook. The pocket-sized book is filled with information about registration and voting procedures, political parties; state, county, and local government; the New Jersey courts; and legislative districts persons. It's on sale for \$2.50 at the Town Bookstore, Quimby Street Bookstore, Leader Store and Gift Department of Sealons in Westfield; J & M Market in Mountainside; and Martine Bookstore in Fanwood. For further information, call the League of Women Voters at 654-6610.

Optimist Club names scholarship winners

The Optimist Club of Westfield announces the awarding of scholarships to Ryan Hughes, a junior at Westfield High School and to Kuenley Chiu, a junior at The Pin-

gry School. Both young men will receive a grant valued at \$850 each to attend a one-week seminar at the 1992 Congressional seminar in Washington, D.C. This critically acclaimed program, now in its twenty-fifth year, is sponsored by the Washington Workshops Foundation and offers dialogue sessions with recognized leaders from the government and private sectors.

Ryan Hughes has established a record of academic excellence at Westfield High School and has won the Headmaster's Award from The Far Hills Country Day School, the highest honor the school bestows on a student. He is currently enrolled in several honors level courses at the high school, has participated in track, soccer and lacrosse as well as a variety of church and community activities.

Kuenley Chiu is enrolled in several honors level classes at Pingry where he has earned a record of academic excellence. In addition, he is the first violinist in the Pingry Orchestra, swims on the Pingry and YMCA teams, competes in tennis at his school and in town, and has held positions in a variety of school clubs and activities.

This is the third year that scholarships to the Washington workshops have been offered by the Optimist Club of Westfield. This year, application forms were distributed in eight area high schools: Westfield High School, Gill St. Bernard, Kent Place School, Pingry School, Wardlaw-Hartridge School, Newark Academy, Union Catholic School and Oak Knoll School.

The contest was open to high school students from the town of Westfield who were either their sophomores or juniors.

Milestones



Mr. and Mrs. David Chomowicz

Chomowicz marries Ready

Esther Ready of New York City, daughter of Muriel and John Ready of Oberlin, Kan. was married to David Chomowicz of New York City, son of Lucille and Fred Chomowicz of Westfield, Sept. 21 at Riverside Church, New York City. The ceremony was non-denominational. An organ solo, Psalm 19 was performed by Marcellino for the procession. The bride was given away by her parents.

The bride wore purple with lace bodice, long sleeves and taffeta bouffant knee length skirt, and matching hat of lace and beads. She carried a bouquet of multi-colored roses.

Amy Chomowicz of Olympia, Wash., sister of the groom, served as maid of honor. She wore a slim, short black crepe dress with full, embroidered sleeves, sheer panel in back and peplum, and carried roses. Peter Chomowicz of Cambridge, Mass., brother of the groom served as best man.

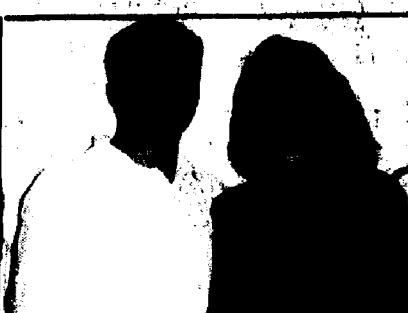
The bride is director of sales and marketing of education and training videos for the British Broadcasting Corporation, N.Y. The bridegroom is a graphic and computer designer with WNET-TV, N.Y. After a wedding trip to Bali and Indonesia, the couple resides in New York City.

Czander to wed in December

Mrs. Bunny Bowling of Ormond Beach, Fla., and Mr. Ron Bowling of Ormond Beach, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela M. Bowling of Waycross, Ga., to Greg Czander of College Park, Ga., formerly of Westfield, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Czander of Westfield.

Miss Bowling, a graduate of Warner Christian Academy in Florida, is a teacher in Georgia.

Her fiance is a 1985 graduate of Westfield High School and in 1990 received an associates degree in aviation maintenance technology and a bachelor of science degree in aeronautical studies from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.



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Forbes group earns four prizes in national journalism contest

Journalists from Forbes Newspapers won four citations in the recent Suburban Newspapers of America nationwide competition for weekly and daily newspapers.

Daryl Stone, a photojournalist, won a first place for a photograph that appeared in the South Plainfield Reporter and a third place for another that ran in the Metuchen-Edison Review.

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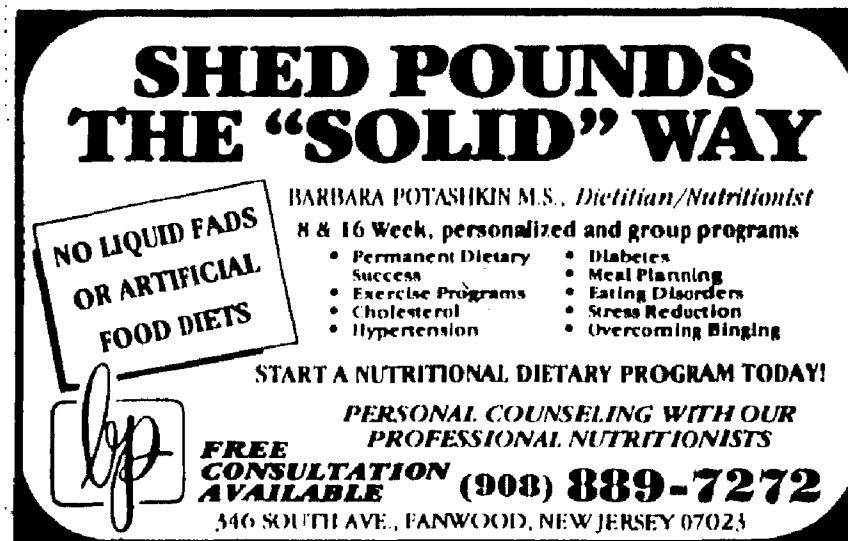
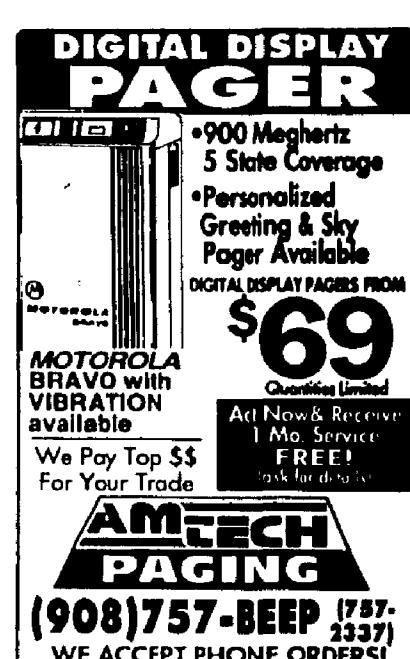
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Religion

Christmas music concert set today

"The Music of Christmas," a musical program featuring Annette White, organist, and Susan McNamara Phas, soprano soloist, will be presented in the sanctuary of the Westfield Presbyterian Church today at 1 p.m. Dr. William Ross Forbes will conduct the installation of Presbyterian Women officers for 1992. At the conclusion of the program, the Presbyterian Women will serve a Christmas Tea in the Assembly Hall of the Parish House.

An invitation is extended to all in our community, including men, to attend this special Christmas program.

Nursery school begins 40th year

Weeky Hall Nursery School, 1 East Broad St., affiliated with the First United Methodist Church of

Westfield, is about to begin its 40th year. School director Cindy Heinrich has announced that registration for the 1991-92 school year for church members will be Monday through Friday, Dec. 20, from 9-11:30 a.m. Registration for the community opens at 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 6. Classes are available for 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds. Information: 654-3231.

Dr. William Ross to preach at church

Dr. William Ross Forbes will preach at the 8 and 10:30 a.m. services on Sunday, Dec. 22, at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Music leadership at the 10:30 a.m. service will be provided by the Chancel Choir. Christian education classes for all ages will meet at 9:15 a.m. Senior High Choir and Junior High Fellowship will meet at 6 p.m. and Senior High Fellowship at 7:30 p.m. On Tuesday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, a Family Worship

service will be held at 5 p.m. and Candlelight Communion services at 8 and 11 p.m.

Carolers to sing on Christmas Eve

At 5 p.m. Christmas Eve at First United Methodist Church, Westfield, Philip Dietterich, the silver-haired music minister along with two or three young carolers will sing and ring down the aisles and then ask the congregation which at this service will be mostly children - "What night is it?"

On Christmas Eve, even the smallest know.

"What are we celebrating on Christmas Eve?"

Some children will say Santa Claus. Others will say the Christmas tree. But eventually one of the children will say, "Jesus was born!"

"Then why is it all dark in here?"

Because no one was prepared, Dietterich purposely schedules this

service with a minimum of preparation. He and some high school or college age singers get together just a few hours before the service and loosely plan its framework. It's like a scavenger hunt for a while.

Only one thing is scheduled in advance: Dietterich asks a couple who has recently had a baby to be the holy family on Christmas Eve. And then, at the service, the Christmas story unfolds much as it did the night Christ was born - hurriedly, joyfully, unexpectedly.

Boys and girls struggle into shepherds' gowns, don paper-mache heads of animals for the manger scene, pop heads into kings' crowns made out of tin foil. Dietterich asks for volunteers: "Is there anyone who's always wanted to light the Christmas candles but never got a chance?"

It is a night of surprises, of longed-for and realized dreams. There are rhythm instruments hidden in the choir benches behind the pulpit, and boys and girls who

never saw the church from that high a viewpoint get the chance to do so. The children who always wanted to light the Christmas candles that line the pews suddenly find themselves chosen for the coveted task.

They feel like the shepherds must have felt that night, suddenly thrust from anonymity into playing a part in the most sacred drama on earth.

"Usually it's a mess dressing everybody up," said Dietterich. "We try to have enough costumes on hand so that everybody who wants to be something can be."

"There's always a lot of laughter at this service," he said. "For years, we used to put on a Christmas pageant and had the same junky costumes and rotten scenery. But we used to rehearse, and we had to yell at them, 'You kids shut up, you're bothering the angels.' Shepherds, you're doing it all wrong."

"This way, there's no pretense of having a 'right way,' nothing extra

to it. But the children participate in telling the story and get a picture of Christmas without us having to yell at them! Children of all ages are invited to participate in this unique, extemporaneous Christmas celebration."

Morning worship at First Methodist

The First United Methodist Church has morning worship at 10:45 a.m. with child care.

On Christmas Sunday, Dec. 22, Rev. David F. Harwood, senior minister of the church will preach. His sermon is titled, "The Immaculate Journey." Other events include: Sunday, Dec. 22, Handbell Choir at noon; United Methodist Youth Fellowship Caroling at 5 p.m.; Tuesday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Family Service at 5 p.m.; Traditional Lessons, Carols and Candlelight at Communion at 8 and 11 p.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day, office closed.

Schools

Wilson School holds sharing assembly

Wilson School's students and staff gathered with families and friends to celebrate the festivities of fall in their school's annual Thanksgiving Sharing Assembly. Each grade presented poems, letters, or songs illustrating the meaning of Thanksgiving. The auditorium stage was filled with canned goods and paper products donated by the students for the needy of Westfield. Student representatives from each class packed boxes of food which the Department of Human Services at Town Hall distributed to families in need at Thanksgiving.

Wardlaw-Hartridge plans expansion

M. Peter Madsen of Westfield, president of the Board of Trustees of The Wardlaw-Hartridge School, and Joel Spaeth, principal architect for the Hiller Group of Princeton, marked the formal beginning of

the major planned expansion and consolidation of its Upper and Lower Schools on the Edison campus.

The planned buildings will house a theater and fine arts center and classroom facilities for pre-kindergarten through grade 6. An expansion of existing facilities will be designed to serve the needs of grades 7 and 8 in a middle school configuration.

Wardlaw-Hartridge was founded in 1882 as a college preparatory school, and as a member of the national Association of Independent Schools is a non-profit institution. The student body includes residents of 50 communities in Central New Jersey. The school welcomes students of all races, religions, national backgrounds, and economic circumstances.

With Headmaster Burgess N. Ayres, Frederick W. Lackland, chairman of Buildings and Grounds; Joseph C. Bonk, legal adviser; John H.G. Rogers Jr., chairman of Marketing and Public Relations represented the Board of

Trustees as witnesses. Mrs. Joseph C. Bonk, president of the Parents' Association and Miss. M. Welby Moon, president of the Alumni Association, represented those organizations.

Students compete in computer contest

Students from 20 New Jersey high schools will compete in Fairleigh Dickinson University's Annual Computer Programming Contest on Thursday, Jan. 9.

They include Westfield High School. Sponsored by the FDU Student Chapter of the Association for Computer Machinery (ACM), the six-hour contest will take place in the Dreyfus Building on FDU's Florham-Madison campus.

For the seventh year, teams of

three students each will compete to

solve five programming problems on the university's computers using either Basic or Pascal language. Programs will be judged on successful completion of each problem and its requirements. The panel of judges consists of members of FDU's faculty and the ACM chapter.

Local music students perform

Seven elementary school students, representing five schools in Westfield, are featured as string instrument soloists during the annual holiday concerts in December. The performers were selected because of their outstanding development in tone, technique, rhythm and interpretation. The musicians appeared as follows: Franklin Elementary School: Margaret Blen-

dul, cello, grade 4, "Gavotte" by Lully; McKinley: Michael Island, violin, grade 5, "Gavotte" by Lully; Tamaqua: Alan Yu, cello, grade 3, "Concerto No. 5 by Seitz and Peter Yu, violin, grade 4, "Gavotte No. 1" by Bach; Washington: Jon Greenstein, cello, grade 5, "New World Theme" by Dvorak; Wilson: Michael Krivak, violin, grade 4, "Gavotte" by Lully, and Dan Ramage, cello, grade 3, "Hunters' Chorus" by von Weber.

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Obituaries

Margaret Hoffman, 90

Moved to Westfield 18 years ago

Margaret M. Hoffman of Westfield died Dec. 15, 1991, in the home of her brother, Peter McPartlan of Westfield. She was 90.

Born in Arigna County Roscommon, Ireland, she came to Brook-

lyn, N.Y. in 1923 and moved to Westfield 18 years ago.

A Mass was offered Dec. 18 in Holy Trinity Church, Westfield.

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Schools survey

(Continued from page A-1) ing the survey toward parents of students in grades kindergarten through fourth grade was not to limit community discussion as has been suggested. He said it was intended to gather input from those that will be most directly affected, since any changes would not take place for several years. He stressed that the participation in the forums and surveys by any residents was welcomed.

Another concern of residents in attendance was the short list of options the consultants are considering. Kurt Bauer, publisher of *The Westfield Leader*, said the newspaper has received numerous worthwhile suggestions from residents, and questioned why such suggestions would not be considered.

Mr. Smith said it was not the consultants' job to judge each recommendation, but added that the suggestions should be made to the board.

One woman said she felt the consultants were not considering strongly enough the option of closing the Elm Street facility.

"I just get the sense that the first two options are being investigated

much more seriously and the third has been put on the back burner," she said.

Mr. Smith said while that may be true now, the third option will be explored completely.

"It's as much an option as the other two," he said.

Another resident asked if the consultants will consider the uses of Lincoln School, which is currently in use by the county. Mr. Smith said that while it is officially not one of the options of the study, the uses of the school will be examined.

When asked if similar forums can be held while the study is being prepared, the consultant said it would be considered if it is felt such a meeting would be helpful.

He said the surveys will not be reviewed until after the holidays, so residents still have a chance to complete them.

Dr. Smith said the report will be released in July, which will give the board a chance to review it over the summer. In the fall, the board will engage in discussion with the community on the document, he said. A progress report will be released Jan. 30.

Response

(Continued from page A-1) food drive. Extra food from the drive will be distributed for the December holidays through The Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry is Union County's emergency source of immediate, temporary help for those in need. To donate food year round, call 232-8137.

St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church will again be having its "Wish Tree." Each parishioner removes a paper ornament from the tree; each ornament contains the first name of a needy individual and the gift they desire. The parishioners then purchase the wish items and return them to the church, where they are separated and prepared for distribution.

The Optimist Club and the Cath-

olic Church of the Holy Trinity are among other groups putting together food baskets.

In year's past, there has been less food available for the December holidays, since there is such a great emphasis on Thanksgiving. Ms. Corsi said that it is a trend that has changed this year. Ms. Corsi said that the need for food this year is more than 100 percent greater than last year, with many of the new cases being families or individuals who have exhausted unemployment benefits. The county is two months behind in processing requests for food stamps. All of this has made the effort from the community that much sweeter for Ms. Corsi.

"I'm just so thankful the response this year is what it has been," she said. "It really has been overwhelming."

with his wife Barbara. His father, Donald, is a former Westfield Councilman.

The mayor stressed that resigning before his term was up was not an easy decision.

"I do not take lightly the commitment I made to the citizens of Westfield that I would serve our town as mayor for a two-year term. I hope that town residents will consider my election to the assembly as releasing me from that commitment to serve out my term."

Mr. Bagger asked that the council fill his seat quickly, so there would be no interruption in its agenda on projects such as the Municipal Building renovation and the enactment of the revised land use ordinance.

"Westfield is a very special community," he said. "I've done my best to serve our town as a councilman and now as mayor. I hope that in my tenure in the assembly I can also be of service to Westfield."

the town's finances."

Mayor Richard Bagger also thanked Mr. Corbet for his role in the town's financial stability, which he described as a less than glamorous job.

"While the mayor is off getting his picture taken, Jubb Corbet has been making sure the town is on sound financial footing," said Mr. Bagger. "We'll miss him."

Mr. Corbet was defeated by councilman-elect Norm Greco in the June Republican primary his bid to win another term on the council.

Obituaries

Gertrude S. Rogers, 90

Retired Westfield schools supervisor

Gertrude S. Rogers, 90, of Westfield, died Dec. 15, 1991, at Overlook Hospital, Summit. Mrs. Rogers was born in North Attleboro, Mass., and has lived in Westfield since 1928.

She graduated from New York University in 1921 with a master's degree in physical education. From 1922 to 1928 she was director of physical education for girls at the Plainfield YWCA. From 1928 until her retirement in 1963, she was supervisor of physical education for girls with the Westfield Public Schools. She also served from 1922 to 1947 on the faculty of the American Red Cross Aquatic School.

Mrs. Rogers was active with the State and National Committees of the A.A.H.P.E.R. (Athletic Association, Health, Physical Education and Recreation). At the time of her

retirement in 1963 there was a scholarship established in her memory by the N.J.A.A.B. (New Jersey Athletic Association) of which she was a founding member. She was also active on the state and national level with the U.S. Field Hockey Association, the N.J. Education Association and the Division of Girls and Woman's Sports of the American Association of Health. She was known throughout her career to students and friends as "Swiftie" Rogers.

Her husband, C. Blair Rogers, died in 1983. Mrs. Rogers is survived by a niece, Georgia Warren, and a nephew, Joseph Swift, both of Massachusetts.

Funeral services will be private with interment in Wyallusing, Pa.

Arrangements were by the Gray Funeral Home, Westfield.

Frank C. Gilford, 53

Lived in Westfield for 17 years

Frank C. Gilford, 53, died Dec. 4, 1991, at Community Medical Center, Toms River.

He was born in Orange and lived in Cranford for 20 years and Westfield for 17 years before moving to Toms River 15 years ago.

Mr. Gilford was a sprinker fitter with Sprinkler Fitter Union Local No. 866 in Newark for 30 years, and a member of the 82nd Air-

borne Division in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1960.

Surviving are two sons, Donald and Frank Jr., both of Westfield; two daughters; Vicki Buontempo of Westfield and Natalie Gilford of Virginia Beach, Va.; his mother, Florence Clark of Toms River; a sister, Gail Murtha of Bricktown; and two grandsons.

Services were held Dec. 7 at Dooley Colonial Home, Westfield.

Barbara J. Nevin, 71

Resided in Scotch Plains, Westfield

Barbara J. Nevin died Dec. 7, 1991, at Overlook Hospital. She was 71.

Born in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, she lived in Westfield before moving to Scotch Plains this year.

She was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Westfield for 50 years.

She is predeceased by her hus-

band, William Nevin, who died in 1987.

Surviving are her son, Raymond, and a daughter, Judith Leigh; four grandchildren and one great-grandson.

A memorial service will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

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Sports

Westfield's basketball teams look to run and gun

Former-JV coach King wants to play more up-tempo style

By KIP KUDUK
THE RECORD

Under the direction of first year coach Linda King, the girls basketball program will be trading in a gas guzzling Edsel for a faster, streamlined model — so to speak.

GIRLS PREVIEW

Last year the Blue Devil girls struggled to score, as their 26.9 point average will bear out. So, in an attempt to put more points on the board, King is looking to open up the offense and quicken the tempo.

King used this formula to success last winter when she used pressure defense and fast break basketball in guiding the junior varsity team to a 12-5 record. With many players already familiar with the new system making the jump to the varsity, this year Westfield's opponents will no longer be lulled to sleep.

"We're in good condition and we're gonna be fast," said King, who coached the JV the past two seasons. "We're gonna try to keep it moving instead of slowing it up. Defensively, we're gonna put a lot of pressure on. We're gonna look for the fast break and the full court press and change up defenses instead of sitting in a zone."

Westfield will field a relatively inexperienced group this winter. The Blue Devils have three seniors, four juniors and three sophomores on the varsity roster. Some coaches may view this as a detriment, but the situation could work to King's advantage, given the fact that almost everyone played under

King in the JV last year and is already acclimated to the new run-and-gun style.

And under King's recommendation eight of the 10 players on the current roster attended summer basketball camp at West Point. So, just with the extra time spent on the court, the Blue Devils are a much improved squad.

Senior Katie McEvily, a point guard, and junior center Erin Allebaugh, Westfield's tallest player, are the lone returning starters. Surely, both will be counted on to contribute greatly.

Joining McEvily in the backcourt will be senior Ashley Fizzell. Sophomores Abby Bomba and Christi McGovern will rotate with junior Amy Gallagher for the two forward spots. Senior Carolyn Nobile, who averaged 10 points a game last year in JV, will figure prominently off the bench, as will junior Julia Cerefice. Andee Moore, a sophomore guard, and Laurie Chelius, a junior forward, could both see some playing time during the year.

"Getting into the thought of being a varsity team is something we'll have to overcome. It's gonna take some time and the first few games will be tough. We may take our bumps early," said King, who is also the band director at W.H.S. "The girls are gonna have to make the transition from the junior varsity to the varsity game. I've seen a lot of nervousness from the team in reacting to the full court press. The girls just aren't used to having everyone come at em."

The girls are going to get used to it in a hurry though. Westfield opens with games against the

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SHARON WILSON/THE REPORTER

Westfield's Dione Gentles soars during a recent Devils boys basketball scrimmage. Gentles, a 6-foot senior, is slated to play forward this season.

Want to go ice skating? Well, then hit the road

By ALLAN CONOVER

THE RECORD

Unless Central Jersey is subjected to a prolonged deep-freeze — a relatively uncommon occurrence the past several years — those individuals who like to ice skate know they're going to have to do some traveling and dip into their wallets and pocketbooks if they're going to enjoy their favorite winter activity.

While a wide variety of athletic facilities can be found virtually around the corner from almost any home in Union, Middlesex and Somerset counties, an icy surface isn't as easy to locate.

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A skater's guide to the rinks

MENNEN ARENA

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Location — East Hanover Avenue, Morris Plains. From Central Jersey, take Route 287 North to the Morristown area, take exit 32-B. Make a right at traffic light on Ridgedale Avenue, go to second light, make a left onto East Hanover Avenue and

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politicians might like to boast that "New Jersey has it all," but chances are, you won't hear ice-skaters tell you that.

To be certain, there are several fine facilities in New Jersey but given the state's extreme population density and the fact that the locales of most of the rinks are well spread out the entire length of the state, that still doesn't do much to satisfy the skating urges of a high percentage of people.

Union County residents are fortunate to have the partially-enclosed Warinanco Park Rink on the Elizabeth-Roselle border, but those who prefer something a little closer to "state of the art" have to travel to places like Morris Plains, West Orange, Princeton, Hamilton Township and Old Bridge.

The relative scarcity of skating arenas can be attributed to several factors. For one, the expense of constructing such a facility is prohibitive, especially regarding the unrelenting recession now enveloping the region and the country. And, while it's a popular recreational sport, it's strictly seasonal and also doesn't attract masses of people as do swimming, bowling, softball, baseball and tennis, among others.

But there's no doubt there are individuals who would be thrilled at the prospect of having to drive just a few minutes to a rink rather than planning an entire day around the time and distance involved in traveling north or south to skate.

For instance, Bridgewater's Lise and Karin Gloede are members of the Crystal Blades Skating Club, which is based at the William Menen Sports Arena in Morris Plains. Their schedule, requiring four or

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Westfield girls fare well at nationals in Oregon

By KIP KUDUK

THE RECORD

Christmas in Oregon.

No, this isn't a new Rogers & Hammerstein holiday musical that will soon be appearing at The Rialto. Instead, it was a situation a couple of Westfield youngsters found themselves in as a result of their running prowess.

Eleven-year old Kathryn Hintze and Joanna Villanueva, 15, earned a trip to the Land of Timber by qualifying for the National Cross-Country Junior Olympics, held in Sandy, Oregon last weekend, which is less than an hour east of Portland.

Hintze, a sixth grader at Holy Trinity School, did more than hold her own against the nation's best 11- and 12-year old runners. Hintze completed the 1.8 mile course in 12 minutes, 6.96 seconds, placing her 23rd among the 254 contestants.

For her accomplishments Hintze received a trophy, medal and ribbon, which was given to the top 25 finishers.

"She's got a lot of confidence in herself. I was surprised she did so well. I would've been satisfied with a top 50 finish," said Steve,

Kathryn's father, who accompanied his daughter out west. "But she trained awfully hard. She put in the work and she earned the trophy."

Three hours after Hintze crossed the finish line, she entered a 5 K run that was open to anyone interested. Of the 108 participants who ran in the race, Hintze was the second female to finish. Her time of 21:30.17 was good enough for 65th overall.

Joanna Villanueva did not fair as well as her Westfield counterpart but still had much to be proud of. Villanueva completed the 3.1 mile course in 25:14, about four minutes below what she expected and almost six minutes behind the winner. The freshman at Rutgers Prep in Franklin placed 96th out of the 148 registered runners.

Giving away a year to the other contestants was one reason she didn't run to her liking, but, more pointedly, she was awed by the quality of her competitors.

"It seems I took off too fast and when we got into the woods everyone just passed me. I just burned right out. Those girls really took off," said Joanna. "I

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Devils boys hoping to run in lieu of short frontcourt

By KIP KUDUK

THE RECORD

Quick, someone get a hold of some Miracle-Gro and mail it to Westfield High School in care of basketball coach Stewart Carey.

BOYS PREVIEW

Carey, who's probably hoping that each of his players spent several hours on a stretching rack during the summer and fall, needs to give his squad a mega-dose of the potion to prepare it for the upcoming season, which begins Saturday.

As you've no doubt guessed by now the Blue Devils have a height problem on the basketball court. The quandary is they don't have enough of it.

Westfield's biggest player is 6-foot-3 and its tallest starter is 6-2, with the other four starters checking in under six feet. Playing against powerful Watchung Conference foes like Elizabeth, Linden and Irvington, the Blue Devils lack of a big man (or two) will be felt.

"Inside, we have a problem. But there's nothing you can do," said Carey, the second-year coach. "We work on rebounding. We work on rebounding. But other teams are taller than us and there's nothing you can do."

In order to compensate for the dearth of size, Carey will have the Blue Devils running at the first available chance. He hopes his club will be able to dictate the pace of the game, thus avoiding a half court game in which Westfield will almost assuredly get beaten in.

"We have to dictate the tempo. It can't be to another team's liking," said Carey, who was 8-14 in his first year as varsity coach after spending 21 years with W.H.S. basketball. "We have good shooters and that could work to our advantage. We also have some intelligent kids. We'll push the ball up the floor a lot. That hasn't been done

"We have to minimize other teams' ability to create turmoil inside against us. If we can negate some of that and we're successful with our substitutes off the bench, I think things can turn out well," said Carey. "I think we can be a .500 ballclub. That's our goal."

"The key will be the play of the juniors and sophomores and that's gonna be tough in our conference. Knocking heads against some of the best teams in the state, if we get to .500 I'll be more than happy."



Westfield's Kathryn Hintze, 11, finished 23rd out of 254 contestants at the National Cross Country Junior Olympics in Sandy, Oregon last weekend.

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Westfield's Scott Aldrich churns up the whitewater during backstroke practice at the Westfield YMCA. Aldrich is one of the reasons the Devils are looking forward to success in 1991-92.

Depth keys Westfield girls swim team expectations

By KIP KUDUK
THE RECORD

Taking over the reigns of a powerhouse in your first year of coaching is a difficult way to make a living. The pressure to succeed is often great, expectations are lofty and reasons for any slip ups along the way are usually met with disdain.

More or less, it's pretty much a win-or-else situation. If the team isn't winning, the coach is painted as the goat. Basically, the alternatives to victory are ugly.

Westfield Girls Swimming Coach Cynthia Schaefer, who has taken over for Lynn Macrae, who is cur-

rently on a maternity leave, doesn't see things in the same light.

"I don't feel any pressure," said Schaefer, who gained her coaching experience at the Westfield YMCA.

"I graduated from Westfield High School 10 years ago and it seems the tradition hasn't left. I don't feel uncomfortable at all. I'm here and I'm proud of it. Actually, it's kind of fun. It's also a challenge too."

The real challenge will lie with Westfield's opponents this winter because the Blue Devils have a group of promising newcomers that should mix in nicely with the established talent already in place.

Westfield has four proven seniors returning from last year's

team. This foursome complement the pair of juniors, the trio of sophomores and the half dozen freshmen who fill out the Blue Devils roster.

"We have a lot of depth," said Schaefer. "Instead of just placing first, our depth will pull us up to second and third in a lot of races and you need that to win."

Aimee Stout will trade in her running shorts for a bathing suit and will be counted on to provide senior leadership with classmates Tara Swersie (a 50-meter freestyle specialist), Sarah Friedman and Dana McMillan. Kieran Brown, a senior walk-on unfamiliar with Westfield varsity swimming, is a

newcomer and will be broken into the lineup accordingly.

Juniors Katie Teitlebaum (breast stroke specialist) and Sarah Showfety (breast and free) are relative veterans compared to sophomores Saskia Riley (back stroke), Wendy Jevens (distance specialist) and Bronwyn Hay (freestyle).

But Westfield knows it has aces in the hole in freshmen Laura Todd, Jennifer O'Brien (individual medley and butterfly), Caitlin Jordan (back), Lauren Mazzarese (free), Jill Smith (free) and Lisa Olden (free). These freshmen are unlike typical ninth graders in that they will be called upon, and will most likely produce, some much

needed points.

Despite the apparent skill level of these swimmers, Schaefer believes her team must continue to work if this is to be a successful campaign.

"The girls have to concentrate and take their races more seriously and look at what they want to accomplish themselves," said Schaefer. "If they buckle down and take stock in what they want to accomplish, I think that'll help the team."

"We have to work on our stroke work and keep perfecting each individual stroke," she continued. "The girls are working hard, harder than in the past, or so they tell me."

But their work ethic has shown in their times. They've already bested some of their best times and I think that's good."

Unless you're a future Blue Devil opponent.

"I'd like to see em' reach all of their best times," said the rookie coach. "I'd be happy if everyone attains their personal goal. I'd like to see us match last year's finish in the county meet (second) and maybe get above that. As far as the states go, I'd like to see how we do during the season and set those goals as they come up."

The rinks

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arena is about a half-mile down road on left side.

WARINANCO RINK Elizabeth-Roselle

Open skating, family sessions, interscholastic and open hockey. Call 908-298-7849 for rink hours and schedules.

Location — Warinanco Park, off Linden Road on the Elizabeth-Roselle border.

OLD BRIDGE ARENA Old Bridge

Open skating, lessons, skate rentals, open hockey. For further information on skating hours and fees call 908-679-3100.

Location — Old Bridge Plaza. From Union or Middlesex counties, take Garden State Parkway-South to Exit 123 onto Route 9-South. Take that to Route 518-East (towards Matawan). At first traffic light, turn left onto Cottrell Road and the plaza is right there.

ICE LAND Hamilton Township

Open skating, lessons, clinics, youth, interscholastic and open hockey. For information on skating hours and fees call 609-588-5598.

Location — Tennis Court Road, Hamilton Township, Mercer County. From Central Jersey, take Route 1 South to the Quaker Bridge Road exit in Lawrence Township. The road will loop back over Route 1. Continue to the fifth traffic light — there's a strip mall on the right — and turn right onto Young's Road. Proceed about 300 yards to the first street, which is Tennis Court Road, and turn right and the arena is directly ahead.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN ARENA West Orange

Open skating, group lessons (now filled), interscholastic hockey only. For further information call 201-731-3028.

Location — 500 Northfield Avenue, West Orange. From Middlesex or Union counties, take Garden State Parkway-North to Exit 145 onto Route 280-West. Take Exit 10 off Route 280, turn left at traffic light onto Northfield Avenue and arena is a mile-and-a-half down the road.

Ice skating? Hit the road

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five long trips up Route 287 per week, takes its toll on the family car.

While Mennen is an attractive, top-rate site, Wolfgang Gloede and his wife, Lorraine, certainly wouldn't mind having a rink a bit closer to home.

"We'd love to have some sort of facility like that in Somerset County," said Wolfgang Gloede, who used to play plenty of hockey. "I think there's a real need for it, and I'd be in favor of a movement to that extent. It could be a worthwhile enterprise."

And, a costly one. Over a decade ago, the Somerset County Park Commission looked into a proposal to build an ice arena on land where the Robert Hall Mental Health Center is now located in Bridgewater.

But, according to present SCPC director Bruce Keeler, the construction bids that came in were considerably higher than what had been allocated and the project was terminated.

"I imagine the funds would have to come from the private sector," pointed out Wolfgang, "but I don't know how many people would be willing to contribute the funds to build this unless it was a sponsoring corporation."

That's a boost the MENNEN

ARENA received. It was built 17 years ago on property the Mennen Corporation donated for the sole purpose of containing an athletic facility, and is now under the auspices of the Morris County Park Commission and subsidized by taxes.

Open to skating throughout the year, Mennen divides its ice time equally into public sessions, skating schools, hockey and skating clubs (such as the Crystal Blades).

Like many facilities, it's open 24 hours most weekends, and those who want to play hockey often rent ice time in the early-morning hours, long before sunrise. Mennen has a dual ice surface measuring 85 feet wide by 200 feet long.

The venerable WARINANCO RINK doesn't have all the amenities of other facilities but, from mid-October until early April, it's a popular place for skaters from Union County as well as other nearby communities.

Warinanco Rink, built in 1961, has three walls and an enclosed warming area. Unseasonably warm and damp weather may affect the ice at times, but it still doesn't close its doors on the skaters too often.

General skating sessions are held throughout the week, and the rink is open to hockey Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 1 to 3.

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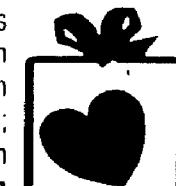


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HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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CHRIS WOJCIK

The senior soccer player at Westfield High School was named to a pair of All-Star teams over the course of the week. Wojcik was selected by the New Jersey Soccer Coaches Association to the All State's First Team as a midfielder. Chris was also tabbed an All-State Group 4 pick by the NJSCA.

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Westfield girls swimmers win, then tie

The girls swimming team began the season in fine fashion, tying defending Middlesex County champion Bishop Ahr, 85-85, last Thursday and drubbing Kearny on Tuesday.

Many girls established personal best times in Westfield's 130-32 win over the Kardinals, a meet in which the home standing Blue Devils won every race.



Caitlin Jordan bettered her previous best time in the 100 meter backstroke, posting a time of 1:13.84 in winning the event. Jennifer O'Brien established her best time in the 100-meter freestyle and Tara Swerska set a new individual mark in the 50 free.

Jill Smith (100-meter butterfly and 100-meter breast stroke) was a double winner for Westfield, as was Saskia Riley (200 and 500 free), Alisa Kolski (50 free) and Lisa Olden (200-meter individual medley) were also winners.

Last Thursday the Blue Devils

found themselves behind the Trojans by two points entering the 400-meter freestyle relay, the final race of the meet. Westfield's first place team of Jill Smith, Saskia Riley, Lisa Olden and Bronwyn Hay helped the Blue Devils achieve a tie.

Smith, only a freshman, won two individual races that day (200 IM and 100 free) and also had a hand in winning the 200 free relay. Hay, a sophomore, also won a couple of individual races, taking first in the 500 and 200 free.

— KIP KUDUK

SCOREBOARD

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Westfield High School's Chris Wojcik was named to the All-State's first team as a midfielder and was also tabbed a first team All-Group 4 selection by the New Jersey Soccer Coaches Association (NJSCA). Kevin Zadourian (back) and Jeff Hughes (forward) were second team picks. Goalie Eric Pepper made the third team and midfielder Jay Ball was given Honorable Mention kudos. Westfield was also chosen by the NJSCA as the No. 1 school in soccer.

Westfield High's Denise Saliola scored the winning goal in Saturday's Senior Showcase All-Star Game at St. Peter's College in Jersey City. The goal came 18 minutes into the second half and catapulted the North to a 3-2 win over the South. Saliola also added an assist in the game which featured the state's top high school seniors.

Stacey Teurtellotto, a junior at Westfield High School, was one of nine girls from New Jersey named to the All-American First Team of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. She was also selected to New Jersey's 1991 All-State girls soccer team.

Stacey and Westfield goalie Amy Korchak were also chosen by the NJSCA as being included among the top 17 players in North Jersey Section 2. Teammates Monica Ceklesky and Denise Saliola were tabbed as top 50 selections.

MISCELLANY

The New Jersey Wrestling Officials Association is accepting requests for applications and information on the training program from any New Jersey resident, age 18 and older, who's interested in becoming an interscholastic official. Prospective candidates should write for information to: NJW.O.A., Membership Chairman, 2100 Monroe Parkway, Union, N.J., 07083.

REC NEWS

The Westfield Recreation Commission has begun registration for a ski trip to Vernon Valley/Great Gorge in Vernon, N.J. The trip will take place on January 6, and registration will last until Jan. 2. There will be a \$38 fee for transportation and lift ticket. Ski rental and a lesson is optional at \$24. Buses for the trip will leave the Municipal Building at 425 E. Broad St. at 6:30 a.m. and will return at approximately 6 p.m. There will be a maximum of 47 seats per trip and children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by someone 18 years or older. For additional information call the Recreation Department at 789-4080.

A co-ed volleyball clinic for grades 6 to 8 is currently underway and will continue through Feb. 26. The clinic will teach fundamentals and techniques and will meet at Edison Intermediate Gym on Wednesdays starting at 7 p.m. The instructor is Heather Kennedy. Registration is available at the Recreation office and the charge is \$15.

The Westfield Recreation Commission is now accepting registration for its indoor lacrosse and indoor soccer programs. Indoor lacrosse will be held on Wednesdays in the Westfield High School varsity gym and will begin on Dec. 4 from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. Indoor soccer will be held on Thursdays in the varsity gym starting at 7:30 and ending at 10:30, beginning on Dec. 5. To register for either of these programs stop by the Recreation Department on the second floor of the Municipal Building between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM or call 789-4080 for information. The cost for entering one of the programs is \$25.

A Step Aerobics class for both men and women ages 18 and up will be offered for the first time this winter, beginning on Jan. 7. Laura Smith will teach the class, which will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Elm Street B.O.E. Auditorium. The 10 week session will cost \$25 and registration can be done either at the Recreation Office or through the mall. The address is: Westfield Recreation Commission, 425 E. Broad Street, Westfield, NJ 07090.

SWIMMING

HOLIDAY CLASSIC MEET

This meet, held at Princeton University last weekend, featured world ranked swimmers from all over the United States and even a pair of competitors from the Soviet Union. Several of the top 16 age groups were in attendance and this meet resulted in numerous Junior National Qualifiers and Y National Qualifiers.

Westfield, which distinguished itself nationally, had three swimmers qualify for the Y Nationals. Sean Schefer (50 and 100 meter freestyle), Keith McKune (50 and 100 free, 100 and 200 meter butterfly and 200 meter individual medley) and Todd Kendall (100 and 200 meter backstroke) satisfied the restrictions, as did Westfield's men's 400 meter freestyle and 400 meter medley relay teams.

Schefer had quite a day, setting a team and meet record in the 50 free (22.49) and establishing a new team mark in the 100 free (46.91).

A host of Westfield swimmers had personal best times:

Rob Shundler — 200 IM (2:10.97), 100 breast (1:06.99) and 100 free (56.09).

Denny Zemeky — 50 free (23.94).

Keith McKune — 200 IM (2:01.63).

Walter Kapuscawski — 50 free (24.75) and 100 free (57.68).

Paul Ulrich — 50 free (23.72), 100 fly (59.58) and 100 free (51.72).

Ed Friend — 50 free (25.64) and 200 free (1:08.90).

Matt Jansen — 200 free (2:07.42) and 100 free (57.99).

Ted Polack — 200 free (1:50.78), 100 fly (56.52), 100 free (51.52) and 200 fly (2:08.20).

Rusty Schundler — 100 back (59.46).

Jessica Lichtenstein — ages 11-12, 500 free (549.98) and 200 free (2:13.00).

Anne Tschirhart — ages 13-14, 500 free (524.28) and 200 free (2:13.00).

Anna Teitelbaum — ages 13-14, 500 free (524.28) and 200 free (2:13.00).

Relay splits:

Lindsey Goldstein — open age group, 200 back (2:27.45).

Lesley Hendricks — open, 100 free (58.28) and 200 free (2:07.51).

Carol Restivo — open, 200 breast (2:38.73) and 100 fly (1:06.45).

Michele Smith — open, 100 breast (1:17.93).

Jonathan Jares — ages 13-14, 100 breast (1:11.67) and 100 free (58.28).

Mike Schweiβel — open, 200 back (2:13.28).

Todd Kendall — open, 100 free (52.56).

Cheryl O'Donnell — ages 11-12, 100 IM (1:12.1) and 50 free (28.23).

Jennifer Chelsea — ages 9-10, 50 fly (37.2).

Rob Shundler took sixth place among 14-year old boys in both the 100 fly (58.37) and the 100 back (58.78). Keith McKune also did some damage in the open age group, finishing second in the 100 fly (50.71) and sixth in both the 50 free (21.73) and 200 fly (1:08.77). Todd Kendall placed 18th in the open age group's 100 back (58.18). He also led off the relay in 55.7.

YMCA BOYS "B" TEAM

WESTFIELD 108, RAHWAY 99

Holding a 56-51 lead half way through the competition, Westfield took first place in four of the next five and in seven of the next 10 races, pulling the meet away before the team relays.

Winners for Westfield were: Jeff Garlitz (200 IM and 100 back), Ethan Schwartz (50 free and 50 fly), Joel Pergot (100 free), Scott Santos (25 breast stroke), Andrew Hughes (100 breast), Chris Gavrylik (25 back), Chris Phelan (50 back), Andrew Larson (100 back), Doug Finken (100 fly) and Chris Stykal (100 fly).

Winning relay teams included: Chris Gavrylik, Eddy Savage, John Chura and Scott Santos (5-years old and under), Andrew Hughes, Andrew Larson, Tripp Sweet and Doug Finken (ages 13 and 14).

YMCA GIRLS "B" TEAM

WESTFIELD 134, MORRIS CENTER 75

Saturday's meet against visiting Morris Central was a piece of cake for Westfield, as the home team won 15 of 24 individual matches and three of five team relays.

Winners for Westfield were: Katie Feder (100 IM), Kelly Carter (100 IM and 100 fly), Maddalena Mustillo (200 IM and 50 breast), Ashley Kurz (25 free), Julianne Muir (50 free and 50 back), K.C. Anthony (50 free), Tara Twiss (100 free), Emily Taylor (25 back), Erin Lape (50 back), Lauren Mazzarese (100 back), Laura Van Wyk (100 back) and Katie Feder (50 fly).

SWIMMING

A Step Aerobics class for both men and women ages 18 and up will be offered for the first time this winter, beginning on Jan. 7. Laura Smith will teach the class, which will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Elm Street B.O.E. Auditorium. The 10 week session will cost \$25 and registration can be done either at the Recreation Office or through the mall. The address is: Westfield Recreation Commission, 425 E. Broad Street, Westfield, NJ 07090.

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"I'm not worried about our won-loss record this year because I know that no one's expecting me to turn around a 5-18 record and go 20-0. If we break .500 that'll be an accomplishment."

"Not too many people have a chance of being in the National Olympics and I was proud to be there. I was happy to represent New Jersey."

Ice skating's not easy to do in Central Jersey

(Continued from page B-2)

A popular facility in southern Middlesex County is the OLD BRIDGE ICE-SKATING ARENA, located not far from Route 9.

Green Acres-funded, the 15-year-old Old Bridge rink is open from mid-October until early April and attracts over 60,000 skaters a year, mostly from Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean counties.

The Old Bridge rink is open on three sides, in keeping with Green Acres regulations, and has a roof and a lobby. But because it's not enclosed, the weather does influence the skating conditions.

"If it's windy and warm, the ice at the far end of the rink gets kind of watery," said Frank Martinelli, a former Zamboni driver who's been the rink manager since it opened. "But we've got two machines pumping all the time to keep the ice in good shape."

The rink, which is 88 feet wide and 200 feet long, is open every

day, with 48 hours per week set aside for public skating. While no school hockey teams play there, many club teams — like the Old Bridge Wings for ages 5-17 — do rent ice time, even in the wee hours of the morning. The rate is \$150 an hour.

One of the newest facilities in the state is PRINCETON ICE LAND, which opened a year ago in Hamilton Township, Mercer County.

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SPORTS CALENDAR

Thur., Dec. 19

Boys Swimming
Westfield vs. Mountain Lakes 2:30 p.m.
Girls Swimming
Westfield vs. Mountain Lakes 3:45 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 20

Wrestling
Westfield (Var) vs. East Side 4 p.m.
Westfield (Fresh) vs. Piscataway 4 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Westfield (Fresh) vs. South Plainfield 4 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 21

Wrestling
Westfield (Var) at Voorhees Tour. 10 a.m.
Boys Basketball
Westfield (Var) at B-R 7 p.m.
Westfield (JV) at B-R 5:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Westfield (Var) at Irvington 4 p.m.
Westfield (Fresh) vs. Irvington 2 p.m.

Westfield (JV) vs. Irvington 3:30 p.m.
Westfield (Fresh) vs. Irvington 12:30 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 23

Boys Basketball
Westfield (Var) at Irvington 2 p.m.

Westfield (JV) at Irvington 3:30 p.m.

Westfield (Fresh) at Irvington 4 p.m.

Girls Basketball
Westfield (Var) vs. B-R 7 p.m.

Westfield (JV) at B-R 5:30 p.m.

Track
Westfield at East Brunswick TBA

Mon., Dec. 23

Boys Basketball
Westfield (Var) at Irvington 2 p.m.

Westfield (JV) at Irvington 3:30 p.m.

Westfield (Fresh) at Irvington 4 p.m.

Westfield (Var) vs. Irvington 2 p.m.

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Business

Layton relies on astute business sense to achieve success

By CHERYL MOULTON HEML
THE RECORD

Ask Meryl Layton how she successfully manages six bookstores in six communities and she will say "by the seat of my pants."

But the secret to her success is really in having an astute business sense.

In 1978 Meryl, a divorced mother of two, was without a job. A dental hygienist by trade, she had lost her job and was thrust into the most insecure time of her life. Realizing she needed more control of her life, she set out to find a new career. While pondering the possibilities, she began to scan newspapers for businesses for sale. Not sure what she was interested in, the confusion ended the day she visited a book store in Belmar.

Although buying the store in Belmar didn't work out, the excursion proved to be enlightening. It was as she browsed through the store and heard the owner speak of the joys of owning the shop, and experienced firsthand the feel and smell of the books, that Meryl realized she had found her future.

A week later a bookstore in Cranford went up for sale and Meryl took the first step toward being a business owner and taking control of her own life. Within a year the store exceeded all expectations.

"It was just meant to be," she

says with a broad grin, explaining the store that had formerly been "teetering on the edge" turned around within a year. Meryl bought out her partner the first year and within six years was the owner of her second store, The Quimby Street Book Shop in Westfield, which was much like the Cranford store was when Meryl bought it.

There was much to be accomplished in the Quimby Street store, including a complete renovation, but soon the business was flourishing and another success story was added to Meryl's list.

In between running two thriving businesses, Meryl became very active in the Cranford Downtown Management Corporation (DMC). For five years she was an intricate part of redevelopment efforts which included major changes to the downtown signs and facades.

Not content to sit back and reap the benefits of two highly successful stores, Meryl remained alert in case something else became available. One such opportunity occurred on Martine Avenue in Fanwood. The book store was up for sale at public auction for non-payment of taxes. Seeing the potential of such a location, Meryl went to the auction and became the new owner of the Martine Avenue Bookstore. She immediately held a half-price sale to rid the shelves of old inventory and began restocking with the lat-

est books. Before a year was out, browsers filled the aisles of the newly-stocked store, and the store was turning a profit.

Following was a brand new store in Sayreville, A Likely Story, and the latest venture in Summit this past September, named Camelot Books. Although the Sayreville operation is "struggling" because of the economy, Meryl raves about her undertaking in Summit, which she says is "dynamite."

Meryl's sixth business is Camelot Books, a newly-named store in Belmar.

"If a business is not doing well and I recognize the potential of an area, I'm going to grab it." With a grin and a wink, she interprets the results of the last 13 years as "having come a long way" from the former dental hygienist who did not know which way to turn when she lost her job.

Meryl finds great joy and satisfaction in owning and being a working part of her stores, not to mention the simple joy of loving what she does. One challenge she faces is in the books she stocks. Though the recession has put a

dent in sales, people are still buying books, but not as many. "We but this year has proven different." Meryl says.

"We always thought books were recession proof," says the entrepreneur.

This year, people are "spending their money differently" because they are "less frivolous, not as impulsive and very thoughtfully looking before buying," Meryl said.

However, despite the economy, Meryl Layton's customers keep returning year after year. Asked why she has succeeded, she smiles and emphasizes the importance of catering to customers' needs, with strong emphasis on service and knowledge.

Stocking the right books helps too, she maintains, explaining the success of one particular release this Christmas.

"The Sistine Chapel" is a special, two-volume, limited release packaged in a fabric-covered box. It chronicles the restoration of Michelangelo's famous ceiling, which had been dulled by hundreds of years of smoke, incense and protective wax.

Although the restoration was balked at the outset, the work was eventually completed and the true colors of the Sistine Chapel unveiled, much to the amazement of many who believed the artist to have originally worked in muted colors.



DIANE MATFLERD/THE RECORD
Meryl Layton, proprietress of the Quimby Street Book Shop, combines an astute business sense with a love for books and knowledge.

Taylor uses slide show to describe profession

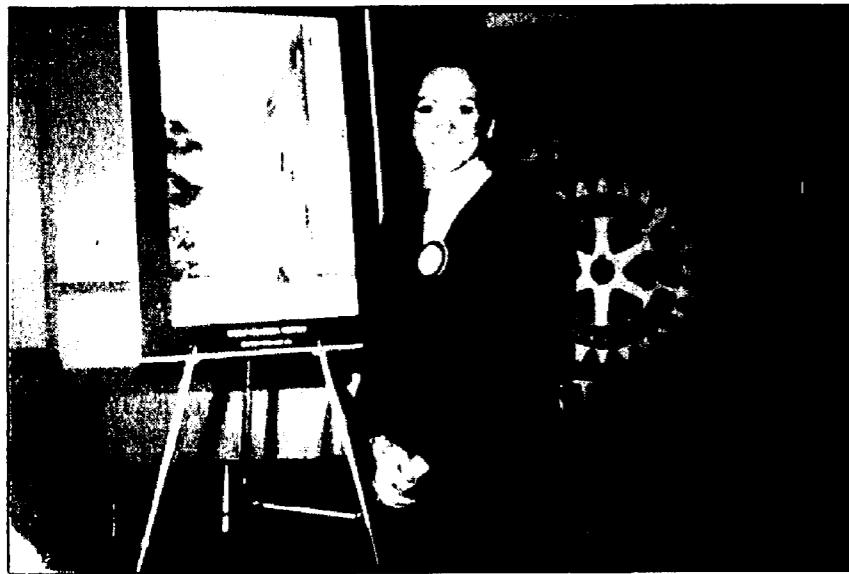
Rotarian Karen Taylor, owner of Architectural Renderings of Westfield, explained her profession during a Rotary lunch in October.

Using slides to illustrate how renderings are prepared with airbrushing, color markers, and black and white, Ms. Taylor explained that renderings are developed in cooperation with clients, designers and builders, and are used before architectural drawings are made.

The renderings are often used to show the appearance of a new or remodeled building. Overlays are

sometimes used to show progression in development, and building and other permits can often be obtained by submitted renderings.

Ms. Taylor graduated from Trenton State College, where she earned a degree in Fine Arts. She received Rotary scholarships from the Westfield Club in 1981-85, and studied at Leeds Polytechnic in England for six months. Ms. Taylor has discussed renderings at meetings of the Point Pleasant, Scotch Plains/Fanwood and Mountainside Rotary clubs.



Karen Taylor, owner of Architectural Renderings in Westfield, discussed her profession at Rotary Club meeting in October.

Promotions

Bergen joins Elizabethtown

Jane Bergen of Westfield recently joined Elizabethtown Gas Company as operations information administrator in the engineering department.

Ms. Bergen was most recently with Georgia Kaolin, a division of Combustion Engineering, where she was manager of capital budgets and financial analysis. She is a graduate of Cornell University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in engineering, and New York University, where she earned a masters in business administration.

Villa is Woman of the Year

Donna Villa of Piscataway has been honored "Woman of the Year" by the Westfield Business and Professional Women Inc.

Mrs. Villa was presented with a certificate of achievement from Kathleen Klimowski, president of the Westfield BPW.

At the district level, Mrs. Villa

has served as treasurer, recording secretary and individual development coordinator. At the state level she has served as assistant treasurer and is currently state individual development coordinator.

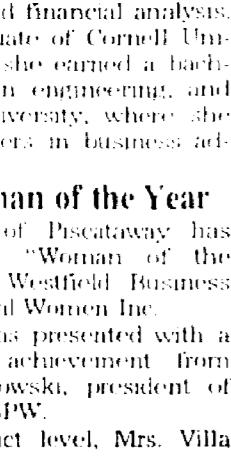
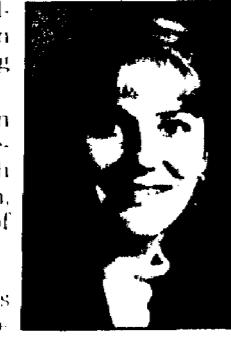
Boyle joins Cranford firm

Gerard "Jay" Boyle of Westfield has joined Meeker Sharkey Financial Services, 21 Commerce Drive, Cranford, as an associate in insurance and financial planning. He was formerly deputy executive director of the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Forman honored by peers

Dentist Jerome Forman of Westfield has received the Academy of General Dentistry's prestigious Fellowship Award.

He maintains a practice in Kenilworth, is on staff at St. Joseph's Hospital and is a volunteer dentist for the Kenilworth High School football team. He is a member of the American Dental Association, the New Jersey Dental Association and Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity, and has received the Volunteer Award from the National Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped. He is also a board member for the Jewish Community Center and member of the Kenilworth Rotary Club.



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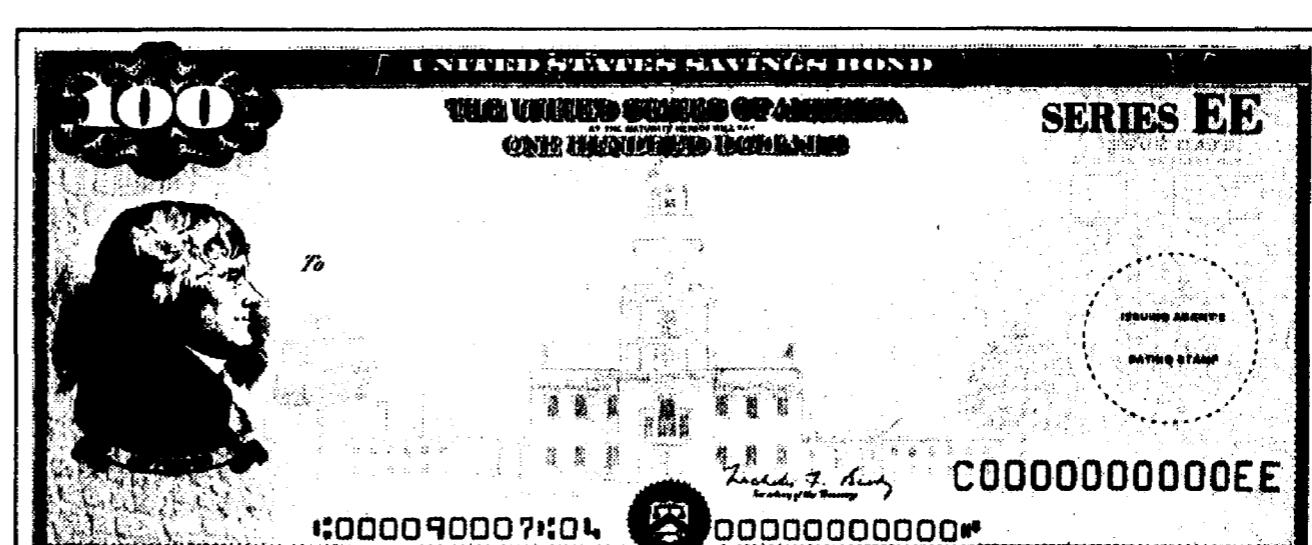
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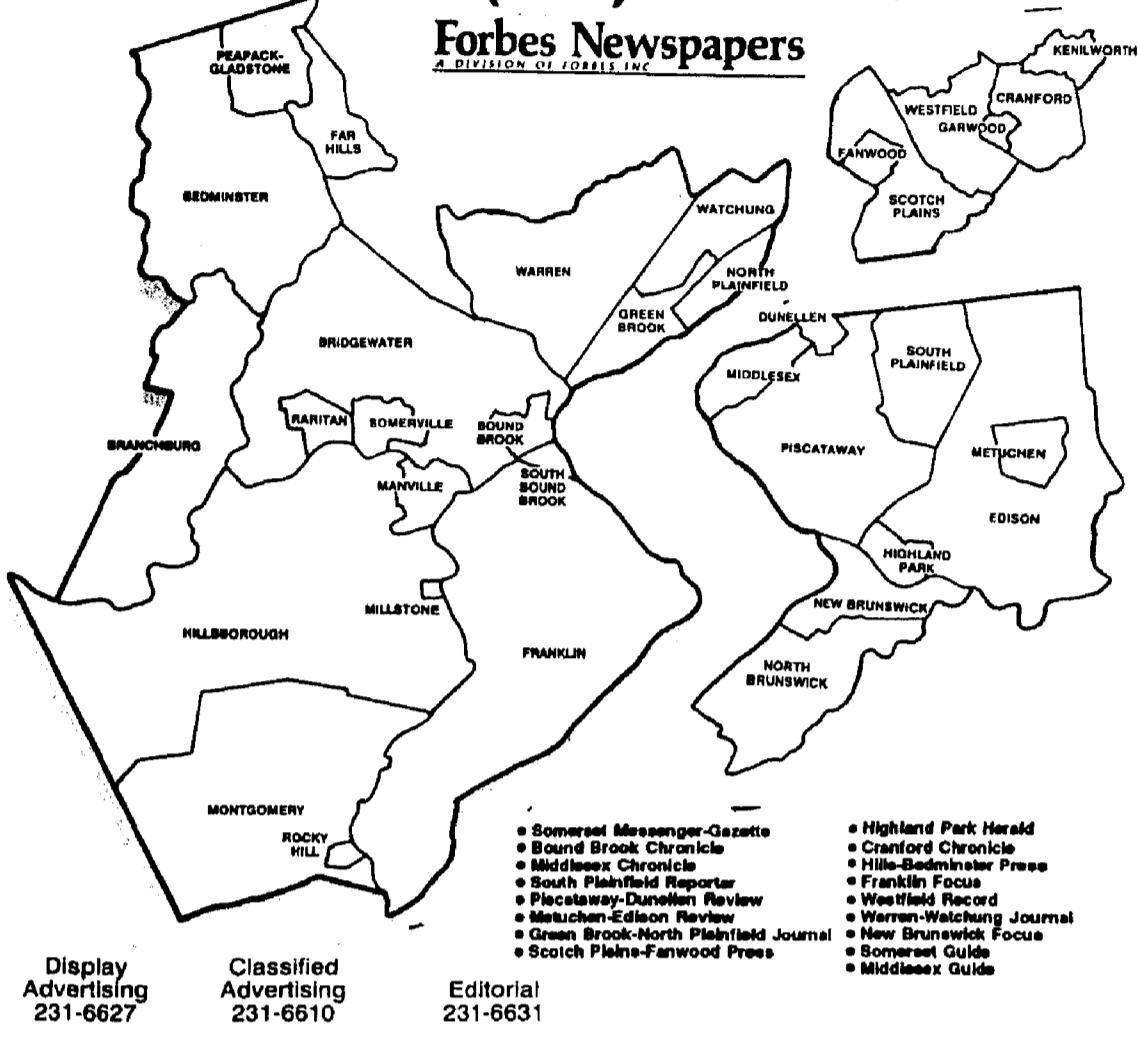
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Real Estate Guide

A 'well-kept' offering located in a friendly neighborhood

CRANFORD — The Kiamie Agency of Cranford is understandably enthusiastic about this home at 1 Aberdeen Court.

UNION HOUSE TOURS

According to Yvonne Kiamie, broker, the offering is a "lovely well-kept home on a quiet cul-de-sac...in a great neighborhood for children."

The house is a split-level priced at \$221,900 and is situated on an 85-by-118-foot lot. It includes a 33-by-13 foot living/dining room combo, an eat in kitchen with refrigerator and dishwasher, a large entry foyer, and an 11-by-17 foot Florida room.

The master bedroom measures 13-by-14 feet and has a full bath. Two additional bedrooms are each 10-by-13 feet. The family room has a bathroom and a wet bar and measures 27-by-11 feet while there is also a full basement. A one-car attached garage, central air conditioning, hardwood floors, attic storage, oil-fired forced warm air heat, attic fan, and all appliances and

window treatments finish off the list.

Cranford was first settled in the early 1700's by descendants of the Elizabeth Towne Association. It became known as Cranford Mills, a part of the township of Westfield and then took the name of Cranfield in 1849. Finally, in 1871 it became chartered as an autonomous town known as Cranford.

Throughout its history, the town has been a center for patriotism, volunteerism and beauty. During the Revolutionary War, Cranford was the front line headquarters for the Continental Army. During the War of 1812, timber from the Denman estate located west of the Rahway River was used to retrofit

the warship U.S.S. Constitution.

The town's official tree, a pepperidge, still grows at Lincoln Park on Lincoln Avenue. It is one of the last great trees of the old Denman estate and, at over 200 years old, is one of the largest pepperidge trees in the northeast United States. Throughout Cranford there are many older Victorian and Tudor homes. There are lots of pizza parlors, variety stores, gift shops and a movie theater.

For a fascinating trip down memory lane, people can tour the Cranford Historical Society and Museum, located on N. Union Avenue behind the municipal building on Sundays from 2-4 p.m.

TIPSHEET

Address: 1 Aberdeen Court,

Price: \$221,900

Rooms: 5

Baths: 3

Garage: 1

Attic: Yes

Basement: Yes

Exterior: Vinyl

Roof: Shingle

Condition: Excellent

Age: 10 years old

Open House: Yvonne Kiamie, broker of Kiamie Agency is listing agent. Call 276-2400.

Master bedrooms: ceiling forced warm air heat, built-in air conditioning in master bedroom, central air conditioning, lot size: 85-by-118 feet, Taxes: \$3,000.24, School: Walnut/Wingington School District, Ages: 10 years old, Open House: Yvonne Kiamie, broker of Kiamie Agency is listing agent. Call 276-2400.



DARYL STONE/FORBES NEWSPAPERS

Kiamie, Realtors of Cranford is marketing this well-kept home which is located on a cul-de-sac at 1 Aberdeen Court.

Toys and books for kids



A drive is now under way at the Westfield office of Coldwell Banker Schiott. Donations of stuffed toys, games, puzzles, coloring books new or nearly new, are all welcome. They will be given to needy children in the area. All gifts may be left at the Coldwell Banker Schiott, Realtors office at 246 East Broad St., Westfield. For more information, call 233-5555. Pictured here are Patti Pomeroy (left) chairman of the drive and Marilyn Kelly, manager.

Property sales

CRANFORD

Albion I. Dole Jr. to Michael & Janet Ellerbacher, **30 Omaha Drive**, \$168,000

John A. & Lois T. Urban to Thomas R. & Theresa Whetsine, **13 Oneida Place**, \$170,000

Estate of Richard J. Anderson to Kurt & Lynn Petschow, **3-5 Hawthorne St.**, \$265,000

Marjorie Hand to Ernest E. Lindlar, **8 Hawthorne St.**, \$145,000

Robert M. & Jean C. Messinger to Alan & Deborah Clark, **820 Orchard St.**, \$223,400

English Village Associates to Frederick T. Parsons, **217 Prospect Ave.**, \$125,500

Marion L. Sahagan to Steven P. & Lori A. Skuropacki, **1032 Raritan Road**, \$137,000

Gilbert C. & Ellen M. Hummer to Joseph Colicchio & P. Vogler, **706 Springfield Ave.**, \$152,000

Clayton & Margaret C. Grasing to Ira & Oznat Alexander, **330 Shoughton Ave.**, \$136,000

Robert B. & Donna Krahnen to Michael E. Chin & C. Cornelato, **16 Woodside Ave.**, \$178,000

FANWOOD

Taras G. & Maria M. Borkowsky to David G. Sheridan & L.A. Hayes, **133 Belvidere Ave.**, \$163,000

Sean K. & Sherron E. Boyea to James B. & Diane S. Kontra, **132 S. Glenwood Road**, \$163,000

Christopher W. Blumhard to Danny R. & Rhoda Byne, **84 Oakwood Court**, \$210,000

Basil & Elizabeth Bourque to Charles R. & Margaret Barbee, **192 Second St.**, \$162,000

Nilsa Sylvester to Matthew D. & Sylvester White, **493 Terrill Road**, \$90,913

Andrew G. & Tracy J. Tedesco to Thomas R. Palasits et al., **143 Vinton Circle**, \$174,000

GARWOOD

Theodore F. Dittullo to Helio Dos Santos, **219 Fourth Ave.**, \$110,000

Beatrice M. Buckley to Grac Held, **71 Fourth Ave.**, \$111,000

KENILWORTH

Michael & Suzanne Zinna to David & Michele G. Serido, **654 Bloomfield Ave.**, \$153,000

SCOTCH PLAINS

John J. & Patricia A. Weber to Jerold & Francine L. Grupp, **2231 Edgewood Terrace**, Scotch Plains, \$290,000

Eugenio D. Zardecki to Nicholas J. Dazzo & S. Gockel, **1202 Woodside Road**, Westfield, \$180,000

Walter L. & Dolores M. Leib to Yellagondahall Ja-nardhan et al., **16 Allenby Lane**, \$485,000

Marie A. Tedesco to Warren K. & Sarah Churgin, **1915 Lake Ave.**, \$366,000

Craner, Nelson, Satkis et al. to CNS&S Holding Co., **Park Ave., No. 320**, \$500,000

Diane A.L. & Frank Marin to Marguerite A. Behrens, **359 Parkview Drive**, \$166,000

Ronald C. Behrens et al. to Michael S. & Elisa H. Stamer, **350 Rolling Knolls Road**, \$178,000

Per A. & Connie Rasmussen to David J. & Jennifer L. Maher, **1196 Woodside Road**, \$185,000

WESTFIELD

Kathleen P. Mellina to Walter A. & M.D. Korfmacher, **252 Hazel Ave.**, \$178,000

Raul F. & Elena J. Barroso to Roger H. & Nancy Ewell, **917 Pennsylvania Ave.**, \$195,000

James P. & Elizabeth S. Horn to Anne Bossi, **31 Stoneleigh Park**, \$690,000

Eric R. Printz to Stephen A. & Anne P. Suriano, **518 Washington St.**, \$190,000

Herber & Beverly Paskow to Peter J. & Lisa C. Her-berg, **1040 Wyandotte Trail**, \$518,250

Michael M. & Mary K. Zekian to Anthony & Dennis Annesi, **200 E. Broad St.**, \$475,000

Stephen R. & Debra L. Hood to Taras G. & Maria M. Borkowsky, **211 N. Chestnut St.**, \$339,250

Ruben A. & Ramona B. Reeves to Samuel & Shelly M. Gruen, **723 Coleman Place**, \$250,000

Charles J. & Arlene M. Murray to Jung-Wen Pai & Mel-

Yu Lee, **50 Doris Parkway**, \$190,000

Alexander Taylor & G. Johnson to Douglas A. Chris-

tiansen et al., **428 Downer St.**, \$91,250

Anthony & Carol Archambault to Nicholas Archam-bault, **120 Park St.**, \$5,000

Robert J. & Mary C. Conroy to Michael A. & Robin L. Leach, **69 Sandy Hill Road**, \$206,500

John K. Parsell & C.L. Wilcher to James H. Heffernan III et al., **115 Wells St.**, \$208,000

Emilia Rapuano to Joseph & Nina Calavano, **356 First St.**, \$75,000

Eugene G. & Lois A. Calvert to Ismael & Jolanta Alchababi, **627 Fourth Ave.**, \$240,000

DUNELLEN

Anthony Romano to Nestor Gonzalez et al., **506 Center St.**, \$130,000

Madelyn McMahon to Douglas & Linda Coleman, **405 Jefferson Ave.**, \$110,000

Egeo De Dominicis to Francesco Gonnella, \$605-09 North Ave., \$173,500

C. Edward & Susan Brock to William Cieslik, **710 First St.**, \$115,000

Louis Curcio et al. to Charles Gillen et al., **815-817 First St.**, \$205,000

EDISON

George & Joan Schroll to Tai Chung Hwa & Nian Chun, **6 Adrian Way**, \$252,000

Ricardo Ramos to Narendra Gurmani, **18 Boxwood Circle**, \$186,000

Margaret Rogers to Walter & Susan Williams, **286 Central Ave.**, \$140,000

James & Paula Yukna to Timothy & Suzan Gregan, **26 Cottonwood Drive**, \$233,000

Ivan & Zelma Pollik to Arif Rahman, **9 Country Lane**, \$30,000

Donald & Elizabeth Walp to Harold & Patricia Nevins, **733 Denver Boulevard**, \$217,500

John & Josephine Lord to Eugeniusz Gruca, **1 Fred Place**, \$150,000

Richard & Judith Glass to Gail Steckler, **5507 Hana Road**, \$128,000

Jack & Susan Meola to Joel & Nivedita Drugana, **7302 Hana Road**, \$127,000

Michael & Terri Osit to Jamal Akhtar, **39 Hansen Drive**, \$237,000

Edward Lions et al. to Mohammed Mirza, **1246 Inman Ave.**, \$185,000

Fleet Finance to Ramdarshan Maharaj et al., **23 E. Knollwood Drive**, \$83,000

Estate of Dorothy Manfra to Ernest & Linsa Custor, **12 Leland Road**, \$144,000

Westgate II Dev. to John & Elizabeth Santiago, **66 Linda Lane**, \$154,990

Westgate II Dev. to Paul & Jodi Kaplan, **76 Linda Lane**, \$159,990

Westgate II Dev. to Florette Applebaum, **77 Linda Lane**, \$159,990

Daniel & Kathleen Violante to Dean & Millie Robinson, **273 McKinley Ave.**, \$205,000

John & Ethel Kutko to Joseph & Karen Fitzpatrick, **48 Melbourne St.**, \$139,900

Irving & Jacqueline Singer to Emil & Susan Coscarelli, **48 Meredith Road**, \$180,000

John & Sally Boyle to Peter & Doris Shia, **44 Merker Drive**, \$230,000

John & Joy Amato to Lorraine Collo, **819 Orlando St.**, \$105,500

Paul & Doris Ip to Loh Sinn Yuan et al., **10 Padock Court**, \$230,000

Frank & Claire Oolnick to Uriel Trivino, **123 Park Gate Drive**, \$126,000

Konica Photo Service to Irv Czyzner, **28 Parsonage Road**, \$139,050

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MARITAN— 3 BR home, 1 bath, EIK, CAC, great neighborhood. \$145,000. NJ 08759. 1-800-631-5509

SO. PLAINFIELD— 2 story Colonial, Aluminum siding, 3 BR, full basement, patio, 2 car oversized garage. Just reduced from \$119,900 to \$110,900. Call 908-757-4382.

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BRIDGEWATER— Ranch, 3 BR, CAC, Crim Road, Estate Sale. \$259,000. 908-526-0212.

CRANFORD— By owner. Colonial on dead end St. 2 BR, DR, LR, huge deck, patio & pool. Park-like setting. Exc. cond. \$159,900/neg. 908-272-1668 or 201-643-5653.

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Automotive Guide

Honda's 'compact car' with 'large car features'

By BILL RUSS
FORBES NEWSPAPERS

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the introduction of the Honda Civic and, incidentally, the fifth year of the current model.

What really made most Americans aware of Honda in general and the Civic in particular was the first generation model that arrived on our shores in the mid-70's. A great number of them were yellow two-door models that cost a little over \$3,000 and utilized a stratified-charge engine that ran on regular gasoline and didn't require a catalytic converter. These little econoboxes almost became cult cars, and many are still on the road today. Since then Honda has continued to grow and add new models, but the Civic is still its bread-and-butter car. Now Honda has mid-western manufacturing facilities in Ohio where the Civic sedan is assembled, along with the Accord wagon. In addition, its engines are cast and manufactured there, and a great many of its components are produced in Ohio and nearby states.

Much of Honda's success has been generated by its reputation for quality, reliability and content. The '92 Civic is banking on these factors as well as its new styling to continue the positive trend. A week behind the wheel left me with these thoughts and impressions:



The Honda Civic EX sports a 1.6 liter, 4-cylinder, single overhead cam engine with multi-port fuel injection and variable valve timing.

bother.

COMFORT: The logo on the hood is the same as the original, but that's about it. What's new is the smooth sloped nose, contoured front bumper and large air intake, spacious cabin area and short, high rear deck. All glass is flush or nearly so, and the only bright trim is around the side windows. The wrap-around head and tail lights merge with the rounded body sides, the side mirrors are large and the plastic hub caps give the appearance of aluminum sports wheels without the expense or

large trunk with a small deck lid, and much more.

ROADABILITY: For a family car, the Civic offers a good tight ride. The double-wishbone suspension has been modified and the body has been made more rigid, plus, for safety the EX has disc and anti-lock brakes all around. Power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering allows quick response on the road. All-around vision is good but wind noise is noticeable, as are the sounds coming from the engine and the road.

PERFORMANCE: The Civic EX

sports a 1.6 liter, 4-cylinder, single overhead cam engine with multi-point programmed fuel injection and variable valve timing. The latter mechanism is complicated, but simply put, at low rpms one of the two intake valves per cylinder is bypassed for fuel economy, and at higher rpms it is reengaged for power. A four-speed electronically controlled automatic transmission gets the power to the front wheels. I found third gear best for merging and passing and fourth for highway cruising.

SUGGESTIONS: Add lights to

the driver's side door and ignition locks. Add more sound deadening insulation to the engine area.

ECONOMY: EPA averages are 27 city/34 highway. I averaged 31.4 mpg.

CONCLUSIONS: The newest Honda Civic is hardly a basic car, especially the EX version. This model is equipped with the latest in safety features: driver's side air bag, anti-lock brakes, disc brakes, three point seat belts. It also has high-tech features that improve performance and fuel economy, variable valve timing being the lat-

est in this category. It's a compact car replete with large car comfort, convenience and safety features.

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Some holiday gift suggestions for the automotive buff

By BOB HAGEN
FORBES NEWSPAPERS

Christmas shopping started early this year in my area — Thanksgiving Day, to be exact. I guess that in view of the present economic well — "difficulties," the retail merchandisers want to get a head start on getting things humming and who can blame them? As it happens every year, I get lots of letters (well, two or three anyway) from people who want to buy something for the auto enthusiast on their list.

People who consider themselves Auto Enthusiasts are as varied as the cars they drive. I have a friend who considers himself one and his greatest pleasure in life is to stumble on some inexpensive escape from a scrapper's yard and to nurse it back into sellable shape. The amount of time he spends on it is in no way commensurate with his financial gain and so I guess that his automotive enjoyment is

somewhat akin to an evangelist saving a soul.

Another friend I'd label an enthusiast collects logos that are attached to the front end of various cars. They range from Lamborghini to Crosley and are all mounted on custom-made walnut plaques.

Another is in my opinion (if not in hers) an enthusiast simply because she spends almost one entire day of her weekend cleaning and polishing her first-ever new car. It's her pride and joy. She may not always be an "enthusiast" but she certainly is one at the moment. So you gift buyers might do well to view everyone on your list as a potential recipient of an auto-oriented gift. Someone who you may least expect might find your auto gift the most popular in his or her cache. Here are some that you might consider:

TOOLS — I've seen discount stores sell 50-item tool kits for \$25. Needless to say, at fifty cents per

tool, the quality is low and not only are they breakable but dangerous, too. Craftsman (Sears) Snap-on, Mac and several other brands are guaranteed for life and you're sure they'll be around if one goes bad. But be careful to buy tools that are useful (I've never used even one of my torex screwdrivers, for instance) and get advice before you buy high quality but useless tools.

CLOTHING — Most of the auto makers (Ford, Chrysler, Chevrolet etc.) merchandise jackets, polo shirts and caps that are emblazoned with their own logos and while I could never get next to wearing someone's advertisement on my shirt, lots of enthusiasts like the idea. My local Toyota dealer has a complete display of Toyowear in the lobby of his parts department. Porsche, Ferrari and Rolls-Royce stuff is available from shops that advertise in the back pages of auto buff magazines.

SUBSCRIPTIONS — Which brings up magazine subscriptions.

Besides Car and Driver, Road & Track and the rest of the auto periodicals you find on newsstands, there are magazines like Special Interest Autos (historical), British Car (only English cars, modern and vintage), Muscle Car Review (very American), Motor (classy technical trade journal), Low Rider (no comment), and Sports Car International (glitzy and urbane). Be sure you understand your recipients' interests, however.

INTERIOR STUFF — My wife doesn't consider herself an Enthusiast but her Camry is her constant companion. During the past couple of years we've bought her a fuzzy steering wheel cover (her favorite item), sheepskin front seat covers, a dash board cover (the PVC on the dashboards leave a scum on the windshield in the sun without it), and a visor-mounted document organizer which is packed with paraphernalia. Being practical, she only retains these things because they're useful. We

bought most of them at our local generic auto parts store.

POCKET TOOLS — I never, ever go anywhere without one of my many Victorinox (Swiss Army) pocket knives. From the big one that needs a sheath to the tiny black one that goes with my tux, they've all been immeasurably useful. I've used the scissors to trim gaskets, the magnifying glass to inspect small flaws and to take spark plug readings, the awl to poke holes in cans and sheet metal and the file to trim off occasional rough edges. On the other hand, a friend always carries a many-tools-in-one device that unfolds into pliers and wire cutters as well as the usual blades, files and tweezers. He says my Victorinox is too fragile. But again: buy good stuff. There's lots of poor imitations.

CLEAN-UP KITS — There are lots of cleaner, wax and chrome trim cleaner kits on the market. Some are very expensive (Zymol wax which is custom blended for

your car's paint chemistry) while others are more general (Turtle Wax, Simonize, Meguiar's, du Pont, etc.) and less expensive. The kits are handy as they have a little bit of everything; cleaner, wax, chrome polish and sometimes even the applicator.

AUTO ART — Auto calenders are fun and useful. Paul Oxman Publishing (On Track magazine) has them for race enthusiasts; Hemmings Motor News makes vintage car calenders; Pirelli Tires makes one that is rare and — well — almost erotic (you know how those Italians are). Auto posters come in all sizes, price ranges and proclivities. Framing shops usually have a selection from vintage stuff to contemporary. Make sure that wall space is available, however.

It would be as impossible to cover all the gifts available for Auto Enthusiasts as it would be to list the types of Auto Enthusiasts themselves but a bit of forethought into their gifts will make a lasting impression.

All I want for Christmas is a \$36,000 (toy) Ferrari F-40

By TONY SAKKIS
FORBES NEWSPAPERS

Have you got a problem with a precocious little one who needs a unique X-mas gift? Spoiled brat, perhaps? or just an eccentric youth? You say the little tyke has a voracy for speed? You say his affinity for racing can only be quenched by his own racecar? Scoff not, Parent-Breath, there is hope for Junior.

Cars For Children, Inc. is here to save Christmas. And these cars aren't some of those cheesy, cutesie, little plastic disposable \$50 jobs. Nope. These are classics, and can be driven for many years, provided the little fella (or gal) doesn't grow any.

Now Cars For Children, located naturally enough in Los Angeles doesn't have a great selection of race

cars so don't start thinking about the McLaren MP4 or the latest Bob Riley designed Intrepid. Actually, they only have one real race car. But heck, most hot-shoes got their start in Showroom Stock anyway.

Let's get the list out, check it twice and see which car the kid gets, even though everybody knows he can act anyway he wants 'cause dad has enough money to buy him a good character anyway. In order of dollar value, what we have is this:

Starting at the bottom rung of the ladder is the 560 SL, a Faux-Mercedes cabrio. This is the new body style and it has all the improvements of its slightly larger sister (although I doubt the retractable roll bar and air bag is standard equipment). It comes with an all-fiberglass body, rack-and-pinion steering, full

suspension, disc brakes, horn, lights, signals, windshield, adjustable seats, mirrors, and is powered by a four-

(13 mph) and a seating arrangement which leaves your child's date stranded (only one seat in this tub, baby,

petition in this area however.

Then we start stepping up big-time with the Formula 836 Racecar. This is Derek Bell's Le Mans winner, still equipped with the Jules sponsorship decals and appropriate striping. The engine output has been doubled for the Porsche, and with a 5-HP Briggs and Stratton engine, it can top out at nearly 30 mph. Again, it has all fiberglass, etc. But this has racing tires and great looking racing wheels. Quad headlights and dual mirrors finish the racer and, of course, this all-business machine only holds one occupant. This barge lists for \$5,500.

Next we have a 325i Junior, which is just slightly more expensive, but which boasts a lower top speed

and you're hoofing it).

The Off Roader looks like any Jeep-Land Cruiser-Willys combo and is a re-body of the Bimmer, holding only one tot and cruising at 13 mph. From there the list tips upward with the Jaguar E Type at \$2,800. This car was not available at the time of review so we can give you no competitive data. I suspect there is little com-

a used car that only a few select folks can fit into.

The ultimate is the Ferrari F-40 Collector's Edition, listing at \$36,000. Frankly, I didn't have the emotional wherewithal to ask about it, so I can't tell you much except that it costs almost as much as a new BMW 525i, and only holds one little kid.

All in all, these are good cars for what must be considered soon-to-be troubled kids. Anybody who gets a \$36,000 toy needs a good beating by his schoolmates. However, as we plebs well understand, when Dad's got that kind of money he can always buy Junior the type of friends who won't beat him insensible when he tells them what he got for Christmas.

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A beginner's guide to 'new car' auto shows

By TONY SAKKIS
FORBES NEWSPAPERS

While I have to be honest and say that my favorite type of auto show is one that features street rods, custom cars and other assorted automotive "freaks" (and I use that word with affection), new car shows are a close second.

Unlike specialty cars shows, concours d'elegance, race car exhibitions and other forms of static automotive entertainment, new car shows can, by definition, only be held when the cars to be displayed are "new." By tradition, this is somewhere in the neighborhood of October 1 of the preceding year and this has been the case since time immemorial — or at least since I was a little guy.

Obviously all the new car shows can't come off at once since just setting a car on the display hall floor isn't all there is to it. The

various auto manufacturers have their "stars" that they want to headline and sometimes these take the form of the centerpiece of mini-musical production numbers that feature small bands, dancers and light shows — and usually on a turntable that has room for the car to be featured and not much else. These car makers want to make sure that their theater is appreciated by as many potential buyers as possible and move the extravaganzas from town to town.

And there are indeed lots of new car shows around the country in various metropolitan areas and in my own case it's the San Francisco International Car Show that always opens on Thanksgiving Day. I've been going to it for more than 25 years (it was originally called the "imported" car show) and I don't think that I've missed more than a couple since then.

As in all theatrical promotions,

there are "premiere" sites. The major shows in this country are in Los Angeles and Detroit, I'm told, although the promoters of the shows in Chicago, New York and elsewhere would no doubt take me to task if they read this. I can't speak from actual experience as the only one I've been to (aside from the ones in San Francisco) was in Los Angeles and then only for a few minutes. But I do get all of the press releases from all the shows and one that I recently got from the Los Angeles event bears passing on. It's a step-by-step procedure on how to attend a new car show and while it doesn't give exact details on how best to bar gain with the salesmen on duty or where to locate the bathrooms, it does tell how to use the shows to best advantage:

GET DETAILS FROM FACTORY REPS ON HAND — These guys are usually posted at the various dis-

plays for their products. They're long on technical information and if they look bored, it's only because they've been on duty since the show season opened.

PREPARE BEFOREHAND — "Determine what kind of car you're looking for before you arrive" says the pamphlet. Unfortunately this is all academic since once you get there, the aim is to dazzle you with the fancy specialty cars. Practicality goes out the window.

BRING A NOTEBOOK AND WRITE DOWN COMPARISONS — Maybe this works with the engineer-types who attend the shows but most people I've watched at shows are to busy having fun and watching the dancers.

SIT IN ALL THE CARS — Since our anatomy changes as we mature, the sportsters that are so attractive from the outside may have all the creature comforts of an Iron Maiden when you're behind the

wheel. As the brochure states, "...one size does not necessarily fit all."

CHECK OUT ALL THE CARS —

So going in you're determined that the new Cadillac Brougham or Lincoln Town Car is the only type car for you. Better check out the new Chevy Camaro 350 RS coupe or the Ford Mustang 5.0 liter GT convertible, too. You may not be as old as you think.

PARKING — Only in Los Angeles would valet parking be offered at the car show! My own suggestion is to leave nothing of value in the car and borrow someone else's vehicle if your own has a fancy stereo system. And make a map of where you parked your car — you may never find it again if you don't.

ORIENT YOURSELF WHEN YOU GET IN — You can get a map of the hall and do a methodical perusal of the place or you can do

what I do — wander around until you're exhausted which is usually close to the refreshment stand.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF GIVEAWAYS — No, they don't give away free cars as samples but if you like brochures, bring a shopping cart. Otherwise you'll have to carry all that stuff around for a couple of hours.

WHAT TO DO WITH THE CHILDREN — The pamphlet gives some suggestions but I have my own. If they aren't old enough to have a driver's license, get a baby sitter.

New car shows have been around a long time — the first one being held in New York by amateur enthusiasts around the turn of the century, over the years. Lots of brand names have come and gone; Hudson, Glas, Hino, Checker, Packard and dozens of others have bitten the dust just in my own lifetime. Better take in the new car shows before many more of them slip away.

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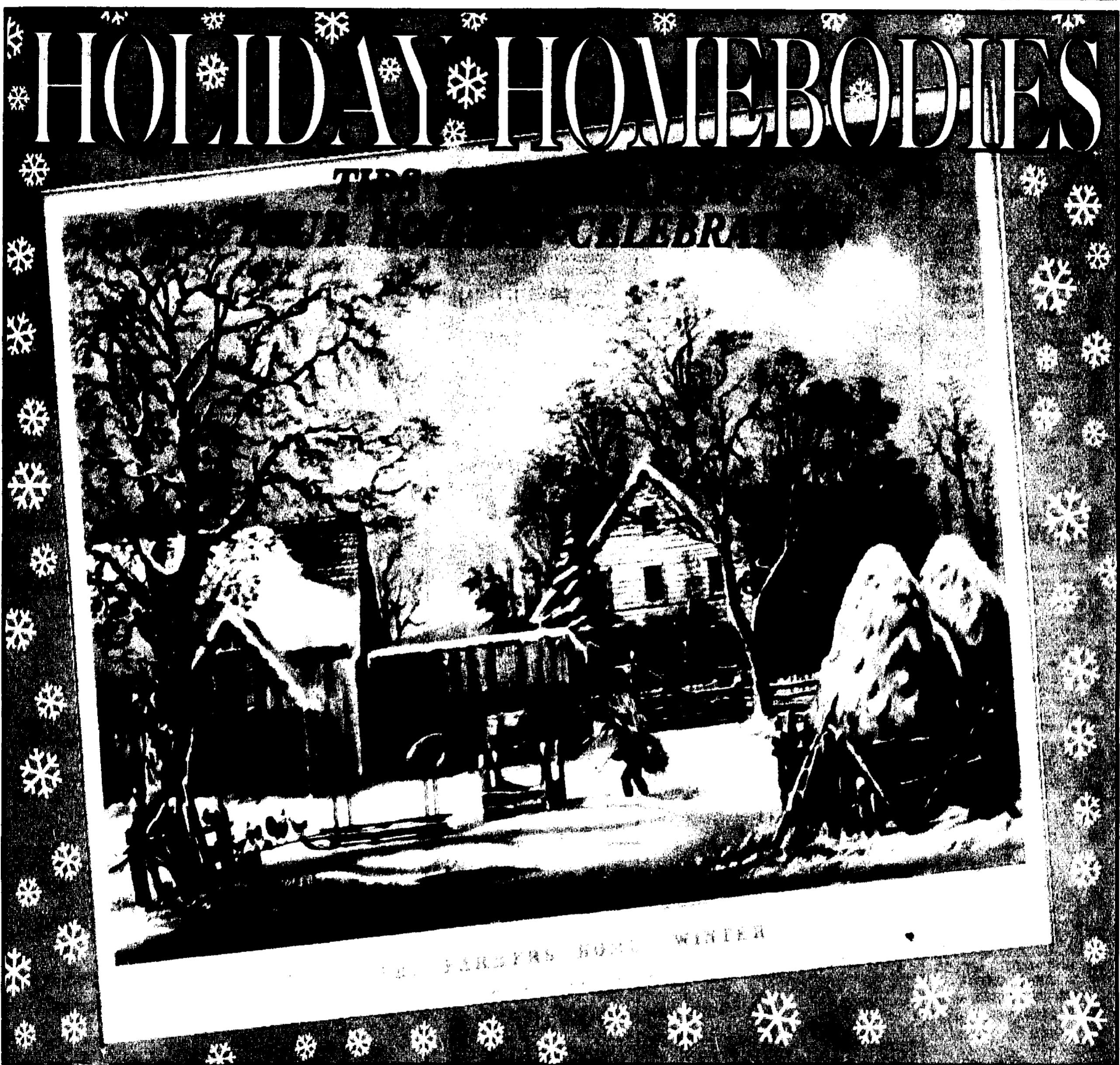
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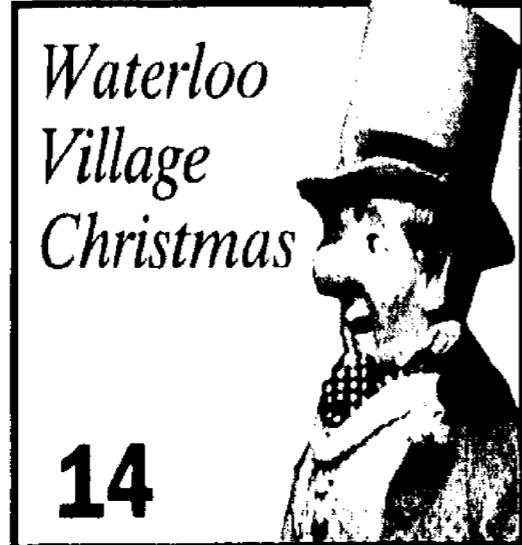
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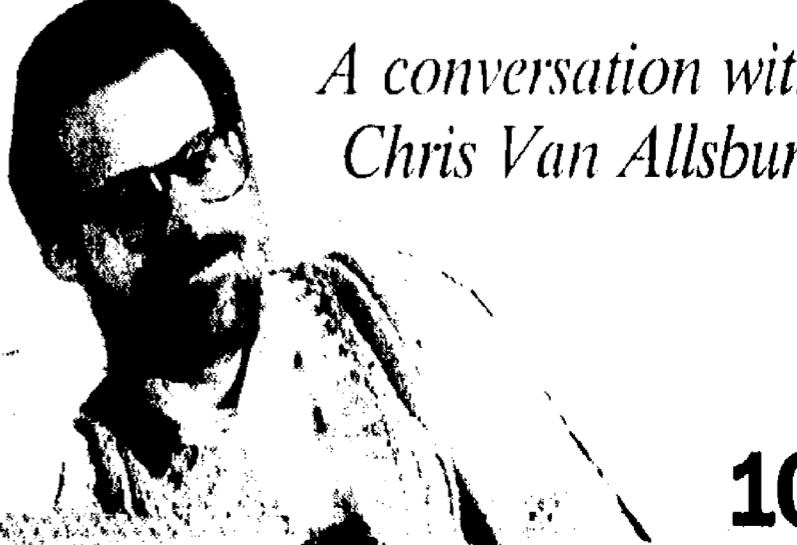
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Ah, the holiday party. Such hopes, such dreams. The guests will be raving about it for years, the tables crammed with delectable viands, the atmosphere comfortable enough to produce hours of jocundity and spright conversation. Pop! goes the vision as the actual planning transforms the nice bubble into a nightmarish vision. The linens are stained, the goose is fatty, the conversation is flat and the food has run out before the last of the guests has arrived.

Fear not. Entertaining at home for the holidays doesn't have to be the stress-inducing, problem-producing source of tension headaches and stomach turmoil that people often fear it to be. Parties planned and organized in advance can actually be fun for the hosts.

If this is hard to believe, professional party consultants, area chefs and restaurant owners are quite willing to persuade you otherwise in sharing some hints for successful parties — from pre-party planning to decorating the table to cooking the meal.

Mrs. Hyer of Morristown, a member of the New York Association of Cooking Teachers who has lectured extensively, particularly stresses the importance of organization. The best advice she can give is to plan ahead.

"Do a timetable," she recommends. "If you're going to have a New Year's Eve party, start planning now. What can you do this week? Remember to do the little things — feed the dog, feed the kids, cut the lemons, make the ice."

Here are other suggestions from Mrs. Hyer:

- Choose your time of day carefully, according to the age of the guests and their occupations. "You wouldn't want to start at six o'clock if you know couples who have children who will need to get a babysitter and put the kids to bed or who don't get out of work until six o'clock."
- Choose your menu carefully, according to the age and interest of the guests and structure the menu to include any young children. "Don't attempt to feed young children elegant food; chicken nuggets or pizza in the family room is perfect for kids while the adults have filet."
- Don't plan a buffet dinner for more people than the house can comfortably seat. "A buffet is a sit-down dinner even if people are not at a table. They still need a place to sit and to put a knife and fork and drink."
- Try to mesh the food and decor. "If you're doing an informal decor, go with informal food. It's disconcerting to have spaghetti and meatballs with Waterford crystal but it's equally so to serve filet mignon or beef Wellington with paper plates and paper napkins."
- When planning decor, multi-colors or bright colors are more informal. "Monochromes are more formal — silver and gold, white on white, white and black."
- If renting equipment, absolutely insist on picking up rentals 24 hours before the party to make sure you get what you wanted.
- Don't over-clean. "This isn't the time to dust the moldings. When all the guests are in your house they won't see it anyway. Don't waste your energy."
- Don't indulge in cute themes. "They're always more clever when you're thinking about it but they're never quite right when you actually do them."

Mrs. Hyer also suggests combing the house for unique items to use as centerpieces. "Look around the house and set what you have. Let's say you have a collection of Hummel dolls or some small china pieces — put them in the center of the table. I have some pretty antique coffee cups that I'd never dream of serving coffee in, but they make lovely vases."

Kevin Tabaac, director of operations at Branches Restaurant in North Branch, suggests potpourri or candles and soft holiday music to set a formal, yet relaxing, atmosphere.

His favorite holiday event, he said, is a tree decorating party, Mr. Tabaac said, is a traditional party that people enjoy.

"You can ask people to bring their favorite ornament. It's a lot of fun and it's like having a little something from all your friends in your house."

Mr. Tabaac pointed out that it's important to serve non-alcoholic beverages. A champagne punch with soda and orange sherbert can be just as tasty with Ariel, a non-alcohol champagne available in any liquor store.

"When I give parties at my house I tend to do odd things," said Harry Braun, executive chef at Ellington's in the Embassy Suites Hotel in Piscataway.

"You can do wonders with food — at any party the appearance of the food is most important. A homemade centerpiece out of vegetables attracts people, relaxes the room and starts conversation."

There are a "million ways to make flowers" out of vegetables for centerpieces or for garnishing food, he said.

One way is to place long toothpicks into scallions, which are the flower "stems." Place a shaved carrot, sliced very thin, in water, so it becomes rubbery enough for the shavings to be formed into petals and then stick on the end of the "stem." A twisted piece of lemon rind may be used to form the inside of the flower.

The scallion can also be carved into a flower. At the white portion of the scallion, make several thin slices from white to green, place the scallion in ice water where the slices will separate and open up to look like flower petals.

Mario Russo of Russo's Continental Catering in Bound Brook said that in-home holiday parties should be "simple and elegant."

"People should try to be creative, conversational. Display something with a little more art involved, do something that people won't normally see all the time."

Floyd Kemble, executive chef, and Don Eberhardt, banquet manager at Septembers on the Hill in Watchung, agree that a good host or hostess will "give the impression that they are at ease with the affair. To do this everything must thought out. Good planning is the best way to accomplish that end."

Edward Stone, executive chef at the Bernards Inn, Bernardsville, prefers to keep his kitchen open to guests.

"I think to have some food laid out on the kitchen counter, some champagne, helps to bring some warmth, keeps conversation going, what's planned for night, breaks the ice, keep people moving around whole house, play Christmas music." Here are some favorite holiday recipes:

Eifriede and George Meyer, owners of Coach 'n Paddock in

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Clinton, said that serving a holiday goose is an old German tradition. Here is how his wife, Elfriede, prepares the goose and a soup consumme with dumplings as an appetizer:

Markloesschenuppe (marrowbone dumpling)

To prepare the dumplings you will need:

About 4 oz. of beef marrow from butcher or supermarket

2 eggs

about 5 oz. breadcrumbs

1 teaspoon salt

1 Tablespoon of sauteed chopped onion and parsley

dash pepper

1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

Take marrow out of bone at room (will slide out if kept at room temperature) place in cold water and knead until blood is out. Mix marrow and all ingredients in a bowl and form dumplings no more than 1/2-inch in diameter. Test two or three dumplings to make sure they don't fall apart by placing in boiling water and let simmer for 10 minutes. If they fall part, add more bread crumbs to the mixture.

Put dumplings in refrigerator for about one hour to chill.

In the meantime, place bones in cold water, add two stalks of celery, cut and to a one-inch pieces; 1 medium onion, 2 cloves garlic, and a small leek. Bring to boil and turn to simmer for about an hour and a half. Strain the broth and let it boil again. Add dumplings and let the soup barely simmer for about 10 minutes

Holiday goose

Preheat oven to 325.

10-12 lb. goose (enough for six people), wash and dry with paper towels

Salt and pepper to taste in and out, Peel and slice about 4 to 5 apples

add 6 oz. raisins and stuff mixture inside goose using skewers

Roast for 3 hours. Because goose is fatty, break the skin in spots with a fork to let the fat cook off.

For gravy, mix 4 or 5 Tablespoons of the pan drippings and add a chopped onion, chopped celery stalk and saute in drippings. Add 2 or 3 Tablespoons of flour or corn starch and let cook for 20 minutes.

Chef Floyd Kembel of Septembers on the Hill, Watchung, thinks a good punch can really add to the holiday fare and he also has some easy ideas for desserts. "Keep things traditional - that's what people expect."

Holiday punch

3 quarts apple juice

two quarts ginger ale

15 lemon slices,

15 lime slices

green and red maricchione cherries

Mix just before the party, garnish with lemon and lime and top with the red and green cherries. Vermouth or champagne may also be added.

Red and green Christmas parfait

In a parfait glass, put 1 Tablespoon of creme de mint, then scoop in vanilla ice cream. For red colorig, pour 1 Tablespoon of grenadine over ice cream. Top with whipped cream and cherry.

Snowball

Pour a small amount of grenadine in champagne glass. Roll one scoop of vanilla ice cream in toasted coconut and top with whipped grand marnier and heavy cream.

From **Chef Harry Braun**, Ellington's in Embassy Suites, Piscataway.

"There are so many different vegetable combinations, for instance saute sausage and squash and puree it. It makes a different sort of vegetable dish with various entrees."

Chicken Roastbeau

8 oz. cutlet split

in two and pounded

2 large croutons

2 slices Canadian bacon 1/8" thick

1/2 cup hollandaise sauce

1/16 cup chopped parsley

Saute canadian bacon and chicken breast until done. Heat croutons until warm, center heated croutons on plate. Layer Canadian bacon over croutons and place chicken breast over bacon. Ladle hollandaise sauce over top and sprinkle with parsley.

Poached salmon with Vodka cream sauce

10 oz. salmon filet,

poached in fish stock

1 oz. Julienne of carrot, blanched

1/16 oz. black or red caviar

sauce: 1 cup fish stock

1/16 cup beet juice

1/16 cup vodka

1/16 cup heavy cream

1 oz. butter

salt and pepper to taste

Reduce fish stock, beet juice and vodka by one-half. Finish with heavy cream, butter, salt and pepper. Ladle sauce onto bottom of plate. Center poached salmon filet on plate. Arrange julienne of carrot on top of salmon filet. Place caviar on both sides of julienne of carrot.

Alex Vosness, executive chef at The Barge restaurant, suggests a ham or rack of lamb for a holiday entree. "Lamb is one of my favorite dishes," he said. "It's simple and it tastes great."

Rack of Lamb

Whole rack of lamb for 10-15 people. Keep lamb whole (Please turn to page 5)

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while roasting. Season with salt, pepper, garlic powder and add chopped carrots, onions and celery.
Cook at 400 for one hour and 15 minutes. Serve whole and garnish with red leaf lettuce

From Chef Ed Stone of the Bernards Inn "This is a nice item for a buffet."

Asparagus vinaigrette with Belgian endive

6-10 pieces asparagus, peeled
2 heads Belgian endive
1 bunch chives
2 tsp. shallots, minced
2 tsp. fine herb
salt and pepper to taste
Vinaigrette:
8 oz. pure olive oil
2-3 oz. Balsamic vinegar
1 Tablespoon cold water
salt and pepper to taste

Place asparagus in a pot large enough so that the tips do not break. Boil 6 to 8 quarts of water and pour boiling water over asparagus and bring back to a boil as quickly as possible. Cook until al dente. Remove from boiling water, careful not to break tips. Place immediately in an ice bath. Remove from ice water when cooled and place on serving dish and refrigerate. Julienne endive with sharp knife, wash and dry thoroughly. Set aside.

Mix olive oil, balsamic vinegar, cold water, salt and pepper with a whisk. Pour over cold asparagus.

From Kevin Tabasc, Branches Restaurant: "Cooking this will fill the home with a nice aroma."

Spiced cider

As many gallons of apple cider as you want. For every gallon add four whole cinnamon sticks and add in a pot:

A rind of orange stuck with 8 to 10 whole cloves
pinch nutmeg
3 shots dark rum
3 shots light rum
A shot and a half of Triple Sec
or Cointreau

Let simmer and cook for hour. Strain in case cloves come out of the orange. Serve in punch bowl.

From Branches chef de cuisine, Bob Grambor:

"This is a real nice dish. The venison comes out tender and the apple fritters are a nice complement."

Applejack Venison Scallopini

(serves six)

2 1/4 lbs. venison loin or round
cut into 2 oz. medallions
pounded thin between plastic wrap
Dredge in flour and saute in vegetable oil about a minute on each side, then remove. Add:
1/4 cup finely chopped shallots
1/4 cup pine nuts

Brown shallots and pine nuts slightly in same pan, then remove and deglaze with about 2 oz. of Applejack whiskey and place back on flame. The alcohol will make the mixture flammable, so be careful. Then add:

3/4 cup apple cider

1/4 cup raisins

2 cups venison or beef glaze, which is made from beef or venison bones browned in the oven in oil. Add to it carrots, celery and onions, a couple Tablespoons of tomato paste, season with bayleaf, thyme and dash rosemary, one or two cloves. Cover with cold water, bring to boil, then turn back to simmer and let cook for few hours, strain and reduce down by half and add two Tablespoons unsalted butter, season with salt and pepper

Place venison in sauce with juices to reheat meat and serve with warm apple fritters.

Apple fritters

Peel and core 6 apples and soak in a brandy, sugar and water mixture, enough to cover

Meanwhile, beat 2 egg yolks

1/4 cups milk

1 C flour

1/2 teaspoon salt

Beat until smooth then fold in two well-beaten egg whites. Dredge the apple slices in sugar and cinnamon, dip in batter and deep fry until golden brown.

From Mario Russo of Russo's Continental Catering.

"This is good for a holiday breakfast or brunch."

Apple-walnut cinnamon crepes
(for 10 people)

8 eggs

1 cup flour

1 oz. vegetable oil

1/2 cup milk

Mix until you get a pancake batter consistency.

Add to batter:

1/4 cup sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla

Grease pan with vegetable oil and pour in batter so that it forms 8-inch round circles. When the top surface of the crepe begins to dry, flip over for a few seconds and then take off heat.

Apple walnut filling:

Can use store-bought, basic apple pie filling or canned apples.

Mix 1/4 cup chopped walnuts, 1 teaspoon brown sugar, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon. Mix well and spoon enough for a thin layer over crepe and roll. Crepes should be served with whipped cream.

Mike Smith of Villa Piancone Restaurant said that grilled tuna with a special sauce makes for an "impressive main course."

Tuna del Re (tuna for a king)
with strawberry champagne beurre blanc

(For 8-10 guests)

8-10 tuna steaks, sauteed in pan or broiler approximately 2-3 minutes on each side.

Strawberry champagne beurre blanc

2 lbs. fresh strawberries

1 bottle champagne

2 lbs. butter

approximately 1 oz. shallots

2 oz. sugar

lemon

Saute shallots and butter, add fresh strawberries, sliced and the champagne. Boil to reduce the amount by half. Puree in blender, return to pot and add sugar. Over low flame whip in remaining amount of butter until thick and smooth, making sure not to boil.

Place sauce on bottom of plate with tuna on top. Garnish whole rim with strawberry halves and lemon slices.

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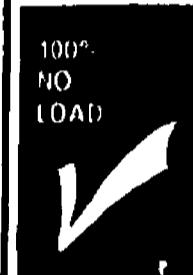
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MOVIES

Bly'd spirit

Spielberg's 'Hook' deserves to get one

By STEVEN HART

WeekendPlus Editor

Woody Allen used to tell a joke about going to see a production of *Peter Pan* with Bessie Smith in the lead role — “the chains kept breaking” was the punch line. So do the very costly gold chains supporting *Hook*, the much-hyped Steven Spielberg dud that starts with what must be the least inviting premise ever conceived for a children’s fantasy — Peter Pan grows up into a workaholic, life-denying corporado — and builds it into a junky toy mountain. Overbearing and underimagined, at least 30 minutes too long and smothered in the usual grandiose John Williams score, *Hook* is too

heavy to hoist and too unwieldy to really enjoy. Touted throughout the summer and fall as the flick that would turn things around at the theaters, it is now the leading contender for the title of Movie That Left the Biggest Crater in the Hollywood 1991 Christmas Season.

It is accurate, though not complimentary, to call *Hook* a *Peter Pan* for the '90s. Faced once again by his old enemy Captain Hook, who’s kidnapped his kids in order to bring him back to Neverland for one last fight, sobersides Peter is given three days to rediscover the ebullient boy within him, thereby enabling him to vanquish Captain Hook and become a better man in the process. Peter Pan, meet Robert Bly. Quite by accident, Spielberg has come up with the capper to this year’s trend: Yuppies regaining their souls. Considering the decline in box office grosses that has accompanied Spielberg’s attempts at adult statements (*The Color Purple*, *Empire of the Sun*, *Always*) the director must have found plenty of personal associations in the theme of a wealthy father trying to reclaim his youth.

There are a lot of other secondhand elements in this hash. The Lost Boys are unpleasantly reminiscent of the kids from *The Goonies*, a Spielberg production; when they get all cow-eyed and murmur “He is the one, true Pan,” we are wrenching from Neverland and tossed into *The Greatest Story Ever Told*; when Hook sets to work courting Peter’s alienated son Jack, the *Star Wars* parallel is obvious and grating. (Stripped of his wig and flouncy hat at the climax, Hook even recalls the de-helmeted Darth Vader.) About the only thing you aren’t reminded of here is *Peter Pan*.

With its massive, obviously expensive yet fake-looking sets, *Hook* has the feel of a badly planned amusement park. “Visual consultant” John Napier has devised sets for Neverland and the Lost Boys’ rumpus area that would not be out of place among his production designs for *Cats*, *Miss Saigon* and *Les Miz*. It’s very much a boy’s game here: Maggie Banning, Peter’s 7-year-old daughter, never loses faith in her Pops and as a reward gets put on the shelf for most of the movie.



Captain Hook (Dustin Hoffman) is re-introduced to Peter Pan (Robin Williams) in *Hook*.

Steven Spielberg's much-hyped dud starts with what must be the least inviting premise ever conceived for a children's fantasy

Not that Spielberg has much time for humans in general: after flitting about as Tinkerbell, Julia Roberts at one point turns big enough to look Peter in the face and give him a good kiss, but our hero turns his back on this full-sized example of the joys of adulthood without even pausing to gulp, and she quickly reverts to rinky Tink scale. When one of the Lost Boys gets run through by Hook — calm down, it’s obvious from the start which kid’s slated to kick the bucket — it’s forgotten after barely a couple of minutes. Considering that Spielberg’s attention span is shorter than the lifetime of the average subatomic particle, it’s odd that he allowed Hook to bloat into something twice as long as the average kid can comfortably sit through.

The title of *Hook* is misleading, since the villainous captain is hardly present for most of the action, but Dustin Hoffman is slyly amusing as the manicurist’s worst nightmare. (His drawling delivery and snaggle-tooth grin are pure William F. Buckley Jr.) As the green-clad flyboy turned corporate raider, Robin Williams only becomes un-

convincing when he rediscovers the eternal boy in him — a problem, given that this is the point of the whole movie. In fact he’s so good as the beleaguered adult that when the Lost Boys start pelting and pummeling him through the regimen to reclaim his boyhood, you start wondering if Peter might not be better off leaving his kids with old Hook. Maggie Smith is on hand to lend a touch of class to the proceedings, with Old Blighty beating out New Hollywood Blight quite handily.

The film occasionally lumbers within trumpeting distance of the original story’s charm, particularly in the early scenes: the opening shot of Peter and his family watching a grammar school production of Barrie’s play, and the ensuing visit to snowy London, have a playful, low-key air of enchantment that holds out promise of better things. That promise is never realized, but *Hook* does perform an unexpected, unintended public service. With its laborious spectacle of people who ought to know better huffing through tiresome games of make-believe, *Hook* is a first-rate advertisement for adulthood. Did you ever expect something like that from Hollywood?

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BIGGIE

• The life and times of Biggie Smalls, the gangster who made Las Vegas what it is today. With Warren Beatty, Annette Bening and Harvey Keitel. Written by James Toback (*The Big Bang*) and directed by Barry Levinson

(Rain Man, Avalon). (R)

FATHER OF THE BRIDE

• Steve Martin stars in a remake of the 1950 comedy about a man trying to organize a lavish wedding. With Diane Keaton and Martin Short. (PG)

CURRENT FILMS

THE ADDAMS FAMILY

A tame, disappointing one-joke film featuring the agreeably twisted clan created by Westfield’s favorite son, Charles Addams. With Raul Julia, Anjelica Huston, Christopher Lloyd and Thing. (PG-13)

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS

• Holiday tale about a little girl

who wants to reunite her estranged parents for Christmas. (G)

AN AMERICAN TAIL:

FIEVEL GOES WEST

• The further animated adventures of Fievel Mouskowitz. With the voices of James Stewart, Dom DeLuise and John

Cleese. (G)

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

• Madame de Villeneuve’s fairy tale gets the Disney treatment. (G)

BILLY BATHGATE

• Any film that opens with Bruce Willis being chucked off a boat with his feet planted in a tub of

cement can’t be all bad, and this low-key gangster tale —

adapted from E.L. Doctorow’s overpraised novel — is actually pretty good. The decline of Depression-era gangster Dutch Schultz as viewed through the eyes of a young hanger-on, the

film steers a middle course be-

tween the operatic *Godfather* series and the grimy stupidity of *Scarface*. With Dustin Hoffman as Schultz, Nicole Kidman as his moll and, in a crucial casting mistake, bland-faced Loren Dean as the protagonist. (R)

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FOR THE BOYS
•Bette Midler and James Caan co-star as bickering USO performers whose careers span four wars. (R)

HOOK
•Elaborate fantasy adventure in which the grown-up Peter Pan (Robin Williams) must rescue his children from his archenemy Captain Hook (Dustin Hoffman). With Julia Roberts as Tinkerbell. (PG)

HOUSE PARTY 2
•Kid 'N Play (a.k.a. Chris Reid and Christopher Martin) reprise their roles from the original: this time Kid is pursuing college while Play chases fame as a rapper. With Full Force and Queen Latifah. (R)

LITTLE MAN TATE
•Jodie Foster's surprisingly bland filmmaking debut, redeemed mainly by the fine performance of Adam Hann-Byrd as a 7-year-old genius whose welfare may depend on his being able to leave home. With Dianne West. (PG)

MY GIRL
•Coming-of-age comedy about a tomboy (Anna Chlumsky), her boyfriend (Macaulay Culkin) and a widowed matron (Dana Aylroyd). (PG)

OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY
•Wall Street's most ruthless corporate raider, Larry the Liquidator (Danny DeVito), goes after a New England company. With Gregory Peck and Penelope Ann Miller. (R)

THE PEOPLE UNDER THE STAIRS
•The latest horror movie from Wes Craven (A Nightmare on Elm Street, The Hills Have Eyes) is about a young burglar who runs into some nasty surprises during his first break-in. (R)

PROSPERO'S BOOKS
•Peter Greenaway (The Cook, The Thief, His Wife & Her Lover) does a Felliniesque take on Shakespeare's The Tempest. With John Gielgud as Prospero.

STAR TREK VI: THE UNDISCOVERED COUNTRY

•Like its cast, this final entry in the Trek series is paunchy, slow-moving and more prone to talk than action. The preachment-heavy script transposes the colonies of the Soviet Union into the future, where Kirk, Spock and company must save a plan to resolve the conflict between the Klingons and the Federation. Starring the usual gang plus Christopher Plummer, and Kim Cattrall as Spock's protege — their mind-melding scene is one of the kindest moments in the series. Directed by Nicholas Meyer, the man behind Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan.

THEATERS
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Everyday unreality

Van Allsburg's books place fantasy in familiar settings

By VALERI DRACH
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WeekendPlus Writer

A board game that turns a quiet house in a jungle. A boy who learns to sail his boat above treetops. As Chris Van Allsburg himself acknowledges, there are "no leprechauns or dragons" in any of his 12 illustrated books for children, but his stories nevertheless usher readers into worlds where fantasy merges with domesticity.

"When reality is altered, when you let the surreal creep into the everyday, uncertainty is created and that uncertainty is scary," said Van Allsburg.

A good way to create that uncertainty, he added, is to banish adults.

"Fantasy becomes alive when adult perception is removed," Van Allsburg said. "When kids are left alone, the safety parents represent is gone."

Nowhere is this more true than in his second book *Jumanji* (1981, \$15.95), a Caldecott Medal winner, about a brother and sister who find a board game that turns their serene living room into a treacherous jungle complete with lions, stampeding rhinoceros, monsoon rains and volcanoes.

As dangerous as things become, Van Allsburg allows the children a chance to restore normalcy without adult intervention.

"The older sister blazes a trail," Van Allsburg said. "She convinces her brother to continue."

Just as Van Allsburg likes his characters to continue even as he places them in terrifying situations, so does he prefer what he calls "non-passive readers" capable of threading their way through his clues and inversions of reality.

According to Van Allsburg, all his books are in a sense cautionary tales. He sees the world as a dangerous place, but not a place to avoid or escape. The frightening quality he highlights in each yarn is the very thing to which readers are attracted. However, some of his characters

Author-Illustrator Chris Van Allsburg relaxes at home: He wants what he calls "non-passive" readers.

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Two Bad Ants (1988, \$16.95) literally get a taste of adventure when they leave the safety of the nest to explore the world of humans, specifically a kitchen sugar

bowl. When things turn scary, Van Allsburg gives us an insect's perspective on the threats posed by normal domestic objects: a cup of coffee, a toaster and a water faucet.

A young sailor in *The Wreck of the Zephyr* (1983, \$15.95) also leaves the safety of his familiar world to take on rough seas, despite the warning of his elders.

He benefits from his recklessness by discovering a seaside village where men have learned to sail their boats through the sky. Although the boy, at least for a few short moments, breaks free of the earth, his foolhardiness destroys his dreams and his boat. The tale is rendered with breathtaking pastel views of sailboats gliding through the stars and clouds.

There are rewards for venturesome spirits, however. No one is more rewarded than a young boy who is given the gift of a ride on *The Polar Express* (\$17.95, published in 1985 and winner of the Caldecott Medal).

Van Allsburg said that the inspiration for the book was a vision he had of a train stopping in the middle of a snowy forest. Faith is the ticket that allows you to ride Van Allsburg's mysterious night train that runs only once a year and with one destination: the North Pole.

Sometimes you don't even have to get up out of bed to visit one of Van Allsburg's strange universe's. Walter, a young boy in *Just A Dream* (1990, \$17.95), a story Van Allsburg calls his most didactic, travels on his

bed to a dismal future where smog, noisy polluted highways and giant smokestacks ruin the earth.

Ben's Dream (1982, \$8.95) is a much more whimsical tale about a boy who gets to see all the great landmarks of the world from the comfortable perspective of his own arm chair — a metaphor for reading itself.

"It is quite a luxury to fish off of your porch as Ben does as he sails past the Taj Mahal," Van Allsburg said.

The biggest surprise of all from this master of surprise is that he almost didn't become a children's author.

Van Allsburg entered the University of Michigan as a law student. His first art class changed that, and in 1972 he was graduated with a degree in sculpture. After getting his M.F.A. from the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD), he worked as a part time sculpture instructor where he displayed his drawings at a faculty art show. Without ever publishing an illustration he was offered a permanent teaching position at RISD.

He decided to publish his first book in 1979, *The Garden of Abdul Gasazi* (\$16.95), a Caldecott Honor Book, because he felt guilty about teaching in a medium he was not involved in professionally. Like the retired magician Abdul Gasazi who can change dogs into ducks, Van Allsburg can turn children's books into instant best-sellers, not an easy feat in a juvenile market where it usually takes years to build a popular title.

Although he claimed "to not know as a young boy that he would be drawn to the illusion of art," his favorite reading material certainly

pointed him in the right direction. *Alice Through the Looking Glass* and such 1950s favorites as *Harold and the Purple Crayon* and *Mad* magazine, all gave Van Allsburg a peek at places where life was a little odd. It doesn't take a magician to guess what his favorite childhood television show was *The Twilight Zone*.

As much as Van Allsburg likes to have his readers visit magical country sides, he always likes them to bring back something with them. A little memento of the absurd that leaves them thinking.

Even his alphabet book *The Z Was Zapped*, (1987, \$16.95), is not an ABC book that features passive apples and pears. It is dedicated to the very active demolition of the 26 letters of the alphabet. Van Allsburg thought children might like watching the alphabet being destroyed, after all they are made to tediously memorize it. He also thought they might more easily remember the letters by verb rather than noun. ("The B was badly bitten, The C Was Cut to ribbons.")

And if Van Allsburg was trying to mutilate the letters, they almost "ground him into dust." He actually made real scale models of the letters from clay, plastic or wax, put them on a stage he also nailed together and then drew each letter as if it were a separate stage actor. And the ultimate challenge he offers to his readers can be found in *The* (Please turn to page 11)

Book marks

Soundings

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AMAH AND THE NIGHT VISITORS

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Saturday, Dec. 21
Waterloo Village
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Stanhope
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•Organist performs Christmas music in church setting. Village admission \$7.50, \$5 for the elderly, \$3 for children ages 6 to 12.

LOUISE MANDRELL
Saturday, Dec. 28, 8 p.m.
Union County Arts Center
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Folk singer Elaine Silver performs Friday, Dec. 27, at Waterloo Village in Stanhope.

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Waterloo Village

Route 80, Exit 25

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•Folk singer performs in the Waterloo Pavilion. Admission \$7.50 for adults, \$5 for the elderly, \$3 for children 6 to 12.

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Chris Van Allsburg's everyday unreality

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Mysteries of Harris Burdick (1984, \$14.95), a collection of 14 drawings with one line captions, that probably contain all of our collected fears and fantasies. Each illustration provokes the imagination into creating stories. They include an ocean liner trying to squeeze through the canals of Venice, birds flying off of wallpaper and a comfortable domestic scene with a blob crawling under a carpet.

The premise for this book is that an illustrator left these drawings with a publisher and then never returned with the finished material.

His other books include *The Stranger* (1986, \$16.95) the story of an unusual visitor at a farmhouse, and his latest, *The Wretched Stone* (\$17.95), which he calls "a quintessential sea tale" but has a bit of the didactic strain from *Ben's Dream*.

In it, a captain notices some gruesome transformations in his crew after he takes aboard a strange glowing stone. It doesn't take a genius to note the resemblance between the stone's glow and the light emitted from a certain household appliance that many children spend too much time in front of. He also illustrated *Swan Lake* (1989), a retelling of the venerable tale by novelist Mark Helprin (*Winter's Tale*).

Although he receives 50 letters a week at his Rhode Island home from his young readers, it is really only one child that he writes for. "I write for the child I used to be," Van Allsburg said.



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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't put unneeded pressure on yourself as the week begins. Play it low key, stay close the roost. A loved one lets you know how much they care this Christmas. Both of you may hear sleigh bells for a long time. Take some special time just for you and company this weekend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Make a point of calling friends that you don't contact often at the beginning of the week. You make a difference. Get into the flow of the season. Drop anchor Christmas Day. Rest up because you enter a special weekend with a special gift in your life.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may be dumbstruck at the cost this holiday season, or you may be awestruck by a special gift sent to you. Intimate conversations, brisk walks and tender moments fill the remainder of the week. You vanish into your shell for the weekend...with whom or for what, we don't know.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22) - You may be rather mysterious to others before the holiday. You reveal yourself and are in full bloom this Christmas. Others are drawn to you, and your magnetic ways zero in on just the right person. Gift giving of all forms occupy you even through the weekend.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22) - With lots of bases to cover, you are the last minute shopper. You really get into the festivities - egg nog here and there (kisses under the mistletoe).

here and there). You may miss a special person this Christmas until the weekend. Then, Lit a candle and be found beaming all weekend long.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21) You are likely to be the happiest of all signs right now. Seems like Santa knew what was on your wish list, and be the spiritual or physical, you indulge all week long. You are not to be found this weekend. Playing with your toys again!

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21) Reach out to another at a distance. Change your plans if that's what you want to do. Your perkier side comes out toward the weekend. You are very happy, and it seems you've made a friend especially happy as well. Your holiday magic appears to be contagious.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 19) As the week begins, lasso in a special friend and make them your holiday gift. This exchange has your spirits soaring Christmas Day. Boy, do you seem distracted at Christmas dinner. Everyone can ask; you don't have to tell. You work on normalizing all weekend long.

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18) A special person shoots their Cupid's arrow and hits the bull's eye. Don't worry about explaining why you cancelled all your Christmas Day plans and the next day's plans. The poet in you comes out this weekend.

PISCES (February 19-March 31) The Fish may be swimming everywhere as the week begins (trying to get everything done). A late Christmas Eve, but it's all worth it as you and associates discover. Celebration and intimacy intertwine. The weekend is exclusive and just for...oh well...some people have all the luck.

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STAGE

Sitcom on stage

Not Simon's best, or George Street's for that matter

By ALEC M. ADAMS
WeekendPlus Theater Reviewer

While it's not one of Neil Simon's strongest works, *I Ought to Be in Pictures*, now playing at the George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick, is not without its charms.

The show concerns Libby, who arrives in Hollywood to rebuild the bridge burned 16 years before, when her father Herb Tucker walked out. The years have not been kind: though he has a girlfriend named Steffy, Herb is a has-been screen writer who is in need of inspiration.

In addition to the trademarked Simon one-liners, *I Ought to Be in Pictures* is suffused with blatant sentimentality and sitcom aspects that the director Gregory S. Hurst (who is also GSP's producing artistic director) does nothing to counteract. His direction is uneven and sometimes careless. Though credit must be given to him for casting a black actress, Suzanne Douglas, in the role of Steffy, Hurst fails to explore the ramifications this move creates for the show. Libby, a 20-year-old raised in Brooklyn, would undoubtedly go through a few changes upon discovering Steffy, but Hurst ignores this.

With that said, it is unfortunate that Suzanne Douglas does not give a stronger performance as Steffy. Though not helped by the direction, her opening scene with Libby seemed rushed and forced. It was also difficult to see what attracted her to Herb. Although she states several times in the show what a wonderful person Herb is, little of that seems expressed in their scenes together.

Dorrie Joiner accurately captures Libby's struggle to come to terms with her feelings for a father whom she needs to love but can't quite



Dorrie Joiner and John P. Connolly in *I Ought to Be in Pictures* at the George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick.

forgive. Her scene in Act two where her act of self-confidence fails and she finally opens up to her father and lets him see the scared child within needs to be set up better to be really effective. As it is the scene, while moving, smacks of exploitation and cheap sentimentality.

John P. Connolly, as Herb Tucker, gives a fine performance. After struggling a bit with the sitcom direction in the first scene, he comes back with a full character. In his hands, Herb grows in complexity and richness with each scene. Connolly, with the exception of the opening scene, holds off both the sitcom and overly sentimental.

I Ought to Be in Pictures seems a curious choice for George Street's holiday show. It is not one of Simon's best, nor one of George Street's best.

I OUGHT TO BE IN PICTURES Through Dec. 28 at the George Street Playhouse, 9 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick. (908) 246-7717.

Stage right

It starts with murder

It starts with murder and ends with comedy, along the way moving through English history and the English drawing room. It's the 30th anniversary season of the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival, based at Drew University in Madison.

Leading off the season will be *Measure for Measure* (June 10-July 11), the most famous of a racing series of plays by William Shakespeare. The play is set in a 16th-century Vienna, where a young man, Alceste, is condemned to death for the crime of adultery. The play ends with the death of the condemned man, John

Alceste, and the return of Henry IV the太子 of France, who has been exiled to England. Set for Aug. 13 and Aug. 14.

The first portion of the season opens with Tennessee Williams' *Camino Real* (Aug. 24-Sept. 12), followed by Shakespeare's comedy *Much Ado About Nothing* (Sept. 18-Oct. 10).

The 1992 season ends with a holiday offering to run from mid-November to mid-December. Several plays are under consideration.

The season begins previews on June 10, with a gala opening celebration June 12. Subscriptions are now available.

For more information, call (908) 408-3278.

Curtain times



The carnival goes on in *Black Orpheus*, a musical recasting of the legend of Orpheus and Eurydice now playing at the Crossroads Theatre in New Brunswick.

OPENINGS

BACKSTAGE PLAYERS

Performing Arts Center
Middlesex County College
155 Mill Road, Edison
(908) 689-5841

▪ *A Christmas Carol*, musical version of the Dickens classic. Dec. 20, 21 at 8 p.m., Dec. 22 at 2 p.m. Tickets \$5, group discounts available.

VILLAGERS THEATRE

475 DeMott Lane
Franklin Township
Municipal Complex
(908) 873-2710

▪ *The Adventures of the Country Mouse*, children's musical by Feather Schwartz. Dec. 21, 22, 28, 29 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets \$6, \$5 for children under 12.

▪ *Drop Dead*, farce about a group of actors whose murder-mystery rehearsals are coming uncomfortably close to reality. Dec. 20 through Dec. 31, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30

p.m., Sundays at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$12, \$15 for New Year's Eve performance.

NOW PLAYING

CROSSROADS THEATRE

7 Livingston Ave.
New Brunswick
(908) 249-5581

▪ *Black Orpheus*, the story of Orpheus and Eurydice transplanted to Trinidad during Carnival time. Through Jan. 5. Tickets \$32 to \$19.

FORUM THEATRE

314 Main St.
Metuchen
(908) 548-4670

▪ *The Grand Tour*, World War II musical about a Polish colonel and a Polish-German-Austrian-French Jew trying to reach London. Tickets \$24 to \$18, \$25 for New Year's Eve performance.

GEORGE STREET PLAYHOUSE
9 Livingston Ave.

New Brunswick
(908) 246-7469

▪ *I Ought to Be in Pictures*, Neil Simon's comedy about a drunken Hollywood writer visited by the daughter he abandoned 16 years before.

Through Dec. 22. Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

HUNTERDON HILLS PLAYHOUSE

Route 173, Pennington
1-800-HHP-7313

▪ *Wake Up, Darling*, comedy performed through Dec. 21.

McCARTER THEATRE

91 University Place
Princeton
(609) 683-8000

▪ *A Christmas Carol* in a new production directed by David Thompson. Through Dec. 24. Tickets \$29, \$24, \$22.

A family Christmas at Waterloo Village

Folk music, hand bell choirs and seasonal music are part of the Waterloo Christmas Festival, now taking place at the restored Village of Waterloo in Stanhope.

Open through the month of December from Tuesday to Sunday (except Christmas Day), the restored 18th century village will be decorated in the seasonal spirit and made the setting for a variety of performances.

This Saturday, Dec. 21, organist Bart Haris will perform Christmas music, while on Sunday, Dec. 22, the United Methodist Choir will go caroling. Each program starts at 3 p.m. and is followed by a fellowship period.

In the days between Christmas and New Year's Eve the activities intensify. Hand bell soloist Frank Bowker will perform Thursday, Dec. 26, at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Folk singer Elaine Silver appears Dec. 27 at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Three children's events end the year at Waterloo. On Dec. 28, Pegasus Puppets will perform *Aladdin*, a life-size puppet pantomime, at 2 p.m. On Dec. 29, Paul Peabody's Marionette Theater presents *Doctor Dolittle's Circus* at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. William

Brenner will narrate *Colonial Kid Peter and the Wolf*, a Yankee variation on the familiar tale, Dec. 30 at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Weekend and Christmas Week admission to the village is \$7.50 for adults, \$5 for the elderly and \$3 for children ages 6 to 12. Weekday admission is \$6 for adults, \$4.50 for the elderly and \$3 for children ages 6 to 12.

For more information, call (201) 347-0900.



Above, hand bell soloist Frank Bowker. At left, Doctor Dolittle's Circus.

Mark your calendar

Shore Singles will be performing Dec. 21, 22, 23 and 24 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15, \$12 for children, students and the elderly.

Singles hike at state park

Shore Singles has scheduled a hike Saturday, Dec. 28, through Cheesquake State Park in Old Bridge.

The fee is \$4, \$3 for members. For more information, call (800) 671-9633.

Places to go

MUSEUMS

ANIMAL ART MUSEUM
St. Hubert's Giraffe
575 Woodland Ave., Madison
(201) 377-5541

Animal art from the collection of Geraldine R. Dodge. Open Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

THE ART MUSEUM
Princeton University
(609) 258-3788

Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday from 1-5 p.m. Museum shop closes 4 p.m. Western European paintings, sculpture and decorative art from 19th and 20th centuries. Pre-Columbian art and Art of the Americas reopened.

CUNNINGTON HISTORICAL MUSEUM
56 Main St., Clinton
(908) 735-4101

Daily (except Monday) from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Adults \$3, senior citizens \$1.50, children \$1.

CRANBURY MUSEUM
4 Park Pl., Cranbury
(609) 395-8525

Sunday from 1-4 p.m. Free admission.

"Antique 'Planes, Trains and Automobiles,'" through Jan. 26, 1992.

DRAKE HOUSE MUSEUM
602 West Front St., Plainfield
(908) 755-5831

House built in 1746 and furnished with articles of the period. Saturday from 2-4 p.m. Donation \$1 for adults, free to children.

EAST BRUNSWICK MUSEUM
16 Maple St., East Brunswick
(908) 254-7329

Saturday and Sunday from 1:30-4 p.m. Free admission.

EAST JERSEY OLDE TOWNE

River Rd. and Hoes Lane
Johnson Park, Piscataway
(908) 463-9077

Village composed of relocated 18th century structures set near the headquarters of the county park police. No tours offered at present. Gift shop open Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

190 Lord Stirling Rd.
Basking Ridge
(908) 766-2489

Introduction to cross-country skiing, 1 p.m. Dec. 21. Cost \$3.

JANE VOORHEES ZIMMERLI ART MUSEUM

Rutgers University
George and Hamilton streets
New Brunswick
(908) 932-7237

Monday through Friday from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Closed Wednesday. Free admission.

"New Directions" in Russian and Soviet art, through Feb. 25, 1992.

MACCULLOCH HALL HISTORICAL MUSEUM

45 Macculloch Ave.
Morristown
(201) 538-2404

Saturday, Sunday, and Tuesday from 1-4 p.m. Adults \$3, senior citizens \$2, students \$1.

METLAR HOUSE

1281 River Rd., Piscataway
(908) 757-1144 or 752-4178

Piscataway Township historic museum. Weekday tours by appointment.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY MUSEUM

Comelius Low House
1225 River Rd., Piscataway
(908) 745-4177

Daily (except Monday) from 1-4 p.m. Free admission.

"Home Front USA," life in New Jersey during World War II, through July 14, 1992.

MILLER-CORY HOUSE MUSEUM

614 Mountain Ave., Westfield
(908) 232-1776

Furnished farmhouse started in 1740 by Samuel Miller, originally part of 100-acre farm. Sunday from 1-5 p.m. Adults \$1, children 50 cents.

MINIATURE KINGDOM

Route 31 South, Washington
(908) 689-6866

Miniature European city created by Arthur Thuijs depicting famous castles, cathedrals, battle scenes, railroads, people and animals. Open daily (except Monday) from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Adults \$4.50, senior citizens \$4, children 5-18 \$3.50, children under 5 \$1.50.

MONTCLAIR ART MUSEUM

3 South Mountain Ave.
Montclair
(201) 746-5555

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday and Sunday from 2-5 p.m., second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 2-9 p.m. Free admission for members. Non-member admission: adults \$4, students and senior citizens \$2, children under 18 free.

"Prints by Martin Levine, through Jan. 4, 1992.

"Contemporary Works from the Collection," through Jan. 12, 1992.

"Storybook Visions," illustrations from children's books, through Jan. 12, 1992.

"Rutgers Archives Prints," through Feb. 9, 1992.

"Paintings by William T. Williams, through Feb. 23, 1992.

"Bronze sculpture by Jonathan Scott Hartley, through March 8, 1992.

"Prints from Currier & Ives, through April 12, 1992.

"Highlights from the Native American Collection," through June 7, 1992.

MORRIS MUSEUM

6 Normandy Heights Rd.
Morristown
(201) 538-0454

Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday from 1-5 p.m. Admission free for museum members. Non-member admission: adults \$4, senior citizens and children \$2.

"Evolution to Revolution," ongoing exhibition of lamps and lamp accessories from 19th-century America.

"Sculpture by Michael Malpass, through Jan. 5, 1992.

MUSEUM OF EARLY TRADES AND CRAFTS

Main St. and Green
Village Rd., Madison
(201) 377-2982

Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday from 2-5 p.m. Adults \$1, children 50 cents.

"Prints by Martin Levine, through Jan. 4, 1992.

"N.J. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

230 Broadway, Newark
(201) 483-3939

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Drinking Contest Between Dionysos and Herakles, a Roman mosaic from the early third century AD, is among the works on view at the Art Museum, Princeton University.

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 Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Guided tours by appointment. Admission free for society members, \$3 for non-members.

•"Tender in Years: Childhood in 19th-Century New Jersey," ongoing.

N.J. MUSEUM

OF AGRICULTURE

College Farm Rd. near Route 1
 New Brunswick
 (908) 249-2077

Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Adults \$3, children 4-12 \$1, children under 4 free.

N.J. 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. Free admission.

Planetarium shows Saturdays and Sundays, admission \$1; call (609) 292-6333 for times.

•Early porcelains by Edward Marshall Boehm, through December.

•"American Abstract Art: 1930s to the Present," through December.

•Ink drawings by Allan Rohan Crite w/a Christmas theme, through Jan. 5, 1992.

NEWARK MUSEUM

49 Washington St., Newark
 (201) 596-6550

Tuesday through Sunday from noon-4:45 p.m. Donation. Largest museum complex in the state. Permanent exhibits include "Africa-The Americas-The Pacific," "Design in Native American life," "American Painting and Sculpture," Numismatic Gallery, Asian Galleries, Ballantine House and the Mini-Zoo.

•"Teapots and Coffeepots," through Jan. 19, 1992.

OLD BARRACKS MUSEUM

Barrack St. (next to State House complex)

Trenton

(609) 396-1776

Revolutionary War museum. Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday from 1-5 p.m. Donation \$2 for adults, \$1 for students and senior citizens, 50 cents for children under 12.

•"Hail the Conquering Hero Comes: George Washington's Triumphant Entry into Trenton," through March 31, 1992.

•"Of War, Law and the Third Amendment," through June 1, 1992.

REEVES-REED ARBORETUM

165 Hobart Ave., Summit

(908) 273-8787

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RUTGERS GEOLOGY MUSEUM

Hamilton St. between

College Ave. and George St.

(Old Queens Campus)

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New Brunswick

(908) 932-7243

Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Free admission.

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(201) 467-0770

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33 Mine St., Flemington

(908) 782-8235
 Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday from noon-5 p.m.

THE ART STUDIO

Union County Arts Center
 1605 Irving St., Rahway
 (908) 815-1605
 Gallery hours Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thursday from 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
 •Holiday show, through Dec. 31.

CIRCLE GALLERY

284 Woodbridge Center (upper level)
 Woodbridge
 (908) 636-7710
 •Original animation cels by "Friz" Freleng, alumnus of Walt Disney and Warner Brothers and creator of Sylvester the Cat, Speedy Gonzales and Yosemite Sam. Through Jan. 5.
CLAREMONT GALLERY
 Clarence Dillon Library
 Lamington Rd.
 Bedminster
 (908) 234-2345
 Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
 •Paintings, drawings and etchings by Emanuel Haller, through Jan. 2, 1992.

GALLERIES des ARTISTES

18 Main St., Madison
 (201) 377-1631
 Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
 •One-of-a-kind original art, through Dec. 31.

GALLERY CONTEMPO

1955 Route 1 South
 North Brunswick
 (908) 821-8178

Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
 •Neo-realism paintings by Peter Ho, through Dec. 31.

JAMES HOWE GALLERY

Vaughn-Eames Hall
 Kean College, 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. Also by appointment.

•Works by faculty members W. Carl Burger, Martin Holloway, and Bernard Lipscomb, through Dec. 20.

HUNTERDON ART CENTER

7 Center St., Clinton
 (908) 735-8415

Thursday and Friday from noon-4:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 1-5 p.m.

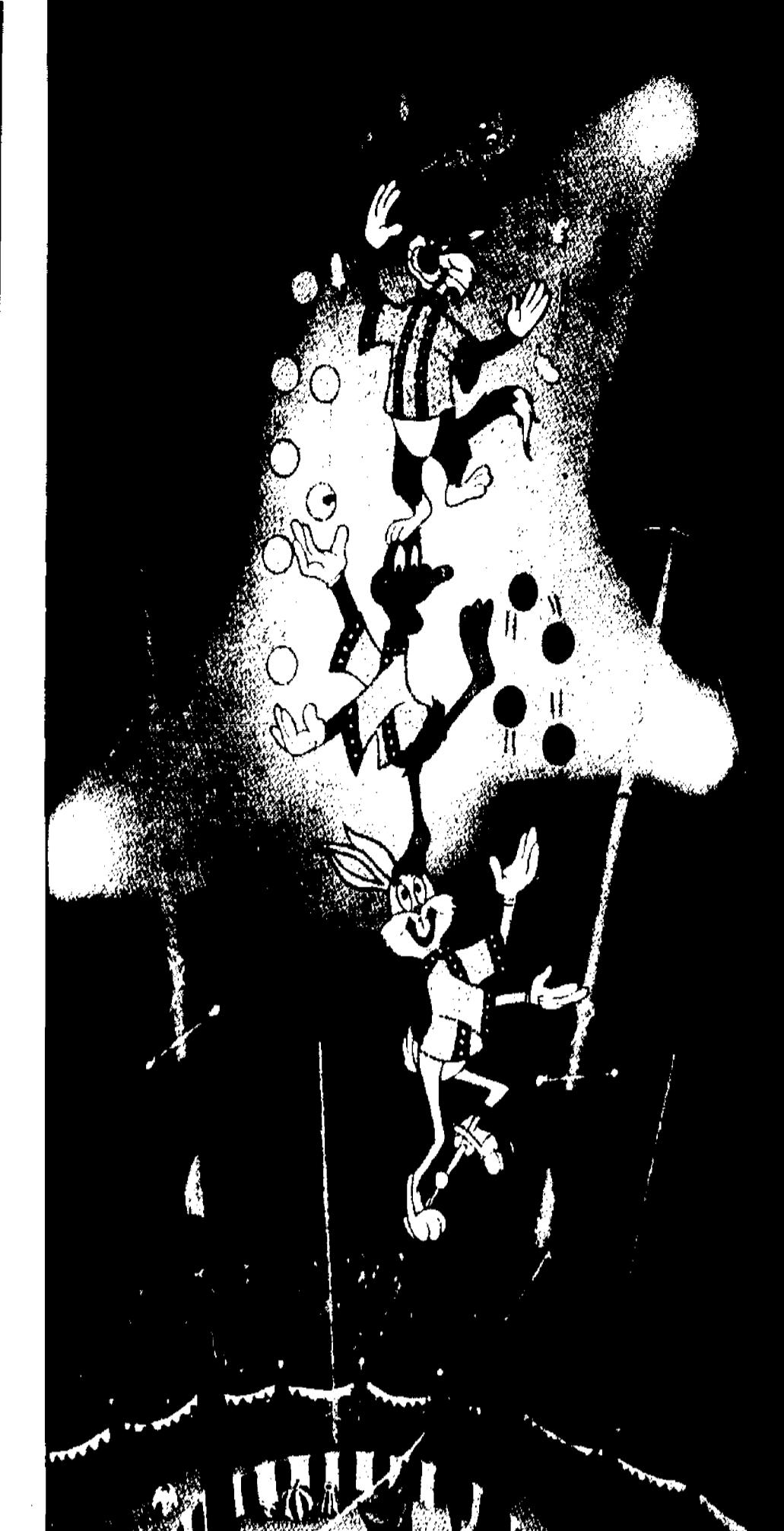
•"Mythical Dreams," works by Dorothy Gillespie, through Jan. 5, 1992.

•"Between the Sheets," exhibition of "everything that happened in bed" during the 19th Century, through Jan. 5, 1992.

•Paintings by children from around the world, through Jan. 5, 1992.

•"Landscapes and Figures" by Milton Charles, through Jan. 5, 1992.

•"Krasilov Street (1977), an oil painting by Eric Bulatov, is part of the collection of Nonconformist Art from the Soviet Union in "New Directions," the 25th anniversary show at the Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick.



The Acrobats, an animation cel by Isadore "Friz" Freleng, one of many examples of the animator's work on display at the Circle Gallery in Woodbridge Center.

620 Route 9, Freehold

(908) 780-0800

Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday hours by appointment.

•Group exhibition at both locations, through Jan. 4, 1992.

THE MEDICAL CENTER

AT PRINCETON

253 Witherspoon St.

Princeton

(609) 497-4191

Exhibit open during cafeteria hours.

•Works by Lee Stang Harr and Sally Stang, through Jan. 16, 1992.

MERWICK

79 Bayard Lane, Princeton

(609) 497-3000

Exhibit open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

•Oil paintings by Kate Seitz, through March 12, 1992.

MONTCLAIR STATE

COLLEGE

Upper Montclair

(201) 893-5113

Gallery hours Monday through Friday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 1-5 p.m. Free admission.

•Photography by Paul Shelly, Sprague Library Gallery, through Dec. 30.

MUNICIPAL GALLERY

Piscataway Municipal Building

455 Hoes Lane, Piscataway

(908) 463-0457

Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Free ad-

mission.

•Paintings by Roy M. Steinberg, through Dec. 20.

NEW JERSEY CENTER

FOR VISUAL ARTS

68 Elm St., Summit

(908) 273-9121

Gallery hours Monday through Friday from noon-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 2-4 p.m. Free admission.

•Juried exhibition, through Dec. 31.

•Abstract etchings by Sergei Tsvetkov, through Jan. 16, 1992.

NORTH EDISON LIBRARY

777 Grove Ave., Edison

(908) 548-3045

Exhibit open during library hours.

•Drawings, paintings, and sculpture by Nicholas Pierro, through December.

PARGOT GALLERY

Jewish Community Center of Middlesex County

1775 Oak Tree Rd., Edison

(908) 494-3232

Sunday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday from 1-5 p.m.

•Paintings by Anne Van Blarcom, through Jan. 7, 1992.

RABBIT GALLERY

120 Georges Rd.

North Brunswick

(908) 828-5150

Wednesday through Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Also by appointment.

•Works by Reginald Neal, through Dec. 20.

RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ART GALLERY

Route 28 & Lamington Rd.

Branchburg

(908) 218-8871

Tuesday and Wednesday from noon-3 p.m., Thursday from noon-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

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MEMORIAL GALLERY

St. Peter's High School

175 Somerset St.

New Brunswick

(908) 846-8046

Gallery hours Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

p.m. Also by appointment.

•Prints and drawings by Fausto Quintanilla, through Dec. 30.

SWAIN GALLERIES

703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield

(908) 756-1707

Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. through Dec. 23. Free admission.

WATCHUNG ARTS CENTER

18 Stirling Rd., Watchung

(908) 753-0190

Monday through Friday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday from 2-5 p.m.

•Four artists' "Alternative Landscape," through Dec. 29.

WESTERGARD LIBRARY

20 Murray Ave., Piscataway

(908) 752-1166

Exhibit open during library hours.

•Hummel figurines from the Mildred Slangan collection, through December.

•"Raccoons for the Holidays" from the Mary Piekarski collection, through December.

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DINING

Horn of plenty

Lots to choose at Abbondante in Somerville

By MICKI PULSINELLI
Culinary Correspondent

Today you can go to most pizzerias and order anything from pasta to seafood. And while in my day they were frequented by young high school students, today's pizzerias are family places.

You can feed a family of four for less than \$20 with pizza. And, if the parents are in the mood for something other than pizza (you know the kids will be ordering it), the choices are plentiful.

One place that comes to mind is Abbondante in Somerville. Once known as Somerville Pizza, this Italian restaurant took its new name because in Italian, it means "abundance" and the owners wanted people to know that there would be plenty of food.

Abbondante has a more contemporary decor than the traditional pizzeria. In fact it's like walking into two different restaurants in the same building.

They have the pizzeria in the front with a modern ceramic tile floor. Here you can order pizza to go, or by the slice at the counter service.

The back dining room has the traditional booths but at Abbondante they are oak-trimmed tables with hunter green backs. The walls have two different coverings (burgundy and mauve) separated with an oak chair rail. There are tables in the middle and planter dividers throughout. The day we ate there several customers were seating themselves in the back instead of in the front; our waitress Donna told us that weekends are so busy that back booths are used for just that purpose.

Abbondante's menu has seven hot and cold appetizers (\$4 to \$11 for a hot antipasto for two), two salads (\$2 to \$6.75) and one soup of the day (\$2 cup, \$4.50 bowl). You can order clams, casino or oreganato (\$4.50), or mussels marinara for \$5.

The pasta menu is delightful. You choose a pasta (eight choices of regular pasta at \$4.45 and five baked ones for \$4.95) and pick your own



Kerry Onesko flips a fresh pie at Abbondante in Somerville.

(\$12.95) from the regular menu. This consisted of shrimp, calamari, clams and mussels sautéed in a light garlic, plum tomato sauce. There were also scallops served with this, but not mentioned in the menu. The seafood was fresh, not rubbery, and the marinara sauce was delicious.

Pizzerias are not what they used to be. They are becoming friendly neighborhood Italian restaurants where the food and the prices are outstanding. Abbondante in Somerville is a good example of this.

ABBONDANTE PIZZA AND PASTARIA, 42 West Main St., Somerville. (908) 725-0766.

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sauce. There are seven different sauces to choose from, such as tomato, marinara, red or white clam sauce, bolognese, pesto, Alfredo or garlic and oil.

Entrees include four veal choices (\$9.95), five chicken (\$8.95), two eggplants (\$7.95 to \$8.25) and five seafood (\$8.50 to \$12.95). The choices are all the traditional dishes such as marsala, parmesan, francese and piccata for the veal and chicken, rollatine and parmesan for the eggplant, and marinara and fra diavolo for the seafood.

There are several not so traditional, nightly specials. The evening we dined the specials were scallops with brandy and dijon mustard sauce (\$9.95), pollo valpostano which is chicken, prosciutto, fontana cheese and a brandy demi-glace sauce (\$9.95) and tortellini alla Michelangelo (peas, prosciutto and onions in a heavy cream sauce) \$7.95. The specials came with a salad and garlic bread.

My husband and I shared an order of clams oreganato (\$4.50) and linguine with red clam sauce (\$4.45). The clams were fresh, and the stuffing was moist and light.

At the advice of our waitress we ordered pasta with two plates, and we were glad she did it that way. Served as an appetizer, the quantity was just right! The sauce was delicious. It was spicy and filled with clams.

Our large salads, which came with our order, consisted of two different greens, cucumbers, carrots, onion and tomato. The lettuce was crisp and fresh.

For entrees, my husband had the scallops special with the light dijon sauce. The scallops were fresh, not overcooked, and the dijon sauce was very good.

I ordered the seafood combination marinara with linguine

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Side orders



The Frog and The Peach
In New Brunswick is offering a wine course on Monday nights, beginning Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. Call (908) 846-3218.

At **Branches** in the North Branch section of Branchburg, singer Vic Tabaco will perform Dec. 21, Dec. 28 and New Year's Eve. Call (908) 725-7632 for more information.

Remember the old Clinton Point Inn? It's now **El Ranchero** and serves authentic Mexican food. Open seven days a week from 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Fiesta time is from 4-7 p.m.; the music begins 6:30-10:30 p.m. El Ranchero offers family dining at affordable prices (\$15.95-21.95). New games keep the kids as well as the adults entertained. A new package store and plenty of banquet facilities for any occasion are available. (908) 735-3679.

Severito's, Route 22 in Green Brook, now has a liquor license. (908) 424-0067.

The **Exchange Restaurant** in Bridgewater offers Happy Hour Monday-Friday from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Also check out Sunday and Monday football drink specials.

Bucky's, 809 Main St., Bridgewater. Come back to Bucky's Leisure time at the bar with rolled-back prices on beer and fine hors d'oeuvres. Monday night, pasta, all you can eat, \$5.95. Tuesday night, chow mein, all you can eat, \$4.95. Special corporate discounts on lunch and dinner.

Bobby and Mary's in Piscataway is featuring a pasta fest Monday and Tuesday. Lunch and dinner, all you can eat pasta, \$4.95 adults, \$3.50 children under 12. (908) 752-4474.

Shogun 27, Kendall Park has a regular comedy show. Buy one admission, get one free (Friday night only). (908) 422-1117.

—Micki Pulsinelli

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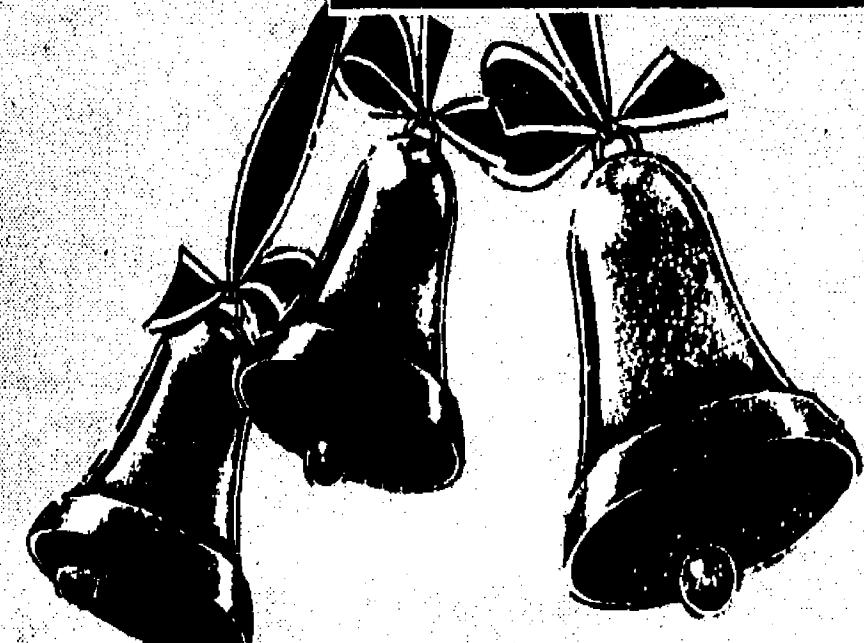
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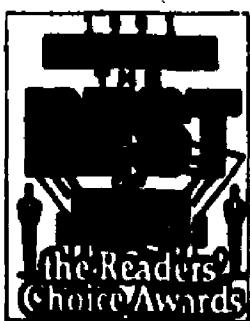
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By CHRISTINE RETZ

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

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-Clement C. Moore, *A Visit from St. Nicholas*. 1823

In Mr. Moore's day children found nuts, apples and oranges — rare and expensive treats indeed — in their holiday stockings. But we live in different times, with different ideas of just what goes into stockings. They can be last minute finds.

There is no contemporary fixed rule on the stockings' contents. They can be used for last-minute finds, gag gifts, just-a-thought items or diamond rings, if your fancy so inclines. A somewhat general rule of thumb has stocking presents in the moderately-priced range, diamonds aside.

To me, Christmas isn't Christmas if my stocking isn't full. For some reason my childhood stocking never had a thing in it.

I had 495,832 wonderful presents under the tree, but an empty stocking. This really bothered me, so today my family makes sure that my stocking is brim-full on The Big Morning. One of the best parts of my holiday is spilling out its merrily wrapped and mysterious contents.

There is no settled rule either about the physical size of stocking gifts. Some purists feel that the present should fit in the stocking, while others are more lenient in this regard.

One thing that will surely fit any size stocking is a gift certificate. These delight-

They can be used for last-minute finds, gag gifts, just-a-thought items or diamond rings

I never object to spending other people's money. And my pleasure is doubled knowing that I don't have to pay for what I select.

Almost any retailer will be glad to sell gift certificates to you. Service companies will too, I discovered. Cranford Indoor Pool, 401 Centennial Ave., Cranford, offers gift



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For the cook in the family, Woodfield's Kitchen Accessories in Westfield can fill a stocking with Swiss peelers, a Susi garlic press and a Zyliss cheese grater.

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certificates (passes) for their many excellent water and land programs. Their water programs include high- and low-intensity water walking programs, aerobics, and swimming programs, of course.

Cranford Indoor Pool also offers many land programs, including aerobics classes, sessions to strengthen specific areas of the body, and weight training. The instructors for all their programs are fully qualified and hold the appropriate official certifications in

their fields. (And while it's not part of any gift certificate package, manager Pat Fossella told me that Cranford Indoor Pool offers Red Cross classes on life guarding, first aid and CPR. These instructional sessions are open to members and non-members.

Not everyone is so exercise-oriented, however. People who enjoy cooking and all its appurtenances may enjoy finding the Susi Garlic Press in their stockings. This, and the useful Swiss Peeler (a vegetable peeler with the sharp blade that is a by-word in Swiss cutlery), can be found at Woodfield's Kitchen Accessories,

220 East Broad St., Westfield.

Co-owner Linda Woodfield-Stern also suggests any of the full line of Krups coffee makers and related products to round out your gift-giving list. One of the stocking-priced accessories they carry is the Krups Coffee Mill to grind the coffee beans.

Woodfield's also stocks KitchenAid stand mixers and accessories. The person who has one of these fine mixers might love a new accessory, such as a citrus juice attachment, a sausage stuffer, or a slicer/shredder attachment, Ms.

Woodfield-Stern added.

For the music lovers on your list there are many right-priced gifts to choose from, from sheet music of all varieties, from Broadway to rock and back again, to stringed instruments and accessories, and an assortment of music-related items - T-shirts, mugs, stationery, jewelry, etc.

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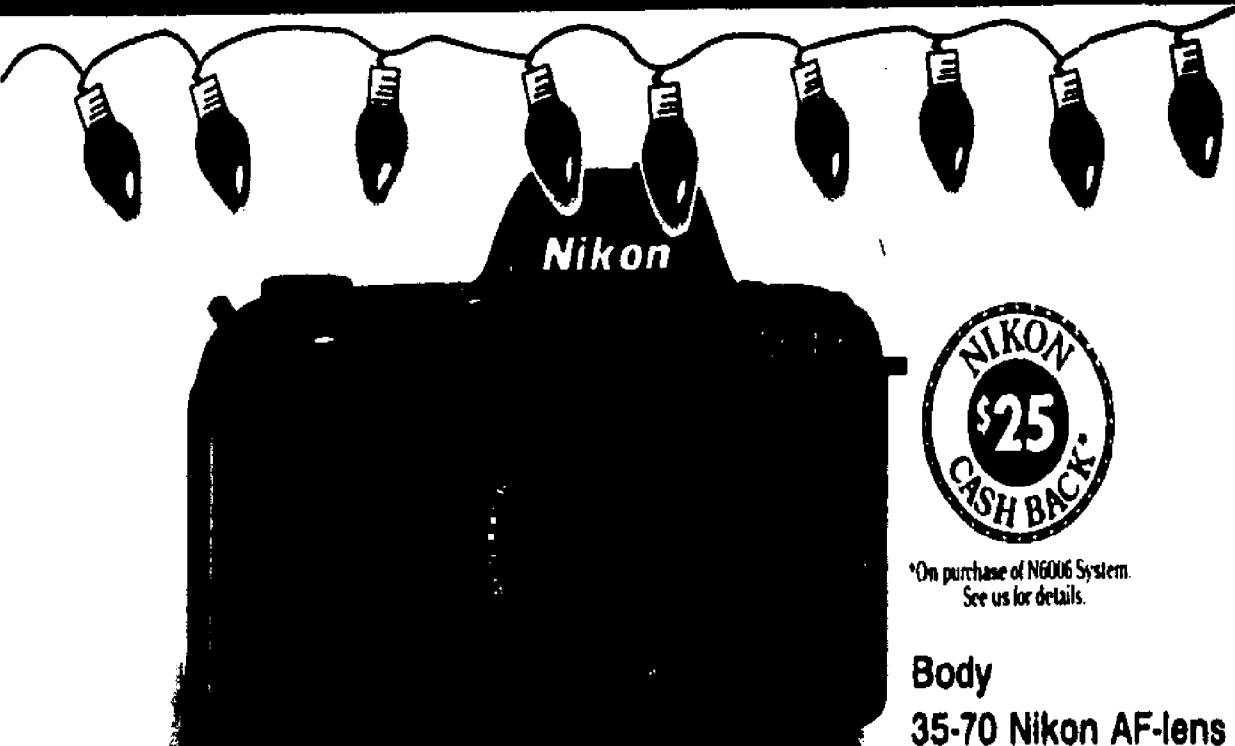
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By CHRISTINE RETZ

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Little Jack Horner sat in the corner,
Eating a Christmas pie.

He put in his thumb, and pulled out a plum,

And said, "I'm glad
Chris Retz didn't bake
this."

As you can see by this refrain, baking and I parted company a long time ago. But with the many area bakeries producing mouth-watering specialties for the holidays, I don't have to worry about what to serve my guests or bring to the holiday party.

If you are in the market for authentic Italian holiday treats you need look no further than Borella's Bakery, 101-3 E. Broad

St., Westfield. Their list of Christmas confections includes panettone, an Italian cake with several kinds of raisins and citrons. They also specialize in struffoli, honey-covered balls of dough with a sprinkled topping. Borella's also has ricotta pies, canolis, and other Italian and French pastries for your gastronomic pleasure.

If chocolates are the holiday treat you want, patronize Brummer's, 125 E. Broad St., Westfield, can meet your needs. Owner George Brummer said that his chocolate goodies range in size from two ounces to 25 pounds. He also offers homemade candy canes, some fashioned into gift baskets or other clever shapes such as a candlestick or

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cup and saucer. One of the most popular items he stocks is an assortment of candy tins filled with butter crunch, confectionery turtles, salted nuts or pretzels.

One of the current trends is the popularity of Yule logs, long a European tradition.

The noble fruitcake has become an object of derision in recent years because of its dried fruit contents, but the tide has turned at area bakeries.

From the Polish people we have kruschekki, the delicious bits of fried dough topped with powdered sugar that are enjoyed by all ethnic groups. Kruschekki is a specialty of this bakery, which also is justly famed for its 120 varieties of fancy butter cookies produced for the holidays.

Bakeries generally carry many types of homemade cookies, but this time of year they expand production to meet the heavy

demand.

Also popular is stollen, a fruit and nut-filled bread, which dates back to about 1400 in the city of Dresden, Germany.

The earliest gingerbread was made from bread crumbs, honey and spices; gradually the crumbs and honey were replaced by flour and molasses. Ginger, the predominant spice in gingerbread, was used during the Middle Ages both as a preservative and as medicine for a variety of ills. Because gingerbread did not spoil as quickly as other baked goods did in those days, it was thought to be somewhat magical. In the 17th Century, gingerbread baking was a profession in itself and gingerbread bakers alone had the right to make it, except at Christmastime.

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By CHRISTINE RETZ
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

I must confess that I don't usually think of florists when planning my holiday gift giving. All that has changed since I interviewed a number of florists for this article. I didn't realize that many lovely things that are now offered by local florists. "The language of flowers" has certainly expanded.

An old-fashioned "Victorian"

look is popular now in interior decorating, and has really come to fore this holiday season. If this motif is what you're looking for, you can find it at any of the four Rekemeier's Flowers and Gifts locations in mid-New Jersey.

Stanley Lapinski, headquartered in their Cranford location, told me that this prevailing Victorian theme is being carried out in a

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Holiday floral arrangements

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variety of ways, including adding old-fashioned Santas and cherubs to centerpieces. A most popular, yet unusual item that they are carrying is topiary trees.

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Another part of the artificial greens offerings is a selection of wreaths that the artistically gifted can blend with holly and berry "picks" and a plethora of other accessories to good advantage. Those like myself who are not talented can discuss their needs with the florists, who will design a wreath to the customer's specifications. The same applies to their swags.

Christmas wouldn't be Christmast without poinsettias, which come in all sizes many beautiful shades

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Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without poinsettias, which come in all sizes and many beautiful shades.

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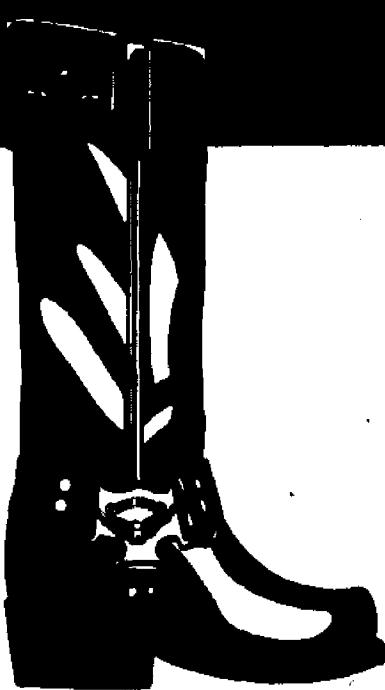
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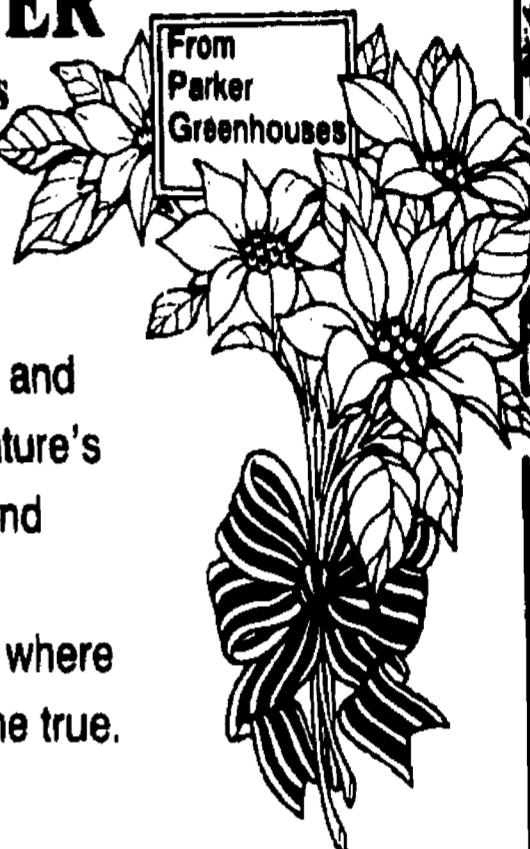
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Many items priced to sell in a slow market

By CHRISTINE RETZ

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Let's face it - money is tight these days for many people. This is the first recession in which my friends have been directly affected. Some of their jobs have been eliminated or are in dire peril. Understandably, their holiday gift giving patterns have altered considerably. They just can't spend as lavishly as they did previously.

Fortunately, area merchants are well aware of this problem and

have a great deal of merchandise priced to move fast. There is something in every price range, I was assured.

If you, or someone on your gift list, loves sports, the Cranford Sports Center (100 N. Union Ave., Cranford) has just what you're looking for. Owner Patrick Mack told me that they have a wide variety of skating equipment - everything from roller blades to ice skates and hockey paraphernalia.

Area football enthusiasts can enjoy this season's playoffs wear-

ing N.Y. Giants-licensed sweatshirts and baseball caps emblazoned with the logos of NFL teams. The store also carries caps with college team logos, as well as a wide selection of AL and NL baseball teams. Russell and Umbro are but two of the brand names of wearing apparel that the Cranford Sports Center carries.

There isn't a person I know who can't use some new genuine leather accessories this time of year. If (Please turn to page 15)

Martin Jewelers offers one-stop shopping

By CHRISTINE RETZ

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

If you appreciate the convenience of one-stop shopping, then you will love your trip to Martin Jewelers, 12 North Ave. W., Cranford. They are one of the largest jewelers in the area, with a full two floors of exciting merchandise to satisfy every budget, from jewelry to fine china and crystal.

Ellen Ramer, manager, told me that one of the most popular, yet moderately priced gift items this

season has been interchangeable jewelry. This high-fashion style starts with your basic good hoop earrings, necklace or bracelet, and change its look entirely by adding different jewelry elements, such as beautifully crafted beads or stones (sometimes called findings).

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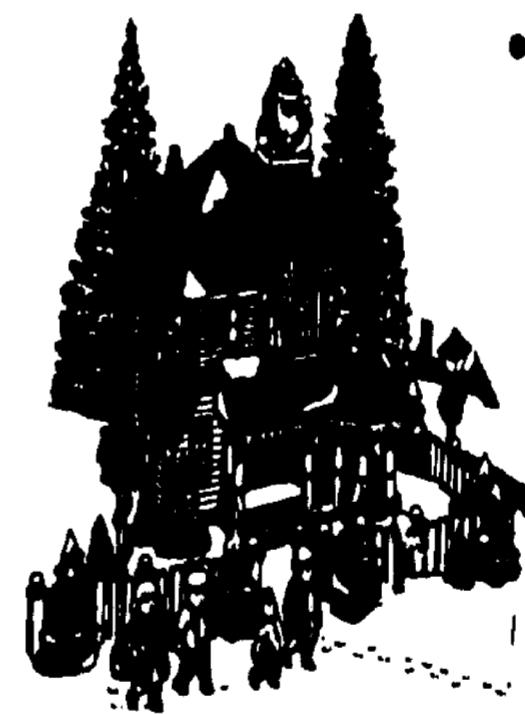
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When buying for the unemployed, 'Don't let the crunch steal Christmas'

By ROZ GERKEN

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Sharing and caring are traditional parts of the holiday season. For those dealing with the double trauma of a layoff and a job search, the holidays can be tough.

But loved ones of unemployed people can do a great deal to make the holidays more

pleasant, if not happier, according to Phyllis Macklin, a career consultant with Minsuk, Macklin, Stein & Associates of Princeton.

"Don't let the crunch steal Christmas," advises Ms. Macklin. This is not the time to give gimmicks and gadgets, she warns. Instead, people who have lost their jobs need practical presents to help boost their job prospects and their morale, she notes.

Ms. Macklin suggests a gift certificate to help pay the phone bill. Other possibilities

include an answering machine, a subscription to voice mail, an answering service, the service of a secretary, photocopy center or resume writer, or printed stationery and stamps.

An attache case, a fountain pen or a business card holder are "practical and professional," perfect for the job-seeking executive.

Since self-image plunges during unemployment, Ms. Macklin suggests image-

boosting gifts, ranging from over-the-calf black socks, a shoe shine kit or travel iron, to an emergency kit containing needle and thread, safety pins, emery boards, spare buttons, and, if appropriate, pantyhose.

"Job seekers have to put most of their time and energy into a job search, so anything that saves time is usually appreciated, such as babysitting, walking the dog, running errands or even helping with repairs," she adds.

"The best gift of all," Ms. Macklin concludes, "may be your time and loyalty."

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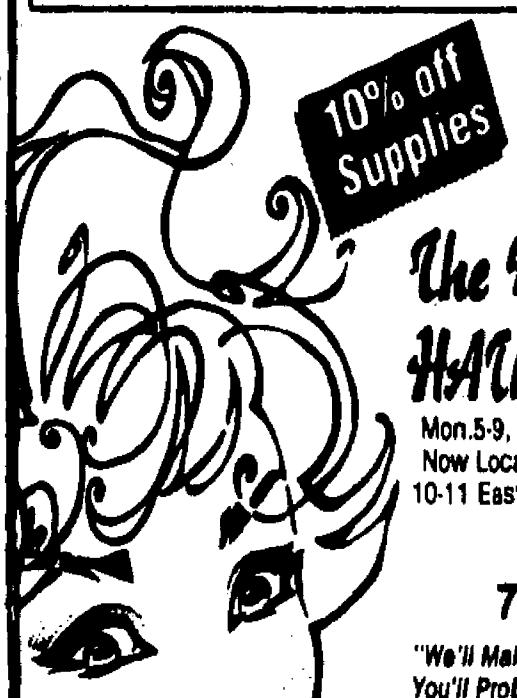
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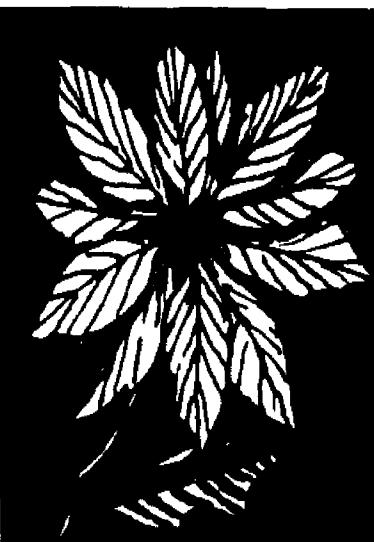
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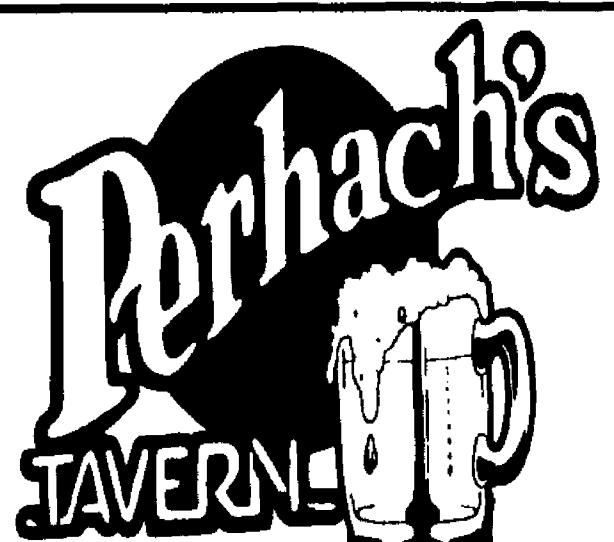
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More and more homes are acquiring their own word processing capacity, and if you are in

the market for a word processor, Agnes Story, manager of Allied Business Machines, 301 South Ave. W., Westfield, recommends any of their line of Brother products. Especially popular this year, she said, is the Brother PowerNote Notebook Work Organizer. This laptop model features full-function word processing, a spread sheet calculator, the Tetris arcade game and pull down menus.

And, for the really good boy/girl on your gift list, there is The

Sistine Chapel. Published by Random House, this exquisite two-volume set has wonderful reproductions of the chapel's painstaking restoration. Some pages fold out to four feet, to give the reader a bird's eye view of the chapel in all its glory. This gift set can be yours for only \$1,000 (no, that's not a typo) from the Cranford Book Store, 32 North Ave. W., Cranford. Manager Meryl Layton told me that the store has just one copy, so you had best hurry there if you want it!

Recession-proof gifts

(Continued from page 13)

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By CHRISTINE RETZ

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

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At La Fontana Ristorante, 120 Albany St., New Brunswick, its promotional material states that, "For lovers of Italian cuisine, La Fontana Ristorante evokes traditional Old World elegance, while recreating the romance of turn-of-the-century European dining." After a very long day of Christmas

shopping, I can think of nothing more pleasant than going out, suitable refreshed, to such an elegant restaurant, especially as the prices are most reasonable - \$35 for a *la carte* dinner. And let's face it - you deserve it after battling the crowds!

Delightful dessert and that American classic - the diner - go together, I've found. "This "tradition" is as strong as ever at the Plaza Diner, 2066 Route 27, Edison. Simply scrumptious desserts, including pumpkin cheesecake, chocolate mousse cake and California fruit pie having a custard base and a topping of seasonal fresh fruit can be had

to eat-in or take-out.

If it's a quaint colonial flavor and quiet charm that you're looking for, then you may wish to sample the fare at Colonial Farms, 1745 Amwell Road, Somerset. Their all-encompassing menu includes a wide selection of dishes ranging from Oysters Rockefeller as an appetizer to a variety of steaks and chops, all the way through to a variety of seafood delicacies, including Collage with Lobster and Rainbow Trout.

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(Please turn to page 17)

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Area restaurants prepare holiday fare

(Continued from page 16) special - prime rib - from 4:30 p.m., especially designed to appeal to shoppers who will be patronizing the nearby malls," said Dwight Newell, manager of O'Connor's Beef & Ale, 705 Mountain Blvd., Watchung.

The reasons why people eat out are as varied as the menus. I was surprised to learn that eating out is quite popular, despite the generally weak economy. For one thing, people just don't like to cook! This seems to be particularly true during the frantically busy holiday period, when there is so much else to be done.

No one wants to babysit a mountain of dirty dishes and greasy plates when the excitement of Christmas is in the air.

Since time immemorial, families all over the globe traditionally came together at the end of the work/school day for a relaxed, sit-down dinner where the triumphs/tragedies of each person's day could be recounted in a supportive atmosphere. This noble practice has gone the way of the one-horse shay, I'm afraid. You know how it is in your own life. There are always four things to be done after work and preparing a nice, balanced meal isn't one of

them. So people turn to restaurants for a nutritious meal, as well as to

tions that plague us all. And in a public setting, people are more likely to exercise restraint in their demeanor, which can only be conducive to better communication among family members.

A big boon for the restaurant business these days is the corporate market. Companies are rewarding their employees for their efforts of the past year with a catered affair on-site or on the restaurant premises themselves. Luncheon parties - not dinners or cocktail buffets - are in vogue, perhaps because luncheons are less expensive than dinners and, with corporations of all sizes

watching the balance books closely, cost is a factor. And with drinking being strongly discouraged across the board, businesses will lean toward holding luncheons where liquor consumption will be lighter than when the workday is done. And with an afternoon of work ahead of them, people will imbibe lightly, if at all. Whatever your holiday plans and pocketbook are like this year, there is no shortage of restaurants in every price range to please you. Take some time out to enjoy a good meal with friends or family. The season will pass but not your memories of good times shared together in a good atmosphere.

Holiday hours on page 18

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I love reading classified ads. I don't care if they are for jobs, true love, or lost puppies, they provide a relaxing few minutes when I can let my mind stretch far and wide and escape from the daily grind. Anything to postpone doing the dishes.

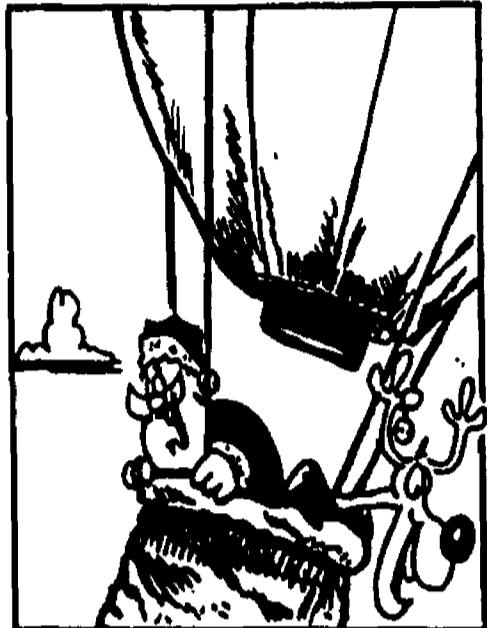
With this in mind, I decided to take a sneak peak at today's ads to get some last-minute gift ideas, even if only in my imagination.

Small children's birthday parties can be handled nicely at the local burger emporia, where patient, trained teenagers can cope with the youngsters. But this type of party entertainment wears thin after a while and the tykes get bored quickly. "What, McKing again? I was there last week," they lisp.

Something really different

would be having a pony at your child's party, "Hi ho, Silver" and all. Top that one!

I was a child when *Around the World in 80 Days* premiered. I forgot just what about it was such a



big deal, but I think it was because of the size and/or shape of the screen, with a special sound system thrown in for good measure. Color movies were nothing new

but enough of a novelty to make the movie's shooting in color an added plus.

I was so enchanted by the movie that I determined to go on a real balloon ride some day. That day presented itself many years later when I took advantage of the chance to go about 200 feet up in the tethered Forbes balloon at the Somerset County Fair. I felt just like David Niven, I tell you — at least until the basket got about two feet off the ground. But I'm always willing to try it again some time.

Now here's a great idea — holiday babysitters. Why didn't I think of it myself? There is always someone who, quite understandably, doesn't want children anywhere in the remote vicinity of the Lenox china. I wonder if they are also available on St. Patrick's Day, when I use my Waterford. Hmm...I must check into that

more closely.

Last year, at our Girl Scout Fun Day, my Brownie troop told fortunes to their peer group, while their leader, "Zoltan, King of the Gypsies" took care of the older girls. I didn't know any of them but at the mere mention of a "new boyfriend in your future, possibly in the summer" their eyes lit up. I knew I had hit upon a winning formula. If only I had professional



training and real insights like genuine psychics. I wonder if I can do an internship before this year's Fun Day.

Several years ago, there was a plethora of boutiques at every mall offering T-shirts that the salespeople would emblazon to your liking. As long as it wasn't really outrageous, they would put on anything you like. Well, I've always fantasized about someone making up a T-shirt for me, proclaiming that "I Found the A-Team." Remember that opening monologue — about how they would help you if you could find them. Well, do I ever need help! I could keep them profitably employed for weeks. But, as my old Irish mother used to say, "If wishes were horses, beggars would ride." So this particular shirt will have to remain part of my imaginary wardrobe.

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