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Briefs

Library computer training today

The Friends of the Library are sponsoring a computer training program today, 9-10 a.m. There will be another session Feb. 23 during the same time. These programs are open to adults only and provide training on the library access computers. For reservations and more information, call Barbara Thiele, library director, at 789-4090.

Safety seminar is tonight

The Westfield Police Department is sponsoring a public safety awareness seminar tonight at Edison School. The presentation will highlight how to prevent yourself from being a victim of carjackings and how to protect yourself in such a situation. There will also be a demonstration of self defense given by Noble Salerno of Villa's Self Defense Studio. The seminar starts at 7 p.m. Call Detective Donald Fuentes at 789-4008 for more information.

Residents may recycle foam

Residents can recycle their Styrofoam at two locations in town. Mailboxes, Etc., at 215 North Ave. and YSGA Parcel n' Business Center at 332 South Ave. will accept packing peanuts and hard Styrofoam only. Residents can put Styrofoam into plastic bags and drop it off. The stores do not accept any other recyclables.

Forms available for scholarships

The Westfield Education Association is offering scholarships for graduating Westfield students who plan to pursue further education. Interested students can pick up applications in the Westfield High School guidance office.

The Men's Club of Westfield is also accepting applications for scholarships. The scholarships will be awarded based on financial need, scholarship, and character. Interested young men can pick up an application at the Westfield High School guidance office or by calling Brian J. Mallo, president of the club, at 654-8044.

Local bards to raise curtain

The curtain goes up this weekend on the Westfield Community Players' production of *A Little Night Music*. The Stephen Sondheim and Hugh Wheeler musical is set in turn of the century Sweden.

The play stars Carollee Ashwell-Prose, Christopher Williams, Gine Lupi, and Steve Abrams and a supporting cast, including a chorus. Tickets are available at the box office, Rorden Realty and Town Bookstore. Performances Feb. 19 and Feb. 26 are benefits. Other performance dates are Feb. 12, 13, 20, and 27. Tickets are \$12 and showtime is at 8 p.m. at the 1000 North Avenue theater. Call the box office at 232-1221 for more information. For group sales, call Doris Molowa at 232-1268.

Inside scoop

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Friday's Night Place at Edison Intermediate School draw almost 400 teen-agers. The Westfield Recreation Commission program gives teens a safe place for weekend fun. Here, Beth Debrueys, Jeremy Chilmick, Suzanne Henkel, Gordon Kaslafsky, Megan Taylor, and Matt Castaldo away to a slow song and contemplate switching partners. Another photo appears on A-5.

Night Place attracts teens

By ELIZABETH GROMEX
THE RECORD

When you're 12 years old, where can you go to play miniature golf with your friends, dance with your cute classmate from social studies, or just hang out on a Friday night?

If you happen to live in Westfield, you can do all that and more six times each year at the Recreation Commission's Night Place program.

The program has been running for three years and provides a safe, secure environment for young teens

to get together, said Glenn Burrell, assistant recreation director. It usually attracts more than 400 participants, he added.

Last Friday, about 370 teens came to the Night Place at Edison Intermediate School. They could dance to music provided by a deejay, or play ping-pong or board games. One of the newest features is a nine-hole indoor miniature golf game.

Admission to all the activities costs \$2 in advance and \$3 at the door. The balance of the cost is funded by the recreation commission, the Optimist's Club, and fund raising by the Night Place committee.

Shop-Rite hearings start tonight

By JOANNE McFADDEN
THE RECORD

Garwood and Westfield planning boards will hear testimony tonight from engineers and architects regarding a proposed 80,000-square-foot supermarket on North Avenue.

The joint meeting will be begin at 7:30 p.m. at Washington School in Westfield. Because the proposed development will straddle two municipality's boundaries, the two boards agreed to hold joint meetings. They will deliberate separately and render individual decisions.

The proposed site plan calls for a Shop-Rite supermarket to be built on the four-acre lot currently occupied by Westfield Lumber. While 67 percent of the land lies in Garwood, only 20 percent of the proposed structure will sit there. The

parking lot, which will accommodate 320 cars, will also be located in Garwood. While this is a permitted use of the land, variances will be needed for front setback, parking stall size, and signs, said town officials.

According to Garwood borough Planner William Nierstedt, the proposed circulation in the parking lot raises many safety and design concerns.

Under the proposal, two ingress and egress points are proposed for the parking lot, both of them in Garwood. One is located adjacent to the supermarket, while the other is along the eastern border.

"The majority of autos entering or exiting the site will do so at the same place as all of the pedestrians," wrote Mr. Nierstedt in a letter to the boards. He suggests a redesigned format that will provide pedestrian walks, a pedestrian en-

trance plaza and a pick-up and drop-off area separate from the main ingress and egress points.

The boards will retain one traffic expert to review off-site traffic impacts of the application, including secondary impacts on air and noise.

Landscaping includes 31 shade trees on-site. Curbed, landscaped safety islands are proposed at 18 space intervals within the parking area.

"The landscape plan is in great need of improvement," said Mr. Nierstedt.

Five wall-mounted signs, two six-foot-diameter logo signs, and two four-by-24-foot signs are proposed.

Council backs Main Street

Residents kick in \$5,000

By ELIZABETH GROMEX
THE RECORD

The Town Council put its money where its mouth is by pledging \$25,000 Tuesday to support the Main Street program aimed at downtown revitalization.

The governing body passed a resolution to provide the Westfield Downtown Committee with the council's share of the funding needed for the Main Street application. Council members also voiced their support for the project, which advocates believe will boost downtown business.

The program, which is administered through the office of New Jersey Heritage, is aimed at providing technical support for communities looking to promote and develop their downtowns. The application requires a pledge of \$100,000 from the property owners, the townspeople, and the municipal government to support the program manager and provide for any physical improvements. The state agency will be accepting four towns into Main Street this year. The application is due in about three weeks, and if accepted, the

program will start as soon as May.

Frank MacPherson, chairman of the pledge drive, told the council that the downtown committee has already received 83 returns with pledges or checks in the first three days after the mass mailing.

"The early returns look exceptionally good. We continue to be very encouraged," he said.

Downtown manager Michelle Picou said the returns from the townspeople amount to "well over" \$5,000. That means one-third of the required \$100,000 has been raised through resident donations, the council's contribution of \$25,000 and the committee's pledges of about \$7,500. United Jersey Bank and Summit Trust have also pledged their support, Mrs. Picou said. The fund drive has yet to reach commercial property owners, merchants, and certain members of the downtown committee.

Fourth Ward Councilman Jim Hely acknowledged that past councils had "faltered on occasion" when it came to planning for the downtown, especially when faced twice with proposals to build a parking deck, but that this was a positive move for the town.

Teacher talks begin

By ELIZABETH GROMEX
THE RECORD

The first negotiating session between the Board of Education and the teachers union is scheduled for tonight.

The current Westfield Education Association contract expires on June 30. The union represents 394 part- and full-time teachers, guidance counselors, school nurses, librarians, social workers, and school psychologists. The board will be negotiating this year with four of the five unions in the schools.

The Association of Administrators

and Supervisors, the support staff organization, and the Instructional Support Staff Association will also negotiate this spring.

The education association's negotiating team includes representatives from five of Westfield's nine public schools and one school psychologist. Members Susan Jacobson, Michael Fox, Susan Pepper, and Benjamin Ruff will represent the board.

Board President Susan Pepper said in a press release negotiations must show balance between the need for tax relief and the staff's needs for competitive salaries and positive working conditions.



John Colon arranges furniture in the Westfield Municipal Building's newly renovated area.

Town hall renovation nearly complete

By ELIZABETH GROMEX
THE RECORD

Be sure to tune in for the last segments of This Old Municipal Building.

Even though Steve Thomas and Norm Abrams from the famous public television home improvement program may not have made appearances in Westfield, renovations on the old library part of the building are nearing completion.

Department of Public Works employees began moving furniture into the new office space carved out of the former adult section of the library on Monday. Ed Gottko, town engineer, said they hope to move in files, computers, and other office equipment next weekend.

This will be the culmination of a year-long project, which will provide more office space in the building and create a state-of-the-art community room. Although the renovations are ahead of the original

schedule, they are about a month behind a more recently proposed completion date of Jan. 1.

All the furniture is now in the community room, and Mr. Gottko said workers will have to do some touching up after all the goods are in their proper place.

"We'll have to fix up this and that," Mr. Gottko said. He expects the elevator to be completed by the end of this week or early next week. When that is finished, the police area will be the last section of the puzzle.

The ordinance which provided the funds for the renovation work allocated \$2.7 million. Of that, \$2 million was for actual construction work; the rest for new office equipment.

The Recreation Department and the well-baby station will move into the office space. The well-baby station includes a program administered through the Visiting Nurses Association of Union County that provides state-mandated immunization for children.

Worker pinned under truck

The fire department rescued a recycling collector who was trapped under a truck picking up recyclables on Beverly Drive Friday.

The cause of the accident is unknown at this time.

Firefighters, who were on the scene first, freed the victim and provided immediate medical assistance to stabilize him.

The 28-year-old victim, Carlos Sanchez, of Elizabeth, was taken by helicopter to University Hospital, Newark.

He was admitted with multiple lacerations, abrasions and contusions on various parts of his body. He is in the surgical trauma intensive care unit, and was in stable condition as of Tuesday afternoon, according to a hospital spokesman.

Pinching Tax Pennies

A weekly look at prices paid by the six towns and six school districts for a "small thing" needed for daily office operations. These 12 taxing entities are now developing budgets for the new tax year. Public input on this or any other spending practice is welcomed by the respective elected officials.

ITEM # 1: Number of paid sick days for secretaries

	Town	School
Cranford	12	15
Westfield	15	15
Scotch Plains	15	12
Fanwood	15	
Kenilworth	5	15
Garwood	15	12
Regional Schools		15
Average	12.83	14

Next week's item is: 1 package 8 1/2 x 11 plain paper for copy machine

Pre-budget, tax series begins

A 10-week series of tables indicating tax dollars paid by area towns and schools for routine products, services and benefits begins today.

The series is intended to spur citizen interest, suggestions and participation in the budget-building process, now under way for both town and schools.

COAH decision draws mixed reactions

By BOB SULLIVAN
THE CHRONICLE

The New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing last week significantly reduced state-mandated low cost housing requirements on municipalities, but reaction in Westfield was anything but jubilant.

The new numbers have "no meaning for Westfield," according to town attorney Charles Brandt, because in 1991 the town worked out a court settlement to reduce its original 415-unit requirement.

Westfield managed to fulfill its housing obligation through a complicated court settlement. The town will pay \$17,000 to refurbish 21 units in Elizabeth, zone for 17 low-cost units in the town, and refurbish additional units. The plan also calls for a 130-unit senior citizen complex on Boynton Avenue.

"It's difficult to give a number that has any real meaning," Mr. Brandt said. "Any one number would be not accurate; a lot of things depend on other things happening."

The Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) was created in 1985 by the Fair Housing Act, a direct response to state Supreme Court rulings in 1975 and 1983 municipalities must provide their fair share of low- and moderate-income housing.

The 83,000 new affordable units mandated by last week's COAH vote is down considerably from the 185,000 the council called for in 1987. According to COAH, the figures have been reduced by a number of factors, including a sluggish housing market, slowing population increases across the state, and low cost units constructed since 1987.

Sidna Mitchell, a spokesperson for COAH, said the new figures are "more reasonable" for New Jersey municipalities.

"We had better data this time," she said. "The last time, we were the first state in the nation to do anything like this. We didn't have a textbook."

The scaled-down housing requirements are to be in place by 1996, according to the plan. But Westfield's court settlement targets

a completion date of 1997 for the town's various projects.

The reduction will have little impact across central Union County municipalities. The reductions came too late for Scotch Plains, one of few municipalities which have already fully complied with COAH's 1987 requirements. The township collected \$3.5 million from developers for Linden, which will fund renovation of 175 units there. A total of 176 affordable units are constructed or planned within Scotch Plains borders.

"If the numbers came out to be 320, or 300 we still would have had to comply," Town Manager Tom Atkins said. "We could have come up with a larger number. We don't have any regrets. The only regret is that people who owned property in the town sued to take advantage

of the situation."

The township was forced to comply because of a so-called "builder's remedy" lawsuit. COAH regulations give builders wide leverage to sue municipalities which have not complied with COAH regulations, effectively allowing builders to bypass local planning boards when their project includes low cost units.

The latest figures show Farwood's requirement to be 19, but that number does not reflect the fact the borough's low cost housing plan is currently in litigation.

"We're hoping to receive certification of our plan," Council President Maryanne Connelly said. "Our number is eight."

Kenilworth Mayor Joseph Rego doesn't know where his borough can fit its required 93 low cost

units. Following the Scotch Plains route, Kenilworth would get credit for half that amount by paying \$920,000 to a nearby housing-deficient community, but still would need to place 47 units inside Kenilworth borders.

"Except for the Volco site, we don't have room for anything," Mayor Rego said. "What can we do? Buy houses and knock them down...When the time comes, I don't know what we'll do."

Cranford officials feel much the same way.

"COAH is for developing communities and Cranford has been developed for a long time," Cranford Township Administrator John Laezza said. "I don't know where we are going to put 252 units but we will hopefully fulfill part of that with the 100 units in the second

senior citizens' housing complex."

Modular construction of the second building will begin within the next two weeks. The site is set for a vacant tract just off of Lincoln Avenue.

Garwood may be one of the big "winners" in the new COAH scheme. Their original obligation has been cut more than half, leading clerk Doris Polidore to speculate that the borough may be very close to fulfilling their requirement.

"We could never have accommodated 84," Garwood Planning Advisor William Nierstedt said. "Thirty-one is something we can deal with...I believe that Garwood at present is 99 percent developed."

Mr. Nierstedt said the Farwood lawsuit was the key to the new "realistic" number from COAH.

Affordable Housing Obligations

The New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing last week revised the low-and-middle income housing requirements for New Jersey municipalities. The first column represents the original obligation, the second indicates the number of units required by 1996.

	Original	1996
Cranford	429	282
Garwood	84	31
Kenilworth	184	93
Farwood	87	19
Scotch Plains	381	0
Westfield	414	261

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Police log

Arrest nets fugitive on 3 charges

February 8
Officer David Wayman arrested Luis Maldonado, age 33, of New Brunswick for driving on the revoked list. He was also wanted in South Brunswick for contempt of court, with bail set at \$250. Further information revealed he was also wanted by the Middlesex County Prosecutor's office on a fugitive warrant for charges of possession of a handgun for unlawful purposes and possession of a handgun during an assault. He is being held in Mountainside without bail.

Officer Nicholas Norton arrested Nestor Delgadillo of Plainfield for driving on the revoked list. He is being held in lieu of posting \$775 bail.

Mountainside resident reported a fur coat was stolen while at a Euclid Avenue residence.

February 7
Patrolman William Moffitt arrested David Volcher of Central Avenue for driving while intoxicated. He was released after posting \$375 bail.

Shawn Collins, of Plainfield, was arrested for driving as an unlicensed driver. He was released after posting \$225 bail.

February 6
Summit Court resident reported vandalism to his motor vehicle.

February 5
Roman Hyra, of Jersey City, was arrested for driving while intoxicated at Sycamore Avenue. He refused a Breathalyzer test, and was taken over to Cranford where he was wanted for violation of a temporary restraining order. He is being held in lieu of posting \$2,500 bail.

South Avenue resident reported being harassed.

Cedar Street resident reported act of harassment by a person unknown to him.

Friday in the park



Tiffany Vora and Wendy Cheng take advantage of Friday's seasonal weather and head for Tamaques Park in Westfield with their faithful companions.

Barnes urges change

Weekly council visitor William Barnes addressed the council on the subject of changing the meeting times so they do not coincide with school board meetings.

Mayor Garland "Bud" Boothe assured him that the laws and rules committee would discuss the options.

Mr. Barnes also continued to plead his case for a switch from the current garbage pickup system to a pay-per-bag system.

Solid waste committee chairman Tony LaPorta informed him that the committee would be meeting with a representative of the trash haulers to learn more facts about trash pickup in town. He also thanked Mr. Barnes for keeping the committee sharp on the issue.

Council briefs

turne Corner shop on Central Avenue. The council voted against the transfer. However, Councilman Jim Hely noted that the store's owner, Bruce Campbell, took the denial very well by saying he would expand his business in other ways. He added that Mr. Campbell had a "welcome mat for his businesses in Westfield."

Parking fines hike passes first test

The fines for parking violations would be raised by the council, according to an ordinance that had its first reading Tuesday. The fines for the first three offenses within twelve months step up each time starting at \$5 and peaking at \$10. Succeeding tickets will step up to \$25.

Liquor license denial formalized

The council adopted a resolution to memorialize its findings in the hearing to transfer a liquor license from Drug Fair to a liquor store operating out of part of the Cos-

Budget discussions start

By ELIZABETH GROMEK
THE RECORD

Need to have your street paved? How about some curbs? Now is the time to act: the Town Council has begun to consider how to spend your tax dollars this year.

The Finance Committee sat down twice in the last week for the beginning rounds of budget talks to whittle down the wish list of projects and improvements for next year's capital budget. The working budget now includes \$1.7 million worth of pavings, sewer work, ramps, and garage doors. But committee members say only \$700,000 will be spent on capital improvements.

These proceedings were the first in a succession of meetings and hearings on the municipal budget that will continue through March.

One item prominent in the first night's discussion was the repaving and curbing of several streets. Typ-

ically, residents of these streets file petitions declaring their wish to have the work done with the understanding that they will be assessed for half the cost of the work. Third Ward Councilman Michael Panagos noted that if all the streets requested were to be done this year, the cost would be \$315,000, almost half the capital budget.

The residents of one of these streets, Stoneleigh Park, have been petitioning the council for curbs and repaving for three years. These residents are hoping three will be the charm.

Bonnie Danser, who lives on the historic street, said many people are concerned with the erosion of the road and the lawn areas adjacent to it because the sycamore trees' roots are now above the soil line. Front walks now extend into nowhere, she explained. But support for the work is still strong, despite the three year delay.

"Most people maintain their property and want to see the improvements," Mrs. Danser said. Councilman Ken MacRitchie voiced his support for the project, as did Councilwoman Peggy Sur and Councilman Gary Jenkins.

"As a practical matter, it usually takes two or three years to get to the top of the list (of streets to be worked on)," Mr. MacRitchie said in a phone interview after the meeting.

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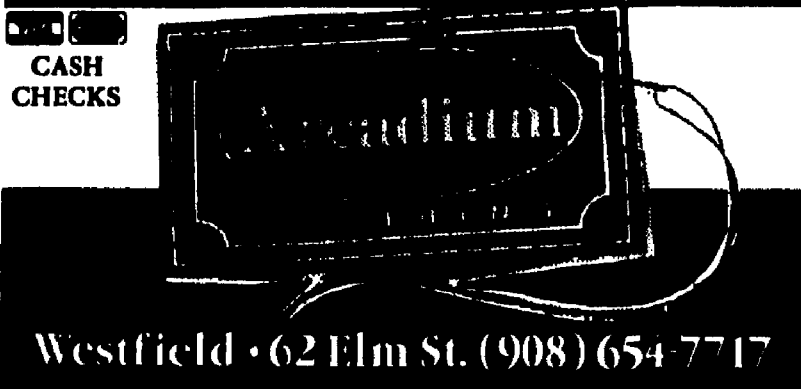
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Commentary

Where's the beef?

School and town budget builders 'sell,' taxpayers 'buy' — all on a micro scale

Elected town and school leaders already are refining details with their staffs on expenditures coming up in the 1993 proposed budgets. Needless to say, all will be going up and all will need more tax money.

The root of the problem of ever-growing budgets and taxes has two branches. First, there are too many fiefdoms providing the same services to inefficiently small groups of taxpayers. Thus, there are too many administrators, fragmented purchasing, duplications of equipment and personnel and bureaucratic jealousies and mini-dynasties that succeeding waves of elected leaders can never seem to uproot.

The second branch of the expensive, clinging vine of ever-growing budgets and taxes is the fact that the taxpaying public accepts it year after year. Municipalities rarely draw large crowds at budget public hearings by which time line-by-line reviews are impractical. On the education side, voter defeats of school budgets usually come in sparse voter turnouts. Boards therefore work toward budget-friendly turnouts, and are told by their own tax-supported New Jersey School Boards Association that "selling" the budget is the way to voter acceptance. West-

field's board two weeks ago invited 50 community leaders to a special presentation on its new budget. Nothing wrong with that; au contraire. But it can't and doesn't address the underlying problem.

The state-imposed cap on budget growth has its effect on school boards facing voters, but for municipalities is porous, virtually toothless, and lightly regarded by officials. Last week in Scotch Plains, the town administrator decried a 1.5 percent budget cap as "a joke; an absolute farce." He meant that there is no perceptible way for town officials to build a budget to meet such stringent limitations. Cranford Township officials met Monday with the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee to begin scrutinizing the proposed town budget, a model democratic procedure that has produced savings in past years.

The heat, light, smoke and debates over town and school budgets will come and go again this year. And taxes will rise. When does the discussion begin about strategic financial planning? Consolidating services and personnel among towns and schools? Major joint purchasing agreements? Regional consortiums for investing and generating revenues?

Who will begin such discussion?



Letters to the editor

County Rape Crisis Center refutes writer's statistical case

To The Record:

As a result of a letter to the record on Feb. 4, from Joe Stoner of 849 Winyah Avenue in Westfield, it appears that there is a bit of confusion regarding statistics given on rape.

Mr. Stoner refers to the National Crime Survey of the Bureau of Justice Statistics which indicate that one out of two rapes are reported. This has been stated to refute the numbers given out by the Union County Rape Crisis Center quoting that one out of ten rapes are reported.

What Mr. Stoner may be unaware of, is that according to the April 1992 report "Rape in America," the National Crime Survey he cites has recently been re-designed due to criticisms that it failed to detect a substantial proportion of rape cases.

The report previously mentioned was the outcome of two national studies conducted by the National

Victim Center and Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center at the Medical University of South Carolina and the National Women's Study which was funded by the National Institute of Drug Abuse. The report indicates that 16 percent of all forcible rapes to adult women are reported to the police. This means that approximately a little over one out of ten forcible rapes are reported. It is important to recognize that this group does not include rapes which involved coercion or pressure, rapes that occur to females under age 18 which appear to comprise more than six out of 10 of all rapes occurring in women's lives or rapes to young or adult males.

According to this report, every single minute in America 1.3 forcible rapes occur to adult women. Seventy-eight (78) forcible rapes occur in an hour. One thousand, eight hundred seventy-one (1,871) forcible rapes occur in a day. Fifty-

six thousand, nine hundred sixteen (56,916) forcible rapes occur in a month and six hundred eighty-three thousand (683,000) forcible rapes occur in a year. (All these statistics refer to adult women.) This is considered less than half of all rapes occurring to Americans of all ages and genders in a one year period. It is estimated based upon U.S. Census Statistics that one out of eight adult women or at least 12.1 million American women have been the victims of a forcible rape sometime in their lifetime.

Statistics kept at rape crisis centers including the Union County Rape Crisis center are congruent with this study. Whereas police and prosecutor-based programs have contact primarily with rape victims who decide to report, rape crisis centers have contact with both victims who report and those who choose not to. Hence the ability to acknowledge and account for some of those missing.

There is another group of individuals who remain totally unaccounted for as they are unknown to any agency due to their choice not to disclose at all. Although we have been made aware by law enforcement of the number of false reports they encounter, which is of great concern to us, these individuals are not usually those who present themselves to a Rape Crisis Center as they have no need for our services.

Individuals who come to a rape crisis center are in tremendous emotional pain as a result of their experience. Anyone who has been raped or sexually assaulted does not need a court of law to confirm this in order to know the pain they are experiencing. They will be working for months or years to move through this experience whose results have affected every area of their lives.

It has been noted that Mr. Stoner has expressed continual concern

regarding those falsely accused in letters to the record and other papers following an article of rape.

No one in the rape crisis field would ever condone falsely accusing another of rape.

Not only are we aware of the ramifications this would have on reports by rape victims but we are also aware of the terrible trauma that is created when someone's truth is not believed.

We would encourage Mr. Stoner, should he know of someone who has experienced this, to inform them that counseling is available to them at different sites to assist them in moving through their experience as well.

In regard to Mr. Stoner's questioning of a knowledge base, individuals who work at rape crisis centers in New Jersey are required by the New Jersey State Department of Health to have special training in areas of sexual assault, related health issues, dynamics, reactions and response.

This is often over and above existing college or master's degrees many rape crisis counselors have.

It is they who are often called upon to share their knowledge base on sexual assault to those individuals in other areas of the public sector such as law enforcement, hospital personnel and mental

health professionals.

Mr. Stoner has implied that rape crisis workers are "radical feminists who are here to preach." Rape crisis workers are made up of many different individuals with a variety of thoughts and philosophies.

What they have in common is the knowledge that rape has long existed and the problem is more pervasive than most people wish to believe.

It is important enough to them to do something about it. How they do it and why they prefer a certain method will vary.

It is time to stop making statements that alienate men from women. Rape is a crime which knows no boundaries.

It happens to both men and women regardless of age, sex, color, ethnic origin or city in which one lives. It is a crime of violence which causes great trauma to the victim and to those who care for him or her.

Men and women need to unite to explore and understand the causes, attitudes and conditions which perpetuate rape and sexual assault only when these are known and acknowledged by both groups. Can it be expected that new ways of believing and relating can possibly be created.

JENNIFER PRUDEN
Administrator
Union County Rape Crisis Center

Heart-felt thanks for helping needy

To The Record:

As we get ready to celebrate Valentine's Day this weekend, I would like to take this time to acknowledge all those caring hearts who so generously shared with their less fortunate Westfield neighbors during this past holiday season. Thanks to you, about 195 Westfield men, women and children were assisted. Donations came in various forms — food baskets, gift certificates, individual clothing items, toys and monetary contributions to the Caring Neighbor Fund which

provides emergency assistance year-round.

I would like to share with you a thank-you poem that I received from one of the families since it pretty much says it all: Thank you for making our burden lighter, Thank you for making our holidays brighter, Thank you for caring and sharing, Thank you for everything!

LILLIAN W. CORSI
425 E. Broad St.
Westfield

Question: Is romance dead?



Marie Genus
Scotch Plains
"No. Because women and men have not changed through the ages. There are many romantic people still."



Libe Nudell
Scotch Plains
"No. I believe that people can be truly in love and truly committed to each other. Part of romance in a marriage is being best friends, being able to trust each other completely."



Melanie Ciallo
Westfield
"Yes, it is — too many men are macho."



Linda Carter
Westfield
"I think it's coming back. There's so much out there, diseases and all, people are content to hang on to what they have."



Albert J. Whiteman
Cranford
"No, it's all around — or it should be."



Ginny Mitchell
Cranford
"No. I still enjoy going out with my husband."



Marc Kelley
Cranford
"Absolutely not. Because the world needs it and it's fun."

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Sliding away



Amanda Miller and Kelly McCloskey doing the "Electric Slide" at Westfield's Edison Intermediate School Night Place program on Friday.

Police make arrests in armed robbery

By ELIZABETH GROMEX
THE RECORD

Police detectives arrested three men last week and charged them with the Jan. 30 armed robbery in a Central Avenue pizzeria parking lot, according to Detective Lt. Bernard Tracy.

Two of the suspects, Alfie Spooner and Kevin Barden, both of Westfield, were arrested Friday and charged with the robbery.

After the alleged theft, Detectives James McCullough and Patrick Gray were able to locate the suspects through witness descriptions of the direction of flight from the scene. Upon arrest, they recovered the gun used outside the pizzeria Jan. 30 and the money stolen. They also found articles of clothing and the ski masks that were described by the victim.

The third suspect, Arnett Williams of Plainfield, was arrested Saturday after he tried to use a credit card stolen in the holdup in

a local store. He is being charged with robbery.

Detective Lt. Bernard Tracy commended his colleagues for a job well done.

"Detectives Gray and McCul-

lough did an excellent job," he said.

Mr. Spooner was charged with robbery and conspiracy. Mr. Barden was charged with robbery. All three are being held on \$75,000 bail with no 10 percent option.

Board reviews 3.8% hike

By CRISTINA DE MASI
THE RECORD

School board members reviewed the proposed 1993-94 budget line by line Tuesday at the second of four scheduled budget talks.

Board Administrator Robert Rader said the district received the cap and state aid figures Tuesday but he had not yet computed whether Westfield's proposed budget falls within required limits. The cap was set at 5.6 percent.

"I just got the revenue information today so it's very difficult to know now where we are in terms of revenue," Mr. Rader said.

The draft calls for a total budget of \$44,925,246, approximately \$1.6 million, or 3.8 percent higher than last year. According to Mr. Rader, the figure falls about \$50,000 below what the district has estimated up to now to be its cap limit.

Instructional costs top the spending list at \$25.4 million, followed by fixed charges, such as insurance, pensions and special education tuition, at \$8.9 million. Operating costs came in third at \$2.8 million.

Schools Superintendent Mark Smith said the board may also consider cuts in spending in administration and textbooks.

"My concern continues to be that we need to keep the tax levy down," he said.

According to the Superintendent, the purchase of new health texts was postponed, cutting \$40,000 in costs. The district is awaiting the release of a newer edition of the text book of choice that would include more current information.

He added that administrative staff members may retire, after which the number of the positions

in the department may be reduced.

He also said the enrollment increase rate may slow to only nine or 10 more students next year in contrast to this year's boom of 90 students. "We're projecting a decrease in the total number of kindergarten students for a change, based on birth rates five years ago," said Mr. Smith.

Also at the meeting, the board approved a calendar for next year that starts school Sept. 8 and provides for a long February weekend. An addendum to the calendar sponsored by board President Susan Pepper that would have begun the year before Labor Day and added a week-long break in February was defeated, 5-4.

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Neuschwanstein — the fairy tale castle

This is one in a series of articles about the cities and places to be visited on the 10-day tour, Romantic Europe, being offered by Forbes Newspapers and Lufthansa German Airlines.

One of the most interesting stops on the Romantic Europe tour will be our visit to the magnificent castle of Neuschwanstein, a fairy tale of architecture built on a flight of fancy of Mad King Ludwig II.

In 1863, after a visit to the great castle of Warburg, the King wrote to his good friend, Richard Wagner, "...I have the intention to rebuild the ancient castle ruins of Hohen-schwangau...in the true style of the ancient German knight's castle..."

The following year, construction began on the first of a series of fantastic castles, a series which stopped only with Ludwig's untimely death in 1886, just five days after he was deposed because of alleged insanity.

Neuschwanstein was the greatest castle of Ludwig II. Until the king's death, construction had taken 17 years. After his death, all work stopped, leaving a part of the interior incomplete. In the years from 1884-1886,

Ludwig lived in the rooms on and off for a total of perhaps six months.

Neuschwanstein was his most ambitious project, set in its isolated location atop a rock ledge high above the Pollat Gorge. The ledge served as the foundation of the castle,

and because of the unusual configuration, supported portions of the third floor as well as the floor at the top of the main staircase of Untersberg marble. This hall, with its colorfully painted Romanesque vaults is trapezoidal in shape, the walls decorated with scenes from the primitive version of the Siegfried saga.

The doorway off the left side of the vestibule leads to the king's apartments. The study, like most of the rooms, is decorated with wall paintings showing scenes from the Nordic legends, the very ones that inspired Wagner's operas. The theme of the study is the Tannhauser saga painted by J. Aigner. The only fabric in the room is that used in the hand embroidered silk curtains and

chair coverings, all designed with the gold and silver Bavarian coat-of-arms.

From the vestibule, you enter the throne room through the doorway at the opposite end. This hall designed in a Byzantine style by J. Hoffmann, was never completed. The floor of the hall is a mosaic design, depicting the animals of the world. The columns in the main hall are the deep copper red of porphyry. The circular apse where the king's throne was to have stood is reached by a stairway of white Carrara marble.

The walls and ceiling are decorated with paintings of Christ in heaven looking down on the 12 Apostles and six canonized kings of the Holy Roman Empire.

The king's bedroom is the most richly carved in the entire castle. It took 4½ years to complete this room alone which, aside from the wall painting, depicting the legend of Tristan and Isolde, is completely covered in oakwood carvings. The walls are decorated with panels carved to look like Gothic

windows. In the center is a large wooden pillar completely encircled with gilded brass sconces.

The bed, on its raised platform, is the most ornate furnishing in the room. The elaborately carved canopy blends into a simple Gothic design at the foot. From the balcony of the room, you can see the 150 foot waterfall to the Pollat Gorge, with the mountains in the distance.

Passing through the winter garden and a grotto with artificial stalactites, you come to the great parlor whose theme is the Logier-grin saga, expressed in the paintings of Heckel and Hauschild. The heavy chandelier holds 48 candles and is studded with pieces of colored Bohemian glass.

Neuschwanstein's fairy tale design was the inspiration for Sleeping Beauty's castle at Disneyland and is recognized worldwide as the symbol of Disney's Magic Kingdom.

For further information regarding the Romantic Europe tour, contact your travel agent or call the Romantic Tour Hotline at (703) 644-3179 or 800-523-6767.

Fire log

Working fires keep busy department

According to the Westfield Fire Department log, last week the department responded to the following calls:

February 8

Extinguished an attic fire on St. Mark's Avenue. The blaze took firefighters 20 minutes to get the blaze under control.

February 7

Extinguished a garage fire on the 100 block of Frazee Court.

Conducted a smoke odor investigation at Jefferson School.

February 6

Extinguished a brush fire on the 600 block of Westfield Avenue.

Provided medical assistance on the 200 block of Walnut Street.

February 5

Was on the scene of a hot water heater malfunction on the 100 block of Scotch Plains Avenue.

February 3

Conducted a smoke odor investigation on the 100 block of Kimball Circle.

Responded to a false alarm at the High School.

Was on the scene of an oil burner malfunction on the 300 block of East Dudley Avenue.

February 2

Investigated smoke conditions on the 700 block of Marcellus Drive and the 600 block of Fairfield Circle.

Assisted a locked out resident on the 500 block of Pierson Street.

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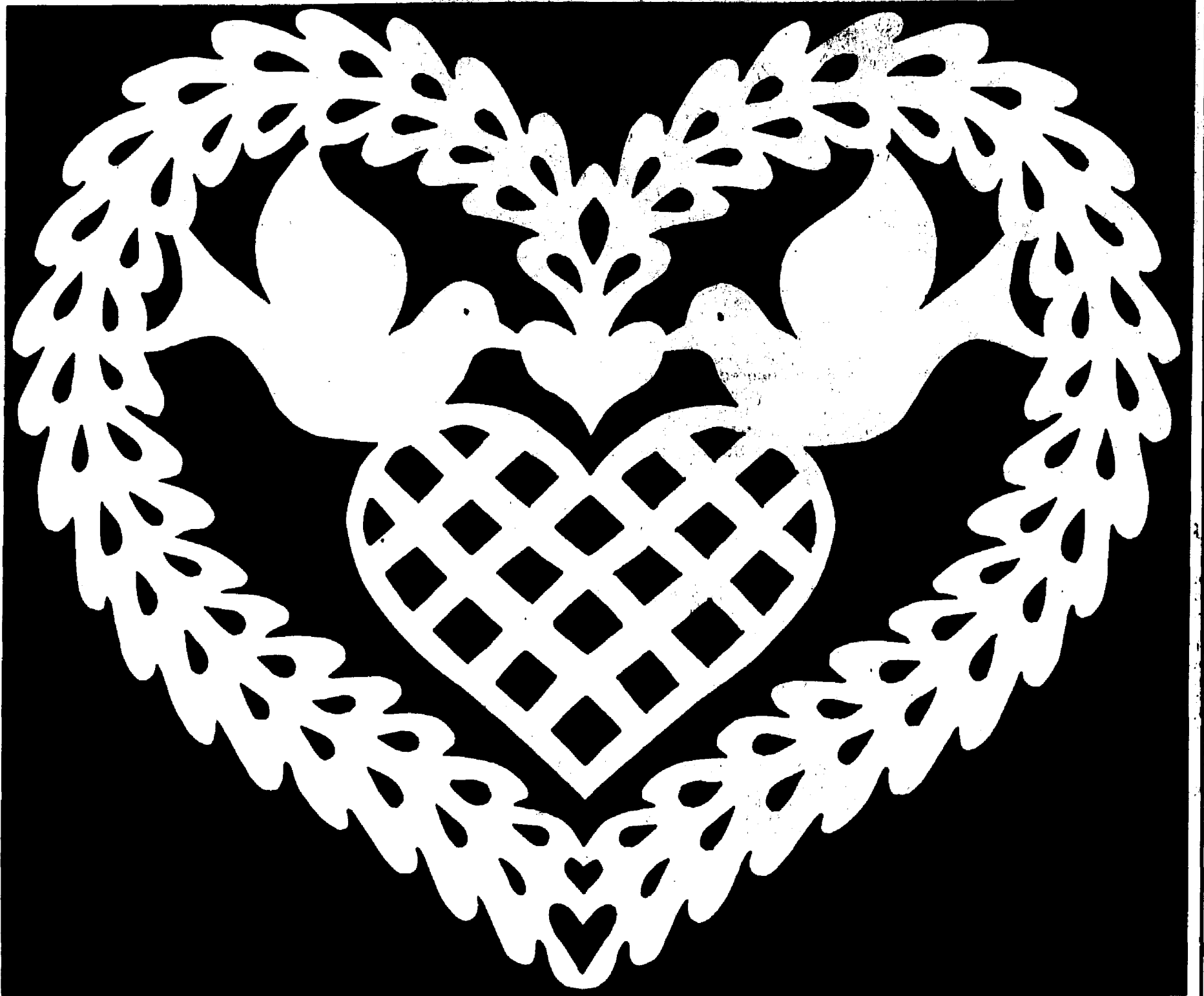
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Community Life

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Evie Kennelly's amazing ability to handcraft old-fashioned valentines will be on display at Miller-Cory museum this Sunday from 2-4 p.m. Such hand-cut valentines as the one shown above were common from 1780 to 1840 in the United States, Ms. Kennelly said.

By VERA CARLEY
THE RECORD

A museum may be the last place on earth that you'd think of spending Valentine's Day.

But according to Pat D'Angelo, president of the Miller-Cory House Museum volunteers, it's also one of the busiest days of the year for the museum. And she expects much the same this year.

"It's like any other Valentine's, you can't move so jammed," Ms. D'Angelo said.

On Sunday, the Miller-Cory House Museum will open its doors and its heart to museum-goers with the annual celebration of Valentine's Day.

This year's celebration will include demonstrations on making candy, valentine cookies, and old-fashioned valentine greetings.

The tradition of sending valentines dates to colonial America, when men handmade greetings to give to their loved ones. Valentines from the 1800s are on display at the Miller-Cory house, according to Evie Kennelly, a volunteer at the museum.

The art of Scherenschitte, a German word meaning scissor-cutting, was used in making some of these early valentines, will be demonstrated by Mrs. Kennelly Sunday.

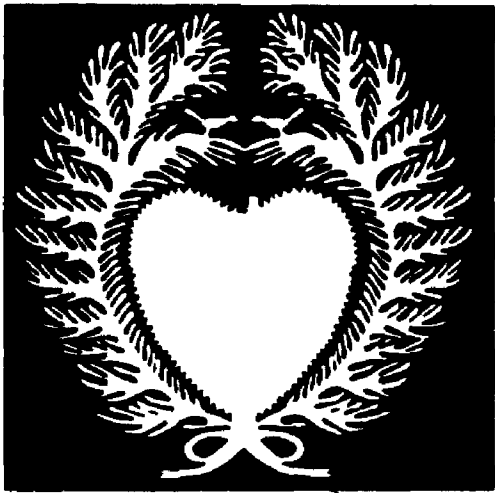
In the 1800s, expert Scherenschitte artists made elaborate paper valentines, and Mrs. Kennelly has been recreating their work for years. "You could spend a 1/2 hour or 2 hours [scissor-cutting] depending on how elaborate you want it," Mrs. Kennelly said.

Mrs. Kennelly, who is self-taught in Scherenschitte, said she usually demonstrates scissor-cutting on Valentine's Day at the museum, and several times each year through a showcase program.

Volunteers from the Miller-Cory Museum tour

schools and demonstrate various crafts to schoolchildren. They also take artifacts from the house to show the children.

"It's a real treat for them," Mrs. Kennelly said. Miller-Cory officials try to emphasize historical education of area children. The museum, which is usually closed during the week, is opened to schoolchildren through special appointments.



Evie Kennelly sometimes used a special razor-like knife, but this Scherenschitte masterpiece was cut entirely with scissors.

"A lot of school children come through," Virginia Morbeck, a volunteer at the museum, said. "The museum is used as a climax by the teachers to studying."

Schoolchildren and museum-goers aren't the only ones who seem to be enjoying themselves.

The volunteers who run the museum admit to having a good time too.

"People are wonderful," said Ellen Hess, one of the museum's volunteers. "The museum is a gem."

According to Ann Marie McCarthy, who also volunteers, the museum tries to be as historically accurate as possible, from the cooking pots down to the costumes that the volunteers wear.

"[We] try to stay between 1740 and the 1820s," said Ms. McCarthy.

Not only do visitors learn the history of the Miller-Cory families and the traditions of the time, but the volunteers say that they are constantly learning.

"Not only do they learn from us, but we learn from them," Ms. D'Angelo said.

They also are constantly learning from each other.

The docents, or lecturers, learn about the history of the house from each other, Ms. McCarthy said. Although the docents are giving lessons on the history of the house, they also learn from listening and watching each other.

Volunteers also learn how to do various crafts through the demonstrations at the museum.

"Every time I come here I learn a different craft," said Dora Cayado, a volunteer at the museum. "It's amazing. Every time I come here I learn something new."

Not only can you learn something new at the museum but you can also taste something different. Every week the museum's cooking committee offers demonstrations on how colonial women would have cooked and offer free samples to the public. In the spring the volunteers cook over an open hearth outside.

The museum, located on 614 Mountain Ave., will be open Valentine's Day 2-4 p.m.



Evie Kennelly prepares for Valentine's Day at the Miller-Cory museum.

THURSDAY

FEB. 11

Union County NOW meets at 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer St., Westfield. Call Mary Ann, 862-4833.

FRIDAY

FEB. 12

Teen Center is open each Friday from 8-11 p.m. at the Westfield Y. The program is relocated to the Y because of renovations at the municipal building. Call the recreation department, 789-4080.

SATURDAY

FEB. 13

Singles dance — The Young Single Catholic Adults Club, for ages 21-35, sponsors a Hearts Beat dance 8 p.m.-midnight at Im-

maculate Heart of Mary Church, Martine Road, Scotch Plains. Admission is \$8, including snacks and music by a disc jockey. 273-5687 or 725-8520.

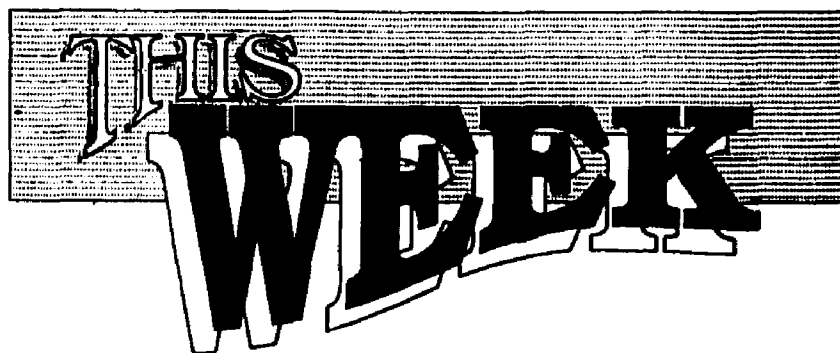
Irish dance — The Union County Irish-American Association holds its annual Project Children dance 9 p.m.-1 a.m. at St. Catherine's School, North Broad Street, Elizabeth, to raise funds for summer vacations for children in Northern Ireland. Donation of \$15 includes music by the Willie Lynch Band, beverages, soda bread, cake. B.Y.O.B. (201) 928-5391 or 251-7263.

SUNDAY

FEB. 14

Old-fashioned valentines — A variety of early handmade valentines are on display at the open house 2-4 p.m. at the Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield. Evie Kennelly of Westfield will demonstrate scherschitte, or scissor cutting, used in making them.

Get acquainted — The Msgr.



Henry Watterson Council of the Knights of Columbus will hold a "get acquainted" meeting noon-3 p.m. at the council hall, 2400 North Ave., Scotch Plains. Men and their families are invited to attend this informative meeting to get an overview of the fraternal, family and service organization. Call Jim Sadowski, 654-5762.

Support group for people who are separated, divorced or widowed meets at 7 p.m. at St. Helen's Parish Center, 1600 Rahway Ave., Westfield. Social worker Patricia Harris conducts a workshop on

Loss and Crisis as Opportunities for Change and Growth. Call Bob 322-7762 after 8 p.m.

Hot topics for singles — Second Sunday, a new program for Jewish single professionals ages 20-45, meets at noon at the Jewish Community Center, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, for brunch and discussion of current affairs. Moderator is Charles Horner of Scotch Plains, an international affairs consultant. Admission \$6 with advance reservations; \$8 at the door. Call 889-8800 by Feb. 9.

WEDNESDAY

FEB. 17

La Leche A.M. League meets at 9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, to discuss the advantages of breastfeeding for mother and baby. 709-4171 or 757-9828.

Twins and triplets — The Suburban Mothers of Twins and Triplets Club meets at 8 p.m. at the National Westminster Bank, 105 E. Fourth Ave. Roselle. Dr. Gregg Schneider, a dentist in Linden and stand-up comic, discusses family dental health and a nutrition-oriented approach to treating dental disorders. 486-2694.

FRIDAY

FEB. 19

String art — The Silk City Quartet performs at 8 p.m. at the Watchung Arts Center, 18 Stirling Road, Watchung. The musicians

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Earth's gravity — Joseph Patterson, a professor of astrophysics at Columbia University, speaks on Gravity: The Powerhouse of the Universe at the 8 p.m. meeting of Amateur Astronomers Inc. at Union County College's Sperry Observatory.

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SATURDAY

FEB. 20

Scottish festival at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, Martine and La Grande avenues, from 5:30-7 p.m. features a fish and chip dinner and entertainment by John Nisbet on bagpipe and the Mary Stewart dancers. \$7; \$6 for take-out from 5-5:30 p.m. Reservations 889-8891.

Milestones

Tracey Ann Bonardi plans to marry Donald T. Dryden

Patricia Bonardi of Westfield and Kent Simons of New Vernon announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracey Ann, to Donald T. Dryden, son of the late Dr. Charles Dryden and the late Ruth Dryden. The bride-elect is a graduate of Westfield High School and holds a bachelor's degree from Beloit College. She also received a master's degree in education from the University of Illinois and is teaching in Michigan. Her fiancé also holds a master's degree from the University of Chicago and a master's in education from the University of Illinois. He is a research assistant studying for a doctorate at Michigan State University. A June 12 wedding in Lake Forest, Ill., has been planned.



MARIA GERLIE GADIA and MICHAEL FORGIONE

Maria G. Gadia is betrothed to Michael Joseph Forgione

Mr. and Mrs. Ramon S. Gadia of Westfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Maria Gerlie A. Gadia, to Michael Joseph Forgione, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony V. Forgione of Edison. The bride-to-be graduated from the University of the East, Philippines, and the Travel Institute in Jersey City. She is employed by Chic Travel in Plainfield. Her fiancé graduated from J.P. Stevens High School in Edison and the Lincoln Technical Institute in Union. He is employed by Ray Catena Mercedes Benz Inc. of Edison. A spring 1993 wedding has been planned.



AMY CHOMOWICZ and PAUL LEISTNER

Amy Chomowicz is married in ceremony in Washington

Amy Chomowicz of Olympia, Wash., daughter of Lolly and Fred Chomowicz of Westfield, married Paul Leistner, also of Olympia, son of Lisa and Heinz Leistner of Seattle, Wash., Oct. 17, 1992. The Unitarian ceremony took place at Claquato Church, Chehalis, Wash. The bride was escorted by her father and mother. A harpichord and violin provided the music during the ceremony. The bride's older brother, David, read a poem by Walt Whitman. A reception was held at the Schmidt Mansion, Olympia, Wash. The bride wore a white silk gown with lace inserts on the bodice and sleeves. The headpiece consisted of a circlet of flowers and lace veil at the back of the head. She carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley, small orchids and freesia. Tiffany Leistner of Bellingham, Wash., sister of the groom, and Peter Chomowicz of Gainesville, Fla., the bride's brother, were attendants. The bride graduated from Westfield High School and received a bachelor's degree from the University of New Hampshire. She earned a master's degree from the University of Washington. She is employed by the Department of Energy in Olympia. The groom earned a bachelor's degree from Claremont College in California and a master's degree from the University of Washington. He is employed by the Department of Ecology, Olympia.

String quartet to perform twice

Mostly Music continues its chamber music season 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a program featuring Ani Kavafian, violin; Carter Brey, cello; Paul Neubauer, viola; and Timothy Eddy, cello. The rarely heard Quartet for Violin, Viola and Two Cellos by Arensky is the featured work on the program, which also includes Mozart's Duo for Violin and Viola, and David Popper's Suite for Two Cellos. Concerts will be held Saturday at the Prospect Presbyterian Church, 646 Prospect St., Maplewood, and again Sunday at Temple Emanuel, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield. Tickets are \$15; students, \$8. For reservations, call (201) 762-8486. Guest artists Mr. Neubauer and Mr. Eddy have both gained distinction as recitalists, soloists with orchestra, chamber musicians and recording artists. Mr. Neubauer became the principal violist of the New York Philharmonic in 1984 at the age of 21, but left that position to devote more time to his solo career and to become an artist of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. Mr. Eddy is a member of the Orion and Galimir string quartets, and is professor of music at the Mannes College and at Stony Brook. He performs in festivals around the world including Spoleto, Lockenhaus, Santa Fe, Vancouver and others.

Girl Scout troops begin taking orders for cookies

The spring 1993 door-to-door cookie sale of the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council will take place tomorrow through Feb. 28. Many of the 7,300 Girl Scouts throughout Union County and parts of Middlesex and Somerset counties will call on their neighbors and friends to help support Girl Scouting through the purchase of cookies. Proceeds from the Girl Scout cookie sale make possible volunteer training for leaders and girls, newsletters, publications, council-wide programs, staff services and financial assistance to those otherwise unable to participate. These all help troops, leaders and girls to achieve quality training and programs. The sale of Girl Scout cookies also provides funds for the maintenance of Camp Hoover and the Council Service Center, ensuring a safe and effective environment for Girl Scouting. Washington Rock's Girl Scout cookie sale also supports the work of the local troops, while teaching girls money management skills. Seven varieties of cookies are available at \$2.50 each: thin mint, shortbread, peanut butter patties, peanut butter sandwich, lemon pastry creme, caramel delight and praline royale. Call 232-3238.

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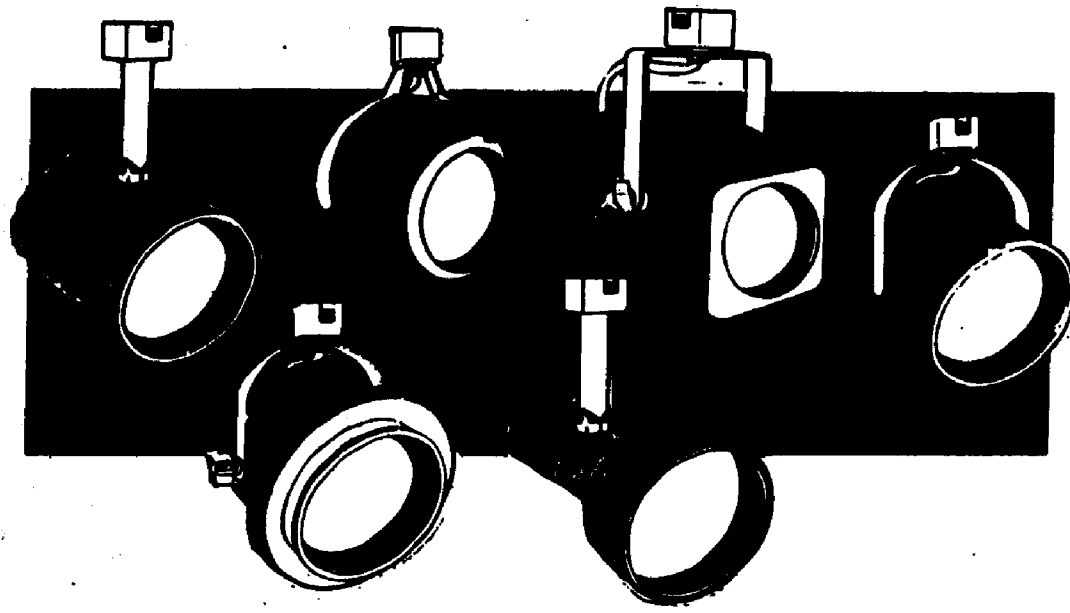
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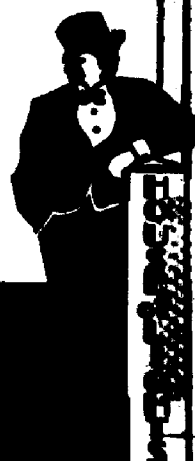
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Nominations should be sent to Awards Selection Committee Chairman Russell Evans at Print Tech, 381 South Ave. E., Westfield, 07090 by Feb. 28.

The awards recognize those who

have made outstanding contributions to the positive image of the Westfield community.

People are invited to send in a nomination for any or all of the following categories: Merchant of the Year, for retail business acumen; Business Person of the Year, for non-retail business acumen; Employee of the Year, for excel-

lence in any type of business; Community Service, for individual, group or organization commitment.

Nominations, typed or printed legibly, must contain the award category, name of nominee, business address and phone, reason for nomination, and be signed by the nominator.

Recipients will be announced prior to the April awards dinner.

Magic show for kids at library

Joe Fischer, magician and entertainer, will entertain at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at Westfield Memorial Library.

The program blends comedy, audience participation, music and live animals, appropriate for boys and girls in grades 3-5.

Free tickets will be available starting Tuesday at the children's reference desk.

Winners announced in art association's recent show

The Westfield Art Association announced the winners of the members exhibition at the Watchung Arts Center: watercolor: first place — Norman Webb, Mountain Camp; second place, Joan McKinney, Mid-Winter in Grafton, Vt.; third place, Debbie Tittle, Mending the Nets; honorable mention, Sydney Spence, Above the Tree Line.

Oil: first place, Will Coombs, As-

cension Over Kempton; second place, Burton Longenbach, Autumn Gold; third place, Linda Kolar, Spring, Brightwood Park; honorable mention, Cynthia Rockmore, Robin.

Pastel: first place, S. Allyn Schaffer, Paddock Crossing-Saratoga.

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Sports

SIDELINES

Gold medal effort

Eleven-year-old Scott Wetherling of Westfield placed first in all-around score in his age group at the Sargent's Elite National Invitational Gymnastics Meet, held Jan. 16 and 17 at the Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison. Participants came from as far away as Maine and Maryland. Wetherling's all-around score was a total of all six events, which include the parallel bars, horizontal bars, rings, vault, pommel horse and the floor exercise. Wetherling currently works out of the Sargent's Elite Gym in Roselle Park. He is a student at Jefferson Elementary School.



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Batter up!

The Westfield Baseball League Inc. advises all players who have not signed up for the Spring 1993 season to obtain a form available at Kehler's Athletic Balance store. The registration information should be mailed to: W.B.L. Inc., P.O. Box 156. Make checks payable to the W.B.L. Any players new to the league must submit a copy of their birth certificate. Any forms received after Feb. 10 are subject to a \$10 late fee.

The Hot Spot



On Friday, the 18th Annual Union County Wrestling Tournament will begin at the Dunn Sports Center with preliminary round action at 5 p.m. The following day, the consolation quarterfinals will commence at 10 a.m. and the finals are slated for a 3:30 p.m. start. Westfield will attempt to successfully defend last year's title, which was made possible when six of its wrestlers placed in the top four. Last season, the Blue Devils had two individual champions — Paco Gonzalez (119) and Paul Jordan (160) — which propelled them to the 30th county title in school history, the most of any area school. Union, Rahway and Scotch Plains-Fanwood stand in the way of a Westfield repeat.

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Not just your everyday meet

Westfield routs swim rival St. Joseph's boys, 114-66

By KIP KUDUK
THE RECORD

Before the final race of the day Monday, Westfield Head Coach Chris McGiffin and Blue Devils team manager Pete Catanzaro were both snickering about something while the swimmers were stepping up to the starting blocks.

Across the Wallace Pool at the Westfield YMCA, a quiet and orderly St. Joseph's bench stirred about quietly. Some of the Falcon swimmers were preparing to leave while others looked on silently.

Things didn't used to be this lighthearted when these two boys swimming powers locked horns. Whether it was during the regular season or in the post-season, the environment surrounding these two rivals in the past could best be described as raucous and belligerent.

But, Westfield's 114-66 triumph over the Falcons seemed like just another ordinary meet. There was

very little noise and not the usual amount of hype this time.

Actually, St. Joe's appeared to be resigned to the fact it would lose. And furthermore, the Falcons didn't seem too upset about it.

"We knew Westfield was unbeatable," said St. Joe's Head Coach John Scheirman. "They just have too many good swimmers. I don't think this was a big meet because we knew that we weren't going to win. No one's going to beat Westfield this year."

Instead of focusing their energy toward the Blue Devils, St. Joe's is concentrating on the upcoming state playoffs and this weekend's National Catholic Meet at Villanova University, a meet it placed second in last year.

"We've been training really hard since Christmas for this weekend," said Scheirman. "We've been stepping up the training and the yardage until this week. Now, we're going to rest."

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High School Results

Week of Feb. 3-6

WESTFIELD
Boys Basketball (6-13)
Westfield 66, Union Catholic 48
Westfield 72, Plainfield 51
Summit 64, Westfield 62
Girls Basketball (8-11)
Union Catholic 42, Westfield 18
Westfield 43, Plainfield 24
Summit 46, Westfield 23
Westfield (8-4-1)
Westfield 55, Elizabeth 18
Westfield 48, Union 18
Boys Swimming (10-6)
Westfield 114, St. Joseph's-Met. 66
1st in Union County Meet
Westfield 113.5, Lawrenceville 72.5
Girls Swimming (7-1-1)
1st in Union County Meet
Lawrenceville Prep 101, Westfield 84
Bowling (10-1)
Westfield 7, Scotch Plains-Fanwood 0
Westfield 4, Kearny 3

Devil boys gain revenge, stun Vikings

By KIP KUDUK
THE RECORD

For only the second time this season, Westfield hung onto a fourth quarter lead until the very end. On Tuesday, the Blue Devils won back-to-back games for the first time this season, as they upset Union Catholic, 56-48, at Scotch Plains.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

In the previous game between the teams, won by the Vikings 65-61, Union Catholic's Aaron Mitchell and Jamie Dec combined to light up the scoreboard for 46 points. Mitchell scored 15 of his 28 points in the fourth quarter to sew up the victory.

This time the Vikings' two "go-to" guys were shackled. Mitchell, who ended up with 10 points, was limited to a pair of free throws over the final eight minutes. Meanwhile, Dec scored 11 of his 18 points before halftime.

"We played a combination man and zone on them, so they wouldn't think it was a box-and-one on Mitchell," said Westfield Head Coach Stew Carey. "Whichever side Mitchell curled to, we told someone to pick him up. Most of the

time he was on Marc Koslowsky's side. That seemed to work, but Dec was killing us in the first half."

"I noticed that when (Latiff) McMorrin went got the ball up high he would pass it down low to Dec. I thought if we could stop McMorrin from getting the ball we could stop Dec from getting it."

Even though Westfield (6-13) had designs on stopping Dec and Mitchell, the Vikings (14-5) went on a 9-2 run to start the third quarter and took a 35-28 lead. At that point, Carey instructed his team to apply full-court, man-to-man pressure. The strategy worked, as Westfield went on an 11-2 spurt of their own to tie the score at 37-37.

In the fourth quarter, guard Mike Comandini scored a dozen of his game-high 26 points. Meanwhile, sophomore Brandon Pretlow and defensive specialist Mike Cort did a number on McMorrin and Dec. The end result was a 56-48 victory.

On Saturday, Koslowsky shut down Plainfield guard Bashira Bryant, who had been averaging 13 PPG, and limited him to four points. Bryant's counterpart, Mike Comandini, poured in 30 points to help lead Westfield to a resounding 72-51 victory over the Cardinals.

Last Thursday, Westfield dropped a heart breaker to Summit when the Hilltoppers' Keem Douglas converted a three-point play with three seconds remaining to give Summit a 66-62 victory.

Westfield grapplers roll past Linden, Elizabeth

The Blue Devils picked up two more victories last week to bring their dual meet record to 2-1, entering their regular season finale yesterday against Piscataway, which occurred after playoffs.

Despite losses to Union and Rahway, Westfield remained very close in power points in the hopes of qualifying for the North Jersey Section 2, Group 4 playoffs.

Friday evening, Westfield hosted Elizabeth, as Olympic bronze medalist and 1973 W.M.A. graduate Chris Campbell looked on. The Blue Devils won, 55-18, as several bouts were forfeited due to the number of wrestlers competing in the junior varsity tournament the next morning.

The leadoff pair of freshman Kevin Sullivan (103) and Jeff Checchio (112) continued their

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Devils girls grab UC swim crown

By SASKIA RILEY
THE RECORD

Westfield won the girls' Union County swimming championships at Elizabeth's Dunn Center Saturday, halting Scotch Plains-Fanwood's three-year stranglehold on the title by overcoming a 30-point deficit left after the diving events.

The Raiders finished second with 232 points, 15 points behind the Blue Devils. Governor Livingston, which shared the 1991 title with Scotch Plains-Fanwood, placed third with 180 points.

The 200-yard medley relay practically erased the deficit itself with an early victory. Saskia Riley, Sarah Showfety, Jen O'Brien and Jill Smith teamed up to finish in 1:58.83.

Controversy struck Westfield, as head coach Stacey Hegna forgot to enter star freshman Anne Teitelbaum in her specialty — the 500-yard freestyle. As a result, Teitelbaum was forced to swim in the slowest heat. Luckily for the Blue Devils, her time of 5:23.7 held up in the faster heats, enabling her to capture the title.

Teitelbaum was the only double-winner for Westfield, as she also won the 100-yard butterfly in 1:03.06. The freshman also anchored the winning 200 free relay with Lisa Olden, Bronwyn Hay and Smith. The foursome touched out in 1:45.82, establishing a new meet record.

Olden, the only other Westfield swimmer to win an individual title, earned a gold medal in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:15.89.

A Union County championship has eluded the Blue Devils for the

Ho-hum, Devil boys win 37th county title

By IVY CHARNATZ
THE RECORD

For the 37th consecutive year, the boys swimming team walked away from the Union County Championships with the overall team title. Aside from the substantial 157-point margin of victory over Union, Saturday's meet at the Dunn Sports Center also provided Westfield with three meet records, seven individual champions and three relay titles.

Darren Hartell made his distinct mark, setting new standards in the 200-yard individual medley (1:58.09) and the 100-yard backstroke (54.21). Both records were previously held by former Westfield swimmers — Chris McFadden (1:58.15 in

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past three years. Hay, who placed third in the 200 free (2:08.62) and finished second in the 500 free (5:35.17), attributed the triumph teamwork.

"Everyone pulled together with an all-out effort and best times," said Hay, a junior.

Smith swam to a couple of second place finishes in the sprint freestyle events. The sophomore finished in 25.72 in the 50 free, completed the 100 free in 57.42

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Double trouble

Multi-sport star Allebaugh earns extra attention

By KIP KUDUK
THE RECORD

Ever since the school year began a little more than five months ago, almost all of Erin Allebaugh's time has been monopolized by academics, scholastic sports and the college application process.

As Westfield's center halfback, the busy senior literally ended her field hockey season in the Group 4 finals on a Sunday before participating in the first day of basketball practice the very next afternoon. Needless to say, Allebaugh has not had too much leisure time on her hands.

"We had state finals one day and tryouts for basketball a day later," said Allebaugh, a first team All-County, All-Conference and third team All-State halfback. "It was a hard transition. I wasn't sure what to expect from basketball this season."

Luckily for the Blue Devils, their starting center is enjoying her finest season yet. The captain leads Westfield in scoring, rebounding and blocked shots. Consequently, Allebaugh's enhanced game has led to a resurgence of the basketball program. Westfield has won eight games this season, the most it's won in three years.

Allebaugh plays practically the entire game in the paint, setting picks, challenging for rebounds and position and making post moves to the hoop.

"She's a complete all-around player," said sophomore guard Taryn McKenna. "She moves well to the basket.



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Even though center Erin Allebaugh has been forced to put up with plenty of double-teaming and gimmick defenses designed to shut her down, the senior has continued her consistent play. Allebaugh leads Westfield in scoring, rebounding and blocked shots.

She's a big scorer underneath and she's a big rebounding help. She's not too tall to get down and scrap for the ball either. When she's on the court all she wants to do is play basketball.

"She makes it easier for the guards. She gets into position herself and she doesn't leave it up to us to make the plays. Once you get her the ball you can

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Girls win

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Each time she was beaten by Scotch Plains-Fanwood's Caroline Faraldo.

Riley placed third in the 100-yard backstroke, touching the wall in 1:04.21. Showfety displayed her talents in the 100 breast, winning the bronze medal after finishing in 1:16.75. The 400 free relay of Riley, Olden, Hay and Teitelbaum swam a 3:54.20, four seconds faster than anyone else. However, the team was disqualified.

Many other Westfield swimmers placed in the top six. O'Brien was fifth in the 200 free (2:13.56) and sixth in the 100 fly (1:08.42). Olden placed fourth in the 200-yard individual medley (2:25.74), while Riley placed fifth (2:28.14).

Prior to the Union County meet, the Blue Devils lost at Lawrenceville Prep last Wednesday, 101-84. However, Teitelbaum (in the 100 fly and 500 free), Smith (in the 50 free) and Riley (in the 100 back) were individual winners.



Sophomore Jen O'Brien enjoyed a banner day at Saturday's Union County Championships. She placed fifth in the 200-yard freestyle (2:13.56) and sixth in the 100-yard butterfly (1:08.42). O'Brien also swam the third leg of the winning 200-yard medley relay, which finished in 1:58.83. Westfield broke rival Scotch Plains-Fanwood's three-year reign as county champs, besting the Raiders by 15 points.

Arch-rivals

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While Westfield's swimmers could commiserate with their counterparts and had an inkling this meet would not be as competitive as it has been in the past, the Blue Devils still relish anytime it can defeat the Falcons, especially when it's by such a margin.

"St. Joe's will be back," said senior Damen Hertell. "It's not over for them, but maybe this is just a hiatus for them. We wanted to beat them by a lot to send them the message that we are a strong team. But, win or lose, we're still focusing on the state tournament."

"We weren't expecting the meet to be close," said Westfield senior Tim Smith, who transferred from St. Joe's following his sophomore season. "We knew we would win by a lot this time. But, if we see them again in March we expect it to be much closer. In a way, I was surprised at the ease by which we won the meet. We had everyone swim great and we're definitely the dominating team."

The Blue Devils set the tone immediately, as Hertell, Dave Schwartz, Tom Mann and Smith won the 200-yard medley relay easily. St. Joe's, which finished at six seconds behind Westfield's top foursome, took third in the event.

Two events later, Hertell and Mark Woon hooked up in the featured race of the day — the 200-yard individual medley. In the state invitational two and a half weeks earlier, Woon touched out Hertell by nine-hundredths of a second to win the gold medal in the 200 IM.

Fittingly, the fierce rematch never materialized. Hertell won by more than three seconds and Woon finished a distant third.

"He was feeling sick over the weekend," said Scheiman about Woon. "He was a little tired. He's not a dual meet type of guy anyway. He wasn't too pumped up."

"I knew I didn't want to lose to Woon again," said Hertell.

Other than the diving competition, Woon claimed the Falcons' lone victory Monday afternoon, winning the 100-yard butterfly (54.31) and beating Tom Mann by three-tenths of a second.

But, that was one of the lone highlights for St. Joe's on this day.

"I don't think St. Joe's was up for this meet," said McGiffin. "They came in with the attitude that it was a foregone conclusion, but, the matchups down the road will make for close races."

"This was just one little meet on the road to the state championship," said Smith. "We were happy with our win, but we can't get overconfident. We have to look towards the future."

—by Chermetz contributed

Westfield boys win 37th straight

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200 IM in 1987) and Chris Nolan (54.45 in 100 back in 1983).

Dave Schwartz reset his own record in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 58.78, eclipsing last year's mark of 59.03. Schwartz also attained first place in the 500-yard freestyle (4:55.20).

"I was hoping to break the (100 breast) record by more," said Schwartz, a senior. "This was a good personal indicator of where we are in the season."

In the 200-yard freestyle, junior Ted Pollack finished in first with a time of 1:50.78.

"My main goals were to get best times and high finishes for the team," said Pollack.

The 100-yard butterfly brought in fast times for Westfield, as Tom Mann, (53.99) and Pollack (54.81) placed first and second.

In the 100 free, Tim Smith, (51.20) and Dan Zemsky, (51.56) finished one-two. Zemsky also came in second in the 50 free (23.45).

The relays proved to be especially successful for Westfield as the Blue Devils swept all three races. The 200-yard medley relay (Hertell, Schwartz, Pollack and Mann, 1:41.06), the 200 free relay



Senior Joel Pargot checked in with a sixth-place finish in the 500-yard freestyle (5:22.13) in Saturday's Union County Championships at Elizabeth's Dunn Sports Center. The Blue Devils breezed to their 37th consecutive county crown, topping second place Union by 157 points.

(Smith, Rob Schundler, Zemsky and Chris Mann, 1:33.86) and the 400 free relay (Hertell, Pollack, Smith and Mann, 3:23.51) were easily pocketed by last year's state champs.

"We had a lot of good swims,"

said Smith. "After winning both F-rates and the counties we know that we are capable of winning (the state championship). We just have to pull together as a team in order to prove to everybody that we are the best."

Allebaugh

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depend on her to score."

"She's an aggressive offensive player," said Westfield Head Coach Linda King. "Her offensive rebounding gives her the scoring ability. She's also got a nice turn-around jumper."

Allebaugh credits her offensive production to hours of practice in the off-season.

"I like making power moves to the basket and I think I'm stronger than last year," said Allebaugh, who is eyeing the University of Virginia and Miami of Ohio University as potential colleges for furthering her field hockey exploits. "I've worked on those things a lot. My dad is a retired referee and he's always helping me and telling me what to work on. (Assistant coach) Bob Hubbard has also helped quite a bit."

Just as her teammates have witnessed Allebaugh's continuous of-

fensive growth, so have the Blue Devils' opponents. Over the first eight games of the season, when Westfield went 4-4, Allebaugh averaged exactly 15 points per game. From that point, Watchung Conference foes have double-teamed the Blue Devils' prime inside scoring threat. In Westfield's last 11 games (4-7), Allebaugh has scored at a 7.1 point per game clip.

"Coaches have become aware of No. 23 for Westfield," said King. "But, I told her double-teaming is the biggest compliment she could have. She knows she has to work harder. Right now, she's looking more for assists instead of going up against a brick wall."

Allebaugh's lone response to the increased defensive attention is more hard work and patience.

"It's been very frustrating," said Allebaugh. "I try to move around a lot more to get free, but it's been difficult. My teammates try to set picks to get me free. Sometimes I get it, but I don't get the ball as much anymore."

PREVIEW

GIRLS BASKETBALL



Scotch Plains-Fanwood at Westfield

Date: Thur., Feb. 11
Time: 4 p.m.
Location: Westfield High School gym on Dorian Rd. in Westfield.

The Raiders (12-6) Scotch Plains-Fanwood has been saddled with a two-prong attack all season, but the opposition has not been able to stop R. C. Colleen Haight and F. Christine McGiffin. Haight recently passed the 1,000 point mark and may be the county's best inside player. The young backcourt of G. Anna Keegan and Natasha Vasquez have been somewhat inconsistent.

The Blue Devils (8-11) Westfield opponents have discovered that the way to beat the Blue Devils is to slow down senior C. Erin Allebaugh. After averaging 15 PPG over the first eight games, Allebaugh has been double-teamed on almost every occasion since and has scored only 7.1 PPG over the last 11 contests. As Amy Gallagher and Shila Carter need to score more in order to restore Westfield's inside scoring threat. Sophomore G. Abby Bomba is a genuine three point threat. G. Julie Corallo and Taryn McKenna have been steady at the point.

The Skinny: In the first meeting between the teams exactly two weeks ago, Corallo helped the Blue Devils contain Haight, limiting her to only 11 points in Westfield's 36-30 upset victory. Westfield again needs to control Haight and McGiffin inside and make the Raiders get their points from other sources.

SPORTS CALENDAR

Feb. 11-17

All times P.M. unless otherwise noted.

Thurs., Feb. 11
Girls Basketball
Westfield (JV) vs. Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 4
Westfield (JV) vs. Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 5:30

Boys Basketball
Westfield vs. East Side, 3:15

Fri., Feb. 12
Wrestling
Union County Tour. at Elizabeth, 8 a.m.

Sat., Feb. 13
Wrestling
Union County Tour. at Elizabeth, 8 a.m.

Tue., Feb. 16
Boys Swimming
Westfield at Plainfield, 4

Wed., Feb. 17
Wrestling
Westfield (JV & JV) vs. at Millburn, 4

Forbes

Union County Boys Basketball

- 1 Hillside (14-1)
- 2 St. Pat's (14-3)
- 3 Elizabeth (14-4)
- 4 Rahway (14-4)
- 5 Roselle (14-4)

Forbes

Union County Girls Basketball

- 1 Linden (17-1)
- 2 Union Cath. (14-3)
- 3 Cranford (15-3)
- 4 Johnson (15-3)
- 5 Sc. Plains (11-5)

Forbes

Union County Wrestling

- 1 Rahway (12-0)
- 2 Union (11-1)
- 3 Sc. Plains (9-2-1)
- 4 Westfield (8-4-1)
- 5 Cranford (9-5)

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



ANNE TEITELBAUM WESTFIELD

In the Union County Championships on Saturday, the freshman won individual titles in the 500-yard freestyle (5:23.7) and the 100-yard butterfly (1:03.06). Teitelbaum also anchored the winning 200-yard freestyle relay with Lisa Olden, Bronwyn Hay and Smith, which established a new meet record (1:45.82).

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Roundup

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Winning ways with back-to-back victories for the fifth time this season. Sullivan recorded a fall at 4:44 and Checchio scored a solid 7-3 victory.

Following forfeit victories by Brian Buldo (119) and freshman Dave Grallina (125), sophomore Paul Hayes wrestled in the tough 190-pound weight class against experienced foe Victor Reinoso. Hayes frustrated Reinoso the majority of the bout, but was pinned at 5:51. Chris Posey (135) registered a fall at 3:24 and freshman Bruno Parente took a forfeit at 140 pounds.

Mike Liggers (145) faced an aggressive Willie Lynch, who caught Liggers and pinned him at 1:13. Senior Lance Kovac (152) scored an impressive 15-2 major decision with a dominating performance. Junior Jim Flood accepted a forfeit victory at 160 pounds.

In total control at 171 pounds, Paul Baly packed his opponent at 3:39. Elizabeth won a forfeit at 189 pounds, setting up the heavy-weight bout between Seth Coren and 258-pound Jose Negron. Coren led 5-0 after the first period after nearly pinning his larger adversary. Negron assumed the offensive position in the second period and Coren took him to his back to record a fall at 2:19.

Last Wednesday, Westfield cruised to a 48-18 triumph over Linden. Sullivan continued his winning ways by taking a 10-3 decision. A forfeit loss at 112 pounds for Westfield was followed by Buldo's fall at 1:22 in the 119-pound class.

Two of the Tigers' better wrestlers notched victories in the next two matches. Linden won a 14-4 major decision at 125 and followed it up with an 8-2 decision at 130.

Chris Posey picked up a forfeit victory at 135 pounds, while Cory Posey (140) decked his foe at 1:19. Liggers endured his second tough match in a row and pulled through for a 5-3 victory. Kovac pinned his opponent at 5:03.

The Tigers added three points with a decision at 160 pounds. In the next bout, Baly controlled his opponent before pinning him at 5:48. Sophomore Frank DiGiovanni (180) delighted the home crowd and himself by coming from behind and recording his first varsity pin at 4:40.

Bowlers sag in pursuit of conference crown

Westfield beat Kearny and Scotch Plains-Fanwood this week, but the team lost three games to Linden in the Watchung Conference's American Division standings.

Entering yesterday's pivotal



DIANE MATTHEW/RECORD

Freshman 103-pounder Kevin Sullivan has been a pleasant surprise for the Blue Devils this season. Sullivan, who pinned Elizabeth's Juan Laracuenta at 4:44 Friday, will be one 13 Blue Devil wrestlers vying for a Union County title this weekend at Elizabeth's Dunn Sports Center.

match against third place Union (52-18), which occurred after press time, the Blue Devils (58-12) possessed a tenuous five-game lead over the Tigers (53-17). Today, Westfield concludes its regular season schedule with a match against East Side.

Blue Devils' Head Coach Mike Thirone is concerned his team will fall short of winning its third consecutive conference championship. In six games, Westfield averaged 850.5 per game, well below its capabilities.

"We've been struggling," said Thirone. "We're not bowling to our potential and we might get in serious trouble. We seem to be trying to hang onto the conference lead instead of going after it. I have to try to get them more aggressive. We haven't been mentally sharp the last few matches. We've been too relaxed."

Westfield's 7-0 victory over Scotch Plains-Fanwood Monday was misleading. In the first game the Blue Devils rolled a 777, their worst game of the year. However, Westfield rebounded with games of 883 and 886 to win going away. Senior Mike Pass (224 game and 566 series) and junior Dan Maslino (552 series) led the squad to victory.

Last Thursday, the Blue Devils struggled to beat pesky Kearny, 4-3. Westfield bowled a 790 in the first game to win by seven pins, but the Cardinals stormed back to roll a 955 to win by 103 pins in the second game.

With the match on the line, seniors Pass (213) and Matt Jackson (209) answered the call with solid efforts in the third game, which Westfield won 915-888.

Westfield's junior varsity won both of its matches 7-0 this week, as sophomores Jason Smith and John Saurlej continued to bowl well. Against the Raiders, the JV rolled a season-high 895 in the second game.

Harriers fall short of honors in Group 4 meet

Several Westfield runners accomplished excellent indoor times, but on the whole, the Blue Devils found the competition too tough in Sunday's Group 4 Championships at Princeton University's Jadwin Gym, as no one was able to qualify for the semifinals.

"It was frustrating because a couple of kids could've placed, but they just got edged out," said head coach John Martin, whose team wrapped up the winter season with a dual meet at Elizabeth yesterday, which occurred after press time.

"We had a difficult time facing that kind of competition. At our level, we had a nice season and were very competitive. At the state level we're just not big enough."

In the 55-meter high hurdles, Rishon Williams (8.3 seconds), Jeremy Rasmie (8.3) and sophomore Tiffany Hester (9.0) just missed qualifying for the semis.

The 1,600-meter run also provided a few thrills for Westfield, as senior Cattie Robinson (5:44.7) established a personal best time in the event indoors. Freshmen Lawrence He (4:48.8) and Sharon Gamblin (5:54.6) turned in solid times, while senior Chris DeMaai crossed the finish line in 4:46.6.

In the 400-meters, sophomore Ahisha Winkler was clocked in 1:04.7, one of Westfield's finest indoor times in quite a few years. Jamal Hester finished the event in 53.7 and narrowly missed earning a spot in the semis. Chris Blandling (56.2) and freshman Eria Brown (1:06.6) also turned in fast times.

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The next morning he gave a two and a half hour clinic to approximately 50 kids involved in Westfield's youth wrestling program. That night he was the centerpiece of a dinner held in his honor at the Mountainside Manor.

"He did a spellbinding job at the clinic," said Westfield Athletic Director Gary Kehler, who attended every event last weekend and was instrumental in bringing Campbell back to Westfield. "The whole weekend was really nice. Everything was outstanding."

Campbell has future Olympics in mind

lic relations work for Carrier. Countless speaking engagements around the nation permitted Campbell to spend only seven days during the month of January at home.

"I like travelling and seeing the world," said Campbell. "Travelling dominates my time. But, I make sure I see the nice parts of the country."

Campbell visited his old stomping grounds last Friday and Saturday to be honored by the town of Westfield.

On Friday, Campbell was awarded a plaque which was symbolic of his induction into the New Jersey Region 3 Wrestling Hall of Fame. The presentation was made just

before Westfield's varsity wrestling match at the high school. Later that evening, he was honored by the African Awareness Club in the high school cafeteria.

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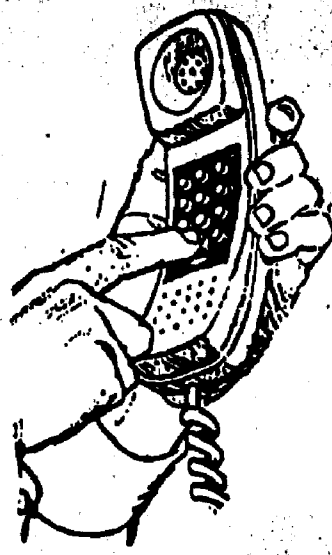
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AGE, Reach out and touch me. Let your fingers do the walking. **AT&T**

ANGEL, Your girl that cupid shot for me. Though we spend this day apart, I hope one day your eyes will see the way you broke my heart. Until that day I'll just say I hope that your still mine wishing today in a special way you'll be by my Valentine. **Love, Andre**

ANGELO, You are the best thing that has happened to me. I love you! **KATHY KATHY**

AST, Sorry we're not together, but rem' that you're in my heart! **ILU & IMU tonel LOVE REC**

At times my thoughts went unspoken. As you ride their trails though my love was unbroken; These words of mine must unveil: From soul 2 mind 2 body 2 ears I hide no longer & surrender my heart 2 you. From Kazz 2 Jade

ATM, MASTER OF THE OBVIOUS— Sex Pistol, NOEL, on dude, Happy Valentines Day! I love you lots & lots. **HELEN**

BASE, YOU'RE THE GREATEST I'LL LOVE YOU DOVE YOU FOREVER & EVER CAN'T WAIT TIL 9/4/93 HAPPY VALENTINES! LET'S SNUGGLE DOWN **LOVE ALWAYS LEE**

BEANHEAD, You're a couch potato in front of the tel, that's how you got that pot belly! **MUSHFACE**

BILL, With every kiss, with every hug, with every smile, I fall in love. Forever Jennifer (babie)

TO MY BABY-CAKE I love you so much & am very proud of you. Happy Valentines Day. **Love Mom**

TO MY FAVORITE RETIREE Happy Valentine's Day! Love, "Bills" Fan

DADDY— you're not only my father, but you're my best friend. You are the greatest person in the world & no one could ever take your place. No matter how hard life seems, you are always there for me. I love you! Your daughter **Lisa**

DAMO, One of the best things about living life one day at a time is having you to love everyday! I love you! **LISA**

DAVE M., To my Valentine forever! I love you lots & lots! **FOREVER YOURS, LAURA K.**

DEAR 1522, You are the pot of gold at the end of my rainbow. I Love You! **Love your little Thief**

DEAR DADDY, I love you very much. Please take me to see Mickey Mouse. I promise to be a good boy. **Love, Jeffrey Alan AKA Boogy**

BLUE EYES, How long do you plan on staying mad at me? I'm sorry I know I was wrong. I see I got '93 off to a lying start. I need you, miss you & I do love you. How about a call? If you love me & miss me I'll be at our "spot" on the 14th at 8:30. I love you! **"SAMANTHA"**

BRIAN Happy Valentines Day. I love you with all my heart. Forever yours, **Dina**

BUNNY— I love you honey, and I love you Mom. The fun we have this summer in the back yard will replace the cabin fever and even Barney. **Puppy and Rachael**

CAROL, To a very special woman to whom I am blessed with. Let my heart reach yours through the grace of our Lord. **LOVE BOB**

CORI & CAITLIN HAPPY VALENTINES TO MY 2 FAVORITE XXXXXX XXXXXX LOVE AUNT LEE-LEE

DA DA, I may not say it yet in so many words, but you're the best. We all love you...Rachael & Mommy & Baba Doggie too. **RACHAEL C.**

DEAR DEVIN HUGS & KISSES (Happy Anniversary to Mom & Dad) XXXXXX Grandma & Grandpa

TO MY LITTLE GOOSEY!!! Remember last year? You better behave & don't be late adoy Doo Doo!

DEAR DON: Life doesn't always play with a full deck of cards, but together we seem to be winning the game. Somehow, you've always got an ACE up your sleeve. Your the best!! **Love Always, Joyce**

DEAR DREAMY BLUE EYES You're my big stud and I'll love you forever. **JULIE**

DEAR FRANK: Roses are Red Violets are Blue Take me under the wingset So I can wrinkle your pants **Love, D.W.P.**

DEAR GREGG & ANTHONY Happy Valentines Day! Your both very special to all of us! **MOM-MOM & POP-POP**

DEAR KAREN— Violets are blue; Roses are red, I love you because you give great backrubs **LOVE SCOTT**

DEAR MARK & CASEY We love you very much. Happy Valentine's Day. **OMA & OPA**

DEAR MOM & DAD Thanks for sticking with me through all the rough times. You've always been there if I had a problem or just needed someone to talk to. Thanks for everything! Happy Valentine's Day. **Love Your Son, The Blacksheep Tom McCormick**

P.S. I'm in the paper again!

DEAR PATRICK (Mom & Dad too) Sending Much Love! Have a wonderful time in Florida! **XXXXXX Pacci & Grandma**

DEAR PRINCESS, May all your wishes and dreams come true, and your journey reaching them be an easy one. **Love, Me**

DEAR RICH & DADDY Have a day as special as you are! Happy Heart Day! Love you much, your wife **Michele & kids, Amber, Johnie & little Richie**

EARL, After all these years we still have the magic. Happy Valentine's Day. **Love Barbara**

FOR THE TWO MEN IN MY LIFE— I love you my much. Have a very Happy Valentine! Love you Bob & R.J.

DEAR SARAH, We have been together for over a year now. I hope the future will hold as much love as the past. Happy Valentine's Day **LOVE FROM YOUR WOOHIE**

DEAR VALENTINE, Your so sexy! And I want you bad! Be mine forever! **LOVE YOUR SWEETHEART**

DEAR WALLY, Our love grows stronger every day, and you make me happy in every way. **LOVE CATHY**

DEAREST DARLING DARCI, Love & kisses to my very special valentine! You're the best **LOVE MOM**

DEZIRAY & NICHOLAS, Keep the faith! You'll find a mate. Eat your supper & don't be late! **LOVE OXG**

DO-DO, I'm missing you far more than u could imagine. I have lots of faith it could work. I luv u! **ME**

DONNA, You give me all the happiness in the world. I will love you from here to infinity. **Love, Michael**

DONNA, My main squeeze. Be my Valentine. Love always & forever! **LOVE YA TOO OOO BOBBY**

EASTERN BUNNY, I love to sing about the moon in the June in the Springs; I love to sing about tea for two & me for you. You came into my life & you've shown me how wonderful love & life can be. I thank God every day for blessing me with your sunshine. **BACH BACHI**

EDDIE, Each moment I spend with you, I fall deeper in love. I've found who I'm looking for & I will never look any farther. **SMILELY**

EMIL, The love of my life & the man I am going to marry! Happy Valentine's Day! **LOVE APRIL**

DWF— 30, seeks "almost" divorced, beer drinking, bankrupt, unemployed construction worker with 2 kids. WAIT... Cancel that ad, I already found him. Thanks to you, this has been by far the best year of my life. & you & I both know that things can only get better. You mean more to me than anything or anyone else in the world. **I LOVE YOU! SUE**

JOEL, Joel, Joel, Do you know how much I love you? Do you know how much more than that. Happy Valentines Day! **HELEN**

JOHNNY & LISA Czernikowski HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! **Love, Aunt Kathleen**

KAREN, Well, we made through the toughest year that we could have in our lives. The rest they say is so much easier. We showed each other how much we love each other. I know that this year is going to be a special year for us. PS: Happy Anniversary! Love you very much! **Jimmy**

LARRY, Thank you for ALWAYS being there for me. I LOVE YOU so very much! **XXXXXX Kristin**

FRANK, Want to do the newest couples dance called My Boot Scootin' Valentine Because U R. **CHRIS**

HAPPY SWEETHEART DAY STEVE! I LOVE YOU!!!

HEY CUTIE, Happy Valentine's Day! I love you, you're great. **Love Poobie**

HEY FLY BOY, I'm not an attendant, but let's fly away & I'll tend to you. My STAP. LOVE, **LITTLE O.J.**

HONEYBUNCH, Your my best buddy in the world! I can't wait to "Hunker down" at Loon Mountain in New Hampshire. Love your favorite **TEDDY BEAR!**

JEFF, You're the sparkle in my smile, the twinkle in my eye, the joy in my laughter & the best in my heart...You've made the simple things so special. Thanks for the sparkles, twinkles, & joy! I will love you always! **PUNKIN'**

JERRY TERPAY, Happy Valentine's Day! **Love Aunt Kathleen**

JFB— To My Love of a Lifetime & My Very Best Friend-Happy Valentines Day. I Love You. **DCC**

JILL, I'll always love you, even when dogs are smiling & I'm far away. Happy V-Day! **LOVE LEE**

JIM— They say its better the 2nd time around. I couldn't agree more! Thank U for coming into my life again. You're the best! I miss you & I love you very much! I'M **YOURS, DAWN**

JOANN, Even though you're miles away, I just want you to know I love you in every way! Happy Valentines Day. **LOVE TONY L**

MELISSA, AIMEE & RUSSELL, Grandmom & Pop-Pop wish you all a Happy Valentines Day. **Love You Lots!**

MOM & DAD TO THE TWO GREATEST PARENTS IN THE WHOLE WORLD, HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!! **LOVE, ME!!!!**

MOM, Miss your green eyes, the devil made me do this. Miss you, Miss you, this. Miss you, Miss you, this. **DIZZY**

My Dearest Susan Bee, I love you more & more. You must know for sure, Our love will always be, Lasting into eternally! True love always, **STEVE**

LARRY, You are God's answer to my prayers, for I prayed that he would prepare for me a good Christian husband; & 17 years ago, when we married, I knew you were God's choice! Today, I stand by that confidence! **LOVE MARY BETH**

LINDA & PAUL MUCH LOVE ALWAYS Happy Valentines Day. Mom & Dad

LISA, Happy Valentine's Day from your best friend. **Love, Kylene**

LISA— I can't begin to tell you how much you mean to me. You're the best girlfriend & friend a guy could ever ask for. You always there for me, always caring, always loving, always laughing, always hugging. But most of all always loved by me. I Love you Lisa, Happy 2nd Valentines Day. **LOVE DAN**

LORDOR— Happy Valentine's Day! **Love ya Lee**

LR, What are dreams come true without someone to share them with. I want to share mine with you. **TM**

MADISON & RICHARD Happy Valentines Day Love you both! **Grandmom & Pop-Pop**

MATT, My teacher, my best friend, my love. You mean the world to me. I love you more each day! **TARA**

MAZIE JACOB— 35 years of wed-lock this month & we are still going strong! **Love of Love, Harry**

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ROBIE, LOVE YA ALWAYS **BRITTANY**

SCOTT You are the best thing that ever happened to me. I love you. **Love, Sandra**

SQUARE FOOT PA: I love you, you love me. We're a happy family. With a great big hug, and kiss from me to you, Won't you say you love me too? **BARNEY BAN'S MA**

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MY OWN GUARDIAN ANGEL, I hope you are my whole life, momma loves you all the way up to Baby Jesus!!

NANCY & LYNN, at the guillotine, we love you & miss you. Happy V.D. Day Love Tolly & Bobbie

NICKY & KATIE Happy Valentines Day! Love you both! **Grandmom & Pop-Pop**

NILA, June 12 will be the happiest day in my life, when we will become husband & wife. I love you! Happy Valentine's Day! **LEE**

OUR MOST PRECIOUS & LOVABLE VALENTINES— Bobby, Nicholas, Brian, Patrick, Christine & Alexandra. **Oceans of Love NANA & PA**

PAUL, You are the one I laugh with, live for, dream with, love. You mean the world to me. I love you today & always. **Lisa**

RAY, I LOVE, TRUST & CARE for you with all my HEART. You are the ONLY person who has never hurt me. No matter what kind of mood I'm in, you're there to cheer me up. I am lucky to have found my MR. RIGHT! **Happy Valentine's Day, Sexy! Love Ya Always, DANA**

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RITA, I love you very much with my love always **Love, Ed**

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TAMMY, Like you always say, our good times definitely out-weigh the bad ones. I hope we continue to have many more good times together. I love you! Happy 1st Valentine's Day, Baby! **Love always, Peach**

TO KELLY & BABY-TO-BA, You're the sweetest Valentines in our family! **LOVE MOMMY & DADDY**

TO MIKE, I love you, & I want to be together forever. You're the man of my dreams. **Love, Mindy**

TO MY "ELVIS", I love you, & I want to be together forever. You're the man of my dreams. **Love, Mindy**

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Real Estate Guide

History meets style in this Colonial

Library's fireplace evokes Civil War

PLAINFIELD — Modern amenities, classic styling and a touch of history combine in this frame and stone two-story colonial at 935 Charlotte Road.

Built in 1927, the house has a first-floor library featuring a brick fireplace that includes a single brick from the building where Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox.

The house, with attached three-car garage, asphalt roof and 11-by-17-foot screened porch, lists for \$359,900 through the Farwood branch of Burgdorff Realtors.

A vestibule with two palladium windows and a ceramic tile floor welcomes visitors. From the vestibule, a unique door of beveled glass panes leads into a center entry hall that features random-width, walnut-stained hardwood floors and a guest closet. Off the hall is the 15-by-24-foot living room, where a vaulted ceiling, braced with beech beams, rises over walnut floors and a fireplace.

The first floor also features a 15-by-9-foot solarium with green terra cotta floor, copper dry sink, built-in cabinets, and cove molding. Near the solarium is the library, which boasts full raised-panel wall plus wainscoting, blue wall-to-wall carpet, vertical blinds, French beveled-pane glass doors leading to the porch, and the brick fireplace.

Five bay windows fill the 15-by-12-foot dining room with light. The adjacent kitchen features wood-grained formica cabinets, Thermador electric counter-top range with grill, a double wall oven, KitchenAid dishwasher, and garbage disposal.

Also on the lower level are two bedrooms, both with private baths.

A 21-by-17-foot master bedroom, two smaller bedrooms, and a dressing room comprise the second story. The basement includes a recreation room, a half bath and laundry room. Hot water is provided through a gas heater, and a gas steam heating system was installed in 1980.

The house sits on a 310-by-182-foot irregular lot, professionally landscaped with a shrub-lined walk and stately trees.

For more information on the house and area, call Kitty Lynch at 754-5187.



This colonial at 935 Charlotte Road has elegant styling and a touch of history. The house lists through the Farwood office of Burgdorff Realtors.

Tipsheet

Address: 935 Charlotte Road, Plainfield

Asking price: \$359,900

Lot size: 310-by-182 irregular

Bedrooms: 4

Baths: 2.5

Amenities: Three-car attached garage, two automatic door openers, professional landscaping, automatic exterior lights on back and side, motion detector lights, brick fireplace, Hardwood floors: gas, steam heat

Taxes: (1992) \$7,200

Open house: Through Kitty Lynch, Burgdorff Realtors, Farwood, 322-7700.

Luxury is affordable at Branchville Estates

HILLSBOROUGH — The Hellmark Group's luxurious exclusive community, Branchville Estates, located on River Road in the South Branch section of the township, has opened a second section of larger wooded lots of between four and five acres.

Thirty percent of the lots have already been sold.

"They offer all the privacy and beauty of a truly rural setting, yet they are in the very heart of the central New Jersey corridor which offers easy access to Philadelphia, New York City, Princeton and New Brunswick as well as to some of the best-known shopping areas on the East Coast," said Paul Steller, co-owner and marketing director of ERA American Dream, Realtors of Hillsborough, exclusive marketing agents for Branchville Estates.

The estate-sized four- and five-bedroom Colonial style homes, of which there are eight models available, will be carried into the new section. These spacious homes,

which range in size from 3,000 square feet to more than 4,300 square feet of living area, are designed to impress as much from the outside as the inside.

These homes feature brick entry steps with sweeping brick stoops leading to dramatic double front doors set in striking brick facades. The two- and three-car garages all have side entries.

The homes are designed with easy living in mind: no-maintenance premium vinyl siding is used throughout, all gutters and leaders are aluminum and frost-free front and rear house outlets are standards as are all-weather electric outlets in the rear.

The double entry doors open into spacious two-story entry foyers splashed with light through the architectural use of setting windows about the doors that highlight impressive circular stairways. The foyer floors are ceramic tile, while all other floors, with the exception of the kitchen, are covered in the new section. These spacious homes,

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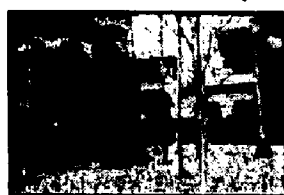
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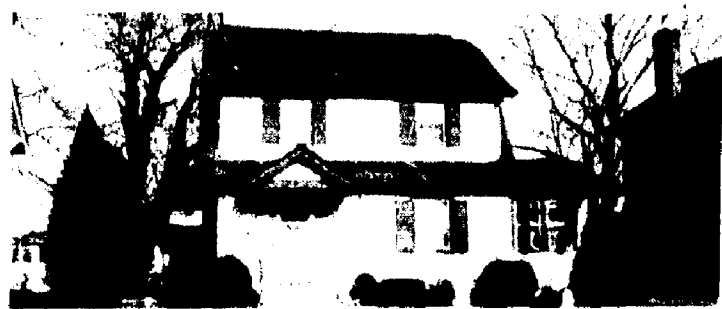
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A coat of paint can give fresh look to older house

Indoor activities this winter season may have caused you to notice certain walls or rooms are in dire need of painting. If this is the case, the New Jersey Association of REALTORS (NJAR) has some tips to help you match the right paint with your needs.

One important factor to consider, however, before starting to paint is whether your home could contain lead-based paint, found to pose a significant health threat to children.

Although the use of lead-based paint ended in 1977, older homes may contain lead paint, especially those built prior to 1950.

Test kits are available for purchase for under \$10, while professional home testing for the presence of lead can cost in the range of \$375. In addition, removal of lead paint by a professional can average nearly \$8,000.

A practical alternative to the expensive removal of lead-related products is a specialized treatment of affected areas.

Among those treatments, large surface areas such as siding can be enclosed with another material. Painted surfaces may be treated with high-polymer compounds if they are not high-friction areas like windows and doors.

In contrast, specialized contractors must be hired to remove all vestiges of lead in affected areas.

The treatment of lead-affected areas in place can be a wiser and more economical approach. Once you have taken care of any lead-paint problems that may exist, cleared the furniture, placed drop-

cloths on the floor, and put masking tape around the trim, you should fill in any wall or ceiling cracks or holes with speckling compound.

The question now is: what kind of paint to use?

To the first-time amateur painter, terms such as epoxy enamel, semi-gloss, full-gloss and flat latex might be a bit confusing, but they describe types of paints and the kinds of finishes that result from their use.

Water-thinned flat latex paint, for example, is the most popular interior paint for walls and ceilings.

Flat describes its non-gloss finish, which is desirable in most rooms. It covers well, dries quickly, is non-toxic and nearly odorless. It is washable too, although not as washable as certain enamels.

Enamels form a hard film which can be washed repeatedly and are used most frequently in bathrooms, laundry rooms, kitchens, halls and work areas. They are available in a full range of finishes from flat to full gloss.

Flat alkylid enamels are made with alkylid resins, which can be used on walls and ceilings in the same manner as latex but offer more abrasion resistance and are more washable. They also dry quickly and are nearly odorless.

A good paint dealer can be a wealth of knowledge, providing you with proper advice on what to use.

Epoxy enamels are ideal for areas where heavy wear is anticipated. They produce a hard film and resist grease, dirt, solvents, and water.

They are generally more expensive but offer good durability. They even can be used on concrete floors.

Undercoaters or primer sealers usually are not needed for interior painting because most surfaces previously have been painted. But it is advisable to read and follow the suggestions for application printed on the product's label.

Priming, on the other hand, is necessary when surface damage is repaired or where old paint has worn out.

Primers or undercoats are needed on unpainted surfaces; one coat usually is sufficient.

Primers and top-coats should be the same brand to ensure compatibility.

Course masonry such as cement block should be primed with block filler, which creates a smooth surface over which almost any kind of paint can be applied.

Before launching any painting project in your home, make sure you first ensure that no lead paint hazards exist. Then you can shop around for the best value and best type of paint for your situation, advises Gene Azzalina, NJAR president.

A good paint dealer can be a wealth of knowledge, providing you with the proper advice on what to use and how to use the appropriate paint product for your home's needs.

CENTRAL JERSEY MORTGAGE RATES

Lender, City, Phone	APP FEE	30 YR FIXED RATE PTS APR	15 YR FIXED RATE PTS APR	OTHER RATE PTS
Accountants Mtge. Whitehouse Sta. 800-227-4215	\$0	7.250 2.50 7.42	6.750 2.50 7.11	6.870 0.00 M
Action Mortgage Corp., Bloomfield 800-428-2800	\$100	7.625 2.75 N/P	7.125 2.75 N/P	6.625 2.50 M
Amboy National Bank, Old Bridge 800-861-5700	\$200	7.625 3.00 7.64	7.125 3.00 7.62	4.750 2.50 A
Bay City Mortgage, Hazlet 800-284-2700	\$800	7.500 2.00 7.71	7.000 2.00 7.50	7.975 2.00 B
Berkley Fed. Savings, Milburn 801-467-2800	\$250	7.500 3.00 7.81	6.875 3.00 7.57	6.625 1.00 F
Central Federal Savings, Princeton 800-223-8827	\$300	7.500 2.75 7.30	6.875 3.00 7.30	6.725 2.00 B
Central Mortgage Svcs., Watchung 800-750-0000	\$200	7.575 3.00 7.77	6.875 3.00 7.49	6.125 2.75 H
Choice Mortgage, Morris Plains 800-244-2421	\$275	6.000 0.00 5.00	7.625 0.00 7.50	4.125 0.00 A
Coastal Fed. Mtge. Co., Freehold 800-772-6278	\$100	7.375 3.00 7.69	6.875 3.00 7.35	4.000 2.00 A
Collective Fed. Sav. Bk., Edison 800-648-4840	\$300	6.250 0.00 5.25	7.625 0.00 7.50	6.625 0.00 C
Countryside Mortgage, Westfield 800-750-2300	\$200	7.500 2.25 N/P	7.000 2.25 N/P	4.375 1.00 A
Greatmont Federal Savings, Clark 800-827-0000	\$300	7.375 3.00 7.69	6.875 3.00 7.57	4.000 2.00 A
Directors Mtg. Loan, Rochelle Pk. 800-872-0000	\$350	7.625 1.50 7.76	7.125 2.00 7.45	6.875 3.00 A
Empire Mortgage Co., Somerville 800-874-4446	\$350	7.375 3.00 7.69	6.875 3.00 7.24	6.500 0.00 A
Equity Financial Inc., Old Bridge 800-862-0026	\$200	7.575 3.00 N/P	6.875 3.00 N/P	4.625 0.00 A
First Savings Bank SIA, Edison 800-226-4450	\$325	7.500 3.00 7.81	7.000 3.00 7.49	7.250 0.00 D
Genesis Mtge. Svcs., E. Brunswick 800-257-5700	\$375	7.500 3.00 7.81	6.875 3.00 7.30	4.125 3.00 A
Ivy Mortgage Corp., Belle Mead 800-874-7744	\$300*	7.500 3.00 7.80	7.000 3.00 7.50	0
Meridian Mortgage Corp., Edison 800-862-8167	\$300	7.400 2.25 N/P	6.850 2.50 N/P	7.300 0.00 N
Monarch Mtge. Bank FSB, Iselin 800-824-0000	\$200	7.500 3.00 7.81	7.000 3.00 7.49	6.875 3.00 A
Morgan Carlson Fin., Matawan 800-862-8710	\$0	7.375 3.00 7.68	7.000 0.00 7.50	4.250 3.00 A
Mortgage Money Mart, Edison 800-846-0423	\$200	7.500 2.65 7.78	7.000 2.25 7.57	3.750 2.50 A
New Century Mtge. E. Brunswick 800-200-4000	\$375	6.250 0.00 5.30	7.750 0.00 7.62	4.375 3.00 A
NJ Home Funding Group, Edison 800-846-4400	\$0	7.500 3.00 N/P	7.000 3.00 N/P	7.975 3.00 B
Paradise Mortgage Svcs., Warren 800-861-8822	\$350	7.575 2.75 7.67	6.750 3.00 7.25	6.500 0.00 A
Ready Mortgage Corp., Union 800-665-0000	\$350	7.500 2.00 7.78	7.000 2.50 7.50	0
Royal Mortgage, Morrisstown 801-864-0000	\$200	7.375 0.00 7.80	7.000 0.00 7.50	6.250 0.00 A
Somerset Trust Co., Somerville 800-868-0022	\$350	7.500 3.00 7.81	7.125 3.00 7.45	4.375 3.00 A
Source Mortgage, Somerville 800-600-1000	\$325*	7.500 3.00 N/P	6.875 3.00 N/P	7.250 0.00 D
Source One Mtge. Svcs., Cranford 800-750-1000	\$300	7.500 2.00 7.71	7.000 2.00 7.50	6.500 2.00 B
Williams International, W. Orange 800-884-8270	\$350	7.500 2.50 N/P	7.000 2.25 N/P	6.500 2.50 C

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Arthur Garcia recently joined the staff of Coldwell Banker Schiott's South Plainfield office, which is scheduled to open this month, said Bob Menditto,

manager of the new office.

Mr. Garcia is a member of the Plainfield, Somerset County and Middlesex County Board of Realtors. He is actively involved in the orchestra of Faith Fellowship Ministries World Outreach Center in Edison. He and his wife reside in North Plainfield.

Faith A. Maricic of Cranford, a \$5 million producer, has joined Burgdorf Realtors' Westfield office.

Ms. Maricic has been a member of the state's Million Dollar Sales Club every year since entering real estate sales in 1987. This past year, she closed more than \$5 million of business.

A graduate of Susquehanna University, she worked in the fashion industry for many years, rising to vice-president of sales of Cristex Corp., a textile company in New York City.

Bill Baum, a lifetime resident of New Jersey and Somerset and Middlesex counties, has joined Prudential Pioneer's Somerset office. Mr. Baum has been a full-time realtor associate for five years, a member of the Somerset County Board of Realtors, a member of the state Million Dollar Club for two years, and is a member of the Board of Directors of Manor Homes at Quakertown.

Jerry Spielman, a Franklin Township resident for 17 years, has joined the sales staff at Prudential Pioneer

Realty notes

Real Estate's new Somerset office on Easton Avenue. A broker associate and top producer for his company, Mr. Spielman has been in real estate for 14 years. He has been a consistent state Million Dollar Club member and holds the prestigious CRS and GRI designations. He is also a certified real estate appraiser.

Elle Spielman, who has lived in Franklin Township since 1988 and has been a realtor for six years, recently joined Prudential Pioneer Real Estate's Somerset office. Ms. Spielman is a member of the Somerset County Board of Realtors and the New Jersey Association of Realtors. She formerly worked in the Rutgers University Library System.

JoAnn Zavodnick, a 20-year Franklin resident, recently joined Prudential Pioneer's Somerset office. A full-time realtor associate for four years, Ms. Zavodnick is a member of the Somerset County Board of Realtors and the New Jersey Association of Realtors. She is also a volunteer with the Franklin MDA committee and has worked to rebuild and reopen The Franklin Villagers Barn Theatre.

Shella Gallitto, a Franklin resident, has joined Prudential Pioneer's Somerset office as a broker associate, bringing with her nine years of real estate sales experience and relocation expertise. Ms. Gallitto has been a six-year member of the state Million Dollar Club, and a top producer and relocation director for her former company. She also has worked with the Girl Scout Council, PTA organizations and the Somerset County 4-H.

Sally De Angelo, has joined the Hillsborough office of Prudential Pioneer Real Estate. Her experience includes handling property management for commercial developers. She has five years in residential real estate sales. Ms. De Angelo also is a candidate for Member Institute of Residential Marketing from the Institute of Residential Marketing, holds the GRI designation, and has been a three-year member of the state Million Dollar Club. She closed more than \$5 million in real estate last year.

Bigna A. Francis von Wytenbach has joined the Bedminster office of Prudential Real Estate. She is a licensed real estate broker in both New Jersey and New York, and a member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors and Somerset County Board of Realtors. She is experienced in international relocation and is multi-lingual. Ms. von Wytenbach's professional expertise, which spans 16 years in real estate, includes residential sales, as well as new construction.

ERA Van Syckel Realty in Bound Brook was rated in the ERA Listing of Top 200 firms in the country in closed sales. Associate Maria Lewis was ranked by ERA as 13th in the country in closed dollar volume. She ranked No. 1 in the northeast and was ranked first by ERA New Jersey Broker's Council in the number of listings closed. She was also first in dollar volume of closed listings and third in total number of properties closed. Ms. Lewis also qualified for membership in the Million Dollar Sales Club.

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Luxury is affordable at Branchville

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plush wall-to-wall carpeting. All interior doors are six-panel Colonial with Colonial trim and custom oak interior railing is used throughout. Closets are abundant and all have ventilated shelving. Every model has a fireplace in the family room, but optional fireplaces are available in other rooms. All models have womanized decks and one-, two- and 10-year home buyer warranties.

Paul Giannantonio, co-owner/broker of ERA American Dream, Realtors, noted that despite the soft economy over the past year, Branchville Estates homes have continued to sell. Mr. Giannantonio attributed this to "value for the dollar."

"Branchville Estates offers more

home for the money than any other new home in the state," he said. "The amenities have to be seen to be believed and the customizing is far more extensive than any other builder can provide. Right now, we have three homes that can be delivered to buyers in 45 to 90 days, depending on the customizing requested. I really believe these homes are the best value in the state."

The homes are ideally situated on gently rolling acreage with ample shade trees and permanent open space. The entire community has Belgian block curbing, underground utilities, graded and seeded lots and private wells and septic systems. Homes at Branchville Estates start at \$314,900.

To reach Branchville Estates,

take Routes 287, 78 or 22 to the Somerville area. Follow signs for Route 202 South. Proceed past Somerville Circle on Route 202 for four and one-tenth miles, then turn left at the traffic light at the South Branch sign. Proceed about a half-mile to South Branch Road, turn right and go one mile to Stamford Road. Turn left, then after the bridge turn left onto Rte. Road and continue on to the sales office on the left.

ERA American Dream, Realtors is a full service real estate organization offering new homes, residential resales, commercial properties, property management, site selection and developer representation. They also offer complete national relocation services. They are located at 99 Route 206, Hillsborough, Somerset County. Call 253-9000.

Bank offers mortgage program

Somerset Savings Bank has announced a new mortgage loan program developed by the bank to better assist low-income families realize the "American Dream" of home ownership.

The financing product is a Three-Year Adjustable Mortgage that features a rate that is currently one half of one percent below the rate available on Somerset's regular three-year ARM. The interest rate on the loan income three-year ARM is 5.5 percent with 2.5 points for an annual percentage rate of 7.30.

The loan is available to potential home buyers desiring to purchase a one or two-family owner-occupied primary residence within Somerset Savings Bank's delineated market area, which includes

all of Somerset County, Hunterdon County and Middlesex Borough, Dunellen, Piscataway, and South Plainfield in Middlesex County.

Senior vice president Lawrence Corrali said that the ARM can be obtained with as little as three percent down.

"In addition, the new loan offers more liberal qualifying ratios than the standard requirement," he added. "A guaranteed 30-year term and rate protection whereby the interest rates will not go higher than two percent per adjustment, nor will it go more than five percent over the initial rate during the life of the loan."

Qualified applicant's income would have to be within 80 percent of the area median income to obtain the preferential loan rate.

The criteria is determined by family size and income limits as established by the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing.

For example, income for a household of one cannot exceed \$27,000 and it goes up to a household of eight with income not to exceed \$50,950.

Applicants that meet the requirements for this below-market rate loan will be given the Home Study Course of the Community Homebuyers Program, which is available at Somerset Savings Bank at no cost, so they can be better informed regarding the responsibilities of home ownership.

For more information, call Somerset Savings Mortgage Division at 560-1700.

9440 Apartments
900 PLAINFIELD—2 BR, Somerset. \$675/mo. plus utilities. Please call 908-561-1288

PISCATAWAY—1 BR
Studio-sized apt. all utilities. \$590-no pets. 1358 Stetson Rd., bwn. rs. 27 & 287. 908-985-1035.

Advertise in the Classified.

9440 Apartments
PINE MOTEL—turn. 1 Br. apt. util. prov. long or short term. Res. Rm also 908-722-9520

RAHWAY—2 BR
in quiet neighborhood, \$895/mo. plus util. Call (215) 797-9296 or 201-923-5031

RANITAN—1 at fir.
1 BR, LR, Kit, 1 mon. sec., \$550/mon. + 1/2 util., call 908-722-3916

9440 Apartments
RANITAN—modern studio apt. Conven. located near major hwy. 2 blocks from train station. Avail. 3/1. \$525/mo. + Sec. 908-359-3759.

ROSELLE PARK—2 BR.
New carpet. Fresh Paint. Prkg. No pets. 1 yr. lease, last month FREE! Call Pat, 908-241-8989.

900 PLAINFIELD—lg.
1BR w/ screened porch, 1st floor, \$700. Couples pref. 908-489-5825.

SOMERVILLE—one or two
Bedroom apt. LR, Kit & Bath. No Pets. Heat Supplied. \$825 plus 1/2 sec. 359-4859 alt. 5pm

WESTFIELD—4 rms.
\$700 plus util. Leave message, 233-8829.

9440 Apartments
ROSELLE—Elmora. 1 BR garden apt. On light pkg. \$510/mo. Heat & HW incl. Super. 245-8984

90. SOUND BROOK—3
rms. near rt. 287, nice area, parking, trees, util. inc. 908. 908-447-7089.

90. SOUND BROOK—Large
5 rms. 2 bedrooms, quiet area, w/w carpeting. \$750 + util. Call (201) 828-2179.

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9480 Rooms
BRANCHBURG—Furnished, off-street prkg. Kit, priv. TV. Sec. req. \$80/wk. 908-722-0459.

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9450 Rooms
METUCHEN—furnished, \$80/wk. NSF. Kit. Privileges, share bath. Near transp. 494-9538

PISCATAWAY—furnished
room. Male, non-smoker, share bath. Kit, priv. \$350. 699-1289

90. PLAINFIELD—turn.
rm. in lovely home. Use of kit & Indry. Ref. male non-smoker. Prkg. & Sec. req. \$100/wk. 754-2948

SOMERSET—Male pref.
non-smoker. Pvt. entrance & bath. Ref. M. crowne. \$88/wk plus 1/2 sec. 908-979-2925

SOMERVILLE—turn.
room, priv. bath, quiet Camlenn, no smoking. \$76/wk. 908-722-8982.

9470 Apartments to Share
EDISON—Professional female, non-smoker to share 2 bedroom apartment. 1 1/2 bath, pool, tennis courts, available 3/1. \$385 plus utilities. 908-803-8461.

9470 Apartments to Share
METUCHEN—2BR to share. A prof. female a must. Con. to trans. to N.Y.C. \$585/mo plus util. day 212-417-5147 Eve. 908-549-2355

METUCHEN—two BR
for rent, good location, W.D. 37 mins. from Manhattan. No pets. \$815/mo. Avail. 3/1. Call 908-549-2355 or 212-417-5180 & ask for Ms. Davis.

THREE BRIDGES—M/F
to share 2 BR condo, priv. bath, pool, tennis, 10 mins. from airport. Avail. immed. \$475/mo. 908-6329

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PISCATAWAY—Co-op.
2 BR, pool, seeking responsible, pet. non-smoker. M/F. \$400/mo. incl. util. Call John 908-302-0578 Avail March 1st

SOMERSET—prof. N/S
female seeks same to share 2BR, 2 1/2 bath townhouse, \$550/mo. + 1/2 util. 908-214-1256

SPRINGFIELD—prof.
female M/F to share house, washer/dryer, off street parking, \$300/mo. + 1/2 util. month to month. No pets. Security References req. For more info. call 722-3000 ext. 8202

WARREN—prof. M/F.
non smoker, no pets \$850/mo incl util. BR, W.D. AC, off st. park. 2 baths, maid serv. cable, phone. Must be able to appreciate. 756-0732

WESTFIELD—Female/
non-smoker. Walk to Transp. Park. 1 1/2 mi. from G.S.P. & train. Own 2 rms. share bath. LR, kit & laundry priv. own phone line, park in driveway. Furn. incl. TV & VCR. \$850/mo. plus 1/2 util. Offer single working mom w/1 daughter & dog. 1 mo. security & refs. 908-232-7211

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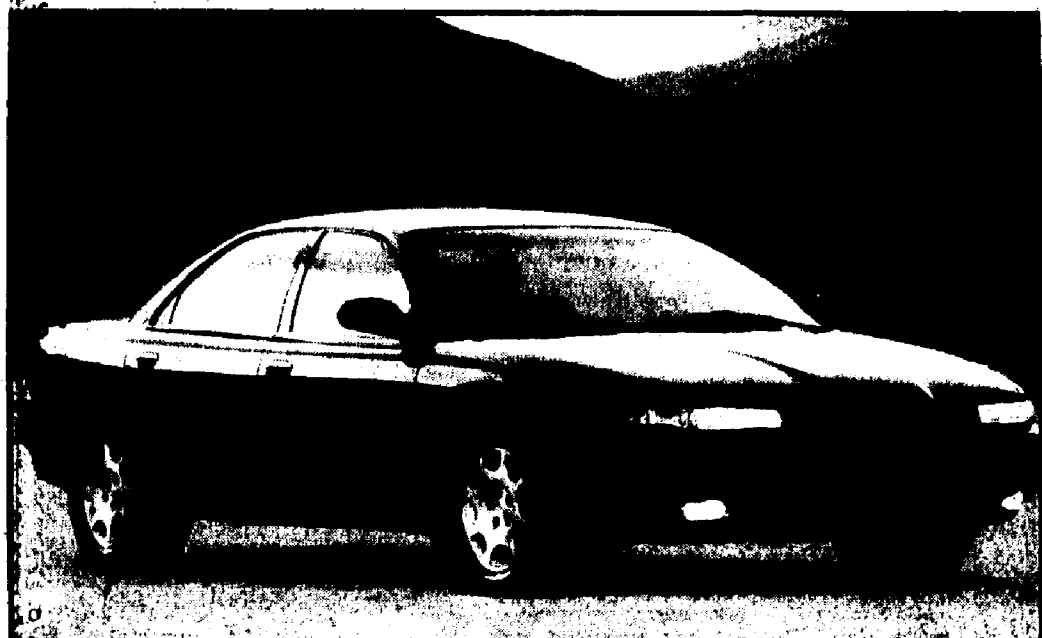
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Automotive Guide



EAGLE'S VISION TSi has all the best qualities a car buyer is looking for and is affordably priced.

This Eagle has landed

By BILL RUSS
FORBES NEWSPAPERS

In the last two decades three significant car models have changed the destiny and direction of Chrysler. In the '70s, it was the K-car, in the '80s, it was the Minivan, and now in the '90s, it is the new LH series. There are three LH models, the Dodge Intrepid, the Chrysler Concorde and this week's test car, the Eagle Vision TSi. They were designed simultaneously and are being produced at the same production plant utilizing the Platform Team concept. They share the same platform (chassis, engines and transmission) but each model has its individual design and styling treatment with only the windshield and front doors common to all models. This leaves a lot of room for individuality among the three nameplates.

Eagle, which gets its name from Chrysler's now dissolved relationship with Renault, has been selected as the "International" nameplate. As such, it is more performance oriented than other LH models, but handling, luxury, and convenience have not been overlooked. A series of drives from the seashore over the mountains, and to the deserts of Southern California in temperatures ranging from the cool 40's to the high 110's presented the Eagle Vision TSi with an excellent opportunity to display its capabilities.

APPEARANCE

The Vision is a vision in streamlined styling combined with up-to-date automotive technology. Its low nose, high rear deck, and large cabin reflects the adorn of form following function by providing a large amount of passenger and luggage space in a very attractive and functional body. Practical features include large side mirrors, plastic lower body cladding and wide opening doors.

COMFORT

When equipped with the Customer Preferred Option Group the TSi is not only practical, but replete with convenience items. Included are all of the powered accessories, a great temperature control system with rear seat ducting, an upgrade radio offering excellent reception and fidelity, a commodious trunk, a form-fitting tilt steering wheel, a compass/temperature display and trip computer, front adjustable shoulder straps, cruise control, leather upholstery and remote locking. These amenities

make it a pleasure to ride or drive anywhere.

ROADABILITY

The Vision TSi offers superb, smooth but firm handling and precise maneuvering qualities. It is equipped with 4-wheel independent touring suspension, anti-lock 4-wheel disc brakes, 16" alloy wheels, touring tires and a special handling package. These items together with its long wheelbase, rigid chassis design and wide stance provide excellent road manners in most driving conditions. Besides the brakes additional safety items are driver and passenger air-bags, height adjustable shoulder straps, and excellent all-around vision.

PERFORMANCE

The powertrain of the TSi consists of a new 3.5 liter V-6 engine and an updated electronically controlled 4-speed automatic transmission. The V-6 features overhead cams, 24-valves, sequential port fuel injection, direct ignition and knock sensors to provide smooth power. Both the engine and transmission are constantly monitored by new electronically controlled management systems to insure proper and precise power application, shifting points and emission control. High power (214 hp) and a broad power band insure adequate performance.

SUGGESTIONS

Add a rear seat pass-through to the trunk.

ECONOMY

EPA ratings are 18 city/26 highway. 1 averaged 21.2 mpg.

CONCLUSIONS

Eagle is Chrysler's newest brand name, and Vision is its latest nameplate. As one of the trio, and soon to be quartet, of Chrysler's LH sedan series, the Eagle Vision TSi was designed and outfitted to attract the driving enthusiast. However, with its stylish exterior and very roomy and well-equipped interior it has actually appealed to a broader range of buyers. This Eagle has landed.

PRICE AS TESTED

\$24,295 including option group 26M.

BASE PRICE

\$21,104 with full TSi equipment.

TEST DRIVE

EAGLE VISION TSi

Specifications

Base price - \$21,104

Price as tested - \$24,295

Engine type - V-6, sohc 24v,

mpg

Engine Size - 3.5 liters/215 cid

Horsepower - 214 @ 5,800

rpm

Torque (ft/lbs) - 221 @ 2,850

rpm

Wheelbase/length - 113 inch/

202 inch

Transmission - four-speed

auto w/od

Curb weight - 3,430 lbs.

Pounds/HP - 16

Fuel capacity - 18 gal.

Fuel requirement -

unleaded plus

(89 octane)

Tires - Michelin XGT V4

P225/60R16 touring

Brakes - anti-lock standard

disc/disc

Drive train - front engine/front

drive

Performance - 0-60 mph - 8.9 sec

1/4 mile (E.T.) - 16.7 sec.

EPA economy, mpg city/ high-

way/ observed - 18/26/21.2

Drag coefficient (Cd) - .32

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Would 'Old Faithful' leave you stranded?

Any motorist who's been stalled in a precarious situation knows the value of a dependable vehicle. In treacherous winter weather the risk of being stranded is especially serious. To help reduce this risk, the Car Care Council lists early warning signs of engine trouble. These symptoms often are subtle, sometimes camouflaged by computerized engine controls designed to compensate for deterioration of components. Periodic engine diagnosis can keep Old Faithful running for years. But if you do spot a change in performance, report the symptoms to your auto technician for diagnosis.

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HARD STARTING: This is the most common form of car trouble and the one motorists fear most during winter months. If the starter cranks the engine, the electrical system probably is OK. The culprit could be a starting sensor or choke mechanism. Also, starting trouble can be traced to an electronic component or computer control. Expert diagnosis may be required.

KNOCKING (OR PINGING) This noise generally is heard when the engine is under load, such as when accelerating or climbing a hill. While it may be caused by inferior gas, ignition knock often is a sign your engine needs service. It also can be because of carbon deposits inside the combustion chamber. Newer engines have a sensor which "hears" a knock, makes corrective adjustments, but cannot compensate for a severe malfunction. (Note: Don't ignore engine knock; it can affect performance and, in extreme cases, can damage the engine.)

POOR FUEL ECONOMY Regular records of gas mileage can tell if your engine is losing efficiency. Poor gas mileage may be accompanied by other symptoms listed by the Council. Other causes of poor gas mileage: underinflated tires, engine running too cold, malfunctioning transmission or dragging brakes.

STALLING This can be caused by incorrect idle speed adjustment, a malfunctioning sensor or switch, dirty fuel system parts, worn spark plugs or other engine deficiencies. Does it stall when hot? Cold? With air conditioning on? Note symptoms and report them to your technician.

POWER LOSS How long since it's had a new fuel filter? This is a common cause of power loss, which also can be due to some of the same conditions that cause poor gas mileage.

EXHAUST ODOR The smell of rotten eggs comes from the catalytic converter. The odor can be because of an engine problem or it may indicate the converter is malfunctioning.

DIESELING This is also known as "after-run." The engine keeps chugging and sputtering after the ignition is shut off. Causes range from inferior gas to excessive idle speed. Carbon in the combustion chamber also may cause an engine to run rough.

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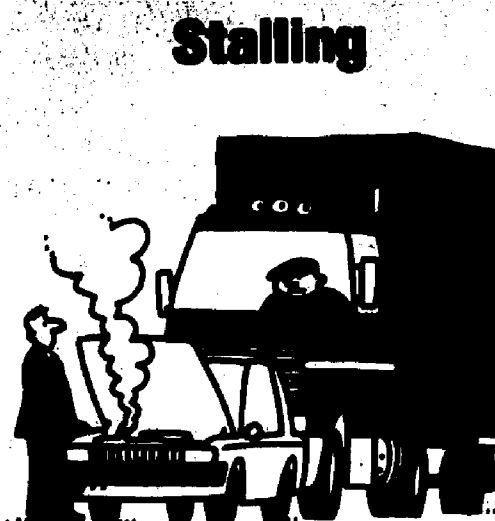
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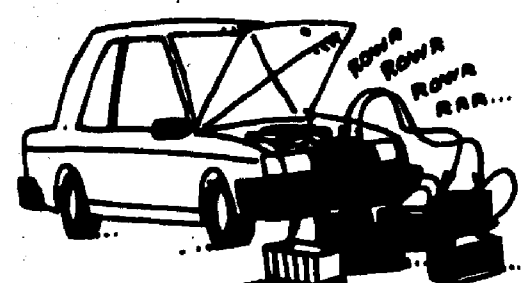
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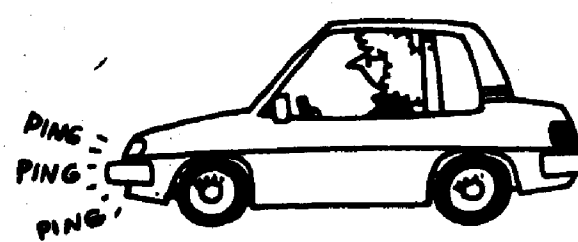
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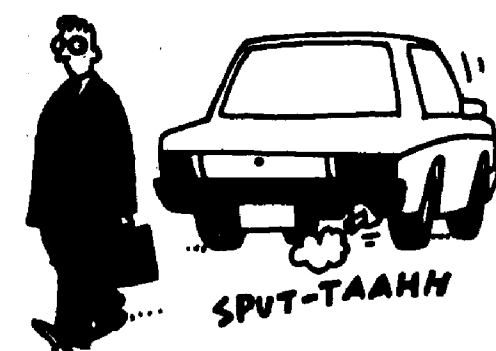
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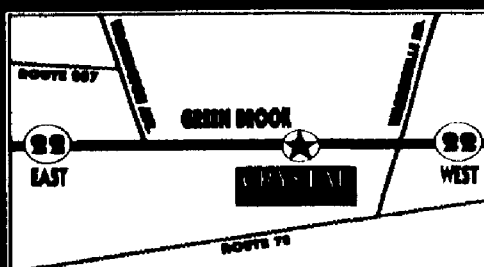
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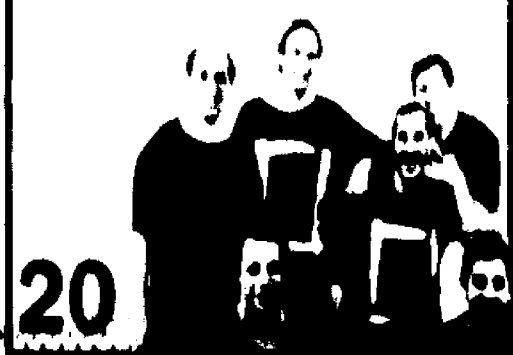
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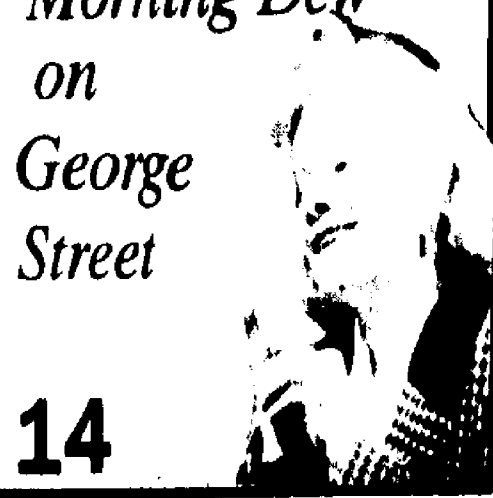
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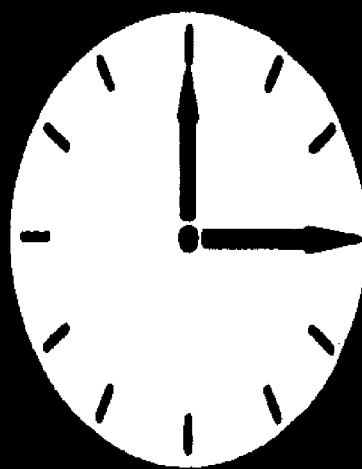
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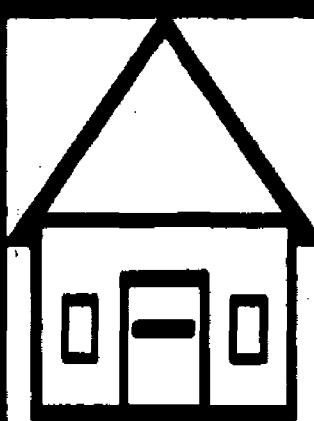
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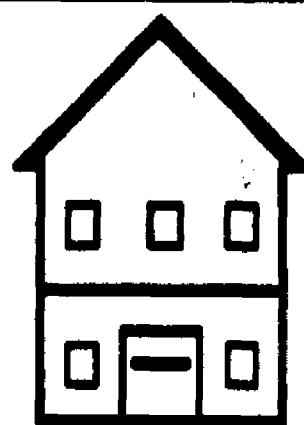
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A few alternative suggestions for the daring Valentine suitor

By JOHN GRANELL
WeekendPlus Writer

For those of you who intend to celebrate Valentine's Day, you could go right ahead and give the usual assortment of candy and flowers, and dine at a local restaurant.

However, you can do this any day of the year, and still be appreciated for the effort.

Then, there are those who do not normally celebrate Valentine's Day, for one reason or another, so we sit around thinking about unusual gifts we could give, if there was someone to give them to.

Flowers and candy are a nice touch, but when was the last time you sent a barber shop quartet or singing telegram to your sweetheart's door on Valentine's Day? Took them on a balloon ride? Or sent a heart-shaped pizza?

Festival Flights International, located on Lamington Road in Bedminster, has one of the most unique gift ideas you could ever give. For \$399, you could take advantage of Festival's special Valentine's Day offer, which enables you and a sweetheart to take a scenic ride in a hot air balloon.

"Normally, we charge \$459 for a couple to take a ride in the balloon," said Jack Grinton, pilot and owner of Festival, Inc. (439-3531). "The person saves \$60 and we include a special Valentine's Day gift."

If a man sends the gift to his sweetheart, she will receive a dozen long stemmed roses, while the woman sending the gift, will also be sending a silk balloon neck-tie.

According to Grinton, most people this time of year do not exactly favor the idea of going up in a balloon during the cold weather months. Upon purchasing the ride, however, Festival will mail a red gift certificate, suitable for framing, to your sweetheart. From the date of purchase, the certificate, which only needs to be shown at the time of the ride, is redeemable for up to one year at any of Festival, Inc.'s 100 world wide locations. And instead of paying in one big sum, Festival will split the \$399 into three equal monthly payments at no additional charge.

But if being among the birds is not your cup of tea, maybe the gift of song is an appropriate Valentine's Day gift this year.

The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. is hoping this year will mark the first time a barber shop quartet is used to send your Valentine's Day greeting.

"In Washington D.C., quartet companies do about 300 acts for occasions like this," said Tom Davidson, a member of Barber Shop Quartet and the Somerset Hills Hounds for Harmony chorus.

The chorus will split into quartets for Valentine's Day, and for \$25, they will go to the home of your sweetheart in between Noon and 4 p.m., present her with a red rose and then perform two songs.

"Men usually do not plan in advance for Valentine's Day," Mr. Davidson added. "Hopefully we will be able to help out those last minute shoppers, who would love the idea of sending their sweetheart a barber shop quartet."

Anyone interested in sending a quartet of love, should call Mr. Davidson at 725-7035, by late Friday or early Saturday, and there is no charge for senior citizens.

Nevertheless, if a single performer is more your style, then Applause and Sing-a-Gram, a Hackensack based company (800-662-2317) can help you out.

"This is our busiest day of the year," said Mark Zettler, owner of Sing-a-Gram. "On Valentine's Day, we send approximately 150 to 200 messages, to people throughout New York and New Jersey."

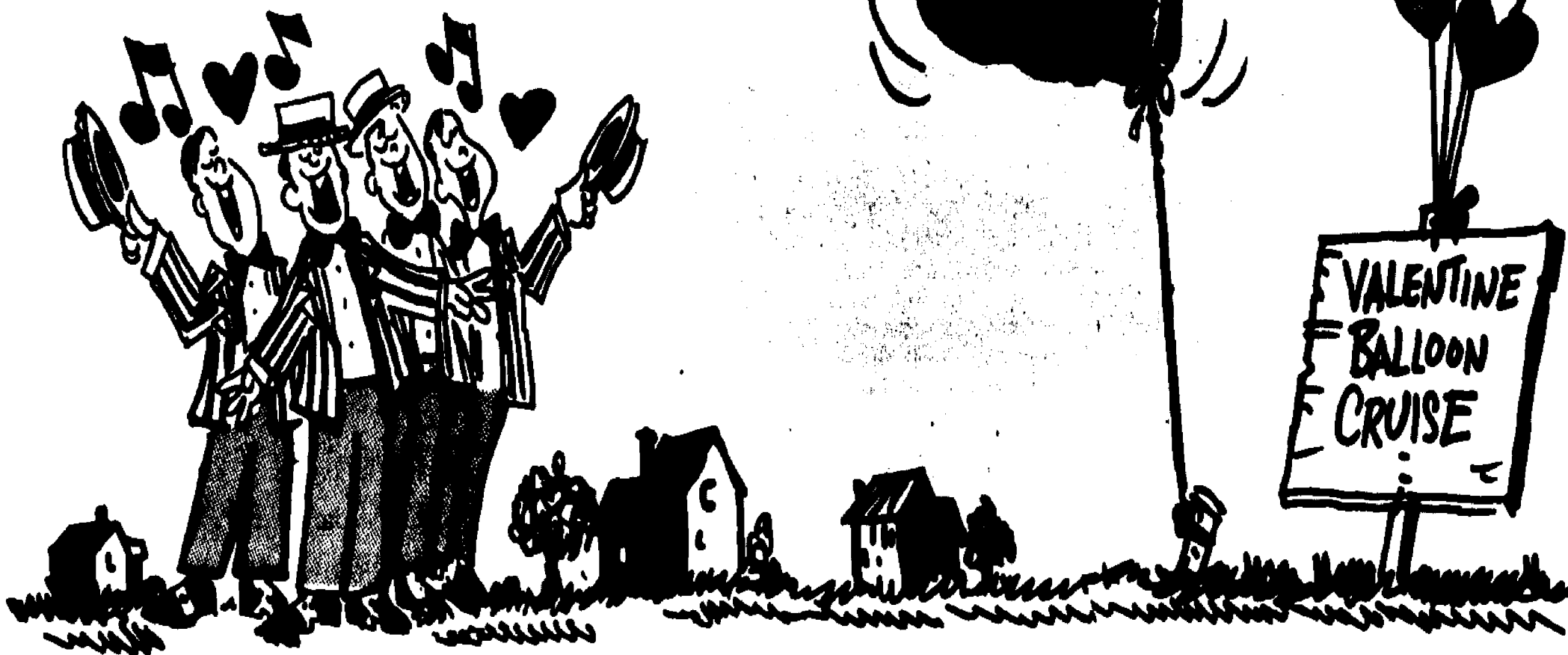
The company asks for a description of the person receiving the message, so they can write the lyrics for the message, and whether you would like it sent by singing telegram, belly dancers or costumed delivery. Costumed delivery could be in a number of disguises, such as a gorilla, chicken, panda, pink elephant, turkey or a pink pig.

Finally, there is the ever popular question of what will a couple have for dinner on Valentine's Day.

Well, if your favorite French eatery is booked solid with reservations, Alfonso's 3 Pizza, on Route 206 in Hillsborough, might be able to help out. For \$7, you can bring home a pizza, made in the shape of a heart.

Paul DeMarchi, owner of Alfonso's, said his store has been running this Valentine's Day promotion for three years.

"We receive orders for this pizza even weeks before Valentine's Day," said Mr. DeMarchi. "This has been a great success for the store."



Valentine's Day holiday hideaways

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right dinner at Chateau's, the hotel's four-day romantic Italian restaurant. There's a special holiday menu, with savings at 5, 7 and 9:30 p.m. All couples will receive a special Valentine's gift. Stay at the hotel Saturday night and you'll receive the champagne

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In Manhattan, look no further than the Waldorf Astoria. The hotel is offering a special Valentine's Day package, which includes a romantic dinner, a massage, and a champagne toast. The package is available for couples and is priced at \$199 per couple. For more information, call (800) 555-1234.

choice of entree -- prime rib, breast of chicken, roast beef or veal or lamb chops. Dinner and dessert is \$61.50 per person including tax and tip, and you can spend the night for an additional \$55. Brunch follows Sunday for \$14.95.

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Is he is or is he ain't?

Gere's a charmer
with Jodie Foster
in 'Sommersby'

By JEFFREY COHEN
WeekendPlus Film Critic

You might not recognize the Richard Gere who shows up in *Sommersby*, the new film adapted from the French tragedy *The Return of Martin Guerre*. It's not the beard or the post-Civil War clothes he wears. This Richard Gere actually smiles. It's not an easy thing to get used to, but it certainly is welcome.

After all, through films like *An Officer and a Gentleman*, *Pretty Woman* and a lot of other titles he'd just as soon you'd forget, Gere seemed doggedly determined not to move a facial muscle. Here, though, he's so ingratiating you might think he's been possessed by the spirit of Kevin Costner.

Sommersby tells the tale of a man (guess who) who goes by the name of Jack Sommersby and comes to Sommersby's home after the Civil War. Sommersby has been gone for six years and he's been hit in the head, so his memory is spotty, and his hand is damaged, so he can't sign his name like he used to.

When Sommersby's wife, Laurel (Jodie Foster) takes the man in and calls him husband, the town gets down to the business of getting out a crop of tobacco, to be co-opted according to Sommersby's new plan. Trouble is, this Reconstructionist in the South seems to have just left a consciousness-raising seminar, because he expects to include the ex-slaves in his buy-the-land-you-work plan. This sets a few Dixie tongues wagging.

Among these is that of Orrin (Bill Pullman), who has a real axe to grind with Sommersby: had the husband stayed away another year, Laurel would have married Orrin.

Finally, the film revolves around a series of questions: is this man really Jack Sommersby? If not, why would Laurel treat him as if he were? And if he is pretending, where is the real Jack Sommersby? It sounds like it should be impossibly confusing, but director Jon Amiel and his screenwriters, Nicholas Meyer and Sarah Kernochan, have unravelled the story so deliberately and carefully that it remains coherent until very near the end.

From what we hear of Jack Sommersby, this model is clearly superior to the one that left to fight the war. He doesn't beat his wife, treats her with respect and love, doesn't drink or curse and grins that famous Richard Gere grin you last saw in 1977.



Jodie Foster and Richard Gere make quite a pair in the new romantic drama *Sommersby*.

By the time *Sommersby* is arrested to stand trial for murder, and his identity becomes a question, he has so charmed the townspeople that the audience can't understand how anyone could accuse him of something so vile. Alas, the courtroom scenes don't clear that up at all.

Because the writers and director are so intent on making the trial a test of Laurel and Sommersby's love, they overlook the fact that the man is supposed to be defending himself against a murder charge. Gere is so bent on proving he's Jack Sommersby that even the miraculously understanding judge (James Earl Jones) tries to induce some kind of defense against the charge, and gets nothing from Gere. You'd think a guy this much in love would like to stick around for a while and enjoy it.

Foster, as usual, is intense and earnest, showing more vulnerability and passion than is her tradition. A fine performance, but she's going to have to make her "lighten up" film pretty soon or risk being stuck in dour movies forever. It's unfortunate, too, that some of her more emotional scenes are played in Gere's prison cell, leaving Amiel with no option but to photograph her on the other side of prison bars. Suddenly, Laurel Sommersby looks a lot like Clarice Starling in *The Silence of the Lambs*.

The rest of the cast is just fine, but make no mistake: Richard Gere isn't just the star of this movie — he's one of two executive producers. He's the center of the film and its clear focus (which was lacking at the Brunswick Square Cinema, by the way), and it rests squarely on his shoulders. Luckily, he's up to the task. It's not an Academy Award performance — but it rekindles Gere's star power. And for once, that seems like a worthwhile thing to do.

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Bill Murray has a big showcase in this Harold Ramis comedy about a television weatherman who keeps reliving the same day — Groundhog Day, of course. Andie MacDowell (Sex, Lies and Videotape) co-stars as Murray's romantic partner. (PG)

THE TEMP
Lara Flynn Boyle (Twin Peaks) is a sexy, but unstable corpo-

rate ladder-climber who disrupts the life of yuppie Timothy Hutton in this stylish thriller. (R)

UNTAMED HEART
Young love with Marisa Tomei (My Cousin Vinny) and Christian Slater (Pump Up The Volume) as a waitress and a busboy. Rosie Perez (White Men Can't Jump) is along for the ride. (PG-13)

CURRENT FILMS

A FEW GOOD MEN
A few glaring flaws in script and direction undermine, but do not spoil, this hard-driving drama starring Tom Cruise as a

lazy Marine lawyer investigating the hazing death of a young leathemuck. Demi Moore co-stars as the superior officer pushing him to get to the real truth, which leads him to scene chewing officer Jack Nicholson. Wasted scenes telegraph information the audience is better off without, but solid acting by the principals and capable support by Kevin Bacon, comedian Kevin Pollack, James Marshall (Twin Peaks) and J.T. Walsh overcome a rare bad outing by director Rob Reiner. (R)

ALIVE
Based on the true story and

best-selling book about survivors of an airline crash in the Andes who survive for 10 weeks before being rescued by resorting to cannibalism. Hardly a cinematic achievement, but it may be of interest to rubberneckers who enjoy the spectacle of a traffic accident. (R)

ALADDIN
Disney does it again. Impressive followup to *Beauty and the Beast* is an animated retelling of the Arabian Nights fairy tale. Voices include Robin Williams as the genie. (G)

BODY OF EVIDENCE
Madonna's latest erotic

shocker, with the Material Girl starring as a woman accused of murder (where have you heard that before?), is a laughably-bad clone of *Basic Instinct*. Madonna's bad enough, but it's painful to watch quality actors like Willem Dafoe, Joe Mantegna and Anne Archer embarrassed by a sophomoric script and unbearably inept direction by Uli Edel. A recent screening elicited howls of laughter, and don't forget — this is not a comedy. (R)

THE BODYGUARD
Kevin Costner stars as a Spartan Secret Service bluntness

who falls in love with his client, a sexy singer played by Whitney Houston in her feature film debut. (R)

CHILDREN OF THE CORN II: THE FINAL SACRIFICE
A few decent special effects liven up the sequel to one of author Stephen King's less successful movies. (R)

THE CRYING GAME
Romantic thriller about an Irish fugitive hiding out in London, where he falls for a woman who also has a few skeletons in her closet. (R)

DAMAGE
Director Louis Malle's steamy

drama about a respected politician (Jeremy Irons) who embarks on a dangerous love affair with his son's fiancée. (R)

THE DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMEN
Eddie Murphy is back, shaking up Washington D.C. as a two-bit con man who scams his way into Congress. (R)

FOREVER YOUNG
The season's big romance movie, with Mel Gibson starring as a pre-World War II test pilot. Cast includes Isabel Glasser, George Wendt and Jamie Lee. (Please turn to page 7)

Review revue

'Loaded Weapon' funny, but shoots a few blanks



Emilio Estevez has his hands full in the new comedy spoof *National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon I*.

Last weekend, the premiere of the star-powered romance epic *Sommersby* was the focus of attention in the movie world. But how much you wanna bet that another movie that made its debut at the same time, *National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon I*, will end up taking in more money at the box office?

Romance is fine, and it even makes a profit on occasion, but in recent years, slapstick spoofs in the tradition *Airplane* (*Naked Gun*, *Hot Shots* — how many can you name?) have proved to be far more reliable to movie studios trying to stay in the black.

This time around, the *Lethal Weapon* series gets the treatment, with Emilio Estevez subbing for Mel Gibson as the cop on the edge.

The Daily News
Roger Ebert

"The *Lethal Weapon* movies may look like prime targets for satire, but consider for a moment:

aren't they already a satire of themselves? Don't they get most of their laughs by forcing the cop-buddy genre to unlikely extremes?...There are countless sight gags, innumerable puns and lots of running gags in the background...But somehow, the movie lacks the inspired craziness of the sendups that do work, and Estevez and (Samuel L.) Jackson seem miscast and dispirited. They don't seem to be having fun...The movie goes for laughs wherever it can find them...There's a ripoff of the great scene in *Wayne's World* where the heroes sing along with Queen. But after the pleasure of recognition has worn off, these scenes don't do anything with the material. It's quotation, not satire."

The New York Post
Jami Bernard

"It's not that *Weapon* doesn't have its funny moments, because it certainly does. But these funny moments of true satire or sight

gag are connected by a lot of stuff trying very, very hard to be funny, but not getting it quite right...Lots of unexpected actors show up in bit parts. Whoopi Goldberg has a brief turn...James Doohan has a brief 'Scotty' bit...William Shatner shows he can make fun of his pompous Captain Kirk persona as the villain..."

USA Today
Mike Clark

"The best extended gag burlesques Sharon Stone's sex-tease interrogation in *Basic Instinct*. Though it isn't *Weapon's* only out-loud guffawm the latest entry in the cottage industry launched by 1980's *Airplane!* oozes diminishing returns...For anyone who feels shortchanged that brother (Estevez' brother and star of *Hot Shots*) Charlie only has a cameo, he'll be back this summer in the next genre spoof, *Hot Shots! Part Deux*."

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Film capsules

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Curtis. (PG)

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Week comedy-thriller with Ayre Gross as a meek hotel manager whose Walter Mitty imagination gets him mixed up in a real-life tangle. (R)

HOME ALONE 2: LOST IN NEW YORK

Mac is back — Macaulay Culkin, that is, in the long-awaited, carbon-copy sequel to *Home Alone*. The former's strong supporting cast, which includes Catherine O'Hara, Daniel Stern and Joe Pesci, is also back for this episode, which abandons the pint-sized hero in Manhattan after he's separated from his family while on vacation. *Home Alone* director Chris Columbus returns to the helm as well. Be warned before you shell out ticket money for the whole family — you've seen all of this before. (PG)

HOTTA

On the heels of *Malcolm X* comes the biography of another controversial figure in postwar American history. When it comes to dramatic punch, *Hoffa* delivers a haymaker with Jack Nicholson starring in the title role of the Teamsters Union power broker, who locked home with the mob, the FBI and then U.S. District Attorney Robert F. Kennedy. (R)

LEPRECHAUN

An evil representative of the little people terrorizes a North Dakota town. Standard action/horror fare starring Warwick Davis, who played the title role in *Willow*. (R)

LORENZO'S OIL

Well-done, true-life story of a couple (Nick Nolte, Susan Sa-



Nancy Travis consoles heartbroken Kiefer Sutherland, who's out to find his lost girlfriend in *The Vanishing*.

random) who refuse to believe doctors who offer no hope for their dying son. (PG-13)

MATINEE

John Goodman (*Rosanne*, *The Babe*) teams up with off-beat director Joe Dante (*Germilins*, *Innerspace*) for a comedy about a movie producer test screening a new science fiction movie in Key West during the Cuban Missile Crisis, setting off a series of strange occurrences. (PG)

NATIONAL LAMPOON'S LOADED WEAPON I

The *Lethal Weapon* series gets the *Naked Gun* treatment with Emilio Estevez playing the Mel Gibson role as a Los Angeles detective on the edge. (PG-13)

NOWHERE TO RUN

Action hero Jean-Claude Van Damme is a stranger on the run who befriends a widow (Rosanna Arquette) trying to save her land from being plundered

by evil developers. (R)

SCENT OF A WOMAN

Al Pacino stars as a bitter, blind, retired Army officer who leads a young prep school student, hired to care for him at home, on a mad weekend romp through Manhattan. (R)

SNIPER

Hunky Tom Berenger stars in this action-adventure yarn about a crack military sharpshooter who becomes a target in Central America when he misses his target — a revolutionary leader. (R)

SOMMERSBY

Loose remake of the French film *The Return of Martin Guerre* with Jodie Foster and Richard Gere, as Civil War Veteran whose identity is questioned when he returns home. (PG-13)

TRESPASS

Originally scheduled for a summer release, this gritty ac-

tion drama depicting an inner-city riot was shelved to avoid charges of exploiting the L.A. riots. But with its still-topical subject matter and star power from rappers Ice Cube and Ice-T (who have both proved their acting abilities in previous films — Cube in *Boyz n the Hood* and T in *New Jack City*), it was only a matter of time before it hit the big screen. Directed by action-genre expert Walter Hill (*48 Hours*). (R)

USED PEOPLE

Charming tale of a woman (Shirley MacLaine), unappreciated by her family, who finds romance in the arms of Marcello Mastroianni. All-star ensemble includes Oscar-winners Jessica Tandy and Kathy Bates. If you liked *Fried Green Tomatoes*... (PG-13)

THE VANISHING

Jeff Bridges, Kiefer Sutherland and Nancy Travis star in this

thriller about a man trying to save his kidnapped girlfriend. (R)

REVIVALS

UNITED STATES SUPER 8 FILM VIDEO FESTIVAL

The Rutgers Film Co-op hosts the fifth annual juried competition featuring super 8 and 8 mm. videos from all over the country. A sellout crowd is expected for the fest, which is the last of its kind in the United States and features \$1,000 in prizes. Friday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m., at Millard Hall, Room 100, on the College Avenue campus of Rutgers University, New Brunswick. Admission \$3, \$2 for Co-op members. (908) 932-8482.

COMPULSION (1989)/SWOON (1992)

A double-bill of films dramatizing the 1924 Leopold and Loeb thrill-killing in which two wealthy, homosexual law students murder a young Chicago boy to demonstrate their intellectual superiority. *Compulsion* stars Bradford Dillman and Dean Stockwell (*Quantum Leap*) along with Orson Welles (!) as famed lawyer Clarence Darrow, who defended the nefarious pair. *Swoon* is the feature film debut of director Tom Kalin, whose film makes its New Jersey debut here. Friday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m., at Millard Hall, Room 100, on the College Avenue campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick. Presented by the Rutgers Film Co-op 1992-93 New Jersey Media Arts Festival Spring Program. Tickets \$3, \$2 for Film Co-op members. (908) 932-8482.

IT'S A MAD, MAD, MAD, MAD WORLD (1983)

One of the first comedy blockbusters, Stanley Kramer's uneven but wildly funny classic put a busload of big-name actors and comedians on the trail of a cache of cash stolen by a deceased criminal. Families, friends and rivals endure car chases, double-crosses and other slapstick situations. Spencer Tracy, Mickey Rooney, Milton Berle, Ethel Merman,

Phil Silvers and Sid Caesar headline a cast too long to mention. You've probably seen it before, but not in its big-screen, unedited glory. Not a cinematic milestone by any means, but great fun nonetheless. And better yet, proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Rahway Historical Society. Sunday, Feb. 14, 3 p.m., at the Union County Arts Center, 1001 Irving Street, Rahway. Admission \$5. (908) 409-8220.



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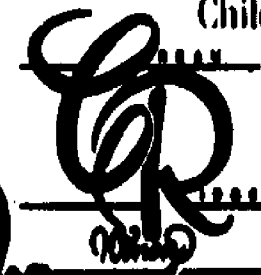
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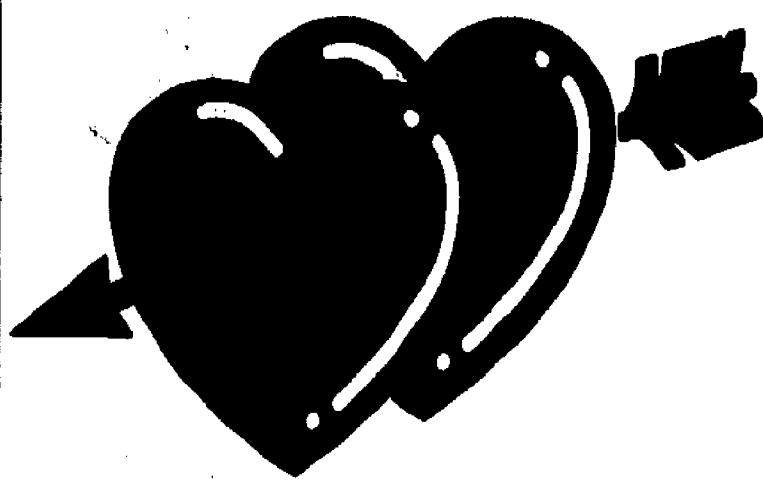
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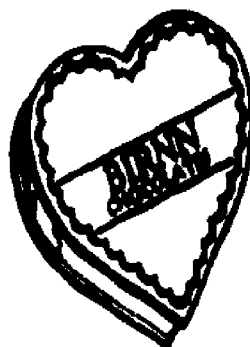
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Sunday, Feb. 14, 2 p.m.
Hunardon Art Center
7 Center St., Clinton
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•Cartoonist speaks about his work before the Artists and Writers Group of Flemington. Admission \$5.</p> <p>BLACK HISTORY MONTH
Middlesex County College
Woodbridge Ave., Edison
(908) 908-2566</p> | <p>Free admission to all events.
•The Liberator, film and discussion, 8 p.m. Feb. 12.
•Kemet (Egyptian) legacy w/ Hassan Salim, 11 a.m. Feb. 16.
•Perry Davis on the Afrocentric reconstruction of male-female relationships, 11 a.m. Feb. 17. Follow-up discussion at 11 a.m. Feb. 18.
•Quilombo, film and discussion, 8 p.m. Feb. 19.</p> | <p>Union County College
(908) 709-7501
Free admission to listed events.
•"We Can Make You Laugh," game show w/black comedians, Commons Building, Cranford, 11:45 a.m. Feb. 16.
•Rev. Buster Soaries on race relations, Elizabeth campus theater, 1:30 p.m. Feb. 16.
•"Montage in Black" w/Lee Crowders, Room 119, Plainfield, 11 a.m. Feb. 18.</p> | <p>•The Black Church, film, Room N-25, Cranford, 3 p.m. Feb. 17.
•Gratitude, gospel and jazz choir, Room 111, Plainfield, 7 p.m. Feb. 18.
YVONNE JACQUETTE
Thursday, Feb. 18, noon
Zimmerli Art Museum
Hamilton St., New Brunswick
(908) 932-7237
•"The Aerial Landscape," explored by an artist who was</p> | <p>part of the New Realism movement of the 60s. Free admission.
EUWAKE OSAYANDE
Wednesday, Feb. 17, 8 p.m.
Fairleigh Dickinson University
The Mansion, Madison
(201) 593-8661
•African-American poet from the university's Rutherford campus. Free admission.
ALVIN PLANTIGA
Thursday, Feb. 18, 8 p.m.</p> | <p>Kops Lounge, Russ Hall
Montclair State College
Upper Montclair
(201) 893-5144
•Evolution vs. atheism, refereed by a University of Notre Dame philosophy professor. Free admission.
PRESENTATION, PROFESSIONALISM, AND PRICING OF ART
Tuesday, Feb. 16, 7:30 p.m.
Millburn Public Library</p> | <p>200 Glenn Ave., Millburn
(201) 376-2943
•Panel discussion with directors of four area art galleries. Admission \$2.
TATYANA RODZIANKO
Wednesday, Feb. 17, noon
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•Author explores the novels of Alexander Solzhenitsyn. Free admission.</p> |
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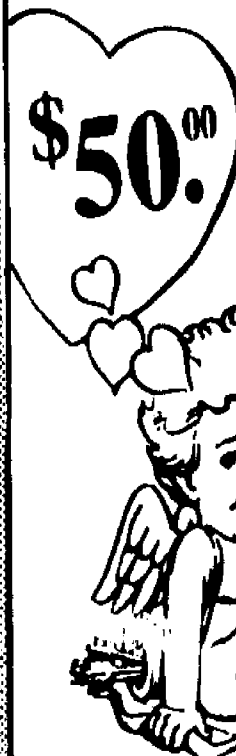
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*Sculpture and works on paper from the Nowinski collection, Feb. 28-April 11.

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Daily (except Monday and Saturday) from 1-4 p.m. Closed Feb. 12. Free admission.

*"Echoes of a Storyteller," legends, mythology, and games of New Jersey, through July 18.

MILLER-CORY HOUSE MUSEUM

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Restoration of 18th-century New Jersey house. Open Sundays from 2-5 p.m.

*St. Valentine's Day observance, Feb. 14.

MONTCLAIR ART MUSEUM

3 South Mountain Ave.
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"On the Hills of Moret in the Spring" is one of the Alfred Sisley paintings that will be discussed in the Sisley — Two Impressionist Landscapes lecture at the Princeton University arts Museum Friday, Feb. 12, 12:30 p.m. The talk will be repeated Sunday, Feb. 14, 3 p.m.

Saturday.

*Paintings of seasons by Robert Kushner, through March 7.

*Immigrant artists from Stribert to the present, through March 28.

*Hans Weingaertner retrospective, through April 4.

*Paintings by Hale Woodruff, Romare Bearden, and Jacob Lawrence, through April 18.

Gallery talk at 3 p.m. Feb. 21.

*Plains Indian art from the museum's collection, through June 27.

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*New Jersey quilts from 1777-1950, through Feb. 14.

*"The Classical Revival in Fashion," through mid-1993.

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*Valentine's Day celebration, Feb. 13, 14.

*Native American Weekend, Feb. 20, 21.

*Aviation Weekend, Feb. 27, 28.

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230 Broadway, Newark
(201) 483-3939

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. STATE MUSEUM
205 West State St., Trenton
(609) 292-6464

Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m., Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Closed Feb. 12. Free admission.

*"Weaving Around the World," ongoing.

*"Christopher Columbus and the Age of Exploration," ongoing.

*Works by Benny Andrews, through June 27.

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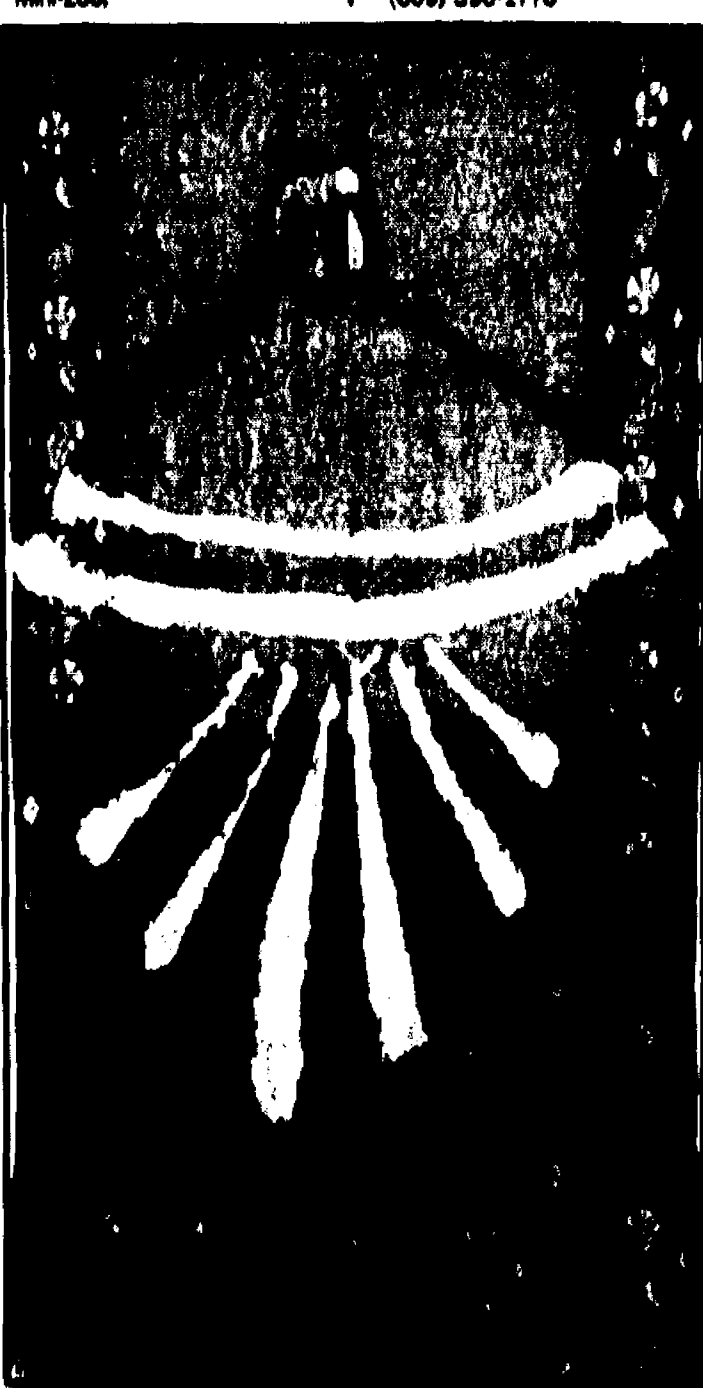
American Life," "American Painting and Sculpture," "Numismatic Gallery, Asian Galleries, Ballantine House and the Mini-Zoo.

*"Stepping into Ancient Egypt,"

through Dec. 1993.

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Robert Kushner's "Christmas Ornament" acrylic and gold leaf on silk brocade is part of the Robert Kushner: Seasons exhibition running through March 7 at the Montclair Art Museum.

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Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Free admission.

*"Focus x 4" university collections, through Feb. 21.

*"Expression Abstracted," heads painted by Vincent Popi, Ralph Rosenberg, and Sal Siragusa, through Feb. 21.

*Animals illustrated by Roger Duvoisin, through spring 1993.

*Acquisitions from the Rutgers Archives for Printmaking, through spring 1993.

Galleries

BARNON ARTS CENTER

582 Railway Ave., Woodbridge
(908) 634-0413

Monday through Friday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday from 2-4 p.m.

*"Winter Thoughts," art of winter scenes, through Feb. 12.

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Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

*Juried show of Lambertville and the surrounding area, through March 21.

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Galleries



Photographer Nancy Ori of Gillette's "Cape May Beach" and other images from throughout the United States are on display at the Members Gallery of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through March 11.

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from 1-5 p.m.
•Sculpture by Miguel Ondetti and David Rogers, through March 14.

GALLERY ONE
Montclair State College
Upper Montclair
(201) 893-5113
Monday through Friday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 1-5 p.m.
•Exhibit by the college's African-American faculty and staff, through Feb. 27.

HUNTERDON ART CENTER
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•Sculpture by Judith Peck, through Feb. 18.
•Abstract paintings by Marcela Scallie and Zhang Wei, through Feb. 28.

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Open to the public Thursday and Sunday from 2-4 p.m.
•Retrospective of Marion Mader, through March 3.

MUNICIPAL ART GALLERY
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•Works by Piscataway High School students, through Feb.

NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS
68 Elm St., Summit
(908) 273-9121
Monday through Friday from noon-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 2-4 p.m. Free admission.
•Photographs by Nancy Ori, through March 11.
•Large-scale pastels by Grace Graupe-Pillard, through March 21.

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Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from noon-3 p.m.
•Computer graphics, through Feb. 18.
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St. Peter's High School
175 Somerset St., New Brunswick
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•Landscapes by Richard N. Barber, through Feb. 19.

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•"Posters and the Entertainment Culture," through Feb. 19.

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Tuesday from 1-4 and 7-9 p.m.; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. Also open during intermission of concerts.
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*'Morning Dew' sparks
comedy and conflict
on George Street*

By MICHAEL P. SCASSERRA
WeekendPlus Theater Critic

Richard Browner's *Morning Dew with Trellis*, the latest offering at New Brunswick's George Street Playhouse, may be the first play ever to equate tableware with maternal dictatorship.

The title of this entertaining new comedy refers to the silver pattern Kay (Bibi Besch,) a still attractive, 60-ish mother continually forces on Angela, (Nancy Paul,) her 34-year-old daughter, a politically-committed documentary filmmaker who is pregnant and preparing for her second marriage. Browner's play, chock full of genuinely amusing one-liners, recalls the mother-daughter relationship in Neil Simon's *Barefoot in the Park*, another comedy in which generational conflict is played out against the backdrop of a new marriage.

From the moment *Morning Dew with Trellis* opens, the play's particular charm comes from the recognizable exchanges between the mother and daughter. Rushing into Angela's cluttered, downtown Manhattan apartment, each carrying bundles from a marathon shopping excursion, the two argue before they even appear on-stage about who will be first in the bathroom. Though Angela wins this first small battle, we soon discover that her mother is indeed a formidable competitor.

Angela's apartment, oddly decorated with the artifacts of the primitive cultures she has documented in her work, gives the first sign of the unrest in this parent-child relationship. "It looks like Trader Vic's," Kay proclaims good-naturedly.

Though the first act of Browner's play flirts with the possibility of seriously questioning the values of contemporary American culture, the playwright settles in the second act for a more easily digested comedy of familial conflict and resolution with a touch of feminism thrown in for good measure.

Angela, determined to wear a bright red party dress at her wedding, resents the plotting Kay has done. With her sisters, and through clandestine lunch dates with her intended son-in-law, Kay has set her daughter's table and outlined her life.

Though Angela credits her mother with guts, wits, and stamina, she cannot accept the values with which her parents have lived their lives. Angela suggests her mother re-route her energies from country club parties and sprees at Tiffany's to working with AIDS patients or volunteering in a nursing home. Finally, she offers to take her mother with her to Brazil, where Angela's latest project involved documenting the



Nancy Paul and Bibi Besch make a mother-daughter two-woman show in the world-premiere comedy *Morning Dew With Trellis* at the George Street Playhouse.

loss of the rain forests. Kay, though, is convinced that all she can share with others is the ability to coordinate pearls with body make-up.

The relationship between these two characters is best exemplified by Kay's response to sharing her daughter's interests. Whenever Angela offers to share her work with her mother, Kay's response is delicate but dismissive: "Not today, darling."

"Why do you trivialize what you don't understand?" an insulted Angela finally asks her mother. This is the key question in the relationship at the heart of *Morning Dew*.

Despite the occasionally eccentric humor of his script, Browner's play follows a structure typical to commercial American theater. The seemingly innocent barbs turn into genuine anger as Act One's arguments lead to the revelation of long-buried secrets in Act Two. In one wintery night,

after 20 years of emotional estrangement, Kay and Angela work through the issues which have kept them apart for so long.

Bibi Besch, a veteran of stage, film and television currently featured on television's popular *Northern Exposure*, creates a full-blooded character in Kay. Flinging around her fur coat as if it were a trophy earned for marital accomplishment, she suggests all the affectation of an upper-class Westchester matron and milks all the laughs she can from playing this type, but her Kay is a complex creation. One of Besch's most amusing bits comes when, effusively explaining a china pattern to her daughter, Kay approaches orgasmic pleasure. Not unlike many women of her generation, Kay is an intelligent but defeated woman whose passions were squelched by the necessary practicality of marriage and motherhood.

Nancy Paul, an appealing actor in the less flashy of the roles, is most vivid while engaged in combat with her mother. Her characterization becomes complete by the close of the play when, overcome with dizzying honesty of this single night, she puts on her red dress with snow boots and proudly drags her mother out into the blustery night for a pizza.

Wendy Liscow, Associate Artistic Director at George Street, directs Browner's script with an appropriately light touch which hints at the play's socially critical subtext with cost to the humor at its surface. Liscow keeps even the more cliched exchanges ("We use the same words," Angela tells her mother at one point, "but we don't begin to speak the same language") low-key and, therefore, easier to digest.

Though there is an echo of familiarity in *Morning Dew with Trellis*, there is often the distinct ring of truth. So, if she has a good sense of humor and is not easily offended, feel free to treat your mother to an entertaining, perhaps enlightening evening at the theater.

MORNING DEW WITH TRELLIS through Feb. 21 at the George Street Playhouse. Tickets \$16-\$32. (908) 246-7717.

*In one wintery night, after 20
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9 Livingston Ave.
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GROWING STAGE

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• *Alice in Wonderland*, the Lewis Carroll tale told with original music. Through Feb. 28. Adults \$10, children \$8.

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• *Plaza Suite*, comedy by Neil Simon. Through April 6. Group rates available; call for prices.

LAMBERTVILLE STATION

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Upper Montclair
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THE NEW THEATRE

Rutgers Arts Center
George St., New Brunswick
(908) 932-7511
• *The Recruiting Officer*, George Farquhar's tale of two amorous

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THE NEW THEATRE

Knight of Columbus hall
Maple St., Bernardsville
(908) 234-9238
• *The Boys Next Door*, drama taking place in a group home. Feb. 12-27. Adults \$10, senior citizens and students \$7.

OFF-BROADSTREET THEATRE

5 South Greenwood Ave.
Hopewell
(609) 466-2766
• *Groucho: A Life in Revue* of "the one, the only" Marx brother. Through Feb. 13. Admission \$17.25 Saturdays, \$18.75 Fri-

days and Sundays.

PHILATHALIAN

Carriage House
Watson Rd., Farwood
(908) 322-8686
• *I Never Sang for My Father*, Robert Anderson's drama about a son and his elderly parents. Feb. 12-27. Admission \$7, discounts available.

PLAYHOUSE 22

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(908) 254-3939
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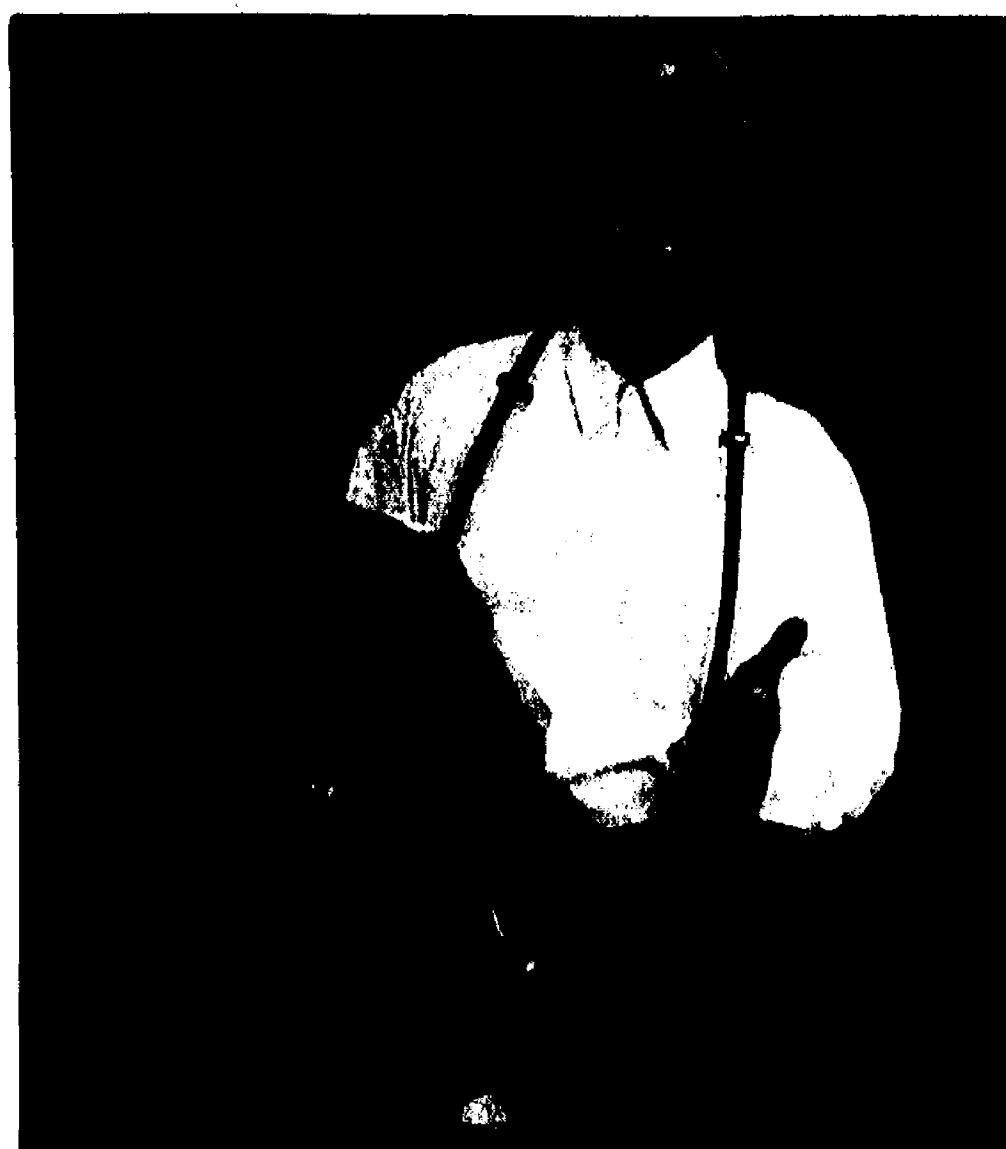
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 Route 28, Branchburg
 (908) 725-3420
 •Halley's Comet, one-man show w/John Amos. 8 p.m. Feb. 13. Admission \$10.
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 Union County College
 1033 Springfield Ave.
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 (908) 709-7501
 •The Meeting of Malcolm X and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., staged as if they were alive today. 7 p.m. Feb. 12. Adults \$2, students of the college \$1.
SAMPSON & SMITH SCHOOL
 1849 Amwell Rd., Somerset
 (908) 214-1066, 828-0988
 •The King and I, Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical taken from Anna and the King of Siam. Through Feb. 14. Admission \$12 Saturdays, \$10 Sundays; discounts available.

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 (908) 369-7469
 •Beyond Therapy, Christopher Durang's comedy of a woman dating a boyfriend who has a boyfriend. Through Feb. 14. Admission \$11 Fridays and Saturdays, \$15 for two tickets Sundays.
STATE THEATRE
 19 Livingston Ave.
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 (908) 246-7489
 •Fiddler on the Roof, musical of the shtetl drawn from the tales of Sholem Aleichem. 3 and 8 p.m. Feb. 13. Admission \$37-\$23.
WESTFIELD COMMUNITY PLAYERS
 1000 North Ave. West
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 (908) 232-1221
 •A Little Night Music, Stephen Sondheim's stories in song from the Black Forest. Through Feb. 27. Admission \$10.

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CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB
 78 Winans Ave., Cranford
 (908) 276-7611
 •Social Security, Andrew Bergman's comedy about a yuppie couple and their elderly parents. Feb. 19-March 6. Admission \$9.
FANLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY
 Route 24, Madison
 (201) 583-8881
 •Sisters, drama about three childhood friends who go their separate ways in adult life. Lanflet Hall, 8 p.m. Feb. 18. Free admission.
 •Prelude to a Kiss, Craig Lucas' portrayal of two New York City people in love. Dreyfus Theater, Feb. 23-28. Adults \$3, students \$2.
PHILIP J. LEVIN THEATER
 Rutgers Arts Center
 George St., New Brunswick
 (908) 932-7511
 •Send Me a Picture, Love Peg, two-woman drama by Julianna

Bernstein. Feb. 23-28. Admission \$10, discounts available.
OFF-BROADSTREET THEATRE
 5 South Greenwood Ave.
 Hopewell
 (908) 486-2788
 •The All-Night Strut! Fran Chermes' depiction of music from the 30s and 40s. Feb. 19-April 3. Admission \$17.25 Saturdays, \$15.75 Fridays and Sundays.
PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE
 Brookside Dr., Millburn
 (201) 376-4343
 •Lost in Yorkers, New Jersey premiere of the Neil Simon play set in the New York suburb. Feb. 17-March 28. Admission \$41-\$26, discounts available.
RIDER COLLEGE
 Pine Arts Theatre
 Route 206, Lawrenceville
 (908) 886-5303
 •The Threepenny Opera, composed by Kurt Weill from the writings of Bertolt Brecht. Feb. 25-March 6. Admission \$8.



Actor John Amos brings his one-man show, *Halley's Comet*, to Raritan Valley Community College Saturday, Feb. 13.

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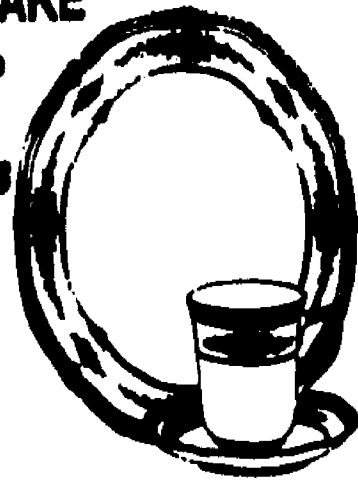


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Hearts desired

Valentine antiques and more for sale at Garden State Exhibit Center

By PHYLLIS RECKEL
WeekendPlus Writer

If you're new lovers, the combined Garden State International Antiques Show and Valentine's Day Antique Jewelry Show and Sale at the Garden State Exhibit Center in Somerset Saturday and Sunday offers an ideal day's outing in which you may each buy the other a special or meaningful valentine.

If you're longtime lovers, the show is still a good idea because there will be four antique pool tables set up in the lobby for men to play while their women select their own gifts.

And there will be plenty of gifts from which to choose for your "heart's desire," the theme of the show. The Garden State Exhibit Center will offer half its space to a jewelry show, the other half to an antique show, each offering a fabulous array of gift-giving ideas for the sophisticated as well as the romantic valentine.

For the ladies the choices range from vintage costume jewelry such as a colorful Bakelite animal pins and bracelets from the '20s and '30s, antique sterling silver ring boxes with velvet lining or Victorian chatelains — a pin with an attachment of a key, tiny scent bottle or dance card holder.

Modestly priced and unusual heart-shaped items will be available: ladies' compacts, silver picture frames, celluloid boxes and pin cushions. Old perfume bottles, currently a hot collectible, will be found in abundance, as will other feminine collectibles: fans, gloves, sewing notions, beaded hand bags and vintage lace scarves.

For the men, collectible gifts include fountain pens, small scientific instruments, inkwells, ties, flasks, cuff links, key chains and watch fobs and, of course, the antique pool tables and all their accoutrements.

Also on display will be antique Valentine's Day cards: hand painted cards, elaborate paper-cut cards from the 19th century, sentimental Victorian cards embellished with die-cut doves, flowers, bow knots, swags and lace; as well as comic "penny dreadful" cards, sold for a penny each in the mid 19th century.

Today, valentine cards rank second only to Christmas cards in the number sent in the United States. People began making and sending original valentines by the 17th century, either creating their own messages or copying poems. The first commercial valentines appeared about 1800 and by the 1830s the art of creating delicate and ornate cards had been mastered. Some of the high priced cards were adorned with satin, ribbon, lace, and hearts and lovers knots in gold and silver.

One of the earliest senders of valentines was the young Frenchman Charles, Duke of Orleans, who taken prisoner in 1415 was confined to the Tower of London for several years, from which he sent many poems or "valentines" to his wife living in France.

Valentine's Day may have originated from an old European belief that on Feb. 14 birds begin to choose their mates, and perhaps people did too. No one, however, is quite sure for whom the day is named. Early church records show at least three different saints called Valentine, all of whom seem to have evolved into one person, now the patron saint of lovers.

But if its not valentines you want, the antique show will offer formal and country furniture, art glass, art work, pottery, porcelain and prints.



This antique, life-size store mannequin is just one of the many attractions at the Garden State International Antiques Show this weekend at the Garden State Exhibit Center in Somerset.

Surely there will be something for everyone at this antique event, really two fun shows rolled into one, including seminars. Saturday at 1 p.m. the topic is how to tell a real gem from a colored stone; at 2:30 p.m. it's antique valentines, and at 4 p.m., it's about the pieces from the past that are the most desirable today. Sunday topics are about: gem stones and their meaning, at noon; unusual tables utensils from the 18th through 20th century, 1:30 p.m.; The Jensen Story — From Jewelry to Tableware, 3 p.m.; and curious romantic books, 4:15 p.m.

GARDEN STATE INTERNATIONAL ANTIQUES FAIR/VALENTINE'S DAY ANTIQUE JEWELRY SHOW AND SALE Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 13-14, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., at the Garden State Exhibit Center, Somerset. Tickets \$5, children under 16 admitted free. (201) 384-0010.

Mark your calendar

Dance

AMERICAN REPERTORY BALLET COMPANY

Saturday, Feb. 13, 8 p.m.
Memorial Auditorium,
Montclair State College
Upper Montclair
(201) 893-5112
•Company premiere of *The Kitchen Table* by Bill Cratty;
also works by Septime Webre,
George Balanchine, and Marjorie
Mussman. Adults \$20, senior
citizens \$17.

BLACK GOLD THEATRE COMPANY

Thursday, Feb. 18, noon
The Commons, Raritan Valley
Community College
Route 28, Branchburg
(908) 218-8873
•Dance, drumming, poetry,
martial arts, and more from the
African continent. Free admis-

sion.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY STUDENT-FACULTY RECITAL

Feb. 18, 19, 20; 8 p.m.
Richardson Auditorium,
Princeton University
(609) 258-5000
•Annual concert w/original
works by Ze'eva Cohen, David
Rousseve, Hilary Easton, and
Lorn MacDougal. Adults \$5,
students \$4.

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND BALLET

Tuesday, Feb. 16, 8 p.m.
State Theatre
19 Livingston Ave.
New Brunswick
(908) 246-7469
•Performing the full-length clas-
sical ballet *Coppelia*. Admission
\$26-\$18. Related lecture at 7
p.m., admission \$6.

AUDITIONS

CIRCLE PLAYERS

416 Victoria Ave., Piscataway
(908) 297-8567
•For May production of *Steel
Magnolias*. Auditions Feb. 20-
22 by appointment only. Six
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Southern accent required. All
ethnic backgrounds encouraged
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PRINCETON BALLET SCHOOL

262 Alexander St., Princeton
(609) 921-7758
•For summer Workshop '93 for
students 14-older. Auditions at
5:30 p.m. Feb. 20. Cost \$10.

Rehearsals

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Trinity Church
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(609) 683-5122
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Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
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Hot new sounds for the cold-and-flu season

By BILL MILLARD
WeekendPlus Writer

By now everyone living within hollering distance of a college radio station, has heard of Ned's Atomic Dustbin, a five-piece that started as an undergrad band and has become the hottest ticket among current British invaders of U.S. concert halls.

Their second stateside release, *Are You Normal?* (Chaos), picks up where their debut *God Fodder* left off: it dispels the obvious question — why do these guys have two bass players? — right away, making the bottom-heavy arrangements seem as natural as weather. This is no gimmick act; these guys may have a ridiculous name (it's from the BBC's old *Goon Show*), but they also have guts, brains, and songs.

Their combination of one lead bass and one "bassier" bass recalls some of New Order's arrangements, where Gillian Gilbert's synthesizers held down the bottom end while bassist Peter Hook percolated up through all the electronic counterpoint to define the song. Bands that have tried this sort of thing with two bass guitars are even rarer than ones that put something else under a high-end bass, but the few that have tried make for an impressive pedigree (Talking Heads band with Busta Jones and Tina Weymouth doubling up the funk, or the early version of Antietam with Wolf Knapp and Tim Harris).

The bassists in Ned's are tremendous at playing off each other and keeping out of each other's way. First bassist Mat (nobody in the band uses a surname) carries the band's main melodic weight, leaving guitarist Rat free for ambidextrous textural ideas, while second bassist Alex does the customary anchorwork in sync with hard-funk drummer Dan.

The sound is seamless, distinctive, and rangy. And front man Jonn has a huge, bell-like tenor voice and an attitude to match.

If there's anything like a flaw here, it's that the polyrhythms can be a bit relentless, too; some of your own.

A quieter approach to polyrhythm and multi-ethnicity appears on Pat Kilbride's American debut, *Undocumented Dancing* (Green Linnet). Kilbride's an Irish-born guitarist and songwriter who's recorded widely in Europe, relocated to New York, and joined up with the area's lively Celtic folk scene.

Although a talent like Kilbride or Luka Bloom surfaces there from time to time, the music of the green card-less Irish is largely unknown outside their own community. This is unfortunate, because there are some powerful players here. If Celtic music reminds you only of green beer and shamrock schlock, listen again: Kilbride, along with his collaborators in the Kips Bay Ceilidh Band and ringers like Paddy Keenan from the somewhat better-known Bothy Band, will show you some real surprises.

One recent record that nobody expected is more or less a concept album — and the concept, on paper, sounds something like trying to swim with one hand tied behind your back. The oddity in question is Bob Dylan's *Good as I Been to You* (Columbia), a collection of public-domain cover songs.

What? Covers by the guy whose songs everybody else covers? Well, it makes sense in a way.

Colleagues and worshipers are throwing giant concerts to honor you, but you're well aware that your well has run close to dry. What do you do? You do a solo album in the style of your youth, and you don't write a single line on it; you pick classic material like "Sittin' on Top of the

the clatter and drive that make Ned's a must-see live act can nearly wear you out on record. But good bands make demands. Ned's brings a huge amount of energy to their music; it helps to bring

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Ireland's Pat Kilbride (above), Minnesota's Bob Dylan and England's Ned's Atomic Dustbin have all released impressive new albums.

World" and "Frankie and Albert." And you try to get people to listen to your guitar for a change as well as your voice.

When Dylan tried something like this before, on *Self-Portrait*, it was a disaster — partially because he picked songs by his imitators, not his heroes. I'm happy to report he gets it right this time. This one's of obvious interest to Dylanologists; the purists among them will be overjoyed that his voice honks and groans as it hasn't since about the time of *The Basement Tapes*. But it's likely to have some appeal outside the circle of the faithful, too. Among other things, it shows he's no slouch as a picker — when he took a few leads on the tours a couple of years ago with G.E. Smith, they weren't flukes. His timing and dynamics are eccentric, but enjoyably eccentric, and he's still got a better intuitive sense of how a blues vocal should sound than any white man alive. "Step It Up and Go" is a particular killer: close your eyes and you're in the basement at Big Pink, passing a joint to Rick Danko, watching Bob blow the roof off the place.

On spooky minor-key material like "Blackjack Davey," he can be bone-chilling; on a lilting, haunting melody like "Tomorrow Night," he still knows how to break your heart. He closes with a complete lark, the childhood singalong "Froggie Went A-Courtin'," and has a rowdy good time with it. The final couplet ("Little piece o' cornbread laying on a shelf/If you want any more, you gotta sing it yourself") just might imply he's taking a bow and leaving us to our own devices, but I doubt it; this guy's made more comebacks than Rasputin. You may or may not believe he still has great writing in him, as your Fearless Reporter does, but you'd have to be pretty stiff not to enjoy this side of him.

Soundings

ABBEY ORCHESTRA

Saturday, Feb. 27, 8 p.m.
St. Mary's Abbey,
Delbarton School
Route 24, Morristown
(201) 538-3231

•J.S. Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 3; Brahms' Symphony No. 3 in F major. Free admission.

BEATRICE AND BENEDICT

Feb. 12 and 13, 8 p.m.
Nicholas Music Center,
Rutgers Arts Center
George St., New Brunswick

(908) 932-7511

•Berlioz' comic adaptation of Shakespeare, sung in English by Opera At Rutgers. Admission \$14, discounts available.

A BEETHOVEN VALENTINE

Sunday, Feb. 14, 4 p.m.
Westminster Choir College
Bristol Chapel, Princeton
(609) 921-2663

•Sonatas and chamber works performed by Phyllis Alpert Lehrer and Ena Bronstein Barton, piano; Ruotao Mao, violin; and Elizabeth Thompson, cello.

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BERNIE BERGER QUARTET

Sunday, Feb. 28, 7 p.m.
Marmott hotel
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(201) 267-0206

•Jazz ensemble performs repertoire from Duke Ellington to modern-day composers. Admission \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door.

BIG BAND SALUTE TO GLENN MILLER

Saturday, Feb. 20, 8 p.m.

State Theatre
19 Livingston Ave.
New Brunswick
(908) 246-7469

•Featuring The Modernaires, Beryl Davis, and Herb Kenny (from the Ink Spots). Admission \$26-\$15.

BILLION DOLLAR SOUND

Saturday, Feb. 12, 8 p.m.
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Regional High School
108 Stirling Rd., Watchung
(908) 758-6414, 753-0190

•Swing-era big band in central New Jersey. Admission \$7.

KEVIN BOWERS

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 8 p.m.
Taplin Auditorium,
Princeton University
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•Pianist performs works by J.S. Bach, Chopin, Beethoven, and Debussy. Free admission.

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Thursday, Feb. 18, 8 p.m.
Nicholas Music Center,
Rutgers Arts Center
George St., New Brunswick
(908) 932-7511

•Soprano sings the world premiere of *A Winter's Tale*, composed by Charles Wuorinen from Dylan Thomas' poems. Admission \$20, discounts available.

CASSATT STRING QUARTET

Sunday, Feb. 28, 2 p.m.
New Jersey State Museum
205 West State St., Trenton
(609) 292-6308

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CENTRAL JERSEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Sunday, Feb. 28, 3 p.m.
Theatre at Raritan Valley
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Route 28, Branchburg
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•Featuring the winner of this year's piano concerto competition. Adults \$6; senior citizens, students, and children \$4.

COLONIAL SYMPHONY

Friday, Feb. 12, 8:30 p.m.
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Music

State Theatre lines up 'Carmen,' 'Fiddler'

Two classic works, representing the worlds of opera and musical theater, can be seen in their full glory this week at the State Theater in New Brunswick.

First up will be the New York City Opera National Company's touring production of *Carmen*, which will be presented Wednesday, Feb. 10, Saturday, Feb. 13, the focus turns to Broadway with *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Carmen, of course, is one of the most popular operas of all time. According to the *New York Times*, the New York City Opera National Company's production is a winner, saying "the rewards, even for experienced opera-goers, are incalculable...Audiences ap-

preciate the stage action with increased perception, and their reactions spur increased efforts onstage."

Set in Spain, *Carmen* is the story of a sultry gypsy whose death has been predicted, prompting her to live life with an unusual passion that attracts a number of men — Zuniga, the colonel; Don Jose, who sacrifices everything for her, only to see his love tire of him; and Escamillo, the bold matador.

Established in 1979 by Beverly Sills, the New York City Opera National Company travels in old-fashioned "bus and truck" caravans, bringing opera to both rural communities and urban centers around the globe. It is considered by many to be the

premier touring company in the United States.

Adding to the experience will be a pre-performance lecture designed to introduce patrons to the musical and historical intricacies of the performance. Tickets for the lecture, which takes place at the nearby United Methodist Church on George Street, are \$6.

Fiddler on the Roof, meanwhile, has enjoyed yet another surge in interest after winning a Tony award for Best Revival of a Musical in 1991. It made its original premiere in 1964.

Ever since, songs from the Jerry Bock-Sheldon Harnick score

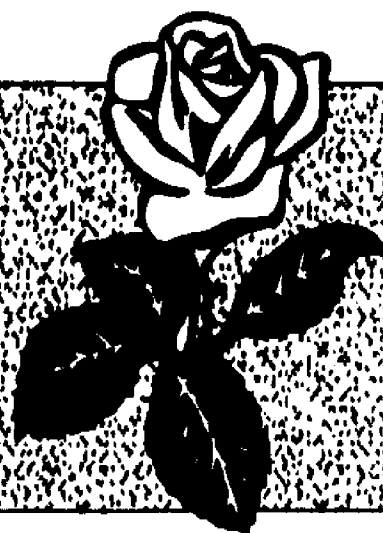
like "Matchmaker, Matchmaker," "If I Were a Rich Man," and "Sunrise, Sunset" have become part of our enduring culture.

This particular revival of *Fiddler* is a national touring production by the Troika Organization in association with Music Theatre Associates. There will be two performances — a 3 p.m. matinee followed by an evening performance at 8 p.m.

CARMEN Wednesday, Feb. 10, 8 p.m., at the State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick. Tickets \$26-\$32. **FIDDLER ON THE ROOF** Saturday, Feb. 13, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., at the State Theatre. Tickets \$23-\$32. (908) 246-7469.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19) You know how to play your cards to get what you want and yet still remain fair to everyone else. This week you need to envision a better relationship and a stronger money situation. Come from a positive place, and you love the end results.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your creative juices can't help but flow, and you are not worse for it at all. Do permit, dear Bull, your imagination to go wild this week. You do manage to handle work and still have a ball. You are up for the romp and good times right now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Focus first on security this week, then go for the more creative, pleasurable aspects of life. Be honest about how many changes you're willing to handle and what you must do to get what you truly want. Many of you will choose a busy weekend full of work rather than love.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) There are strong connections between you and another. You need to be more understanding, yet secure that what you are asking for is realistic. Use this weekend for amour and an early case of spring fever.

LEO (July 23-August 22) Watch spending this week as things could be difficult. Listen to your inner voice regarding a situation that could affect your security. You can't be too diplomatic or careful. Flow with opportunities that pop. Know the worst will be over by next week.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22) Understand more about what is happening between you and another. Talk about funds, but don't take anything for granted with a friendship. This weekend is for getting to know and understand another better.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22) You go from low to high this week as life steadily improves. Go for what it is you really want — money, power or love. Realize, however, you may not be able to have it all and that choices may be inevitable.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21) Follow your natural instincts, and this should be a successful week. Do not eliminate the downtime or isolation that your sign so badly needs. Be sure of what you want, as you have control here. Count on calling the shots all weekend long.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21) Release anxiety over work, a boss or loved one. You can pull rabbits out of hats this week. Allot time for group events which can open you up. Celebration is in order, though you may decide to do it privately this weekend.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19) Reach for the stars and expect to get nothing less this week. Be aware your wish may entail greater responsibility than you are up for. What's bewildering to another, is quite clear to you. Plan on an early start to the weekend, doing something you very much want to.

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18) Talk about what is on your mind with a partner. One-to-one negotiations may be the highlight of your week. You are going for what you want financially and emotionally. Be ready to explore new ideas.

PISCES (February 19-March 20) Others are dominant right now, and you need to understand this fact to make this week work. Resistance won't work, but being open about your feelings will. Negotiate with tact, and you have a better chance of coming out ahead.

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Soundings



The Grammy-winning Emerson String Quartet will perform a benefit concert for Camp Neveda, New Jersey's only residential camp for children with diabetes, Saturday, Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m., in the Abbey church at Delbarton School in Morristown.

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MADISON JUNIOR SCHOOL
Main St., Madison
(201) 377-1310
•Jean Françaix' *Serenade for Chamber Orchestra*; *Variaziones concertantes* by Alberto Ginastera; Beethoven's Symphony No. 2 in D major. Lecture precedes concert at 7:30 p.m. Admission \$29-\$10.

DELBARTON SCHOLA CANTORUM & WIND ENSEMBLE
Sunday, Feb. 21, 3 p.m.
St. Mary's Abbey, Delbarton School
Route 24, Morristown
(201) 538-3231
•Premiere of *The Earth and Its Creatures* by Philip Kim; also works by Sousa, J.S. Bach, and W. Francis McBeth. Free admission.

EMERSON STRING QUARTET
Saturday, Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m.
St. Mary's Abbey, Delbarton School
Route 24, Morristown
(201) 383-2611
•Chamber ensemble performs in a benefit concert. Admission \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door.

LEE ERWIN
Sunday, Feb. 28, 3 p.m.
Union County Arts Center
1601 Irving St., Rahway
(908) 499-8226
•Organist performs in a solo concert and as accompaniment for two silent film comedies. Admission \$6.

GREATER TRENTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Sunday, Feb. 14, 3 p.m.
War Memorial
John Fitch Plaza, Trenton
(609) 394-1338

•Valentine's Day concert, featuring works by Tchaikovsky, Mozart, Bizet, Gershwin, and other composers. Admission \$20-\$10.

LIONEL HAMPTON
Saturday, Feb. 20, 8 p.m.
Union County Arts Center
1601 Irving St., Rahway
(908) 499-8226
•Vibraphone virtuoso performs with his swing band. Admission \$20-\$15.

HANDBELL FESTIVAL
Sunday, Feb. 21, 4 p.m.
St. Francis Cathedral
Library Pl., Metuchen
(908) 548-0100
•Music of the liturgical year, performed by handbell choirs from five area churches. Admission \$5 per person, \$8 per family.

WALTER HILSE
Thursday, Feb. 25, 8 p.m.
Princeton University Chapel
(609) 258-5000
•Organist displays modern-day techniques for his instrument. Free admission.

DENNIS JAMES
Sunday, Feb. 21, 3 p.m.
War Memorial
John Fitch Plaza, Trenton
(609) 984-8484
•Organist provides accompaniment to the silent film *The Student Prince in Old Heidelberg*. Admission \$8-\$5.

YEHUDAH "JERRY" KATZ
Tuesday, Feb. 23, 8 p.m.
Congregation Ahavas Achim
216 South First Ave.
Highland Park
(908) 247-0532
•Jewish singer and storyteller

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FREDERICK KATZENBERG/ SETH HIMMELHOCH
Sunday, Feb. 28, 3 p.m.
Hunterdon Art Center
7 Center St., Clinton
(908) 832-9770
•Oboist and guitarist perform music of Spain and South America, from classics to the present. Admission \$15, discounts available.

TONY KENNY
Friday, Feb. 26, 8 p.m.
War Memorial
John Fitch Plaza, Trenton
(609) 584-7622
•Irish singer performs works from the Emerald Isle. Admission \$17.50.

KINGS ROAD SWING BAND
Friday, Feb. 12, 8 p.m.
Gran Centurions
440 Madison Hill Rd., Clark
(908) 233-8810
•World War II-era orchestra performs w/Nancy Nelson, vocals. Admission \$25.

LIFE ACCORDING TO FOUR BITCHIN' BABES
Saturday, Feb. 27, 8 p.m.
Theatre at Raritan Valley Community College
Route 28, Branchburg
(908) 725-3420
•Starring singer-songwriters Christine Lavin, Sally Fingertette, Megan McDonough, and Julie Gold. Admission \$15.

LILLIAN LIVINGSTON/ INGRID J. CLARFIELD
Sunday, Feb. 28, 3 p.m.
Bishop Dougherty Student Center, Seton Hall University
South Orange
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pland, Schumann, Britten, Poulenc, Infante, and Moussorgsky. Free admission.

LOUISVILLE ORCHESTRA
Thursday, Feb. 18, 8 p.m.
State Theatre
19 Livingston Ave.
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(908) 246-7489
•Joan Tower's *Fanfare for the Uncommon Woman*; Gershwin's Concerto in F major; Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 in A major. Admission \$32-\$23. Related lecture at 7 p.m., admission \$6.

LOVE DUETS
Friday, Feb. 12, 8 p.m.
Somerset County Library
North Bridge St., Bridgewater
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•Arias and other love songs sung by Reagan McKenzie, soprano, and Ronald Alexander, tenor. Free admission.

BOBBY McFERRIN
Saturday, Feb. 13, 8 p.m.
Parippany-Hills High School
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WILLIAM MOERSCH/ ROBERT BENFORD
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Nicholas Music Center, Rutgers Arts Center
George St., New Brunswick
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•Performing works by Aldridge, Nuytes, Reich, and other composers on marimbas and hand drums. Admission \$11, discounts available.

MOSCOW VIRTUOSOS
Monday, Feb. 22, 8 p.m.
McCarter Theatre
91 University Pl., Princeton
(609) 683-8000
•J.S. Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 in G major; Hartman's Concerto Funebre; Stravinsky's Concerto in D major; Mozart's Symphony No. 29 in C major. Admission \$35, \$32.

NEW JERSEY NOVICE QUARTET COMPETITION
Saturday, Feb. 27, 8 p.m.
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Friday, Feb. 12, 8 p.m.
Count Basie Theatre, Red Bank
Saturday, Feb. 13, 8 p.m.
War Memorial, Trenton
Sunday, Feb. 14, 3 p.m.
Symphony Hall, Newark
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•J.S. Bach's Concerto No. 1 in D minor for Piano and String Orchestra; Stravinsky's Concerto for Piano and Wind Instruments; Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5 in E minor. Admission \$37-\$10, discounts available.

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PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA OF NEW JERSEY
Sunday, Feb. 14, 3 p.m.
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•Mozart's *Dissonant Quartet*, performed in a living-room setting (location given at time of purchase). Adults \$15, senior citizens and students \$7.50.

REBECCA PLACK
Sunday, Feb. 21, 3 p.m.
Taplin Auditorium, Princeton University
(609) 258-5000
•Soprano sings works by Purcell, Schubert, Debussy, Massenet, and Wolf w/Meredith Brammeier, piano. Free admission.

PRINCETON PRO MUSICA
Friday, Feb. 12, 8 p.m.
Richardson Auditorium, Princeton University
Sunday, Feb. 14, 4 p.m.
Shiloh Baptist Church, Trenton
(609) 683-5122
•A Mass from the Congo, plus classical and gospel music, all sung w/the S. Howard Woodson Jr. Mass Choir of the Shiloh Baptist Church. Admission \$10.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY GLEE CLUB & CHAMBER CHOIR
Friday, Feb. 26, 8 p.m.
Richardson Auditorium, Princeton University
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•Joint concert, featuring the *Requiem* by Faure and *Four Songs for Women's Voices* by

Brahms. Adults \$8, senior citizens and students \$3.

LAURA BROOKS RICE
Sunday, Feb. 21, 4 p.m.
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Bristol Chapel, Princeton
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RUTGERS UNIVERSITY WIND ENSEMBLE
Tuesday, Feb. 16, 8 p.m.
Nicholas Music Center, Rutgers Arts Center
George St., New Brunswick
(908) 932-7511
•Berlioz' *Grande symphonie funebre et triomphale*; Vincent Persichetti's *Pageant*; J.S. Bach's *Fantasia* in G major. Free admission.

ST. LAWRENCE STRING QUARTET
Sunday, Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m.
N.J. Center for Visual Arts
68 Elm St., Summit
(908) 232-1116
•Haydn's *Emperor String Quartet*; Mendelssohn's *Piano Trio* in D flat minor; Schubert's *Rosamunde String Quartet*. Adults \$16, senior citizens and students \$12.

SILK CITY QUARTET
Friday, Feb. 19, 8 p.m.
Watchung Arts Center
18 Stirling Rd., Watchung
(908) 753-0190
•String ensemble performs in a gallery setting. Admission \$8.

DEREK SMITH
Friday, Feb. 26, 8 p.m.
Weipe Theatre, Raritan Valley Community College
Route 28, Branchburg
(908) 725-3420
•Jazz pianist performs in a cabaret setting. Adults \$7.50, senior citizens and students \$5.

TUESDAY NOONDAY CONCERTS
Feb. 16 and 23, 12:15 p.m.
Kirkpatrick Chapel, Rutgers University
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•Midday recital of chamber music. Free admission.

JAMIE WATSON
Saturday, Feb. 20, 8 p.m.
Hunterdon County Park System
Route 31, Clinton
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•Guitarist and banjo player performs w/Rik Boume in a coffeehouse setting. Adults \$4.50, children under 12 \$2.25.

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Sunday, Feb. 14, 4 p.m.
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8. Bruce Springsteen, *The Ghost of Tom Sawyer*
9. The Roots, *Things Fall Apart*
10. Alanis Morissette, *Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious*



Soprano Phyllis Bryn-Julson will perform in concert at the Nicholas Music Center of Rutgers Arts Center in New Brunswick Thursday, Feb. 18, 8 p.m.

Oy vey, Mon!

Chassidic reggae rockers to play Rutgers Hillel fest

By WILLIAM WESTHOVEN
WeekendPlus Editor

The 20th annual Rutgers Hillel Jewish Arts Festival, already underway and continuing through March 5, features the usual mix of music, theater, lectures and food in various events around the Rutgers-New Brunswick area.

But Saturday, Feb. 13, the Festival will break from form to present an unusual band with a not-so-unusual message. Kayama, a six-man ensemble of Chassidic musicians from Brooklyn, hope to spread good vibes and good cheer with their exciting blend of reggae and rock.

Huh?

That's right, reggae-rock — as in *Oy, Vey, Mon*, according to their press release. All-original songs, yet, penned by singer-songwriter-guitarist-ordained Rabbi Mikail Zerbib.

Zerbib, who had toured Europe playing rock and reggae-oriented music with the Dispura Yeshiva Band, moved from France to Brooklyn last year. There, through some friends he had in the music business, he met his future bandmates.

Together, they've set out not only to establish Kayama — which means "alive" in Aramaic — not only as a full-time musical act, but as a mechanism of communication between blacks and Jews and the rest of the ethnic groups that make up the global village.

"Mainly we try to bring happiness," said Zerbib. "The object is to create a happy vibe that helps to create a global feeling of tolerance and respect."

It's a unique, and potentially risky, mix, but since their first concert back in October, they have found many receptive audiences to their message. Zerbib recalled one gig at the Brooklyn Children's Museum.

"Everyone was there — Black, Chinese, Puerto Rican — and they were really digging it," he said. "All the races and colors were fading out. It was a very positive feeling."

"Our basic axiom is evil comes from not recognizing the good — the root of evil is not appreciating have. And a happy vibe and a happy heart uproots evil and creates a line of communication."

Complimenting the uplifting rhythms of the band are the hopeful lyrics of Zerbib, like the chorus of "Darkei Noam," a biblical verse meaning "the path of sweetness" — *It doesn't matter wrong or right/ we come together black and white.*

Kayama, of course, is just one of the attractions of the Jewish Arts



Safam, a band specializing in a blend of traditional and contemporary Jewish music, are participating in the Rutgers B'nei B'rith Hillel Foundation's 20th annual Jewish Arts Festival. An even more-untraditional band of Chassidic musicians, Kayama, will offer their blend of reggae-rock and global unity lyrics at a special concert Saturday, Feb. 13.

Festival, which continues with a free student cabaret night of song, dance and comedy at Hillel Thursday, Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m.

Other Festival events include:

- **Chocoholics Unanimous!** — a demonstration of chocolate making at Hillel which includes a tasting. "Who says chocolate isn't a Jewish art" says the brochure. "We say it is and we've found the best tasting and most creative chocolate maker of all." Charlie Pechter of Lakewood is the featured chocolatier, whose treats include a cornucopia horn filled with fresh strawberries double-dipped in white and dark chocolate, white chocolate swans and special creations available for Purim sholoch manos and the Seder table. **Sunday, Feb. 21, 2 p.m.** Admission \$5 community, \$2 students.

- **Safam** — Boston-based six-man band that revolutionized the world of Jewish music with its blend of contemporary and traditional music and themes will perform at the State Theatre in New Brunswick. **Saturday, Feb. 27, 8:30 p.m.** Tickets \$18 community, \$14 students.

- **Faculty Sponsored Lecture** — Featuring well-known playwright, author and poet Hanna Fox, who will share excerpts from her folk opera, *The Dybbuk of Harlem*, and speak on The Influence of Being Jewish on Being a Writer. **Tuesday, March 2, noon.** Free Admission.

- **Theatre Games** — Purim Spiel Nite at Hillel Ofer Ben Dorand his wacky participatory theater games. With an optional Shabbat dinner served at 8:15 p.m. **Friday, March 5, 9 p.m.** Free admission (call for price of optional dinner).

The B'nei B'rith Hillel Foundation is located on Clifton Avenue at Ryders Lane near the Cook/ Douglass campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick. For more information, call (908) 545-2407.

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•Amy Ham, piano trio, Feb. 17.

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1 NW St., Somerville
(908) 766-6575
Country music, Saturdays.
•Sam I Am, Feb. 12.
•88 Years, Feb. 13.
•Joe Rogan, Lee Frank, Paul Bond, Feb. 14.
•Call for details, Feb. 18, 25.

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Route 27, Franklin Park
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•Black Seat Drivers; Sherman, Sleht & Surowiec; Second Nature, March 5.

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•Floyd Hunter Band, Feb. 12, 13.
•Matt Pisani, Feb. 16, 23.

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•Spore Chang (w/A.L. James), Feb. 12.
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•The VooDudes, Feb. 26.

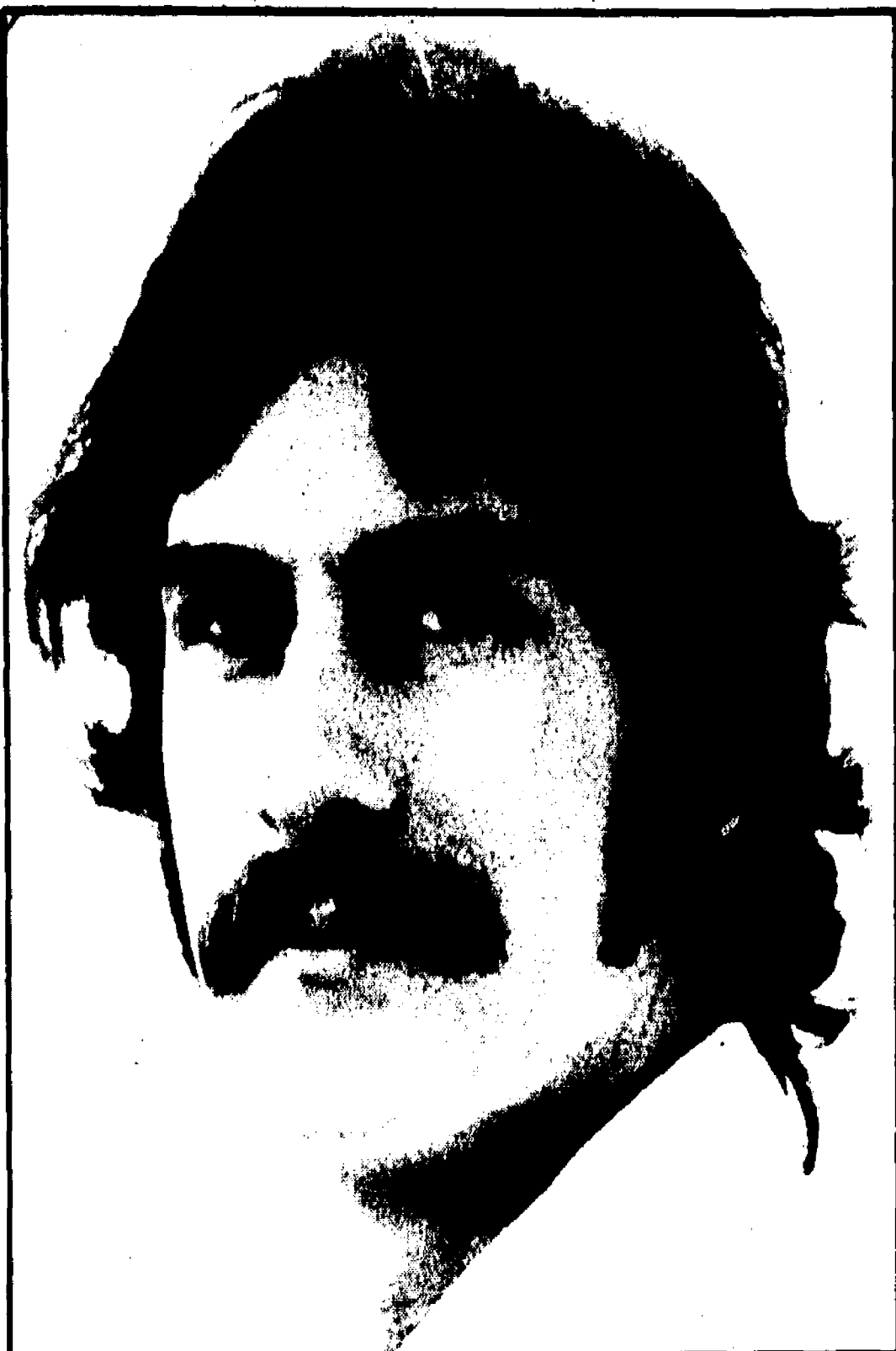
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•Roselle Somets, evening Feb. 14.
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•Bigger Thomas, Feb. 18.

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Hoboken
(201) 796-4064
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•Scooby Groove, Invisible Culture, Funkface, Feb. 13.
•The Toasters, Feb. 14.
•Jawbox, Tar, Feb. 17.
•Tsunami, Chia Pet, Feb. 22.
•Polvo, Feb. 27.
•Th'Falk Healers, March 4.
•Kevin Ayers, March 5.



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•Buffalo Tom, March 6.
•Shudder to Think, March 7.
•The Munimies, Supercharger, March 14.

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•Kriba, Feb. 16.
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•Seething Grey, Wz Bang Gang, Feb. 21.
•Well of Souls, Feb. 24.
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•Green Lion Burning (original music), Feb. 13.
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Feb. 20.
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•Higher Authority, Feb. 13.
•Steele Brothers, Feb. 18.

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•2112, Feb. 13.

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•Forecast, Feb. 12.
•Mirage, Feb. 13.
•Delivery Boys, Feb. 19.

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•Judy Torres, Feb. 12.
•The Cover Girls, Feb. 13.

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SHOOLIN 27
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(908) 422-1117
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STANHOPE HOUSE
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•The VooDudes, Feb. 13.
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•La Bamba's Big Band, Feb. 12.
•Solar Circus, The Fairlans, Feb. 14.

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•Ray Romano, Feb. 12, 13.

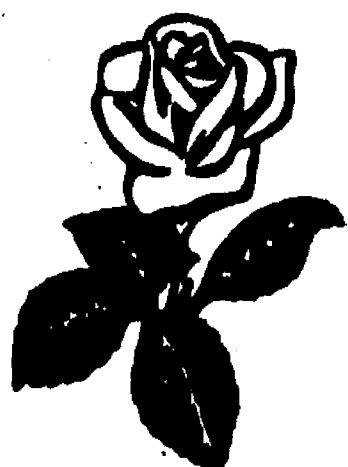
STUDIO 1
88 Verona Ave., Newark
(201) 482-1150
•Warzone, Feb. 12.
•Nuclear Assault, Feb. 13.
•Murphy's Law, Feb. 19.

T-J'S HIDEAWAY
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South Plainfield
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•Trash Mavericks, Feb. 12.
•Castle Browne Band, Feb. 13.
•World Within, Feb. 14.
•Guitar Jazz Quartet, Feb. 18.

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•Jim Long Duo, Feb. 14.
•Jeannie Bryson, Feb. 19 (w/

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DINING

Dinner-plate productions

Stage Left offers tasty treats for the palate and the eye

By MICKI PULSINELLI
Culinary Correspondent

Livingston Avenue in New Brunswick is that city's theater district, and arguably Central Jersey's most potent theater district. Within walking distance of each other — adjacent, in fact, are the State Theatre, George Street Playhouse and Crossroads Theatre.

So it seems fitting that a new restaurant (less than eight months old) would open on the same street (next door to Crossroads) and be named **Stage Left**. The restaurant offers both pre-theater dinner and late night dining to a lighter menu until 1 a.m.

You don't have to be a theater goer to enjoy good food, and you certainly don't have to attend one of the shows to eat there! However, if you do decide to go, especially on weekends, reservations are suggested. I tried to make reservations for 8 p.m. on a Friday and had to settle for 9 p.m.

Stage Left is small, with only 15 tables and a semicircular bar. The interior is upscale with linen, wine and water goblets and fresh flowers at each table. The walls are two-tone. The top half is cream while the bottom is dark green. The black ceiling and black lacquer chairs enhance this chic setting.

Paintings by a local artist grace the walls. We were told that they are for sale and a new artist would be featured every three months.

One of the owners, Mark Pascal, stopped at every table to greet diners and to inform them of the various wines that would go well with the items on the menu. Another owner, Francis Schott, was tending bar, while the third owner is businessman Luis Riviero. The chef is Dan Rothman who worked with Mark and Francis at another restaurant in New Brunswick.

The menu at Stage Left is American and seasonal and it changes every three months. The current winter menu features six appetizers (\$4.25-\$7.50), three salads (\$3.50-\$7.95) and 13 main courses (\$8.50-\$14.95). Nightly specials of appetizers, soup and entrees are recited by your waitress and include prices.

Appetizers that we didn't order include venison chili (\$8.95), smoked trout tartlet with marinated cucumbers (\$7.50) and marinated chic peas with grilled eggplant and feta cheese (\$5.95).

You can order a winter vegetable salad (\$4.95), an assorted greens in a balsamic vinaigrette (\$3.50) or the smoked beef tenderloin salad with maytag blue cheese (\$7.95).

As you can see, prices are very reasonable. The most expensive items on the menu were the roasted duck breast and the grilled strip steak for \$14.95.



Co-owners Francis P. Schott and Mark Pascal enjoy a quiet pre-dinner moment at Stage Left Restaurant on Livingston Avenue in the heart of the New Brunswick theater district.

Main courses at Stage Left are as diverse as the sauces that accompany them. Meat selections include grilled turkey breast, roasted duck breast, grilled venison, steak, chicken and roasted pork. There are several vegetarian dishes including a penne pasta and four fish dinners of grouper, tuna, tilapia and salmon.

Some of the sauces include a chestnut sauce with the turkey, a dried cherry sauce with the roasted duck breast, steak with a thyme demi-glace and a ginger saki vinaigrette with a grilled sesame tuna.

One of the appetizers we chose was fried goat cheese with a spicy pepper jelly (\$6.50). The goat cheese, lightly fried, was creamy and tasty and was dressed with slices of red and green apples.

The other appetizer was grilled shrimp with roasted pepper vinaigrette (\$7.50). The six grilled shrimp were lightly spiced, not overcooked, and served with arugula and roasted peppers.

We passed on salads and went right to the main courses. One selection was a delightful grilled salmon with a tomato dill vinaigrette and black-eyed peas (\$14.95).

Our other selection was one of the nightly specials. It was roast loin of pork over garlic mashed potatoes with a pear demi-glace sauce (\$13.50).

My husband ordered dessert, a chocolate mousse wrapped in a chocolate crepe (\$4.75), covered with shredded white chocolate and sitting in a design of dark chocolate. I ate the slices of strawberry, raspberry and blueberry that accompanied it.

A chef once told me that the presentation of the food is almost as important as the food itself. A good presentation enhances the taste because you eat with your eyes as well as with your mouth. At Stage Left, both presentation and taste were great! I wish them a long and successful run on Livingston Avenue.

STAGE LEFT 5 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick. (908) 828-4444.

This column is intended to inform readers about dining opportunities in the area. It is not a review.

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Happenings

ANTIQUES WEEKEND

Garden State Exhibit Center
200 Atrium Dr., Somerset
(201) 384-0010

•Two shows in one venue: the Valentine's Day Antique Jewelry Show and Sale, and the Garden State International Antiques Fair, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Feb. 13, 14. Admission \$6.

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United Methodist Church
460 Main St., Chatham
(201) 635-2408

•Annual show w/40 dealers, noon-9 p.m. Feb. 16, 17, noon-5 p.m. Feb. 18. Admission \$3.50, covers all three days.

JERSEY COAST BOAT SHOW

Monmouth Park
Garden State Parkway
Exit 105, Oceanport
(908) 776-6260

•Fortieth edition of the state's largest boat show, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Feb. 13, 19, 20; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Feb. 14, 15, 21. Admission \$6.

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Garden State Exhibit Center
200 Atrium Dr., Somerset
(908) 560-9020

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SERVANTS PARTY

Proprietary House
149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy
(908) 826-5527

•Re-enactment of a weekend party in 17th-century New Jersey, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 27. Admission \$35; Colonial dress optional.

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Feb. 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28; all at 2 p.m.

Club Bene

Route 35, Sayreville
(908) 727-3000

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PUSS IN BOOTS

Sunday, Feb. 21, 3 p.m.

State Theatre
19 Livingston Ave.

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THE RELUCTANT DRAGON

Sunday, Feb. 21, 3 p.m.

Union County Arts Center
1601 Irving St., Rahway

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THE SLEEPING BEAUTY

Sunday, Feb. 14; 1,

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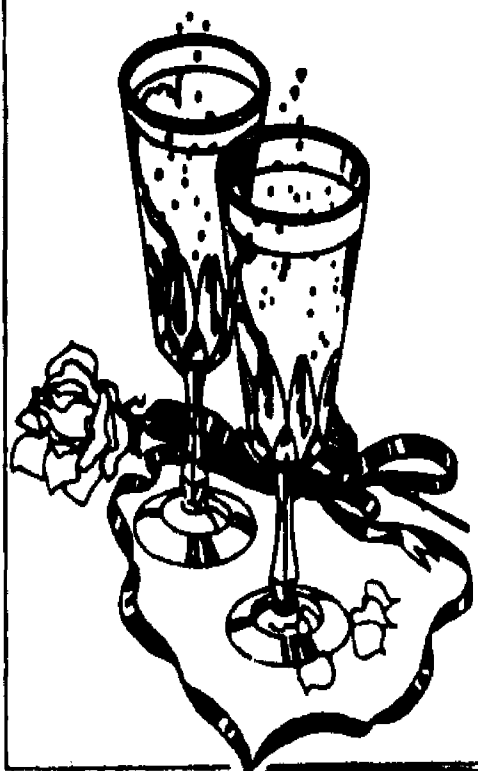
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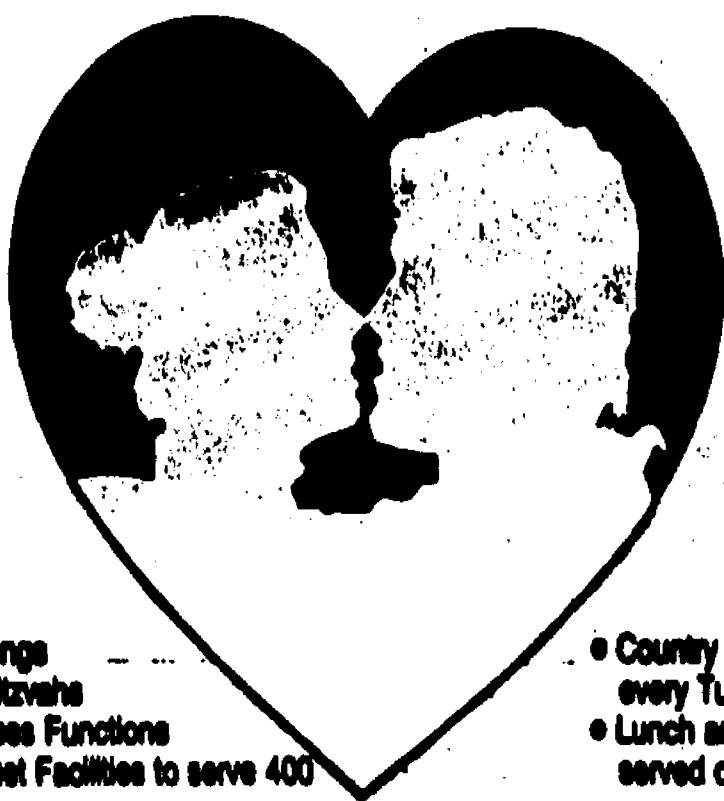
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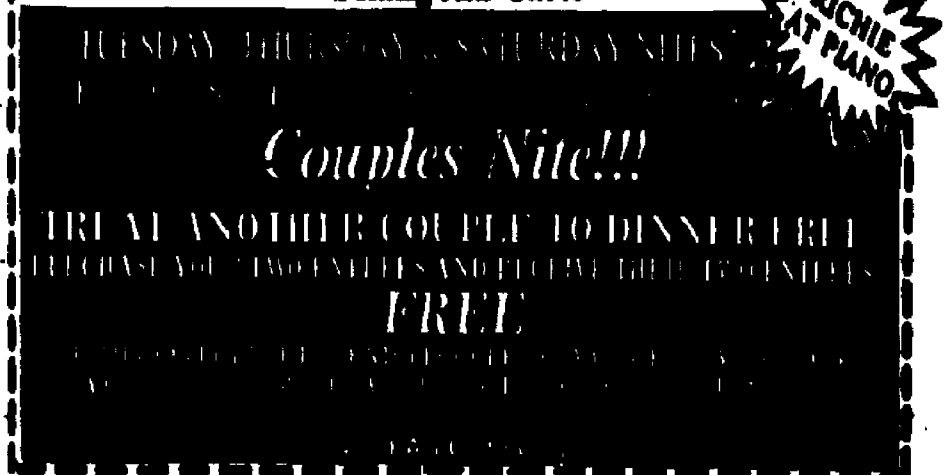
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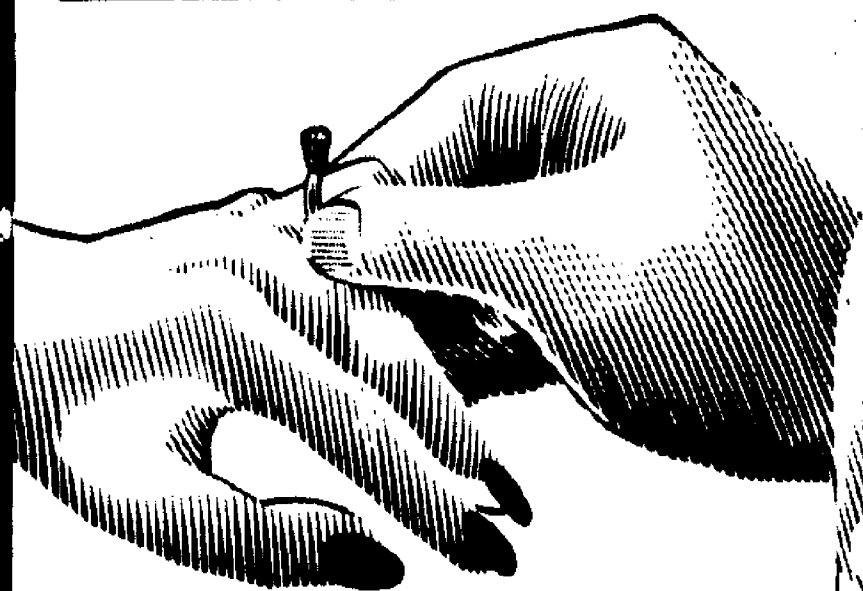
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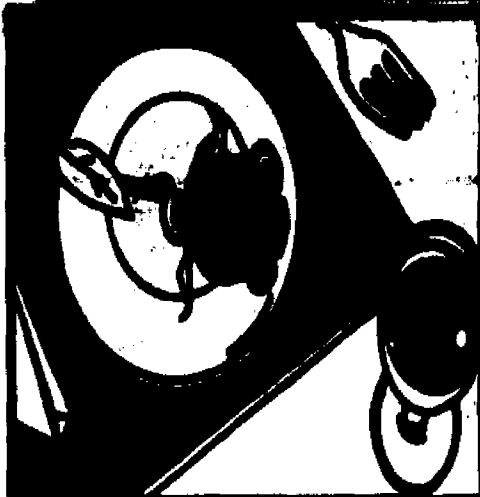
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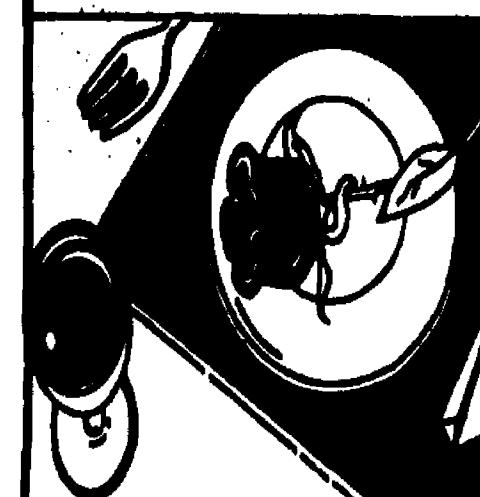
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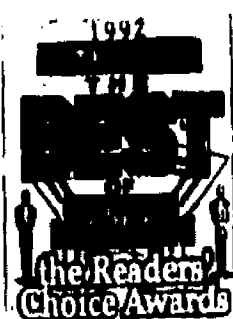
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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formation and display rates, call 272-6114.

9 Downtown Cranford will hold its **annual meeting** for all retailers and downtown business owners at Cortina Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. Lloyd Feinstein, a management consultant with experience in outplacement, training and personnel, will discuss retail marketing. For more information, call 709-7208.

13 Downtown Cranford will be dressed in red as Cranford Girl Scout Troop 583 helps downtown retailers celebrate Valentine's Day. Scouts will distribute **red, white and pink carnations** to all female shoppers in the downtown shopping districts from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

17 Chamber of Commerce will hold a **Board Retreat** from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at PSE&G on Commerce Drive. Facilitator Tom Clark will assist members in creating an implementation plan.

23 Members will have an opportunity to display their goods and services at **Business After Hours** at the Westwood in Garwood. The event is co-sponsored by the Westfield Area and Central Jersey Chambers of Commerce. For more in-

MARCH

4 Downtown retailers will sponsor a one-day **Moonlight Madness Sale** offering shoppers incredible bargains on fall and winter merchandise. Participating stores will cover their windows to hide the terrific bargains inside. Stores will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

24 The Chamber of Commerce will host a **Meet Your Legislators Night** from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Westwood. The event will be co-sponsored by the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information and admission fees, call the Chamber at 272-6114.

26 The Junior Women's Club will present the **Pushcart Players in A More Perfect Union**, an original music production about the Bill of Rights. The performance is appropriate for all ages. Tickets are \$4; the show begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at the Cranford Book Store, or by calling, 276-2118.



*Here's the truth, by George:
Town merchants chop prices
on top winter merchandise*

Romantic Valentine's gifts

Valentine's Day — the feast for lovers — is a day of romance. Cranford store owners offer a variety of gifts. Surely one is just right for the sweetheart in your life. Look inside for some great gift ideas from your local merchants.

It's no lie. Cranford store owners will chop prices on first-quality winter merchandise during its week-long President's Day Sales, beginning Tuesday, Feb. 9.

Shoppers can also take advantage of the personalized service that characterizes Cranford businesses and sets the downtown district apart from department stores and malls.

"It is an opportunity for shoppers to purchase the winter season's stock in mid-winter at bargain prices," explains Sam Kuntner, co-chairman of the promotion and owner of the Cranford Bootery.

While many advertisements use the most enduring characteristics of both great leaders — George Washington and Abraham Lincoln — Cranford's history

includes its own enduring stories.

During the Revolutionary War, Cranford residents supplied Washington's Morristown Army with grain and blankets while also providing a field hospital. Colonial soldiers were quartered in the old Cory House on North Avenue E, which also housed slaves on their way to freedom through the Underground Railroad during the Civil War. Cranford residents again played a pro-active role in politics during this time, supporting Abraham Lincoln and his new Republican Party through two terms.

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Editor Joanne McFadden
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Hear our experts talk — travel agents

Perfect vacations don't just happen. To ensure that your vacation is everything you dreamed it would be, remember to discuss your needs and wants with your travel agent. According to Claudia Santo of U.S. Travel on North Avenue and John Raslowsky of Butler Travel on Alden Street, vacationers should discuss several topics with their agent regarding financial concerns, individual preferences in lodging, types of activities and sports enjoyed, and how active or relaxing a vacation should be.

Both Mr. Raslowsky and Ms. Santo agree that all-inclusive vacations, where everything including air fare, lodging, and food are included in the price, offer the best

bargains. "All inclusive vacations to the islands are excellent values," said Mr. Raslowsky. "The variety of packages available allows the traveler to choose from those that cater to singles, couples, and families."

Mr. Raslowsky suggests Cancun for travelers looking for fun in the sun. "Cancun presents what is the best value in the Caribbean," he said. "They have the most fantastic hotels, friendly atmosphere, and the people really welcome tourists."

Mr. Raslowsky can recommend specific charters operating from Newark International Airport. "They are reliable in terms of their fleet and their service, and they offer

terrific all-inclusive packages to many of the more popular Caribbean locales," he said.

Ms. Santo recommends Vail, or Aspen, Colo., and Tahoe, Nev., for ski vacations. "If you're looking for night life, select Colorado resorts," she said. "For privacy and relaxation, go to Tahoe."

Locally, Vermont and New Hampshire offer great getaways for families.

She offers the following advice for budget-conscious travelers. "The farther you are willing to stay from the mountain, the better price you'll be able to get," she said.

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In November 1990, Michael Girardi drove through Cranford on his way to his wedding reception when his wife Denise remarked on the downtown's ambience and potential as a locale for a possible business. "It's a little weird, because at the time I wasn't really considering starting my own business. And now, here I am in Cranford and in my own store," he said.

Both Girardis were impressed with the improvements in the downtown shopping district. "Cranford is like a story-book town," he said. "It's friendly, close knit, beautiful and headed in the right direction."

His shop, Ball Park Deli, is also headed in the right direction. Mr. Girardi has carefully expanded its menu and in the near future, will begin to renovate the interior with — what else — but sports memorabilia.

"I haven't had a grand opening celebration yet," he explains, "because I want to get the store up to where it should be." That includes increasing the number of choice meats and cheeses available as well as adding to the breakfast and lunch menu. The deli serves only Kohler meats, said Mr. Girardi, because it does not use MSG preservatives. In addition, the salads and soups are truly

homemade. "Many other restaurants will claim that, but we make our fresh every single morning, and what is not finished...well I have a big family," he said.

Mr. Girardi works side-by-side with his mother Ethel. "I've been cooking ever since I could reach a stove," he jokes. In addition to restaurant experience, Mr. Girardi also worked with his father, who operated a hot dog stand in New York City.

In the future, Mr. Girardi will begin to stock non-perishable convenience items and offer a free delivery service.

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Tony's Cafe sports a new look for 10th anniversary

Tony's Cafe and Ristorante on North Union Ave, a family style Italian restaurant, celebrates its 10th anniversary in March. The establishment, which offers delicious southern Italian fare from appetizers to dessert, recently completed an interior and exterior renovation.

"We'd like to extend our deepest gratitude to the residents of Cranford for their patronage," said Carolyn Capone, who works side-by-side with her father Tony.

The new decor, which features wallpaper with shades of green and peach accentuated by plants, antique mirrors and paintings in handsome frames, is family friendly. The

additional room increases seating capacity and is available for large parties or organized dinners.

The menu is also designed with family in mind.

"We're just right for the family," said Tony. "They can enjoy a tasty home cooked meal without a high price tag."

The menu has a nice selection of chicken and veal dishes. Pasta selections, all home made, include angel hair, cannelloni and gnocchi. Of course, pizza is another specialty, and Tony's offers traditional toppings in addition to white pizza and focaccia, an individual pizza made without sauce but with a number of interesting toppings.

The restaurant's devotion to families does not end with its business. During February, the Capones will offer a special on Tuesdays and donate the proceeds to Cranford's Project Home, a non-profit organization that helps needy and deserving families. Adults pay just \$10 and children \$5 for a complete meal including homemade soup, salad, entree, dessert, and coffee or tea. Tickets are also on sale at the Cranford Book Store.

As a gift to its customers, Tony's will offer \$2 off any pizza or entree until Feb. 16 with the coupon in this edition. Look for additional specials during March.

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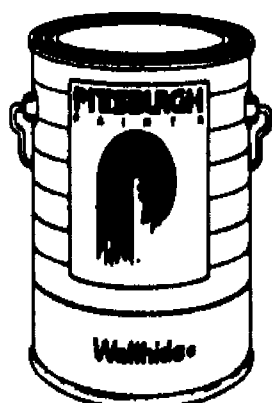
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Mirra & Ritter thrive on good pricing, unique wares

Since 1958, Robert Mirra and Jack Ritter have brought unique porcelain, crystal and oil paintings to the marketplace through their store, Mirra & Ritter on Walnut Avenue. "We still see our first customers," said Mr. Ritter. "And now we're serving their children. It makes you feel a little old," he jokes.

The store offers German and Hungarian crystal, crystal chandeliers, Chinese porcelain, silver and marcasite jewelry, and oil paintings in handsome frames. The owners attribute their success to their pricing policy and their customer-driven philosophy.

"Department stores work on a 300 to 400 percent mark-up on their jewelry," said Mr. Ritter. "We work on a 15 percent mark-up. It's a reasonable price and because of it, we sell a lot," he adds.

They started their business in Irvington as antique dealers. As their market share grew, they added import designs and have created in their own words, "an intriguing variety of merchandise."

"It took a little time for us to build a following, but now that people see what we have, and see our prices, they have become regular customers," said Mr. Mirra. "Our

merchandise is very unusual, and our prices are the best. In today's market, price is everything. People are looking for bargains, and we have them," said Mr. Mirra.

They are able to maintain their stock and offer good prices because of their contacts. When stores across the nation had trouble stocking Czechoslovakian crystal during the 1980s, Mirra and Ritter had no such experience.

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Gift-givers might want to consider red leather. At Cranford Leather Inc., the finest in leather fashions including coats, skirts, pants and pocketbooks are available.

For a unique gift idea, visit the Shirt Locker or Tees With A Plus, which can personal-

ize a shirt or sweatshirt. Different decals, hand-painted art work, monogramming, and unusual designs will result in a one-of-a-kind gift.

Come buy an entire outfit at Close to Cost, which offers turtlenecks, sweaters, pants and more at the most affordable price.

At Mickey Finn's, designer name lingerie, robes and outfits are available at prices up to 50 percent off department stores.

The mom-to-be should also be remembered, so don't forget to stop in at Duet Maternity and Infant Boutique. For the newest Valentine in your life, shop at Little Boutique.

At Cranford Bootery, accessories include leather and canvas pocketbooks are offered.

Downtown Cranford will be dressed in red as Cranford Brownie Troop 583 helps downtown retailers celebrate Valentine's Day. Scouts will distribute red, white and pink carnations to all female shoppers in the downtown shopping district from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13.

Salons pamper your loved one

Rejuvenating the soul can be as easy as rejuvenating the body.

Start with a full body massage, move on to a manicure and pedicure, and finish up with a facial, make-up lesson and new hair style. A day of pampering is every woman's dream. Cranford's full service salons Whair It's At, Louis Coiffures, Salon One Seventeen, and The Total Look can help

you fulfill it.

Gift certificates for haircuts and manicures are available from The Mane Event, the Associates for Hair, Brezin Hair Salon, Prime Cut Hair Designs, Ralph Brunette for Hair, Reales' Hair Salon, and Styles Street for Hair.

Gift certificates for skin and nail care are available from American Princess Skin & Nails and Nail Plaza.

Decorative gifts pleasers

Home decorations and appliances that lighten the housework are always good suggestions for gifts.

The Arrangement features great gift ideas for Valentine's Day including Love & Kisses cups, Cherish Teddy Bears, or ceramic animals decorated with red hearts. Music boxes, heart-shaped crystal boxes, and collector's houses are also welcomed gifts.

Mirra & Ritter offers gold, silver and maresale jewelry in addition to porcelain and crystal vases, planters and bowls.

MSR Joseph's features a variety of Native American merchandise including good-luck charms, pottery, cork sculptures, figurines, and turquoise earrings.

South Avenue Photo & Frame and Bergen Camera Exchange offer antique-looking frames and albums in addition to modern.

Victorian and country decorators will love gifts from Claypipe and Quill including folk art and home adornments. Candles, potpourri,

glassware, baskets, decorations and cards are all offered.

At Craft Country, gift givers can find supplies to make their own special item for their Valentine. Consider a silk rose standing by itself or combine it with wooden hearts. Take a styrofoam heart and pin sequins, bows and silk roses to make a Valentine that matches any decor.

Cranford Knitting Center can help with your sewing needs and Hartig's, with your home decorating needs.

Kitchenware Plus can offer suggestions for the chef in your life. Gourmet appliances including espresso makers and pasta machines are offered as are aprons, baskets, gadgets and utensils.

Bruce Alban of Alban Lewis Hardware offers some suggestions including heart-shaped cooking pans or personal care items. If you want to guarantee your Valentine's safety, consider purchasing pepper tear gas canister's for her protection.

Hobby Heaven offers a variety of models including railroads, cars, army vehicles, ships and airplanes.

Novelty gifts are a big hit

Many Cranford shops offer traditional gifts for Valentine's Day. In addition to a wide variety of cards and candies, they offer novelty gifts.

For the best variety of special Valentine gifts shop Brown's Hallmark. Bibs and T-shirts for children, boxer shorts and ties for dads, and heart frames for moms are all offered for sale. Other gift ideas are stuffed animals, coffee cups, Russell Stover candies, or tiny conversation hearts.

Personally Yours offers a great selection of chocolate novelties including chocolate roses, albums, and hearts. Create your own Valentine's basket wrapped in heart material and stuffed with balloons, plush animals, and trolls. This season's newest addition is Precious Moments chocolates and gift boxes. T-shirts, boxer shorts and bikinis are also available.

Sweet & Fancy Emporium offers chocolate novelties including the key to your

heart. Also available are heart-shaped molds and cooking pans.

Bell's Pharmacy and Baron's Drug Store carry several perfume brands including Chantilly, Lutece, Elizabeth Arden Red Door and Nina Ricci in addition to wallets by St. Thomas.

Plaza Pharmacy and Cranford Pharmacy offer the popular perfumes including Lauren, Tatiana, Lady Stetson and Truly Lace. For men, consider English Leather, Halston and Polo after shaves and colognes. In addition, the store offers Russell Stover candies and stuffed animals.

Harrison's offers Valentine trolls, cards and Russell Stover candies.

If your Valentine is a collector of ceramic plates or figures, Gina's Town & Country Gifts offers an extensive selection in addition to cards by Hallmark and American Greetings. Of special note is the Mary Englebright series.

Small gifts, Valentine trolls, cards and candy are all offered at Variety Bin.

For the man in your life...

Gentlemen's Corner's offers Valentine underwear and hankies in addition to more traditional gifts such as shirts, ties, and belts. Consider a novelty sweater for the golfer or fisherman. Shaving kits and suspenders also make great gifts.

Shapiro's offers Valentine's Day boxer shorts and night shirts in addition to red and white sweatshirts adorned with hearts.

If it's sports that turn your Valentine on,

consider a selection from the Cranford Bike Shop or Cranford Sports Center. The bicycle shop stocks a wide selection of mountain and racing bicycles including accessories and clothing. The Cranford Sport Center carries something for every sports enthusiast, whether player or spectator. In-line roller skates, football and basketball sports clothes, footwear, sports equipment, sports watches, team items and posters are all available.

Flowers traditionally say love

The conventional way to celebrate Valentine's Day is with flowers. Cranford's two florists, Cranford Florist and Bekemeier's Florist, offer a variety of ways to use them in unexpected arrangements that offer an alternative to simply placing them in a vase. FTD and Teleflorist selections featuring crystal vases and bowls, baskets, stuffed animals and chocolates are also available.

Cranford Florist will offer the Cobra Rose, a red rose similar in color to the carnation, yet hardier, said store owner Paula McCloskey. In addition, the store will feature gourmet food and flower baskets including sausage, sardines, cheese and crackers, and sparkling wine.

While red roses are most popular, both stores will offer other colors including yellow, peach, pink and white. In addition, they also provide delivery.

How about something old

Cranford's rich mix of antique stores offers an unusual way to celebrate Valentine's Day. The ideas are limitless. Victorian candlesticks and picture frames can set the tone for a romantic evening; new additions to a collector's collection are always welcome.

Shirley Green Antiques stocks French and American antiques and reproductions including candlesticks, glassware, ceramic bowls and planters, brass accessories, lamps and furniture.

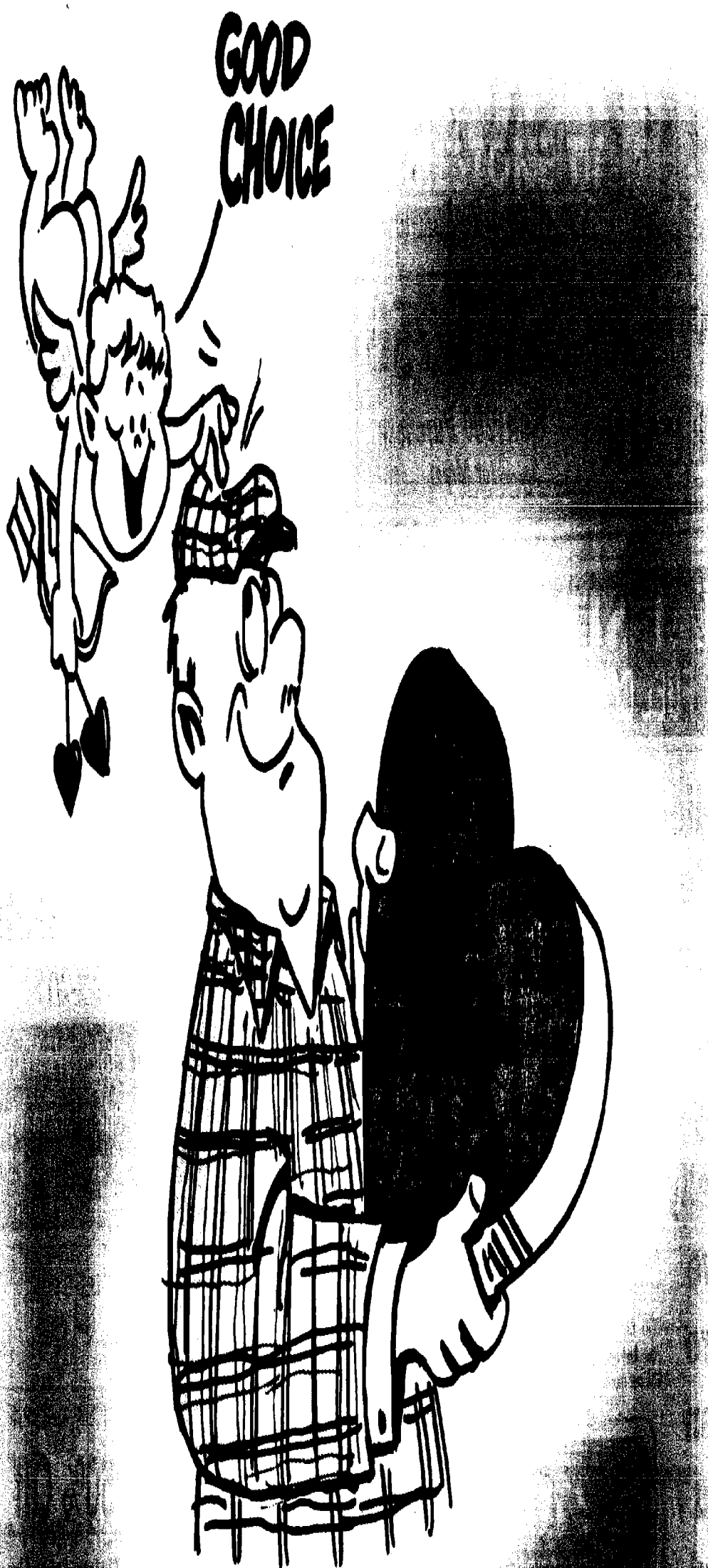
For an eclectic assortment of antiques and collectibles visit Nancy's Antiques, and for

toys, signs and the off-the-beaten track items, step next door to Cobweb Collectibles.

For collectors of comics, The Drawing Board stocks used and collectible editions in addition to posters, sports memorabilia, and card albums.

First Place is the place for new and collectible sport cards including baseball, football, hockey and basketball stars. Non-sports cards also are sold as well as limited comic books and collectors' items.

For the coin collector, visit Washington Rock Rare Coin where a knowledgeable staff will help with your selection.



Jewelry is forever popular

Both men and women enjoy receiving gifts of gold and silver.

Hynes Jewelers suggests 14K gold lockets and chain bracelets for Valentines of any age. Irish jewelry, featuring a fine selection of Claddagh items, is also featured as is Belleek china, Galway crystal and Royal Tara china. Executives will welcome Irish marble clocks and desk accessories.

Golden Touch Jewelers offers fine 14K gold chains and bracelets in addition to rings, earrings, silver chains and bracelets. The store is also Cranford's head-

quarters for watches by Seiko, Pulsar and Citizen.

Martin Jewelers features an outstanding selection of diamonds, estate jewelry, and unusual and rare colored stones. Lenox collectors can purchase heart shaped china and crystal. Watches by Rolex, Cartier, Patek Philippe, Ebel, Baume and Mercier, Movado and Omega are also offered.

Phoenix Jewelers has a beautiful collection of grandfather clocks, antique watches and jewelry.

Consider books or movies

A historical novel, a romantic adventure, a how-to book, or best seller all make terrific gifts for Valentine's Day.

The Cranford Book Store's knowledgeable staff will help make a selection if suggestions are needed. Linda's Book Exchange, which offers used books, records, cassettes and compact discs, suggests a gift certificate.

Music can set the mood so why not purchase a new CD or record? Browsers Record and Tapes and Off The Record stock a variety of music including jazz, pop, rock, country, easy listening, Broadway and movie soundtracks and classical. Need a suggestion: the very popular soundtrack from Phantom of the Opera.

Cranford's movie stores have many suggestions for video romances to share

with your Valentine.

Movies and More on Alden Street, Blockbuster Video and Cranford Video on South Avenue, have a variety of classic, epic and foreign films to fill the bill.

The Hollywood classic Casablanca pairs old lovers trying to rekindle a flame in Nazi-occupied French Morocco.

Romantics will be enthralled with *Somewhere in Time*, about a playwright who falls in love with an old painting of an actress, and through self-hypnosis goes back in time to meet her.

The romantic comedy, *When Harry Met Sally*, explores the question whether men and women can be friends, while the fairy tale adventure, *The Princess Bride*, is a swashbuckling comedy about a young man who must save his true love from an arranged marriage.

Chamber of Commerce targets seven goals for '93

Chamber of Commerce members met in January to update their mission statement and to propose a program of action for 1993. According to President Owen Daly, "the program of action is really just a wish list for what we hope to accomplish throughout the year."

On Feb. 17 Chamber members are encouraged to attend a board retreat which, explains Mr. Daly, will result in the creation of an implementation plan.

"We have hired a facilitator who will help us to build specific plans regarding each program so that our wishes

become concrete," he said.

The overall intent of the Chamber is to build membership and to improve communication between business owners and residents.

The Cranford Chamber of Commerce is a volunteer business organization formed to work with all sectors of the community to enhance the business climate and improve the quality of life in Cranford.

According to Mr. Daly, the Chamber created seven individual committees, each charged with one objective.

"I want to see all of these committee up and operating by the end of the year. The idea here is to get everyone to work at reaching the same ends," he said.

The Economic Development Committee will foster growth of the local economy by encouraging residents to support local businesses.

The Business and Education Committee will develop a relationship with staff at Cranford High School,

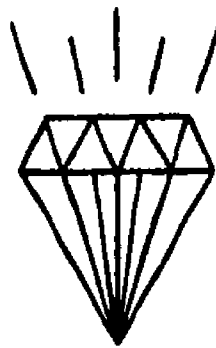
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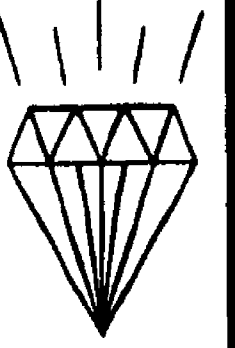
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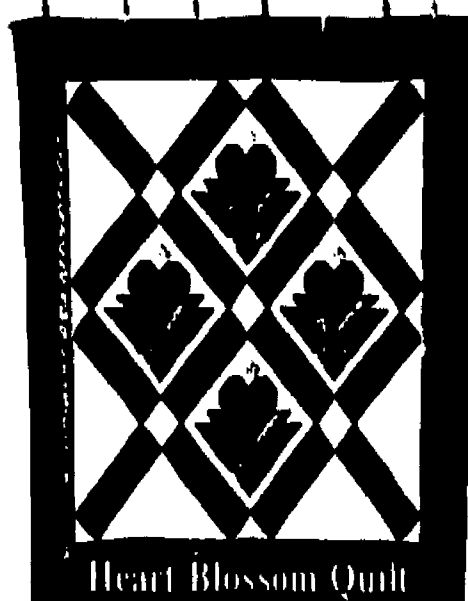
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Community events, business programs are goals

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sponsor a career day, and initiate a one-to-one program that pairs students with employers.

The Public Relations and Communications Committee will create and produce a quarterly newsletter in addition to biweekly press releases.

The Community Events Committee will organize the June Arts and Crafts Street Festival, July's circus, October's Italian Festival, the annual tree lighting ceremony, and the Citizen of the Year banquet.

The Business Programs Committee will conduct breakfast seminars, training sessions and guest speaker events in addition to new-member receptions and customer service awards luncheons.

The Governmental Relations Committee will address issues affecting business before the Township Committee, while the Finance Committee will develop a business plan and present a yearly budget and monthly reports.

The Chamber of Commerce has developed an exciting and informative calendar of events for its members beginning with a brainstorming session Feb. 17.

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A Business Expo on Feb. 23 will give members the opportunity to display their merchandise or present their service in a friendly and cordial atmosphere. It will be co-sponsored by the Westfield and Central Jersey Chambers of Commerce.

The Chamber will sponsor an evening event, Meet Your Legislators, on March 24. The event is open to all residents age 21 and over.

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Downtown Management Corp. leaders appointed

Mayor Daniel Aschenbach appointed the board of directors of the Downtown Management Corporation at the January reorganization meeting of the Township Committee. Anthony Mack, a member of the DMC since its inception seven years ago, was named chairman.

"I think Cranford is truly a town with character," said Mr. Mack. "Take a walk through town and you will find that Cranford, like our new clock, is right on time."

Meryl Layton, a founding member of the DMC, will fill a two-year unexpired term. Ms. Layton is also a member of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce and

Downtown New Jersey, a statewide agency devoted to downtown revitalization.

Suzanne Farrell will continue to chair the marketing committee. She will focus on increasing general advertising, recruiting new businesses, and sales promotions.

Ruth Yablonsky, a horticulturist and employee of Trailside Nature and Science Center, will continue in her role as maintenance chairperson.

Other members of the DMC include Barbara Bilger, a former township commissioner, who will represent non-special improvement district (SID) business owners and

serve as sign and facade chairperson.

Gloria Cotroneo, a resident employed by N.J. Bell for 30 years before her retirement, will co-chair the parking committee with Robert Greco. Mr. Greco, owner of Greco's Garage, is a lifelong resident of Cranford.

Joel Goodman, a downtown property owner, will chair the real estate and development committee. Bill Iaione, owner of Iaione Development Corporation, will head the Streetscape committee. Dale Jones will serve as finance chair. Mr. Jones has worked for AT&T for 32 years and is an adjunct professor at three colleges. Commissioner Carolyn Vollero will serve as DMC liaison.



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DMC presents 'lean' budget of \$238,000 for 1993

Anthony Mack, chairman of the Downtown Management Corporation (DMC), recently presented its 1993 operating budget to residents, merchants and property owners. "This is a very lean budget," said Mr. Mack. "In my opinion, it is a proper budget and those in attendance seem to agree with our proposals."

Funds are raised through an additional assessment to special improvement district (SID) property owners. Tax dollars are used only for capital expense improvements including parking lot renovations.

Over the past seven years, the downtown improvement

project have cost approximately \$1,200 per downtown property owner per year based on an assessed value of \$400,000. Residents have contributed about \$14 annually per household based on a home valued at \$175,000.

The \$238,111 budget includes expenditures of \$100,000 for debt service reduction; \$54,850 for administration; \$39,883 for maintenance; \$4,000 for sign and facade; \$200 for parking; \$10,000 for Streetscape maintenance and replacement; and \$49,820 for marketing.

"We are very concerned about the money that we spend," said Mr. Mack. "We treat it like our own, as if

every cent was coming out of our pockets. There were many deliberations before we presented what we consider to be the most fiscally responsible budget," he said.

Downtown Manager Marta Person and Marketing Committee Chairperson Suzanne Farrell were also on hand to answer questions. Ms. Farrell highlighted specific expenditures within the marketing budget including community enhancements, publications, recruitment, and sales promotions.

Ms. Person presented the administration budget and explained the services provided through her office.

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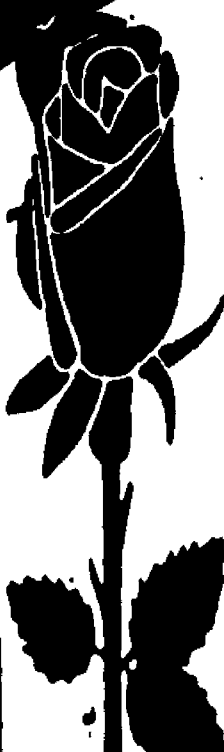
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Sale madness coming to town

Shoppers looking for the ultimate sale items should mark their calendars for Thursday, March 4, when Cranford retailers join together to present a one-day Moonlight Madness sale. Traditionally, all retailers use the month of March as clearance time for their fall and winter merchandise.

According to Sam Kuntner, owner of the Cranford Bootery and co-chairman of the sales promotion, Cranford retailers will also use the event to preview their spring items.

"This promotion will be a winter version of our sidewalk sales, and so the bargains to be found will be tremendous," he said. "Other retailers will use the promotion as a get-acquainted viewing of their new spring fashions," he added.

Participating merchants will "hide" their wares behind windows that are painted over so shoppers will be surprised by the items.

Privately owned shops do not hold onto to their merchandise from year to year for several reasons including lack of storage space, changing trends and overhead costs. The seasonal clearance sale is a technique used by many Cranford retailers to make way for new merchandise.

"By having a large number of stores participate in a sale, we create the image of a mall," explained Sandy Hamayadi, co-owner of Geiger's Fine Women's Apparel and co-chairman of the annual event.

Shoppers can get change for parking

Downtown Cranford will activate a change station in March in the Park & Shop lot off Miln Street. The machine will be near the stairs leading to the lower lot. Shoppers will be able to buy parking tokens through the change station at a discounted price.

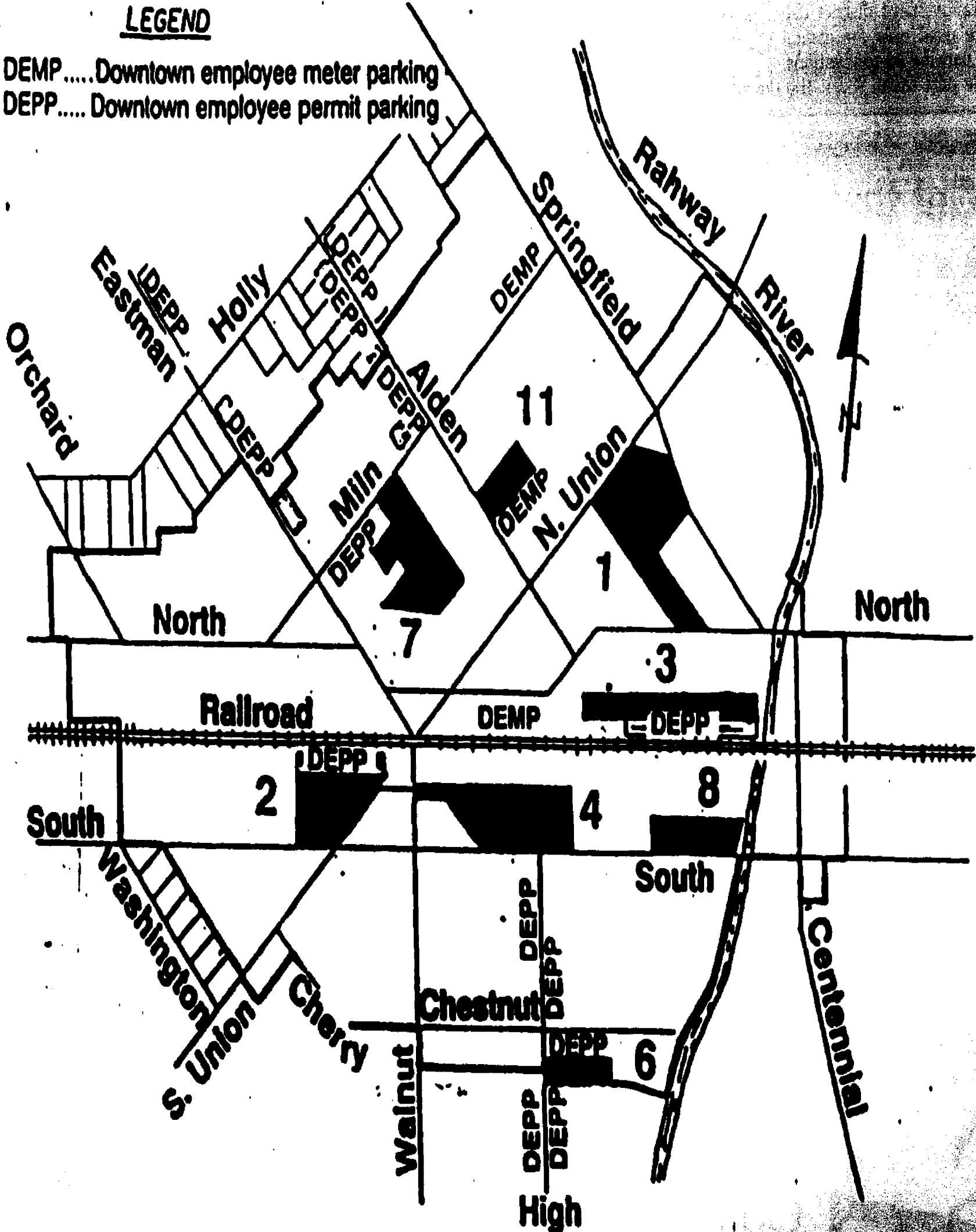
While all parking meters will still accept quarters, but shoppers who opt to use the change machine to exchange quarters for tokens will receive three tokens for every quarter, or three tokens and three quarters for each dollar. "In essence, the shopper will receive 30 minutes of free parking with each transaction," said Downtown Manager Marta Person.

Participating merchants will also continue to distribute tokens for free. Just look for the "WE PARTICIPATE IN THE PARKING TOKEN PROGRAM" decal in the windows of your favorite merchant and ask for free parking tokens.

Participating stores include Bell Pharmacy, Cranford Bike Shop, Cranford Book Store, Cranford Bootery, Geiger's Fine Women's Apparel, Gentlemen's Corner, Linda's Book Exchange, MSR Joseph's, Martin Jewelers, Tony's Cafe, and Crossland Savings.

Tokens may be used in all short-term parking meters on the street or in the parking lots. They should be used like quarters.

Downtown parking guide



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3	Downtown employees & shoppers
4	Outbound commuters only
6	Outbound commuters only
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11	Downtown employees only