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Blood drive Sunday

Hold out your arm and save a life. The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross is holding a blood drive on Sunday. It will be at the Presbyterian Church on Mountain Avenue, 3-6 p.m. You must be between the ages of 17-76 to donate blood, 17 year olds must have parental consent. Each unit of blood donated helps to save five lives with the blood components. Anyone who lives or works in Westfield or Mountainide can replace units of blood at no charge.

United Fund climbs

The United Fund of Westfield has raised 84.8 percent of its goal for the 1992 campaign. Nineteen agencies, including the Union County Legal Services Corporation, are counting on the money promised to them by the United Fund. They are still collecting pledge cards and contributions, send them to the United Fund, 301 North Avenue West, Westfield, NJ 07090.

Legislator day soon

The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce will host Meet Your '93 Legislators After Hours Wednesday, March 24. Don't miss this chance to meet your county and state legislators. Residents, members of community organizations, local business people and legislative staffs are welcome. The cost is \$12 for members of the Westfield or Cranford chambers or \$16 for non-members. The event is 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Westwood. Call the chamber for more information at 288-3081. The deadline for registration is Wednesday.

Library jazz Sunday

The Library will host the Paul Salomone Jazz Trio this Sunday. The trio will be performing popular hits, American standards, and the original compositions of keyboardist Paul Salomone. Mike Farley, the first president of the Friends of the Library (1972-74), will be given the Kenneth S. Gaston award. For the past 15 years, this award has been given to an individual who has given outstanding service to the library. The community is invited to join the celebration and concert at 3 p.m. at the program room in the library.

Kindergarten signup

Tamaques School has begun its kindergarten roundup. Parents of children who will enter kindergarten next fall or children in private schools who will be entering first grade in the fall can obtain registration forms from the school. Children may enter kindergarten if they will be five years old by the end of next October. They may enter first grade if they will be six by the end of October. Call Tamaques School at 789-4580 for the forms or more information.

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Rain? What rain?



Thursday brought heavy rain to town and it brought school crossing guard Joe Mariano to gear up for the wetness. He is awaiting the next group of hurrying pupils from Roosevelt School at his Clark Street station.

ShopRite may win friends with new market site plan

By JOANNE McFADDEN
THE RECORD

The attorney representing Village Market, the firm which seeks to build a 80,000-square-foot ShopRite supermarket on a North Avenue site straddling the Garwood-Westfield border, will unveil revised plans at tonight's combined planning board meeting. The lawyer says the plan will be more appealing to both communities.

Tonight's joint meeting at 7:30 p.m. will be at Washington School, 900 St. Mark's Ave.

"Overall, the new site plan calls for improvements that I believe the public will have a better feel for," said Jeffrey Lehrer of Bivona, Cohen, Kunzman, Coley, Yospin, Bernstein & DiFrancesco of Warren.

The revised site plan, explained

Mr. Lehrer, addresses the physical location of the building, the parking configuration, and aesthetics. In addition, said Mr. Lehrer, the improvements will eliminate the need for several variances.

According to Mr. Lehrer, the proposed parking lot will be joined with an existing parking lot at Plaza Properties to create one large parking area that would service both shopping areas.

"This creates a larger parking area, but one with better ingress and egress points," he explained.

In addition, the new site plan locates the entire structure farther back from the road than originally planned so that a front yard variance will be unnecessary.

"Many sign variances will also be eliminated as we now propose using ground signs at the entrance that are much more appealing,"

Mr. Lehrer said.

The new plans got the unanimous approval of the Westfield Board of Architectural Review at a meeting last Monday. The architects were very cooperative with the board throughout the procedure, the board's chairman Bill Sweeney said. They presented plans before the board three times before they were approved.

The changes include the hiring of a landscape architect and the revising of the lighting plans so there is less spillover of light outside the property.

Garwood Planner William Nierstedt, who previously had raised some safety and design concerns with the original plans, reviewed the revised plans last week.

"In my opinion, the new plans are much better," he said.

Council moves to write, not to vote, on gun ban

By ELIZABETH GRONIK
THE RECORD

Town Council opted Tuesday night not to draft a formal resolution, but instead to send a letter collectively urging the state legislature not to override the governor's ban on semi-automatic rifles.

Mayor Garland "Bud" Boothe opted to write a letter to Assemblyman Rich Bagger, Assemblyman Alan Augustine, and State Senator

Donald DiFrancesco expressing the views of the council as a group of individuals, not the elected body.

A resolution passed Tuesday night would have been "eight men and one woman expressing their opinion" and would have "cheapened the process," the mayor said.

Resident Lawrence Goldman had asked the council to pass a resolution to reflect the feelings of the voters in Westfield that the ban should remain in place. The coun-

cil's input to the higher governing bodies is not unprecedented, Mr. Goldman said, citing their resolution regarding aircraft noise.

"Aircraft noise is a nuisance, keeping guns off the streets is a matter of safety," Mr. Goldman said.

Sheldon Weinstein agreed that the town should draft a resolution to let Westfield's elected legislators know where they stand on the issue. He pointed out that many Westfield residents do not stay only in town, but work in cities where crime is prevalent.

While Mayor Boothe said he is not in favor of the repeal, he felt a resolution passed at this time would not be properly researched.

Fourth Ward Councilman Jim Hely endorsed drafting the resolution in a timely manner due to the course of action in Trenton. A Senate vote on the veto override is set for Monday.

His Fourth Ward colleague, Michael Panagos, agreed with Mayor Boothe that the resolution should be subject to council, committee and public scrutiny before adoption.

First Ward representatives Norm Greco and Tony LaPorta were in favor of the resolution to send a message while the legislators' ears were open.

Third Ward Councilman Gary Jenkins warned the council of the dangers of "yielding to hysteria." As the chairman of the public safety committee, he said he would feel uncomfortable about passing a resolution without an investigation.

Peddling may be uphill battle after law review

By ELIZABETH GRONIK
THE RECORD

Citing concern for public safety and privacy, the Town Council did not vote on a peddler's license but ordered its laws and rules committee to rework the peddling ordinance.

Munsee Way residents Judy Buehler and Harris Vernick expressed their disapproval of allowing peddlers to sell goods door to door. Mrs. Buehler said there is already enough solicitation among charities on the phone, children selling candy bars, and religious organizations, and that she considers solicitation an invasion of privacy. Her neighbor, Dr. Vernick, agreed that residents should not be subject to such sales by intimidation at their front doors.

Councilwoman Peggy Sur remarked that this application had caused much uproar despite the fact that people already sell goods door-to-door and that peddlers have a right to do so.

She said Monday night she had purchased paintings from a young French woman artist who came to her door after dark. Councilman Jim Hely also referred to this artist, who paints watercolor views of town. The concept of peddlers need not be lost on Westfield, he said.

"A knife sharpener comes down my street ringing a bell, I feel like I'm living in the 18th or 19th century that we're all trying to preserve in this town," Mr. Hely said.

The ordinance on the books regarding peddling is over 40 years old and will now be reworked by the laws and rules committee.

Forklift driver dies in Handler accident

By ELIZABETH GRONIK
THE RECORD

A 33-year-old employee of Handler Manufacturing was killed Monday when a forklift he was operating tipped over, pinning him underneath.

Thomas Rue of South Plainfield was trapped in the driveway of the manufacturing plant on North Avenue when the Westfield police arrived, according to their report. Police believe he was turning into the driveway from North Avenue when the accident occurred at approximately 12:50 p.m.

Mr. Rue was face down and bleeding from his head, according to police. The forklift's roll cage pinned the victim midway on his back, the report said.

Detective Sgt. James Schneider

said employees of Whelan's garage, Handler, and Westfield Lumber brought boards and jacking devices to attempt to free the victim.

"It was like a bucket brigade of boards," he said.

The fire department, the rescue squad, and the Overlook Hospital Medic Unit were on the scene. Rescue workers administered CPR to the victim, who was admitted to Overlook Hospital's emergency room with head and internal injuries. He was pronounced dead at 1:45 p.m. at Overlook Hospital.

There were no witnesses to the accident, except for one motorist who "saw it fleetingly out of the corner of her eye," Det. Sgt. Schneider said.

Detectives are interviewing witnesses to the rescue and are hoping another motorist may have seen the incident.

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 #5: One Bottle (.6 oz.) White-Out

	Town	School
Cranford	\$.48	\$.53
Westfield	1.00	.75
Scotch Plains	1.06	NONE
Fanwood		
Kenilworth	.95	1.44
Garwood		
Regional Schools		.70
Average	87.3¢	85¢

Next week's item is: One "While You Were Out" pad

Is red ink under whiteout? — V

This week's review of prices paid by local governing and taxing entities indicates that the office standby whiteout fluid used in blocking out printed errors varies to the

tune of a 51 percent span between the lowest and top prices paid. Speaking of errors, last week's chart on toilet tissue prices showed Westfield at 31 cents. It should have been 26 cents.



GLENNIDKA 'NICKIE' JURADO

By CHERYL NEIL
THE RECORD

As Miss Union County, Glennidka "Nickie" Jurado makes numerous appearances for a variety of causes. Her help, though, will benefit Children of Courage March 29.

At 22 Nickie is considered by many to be somewhat of a human dynamo. In fact, her ability to juggle a full time job at the New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry, attend Rutgers University at night and manage a dessert catering business on the side has many in awe. But the Rahway resident takes everything in stride, especially when it comes to helping others.

Lending a helping hand is something Nickie always has time for. Last year when Miss New Jersey launched a statewide U.S.O. type troop show, Nickie was one of the seven selected to perform.

Since then she and other county

representatives have traveled all over the state providing entertainment at senior citizen and veterans homes.

So, when she was asked to model at the Forbes Newspapers-sponsored fashion show benefiting the Emmanuel Cancer Fund, which assists families of children with cancer, she never hesitated.

Although she juggles job, career and a heavy personal appearance schedule the beauty queen continues to work toward her goal of a masters in education. While her ultimate goal is a career in education, she also intends to balance this with being a wife and mother. Until then, she is working hard to pay for 80 percent of her education herself.

Although Nickie will not be wearing any of the pageant gowns she designs sews herself and wears in various pageants, she will be walking down the runway in spring and summer fashions from Lord and Taylor.

Homeowners cite firefighters' care

In a letter to Fire Chief Walter Ridge, the owner of a house which recently hit by fire praised the department for their quick response in fighting the blaze. The homeowner, Henry Kelly, also said he noticed the care with which the firefighters tried to keep the damage to a minimum.

"The thing that impressed both my wife and me was that all the nick-knacks in our front hall were moved into the living room," Mr. Kelly said. "Your concern for the contents of our home was especially appreciated."

Another job well done by Westfield's firefighters!

In other action on the log, the department:

March 7

Was on the scene of an auto accident on the corner of Prospect Street and Dudley Avenue.

Fire log

Assisted locked out resident on the 500 block of St. Mark's Avenue and the 700 block of South Avenue West.

March 8

Was on the scene of a transformer explosion on the 300 block of Scotch Plains Avenue.

Assisted a locked out resident on the 100 block of Bell Drive.

Was on the scene of a vehicle gas leak on the 100 block of Stoneleigh Park.

Was present at a hazardous condition on the 700 block of Austin Street.

March 7

Was on the scene of downed wires on the 100 block of Central Avenue and the 200 block of Golf Edge.

Evacuated a residence on the 400 block of Palstead Avenue because of a water condition.

March 8

Assisted a locked out resident on the 100 block of Floral Court.

Responded to an alarm malfunction on the 100 block of East Broad Street.

Was on the scene of a downed cable wire on the 700 block of Carleton Road.

Was present at a water condition on the 700 block of Lenape Trail.

March 8

Responded to an accidental alarm on the 100 block of Ferris Place.

Investigated the odor of natural gas on the 100 block of Prospect Street.

Was on the scene of a boiler malfunction at Westfield High School.

March 8

Extinguished stove fire on the 400 block of Alden Avenue.

Responded to a trouble alarm at the McKinley Elementary School.

March 1

Was on the scene of a furnace malfunction on the 300 block of Scotch Plains Avenue.

Plainfield men arrested

Police log

Several Plainfield men were arrested Monday in separate incidents by police.

Derrick Davis, 18, of Plainfield was arrested for possession of an illegal weapon. He was processed and released on \$250 bail.

Bruce Romans, 18, of Plainfield was arrested on a contempt of court warrant from Plainfield. He was released after posting \$175 bail.

Bryan Filmer, 18, of Plainfield, was arrested on a contempt of court warrant from Plainfield. He was turned over to the Plainfield Police department in lieu of \$280 bail.

A Windsor Avenue resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

Steven Jones of Plainfield was arrested for being an unlicensed driver. He was released on his own recognizance.

Otis Jones, 28, of Plainfield, was arrested for driving while unlicensed on South Avenue. He was released on \$50 bail.

March 8

Patrolmen Steven Ebin and Todd East arrested Jerry Lennaga of Atlantic Highlands for driving while intoxicated. He is being held in lieu of \$1125 bail.

A Golf Edge resident reported someone attempted to steal his vehicle.

A Shadowtown Drive resident reported criminal mischief to his lawn.

March 8

A Sitting Place resident reported he was assaulted while waiting on Cecelia Place.

An East Broad Street business owner reported the theft of a storm grate from the property.

The owner of a West Broad Street deli reported the theft of \$50 from the cash register.

Greco wants more controls on door-to-door peddlers

Peddlers are not welcomed on Norm Greco's doorstep. The first ward councilman has outlined his views on salespeople who hawk their wares door to door. Among his objections to this practice are security concerns and the added, but unfair competition with businesses already in town.

The ordinance which establishes the licensing procedures for peddlers is 40 years old, the councilman noted, and provides the licen-

see with the right to do business without having to incur the costs of overhead which stores have.

• Licensing should be done by the Police Department, not the town clerk, because they are responsible for enforcement.

• The application form should include enough information to permit a mental health check and a criminal check using the fingerprints of the vendor.

• A 30-day waiting period to allow

police enough time to investigate.

• When a license is granted, the holder should be required to wear a photo identification card while soliciting.

• The cost of the license should be

raised to \$500 to compensate for the loss of taxes due to a lack of place of business.

• a provision to allow the police to revoke the license if there are complaints lodged against the vendor.

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SUSAN GLICK
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Rotary picks Tamaques teacher for 1st Pillhower

By ELIZABETH GROMEX
THE RECORD

It figures that Susan Glick is a special education teacher. Judging from the letters which successfully nominated her for the Rotary Club's Charles Pillhower Fellowship, many of her colleagues and her students' parents think she is special herself.

The fellowship will allow Mrs. Glick to attend a conference or seminar sometime this summer, she said. This is the first year the Rotary has awarded this fellowship, which honors former school superintendent and Rotarian Charles Pillhower. The selection committee chose the Tamaques School teacher from the 18 nominations received.

One letter of nomination said, "She honestly believes that each child is capable of achieving the impossible. She does whatever is necessary to make that happen."

One of her former students wrote, "Mrs. Glick taught me many skills but she was also patient and encouraging, expecting me to do the assigned work. She really is an outstanding teacher."

But Mrs. Glick, who has been teaching in Westfield for over 20 years, quickly waves off all accolades from her students and her

colleagues.

Finding the ways to help the students learn for themselves is the challenge for special education teachers.

"It's like being a detective," Mrs. Glick said.

The other primary grade teachers also help make Mrs. Glick's job more rewarding. Whether they are inviting her students into their classes for special programs or just making them feel like they are a part of the whole school, they are always interested in the kids in the special education class.

"The first, second, and third-grade teachers go out of their way for my students," Mrs. Glick said. "They so lovingly take my kids."

Mrs. Glick expressed gratitude for her teaching assistant, Gerry Rizzo. She also credits the forward thinking of the Westfield Board of Education for her successes in working with these kids.

"They are always trying and doing the newest things and providing teachers with the opportunities to learn," Mrs. Glick said.

To Mrs. Glick, the idea of being singled out as an outstanding teacher does not truly reflect the team and community spirit at Tamaques School.

"Nobody teaches in a vacuum," Mrs. Glick said. "I guess I was just lucky."

All board candidates say 'yes' to budget

By ELIZABETH GROMEX
THE RECORD

The school budget gets the stamp of approval from all the candidates for the school board. When asked how they would vote for the budget, not as a board member, but as a citizen at the polls, the five candidates said they would pull down the "yes" lever in the April 20 election.

The field of five, including two incumbents, are vying for three open board seats.

Current board vice president, Susan Jacobson, said she would vote to pass the budget because it maintains the quality level but does not exceed the state mandated cap on budget increases.

"The fact that no programs were taken out makes me feel good," Mrs. Jacobson said in a phone interview.

She also explained that she approaches many of the issues the board faces from the point of view of a homeowner and a concerned citizen, and not especially as a parent.

"I've already been through it (seeing her kids through the school

system), I'm not just concerned with my kids or just a single issue," Mrs. Jacobson said. "I look at it as how it will affect all the kids, not just my kid. It's easier for me to do that because I'm not emotionally involved."

As a homeowner, she supports education because it is one of the reasons people move to Westfield.

The other incumbent, Melba Nixon, also agrees that the budget maintains the programs in town, but is mindful of the taxpayers.

One of the policies saved by careful budgeting is keeping the class sizes low, which is also a concern of many parents, she said, responding over the phone.

Mrs. Nixon pointed out that the budget is \$15,000 under cap, but that the fixed costs of the school district keep rising. She stands behind the board's efforts to balance all the factors in working out a budget.

"A lot of care and thought went into preparing the budget," Mrs. Nixon said. "I do feel we've done our very best."

Bill Reinhardt, a first-time school board candidate, is in favor of the budget, too. The board has been

able to hold down the increase with sensitivity to the economic times, he said in a phone interview.

"It is a fair budget that does not put much new burden on the taxpayer," Mr. Reinhardt said. "They are keeping the schools solid at a fair price."

He credited the school board for managing to find "additional savings to meet an agreed upon target," he said.

Jean Benisch, who is also running for the first time, supports the budget, but faults the paperwork dictated by the state for causing the budget to dominate.

"The budget should be a useful tool for planning, budgeting, contract negotiation, and public disclosure. Instead of the budget serving us, it controls us," Mrs. Benisch said in a written statement.

One specific example cited by Mrs. Benisch is the placement of health benefits as a fixed charge. This should be grouped with salaries and benefits instead, she said.

The cost of health care represents a meaningful part of the school budget and was increased since last year.

"The proposed amount for health benefits in the new budget exceeds \$5.5 million. It represents a 21.5-percent increase over last year. It represents 12 percent of our entire school budget," Mrs. Benisch said.

Bill Sweeney, a second-time candidate, agrees that health care costs should concern the board members and the residents. He would vote in favor of the budget, but would like to know more about future plans to address these rising costs.

"The board has to bring these costs under control. There is no plan to address it that I've heard," Mr. Sweeney said on the phone.

He feels he is not alone in the community in wondering what the board will do in the future.

"It's a question a lot of people are asking."

Fashion show is March 29

The Forbes Newspapers fourth annual Spring Style Fashion Show is set for Monday, March 29, at the Somerset Marriott Hotel, 110 Davidson Ave.

The aim of the show, which benefits Central Jersey's Children of Courage, is to adopt three local families who have a child with cancer, providing a total of \$6,000 worth of financial and counseling assistance during the year. These funds are administered through the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation.

The show will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a charity auction. The fashion show will begin at 7 and dessert and coffee will be served at 8. In addition to a preview of this season's fashions, there will be door prizes, a cash bar, samples and coupons. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door.

For tickets and more information call 722-3000, Ext. 6100.

Bowl-a-thon will aid Crohn's Assn.

Union County residents can bowl to raise funds for the N.J. Crohn's and Colitis Foundation at a Bowl-a-Thon Sunday, March 28, at Hiway Bowl, Route 22, Union.

Bowlers will join 18 10-member teams from Kings Super Markets at the tourney. Participants may call Caryn Blumenseld at the foundation office, 214-0505, for sponsor sheets and pledge forms. Bowlers with more than \$30 in sponsorships or pledges receive free games and a T-shirt.

Marcottes donate desserts

Ken and Nancy Marcotte, owners of Ken Marcotte Restaurant, are the first Westfield restaurant to donate desserts to the Education Fund of Westfield's gala, A Taste of Westfield, Saturday.

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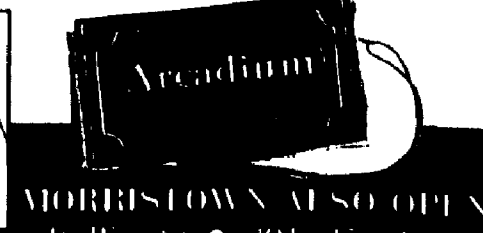
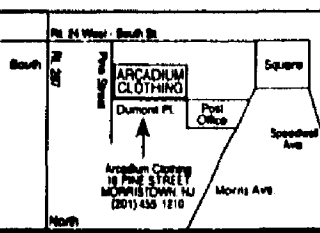
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Commentary

Ricochet vote

Senate decides to duck public distaste for Assembly's earlier pro-assault gun vote

The New Jersey Assembly voted March 4 to override a ban on possession of semi-automatic rifles. Their vote supported ownership of such weapons, although the consensus among urbanized New Jerseyans seems to be to the contrary.

On Tuesday of this week, Senate President Don DiFrancesco announced he was among six Republican senators who would vote to sustain the ban, thereby harkening to a wave of public sentiment.

That outpouring has come from the clergy, the New Jersey School Boards Association (on behalf of school children), and some local elected bodies, including a unanimous vote by the Westfield Board of Education.

New Jersey has a history of being strict on the requirements for possession of guns and their allowed uses. This is a shotgun state for hunting everything from pheasants to deer. (The exceptions are the estimated 22,000 small-caliber rifle-bearing, licensed trappers and hunters of woodchucks, raccoons, and possums, but they must undergo 20 hours of arms training, double the time required for shotguns.)

The rationale and tradition behind New Jersey's attitude about rifles, which does not exist officially in most states, is that most of New

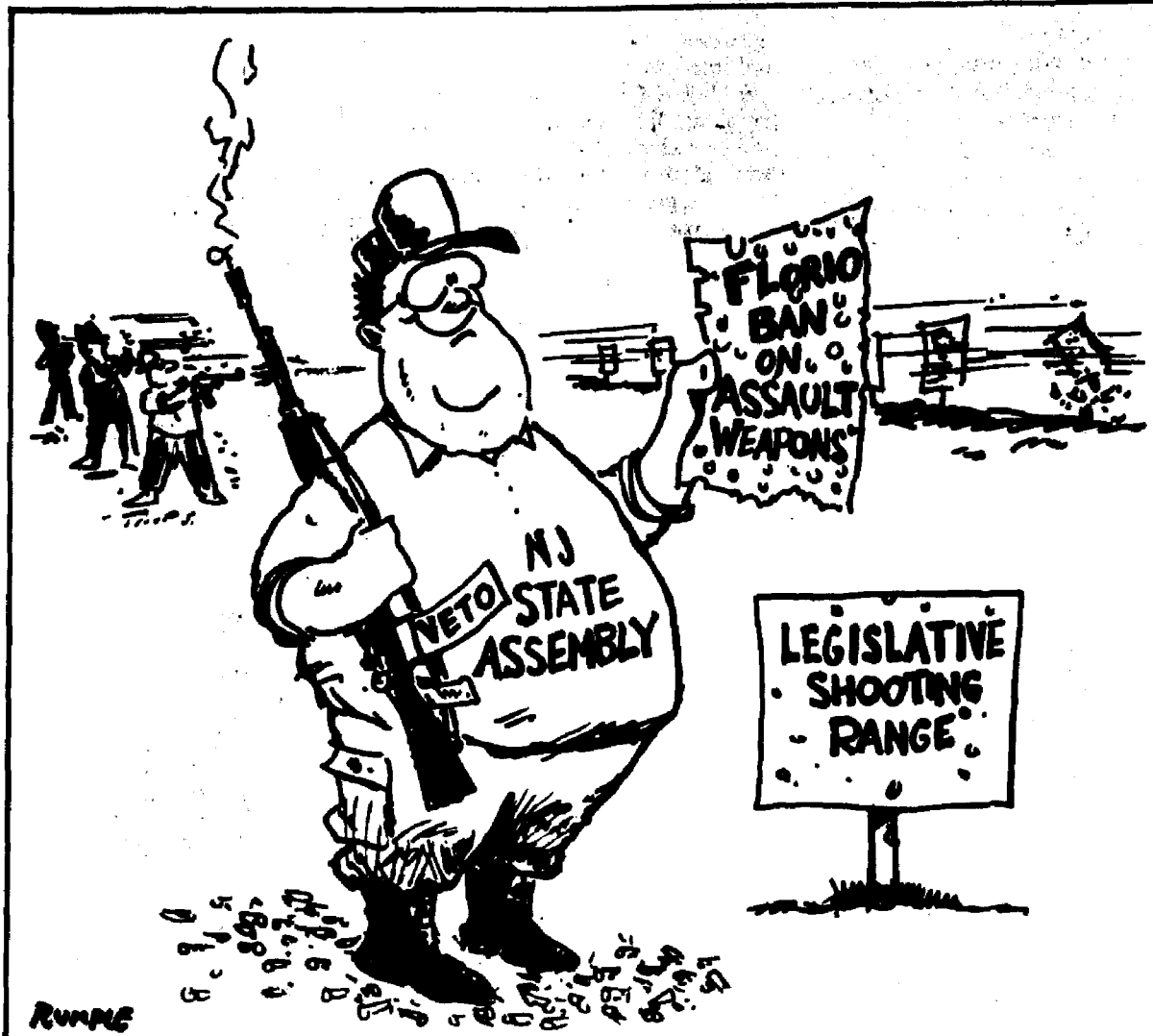
Jersey is urban or suburban. Houses and highways are virtually "everywhere."

The Assembly vote is over and done with. Its members' eyes must be rolling as the Senate skids to a halt, inches before it, too, presumably would have voted to override the ban on semi-automatic rifles.

Republican Assemblymen Alan Augustine and Richard Bagger whose 22nd District includes Cranford, Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, and Garwood voted for semi-automatic rifle possession and to override the governor's ban. Their Assembly peers from the 22nd District, which includes Kenilworth, split their votes with Maureen Ogden voting to sustain the governor's ban, and Monroe Lustbader favoring possession of the weapons.

Mr. Bagger has said he would have voted to sustain the ban if only a "grandfather" clause allowing those already owning such weapons to keep them had been appended to the bill.

The Senate is scheduled to vote on the override Monday. The voters' fervent hope is that Senate President DiFrancesco will stick by his newfound sensitivity to majority opinion and see to it that the override movement dies on the Senate floor.



Letters to the editor

Bagger's gun vote rationale 'unconvincing' to voter

To The Record:

This is a copy of my letter to Assemblyman Richard Bagger.

I have in the past expressed to you my opposition to repeal of the current anti-gun law. I have now received a letter from you seeking to explain your vote to repeal that law. You state in your letter that you know I disagree with your vote and that I am surely dismayed

with your decision, but you would like to share with me the reasoning which led you to vote for repeal. I do disagree with your decision. And I find your reasoning unconvincing.

In a democracy such as ours, the will of the people is expressed through the representatives they elect. It is, as has been said, a government of the people, by the people, and for the people, but accomplished through representatives of the people. The most common means by which the will of the people is thwarted is by the peoples' representatives following special or personal interests. Thwarting the people's will through such interests subverts democratic government. Other concerns replace the legitimate in-

terests of the people. You state you have not and will not accept contributions from the NRA or the gun lobby. You state you voted for gun repeal because the government should not require the confiscation of legally obtained private property without compensation, specifically weapons now banned, but purchased prior to the ban. You state: "To me, that is an important value..." I respect your viewpoint, but would like to point out that you were elected to express the will of the people, not your personal viewpoint. Our elected representatives are usually given a great deal of leeway concerning what represents the people's will, but as questions become more important, such as this one, that leeway narrows considerably. Polls indicate that 70 percent of Jerseyans questioned do not wish the gun law repealed. Unless your constituents vary greatly from the Jerseyans polled, which is doubtful, that represents a sizable majority, a strong will of the people. While your motives were based on personal principle, unfortunately, your vote on this issue subverts

the will of the people just as surely as do the votes of those controlled by the gun lobby.

Also, your narrow focus on the confiscation aspect of the gun law ignores the important questions at issue, specifically law and order and the ability of the people of New Jersey to define the kind of law and order they will have. The NRA is not just lobbying in New Jersey. They are fighting a war here, seeking to show that, when it concerns guns, no state can make laws the NRA doesn't like and, if any try, they will be defeated just as in New Jersey. New Jersey can have law and order, but only on the NRA's terms. Broaden your thinking about what is going on here, as well as on such matters as the illegal market for guns, "where criminals obtain them." This issue is not simply about criminals. It's also about psychos and political fanatics and religious fanatics and kids who don't know what they are doing -- psychos who spray bullets around playgrounds full of kids; teenagers who shoot and kill other kids and teachers in school; religious fanatics who amass arms

and kill federal agents; and political fanatics who assassinate those whose opinions they dislike.

How do you explain the niceties of property confiscation without compensation to the victims? Let's get the important matters settled and done and then focus on the niceties. If compensation for banned weapons is of such consequence, why not repeal only the gubernatorial veto of that item or introduce new legislation concerning it? Why do it by decimating important and consequential legislation that not only seeks to establish a stronger base for law and order, but also is supported by the vast majority of New Jerseyans?

I do disagree with your vote. I am dismayed by your decision. I am also disconcerted by your understanding of representative government and disappointed at your shortsightedness concerning this issue.

E.B. LEVINE
Westfield

Bagger says voters seek explanation

To The Record:

During the past week, I have had the opportunity to discuss the issue of gun control with a number of Westfield residents. Several people suggested I follow up my letter of last week, explaining the reasons for my vote on Assembly Bill 7, with a letter describing my views on gun control legislation generally.

There is no constitutional right to have guns. While the Second Amendment protects "the right of the people to keep and bear arms," the United States Supreme Court has held for more than 50 years that the Second Amendment applies only to the rights of the states to maintain militia and not to an individual's right to possess firearms.

Consequently, Congress and the states are free to adopt gun control

laws, including strict licensing measures and bans on firearms which have no legitimate use. Because all guns are dangerous, strict permit requirements should exist, not only in New Jersey, but nationwide.

Congress should enact national gun licensing standards as tough as New Jersey's. For example, while New Jersey requires a four-to-six-month waiting period for a gun permit, the federal government should, at the very least, adopt the "Brady Bill," requiring a national seven-day waiting period.

Guns which have no legitimate use should be banned. For example, automatic firearms have been illegal for decades. Cheap handguns involved in many crimes, such as "Saturday Night Specials," should also be banned. However, when guns which were

previously legal are banned, existing property rights should be addressed in some fashion. Both the United States Constitution and the New Jersey Constitution require that private property not be taken by government without compensation. As with any legislation, constitutional requirements should be followed.

Finally, because both commerce and crime cross state lines, a national registry should be created to identify all firearms by serial number at the time of manufacture, tracking them through all sales to final destination. Registration and strict licensing standards for legitimate firearms do not create an undue burden on gun owners and are necessary public safety measures.

RICHARD H. BAGGER
Assemblyman, District 22

Area clergy seek preservation of 1990 ban on sale, possession of weapons

To The Record:

We, the undersigned religious leaders of Union County churches and synagogues, express our strong opposition to the action of the New Jersey State Assembly which would repeal New Jersey's ban on semi-automatic assault weapons. We call upon our state senators not to vote for repeal, but rather to preserve the 1990 prohibition on the sale, possession and manufacture of these weapons. Our Jewish and Christian traditions mandate us to cherish the

sacredness of human life. We are, therefore, committed to preserving the prohibition of these weapons.

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First Baptist Church
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DiFrancesco airs school bill details

To The Record:

As the Senate sponsor of the "Public School Capital Finance Assistance Act," I would like to address two specific questions that were raised in your Feb. 25 editorial on this recently introduced legislative measure.

First, this bill, which is the product of a bi-partisan effort to address our state's crumbling school infrastructure, attempts to carefully define the kinds of funding available and the specific criteria related to the distribution of the \$300 million in loans and grants. As \$250 million of this program is in the form of loans designed to offset, not underwrite, construction

costs, there is a need to determine a school's ability to begin and complete a project in an expeditious manner as well as its ability to fund the remaining balance of a project's costs.

There are other specific criteria, including severity of need, but an important component to the selection process is the Commissioner of Education's review and evaluation of all applicants. Under this legislation, Commissioner Fitzgerald plays a key oversight role in determining the equitable distribution of the limited funds.

As for the Department of Education's long-standing building codes, there is agreement among

many in the education community that these codes need to be revised and the Senate Education Committee chairman has already expressed interest in conducting such a review.

It is true that this bill provides only a small fraction of the funds needed to meet the costly school facilities need, but it is a long-awaited first step toward the process of rebuilding our schools. The bottom line is that we cannot begin to improve our education system unless we first improve our education facilities.

DONALD T. DIFRANCESCO
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District 23

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Letters to the editor

Vote to lift gun ban criticized

To The Record:
We were very disappointed and angered to read that Assemblyman Richard Bagger had voted to override Governor Florio's ban on semi-automatic assault weapons. It appears that Assemblyman Bagger's primary concern is about "going along" with his Republican colleagues and the gun lobbyists. We naively thought his job was to

represent the people who voted him into office.
We voted for Assemblyman Bagger in the last election, but we now find ourselves questioning the wisdom of that vote and Assemblyman Bagger's integrity and ability to represent the people of Union County.

ROBERT COGNAT
LOUISE RUSSELL
Westfield

To The Record:
I am outraged at the recent vote in the New Jersey State Assembly on Gun Control. Like many voters in Westfield, I voted for the Republicans in November trusting that they would work to promote the interests of their constituents. Strengthening the gun control laws is the only good thing Jim Florio has done since he's been in office. The Republican veto-proof majority in both houses in Trenton exists because of tax policy, not dissatisfaction over this one piece of legislation.

How does this veto improve the safety of our families? The Republicans must be aware that polls on this issue routinely show an over-

whelming majority of the citizens in this state favor very tight laws on the possession of firearms. How can Republicans reasonably claim to be representing the interests of law-abiding citizens in this area?
The only logical conclusion is that the Republicans in the State Assembly adopted a very cynical attitude to the next election; taxes are a bigger issue than gun control, seats are unlikely to be lost because of this vote, so take the NRA money anyway because we'll all forget about this by election time.
I'd like to hear Mr. Bagger and other Republicans in the State Assembly respond to this analysis.
SIMON A. LACK
Westfield

Westfield is ready to meet challenge of educating children

To The Record:
Westfield has been fortunate to have had vigorous and enthusiastic leaders who have built a sound, strong educational structure. Repeatedly, our schools are held up as models of good programs, a curriculum that succeeds in providing both breadth and depth, and an invigorated teaching staff.
As a community, we have supported this sound structure not only with our tax contributions, but with our personal time. Westfielders share a true partnership with their schools. Westfield's service organizations such as the Rotary Club, the Optimist Club, the Men's and the Women's College Clubs, the Westfield Booster Association, the Jaycees, the Junior

Women's Club, the Women's Club, PTA/PTO's, and Parent-Teacher Council (PTC) provide a network of support to our students and our schools. A small sample of their contributions include Career Days, the Charles Philhower Fellowship Award honoring outstanding teachers, field score boards, annual spelling competitions, Safe Homes programs, scholarships and student awards.
The challenge facing our schools is to prepare increasing numbers of students for global competition with decreasing funds. We can meet this challenge with vigor and enthusiasm. After all, we are Westfielders.

JEAN BENSON
School Board Candidate
Westfield

Girls Scouts: thanks for support

To The Record:
March 12 is the 81st birthday of Girl Scouting. Since its inception, Girl Scouting has been dedicated to meeting the needs of girls from all backgrounds and walks of life. As a result of this commitment, today's membership has surpassed 3 million, including girls of all racial/ethnic groups, socio-economic levels, geographic locations, religious denominations, and abilities.
At Washington Rock Girl Scout Council, more than 7,000 girls from Union, Middlesex and Somerset counties join with over 2,000 adult volunteers to participate in the benefits and challenges of Girl Scouting.

Girl Scouting offers simple fun like time to be with friends. It also offers the deeper pleasure of giving to others and working toward a goal. Unlike a series of lessons or an expensive toy, Girl Scouting is a program to help girls develop values and self-confidence. The emphasis is on the process, not the product. Our message is, "Become your best. Set your sights high. You can take charge of your tomorrow."
Today's Girl Scouts honor the past while facing the challenges of the future with the help of con-

temporary issues programs such as math, science, environmental action, and drug awareness, to name a few.

While Girl Scouts have traditionally been helpers of the community, Girl Scouting programs also depend on the community for support. Washington Rock Girl Scout Council wishes to thank all members of the community who make Girl Scouting possible. Our birthday celebration would not be complete without you.

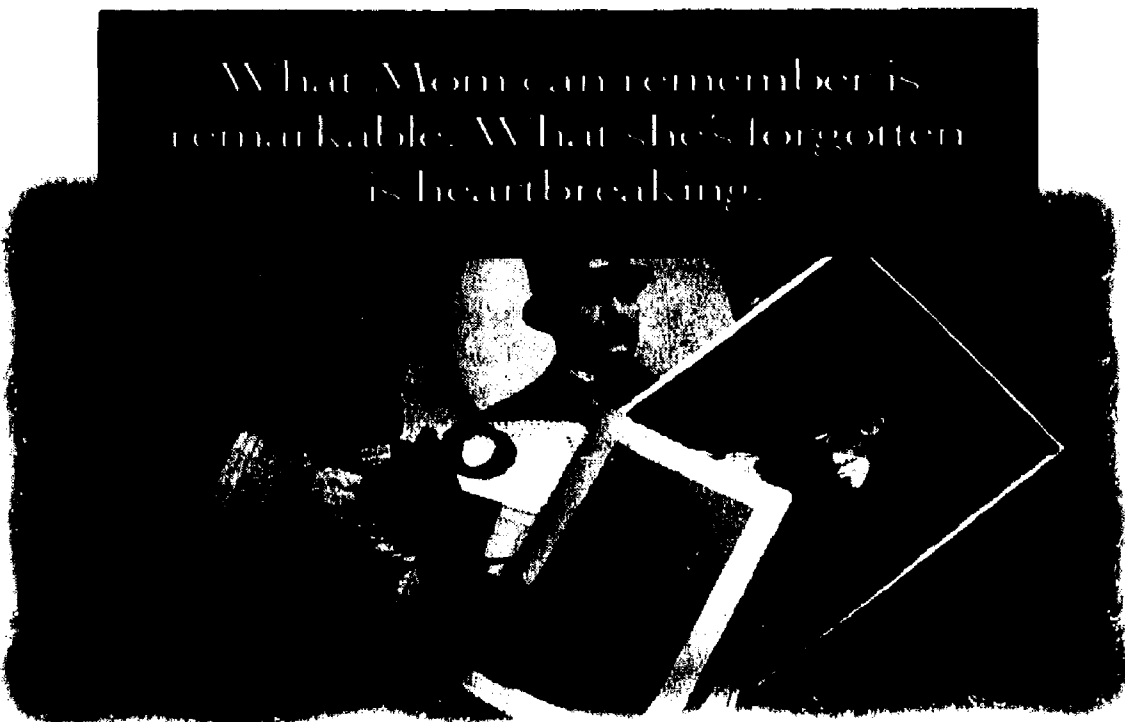
JOAN K. CORNET
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Franks visits spotlight Clinton plan for economy

U.S. Rep. Bob Franks visited several diners in the Seventh Congressional District recently to "meet with constituents and hear their views on the President's deficit reduction and economic stimulus program."
Mr. Franks said, "My offices in New Jersey and Washington have been flooded with phone calls from people expressing their reaction to the President's speech. And while I appreciate all those calls, I want to reach out to as many people as possible and hear what they have to say about the President's call for higher taxes to support his \$490 billion plan."
Mr. Franks visited the Reo Diner, Route 35, Woodbridge; Sunset Diner, Route 22, Green Brook; Scotchwood Diner, Route 22, Scotch Plains; and Lido Diner, Route 22, Springfield.
Mr. Franks said in three days his office received more than 150 telephone calls from constituents on the President's economic proposals.

"The vast majority of the people calling are opposed to the President's call for higher taxes, especially on energy consumption. They share my belief that government spending is out of control and needs to be substantially reduced before taxpayers are asked to make any more sacrifices," Mr. Franks said.

As Alzheimer's Disease progresses, it is not unusual for its victims to have clear memories of childhood, yet not recognize those dearest to them. It is this tragic symptom and others that make Alzheimer's as devastating to a victim's family as it is to the victim. ♦ In conjunction with consultants from the Dementia Research Clinic at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Meridian Healthcare has supported a



series of studies aimed at innovating new and better ways of caring for the memory impaired. ♦ Meridian's leadership role in supporting dementia research resulted in the first Alzheimer's care unit modeled on principles of modern psychiatry. Today that research is embodied in a program called FOCUS, now in place at Meridian Nursing Center - Westfield. ♦ The goal of FOCUS is to prolong the independence of the memory impaired by sharpening their remaining abilities. FOCUS offers an individual program of care for each patient, provided by a specially trained staff in a secure and structured residential environment. For families struggling to cope with the consequences of their loved one's illness, FOCUS offers education, counseling and support. ♦ If someone you love has Alzheimer's Disease, call and ask for our free FOCUS brochure. While there is no cure, FOCUS offers the care you and your loved one need.

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Backs Nixon for school board

To The Record:
From what I know of the five candidates for Board of Education, each appears well qualified to give good service to our community.
My knowledge of Melba Nixon goes beyond this. I know that for the past four years as a board member, Mrs. Nixon has tirelessly worked to realize a quality education for all of Westfield's children. For several years preceding her board position she fought a quiet, dignified (and often lonely) battle for equality of education for our children, particularly mindful of the needs of those less privileged. She clearly understands our children's educational needs and diligently pursues the goals set by the administration to satisfy these needs. For these reasons alone, I would support her efforts to remain seated for

another term.
But principally, I endorse Mrs. Nixon because of her character. A person of deep compassion, she possesses a magnanimous spirit which enables her to always seek the best in the individual. She describes herself as an optimist and it is my unequivocal belief that this is true. An excellent communicator, she is always willing to listen to all sides of the issue and when her vote is cast it is clear that her only "special interests" are the children, whose interests she has committed to serve.
Our community deserves Mrs. Nixon's continued service on the Board of Education. Mrs. Nixon deserves our community's support for another term in this service.
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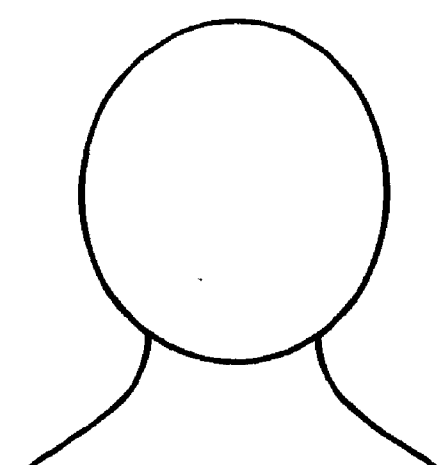
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Drug Awareness Week features variety of activities

Town and school activities highlighted Drug Awareness Week, which continues through Saturday.

The week is sponsored by Chemical People/PANDA (Preventing Alcohol/Narcotic Drug Abuse), the town of Westfield's drug/alcohol prevention alliance.

The week began Sunday with special activities in churches and synagogues. On March 8, Red Ribbon Day, all town personnel (including police, fire and crossing guards), store and business owners, and school children wore red ribbons with the logo The Choice for Me-Drug Free! Residents were also invited to wear red ribbons and tie

red ribbons from their porches, cars, etc.

Both the Boy and Girl Scout organizations, as members of the alliance, are helping PANDA with this project. Wendy Jibbens, a senior scout, is coordinating the troops who tied red ribbons around town and will remove them after the event. The Boy Scouts, under the direction of Nancy Petrosoric, have distributed posters in town encouraging their participation in this awareness week.

On Wednesday everyone was urged to wear red again "as a symbol that Westfield cares about substance abuse and its prevention,"

said PANDA's director, Nancy Walbert. "Since 1983, we have made great strides through education and town recreational programs to help our youth and their families have brighter futures, but this week serves as a reminder that, unfortunately our work is not yet complete."

In addition to the many activities being planned in the elementary schools, which include poster contests, essays, songs, skits, comfort quilts and assembly programs, students in the secondary schools will be participating in the BABES puppetry program, designed to help students deal with their daily

life problems and find appropriate solutions. Mary Beth Mansfield, the nurse and health educator, will lead series at Edison and Carol Gerson, the Westfield school's SAC, will lead series at Roosevelt. A number of high school students in grades 9-11 attended a REACH seminar March 7 and 8. The seminar is designed to help youngsters develop interpersonal skills and self esteem, informs them about the latest drug/alcohol information, and encourages them to develop projects and activities in their home schools that help their peers cope with problems and encourages younger students to say

"no" to drug abuse.

A number of students in the Lifer's program from both Edison and Roosevelt Middle Schools will present programs March 15 at the Westfield Community Center and March 17 at Meridian Nursing Center-Westfield. These students, under the direction of our health educators and Carol Gerson, SAC, have undergone special peer education which enables them to use their skills in the school and community.

Culminating the activities of this week and month will be a musical comedy titled, WEE Pals, which will be performed by about fifty

ROOT (Reflecting On Our Times) students from Edison and Roosevelt Middle Schools. The production, which depicts the problems adolescents face in today's world and how they have learned to cope, will delight the audience with its message conveyed through comedy and music. The program will be held March 30, 7:30 p.m. at Roosevelt School.

The community is invited to participate in all these activities, most of which have been funded partially by a grant from the state's Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to PANDA for 1993.

Gathering lets public meet 1993 legislators

The public is invited to a Meet Your '93 Legislators after hours gathering 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, at The Westwood, 438 North Ave., Garwood. The event is presented by the Cranford and Westfield Area Chambers of Commerce. Corporate co-sponsors are Amalgamated General Agencies and Meeker-Sharkey, MacBean Inc.

Local, county and state legislators have been invited to attend. Many have already indicated that they look forward to meeting their constituents in an informal atmosphere to share concerns and views on current legislative topics.

Members of community organizations, all local business people,

political committees, and legislative staffs are welcome. A limited number of high school students, accompanied by their teachers, have also been invited to take advantage of this educational opportunity.

The format of Meet Your Legislators is similar to other Chamber-sponsored Business After Hours gatherings. Attendees may bring associates and friends, exchange business cards, and develop business and legislative contacts.

Reservations, at \$12 for chamber members and \$15 for non-members, may be made by calling the Westfield Area Chamber office, 233-3021, or the Cranford Chamber office, 709-7208 by Wednesday.

Student Cabaret next week

A unique, all-student production in a coffeehouse-style Cabaret atmosphere will be the next fundraiser for the Westfield Young Artist's Cooperative Theatre. This opportunity to spotlight the talent of local young people will take place 8 p.m. March 20, at the First Baptist Church, Elm Street, Westfield. Most of the performers are part of WYACT and the Cabaret will give

them the chance to perform acts of their choice while raising funds for WYACT's 1993 summer production.

About 35 young artists will perform a variety of dances, songs and scenes from classical plays and musicals.

Cabaret tickets cost \$10 and may be purchased at the WYACT box office, 402 Boulevard any day after 4 p.m. or at the door. Call 789-3011.

Future Ice Capaders?



Fifth-graders Linnea Lisinsky, Laura Bonavita, Caitlin McGee, Jessica Lizmi and parent Daria Bonavita enjoy an evening of ice skating at the McKinley School PTO-sponsored family ice skating party held recently at the Warinanco Skate Center.

Westfield bicentennial event planned for Jan. 22, 1994

The first major event in Westfield's 1994 year-long bicentennial celebration, a Gala Costume Ball, has been scheduled for Jan. 22, 1994.

Linda Maggio, chairman of a 12-member volunteer Bicentennial Commission appointed by Westfield Mayor Garland C. (Bud) Boothe Jr., said that the Gala will be held at Temple Emanuel Jan. 22. Bebbins Yudes and Eva Wiley are heading the committee.

"We have one date set and over 100 volunteers ready and willing to plan our special 200th birthday party for Westfield," said Mrs. Maggio.

"We're asking Westfield residents to think about the Bicentennial Celebration now as they plan events in the community during the bicentennial year," said Mrs. Maggio, adding the Bicentennial Commission is working on a huge master calendar to record all events.

"If you are planning a major event in the community in 1994, we ask you to let us know so that

we can list your date on the master bicentennial calendar," said Mrs. Maggio. "The master calendar will help us keep track of events and will help prevent conflicts for citizens who wish to participate in the celebration and their own organization's activities during the bicentennial year."

Barbara Lewis is in charge of scheduling. Westfield residents interested in listing an event on the bicentennial calendar and/or interested in finding out if something is scheduled on a particular date are invited to call Mrs. Lewis at 233-8418.

Citizens interested in becoming involved in the year-long townwide celebration should call Ann Robinson, bicentennial volunteer coordinator at 232-6323.

"Westfield is going to have the biggest and best year-long birthday party in the world," said Mrs. Maggio. "We are proud of our town's rich heritage and pleased to highlight it as we plan for the Bicentennial Celebration in 1994 and the future of our community."



Paul V. Campanelli, executive director of the Westfield Recreation Department, receives the annual "Friend of Youth Award" from club President Jerry Hughes.

Campanelli honored by Optimists

Paul V. Campanelli, executive director of the Westfield Recreation Department, received the Optimist Club of Westfield's Friend of Youth Award at the club's Feb. 10 meeting.

The award recognizes leadership and initiative in programs for youth.

While giving the award, Optimist President Jerry Hughes said, "Paul has proven to be a key community resource in directing town-wide efforts to create positive alternatives for our young people. Paul has also been a special friend of Optimist endeavors and we salute his positive spirit and accomplishments."

Mr. Campanelli joined the Recreation Department in 1985 as assistant director. He assumed the executive director's position four years later upon the retirement of Ruth Hill.

In that time he has:

- Established the Westfield Teen Center;
- Created the post of youth ser-

vices coordinator;

- Co-sponsored Project Graduation;
- Established the Haunted House;

- Began Teen Night swims at the Memorial Pool.

The Optimist Club of Westfield is a not-for-profit service club composed of men and women who live or work in the Westfield area. Those interested in membership may contact John Feeney at 654-6023.

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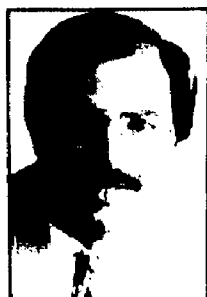
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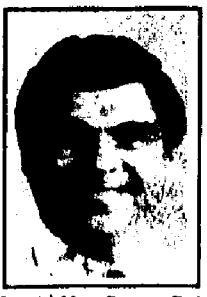
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Sports Health Fair on April 3
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screenings include cardiac, pul-
monary and eye function as
well as foot/leg and musculo-
skeletal determinations. Tests
for percentage of body fat,
flexibility, strength, balance
and posture will also be con-
ducted.

Community Life

Where oil and water mix Students get 'hands-on' look at science

By ELIZABETH GROMEX
THE RECORD

What do you get when you mix oil, water, food coloring and rubbing alcohol with 13 second-graders? Add a beaker and a lab report and, instead of a mess, you get an afternoon science experiment demonstrating viscosity.

Hands on Science for Kids, now in its second year, is an after-school program designed to give children more exposure to the sciences at a young age. The Optimist Club created the program to broaden its contact with the community. The group runs programs for high school and intermediate school students, but until recently were not in contact with the younger children in town, club members said. These younger pupils now have an outlet to explore many of the fun sides of science in-depth, in a relaxed atmosphere.

This year, there are 196 students ranging from kindergarten to fifth-grade who take classes like "Batteries, Bulbs and Circuits" or "Fantastic Flying Models." But there is more to it than just fun, according to the chairman of the program, Bob Haldeman. The Optimists want to try to generate an interest in science.

"We want to stimulate interest at an early enough age to keep kids taking harder classes as they get older," Mr. Haldeman said.

Technical and scientific competence will be more important in the future because the number of unskilled jobs is shrinking, he added.

But, on March 4, those 13 second-graders were not too concerned about their future employment. They watched intently as their teacher, Sandy Buleza, an elementary science specialist from the Summit school district, demonstrated the viscosity, or thickness, of liquids.

In groups of four, they experimented and observed which is thicker — water, dish detergent, cooking oil, or corn syrup.

Later, the pupils made liquid sandwiches. Colored water made the first layer, with cooking oil in the middle, and colored rubbing alcohol on top. None of the three mix. The students were amazed when a capped vial was carefully turned over, and the three remained separate. But when the budding scientists shook the vials, the liquids mixed temporarily.

But this is no sterile laboratory. Jacqueline Ramallo, one of the scientists said, "This is so cool."

Not only are the Optimists, the children and the teachers excited about these discoveries, so are their parents.

Janet Nelson, whose son James is in the class, said this is her son's second year in Hands on Science.

"My son has always been interested in it," Mrs. Nelson said.

Michelle Greco's mother Carol thinks the program is a great idea, because traditionally girls do not pursue any interest in science.

"It's important, especially for girls, and she loves it," Mrs. Greco said.

Down the hall, kindergartners were learning basic math facts by dividing up mini-Oreo cookies among the characters in the story they were reading. Their teacher, Mary Jo Juella, summed up the fun side of the entire program by describing her class.

"It's called Mathworks, but we should call it number munchers because they are always eating something," Mrs. Juella said.

Depending on their appetites, they could have a lot of counting to do.



GEORGE PACCIOLLO/THE RECORD
Jacqueline Ramallo of Roosevelt School pours corn oil into a vial during a viscosity test. The Optimist Club's Hands on Science for Kids program attempts to cultivate interests among young students by exposing them to a wide variety of scientific phenomena.



The work of Sarah Bonham Robinson of Westfield will be displayed at the 35th annual Westfield Hadassah art show and sale March 21 to 24.

Hadassah art sale runs March 20-24 at temple

The 35th annual art show and sale organized by the Westfield Chapter of Hadassah will open Saturday, March 20, at Temple Emanu-El, 756 East Broad St., with a champagne reception and preview for the show's patrons. The show runs five days.

More than 1,000 works of art in oils, watercolors, graphics, charcoal and sculpture by prominent artists will be in the show. Included will be framed works, unframed portfolio pieces, and scul-

tures from about 75 individual artists and 20 New York and New Jersey galleries.

The event will be open to the public Sunday, March 21, from 1-10 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday, March 22 and 23, from noon-9 p.m.; and Wednesday, March 24, noon-6 p.m. Admission is \$3; senior citizens \$1.50; students admitted free. Le Petit Cafe will be open weekdays for lunch, noon-2 p.m., and for home-baked cake and coffee daily. Call 233-6531.

Violinist in benefit concerts

Mary Catherine LaMar, a junior at Westfield High School and a member of the St. Peter by the Sea Orchestra, will perform in seven benefit concerts during the spring.

Founded as an ensemble devoted to aiding charitable organizations in their fund-raising efforts, the St. Peter by the Sea Orchestra has helped raise \$2 million for non-profit organizations throughout New Jersey and New York.

This season's concerts will benefit three hospitals, a college, a youth and family counseling group, the Knights of Columbus, and a church.

One of the seven — a May 8 concert at the Church of St. Helen in Westfield — will benefit the Youth and Family Counseling Service here. Cost will be \$22 or \$40.

Ms. LaMar is a student of Sally Thomas and Dr. Ann Setzer at the Juilliard School in New York City. She won two Bergen Foundation Scholarships for summer music study given through the New Jersey Youth Orchestra and has attended the Meadowmount School of Music and Sewanee Summer Music Center. For five years, she was a member and for one year concertmaster of the New Jersey Youth Orchestra. She has won first place in the 1992 Showcase of Stars Talent Expo at the Garden State Arts Center.

Ms. LaMar is a native of Tennessee, where she began studying the violin at the age of 3. In addition to her musical activities, she is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield where she serves as an acolyte.



MARY CATHERINE LAMAR

Fashion show to aid women's support group

Tickets are on sale for the annual Spring Soiree dinner and fashion show sponsored by Soroptimist International of the Greater Westfield Area (SIGWA). The event will be held Tuesday, March 30, at L'Affaire Restaurant in Mountainside. The cost is \$30. A social hour begins the festivities at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7.

The event will feature merchandise from Brami Studio of Livingston and Summit; Lingerie and Lace and Miss Nellie of Summit; Burberry, Shepherd's of Australia, Priscilla the Brides' Shop, and Ganny Russ

Opticians, all from the Mall at Short Hills.

Door prizes are being donated by area merchants and club members. Tickets will be sold for on- and off-premise raffles. The off-premise raffle is a 50/50 raffle with a first, second, and third-prize winner.

All net proceeds will benefit CHOICES, a support group for battered/abused women, from the Center for Victims of Family Violence, a program of the Union County Mental Health Association.

To obtain tickets, call Anne Geislinger at 232-4261 or Kitty Duncan at 233-9237.

Concert to honor Herrmann

A concert in appreciation of the life and musical ministry of Marilyn Kuhlman Herrmann will be presented Saturday in the chapel of The Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave. Memorial funds have been used to purchase a grand piano for chapel use.

The 4 p.m. program will include music composed by Aaron Copland for voice and piano, performed by Perfect Harmony, Susan Faas, Mary Beth Minson, Drew Martin, Donald Boos and Annette White. The group will present a selection of 19th century American songs adapted by Copland from minstrel songs, ballads, children's ditties and hymn tunes. They also will sing two Copland motets composed in Paris in 1921 with texts drawn from Biblical sources.

Keith Herrmann will honor his mother at the piano dedicated to her memory. He is the composer of Tony-nominated music for *Romance, Romance*, and will sing a song from his anticipated Broadway musical, *The Haunted House*, titled *How She Loved Him*. Mr. Herrmann also will play his mother's enchanting variations on the familiar Sunday School tune *Jesus Loves Me*.

A reception will be held in the lounge annex after the concert, hosted by the chancel choir. The Herrmann family will be present. All are welcome. There is no admission charge.

THURSDAY MARCH 11

Discrimination at school — Paula Roy, chairwoman of the English department at Westfield High School, discusses gender bias in schools at a meeting of NOW (National Organization for Women) at 7 p.m. at First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer St., Westfield. 232-3791 or 789-3047.

Investment seminar — IRA retirement investing and tax-free municipal bonds are the topics of a free seminar given by Dean Witter Reynolds and the Franklin Group of Funds at 7:30 p.m. at the Westfield Y. Call Mike Nemeth, 800-347-5018, for reservations.

Senior citizens schedule today at the Westfield Community Center is: 11 a.m., exercise; noon, lunch; 1 p.m., bowling.

FRIDAY MARCH 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 recre-

ation department, 789-4080.

Senior citizens schedule today at the Westfield Community Center is: 10:30 a.m., programs on protecting dry skin; noon, lunch; 12:30 p.m., bingo.

SATURDAY MARCH 13

Dinner around town — Dinner parties at homes around town to benefit the Education Fund of Westfield take place this evening. After dinner participants gather at Westfield High School for dessert, music, and door prizes. Minimum donation is \$15. Call Ellen Albertson, 654-4398.

SUNDAY MARCH 14

Bridal showcase — A bridal showcase is being held 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at The Westwood, 438 North Ave., Garwood. There will be gowns, tuxedos, flowers, photography, videos, etc. Producer is Wyckoff Fell Associates of Westfield. 654-2700.

Pet adoption day — People for Animals, 433 Hillside Ave., Hillside, has dogs and cats available



for adoption from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. (201) 763-8860.

MONDAY MARCH 15

Cancer support group — The Union County Unit of the American Cancer Society is sponsoring Strength Through Sharing, a professionally led support group for people with a recurrent or second diagnosis of cancer. The free group meets Mondays, today through May 10, from 10-11:30 a.m. at The Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield. Register at 354-7373.

St. Patrick's luncheon — The American Home Life and Social

Services Department of the Westfield Woman's Club serves its corned beef and cabbage St. Patrick's Day luncheon at noon at the clubhouse, 318 S. Euclid Ave., followed by a white elephant auction. \$8. 232-4930.

Senior citizens schedule today at the Westfield Community Center is: 11 a.m., current events; 11:15 a.m., movie, *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids*; noon, lunch; 12:45 p.m., movie continued.

TUESDAY MARCH 16

Lecture on nutrition — Dr. Karen Enslie of Rutgers Cooperative Extension speaks to the Ro-

sary Altar Society of Holy Trinity Church at 12:30 p.m. on nutrition, particularly the new food pyramid. The meeting is in the parish council room of Holy Trinity School. Guests are welcome. Bring a bag lunch; dessert will be provided.

Senior citizens schedule today at the Westfield Community Center is: 11:15 a.m., blood pressure; noon, lunch; 12:45 p.m., singing; 1 p.m., bingo.

Genetic counseling — Overlook Hospital presents a free forum on genetic counseling and testing 7-9:30 p.m. on the hospital's sixth floor Center for Community Health. 522-5353.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 17

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

Crafts project — The Arts and Crafts Department of the Westfield Woman's Club meets at 9:30 a.m. at the clubhouse, 318 S. Euclid Ave., to complete work on painted flower pots.

Senior citizens schedule today at the Westfield Community Cen-

ter is: 11 a.m., crafts and one-coat ceramics; noon, lunch; 12:30 p.m., ceramics.

THURSDAY MARCH 18

Just violets — The Union County chapter of the African Violet Society of America meets at 1 p.m. in the Scotch Plains Library, 1927 Bartle Ave. The club will prepare for its show.

Card party — The Fortnightly Group of the Westfield Woman's Club holds its annual dessert and card party at 1 p.m. at the clubhouse, 318 S. Euclid Ave. Admission \$4. Call 233-3043 or 232-1157 for reservations.

Senior citizens schedule today at the Westfield Community Center is: 11 a.m., exercise; noon, lunch; 1 p.m., golf.

FRIDAY MARCH 19

Building a telescope — Scott Milligan, an optical engineer with Optical Systems and Technologies, talks about the design and construction of the 13-inch Schup-

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Craft alert



Ben Bogen, Adrienne O'Rourke, and Becky Fallon of Jefferson School prepare posters for the Parent-Teacher Organization's annual craft show Tuesday, March 20, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. A variety of crafters will present handmade items for sale. A bake sale will also be conducted. Proceeds will benefit the Jefferson School PTO.

Student entries encouraged for anti-litter poster contest

Twenty dollar gift certificates provided by local businesses will be awarded to winners of the ongoing poster contest sponsored by the Beautification Committee of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce. All Westfield students are invited to submit a poster on the theme of a clean and litter-free community.

Prizes for the most creative posters will be awarded in the following grade categories: K-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Elementary school winners will receive gift certificates from Fine Toys Ltd., 256 E. Broad St. Intermediate school and high school winners will receive gift certificates from a teen apparel retailer.

Posters can be delivered to the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce office, 111 Quimby St., second floor, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays. Each poster must include the name, phone number, school and grade of the contest entrant. Dead-

line for judging is 1 p.m. March 31.

Winners will be notified by phone and announced in this newspaper. Many posters will be displayed in local storefronts to publicize Spring Cleanup Day, April 24.

Recreation Commission has full agenda

The Westfield Recreation Commission is accepting registration for a wide variety of programs to be held during the spring season which begins March 29.

Programs include step aerobics, aerobics, pottery, sculpture, drop-in basketball, art for fun, ballet, children's instrument workshop, and the Community Concert Band.

Each of these programs are held on various weekday evenings at a variety of locations. The registration fee varies depending on the program.

To register for any of these programs, stop at the recreation office on the first floor of the municipal building or consult the Fall/Winter/Spring brochure to mail in registration forms.

Night Place is Friday

The popular Night Place program will next be held tomorrow evening. The program, sponsored by the Westfield Recreation Commission and the P.T.C. Night Place Committee, is held at Edison Intermediate School from 7:30-9:30 p.m. for students in grades 6-8.

The Night Place features a variety of activities including a disc jockey with dancing, food, Ping-Pong, basketball, movies, volleyball and the new indoor miniature golf. Tickets are \$2 in advance and \$3 at the door and will be on sale at the intermediate schools the week of the event.

Advance ticket purchase is encouraged as another large crowd is expected.

For more information on any of the above activities, call the Recreation Department at 789-4080.

Nets tickets still available

The Westfield Recreation Commission and the New Jersey Nets have joined forces once again to offer the second annual Westfield Town at the Meadows Arena Sunday, March 21, at 7 p.m. as the Nets battle the Dallas Mavericks.

Tickets are on sale at the recreation office in the municipal building at the cost of \$18.

With each ticket sold the Nets organization will donate \$3 to the Recreation Commission's drug- and alcohol-free teen programs.

Each ticket will include a coupon for a free Nets cap redeemable at the arena the night of the game.

A special Westfield welcome along with a half court presentation will take place at the arena on game night.

Spring lacrosse

The Westfield Recreation Commission is once again offering its spring lacrosse program for Westfield students in grades 5-8. Registration is under way with practices beginning this week.

The program features league play with fundamentals and sportsmanship being stressed. Beginners and experienced players are welcome.

League play will begin in early April.

The cost of the program is \$35. Equipment is available for rental from the Recreation Department for a nominal deposit.

Coaches' clinic

The Westfield Recreation Commission will host a coaches' safety clinic presented by the Rutgers Youth Sports Research Council Thursday, March 25 at the high school cafeteria. It will be held 7-10 p.m. with registration beginning at 6:45 p.m. The cost is \$15.

Under the law, in order to be provided with partial civil immunity for lawsuits each volunteer coach must attend a recognized three-hour clinic. This clinic meets all the state requirements as well as provides each coach with a handbook and reference manual. Major topics to be covered include: general coaching concepts, fundamentals of sport, and first aid procedures.

All volunteer coaches are encouraged to attend.

Ice skating party

The Westfield Recreation Commission and the Westfield Municipal Alliance have teamed up once again to offer the second annual family ice skating party at Warranco Skating Rink Sunday, March 28, 6-8 p.m.

This event, offered through funds provided by the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, will be free of charge and open to all Westfield residents with proper identification. All residents, teens and families alike, are encouraged to attend.

April fun run is planned

The Westfield Recreation Commission will host its third annual 5-

miler and 1-mile fun run Saturday, April 24, at Tamaques Park. Proceeds will go to benefit drug- and alcohol-free programs. The event will begin with the 1-mile fun run at 9 a.m. followed by the 5-miler at 9:30 a.m.

Pre-registration is being accepted through April 16. The entry fee is \$8 for the 5-miler and \$4 for the fun run. Post registration fees will be \$10 and \$5 respectively. T-shirts will be issued to the first 200 registrants. The race features a fast and flat certified course with mile splits and water stations. Limited parking and rest room facilities will be available. Runners should come dressed to run.

Trophies will be awarded in the following categories: first, second and third-place male and female finishers of the fun run; overall male and female winners of the 5-miler; and first, second and third-place finishers in each age group of the 5-miler.

The following area businesses are sponsoring this event: Pearsall, Maben & Frankenbach; Weldon Materials Inc.; McDowell's Energy Systems Inc.; Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc.; The Westfield Record; Print Tech; Summit Trust Co.; McIntyre's Locksmith & Lawnmower Service; Kinsey Associates; The Diamond Group; First Fidelity Bank; Healthwise; the Optimist Club of Westfield; the Central Jersey Road Runners Club; The Party Stop; Westfield Lumber and Home Center; Bonnell Chiropractic and Sports Center; Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of N.Y.; Chemical Bank New Jersey and Princeton Bank and Trust Co.

Rothenburg: one of the gems of the Romantic Road

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.

The Romantic Road certainly sounds like just another piece of "unreal estate," a region well-traveled in our imaginations — but not existing in any real travel guide. Well, romantics take heart! The Romantic Road is definitely not a figment of the imagination; it is an honest-to-goodness highway which leads through areas occupied by real people who take great pleasure in sharing their country's history with foreign visitors.

This real but still magical route will lead you back into time, into the romantic world of medieval Germany. It travels through towns surrounded by gated walls, with towers, churches and narrow lanes full of gabled houses. It presents a time which conjures up images of

noble kings, beautiful queens, warring knights and maybe even a fire-breathing dragon or two.

The Romantic Road begins in Mainfranken in the former Episcopal town of Würzburg set on the banks of the Main River. This is the land of Franconian wine, bottled in the typical flask-shaped "Bocksbeutel." Tilman Riemenschneider, Germany's most famous woodcarver and sculptor, lived here around 1500. His works can still be seen at the Marienberg Castle, high above Würzburg. His most beautiful altars are to be found in Creglingen and in Rothenburg ob der Tauber.

The route travels south through Bavaria from Würzburg passing through the walled town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, to the charming Dinkelsbühl, medieval Nördlingen and historic Augsburg (although it is a city, it's just as romantic as any of the small towns), eventually winding up in Füssen in the foothills of the Alps.

In Füssen and in the surrounding areas travelers are treated to some of the most beautiful and romantic sights in all of Germany, where unexpected delights abound at every turn. Here, sitting in a meadow of buttercups and daisies with the snow-covered Alps for a backdrop, we see the wonderful onion-domed church of St. Coloman. A little further on can be found Mad Ludwig's magnificent Neuschwanstein, the ultimate fairytale castle.

Travelers who join our "Romantic Europe" tour, which departs from Newark May 3, will experience the Romantic Road first-hand when we visit lovely Rothenburg and Dinkelsbühl. They also will delight in exploring Ludwig's masterpiece — Neuschwanstein.

For more information regarding the "Romantic Europe Tour, contact your local travel agent or call the Romantic Tour Hotline at (703) 644-3179 or 1-800-523-6767.



Our "Romantic Europe" tour will give local residents the opportunity to travel the Romantic Road and visit German's best-preserved medieval town, Rothenburg.

This Week

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mann telescope at the 8 p.m. meeting of Amateur Astronomers Inc. at the Roy Smith Theater at Union County College, Cranford.

What a doll — Grace Forke shows her doll collection at the 1 p.m. meeting of the Westfield Woman's Club Antiques Department at the clubhouse.

Senior citizens schedule today at the Westfield Community Center is: 11 a.m., recipe sharing; noon, lunch; 12:45 p.m., bingo.

SATURDAY MARCH 20

Craft fair — The Jefferson School PTO sponsors its annual indoor craft show 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. in the school, 1200 Boulevard. There also is a homemade bake sale and food concession. Admission is free.

St. Patrick's Day party — Westfield Community Players hosts a St. Patrick's Day party starting at 8:30 p.m. at the theater, 1000 North Ave. W. Tickets at \$15 include entertainment, corned beef and cabbage, beer, wine, soda and dessert. Call Lou and Ingrid Casella, 647-6308 after 6 p.m.

SUNDAY MARCH 21

Nets night — The second annual Westfield Town Night takes place at the Nets vs. the Mavericks basketball game at the Meadows Arena at 7 p.m. Tickets at \$18 are on sale at the recreation office in the municipal building to benefit the recreation Commission's drug- and alcohol-free programs for teens. 789-4080.

Upcoming

Spring Soiree — Soroptimist International of the Greater Westfield Area will sponsor its annual Spring Soiree dinner and fashion show Tuesday, March 30, at L'Affaire Restaurant in Mountain-side beginning at 6 p.m. with a social hour. Tickets \$30 to benefit the Center for Victims of Family Violence. Call 232-4261 or 233-9237.

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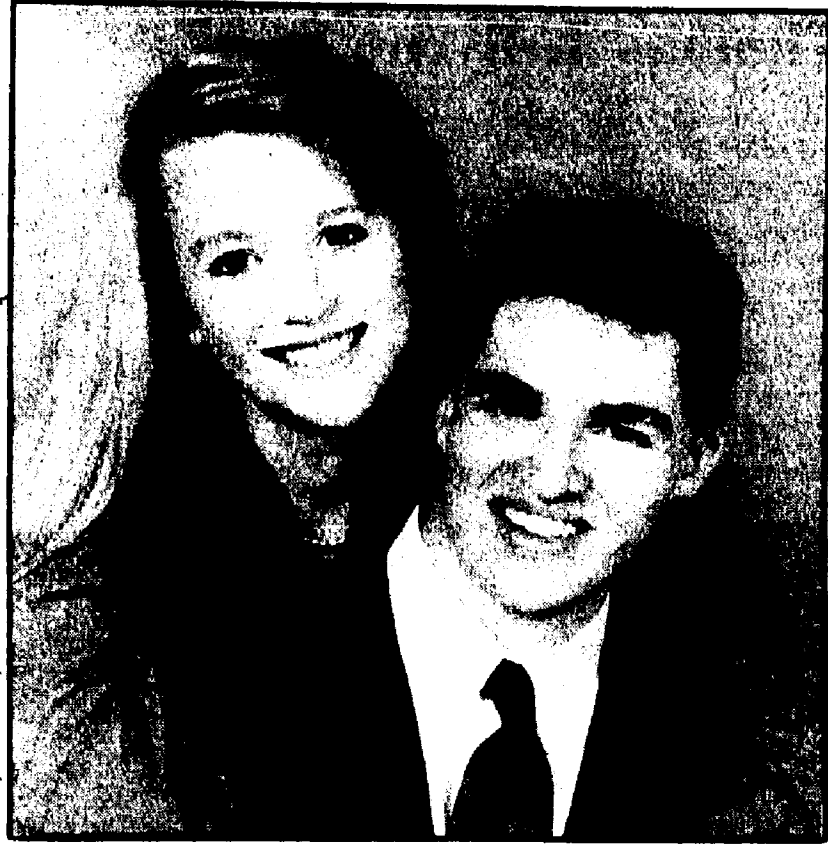


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CAROL-TEIGUE J. THOMAS and JONATHON WILSON

Miss Thomas plans summer wedding to Jonathan Wilson

The parents of Carol-Teigue J. Thomas and Jonathan Wilson announce the engagement of their children.

Ms. Thomas, a 1988 graduate of Westfield High School and a 1990 graduate of Bucknell University, is the daughter of Jean Massard of Mountside and John Thomas of Toms River. She is pursuing a law degree at the New England School of Law in Boston and will graduate in May.

Mr. Wilson, a 1984 graduate of White Plains High School, White Plains, N.Y., and a 1988 graduate of Temple University, is the son of Gillian Wilson and Michael Wilson of Dallas. He is an accountant with Gulesian Associates in Boston.

An August wedding is planned at the First Congregational Church of Westfield.

Miss Yuengel, R. Sidebottom are married

Kathryn Jo Yuengel, daughter of Robert and Josephine Yuengel of Westfield, married Robert Charles Sidebottom of Charlotte N.C., son of Robert and Sharon Sidebottom, also of Charlotte, N.C., on Oct. 30, 1992.

The ceremony took place in the Church of Saint Helen, Westfield, officiated by the Rev. William Morris. The bride was escorted by her father.

A reception was held at The Forge Inn, Woodbridge.

The bride wore a satin gown with a beaded bodice of sea pearls and applique. The gown featured a key-hole back with strands of sea pearls. The veil was a crown of ivory flowers and sequins with a chapel length veil decorated with sea pearls. She carried a cascading bouquet of star gazer lilies with ivory roses and freesia, ivy and tree fern.

The maid of honor was Jennifer Yuengel of Westfield, sister of the bride. She wore an emerald green velvet gown with ivory satin accents. She carried a cascading bouquet of star gazer lilies with white freesia, baby carnations and tree fern.

The bridesmaids were Robin Bernardo of Haledon, sister of the bride; Daniela Barber of Flemington; Alexandra Ocampo of Boca Raton, Fla.; Cindy Patriarca of Scotch Plains; and Samantha Yuro of Westfield. They were similarly attired as the maid of honor.

Michael Vest of Greenbriar, Tenn., uncle of the groom, served as best man.

Ushers were Edward Yuengel of Milford, brother of the bride; Michael Bernardo of Haledon, brother-in-law of the bride; William Tracy of Glasgow, Ky.; cousin of the groom; and Christopher Tillyou of Hoboken.

After a wedding trip to Dunn's River, Jamaica, the couple resides in Charlotte, N.C.

The bride graduated from Westfield High School in 1988 and attended Union County College. She was employed by Wheat First Securities in Westfield for five years and transferred to its office in Charlotte, N.C.

The groom graduated from Westfield High School in 1985 and attended Villanova University. He is a real estate agent at Flouhouse McClave Realtors in Charlotte, N.C.

The rehearsal party was hosted by the mother of the groom at Tiffany's Restaurant in Summit. A bridal shower was hosted by mother of the bride and bridal party at Aliperti's Restaurant in Clark.

Milestones

Patricia Freda will marry Michael Lettieri in October

Patricia Freda of Westfield announces the engagement of her daughter, Dawn, to Michael J. Lettieri of Basking Ridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rocco Lettieri of Scotch Plains. Miss Freda is also the daughter of Victor Freda of Florida.

The bride-to-be graduated from Westfield High School, Union County College, and Lyons Institute. She is employed by Warren-Watching Internal Medicine in Warren.

Her fiancé graduated from Union Catholic Regional High School and Rutgers University. He is self-employed in Farwood.

The wedding is planned for Oct. 1.

Clair P. Flynn exchanges vows with Michael Hone

Clair Patricia Flynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Flynn of Leonia, was married to Michael Thomas Hone of Media, Pa., son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Hone of Westfield, Jan. 23, 1993.

The nuptial Mass was held at St. John the Evangelist Church in Leonia, officiated by the Rev. Eugene J. O'Brien. The bride was escorted by her father.

The reception was held at the Pearl River Hilton, Pearl River, N.Y.

The bride's gown was diamond white silk satin. The veil was made in Ireland of Irish lace. She carried Casablanca lilies, white and pink roses and stephanotis.

The maid of honor was Margaret Flynn of Leonia, sister of the bride. She wore a plum velvet sheath.

Bridesmaids were Maureen Connor of Saddle River, cousin of the bride; Suzanne Hone of Hoboken, sister of the groom; Eileen De-

venny of Hoboken; Marcia Gullino of San Francisco, Calif.; and Carey McGlynn of Hingham, Mass., all friends of the bride. They were attired the same as the maid of honor.

David Hone of Hoboken, brother of the groom, served as best man. Ushers were Thomas Flynn of Leonia, brother of the bride; Patrick Fitzgerald of Fairfield, Conn.; Peter Podurgiel of Scituate, Mass.; Steven Rinn of Hoboken; and Philip Tedeschi of Cohasset, Mass., all friends of the groom.

Following a wedding trip to Tahiti, French Polynesian Islands, the couple resides in Media, Pa.

The bride is a graduate of Fairfield University in Connecticut and was formerly with Morgan Stanley and Co., New York City.

The groom is also a graduate of Fairfield University and is an operations manager at Macy's.



NATALIE RENEE KIRSCHNER and MICHAEL TANGO

Natalie Kirschner engaged to Mr. Tango of Garwood

Michael and Elaine Kirschner of Westfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Natalie Renee, to Michael Anthony Tango, son of Anthony and Mary Tango, of Garwood.

The bride-to-be graduated from Westfield High School in 1987 and the University of Rhode Island December 1990. She is employed by Linens N' Things in West Orange.

Her fiancé graduated from David Brearley High School and Union County Vo-Tech in 1985. He is employed at Marano and Sons Auto Sales in Garwood.

The wedding will be held in August at the Richfield Regency.

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Any questions regarding the Major League should be addressed to Bruce Phillips at 654-4667 and any inquiries concerning the Pony League should be directed to Bill Hadden at 232-5251.

League forming

A Tri-County softball league for girls in grades three through five is currently forming for the upcoming season, which begins on June 28 and ends on July 30. The roster is limited and will be confined to Westfield residents only. Interested parties may call Bob Guerriero at 654-1799 for more information.

Anzelone rocks

Jenae Anzelone, a sophomore at the University of Pennsylvania, finished third in the 800-meter run at the Heptagonal Championships, held Feb. 27-28 at the Naval Academy. Her time of 2:13 is a personal best and qualified her for the Eastern Conference Championships.

The Hot Spot



Between 7:30 p.m. and midnight on Saturday the Westfield Tennis Association will sponsor an evening of doubles tennis at the Mountaintide Indoor Tennis Courts. The event is open to all Westfield residents and a partner is not necessary. Please bring a dessert or appetizer. To reserve a space for this evening of fun, call Jean Power at 654-5763 or Tucker Trimble at 654-5455.

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Four wrestlers gain Super-Regions



Westfield freshman Kevin Sullivan finished fourth overall in the Region 3 tournament, and closed out the season with 19-9 record. Sullivan lost this match to eventual-champion Jim Diamond of Parsippany Hills, 11-8. In the consolation finals, Sullivan lost 11-0 to Union's David Bubnowski.

Westfield's Coren, Posey duo are runner-ups in Region 3

By KIP KUDUK
THE RECORD

UNION — Accustomed to large scale success in the past, many Westfield wrestlers treaded on unfamiliar territory at Union High School in the Region 3 Tournament, as all nine entrants tasted defeat. For the first time in three years the Blue Devils did not have an individual Region 3 champ.

However, Westfield still sent four grapplers to yesterday's Super-Region 3-4 preliminary round, the largest representation from any school in the area except for Roselle Park, which matched Westfield's total.

All things considered, having four wrestlers qualify for the Super-Regions is a substantial feat, something which head coach Don MacDonald must be pleased about.

"Our kids had really good district and region tournaments," said the Westfield coach. "They all did very well."

Undoubtedly, these words are little solace to Seth Coren and the Posey brothers, Chris and Cory, all

of whom lost decisions in the finals to undefeated opponents.

Coren, tabbed as the No. 1 seed in the heavyweight bracket, suffered an exceptionally close loss in the final match of the day Saturday. First period pins over Jason Allen of Morristown (1:55) and Joe Babbage of Livingston (.43) catapulted Coren into the finals against the imposing Domingo Graham of Newark Central, who also pinned two foes in advancing to the finals.

In Graham, Coren went up against the biggest and strongest opponent he's faced all season. After a scoreless first period in which both wrestlers stayed on their feet, Graham scored the only point of the bout nine seconds into the second period when he escaped from the bottom position.

Throughout the middle period, Coren had a hold of one of Graham's legs and seemed ready to take him down. However, on each occasion Graham thwarted this maneuver by getting out of bounds. After showing his dexterity, Graham utilized his massive (Please turn to page B-2)

Icy finish for Devils in bowling sectionals

By KIP KUDUK
THE RECORD

Westfield got off to a hot start Saturday in the North Jersey Section 2 bowling championships and actually led the field of 22 teams after one game at Bel-Chair Lanes in Montclair.

H.S. ROUNDUP

But, despite the Blue Devils' total of 957 in the opening game, head coach Mike Throner sensed something was not quite right with his team.

"After the first game I was a little skeptical because they were struggling to adjust to the condition of the alleys," said Throner. "It was definitely a lefty house. The back end of the lanes were snapping to the pocket nicely from the left-hand side, while the righties couldn't snap it in the pocket. We started out in first and it gave us false hopes."

Throner's suspicions were confirmed over the final two games, as Westfield's second game total of 824 dropped the Blue Devils to

fifth place, exactly where they finished after rolling a 796 in the final game.

Linden, which amassed 2,902 pins, won the team title by a comfortable margin. Cranford (2,754) was second and Nutley (2,713) placed third. All three teams advance to the state championships this Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at Carolan Lanes in North Brunswick.

Senior Mike Pass will also be on hand to compete for individual honors. Pass rolled a 230, 193 and 190, placing him fourth overall with a 613 series. The top nine individuals qualified for the state tournament.

Dan and Matt Masine bowled 200 or better in the first game, but neither of them could keep up their torrid pace over the final two games. Linden's Mike Orth had the high-game (268) and high-series (709) for the day.

In spite of the sudden end of the season, Throner believed the year was a success.

"I think it's important that we defeated Linden for the conference championship," said Throner. "It's (Please turn to page B-2)

Hertell leads strong Meet of Champions

By IVY CHARNATZ
THE RECORD

With the disappointing loss to Bergen Catholic in the sectional finals last Tuesday still haunting some of the Blue Devils, Westfield sent 11 of their finest swimmers to the Meet of Champions Sunday at Trenton State College.

Darren Hertell ended his high school career by participating in four of the team's five first-place finishes, two of which gave the senior individual titles.

Hertell teamed up with Dave Schwartz, Tom Mann and Dan Zemsky to finish first in the 200-yard medley relay (1:37.80), five seconds ahead of second place St. Joseph's-Metuchen. He then won the 200-yard individual medley in a time of 1:52.27, breaking his own school record.

The 100-yard backstroke provided Hertell (52.38) with his other individual victory. Next, he joined teammates Tim Smith, Ted Pollack and Mann to claim a first-place finish in the 400-yard freestyle relay (3:15.03). The foursome turned in the fastest relay race for Westfield in five years and just missed the school record by eleven-hundredths of a second.

"We wanted to show that we are the best even though we didn't win the (sectional) finals," said Hertell, who is still deciding between the University of Virginia, the University of North Carolina, Yale and Lehigh as possible college selections.

Along with playing a key role in the 200 medley relay, Schwartz finished the 100-yard breaststroke in 58.50, giving him his second consecutive state title in the event.

The 200-yard freestyle relay team of Chris Manos, Rob Schundler, Smith and Zemsky came in second, just two-hundredths of a second behind Delran, which finished in a time of 1:29.41.

Although he did not gain an individual title, Mann placed fourth in the 100-yard butterfly, setting a new school record (52.72).

"I would rather have beaten Bergen Catholic than swim well (on Sunday)," said Mann. "(The Meet of Champions) is not the same as the whole team swimming."

While the loss to Bergen Catholic was still on the minds of many swimmers, Sunday's meet provided a chance for the Blue Devils to finish the season in a positive way.

"We wanted to crush everyone and prove we were the best," said co-captain Joel Pargot. "I don't think we did badly (in the regular season), but I don't think we did as well as we could have done and should have done. We should have won against Bergen Catholic."

"You always want to swim well," said co-captain and team manager Peter Catanzaro. "Bergen Catholic beat us, then lost to St. Joe's. No one really knows who the enemy is now."

Overall, the Blue Devils are happy with their undefeated season. Regardless of the heart-breaking loss, the Blue Devils are still proud of their accomplishments throughout the season.

"One loss isn't bad," said Mann. "It's definitely good."

"This year was definitely a success," said head coach Chris McGiffin. "We can still look back at it in a positive way."

1993 Winter Season Award Outstanding High School Athlete



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Despite facing defenses geared to stop him in every game, senior guard Mike Comandini finished the season as one of the state's leading scorers, finishing with a 21.8 points per game average. As well as possessing a deadly outside jump shot, Comandini was cited by Westfield Head Coach Stew Carey as an excellent all-around player.

Mike Comandini Senior, Basketball

By KIP KUDUK
THE RECORD

All season long Westfield's basketball adversaries were urged to be conscious of the abilities of Mike Comandini. In fact, it was in their best interests to devise a plan to shut down the Blue Devils' guard.

But this rarely happened. Like the mechanical bunny in the battery commercial, the senior was never actually stopped.

Despite facing gimmick defenses in just about every game he played in, and in spite of sustaining a strained rotator cuff in the fourth game of the season, Comandini missed only one game and finished as one of the state's leading scorers with 21.8 point per game average.

"About 50 to 60 percent of our offense was geared to get him the ball," said head coach Stew Carey. "He faced defenses designed to stop him on a consistent basis and he got better as he went along. I think the one thing which hurt the most was not having another scorer to go with him this year."

Without players such as Greg Prunty and Matt Connell to deflect the scoring burden, the pressure to put the ball in the basket fell squarely on Comandini's shoulders. Because each Westfield opponent realized this, Comandini had to work extremely hard to get open.

"Even though teams were geared up to stop him, you never saw Mike get rattled," said Carey. "He's a very calm kid. He has an inner-confidence about him. If something happens he never says anything. He'll just come back and seem to say, 'See if you can stop me this time.'"

Perhaps, it's the countless games of one-on-one basketball he played in the backyard with his brother Matt.

Or, maybe it's the daily two-hour shooting sessions at the Westfield YMCA. Whatever the case, Comandini possesses a deadly outside jump shot and the self-assurance to know he'll make it the majority of the time.

To be exact, the guard made 58 percent of his shots from the field and 85 percent (55 of 65) of his free throws this season. In 19 games, he sank 22 three-pointers, while averaging six assists a contest.

"I didn't think I'd average over 20 points," said Comandini, who is also a member of the National Honor Society. "I thought I'd be in the mid-teens. I'm happy with the average, but I was hoping we'd finish with a better record."

In his two seasons at the varsity level, Comandini fell just short of the 1,000-point mark. The last Blue Devil to exceed 1,000 points was Boo Bowers, who played during the mid-1970s.

Because of his outstanding season, Comandini is The Westfield Record's Outstanding Male Athlete of the Winter Season.

Ironically, Comandini's deft touch as a pure shooter overshadows the other aspects of his game. Carey certainly is aware of his other talents.

"People see his scoring and forget about the other points of his game," said the veteran coach. "He finds people open on the floor as good as anyone. In college he could handle the point guard position as well as anyone. I've seen him head and finish the fast break, go up with the big guys to get a rebound and make great passes."

"Defensively, he's very quick. He does a good job getting into the passing lanes and he anticipates very well. He's a complete player. He also has a work ethic (Please turn to page B-2)

Devils land foursome in Super-Regions

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build and considerable strength over the final two minutes.

Coren (25-2) began the third on bottom and was never permitted to stand up and tie the match. Possessing a 50-pound weight advantage, Graham (21-0) kept Coren down with good wrist and leg control. Whenever it seemed Coren appeared close to scoring a neutral point, Graham took Coren down to the mat with authority.

Afterwards, Coren credited the person who ended his personal 24-match winning streak.

"I got in my shots, but he held me off. I couldn't finish my take-downs," said Coren, who is 46-9-1 over the past two seasons. "I thought I could've wrestled better, but he beat me out there. Of course I wanted to win, but it's another learning experience. I'll have to beat guys like that if I wish to meet my goals in the states."

In addition to this season, freshman Cory Posey has three years ahead of him to win a state title, and he'll surely be glad to see Mike Marcovecchio out of the way.

In the 140-pound finals, Posey lost to the unbeaten Scotch Plains-Fanwood senior for the third time in a row. Marcovecchio (22-0) won a 10-9 double overtime decision on Jan. 15 in a dual meet and also won a 4-3 decision in the Union County finals.

Marcovecchio, who won the Region 3 135-pound title last year and was tabbed as the state's No. 1 seed at 140 pounds this season, scored the first points of the match with 37 seconds left in the second period when he turned over Posey to register two points. In the third period he increased his lead to 3-0 after escaping from the bottom with 1:40 remaining.

From that point, Marcovecchio wrestled a strictly defensive style, staying low in order to fend off any of Posey's shots. Posey, who's already set the school record for number of victories by a freshman, was awarded one stalling point with 20 seconds remaining. But, it wasn't enough, as Marcovecchio won a 3-1 decision.

"Experience and strength is what matters in matches that are close," said MacDonald. "He (Marcovecchio) is one of the best in the state and he's a mature senior against a freshman. He could protect his lead and that's what he did. He did enough to win."

Chris Posey came into the 135-pound finals without a loss in his last 18 bouts. But, the senior had difficulty dealing with Livingston senior Anthony Ialeggio, last year's 130-pound Region 3 champ who entered the match with a 19-0 record.

Ialeggio, who finished third in the state last year, got a leg up on Posey when he scored two points on a reversal with five seconds left in the first period. Posey cut into the 2-0 lead by registering an escape point early in the second.

But, Ialeggio began to take the

match over. Following a reversal and a takedown, Ialeggio kept Posey on the mat and took a 6-1 lead into the third period. Over the final two minutes, Ialeggio padded his lead by escaping from, then taking down his counterpart. When it was over, Ialeggio ran his record to 20-0 after winning a 9-1 decision.

"He missed an early takedown and sometimes that has a big effect," said MacDonald about Posey. "Against an excellent kid like that, you can't let any opportunities slip away. He (Ialeggio) took advantage of every opportunity he had."

Junior Paul Baly made full use of his lone opportunity to make the Super-Regions when he pinned Parsippany senior Mike Suppa midway through the second period in the 171-pound consolation finals.

Baly (21-9) used three near-fall points and two escapes to build a 5-3 lead after the first period. With both wrestlers on the middle of the mat, Baly suddenly turned Suppa to his back and pin him quickly.

"I tilted him up," said Baly, who pinned his first two foes in the third period before losing to Johnson Regional's Roy Pitta in the semifinals. "That's usually done for points, not to pin. I had his hips tight and I guess he didn't realize his shoulders were on the mat. I didn't even know I pinned him. I thought something was wrong when I heard the whistle."

Baly was the only one of three Westfield wrestlers who survived

their consolation final bout.

Sophomore Jeff Checchio nearly earned a return trip to Union High School, but he lost an overtime decision to Columbia's Ernie Borsellino in the 112-pound fight for third place.

Checchio (20-9) trailed, 1-0, entering the final period, but he tied the bout when he scored a neutral point with 1:20 remaining. The sophomore desperately avoided a Borsellino reversal over the final 10 seconds of the match, forcing overtime. Thirty-one seconds into the extra session Borsellino completed a two-point reversal to win the match.

"I came in with a bad shot and he held me underneath and came around," said Checchio. "I still think this year worked out well for me. I was even happy to make the regions. I didn't expect to get this far."

Freshman Kevin Sullivan also lost in the consolation finals, bowing to Union's David Bubnowski 11-0. Sullivan (19-9) pinned Madison's David DeDuca in 58 seconds in the quarterfinals before losing to eventual champion Jim Diamond of Parsippany Hills, 11-8.

After beating Governor Livingston's Brian West, 8-4, in the preliminary round, 152-pound senior Lance Kovac (16-10) had his season end in the quarterfinals when he was pinned by No. 3 seed Mike Jakubowski of Union at 3:40.

Senior Brian Buldo (16-10) was eliminated for the second straight year by New Providence's Tom Warnke. Warnke (24-1), the eventual 119-pound champion, pinned Buldo at 2:54 in the quarterfinals.

Tom Whelan (8-16), another Westfield senior, lost a 10-3 decision to Newark Central's Markie McCrae in last Wednesday's preliminary round.

SCOREBOARD

IN THE NEWS

W.B.L. sets tryout dates
The Westfield Baseball League has scheduled its spring season tryout dates for Saturday, March 13 and 20 at Tamaque Park. All 10 to 16-year-olds not currently enrolled on a Major or Pony League team who want to play in those leagues must complete at least one tryout to be eligible for the respective drafts. While only one tryout is required to be considered for the draft, however, the W.B.L. strongly recommends attending both.

The Major League consists of 10, 11 and 12-year-olds who play a competitive 10 to 15 game schedule. The Major League plays at least one night per week, plus every Saturday and Sunday from mid-April to mid-June.

All 11 and 12-year-olds who want to try out for the Majors should be at Tamaque field No. 1 at 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 13 and 20. All 10-year-olds should be at Tamaque field No. 1 at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 13 and 20.

The Pony League, consisting of 13, 14 and 15-year-olds, plays every Saturday and Sunday and on some weekday nights from mid-April to mid-June. All 13 to 15-year-olds wanting to try out for the Pony's should be at Tamaque field No. 2 at 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 13 and 20. All 16-year-olds must play in the Pony's, and if not presently on a Pony League team, must attend a tryout to be drafted.

Regardless of weather, go to the assigned field. Do not assume the tryouts will be canceled. Rain dates or change of location will be posted at the appropriate field.

Any questions regarding the Major League should be addressed to Bruce Phillips at 654-4667 and any inquiries concerning the Pony League should be directed to Bill Hadden at 323-5251.

Those who have not signed up and would like to play baseball this spring will be able to sign up at the tryouts. There will be a \$40 registration fee plus a \$10 late fee. An additional \$20 refundable uniform deposit is in effect for anyone trying out for the Pony League. A parent or guardian's signature is required in all instances. Those who have never participated in the Westfield Baseball League need to bring proof of age.

W.B.S. Students Jump Rope for Heart
Students from Westfield High School will jump into the fight against heart disease on Thursday, March 25, as they participate in Jump Rope for Heart. The event is sponsored by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) and local physical education teachers. All proceeds will benefit the local division of the American Heart Association (AHA).

Students will ask family, friends and neighbors to sponsor them for every minute their team jumps in the event. The money will fund the AHA's heart and blood vessel research, public education and community programs, as well as AAHPERD programs. Since its inception in 1978, Jump Rope for Heart has involved almost 10 million teachers and students nationwide.

W.T.A. Spring Tennis Social

The Westfield Tennis Association is sponsoring an evening of doubles tennis at the Mountaineer Indoor Tennis Courts on Saturday, March 13, from 7:30 p.m. to 12 midnight. The event is open to all Westfield residents and a partner is not necessary. Please bring an appetizer or a dessert. To reserve a space for this evening of fun, call Jean Power at 654-5753 or Tucker Thibault at 654-5455.

RUNNING

Bernstein second in Eastern Regional
Irwin Bernstein of Westfield completed his indoor track season by finishing in second place in the Eastern Regional Championships at Lehigh University on March 7. Representing the Garden State Athletic Club in the 800-meter run for ages 55-59, Bernstein recorded a time of 2:32.05, trailing only Cliff Pauling of New York City (2:23.13). Bob Egan of Philadelphia was third (2:35.25) and Ted Break of Pittsburgh was fourth (2:38.25). This marked the 5th consecutive year in which Bernstein captured a medal at the Eastern Championships.

Springfield 10K

The Springfield 10K will be held this year on May 23, and once again features a Tot Trot (9 a.m.), Fun Run/Walk (9:30 a.m.) and 10K run (10 a.m.).

The race will be held at Mead Field, Mead Ave. in Springfield. Registration before May 12 is \$10 for the 10K, \$7 for the Fun Run and \$5 for the Tot Trot. After May 12, cost is \$13 for the 10K, \$10 for Fun Run and \$7 for Tot Trot. The first 300 entrants will receive T-shirts.

For more information, call (801) 378-0231.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Westfield P.A.L. Girls' Basketball
Last week, the Lady Blue Devils took their 5-0 record against their stiffest competition to date. Against Cranford, Westfield jumped to a first half lead, as the strong shooting of Amy Williams and the defensive rebounding of Nicole DeSantis enabled Westfield to build an early lead.

Alena Lygate's single coverage of Cranford's leading scorer shut down the Lady Cougars in the third as Westfield went up by five points. Hoop hysteresis carried into the fourth as the lead changed hands several times. It was Cranford's bench that turned the tide and outscored Westfield, 18-7, preserving a two point lead and handing the Lady Devils their first loss, 47-45.

Trying to bounce back, Westfield hosted unbeaten Madison and the league's leading scorer. From the start, the quick Madison team showed true leadership with strong play, and took a six-point halftime lead. Madison started the third quarter where they left off — dominating and building a seemingly insurmountable 11-point lead.

With their backs against the wall, the Lady Blue Devils rallied. Point guard Jen Kempe kept feeding an open Alena Lygate, who started to add to her 23-point total. Pressure from the front line of Vicki Nussie, Williams and Alena Lygate brought Westfield to within three points with 40 seconds to play.

Using their last timeout, a quick play was mapped out and the Lady Blue Devils took their positions. Alena Lygate's first three point attempt missed, but an alert DeSantis rebounded and hit Alena Lygate again who missed the game with seconds remaining. Madison called timeout as the place erupted. But, Westfield could not control Madison, as the visitors broke the press and sank their only fourth period basket to take a 35-33 victory home.

At 5-2, Westfield traveled to New Providence. The Lady Devils varied their frustrations over the last two games on New Providence and scored at will, securing a 55-33 victory. Offense outweighed defense as Katie Heinikel, Amelia Hanley and Katie Brahm combined for 24 points. Peily O'Donnell, DeSantis and Alena Lygate controlled the boards both ways, while Peily Lygate, Vicki Nussie and Jessica Brewster proved to be a formidable threesome, as they controlled the press and New Providence.

The Lady Devils move into the playoffs, starting March 15, after finishing in third place in the regular season.

Mike Comandini

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like you would not believe.

"He's always one of the first ones to get to the gym and one of the last to leave. Then, he'll go to the 'Y' to work on his shooting. If you want to be a good player, follow Mike Comandini's work ethic."

"He's a motivator, especially in practice," said Marc Koslowsky, Westfield's junior point guard. "He

set the tone a lot of times in games by hitting shots when we were slacking off. I know he's personally made me work harder."

Comandini wants to play basketball for a Division III college next winter. Among the schools he's eying are Elizabethtown College, Susquehanna University, Muhlenberg College, Trenton State College, Union College and Connecticut College.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

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quite an accomplishment for our young team to beat someone who won county and sectional titles. I think we had an outstanding season just because of that. And, a 17-2 record is nothing to look down at either."

Devils sprinters, relays shine at Meet of Champions

While Westfield did not have a representative in the finals of the Meet of Champions Saturday, the season-ending event proved to be quite fruitful for many Blue Devil swimmers.

In particular, all three relays and two sprinters enjoyed a fine meet. Sophomores Lisa Olden (25.77) and Jill Smith (25.81) qualified for the consolation finals and placed in the top 12 overall.

The 200-yard freestyle relay of Olden, Sarah Showfety, Smith and freshman Anne Teitelbaum placed

eighth with a time of 1:45.74. Saskia Riley, Showfety, Jen O'Brien and Smith were clocked in 1:56.47 in the 200-yard medley relay, giving them a top 12 finish.

Olden, O'Brien, Riley and Teitelbaum propelled the 400 free relay to the consolation finals, where the foursome finished in 3:50.37.

Teitelbaum (200 free and 100-yard butterfly), Olden (100-yard breaststroke) and Riley (100-yard backstroke) swam in the morning trials, but didn't qualify for the consolation finals.

However, Riley qualified for YMCA Junior Nationals in the 100 back (1:03.3), as did Olden in the morning trials of the 50 free (25.66).

"It was a great year," said head coach Stacey Hegna. "They were very competitive and everyone did a great job. As far as the states were concerned, coming off a week of vacation and swimming in two meets with one day of practice — I couldn't ask for anything more. I think next year we'll beat Roddary without a problem."

EFINGER'S

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



**DARREN HERTELL
WESTFIELD**

The senior successfully defended his 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard backstroke titles at Sunday's Meet of Champions. Hertell breezed to his second consecutive state championship in the 200 IM, finishing with a time of 1:52.27, more than three seconds faster than his closest pursuer. In the 100 back, Hertell (52.38) won by exactly seven-tenths of a second.

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Business

What? You're having corned beef on St. Pat's Day?

By ELIZABETH GROMER
THE RECORD

Westfielders need not travel to Dublin or even to New York to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in the right fashion. Just a few stops around town and you'll have all the fixings for an authentic Irish celebration.

Destination No. 1 should be Celtic Imports on Prospect Street — not only for many of the necessary items — but for the advice of the store's owner, Jim Gildea.

He would recommend starting the day with a cup of Barry's gold blend tea, and some crackers with Irish Cottage Coarse Cut Marmalade. You can also pick up brown bread mix at the store, if you want something hardier.

To put yourself in the mood, play a Clannad compact disc. This Irish group recently jumped into everyone's mind and CD player, thanks to one of their songs, the *Theme from Harry's Game*, being featured in a Volkswagen commercial. For those who want something more rousing, try *The Chieftains' Live from the Belfast Opera House*, which just won a Grammy award.

Next, put on a handknit sweater. Celtic Imports has a variety of Aran sweaters that have the names of the knitters on the tag. What could be better than a warm "jumper" as they say, knit just for you by Anne Davis in County Roscommon, the heart of Ireland's lake country.

Now that you are warm and well fed, put yourself on the auld sod by sitting down with some Irish literature. If you start with James Joyce, bring your walking shoes and read carefully for a tour of Dublin. See the Fair City in winter in *The Dead* from *The Dubliners* or in the summer in *Ulysses*.

If you want to plan ahead for some really authentic cuisine, pick up a cookbook at Celtic Imports. For example, the *Ballymaloe Cookbook*, by Myrtle Allen, includes a recipe for Irish stew.

Mr. Gildea advises skipping the trite corned beef and cabbage on the feast day. He explained corned beef was really scraps the butchers kept in brine and gave to starved beggars. They combined it for a meal with cabbage, one of the cheapest and most readily available vegetables in Ireland at the time. Instead of celebrating a great tradition of Irish cooking, those who eat corned beef and cabbage are really memorializing a dark time in Irish history.

Instead, boil up some potatoes and wash them down with a Guinness. Many local liquor stores carry the stout in draught cans which have a nitrous cartridge on the bottom, so when the tab is popped the beer is carbonated on the spot, according to Peter-son's Liquors. (Reporter's note, they taste remarkably authentic.)

Mr. Gildea offers a one last suggestion. "Be sure to sit down and read 20 pages of Joyce and you will have celebrated St. Patrick's day in good stead," he said.



Winning evening



Palmiro Ferraro of Ferraro's Restaurant welcomes Mr. and Mrs. Donald Feldt to a dinner they won in the INTOWN/Chamber of Commerce drawing and Valentine promotion. The prize included dinner for two, Galaxy Coach limo service, corsage from The Flower Basket, champagne on Brunner Opticians, a huge box of Brummer's Chocolates, and photos of it all by Classic Studio.

Briefs

Christopher Academy accredited among first

The Christopher Academy is among the first preschool before- and after-school programs in the United States to be accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs.

The academy recognizes early childhood programs which meet national standards of quality.

The Christopher Academy, 510 Hillcrest Ave., serves 85 children ages 3-6, according to Director Amelia McTamney.

Buckley is appointed Middlesex sales leader

Edward Bindel, president of MiniData, the payroll company, a Ceridian company, recently announced the selection of Bob Buckley of Westfield as district sales manager for Middlesex County.

Mr. Buckley will be responsible for overseeing client acquisitions

as well as servicing existing accounts.

"We're fortunate to have Bob Buckley with his years of experience in the payroll processing business," said Ed Bindel, president. "Bob has been involved in sales for over 15 years, 10 of which have been in the payroll processing business. We are confident he will provide our Middlesex County clients with quality service."

He lives in Westfield with his wife Louise and two daughters, Allyson and Amanda. Prior to sales, Mr. Buckley attended Bethany College in Kansas where he studied business and accounting.

MiniData, a 21-year-old firm, provides payroll services to more than 6,000 small and medium size businesses.

MiniData became part of Ceridian Corp., formerly Control Data Corp., in November 1991. Ceridian applies computer technology to meet customers' specialized computing and information management needs.

RockBank names Kelly to board of directors

Arthur Zemel, RockBank chairman, announced that James J. Kelly of Westfield has been named to the RockBank board of directors.

Mr. Kelly is a senior vice president with Wheat, First Securities Inc., a member of the New York Stock Exchange, and is branch manager for the firm's Central Avenue office in Westfield. He has been involved in the securities industry and banking in Westfield since 1965.

Mr. Kelly is a member of the Westfield Rotary Club and is active in Chamber of Commerce activities and various civic groups in the area.

RockBank is a wholly owned subsidiary of Rock Financial Corporation with five branch offices in North Plainfield, Watchung, Green Brook, South Plainfield and Westfield. In 1992, RockBank received the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Award for Excellence for making more SBA loans than any other bank in the state. RockBank also recently received a four-star rating from Bauer Financial Reports of Coral Gables, Fla.

LOCAL MOVIE TIMES

FOR THE WEEK OF FRIDAY, MARCH 12-THURSDAY, MARCH 18

Schedules are subject to last-minute change.

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Routes 9 & 35, Sayreville
(908) 721-3400
•CB4 (R) Friday-Thursday: 1, 3, 5, 7:25, 9:15, 9:40 p.m. Late shows Friday and Saturday at 11:20, 11:50 p.m.
•A Far Off Place (PG) and Trail Mix-Up (G) Friday-Thursday: 1:25, 4:25, 7:05, 9:30 p.m. Late show Friday and Saturday at 11:45 p.m.
•Fire in the Sky (PG-13) Friday-Sunday: 1:10, 3:30, 5:45, 8, 10:20 p.m. Monday-Thursday: 1:10, 4:10, 7, 9:20 p.m. Late show Friday and Saturday at 12:30 a.m.
•Amos & Andrew (PG-13) Friday-Thursday: 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 8, 10:05 p.m. Late show Friday and Saturday at 12:15 a.m.
•Swing Kids (PG-13) Friday-Thursday: 1:30, 4:20, 7:15, 9:40 p.m. Late show Friday and Saturday at midnight.
•Shadow of the Wolf (PG-13) Friday-Thursday: 1:45, 4:15, 7 p.m.
•Best of the Best 2 (R) Friday-Thursday: 1:15, 3:25, 5:35, 8, 10:10 p.m. Late show Friday and Saturday at 12:15 a.m.
•Mad Dog and Glory (R) Friday-Thursday: 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 10 p.m. Late show Friday and Saturday at 12:20 a.m.
•The Crying Game (R) Friday-Thursday: 1:45, 4:20, 7:15, 9:40 p.m. Late show Friday and Saturday at midnight.
•Falling Down (R) Friday-Thursday: 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday: 1:30, 4:25, 7:10, 9:30 p.m. Late show Friday and Saturday at 12:25 a.m.
•A Few Good Men (R) Friday-Thursday: 9 p.m. Late show Friday and Saturday at 11:30 p.m.
•Army of Darkness (R) Friday-Thursday: 1:45, 10:05 p.m. Late show Friday and Saturday at midnight.
•Aladdin (G) Friday-Thursday: 1, 3, 5, 7 p.m.
•Groundhog Day (PG) Friday-Thursday: 1:30, 4:15, 7:05, 9:15 p.m. Late show

Friday and Saturday at 11:20 p.m.
•Untamed Heart (PG-13) Friday-Thursday: 3:40, 5:50, 8 p.m.
•Homeward Bound (G) Friday-Thursday: 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:25 p.m.
•Unforgiven (R) Friday-Thursday: 9:20 p.m. Late show Friday and Saturday at 11:50 p.m.
CINEPLEX ODEON
Route 1, Edison
(908) 321-1412
•Swing Kids (PG-13) Friday-Thursday: 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:10 p.m.
•Groundhog Day (PG) Friday-Thursday: 1:40, 3:40, 5:40, 7:40, 9:40 p.m.
•Aladdin (G) Friday-Thursday: 1, 3, 5, 7 p.m.
•Scent of a Woman (R) Friday-Thursday: 9:30 p.m.
•Falling Down (R) Friday-Thursday: 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:55, 10:20 p.m.
•Amos & Andrew (PG-13) Friday-Thursday: 1:30, 3:30, 5:40, 7:30, 9:30 p.m.
•Somersby (PG-13) Friday-Thursday: 1, 3:15, 5:35, 8:15, 10:30 p.m.
•Fire in the Sky (PG-13) Friday-Thursday: 1:20, 3:45, 5:55, 8:10, 10:20 p.m.
•The Crying Game (R) Friday-Thursday: 1:05, 3:15, 5:25, 7:45, 10 p.m.
•CB4 (R) Friday-Thursday: 1:30, 3:25, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 p.m.
•Untamed Heart (PG-13) Friday-Thursday: 1:20, 3:40, 5:45, 7:50, 9:55 p.m.
•Mad Dog and Glory (R) Friday-Thursday: 1:30, 3:45, 5:55, 8, 10:15 p.m.
•Best of the Best 2 (R) Friday-Thursday: 1:15, 3:30, 5:40, 8:15, 10:30 p.m.
DUNELLEN THEATER
458 North Ave., Dunellen
(908) 968-3331
•Call theater for showtimes.
KENDALL PARK CINEMAS
3560 Route 27, Kendall Park
(908) 422-2444
•Falling Down (R) Friday, Saturday: 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:30 p.m. Sunday: 2, 4:30, 6:45, 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday: 8 p.m.
•A Far Off Place (PG) and Trail Mix-Up (G) Friday, Saturday: 1:30, 4, 7, 9:15

p.m. Sunday: 1:30, 3:45, 6:15, 8:40 p.m. Monday-Thursday: 7, 9:15 p.m.
•Groundhog Day (PG) Friday, Saturday: 1:45, 3:50, 5:50, 7:55, 10 p.m. Sunday: 1:15, 3:20, 5:20, 7:25, 9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday: 7:45 p.m.
•Amos & Andrew (PG-13) Friday, Saturday: 2:05, 4:20, 6, 8:10, 10:15 p.m. Sunday: 1:55, 3:50, 5:50, 7:45, 9:45 p.m. Monday-Thursday: 8 p.m.
•The Crying Game (R) Friday, Saturday: 2:20, 5, 7:35, 9:45 p.m. Sunday: 2:10, 4:40, 7:05, 9:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday: 7:45 p.m.
•Homeward Bound (G) Friday, Saturday: 1:20, 3:10, 5:10, 7 p.m. Sunday: 1:20, 3:10, 5, 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday: 7 p.m.
•Scent of a Woman (R) Friday, Saturday: 8:50 p.m. Sunday-Thursday: 8:40 p.m.
•Swing Kids (PG-13) Friday, Saturday: 1:40, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30 p.m. Sunday: 1:40, 4:20, 6:45, 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday: 7:30 p.m.
MIDDLESEX MALL CINEMAS
Stallion and Hadley roads South Plainfield
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•Falling Down (R) Friday: 7:50, 10 p.m. Saturday, Sunday: 1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday: 5:45, 8 p.m.
•Amos & Andrew (PG-13) Friday: 8, 9:55 p.m. Saturday, Sunday: 1:45, 3:50, 5:55, 8, 9:55 p.m. Monday-Thursday: 8:30, 8:15 p.m.
MOVIE CITY
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1665 Oak Tree Rd., Edison
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SOMERSET

BERNARDVILLE CINEMA
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Bernardsville
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•Scent of a Woman (R) Friday, Monday-Thursday: 7:45 p.m. Saturday, Sunday: 1:45, 4:45, 7:45 p.m.

BROOK CINEMA
10 Hamilton St.
Bound Brook
(908) 469-9665
•The Crying Game (R) Friday: 7:15, 9:25 p.m. Saturday, Sunday: 12:45, 2:45, 5, 7:15, 9:25 p.m. Monday-Thursday: 7:45 p.m.
•The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) Friday, Saturday: Midnight.
GENERAL CINEMA
BLUE STAR
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Routes 22 & 202-206
Bridgewater
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•Call theater for showtimes.
GENERAL CINEMA
RUTGERS PLAZA
Easton Ave., Somerset
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•Call theater for showtimes.
GENERAL CINEMA
SOMERVILLE CIRCLE
Route 28, Raritan
(908) 526-0101
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MONTGOMERY CENTER
Route 206, Rocky Hill
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•The Crying Game (R) Friday, Monday-Thursday: 7:15, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sunday: 12:30, 2:45, 5, 7:15, 9:30 p.m.
•Indochine (PG-13) Friday: 7, 9:45 p.m. Saturday, Sunday: 1, 4, 7, 9:45 p.m. Monday-Thursday: 8 p.m.

UNION

BERKELEY CINEMA
450 Springfield Ave.
Berkeley Heights
(908) 484-8888
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CINEPLEX ODEON CRANFORD
25 North Ave. West
Cranford
(908) 276-9120
•Scent of a Woman (R) Friday, Monday-Thursday: 8 p.m. Saturday, Sunday: 1, 4, 7, 10 p.m.

•CB4 (R) Friday, Monday-Thursday: 8, 10 p.m. Saturday, Sunday: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 p.m.
CINEPLEX ODEON UNION
990 Styvesant Ave., Union
(908) 686-4373
•Amos & Andrew (PG-13) Friday, Monday-Thursday: 8, 10 p.m. Saturday, Sunday: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 p.m.
•Fire in the Sky (PG-13) Friday, Monday-Thursday: 7:30, 9:45 p.m. Saturday, Sunday: 1:30, 3:35, 5:40, 7:50, 9:55 p.m.
FIVE POINTS CINEMA
327 Chestnut St., Union
(908) 964-9633
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LINDEN FIVEPLEX
400 North Wood Ave., Linden
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•A Far Off Place (PG) and Trail Mix-Up (G) Friday: 7:20, 9:40 p.m. Saturday, Sunday: 12:45, 2:55, 5, 7:20, 9:40 p.m. Monday-Thursday: 7:15, 9:25 p.m.
•CB4 (R) Friday: 7:40, 9:45 p.m. Saturday, Sunday: 12:45, 2:25, 4, 5:45, 7:40, 9:45 p.m. Monday-Thursday: 7:30, 9:25 p.m.
•Falling Down (R) Friday: 7:30, 9:45 p.m. Saturday, Sunday: 1, 3, 5, 7:30, 9:45 p.m. Monday-Thursday: 7:30, 9:30 p.m.
•Homeward Bound (G) Friday, Monday-Thursday: 7 p.m. Saturday, Sunday: 12:45, 1:30, 3:15, 5, 7 p.m.
•Best of the Best 2 (R) Friday-Sunday: 8:30, 10:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday: 8:35 p.m.
•Untamed Heart (PG-13) Friday: 8:35, 10:15 p.m. Saturday, Sunday: 3:15, 8:20, 10:05 p.m. Monday-Thursday: 8:30 p.m.
•Aladdin (G) Friday, Monday-Thursday: 7 p.m. Saturday, Sunday: 12:45, 1:30, 5:10, 6:45 p.m.
LOST PICTURE SHOW
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23 West Westfield Ave.
Roselle Park
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•Call theater for showtimes.
UNITED ARTISTS RIALTO

250 East Broad St.
Westfield
(908) 232-1288
•Call theater for showtimes.
WESTFIELD TWIN CINEMA
138 Central Ave., Westfield
(908) 854-4720
•A Far Off Place (PG) and Trail Mix-Up (G) Friday: 7:30, 9:50 p.m. Saturday: 1, 3:30, 7:30, 9:50 p.m. Sunday: 1, 3:30, 7:15, 9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday: 7:15, 9:30 p.m.
•Swing Kids (PG-13) Friday: 7:45, 10:05 p.m. Saturday: 1:30, 4, 7:45, 10:05 p.m. Sunday: 1:30, 4, 7, 9:20 p.m. Monday-Thursday: 7:30, 9:50 p.m.

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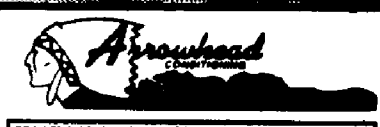
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ONE OF THE FEW HONEST, SINCERE SWM'S LEFT I'm 27, Almost Southern, and a lot of fun. I enjoy motorcycle riding, movies, long, romantic walks, or quiet evenings at home. I'm looking for a SWF who shares the same interests and values as I do. Age not a factor! Please respond ext. 4004.

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1010 Introductions

SWM - 35, 6'1, 175lbs.

hair, gym, eyes, athletic, hardworking, honest & passionate, health & fitness are a way of life, but not without fun. Tennis, surfing, reading, family & new experiences are some of the things I would like to share in search of S/DWF 20s-30s who feels open, passionate, enlightened & intrigued by things on an eclectic level. Please call Ext. 3043.

SWM - tall, slim, educated, active professional, 40 plus, I am caring, romantic, passionate and have many varied interests. I am seeking a relationship with SWF, 30's or 40's, slim average build who likes candles and fireplace is a non or light smoker. Kids are okay. Ext. 4372

SWCF - attractive, 40, petite, long curly hair. Many interests, in search of intelligent WM/SM, 30-45, non-smoker, sincere and attractive. Call box 4368

SWF - 27, slim, attractive, enjoys the outdoors, good conversation & dining out. Seeks an athletic female who is down to earth S/W. Please call ext. 4481

SWDM - 34, single parent, 5'8", brown hair, hazel eyes, a beard, enjoys beaches, movies, camping, motorcycling, looking for SWF, 26-36, good sense of humor, thin to avg., not overly aggressive, no smokers/druggies, please call ext. 4283

SWF - 40, 5'10", full figured, brown hair, hazel eyes, never married, non-drinker, smoker, enjoys camping, fishing, boating, dining in or out, Harley Davidson. Antique cars, flea-markets, animals & just being together. ISO SWM, 43 & up, 6'0" or taller, med. build, mustache, who can be as comfortable as he can be in a suit, who has a sense of humor, witty personality, and a spontaneous nature, you must be caring and trusting, not jealous or insecure. Must be educated, employed, white personality. Drug/alcohol FREE!! Not afraid of commitment. If this sounds good to you then call ext. 4274

SWF - 5'9, statuesque, adventurous woman traveling, loves sports, arts, antiques, theatre & shore. Seeking tall professional, caring, fun, 40+, non-smoking, SWM. Call Ext. 4318.

SWF - I am an advertising professional and would like to meet a similar professional male, 43 plus. I am attractive, 5'7, active in my work, love golf, beach and quiet times. And if you have children or pets it's a plus. If you are looking for a sincere relationship please respond to ext. 4461

SWM 50 year old, professional, 160 lbs. 5'8, sincere and honest with good physique. Enjoys working out, occasional dining out & weekend getaways. Looking for S/DWF 42-45 years old with good figure, attractive and professional who enjoys same possible relationship. Non smoker, no drinker preferred. Call ext. 4369

SWM, CATHOLIC - 64 - non-drinker, non-smoker, honest, sincere, open, sincere, practicing Catholic woman, 30's-40's, with similar qualities for long-term relationship. Reply Ext. 3475

SWM - 25, 6'1, non-smoker, long brown hair w/beard. Ambitious, conservative, honest, I care into outdoors, country music, quiet evenings at home, rides on my motorcycle & flea markets. Seeks SF, 18-35, with similar interests, for friendship or possible relationship. Please call ext. 4454

SWF - 34, warm, bright, slim, attractive, single, 30-40 year old S/DWM who is sensitive, down-to-earth, enjoys life & is looking for someone special for friendship, dating & a possible long-term relationship. Please call Ext. 4308.

SWF - 21, 5'5, 115 lbs. Seeks SWM 22-28, 6' & above for dancing, comedy, park, skiing etc. There's something about a man in a uniform that turns a woman on. Cops, Fire, etc. a b plus. Smoker's okay. Please call Ext. 3032.

SWM - 30, 6', 170 lbs. good looking, handsome, enjoys going out for dinner, movies, hiking, dancing, travel, beach, looking for an honest, attractive woman bet. 25-32 with same interests. Please call Ext. 3040.

SWM - 31, 5'11, blonde. Horse race trainer, wish to meet SW or SA women with a trim or medium shape. Central Jersey area call 4370

SWF - 31, 6'2, 190 lbs. lives sports, movies, outdoors. I am sincere & honest & have a good sense of humor. I work crazy hours 3-11pm. Looking for SWF 25-40 with similar values to the above who believes in meaningful relationships. If you're out there let's talk! Please call Ext. 3039

SWCF - Early 20's, petite, brown hair & eyes. Cute, but not gorgeous, mature, but still fun. Seeking non-smoking, physically fit, challenged. We should both enjoy music, dancing, theatre, board games/chess, cappuccino & the outdoors. Work & attend school, but am willing to make time for a special companion. Reply Ext. 3329.

SWCM - Professional, 35, 5'8, physically fit, seeks intelligent, trim, professional female, 25-35, non-smoker. I am a gentleman in search of sincere relationship. Includes skiing, beaches, movies and good restaurants. Please call Extension 4321.

SWF - 34, brown hair & eyes, friendly, pretty, wheel-chair bound, independent, across, caring, active in Rn. Feat. seeking friendship. Knight in shining armor. Young at heart, 27-42, attractive, non-smoker, outgoing, sincere, with aim interests, not afraid of physical challenge. No head games, call ext. 4287

QWWM - 31 yrs. old, 5'11, 155 lbs, brn. hair/eyes. Somerville area. I enjoy romantic time. Antiques, long walks in the city, looking for possible relationship. Looking for someone 18-31. Please call ext. 3033.

SWM - 43, looking for S/DWF 30-45. Looking for one on one relationship, possible marriage. A woman who likes to be spoiled and to spoil her man. A non-smoker and not into drugs. Social drinker OK. Kids or pets OK. Likes the movies, dining out, shore, or just being home with a good movie & dancing. No head games, no parties. Please call ext. 4208.

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Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven, Earth humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power.

Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3x).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands. (3x)

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Striking features define home

**Richardson
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CRANFORD — Striking bow windows and rounded Richardson arches highlight this traditional English manor, built in the early 1800s by the founder of S&H Green Stamps.

Located at 325 N. Union Ave., the home lists for \$399,000 through Weichert Realtors, Westfield office.

The three-story, six-bedroom home boasts a history as rich as its

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architecture.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Sperry built the home around 1906. Mr. Sperry and his brothers co-founded the S&H Green Stamps. The three brothers moved to Cranford from Winchester, Va. in the late 1900s.

In keeping with the traditional styling of English manor homes, this home has a large entrance hall for receiving guests. A grand 21-by-14 foot living room is to the left of the entrance foyer. It boasts a fireplace at one end and the impressive bow window at the other.

A door at the rear of the entry hall leads to the 18-by-13 dining room, with a bay window at the back. Side French doors lead to a glass and screened porch that is air-conditioned with the rest of the house.

Adjacent to the dining room is a 9-by-7 breakfast room that was once used as a butler's pantry. The room is complete with a bar sink.

The breakfast room opens into the kitchen, a comfortable 10-by-11. The kitchen is completely modern, with new countertops, garbage disposal, sink, countertop range and hardwood parquet floor. To the rear of the kitchen is a laundry/



This English manor home was built in 1906. Richardson arches and two levels of dramatic bow windows accent the facade. The home lists through Weichert Realtors, Westfield office.

mud room with more storage area. There is also a lavatory on the first floor.

A broad staircase rises from the entrance hall to the second floor landing, with its Palladian window. The second floor features a 22-by-14 master bedroom, with a fireplace and hers closets. There are three other bedrooms, one 20-by-14 with a fireplace and two 14-by-13, and two full baths on the second floor.

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Grace Rappa joins Burgdorff Realtors

Grace M. Rappa, of Kenilworth, a real estate professional for more than 15 years, recently joined Burgdorff, Realtors as a sales associate in the Westfield office.

The former proprietor of several retail clothing stores, Ms. Rappa is experienced in sales, marketing and meeting customer's needs. A Kenilworth resident for 30 years, she is a past president of the Little League Women's Club and a member of the Democratic Club.

Bob Devlin, a Cranford resident and sales associate with Coldwell Banker Schlott, Realtors' Westfield office, has been named to the company's President's Club.

Mr. Devlin has also qualified for the New Jersey Association of Realtors' 1992 Million Dollar Club. A graduate of Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pa., he held financial management positions with two Fortune 500 companies before entering real estate five years ago.

A licensed broker, Mr. Devlin has been a consistent top producer and member of the Million Dollar Club every year since entering real estate. He is a member of the Garden State Multiple Listing System and the Westfield Board of Realtors. He served as the 1992 Mayor's liaison, Cranford representative, and is cur-

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rently on the Associates' Committee for the Westfield Board.

His wife, Barbara Hogan Devlin, is also a sales associate with Coldwell Banker Schlott, Westfield. Mrs. Devlin is a member of the Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield, the Cranford Dramatic Club, the Cranford Historical Society, the Katharine Gibbs Alumnae Association and the Board of the Union Chapter of New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners.

Greg Young, a resident of Cranford, and a broker associate with Burgdorff Realtors' Westfield office, earned a spot in the company's 1992 President's Club, which requires at least \$3 million of business.

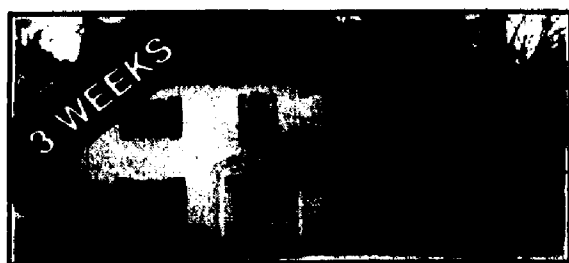
He has also achieved membership in the New Jersey Association of Realtors Million Dollar Club for the seventh consecutive year. Mr. Young has nine years' experience as a real estate professional, and holds Graduate, Realtors Institute and Certified Residential Specialist designations.

He served two terms as president of the NJCRS Chapter and is a former director of the NJAR, a member of the NJAR Convention Committee and the Membership Committee of the National Association of Realtors' Residential Sales Council.

Kitty Lennowicz, associate broker, and Gloria Hoefler, realtor associate, both with the Karmie Agency, (Please turn to page RE-2)

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Wampler joins Burgdorff Realtors' office in Westfield

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Inc., have achieved membership in the state Million Dollar Sales Club for 1992.
Together, Ms. Leonowicz and Ms. Hoeffer have more than 27 years of real estate experience in residential and commercial markets.
Both are active in the MLS services and boards covering Union,

Essex, Somerset, Middlesex and Morris counties. They are affiliated with COLOR-NET, affording them national coverage through the program's multi-list and referral assistance options as well.
Both are long-time residents of Cranford.
Rebecca Wampler of Westfield, a sales associate with Burgdorff Re-

altor's Westfield office, has qualified for the state Million Dollar Sales Club for 1992.
A real estate professional for 14 years, she also won membership in the club in 1990. Ms. Wampler holds the Graduate, Realtor Institute designation and is a member of the Westfield Board of Realtors. She was chairwoman of the Social Ac-

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tivities Committee for the past three years and now serves as chairwoman of the Program Committee.

Karen Horwitz, of Plainfield, a broker associate with Burgdorff Westfield office, is a member of the 1992 Million Dollar Sales Club.
She has earned the award every year since 1988. Ms. Horwitz has seven years experience in real estate, and holds the Graduate, Realtor Institute and the Certified Residential Specialist designations. She serves the Westfield Area Board of Realtors on the Million Dollar Review Committee, and is a member of the Westfield chapter of Hadassah.

Michelle Elliott, a broker associate with Burgdorff Westfield office, and a Westfield resident, has earned membership in the state Million Dollar Sales Club for the second consecutive year.
Ms. Elliott holds the Graduate, Realtor Institute designation.

Vivien Cook, a broker associate in Burgdorff Realtors' Westfield office, qualified for the state Million Dollar Sales Club.

This is the eighth time Ms. Cook has earned the award, having also won in 1983-'87, '90 and '91. She has conducted more than \$3 million of business in 1992, qualifying for the company's President's Club.

A real estate professional for 15 years, Ms. Cook is assistant manager of the Westfield office. She has served as chairwoman of the Westfield Board of Realtors' Picture Book Committee and is a member of the Associates Committee.

Carmie Delaney, of Mountainside, a sales associate with Burgdorff Westfield office, has earned membership in the state Million Dollar Sales Club and the company's President's Club.
She was also a member of the Million Dollar Club in 1987-1991. Ms. Delaney has been a real estate professional for six years, and is serving the Westfield Board of Realtors on the Mayor's Advisory Committee for Mountainside.

Lynn MacDonald of Edison, a sales associate in Burgdorff Realtors' Westfield office, has quali-

fied for the state Million Dollar

Sales Club Achievement Award.

Ms. MacDonald closed over \$4 million in business in 1992, and qualified for the company's President's Club. A real estate professional for six years, she previously achieved Million Dollar membership in 1989. She was a member of Burgdorff's 1990 Producer's Club.

She serves on the Board of Trustees for the New Jersey Huntington's Disease Society, and is a member of the Westfield Board of Realtors.

Debbie Anderson, a real estate professional with Coldwell Banker Schlott, Realtors, Westfield office, was recognized as the company's Top Sales Achiever in December.

Ms. Anderson has been a licensed realtor with Coldwell Banker Schlott since 1985, and has been a member of the Westfield office for six months. She is a member of the Million Dollar Sales Club.

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But another environmental concern arises in older houses where owners — new or present — decide to convert the existing heating system from oil to natural gas.

This changeover presents the "What do we do with the oil tank?" dilemma.

Typically, the heating oil storage tank is located in the basement of the house or it is buried on the property. There are only two acceptable means of "disposal" for these tanks: they can be abandoned in place, or demolished and then hauled away.

Removal of the tank is the more costly alternative because it requires more work. Contributing to the higher costs is that the demolished tank is considered hazardous waste. This means that its removal must be performed by a licensed hauler who is responsible for depositing it in an approved hazardous waste landfill.

In addition, the National Fire Prevention Code stipulates that a permit is required to decommission a tank formerly used to store heating oil.

When the tank removal option is selected, a demolition permit must be obtained from the municipality and the permit must specify the

precise method of removal. Local officials must then assign responsibility for field inspection before and after the tank's demolition.

For heating oil storage tanks with a capacity of 2,000 gallons or more, the state Environmental Protection Agency has explicit procedures for the tank's removal. Also, the EPA will oversee that process directly.

However, this size tank is not

Another environmental concern arises in older homes where owners decide to convert the existing heating system from oil to natural gas

usually found in single family homes. There, tanks are usually less than 2,000 gallons. As a result, it falls upon the municipality in which the home is located to determine precisely how the tank will be handled.

While the removal code varies in different municipalities because each standard is established by either the municipality's construction officer or its fire marshal, certain universal procedures for the tank's removal do exist.

For removal of above ground tanks, oil is first drained from the tank. The tank is then cut in half by removing top, and a "squeeze" is used to collect the sludge which has gathered in the bottom of the tank. The interior is then wiped clean and the tank is removed. The fill and vent pipes, if separate, are also removed and all parts are dis-

posed of at an approved facility. Waste oil, sludge and water accumulated during the cleanup is also disposed of at an approved facility.

Removal of underground tanks is much the same, except that the tanks must first be excavated and the hole backfilled after the tank has been checked for visible leaks or contaminated soil.

Most often, heating oil tanks are left in place as homeowners exercise the more cost-efficient and practical abandon option. This option also requires specific procedures.

A township inspector visits the property and ascertains that the tank is clean and without leaks. If the tank passes the evaluation, the inspector issues an abandonment certificate, which is usually affixed to the side of the tank.

Because a disabled heating oil tank can emit toxic fumes, it is critical that it be checked for leaks. A compression test, a simple procedure, determines the integrity of the tank. However, if the tank is very corroded or dirty the inspector may require the owner to clean the tank and its surrounding area before conducting the compression test so that its results are accurate.

Using an air-pump/compressor or similar apparatus, air at high pressure is forced into the tank to reveal that either the tank is solid and stable or that leaks exist. If leaks are found, or in cases of severe corrosion, the inspector may order the tank's removal.

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If tank abandonment is selected, be sure to double-check all arrangements.

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Action Mortgage Corp, Bloomfield	201-439-2399	\$199	7.000 3.00	N/P	6.825 3.00	N/P 6.000 2.50 G
Amboy National Bank, Old Bridge	908-661-8700	\$200	7.250 3.00	7.500	6.750 3.00	7.240 6.750 2.50 A
American Federal Mtge, Union	908-632-6500	\$190	7.000 2.50	7.320	6.375 3.00	6.960 7.250 2.75 B
Axle Fed. Savings Bank, Avenel	908-490-7200	\$350	7.750 0.00	7.750	7.375 0.00	7.330 6.625 1.00 F
Bay City Mortgage, Hazlet	908-264-2700	\$350	7.000 2.50	7.250	6.500 2.50	6.900 7.625 2.00 B
Berkley Fed. Savings, Millburn	201-467-2800	\$295	7.000 3.00	7.310	6.500 3.00	6.990 6.750 1.00 F
Centar Federal Savings, Princeton	609-223-6827	\$350	7.125 3.00	7.440	6.625 3.00	7.120 7.125 3.00 B
Central Mortgage Svcs, Watchung	908-788-0300	\$350	7.500 0.00	7.600	7.125 0.00	7.260 6.125 1.00 H
Choice Mortgage, Morris Plains	908-244-2821	\$350	7.750 0.00	7.750	7.375 0.00	7.330 6.375 0.00 A
Coastal Fed. Mtge Co., Freehold	908-772-8278	\$199	7.000 3.00	7.300	6.825 3.00	6.880 4.000 3.00 A
Collective Fed. Sav. Bk., Edison	908-646-4948	\$350	7.750 0.00	7.780	7.250 0.00	7.280 6.250 0.00 C
Countrywide Mortgage, Westfield	908-788-9455	\$500	7.125 2.88	7.420	6.625 2.88	7.090 4.250 1.63 A
Crestmont Federal Savings, Clark	908-827-0800	\$300	7.250 2.75	7.530	6.750 2.50	7.180 6.875 3.00 A
Directors Mtg Loan, Rochelle Pl.	908-722-0200	\$350	7.250 2.50	7.510	6.750 2.25	7.220 4.000 3.00 A
Empire Mortgage Co., Somerville	908-874-4448	\$350	7.125 3.00	7.430	6.825 3.00	7.110 7.625 1.50 B
Equity Financial Inc., Old Bridge	908-662-6626	\$325	7.000 3.00	N/P	6.500 3.00	N/P 6.625 0.00 A
First Savings Bank SLA, Edison	908-225-4450	\$325	7.250 3.00	7.600	6.750 3.00	7.290 7.125 0.00 D
First Security Mtge, Rutherford	201-930-1107	\$0	7.625 0.00	7.660	7.125 0.00	7.180 N/P N/P
Genesis Mtge Svcs, E. Brunswick	908-267-8700	\$375	7.000 3.00	7.300	6.500 3.00	6.980 7.375 3.00 B
Hamilton Nat'l Mtge, Mt. Laurel	800-885-7334	\$295	7.000 3.00	7.340	6.625 3.00	6.980 6.750 3.00 C
Ivy Mortgage Corp., Belle Mead	908-874-7704	\$275	7.000 2.88	N/P	6.500 2.50	N/P 4.000 2.88 A
King Mortgage Corp., Clifton	908-385-8080	\$300	7.000 3.00	7.360	6.500 3.00	6.930 3.875 2.75 A
Manor Mtge Corp., Parsippany	201-884-0040	\$225	7.625 0.00	7.630	7.250 0.00	7.250 4.625 1.00 A
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Metropolitan Mtge Svcs, Freehold	908-284-0000	\$350	7.000 2.75	N/P	6.500 2.25	N/P 6.000 0.00 B
Monarch Svcs Bank FSB, Iselin	908-334-8003	\$299	6.990 3.00	7.310	6.500 3.00	6.990 3.875 3.00 A
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Mortgage Money Mart, Edison	908-548-8423	\$0	7.000 2.75	N/P	6.625 2.75	N/P 3.750 2.75 A
Mortgage Service Co., Somerset	908-430-4643	\$199	7.250 2.50	N/P	6.750 2.50	N/P 6.750 3.50 K
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NJ Home Funding Group, Edison	908-248-4400	\$0	7.125 3.00	N/P	6.375 3.00	N/P 7.500 3.00 B
Paradise Mortgage Svcs, Warren	908-881-3332	\$350	7.500 0.00	7.520	7.125 0.00	7.140 6.000 0.00 A
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Source One Mtge Svcs, Cranford	908-709-1000	\$300	7.125 3.00	7.430	6.500 3.00	6.800 7.625 0.00 B
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Study: Market will survive aging of baby boomers

WASHINGTON — The aging of the baby boom generation will have a positive impact on housing demand through the turn of the century, according to research sponsored by the Herbert U. Nelson memorial fund of the National Association of Realtors.

The report, *The Effects of Demographics on Future House Prices*, was written by Dr. Dowell Myers and John R. Pitkin of the University of Southern California. It found that as the baby boom population grows older, people in that age group will continue to buy homes, resulting in steady sales and stable home values throughout the next decade.

The study refutes reports predicting that home purchases by baby boomers will taper off as the

generation grows older, thus forcing real home prices to decline.

NAR President William S. Chee said that, as baby boomers grow older, their housing needs will continue to change, causing an actual increase in housing demand and in home prices.

"Baby boomers will not stop buying homes just because they are growing older," Mr. Chee said. "There will be an ongoing need to meet vastly diverse housing requirements — for affluent trade-up couples, baby boomers approaching retirement, and growing numbers of non-traditional households. We are looking for many years of steady growth in the residential sector."

The report contends that shifts in population composition, not just

population growth, often drive change in housing demand.

"Rapid population change may alter both the consumption preferences and the effective demand of the total population," the study stated.

The report evaluates the housing consumption of cohorts — people who are born in certain time periods and then move through age groups as they grow older. The study notes that measures of life-cycle changes in housing demand, derived by tracking generations of Americans over 30 years, provide a sound basis for forecasting future activity.

It tracked the home buying patterns of the same group over different periods of time, and found that regardless of age, home ex-

penses increased at the end of each time period.

"At least since 1960, per capita housing consumption has, on average, increased for all cohorts in the United States as they have aged beyond 45 to at least age 70," Dr. Myers said.

Based on the performance of their predecessors, cohorts in the baby boom generation will continue to create activity in housing markets for years to come.

"The importance of this finding is its implication for the future impact on the housing market of the large baby boom generation," the report stated. "This group has matured from the young ages when they newly entered the housing market (aged 18 to 34 in 1980), and is proceeding to a mature housing

market status (reaching age 44 in 1990, age 54 in 2000, and age 64 in 2010)."

The study projects that per capita housing consumption for the oldest members of the baby boom generation will not even start to fall off until after 2015, when the group reaches age 70.

NAR's Chief Economist John A. Tuccillo said the research counters "doomsday" reports claiming home values will drop due to the smaller size of the generation following the baby boom group. Such dire predictions are too simplistic, and fail to consider the continuing impact the baby boom generation will have, he said.

"As the leading edge of the baby boom moves through its peak earning years, demand will pick up

for second homes and retirement homes," Mr. Tuccillo said. Additionally, some baby boomers previously unable to purchase homes will be buying, he noted.

Increased savings by baby boomers, combined with a larger Social Security trust fund and what likely will be a smaller federal deficit, will keep interest rates low over the next several years, he said.

The report concludes that the long-lasting impact of baby boom home buyers will offset any drop in young households entering the housing market.

"The baby boom generation will have a continued positive effect on future house values," it said.

NJAR praises Clinton's plan

Says recognizes worth of private sector; needs more cuts

The economic policy agenda now being advocated by the Clinton administration recognizes the private sector as the engine of economic growth, according to Gene Azzalina, President of the New Jersey Association of Realtors.

"It is apparent President Clinton understands the vital role housing and commercial real estate have in sustaining the recovery," said Mr. Azzalina, broker-owner of Century 21 Centennial in Elmwood Park. "It appears the real estate investment provisions of the President's economic stimulus package will have a positive impact. We eagerly await further details so we can analyze all the components."

NJAR supports the plan's permanent extension of the mortgage revenue bond and low-income housing

tax credit programs.

"These programs have proved to be important tools for increasing the nation's supply of affordable housing. Making them permanent clearly will benefit America's moderate-income taxpayers," Mr. Azzalina explained.

Additionally, the President's plan acknowledges the importance of reviving the commercial sector of real estate.

"The credit problems facing our nation's financial institutions are, in part, due to the loss of commercial property values that have occurred since the 1986 tax act," Mr. Azzalina said. "Action must be taken to prevent further deterioration of real estate values."

The plan includes a very important provision for passive loss relief, along with a measure to spur pension fund

investment in real estate.

"This indicates President Clinton understands a healthy commercial real estate industry leads to a healthy economy," he said. NJAR realizes measures must be taken to reduce the federal deficit, but the Association would prefer to see a greater emphasis on spending cuts rather than tax increases.

"It is essential to attack the deficit. Lowering the national debt will yield lower interest rates. This will, in turn, ensure the continued rally in housing, and it will breathe life into our nation's economic recovery," Mr. Azzalina said.

"This economic recovery package certainly is not without pain. However, along with the bitter medicine, the plan contains important investment incentives that merit careful consideration."

HMFA will aid with closing costs

TRENTON — In a move which is sure to help home buyers become homeowners, the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (NJHMFA) has announced that downpayment and closing costs assistance is available effective today.

"We want to see as many people as possible realize the American Dream of owning their own home," Gov. Jim Florio said. "Many middle-income home buyers have the income to qualify for a mortgage, but need help coming up with necessary downpayment and closing costs. We want to give them that help."

Near the end of last year the governor directed the Agency to explore sources of funding to bring back the assistance program which had been a feature of the popular Welcome Home Program. The Welcome Home Program provides mortgage financing to qualified first-time homebuyers and trade-up buyers.

Beginning today more than 25 lending institutions in the State will once again begin accepting applica-

tions for the assistance. The NJHMFA has allocated \$10 million from a recent bond remarketing to fund the assistance program again.

Stephanie R. Bush, chairwoman for the Agency and commissioner of the Department of Community Af-

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Governor

fairs, explained that the Agency's pursuit of such creative financing programs allows families who might not otherwise think of becoming homeowners to seriously pursue the purchase of a home.

Qualified first-time homebuyers who demonstrate a financial need can receive a grant or loan up to \$10,000 depending on their income level. Income limits for first-time buyers range from \$37,835 up to \$69,000 depending on the applicant's family size and county of purchase.

Christiana Foglio, Executive Director for the NJHMFA, said "The assistance program is a way for qualified families and individuals to buy a home even though they do not have the savings normally needed to close on a home."

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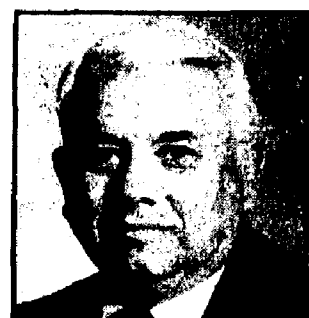
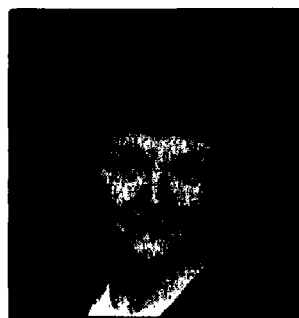
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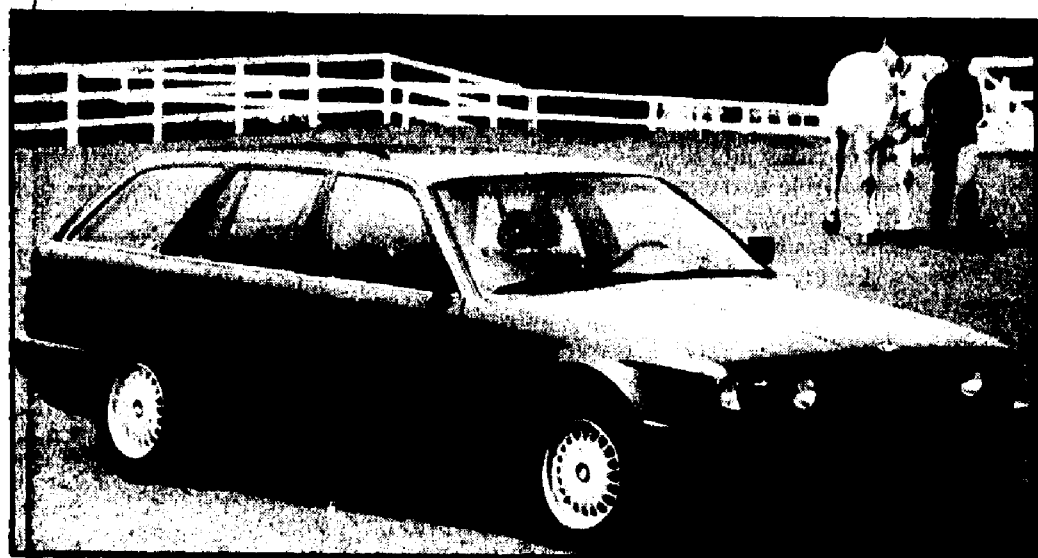
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Automotive Guide



BMW'S 525i TOURING SEDAN is designed to provide more options for enjoying active lifestyles. Standard equipment includes automatic transmission, air conditioning, a driver's-side airbag, a double-electric sunroof, and anti-locking brakes.

BMW 525i Touring a pleasure to drive

By BILL RUSS
FORBES NEWSPAPERS

For a major part of the 20th century BMW (Bayerische Motoren Werke) has developed a reputation for building performance and quality across a broad range of products. Shortly after World War I BMW began building high altitude aircraft engines, and in the early '20s introduced its first motorcycle, the R32. In the '30s the historic BMW 328 roadster became the fastest production sports car in the world. During World War II BMW production efforts were mainly directed toward the manufacture of aircraft engines. In the late '40s motorcycle production resumed, and in 1951 the assembly lines started up again building a full line of cars. BMW came to prominence in the '60s in the U.S. market with the 2002 2-door sports sedan, which is still a popular classic today. Over the past 30 years the number of models and their power, performance and sophistication has increased. One of the latest BMW offerings to the U.S. market is the 525i Touring, a 5-passenger, 5-door station wagon. BMW characterizes it as a sports wagon, as it is built on the same platform and has the same powerplant as its medium-sized 5-Series performance sedans.

After a week of all-purpose driving here are my impressions:

APPEARANCE

The 525i Touring is, literally, an extension of the sedan. The major differences are a slightly higher roof line, a considerably larger cabin, a new rear door, a dual sunroof, larger tail lights and a multi-function tailgate. Its trademark dual-oval grille and round headlights are retained, as is the classic BMW overall design.

COMFORT

Although it's a wagon, the Touring is every bit as ergonomic and luxurious as the 525i sedan. Among its many features is a unique dual sunroof that opens over the front or rear seats, or both; a built-in roof rail system for outside storage; a flexible cargo cover as well as tie downs for the rear area; a telescoping steering wheel with an airbag; a climate control system with dual controls and rear seat ducting; a 10 speaker sound system; a trip computer; heated front seats and side mirrors; a complete tool kit. I found the rear hatch opened Teutonically and the sound system did not pick up distant AM and FM sta-

tions clearly. Everything else worked fine.

ROADABILITY

Over the years BMW has built a solid reputation for designing and building cars with excellent riding and handling characteristics, and the 525i Touring is no exception. Independent suspension with anti-roll bars, a self-leveling system, 4-wheel anti-lock disc brakes, speed sensitive steering, and Continental Sport Contact P225/60R15 V-rated tires provide the interacting ingredients to insure sure and deft handling in a wide variety of driving conditions. The Touring is a pleasure to drive whether to the mall, or all day on the interstate.

PERFORMANCE

A 2.5 liter, 24-valve, straight-six developing 189 horsepower powers all 525i BMW models. The latest in electronics controls the engine management system. Power to the rear wheels is accomplished through a versatile 4-speed automatic transmission. It has pushbutton controls to select Economy, Sport or Manual modes. This setup gives the driver the ability to select the mode that is appropriate for specific driving and road conditions.

SUGGESTIONS

Provide an optional outside antenna for better radio reception in distant areas. Add a tilting device to the steering column.

ECONOMY

EPA ratings are 17 city/25 highway. I averaged 19.1 mpg.

CONCLUSIONS

BMW designed and developed the Touring 525i to give its customers the option of greater passenger and cargo versatility while retaining all of the positive attributes of its mid-size luxury sedan. While the mini-van and the sports utility vehicles are grabbing a large share of the family car market, there's a large segment that still wants a more traditional station wagon.

PRICE AS TESTED

\$42,835 with every option except a cellular phone.

BASE PRICE

\$39,800 including automatic transmission.

TEST DRIVE

BMW 525i TOURING SEDAN

Specifications

Base price - \$39,800

Price as tested - \$42,835*

Engine type - I-6, dohc 24v, efi

Engine Size - 2.5 liters/152 cid

Horsepower - 189 @ 5,900 rpm

Torque (ft/lbs) - 181 @ 4,700 rpm

Wheelbase/length - 109 inch/186 inch

Transmission - four-speed auto w/od

Curb weight - 3,800 lbs.

Pounds/HP - 20

Fuel capacity - 21 gal.

Fuel requirement - unleaded supreme (90 octane)

Tires - Continental Sport Contact

P225/60R15

Brakes - anti-lock standard disc/disc

Drive train - front engine/rear drive

Performance - 0-60 mph - 11 sec

1/4 mile (E.T.) - 18.2 sec.

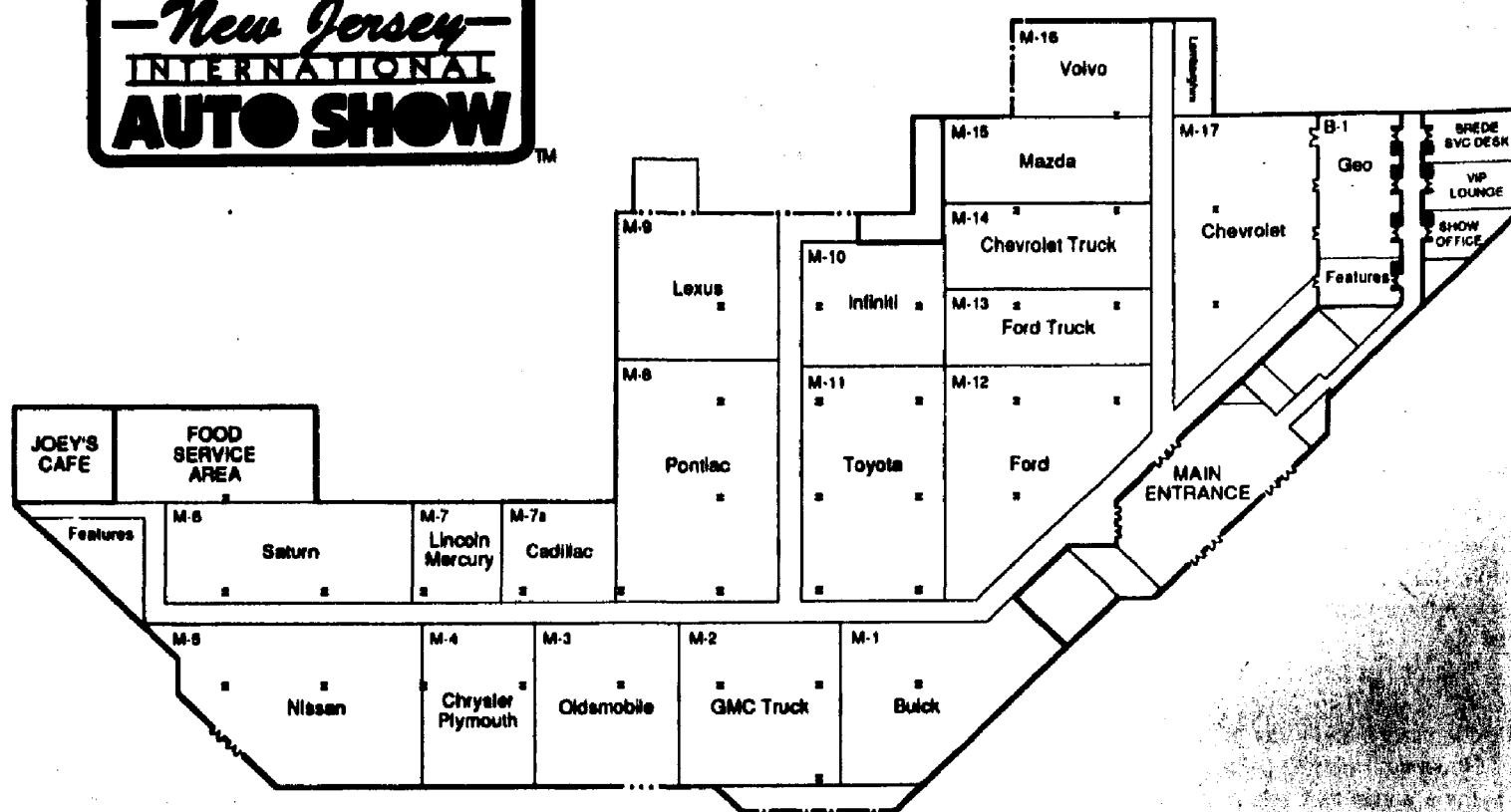
EPA economy, mpg city/

highway/ observed - 17/25/19.1

Drag coefficient (Cd) - .36

*plus luxury tax on price over

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March 13-21, 1993

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N.J. Auto Show set for Saturday

The New Jersey Automobile Dealers Association (NJADA) will present the 1993 New Jersey International Auto Show beginning Saturday, March 13 and running through Sunday, March 21, the group has announced.

But that's not all the NJADA is providing this year. In addition, the group is scheduled to present a \$10,000 check to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International (JDFI) during opening ceremonies of the Auto Show. The presentation will take place at 9:50 a.m. at the Auto Show entrance.

The Auto Show will be held at the Raritan Center Exposition Hall, 97 Sunfield Ave. (exit 10 off the New Jersey Turnpike or Route 514W off Route 287) in Edison.

Showtimes will be Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sundays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and weekdays from 2-9 p.m.

Admission to the Auto Show is \$6 for adults (13 years or older), \$3 for children (7 to 12 years old), and free for children 6 and younger. There is a special senior citizen discount for the show of

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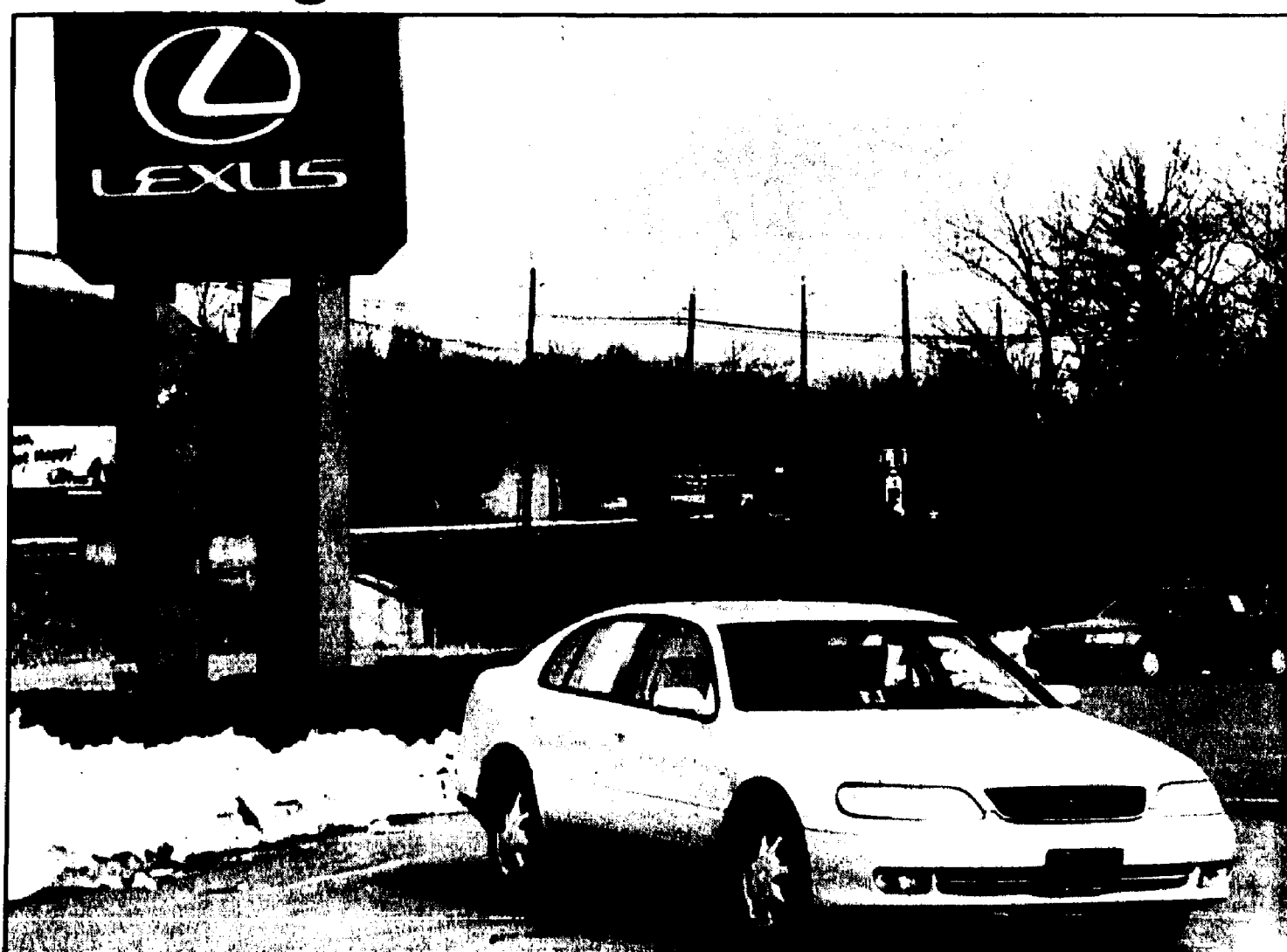
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Introducing....



DiFeo Lexus, Route 22, Bridgewater, recently held an open house to introduce to the public an all new Lexus model, the GS300. It features a combination of luxury features and performance technology. To see the car, visit DiFeo Lexus.

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By BOB HAGIN
FORBES NEWSPAPERS

Q. A short time ago, you had a reader ask about parts for a Yugo. I've been keeping my ex-wife's Yugo running by visiting the local Fiat dealership. I'm just guessing at it but the Yugo is about 85 percent Fiat. Could be more. The last parts I picked up were the front wheel bearings and keeper rings. I had an old MG TD whose engine I kept running on Volvo parts.

J.C.

A. I've heard you Northwesterners are resourceful. I knew the Yugo was a licensed copy of a Fiat (the 128, I think) but it never occurred to me there would be any Fiat dealers left in the U.S. since the make left the country several years before Yugo did. There must still be a Fiat/Yugo factory parts network out there somewhere.

Automotive Q&A

Q. I frequently drive my 318 CID Dodge van up steep mountain grades. It does a good job but I have wondered why none of the Big Three full size van manufacturers (Chrysler, General Motors, Ford) make stick shift transmissions available other than on the column? What would be involved in converting an automatic transmission to a stick shift (not on the column), say a four or five speed? Would the linkage bracket alignment, different bell housing, different transmission brackets and finally a shifting mechanism off the floor be cost prohibitive to install? I would be interested in one with more than three gears which of course would not be on the column? What else might I have to con-

sider with this project? Are there kits in existence? Can any car dealer service center tackle this, or do you recommend this would be over the head of a backyard mechanic?

D.M.

Waldorf, MD

A. Any odd-ball swap is tough but putting a four- or five-speed transmission into a full-sized front engine, rear drive van will present several obstacles that will take some clever fabricating. The shifting mechanism will have to be worked out to operate from the right side of the driver if the shifting mechanism is to be floor mounted. The engine would have to be altered to accept a flywheel, clutch assembly and operating mechanism. I don't think that a dealer's shop will be enthusiastic about undertaking such a project since all of them that I know are geared to fix what's broken rather than re-engineering the product. It may cost more than the vehicle is worth.

Gas-powered cars-Part II

By BOB HAGIN

FORBES NEWSPAPERS

This is, in effect, an automotive road test — but not one in the normal concept of vehicle evaluations. The car is too old (a 1980 Chevrolet Astro), has too many miles on its odometer (21,657 with a trip reset button that doesn't work) and too many faults (the superstructure rattled and the rear door didn't really feel "right").

But it is a road test none the less. For a week I drove this white van during my everyday travels to and from work, asked my wife Carol to drive it a couple of times on household errands and even carried a couple of bags of trash to the dumps. But I'm sure the owner didn't mind this test since he has several vehicles just like it that get lots rougher duty.

Actually, the owner isn't a "him" at all or even the manufacturer of the machine. The vehicle is owned by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company or PG&E, the energy corporation that sells its products to millions of households and businesses in Northern California and the only difference between this Chevy and the clone you might have bought for your own family is the fuel in the tank.

This one is powered by Compressed Natural Gas or CNG — just like the stuff you may be using in your kitchen range and water heater.

Recently, I did a similar test on another Chevy — a Lumina sedan that was powered by M-85, a mixture of 85 percent methanol (wood alcohol) and 15 percent unleaded gasoline. That vehicle was provided by Chevrolet and underwritten by the California Department of Energy.

Soon (I hope) we'll have a high-tech electric vehicle for testing and that will complete the series.

The reason for these tests is the national need for a viable alternative energy source for individualized transportation (as opposed to mass-transit systems). It has become a sort of a Search For The Holy Grail among governmental agencies and a sort of Dante's Inferno for the car makers and the petroleum companies.

Some of the technicals: The fuel in the Astro fuel tanks is indeed the same smelly methane that is in common usage but with a big difference. Instead of the few pounds of head pressure that pushes it into your home, it is compressed to 3,000 pounds per square inch and stuffed into three large, heavy high-pressure tanks located under the driver's seat. The tanks are not unlike the bottles found in oxy-acetylene welding sets — except they hold more pressure.

The method used to deliver the fuel into the cylinders is somewhat different, too. The fuel injection system has

been modified and sealed to accept this non-liquid fuel by the addition of an aftermarket kit. There are several of these available and the PG&E is installing several different brands on many different vehicles (lots of them are route pickups) to evaluate their serviceability.

Other than these alterations, there wasn't any changes done to the mechanics of the engine. It's strictly stock clear down to its emission control systems and must still pass California emissions tests. I was told the emissions from CNG vehicles is significantly lower than their gasoline-fueled counterparts except for the oxide of nitrogen (NOx) outputs. Unfortunately this is the compound that produces smog so that aspect has to be addressed. I was also told once the vehicle makers begin producing internal combustion auto engines specifically designed for CNG, the NOx will be lower as well.

But before you decide to call in and have your old Triabent converted to CNG, consider these drawbacks: The cost of the conversion is around \$3,000 to the vehicle itself. Quick-fill filling stations are currently limited to special sites at selected gas company fleet yards in just a few towns around the country so a cross-country trip would require refueling planning that would rival a moon-shot. If you wanted to simply refill the Triab at home, it's an overnight deal requiring very expensive compressing equipment. So who would opt for CNG power? Obviously it's going to be limited to fleet use on vehicles with small range requirements.

While the fleets operated by gas companies around the country are natural (a pun here) for CNG conversions, other fleets that make localized daily runs are converting to CNG also. Here in California, the giant Bank of America is converting part of its fleet and the U.S. Postal Service has several CNG fleets around the nation in operation too. Fuel cost-per-mile is about the same as gasoline-powered vehicles but the trucks and van that have been converted exhibit lower long-term maintenance costs as the fuel burns cleaner than gasoline and carbon buildup is nil.

So far, neither natural gas nor alcohols (ethanol is in the running, too) have shown themselves to have the alternative fuel edge. Maybe they each have their own places in the scheme of saving liquid fossil fuel and the environment. And coming up noiselessly from behind is the use of electricity to power our vehicles. But this wouldn't be my personal choice.

I'd miss that V8 rumble.

The Hagin Women's role in an automobile survey

By BOB HAGIN

FORBES NEWSPAPERS

In today's cut-throat automotive sales world, the marketing survey is as important a tool to auto builders as the assembly line or media advertising and for sure it's the first step in producing sellable vehicles. Before the development of the Ford Mustang in the early '60s, Lee Iacocca commissioned a nationwide study of what young adult new car buyers wanted in the way of personal transportation. The result is still with us as the Mustang concept is unchanged to this day.

Today, the auto makers are busy each year surveying women on the subject, realizing in most cases, the woman of the family has the final word in the purchase of the family car.

Not wanting to ignore the trend, I've done my own survey of female automotive preferences and herein present them for your education as a consumer. Unfortunately I don't get around much and all the women I interviewed are named Hagin: my wife Carol, my daughter Darcy and my daughters-in-law, Pat and Cathy. I tried to reach my granddaughter Shannon for her comments but you know how teen-ages are, never around the house when you need them.

Pat, Cathy and Darcy are all young mothers and are past the need to look sharp on the road. They defer to practical babyfied options. Carol doesn't have little ones anymore so her needs are slightly different. These are their collective option evaluations:

CUP HOLDER: Top of the list of all of them but Carol complained the cup holder in her Toyota Camry is too small and doesn't accept full-sized coffee cups. Maybe the new model is different.

AIR CONDITIONING: A necessity. A hot baby is a cranky baby and the a/c unit makes commuter traffic almost bearable.

AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION: The same although Cathy still enjoys popping around in her second car, a hopped-up Mazda RX7 circa 1983.

FOLD-DOWN REAR SEAT: Two of the younger ladies were apathetic about this but Carol often needs the extra space for Christmas trees and "stuff." Pat's Ford Fairmont wagon has that feature and she uses it to carry the baby's playpen to her mother's house for baby sitting duty.

TALL DESIGN: Darcy appreciates the height of her Mitsubishi Montero so she doesn't have to bend over to put Rex (my grandson) into the infant seat. Cathy said the same about her Toyota 4Runner.

THIRD ROW SEATS: Carol's Camry doesn't have a third seat in her wagon and she now laments it. While we don't have small kids of our own anymore, she'd like to fit more of our seven grandchildren into

it for "Grandma" excursions. Pat's wagon has it but she doesn't use it — yet.

FURSE HOLDER: In the wagons, Carol and Pat complain they don't have a convenient spot for their purses. Cathy and Darcy don't have that problem since their sports/utility machines feature cavernous interiors and their baby-bags fit neatly between the seats.

TRASH RECEPTACLE: The same is true of a trash bag. Over the years I've notice the vehicles of busy mothers often have the front and rear seats littered with ill kinds of trash. Carol had to depend on the aftermarket industry for a small container that hangs over the back of the passenger's seat. During our discussion, Pat was introduced to this item and said it was a wonderful idea.

SOUND SYSTEM: A cassette play was the major part of the sound system for Cathy and Darcy as it keeps the kids amused and they can sing along. Pat's little guy, Kiefer, is a bit young yet to participate. Practical Grandma listens to news shows and traffic condition reports.

POWER WINDOWS AND DOOR LOCKS: They all have them and now find chauffeur-like kids would be hard without these features. The little guys don't like them since they all like to fool with knobs and buttons.

SPECIAL LIGHTS: Special lights like those that light up key holes and the trunk area automatically were high on Carol's list (she sometimes works the night at the hospital) but the girls say they have their husbands do the night driving and don't have to worry about those things.

ENGINE POWER: Hagin women like to go and none of them would be willing to sacrifice passing and lane-merge power for a couple of extra miles per gallon. My personal feeling is they're all frustrated Lady Racers.

LESS IMPORTANT FEATURES: Four wheel drive: there's no snow in our area and none go to off-road areas to fish. Anti-skid brakes: being superior drivers, they haven't needed them yet. Sunroof and tinted windows: mixed feelings. Altitude, bank indicator and compass (found on Darcy's Mitsubishi only): at source of amusement to the ladies. High profile and fashionable design like Mercedes and BMW: OK for women without small kids.

The auto makers of the world might do well to listen to The Hagin Women — they speak for lots of American females.

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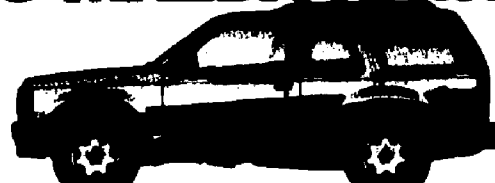


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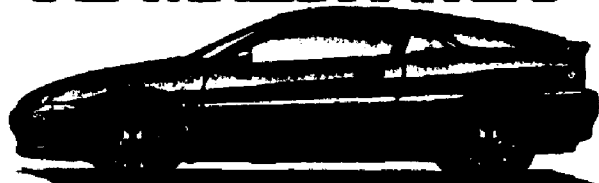
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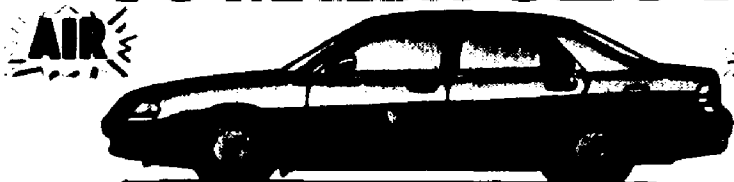
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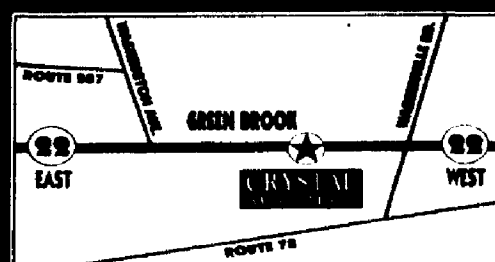
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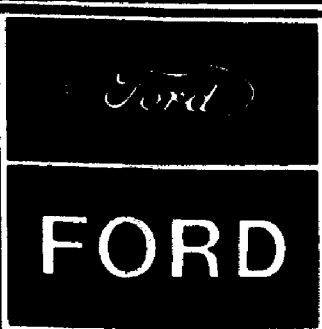
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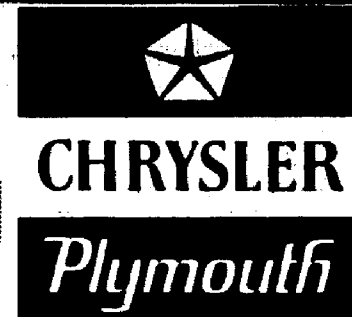
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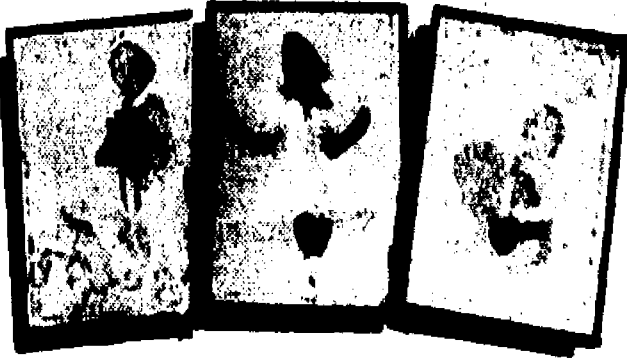


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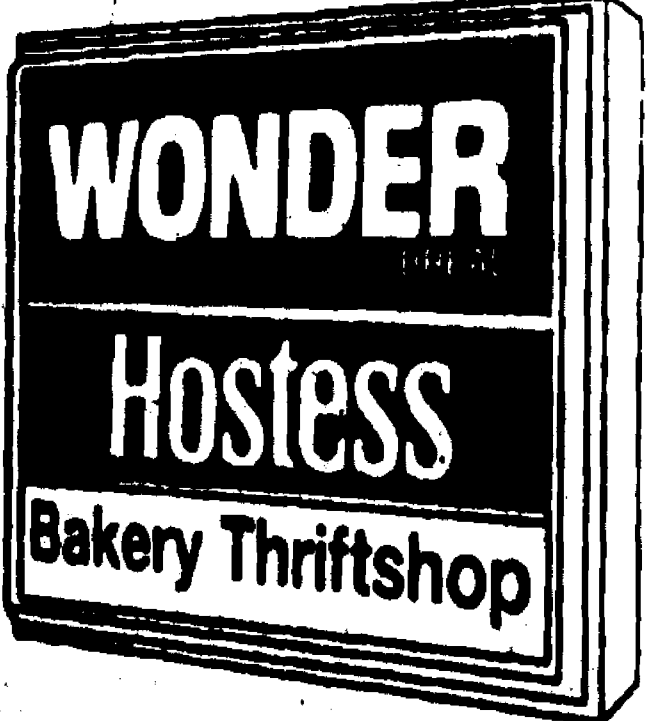
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Barbara Bye, executive director of the Piscataway Chamber of Commerce, talks with WCTC radio show host Liz Maita and producer Martha Loska during a remote broadcast from Piscataway High School.

Talk of the town

Local radio station serves the public by putting local issues — and listeners — on the air

By WILLIAM WESTHOVEN
WeekendPlus Editor

"Blah blah blah" it says on their brochures and T-shirts.

Can we talk?

Yes, we can. Just like the show hosts on WCTC (AM 1450) radio out of New Brunswick, anyone can talk and be heard throughout Central New Jersey.

Talk radio, perhaps the last frontier of AM radio — long since eliminated from the music business due to the superior sound quality of FM — is hot. Especially in New York, where the verbal musings of folks like Rush Limbaugh and Howard Stern have gained a national audience through syndication.

But talk radio has also become the talk of the town in Greater New Brunswick, especially since WCTC, which has been around for 45 years, committed to talk radio around 1½ years ago.

There are other stations serving the area, but none are on the air with round-the-clock news, sports and information dedicated to spotlighting the issues and lifestyles of the listeners in our specific corner of the world.

Fortunately, unlike many suburban regions of the country, there's no dearth of breaking news to report, and there's more than enough population — and variety of personalities — to make the talk radio format a relevant and provocative venture.

"We have our share of murders, white-collar crime and political corruption," said Bruce Johnson, the station's news director and voice of Rutgers football and mens basketball, which is broadcast by a WCTC-flagshipped network.

Johnson has been involved with many of the changes. When WCTC first made the switch to talk, they covered a larger region, including New York, and promoted a "style over substance" philosophy that didn't adequately service the needs of its listeners. At that time, Johnson's full-time duties were directed to sports.

But in July of last year, Andy Santoro, Jr., a former resident of Edison, was hired as the new general manager, and he made sweeping changes, including the return of Johnson to head the news department.

"If we want Central New Jersey to listen to us," said Santoro. "We have to give them something they can't get anywhere else. So we refocused on Central New Jersey, Middlesex and Somerset County in particular."

That meant talk shows that focused on local issues, and also aimed themselves at target audiences, like Liz Maita's weekday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. show, which is "for women only."

"We've had a lot of fun with that," said Santoro. "We've actually told men not to listen, and the show talks about

women's issues like health, problems in the marketplace and home, self-defense and gaining personal credit after a divorce."

Other shows include the liberal leanings of Bob Aaronson (2-6 p.m. weekdays); money talk with Ralph Saviano (weekdays 6-7 p.m.); and the overnight, nationally-syndicated "Talknet" with Bruce Williams, which covers a variety of subjects. The weekend lineup includes a two-hour (4-6 p.m.) show hosted by Middlesex County sheriff Joe Spicuzzo.

And the news department, which had been relying on a lot of wire-service copy for stories from New York and other areas of the extended region, added more reporters to cover



DIANE MATFLERO/WEKENDPLUS

WCTC morning host Jack Ellery listens with chagrin to a caller's comments.

local stories.

But that doesn't mean endless coverage of bake sales and club meetings. "I've taken it to a mid-range point. We won't do a secondary Sayreville story that no one in Somerville cares about, but we have stories like the Heikkila trial in Somerville and the Peplinski trial in Highland Park."

Sports is also the domain of the news department, which broadcasts high school football and basketball games as well as the Rutgers games. Johnson also hosts a daily call-in show during the week (6-7 p.m.). On the weekends,

they've even added what Santoro believes is the only call-in show in the country dedicated to soccer.

"It's a lot harder, because we have to rely on our reporters and their abilities," said assistant new director Peter Haskell, who has been with the station for 5½ years. "We have refocused our efforts on establishing credibility, which is the most important thing."

For some, the changes at the station have been radical, but for longtime morning personality Jack Ellery, change is something he's used to.

Fresh off a Friday morning show, Ellery reflected on the changes he's seen since coming on board in 1963 (he left in 1984, but returned a few years later following stints in Philadelphia and Tampa).

"When my wife and I saw New Brunswick, we couldn't believe it," he said. "The station had this horrible studio in downtown New Brunswick. The walls were blown asbestos. We used to pick at while we were on the air. Who knew about asbestos?"

Ellery, whose acerbic manner has earned him the moniker of "the man you love to hate," has always toyed with callers, but his show was also re-tooled, although to a lesser degree than most, to focus mainly on local issues and current events. And along with his producer/sidekick Keith Bennett, he's added the comic talents of Dave Troland, a.k.a. The Trollman, and Dennis Ross of Kenilworth. Troland and Ross add humorous comments, skits and songs, much like the higher-rated morning shows like Stern or Imus in the Morning of WFAN.

Or are they higher-rated? It depends on your perspective. Ratings have confirmed that Ellery is the most listened-to morning radio host in Central Jersey, a fact that has not gone unnoticed by advertisers.

Ellery, though, turns his nose up at the notion of being a big fish in a little pond. "With the density of population on Central Jersey, our audience, which averages 20,000 per quarter-hour, is equal to that of a city the size of Tampa or Cleveland. so we really resent being considered the 1,000-watt local station," he said.

But the most important aspect of WCTC, and talk radio in general, is that the listeners get to call in and be heard. Hundreds of callers get through every week.

"The listeners often define the issues we talk about," said Santoro. "When the merger of Madison Central and Cedar Ridge high schools (in Old Bridge) was announced, a lot of kids were calling in to talk about it."

"And last Christmas, we had Santa on the air, and a teenage girl called in and all she wanted was a job for her father. Within 10 minutes, a sponsor called in and eventually offered him a job. It was a great five minutes of radio; that's what talk radio is all about."

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"The Sleep of Reason" in prints by Goya, through April 11.

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

Native American Day, March 21.

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

Hans Weingartner retrospective, through April 4.

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

Book plates from the permanent collection, through April 25.

"Mathematics in Art Revisited," March 14-May 18. Related lecture by Janet Cooke at 3 p.m. March 14.

"Robert Henri and the Ash Can School," March 21-June 6.

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

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"Tender in Years," childhood in 19th-century New Jersey, on-



"The Sleep of Reason Produces Monsters," is part of the "Sleep of Reason: Reality and Fantasy in the print series of Goya" exhibition continuing through April 11 at the Princeton University Art Museum.

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"Sumptuous Surrounds: Silver Overlay," opens March 17.

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Works by silversmith William Manfredi, through March 21.

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New Jersey Arts Annual, through March 28. Gallery talk by Joseph Jacobs at 1:30 p.m. March 14.

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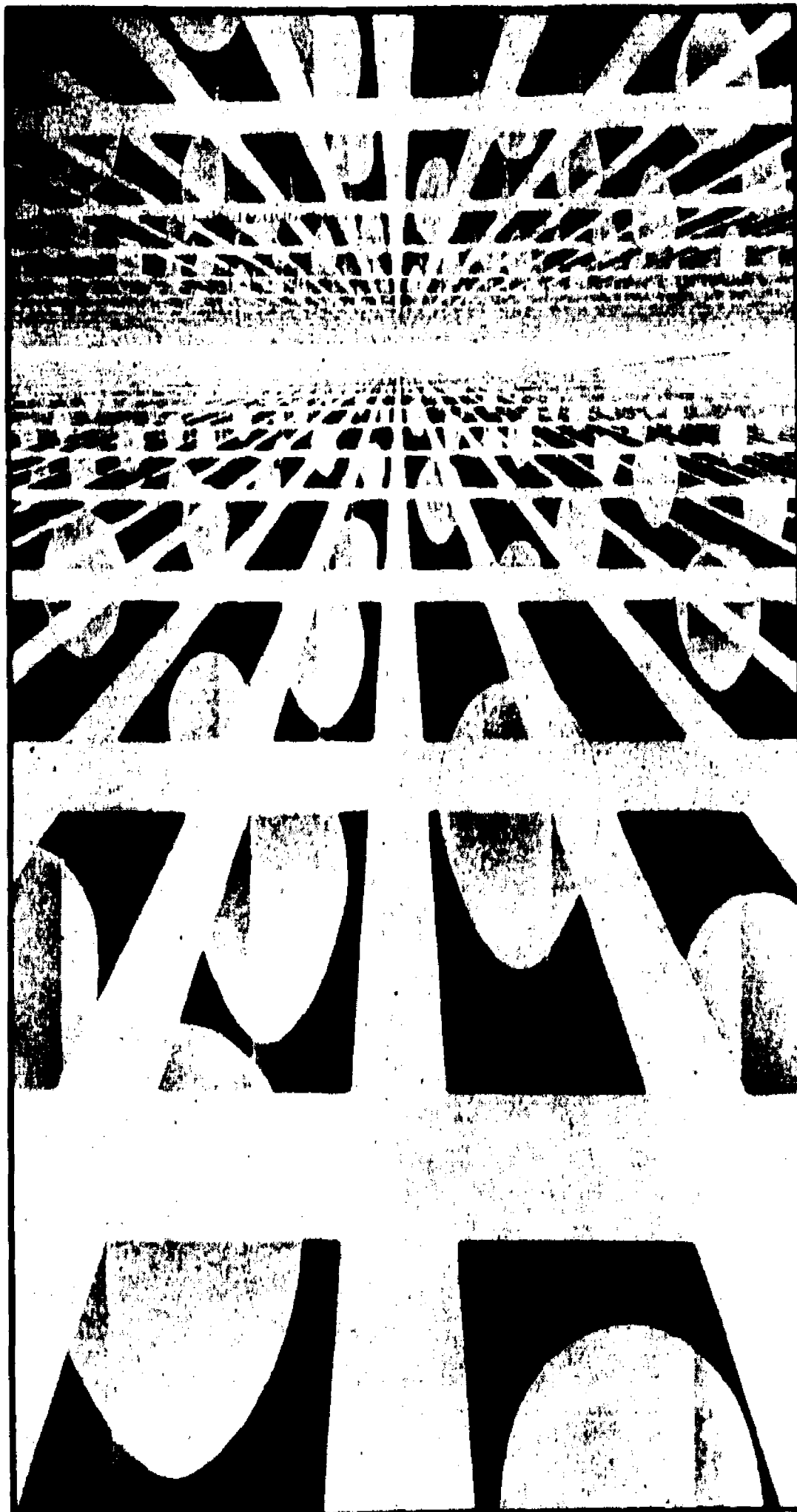
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"Transection - Ova Continuum," a pencil drawing on glass fiber paper by Clarence Carter, is part of the "Mathematics in Art Revisited" exhibit opening March 14 at the Montclair Art Museum.

Museums galleries

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•"Painting by Progression," through March 12.
•Five "Artists as Designers," through March 12.
•MFA show by Nurit Newman, March 22-26.

DUNELLEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

New Market Rd., Dunellen
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•Works by Craig Van Ness, through March 31.

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•Landscapes by Jacques Caldwell, through March 28.

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Writers make their own 'Connections'

New Jersey writers publish second volume of shorts stories, poetry and essays

By WILLIAM WESTHOVEN
WeekendPlus Editor

There's good news and sad news coming from the Authors/Writers' Network of Montclair.

The Network, which includes several writers from the Central New Jersey area, has recently published its second anthology, **The Connection Collection Two**, a companion to *The Connection Collection*, which was published in 1991.

The sad news is that Kitt Chisholm of Scotch Plains, the founder and president of the Network, passed away last December, just before the book came out.

"We looked up to her as someone who had been published and was very active trying to help the young writers," said Andy Byers of Basking Ridge, the treasurer of the group and one of the writers as well.

The book, though, does contain a page of acknowledgements written by Chisholm, as well as her treatment of an old love affair in *One Desk: Four Chairs*, a clever story told through a series of letters to an advice columnist, complete with responses.

Unlike *The Connection Collection*, which contained poetry only, *The Connection Collection Two* has been expanded to include a mixture of poetry, short stories, and essays grouped under the heading of "Happiness and the Joy of Life."

Other examples of the book's theme can be found in romantic stories like Irene Foley's poem *Snowy Evening*, a simple, but touching poem about two office workers who get together after an impromptu romp in the snow, and Ida McCourt DeLage's *The Romance of Todd Fitch*, a humorous rhyme about a frontier bachelor lassoed by a scheming



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widow.

But there's also writings that stray from the theme, like *Hat Point* by Larry Chase, a gritty short story with an unusual ending about a man who gets caught up in an argument between members of a family he meets in a park.

For more information about the Network, which meets monthly at Montclair State College, write Andy Byers at 2 Victoria Drive, Basking Ridge, N.J., 07920.

The book is available at several bookstores, including Romo Books in Far Hills and The Book Worm in Bernardsville. It is also available at the Impulse gift shop in the Lyons shopping Center and the Lamp Post gift shop in the Bernardsville Shopping Center.

You can also obtain a copy of either *Connection Collection* by sending a \$5 donation for each copy, plus \$1.50 postage and handling charges for each order, to Byers' address.

Book marks

Poetry contests are announced

Two groups have set March deadlines for submissions to their poetry contests.

The National Library of Poetry has announced a March 31 deadline for their contest which will award \$25,000 in prize to the 200 poet.

To enter, send one original poem of 10 lines or less to the National Library of Poetry, 1000 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10003. The deadline is March 31, 1993.

Meanwhile, the American Stage Company has announced a poetry contest with a deadline of March 31, 1993.

The winning poem will be set to music and performed in the American Stage Company's upcoming production of the musical *The Life of Jimmy Neutron*.

Prizes will include the first, 100 dollars and phone number of the author and be awarded no later than March 31. Entries should be sent to Poetry Contest, American Stage Company, P.O. Box 326, Fairport, N.Y. 07941.

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•Mass and brunch, noon March 21. Mass at St. James Church, Woodbridge; brunch follows at Red Diner, Woodbridge. (908) 329-1260.
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•Dance at Holiday Inn, Raritan Center, Edison, 9 p.m. March 27. Members \$10, non-members \$12.

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•Discussion group and dinner at Health Shoppe, Morristown, 7 p.m. March 12.

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•Discussion group, dancing, and buffet at Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 8 p.m. Fridays. Cost \$8.
•Dance at Ramada Inn, Raritan Center, Edison, 8:30 p.m. March 13. Cost \$8; jacket required.

•Dance at Holiday Inn, Springfield, 8:30 p.m. March 27. Cost \$8; jacket required.
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•Dances at Mayfair Farms, West Orange (jacket required), and Van's, Freehold, 9 p.m. March 19.

•Dances at Liberties, Sheraton hotel, Iselin, 9 p.m. March 20.
•Dance and pasta buffet at Flanders Valley Farm, Flanders, 9 p.m. March 20.
•Dance and buffet at Gate House, West Orange, 8 p.m. March 21.

•Dance at Eagle Rock Club, Roseland, 9 p.m. March 26.
•Dance at Old Mill Inn, Bernardsville, 9 p.m. March 28.

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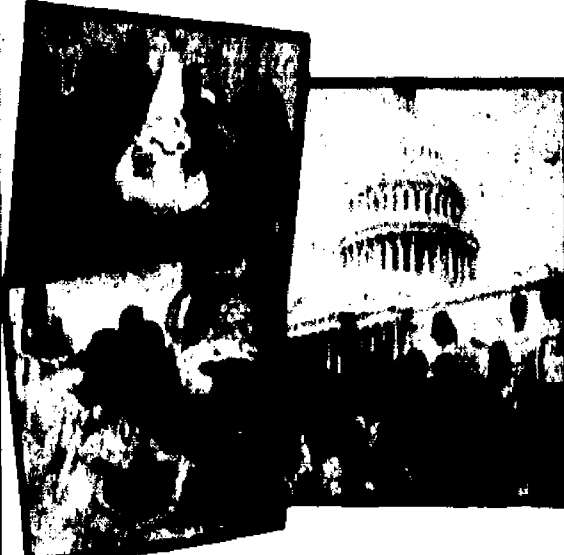
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T A G E

A week of premieres on the local stage

GSP, Crossroads, Villagers and Circle Players all check in with new productions

By WILLIAM WESTHOVEN
WeekendPlus Editor

As we continue to experience one of the colder, snowier winters in recent memory, it's good to have a few more reasons to stay indoors.

And the area's theaters are holding up their end of the bargain, as four plays, including two world premieres, open this weekend.

Both world premieres will be staged in New Brunswick, as the George Street Playhouse presents its ambitious production of the musical love story *The Fields of Ambrosia* beginning Friday, March 12.

The next day, neighboring Crossroads Theatre will check in with *Mothers*, a drama written by Kathleen McGhee-Anderson.

Meanwhile, in Somerset, the Villagers Theatre opens with the musical *Romance, Romance* on Friday, March 12, while the Circle Players in Piscataway continue their 40th season with the offbeat comedy *Einstein and the Polar Bear*.

With a cast of 22, a six-piece orchestra, a 1910 Ford Panel Truck as part of the set and a trunkload of period costumes, *The Fields of Ambrosia*, which tells the story of an ex-con man turned travelling executioner who falls in love with one of his intended victims, is probably the most ambitious of the four productions. George Street, in fact, considers it the "biggest" show they've ever presented.

Starring as the executioner Jonas Candide is Joel Higgins, familiar to TV audiences for his role in the comedy series *Silver Spoon*. Higgins, an accomplished writer and musician, wrote the book and lyrics for the play, while Martin Silvestri wrote the score.

Christine Andreas, a Broadway veteran with two Tony nominations to her credit, stars as Gretchen, the Austrian immigrant scheduled to be the first woman to die in Candide's electric chair. But when Gretchen sings her way into Candide's heart, Candide falls in love and cooks up an elaborate scheme to save her life by faking her death.

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Joel Higgins and Hal Davis star in *The Fields of Ambrosia*, a world-premiere musical that opens at the George Street Playhouse on Friday, March 12.

Gretchen Oehler, who made her Broadway debut in *Dracula*, stars as Jean, while Jeanne Mori, who has worked on television and several feature films, takes on the role of Mariko.

On the lighter side, *Romance, Romance* is actually two stories in one. The first, based on Schnitzler's *The Little Comedy*, is a turn-of-the-century story about a wealthy couple's attempt to rediscover the thrill of romance. Act II takes place in modern-day Long Island, where two couples attempt to enjoy the quiet seclusion of their fancy summer home in the Hamptons.

As for *Einstein and the Polar Bear*, a charming adult story about some unusual small-town folk written by popular author Tom Griffin, the characters may not be what they seem, but the faces may look familiar. The cast includes such local talent as Jeanne Johnson of Scotch Plains, Adrian Stein of New Brunswick, Fred Schwab of Metuchen and Jamie More and Michael Sylvester of South Plainfield. Joann Clark of New Brunswick directs.

THE FIELDS OF AMBROSIA March 12-28 at George Street Playhouse, 9 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick. Tickets \$16-\$30; discounts available. (908) 246-7717.

MOTHERS March 13-April 25 at Crossroads Theatre, 7 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick. Tickets \$18-\$30; discounts available. (908) 249-5560.

ROMANCE, ROMANCE March 12-April 10 at the Villagers Theatre, 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset. Tickets \$15. (908) 873-2710.

EINSTEIN AND THE POLAR BEAR March 12-April 3 at the Circle Playhouse, 416 Victoria Ave., Piscataway. Tickets \$10; discounts available. (908) 968-7555.

Stage right

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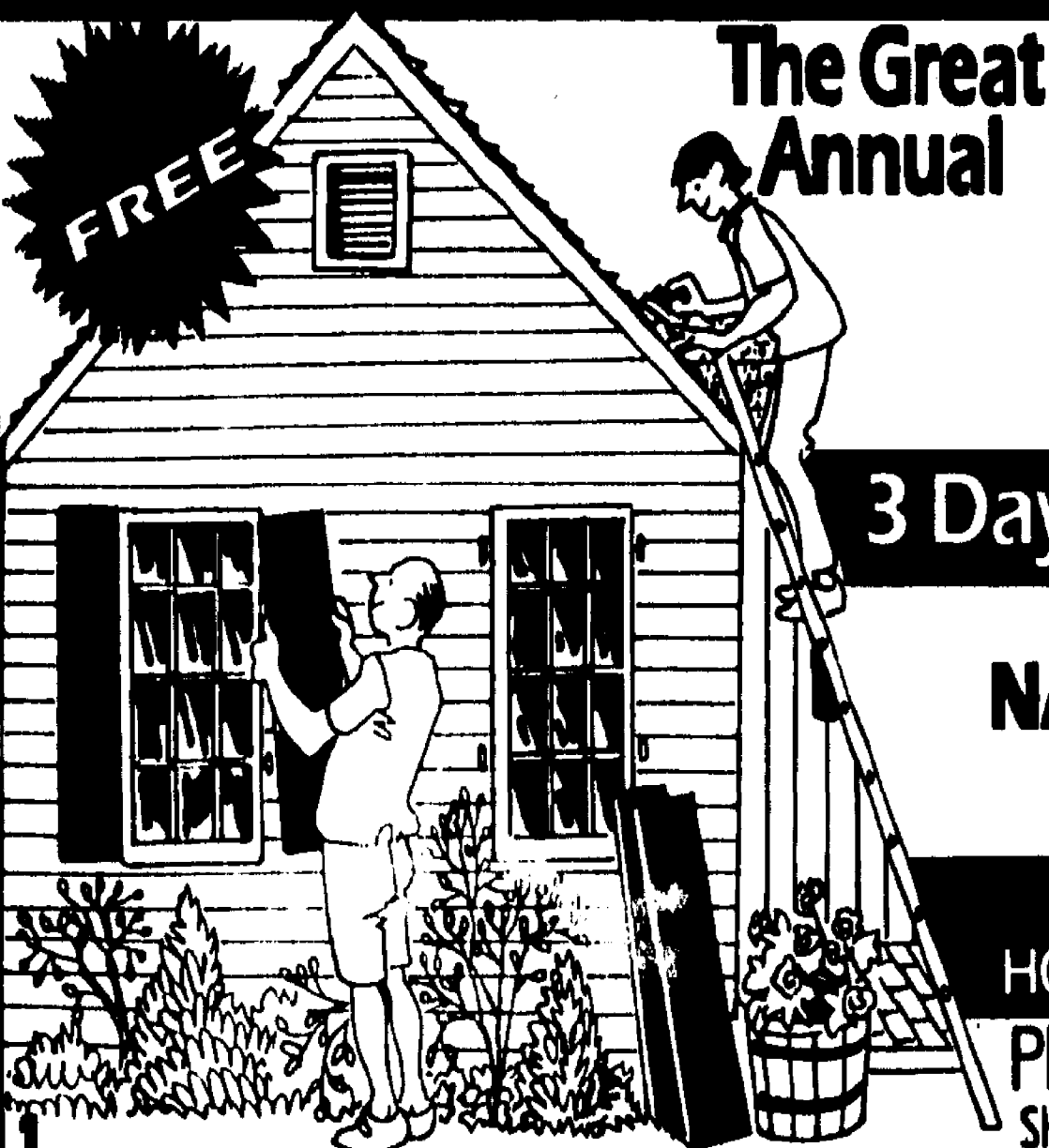
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•*Mothers*, world premiere of Kathleen McGhee-Anderson's drama on the South Side of Chicago. Through April 11. Admission \$30-\$18.

ENTERTAINERS REPERTORY THEATRE

PeopleCare Center
120 Findeme Ave., Bridgewater
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•*Design for Murder*, a Gothic murder-mystery written for Tellyn Bankhead in 1931. March 12-27. Admission \$9, discounts available.

FORBES COLLEGE THEATRE
115 Alexander Rd., Princeton

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•*The Scenario*, staged reading of Jean Anouilh's play translated into English by Village Voice theater critic Michael Feingold. 7 p.m. March 15. Free admission.

GEORGE STREET PLAYHOUSE

9 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(908) 246-7717

•*The Fields of Ambrosia*, world premiere of Joel Higgins' musical set in small-town America during World War I. Through March 28. Admission \$30-\$16, discounts available. Related symposium at 10 a.m. March 27, free admission.

HILLSBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

Raider Boulevard
Belle Mead (908) 674-4200
•*Stage Door*, 8 p.m. March 12-13, 19-20.

HOLIDAY INN

Route 202, New Hope, Pa.
(215) 862-5221
•*The Magic of Murder*, mystery taking place over a 24-hour period. Weekends through March 14. Hotel admission included; call for prices.

HUNTERDON HILLS PLAYHOUSE

Route 173, Hampton
1-800-447-7313
•*Plaza Suite*, comedy by Neil Simon. Through April 6. Group rates available; call for prices.

LAMBERTVILLE STATION

Route 29, Lambertville
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•*Dead Dealers Don't Drink*, murder mystery staged aboard a train en route to Ringoes. 10:30 a.m. Sunday through March 28. Admission \$36, includes brunch.

MCCARTER THEATRE

91 University Pl., Princeton
(609) 683-8000
•Eric Bogosian, performance art from Broadway. 8 p.m. March 12. Admission \$25-\$17.

MILL HILL PLAYHOUSE



Jamie More of Scotch Plains, Jeanne Johnson of Scotch Plains and Fred Schwab of Metuchen star in the Circle Players' production of *Einstein and the Polar Bear*, which opens Friday, March 12, in Pileatway.

Front & Montgomery, Trenton
(609) 392-0766

•*One, Goodnight*, staged reading of Kate Espinoza's drama about an incest survivor. 7 p.m. March 15. Admission \$10.

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•*The All-Night Strut!* Fran Chermas' depiction of music from the 30s and 40s. Through April 3. Admission \$17.25 Saturdays, \$15.75 Fridays and Sundays.

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•*Lost in Yonkers*, New Jersey premiere of the Neil Simon play set in the New York suburb. Through March 28. Admission \$41-\$28, discounts available.

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•*Ladies First*, six wives of U.S. Presidents in a one-woman show by Robin Lane. 7:30 p.m.

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LIVINGSTON THEATRE

Rutgers University
Avenue D, Pileatway
(908) 932-7511
•*Burn This*, Lanford Wilson's play about a man and a woman coming together by way of a freak accident. March 23-28. Admission \$10.

MCCARTER THEATRE

91 University Pl., Princeton
(609) 683-8000
•*Sweet & Hot*, world premiere of Harold Arlen songs in a revue. March 23-April 11. Admission \$38-\$12.

MANNVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

1100 Brooks Blvd., Mannville
(908) 231-8604
•*Oh, What a Wonderful World*, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical marking its 50th anniversary this year. March 19-21. Admission \$3 in advance, \$3.50 at the door.

MILL HILL PLAYHOUSE

Front & Montgomery, Trenton
(609) 392-0766
•*Motherline Mainstage*, works written and performed by women. March 18-27. Admission \$10. Related symposium at 4 p.m. March 27.
•*The Scrub*, staged reading of Chris Cincque's contribution to *Growing Up Queer in America*. 7 p.m. March 22. Admission \$10.

NEWARK MUSEUM

49 Washington St., Newark
(201) 596-6550
•*Komar & Melamid*, performance artists. 6 p.m. March 18. Free admission.

PLAYHOUSE 22

210 Dunhams Corner Rd., East Brunswick
(908) 254-3939
•*Babes in Arms*, the Rodgers and Hart musical made famous by Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney. March 26-April 25. Admission \$13 opening night, \$12 other times; discounts

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Route 28, Branchburg
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•*Peter Pan*, Captain Hook, the Lost Boys, and their cohorts in musical form. 3 and 8 p.m. March 20, 3 p.m. March 21. Admission \$25, \$22.50.

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•*The Wedding*, an Italian marriage transformed to a dinner theater venue. 7:30 p.m. March 27. Admission \$45.
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19 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
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•*Shakespeare for My Father*, one-woman autobiographical show by Lynn Rodgrave. 4 p.m. March 28. Admission \$28-\$12.

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*4-H arts and crafts show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. March 20. Admission \$1.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may spend a good part of the week feeling out of sorts. That is no reason to grump or carry on. Stay in the present and don't worry about what was, is or could be. Others pound on your door this weekend. Don't answer. Just relax with one special person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) We won't discuss in public what naughtiness could be going on this week, though others will be able to imagine. Don't slack off at work. It pays for the frolics, which you will be doing a good part of the weekend as well.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You have a far better perspective on basic security issues than you think. Try not to muddle yourself up in confusion and just zero in on what counts this week. You can't resist love this weekend, but, oh, you are so tired.

LEO (July 23-August 22) Follow through on a scheme that could bring much moolah into the household budget. Your casual way with others loses some of its magic presently. Develop a more authentic approach. Return messages and don't let anything fall by the wayside.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22) Don't wait to be asked. Take the initiative this week. Money and your need "to have" (control, power, possessions) drive you. You may be feeling a bit frayed by this weekend.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22) Do much soul-searching before you

take action, because once you do, you may not have any recourse but to keep going. Something is out of synch. Before you point the finger, look at the holes in your own thinking.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21) Be more playful and open up to the positives in your life, rather than brood about the hassles. The magic and the intrigue of the Scorpion comes out this week. You end the week on an all-time high. (Well, nearly all time high.)

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21) Push hard and fast this week for what you want. The key is to take a leadership role at work and with friends. You make happen what you want. You are on top of the world this weekend.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19) Be more direct with those you work with this week, because an oblique approach gets you nowhere. You cannot be too responsible or too careful. Follow through on a project to the very end.

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18) Make plenty of time to do your own checking, Aquarius, because what you know to be correct, is. You have taken a back seat long enough in a partnership. By the weekend you are ready to zero in on what is important to you, and don't settle for anything less.

PISCES (February 19-March 20) Others dominate this week, but don't get it into your head that you don't have a say, because you do. Be careful, however, trying to convince the bank or the IRS you are right. Except for this minor pitfall, you are on a real roll.
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Saturday, March 20, 2 p.m.

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• Research scientist goes about "Honoring Beta." Free admission.

TRUDY HANSEN

Tuesday, March 16,

12:35 p.m.

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• Little Disturbances of Men by Grace Paley, March 12.

• Essays by Gloria Steinem, Anna Quindlen, et al., March 19.

• Humor by Cathy Grimmins, March 26.

Kid stuff

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• Life in ancient Egypt, March 13.

• "The Eyes Have It," March 20.

• "Please Be Seated," March 27.

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Sunday, March 28, 2 p.m.

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BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Sunday, March 21, 2 p.m.

Wilkins Theatre, Kean College

Route 82, Union

(908) 527-2337

• Fairy tale on which the Oscar-nominated movie was based. Admission \$5.

DISCOVER DANCE

Saturday, March 20, 3 p.m.

Fairleigh Dickinson University

Dreyfuss Theater, Madison

(201) 593-8620

• Music and comedy with a professional dance troupe. Admission \$5, group rates available.

GOLDLOCKS AND

THE THREE BEARS

March 19, 10 a.m.

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Off-Broadstreet Theatre

5 South Greenwood Ave.

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(609) 466-2766

• Who's been sleeping in their bed? Admission \$3.50, group rates available.

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Sunday, March 21, 3 p.m.

Richardson Auditorium,

Princeton University

(609) 258-5000

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March 14, 1, 3:30,

and 6 p.m.

Theatre at Raritan Valley

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Route 28, North Branch

(908) 725-3420

• A legendary story of the Brothers Grimm. Admission \$6.

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD

Sunday, March 21, 3 p.m.

Union County Arts Center

1601 Irving St., Rahway

(908) 499-8226

• Our heroine and the Big Bad Wolf, brought together in an operetta. Admission \$6.

LOVE, MAGIC AND

BRUSSELS SPROUTS

March 13, 14, 2 p.m.

New Theater,

Rutgers Arts Center

George St., New Brunswick

(908) 932-9772

• Folk tales from Sweden, Java, Russia, and ancient Ireland. Admission \$10, \$8; group rates available.

THE MAGIC WASHING HAT

Friday, March 12, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 13, 2 p.m.

Techniques Theatre

112 Rues Lane

East Brunswick

(908) 521-3156

• In which Arista's magic spell protects everyone in Havelot from fun stuff. Admission \$5, group rates available.

PAT MCKINLEY

Saturday, March 20,

1:30 p.m.

Six Mile Run Reformed Church

Route 27, Franklin Park

(908) 821-1324

• Singer-songwriter with a large repertoire. Admission \$3.50.

MEET THE BRASS

Sunday, March 28, 3 p.m.

Madison Area YMCA

1 Ralph Stoddard Dr., Madison

(201) 377-8589

• An introduction to brass instruments in an orchestra. Free admission; children under 3 not admitted.

PETER PAN

March 13, 14, 20, 21,

27, 28; all at 2 p.m.

Club Bene

Route 35, Sayreville

(908) 727-3000

• With Captain Hook, the Lost Boys, and all their cohorts. Admission \$5, group rates available.

PUSS 'N' BOOTS

March 13, 11 a.m., 1 p.m.

Montclair Kimberly Academy

201 Valley Rd., Montclair

(201) 744-1717

• The famous fairy tale, told with puppets. Admission \$6, discounts available.

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ALL SEASONS

CHAMBER PLAYERS

Friday, March 19, 8 p.m.
Barron Arts Center
582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge
(908) 634-0413
*Quartet performs works by J.C. Bach, Jean-Philippe Rameau, and other composers. Free admission.

PATRICK BALL

Wednesday, March 17, 8 p.m.
Morris Museum
6 Normandy Heights Rd.
Morristown
(201) 538-0454
*Celtic harp master and a member of the Windham Hill coterie. Admission \$15.

DAVID BERGER

Saturday, March 13, 8 p.m.
Hunterdon Central High School
Route 31, Flemington
(908) 821-1324
*Singer-songwriter performs w/ Ken Kotcher and Dan Van Antwerp. Admission \$5 w/a donation of non-perishable food, \$6 without.

DENNIS BLAM

March 14; 6, 8:30 p.m.
Union County Arts Center
1601 Irving St., Rahway
(908) 499-8226
*Performer of satirical songs. Admission \$19.50.

CHERISH THE LADIES

Thursday, March 25, 8 p.m.
Wilkins Theatre, Kean College
Route 82, Union
(908) 527-2337
*All-woman ensemble playing traditional music from their native Ireland. Admission \$12, discounts available.

THE CHIEFTAINS

Tuesday, March 16, 8 p.m.
State Theatre
19 Livingston Ave.
New Brunswick
(908) 246-7469
*Traditional Irish songs from the Emerald Isle. Admission \$32-\$22.

CONCERT ROYAL

Saturday, March 27, 8 p.m.
Richardson Auditorium,
Princeton University
(609) 258-5000
*The Four Seasons, also the Concerto in A minor, both by Vivaldi; J.S. Bach's Concerto in D minor. Adults \$20, students \$2.

MARCELLA CRUDELI

Tuesday, March 23, 8 p.m.
Nicholas Music Center,
Rutgers Arts Center
George St., New Brunswick
(908) 932-7511
*Pianist performs works from 20th-century Italy. Free admission.

DAUGHTERS OF SONG

Saturday, March 27,
8:30 p.m.
Temple Emanuel
100 James St., Edison
(908) 549-4442
*Liturgical, secular, and theatrical music sung by three women cantors. Admission \$20, \$12; discounts available. Patron tickets \$75, includes reception.

ELIJAH

Sunday, March 28, 3 p.m.
First United Methodist Church
1 East Broad St., Westfield
(908) 233-4211
*Mendelssohn's oratorio, sung by the Oratorio Singers of Westfield. Adults \$13, senior citizens and students \$9.

ENCORE DUO

Sunday, March 14, 3 p.m.
Stone End



One of Ireland's most popular exports, the Chieftains, will appear with a harp ensemble in a special pre-St. Patrick's Day concert Tuesday, March 16, at the State Theatre in New Brunswick.

346 Ridgewood Rd.
South Orange
(201) 287-0206
*Works by Rossini, Debussy, and other composers performed by Laura George, flute, and Beth Robinson, harp. Admission \$25.

ESSEX QUARTET

Friday, March 26, 8 p.m.
Nicholas Music Center,
Rutgers Arts Center
George St., New Brunswick
(908) 932-7511
*Performing works by Mozart, Copland, Arthur Foote, and Mrs. H.H.A. Beach w/James Scott, flute. Admission \$11, discounts available.

FACULTY MUSIC RECITAL

Sunday, March 28, 3 p.m.
Theatre at Raritan Valley
Community College
Route 28, North Branch
(908) 725-3420
*Assorted works performed by the college's performing arts faculty. Adults \$6, senior citizens and students \$4.

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR BANDS

Saturday, March 13,
7:30 p.m.
Nicholas Music Center,
Rutgers Arts Center
George St., New Brunswick
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*More than 200 musicians from 50 New Jersey high schools. Free admission.

LAUREN HOOKER

Sunday, March 21, 3 p.m.
First Unitarian Society
724 Park Ave., Plainfield
(908) 756-0760, 233-4030
*Jazz singer and pianist premieres "Because of You, My Friend," samba written w/guitarist Vic Juris. Admission \$6.

HUNTERDON FOLK EXCHANGE

Saturday, March 20, 7 p.m.
North Hunterdon High School
Route 31, Annandale
(908) 479-1555

*Fiddle contest with three bands, four solo performers, and other contestants. Admission \$10.

GABRIELLA MIREN

Sunday, March 14, 3 p.m.
Tewksbury area
(908) 832-9770
*Pianist performs assorted works in a living-room setting (location given at time of purchase). Adults \$15, senior citizens and students \$7.50.

JUNKBOX HEROES

Saturday, March 20, 8 p.m.
Union County Arts Center
1601 Irving St., Rahway
(908) 499-8226
*Fifties rock revue featuring the Mahoney Brothers. Admission \$10.

DON KIMMER

Sunday, March 28, 3 p.m.
Union County Arts Center
1601 Irving St., Rahway
(908) 499-8226
*Organist performs in recital and as accompaniment for the silent film *Steamboat Bill Jr.* Admission \$6.

JOHN KIRK/TRISH MILLER

Friday, March 12, 7 p.m.
Hughes School
Snyder Ave., Berkeley Heights
(908) 464-9413, 665-9789
*Square dance caller and clogger perform in a Western-style hoedown. Adults \$4, children \$1.

DENNIS KOBRAV

Friday, March 12, 7:30 p.m.
Westminster Choir College
101 Walnut Lane, Princeton
(609) 921-7104, ext. 260
*Beethoven brought to life in a one-man show. Admission \$5.

LA DI DA

Saturday, March 20,
8:30 p.m.
Monroe Tavern Hall
525 Monroe St., Hoboken
(201) 656-3103, 429-2102
*Open stage for musicians, performers, etc. Sign-in at 8 p.m. Admission \$5.

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CLEO LAINE

Saturday, March 13, 8 p.m.
McCarter Theatre, Princeton
(609) 683-8000
Saturday, March 20, 8 p.m.
Morris Knolls
High School, Danville
(201) 538-6413
*Jazz singer performs w/the Dankworth Quartet. Admission \$27-\$22 in Princeton, \$30-\$15 in Danville.

LORNA MacDONALD

Sunday, March 21, 4 p.m.
Westminster Choir College
Bristol Chapel, Princeton
(609) 921-2663
*Soprano sings works by Debussy, Beethoven, Bernstein, and Harbison w/Dalton Baldwin, piano. Adults \$10, senior citizens and students \$8.

MARY LOU'S MASS

Sunday, March 28, 3:30 p.m.
New Jersey State Museum
205 West State St., Trenton
(609) 292-6310
*A Catholic Mass composed by jazz musician Mary Lou Williams. Admission \$20, group rates available.

MESSIAH

Friday, March 19, 8:30 p.m.
Richardson Auditorium,
Princeton University
Saturday, March 20, 8 p.m.
State Theatre, New Brunswick
1-800-ALLEGRO
*Handel's epic oratorio, performed by the New Jersey Symphony Chamber Orchestra w/Musica Sacra. Admission \$27-\$12, discounts available.

MUSIC FOR PEACE

Saturday, March 27, 8 p.m.
Van Fossan Theatre,
Bloomfield College
(201) 748-9000, ext. 298
*Rare performance of Mary Lou Williams' jazz hymn, by Hilton Ruiz w/his quartet, the college's

choir, and Fortitude. Admission \$20.

N.J. SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Friday, March 12, 8:30 p.m.
Count Basie Theatre, Red Bank
Saturday, March 13, 8 p.m.
State Theatre, New Brunswick
Sunday, March 14, 3 p.m.
Symphony Hall, Newark
1-800-ALLEGRO

*Prokofiev's Classical Symphony; Shostakovich's Concerto No. 1 in C minor; Burleske in D minor and Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks, both by Strauss. Admission \$39-\$12, discounts available.

NOONDAY CONCERT

Tuesday, March 23,
12:15 p.m.
Kirkpatrick Chapel,
Rutgers University
Somerset St., New Brunswick
(908) 932-7511
*Featuring Rutgers graduate musicians. Free admission.

PORGY AND BESS

Saturday, March 27, 8 p.m.
State Theatre
19 Livingston Ave.
New Brunswick
(908) 246-7469
*Gershwin's opera of the Deep South. Admission \$32-\$23.

PORGY AND BESS

VOCAL EXTRAVAGANZA
Saturday, March 13, 8 p.m.
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Lenell Hall, Madison
(201) 593-8620
*Songs from the Gershwin opera, sung by an all-black cast. Admission \$22, discounts available.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
Friday, March 26, 8 p.m.
Taplin Auditorium,
Princeton University
(609) 258-5000
*Performing works by Corelli, Mozart, and Schubert. Free admission.

RANTAN VALLEY

SYMPHONIC BAND

Wednesday, March 24, 8 p.m.
Hillsborough High School
Raider Blvd., Belle Mead
(908) 359-7485
*Premiere of *Recollections for a Private Soldier* by Anthony Ferraro; also works by Bernstein, Haydn, and other composers. Free admission.

REEDS, RHYTHM

& ALL THAT BRASS

Sunday, March 14, 3 p.m.
Victorian Manor
2863 Woodbridge Ave., Edison
(908) 968-5569, 781-0756
*17-piece orchestra performs swing-era tunes for dancing. Admission \$10.

LUCILLE RENLY

Sunday, March 14, 3 p.m.
Willow Grove
Presbyterian Church
1961 Raritan Rd.
Scotch Plains
(908) 232-5678
*Assorted songs performed on the hammered dulcimer and autoharp. Admission \$8.

REQUiem

Saturday, March 27, 8 p.m.
United Methodist Church
50 Park Pl., Morristown
(201) 538-2132
*Durufle's music for a funeral, sung by the Chancel Chorus w/orchestra. Admission \$8.

RANDY SANDKE

Sunday, March 21, 2 p.m.
Primavera Restaurant
1080 Valley Rd., Stirling
(908) 580-0707
*Jazz trumpet player performs in a quintet. Admission \$15.

ALICE LYNN SCHABALE

Sunday, March 14, 6:30 p.m.
New Life Gospel Church
1750 Cedarwood Dr.
Piscataway
(908) 752-4434
*Soprano sings a variety of Christian and gospel music.

Free admission.

SECOND CHANCE

Saturday, March 13, 8 p.m.
The Times, Evangel Church
1251 Terrell Rd., Scotch Plains
(908) 322-9300
*All-woman trio sings contemporary Christian music in a coffeehouse setting. Admission \$5.

NORMAN SIMONS

Friday, March 26, 8 p.m.
Welpo Theatre, Raritan Valley
Community College
Route 28, North Branch
(908) 725-3420
*Jazz pianist performs in a cabaret setting. Adults \$7.50, senior citizens and students \$5.

ISAAC STERN

Sunday, March 28, 3 p.m.
Symphony Hall
1020 Broad St., Newark
1-800-ALLEGRO
*The famed violinist performs w/the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra for its 70th anniversary. Admission \$85-\$20.

STRETTO CHAMBER PLAYERS

Saturday, March 13, 8 p.m.
Unitarian Fellowship
21 Normandy Heights Rd.
Morristown
(201) 540-1177
*String ensemble performs works by Handel, Bartok, Puccini, Corelli, and Vivaldi. Admission \$12.

JENNIFER TAO

Sunday, March 28, 3 p.m.
Taplin Auditorium,
Princeton University
(609) 258-5000
*Pianist performs works by Beethoven, Chopin, Scriabin, and Hall Quenton. Free admission.

TEE & COMPANY

Saturday, March 13,
7:30 p.m.
Watchung Arts Center
18 Stirling Rd., Watchung
(908) 356-6416
*Blues band featuring local cable TV host Tee Dikura. Admission \$8.

TRANSFORMATIONS

March 26, 27, April 2, 3;
all at 8 p.m.
New Theater,
Rutgers Arts Center
George St., New Brunswick
(908) 932-7511
*Opera by Conrad Susa and Anne Sexton, performed by the Opera at Rutgers ensemble. Admission \$14, discounts available.

WARREN VACINE Jr.

Sunday, March 28, 4 p.m.
N.J. Center for Visual Arts
68 Elm St., Summit
(908) 273-9121
*Jazz musician performs in a gallery setting. Admission \$16.50.

WESTMINSTER

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
Saturday, March 13,
7:30 p.m.
Westminster Choir College
101 Walnut Lane, Princeton
(609) 921-7104, ext. 260
*Performing works by Calmenti, Kuhlau, Beethoven, Haydn, and Mozart. Admission \$4.

CLARK WILSON

Sunday, March 28, 3 p.m.
War Memorial
West Lafayette St., Trenton
(609) 984-8484
*Organist performs in a pops concert. Admission \$8-\$5.

YIM CHENG-ZONG

Sunday, March 14, 3 p.m.
Newark Museum
49 Washington St., Newark
(201) 596-6550
*Pianist performs traditional and classical works from the People's Republic of China. Free admission.

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Review revue

'Amos and Andrew' as suspect as its offensive title

The first problem with the new film *Amos & Andrew* is the title. Couldn't they find a cute title without a reference pointing to an old radio that, at least in hindsight, endorses an offensive stereotype?

The second problem is the critics don't seem to like *Amos & Andrew*, a comedy about a Pulitzer Prize-winning black playwright who is mistaken for a robber in his own home, setting off a series of overreactions by the local authorities and townsfolk.

The New York Post

Jerry Tallmer

"...what should be a bright and biting comedy, isn't. Which is all the more sorry, because it was written and is the first directing job by E. Max Frye, who had previously scripted that *Something Wild* movie with Melanie Griffith that I loved...a would-be

farce, with a few good laughs here and there. Still, I hate to see so much talent, and so many ideas, go to waste."

USA Today

Susan Wloszczyna

"*Amos & Andrew*. Unfortunate title. Unfortunate movie. What supposed to be a hip-up-to-the-minute satire threatens to push on-screen race relations about as far back as the vintage sitcom *Amos & Andy*...What ensues makes the *Police Academy* series look like Joseph Wambaugh."

The Daily News

Roger Ebert

"The movie is not bad so much as misguided...The makers of *Amos & Andrew* are trapped by their own plot. I'm sure they have the best of intentions...But the movie

portrays an unpleasant situation and then treats it with sitcom tactics.

The New York Times

Vincent Canby

"*Amos & Andrew*...is less breathless than emphysemic, a handicapped satirical farce whose roots are not in life but in other, better movies and sitcoms...the film's humor somehow gets sopped up by the spongy writing and directing. The dialogue is lame and the continuity is so shaky that one entire subplot sinks into confusion...Mr. Frye distributes his second-hand venom as if he were acting according to his own equal-opportunity rules. He attempts to send up white and black characters without favoritism. Yet because the black stereotypes are newer and fresher than the white stereotypes, the effect is vaguely if unintentionally racist."



Samuel L. Jackson and Nicholas Cage star in *Amos and Andrew*

Film capsules

(Continued from page 15)
a few skeletons in her closet.
(R)

DAMAGE

•Oscar-winner Jeremy Irons is a respected politician whose secure world crumbles when he falls for his son's seductive fiancée. (R)

FALLING DOWN

•Michael Douglas stars in director Joel Schumacher's thriller about an angry Los Angeles motorist who turns violent. Strong supporting cast includes Robert Duvall as the police officer in charge of the manhunt, along with Frederick Forrest, Barbara Hershey and Tuesday Weld. (R)

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 leathernack. Demi Moore co-stars as the superior officer pushing him to get to the real truth, which leads him to some 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)

BOYHO

•Peter Weller (Robocop) and Robert Hays (Airplane!) star as the heroes of this action comedy about reluctant CIA dropouts who are pulled into mercenary duty in a third-world skirmish. (R)

GROUNDHOG DAY

•Bill Murray has a big showcase in this Harold Ramis com-

edy 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 target. (PG)

NOFFA

•Jack Nicholson stars as the controversial Teamsters boss. Denny DeVito directs and co-stars. (R)

HOME ALONE 2: LOST IN NEW YORK

•Carbon-copy sequel to *Home Alone* returns all of the major characters for a romp through Manhattan. Director Chris Columbus returns to the helm as well. But be warned before you shell out ticket money for the whole family — you've seen all of this before. (PG)

HOMEBOND BOUND: THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY

•Disney's latest adventure in

the wild, based on the Sheila Burnford book *The Incredible Journey*, tells the story of three house pets — two dogs and a cat — separated from their human families and forced to journey through unknown wilderness in a search for their homes. Mostly for kids. (G)

LORENZO'S OIL

•Well-done, true-life story of a couple (Nick Nolte, Susan Sarandon) who refuse to believe doctors who offer no hope for their dying son. (PG-13)

MAD DOG AND GLORY

•Robert DeNiro stars as a police photographer who saves the life of a gangster (Bill Murray), who rewards him with the beautiful Uma Thurman (*Final Analysis*). (R)

NATIONAL LAMPHOON'S LOADED WEAPON

•The Lethal Weapon series gets the *Naked Gun* treatment with

Ernie Estevez playing the Mel Gibson role as a Los Angeles detective on the edge. (PG-13)

SCENT OF A WOMAN

•Al Pacino stars as a 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)

SHADOW OF THE WOLF

•An Eskimo hunter (Lou Diamond Phillips of *La Bamba*) and his wife (Jennifer Tilly) are forced to survive in the arctic wilderness after being exiled from their homeland. (PG-13)

SOMMERSBY

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

SWING KIDS

•A group of dancing teenagers defy the Nazis in 1930s Germany. With Christian Bale (*Empire of the Sun*) and Barbara Hershey. (PG-13)

THE TEMPLAR

•Lara Flynn Boyle (*Twin Peaks*) is a sexy but dangerous corporate ladder-climber who disrupts the life of yuppie Timothy Hutton in this stylish thriller. (R)

UNFORGIVEN

•Clint Eastwood's Oscar-nominated masterpiece about a former gunslinger who can't escape his past is back for another run. Gene Hackman is brilliant as a self-righteous sheriff. (R)

UNTAMED HEART

•Young love with Maria 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)

THE VANISHING

•Jeff Bridges, Kiefer Sutherland and Nancy Travis star in this thriller about a man trying to save his kidnapped girlfriend. (R)

REVIVALS

THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW

•The campy rock musical will be presented at the Cranford Theatre complete with the live Somerville cast, and at the appropriate time — midnight. The film a shown will include missing footage (the "Super Hero" number) and will be preceded by a cartoon. Saturday, March 13, at the Cranford Theatre, 28 North Ave., Cranford. Tickets \$4.00. (908) 276-3070.

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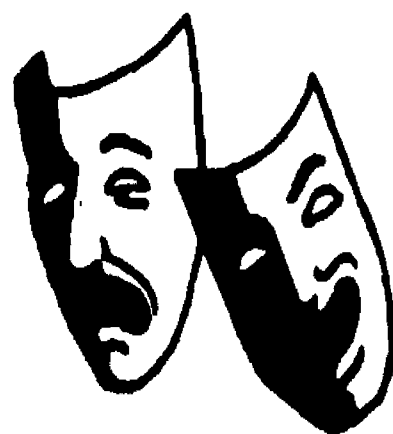
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Ireland's own Sons of Roisin headline St. Patrick's Day fest at O'Connor's

By ROBERT GELCHION
WeekendPlus Writer



Ireland natives The Sons of Roisin are headlining the Irish festival at Jack O'Connor's Restaurant in Bridgewater, which continues through St. Patrick's Day.

It will be an interesting March 17 for the "St. Patrick's Day virgins" at Jack O'Connor's in Bridgewater.

The "virgins," servers and bartenders who have never before experienced the madness of the annual Irish celebration, will face the task of catering to 650 people, who will come to the Route 22 steakhouse for two sold-out dinner seatings.

"It'll be a little overwhelming for them," said Claudia Cervara, entertainment director for Jack O'Connor's. She said only about eight of the 25 members of the serving staff are St. Patrick's Day veterans.

The St. Patrick's Day tradition at the steakhouse will include a performance by the Sons of Roisin, an Irish folk band from Limerick. The band was scheduled to fly in from Ireland March 7 to play nine dates at O'Connor's.

Their scheduled performances are: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10; 8 p.m. Friday, March 12; 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13; 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 14; and 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 15.

Three more performances (approximately 11:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.) are scheduled for Tuesday, March 16 and four shows (approximately 11:15 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.) St. Patrick's Day (March 17). A bon voyage performance will begin at 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 19.

"For the past five years, we have had the Irish Rakes," Cervara said. "They are from Limerick, too, but they were unable to come this year and they recommended the Sons of Roisin to us."

The band was founded in September 1991 with members Christy O'Donovan doing vocals and bones, Tony Hollywood doing vocals and playing guitar, Paddy O'Connor playing flute and tin whistles and Shane McDermot playing the five-string banjo, guitar and also doing vocals.

"There are four of them instead of three, which is how many people were in the Irish Rakes," said Cervara. "So we expect the music to a little louder, a little fuller."

The band will be only one contributor to the Irish atmosphere at Jack O'Connor's. A contingent of bagpipe players will perform March 15-17 and the cellars are stocked with green beer. Guinness, who is from Ireland, will appear 6-7 p.m. Monday, March 15, and servers and bartenders will all be decked out in green.

The steak house also will sell shamrocks to customers for \$1, with the proceeds benefiting the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

"We've really built up a great tradition for St. Patrick's Day," said Cervara, 27, who has worked at O'Connor's for six years. "We have ironed out all the kinks and problems in handling so many people."

The two dinners on March 17 have been sold out for four weeks, she said, and a group of senior citizens will be paying a luncheon visit to O'Connor's for the third consecutive year. Reservations are recommended for all sittings due to the demand.

"Everyone comes and they really enjoy themselves," she said. "It is a lot of fun."

One bartender will be preparing his own special recipes for Irish drinks and Irish soda bread and corned beef will be in abundance.

THE SONS OF ROISIN March 8-18 at Jack O'Connor's Restaurant, 1288 Route 22 East, Bridgewater. Call for reservations. (908) 725-1500.

Music notes

Chieftains play State Theatre

The Chieftains, Ireland's most famous musical group ever (sorry, U2 Fans), are coming to the State Theatre in New Brunswick for a pre-St. Patrick's Day Celebration.

The Grammy-winning group, which combines traditional Irish folk traditions with superior instrumental virtuosity, will be joined by 25 female harpists from the Ulster Harp Orchestra Tuesday, March 16, 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25-\$24. For more information, call (908) 246-7400.

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Television turns itself back on

Legendary new wavers reunion tour comes to the Stone Pony

By WILLIAM WESTHOVEN
WeekendPlus Editor

After 12 years of silence, Television — one of the most influential bands of the early New York punk and new wave movement — put out a brilliant new record last fall.

Their brief tour to support the self-titled effort late last year, however, never made it to New Jersey, leaving many of their most loyal fans out in the cold.

But the second leg of the tour, 14-show jaunt that began Feb. 28, will wind down with an appearance Saturday, March 13, at the resurrected Stone Pony in Asbury Park, and a date the next day at the Academy in New York.

From there, nobody knows where Television will go. "I'm the last person to ask," said a pleasant, but tight-lipped Tom Verlaine, one of the three original members of the band back in the fold, in a recent phone interview.



Television, which exploded out of the same Manhattan music scene as Blondie, Talking Heads and the Ramones, has reunited for an album and tour.

So if you want to experience a little of modern rock history, make your way down to the Stone Pony. There, you can witness one of the most talked about bands few people can profess to have seen. Television, you see, along with Blondie, Talking Heads and the Ramones, formed the New York branch of the mid-to-late '70s new wave, which blasted the music world out of its disco doldrums. But Television self-destructed in 1978, just as those other bands were leaping from cult status to international stardom.

In retrospect, Television didn't really fit the punk/new wave mold from the beginning. Their sound, driven by the improvisational, twin-guitar interplay of Verlaine and Richard Lloyd, was more a throwback to the psychedelic era than the thrashing chords of pre-punk heroes like Iggy Pop, the New York Dolls and the Velvet Underground.

The energy of the band, though, along with the brittle, but passionate vocals of Verlaine, caught on with the angry young gatherings at punk palaces like C.B.G.B.'s. Alas, the passion fizzled after just two albums and a post-mortem live effort.

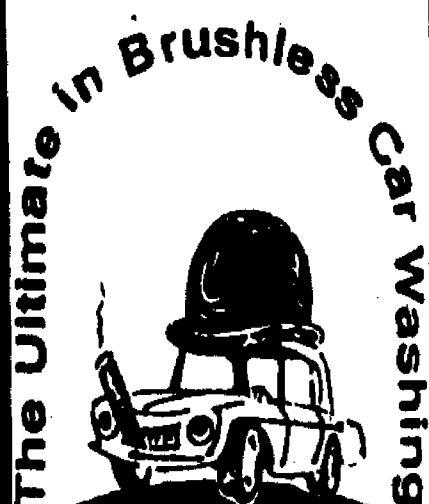
Record contract conflicts, management conflicts and a general lack of interest, according to Verlaine, were the reasons for the long layoff. Happily, once the reunion was christened, it didn't take long to find the old magic.

"It took a couple of rehearsals," he said. "The first rehearsal was jamming around, and we thought it would be better than it was. But then we brought some songs in, and once we had a structure to jam around with, it was a lot better."

On the road, they're playing old and new songs to a mix of old and new fans. "It's strange, in Europe (the crowds) are almost all new. Over here, it's half and half," said Verlaine.

TELEVISION Saturday, March 13, at the Stone Pony, 913 Ocean Ave., Asbury Park. Doors open 8 p.m. Tickets \$11 advance; \$12.50 door. (908) 775-5706.

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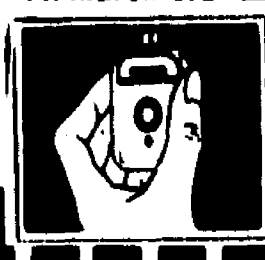
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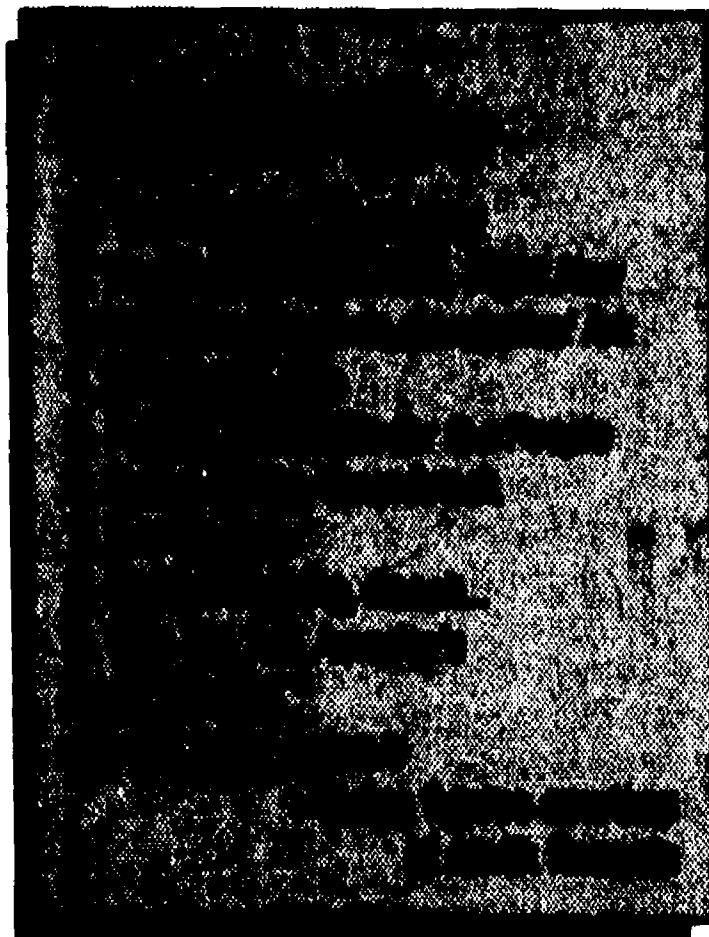
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By MICK PULSINELLI
Culinary Correspondent

Antonio's is a neighborhood restaurant frequented most often, of course, by people in the neighborhood. It is located in the middle of strip mall and, at first glance, it might look like just a pizzeria.

When owner Nick Vukel bought the place 14 months ago, Antonio's back room wasn't even used. So he hired chef Chris Martorina, redecorated the back room and made a restaurant out of it.

Since then, neighbors have found it to be a very friendly, informal place serving Italian food in large quantities at very reasonable prices.

The front is a pizzeria with a counter for takeout pizza and booths along the wall for eating in. In the back dining room there are about tables with linen table cloths and underliners.

The night we dined, most of the tables were filled, including one with a party of eight. We were told that Antonio's has a loyal following and owner Nick knows most of his customers.

At a table next to us one of the customers ordered a plate of ziti. When we asked which item on the menu they had ordered she told us it was ziti alla Siciliana (ziti, eggplant, mozzarella and Romano cheese for \$7.95). There was enough food for two in that one order!

This friendly couple moved here recently from Nutley. They told us they tried other area restaurants but always come back to Antonio's because of the food and the value.

Antonio's menu is basic Italian with pasta, veal, chicken and seafood entrees and several nightly blackboard specials. There are 23 pasta selections (\$5-\$8.95), seven veal and chicken dishes (\$8.75-\$12.95) and 10 seafood choices (\$7.25 to \$12.25). Entrees come with warm Italian bread and a tossed salad.

Nightly specials can be a bargain. That night they had broiled red snapper in a hollandaise sauce for \$11.95 and steak au poivre sauteed with shallots and brandy in a creamy peppercorn sauce (\$12.95). The third special will be discussed later because my husband ordered it.

My husband started off with a bowl of Manhattan clam chowder



Owner Nick Vukel and chef Chris Martorina present a few of their Italian specialties at Antonio's restaurant in Warren.

(\$1.75). This hearty soup was filled with vegetables and clams.

I ordered only garlic bread (\$1.50), deciding that the salad that came with my order would be enough. Our fresh salads consisted of crisp mixed greens, tomatoes, olives, onions and cucumbers. We both asked for vinegar and oil dressings.

My husband's nightly special, fettuccini San Remo (\$11.95), was sauteed with garlic and scallops in a sherry wine cream sauce. This was another large dish of fettuccini and scallops in a light cream sauce and served with fresh basil.

I had the linguini with white clam sauce for \$7.50. This is one of my favorites when it is cooked right. By that I mean not too dry or too mushy from over cooking. Antonio's does it the way I like it.

We both passed on desserts (including a piece of homemade cake made by our young waitress to celebrate Nick's birthday), and settled on two cups of coffee and a nice conversation with the young couple from Nutley.

After all, that's what neighborhood restaurants are all about. Plenty of food, at better than reasonable prices, with good company in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.

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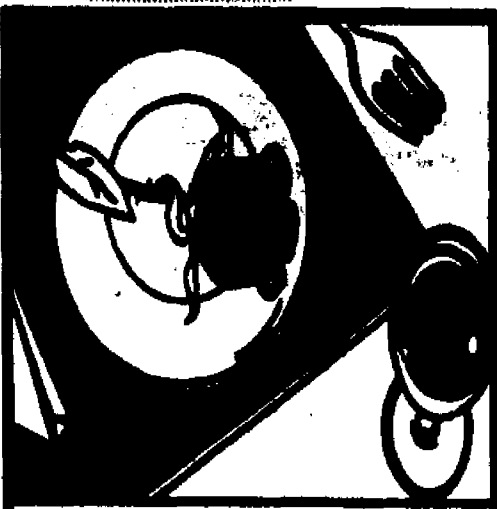
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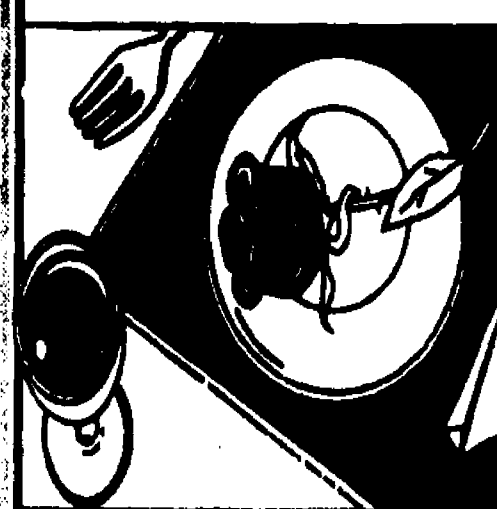
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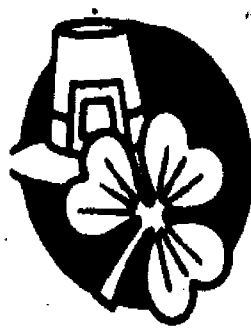
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Wine with Reason Marilyn Cormack

I was speaking at a wine tasting last week that was dedicated to really good red wines for under ten dollars. The first thing that surprised me was the amount of people that attended. I had been led to believe that people were drinking less often and buying super premium wines when they did drink. Obviously, these people were looking for more.

The second thing that surprised me was the quality of the wines themselves. When you present a tasting like this, you almost set yourself up for the bottles to be less than spectacular. You expect to hear a lot of "Oh, this isn't too bad for the price," stuff going on. But I think the evening proved that the quality and consistency of wines being made today just keep getting better and better. A good wine simply doesn't have to be expensive.

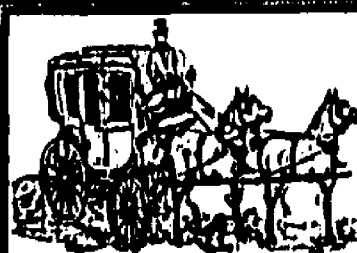
This isn't to say that you can no longer taste the difference between five dollar bottle and a sixty dollar bottle. I'm sure that the difference between aging in small oak casks and running heated wine over oak chips can be differentiated, not only in the flavor but in the mouthfeel. Extended maceration gives flavors and textures to a wines that can't be found in "ready to wear" wines made to be drunk immediately. Even taking all this into consideration, it remains a fact that better viticulture practices are growing better grapes. And, we all know that better grapes make better wine.

A favorite that night was the 1989 Hawk Crest Cabernet Sauvignon. This is the second label of Stags Leap Vineyard, and the bottle shows no signs of being a poor cousin. While this wine can certainly age in the bottle a few years, it is accessible now, and very pleasant to drink with all the cherries, herbs and spices in the flavors. Another outstanding pour was the Parallele "45" from Paul Jaboulet. This a Rhone wine of exceptional value, showing all the heat and spice and dark fruit a Syrah grape can give you. Again, this wine will continue to refine with more time in the bottle, but it is drinkable now, and quite a mouthful at that.

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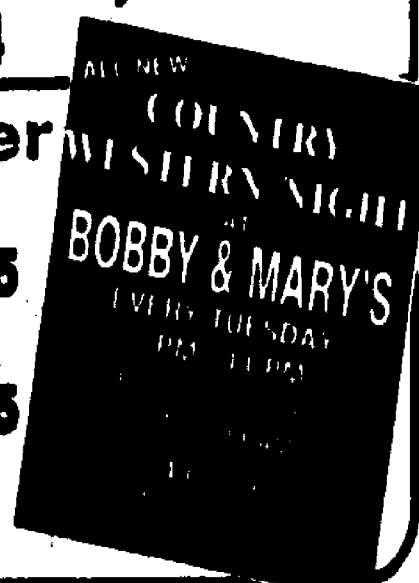
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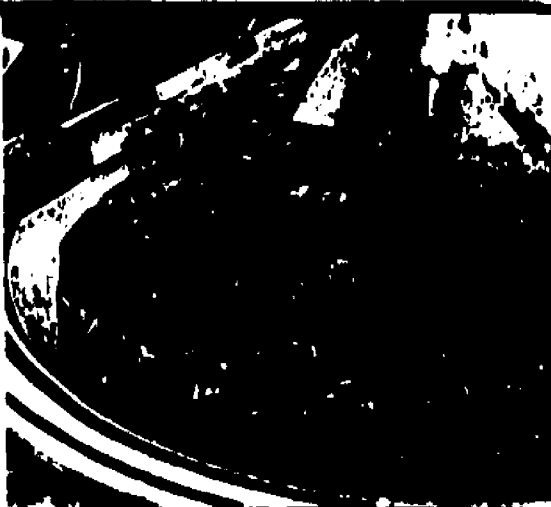
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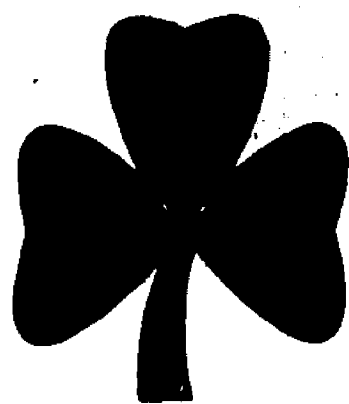
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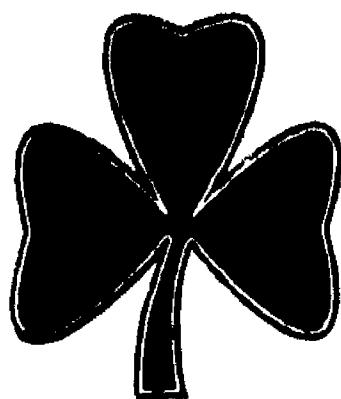
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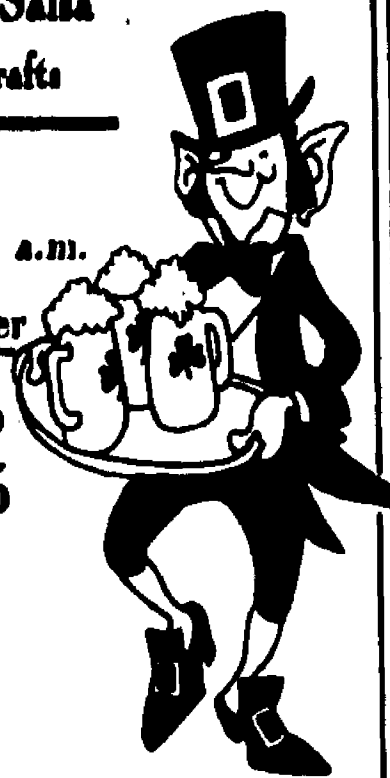
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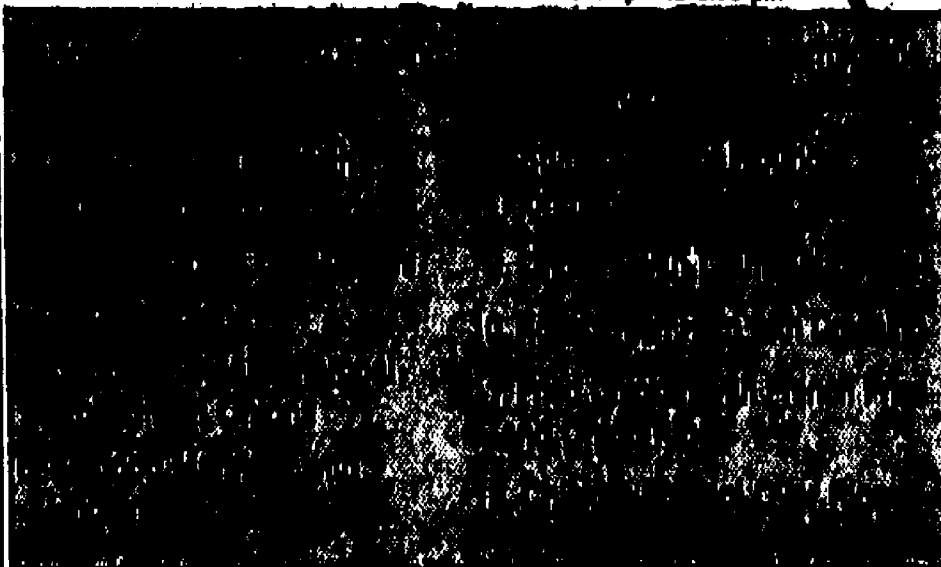
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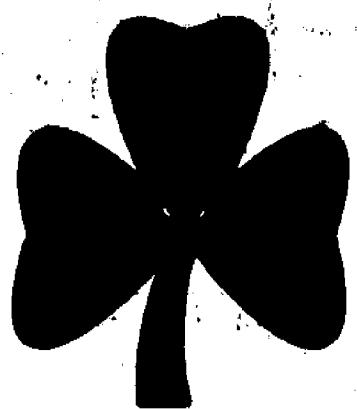


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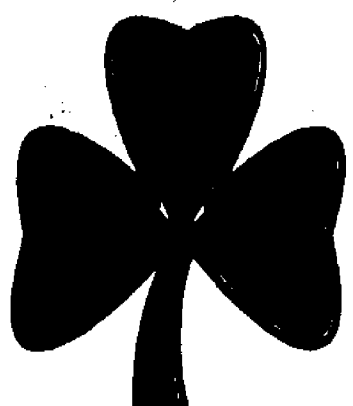
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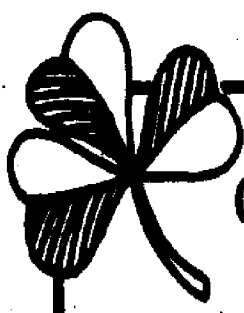


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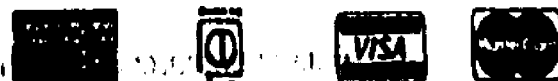
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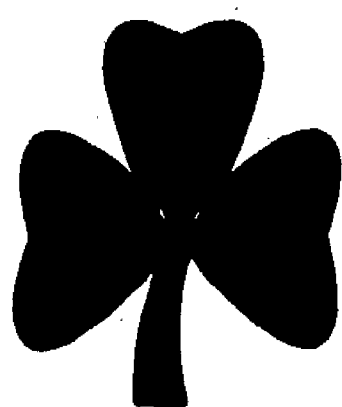
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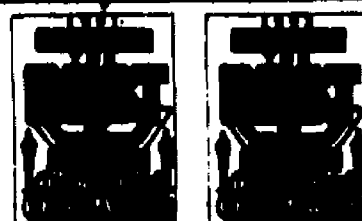
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'93 economy poised for modest growth

By BRIAN P. DUNLEAVY

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Union County business experts believe the recession finally stabilized here in 1992.

Now, they expect the economy will experience modest growth in the coming year.

"There is renewed optimism, not so much for the first half of 1993, but for the second half," Union County Economic Development Corp. (UCEDC) President Maureen Tinen said. "The rising tide raises all boats and Union County is part of that. The economy in New Jersey is looking better and we have always mirrored the state economy."

An informal survey indicates local business leaders agree.

According to a study commissioned by the Union County Chamber of Commerce and conducted by Mortenson and Associates, a certified public accounting firm in Cranford, 39 percent of the Union County business community surveyed "predict the local economy will improve in 1993." The survey reports that 85 percent of the larger companies (more than 100 employees) and 77 percent of the smaller companies believe the economy will improve or remain the same in the coming year.

Despite optimism on the corporate level, unemployment remains a problem in the county. According to the most recent data supplied by the N.J. Department of Labor, the unemployment rate of 8.7 percent in 1992 is the highest it's been since 1985. The same data does show, however, the 1992 unemployment rate declining in the second half of the year.

Locally, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Westfield, Cranford, Garwood and Kenilworth have 1991 (the most recent year for the data) unemployment rates ranging from 4.1 percent to 7.2 percent. Garwood, Cranford and Fanwood are the lowest at 4.1 percent to 4.2 percent, while Kenilworth is the highest at 7.2 percent.

Members of the labor force in other



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Schering-Plough associate scientist Kyle Nahrebove at the microscope in the company's new research plant in Kenilworth.

areas of Union County are not as fortunate. The unemployment rates in Plainfield and Elizabeth, for instance, reach as high as 9.3 percent and 10 percent, respectively. In all, more than 4,000 county residents lost their jobs in 1992.

Obviously, business closings contributed to the county's job market crash. According to unofficial UCEDC statistics, more than 20 large businesses have opened in Union County since 1985, the majority in retail. Despite the minor increase in retail firms, the more than 80 business closings in the county during the same period have cost county residents nearly 10,000 industrial job opportunities in the last decade.

The Mortenson report indicates a mixed employment climate for Union County

workers in 1993 as well. While the study shows 39 percent of the firms surveyed are "planning for either moderate or major expansions in 1993," 59 percent said they plan to maintain the status quo. Ninety-three percent of the firms surveyed, however, said they will remain in Union County until at least the end of the year.

Those who hang on may find a renewed economy here in the county. Going into 1993, area leaders said the county is still recovering from a decided decrease in the number of manufacturing jobs. Major industrial firms closed county plants earlier in the '90s but there are signs of reinvestment, they said, especially in the Linden/Rahway area.

Retail business in the county also has

been spotty in recent months, leaders said. Several large retail outlets closed county operations in 1992, including Macy's, which closed its Plainfield store earlier this year.

"It was disappointing because 1992 was a year of stability in the county, not one of growth," Ms. Tinen said.

Leaders in each of the six municipalities in the Forbes Newspapers Union County coverage area also remain upbeat heading into 1993.

In Cranford, leaders said the township has been in the forefront of downtown improvement, becoming one of the first New Jersey communities to form a Special Improvement District for its central business district. The innovative program has led to higher commercial and residential property values throughout the community and funded programs to improve the downtown landscape and develop its office park near the Garden State Parkway.

"The local economy of Cranford has definitely stabilized," Cranford Chamber of Commerce President Owen Daly said. "We are positioned for a steady recovery in 1993."

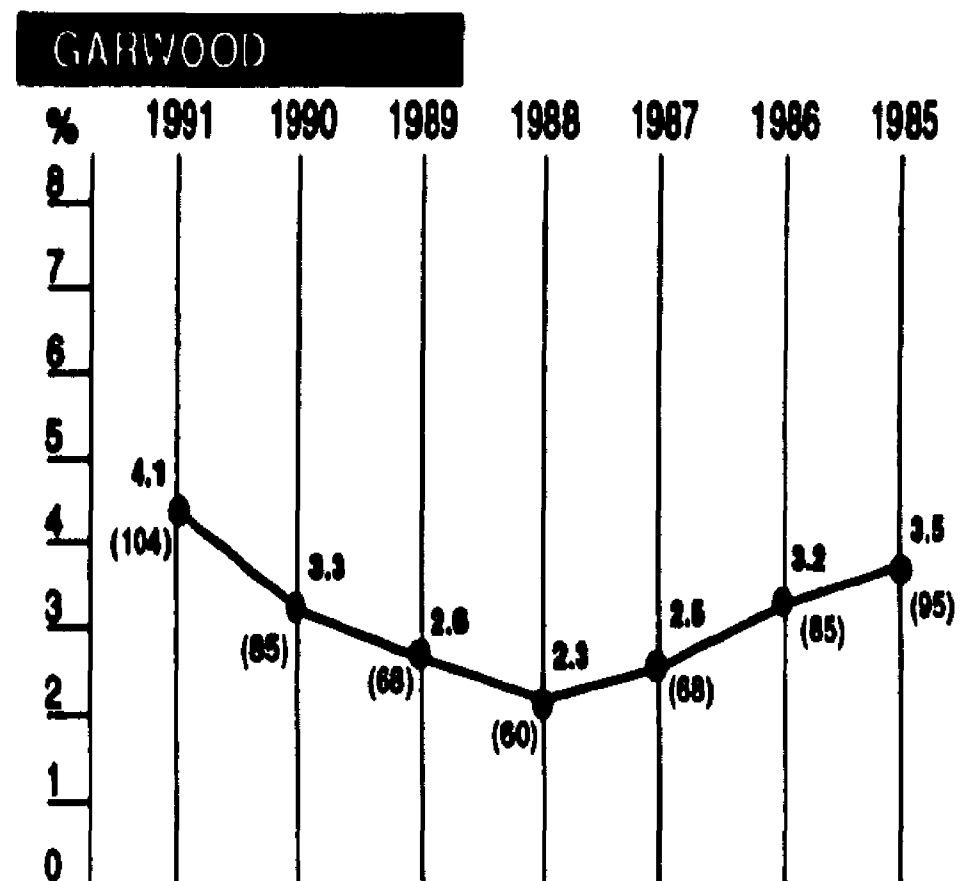
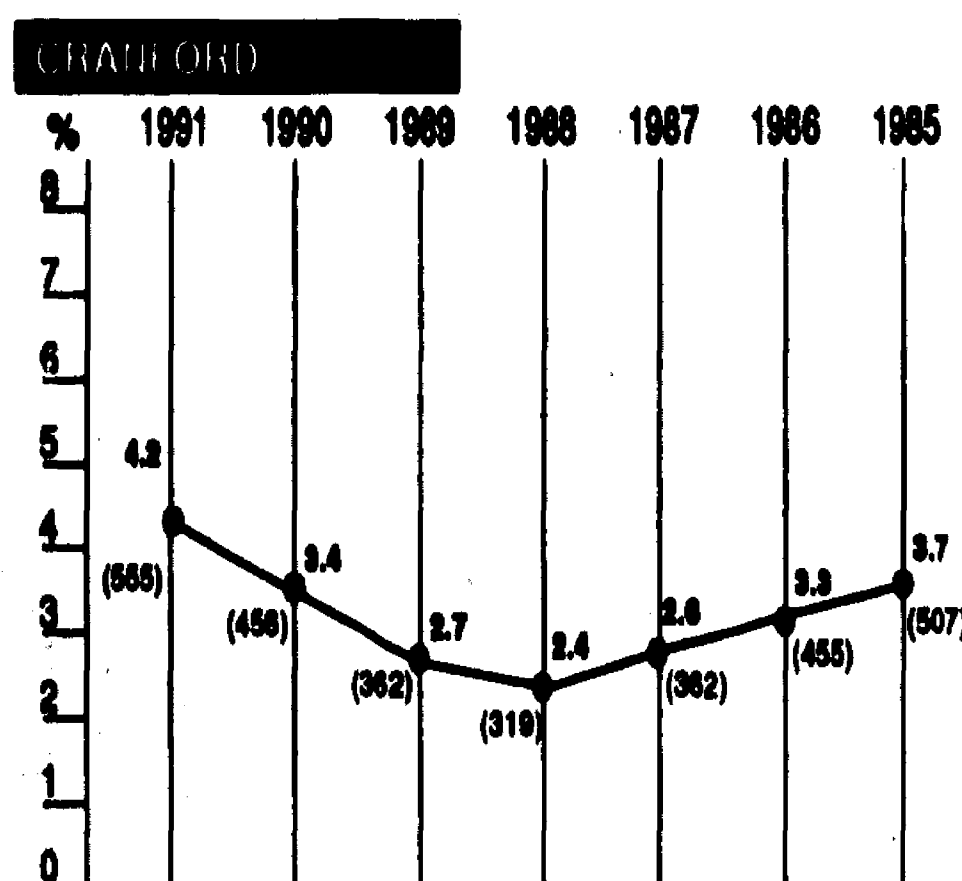
Westfield leaders said their town is soon to follow. Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce President Robert Newell said the existing strengths of Westfield business — service and professional firms, banks and restaurants — will be bolstered by the town's own downtown improvement plan, funded under the auspices of the Main Street program.

"1993 will be a year of slow growth in Westfield," Mr. Newell said. "New businesses will continue to choose Westfield, and the Main Street program will invite more business and customers. All Westfield businesses and residents have suffered the recent declines and I believe we will all share in the upturn."

Scotch Plains and Fanwood also plan to follow Cranford's lead. Capitalizing on their own strengths, which include a very community-oriented and long-established

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Jobless rate trends in area



What indicators give you hope for economic recovery?

Owen Daly
Cranford
Chamber of Commerce
President



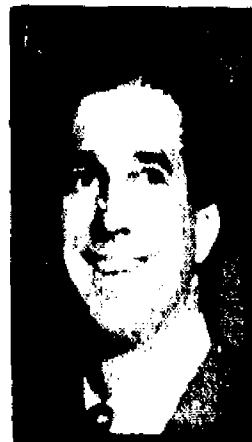
"The local Realtors and Cranford Tax Assessor John Duryee will attest to the firming of the single-family home and condominium sales. The downtown properties Special Improvement District (SID) have not declined in

value. This is a testament to the downtown revitalization project.

"The recent survey conducted by Mortenson and Associates CPA firm gathered extensive information from employers in Union County. These Union County businesses employ 270,000 people. According to 37 percent of the respondents, the local economy will improve in 1993 while 77 percent of the respondents foresee the direction of the Union County economy either improving or remaining the same. Also, 25 percent of the companies expect employment levels to increase in 1993.

"The local real estate market and county business survey are strong indicators that the economy will recover in 1993."

Robert Newell
Westfield Area
Chamber of Commerce
President

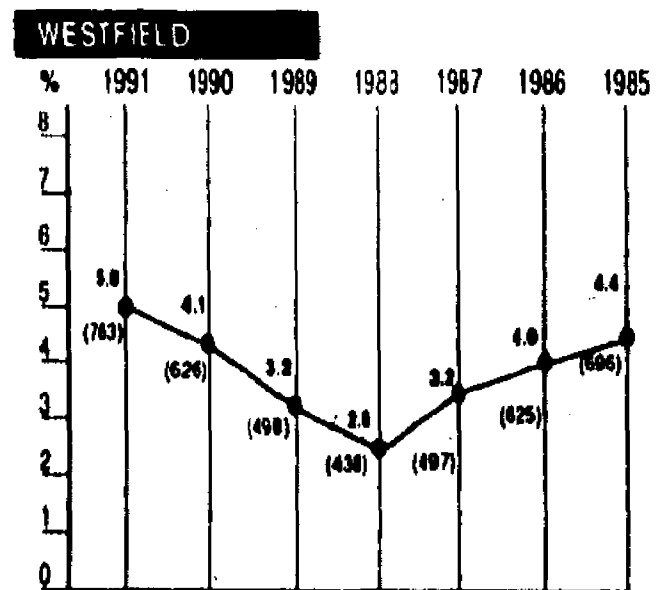
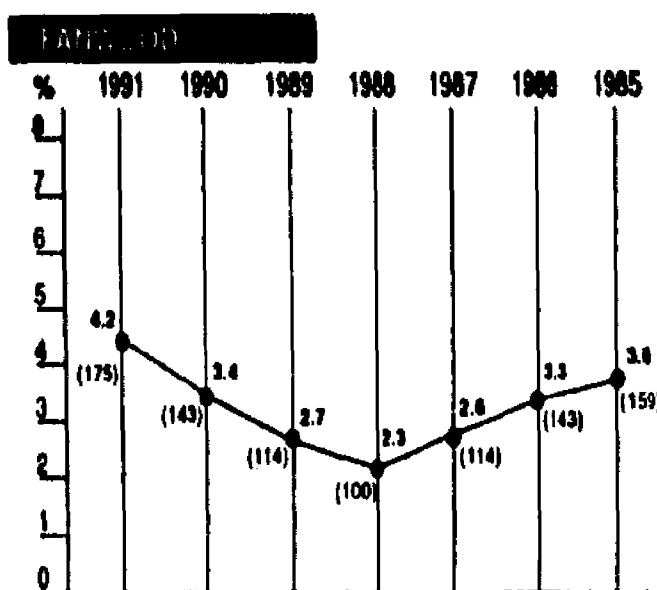


"Nationally, I believe the election of President Clinton has created a new optimism about an economic recovery. His alleged economic stimulus package for small business should help generate confidence, thereby improving busi-

ness profits and hopefully employment opportunities. State legislators are working on programs to reduce regulation for small business which should make business grow and prosper.

"Locally, Westfield has been in transition. There has been a higher than normal turnover in the businesses, especially retail businesses, but empty stores are experiencing leasing activity from national chains and local merchants as soon as they are vacated. The Westfield Downtown Committee, established in January 1992, is applying to be a Main Street community, which will enhance our downtown visually and develop a stronger business economy by bringing businesses to our downtown (Please turn to page 7)

Unemployment rate trends in Union communities



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What indicators give you hope for economic recovery?

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"There are several things that lead me to believe that we are on the road to economic recovery in Union County. All in all, I am cautiously optimistic going into 1993.

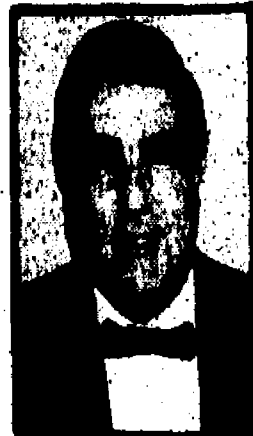
"The most apparent indicator is the increase

in retail sales, which has been reported by many merchants here in the county. I think the general feeling among our customers is: the worst is over and now may be the time to make purchases they have been putting off.

"Another indicator is the willingness of the county's banks to extend credit to local businesses. Most of the banks in Union County are actively seeking qualified loans. Some are even actively pursuing Small Business Administration loans, which can be made to new or start-up companies.

"While there are some positive signs, we are not out of the woods yet. Unemployment in the county is still higher than most counties in the state but, we have companies that would like to move into the county."

Wayne Bolan
Scotch Plains-Fanwood
Chamber of Commerce
President



"There is some increase in spending by the individual customer, but that is the only thing I can see locally. It's been busy lately but every small business-man is in the same rut. "On the federal level,

the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, Alan Greenspan, has asked President Clinton to allow the Fed to lower the interest rates again. Mr. Greenspan believes this is a necessity to get increased spending. We'll see.

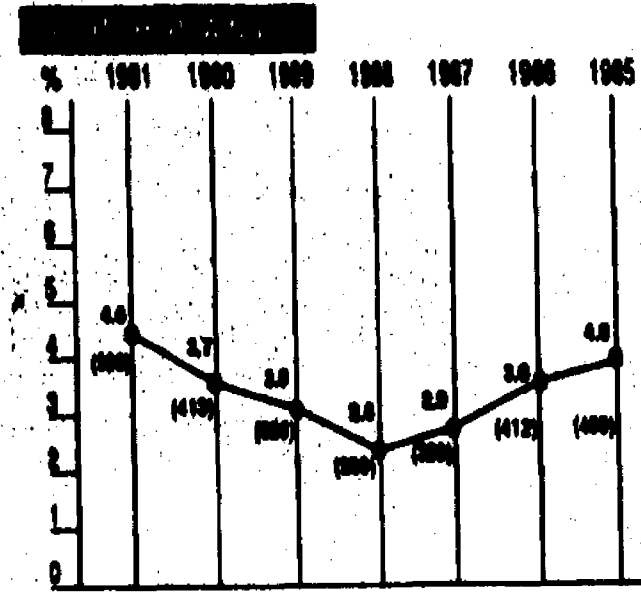
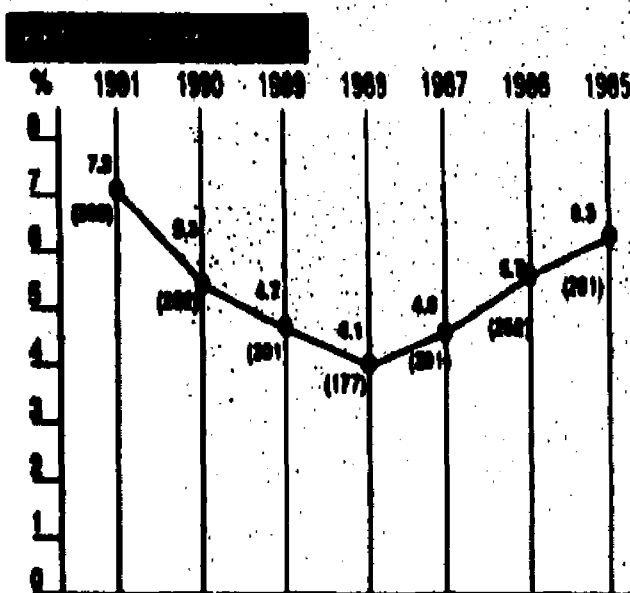
"The economy didn't go bad overnight and it isn't going to get better overnight either. Still, I think this country is still going strong."

Robert Newell

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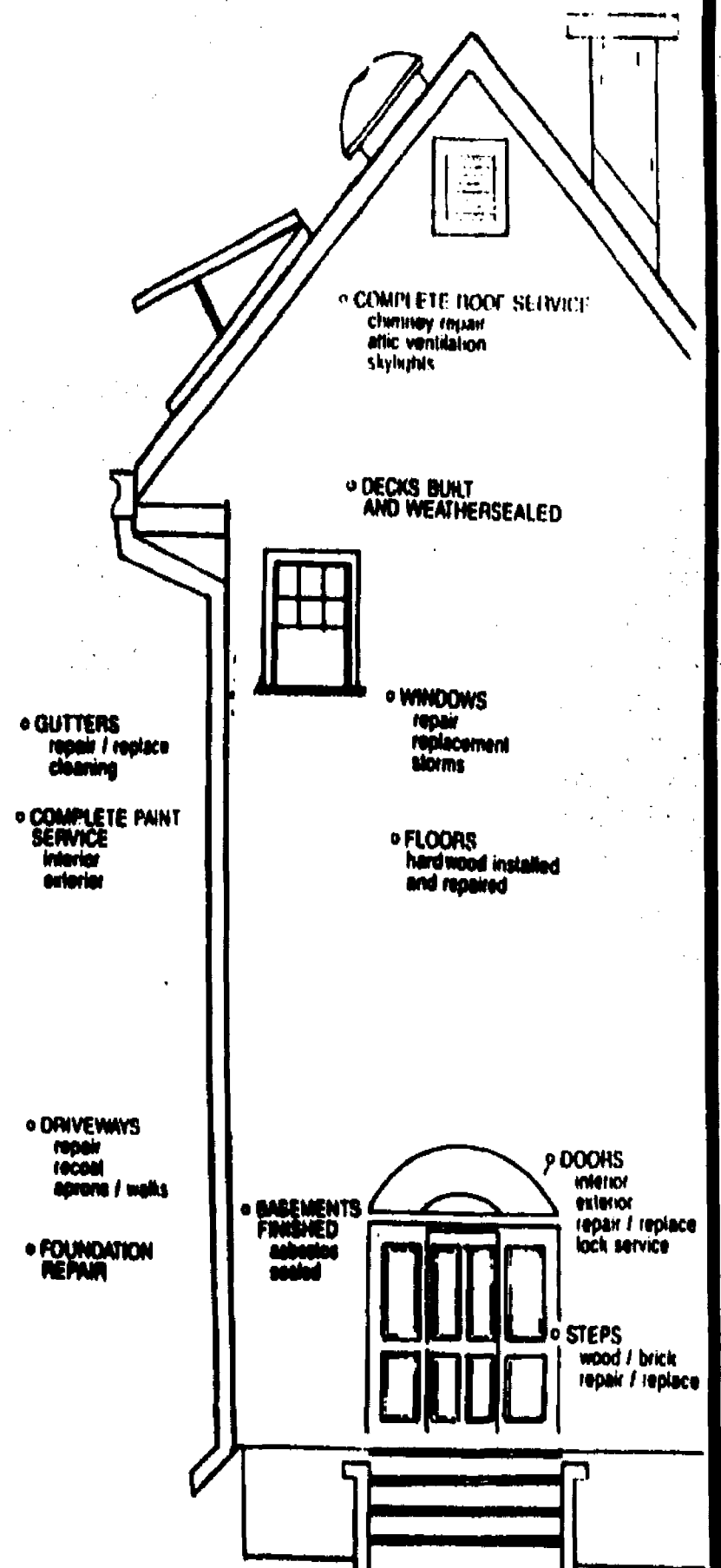
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Economy poised for growth

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merchant and consumer population, both municipalities plan to pursue funding for downtown improvement projects of their own, leaders said.

"Last year was a slow year," said Scotch Plains-Fanwood Chamber of Commerce President Wayne Bolan.

"Some businesses in the downtown areas have closed and gone out but new stores have come right back in. This should be a good year but I always look at things in an upbeat way."

Business owners in Kenilworth, meanwhile, are concerned about redevelopment in their downtown area.

According to Kenilworth Businessman's Association (KBA) representative Rudy Cammarota, an A&P supermarket proposed for the former Volco site on Market Street raises concerns in the borough business community. Many of the business leaders fear the large store will compete with their smaller businesses for customers.

"The borough felt the store would not have an adverse effect," Mr. Cammarota said of the local government's decision to endorse the project. "They felt people would still use the stores in town."

In Garwood, malls and markets also highlight the current economy. The Garwood Mall on South Avenue underwent a face-lift earlier this year in an attempt to improve esthetics, property values and business, officials said.

Perhaps pending competition was also a factor. The Shop Rite chain has plans to build a supermarket on the former Westfield Lumber property on North Avenue, straddling the border of Westfield and Garwood. If it is cleared by both planning boards, the store will be the third supermarket in the .7-square-mile borough.

In all, Ms. Tinen said the national and state elections of 1992 and 1993 could help improve the state and federal funding flow into Union County. Grant money and special development projects should bolster the economy and create jobs, she said.

"Remember 1992 was an election year and there is always overall optimism in any change of administration, just because there is a change," Ms. Tinen said. "This is an election year in the state and usually that means more money will be pumped into the economy. We hope Union County will get its fair share."

Chambers of Commerce boost business in towns

Following is a list of the Chambers of Commerce in the area:

☒ Union County Chamber of Commerce
135 Jefferson Ave.
Elizabeth
352-0000

The county chamber does not have regularly scheduled meetings.

☒ Cranford Chamber of Commerce
215 South Ave. East
Cranford
272-6114

The chamber meets the second Friday of every month at the chamber offices. There is a quarterly luncheon and regular executive board meeting as well. The chamber also holds a special meeting every month to discuss specific local issues.

☒ Scotch Plains-Fanwood Chamber of Commerce

200 South Ave.
Fanwood
322-0452

The chamber has not developed a regular meeting schedule yet but plans to meet monthly. Special committees will meet regularly as well.

☒ Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce

111 Quimby St.
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Union County Administration Building, Elizabeth Plaza, Elizabeth.

Purpose: provides a list of jobs to residents of Union County who are unemployed or looking to change jobs.

☐ **Northwest Businessmen's Association**
Hartford.

President: Rudy Carravato

276-3800

Purpose: an organization for Kentworth business people.

☐ **New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners**

1210 Lawrence Ave., Mountlake.

Contact: Virginia Pope, 684-7844

Purpose: to assist women entrepreneurs.

☐ **New Jersey Business and Industry Association**
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102 West State St., Trenton.

(609) 386-7707.

☐ **N.J. Department of Commerce and Economic Development, Division of Development for Small Businesses and Women and Minority Businesses**
Trenton.

(609) 286-3880

Office of Economic Development

(609) 286-7757

Office of Business Advocacy

(609) 286-0700 or 1-800-833-0188

Office of Business Development

(609) 286-0597

☐ **Private Industry Council: Employment and Training**

Director: Jean Koszulinski, 527-4848

Purpose: provides guidance and oversees many job training activities. The county pays business owners who hire people in the program 50 percent of their wages while they are in training.

☐ **PROCESO, Puerto Rican Organization for Community Education and Economic Development**

616 Elizabeth Ave., Elizabeth.

351-7727

Purpose: provides day care, substance abuse prevention and treatment counseling, children and family counseling, home improvement, AIDS education, HIV prevention and general emergency and social services.

☐ **Westfield Business and Professional Women**

Contact: Susan Marnette 848-3235 (work) or 238-7700 (home)

Purpose: a local organization for women in business.

☐ **Union County Business Hotline**

527-1207

Purpose: provides assistance to local business people.

☐ **Union County Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women**
P.O. Box 2529, Plainfield.

756-7762, 754-4880

Purpose: provides assistance to minority business owners.

☐ **Union County Economic Development Corp.**

388 Westfield Ave., Elizabeth.

President: Maureen Tynan

527-1188

Purpose: charts business development in the county.

☐ **USBCA, Distributive Education Club of America**

Scotch Plains-Fairwood High School, Scotch Plains.

888-8800

Purpose: student club teaching young people about

business, the entrepreneurial spirit and government.

☐ **Future Business Leaders of America**

Cranford High School, Cranford.

Adviser: John Podolski

272-8100, Ext. 284

Purpose: a student club dedicated to teaching young people about business.

☐ **Westfield High School Cooperative Education Department**

Westfield High School, Westfield.

Contact: Marilyn Chahar

788-4515

Purpose: acts as a liaison between students and local employers, who provide after-school jobs for young people.

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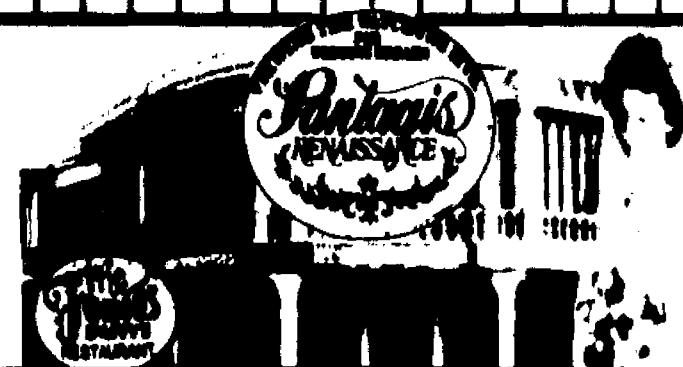
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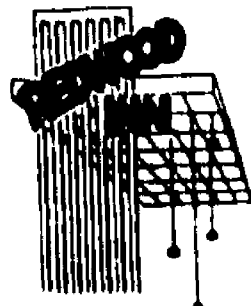
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Top employers forecast '93 accomplishments

Schering-Plough CEO emphasizes research program

By **ROBERT P. LUCIANO**
CHAIRMAN and CEO

The key challenge for Schering-Plough this year, as in every year, is to maintain a successful research program. Everything flows from research. R&D investment is a very significant part of our sales dollar and the key to our continuing success as a research-based pharmaceutical company.

To accomplish this objective, we will continue the strategies that have brought Schering-Plough success to date. First and foremost is a commitment to research — the cornerstone of the company's future. For example, we are completing a \$900 million Drug Discover Facility in Kenilworth. Supporting this strategy, annual increases in R&D spending have averaged 15 percent over the past decade, with total expenditures of nearly \$3 billion.

Union County Facilities: In Union

County, Schering-Plough maintains facilities in Union, Kenilworth and Cranford. The Union facility performs pharmaceutical and manufacturing and research. An administration building in Union is also being readied for occupancy later this year. The Kenilworth facility is engaged in pharmaceutical research, manufacturing, distribution and administration. The Cranford facility is an administration center.

Bio: Robert P. Luciano is chairman of the board, chief executive officer and a director of Schering-Plough Corp., a research-based manufacturer and a marketer of pharmaceutical and consumer products worldwide.

Following a legal practice with the firm of Rogers & Wells in New York City, Mr. Luciano joined the law department of CIBA Corp. and was appointed president of the pharmaceutical division of CIBA-GEIGY Corp. in 1975. He became president of the Lederle Laboratories division of American Cyanamid Company in February 1977 and held this position until July 1978, when he joined Schering-Plough Corp. as senior president-administration. He became executive vice president and chief operating officer in October 1980, assumed the position of president, and was named chairman Jan. 1, 1984.

County manager will focus on confidence in Union to serve

By **ANN M. BARAN**
UNION COUNTY MANAGER

As public officials, our challenge and our goal is to restore the public's faith and confidence in our ability to make government responsive to the needs of the people in an efficient, cost-effective manner.

We must increase the effectiveness and efficiency of government in terms of delivering services to the community. We must do more with less. We must balance the inherent inefficiencies of democratic government with the absolute need to get more work done with

fewer resources. We must meet the challenge and revolt against bureaucratic malaise and move to a more entrepreneurial government. This must be a priority in 1993.

We need to re-define government's role and develop a new structural and organizational model that will enable us

to address today's problems. Basically, we need to change the way government does business.

If business in the private sector has had to be flexible and adaptable in order to survive change and remain competitive in what is now a world-wide marketplace, government must be just as responsive if it is to thrive in today's global economy.

Bio: As Union County's first female county manager, Ann M. Baran serves as the chief executive responsible for the daily operations of county government which has a workforce of 3,100 and an annual budget of approximately \$250 million. In addition, the county manager is responsible for the enforcement of the government's administrative code, the supervision, care and custody of all county property, institutions and agencies, as well as the negotiation and nine-member Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the county's elected governing body.

Mrs. Baran was appointed Union County manager May 31, 1990 by the Board of Chosen Freeholders. She joined Union County in 1965 as the director of Human Services. In this capacity, she was responsible for the development, coordination and expansion of a variety of social and human services programs.

Overlook Hospital will open facilities, add staff this year

By **MICHAEL J. SHIFFEN**
PRESIDENT

In 1993, Overlook Hospital will continue to improve the range and quality of its services. Construction will be completed on several long-awaited new facilities, and Overlook will continue to add medical staff and expand critical health services.

Some of the most significant developments in 1993 will be the completion of a new, five-level Medical Arts Center (MAC), a 872-space parking deck and an employee child care center. The MAC will include physician offices, a new blood disorder center, and an adolescent center.

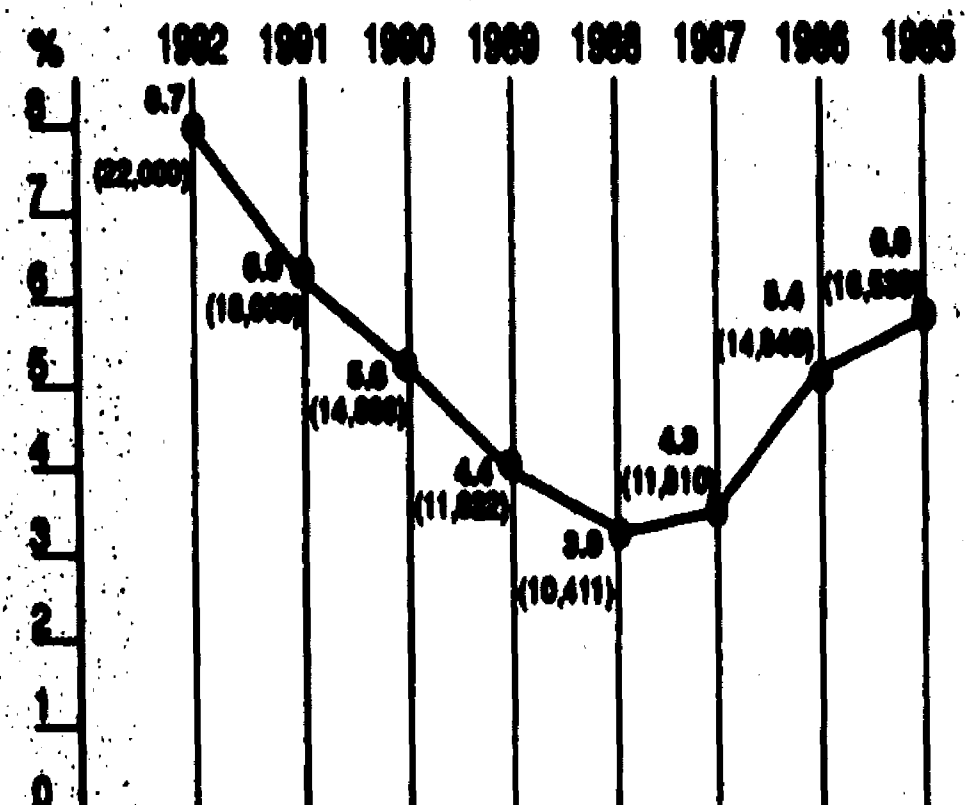
On the human resources front, our new employee child care center will provide day care to approximately 100 children, allowing Overlook to attract and retain valued staff members.

Throughout 1993, Overlook Hospital will also continue to add staff and support services to the new Children's Medical Center, an entity we established in the late 1992 to allow us to better meet the needs of high-risk pediatric patients.

Finally, Overlook has recruited a specialist in gynecology/oncology, who will supervise the development of a new Women's Cancer Center in the MAC and allow the hospital to further expand the women's health services that it offers.

Jobs drain away

UNION COUNTY-WIDE UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS 1985-92



Rates of unemployment across Union County dropped parallel with regional and national trends beginning in 1988. Overlook Hospital's coming expansion and personnel additions are among reasons for optimism about the employment picture in the county through 1993.

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Industry hopeful of improving economy

By ELIZABETH GROMEX

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The banking industry is looking to reap the benefits of the current upswing in the economy. Many lending institutions saw improvement in the last quarter of 1992, giving them reason to hope and the capital to put expansion plans into action.

Bank officials are looking to improve service to customers, whether through a growing branch networks or diversified services. William Jervis, vice president of commercial lending at First Fidelity, said his bank will use its financial and geographic strength to best serve its depositors.

"From the customer's standpoint, the bank leads the market in home equity, installment and revolving loans," Mr. Jervis said. "In Union and Middlesex

counties, we are actively looking to take advantage of our vast branch network, and are constantly looking to establish new banking relationships."

Sovereign Bank of New Jersey is aiming its attentions towards homeowners — not only through deposit services, but for all their lending needs, said bank President Marshall Kern.

"Our primary focus is to be the financial institution for homeowners in New Jersey, specializing in mortgage loans, home equity lines of credit and deposit services," Mr. Kern said.

Homeowners will not be the only ones to profit, though. Small business owners

should also investigate what banks are offering to assist them. Summit Bank officials say they are planning expansion to provide these customers with the best services.

Homeowners will be the only ones to profit, though. Small business owners should also investigate what banks are offering to assist them.

There are many opportunities for small businesses to operate more efficiently and have more cash flow flexibility, said John O'Gorman, president and CEO of United Jersey Bank.

"Summit's growth plans for 1993 include branch expansion into new market areas, introduction of new financial products and services, and continuing an aggressive program of business development," officials said.

These plans for the next year in banking

are reflective of the stability of the institutions. Summit and First Fidelity, both part of larger institutions, reported their earnings were up last year by 38.9 percent and 42 percent respectively. Harmonia's president said Sovereign Bank, which includes Harmonia and Jersey Shore divisions, intends to be a major player in the state banking arena this year.

The local depositor can be comforted by the optimistic tone of the officials of their local banks. Whether through low mortgage rates or a commitment to customer service, banks will be striving to manage money for homeowners, small business owners, and depositors. They are, however, watching Washington closely to see how President Bill Clinton's economic and tax plans will impact their institutions and their customers.

Where will interest rates head in 1993?

What opportunities exist for consumers and small business owners?

Sovereign Bank of New Jersey Harmonia and Jersey Shore Divisions Marshall Kern President

"I expect long-term interest rates to continue to remain affordable, below 9 percent, throughout next year, which offers interest rates and refinancing opportunities for consumers. Consumer confidence appears to be increasing, which should increase home purchase transactions in 1993. Lower interest rates benefit the consumer by making new home purchases or home improvements more affordable. Consumers can also refinance their debt, and there appears to be a number of people who have 10 percent-plus mortgage rates who just haven't decided to refinance yet, lower their expenses and increase their discretionary income.

"Lower credit costs can also benefit small business owners. I also think the investment tax credit proposed by President Clinton for small businesses, along with the infusion of infrastructure spending, will help the growth of small businesses."



The Summit Bancorporation Robert G. Cox President

"It is our opinion that short-term interest rates are unlikely to change much this year, as we expect borrowing demands from the private sector to show only a modest increase. As for longer term rates, much will depend upon the final outcome of President Clinton's State of the Union budget proposals as well as the financial impact of health care reform. Unless credible government spending reductions are an important part of the package, the medium term impact may be to increase rates somewhat.

"From a regional economic perspective, the small business community appears to be over the worst effects of the recession, and we have begun to see signs of growth in many of the small businesses in our marketplace. Most banks have turned their attention to addressing the needs of this market sector, and we believe that the receptiveness of bankers is improving with respect to providing additional lending."

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United National Bank Tom Gregor President

"At this point in time, we see interest rates remaining relatively stable or flat for 1993. The Clinton Administration is proposing reduced spending and increased taxes. It is hard to say what effect these proposals will have on interest rates.

"Consumers may have more of their income taken for taxes in 1993; however, reductions in the deficit and stable interest rates should help spur business investment and create more employment opportunities. Home mortgages will remain extremely attractive.

"Small-business owners will enjoy a generally improved business climate in 1993 and are promised a generous investment tax credit under the Clinton plan. These pluses are partially offset by the current costs of health care and may be impacted severely by the upcoming health care reform package now being prepared by the Clinton Administration. The easing of credit regulations by Congress would have the greatest beneficial impact on the small-business owner; however, consumers should also benefit."



United Jersey Bank John J. O'Gorman President and CEO

"As far as interest rates are concerned, it is my opinion that for the remainder of this year we will continue to remain in a relatively flat rate environment. There is a possibility that before the fourth quarter of 1993 we will be looking at a 50-100 basis point increase finishing up the year with a prime rate between 6½-7 percent. The same scenario applies to home mortgage rates which should stay in the areas between 8-9 percent for the rest of the year with a very gradual increase by year end.

"As far as the opportunities for customers and small business owners, it is my opinion there has never been a more opportune time for customers, small business owners, and even the middle market companies to reduce expense, while materially increasing cash flow. If it is agreed, the low interest rate environment will stay in place while borrowers now have the opportunity to restructure the debt accumulated in the '80s to obtain important financial flexibility. This obviously will all take place by

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First Fidelity Bank Bill Jervis Vice President

"Interest rates should remain relatively flat during 1993 and may even fall slightly lower during the balance of the first quarter based on the continuing good news concerning inflation. Assuming that Clinton's tax proposal does not slow the economic recovery, rates will most likely start to rise slowly at the beginning of 1994 as the economy starts to pick up pace.

"Once the expansion in the economy starts to accelerate and loan demand increases, rates will start to rise, but that probably won't happen for at least 12-15 months."

"Opportunities for both consumers and small business owners should increase in 1993 based on current trends that show a consistent improvement in overall economic conditions. Consumer confidence combined with slow but steady job growth will result in more spending by consumers and the opportunity for the small businessman to meet the increased demand for those goods and services.

"Lower mortgage rates, which are at 20-year lows, will not only help the construction and real estate industry but will also allow consumers refinancing opportunities that will provide more cash for spending. For the small business owner, this will result in

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In light of President Clinton's tax proposals, what strategy shifts would you recommend?

Fred Chemidlin
Financial Counselor
Fanwood

"My advice to clients the past six years has been to work toward becoming debt free, avoid real estate as an investment except for a home or business, and balance your holdings between fixed and equity types of investments.

"If we do not solve the budget deficit problem and reduce the national debt in the next few years, having debt of any kind will be disastrous. It appears President Clinton understands this and will sincerely address the issues. Whether the Democratic controlled Congress will support him remains to be seen. I believe low interest rates and low inflation will

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Ralph Lagriola
Financial Planner
Cranford

"I do not believe that the proposed changes will dramatically influence or change the way the lower income people save and invest. The proposals appear to create more incentives for the upper middle income and wealthier people to choose tax-exempt individual or bond mutual funds, tax-deferred annuities, and cash value life insurance. It should also make individual stock and stock mutual funds more attractive than bonds.

"An important item stressed to my clients is to work on paying down debt as much as possible and don't look for a 'home run' on invest-

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Dennis M. Galto
CPA
Cranford

"Currently, the difference between the federal long-term capital gains rate and the short-term capital gains rate is a maximum of 3 percent. Under the Clinton proposal this spread could be as much as 12 percent. Therefore, taxpayers should plan their investment strategy around this substantial increase.

"One of the conditions that must be met in order to have long-term capital gains to apply to the sale of a capital asset is the holding period. Capital assets must be held over one year in order to qualify for long-term gains treatment.

"Therefore, if a taxpayer in a tax

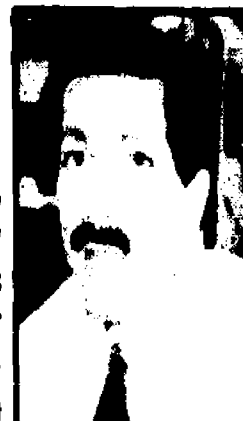
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Edward Leibowitz
Financial Planner
Westfield

"I think it is imperative for people not to overreact to President Clinton's proposals by making dramatic changes in their financial investments based on speculation. Most people's energy would be better spent formulating a sound financial plan based on long-term needs and goals rather than attempting to make decisions based on pending and undetermined legislation. However, there are certain trends in these proposals which certainly indicate the direction of the changes about to occur. Some of the changes which will undoubtedly affect the individual investor are:

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Richard Weingart
Financial Planner
Cranford

"Since high inflation and high interest rates of the '70s and early '80s this country has been in a disinflation period which has yielded the lowest inflation and interest rates in more than 20 years. President Clinton's tax and spending cut proposals have already resulted in the lowest yield ever on the 30-year treasury bond. If the president's call for a reduction in the deficit is successful, it can mean lower interest rates, low inflation, and a slow but sustainable recovery which will accelerate in the future.

"To prepare clients for this economic scenario, I will continue to ad-



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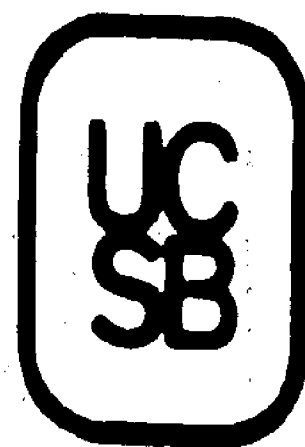
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Bankers' outlook

United Jersey

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refinancing and there is a great deal of that activity taking place within the bank at present.

"While this may result in some change regarding the interest spread in banks, it is my belief that the overall result will lead to more spending power, increased activity in the residential market, and an accelerated increase in the economic recovery."

First Fidelity Bank

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opportunities for both replenishing inventories and long-term capital investments. Companies with a sound financial condition and favorable operating results can certainly take advantage of low commercial bank financing rates that should further enhance their overall sales and profitability."

Summit Trust

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"At Summit Trust, we have established a specialty group to provide increased lending activity through SBA and EDA guaranteed loans in order to better address the needs of small- to mid-size business. We remain optimistic about the prospects for continued, albeit modest, economic improvement throughout 1993."

Richard Weingart

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view them, as I have done in the past, to shun cash and taxable fixed income instruments and invest in managed accounts. The portfolios should provide for growth, protection against inflation with increasing income over the long term, and to purchase double tax-exempt bonds as long as the yield exceeds that of taxable instruments and the potential for appreciation exists. In the light of rising taxes, tax-deferred should get high priority attention."

Dennis Gatto

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bracket high than 28 percent is going to sell stock that has appreciated in value in 1993, try to hold the stock for at least one year and a day, so that it would be subject to a maximum tax of 28 percent.

"The Clinton administration is also considering the possibility of granting additional capital gain benefits to holders of small business securities. The capital gains upon sale of any qualified investments held for more than five years will be taxed at only 50 percent. Thus, the effective capital gain rate would be 14 percent contrasted to the ordinary income rate which could approach or exceed 40 percent."

Financial advice

Fred Chemidlin

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prevail the balance of the '90s. Interest rates will still drop further. Quality common stock and tax-free municipal bonds will be strong performers. Retirees and those over 65 must continue to work at some level just to pay living expenses, so find an alternative vocation or trade to support your golden years. To those Americans who look to Washington to solve their problems, disappointment will prevail. Financial freedom will result from debt-free living. Become debt free in '93."

Ralph Lagriola

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ments. Mutual funds are favored over individual stocks due to their ease of investment, continuous management and diversification. Most people do not have the risk tolerance or disposable income to 'play' the market, especially with family and educational commitments.

"If we assume Clinton proposals become a fact of life, the top tax rate on income over \$250,000 will rise to 39.6 percent, 36 percent at \$140,000 for couples, \$115,000 for singles, and \$127,500 for heads of household.

"Because of these rates, the tax-favored and tax-sheltered investments become more attractive. As an example, a 6 percent municipal bond will have an equivalent yield of 9.9 per

cent to someone who is in the top bracket.

"In any form of savings and investment, the concentration should be on each individual's risk tolerance, goals and time frame in which to accomplish them. It is not how much one made during their productive years, it is how much have they saved."

Edward Leibowitz

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1. The personal tax rate will be raised.
2. An increase in the personal alternative minimum tax.
3. People and couples in excess of six-digit earnings will be subject to a type of 'millionaire's tax.'
4. A broad-based energy tax will appear.
5. An increase in the taxation of Social Security benefits, from 50 percent to 85 percent.
6. A decrease in the \$600,000 estate tax exclusion.

"At this time I suggest looking at investments which offer either tax-free or tax-deferred growth. For tax-free growth an individual can purchase tax-free municipal bonds, tax-free bond funds, or tax-free unit trusts. All of these financial instruments can offer relief not only from federal taxes but also from state taxes as well.

"For the investor seeking tax-deferred growth, there are annuities, both fixed and variable."

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Restructured government a county goal

Freeholders prepare budget aimed at only slight increase

By VERA CARLEY
FORBES NEWSPAPERS

Saying the old bureaucratic structure of government no longer works, Ann Baran, Union County manager, has proposed "dumping the rule book" and reinventing the way government does business.

This year, the proposed county budget is expected to cost Union County residents \$144.1 million. The amount represents a 4.3-percent increase above last year's levy. The increase is the lowest in the last 15 years, excluding 1991, when the state took over the costs of institutions and welfare for a one-year period. However, some county freeholders think it's still too high.

"This year I think if we got it down to 3.5 percent I'd be satisfied," said Chairman Louis Santagata, a Republican.

Republican Mario Paparozzi, the finance chairman, said he thinks the tax rate can go down even further.

"We're striving to get it down by 1/2 or 1 percent," he said. "Whether we can do that and maintain the same level of service I don't know, but I'm optimistic."

Although they disagreed on the extent to which the tax levy would be lowered, Mr. Santagata and Mr. Paparozzi both agreed the county was going into budget discussions in good shape.

"This is one of the best budgets I've seen in three years," Mr. Santagata said.

The 1993 budget, containing no new programs or services, is projected to spend \$250 million, an 8-percent increase over last year's budget. However, the county's expected revenue is only \$240.3 million, leaving a current shortfall of \$9.7 million.

According to Mr. Paparozzi, that number

has already been reduced through increased Medicaid payments from the federal government and increased fees from other departments.

In an effort to lower the cost of government, the county has taken creative measures and aggressive steps to collect fees and retroactive claims. For example, Union County recently received a \$217,980 refund from its worker's compensation program from Amalgamated General Services of Westfield.

In 1989, the county had joined the Worker's Compensation Retrospective Rating Program, which allowed the county to collect the difference between the premium paid by the county and the money paid for compensation cases. This allowed the county to collect refunds of \$72,375 for 1990 and \$145,605 for 1991.

Although the budget offers no new programs and a freeze on non-essential spending, it does include various infrastructure projects. These include reconstruction and repaving.

This year, the county proposes repaving a portion of Cranford Avenue and constructing storm-water sewers on Chester Lang Place and Walnut Avenue in Cranford.

The tentative budget also outlines its proposal to begin the rehabilitation of the county's maintenance facility in Kenilworth. The county intends to select an architect to develop a plan for total reconstruction of the building. It is hoped by rebuilding the site, the county will save money in the long run by maintaining and repairing equipment instead of contracting the work to other vendors.

In a similar effort to save money, the county plans to build heavy equipment



Linda Lee Kelly, chairwoman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, accepts a \$217,980 check from Richard Frigerio, president of Amalgamated General Services of Westfield. The check represents a two year refund the county received from its worker's compensation program, which is handled by the AGS.

shelters in Scotch Plains to protect the equipment from harsh weather conditions which reduce their life span.

Expanding on a Local Area Network (LAN) that was installed in 1992, the county also proposes to expand its network to link the remote facilities like Westfield, Scotch Plains, and Runnells Hospital in Berkeley Heights to the administration building in Elizabeth.

Recreational facilities are not forgotten in this streamlined budget. Echo Lake Park Dam in Westfield is scheduled for rehabilitation. Some \$600,000 in funds has been allocated for, among other items, the

renovation of both Echo Lake Park dams and design of Seeley Pond, which is located in Scotch Plains.

The austere budget also calls for the refurbishing of Galloping Hill Golf Course located between Kenilworth and Union. The improvements to "upgrade this revenue generating facility" and Ashbrook Brook Golf Course Clubhouse in Scotch Plains this year include funds for the acquisition and installation of carpeting. The county plans to spend \$40,000 in recarpeting these and the Oak Ridge clubhouse in Clark.

GOP sees Alliance key to future

During the past decade Union County's economic growth has experienced a downward trend, but county officials are forming an Alliance for Action to reverse the situation.

Being spearheaded by Union County Freeholder Vice Chairman Frank Lehr and County Manager Ann Baran, the Alliance is being developed by the county government together with Kean College and the Union County Economic Development Corp. It will include representatives of business, education, labor, banking, manufacturing, real estate, and other factions in the county, who will review the county's resources and develop a comprehensive economic plan for the future. The plan, Freeholder Lehr said, will focus on jobs and taxes as key elements in a strategy to improve the business climate and quality of life.

"Through the Alliance the county's various constituents can make their needs known, help decide in what direction the county should go, and have input into a cohesive plan which will set our course for the next decade," noted Linda Lee Kelly, chair of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. She added that to show its commitment to the project, the Freeholders recently allocated \$25,000 for the creation of an Alliance.

According to Freeholder Lehr, the issues the Alliance will be addressing are many — chief among them are a declining manufacturing base, loss of high wage jobs, an eroding revenue base, enforcement of environmental regulations, and infrastructure/transportation needs.

Although the Alliance is not yet formally established, Freeholder Lehr said (Please turn to page 17)

Dems see era of rebirth starting

When we look back at 1993, it will most likely be considered the beginning of an era of rebirth for the Union County area.

According to Freeholder Casimir Kowalczyk, "Elizabeth's Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) designation was recently expanded to include the full benefits of the program. In November of 1992, a reduction in sales tax to only 3 percent went into effect for retailers who have qualified. Businesses, both retail and manufacturing, upon the establishing eligibility, also pay no sales tax on most of that which they purchase to begin, improve or expand their businesses as a number of other benefits. With proper promotion, those that make optimum use of the UEZ designation will see their businesses grow.

"Another major factor that will affect

the area for decades to come will be the improved transportation picture. Transportation is key to the economic development of re-development of Union County as well as the region. In 1993, we will continue to be strong supporters of partnerships aimed at improving our infrastructure. It is central to the economic recovery throughout the region. In keeping with this goal, Union County will pursue the urban core transit projects, funded by NJ Transit and federal funds (the Roe Bill/ISTEA legislation — Intermodal Service Transportation Efficiency Act). The three projects in New Jersey with the highest impact on Union County are the Kearny connection, the Secaucus transfer, and the Newark-Elizabeth rail link.

"To accomplish these projects and benefit greater Union County we need to (Please turn to page 17)



Democratic Freeholders Casimir Kowalczyk, Elmer Ertl, and Walter McLeod.

Dems see a rebirth

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preserve abandoned rail freight lines to capture economic redevelopment opportunities. It is also important that we continue to monitor, make proposals regarding, and lobby for state and federally funded projects," according to Freeholder Kowalczyk.

Freeholder Elmer M. Ertl believes that, "The recently formed alliance between Union County College, the Union County Economic Development, and the county government can play an important role in stimulating economic development by removing obstacles to the development of business and, thereby, jobs

in Union County."

Freeholder Walter McLeod voiced enthusiasm for the newly formed Housing Assistance Corporation. According to McLeod, "About two years ago, the Freeholders formed a Housing Task Force Assembly whose mission was to help stimulate the development of affordable housing. The Housing Assistance Corporation, an outgrowth of the Task Force, is a cooperative of business, government, and human service organizations, which will be helping agencies to plan strategy and work with community based agencies is assisting clients find affordable housing. The seed money comes from a Community Block Grant which he eventually can become self sustaining with revolving loans.

GOP sees alliance

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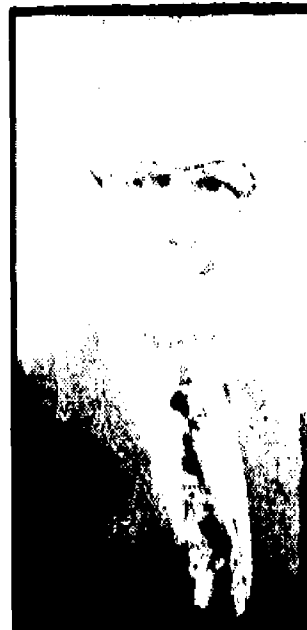
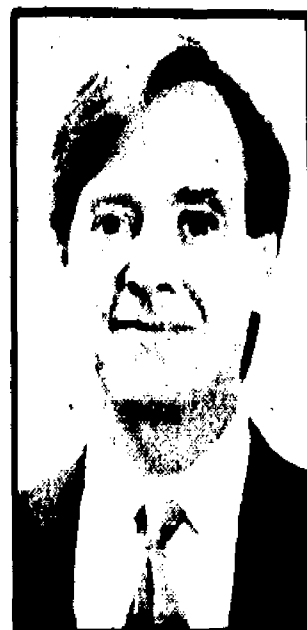
that in attacking those issues the Alliance is already planning for six short-term goals which include:

- To help businesses take advantage of emerging regional opportunities such as the Growth Connection.
- To establish a multi-bank community development corporation to stimulate business retention and growth.
- To expand support for more aggressive and comprehensive economic development efforts.
- To create new opportunities as a result of expanded enterprise zones.

To help the county's declining manufacturing business, Freeholder Lou Santagata said the Alliance could push to have the ECRA laws changed. "Under the present laws, it is not financially feasible for industry to stay, return to or locate in Union county," he said.

"Two current county projects which undoubtedly would benefit from backing by the Alliance," Mr. Lehr said, "are the Growth Connection and the Port Elizabeth deepening project.

The Growth Connection is a light rail service that would go from midtown Elizabeth to downtown Newark. The \$6.65 million deepening project at Port Newark-Elizabeth was halted January 14 by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).



Clockwise from left: Republican Freeholders James Keefe, Mario Paparozzi, Linda Lee Kelly, and Louis Santagata.

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Union County at a glance

CRANFORD

SIZE	4.9 Sq. MILES
POPULATION	22,833
PER CAPITA INCOME	\$18,182
HOUSING UNITS	8,487
MEDIAN HOME PRICE	\$182,000
TOTAL CURRENT TAX RATE	\$2.25
NO. EMPLOYED BY LOCAL GOVT.	170
ELECTED OFFICIALS	5

GARWOOD

SIZE	8.78 Sq. MILES
POPULATION	4,227
PER CAPITA INCOME	\$13,885
HOUSING UNITS	1,740
MEDIAN HOME PRICE	\$157,800
TOTAL CURRENT TAX RATE	\$4.16
NO. EMPLOYED BY LOCAL GOVT.	81
ELECTED OFFICIALS	7



Linda Horning looks takes a peek at outer space through a 15-inch Teetron telescope at Sperry Observatory on Union County College's Cranford campus.

SCOTCH PLAINS

SIZE	8.41 Sq. MILES
POPULATION	21,188
PER CAPITA INCOME	\$21,467
HOUSING UNITS	7,782
MEDIAN HOME PRICE	\$218,800
TOTAL CURRENT TAX RATE	\$4.33
NO. EMPLOYED BY LOCAL GOVT.	188
ELECTED OFFICIALS	8

KENILWORTH

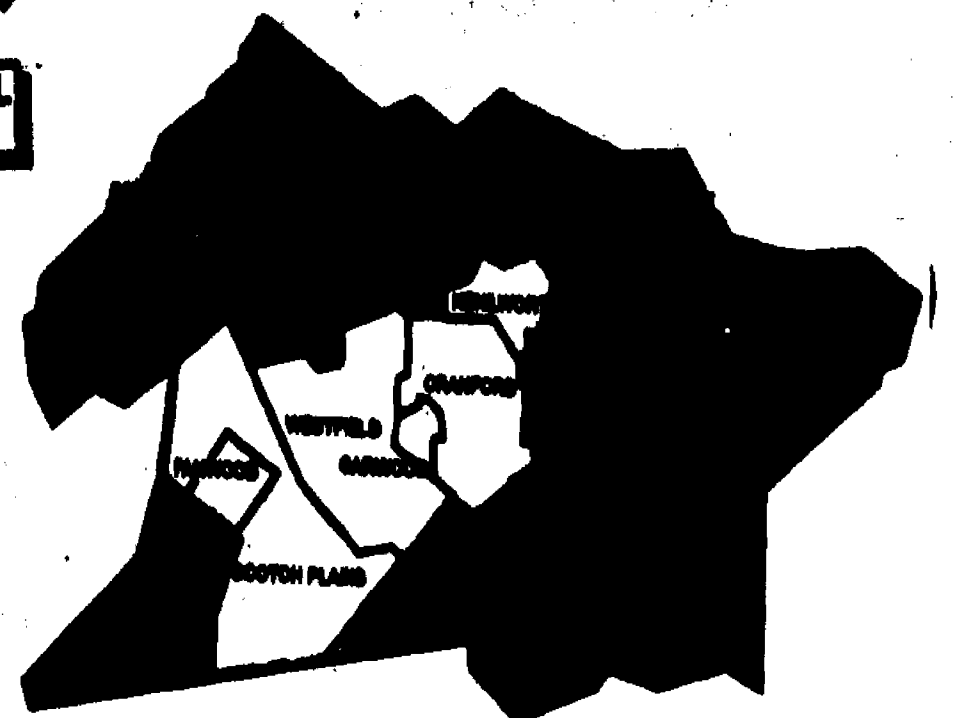
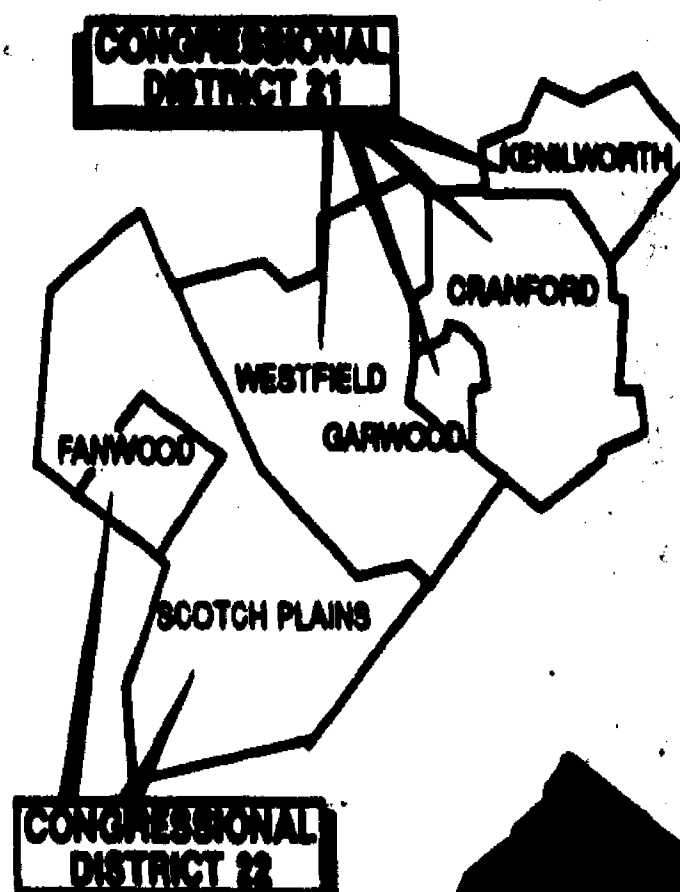
SIZE	2.1 Sq. MILES
POPULATION	7,574
PER CAPITA INCOME	\$13,885
HOUSING UNITS	2,844
MEDIAN HOME PRICE	\$187,800
TOTAL CURRENT TAX RATE	\$1.88
NO. EMPLOYED BY LOCAL GOVT.	68
ELECTED OFFICIALS	7

FANWOOD

SIZE	1.28 Sq. MILES
POPULATION	7,115
PER CAPITA INCOME	\$18,588
HOUSING UNITS	2,587
MEDIAN HOME PRICE	\$181,800
TOTAL CURRENT TAX RATE	\$6.21
NO. EMPLOYED BY LOCAL GOVT.	41
ELECTED OFFICIALS	7

WESTFIELD

SIZE	8.4 Sq. MILES
POPULATION	28,878
PER CAPITA INCOME	\$24,888
HOUSING UNITS	10,588
MEDIAN HOME PRICE	\$271,800
TOTAL CURRENT TAX RATE	\$3.19
NO. EMPLOYED BY LOCAL GOVT.	218
ELECTED OFFICIALS	9



Guide to elected officials, town meeting schedules

Cranford

Mayor Daniel Aschenbach, (D), 116 Cranford Ave., 276-8521, term expires Dec. 31, 1995.

Ed Robinson, (R), 122 Bloomfield Ave., 276-4317, term expires Dec. 31, 1993.

Norman Albert, (D), 10 Claremont Place, 276-6071, term expires Dec. 31, 1995.

Robert Hoeller, (R), Lincoln Avenue East, term expires Dec. 31, 1994.

Carolyn Vellera, (D), 34 Cornell Road, 276-4542, term expires Dec. 31, 1993.

Regular Township Committee meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Ave., at 8 p.m.

Fanwood

Mayor Linda deMott Stander (D), phone and address unlisted, term expires Dec. 31, 1995.

President Maryanne Connelly (D), 58 Waldon Road, 889-6455, term expires Dec. 31, 1995.

Andrew MacDonald (R), 17 Montrose Ave., 889-7114, term expires Dec. 31, 1993.

Bruce Walsh (D), 288 North Ave., 322-8898, Dec. 31, 1993.

Chester Lindsey (R), 200 Midway Ave., 322-8801, Dec. 31, 1992.

David Berger (D), 181 Belvidere Ave., 889-5072, Dec. 31, 1994.

Kevin McGonigle (D), 24 Ariens Court, 889-2185, Dec. 31, 1994.

Councilman Frank Rossi (R) 148 North Ave., 322-6374, term expires Dec. 31, 1993.

The Fanwood Borough Council meets on the first Thursday and the following Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m.

Kenilworth

Mayor Joseph Rago (R), 309 North 12th St., 272-5298, term expires Dec. 31, 1995.

Richard Brady (R), 14 North 13th St., 272-7368, term expires Dec. 31, 1995.

Michael Tripodi (R), 727 Clinton Ave., 241-0078/237 North 17th St., 272-4561, term expires Dec. 31, 1995.

John Brada (R), 137 North 20th St., 709-1137, term expires Dec. 31, 1993.

Sam Cavallaro (R), 125 North 19th St., 272-6012, term expires Dec. 31, 1993.

Dennis Schultz (R), 47 South 19 St., 276-8578, term expires Dec. 31, 1994.

Donald Rice (R), 715 Kingston Ave., 241-9756, term expires Dec. 31, 1994.

Borough Council workshop meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Formal public meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

Westfield

Mayor Garland "Bud" Boothe, (R) 6 Hawthorne Drive, 233-3780, term expires 1994.

Norman N. Gross, (R) 171 Lincoln Road 233-7782, term expires 1994.

James J. Gruba, (R) 356 Wychwood Road, 233-0235, term expires 1994.

Michael Panagos, (R) 6 Bell Drive, 233-6340, term expires 1994.

James Hely, (D) 128 Hazel Ave., 233-3880, term expires 1993.

Margaret C. Sur, (R) 501 Wychwood Rd., 232-6408, term expires 1993.

Anthony LaPorta, (D), 409 N. Chesnut 654-1271, term expires 1994.

Kenneth MacRitchie, (R), 515 Trinity

Place, 233-8739, term expires 1993.

Gary Jenkins, (R), 230 Connecticut St., 232-9303, term expires 1994.

Council conference meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m.. Regular council meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 8 p.m.

Garwood

Mayor Michael Crincoli, (D), 405 Willow Ave., 789-0659, term expires Dec. 31, 1994.

Charles Lombardo (D), 275 Fourth Ave., 789-0508, term expires Dec. 31, 1995.

Walter Meszok, (R), 280 Hemlock Ave., 789-1087, term expires Dec. 31, 1993.

Barbara Morgan, (R), 253 Locust Ave., phone unlisted, term expires Dec. 31, 1993.

Andrew Rossi, (R), 436 Locust Ave., 789-0415, term expires Dec. 31, 1993.

Paul Devenuto, (D), 211 Fourth Ave., 789-1494, term expires Dec. 31, 1995.

Dennis McCarthy, (D), 632 Myrtle Ave., 789-0473, term expires Dec. 31,

1995. Borough Council meetings: second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 8:30 p.m. in council chambers, 403 South Ave., Garwood. Workshops are held at 7 p.m. preceding regular council meetings.

Scotch Plains

Mayor Joan Papan, (R), 2279 Old Farm Road, 889-2398, term expires Dec. 31, 1994.

Deputy Mayor George Brown (R), 1520 Cooper Road, 322-8420, term expires Dec. 31, 1994.

Alan Augustine, (R), 1972 Wood Road, 232-9138, term expires Dec. 31, 1995.

William McClintock (R), 2220 New York Ave., 232-9314, term expires Dec. 31, 1995.

Irene Schmidt (R), 1230 Christine Circle, 232-2408, term expires Dec. 31, 1994.

Township Council regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 8:30 p.m. Agenda sessions are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

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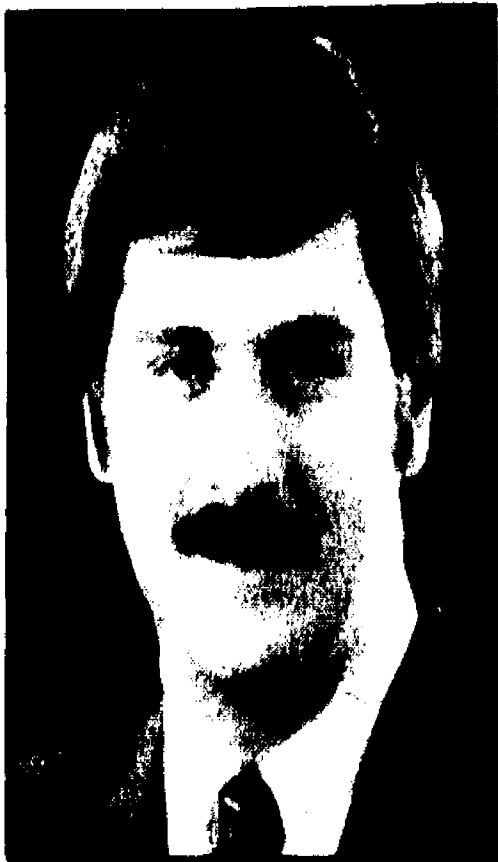
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What unique challenges will your community face in 1993, and what changes may be required to face those challenges?

Cranford
Daniel Aschenbach
Mayor

"The major potential for change which will continue to face Cranford is how the local government can provide the most efficient and responsive service to our residents while keeping the tax level low. The Township Committee has made numerous decisions already in 1993 which we believe will save tax dollars yet still insure the local government is responsive. From more cost effective purchasing, containment of employee health costs, elimination of unnecessary administrative positions and continued budget scrutiny, the local government is becoming streamlined and efficient in what it does.

"We need to do more. I believe we need to emphasize the concept of customer service in the delivery of what the local government provides. Our citizens deserve the highest quality service the tax dollar can provide. While I am very pleased when I hear about our aggressive response to emergency and public safety situations, or the satisfied customer who received a prompt response from our public works department, we can do
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Fanwood
Linda deMilt Stender
Mayor

"While not unique, the number one challenge for Fanwood is to maintain services and limit tax increases. However, if we are to preserve our pocketbooks and our small-town quality of life, more changes must be made in how we purchase municipal goods and services. Doing more with less can be accomplished through local partnerships which share services and make cooperative purchases. For many years we have been contracting with Westfield for health services. Recently we agreed to share our court administrator with Scotch Plains. In both cases, money has been saved and services have not been reduced. The unique challenge is to build upon those successes. At the same time, care must be taken to avoid entering into regionalized services which effect savings through services reduction.

"Finding a cost-savings way to change our garbage collection, defining plans for downtown improvements and implementation of a master plan for our parks are also challenging projects. Each one is an opportunity to make positive changes for our community."



Garwood
Michael Crincoli
Mayor

"The Union County Regional High School Board of Education voted to close David Brearley High School at the end of this school year. Many questions have arisen from this action. Presently five of the six towns in the systems are paying to have a feasibility study done regarding the de-regionalization.

"We must maintain a high level of education for our children and at the same time be cost conscious.

"I plan to hold a town meeting upon completion of this study, at which time all options will be discussed along with citizen input.

"An informative letter will be distributed to all residents advising them of various happenings that have occurred and what is planned for the future.

"Our Rahway Valley Sewage Authority bills are so inconsistent, one year the readings are very high and the next year they are low. This only indicates to the governing body that the metering system is not accurate. I am once again urging the residents that have illegal hook
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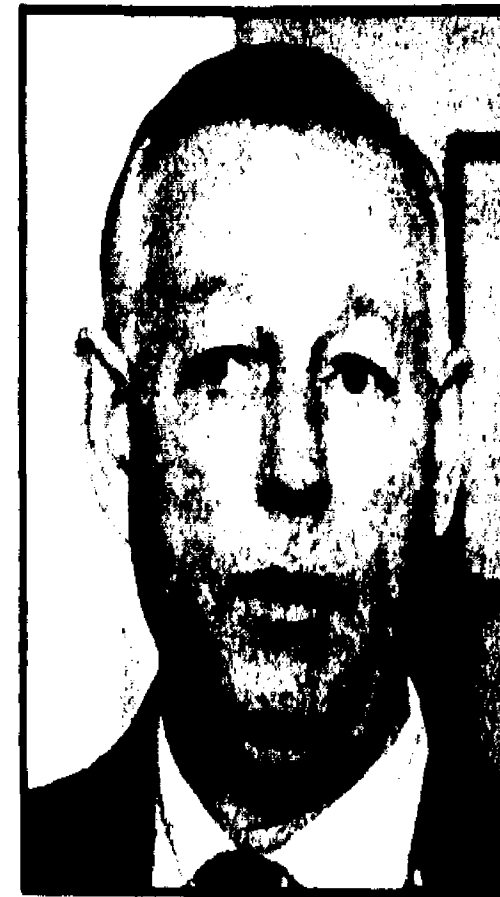


Kenilworth
Joseph Rego
Mayor

"There are many challenges facing the Borough of Kenilworth for the year 1993. We are facing the judgment of the Waldorf suit of \$16.1 million; the closing of David Brearley High School, Kenilworth; the neglect of our infrastructure; inflow infiltration of our sewer system, and the rezoning of the Volvo property. All of the challenges I have stated have an impact on our town — some positive and some negative.

"Since the judgment of \$16.1 million was awarded to Mark Waldorf, a young fellow crippled in an automobile accident in November 1982, leaves Kenilworth in a severe financial bind, we only had \$1.5 million in liability at the time of the accident. I have been working diligently on a plan, which I cannot disclose at this time, to lessen the impact on the homeowner as much as possible.

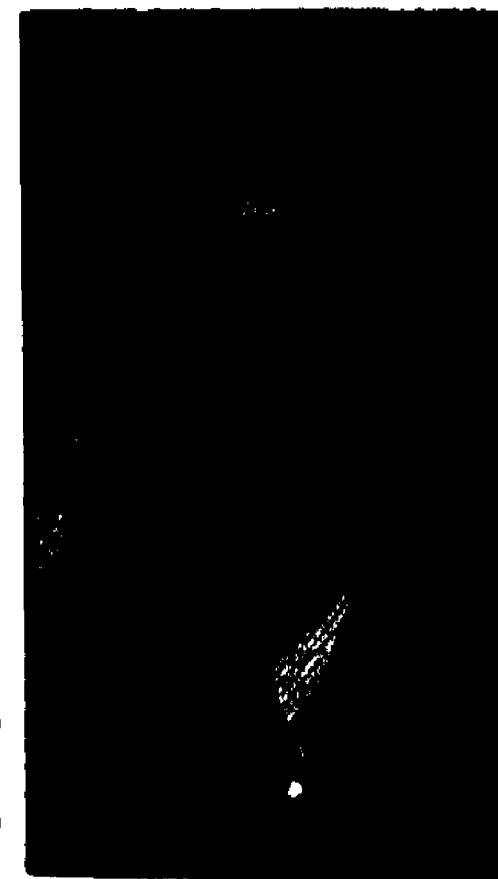
"The closing of David Brearley High School in Kenilworth has dealt a devastating blow to the residents, students, public officials and parents of this town. David Brearley, since it was built, has been more than a high
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Westfield
Garland "Bud" Boothe
Mayor

"Westfield, like all New Jersey municipalities, large and small, must grow and thrive as a community, notwithstanding a depressed national and state economy. We must satisfy the reasonable desires and expectations of our residents for services and economies. Keeping taxes under control without spending our reserves, and living with never-ending mandates from Trenton and Washington to do things, without financial support, add to the challenges. Westfield will continue what Westfield is good at — a careful, conservative budgeting and spending on capital projects and municipal services.

"We are looking closely at many opportunities to share services with an insurance pool currently under study. We have under way three major resident-municipal initiatives, any one of which is a major challenge anywhere: our downtown revitalization and application to be included in the Main Street New Jersey program; major reconstruction of our historic Minnowskin Park; and the 1994 celebration of Westfield's
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Scotch Plains
Joan Papan
Mayor

"Solid waste still dominates a good deal of time and effort in many municipalities. Scotch Plains is no exception. Our residents are serviced by private carters for their garbage pickups. With the recent deregulations of the garbage industry, the law limits these carters from reducing their bills to our residents by a maximum of 8.6 percent. When the Resource Recovery Plant starts up in Rahway next January, the tipping fee will be reduced by approximately 25 percent. We must find a way to pass this savings on to our residents.

"One of the major challenges personally facing suburban residents will literally hit home this spring. Effective Jan. 1 of this year, state law limits the disposal of grass clippings to only state-approved compost sites. None are located in the immediate area. Necessity will now force new creative solutions and possibly resurrect some of the old ways.

"The township budget is not a new challenge but a continuous challenge. Every year we must build a bud-
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Joseph Rego

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school, it is the "lifeline" of this community. Since the vote in November to close Brearley, many groups have emerged exploring ways to keep Brearley open. I have formed a steering committee to organize these groups into one. We are now dedicated to either withdraw or deregionalize from the system and form a K-12 and have been talking to Garwood to join us in this K-12 or on a send-recvise basis. The Harding School Board of Education has enjoined us in a study to look into withdrawal or deregionalization. I will promise the residents of Kenilworth that we are going to withdraw and have the best K-12 in the state of New Jersey. I am committed to that goal!

"A year ago, the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority was threatening Kenilworth with a substantial fine if we did not do something about our overage in sewerage. We have a contract with Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority allocating 1.2 gallons of sewer waste a day, at times we were over that amount by more than 1.5 million gallons a day. After attending many meetings with our borough attorney and engineer, we made a commitment to allocate about \$800,000 for our infrastructure. As a result of that commitment, Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority has labeled us a model community in

our effort to correct our problem. I feel very proud of that. The RVSA fined Clark Township \$100,000 because they have not made any effort to correct their problem.

"For many years no substantial work has been done on our roads and sewers. We are continuing the 5-10 year capital improvement program started by the Republicans in 1988 and I will continue to press council to keep up with our infrastructure, which will have a positive effect on the borough.

"We have just rezoned the Volco property from a heavy industrial zone to a special commercial zone. The Volco property is a toxic dump and now we have a developer who has contracted to buy the property, clean up the property and develop the property into a viable retail, bringing new jobs and taxes to Kenilworth. We have not collected taxes on this property since 1985. The developer is going to immediately put in our general fund over \$800,000 in back taxes. I have had meetings with the developer, and hopefully, we can form a cooperative program with our high school to employ youngsters at the future site of the A&P when completed. This could be a big boost for our teenagers to get jobs.

"We have negatives and positives and we have our work cut out for us, but I have a dedicated council and together we will make the positives outweigh the negatives."

Daniel Aschenbach

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better. Improvement sometimes requires more manpower or equipment; other times improvement requires increased employee motivation or productivity.

"During 1993, the Township Committee will continue to explore how to improve service. Several strategies which I hope to implement are: the Mayor's Customer Service Award, a quarterly recognition of an employee who im-

proved service; complaint form, a standardized form which provides accountability and a record of citizen complaint; a Citizen Service Survey to be sent at tax time to gather information on what we need to improve; and improved directory assistance to make clear, through the use of TV35 citizen access, to who they should contact for service.

"While there are many other challenges we face as a community, and each will be addressed with our collective energies, service improvement remains a critical agenda item."

Michael Crincoli

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ups to the sanitary system to have them removed. This action on your part will help to

reduce the cost. We are also having inserts installed on the RVSA manholes to help reduce the amount of rain water that gets into the line.

"We will continue to seek grant monies for flooding and drainage problems."

Garland Boothe

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Bicentennial. Each and all provide opportunities for service to residents, businessmen, and the

town and school system, and many people have and will contribute to each or to multiple projects. Westfield's traditional volunteer support gives me every confidence that we will successfully complete all these projects."

Joan Pappen

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get without figures from the state as to what

monies we will be receiving. We have gotten very good at estimating and will continue to implement services for our residents in the most cost effective manner possible."

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County schools blaze a trail toward the future

By CHERYL NEHL

AGENDA '93/FORBES NEWSPAPERS

Innovative new approaches to education are making their way into Union County schools, but limited space is giving some districts a run for their money.

Superintendents, teachers, local boards of education and parents are working together to bring classroom instruction into the 21st century. Part of this trailblazing includes moving away from traditional methods of teaching.

Gone are the days when reading, writing and arithmetic sent students running for cover. Programs such as "Wee Deliver" encourage youngsters to write, while teaching students how the postal system works. Both Walnut Avenue School in Cranford and Harding School in Kenilworth have tried this program with excellent results.

Math and science are being combined in new ways so students are anxious to experiment and learn. Weather centers, computers, and environmental experiments are a few examples of how education is changing. State grants continue to provide needed funding for projects that local school budgets cannot cover.

Some schools, though, are experiencing a space crunch. Although enrollments declined for more than a decade, recently it appeared enrollment was once again on the rise. The change, though, has prompted several communities to take another look at how they are equipped for this surge of students.

Both Scotch Plains-Fanwood and Cranford are struggling with superintendent searches. Due to

many changes taking place in education, finding replacements could take up to 18 months.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education struggled through a tumultuous 1992 in an attempt to make several changes at the high school level. The board managed to make procedural changes in class ranking and student enrollment in honor role courses.

Both towns are experiencing space crunches as enrollment creeps up in the elementary level. The board is looking toward a facilities study with hopes that it can provide much-needed answers for the future.

The board has also been involved in a superintendent search which should be completed soon.

Westfield

Westfield discovered a large growth "bubble" in Washington School, requiring construction of an addition. Franklin School is also experiencing crowded classrooms, but there are currently no plans to expand.

In the educational arena, the district is implementing a new math curriculum and looking into updating technology.

The Board of Education and superintendent are also working very closely with legislators for a new funding compromise.

Garwood

Rising enrollment and lack of space have forced the board to make a decision on whether "to build or not build." An outside consultant is completing a feasibility study to determine if the district needs to build or can accommodate the students in the available facilities.

According to Superintendent

Walter Boright, "There will not be a desk for every child in September."

In 1992, the district made a major change when creating an Early Education Center. This aroused the ire of many parents because smaller children were no longer able to attend neighborhood schools. Ultimately, pre-kindergarten through first-grade students were moved to Washington School, 2-5 to Franklin School, and 6-8 into Lincoln School.

Nine candidates will vie for three seats on the Board of Education this year.

Cranford

Cranford continued to revamp its writing and math education on the elementary level. Last year, the district began integrating reading, writing, grammar and spelling instruction into the comprehensive language arts program. Teachers have begun to employ well-known books and stories into reading programs rather than using material found in workbooks.

Cranford is moving away from a teacher-centered classroom and toward a student-centered one. Combined with phasing reading and writing into every academic subject rather than only in segmented daily portions, the new education strategy appears to be working well.

The district is also planning to get away from standardized testing in grades K-2. Portfolio assessment which tracks the actual work produced by students during the course of the year will replace it.

Kenilworth

The Harding Elementary School is on the leading edge in



Portia Schlegel, Jason Ruggiero, and Melissa Lemus hard at practice in music class at Evergreen School in Scotch Plains.

teaching procedures, having won a substantial grant from the state two years in a row. The monies were used to set up a computer-based weather center for students to experiment in math and science.

Reading is Fundamental (RIF) has led students to new heights in reading.

A new superintendent came on board in June, which paved the way for new and exciting changes at the school, including an after-school care program at Harding. The new superintendent also has

been instrumental in forming a strategic plan for the future, as well as putting in place several new policies that will maintain a constant check on student achievement.

The Regional School Board's plan to close David Brearley High School in June brought about much controversy. The town and local board are investigating leaving the district while taking part in a five-town formal feasibility study to determine if it is possible to disband the regional district.

Local school board members, meeting schedules

Cranford

President Thomas Bonhag, 706 Orange Ave., 272-9032, term expires 1994.
Dolores Bugalski, 38 Roselle Ave., 276-7095, term expires 1993.
Patricia Martinelli, 99 Lincoln Ave. East, 276-3077, term expires 1993.
Andrew Petliccio, 25 Hamilton Ave., 709-0580, term expires 1994.
Edna Silvey, 14 Moss Lane, 272-5787, term expires 1994.
Richard Nicolls, 7 Middlebury Lane, 276-7155, term expires 1993.
Christine Barr, 113 Forest Ave., 276-2601, term expires 1995.
Richard Sells, 10 Onelda Place, 276-8749, term expires 1995.

James Van Horn, phone and address unlisted, term expires 1993.

The Board of Education meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. in Lincoln School.

Garwood

President Stephen Lefebvre, 344 Hazel Ave., term expires 1993.
Vice President Christine Guerriero, 802 Center St., term expires 1993.
Juanita Austin, 324 Third Ave., term expires 1995.
Mary Ann Kjetasa, 350 Hickory Ave., term expires 1994.
Eugene Perrotta, 6 Liberty Court, term expires 1995.

Ralph Urlico, 237 Fourth Ave., term expires 1994.

Linda Koenig, 243 4th Ave., term expires 1995.

Carolyn Warchol, 236 Hickory Ave., term expires 1994.

The Board of Education meets the second and third Tuesday of each month at the Lincoln-Franklin School at 8 p.m.

Kenilworth

President Roger Murphy, 587 Quinton Ave., term expires 1993.
Robert Taylor, 11 South 23rd St., term expires 1995.
Cathleen Cohen, 43 Brasser Lane, term expires 1993.

Patricia Fecho, 45 Wishire Drive, term expires 1994.

Janet Glynn, 572 Newark Ave., term expires 1995.

Christopher Phoney, 648 Newark Ave., term expires 1993.

Clifford Rhyner Jr., 8 Brasser Lane, term expires 1994.

William Schultz, 42 Brasser Lane, term expires 1994.

George Schlenker, 501 Quinton Ave., term expires 1994.

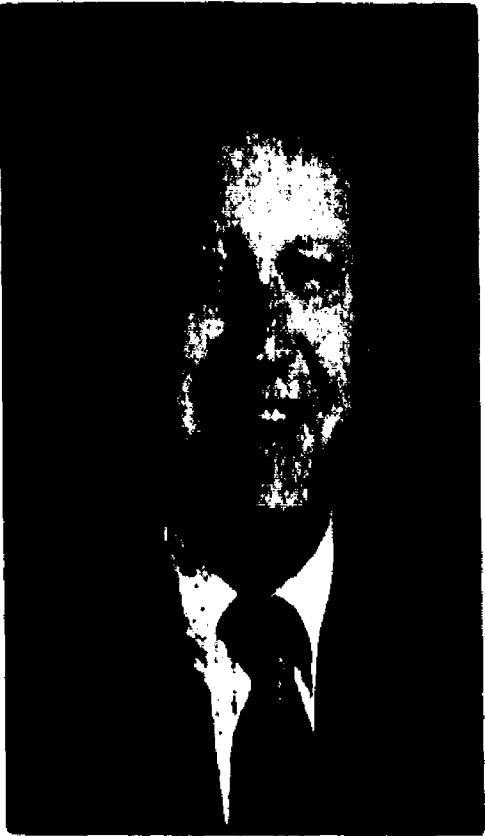
Board members may be reached at 276-5938.

The Board of Education meets the second Monday of each month at 8 p.m. in Harding School.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood

President August Ruggiero, 316 Pearl Place, Scotch Plains, 899-5984, term expires 1994.
Vice President Kathleen Meyer, 1912 Stony Brook Circle, Scotch Plains, term expires 1994.
Lillian Detmer, 2089 Algonquin Drive, Scotch Plains, term expires 1994.
Jessica Simpson, 60 Midway Ave., Fanwood, term expires 1995.
Mark Koster, 2059 Nicholl Ave., Scotch Plains, 322-4603, term expires 1993.
James Martin, 95 Farley Ave., Fanwood, (Please turn to page 24)

What programs in your school district will equip students to do well in the workplace?



Cranford Dr. Francis Lucash Director of Curriculum

"Cranford is preparing to move into the 21st century by building larger computer labs in our schools. At the high school we recently completed a new computer lab with 28 IBM machines.

"On the elementary level, two new Macintosh computer labs for use by the seventh- and eighth-grades are in place.

"Changes in language instruction are among the most exciting in the district. We're moving away from a teacher-centered classroom to a student-centered classroom.

"Project DARE is another program that is preparing students for problems that may face them in the future.

☑ Cranford High School
West End Place, 272-9100, ext. 280

Principal: Robert Seylerth
PTA president: Betty Degenhardt, 278-8824

☑ Hillside Avenue School
Hillside Avenue, 272-9100, ext. 250
Principal: Irwin Fisman
PTA president: Cindy Myers, 709-1289

☑ Orange Avenue School
Orange Avenue, 272-9100, ext. 240

Principal: Glenna Osborne-Popp
PTA president: Joanne Sweeney, 278-9147

☑ Brookside Place School
Brookside Place, 272-9100, ext. 210

Principal: James A. Johnson
PTA president: Michele Ann Fazio, 272-5495

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Westfield Dr. Mark Smith Superintendent

"Student success in the workplace as well as in continuing education is predicated on effective education: successful achievement of basic academic skills in reading, writing, mathematics and on effective education.

"Westfield students entering the work place directly after graduation benefit from a strong academic skills program, a cooperative work experience program with local businesses and the excellent vocational, technical programs offered in concert with Union County Vocational-Technical School.

☑ Westfield High School
580 Dorian Road, 789-4500

Principal: Dr. Robert Pelik
PTO president: Jill Silber

☑ Edison Intermediate School
800 Parkway Ave., 789-4470

Principal: Samuel Hazel
PTO co-presidents: Betty Lou Yevich and Linda Osborne

☑ Roosevelt Intermediate School
301 Clark St., 789-4580

Principal: Eugene Voll
PTO president: Linda Clark

☑ Franklin School
700 Prospect St., 789-4590

Principal: Faith Olveski
PTA co-presidents: Gail Smith and Judy Edling

☑ Jefferson School
1200 Boulevard, 789-4480

Principal: Kelley Kasah
PTO co-presidents: Mary Kay Denskin and Mary Rose Sherry

☑ McKinley School
500 First St., 789-4555

Principal: Edward Braynock
PTO president: Janis Weinstein

☑ Tanager School

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Scotch Plains-Fanwood Dr. Robert Howlett Superintendent

"We offer our students a broad range of academic as well as vocationally oriented programs within each of its major disciplines. It offers not only the basic programs but numerous elective offerings. Examples of this in English would include creative writing, humanities, journalism, television broadcasting, etc.

"Within the mathematics program a series of computer programming courses are being offered. Work-study programs, such as the cooperative industrial education work experience, cooperative health work experience, and marketing are provided.

"A variety of co-curricular programs assist our students in furthering their academic and technical abilities along with their interpersonal skills. Included in this area are such programs as Distributive Education Club of America, Future Business Leaders of America, the usual range of athletic teams and music groups and the Student Leadership Conference.

☑ Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School
Westfield Road, Scotch Plains, 689-8800

Principal: Dr. Terry Riegal
PTA president: Rebecca O'Connor

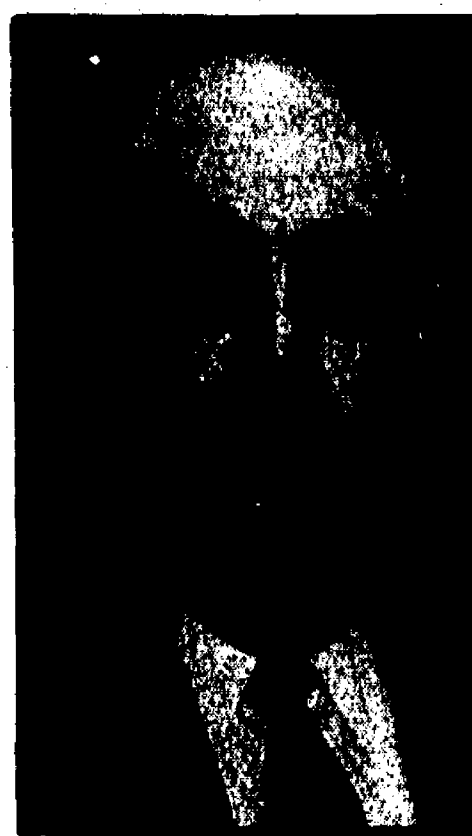
☑ Park Middle School
Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, 322-4445

Principal: Chester Janusz
PTA president: Janis Simberg

☑ Terrill Middle School
Terrill Road, Scotch Plains, 322-5215

Principal: Dr. Linda Palumbo

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Union County Regional School District Dr. Donald Merachnik Superintendent

"For today's students to succeed in the workplace of tomorrow they must first possess a solid command of basic academic skills in the areas of reading, writing, mathematics, spelling and listening, as well as expertise in communication and interpersonal activities. Second they need to be equipped with a strong work ethic and sense of responsibility and purpose.

"Students in the regional district are provided with the opportunity to garner needed academic, technical and interpersonal skills. From the district's basic skills improvement program in math and English, to the English department writing centers, to vocational education courses, to advanced and college level courses in computers, mathematics and the sciences, regional students receive the training necessary to succeed in the workplace.

"The district attendance policy and guidelines for maintaining a high standard of discipline help provide students with the structure they need for future success.

"Our comprehensive programs of co-curricular activities and interscholastic athletics give youngsters many opportunities for personal growth and for working with others to achieve a common goal.

David Brearley Regional High School
Monroe Avenue, Kenilworth

272-7500
Principal: Dr. Linda Palumbo



Garwood Walter Boright Superintendent

"In our rapidly changing technological society the role of the computer in the workplace will become increasingly important. Garwood's response was to implement a comprehensive computer literacy program for students in grades 2-8. Pupils will explore careers with computers, learn keyboarding, and be able to use integrated software for word processing, data base, and spread sheet applications. A laboratory with 21 Macintosh and other Apple computers has been dedicated for that purpose.

"Garwood's newly implemented guidance program encourages each student to make the most of the opportunities available to him or her. An overall goal of the program is to develop students' abilities to their maximum so that each matures into a constructive member of society. Pupils develop an awareness of career options, acquire an accurate perception of themselves in the world of work and develop a plan for achieving their occupational goals.

"All teachers are encouraged to use cooperative learning in appropriate situations. This instructional technique develops the kinds of interpersonal skills that students will need in the workplace.

Mr. Boright recently announced his resignation from the superintendent's position.

☑ Washington School
500 East St., 789-0165

Principal: Walter Boright

☑ Lincoln-Franklin School
400 2nd Ave., 789-0331

Principal: Randy Pratt
PTA president: Judy Schaeffer (may be reached through Washington School, 789-0165)

Cranford school district

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- ☑ Livingston Avenue School
Livingston Avenue, 272-9100, ext. 290
Principal: Marie DeStefano
PTA president: Diane Schmit, 272-8187
- ☑ Walnut Avenue School
Walnut Avenue, 272-9100, ext. 270
Principal: Joan Melvin
PTA president: Joanne McFadden, 276-0925

- ☑ Cranford Alternative Program, Lincoln School
Centennial Avenue, 272-9100, ext. 277
Principal: Gary Sorrentino
PTA presidents may be reached through their respective schools.
Teacher-to-student ratio: 21 to 1.
In the Class of 1990, about 82 percent of Cranford High graduates went to college.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district

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- Principal: John Foulks
PTA president: Karen Gillot
- ☑ Howard B. Brunner School
Westfield Road, Scotch Plains, 889-2148
Principal: Evelyn Sheppard
PTA president: Dorothy Miller
- ☑ J. Ackerman Colee School
Kevin Road, Scotch Plains, 757-7555
Principal: Carl Kumpf
PTA president: Diane Hartelius
- ☑ Evergreen School
Evergreen Avenue, Scotch Plains, 889-5331
Principal: Beverlee Kaminetzky
PTA president: Pat Kane
- ☑ William J. McGinn School
Trenton Avenue, Scotch Plains, 233-7850
Principal: Robert L. Rath

- PTA president: Martha Sides-Lathrop
- ☑ School One
Willow Avenue, Scotch Plains, 322-7731
Principal: James Ceresa
PTA president: Gail Moser
PTA presidents may be reached through their respective schools.

Teacher-to-student ratio: 11.4 to 1.
In the Class of 1991, about 87 percent of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School students went on to college.

Kenilworth

- ☑ Warren G. Harding School
426 Boulevard, 276-5636
Principal: Frederick Rica
PTA president: Cheryl Vesselli

Westfield school district

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- 641 Willow Grove Road, 789-4580
Principal: David Tuller
PTO co-presidents: Eileen Passanelli and Colleen Schmidt
- ☑ Washington School
900 St. Mark's Ave., 789-4600
Principal: Kenneth Wark
PTA president: Darlene Finne
- ☑ Wilson School
301 Linden Ave., 789-4605
Principal: Andrew Perry

PTA president: Sue Darr
PTO and PTA presidents may be reached through their respective schools.
Teacher-to-student ratio: 21.9 to 1 in first-through fifth-grades. Statistics not available for secondary school.
Of the Westfield High School Class of 1991, approximately 91.4 percent of the students went on to college.
PTO co-presidents: Betty Lou Yevich and Linda Osborne

School board members

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term expires 1995.
Berkeley Heights, 288 Haven Ave., term expires 1995
Albert Syversten, 2877 Burgreen Ave., Scotch Plains, term expires 1995.


Westfield

President Susan Pepper, 214 Sunset Ave., term expires 1994.
Vice President Susan Jacobson, 788 Tamarack Way, term expires 1993.
G. Bruce McFadden, 348 Sylvania Place, term expires 1993.
Dr. B. Carol Melnar, 232 Wychwood Road, term expires 1994.
Melba Nisen, 1008 Tice Place, term expires 1993.
Benjamin Ruff, 10 Evergreen Court, term expires 1994.
Dorothy Walsh, 1751 Grandview Ave., term expires 1995.
Eileen Saitlin, 1465 Grandview Ave., term expires 1995.
Michael Fox, 545 Elm St., term expires 1995.


Union County

Regional High School

President Barton Ellmer, 14 Pine Grove Road, Berkeley Heights, term expires 1995
Vice President Frederick Bess, 18 Epping Drive, Kenilworth, term expires 1993.
Robert Della Sella, 53 Lincoln Blvd., Clark, term expires 1993.
Jonathan Miller, 154 Maple Avenue, Berkeley Heights, term expires 1993.
Joan Toth, 431 Spruce Ave., Garwood, term expires 1994.
Margaret Haugh, 38 Tudor Court, Springfield, term expires 1995.
Donald Paris, address not available, Clark, term expires 1995.
Caroline Venes, 1418 Orchard Road, Mountainside, term expires 1994.
Theresa L'Caual, address not available, Springfield, term expires 1993.



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County hospitals continue to expand

By ROSALIE CROSS

AGENDA '93/FORBES NEWSPAPERS

Expansion continues at hospitals in Union County in the areas of facilities, services, and staff.

Elizabeth General Medical Center

The medical center in 1992 completed Elizabeth General Medical Center-East, the former Alexian Brothers Hospital. The new facility houses an expanded ambulatory care facility, 120 long-term care beds, outpatient adult psychiatric services, and 30-bed unit for treatment of substance abuse patients. The existing campus, renamed Elizabeth General Medical Center-West, also completes the transfer of acute care services from Alexian. The hospital will continue to enhance its efforts in these areas in 1993.

The 341-bed medical center will expand its programs by addressing public health issues, providing innovative approaches to treating patients, and enhancing medical education and employee professionalism. The hospital will enhance its speakers bureau to educate county residents on health care issues and will provide free health screenings and public forums throughout the year.

The hospital will submit a proposal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to become a sponsor of Alexian Manor, a 75-unit building at 122 7th St., Elizabeth, for low-income senior citizens and people with disabilities. The medical center also will take part in a facilities master plan to determine the future technological progress and capital needs of the hospital in the 1990s. With more than 2,500 employees, the medical center is the leading employer in Elizabeth.

Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center

Two Centers of Excellence were opened last year. The Breast Health and Mammography Center was opened in February to provide quality, comprehensive care with an emphasis on education. The center is to dedicated early detection and modern treatment.

The Neuroscience Center, a facility designed to meet the needs of patients with diseases and injuries to the nervous system, opened in April. The center serves patients with spinal cord and spinal nerve injuries, brain tumors, head trauma, strokes, seizure disorders, and degenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's dis-

ease and multiple sclerosis. The center employs a multidisciplinary team approach with representatives from nursing, social work, rehabilitation, and discharge planning.

Gov. Florio in 1992 announced a \$2.6 million state grant for Muhlenberg's affiliate, the Plainfield Health Center. The grant will increase hours of operation and staff at the health center and reduce residents' use of the emergency department for primary care.

Overlook Hospital

In 1993 Overlook will complete construction on several long-awaited new facilities and continue medical staff additions and health service expansions.

The 589-bed hospital's new five-level Medical Arts Center, 700-space parking deck and employee child care center will be completed early this year. The new center will include physician offices and outpatient services, such as Overlook Family Practice, a women's cancer center, blood disorder center, pediatric ambulatory care center, and new adolescent center. Renovations to the hospital's adult oncology unit also are planned in 1993. The upgrade will make the unit more conducive to outpatient chemotherapy treatments.

The addition last year of pediatric subspecialists in three high-demand areas led to the establishment of the Children's Medical Center late last year. The new areas of adolescent medicine, pediatric pulmonology, and pediatric gastroenterology, combined with existing specialties, enable the center to serve as a regional resource for area pediatricians who treat high-risk patients. Staff will continue to be added this year as will support services.

Other additions in 1992 included a model family surgery program allowing parents to accompany their children into the operating room, and a pediatric call to enable parents to call after hours. Staff additions include: a new gynecologist/oncologist to supervise the development of the new women's cancer center and allow the hospital to further expand women's health services, and a new vice president and new medical director to the department of psychiatry and behavioral health to expand these services.

Rahway Hospital

Officials at Rahway Hospital are anticipating the transition to an environment of "managed competition," which has been created by the state's health care re-



Elizabeth General Medical Center-East, completed in 1992, houses 120 long-term care beds, outpatient adult psychiatric services, and a 30-bed unit for treatment of substance abuse patients.

form legislation, said President John L. Yoder.

A totally renovated emergency center provides services in two settings: a main treatment area for very serious or life-threatening emergencies and an "express" unit for the treatment of urgent, but non-life threatening emergencies. A three-bed chest pain room is staffed and equipped to care for people suffering from chest discomfort.

The addition of an emergency

room-specific diagnostic X-ray unit early this year is designed to separate emergency X-ray studies from the general mix of studies. This has the potential to greatly reduce the typical emergency room waiting time for both the performance of these studies and the results.

A new computerized tomography (CT) unit was installed recently in the diagnostic imaging department. An accompanying renovation of the area will bring

greater comfort to patients undergoing procedures requiring the use of dyes.

A group of oncologists plans to construct a new radiation center this year on land adjacent to the hospital for the treatment of cancer.

Other plans this year include: a continuation of the hospital's commitment to maternal and child health care through participation in the Gateway Maternal (Please turn to page 27)

Hospital execs: reform key issue

Union Hospital

"Health care reform is one of the most important issues facing each and every one of us today. In Trenton, our legislators recently enacted a new reimbursement system that affects every hospital and every citizen in this state. In Washington, President Clinton has promised to present Congress with a plan for health care reform within 100 days. It is our hope that our elected officials will develop a plan of action that insures that all Americans, regardless of age, illness or financial status, receive quality care at the health care facility of their choice.

"Health care is a complex issue, and as a result, its funding is just as complex. Hospitals throughout the state are coping with a new system that does not fully reimburse hospitals for the care they provide. That means that hospitals that care for many indigent, uninsured or underinsured patients must operate with inadequate funding. Managed care companies and insurers are playing an increasingly large role in selecting both doctors and hospitals. Hospitals will be looking to restructuring existing services and reducing or eliminating others. All of these factors will change the face of health care in New Jersey.

"On a national basis, we will soon be examining the future of Medicare, the federal program that pays for the health care of elderly

individuals. At present, Medicare is not paying its fair share in New Jersey — the gap between health care costs and Medicare reimbursement has increased significantly, further threatening the financial stability of many hospitals.

"This issue concerns nearly all New Jersey residents — the elderly, whose costs are not fully covered, and the baby boomers, who will reach Medicare eligibility in the next 20 to 30 years. Medicare also plays a significant part in the ever-escalating, out-of-control federal budget deficit. The administration and Congress must re-



Victor J. Freestone
President

Overlook Hospital

"For Union County residents, as well as for Overlook Hospital, one of the key challenges in 1993 will be keeping up with reforms to our health care delivery system. While many changes have already emanated from Trenton and Washington this year, health care reform's position at or near the top of the White House agenda means more developments are likely to occur.

"But, while the political struggles to fix our ailing system have continued to grab headlines, there's another, quieter revolution taking place that's likely to have just as strong an impact on how the average patient seeks and obtains health care.

"The trend I'm referring to is the rising prevalence of managed care networks in our area. New Jersey, like most of the northeastern United States, has lagged behind the rest of the country in its exposure to these cost-focused networks. However, I can tell you from my perspective as a hospital administrator, we seem to be catching up.

"Hospitals like Overlook, that offer high quality, cost-effective services, are generally well positioned to meet the demands of these managed care companies. However, as we are learning through our experiences in negotiating

with these entities, there are sometimes other forces at work, such as hospitals that negotiate exclusively contracts, or networks that require a certain percentage of their doctors to be on staff at a given hospital.

"In instances like these, patients enrolled in a managed care plan may suddenly find themselves unable to utilize the physician and/or hospital of their choice and still obtain coverage.

"Because the choice of a favored doctor or hospital is important to many Union County residents, it's critical for consumers to stay in-



Michael J. Sniffen
President

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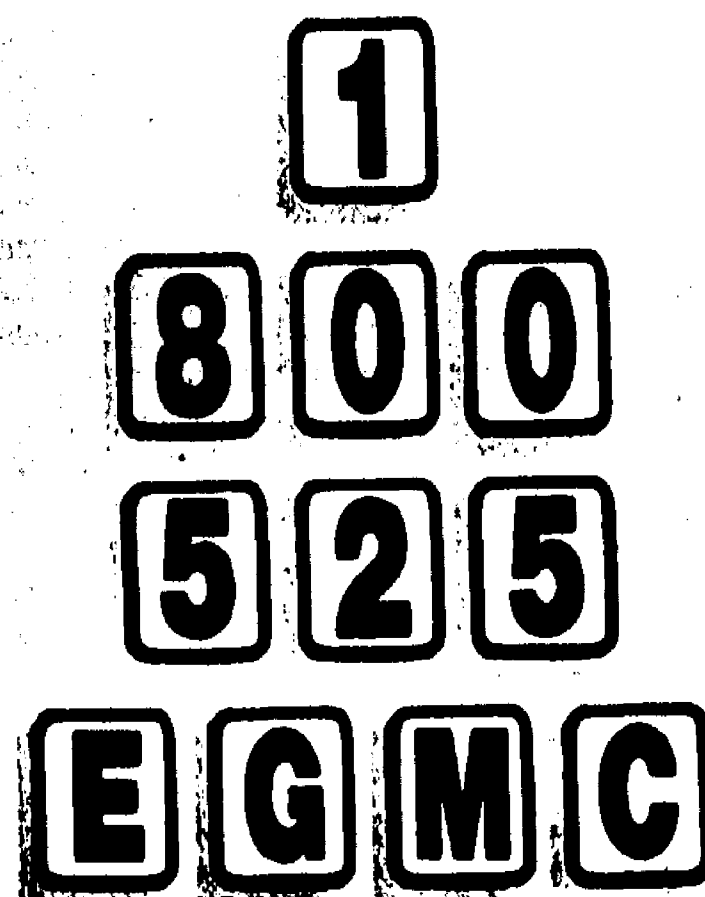
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"New Jersey's Health Care Reform Act of 1992 signals the beginning of a new era of health care.

"As new reform initiatives emerge, it is vital that there be an orderly transition to an environment which will enable institutions such as Elizabeth General Medical Center to continue their commitment to the sick poor while providing affordable quality care to their greater community.

"New Jersey's new law funds charity care through a tax subsidy that is substantially less than half the amount that was available through the former Uncompensated Care Trust Fund. As a result, hospitals that serve a high number of poor and uninsured patients face the possibility of substantial losses in revenue.

"Statistics show that while New Jersey maintains one of the lowest poverty levels in the country, it also includes large populations of uninsured patients suffering from costly and devastating health care problems.

"As we embark on a new path of health care, the country must come to grips with its

responsibility of caring for all indigent patients now and in the future.

"The reform challenge to health care providers will be to improve efficiency of operations and provide quality care within financial limitations. The challenge to government

will be to assure the public that health care reform achieves its goals of improving health status without limiting access to care and without impairing those hospitals which, because of location or mission or both, are responsible for the care of uninsured or underinsured citizens."



David A. Fletcher
President

Overlook Hospital

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formed, either through their insurance company or their company's employee benefits manager, about the status of their health insurance.

"If the company is considering a change that could affect your coverage, you, as a

consumer have a right to express your opinion and let your insurance company or your employer know what physicians and hospitals you would like to be able to choose.

"The success of our nation's mission to reform health care depends, at least in part, on increasing the sense of responsibility that each citizen feels in insuring his or her own good health."

Union Hospital

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evaluate Medicare and its funding mechanism.

"Hospital administrators from one end of the state to the other are concerned about the

future of health care. We are continuing to work with state and national legislators to develop a new health care system that meets the needs of all of our citizens. We urge Union County residents to let their legislators know just how vital it is that they develop a comprehensive, accessible health care system."

Hospitals continue expansion

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and Child Health Consortium, and a dining room adjacent to the post partum unit where couples can celebrate the arrival of their new infants and dine together in private quarters.

St. Elizabeth Hospital

A new nine-story patient tower was dedicated recently as the first phase of the hospital's \$58 million construction and renovation project.

The private, acute care 325-bed Catholic facility is sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth. The hospital features a 24-hour Chest Pain Center for the quick diagnosis and comprehensive treatment of chest pain; a Heart Center with advanced equipment for cardiac diagnosis, two cardiac catheterization laboratories, telemetry and intensive care units; family-oriented maternity services including midwifery program, birthing room, neonatal intermediate care nursery, and labor delivery recovery rooms to be featured in the soon-to-be-opened renovated maternity area; Seton Center for Chemical Dependency; and radiological services, including CT scanner, ultra sound, and mammography services.

Union Hospital

Union Hospital will expand key services and create innovative patient care programs in 1993, said hospital President

Victor J. Fresolone.

The 201-bed facility's newly expanded transportation system provides oncology patients who do not have access to the hospital with free transportation for chemotherapy. The hospital's oncology program also features education for patients and families, support groups, and advanced pain control techniques.

In order to meet the needs of the rapidly growing 65-plus population, Union Hospital is continuing to develop its gerontology services. These include: geriatric mental health program, which provides psychological counseling; WISE Adult Day Care Center, which offers a social and recreation program along with a dementia day care program for people with Alzheimer's disease; a personal emergency response system for medical emergencies; and the Grand Center, which helps caregivers by assessing the physical and mental status of their loved ones and coordinating needed resources.

The creation of a family center and substance abuse education training sessions for health care professionals are planned for 1993. Existing drug and alcohol prevention services targeted for expansion include community awareness programs, drug alliance training, dialogue nights, and parent/ youth programs.

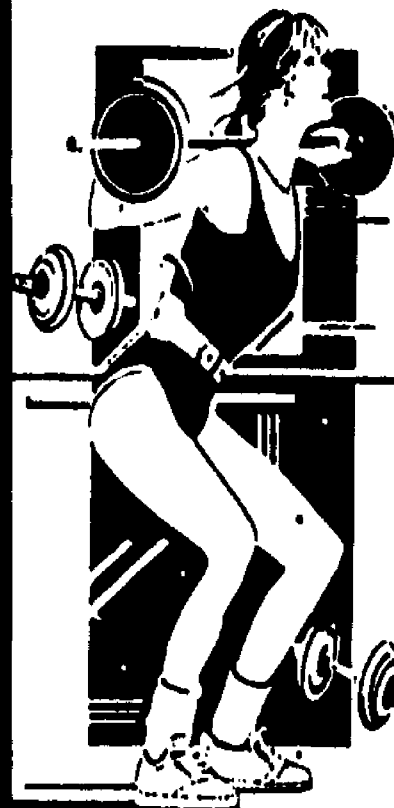
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County has plans to hit the roads

Will emphasize public transit, improvements to rails, routes

By **JACK H. DURSCHLAG**
AGENDA '93/FORBES NEWSPAPERS

The new year may be just a few weeks old, but for Union County drivers and commuters, the passing of one year to the next may hardly be noticeable as officials plan an ambitious schedule of behind-the-scenes projects and development.

State Department of Transportation (DOT) spokesman Jeff Lamm said no new major road improvement projects are planned for the first six months of the year on the state level in Union County.

County officials plan on making the most of the lack of major roadwork throughout the beginning of the year, and are placing special emphasis on making drivers aware of some alternatives to the bumper-to-bumper delays caused by these road projects.

According to Union County Manager Ann Baran, "Transportation is the key to the economic development or redevelopment of Union County, as well as the region. We will continue in 1993 to be strong advocates of partnerships aimed at improving our infrastructure."

The county plans to pursue the following projects during the year:

- The development of a county-wide plan to improve air quality through implementation of various transportation im-

provement and control measures pursuant to the federal Clean Air Act;

- The development of a county-wide mass transit guide;
- Consider applying for funding from the state DOT of a feasibility study to establish a transportation management association (TMA);
- Implementation of the Rand Bill, a requirement for employers of 100 or more to devise a plan to increase the average vehicle occupancy to and from the work site;

- Preserve abandoned rail freight lines to capture economic redevelopment opportunities;

- Study of elderly and handicapped population in the county to improve paratransit services and identify areas to address in order to con-

form with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and

- Local transit improvement programs (TIP), including culverts, bridges, roadways, intersections.

The county also plans to lobby for state improvement projects for Route 22, routes 1 and 9, and Route 78, according to the county manager.

NJ Transit also plans several transportation projects throughout the new year.

The Kearny Connection will provide direct rail service to midtown Manhattan from Union County. NJ Transit plans to add new track connections and rail yard expansion and additional parking capacity

Transportation is the key to the economic development or redevelopment of Union County, as well as the region'
— **Ann Baran**
Union County Manager



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Heavy traffic clogs Route 22 East in Westfield. No major infrastructure improvements are planned for Union County highways during the first six months of this year, but transit authorities will be concentrating on educating the public about transit alternatives.

to accommodate the increased ridership.

Also, in July 1992, NJ Transit completed a six-week project to install 8.6 miles of continuous welded rail between Cranford and Raritan. Officials believe this work will result in fewer operating delays and more on-time arrivals into Newark Penn Station.

Another NJ Transit project planned for the year includes installation of 17 miles of continuous welded rail lines along the inbound track between Calco and Cranford. This project, when completed, will provide a continuous welded rail along both the inbound and outbound tracks between Raritan and Cranford.

Westfield will also see improvements during the year, officials said, as con-

struction of high-level platforms at Westfield and Plainfield will begin. NJ Transit officials said the new platforms will allow for easier boarding and deboarding. No completion for the project was available.

Union County College students will find commuting easier with the addition of some new bus routes as the Nos. 65 and 66 buses, between Newark, Mountainside and Bridgewater, will be operating on an almost completely revised schedule weekdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. This will increase midday and evening service to the college. Also planned are direct connections at Mountainside both to and from the No. 114 line for western Union County residents.



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Tax not expected to have much impact

Officials from energy companies agree that levy will be 'insignificant'

By JOANNE McFADDEN
AGENDA REPORTS NEWSPAPERS

Union County residents won't be hit hard by the proposed federal energy tax, industry insiders say. In fact, officials from both Public Service Electric and Gas Co. (PSE&G) and Elizabethtown Gas Company agree that the impact of the proposed tax will be so insignificant that customers will not even notice the difference in their monthly bills.

"Since the tax has not been finalized and details are still uncertain, it is hard to project the impact that the tax will have on our customers except to say that we expect it to be minimal," said Christopher Reardon, spokesman for Elizabethtown Gas Co.

Neil Brown, manager of public information for PSE&G, agrees.

"In terms of our customers, the energy tax proposal will add

about 3 percent to electric bills and about 4 percent to gas bills," he said.

Elizabethtown Gas Co. serves over 230,000 residents in 77 towns including all but two of Union County's municipalities. Its rates are determined by the Board of Regulatory Commission and has not sought a rate increase in more than two years.

"Our rates are based on the cost of providing safe and adequate service to all our customers," said Mr. Reardon, "and it is our goal to keep that rate stable."

While Mr. Reardon feels it is inappropriate to discuss the national recovery, he explains that the company continues to remain active in the economy at the local level, holding membership in the Union County Economic Development Corporation and many county and local chambers of commerce.

"We support the growth and

economic stimulus of the areas that we serve," Mr. Reardon said.

PSE&G serves over \$2 million customers statewide with both natural gas and electric. In Union County, most of its customers are for electric service; only Berkeley Heights and Springfield receive

"In terms of our customers, the energy tax proposal will add about three percent to electric bills and 7 percent to gas bills"

—Neil Brown
PSE&G Public
Information Manager

natural gas service from PSE&G. Its earnings in 1992 were \$444 million, down from a 1991 high of \$516.5 million. It was granted approval for a rate adjustment from

the Regulatory Commission in December, marking the first increase in more than five years.

"We don't expect to see a rapid recovery in New Jersey in terms of sales," said Mr. Brown. "The economy has been pretty flat, but we expect to see it pick up somewhat during the year."

PSE&G supports an extensive community outreach program and is extremely active with local organizations and schools.

"We offer direct assistance to a number of community organizations including United Way," said Mr. Brown.

While both utilities do not expect to make any major investments in their infrastructure, they continue to maintain and update their equipment through an extensive public works program.

"The natural gas company distribution system consists of cast iron, steel and plastic," explains

Mr. Reardon. "Through our on-going maintenance program, we update our facilities and eliminate cast iron while moving towards using improved technology."

PSE&G operates an on-going investment program responsible for initiating new facilities and replacing old as the need arises. In its service areas, most of its distribution system sits above ground, although in older cities such as Elizabeth and Plainfield, there are many underground circuits.

"Overhead construction is still the most cost efficient and best option for delivery of service," said Mr. Brown.

Neither utility expects to enlarge its coverage area during the next year.

"We will continue to experience growth within our franchised area whenever it is fiscally responsible to do so, but we will not do so just for the sake of expansion," said Mr. Reardon.

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Low mortgage rates have led area Realtors to an optimistic outlook toward the 1993 real estate market. These two Cranford homes, listed by Klemie Realtors of Cranford, are among the many properties currently available. The ranch on the left is at 4 Seneca Road; the home on the right is at 401 Walnut Ave.

1993 real estate market looks encouraging

By JIM WRIGHT

AGENDA '93/FORBES NEWSPAPERS

Realtors are encouraged about the prospects of the real estate market in Union County for the coming year.

"It looks excellent," said Gwen Tafelski of Barrett and Crain Realty in Westfield. "There are a lot more buyers and interest rates are low."

Ms. Tafelski is hoping that the arrival of spring will warm up the market even more.

"The market is always better in the spring," she said.

"People are listing houses well," she

added. "There are good prices right now and there is a good chance that interest rates could go even lower."

Anthony D'Agostino of ERA Village Green is forecasting a lower inventory of homes in the desirable areas of the county, while middle range inventory should be on the rise.

"We're seeing multiple offers on better properties," he said. "Prices are stable right now and interest rates are attractive."

Those rates, he said, are probably the lowest he has seen since he entered the field 25 years ago.

"Now is a good time to buy," he said. "Prices are in the affordable range right now."

Gene Azzalina of the New Jersey Association of Realtors is also encouraged by the price of homes and the ability of potential buyers to purchase those homes.

"Homes in New Jersey are well within the price range of prospective home buyers because of low mortgage rates and growing median family incomes," he said, explaining that the housing affordability index recently reached a level not attained in almost two decades.

Myles J. Hergert, president of the Greater Eastern Union County Board of Realtors, said prospective buyers are helping open up the market for move-up buyers.

"We're seeing lots of first-time homebuyers, which is releasing people who had

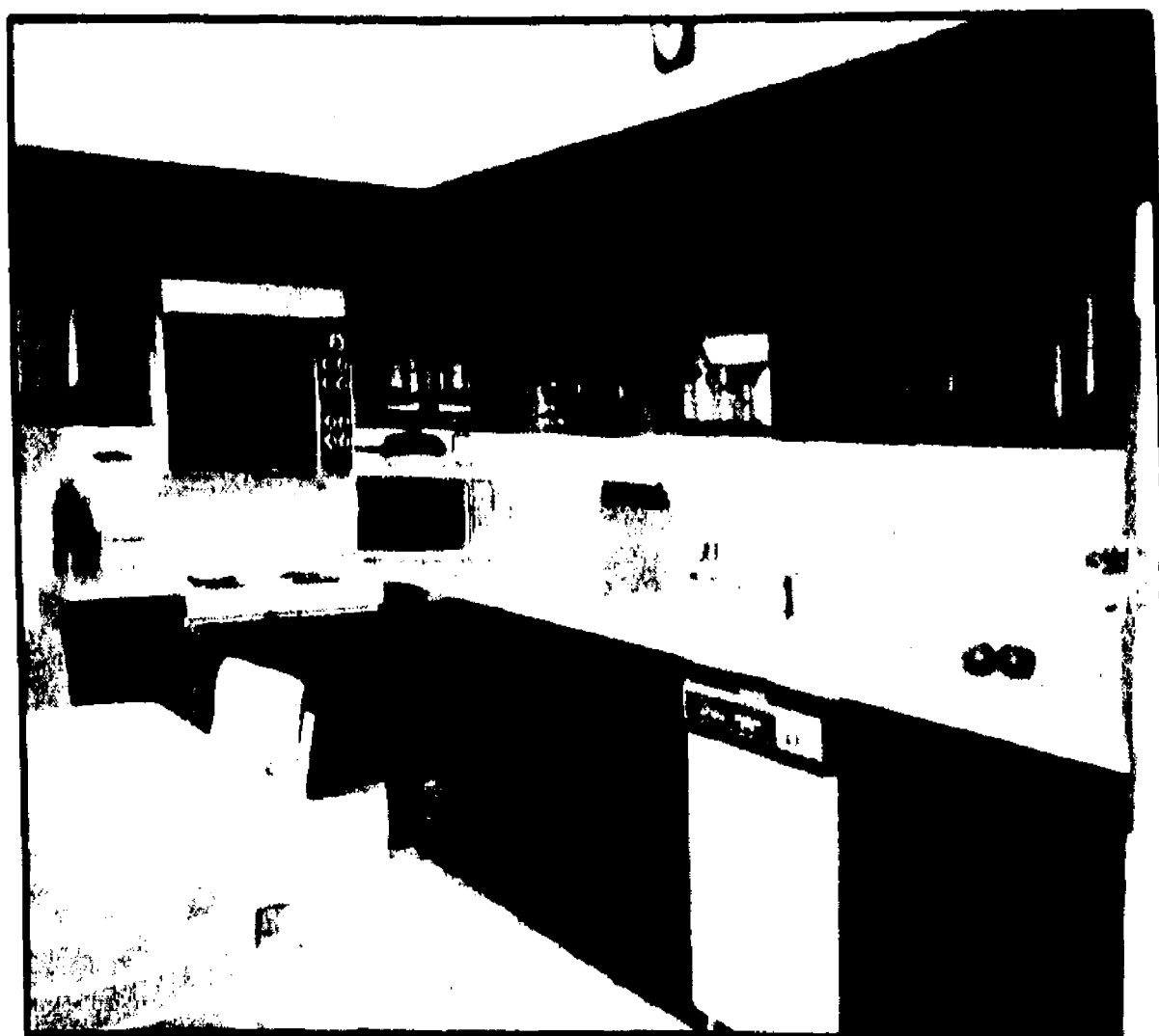
been unable to sell their homes to now go into the trade-up market," he said.

Mr. Hergert noted that those first-time buyers are being helped by low interest rates and programs that require a downpayment of as little as 5 percent.

"I see the demand starting to pick up as interest rates have dropped," he commented. "I think there is a lot of good housing stock available, and that, combined with the low interest rates, is going to improve the market."

Prices in that market, he said, will probably rise about 3 percent this year compared to last year.

"I think the market has reached its lowest level and is now beginning to turn around," he said.



Many owners have taken to remodeling their homes as a way of sprucing up their value and appearance. This 10-year-old condominium in Scotch Plains' Southwyck Village sports a brand new kitchen.

Home renovations soar

Interest rates, consumer confidence spur activity

While more people are making the decision to purchase a home, many are also deciding to upgrade the homes they have.

"With the lower interest rates, people have more confidence in putting money into their homes," said general contractor Michael Mason. "There have been a lot of additions, rooms, or rooms with a bathroom."

Mr. Mason said business traditionally warms up with the weather, but the continued low interest rates on loans have also been a factor this year.

"People are not just adding big rooms with cathedral ceilings or anything like that, but they still have needs," he commented. "They aren't going overboard but are adding on according to their needs."

Other builders have a similar bright outlook.

"It's been extremely positive since October," said Craig Vail of Craig Vail Custom Kitchens in Bridgewater. "A year ago, we had spurts in the spring, but it just didn't always feel right. This feels right."

Mr. Vail believes the upswing will continue because consumers are feeling more confident about their jobs and are willing to spend money they may not have spent during the recession.

"It's starting to come back nicely," Mr. Vail said of the market. "A lot of customers we were dealing with six, seven or eight years ago are coming back."

Many of those customers, he said, are coming in for kitchen countertop replacement or kitchen cabinets.

"We find we're selling more of the higher end cabinets rather than the lower end," he said. The dollar value of our jobs is definitely going up."

Food bank's success is 'bittersweet'

By MARGARET DOWLING
AGENDA NEWSPAPERS

One woman's plan to provide food to neighbors and senior citizens has blossomed into a statewide network that has distributed \$100 million worth of commodities in the last 10 years.

In 1978, Kathleen DiChiaro began delivering food to people in Summit from the back of her station wagon. The work quickly outgrew the vehicle to become a network of emergency pantries within the Catholic Archdiocese of Newark and became the Community Food Bank of New Jersey in 1982, with Miss DiChiaro as the founder and executive director.

"It's very bittersweet..." said Elizabeth Thomases, director of public relations and volunteer services of the food bank, which is moving from Newark to Hillside. "We should not be in business. There should not be a need for a food bank. There shouldn't be anyone who is hungry."

Providing for basic needs remains the focus of many community support groups.

On March 25, from 1-4 p.m. the Kenilworth Board of Health expects to give food packages to nearly 300 people, said Health Inspector Virginia Franco. The Board of Health staff and members, with volunteers from the Kenilworth Senior Citizen Club, do what they can to fight hunger.

"We get asked if we could run one every month," Ms. Franco said. The volunteers want to help the community and there is no cost to the town or to taxpayer, she said. Proof of income is required, with a maximum income of \$12,247 for one person to \$18,428 for a family of two; each additional member increases the income level by \$4,181.

The soup kitchen at the First Baptist Church of Cranford and Elizabeth will be 10 years old March 8, said Catherine Knight. Work begins at 7:15 a.m. each Friday for the lunch served each week in the church basement at Prince Street and Union Avenue in Elizabeth. Meat, potatoes, a vegetable, bread and butter are served with coffee, tea and hot chocolate for children.

Sometimes the number of people attending the lunches increases later in the month after people have gotten their welfare checks. The first week of February, Miss Knight said, 58 people turned out, with 65 in the second. Later in the month more than 100 may come.

"There has been a gradual increase as the years have gone by," according to Miss Knight. "A year ago we had more people than the year before. The trend has been going up as the economy goes down."

The kitchen is staffed by people on welfare assigned by the Department of Labor. They earn \$5.05 per hour, and most have to work 28 hours each week to continue receiving welfare benefits.

The Union County Probation Depart-

ment also assigns people who must perform community service to the soup kitchen. Members of the First Baptist Church in Westfield are also available if needed.

"Thank the dear Lord for the food bank," Miss Knight said.

On Saturdays, the church sells clean used clothing for all ages from 10 cents to \$2. That money goes to support the soup kitchen.

St. Mary's of the Assumption Church at Washington Avenue and South Street in Elizabeth holds a dinner on Wednesdays, (352-5154) and St. Joseph's Social Service Center on Rebecca Place (352-2989) serves sandwiches daily and a meal on Saturdays.

Shiloh Baptist Church, 95 Murray St., Elizabeth, serves lunch on the second and fourth Mondays each month.

The Community Food Bank of New Jersey now distributes 50,000 pounds of food and other items each day to member agencies across the state. It is the largest provider of industrial donated foods to charity serving the needy in the state, said Ms. Thomases.

"We receive large-scale donations from over 250 commercial manufacturers, wholesale distributors, brokers, retailers and growers who give us food that is over-produced, mislabeled, misweighed, close to expiration date, and needs to be repackaged. It's all good nutritious food, but just not saleable."

The Community Food Bank warehouses the donated food and distributes it to 1,100 nonprofit agencies in New Jersey. It makes its way to emergency food pantries, soup kitchens homeless shelters, battered women's centers, day care and senior care programs, rehabilitation centers and half-way houses.

The need has grown so enormously because the number of people who need assistance is growing, Ms. Thomases said.

In 1992, 10 million pounds of food were distributed.

The food bank needs people to work in the sorting and salvage area, to separate items and repack cans and boxes of food and nonperishable items such as disposable diapers and home and personal hygiene items which cannot be purchased with food stamps. There is a backlog of 1,000 pallets of these items that could be distributed if repacked.

The Hillside warehouse is located at 31 Evans Terminal Road. Volunteers are asked to call 355-FOOD (355-3663) the day before they want to help.

Volunteers are needed six days a week: on Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday 8 a.m.-8 p.m. On Saturday, the warehouse is open 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

"People of all kinds of abilities and skills can make a difference," Ms. Thomases said. "All it takes are willing hands and a willing heart."

Those who can volunteer skills are also needed. "There is room for people who can donate carpentry skills, plumbing, masonry and electrical work, graphic design, and public speaking."



On behalf of the Westfield Service League, Pauline Harris presents a check to William Moore while Robert Newell, president of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, looks on. The league is one of many Union County organizations ready and willing to help those in need.

Non-profit groups help county's needy, aged

☑ Alzheimer's Disease Fund of New Jersey is an Alzheimer's information agency that publishes a free, quarterly newsletter. Write to P.O. Box 355, Westfield, or call 232-3880.

☑ American Cancer Society Union County Unit provides a number of services, including referral, guidance, counseling, financial assistance, educational programs and literature. Write to 807 Westminister Ave., Elizabeth, or call 354-7373.

☑ American Red Cross provides blood and services to senior citizens, safety programs and transportation programs. The eastern Union County chapter serves Cranford, Garwood and Kenilworth. Write to 200 West Jersey St., Elizabeth, or call 353-2600.

In the Plainfield area, the American Red Cross serves Plainfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood. Write to 332 West Front St., Plainfield, or call 758-8414.

The Westfield-Mountainside Chapter can be reached at 321 Elm St., Westfield, or 232-7090.

☑ Association For Retarded Citizens provides early intervention programs, pre-school programs, adult training services, residential-respite services and family support programs. Write to Frank X. Caragher, 1225 South Ave., Plainfield, or call 754-8910.

☑ Cerebral Palsy League of Union County provides special education programs, infant stimulation programs, out-patient therapy and an adult-activity center. For information write to 373 Clermont Terrace, Union, or call 354-5800.

☑ CONTACT We Care offers crisis intervention, information and referral service, community information, and will arrange lectures on request. Write to P.O. Box 37, Westfield, or call 232-2880.

☑ Cranford Family Care Association offers full-scale nursing care, recreational programs and a Medical Day Care program for Cranford residents. Write to 8 Springfield Ave., Cranford, or call 708-7235.

☑ The Hearing Society, located at the First Baptist Church in Westfield, offers lip reading classes, sign language classes, hearing tests, and social activities for the hearing impaired. Write to 170 Elm St., Westfield, or call 232-2534.

☑ Hope For Pregnant Teens offers individual, group, and family counseling to young mothers, pregnant teens, teen fathers and families. Seminars, workshops, and summer job training are also provided. Location: 1455 Liberty Ave., Hillside. Call 926-5642.

☑ Mental Health Association of Union County helps establish transitional residential facilities. Location: 15 Alden St., Suite 11-12, Cranford. Write to or call 272-0300.

☑ P.A.N.D.A.- Prevent the Abuse of Narcotics, Drug and Alcohol serves Westfield youth, providing positive, drug and alcohol free recreational alternatives. Call Nancy Walbert at 233-1915, or Joan DeVito at 232-1818.

☑ Parents Without Partners organizes adult support groups, recreational activities, subsidized children's educational and recreational activities for single parents. Write to P.O. Box 144, Westfield, or call 232-0418.

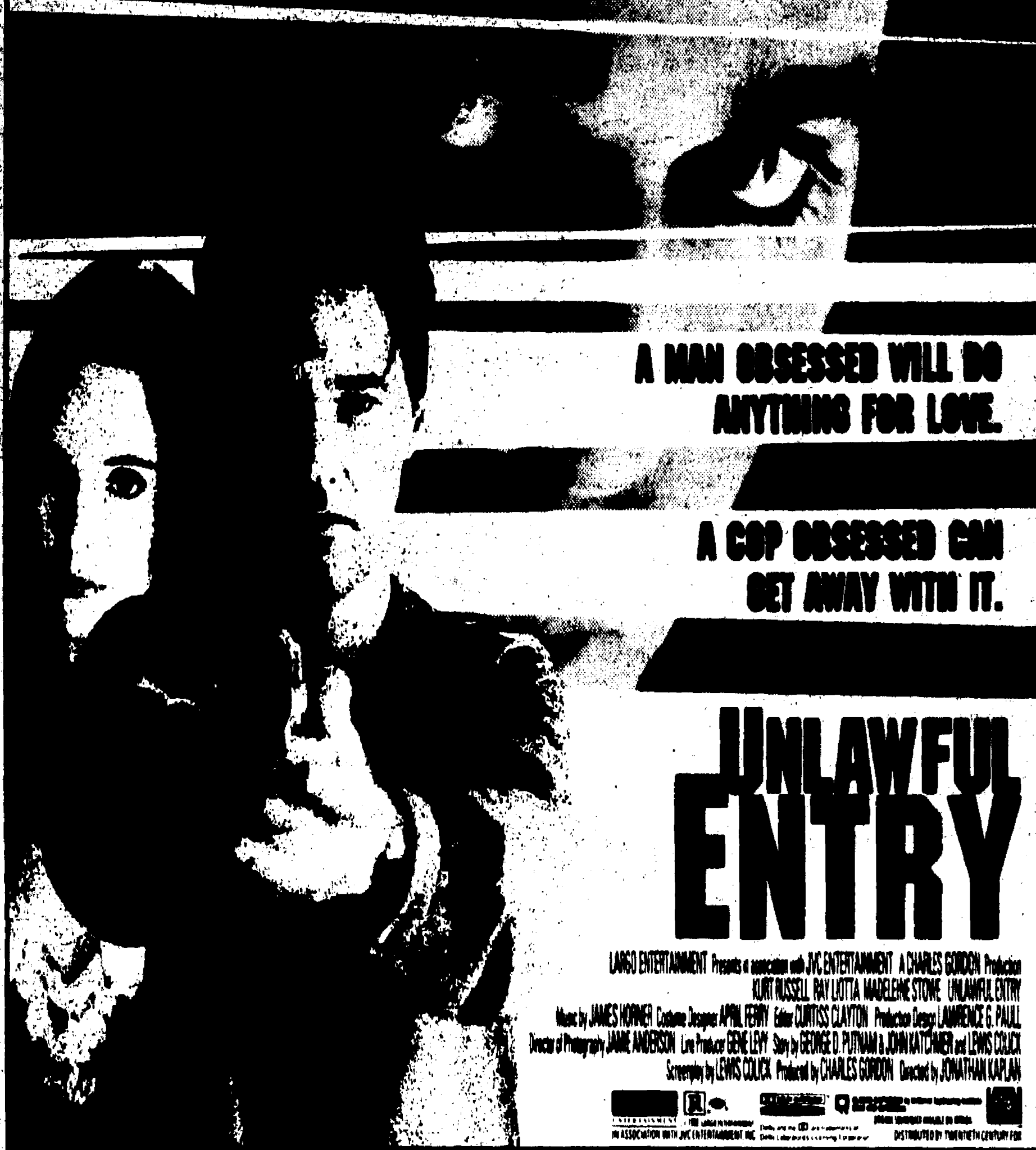
☑ Scotch Plains Lions Club helps the visually- and hearing-impaired. Write to Arthur Fowler, 2238 Westfield Ave., Scotch Plains, or call 689-1953.

☑ Union County Council on Alcoholism offers prevention training, and education for schools, teachers and students. Write to 300 North Ave., Westfield, or call 233-8810.

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