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Briefs

Trustees meet

The Board of Trustees of Westfield Memorial Library has rescheduled its regular meeting for tonight at 8.

Viet vets' dance

The Union County Chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America will host a party for all Vietnam veterans and their guests 8 p.m. Friday, at the American Legion Post 229, 115 Grove St., Roselle.

Moms at work

"Moms At Work" will meet Feb. 22, 11:30 a.m. at the Suburban Fitness Center. Mr. Samuel Freeman, leader of MainStreet's Public Relations Task Force, will discuss public relations for small business. For details call 233-1432.

'Y' slide show

Summer camp and teen programs at Frost Valley YMCA will be featured at a slide show at the Westfield YMCA, 220 Clark St. at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22. Call 985-2291 for information.

Benefit rescheduled

The Westfield Community Players benefit performance of "Sing On!", for Westfield League of Women Voters has been rescheduled for 8 p.m. Feb. 27. Remaining performances will be 8 p.m. Feb. 18, 19, 25, and 26, with a 2 p.m. matinee Feb. 27. Call 232-1221 for tickets.

All American Ball

The Westfield Symphony Orchestra's annual gala ball will be held Feb. 26 at the Hilton at Short Hills. Call 232-9400.

Welcome wagon

The Welcome Wagon Club of Westfield invites women new to the area to a New Member Coffee 8 p.m. Feb. 28. Call 789-2512 for details.

Items needed

The Westfield Day Care Center Auxiliary is seeking donations of sale-worthy items for their Gigantic Garage Sale, slated for May 1. Call 232-8717.

Support group

At 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month, Alzheimer's Support Group meets at the Meridian Nursing Center, 1515 Lamberts Mill Rd. Call 233-9700.

Art auction

The Home and School Association of Holy Trinity Interparochial School will hold its annual art auction 7 p.m. Mar. 5 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, 304 Central Ave., Mountainside. Call 233-0484 for details.

Art for sale

New shows by the members of the Westfield Art Association are hanging in Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountainside and Westfield's Midlantic Bank.

Participating artists include Jeani McClough, Evelyn Turner, George Freeman, Marga Blaser, Sonja Weir, Rose Arbes, Carol Ballet, Florence MacDowell and Tobia Meyers. All work is for sale; inquire at site.

Knights fund-raiser

The Msgr. Henry J. Watterson Council Knights of Columbus thank all who contributed to a fund-raiser for 'The Union County Day Training Center' for the severely handicapped, donating \$830 and over 200 wrapped Christmas gifts.

Board poised to mandate foreign language

By NICOLE A. GAVINO
THE RECORD

The Westfield Board of Education debated whether to make foreign language study mandatory in grades seven and eight at Tuesday's meeting. Superintendent Mark C. Smith endorsed the proposal and the board seemed strongly interested. However, the board did not come to final decision, although most members spoke favorably of the proposal. It will vote on during the board's March 1, 8 p.m. meeting at Washington Elementary School.

Foreign language study is currently not required at any grade level, although it is

offered from grade seven. Presently, between 85% and 90% of seventh and eighth graders are enrolled in a foreign language course. Upon suggestion by the schools' foreign language department and the intermediate schools' principals, Dr. Smith asked that the board approve a proposal that all students be required to take a foreign language, beginning September of 1994.

"My recommendation is to require all children to take it, whether they require basic skills help or not," Dr. Smith said, noting the exclusion of students with an Individual Education Program.

Board member Eileen Satkin argued that the foreign language requirement would eliminate a way to "lessen the load of a

student who is under tremendous stress and academic pressure."

Member William Sweeney agreed, saying the board has said in the past that at the intermediate level "there shouldn't be competition, there shouldn't be pressure, it should be nurturing." He asked, "Why put pressure on a small amount of students who may have legitimate reasons for not taking the language?"

Both Dr. Smith and Board President Susan Pepper said the level of the foreign language courses at the intermediate level is age appropriate. Dr. Smith and Roosevelt School Principal Kenneth Shulack agreed a student's day should be filled with academic study. The only alternative for students not

taking a foreign language is study hall.

"We want to take the first step of being able to set standards," said Robert Roth, intermediate school foreign language department head. "We need to tighten up the requirements. We think that it's the number of years in the foreign language that really produce the skill and the competence."

He emphasized that foreign languages should be treated as a valid academic subject. As board member Melba Nixon said, "foreign language is no less important than mathematics or science."

Dr. Smith said he believes there will be no incremental cost for schools, but that existing classes and staff will be able to absorb the added students without difficulty.

Freeze frame



AUGUSTO F. MENEZES/THE RECORD
A ball balanced on the icy nose of this seal ice and snow sculpture caused some passersby to pause and admire the craftsmanship on Wyoming Avenue. This pre-thaw photo was taken Tuesday this week.

Schools seek means to kill new snow days

By NICOLE A. GAVINO
THE RECORD

The Westfield Board of Education unanimously approved the cancellation of this year's February vacation to make up two school days lost to snow last month, but must still decide how to make up two more days which were lost last week. Superintendent Dr. Mark C. Smith will make a recommendation to the board at its next meeting on March 1, whereupon they will vote on a decision. The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in Washington School and is open to the public.

Students and staff are being notified that Westfield will hold two full-day sessions next Monday and

Tuesday to allow some time to alter plans. These days were formerly Presidents' Day vacation. The cancellation was approved upon a recommendation by Dr. Smith, which came after consultation with the teachers' association, parent-teacher groups and school principals.

Unfortunately, bad weather struck again last week and the board must now find two more days to make up lost time. Several options were discussed at Tuesday's board meeting including April vacation, the end of the school year, Saturdays and half-days on the two remaining holidays — Good Friday and Memorial Day. The state mandates schools (Please turn to page A-3)

SPECIAL REPORT

Why schools cost so much

New Jersey taxpayers pay more per pupil to fund public education than any other state in the nation does. Teacher pay here ranks fourth in the nation, yet pupil-teacher ratio is second lowest in the U.S. The Garden State also ranks 39th in its school bus load

efficiency. Joint purchasing and services units, such as exist in Pennsylvania, could save taxpayers here millions.

These and many other facts and charts are offered in Forbes Newspaper's Special Report "Can we buy a quality education?" in today's issue on pages A-6 and 7.

Crossway span inches toward a replacement

By NICOLE A. GAVINO
THE RECORD

Due to a shifting of the bridge, Westfield is finally making headway in its efforts to replace the Crossway Place railroad overpass and reconstruct the roadway. Last week, Town Council gave tentative approval to a \$500,000 construction project slated to begin this year.

Town Engineer Kenneth B. Marsh recently met with Union County Engineer Frank Petrik and consultants for NJ Transit, who owns the overpass. According to Mr. Marsh, NJ Transit is eager to get the project done because of current concern over movement of the bridge wall.

"The current bridge abutment is shifting, and they are concerned about the stability of the bridge," Mr. Marsh said. "I don't believe there's any imminent danger, but it's something you can't predict." He explained NJ Transit had measured movement of only a fraction of an inch, but the bridge has been stable for years and any movement is cause for concern.

Councilwoman Margaret Sur stressed the bridge abutment is in disrepair and does pose a safety hazard. The Crossway Place overpass is only one project Westfield has been trying to get done for some time. Westfield needs to come to agreement about work proposals and costs with NJ Transit whenever they plan work in areas along the railroad tracks.

Mr. Marsh explained NJ Transit wants to go into construction as soon as possible and will soon be drawing final plans with direction from the town. Although NJ Transit will probably start work on the

bridge this year, Westfield probably will not do the roadwork until next year.

"I don't believe we'll have time to get that into this year's budget," Mr. Marsh said. "We'd like to and we will try to, but we can't do it without the final plans."

A 40-foot wide span with a 6-foot sidewalk on the western side will replace the overpass. According to the proposal, the new structure will stand 13 1/2 feet above the roadway, compared to the current distance of only 10 1/2 feet. Allowed height is 15 feet, but council members agreed this would be too high and might encourage large trucks to use the roadway.

Additionally, a full 90-degree intersection with a light signal, lining Crossway Place with Edgewood Avenue is also proposed. Council members agreed there is a need to align the two streets, due to current difficulties for both motor vehicles and pedestrians.

"You have a lot of conflicting movements," Mr. Marsh said. "That's just a serious accident waiting to happen."

NJ Transit will pay for the new bridge structure and estimates a \$500,000 cost for the roadwork and signal. The county will most likely assume the cost of the signal, which averages at \$250,000. The remaining \$250,000 will be assumed by the town, but Mr. Marsh does not believe costs will turn out to be that high.

Additionally, although the county will pay for the purchase and installment of the traffic signal, the town will still have to pay for its maintenance. Councilman James Hely argued that this can be no small cost, saying the town has been encumbered with signal maintenance costs recently.

WHS students finish strongly in new, tougher HSPT exam

By NICOLE A. GAVINO
THE RECORD

Results from the fall 1993 High School Proficiency Tests (HSPT) showed Westfield students are faring well, as a high percentage of students passed across the board.

These students were the first to officially take the new HSPT which is now targeted towards eleventh grade skill proficiencies. Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction David Rock said students had three prior years of practice testing.

The new test is given in eleventh grade and a passing score is required for graduation. A student must retake the test until he passes it. It is noted as being a much

more rigorous test than the prior ninth-grade HSPT, including open-ended tasks as well as multiple choice questions.

"I am very much in favor of these tests," Dr. Rock said. "They require the student to demonstrate a very good grasp of knowledge, thinking and reasoning skills."

Schools Superintendent Mark C. Smith explained that over the years students across the state generally score higher and higher with larger percentages of students passing the test. To keep the test effective, there has been a need to "raise the bar."

But even with the bar raised, Westfield students made the leap over it. The test covers reading, mathematics and writing. Out of

294 total regular students, 95.6% passed reading, 98% passed mathematics and 100% passed writing. Only 13 eleventh graders did not pass the HSPT.

Possible scores are from 2-500; passing scores are 300 and over. Mean scores for Westfield students were 412.3 in reading, 429 in mathematics and 423.4 in writing.

Special education students also showed good marks. Of the 17 students who took the math section, 16 passed. These students took the same test with variations on factors such as time allowed.

Since this is the first year the test has been taken, Dr. Rock said, he is awaiting results from other districts and the state to see how Westfield fared in comparison.

Julia Child dines at Chez Catherine

By NICOLE A. GAVINO
THE RECORD

Customers dining at Chez Catherine last Friday received an unexpected taste of gastronomic stardom when cooking doyenne, author and television chef Julia Child was spotted dining at a corner table.

Ms. Child was invited to Chez Catherine on her way to New York. Vatel, an organization of French and American chefs, honored the famous chef at a dinner at Tavern on The Green last Sunday.

Owner and chef Catherine Alexandrou had met Ms. Child (Please turn to page A-3)



Catherine Alexandrou, owner-chef of Chez Catherine poses with Julia Child at the restaurant Friday night.

After-school science program to begin on March 21



Students in Westfield's Hands-On-Science for kids elementary school enrichment program conduct experiments in a kitchen chemistry class.

Hands-On-Science (HOS) for Kids, an eight-week enrichment program for children in kindergarten through fifth grade, will run March 21-May 20 after school at Roosevelt Intermediate School.

The program, organized by the Optimist Club of Westfield in 1991, is also cosponsored by the Westfield P-T Council. The purpose of the program is to create a genuine interest in science at an early age by offering organized hands-on-science activities.

"Our Hands-On-Science elementary program has been extremely successful since its founding, and we are excited about new class offerings for the 1994 session in Westfield," said project Chairman Robert Haldeman.

Each HOS program will have a general theme such as airplanes, the magic of chemistry, or electricity and will stress the scientific process. HOS activities help children think critically and gain confidence in problem-solving ability.

Most classes will be 3:30-4:30 p.m., meeting once a week over eight weeks. The program will follow the Westfield elementary school calendar. Tuition for the program will be \$50 for the eight-week session, which includes the cost of all materials. Registration forms will be available in Westfield elementary schools beginning Feb. 23 and will give a complete listing of classes offered.

Classes will be open on a first come, first served basis with the registration form and payment re-

quested by March 3.

Hands-On-Science for Kids is open to all area children. A number of need-based scholarships are

available through the Optimist Club of Westfield. Those interested in receiving a brochure and registration form should write to:

Hands-On-Science for Kids, P.O. Box 2213, Westfield, NJ 07090, or visit their local Westfield elementary school office.

Cops charge driver with DWI after his car hits 2 juveniles

Central Avenue resident Richard K. Yarbenet, 34, was arrested for driving while intoxicated last week after allegedly hitting two pedestrians with his car. About 10:30 p.m. last Thursday, Mr. Yarbenet was traveling eastbound on North Avenue between Charles Street and Tuttle Parkway. He said that he heard a banging noise and pulled over, at which point he realized he had hit two pedestrians.

Two Westfield juveniles, one male and one female were struck as they were walking next to a parked car. Both were brought to Muhlenberg Hospital's emergency room, where they were treated and released.

Mr. Yarbenet was given a sobriety test at the scene, arrested for DWI, then later released on his own recognizance with a court summons. His blood alcohol content was measured at about .17 percent and arresting police claimed that he had slurred speech and impaired balance.

Other arrests

On Feb. 8, Somerset resident William C. Hunt 3rd was arrested for driving under the influence. He was released on his own recognizance with a summons.

Robert Brown, 42, of Elizabeth was arrested Feb. 10 on a charge of shoplifting from Lord & Taylor. He was held in lieu of \$275 bail.

Bernardino Herrera, 33, of North Plainfield was arrested at the 500 block of Central Avenue Feb. 12 and charged with driving while intoxicated. He was held in lieu of \$650 bail.

Stephen Hingle, 29, of Plainfield was arrested Feb. 12 and charged with theft. A Scotch Plains resident reported that Hingle grabbed a \$5 bill from his hand while outside a store on the 500 block of South Avenue West. The victim immediately flagged down a passing police car and police arrested Mr. Hingle only 200 feet away. Mr. Hingle was released on his own recognizance with a court summons.

Two youths who were present at the scene were also arrested at the same time. Police arrested Michael Stillwell, 18, of Kimball Avenue and a 16-year-old Westfield resident and charged them for possession of marijuana under 50 grams.

Fire calls...

The Westfield Fire Department responded to the following calls last week:

Feb. 7:
100 block of Pine Court - telephone wire down.
100 block of Cedar Street - Unintentional alarm.

Feb. 8:
700 block of Norman Place - lock out.
Jefferson elementary School - power line down.
Corner of Hart Street and Palsted - gas odor investigation.

Feb. 9:
100 block of Mohawk Trail - unintentional alarm.
200 block of Sunset Avenue - lock out.

Feb. 10:
700 block of Central Avenue - telephone wire down.
200 block of East Broad Street - gas odor investigation.

Feb. 11:
100 block of Fair Hill Road - vehicle fire.

Mr. Stillwell was released on his own recognizance with a summons while the juvenile was turned over to a parent.

Assault

A Cranford resident reported a simple assault in the roadway on the 300 block of South Avenue West Feb. 12. She reported that as she tried to exit a driveway, another car blocked hers and the other driver then left his car. The victim said that she went into a local store to call police when the suspect appeared, irate and screaming. The woman left the store with the suspect following. She claims that he then struck her with an open hand on her shoulder, got into his car and fled.

Burglary, theft

A Sherbrooke Drive resident reported the theft of numerous items from her residence Feb. 11. She reported that several pieces of jewelry and silverware valuing about \$2500 were found missing.

A Cranford resident reported the theft of money while at her North Avenue workplace Feb. 11. She claims that \$35 and her Lord & Taylor card were stolen from her purse while it was under a cash register.

A Temple Street resident reported the theft of a sweatshirt from his basement Feb. 12. He suspects that another tenant who shares the basement area of the building stole the sweatshirt.

A Drake Place resident reported the theft of his CB radio from his vehicle while it was parked at his residence Feb. 13.

A Dorian Road resident reports the theft of a phone from his car Feb. 13.

Criminal mischief

On Feb. 7, a Washington Street resident reported a window of her car was broken.

A Greene Place resident reported his car was vandalized Feb. 9.

A Union resident reported criminal mischief to his car while it was parked on the 600 block of Roosevelt Street.

300 block of Brightwood Avenue - animal rescue.

500 block of First Street - good intent.

100 block of West Court - assist rescue squad.

800 block of Knollwood Terrace - electrical short.

700 block of North Avenue - assist rescue squad at accident scene.

Feb. 12:
500 block of Maple Street - cable wire down.

200 block of Virginia Street - odor investigation.

200 block of Elmer Street - smoke condition caused by furnace.

McKinley Elementary School - soffit collapse caused by ice build up.

Feb. 13:
700 block of Kimball Avenue - hazardous condition caused by ice build up on roof.

200 block of Lynn Lane - unintentional alarm.

400 block of Birch Place - odor investigation.

1000 block of Rahway Avenue - natural gas leak.

DARE



Jefferson School fifth-graders have completed the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Program) during the direction of Officer Edward Belford of the Westfield Police Department. Posing during their graduation planning lunch with Officer Belford are Lindsey Guerrero, Jessica Johnson, Kerri Anness, Lauren Coltrera, Kathleen Czap and Dreena Whitfield.

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With an icy stare at the corner of Summit Avenue and Belmar Court, a snow-sculpted dinosaur seems unconcerned about warming temperatures.

Board appointee Gould seeks full term

By NICOLE A. GAVINO
THE RECORD

Peter G. Gould, appointed to the Westfield school board last month, has announced his intention to seek a three-year term on the board. In a letter to *The Record*, Mr. Gould stated his reasons for seeking election and his agenda for the board of education.

A 10-year resident with one school-aged child, Mr. Gould is a principal at Overseas Partners Group, an investment firm specializing in corporate acquisitions. He stated he comes to the school board with three perspectives.

"The first is that of a father," Mr. Gould wrote. "The second is that of a taxpayer. I believe that our property taxes have escalated in recent years because our elected officials have accepted, without reflection,

the inevitability of higher spending in order to deliver quality services. The third is that of an executive, both in business and government. I understand that business is not government, but I believe strongly that the one has much to teach the other."

Mr. Gould said his belief in the value of Westfield's school system has been challenged by the "murmurings of discontent throughout the town that deserve a response," claiming that many who "condemn the taxes they pay here ... have abandoned the public schools in Westfield for private academies ... believe that the governing bodies here are unresponsive and financially irresponsible." He believes unless these concerns are addressed, the quality that exists in the schools and town is in jeopardy.

His objectives on the school board include maintaining the quality of education in Westfield while reducing costs. He stresses a strong educational foundation in language and communications, science and math and study of the world and its peoples, and the importance of learning solid thinking and analytical skills.

"In today's world, any fact or technique may become obsolete overnight," Mr. Gould said. "Education therefore must prepare students to acquire and use knowledge throughout their lives."

But at the same time, he believes school spending should be subject to scrutiny against those educational standards. "Programs and services that are not essential must be questioned. Programs and services that are important must be rendered cost effectively. Choic-

es must be made. Creativity and flexibility will be required if those choices are not to damage the core strengths of our school system."

Mr. Gould encourages a school system that focuses on "a lean overhead structure and provides for empowerment and accountability at the lowest possible level." He suggests alternatives in sharing resources and costs within the school system and with other school districts and town government.

"We must be willing to experiment in order to maintain and enhance the quality of our schools while minimizing the inefficiencies inherent in Westfield's system of neighborhood schools," Mr. Gould emphasized. "Many will contend that it is impossible to reconcile quality education and neighborhood schools with fiscal restraint. I believe it is mandatory we do so."

Flast seeks three-year, elected seat on board

By NICOLE A. GAVINO
THE RECORD

Newly appointed member Robert H. Flast has announced his intention to run for a three-year seat on Westfield Board of Education in April's election. Mr. Flast was appointed last month to fill one of two seats vacated by resignations of Michael Fox and Benjamin Rulf.

"I believe that good schools are everyone's business," Mr. Flast said. "They produce lifelong learners capable of becoming productive citizens; they attract families to Westfield, as they did ours; for 14,000 hours of our children's lives, they provide a source of stability in these stressful times; and, last but not least, they have a positive impact on housing values that helps everyone, including homeowners without children in the schools."

A nine-year Westfield resident with three children in the school system, Mr. Flast said he wants to be part of policy setting activities.

Vice President of Information Systems at Metropolitan Life, Mr. Flast has already been involved with Westfield Schools, serving for a year on the citizen Technology Committee. He believes preparing students for life in the 21st century is the most important issue facing Westfield schools.

Mr. Flast explained "there is increasing evidence that the outdated values of the factory model school - centralization, standardization, fixed schedules and accountability based on following rules are giving way to the new values of decentralization, respect for diversity, an emphasis on learning and accountability based on results. These are issues worth pursuing at this time in the Westfield Public Schools."

Mr. Flast said he wants to maintain and improve a school system which educates for understanding, as opposed to educating for high test scores. He feels it is important for the school board to measure

and prove "how well we are converting the potential learners provided to us in kindergarten into lifelong learners."

Mr. Flast also recognizes the importance of reducing costs, especially with a new school budget going to voters in April. "While I

have much to learn about how and where we spend money, my general attitude is that spending more money on outdated models is probably foolish," he said, "whereas investing money in new models and experiments at least has the potential of paying off in terms of better outcome at lower cost."

Julia Child at Chez Catherine

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several times before, but never had the opportunity to sit down and talk with her. Last Friday, her opportunity finally came.

"She's very warm and charming, very down to earth" Ms. Alexandrou said, noting that Ms. Child did not want everyone's attention but rather chose to sit with her back to the rest of the customers.

Ms. Alexandrou served her guest an appetizer of puff pastry filled with ground duck meat; skate served lightly battered with a ginger, carrot, orange, lemon and tomato sauce; baby rack of lamb; and Catherine's cheesecake for dessert.

Indeed, the dinner menu consisted of items special to Ms. Alexandrou's heart. The duck pastry was her father's recipe and a

childhood favorite. Dinner was served with a red Sancerre wine, which comes from Ms. Alexandrou's home-town. She said she grew up with the scent of that wine, and Ms. Child told her it is no wonder she is a talented chef.

"She does not use extravagant words," Ms. Alexandrou explained. "She complimented me by saying that my food was delicious, it was beyond what she was expecting."

Ms. Child also spoke with one customer who was on his way out of the restaurant and told him Westfield is very fortunate to have such a restaurant in their very own town.

Since everyone wanted to know what she ate, Chez Catherine served the skate dish on the restaurant's Valentine's menu, noting it as Ms. Child's favorite.

Schools seek means to kill snow days

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be in session for at least 4 hours on 180 days.

Board members argued over the difficulties of each choice, noting that any choice will cause some contention.

"We're going to inconvenience some," said Vice President Susan Jacobson. "We've already done it with the February vacation. The whole darn winter's been an inconvenience."

Dr. Smith said his own first choice would be to see if they can push the end of the year a little further. Problems noted by board members include the set date for the Project Graduation bash among summer plan inconveniences. Board member Danielle Walsh said the party's committee is currently negotiating to reschedule the event, which offers an alcohol-free, supervised party for seniors after graduation.

However, member William Sweeney said, "I'm sensitive to it, but it's still a party and I question whether it should dictate a decision for the entire district."

Although the April vacation may be a consideration, Dr. Smith noted that his sense from staff and parents was, since they gave up the February vacation, they would hope to maintain the April vacation.

Another possibility is to schedule half-days of school on Good Friday and Memorial Day, but most members agreed they should avoid that to respect the importance of those holidays.

Saturdays are also an option. Mrs. Jacobson suggested the board make separate decisions for grades K-8 and for the high school, calling for an addition of two days to the end of the year for K-8 and Saturday make-up days for the high school.

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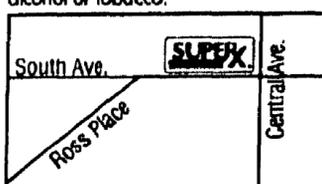
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Commentary

Reform school

New Jersey's high profile makes us top prospect for re-doing process of education

The statistics are unnerving. New Jersey ranks number one in per pupil expenditures for education and 39th in the nation in SAT scores. Many experts discount the use of SAT scores as a measure of achievement but even when the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) scores are used, a test that the experts do agree is a good indicator, New Jersey ranks 14th.

Not only does New Jersey spend more per student than any other state, it also ranks first in the rate of increase in per pupil spending over the past 20 years.

While over 75 percent of state residents who responded to a poll conducted by *The Record* in Hackensack said they were satisfied with the quality of their own schools, overall, state residents are concerned with the financial issues that surround the education arena. The Quality Education Act, state legislation designed to equalize education funding in rich and poor districts, continues to spark the debate of whether money can buy a quality education. Its critics say that the problem with the program to shift education funding from the suburbs to needy urban districts was not linking additional money to reform, or to accountability.

The cost and quality of education has always been more or less a function of where you happen to live. Americans have largely accepted this disparity because they are accustomed to a system based on local control of education funded by a local property tax. But as more states face lawsuits contending that property tax financing of public schools is unconstitutional because schools in affluent areas receive more

money than schools in depressed areas, the race is on to invent and implement cost-effective strategies.

The data show that Americans have invested heavily in public education throughout the last 20 years. Despite a seven percent decline in student enrollment, total public school spending nationwide has increased by 47 percent in constant 1992 dollars; per pupil spending has increased by 62 percent; teacher salaries have increased 4 percent; the number of teachers, 17 percent; and the number of non-teaching staff, 40 percent. What the data also show is that despite raising teacher-student and staff-student ratios, increasing teacher pay, and boosting real per-pupil spending, student performance on standardized testing instruments are not rising.

There are very real reasons why funding has increased so much during the past two decades, including an increase in special student populations; students' exposure to poverty, drugs and violence; teacher and employer health benefits; programs and services for nonacademic student needs including health and counseling services; and federal and state mandates for special programs, courses and facilities, often without sufficient funding.

William Bennett recently compared the public school system to Jurassic Park. "It is wildly experimental, often dangerous, and has a fair number of dinosaurs running around...not the people, but the practices," he said.

Both educational and financial experts agree with Mr. Bennett that bureaucratic reforms are necessary to ensure financial stability in the future.

State Plan is okayed in nick of time

By DAVID F. MOORE
N.J. CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

Something quite useful happened in the last days of Gov. Jim Florio's administration: He issued an executive order plugging the State Plan into state government actions.

I had hoped this would be done sooner, since every day of uncoordinated planning means loss of natural resources. Lack of such guidance for the various state agencies means that we taxpayers cough up many unnecessary dollars.

As Gov. Florio said in his final State of the State message, "By following the State Plan, and putting development in the right places, it's estimated that New Jersey taxpayers will save as much as \$1.3 billion in capital costs over the next 20 years and up to \$400 million each year in operational costs."

This means taxpayers will win and those now financially benefiting from the lack of governmental coordination will lose. Among the losers will be land speculators. Here's why. With a fairly static population over the past few decades, almost all growth came from intrastate migration of urban dwellers to less dense surroundings.

That meant all the public services needed in the new settlements had to be built and maintained, and the infrastructure left behind now served fewer people.

That is why this state we're in has more road miles to take care of per person than any other in the

nation. It is also why our urban infrastructure is falling apart; there aren't enough taxpayers to keep up with it.

Every time we build countryside roads and sewers, we create a growth magnet at the expense of taxpayers in urban places and their outskirts.

A chain of events occurred due to wild speculation in land development in the '80s. Competitive banks loaned money to land speculators, thinking that the market was insatiable. New offices and shopping centers competed for the business older structures housed, worsening downtown dereliction.

Finally the bubble burst, with us taxpayers bailing out the bank depositors left holding the bag, and paying for all the infrastructure installed in anticipation of a continuing boom.

Key elements in reorienting the direction of state departments include insuring that state government missions obey the principles contained in the State Plan. Development must be concentrated instead of sprawled, and aimed where public services already exist and are in need of renovation or are underutilized.

Another element is to focus public investment where development concentration makes sense, with locations where jobs and stores exist and housing can be added when needed.

Preservation of countryside is taken for granted in western Europe. The British Isles would look just like New Jersey were it not for planning controls imposed through the Town and Country Planning Act.

By JOHN A. LYNCH

Senator, N.J. Legislature

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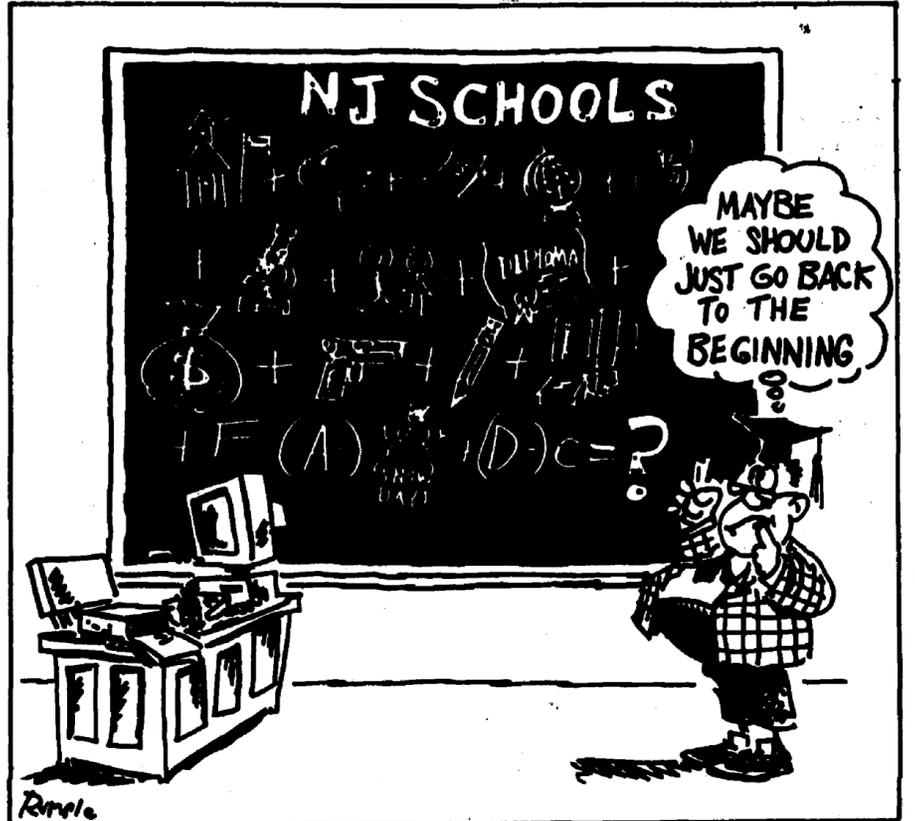
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There does seem to be something patently unfair about one level of government requiring another to provide specific services without providing the necessary funding. My understanding of the problem, in fact, led me to co-sponsor the original State Mandate/State Pay constitutional amendment in 1986.

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Letters to the editor

How much harm can snow days do?

To The Record:

As we attempt to dig our way out of several snow storms and the problem in dealing with "make-up days" for our public schools, I would like to offer a few comments and suggestions:

Unfortunately, many school districts in the state of New Jersey will be experiencing much controversy over "when" these snow days should be made up. It would seem impossible that everyone could be satisfied, but perhaps there is a way:

Wouldn't it make sense for local

school boards to build four or five days into the school calendar and if they aren't used, they they would be a bonus at the end of the year. It seems very unfair that many people will have to give up their vacation, especially those who are locked into financial obligations already incurred for February vacation. After all, it is short notice, considering winter break or Presidents' week begins Feb. 21. April vacation is also a problem for many and likewise Saturdays. So perhaps the most logical and sensible remedy is to chalk up three

or four days as an "act of god" instead of "playing god" — unless, of course, the 180-school-days requirement is carved in stone! So how about it, Department of Education. Do we honestly feel our children will become illiterate for missing three or four school days? Isn't it about time the state stops threatening our local school districts with withdrawing "state aid" which, in essence, represents our own tax dollars. In this situation, family time is equally as important as a few school days.

KATHLEEN HINTZE
Westfield

Vet supports full trade, recognition

To The Record:

As a Vietnam Veteran, I read with interest "Trade deal stirs local Viet Vets" (2/10/94).

Colonel Harry Summers, a Vietnam veteran and instructor at Army War College, stated to a North Vietnamese colonel that the U.S. Forces were never defeated on the battlefield, to which the North Vietnamese replied that although that fact was true, it was also irrelevant, thereby demonstrating the dominance of the ultimate political

victory over the military. Perhaps that political victory is now also irrelevant.

The time has come to turn upon the Communist regime in Vietnam the most powerful weapon in our arsenal: The American Culture. Although there is much about it worthy of criticism, it is irresistible and to flourish requires political and economic freedom. Thus that Communist agent, on display in his glass sarcophagus in Hanoi can be removed both figuratively and literally

from the Vietnamese presence, and Vietnam can evolve into a post communist state.

To this end, the lifting of the economic embargo is an overdue and positive step; full diplomatic relations should be established forthwith.

To have required, or to continue to require, further MIA disclosure or human rights concessions would be to deny use of that very mechanism that would bring these worthy results to fruition.

BERNARD A. HEENEY

Senator Lynch (D) forewarns 'no panacea' in funded mandates

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Further, since state mandate/state pay does not, in and of itself, require additional net appropriations of state dollars to local governments, it is probable that a portion of the moneys needed to meet mandated obligations would be found in other state payments to local governments. We would be engaged in another fiscal shell game, having little or no positive impact on property taxes.

To compound the problem, state mandate payments would be program-specific and categorical, while 90 percent of existing state-aid dollars are non-categorical. Obviously, this shift would seriously restrict the autonomy of local government officials who, very often, are able to identify the most efficient, innovative and productive ways to use scant resources, effectively controlling costs.

Finally, I wonder if local officials who are inclined to support a state mandate/state pay policy would be willing to bear the increased and explicit state control over their government that may accompany additional state dollars. In the interest of seeing to it that state-funded mandates are properly executed, the Legislature will tend to enact requirements for administration, staffing, and salaries for new and expanded programs. In the guise of providing fiscal relief to local governments, local officials will be facing the addition of tighter state controls.

Even if local officials have no problem with that scenario, in a state of 507 municipalities, I wonder how the Legislature can devise a series of standards that serves each municipality fairly and well. Imagine the Legislature imposing

a mandate which requires a recycling program, or any number of public health programs, then devising uniform standards for implementation which make sense for communities as disparate as Newark and Spring Lake. Perhaps more to the point, I wonder if we need or want state government to be in the business of micro-managing local governments.

I have not forgotten the conundrum state mandates create for local governments. For that reason, I am not opposed to the concept of state mandate/state pay. I am, however, reticent to support a solution to a problem caused by interference by the state at the local level which is, in itself, a further breach of that division.

It seems to me that the real solution to the financial burden imposed upon local government and property taxpayers by state mandates is to ensure that the state aid provided to local governments is sufficient to alleviate the hardship to homeowners and taxpayers.

Democrats in the Legislature initiated a concerted effort to provide property tax relief in 1990 with the state assumption of local welfare and social service costs. It continued with the revision and expansion of the homestead rebate program and with increased state aid for education. The 1991 Lynch Dalton bill provided \$360 million in property tax relief, 9 percent of income tax revenue collected that year. The bill also imposed caps on school spending which have proven to work extremely well in keeping property taxes under control.

The fact is, as a direct result of these programs property taxes stabilized in 1991 and 1992 for the

first time in a decade. If the Republican majorities had continued to provide relief at the level of 9 percent, which was the obvious intent of the legislation, 73 million additional dollars would have been available in FY 94 for that purpose.

In order to guarantee property tax relief, it is incumbent upon the legislative leadership to exercise discipline in retaining spending and in dedicating a set percentage of state income tax revenue to local government. In addition, Senate President DiFrancesco should, as I did when the responsibility was mine, refuse to post any bill which carries a price tag but no funding. In effect, municipalities can be protected from unfunded mandates without the need for legislation or constitutional amendment. These combined initiatives offer a relatively uncomplicated, unintrusive method of addressing the state mandate/state pay problem and of achieving property tax relief.

The onerous effect of mandates, unaccompanied by funding, is that local government, in the absence of increased state aid, has no other principal source of revenue to tap other than the property tax. New Jersey, historically, has been overly dependent upon the property tax. If Governor Whitman pushes forward with her plan to reduce the income tax by 30 percent over three years, that reliance on property tax revenue will only increase as the funds available for state aid to local governments shrink.

If the state adopts a state mandate/state pay policy rather than one of property tax reform, municipalities will have won a pyrrhic victory at property taxpayers expense.

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Can we buy quality education? — A Forbes Newspapers special report

More money does not buy better grades, stats reveal

This series of articles offers some perspective on why New Jersey leads the nation in per-pupil spending. Reporter Joanne McFadden found state and national sources who offered statistics and opinions on the issue. Most observed that the sheer number of school districts leads to costly duplication. Letters from readers on education costs are welcome and will appear in all Forbes Newspapers as this series of articles has.

— Ed Carroll, Executive Editor

By JOANNE McFADDEN

FORBES NEWSPAPERS

In New Jersey, state and local spending on education has increased significantly in recent years, but student achievement has not. These facts would seem forceful in attacking the implicit

Overview

notion in many voters' minds that education spending is an investment in better-educated young people. It seems in many districts that attacking school spending is politically incorrect.

A comparison of student achievement data, high school graduation rates, per pupil expenditures, average teacher salaries and other spending variables shows no clear pattern linking spending and student perform-

Expenses rise, SATs decline in NJ

	1972	1982	1992	72-92 Rate of Change
Average combined SAT score	916 (44th in U.S.)	869 (44th in U.S.)	891 (39th in U.S.)	-1.7%
Average Per Pupil expenditures in constant '92 \$	\$4,302 (4th in U.S.)	\$6,421 (3rd in U.S.)	10,561 (1st in U.S.)	+145% (1st in U.S. in rate of increase)

SOURCE: REPORT CARD ON AMERICAN EDUCATION, A STATE-BY-STATE ANALYSIS. C. EMILY FEISTRITZER

ance. (See table on this page.)

Ten states dominate the nation on all measures of student performance including the NAEP, SAT and ACT scores and graduation rates. They are Iowa, North Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Kansas and South Dakota. Three additional states, Montana, Colorado and Missouri, follow closely behind. Yet all the highest student performance states, except Wisconsin, are far from the top-ranking in per pupil expenditures, average teacher salaries and other spending measures.

New Jersey is number one in per pupil spending, fourth in teacher's salary, 14 in NAEP scores, 39 in SAT scores, and eighth in graduation rates. In the past 20 years, per pupil expenditures in New Jersey rose 145 percent in constant 1992 dollars while SAT scores decreased by an average 25 points.

"Although the overwhelming conclusion of the literature is that there is no correlation between spending and student performance, in New Jersey, any correlation between dollars spent and pupil performance is sort of negatively correlated," said Emily Feistritz, director of the National Center for Education Information. "You (in N.J.) just don't get the return on the dollar that you do in most other states."

Instead, said Ms. Feistritz, students appear to excel if excellence is expected, courses are challenging and schools are organized small enough to be managed effectively, on-site by principals, teachers and parents.

While there seems to be no link between teachers' salaries or per pupil expenditures and test scores, there is a weak link between teachers' experience and test scores.

According to Eric Hanushek, a

professor of economics and political science at the University of Rochester, there is a positive relationship between years of teacher experience and student performance. In the primary grades, teachers with at least five years of teaching experience were more effective in increasing student test scores. At the high school level, teachers with nine or more years experience produced better results, he said.

Others, including R.F. Ferguson, author of *Paying for Public Education: New Evidence on How and Why Money Matters*, say money is misdirected towards the

New Jersey is number one in per-pupil spending, 4th in teacher salary, 14th in NAEP scores, 39th in SAT scores and 8th in graduation rate

administrative functions of the district. Since there is a link, although weak, between teacher experience and achievement, Mr. Ferguson advocates developing training programs that would speed up teacher learning process. In addition, he said, experienced teachers should be re-

Top 10 Academic States

	SAT (total 92) (rank)	Teacher-pupil ratio (rank)	\$ per pupil (rank) 92-93	NAEP (score rank)
Iowa	1096 (1)	15.7 (19)	\$5,243 (27)	283 (1)
N. Dakota	1068 (2)	15.2 (10)	4,423 (44)	283 (1)
Minn.	1053 (3)	17.1 (30)	5,305 (25)	282 (3)
Nebraska	1018 (8)	14.8 (7)	4,995 (35)	277 (6)
Wisconsin	1029 (7)	14.9 (9)	6,725 (8)	277 (6)
Idaho	963 (22)	19.6 (48)	3,847 (48)	274 (8)
Utah	1041 (4)	23.8 (51)	3,128 (51)	274 (8)
Wyoming	978 (21)	15.2 (10)	5,939 (17)	274 (8)
Kansas	1033 (6)	15.2 (10)	5,425 (23)	NA
S. Dakota	1040 (5)	15.6 (16)	4,524 (42)	NA
New Jersey	801 (39)	14.0 (4)	10,561 (1)	271 (14)
U.S.	899	17.2	5,598	266

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tained, particularly at the secondary level.

"If schools spent their money on these ideas, student test scores are likely to improve," Mr. Ferguson said.

Still, most education experts would caution against rating teachers on the numbers of years experience, number of degrees, or salary.

"The quality of teaching depends wholly on the quality of the

teacher, not measured in terms of numbers of years, or in the numbers of degrees, but in the ability of the teacher to teach, to use strategies and experiences to convey learning to students," said Andy Plattner, director of communications, National Center for Education and the Economy. "To assess teachers strictly on scores of standardized testing is probably not fair. We need to look at what the teacher does with the students," he said.

Reading...



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First-grader Ashley Collins works on her reading study book last week in Walnut Avenue School in Cranford.

So many districts, so much cost — but voters think, 'So what?'

New Jersey has 619 school districts, which ranks second only to Illinois in the nation in districts per capita.

The expense aspect of so many school operations is that each district has its own elected school board, administrative offices, facilities and personnel. Local budgeting, staffing and balloting create a political phenomenon called "home rule" which is deeply rooted in voters' hearts here; however, one result is a system that encourages and preserves unneeded administrative jobs and siphons money from the classroom.

Both educational and financial consultants agree that home rule is an extremely costly system. While based on history, tradition, culture, and politics, almost everyone interviewed for this series — educators, financial consultants and politicians — describes it as outmoded and expensive.

New Jersey's high number of school districts causes duplication of services and personnel and increases the total amount state

residents are paying for education. Today, almost 50 percent of every NJ property tax dollar goes to the school district.

Home rule

There is little doubt that taxpayers could save millions of dollars through the consolidation of educational services without diminishing quality, experts said.

The inefficiency of the home rule system is not lost on Gov. Christie Whitman, who recently encouraged mergers of municipal governments and school boards. Today, funding pressures under the state Quality Education Act, designed to equalize educational funding for rich and poor districts, have again forced New Jersey legislators to revisit the issue of school consolidation.

Some state educational experts support a plan whereby school districts would be reorganized into kindergarten through 12th grade districts with minimum enrollments of 3,500.

But just whisper about merging school districts to eliminate costly administrative duplication and many voters will rise up in opposition.

"Although people can get a hold of the financial reins, they are concerned it will be at the expense of local control," said Mary Fulton of the Education Commission of the States, a Colorado-based organization that studies education funding issues. "There's that feeling that 'my' community is doing fine, that it's the other community that is wasting money, or adding unnecessary programs. People are afraid that if they share the cost of education with neighboring towns, they will also have to share control over schools, and that is very scary to many," she said.

Cost of living here highest

The costs of education are a reflection of the local cost of living, and there is no doubt that it is more expensive to live in the met-

- 3 - Chicago.....115.1
- 4 - Boston.....139.7
- 5 - Philadelphia.....133.4

Middle range

- Phoenix.....101.2
- Dover, Del.....106.8
- Augusta, Ga.....100.5
- Champaign-Urbana, Ill.....100.3
- Grand Rapids, Mich.....103.8

Least expensive

- Morristown, Tenn.....87.7
- Tulsa, Okla.....89.6
- Lincoln, Neb.....89.6
- St. Joseph, Mo.....87
- Pueblo, Colo.....86.8

Cost of living

ropolitan New York-Newark area than in any other part of the nation. In terms of per capita income, however, New Jersey is also at the top.

According to the American Chamber of Commerce Rating Association Cost of Living Index, the top, middle and lowest groups of cities in the United States in terms of cost of living are:

- Most expensive
- 1 - New York-Newark metropolitan area.....208.3
- 2 - Los Angeles, Long Beach.....123.7

Teacher pay is 4th in US, while pupil ratio is second

New Jersey spends more money on education than any other state, but the money is not going to teachers, said C. Emily Feistritz, director of the National Center for Education Information.

"The numbers in New Jersey are mixed, but based on the salaries as a percentage of total expenditures, New Jersey is at the bottom of the list," said Ms. Feistritz.

Teachers

Feistritz. "New Jersey is spending more money on education than any other state in the nation, but it is not spending it on teachers' salaries," she said.

Nationwide salaries for teachers exceeded inflation by 4 percent over the past 20 years, yet expenditures for teachers' salaries as a percentage of total school spending shrank.

A 4 percent increase after adjustment for inflation may seem nominal but it isn't when compared to annual earnings in manufacturing which, on average, lost 8.0 percent over the same period.

In New Jersey, over the same period, teacher salaries grew 13 percent in constant dollars while the manufacturing dropped 3.0 percent.

In 1972, New Jersey teachers ranked fifth in the nation in average salaries, but fell to 15th by 1982. Today, New Jersey teachers rank fourth in the nation in average salary. The average New Jersey teacher salary is about \$41,000.

Salaries as a percentage of current and total school expenditures also shrank in New Jersey from 48.8 percent in 1972 to 34.2 percent in 1992, much lower than the national average of 41.8.

New Jersey is 10th in the nation in the number of students it educates in public schools and ninth in the nation in the number of teachers. In every state in the nation, the rates of increase in numbers of teachers outstripped enrollment increase which resulted in a drop in the pupil to teacher

New Jersey is spending more on education than any other state in the nation, but it is not spending it on teachers' salaries

ratio. Nationwide the average number of pupils per teacher in public schools has continued to fall during the past six years and now stands at 17.3. New Jersey's average is 13.8 students. It is second only to the District of Columbia, whose average is 10.5. On the other end, California has the highest teacher-pupil ratio with 23.9.

Teacher workload: pupils per teacher

	1972	1982	1992
New Jersey	19.3 (6th in U.S.)	15.8 (8th in U.S.)	13.8 (4th in U.S.)
California	24 (44th in U.S.)	23.5 (50th in U.S.)	23.9 (50th in U.S.)
U.S.	21.8	18.6	17.2

SOURCE: REPORT CARD ON AMERICAN EDUCATION, A STATE-BY-STATE ANALYSIS. C. EMILY FEISTRITZER

Contracts favor NJ's teachers

More than 40 percent of total current school expenditures are covered by labor contracts, meaning unions have an incredible impact on budgets and taxes.

According to the U.S. Department of Commerce nationwide averages for full time school district instructional staff in unions is 59.1 percent. In New Jersey, the average is 81.0 percent.

The national average percentage salary increase in negotiated teacher contracts over the past five years ranged from 7.6 to 7 percent. In New Jersey, the average ranged from 9.6 to 15 percent over the same period.

Other aspects of teacher labor contracts and conditions, here include:

- [] Some type of teacher tenure exists in all 50 states, although in at least 12 there is some type of continuing education requirement.
- [] New Jersey is one of five states to issue permanent teaching certificates without requiring teachers to periodically apply for renewal.
- [] Most states forbid collective bargaining for certain items in educators' contracts; however, New Jersey alone forbids setting specific standards and criteria for evaluating school employee performance.

NEXT WEEK...

Next week's installment in the Forbes Newspapers series on education will focus on testing to gauge students' achievement levels. Future installments through this school year will cover:

- [] Pupils performing to their maximum potential
- [] Staff, texts and curriculum
- [] Impact of home life on grades
- [] Who and what must change to improve schools

Community Life

Beatles fans — 30 years later...

True fans from '64 Sullivan show carry devotion for Fab Four to this very day!!



Beatles lore receives ample space and customer attention at Bob McManigal's Music Staff store in Westfield. GEORGE PACCELLO/FORBES NEWSPAPERS

By AMY BRUMER
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"Thinking about The Beatles makes me feel old," said Tom Dudek, owner of Off the Record music store in Cranford. The 42-year-old Mr. Dudek was 13 when The Beatles made their American debut on the Ed Sullivan show in 1964. The thirtieth anniversary of that occasion was Feb. 9, and local music fans were asked to reflect on the music of the time and what it meant to them.

Mr. Dudek was living in central New Jersey at the time, and remembers watching the Sullivan show and going with his father to buy the record which featured *I Want to Hold Your Hand*, at Two Guys, a record store on Rt. 22 which is no longer there.

"Dad had the car, so he took us, but he didn't like The Beatles," Mr. Dudek said. For Baby Boomers like Mr. Dudek, The Beatles' music is linked with high school memories and an awareness of identity.

"I remember trying to brush my hair to look like theirs, and then pretending the wind did it. The Beatles meant, not only was it all right to be young then, but it was most desirable to be young. For the past thirty years I've wanted to be a Beatle," said Mr. Dudek.

According to many Beatles fans, America changed greatly after the arrival of the group.

"There was a change in style, and they lent an identity, either created or mirrored," said Mr. Dudek. "No one knew what was happening — society changed because The Beatles turned out to be THE BEATLES," he added.

At Off the Record, Beatlemania is an ongoing thing as fans tend to congregate in the store, especially on Saturday. While appreciation of the music goes on, the memory of John Lennon seems to stop

the story short.

"The Beatles are a story with a sad ending; John Lennon dies at the end," Mr. Dudek said.

Jackie O'Brien lives in Westfield, and was thirteen years old the night the Beatles played The Ed Sullivan Show. She considers herself a full fledged fanatic.

"I was head over heels for John," said Mrs. O'Brien. "I liked the way he bounced on his knees when he played, not sideways like Paul."

Mrs. O'Brien saw the Fab Four at Yankee and Shea stadiums, and remembers climbing a tree with her friends to get a better look at the helicopter that took them away.

"They flew over these trees!" she remembers screaming.

Like many Beatle-crazed fans, Mrs. O'Brien coveted favorite pieces of Beatle memorabilia. She worked hard at babysitting to buy magazines which featured the singers, and pins, which said 'I love The Beatles.' But her prized possession was an index card with a square piece of a sheet from the Beatle's New York hotel room on it. She had sent away from a magazine for it, spending between one and five dollars.

"My parents didn't mind the music," Mrs. O'Brien said, but then reconsidering, "Maybe they did. I went to Europe and when I got back my mother said to me, 'Oh, I finally got rid of all that junk in the basement.' She had thrown out all of my Beatle things, even the sheet."

Strong feelings about the Beatles seem to coincide with strong feelings about other rock and rollers of the time.

"I hated Elvis," said Mrs. O'Brien. "The Beatles were so different from every thing else with their British accents. It was a European invasion — but they were so different from the Rolling Stones, less wholesome."

Mrs. O'Brien has two teenage children,

Rob and Megan who attend Westfield High School, and an older son, Kevin, who attends college. She says Rob and Megan tend to listen to popular music, and she likes it, too. Rob also likes alternative music and rap, while Kevin listens to a wide range of music which includes The Beatles.

While Mrs. O'Brien relates to some of the music her kids like, she remembers a moment when her family was incapable of relating to her experience.

"When Yoko asked for ten minutes of silence I was really affected," said Mrs. O'Brien reflecting on John Lennon's death. "I had little kids, and I was very sad. My husband laughed, but I thought it important to do what she requested. It was such a loss."

David Palmer, who lives in Westfield, was 19 years old and living in New Zealand when the Beatles made their American debut.

"It is the best music ever written," said Mr. Palmer as he remembered growing up with The Beatles' music. "Groups covered them in high school at school dances. They were always on the radio at beach parties."

Mr. Palmer also remembers groups like The Hollies, but said the difference was that the Beatles' music was "consistently good," and always made you want to "stop everything and just listen to the music."

The lyrics first attracted Mr. Palmer to The Beatles.

"They were so clever," he said. "But Americans tend to put too much emphasis on the meaning of them. Paul McCartney even said they were just trying to write a good song."

Mr. Palmer's son, Michael, attends Westfield High School and plays both the guitar and the saxophone. They share an interest in the technicalities of harmony and melody in The Beatles' music, as well as

an appreciation of groups like Pearl Jam, whom Mr. Palmer says are "very talented."

George Johnson lives in Garwood, and owns the Cranford Bike Shop. He was in sixth grade when The Beatles hit America,

'I remember trying to brush my hair to look like theirs, and then pretending the wind did it'
— Tom Dudek

and mostly remembers "a lot of women screaming and fainting on TV." He enjoys hearing their music now, and plans to introduce his six year old son to their music. For right now, though, he admits his son is happy to listen to Barney, a singing cartoon dinosaur.

Not every one was affected with Beatlemania. In fact, Bob McManigal, who works at The Music Staff in Westfield and lives in Scotch Plains, really didn't understand the sensation.

"It seemed like a bit of nonsense to me, all the craziness and screaming. It flipped me out, you could barely hear the music," he said.

Thirteen years of age when the group came to America, Mr. McManigal thought the music was "too pop and too whippy," and was not infected with the teenage Beatle disease.

"I liked The Stones and The Who," said Mr. McManigal. "Today I'm a really big Bruce Springsteen fan, and I also really like Motown stuff."

Mr. McManigal's two children, Thom, six and Kate, four years old, are being introduced to classical music through Fantasia, the Disney movie.

"Play them any concerto from that and

they know exactly what it is," he said. "They dance to it."

Allan Rasmussen says The Beatles changed rock and roll permanently, and that they have to be appreciated for the complicated, classical elements in their music. Mr. Rasmussen, 37, lives in Westfield and sings with Musica Sacra, a professional choir, in New York City. He suggests Beatle's music would be useful in teaching music theory because of its varying meters.

"The Beatles were like Bach, taking outside elements into their music for experimentation," said Mr. Rasmussen. "Bach and The Beatles were innovators."

Some of Mr. Rasmussen's favorite songs are "She Loves You" and "I Want to Hold Your Hand." He says other songs found their basis in groups like The Rondells, and Carl Perkin's rhythm and blues.

"The Beatles changed the face of music," he said. "These elements hadn't been heard in rock before; the strings in 'In My Life,' or the cello in 'Eleanor Rigby.'"

The Beatles had a major influence on American culture, and according to Mr. Rasmussen, other groups have not been able to match their impact.

"There was nothing like it in the seventies," he said. "Disco was like a humorous joke. I don't think today's rap music will survive the long run. The Beatles were in the right place at the right time, they were of the time, connecting every one through music like 'Let It Be' and 'Yesterday.'"

Music will always be a force in society, but Mr. Rasmussen believes, that point in the sixties can never be repeated.

"Young people experienced such terror, and needed hope," said Mr. Rasmussen. "The Beatles gave them 'She Loves You.' We had the Black Panthers. The government was a big, bad thing. With The Beatles we questioned those values and expressed our youth and enthusiasm," said Mr. Rasmussen.

When the phone rings it's game time; I'm the hunter, they're the game

It has been almost three years since we bought our home. But I swear the day we closed the deal our name was sold to every company that solicits over the phone.

Every night since the day they connected our phone we have been inundated with calls at dinner time up until we hit the sack from a bevy of solicitors who think they have the right to hound us for one reason or another.

First of all, don't these people realize that after they interrupt me I'm not in the mood to buy anything? Obviously the people who call, though, are people who are not very smart or who have a death wish.

Maybe there are people out there who don't have anything better to do than chat with people trying to sell things, but I personally got sick and tired of being interrupted by people I don't know and don't want to know. Now of course I



By Cheryl Hehl

could let the phone machine pick up these disruptive calls but noooooooo, not me. For some reason I think the world will come to an end if someone does not personally answer the phone every time it rings. My beloved, on the other hand, has no qualms about just letting it ring.

When I was a kid no one called our house except for relatives or friends. There were no calls from friendly financial institutions asking if we knew it was

"just the right time" to refinance our mortgage; put a new roof on our house or completely fill our freezer with an entire side of beef (and if you do not have a freezer they will give you one — absolutely free). My personal favorite is the pitch for the FREE vacation in the Poconos or Florida.

Do they think I was born yesterday? Or that I'm just sitting around waiting for some turkey to call up and hand me a vacation for nothing? I think not. I am too smart for that. I'm ready and waiting.

Don't get me wrong, I'm a very caring person. But those phone people, now that is a different story. Who could be nice to people who don't even know how to pronounce our last name. There is nothing worse than picking up the phone and hearing, "Mr. or Mrs. Hihees!" But I'm ready for every call that takes me away from eating dinner, taking a shower, washing the kitchen floor or sleeping.

For those prying characters who start out asking about our weekly grocery bill, I just say, "Well, as a vegetarian who eats no animal products, shopping is very easy." Click, they have no use for me since trying to sell me a side of beef and freezer to put it in is useless. Of course we are not vegetarians, but I consider this to be just a fib.

New roof? Just got one. New windows. Just had it done. In fact whenever faced with any sales proposition over the phone, I just say "We just had it done." Works like a charm. One of the more tricky ones, however, is the enterprising fellow who calls to say we have just "won," a vacation in Florida, or some other vacation spot.

Now these people can make a hardened criminal believe they have won something. But not my beloved or me. No siree. We know that they go through the entire 20 minute spiel of how wonder-

ful a time we will have before they hit you up with the "Now all we need for verification is your Visa or Master Card number." Yeah right. Do we look like idiots? But sometimes it's fun to just keep these people going for awhile.

Another of my personal favorites is the caller saying he is collecting for the "policemen in your area." I'm always ready for these folks, but they are not always ready for me. After their heart wiggling speech, I chime in with the fact I'm a newspaper reporter that investigates scams. Within seconds there is a click and I am merrily headed back to whatever I was doing before the phone rang.

It's an art, you know. I'm thinking of starting a class on this little known but much needed technique I have mastered. I say it's a gold mine. What do you think?

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Jennifer Robb raises her hand in elementary class at Vanderveer School in Somerville.

Joint purchasing could save \$\$

Purchasing

The estimated current expenditure per pupil nationwide is \$5,466. New Jersey's cost per pupil, \$10,219, makes it number one in the nation. One reason, say education and financial experts, is that New Jersey has not been aggressive enough in establishing cooperative buying jointure with other districts or municipalities.

There are 30 states that have educational service agencies that exist between the state and local level and save money by bulk purchasing and contracting. Among those states are: Pennsylvania, New York, Texas and California. The agencies offer cooperative purchasing, special education and staff development programs, technical services, transportation, janitorial supplies and insurance.

In some states, including Pennsylvania, these agencies also create natural gas or electricity cooperatives and act as mini-utilities.

Dennis Harken, executive director of Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Pennsylvania, estimates the average savings on services and merchandise is 30 percent.

That's the average, he said, but there are greater savings to be had as well. For example, in 1992, the intermediate unit saved 64

percent on film and video equipment and another 28 percent on film supplies over what individual districts paid in 1990.

For technical services including on-site repairs of microcomputers, Dr. Harken reports a 65 percent savings.

Dr. Harken's intermediate unit serves 22 school districts with public enrollment of 85,000 and 30,000 non-public. In order to be cost effective, Dr. Harken estimates an intermediate unit or buying consortium must serve approximately 25,000 students.

There are few, if any, school districts within New Jersey that have such an enrollment, but New Jersey is prime to convert to such a practice, said Dr. Harken. All that is needed, he said, is a change in philosophy at the county superintendent level from a regulatory focus to service.

The majority of states that have educational services agencies, also offer state aid or waivers to encourage participation by local districts.

There are some financial experts who point to potential prob-

lems with buying consortiums, though. Sometimes, individual districts may be asked to alter their bid to meet the desires of the majority in the consortium. Also, districts must fund the initial start-up costs of an intermediate district including administration staffing and storage facilities.

In New Jersey, the State Department of Education offers state contracts on certain items, although many say the system is flawed. According to the Association of School Administrators, the state contract system does not always offer the lowest price because it blocks local contractors who might not be able to serve such a large population or afford the performance bonds. It also does not cover educational services such as teacher training or maintenance programs. In addition, say its critics, it is open to political maneuvering, and is often subject to litigation concerning bidding processes which can slow down delivery on products by up to two years.

School districts, however, could follow the lead of local municipalities' "inter-local governmental agreements" through which towns share services such as the 911 emergency system, fire, and emergency services.

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These types of joint purchasing initiatives are and should be the future of all education school districts, officials at consortiums said. "It allows residents to keep local control over curriculum and hiring and still use the economies of numbers to capture savings," said Dr. Harken.

Nationwide, 23 states approve and buy textbooks on a statewide basis. In addition, under the "most favored nation clause" in the Fair Opportunity Act, a textbook sold at a specific price in one state, must be offered to all other states at the same or lower price. With 619 school districts, and 1,130,560 students, New Jersey educators should begin to value the concept of economies of scale in government instead of prizing localism or home rule, many sources said.

Half-empty buses costing taxpayers

One of the least analyzed elements of education costs in New Jersey is transportation.

Joan Ponessa of the Public Affairs Research Institute of New Jersey said that last year pupil transportation aid cost \$261 million here. While New Jersey and the state of Washington both bus equal numbers of students, Washington's land area is nine times bigger than New Jersey; yet, Washington's per pupil transportation expenditures are 25 percent less.

The high number of districts in New Jersey also affects transportation costs as buses leave school districts with fewer pupils on board than the national average. While New Jersey leads the nation in population density, it is 39th among the states in busing load efficiency. New Jersey had a lower statewide load factor than every industrial state except Texas and Illinois, two states that, like ours, have unusually high numbers of school districts.

New Jersey's formula for reimbursement is based on an adaptation of a cost per transported pupil system similar to the one used in Washington. Unlike the Washington formula, which is hailed by experts as state-of-the-art, critics say the New Jersey formula needs to be revised before we can see a decrease in cost, or at the very least, moderate increases.

County superintendents should be directed by the legislature to study county pupil transportation needs, patterns, and practices and make recommendations for a county-wide plan for regionalizing transportation of private school, vocational education and special education students. This plan, said Ms. Ponessa, should

Buses

not necessarily propose one large system, but the plan should include all districts. Nationwide, about 30 states already have some special services groups that consolidate special education transportation for a number of districts and a few have even expanded their program to include private and public school students.

New Jersey must also revise its state government's pupil transportation aid formula in order to equalize aid throughout the state, and offer incentives to districts that do coordinate transportation.

In addition, said Ms. Ponessa, aid for transportation of special education students needs to be abated. While most other states transport only special education students that require nonstandard transportation services, New Jersey provides transportation to all classified and special education students regardless of disability.

Unlike other states, New Jersey also offers aid-in-lieu-of-transportation to private school pupils. Many districts in the state choose to offer aid rather than provide buses, and make this disbursement of cash without financial investigation.

The solution, said Ms. Ponessa, is to force districts to become more efficient or, alternatively, to use property tax revenues to fund the portion of their transportation costs which exceed the state's standard of efficiency. This approach, she said, would inject fiscal discipline into pupil transportation services.

Homeowners pay above-average taxes to support top-ranked per-pupil cost

New Jersey's per pupil costs are the highest in the nation and, to make matters worse, local property taxpayers are bearing 16 percent more of the price of education than the national average.

On average, the nation's school districts receive 46.2 percent of their income from local governments' taxes, 46.9 percent from state governments, and 6.8 percent from the federal government.

In New Jersey, the local government's share is much greater, 53.7 percent, while the state's share is 43 percent and the federal, 3.3 percent.

Since the only method the local government has to raise money is through property tax, New Jersey's property tax per capita is among the highest in the nation. The property tax burden on state residents is greater than in any other state in the nation but New Hampshire which does not have income or sales taxes to fall back on.

Local school boards in the state annually receive the equivalent of \$1,256 in property taxes for every man, woman and child in the state. That burden is nearly twice the national average of \$686 per capita. The national average property tax revenue is 32 cents on the dollar; in New Jersey, it is 45 cents on the dollar.

Many educational and financial experts find fault in the fact that 53.7 percent of educational funding is coming from property tax.

Revenues

After all, say the experts, the property tax is considered the least fair of the taxing triad of property, income and sales taxes.

Still, New Jersey seems married to the system. Newer states have shifted away from using property taxes by allowing individual cities and counties to tax income and consumption. New Jersey has not chosen to do this. Many states also use lotteries and land sales to finance education.

In 1973, New Jersey's school finance formula was found unconstitutional. The new financing formula increased the state share of education, although not as high as the national average. States that rely more on state funding — and less heavily on local funding — have less per-pupil spending disparity among the districts.

On the downside, the 1973 finance formula also forced the average per pupil expenditure up nearly 43 percent by 1985 as the state developed better programs to meet the special education needs of all students.

In 1989, the revised formula was also found unconstitutional by the courts and the result was the Quality Education Act (QEA) of 1990. The QEA was moderated in 1992 when politicians responded to voter anger over increases in sales and income taxes.

New Jersey is not alone in its financing woes. As school finance systems across the nation were deemed unconstitutional by the courts, education officials pushed for consolidation of school districts as a way to equalize finances and deliver a thorough and efficient

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education. Those states include:
 Pennsylvania, which moved in the early 1980s to kindergarten through 12 school districts
 Kentucky, which in 1990 radically reformed its system. Some features of the Kentucky plan include rewards and sanctions tied to school performance, school-based management and decision making and a statewide performance assessment program. While Kentucky schools still have minor problems, the reforms have forced the schools to act more like businesses that remain accountable to their customers.

Specials top list of most costly 'mandates'

Mandated costs

During the past decade, the education system has seen significant increases in federal and state mandates for special programs, courses and facilities. Since no funding accompanied these directives, they added significantly to the cost of education.

"Special education" has brought the most sweeping mandates to local taxpayers from state and federal levels.

New Jersey has the second highest percentage of special education students in the nation; Massachusetts is first.

For every 100 New Jersey students, 14.4 are classified as needing special services. Experts interviewed by Forbes Newspapers could not explain why NJ has such a high ratio of its students in special education categories.

Although individual school districts receive funding from both state and federal governments for special education programs, the aid does not fully cover the costs.

Under state mandates, teacher-pupil ratios are lower than for mainstream students, and space-pupil ratios are also more stringent. The result, say administrators, is increased costs for teachers, aides, and building space.

On another front, school officials say they were forced to add administrative personnel over the past 10 years to comply with mandates imposed by other levels of government such as the New Jer-

sey state government's school district monitoring program.

Currently, there is a movement in New Jersey to provide a funding formula for future state mandates.

Sixteen states in the nation already have either constitutional provisions or statutes that require funding formulas for all state-mandated programs. These are broadly written with room for exceptions but they are a beginning.

The states with "paid mandates" are: California, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Rhode Island, Tennessee, and Washington.

Some legislators argue that state mandate/state pay rules will shift the burden of taxes from

local to state level. Governor Christine Todd Whitman recently promised to relieve the burdens imposed on local governments and school boards all together.

"I want to put an end to the onerous mandates and unnecessary paperwork that add so much to costs and drive up property taxes," she said in January before a statewide meeting of New Jersey mayors. "To taxpayers, it doesn't really matter if it's the state government or the local government reaching into his or her pocket for that extra dollar. They lose the dollar just the same."

Supporters of a state mandate/state pay proposal say that in the long run it will be fairer to taxpayers since the state share is based on income and sales taxes, rather than the local tax which is based on property values.

Swollen staffs are costing millions

Are New Jersey residents willing to share their local school districts' personnel and facilities to save money and perhaps improve the quality of education?

Some variation on this theme may be inevitable.

Nationwide, the biggest growth in school staff in the last 20 years was in non-teaching jobs. Between

1972 and 1992, school enrollment overall declined 7 percent, the number of teachers increased 17 percent, and the number of non-teaching staff in public schools increased approximately 40 percent.

In New Jersey, even though the state experienced a much more severe decrease in school enrollment (25 percent fewer students

Administrators

than in 1972), it still increased its non-teaching staff 43 percent while increasing its teaching staff by 4 percent.

According to the New Jersey School Boards Association, the state's student administrator ratio of 140 to 1 and the pupil to staff ratio of 7.4 to 1 place New Jersey second in the nation.

Many experts, including Joan Ponessa of the Public Affairs Research Institute, said that ratio is "extremely high."

The reason, said Ms. Ponessa, is that New Jersey has 619 school districts and each has similar staffing patterns. In New Jersey, 21.4 percent of school district expenditures are allocated for ad-

ministration costs with 6.7 percent solely for salaries. Again, said Ms. Ponessa, the percentage is higher than in most other states.

"There's no doubt that New Jersey's administrative costs tend to be higher than other states, and when you add to that the costs each district incurs for services that could be offered through a consortium, such as special education programs, purchasing agents, and transportation, the financial cost to the district is overwhelming," said Ms. Ponessa.

As a response to education funding shortfalls and declining student enrollment, school districts need to get administrative costs under control. One way is to share resources with other schools including sharing administrative personnel and facilities, and establishing purchasing and service consortiums.

How students, teachers, administrator numbers changed 1972-1992 in NJ

	1972	1982	1992	72-92 % Change
Pupils	1.49M	1.17M	1.13M	-25%
Teachers	77,561	74,303	80,869	+4%
Non-teaching Staff & Administration	47,290	61,462	67,622	+43%

SOURCE: REPORT CARD ON AMERICAN EDUCATION, A STATE-BY-STATE ANALYSIS, C. EMILY FEINBERG

Successful student



Senior Class President Gist Kroft gives a thumbs-up gesture during last year's ceremony at Highland Park High School.

Indian cooking, culinary herbs on Cory agenda

The Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, will feature culinary herbs and Indian cooking methods and techniques 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20. The last tour of the 1740s farmhouse will begin 3:30.

Nancy Wallace, chairman of the Miller-Cory House Museum's Board of Governors and past president of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield, will explain how early New Jersey settlers cooked with dried herbs. A variety of dried herbs will be displayed for visitors as well as foods such as herb vinegars and butter.

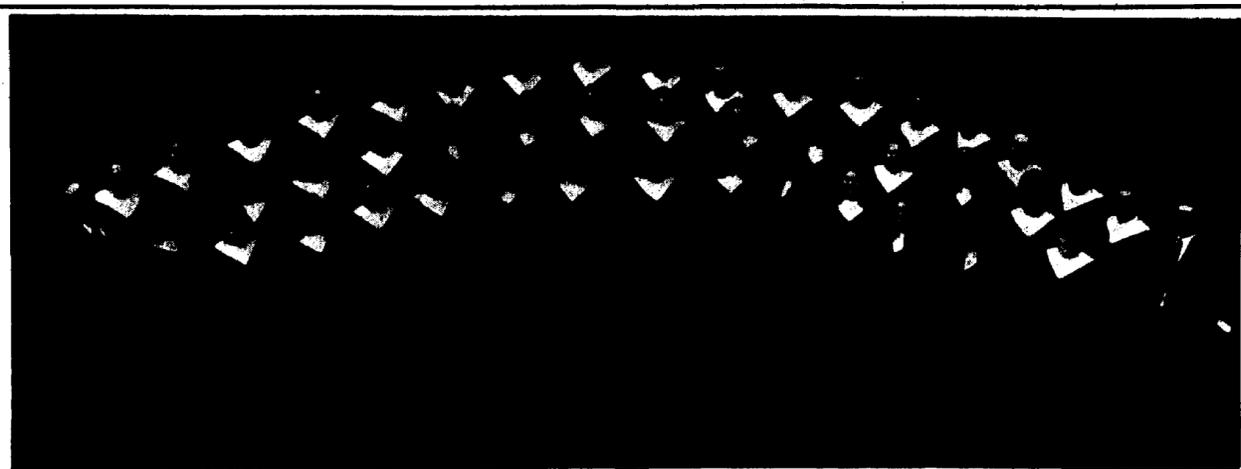
Mrs. Wallace designed and planted the museum's herb gardens which are arranged into four sections each representing a major use of herbs — medicinal, fragrant, culinary and bee herbs.

Visitors to the museum will also have the opportunity to learn about Native American foods and cooking techniques. Step back in time with Janet Murphy and Judy Murphy and hear about how and what local Native Americans cooked, such as corn pudding, meats and desserts, as well as the use of food for medicinal remedies.

Visitors will be able to enjoy a corn bread taste treat as prepared from an authentic recipe.

Experience a tour through the farmhouse with authentically costumed guides.

For more information, call 232-1776.



The Choir of Concordia College, New York, will provide the music for Redeemer Lutheran Church's 11 a.m. service Sunday. The 46-voice choir sings varied fare under the theme "Sing for Joy." The service is free and open to the public. The church is at Clark and Cowperthwaite, across from Roosevelt Intermediate School.

Violin, piano featured next in Musicale

The First Congregational Church of Westfield, 125 Elmer St., continues its Mid-Day Musicale concert series Wednesday, Feb. 23, with a program by Dmitri Berlinsky, violin; and Rena Fruchter, piano. These half-hour noon concerts are free and open to the public. A soup and sandwich luncheon is available following the concert.

Violinist Dmitri Berlinsky first came to international attention at the age of 16 as the youngest winner ever of the Paganini International Violin Competition in Genoa. Subsequent triumphs in the 1984 International Tchaikovsky Violin Competition in Moscow, the 1987 Montreal International Violin Competition, and the 1989 Queen Elizabeth Competition in Brussels led to appearances as soloist with all the major Russian orchestras, the Montreal Symphony, the Orchestre Symphonique de Quebec, the Belgian National Orchestra, the Berlin Radio Orchestra, and the Orquesta Sinfonica Nacional of the Dominican Republic.

Mr. Berlinsky has performed in such major international halls as the Beethovenhalle in Bonn, Berlin's Schauspielhaus, the Leipzig Gewandhaus, the Palais des Arts in Brussels, the Great Hall in Moscow, the Seoul Center for the Arts in Korea, and at Carnegie's Weill Hall in New York during the First International Festival of the Arts.

Since coming to the United States in 1990, Mr. Berlinsky has performed more than 100 concerts in this country, as well as in Japan, South America, Belgium, France, Korea, and Russia.

Mr. Berlinsky's Pavane CD of a live recital recorded at Waterloo has won high critical acclaim. He has also recorded for Melody and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and has made many radio and television appearances in Europe and the United States.

Chamber plans after-hours Feb. 23

The next in the series of Business After Hours presented by the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce will be 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday. The gathering of chamber members, their guests and colleagues will be held at B.G. Field's, 560 Springfield Ave.

Estelle Flynn Lord Esq., a chamber member with law offices at 111 Quimby St., No. 1, is sponsoring this event. She has been a solo practitioner in Westfield for the past three years,

working on personal injury litigation, commercial and residential real estate, divorce and family law issues, wills and estates, workers compensation, employment problems, small business matters, general litigation and criminal matters on both the superior court and municipal court levels.

Business After Hours gatherings provide networking opportunities for chamber members to exchange business cards,

most new members, and broaden their business contacts. They are primarily social affairs with a brief program.

Advance reservations are required. The cost of \$7 includes hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. A cash bar will be available.

Names of those planning to attend and check payable to "Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce" may be mailed to the chamber, Box 81, Westfield, NJ 07091. Reservation deadline is Monday.

Music Theater set for Fantasticks on stage next week

Union County Music Theater (UCMT), a project of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, will present *The Fantasticks* 8 p.m. Feb. 25-26 at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St. to benefit the summer theater program.

Performers in the ensemble cast are members of UCMT, a theater group for high school students from Union County. They are Jill Goldberger, Mat Greenlaw, Greg May, Peter Morris, Vincent Glenn Pezzut, Molly Rock, Magaly Rolig, and Richard Unlacked.

Over the past four summers the five-week summer program has offered a theatrical learning experience to 200 students from more than 10 communities. It is directed by Anne King and Peter Bridges.

Tickets are \$8 and may be purchased from cast members or at the door.

For information, call 232-3219.

Obituaries

Margaret R. Burns

A retired Westfield schoolteacher

Margaret R. Burns, who taught first-grade classes at the Franklin Elementary School from 1945 until her 1970 retirement, died Feb. 10, 1994 at Ashbrook Nursing Home, Scotch Plains.

She was born in Port Jefferson, N.Y., the daughter of the late Edward and Annie Burns. Miss Burns moved to Westfield in 1950 from Monroe, N.Y.

She earned a bachelor's degree from Columbia University and a master's degree from New York

University. Miss Burns held membership in the New Jersey Education Association, the National Retired Teachers Association, and the Roselle Golf Club.

Her brother, Vernon O'Brien, is deceased.

A funeral Mass was offered Friday at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, of which Miss Burns was a parishioner. Burial was in St. James Cemetery, Port Jefferson.

Arrangements were by Dooley Colonial Home.

Ruth V. Hescok, 86

A past president of two local clubs

Ruth V. Hescok, 86, a past president of Westfield Women's Club and the Amity Club of Westfield, died Feb. 7, 1994 at Overlook Hospital.

She was born in Jersey City and lived in Westfield for most of her life.

Mrs. Hescok worked for many years at the Consignment Shop of Westfield and retired from its staff in 1988. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and belonged to its Women's Circle.

She also held membership in the Manor Park Tenants Association and the Republican Women's Club of Westfield.

Her husband, Ethan A.S. Hescok, died in 1964.

Surviving are two daughters, Judith A. Barley of Kaaswa, Hawaii, and Janet S. Habermas of Prospect Park; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at Gray Funeral Home. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Ruth E. Stenger, 65

Executive secretary with N.Y. firm

Ruth E. Stenger, 65, an executive secretary with a New York City company, died Feb. 6, 1994 at Meridian Nursing Center-Westfield.

Mrs. Stenger was born in Brooklyn. She lived in California; in London, England; and in Lakehurst before moving to Westfield two weeks ago.

She joined the General Fireproofing Office Furniture Co. in 1950 and was an executive secretary when she retired in 1973. Mrs. Stenger graduated in 1947 from the

New York City campus of the Katharine Gibbs School.

Her husband, Herbert S. Stenger, is deceased.

Surviving are three stepsons, Greg Stenger, Dave Stenger, and Jeff Stenger; three grandchildren; and a twin sister, Edith Hjorth.

A memorial service was held Friday at the Presbyterian Church under the direction of Dooley Colonial Home.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Donald Lamendola, 59

A retired Westfield police officer

Donald Frederick Lamendola, 59, a police officer with the Westfield Police Department from 1967 until his retirement in 1992, died Feb. 8, 1994 at his home in Fanwood.

Born in Jersey City, he lived in Westfield before moving to Fanwood in 1970. He served in the Army from 1955-57 and was a member of Local 90, Policemen's Benevolent Association, Westfield.

Surviving are his wife, Catherine Brygdyr Lamendola; a son, Donald P. Lamendola Jr., and a daughter,

Doris M. Lamendola, both of Bridgewater; his mother, Lillian Kunkel Lamendola Petralia, and a brother, Frank Lamendola, both of Union; and a sister, Judith Caruso of Edison.

Services were Friday at Memorial Funeral Home, Fanwood. Burial was in Hollywood Memorial Park, Union. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association, 727 Raritan Road, Suite 201A, Clark, 07066.

Anna Kaplan Lizerman

Poland native; recently of Westfield

Anna Kaplan Lizerman, a native of Poland and most recently a resident of Westfield, died Feb. 13, 1994 at Rahway Hospital.

Mrs. Lizerman lived in Newark and Union before moving to Westfield in 1992. She held membership in the Newark chapter of Hadassah and the Essex County chapter of Deborah.

Her husband, Alex Lizerman, is deceased.

Surviving are three daughters, Estelle Chesney, Florence Prego, and Jean Lizerman; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Services were held Tuesday in the mausoleum at Beth Israel Memorial Park, Woodbridge. Arrangements were by Menorah Chapels at Millburn, Union.

Dorothy E. Bickers, 80

A secretary with the Prudential

Dorothy E. Bickers, 80, who once was a secretary with the Prudential Insurance Co. of America, died Feb. 8, 1994 at Ashbrook Nursing Home, Scotch Plains.

Mrs. Bickers was born in Elizabeth and moved to Westfield in 1953 from Roselle Park. She was with the Prudential at its home office in Newark from 1942 until her retirement in 1965.

Her husband, Thomas H. Bickers, died in 1979.

Surviving are several cousins.

Services were held Friday at Gray Funeral Home. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

LOCAL MOVIE TIMES

Table listing movie times for various theaters including Cineplex Odeon Union, General Cinema, Blue Star, and others. Includes showtimes for movies like 'My Girl 2', 'The Getaway', and 'Blind Check'.

Union County Places Of Worship

Directory of religious organizations including Redeemer Lutheran Church, St. Paul's United Church of Christ, St. Bernard's Catholic Church, St. Theresa's Church, Cranford Alliance Church, Terrill Road Baptist Church, and Kenilworth Gospel Chapel. Lists addresses, phone numbers, and service times.

Kenny's Winter Clearance Sale advertisement. Features 20%-70% off on clothing and shoes. Includes address: 387 Millburn Ave., Millburn, NJ. Contact info: (201) 376-1060.

Tubman tea will be Sunday

The annual Lula B. Mearns/Harriet Tubman Tea, sponsored by the Missionary Society of St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church, will be held at the church 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20. There will be musical entertainment.

Missionary President Florrie Hamilton invites the public to the tea. The Rev. Leon Randall is the pastor of St. Luke which is at 500 Browner St., Westfield.

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Cory Posey — 140-pound UCT champ

Sports

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JMU tumbler

Westfield's Scott Vienschilling currently holds the school record at James Madison University in the parallel bars (9.25). The sophomore, who competes in all events, formerly competed with the World Cup gymnastics club. JMU is currently 2-0 in dual meets.



Spring lax

The Westfield Recreation Commission is once again offering its popular spring lacrosse program for fifth to eighth grade Westfield students. A new division for fourth-grade students will also be offered. Registration is currently underway, practices are set to begin March 7, and league play will commence in early April. Beginners and experienced players are welcome. The cost of the program is \$35 per person and equipment is available at the Rec Department for a nominal deposit. Contact the Recreation office at 789-4080 for additional information.

Card show

A sports card, memorabilia and comic book show will be held Sunday, March 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El on 756 East Broad Street in Westfield. Admission is \$2 per person and the charge for an eight-foot dealer's table will be \$40. For further details call either Milt (609-855-7666) or Vicki (908-972-8244).

WBL slate

The following is the tentative schedule for the Westfield Baseball League's spring season — March 19 and 26: Major and Pony League tryouts; Apr. 18: Opening Day; Apr. 23: Photo Day/Summer sign-up and June 18: Fun Day. There will also be a Rutgers coaches clinic sometime in March.

Meeting II

Another meeting of parents and students will be held tonight to discuss the possibility of fielding a co-ed varsity ice hockey team at Westfield High School on a "pay for play" basis. A full presentation and a subsequent question and answer session will be held, after which point attendees will be given the option of demonstrating their support of the proposed program by signing up. The meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building on Broad Street. For further information, contact either Bev Gorman (854-4734) or Doug Schwarz (233-5595).

The Hot Spot



The girls' swimming team will begin its quest for a state title 2:30 P.M. Tuesday when the second-seeded Lady Devils host No. 7 Livingston at the Westfield Y.

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Posey, Baly crowned as county champs

Sullivan wins silver, DiGiovanni bronze for 3rd-place Blue Devils

By KIP KUDUK
THE RECORD

After finishing first and second in each of the past two county tournaments, Westfield High School entered the 19th edition of Saturday's Union County Wrestling Championships with a slightly altered outlook.

Instead of focusing solely on team goals, the Blue Devils placed a greater emphasis on individual achievements, which they believed should help their preparation for the upcoming state and District XI tournaments.

This fresh approach paid handsome dividends, as Westfield placed a surprising third with 134 points, two more than highly touted Rahway. Union accumulated 182 points and beat runner-up Governor Livingston by 14 points.

As expected, Westfield was delighted with its showing in the 12-hour marathon event which was crammed into one day instead of two because of Friday's substantial snowfall.

"I'd say I'm pretty happy with the way things turned out," said Head Coach Don MacDonald, the co-winner of the 1990 Union County Coach of the Year award. "The kids are tired, but, everyone was in the same boat. The kids who were in better shape did better mentally and physically."

"We really didn't talk much about how we'd do beforehand," said junior Mike Liggera, who

placed fifth at 145 pounds. "It was tough to get into this tournament because of all the snow and having it in one day tired out a lot of wrestlers."

"We're all looking forward to the districts because we feel we're a better tournament team. We have some weak spots, but our strong spots get us a lot of points."

Westfield's two champions — Cory Posey and Paul Baly — racked up the most points out of anyone with thoroughly impressive performances.

Posey pinned Cranford's Luke Hannon (57), Arthur L. Johnson's Anthony Saladino (3:08) and Jorge Mendez of Scotch Plains-Fanwood (2:48) to earn a berth in the 140-pound finals against once-beaten Greg Francesca of Union.

Following a scoreless first period which saw both wrestlers stay on their feet, the Blue Devil sophomore scored two points on a single-leg takedown to take a 3-1 lead into the final period.

Even though he trailed for virtually the entire match, Francesca (13-2) maintained a defensive posture throughout and was called for stalling on three occasions, which added three points to Posey's total in the third. Posey was never seriously threatened during his 9-2 victory.

After winning his first county title, Posey (17-0) downplayed the importance of his accomplishment, preferring to focus on the big picture and the tasks which lie ahead.



Sophomore Paul Boudreau battles Linden's Chuck Florio in a 119-pound bout during the preliminary round of Saturday's Union County Tournament. The Blue Devils placed a surprising third with 134 points.

GEORGE PACCIELLO/THE RECORD

"I'm not putting much emphasis on the regular season, but, I'm really concentrating on the states because it's the only thing that really matters," said Posey, who placed fifth in the state as a 140-pound freshman last year. "No one will remember what your record is, all they think about is who won the

states. Right now, it's all about getting mentally prepared and thinking about how you put your moves together."

Baly, who accompanied Posey on his trip to Atlantic City last spring for the state tournament, ran the table in the 171-pound weight class. The No. 1 seed received a

bye in the opening round, then recorded quick pins over Mike Susic of New Providence (1:31) and Cranford's John Grady (1:42) to earn a spot in the finals against Nick Chonko of Johnson Regional.

Baly took the initiative right away and raced out to a 4-0 lead (Please turn to page A-10)

Kozub to go where no frosh has gone before

By KIP KUDUK
THE RECORD

Suzy Kozub etched her name into the Westfield High School record books over the weekend when she became the first freshman in the history of the school's track and field program to qualify for the Meet of Champions.



Kozub placed fifth in the 800-meter run at Sunday's Group IV Championships at Princeton University's Jadwin Gym. Her time of 2:28.3 earned her a spot in Sunday's season-ending meet, which will also be held at Jadwin Gym. The meet is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. and Kozub will probably run sometime between 3 and 3:30.

"I expected her to run that fast," said Head Coach John Martin. "It was just a matter of getting the place."

Westfield's girls' 4x400 relay of Anisa Dujnic, Ahisha Winkler, Kozub and Tiffany Hester set a new school record, stopping the timer in 4:21.7. Not to be outdone, heralded ninth grader Matt Ebnueclo established a freshman record in the 800-meters, crossing the finish line in 2:04.1.

Hester made it to the semifinal heat in the 55-meter high hurdles, but her time of 8.9 seconds fell just

short of qualifying for the final heat.

In other races, Geoff North completed the 3,200-meters in 10:37.9 and John O'Brien finished the 800-meters in 2:10.4. In the 1,600-meters, Lawrence Ho crossed the line in 4:41.5, while Kellie Goncalves (5:54.6) and Karen McGuire (6:09.4) competed for the girls' varsity.

Playoff-bound girls not surprised by first loss

The Peddie School may only have nine girls on its swim team, but everyone of them proved to be tough to beat during Saturday's 118-68 victory over Westfield.

The Lady Devils were not at all shocked about losing their first meet of the year. In fact, it seemed they almost resigned themselves to that fact before the first race was held.

"I would have preferred for them to be more intense," said head coach Bev Torok, who mentioned the setback will not affect the team's state playoff run. "It wasn't a big deal because I knew what their times were beforehand. But, I went in with the attitude to swim hard and see what we can do about our times."

Jill Smith was the lone winner for Westfield, taking the 50-yard freestyle in 25.79 seconds. Saskia Riley (100-yard backstroke) and (Please turn to page A-10)



Dan Masino, a four-year varsity bowler, has averaged in the high 170s during his high school career. He's also the drummer for The Hot Rod Gang, a '50s rockabilly band which also features brother Matt on the stand-up bass.

DWANE MATFLER/THE RECORD

Rock 'n' Roll Masinos

Dan and Matt groove to tunes, practical jokes and success on the bowling alleys

By KIP KUDUK
THE RECORD

After four years, bowling coach Mike Throne is finally able to differentiate between Dan and Matt Masino. But not before the identical twins successfully pulled off a litany of practical jokes, all of which they are very proud of.

The Westfield High School seniors pulled the wool over many teachers' eyes last year when they occasionally switched classes without any warning. They have also pulled the same prank on former girlfriends, sending them for a loop.

Perhaps, the only things the Masinos treat with genuine reverence are their budding rock 'n' roll careers, school work and bowling.

When Dan and Matt aren't studying, practicing scales or scheming new ways to revamp their unique '50s look, it's a pretty good bet they're busy leading the Blue Devils to another victory on the lanes.

Over the past three years, the diabolic duo has specialized in exactly that. During Dan's four-year varsity career (Matt's first year was spent on the junior varsity), Westfield has rung up a 60-7 record, and four of the seven losses were by 4-3 scores.

Dan kicked off his high school career by rolling a 183 and a 185 at the pre-season Summit Invitational. The performance earned him a spot on the varsity as a freshman and he has been a fixture ever since.

Dan completed his initial season with a 172 average and improved it by 10 plus the following year. He

currently sports a 174 average and posted a high game of 218 and a high series of 608.

Matt has improved gradually throughout his four years. After anchoring the JV team with a 162 average as a ninth grader he elevated his average by one pin in his sophomore year.

Last season he finished with a 170 average and he's presently at 175. Matt also owns the second highest game in the Watchung Conference with a 257, but, he thinks he should be first.

"I got ripped off," said Matt, who failed to match the high score of 258, registered by Linden's Mike Wichner. "I threw an absolutely perfect ball and got a nine. I don't think I've thrown a better ball all season."

Despite Matt's comment, Throne has been impressed by the brothers' unflappable demeanor on the lanes. When the team desperately needs to convert a tough spare or roll a strike, everyone looks to the Masinos.

"Those two guys are good under pressure," said Throne. "They will always pick up the tough spare and that's sometimes hard at the high school level. Sometimes you can throw a perfect ball and get an eight or nine rap."

"High school kids get very frustrated when they do everything right and don't get a strike. That doesn't happen with these kids. They keep everything emotionally under control."

"I don't experience any pressure," said Dan, who (Please turn to page A-10)

Nowhere to hide



AUGUSTO F. MENEZES/THE RECORD

Westfield Police Athletic League wrestler Jon Rolna brings Cranford's Dan Genova back down to the mat during a recent match between the two clubs.

Roundup

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Lisa Olden (200-yard individual medley) placed second for Westfield, which amassed most of its points with third, fourth and fifth-place finishes.

All three relays were second, while divers Amy Jenkins (153.10) and Megan Clarke placed third and fifth, respectively.

Thursday, the girls concluded a three-week break from dual meets by dousing Governor Livingston 104-66 at the Westfield Y. The Lady Devils swept the relays and won five individual events.

Freshman Jackie Davies broke through with a victory in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:19.76), while classmate Molly Phelan (1:12.46) edged teammate Michelle Kashlak (1:12.80) to win the 100-yard butterfly.

Riley swam to a seasonal best time of 2:24.58 in winning the 200 IM, where Smith was second in 2:30.48. Olden (26.94 in 50 free) and Brownyn Hay (59.64 in 100 free) took first place in the freestyle sprints and joined Smith and Anne Teitelbaum to capture first in the 200 (1:48.57) and 400 free relays.

Laura Todd (2:16.02) and Kashlak (2:18.80) placed second and third in the 200 free, while Kristen Zadorian (6:20.22) and Gabby Guzzetti (6:51.36) accomplished the same feat in the 500 free. Caitlin Jordan (1:12.75) and ninth grader Trudy Schundler (1:14.04) were also second and third in the 100 back. Jordan, Zadorian, Phelan and Lauren McGovern sped to victory in the medley relay

(2:06.85).

Westfield will swim against Union twice in the span of six days. This afternoon's regular season finale at Union will decide the Watchung Conference championship and Tuesday's encounter at the Westfield Y is the first round of the state playoffs.

If the Lady Devils, seeded second in North Jersey Division A, defeat the Farmers Tuesday they will host the winner of the Randolph-Montclair meet one week from today.

Latest setback doesn't phase Devil swimmers

By IVY CHARMATZ
THE RECORD

The boys' swimming team suffered a 118-67 loss on Saturday against the Peddie School in Hightstown. Westfield's record now stands at 9-2.

"It was an expected loss. Last year's team should have swam them and could have won," said co-coach Bruce Johnson. "Our team this year is not that kind of a team. Peddie's just better."

The Blue Devils started off the meet with a first place finish in the 200-yard medley relay. Brian Ramsthaler, Dan Zemsky, Rob Schundler and Jon Jones finished in 1:45.15. Zemsky also finished first in the 50-yard freestyle (23.26).

In the 200 free, Frank Coppa placed third in 1:56.31. Sophomore Brendan Lechner finished third in the 100-yard butterfly. Later, he teamed up with Zemsky, Jones and Colin McGee for a second-place finish in the 200-yard free relay (1:35.24).

Coppa, Mark Hobbie, Chris Panages and Andrew Hughes placed third in the 400-yard free relay (3:59.32).

In the 100-yard backstroke, Ramsthaler finished second (57.84), just a second behind former teammate, Ted Pollack.

In the diving competition, Hobbie and Chris Delmonico placed first and second.

Thursday, Westfield traveled to the Rahway Y and easily captured two victories, one against Rahway (87-28) and the other against Linden (72-14).

McGee placed first in both the 50 free (25.15) and the 100 free (59.18). Dave Schaller finished first in the 100 fly (1:09.52).

Hobbie and DeMarco again placed first and second in the diving competition.

"Most of the kids know when they have to swim well and when they don't," said Johnson. "Everybody's basically looking toward the state tournament."

Westfield will begin its quest for the state title which was so elusive for the Blue Devils last year Wednesday afternoon, when Livingston visits the Westfield Y.

The Blue Devils are seeded second in the North Jersey A Division. Last year's state finalist — Bergen Catholic — is seeded first. Due to a decline in enrollment, St. Joseph's-Metuchen is in the B Division.

Bowlers need help to win fifth straight title

A pair of 5-2 victories over Scotch Plains-Farwood and Union Catholic improved Westfield's record to 12-2, but made its goal of claiming the Blue Devils' fifth con-

secutive American Division title extremely difficult.

The second-place Blue Devils needed to sweep Union in their regular season finale, which occurred yesterday after press time, and had to hope for third-place Kearny to shut out division leader Linden this afternoon.

"Realistically, we'll be second," said Head Coach Mike Tirone. "But, Kearny is an outstanding team and they're very tough. Losing those two points twice in a row really hurt us."

On Monday, Westfield turned the oily alley conditions at Clark Lanes to beat Union Catholic by a comfortable margin in the first two games. But, the Vikings came up with an 878 in the final game to beat Westfield by 52 pins.

Matt Masino recorded the high game and high series of the day for Westfield with a 216 and a 544. Greg Rhodes followed suit with a 201 game and a series of 535, while senior Dan Masino checked in with a 510 series.

Westfield had enough firepower to defeat Scotch Plains-Farwood in the first and third games last Thursday, but the Blue Devils rolled an 810 in the middle game, which came up 40 pins short. Jason Smith posted a 209 to lead Westfield, while Rhodes contributed with a 207.

Lady Devils lose double OT nail biter in UCT

Westfield put in plenty of overtime Saturday, but had nothing to show for it as the Lady Devils (4-14) were eliminated from the Union County Girls' Tournament by Roselle, 45-42, in double OT.



AUGUSTO F. MENEZES/THE RECORD
Guard Taryn McKenna scored 18 points during Westfield's double-overtime loss to Roselle Saturday.

The contest may very well have marked the completion of the girls' season because it appeared doubtful that make-up games against Irvington and Elizabeth would be played.

Roselle's Genia Mosley led all scorers with 21 points and sent the game into overtime when she sank a short jump shot with 26 seconds remaining to tie the score at 36-36.

Mosley went on to score four points in the second extra session to send Westfield home from Rahway High School unhappy.

Junior guard Taryn McKenna led Westfield with 18 points.

Last year, the Lady Devils advanced to the UCT quarterfinals, where they lost to Scotch Plains-Farwood, 44-36.

Wrestling

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after scoring on a takedown and a reversal. In the second period Baly worked Chonko's right arm with a West Essex series, which eventually led to a pin at 3:54.

"I was kind of scared at the beginning because he had a good record and I didn't know anything about him," said Baly, who improved his record to 16-2. "I had to mentally prepare myself to not stop wrestling and I think that's the best thing I'm doing this year. It's exciting to win because all the best wrestlers in Westfield history have all won county titles (35, to be exact) and it's nice to be included with that group."

Kevin Sullivan almost joined Baly and Posey in the winner's circle, but, the 112-pound sophomore lost a 7-3 decision in the finals to

top-seeded Kimo Jeter of Elizabeth.

Jeter tried to score off the cradle for practically the entire match, but, Sullivan was able to fend him off by using his hands well. Nonetheless, Jeter padded his slim 2-1 lead during the third period when he capitalized on a mistake to score a two-point reversal. Sullivan later scored on a reversal of his own, but it was too late.

"I'm disappointed that I didn't win, but I'm not getting mad about it. I lost to him by a worse score last time, so I'm happy with that," said the defending 103-pound District XI champ, who entered yesterday's playoff match at Randolph with a 14-5 record.

Junior Frank DiGiovanni provided another bright spot for Westfield. The 189-pounder recovered from a quarterfinal-round loss to Governor Livingston's Gregg Carlucci to claim third place.

DiGiovanni pinned Roselle

Park's Ryan Vanderkooy with one second remaining in the second period in the wrestleback semifinals to set up a rematch against Carlucci. After spotting his adversary a 2-0 lead, DiGiovanni panicked Carlucci for five points and added a stalling and an escape point in winning a 7-2 decision in the consolation finals.

Ligera went 2-2 on the day to place fifth at 145. He lost a 7-6 double overtime decision to Roselle Park's Mike King in the quarterfinals after he held a 6-4 lead late in regulation time.

Paul Hayes (13-8) won twice in five bouts and was pinned by eventual champ and Most Outstanding Wrestler Jon Sachtel in one 135-pound semifinal.

In his first action after suffering a fractured hand, Jeff Checchio placed fourth at 130, losing 5-0 to Linden's Michael Harris in the consolation finals.



DANE MATFLER/THE RECORD
Matt Masino currently sports a 175 average and has bowled the second highest game in the Watchung Conference this year (257).

Forbes Ski Report

Operations at the Belle Mountain ski area in Lambertville in Mercer County could not be better as the county-owned alpine slopes opened two new trails early this week.

Area manager Will Berkheiser said they were able to clear more space on the mountain and will now be offering an expert trail and a connecting trail to the snowboard freestyle park.

The area is even running a contest to name the new trails. Skiers can enter at the slopes and the creator of the chosen name will receive a prize from Belle.

In addition to the new trails, staff at the mountain have been able to construct a mogul run on one of the existing trails. Berkheiser said the trail now offers a nice run for bump-enthusiasts.

Belle is also going to be home for the Mercer County Winter Games, Feb. 26-27. For the event there will be modified races for all, including: a modified giant slalom and regular slalom for skiers (Groups — 12-

under, 13-18, 18-30, 30-50 and 50-over); a modified giant slalom and regular slalom for snowboarders; and a slalom for beginners (the staff said they will know who are real beginners and they trust you, groups will be 18-under and over 18).

It will be a \$5 entrance fee per race and you can call the mountain at (609) 397-0043 for information about the races and how to get an application form. **THE GAMES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, NOT JUST MERCER COUNTY RESIDENTS!!!**

SKIING CONDITIONS

(Updated Feb. 15)

• Vernon Valley — 52 trails; 17 lifts; 68-95 inches of fresh powder base; Weather: received 12 inches of new natural snow with the recent storm and expect moderate tempera-

tures.
• Camelback — 27 trails; 4 lifts this week; 70-108 inch machine-groomed packed powder base; Weather: with mild temperatures and some of the best weather conditions of the season.

• Blue Mountain — 18 trails; 5 lifts; 40-90 inch machine groomed packed powder base; Weather: temperatures in the low to mid-30s.
• Elk Mountain — 23 trails; 5 lifts; 74-100 inches natural and machine made base with a packed powder surface; Weather: temperatures in the 20s.

• Hunter Mountain — 48 trails; 15 lifts; 40-124 inch machine groomed packed powder surface; Weather: received 19 inches of natural snow and expect seasonably cold temperatures with flurries expected.

• Belle Mountain — 6 trails; 1 lift and 3 tows; 38-78 inches packed powder surface; Weather: moderate temperatures.

• Craigmeer — 4 trails; 3 lifts; 42-81 inches machine groomed base; Weather: moderate temperatures.

• Shawnee — 23 trails; 6 lifts; 65-105 inches machine packed powder surface; Weather: seasonable weather and sunshine expected this week.

EFINGER'S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

SUZY KOZUB WESTFIELD

On Sunday Suzy became the first freshman in Westfield High School history to qualify for the Meet of Champions in a track and field event. Kozub earned the right to go after placing fifth in the Group 4 Championships in the 800-meter run in a time of 2:28.3.

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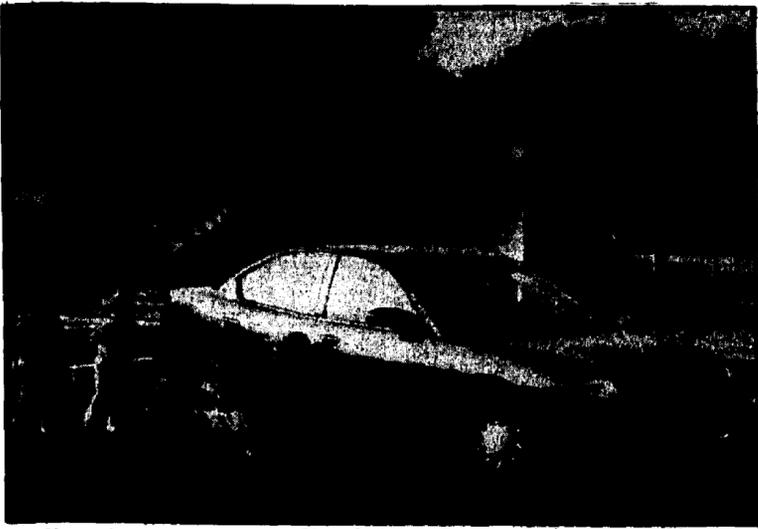
Matt, who plays stand-up bass in the band. "I do a lot with my wrist to put a bigger curve on the ball. I'm usually better on oilier lanes. Basically, Dan just throws the ball as hard as he can."
Dan used to use a big hook, but he reformed his style to adjust to the alley conditions as well.
"At the beginning of the year the lanes were dry and they oiled them up a lot, which made it tough," said Dan. "My ball is easier to direct, so I can change it because the form is easy."
As something which could be the case with other families, there is not even an inkling of a sibling rivalry. Both brothers are always willing to help one another or their teammates.
"I've never seen them upset with each other and I've never seen them argue or not try to help each other," said Tirone. "They're quiet kids, but they're into the matches. They're not as emotional as some of the others. They're very reserved, but they're every bit as intense as anyone else."

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Automotive Guide



The Neon demonstrates again Chrysler's renaissance in the auto world.

Chrysler's Neon sprints out of the starting gate

Conceived less than three years ago, it is resetting performance parameters for its class

By TOM HAGIN
FORBES NEWSPAPERS

When an auto maker decides to build a totally new car, it usually starts long in advance. For instance, GM's Saturn dream gobbled up seven years of development-to-production time. It took only a few years less than that for the Ford Escort to materialize. But when the Chrysler Corporation rolls its first wave of Neon world-cars off its assembly lines, a mere 31 months will have passed from start to finish.

Chrysler hasn't exactly had smash hits with small cars in the past. Who can forget the first Dodge Omni/Horizon econoboxes which were certainly strong runners but weren't noted for longevity? But those days are gone for the Michigan company, and success from a diverse vehicle lineup has turned the automotive world on its ear.

The Neon will be sold in January as a 1995 model and will come in three levels: a base model, a mid-trim level and a sport version. At a base price of about \$9,000, with a '90s flavor and great performance, the Neon will change the parameters for cars in this class.

EXTERIOR

Neon's ultra-rounded, sloping shape exudes a hint of Euro design, while widely-spaced "froggy" headlamps keep it in stride with its competition. Chrysler is meshing its cab-forward styling into all its sedans, and stretching wheelbase lengths as long as possible. At press time, only four doors are available, but a two-door version should be on the showroom floor by August. Neon's large cabin area and relatively short hood and trunk are the first noticeable aspects of the car, and differ from the rest of the genre. Since the wheels have been shifted to the outermost flanks to increase interior volume, the trunk becomes slightly narrowed and some cargo space is sacrificed.

INTERIOR

Sliding inside at a pre-production press test session, I was amazed at the interior room of this small car. Front passengers will be most comfortable inside the Neon, but four adults can relax with ease. The rear seat headroom may get a bit tight for those over six-foot, although rear leg and hip room are premium. All Neons will have a split fold-down rear seat, and the option of an integrated rear child seat. No-

nonsense instrumentation with a 120-mph speedometer, 7,000-rpm tach and fuel and temperature gauges are easily read, while twist knobs control cabin temperature and radio controls. Cupholders are large enough for real coffee cups, and adjustable shoulder belts are a welcome item on an inexpensive car. The somewhat bulbous expanse of glass gives those seated inside a good view of the world around them.

ENGINEERING

With 132 horsepower and 129 foot-pounds of torque from its 2-liter, 16-valve engine, the Neon needs only a bit over eight seconds to reach 60 mph. Sequential multipoint fuel injection and a distributorless ignition system provide a more accurate and reliable performance band and stretches the time between service intervals. Chrysler is targeting the newest population in the U.S. — "Generation X" (between 18-31 years) — in its marketing strategy for the Neon and a car under \$10,000 with more than enough pep stay up with traffic is just what the doctor ordered.

HANDLING

I liked the smooth new five-speed manual transmission, (a welcome upgrade from past Chrysler manual endeavors) although a three-speed automatic is available. Independent rear suspension replaces the "dead" axle of its predecessors and the long wheelbase gives the Neon very refined road manners. An upcoming 140-horse sports coupe should be zippier, with both front and rear anti-roll bars and fourteen-inch tires. The front bucket seats could use a bit more lumbar support but the location of the controls (pedals, steering wheel, etc.) is first-class.

SAFETY

Side-impact protection that meets future requirements, standard dual airbags and optional anti-lock brakes will probably sell many new Neons.

SUGGESTIONS

A switch to heavier 185/70R13 tires would be a welcome change although many Generation Xers simply cruise their new cars over to aftermarket tire stores for "hot" rubber on their new Neons.

TEST DRIVE

SPECIFICATIONS

BASE PRICE: \$9,500 (est.)
PRICE AS TESTED: \$11,000 (est.)
ENGINE TYPE: 2.0-liter SOHC I4 w/SFI
ENGINE SIZE: 122 cid/2000 cc
HORSEPOWER: 132@ 6000 rpm
TORQUE (ft/lbs): 129 @ 5000 rpm
WHEELBASE: 104.0"/67.4"
TRANSMISSION: Five-

speed manual
CURB WEIGHT: 2320 lbs
FUEL CAPACITY: 14.5 gallons
TIRES: 165/80/13
BRAKES (F/R): Front Disc Rear Drum/ABS optional
DRIVE TRAIN: Front engine/front-wheel drive
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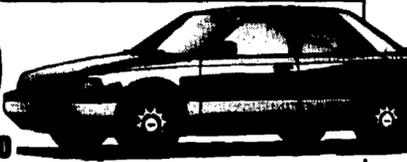


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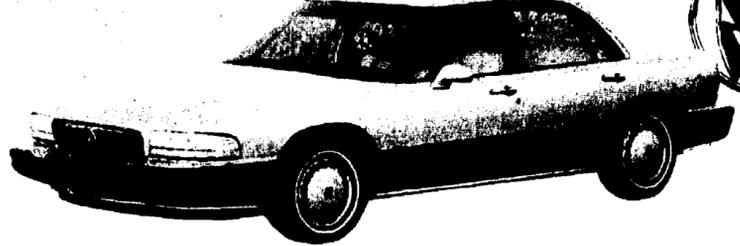
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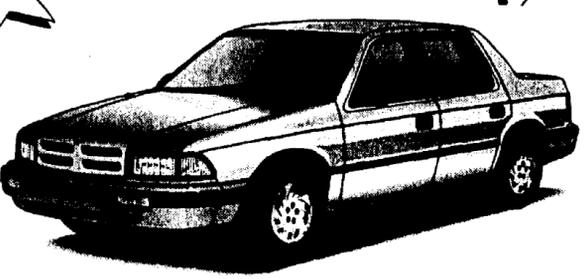
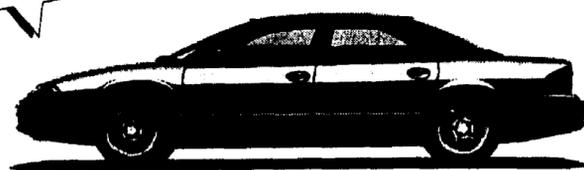
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'88 GEO PRIZM 4 DR. 4 CYL. AUTO. P/S/B. AIR. AM/FM STEREO. R/DEF. T/GLSS. INT/WPR. BUCKET STS. STEEL BLT. TIRES. VIN# N040918. MI. 15.386 \$9790	'88 TOYOTA X CAM 4X4 2 DR. 4 CYL. 5 SPD. P/S/B. AIR. AM/FM STEREO/CASS. P/ANT. P/MIR. P/T/TKN. P/D/L. TILT. CRUISE. R/DEF. T/GLSS. INT/WPR. BUCKET STS. STEEL BLT. TIRES. VIN# K022008. MI. 80.076 \$9990	'88 FORD CRUISE VICTORIA LX 4 DR. V8. AUTO. P/S/B. AIR. AM/FM STEREO/CASS. P/ANT. P/MIR. P/T/TKN. P/D/L. TILT. CRUISE. R/DEF. T/GLSS. INT/WPR. BUCKET STS. STEEL BLT. TIRES. VIN# M4027738. MI. 60.810 \$9990	'88 HONDA ACCORD LX 4 CYL. AUTO. O/D. P/S/B. AIR. AM/FM STEREO/CASS. P/ANT. P/MIR. P/T/TKN. P/D/L. TILT. CRUISE. R/DEF. T/GLSS. INT/WPR. BUCKET STS. STEEL BLT. TIRES. VIN# M4027738. MI. 60.810 \$10,690			'88 HONDA MAZDA 3 V6. 5 SPD. P/S/B. AIR. AM/FM STEREO/CASS. P/ANT. P/MIR. P/T/TKN. P/D/L. TILT. CRUISE. R/DEF. T/GLSS. INT/WPR. BUCKET STS. STEEL BLT. TIRES. VIN# M4027738. MI. 60.810 \$10,990	'88 CHRYV 234 CAVALLIER V6. AUTO. P/S/B. AIR. AM/FM STEREO/CASS. P/ANT. P/MIR. P/T/TKN. P/D/L. TILT. CRUISE. R/DEF. T/GLSS. INT/WPR. BUCKET STS. STEEL BLT. TIRES. VIN# M4027738. MI. 60.810 \$11,790	'88 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN LX 7 PASSENGER. V6. AUTO. P/S/B. AIR. AM/FM STEREO/CASS. P/ANT. P/MIR. P/T/TKN. P/D/L. TILT. CRUISE. R/DEF. T/GLSS. INT/WPR. BUCKET STS. STEEL BLT. TIRES. VIN# M4027738. MI. 60.810 \$11,790	'88 CHRYV CONQUESTOR V6 4 DR. V6. 5 SPD. P/S/B. AIR. AM/FM STEREO/CASS. P/ANT. P/MIR. P/T/TKN. P/D/L. TILT. CRUISE. R/DEF. T/GLSS. INT/WPR. BUCKET STS. STEEL BLT. TIRES. VIN# M4027738. MI. 60.810 \$11,990
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1060 Announcements
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1. Be a U.S. Citizen
2. Be 18 yrs. old or older
3. Be able to read and write
4. Be a resident of Bound Brook for at least 1 yr. preceding the date of the election
5. Be a registered voter in the school district
6. NOT have any direct or indirect interest in any contract with or claim against the Bd. Those with questions about the election process may call the Board Secretary's office at 271-2833

By Order of the Bd. of Education
Mark D. Albert
Bd. Sect./School Business Adm.

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2010-3100

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2160 - Wanted to Buy

2010 Antiques
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2020 Appliances
WASHER - \$75. Dryer, \$65. Stove, \$75. Refrigerator, \$170. Can deliver. Color console TV \$100. Pls call 722-4329.

2040 Auctions
COIN AUCTION
This Sun evening, Feb. 20, 8:30 PM. Holiday Inn Rt 22, Bridgewater.

2040 Auctions

Auction Schedule
Our Upcoming Auction Schedule is as follows:

Sunday
Feb. 20, 1994 - 2:05 pm
Feb. 27, 1994 - 2:05 pm

Preview is one hour prior to sale time.

Partial Contents of Estates, Consignments and Liquidations

Antiques, Collectibles, Furniture, Jewelry, Household Items, ETC.

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2130 General Merchandise

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1030 Lost & Found

BLACK & WHITE FEMALE CAT - 6 mos. old, name is Daisy. Has big front feet. Lost on Rt. 28 between Bound Brook & Middlesex. 988-7486.

1040 Personals

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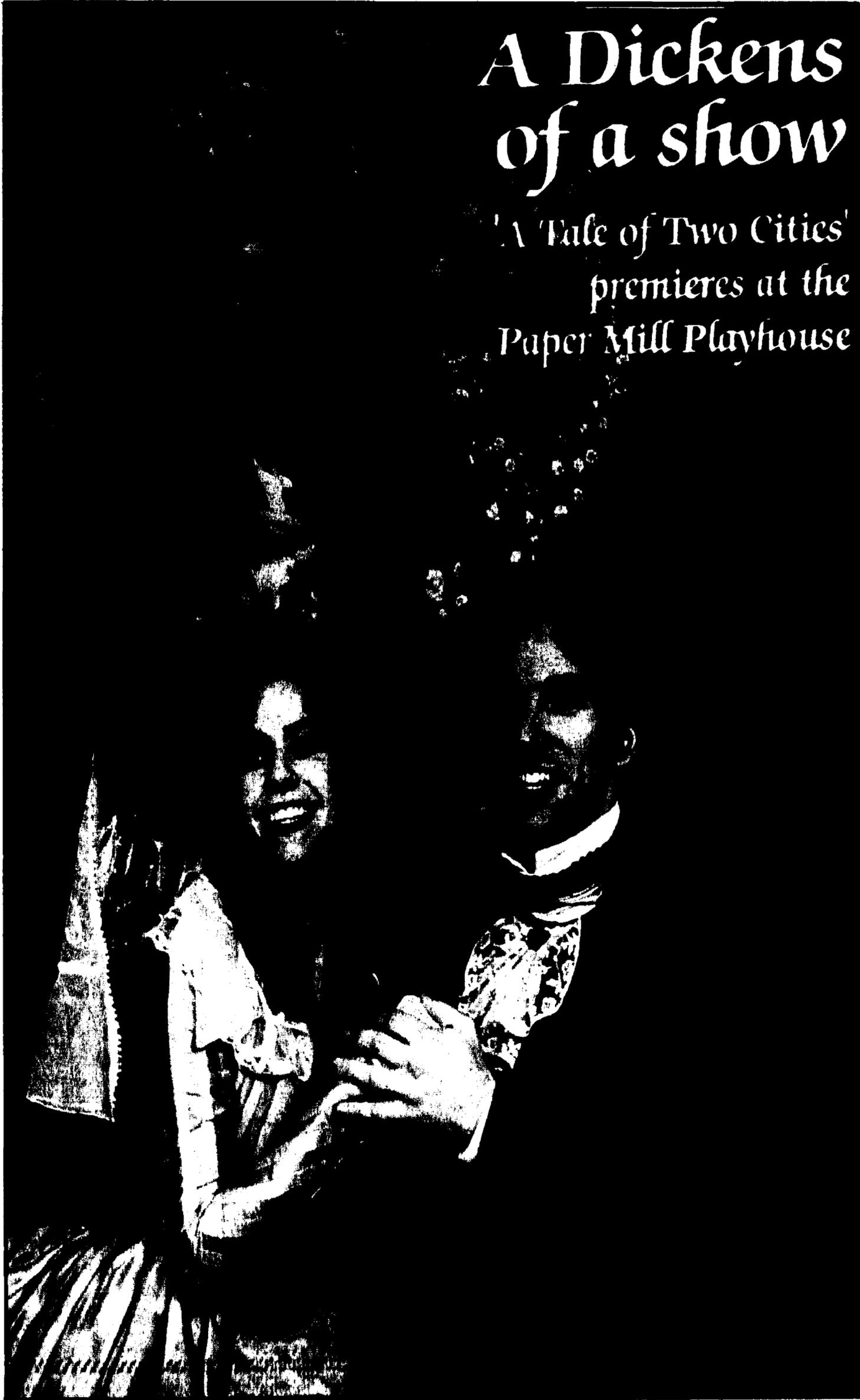
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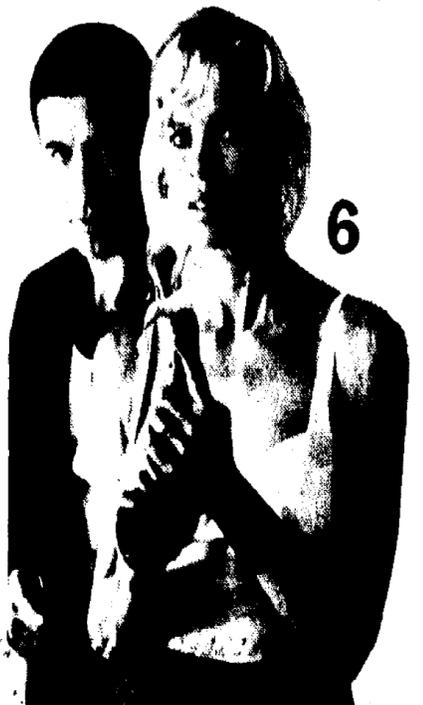
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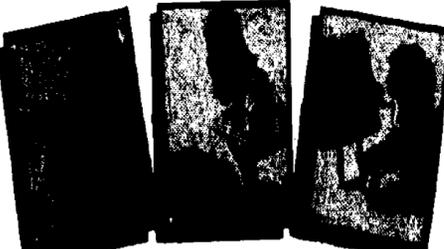
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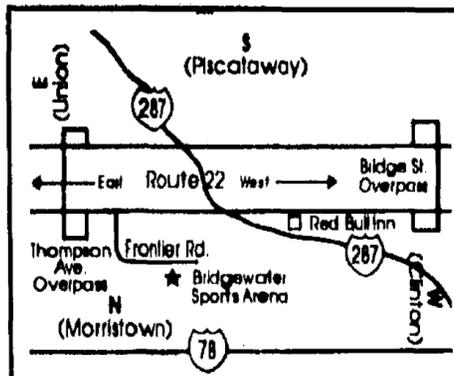
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Tradition moves forward

Paper Mill Playhouse, arguably the nation's most successful regional theater, adapts 'A Tale of Two Cities' for the stage

By MICHAEL P. SCASSERRA
WeekendPlus Theater Critic

There is a refusal by some in the New York theatre community to fully acknowledge the work being done at New Jersey's professional theaters," said Robert Johanson, artistic director of Millburn's nationally renowned Paper Mill Playhouse. "We're working hard to change that perception."

The Paper Mill, considered by many the American regional theater's "home for the Broadway musical," has clearly gained the attention it deserves from local audiences: the theater attracts over 40,000 subscribers per season, currently the largest single mainstage subscription audience of any theater in the country, and an overall audience of more than 400,000 annually. With its state-of-the-art facility and an award-winning artistic team, the non-profit Paper Mill is one of the country's few regional theatres equipped to produce classic musicals like *West Side Story* and *Oklahoma!* on the grand scale originally intended, and to reintroduce other musical works like *Mack and Mabel* and *Chess*, which are rarely, if ever, given full productions since their initial runs.

"A major part of our mission is to present musicals in the way they were originally conceived," said Johanson. "We take the word 'revival' to mean 'breathe new life.' We're not just doing theatrical museum pieces." The Paper Mill, declared "The State Theatre of New Jersey" in 1972 by then-Gov. William Cahill, has since 1982 produced over 60 theatrical works and attracted more than 2 million audience members. To arrive at its current position, though, the institution has had to survive a some-

times tumultuous history.

The original mill building was purchased in 1934 by artist and playwright Antoinette Scudder along with lawyer Frank Carrington. Scudder and Carrington had a creative partnership several years before and, until their purchase of the building, had been producing plays at a variety of New Jersey locations. After spending over a \$1.5 million to transform the old mill building into a professional theater, Scudder and Carrington held their first opening night on November 14, 1938 with a production of Spanish playwright Martinez Sierra's *Kingdom of God*. During the following three decades, the playhouse's reputation continuously grew and the theater attracted an impressive roster of stars including Joan Fontaine, Gloria Swanson, Tallulah Bankhead, Helen Hayes, Claudette Colbert, Julie Harris, Bernadette Peters, and even a young Jane Fonda, who appeared in a 1960 production of *No Concern of Mine*.

After Scudder passed away in 1958, Carrington stayed with the Playhouse until his own death in 1975. Since then, Angelo Del Rossi has been at the helm of the theatre as its president and executive producer.

In 1979, the Paper Mill fell victim to a fire which was originally believed to have been begun by an exploding lamp being used by workers constructing a new storage wing. Later, one of the workers was arrested and charged with arson. "There was never a clear motivation for his starting the fire," Del Rossi said.

Determined to rebuild the theater and make it even grander than it had been, Del Rossi raised nearly nine million dollars for the

"new" Paper Mill. "The fire really changed the face of the theater in more ways than one," Del Rossi explained. "Before that, we had done only recreations of current musicals and revivals of older operettas. When we came back, we took a new tack. We wanted to start developing new works and start going after the more pure American musicals that, for whatever reasons, weren't being produced anymore."

The Paper Mill's mission to combine musicals and dramas, old and new, is reflected in its current season which has already included *Paper Moon*, a promising new musical still in development, as well as the American premiere of the British farce *It Runs in the Family* and an enormously successful revival of *Animal Crackers*, the Marx Brothers musical which the Paper Mill made as fresh and buoyant as ever.

Johanson, an accomplished director, playwright and actor, has been the director of over 25 of the Paper Mill's most successful productions including the world premieres of *Sayonara* and *Mikado, Inc.*, and the stage adaptations of *Great Expectations*, *To Kill A Mockingbird* and the current *A Tale of Two Cities*, which begins performances on February 16.

What distinguished the Paper Mill from other professional theaters in New Jersey and around the country, according to Johanson, is "its ability to present work on a grand scale."

"The Paper Mill is in a class by itself, I'm finding, because we've been looking all over the country for a 'sister theater,' but we've been unable to find one which can produce on the scale and with the budget we're working with," Jo-



Nancy Bell, Michael James Reed and Christopher Innvar star, respectively, as Lucie, Charles and Sidney in the Paper Mill Playhouse's premiere stage adaption of Charles Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities*.

hanson explained. "We're doing the kinds of things other theaters aren't able to handle."

Following last season's successful stage version of *Great Expectations*, the Paper Mill is now preparing the world premiere adaptation of *A Tale of Two Cities*, Charles Dickens's sweeping, passionate classic about the French Revolution and the people caught in its history. Again, the production has been adapted and directed by Johanson, the Paper Mill's artistic director and a Dickens enthusiast who also created the Paper Mill's version of *Great Expectations*.

"The things that make Dickens so masterful are the intricacy of the story and the poetry of the language," said Johanson. "Too often today, adaptations are contemporized, losing the Dickensian flavor. My approach to Dickens is to capture the richness and theatricality of *A Tale of Two Cities* by using as much of his own language as possible. It is quite exciting and challenging to bring to life his extraordinary characters like the ever-knitting Madame Defarge."

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Forum Theatre warms up the '50s with 'The Taffetas'

By WILLIAM WESTHOVEN
WeekendPlus Editor

If you're looking for drama, plot, or meaningful dialogue, stay away from the Forum Theatre in Metuchen for the next few weeks.

But if you're looking for a warm and fuzzy nostalgia trip to beat the winter blahs, have they got a show for you. **The Taffetas** may be about as lightweight as a hummingbird in zero gravity, but it's music, stars and infectious good nature could probably thaw out Siberia.

That's about all there is to it — billed as a "musical journey through the Fabulous Fifties," the tissue-thin plot places a foursome of bubbly sisters on the set of the Dumont network's "Spotlight on Music" show in 1956. Never mind that the Dumont network was extinct by 1954, nor that several of the songs they sing (in a playful acknowledgement of their lack of original material, the girls proudly mention they won a juke box company's award for "best copy of a copy") were released after 1956. It is, as advertised, a nostalgic musical revue, with small doses of humor and whimsy to hold it together, and as such, succeeds on all counts.

The Forum production of *The Taffetas* has a number of

things going for it, starting with the personnel involved. Director Arthur Whitelaw was the producer of *The Taffetas* during its New York run at the Cherry Lane Theatre, while Danna Davis (Kaye Taffeta), Mimi Nunn (Cheryl Taffeta) and Terri Muss (Donna Taffeta) were involved with productions of the show in both Vermont and Dublin, Ireland. Their familiarity with the material is obvious. The fourth Taffeta, Peggy, is played by Deborah Allison of Bridgewater, a former Miss Somerset County (1991) who is familiar to many local theatergoers and more than holds her own, both as a solo and ensemble singer.

As characters, there wasn't much in the way of development: Donna was portrayed as the ditzy one, while there was circumstantial evidence that "natural" platinum blonde Cheryl (the genetically-confused sisters' coiffures covered the entire color spectrum) was the "easy" Taffeta. Humor was generated mainly by references to '50s era values (feminists may run screaming from the theater), products and movie stars.

But the real stars of the show — the songs — were more fully-developed, thanks to a lively pace and some dead-on harmonies. The mostly pre-rock 'n' roll set list covered everything from doo-wop ("Life Could Be a Dream") to

country ("Tennessee Waltz") to Sinatra ("Fly Me to the Moon") to Pat Boone ("Love Letters in the Sand"). Other numbers that stood out included "Mr. Sandman," "Johnny Angel," a camped-up rendition of Brenda Lee's "I'm Sorry" and the clever pairing of "Puppy Love" with "How Much is That Doggie in the Window?"

Even those who have no particular fondness for the '50s may find themselves drawn in to *The Taffetas*, thanks in part to the inclusion of several obscure songs and novelty songs you don't normally hear on oldies stations. Don't ask me the titles; if I knew them, they wouldn't be obscure.

As for the familiar numbers, you couldn't ask for a more professional performance from either the girls or the three-piece band (piano, bass and drums) that backs them up, so even if you can't get the voices of Connie Francis or Shelley Fabares out of your head, you won't be disappointed.

You're not likely to ever see *The Taffetas* listed among the great plays of the 20th century, but is it worth the trip? To put it in the words of another popular '50s show, "You Bet Your Life."

THE TAFFETAS through March 6 at the Forum Theatre, 314 Main St., Metuchen. Tickets \$27-\$23. (908) 548-0582.

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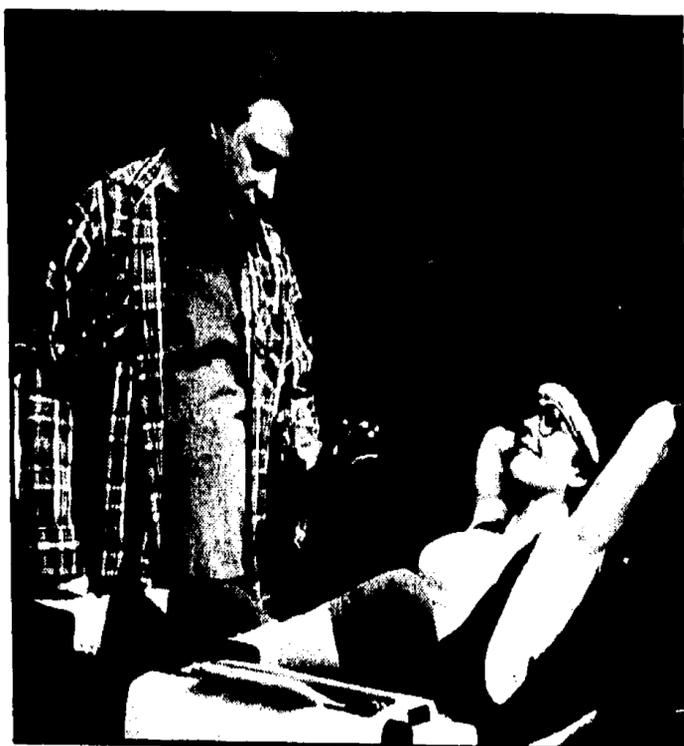
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Len (Robert LuPone) admits he's jealous of his wife's (Linda Thorson) new success as a writer in the George Street Playhouse's premiere of the new John Ford Noonan comedy *A Critic and His Wife*.

'Critic' given thumbs up

A witty battle of the sexes opens at GSP

By MICHAEL P. SCASSERRA
WeekendPlus Theater Critic

"My sentences never touch my life," says Rebecca Oppenheim, during John Ford Noonan's charming *A Critic and His Wife*, a new two-character comedy which amusingly depicts the battle of the sexes as waged between Rebecca (Linda Thorson) and Len (Robert LuPone), her husband, the "most powerful theater critic in New York."

In *A Critic and His Wife*, Noonan explores the question of whether personal autonomy can exist within a successful marriage. Rebecca and Len have reached a point where they take each other for granted. As the play opens, Len excitedly informs Rebecca that he has sold the option on his first novel, titled *The Way Men Are*. Rebecca, though, is barely listening. She is totally enveloped in reading Tillie Olsen's *Tell Me A Riddle* and, amazed by the depth of feeling the book evokes for her, Rebecca reads it again...16 times. The result is her first column, a piece so powerful that she becomes the "new voice" on the journalistic scene.

The battle lines are thus drawn and Rebecca, early in the first act, declares war on her husband. She is determined to bring honesty and emotional expression back into their lives. The road toward their redefined relationship, however, is rocky. Through their writing, both Rebecca and Len explore the gap between what they feel and how they act.

Though *A Critic and His Wife* director Wendy Liscow accompanies scene changes with cleverly chosen show tunes which comment on the action, Noonan does not milk the play's theatrical orbit for the humor he might have. Noonan has been around the block, yet he rarely satirizes the show business world in which he exists. Late in the second act, when Len sells the movie rights to his novel for \$2.3 million, he is angry at Rebecca's lack of excitement. "Hollywood doesn't just blow money away!" he shouts. Critic might benefit from more funny lines like that.

Characters like Rebecca and Len, who often express themselves most effectively through their writing, can be an enormous challenge on stage, but with the exception of a few monologues which might be rewritten or excised entirely, Noonan is a clever, laid-back playwright who never pushes his points too obviously.

A Critic and His Wife is a star vehicle in that the actors cast as Len and Rebecca must display distinct personalities, yet have a chemistry both combative and affectionate. In an earlier era, Tracy and Hepburn would have been the ideal team for a piece like Noonan's.

Thankfully, as Rebecca, Linda Thorson finds the humor at every turn, although LuPone does not fare as well as Thorson. Though Len is not as finely drawn and likable as Rebecca, his performance lacks the quirky, human touches that would make Len more than an often irritating, occasionally amusing pompous ass.

As it stands, *A Critic and His Wife* is highly intelligent and usually entertaining. Now, if Noonan can make Len as human and fascinating as Rebecca, the play would truly take off.

A CRITIC AND HIS WIFE through Feb. 27 at the George Street Playhouse, 9 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick. Tickets \$30-\$22. (908) 246-7717.

Paper Mill

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Johanson's love for Dickens began when he was a child and the creation of the stage versions of these novels is the realization of a dream for the director and actor. "When I was about 11-years-old, a friend of my family gave us a complete set of Dickens' works," Johanson recalled. "I read all of the novels and fell in love with them. I remember reading them and visualizing what they should look like," he continued. "Dickens wove drama, humor, pathos and passion in this novel. With a large, talented cast, magnificent stage effects, including the storming of the Bastille, and of course 'la guillotine,' I hope to make the audience feel the novel has sprung to life before them."

The *Tale of Two Cities* adaptation has taken about a year to fine-tune and Johanson has used only a few small sections of narration taken directly from the novel. "Great Expectations is a first-person novel, so the adaptation challenges were different," Johanson said. "With *A Tale of Two Cities*, we open with the 'It was the best of times' it was the worst of times' passage that opens the

novel. That helps to set the mood of the piece. From there, the play is mostly dialogue, about 75 percent taken verbatim from the text of the novel."

The greatest difficulties Johanson faced in adapting the novel for the stage, he explained, involved cutting Dickens text in order to compress his work into a manageable size. "We had to make some sacrifices in order to get right to the heart of story," Johanson maintains. "There is an epic scope to the production, and we move from locale to locale very quickly."

Along with its dedication to the stage musical, the Paper Mill is also dedicating a large part of its resources to preserve classic literary works and utilize the magic of theater to encourage reading. This mission began a few seasons ago with the Paper Mill's world-premiere adaptation of Harper Lee's classic *To Kill a Mockingbird*, a show which pleased both critics and audiences alike.

Because the Paper Mill version of *Tale of Two Cities* has a cast of 39 members and a grand, unit set which transforms into a wide variety of locations, Johanson explained the project poses the same directorial challenges as a splashy musical production or a Shakespearean play. Johanson's

directorial energies must be indefatigable, though, because after he completes his work on *A Tale of Two Cities*, Johanson segues right into directing two big musicals which complete the Paper Mill's current season — spring revivals of both *South Pacific* and *Peter Pan*, the latter in which he will also star as the title character.

"I've always wanted to do the role [Pan]," he said. "It always seemed unfair to me that only girls got to play the part. The show is really a romance between Peter and Wendy, but that can't be stressed when a woman plays the title role."

Though he is currently at the helm of three major productions running back-to-back, Johanson has already found the time to test the flying equipment he'll be using in *Peter Pan*.

Thankfully, I'm not afraid of heights," he said.

It's no surprise that someone who can confidently undertake three major productions in a row at one the country's grandest, most ambitious regional theatres is able to withstand the pressure of a few wires.

A TALE OF TWO CITIES Feb. 16-March 26 at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Brookside Drive, Millburn. Tickets \$42-\$27. (201) 376-4343.

Chemistry lesson

Kim, Alec simmer, if not sizzle, in new version of 'Getaway'

By JEFFREY COHEN
WeekendPlus Film Critic

There is a widely believed myth in Hollywood that a film's director is its creator; that is, that the man or woman behind the camera is solely responsible for everything seen on the screen. **The Getaway**, Hollywood's latest attempt to make pots of money without actually creating anything new, does its best to debunk that theory.

What *The Getaway* actually does is give new weight to the position of the screenwriter. In this case, Walter Hill, who wrote the screenplay for director Sam Peckinpah's 1972 version of this chase picture, has re-written it for director Roger Donaldson (*No Way Out*), with the help of Amy Jones. And Hill, who has gone on to direct a lot of testosterone-soaked movies since working with Peckinpah, proves that if you take the same screenwriter working on the same material, even if you have two very different directors, you get the same movie.

It's not that *The Getaway* is the Steve McQueen/Ali McGraw version with a piece of carbon paper underneath; it's close, but not quite identical. Here, Alec Baldwin and Kim Basinger step into the previous pair's shoes, and at least for Basinger, they fit better than before.

Ali McGraw was an extraordinarily beautiful young woman in 1972 and doesn't look so bad today, but a great actress she never was, and



Kim Basinger and Alec Baldwin are on the run in *The Getaway*.

she especially never was one in *The Getaway*. Her wooden expression and absolutely inflectionless line readings make Kim Basinger look like Dame Edith Evans.

The setup is simple; a pair of married thieves (guess who) are involved in a fouled-up job, and the husband (Baldwin is called Doc by everybody, and we don't know why) is sent to prison. In order to get him out, his wife, Carol (who, thankfully, is not constantly referred to as "the girl," like they normally do in these pictures) has to get friendly with a big-time crook (James Woods, who could have faxed in his sneer and saved everybody a lot of trouble), and agree that Doc will pull off yet another big job when he gets out.

Well, everybody gets double-crossed at least once, there's plenty of shooting, and before you

know it, Doc and Carol are on the run to Mexico carrying a bag with an undisclosed amount of lots of money, and being chased by as many small-time thugs as you can get without a prescription. Plus a veterinarian and his dim-witted, sexually-adventurous wife, and don't ask.

The screenplay, Peckinpah or no Peckinpah, is all Walter Hill — lots of macho posturing, villains who kill for the fun of it, and absolutely no code of honor among thieves, or anybody else.

The problem is, there's no Eddie Murphy to save the day here, as in Hill's own *48 Hours*. There's no comic relief, or comic anything else. These people are all taking this seriously, with the possible exception of the vet's wife and the fact that she's more than willing to throw over her hard-working, protective husband for a brutal psychopath is supposed to be a joke. The politically correct among us might worry about Hill's view of women, but that's another whole

book right there.

The big questions, though: how do Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin work together? Well, better than McQueen and McGraw. Actually, Ali pulled Steve down to her level rather than the other way around. In this version, Carol is considerably more capable than in the other, and she's willing to stand up to Doc when he's being a jerk, which is relatively often. Chemistry? Well, more than there was in *The Marrying Man*, but Hepburn and Tracy they ain't.

For those of you keeping score, yes, Kim and Alec do take off large amounts of clothing during the completely gratuitous sex scenes, but don't expect to be especially inspired. After a guy gets a spike driven through his knee in front of your eyes, you don't always feel amorous.

Video rewind

'Kalfornia'

Kalfornia is the most unpleasant movie of 1993, featuring Lolita Lewis (most overrated young actress) and Brad Pitt (who's been better) as a pair of incredibly tough buddies, one of whom is a psycho killer. They get picked up by two ineffectual yuppie researchers a week about psycho killers. Some coincidence, huh? Forget for an audience, and the slowest-moving "video" in years. Spare yourself.

'Aladdin' alert

So on the internet, Aladdin fans. Yes, Disney is pulling the title from shelves April 20, but don't think that means Aladdin will disappear from store shelves; it just means they're not selling any more copies to retailers. Besides, if they have any brains, have bought lots of copies and will continue to stock the movie for some time.

But the real news is that Disney, ever capable of making money from out of the air, is releasing *The Return of Jafar* — yes, a sequel to *Aladdin*, an animated, straight-to-video title. The company promises that all the beloved characters from *Aladdin* will be included, but don't expect Robin Williams to supply the genie's voice. Williams is not happy with his compensation for the original, and has made nasty comments about Disney in the press. Anyway, the movie will arrive in stores May 20, with a suggested retail price of \$22.98. Expect discounts and release offers.

— Jeffrey Cohen

Top 10 video rentals

1. In the Line of Fire
2. The Secret Garden
3. Last Action Hero
4. The Real McCoy
5. Robin Hood: Men in Tights
6. Rookie of the Year
7. Hard Target
8. Poetic Justice
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OPENING THIS WEEK

BLUE CHIPS

Major college basketball coach Nick Nolte may have found his savior in Shaquille O'Neal, who makes his movie debut in this film directed by William Friedkin (*The Exorcist*). With Mary McDonnell (*Dances With Wolves*), Alfre Woodard (PG-13)

ON DEADLY GROUND

Action icon Steven Seagal (*Under Siege*) jumps back into the fray as an oil rig worker who foils the nefarious plans of his former boss (Michael Caine). (R)

REALITY BITES

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

CURRENT FILMS

ACE VENTURA: PET DETECTIVE

Rubber-faced comic Jim Carrey (*In Living Colour*) stars as an animal-loving sleuth who must track down

kidnapped quarterback Dan Marino. (PG-13)

BLANK CHECK

Comedy about an 11-year-old boy (Brian Bonsall of *Family Ties*) whose sudden windfall captures the attention of both the mob and the F.B.I. With Miguel Ferrer and rapper Tone Loc. (PG)

BLINK

A beautiful musician (Madeline Stowe of *Unlawful Entry* and *Last of the Mohicans*) stars in this romantic thriller about a blind musician who may have witnessed a murder. With Aidan Quinn, Laune Metcalf, James Remar. (R)

THE GETAWAY

Married actors Alec Baldwin and Kim Basinger assume the Steve McQueen/Ali McGraw roles in this remake of the 1972 Sam Peckinpah action film about gangsters on the road. (R)

GUNMEN

High-powered actioner stars Mano Van Peebles as a government agent tracking down a drug dealer (Patrick Stewart, playing against his *Star Trek* type) who killed his father. With Christopher Lambert, Denis Leary, Kadeem Hardison. (R)

I'LL DO ANYTHING

Film and TV sage James L. Brooks (*Broadcast News*, *The Simpsons*) wrote and directed this romantic comedy about an unemployed actor (Nick Nolte) trying to raise a young daughter. Strong cast includes Brooks' regulars Albert Brooks, Julie Kavner and Tracey Ullman. (PG-13)

INTERSECTION

Richard Gere stars in this snoozer as a wealthy architect torn between his wife (Sharon Stone) and his lover (Lolita Davidovich). Everyone should have such problems. (R)

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER

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

IRON WILL

Disney saga, based on a true story, about an American boy who wins a dogsled race in the early 1900s. (PG)

MY FATHER THE HERO

French film star Gerard Depardieu (*Green Card*) stars in this odd comedy as the father of a precocious teen daughter who passes her dad off as her lover to impress a boy. (PG)

MY GIRL 2

Now a young teen, Anna Chlumsky bonds with Austin O'Brien (*Last Action Hero*). Dan Aykroyd and Jamie Lee Curtis also return from the original. (PG)

THE PELICAN BRIEF

High-powered screen version of John (The Firm) Grisham's novel about a law student (Julia Roberts) who uncovers a government plot to assassinate members of the Supreme Court. With Denzel Washington, Sam Shepard. (PG-13)

PHILADELPHIA

Tom Hanks turns in a memorable performance as a lawyer who sues his employers, who fire him when they discover he has AIDS. Denzel Washington is the reluctant, homophobic lawyer who takes his case to court. Directed by Jonathan Demme (*Silence of the Lambs*). (PG-13)

THE PIANO

The extraordinary — and very adult — story of a mute woman (Holly Hunter) who moves to New Zealand for an arranged marriage,

where she becomes caught up in a passionate affair. Co-starring Harvey Keitel, Sam Neill. Winner of the 1993 Cannes Film Festival. (R)

ROMEO IS BLEEDING

Black comedy about an enthusiastically ruthless female gangster (Lena Olin) who is pursued by a kinky cop (Gary Oldman of *Bram Stoker's Dracula*). With Annabella Sciorra, Juliette Lewis, Roy Scheider. (R)

SCHINDLER'S LIST

Steven Spielberg poured his heart and soul into this stunning black-and-white drama about Oskar Schindler (Liam Neeson), a Nazi sympathizer and war profiteer who later spent his fortune and risked his own life saving the lives of more than a thousand Polish Jews during World War II. A grueling three-hour epic that takes a psychological toll on the viewer, but pays off with an uplifting ending. (R)

TOMBSTONE

Rambo director George Cosmatos assembles a strong cast (Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer, Dana Delany, Jason Priestley, Charlton Heston) to retell the story of Wyatt Earp, Doc Holiday and the usual suspects of the gunfight at the O.K. Corral. (R)

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7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23
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SUSAN LARSEN

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New Jersey State Museum
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•Dance (jacket required) at Sheraton Tara hotel, Parsippany, 9 p.m. Feb. 18. Cost \$12.

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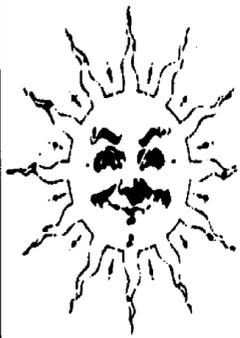
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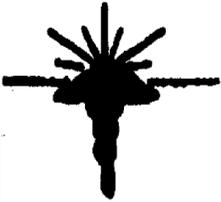


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Nightlife

Bloom still on the rose for BOC

Classic rockers Blue Oyster Cult to jam at the Stone Pony Friday

By WILLIAM WESTHOVEN
WeekendPlus Editor

Eric Bloom, co-founder of Blue Oyster Cult, doesn't mind playing the classic rock circuit, giving fans their fill of "Don't Fear the Reaper" and "Burning for You."

His secret fear, however, is being recognized by MTV's Beavis and Butt-Head.

"I'm afraid they'd rank on us," he said, laughing at the prospect. "We might 'rule,' but they might say, 'aren't these guys old?' I watch a lot of them, and I'm just worried about getting slagged by them. Look what they did to Warrant. Or Winger — Winger's the one they really rail on."

Fortunately, BOC has a longer, and much more impressive history than either Warrant or Winger, even if the era of headlining arenas over the likes of Rush and Back Sabbath are long over.

These days, you're more likely to find them in large clubs and major showcases like the Stone Pony in Asbury Park, where they'll kick out the jams Friday night.

"First of all, let's put these rumors to rest — I don't know if

Springsteen's showing up," said Bloom in a tongue-in-cheek reference to the Boss' habit of showing up at his old stomping ground.

The band, though, does have a Jersey connection — new members Jon Rogers (bass) and Chuck Burgi (formerly with Brand X, Rainbow and Meat Loaf, among others) are both natives of the Garden State. Rogers and Burgi complete a lineup featuring original members Donald "Buck Dharma" Roeser on guitar, Allen Lanier on keyboards and Bloom on vocals.

Of course, you never know when your number is going to come up again — just ask Meat Loaf, whose last hit album before *Bat Out of Hell 2* was when BOC, to cop a line from Beavis and Butt-Head, ruled, blasting arenas with their guitar-heavy rock and a laser light show so elaborate it was shut down by officials who thought it potentially dangerous. Those were the days.

And after a long association with Columbia Records, BOC is about to record its first album for Atlantic, which should come out around around summerime. They're also re-recording several classic BOC tunes for a "pseudo best-of" pack-

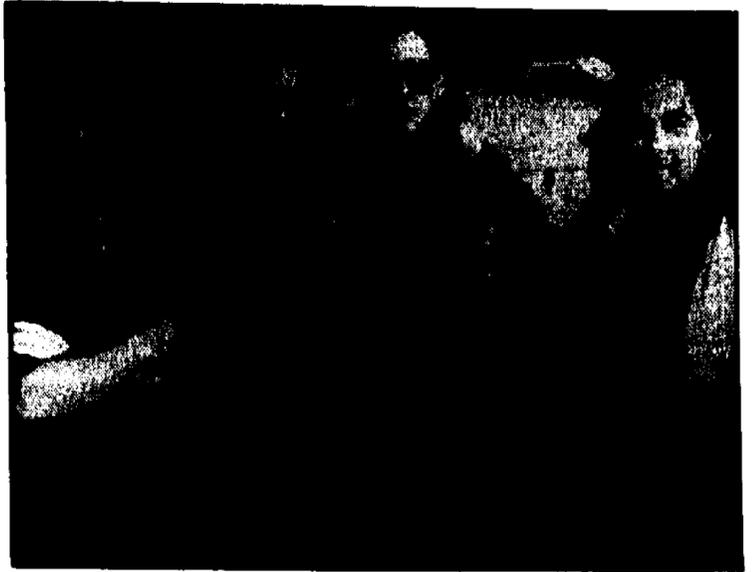
age on another label, scheduled for a spring release.

"A lot of our early records were recorded on 8-track and 16-track equipment, so we're doing them again with the full treatment of today," he said. "Twelve songs we thought were the most obvious suspects, some with new arrangements, the way we play them today."

In the meantime, you can catch them up close at the Stone Pony with what Bloom refers to as their senior, or "seen-ya" fans.

"You know, like, 'I seen ya' this many times," said Bloom said. "We have so many fans like that, Buck was going to design a membership card on his Powerbook computer."

BLUE OYSTER CULT w/Shadow Road, If Darwin Played Friday, Feb. 18, at the Stone Pony, 913 Ocean Ave., Asbury Park. Admission \$10 (advance), \$12 (day of show). Doors open 8 p.m.; all BOC begins between 10-10:30 p.m. (908) 775-5700.



Blue Oyster Cult will perform "Don't Fear the Reaper" and other classics Friday at the Stone Pony in Asbury Park.

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Before their collaboration with Paul Simon for his *Graceland* album and tour, the members of South African vocal group Ladysmith Black Mambazo had recorded over two dozen albums and were recognized as one of the most popular music acts on their home continent. In the last few years, however, they've won international acclaim practicing their form of a cappella music known as *Isicathamiya*. Thursday, in honor of Black History Month, Ladysmith Black Mambazo will perform in concert at the State Theatre in New Brunswick. Tickets for the 8 p.m. performance are \$29-\$19. For more information, call (908) 246-7469.

(908) 647-0138
Open jam session, Sundays.
Audition night, Wednesdays.
•Pandora's Box, Feb. 18.
•B.B. & The Stingers, Ruf Cuts,
Feb. 19.

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1001 West Campain Rd.
Marville
(908) 725-9340
Open mike, Thursdays.
•Crossroads, Feb. 18.
•Bad Intentions, Feb. 19.

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85 Church St., New Brunswick
(908) 545-6110
Scott Strunk Trio, Thursdays.
•Stephan Harris (vibes w/quar-
tet), Feb. 18.
•Dena DeRose (vocals w/piano
trio), Feb. 19.

RASCALS COMEDY CLUB

425 Pleasant Valley Way
West Orange
(201) 736-2726
•John Joseph, Feb. 18, 19.
•Andrew Dice Clay, Feb. 20.
•Kenny Rogerson, Feb. 24-27.

STANHOPE HOUSE

Main & High, Stanhope
(201) 347-0458
•Chubby Carrier (zydeco), Feb.
18.
•Mike Dugan & The Blues Mis-
sion, Feb. 19.
•House of Cards (w/Bill Kelly),
afternoon Feb. 20.

STONE PONY

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(908) 775-5700
•Blue Oyster Cult, Feb. 18.

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Live comedy Thursdays, Fri-
days, and Saturdays.
•Vinny Brand, Feb. 18, 19.

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•Johnny Charles, Feb. 19.

THE WATER TOWER

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

In Concert

THEODORE OWEL

2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27
State Theatre, 19 Livingston
Ave., New Brunswick
(908) 246-7469

•Musician and actor provides
"A Toast to Life" w/the Andy
Statman Klezmer Ensemble.
Admission \$23-\$19, group
rates available.

JEANIE BRYSON

7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23
Plainfield Public Library
800 Park Ave., Plainfield
(908) 757-1111
•Jazz singer performs with a trio
in a gallery setting (rescheduled
from Jan. 19). Free admission.

JIMMY BYRNE

8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26
Union County Arts Center
1601 Irving St., Rahway
(908) 499-8226
•Irish baritone and musician
performs songs from the Emer-
ald Isle. Admission \$15-\$10.

TOM CHAPIN/ JOHN MCCUTCHEON

8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18
Edward Nash Theatre, Rantan
Valley Community College
Route 28, North Branch
(908) 725-3420
•Two folk singers, one the
brother of the late Harry ("Cat"
in the Cradle") Chapin. Adults
\$17.50, senior citizens and
students \$15.

ANTON DEL FORNO

8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24
Hunterdon Art Center
7 Lower Center St., Clinton

(908) 832-9770

•Classical guitarist performs
music of Spain and other
lands. Adults \$12, senior citi-
zens and students \$9.

WAYNE SCOTT FARLEY

8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19
Cornerstone Church
Route 31, Hopewell
(609) 737-6400, 771-1442
•Christian singer performs in a
cafe setting. Donation.

KATYA & MIKHAIL FELDMAN

3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20
Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art
Museum, Hamilton St.
New Brunswick
(908) 932-7237

•Pianist (wife) and oboist (hus-
band) perform works by Rach-
maninov and Tchaikovsky. Free
admission.

SUSAN FOU/GLENN JACOBSON

8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23
Woolworth Center,
Princeton University
(609) 258-5000

•Pianists perform works by J.S.
Bach, Mozart, Chopin, and
Saint-Saens. Free admission.

JEFFREY FOWLER

12:30 p.m. Wednesday,
Feb. 23, Princeton University
Chapel
(609) 258-5000
•Organist performs in a solo re-
cital. Free admission.

HARLEM SPIRITUAL ENSEMBLE

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19
Montclair Art Museum
3 South Mountain Ave.
Montclair
(201) 746-5555, 744-6770
•Gospel chorale from New York
City performs in a gallery set-
ting. Admission \$17.50.

CHRISTINE HSU

8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18
Taplin Auditorium,
Princeton University
(609) 258-5000
•Soprano performs works by
Purcell, Handel, Mozart, De-
bussy, and Richard Strauss w/
Jaime Rankin, piano. Free ad-
mission.

LADYSMITH BLACK MAMBAZO

8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24
State Theatre, New Brunswick
(908) 246-7469

3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26
Morris Knolls High School
Denville
(201) 538-6413
•African ensemble that got its
big break on the Paul Simon
album *Graceland*. Admission
\$29-\$19 in New Brunswick,
\$25-\$10 in Denville.

ADAM MAKOWICZ

8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25
Weipe Theatre, Raritan Valley
Community College
Route 28, North Branch
(908) 725-3420
•Jazz musician performs in a
cabaret setting. Adults \$7.50,
senior citizens and students
\$5.

WANDA MAXIMILIEN

8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22
Nicholas Music Center,
Rutgers Arts Center
George St., New Brunswick
(908) 932-7511
•Pianist performs 33 Variations
on a Waltz by Diabelli, written
by Beethoven w/commentary by
Douglas Johnson. Free ad-
mission.

NEW JERSEY NOVICE

QUARTET COMPETITION
8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26
Roosevelt School
Clark St., Westfield
(908) 566-7263, 925-2629
•Featuring 15 all-male en-

sembles singing barbershop-
style. Free admission.

OVER THE EDGE

8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19
Hunterdon County Park System,
Route 31, Clinton
(908) 479-1555

•Bluegrass band performs in a
coffeehouse setting. Adults \$5,
children under 12 \$2.50.

MISHA PIATIGORSKY

11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 27
Woods Edge Care Center
Routes 202-206, Bridgewater
(908) 526-8600

•Jazz pianist performs in a ben-
efit w/New Buffalo Disaster and
the Blawenburg Dixieland En-
semble. Admission \$12.50, in-
cludes brunch.

PROKOFIEV PROGRAM

8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25
Nicholas Music Center,
Rutgers Arts Center
George St., New Brunswick
(908) 932-7511

•Two sonatas, *The Ugly Duck-
ling*, and other works performed
by a trio w/Judith Nicolsia Civi-
tano, soprano. Free admission.

JOSHUA REDMAN

8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21
McCarter Theatre
91 University Pl., Princeton
(609) 683-8000

•Tenor sax player performs with
the Lincoln Center Jazz Orches-
tra (led by Marcus Roberts).
Admission \$28-\$25.

RUTGERS JAZZ ENSEMBLE

4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20
Nicholas Music Center,
Rutgers Arts Center
George St., New Brunswick
(908) 932-7511

•Jazz Hall of Fame concert. Ad-
mission \$7, discounts avail-
able.

SCRATCH 'N' SNIFF

8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24
Taplin Auditorium,
Princeton University
(609) 258-5000

•Works of John Puterbaugh,
David Sanford, Peter Velikonja,
and Matt Wuolle, performed by
the Composers' Ensemble at
Princeton. Free admission.

BOBBY SHORT

8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25
State Theatre, New Brunswick
8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26
War Memorial, Trenton
3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27
Symphony Hall, Newark
1-800-ALLEGRO

•Cabaret legend sings American
standards with the New Jersey
Symphony Orchestra. Ad-
mission \$39-\$21, discounts
available.

WINTERREISE

8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18
Nicholas Music Center,
Rutgers Arts Center
George St., New Brunswick
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•Franz Schubert's "Winter Jour-
ney" sung by Frederick Urrey,
tenor w/James Scott, piano.
Admission \$12, discounts
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5. Celine Dion, *Colour of My Love*
6. Aerosmith, *Get a Grip*
7. ZZ Top, *Antenna*
8. Soundtrack, *Philadelphia*
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•"Reflections of Venice," through March 6.

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56 Main St., Clinton
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Colonial home built in 1746 and chronicling New Jersey history from before independence to after the Civil War. Open Saturday from 2-4 p.m. Free admission for members. Non-member admission: adults \$1, children free.
•"African-American Jazz Greats," through Feb. 26.

ENVIRONMENTAL

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190 Lord Stirling Rd.
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•How maple sugar is made, 10 a.m. Feb. 19, 20, 26, 27.

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

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•Indian cooking methods, Feb.

20.

MORRIS MUSEUM

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Morristown
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Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday from noon-6 p.m. Free admission for members. Non-member admission: adults \$4, senior citizens and children \$2.
•Permanent gallery exhibits: dinosaurs, live animals, mammals, model trains, history, North American Indians, Woodland Indians, rocks and minerals.
•"Backyard Monsters: The World of Insects," through May 15.

NEW JERSEY STATE MUSEUM

205 West State St., Trenton
(609) 292-6464
Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m., Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Free admission.
•"Artists' Collect, Artists' Give," ongoing.
•"Dream Singers, Story Tellers: An African-American Presence," through March 20.
•Works by Regina Bogat, through April 10.
•"The Traveler as Ethnographer," through June 29.

NEWARK MUSEUM

49 Washington St., Newark
(201) 596-6550
Wednesday through Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Free admission. Largest museum in the Garden State. Permanent exhibits include Greek, African, and native American art; paintings and sculpture from 18th-century America; live animals in a mini-zoo. Newark Fire Museum displays antique firefighting apparatus.
•Paperweights by Paul Stankard, ongoing.
•"Furnishing Choices in the American Home," ongoing.
•"A Vision of the Future" for the museum's science gallery, through June 30.
•"Treasures from the Korean Collection," through June 30.
•Photographs of "Vanishing Korea" by Rhoda Sidney, through June 30.
•"Amazonian Harmony: Shipibo Pottery and Textiles" from Peru, through 1994.
•"E. Plinius Unum," American money from colonial times to the Civil War, through 1995.

OSBORN-CANNONBALL HOUSE

Front St., Scotch Plains
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Historic house from c. 1750. Open the first Sunday of each month from 2-4 p.m. Free admission.

REEVES-REED ARBORETUM
165 Hobart Ave., Summit
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Gardens open daily from dawn to dusk. Registration required for programs.
•A walk through the grounds, 10 a.m. Feb. 26. Cost \$9.

SCHERMAN-HOFFMAN SANCTUARIES

Hardscrabble Rd., Bernardsville
(908) 766-5787
Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday from noon-5 p.m.
•Nature photography workshop, 1 p.m. Feb. 19. Cost \$7.
•Wildflowers in winter, 1 p.m. Feb. 20. Cost \$7.

TRAILSIDE NATURE AND SCIENCE CENTER

Coles Ave. and New Providence Rd., Mountainside
(908) 789-3670
Open daily from 1-5 p.m. Registration required for programs.
•Make-and-take science toys for children, 10 a.m. Feb. 18. Cost \$2.
•Sweetgum ball menagerie, Feb. 20.
•How animals stay "Snug as a Bug," 2 p.m. Feb. 21. Cost \$3.
•"Crafty Kids" (grades 1-5 w/ an adult), 10 a.m. Feb. 22. Cost \$2 per craft.
•Birds that are "Hole Nesters," 1 p.m. Feb. 22. Cost \$15.
•"Amazing Animals," 10 a.m. Feb. 23. Cost \$3.
•Stories for "When I'm Sleepy (Too)" (ages 3-6 w/ an adult), 7 p.m. Feb. 23. Cost \$3.
•An "Owl Prowl," 7 p.m. Feb. 24. Cost \$3.50.
•Astronomy Sunday, Feb. 27.

WALLACE HOUSE & OLD DUTCH PARSONAGE

38 Washington Pl., Somerville
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JANE VOORHEES ZIMMERLI ART MUSEUM

Rutgers University
Hamilton St., New Brunswick
(908) 932-7237



German painter Gabriele Murer's Self-Portrait in Front of an Easel is the subject of a gallery talk by Laverne George 3 p.m. Sunday at the Princeton Art Museum.

Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Free admission.
•Works from the George Riabov Collection of Russian Art, through spring 1994.

Galleries

B. BEAMSDERFER GALLERY

6 North Second Ave.
Highland Park
(908) 249-6971
Monday through Friday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Also open by appointment.
•"Fables and Feasts" by Jo Gershman, through Feb. 19.

CIRCLE GALLERY

Woodbridge Center
Routes 1 & 9, Woodbridge
(908) 636-7710
Open during mall hours.
•Betty Boop retrospective,

through Feb. 28.
CORVELL GALLERY AT THE FORKWARD
8 Coryell St., Lambertville
(609) 397-0804
Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
•Lambertville Historical Society juried exhibition, through March 20.

JAMES HOWE GALLERY

Kean College
Vaughn-Eames Hall
Route 82, Union
(908) 527-2347
Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.; Friday from 10 a.m.-noon. Also open by appointment.
•"Re:Animating" paintings by Michael Davis, through Feb. 25.

HUNTERDON ART CENTER

7 Lower Center St., Clinton
(908) 735-8415
Wednesday through Sunday

from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission \$2.50, discounts available.
•"Sitting Pretty" in 19th-century Hunterdon County, through Feb. 27.

METUCHEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

480 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen
(908) 632-8526
Open during library hours.
•Works by Metuchen-area children, through March 19.

MORTIMER GALLERY

681 St. Bernard's School
St. Bernard's Rd., Gladstone
(908) 234-2345
Sunday and Thursday from 2-4 p.m.
•Landscapes by Kathleen Schulz, through March 2.

NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS

68 Elm St., Summit
(908) 273-9121
Palmer Gallery open Monday through Friday from noon-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 2-4 p.m. Members' Gallery open from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. when classes are in session.
•"Excellence in Watercolor" art, Palmer Gallery, through Feb. 27. Adults \$1, senior citizens and children under 12 free.
•"New Visions" by Lisa Mackie, Members' Gallery, through March 17. Free admission.

N.J. DESIGNER CRAFTSMEN

65 Church St., New Brunswick
(908) 246-4066
Monday through Saturday from noon-6 p.m.
•"Perfume, Buttons, and Lace," through Feb. 27.

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Woodbridge Ave., Edison
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•Works by Rachelle Karger, through Feb. 28.

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440 River Rd., North Branch
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•"Members Only IV" show, through March 10.

QUIETUDE GARDEN GALLERY

24 Fern Rd., East Brunswick
(908) 257-4340
Open by appointment only.
•"Winter Wonder 1994," works of nine sculptors, through April 23.

RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Route 28, North Branch
(908) 218-8876
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from noon-3 p.m.
•"Race and Gender," Feb. 25-March 31. Reception from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 25.

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20 Grove St., Somerville
(908) 231-7110
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•Montgomery Arts Council invitational show, through Feb. 28.

SWAIN GALLERIES

703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield
(908) 756-1707
Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Saturday from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
•Seriographs by Frederick Hale McDuff, through Feb. 26.

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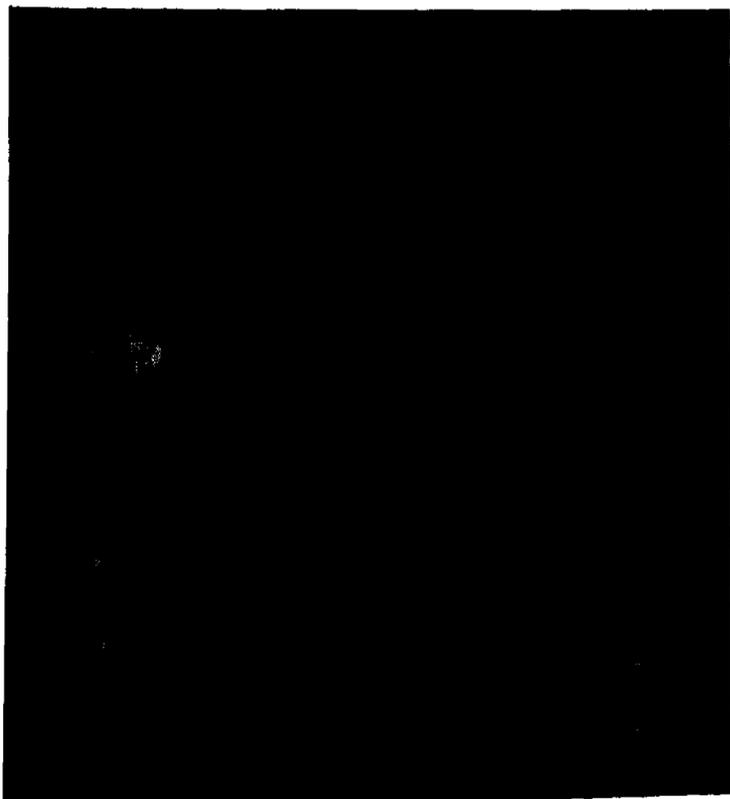
Union County College
1033 Springfield Ave.
Cranford
(908) 709-7155
Monday through Thursday from 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 1-4 p.m.
•Industrial landscapes by Valeri Larko, through March 1.

WALTERS HALL GALLERY

Rutgers Arts Center
Chapel Dr., New Brunswick
(908) 932-7511
Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
•"Relative Foundations" of Lisa Denham-Harris, Nathalie Grigoriouff, and Ambrose Lui, through Feb. 24.

WATCHUNG ARTS CENTER

18 Stirling Rd., Watchung
(908) 753-0190
Daily (except Saturday) from 1-4 p.m. Free admission.
•Three artists' "Blast of Color," through Feb. 27.



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Traveling Companions

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SWF 52, retired wants to explore new places w/an adventurous, down to earth, considerate male, at the very least I need a good friend to start with. I am slim, attractive, personable, easy going, adventurous affectionate, & caring. I am not opposed to female replies, strictly on a friendship basis. There are so many good things to share with a person of similar interests. I am not interested in a selfish or demanding individual or anyone that has nothing better to do at the moment than to answer this ad. I'm sorry if I'm being so blunt, but why should we waste our time, it's really valuable. Please reply to Ext. 4539.

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Introductions

18 YEAR OLD SINGLE WHITE FEMALE

Blonde hair, Blue eyes, 5'7, 200 lbs. told I have attractive facial features. My friends describe me as a caring person who will go out of her way to help. I love children, my hobbies are: Bike riding, basketball, softball & taking care of children. I enjoy the beach & I am looking for someone who is caring & affectionate who cares about me & not what I look like. ISO S/DWM age 18-27 religion unimportant. Please call Ext. 4764.

7 WORDS

Compassionate, stubborn, loyal, intense, honest, romantic, unattached. 36 yr old SWM is trying to eliminate the seventh of these self descriptive words. I'm a writer/teacher; love the Arts, fleamkts, tennis, playing guitar, acting, Mark Twain, and the Muppets. Seeking SF, 30-40, w/ some common (and some uncommon) interests. What are your 7 words? Call or, better still, will respond w/ photo (optional) if you send note & photo to box 4616.

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2. You can place your FREE introductions ad just by calling 1-800-559-9495. Our specially-trained staff will help you. Any personal information we may request will be kept strictly confidential.
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Introductions

Central New Jersey's Best Choice For Meeting Someone Close To Home

A PRETTY, BLONDE FORMER MODEL
who is very feminine, vivacious, attractive, great shape, intelligent, educated, confident, sincere, outgoing, spontaneous, 50, 5'8" with sensational legs and a sense of humor to match seeks tall, handsome, professional, not over 55, for love and marriage. Do you like candle-lit dinners, champagne, holding hands, hugs, quiet evenings at home, the beach, tans, romance? I adore formal attire, but favorite is well worn jeans. You are emotionally available with no hang-ups, financially secure, honest, sincere, a nonsmoker, and sincerely desire spending the rest of your life with someone you love. Please reply ext. 4704.

A TOUCH OF CLASS, A TOUCH OF BRASSI...
37 yr. old professional SJF. Independent, intelligent, sensual and pretty. Let's cook dinner together...go to the gym...or take in a movie. Are you bright, intuitive, adventurous, and have a good sense of humor? I'm looking for someone who is under 42 and is looking to build a friendship into a "real relationship". **THIS ADVERTISER HAS ALSO CHOSEN TO RECEIVE MAIL. PLEASE SEND LETTER TO: INTRODUCTIONS, BOX 4904, FORBES NEWSPAPER, P.O. BOX 699, SOMERVILLE, NJ, 08876.**

AAA-ASSERTIVE, ATTRACTIVE, ADVENTUROUS
37 yr old, educated & successful DWM, 5'9", 170 lbs., sandy hair, seeks younger, slim, attractive, demure female for LTR & family, with take charge kind of man. Please call ext. 4297.

ALONE & BORED IN ISELIN--
DJPM seeks 45+ female who is slim, attractive and fun to be with. Must have sense of humor. I am 5'18", 145 lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes. Let's talk. Pls call ext. 4562.

ANNOUNCING MS. RIGHT! DWPF
44, 5'7", trim, Redhead. Somerset Hills area, attractive, successful, relaxed, educated, articulate, financially & emotionally secure, at times-down right witty. Looking for a tall and/or big man with matching adjectives (see above)- to enjoy me, 2 lively sons, a full and comfortable life. All travel, sports & interests cheerfully entrained. please call ext. 4851

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR ONE GOOD SINGLE WHITE FEMALE?
Your search ends here if you are a tall SWM, 30-40 years old who enjoys dancing movies and dining out. ext. 4706.

ATTACHED MALE--
Non-smoking prof., early 40's, physically fit, seeks WF for friendship. **THIS ADVERTISER HAS CHOSEN TO RECEIVE MAIL ONLY. PLEASE SEND LETTER AND PHOTO TO: INTRODUCTIONS BOX 4597, FORBES NEWSPAPERS, PO BOX 699, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876.**

ATTENTION!
In search of very attractive SWF at Newark Northwest Airlines, gate 42 Christmas morning. Your wore gold bracelets and yellow cap with "Tommy". Please call, I'd like to meet you. **THIS ADVERTISER HAS CHOSEN TO RECEIVE PHONE CALLS. RESPOND TO EXT. 4866.**

ATTRACTIVE DWF--
Brunette, sexy, good figure, 5'5", 115 lbs., young 40, Mother, very fun-loving, sweet & compassionate, good sense of humor. I am looking for a Gentleman- 35-55 yrs old, who is a financially secure professional, sweet and sensitive. Looking for a friendship that can blossom into more. Pls. call ext. 4757

ATTRACTIVE FIT FUN SWM
Very handsome, athletic, smart, well educated, open & honest, caring, sensual, romantic, & stable, non-smoker, non-drinker who loves life and enjoys travel, movies & plays, dancing & dining, the beach, sunsets, tennis, photography, music, comedy clubs, trading back rubs, exercise, laughter, and affection. I'm seeking a THIN NON SMOKER SWF 24-34 who loves life and would enjoy sharing fun times, good friendship, and eventually a great relationship that includes understanding, a solid marriage., and family. Ext. 4951. **THIS ADVERTISER HAS ALSO CHOSEN TO RECEIVE MAIL. PLEASE SEND LETTER AND RECENT PHOTO TO: INTRODUCTIONS BOX 4951, FORBES NEWSPAPERS, PO BOX 699, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876.**

ATTRACTIVE GEOLOGIST, 33--
DWPM, well-educated, easy-going, sensitive, honest & affectionate & fit. 6ft. tall, brown hair, green eyes, 180 lbs., adventurous & spontaneous, many interests including music, reading, film, art, travel, photography, museums, & all out-door activities, also enjoy biking, tennis, skiing, ect. Looking for intelligent prof. female with similar qualities & interests for friendship, romance & LTR. Please call ext. 4763

ATTRACTIVE SINGLE WHITE FEMALE--
Ash blonde, green eyes, late 40's but looks younger. Sincere & sensitive. Enjoys travel, nature, Dining out, dancing, movies, music, some sports & good conversation. ISO S/DWM fit 40-late 50's, non-smoker w/ similar interests & qualities for fun, friendship & possible long term relationship. Please call Ext. 4536.

ATTRACTIVE PROFESSIONAL MALE--
Successful, financially secure. Smoker, clean, attached, affectionate, open minded, fun-loving seeks single female 18-30 for discrete friendship, fun, good conversation and companionship to go out to clubs, movies, dining out, NYC, AC, amusement parks and to share enjoyment of life in general. Must be healthy and free of addiction. **THIS ADVERTISER HAS CHOSEN TO ALSO RECEIVE MAIL. PLEASE SEND YOUR LETTER TO: INTRODUCTIONS BOX 4894, FORBES NEWSPAPERS, PO BOX 699, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876.**

ATTRACTIVE SWM, 34
Blonde hair, blue-eyes, sexy, well built, good heart and full of laughs. Seeking very attractive female who is honest, sensitive, caring and affectionate for possible LTR. Must like hugs!! Ext. 4607.

ATTRACTIVE WHITE MALE--
45, wealthy and generous. In search of shapely lady for mutually beneficial, mistress-type relationship. Please reply ext. 4605.

ATTRACTIVE--
WHF, never married, late 30's, slim, high moral values, career oriented, would like to meet an affectionate, honest N/S & disease free SWM gentleman to establish friendship possible leading to LTR. **PLEASE CALL EXT 4784.**

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BEAUTIFUL PROFESSIONAL
Divorced Jewish Gal. 5'8", Slim, 48, kind, warm, outgoing & sense of humor. Seeks interesting, professional Guy who is a nice person, for forever sharing, caring & fun. **PLEASE REPLY TO EXT. 3326.**

BEING SINGLE IS NEW TO ME...
and I'm scared to death with AIDS & all the crazies out there- so why am I doing this?... I guess I'm lonely and I need a friend! So I pick up the Star Ledger and turn to the personals... WHOA! There must be about 10 pages full- So how come I can't find one real person? I'm a single white male, 43, 5'9" (225lbs), average looks but very friendly, fun-loving, non-smoker, social drinker, very romantic, caring and affectionate. My friends call me "Buddy"! I am also honest and open, not like 90% of these ads- I've been reading what amounts to a bunch of BS. Size, shape, race, and age do not matter. If you are a real woman please give me a call at ext. 4167.

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

BLONDE & BEAUTIFUL--
I'm not. A single female, 36, petite, ordinary, proportionate, N/S, unpretentious, self spoken, sensitive, caring, honest, into the simple pleasures of life, summer breezes, autumn foliage, Christmas lights & spring blossoms. Seeking compatible prof., educated gentleman to add a spark of magic (or more) to the seasons. Non-smoker, clean cut, & no drugs. Ext 4824.

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BORN AGAIN
SWF, 34, attractive, Prof. woman, looking for a SWC Gentleman, who is strong in his walk w/the Lord, Please write & incld. photo. **THIS ADVERTISER HAS ALSO CHOSEN TO RECEIVE MAIL. PLEASE SEND LETTER AND PHOTO (OPTIONAL) TO: INTRODUCTIONS, BOX 3623, FORBES NEWSPAPERS, PO BOX 699, SOMERVILLE, NJ, 08876**

BRAZILIAN GIRL--
Romantic and warm, Nursing student, searching for a mature professional, 30-40 for a LTR. **THIS ADVERTISER HAS CHOSEN TO RECEIVE MAIL ONLY. PLEASE SEND LETTER AND PHOTO TO: INTRODUCTIONS BOX 4803, FORBES NEWSPAPERS, P.O. BOX 699, SOMERVILLE, NJ, 08876.**

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

CARING, FUN-LOVING,
Affectionate, fit, financially secure, mature SWPM, 32, seeks ISO S/DWF, I want a nice, healthy LTR w/an honest woman willing to give of herself, to share her life's adventures & misadventures. I'm 5'8, N/S, N/ drug user, college grad looking for same. If this sounds good to you please call ext. 4612

CARING, HIGHLY EDUCATED, DBM
37, 5'11, 190 lbs. Enjoys traveling, movies, exotic places, all kinds of music and musical instruments. Very athletic, loves health and exercise. Would like to meet single or div. Asian female for friendship to learn Asian culture, and for possible relationship. Please call ext. 4611.

COWBOY WANTED
By beautiful, bodacious blonde. I'm a-lookin' for a guy who loves t'dance. I'm just beginnin' but I reckon I'm gonna be real good, real soon! This fun lovin' gal is 50, 5'7", with a great shape and cute as a button, and has a hankerin' for a tall, tan, terrific cowboy who loves boots, and jeans and is lookin' 't'lie the knoll! Please call ext. 4610.

D.W.C.M.--
38, 5'10" 185 lbs. Brown hair, blue-green eyes. Looks younger, average to good looking? Gentleman, hard-working, honest, kindhearted, loyal, affectionate, fin. secure, NS, ND. Interests are the outdoors, fishing, beach, movies, music, cooking, dining in and out, quiet evenings, romance, photography, American Performance Cars. Seeking pretty attractive lady, 25-35, with very long straight or wavy black or dark brown hair, 5'2"-5'8" with similar interests for friendship, dating and possible LTR. One child only, super plus. Somerset & Middlesex Counties. Ext. 4599.

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

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

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

DHWF--
Born again, 37, 5'12", 135 lbs. Attractive, fit, witty, intelligent. Various interests, good sense of humor, professional, no children. Enjoys working out, outdoors & vegetarian food. ISO 5'6" to 6'2" white male, age 33-43, NS & ND. Free alcohol & disease for dating & friendship. I love the Lord. Pls. call Ext. 4888.

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DISCRETE ATTACHED MALE
Italian. Self employed, business owner. Seeking female 28-40. For adventure & fun. Must be discrete and drug & disease free like me. Marital status unimportant. Please call Ext 4956

DIVORCED BALCK FEMALE--
36. Seeks responsible, respectful, clean cut, black gentleman, 37-42 w/ Christian & moral values, kind natured and openhanded for serious relationship. (No smoking, moderate in drinking, no drugs, no uncontrollable temper)

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

DIVORCED WHITE FEMALE
43, slim, attractive seeking single/divorced white male- 38-48, trim and good looking, who is physically and emotionally free to build a relationship with the right woman if he were to find her... and also have time for fun, dancing, dining and just being with someone special. Please reply ext. 4166.

DIVORCED JEWISH MALE--
43, handsome, fit, youthful, romantic stand-up guy, self-employed professional likes NYC, sports and dancing. In search of single, divorced or widowed female to 5'4" attractive, strong financial position for romance and long-term relationship. Please call ext. 4914.

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DIVORCED WHITE FEMALE
43, attractive, 125 lbs. Greek-American, with old-fashioned values, in search of a Greek or Greek-American man between ages 45-57. Financially and emotionally secure with family oriented values for long term relationship/marriage. Only serious inquiries. Please reply ext. 4482

DIVORCED WHITE FEMALE--
Small, professional, 40ish (looks and feels younger!), likes flea markets, movies, swimming, reading, kids and dogs. Would like real friendship and fun with honest, considerate, affectionate, monogamous, SINGLE BLACK MALE (with sense of humor). No drugs, drinkers or smokers. Please call Ext. 4583.

DIVORCED WHITE FEMALE--
40, 5'5, blonde hair, brn. eyes, pleasant to the eye, physically & mentally. I am honest, secure, independent, witty & outgoing w/a great smile & sense of humor. Seeking handsome 5'10 to 6'2, fit, financially secure, S/DWM 40-46 who is confident, sensitive, romantic, honest & able to build a lasting relationship. Alcoholics, drug users, gambler & head gamers need not apply. **PLEASE REPLY EXT. 4528.**

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DIVORCED WHITE FEMALE--
Mid 40's. prof., voluptuous, fit seeks non-smoking gentleman over 35 for friendship & possible long term relationship. I enjoy hiking, bike riding, camping, folk & 60's music, dogs, cats, books & travel anywhere. Please reply Ext. 4530.

DIVORCED WHITE MALE
57, 5'11 successful, financially secure, good looking seeks naturally attractive woman. 41 to 59 up to 6' for long term relationship. Athletic, business interest, politician, physician, stewardess. Socialite a plus. Ext. 4489.

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

DIVORCED WHITE MALE
Rugged, down to earth, entrepreneur, tall, very fit, runs, walks, hikes, skis, plays tennis, gardens, loves kids, fast cars, honest one on one relationship, country dancing, travel, out of doors, Channel 13, cooking, dining out, candle light romance, Italian anything, antiques, Victorian houses. If you are a non-smoking petite sexy woman, 35-45, who can write letters and you relate to more than half of the above, then please write to me for prompt reply. Ext. 4168.

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DIVORCED WHITE MALE
44, professional, 6', 180 lbs., Catholic, Seeking SWCF, 35-40, 5'2-5'6, good build, for serious relationship & whatever develops. Sense of humor a +, but must be attractive, outgoing & good conversationalist to enjoy movies, dining out & the occasional rainy day. Please no fanatics or people with little time on their hands. Please reply Ext. 4333.

DIVORCED WHITE MALE
Daddy, 27, long blond hair, good looking, with 2 small children, (1 boy, 1 girl,) that live with me. In search of single or divorced white female, 21-30, slim & attractive- for fun times & dating. Please reply ext. 3610.

DIVORCED WHITE MALE
Early 40's, self-employed, seeking a female in her 30's for a possible long-term relationship. Please call ext. 4567.

DIVORCED WHITE MALE
Very good looking. Brn. hair, Blue eyes, 40; 5'8, interesting, sometimes funny, prof., interested in literature, film, beach, quiet eves. at home, revolution, seeks SWF w/similar qualities: very good looking, interesting, humorous, independently wealthy. Will take 2 out of 3. Aged 18-88 (prefer 30-45). Height unimportant. To share good times, maybe learn tennis or golf. Please call Ext. 4507.

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Central New Jersey's Best Choice For Meeting Someone Close To Home

DIVORCED WHITE PROF. FEMALE--

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

DO YOU ENJOY MOONLIT WALKS

on the beach & dancing until dawn? So do I. I am a spontaneous professional SWM, 34, entrepreneur, handsome, medium build, who is sincere and fun to be with. I enjoy physical fitness, music, sports, & travel. Seeking an attractive, mature, sincere SWF, 25-34 who enjoys an active, adventurous lifestyle for a lasting relationship. Please reply ext. 4957.

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DW BORN AGAIN CF--

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

It is the policy of this newspaper not to publish any personal advertisement that may be overtly sexual, suggestive and/or offensive to the general public. This service is intended solely for personal ads for singles who would like to establish a relationship with other singles.

DWF--

36, vivacious, voluptuous and full of spunk. Energetic Mom who loves fast boats, hot cars and powder on the ski trails. Looking for fun loving, rugged man to share life's experiences with. Please call ext. 4499

DWF--

Beautiful green-eyed blond, 5'4", 118 lbs., great body physically & visually. Warm, intelligent, very affectionate, extremely active, n/a, no drugs, no head games. Loves sports, music, dancing. 50 yrs. young, children grown, looking for counterpart who is romantic & has a clue to what makes a woman tick. Ext. 4569.

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DWM--

30, 6', 180lbs, looking for a petite, mid 20s to early 30s, WF from Middlesex County to bring in this and many more New Years. Wide variety of interest. Lite smoker and drinker ok. Please call ext. 4913

DWM--

34, 5'8", 160 lbs., brown hair & blue eyes. Loves the movies, videos, music, dining out, theme park, and much more! Down to earth but always dreaming. Would like to meet cute, petite or slim lady, 28-35, for serious relationship. Ext. 4645.

DWM--

45, 6'1, 180 lbs, financially secure. Somerset County, self-employed business owner. Non-smoker, no drinking or drugs. Enjoys luxury of flexible daytime or evening hours to share with female who is financially secure, with good figure and enjoys quiet times. Please call ext. 4908.

DWM--

46, 5'8", 175 lbs. N/S, well educated, British poetry/comp. relig., lacto-veg. Edison area. Enjoys classical music, theatre, museums, day-trips, fitness (Nordic Track, Yoga, bicycling,) dancing (learning Ballroom dancing.) ISO kind, friendly, intelligent, cuddly woman, WPH- for close caring, monogamous LTR. Seem to match up well w/liberal, reformed Jewish, unliarian women. Please call ext. 4653.

DWM--

74 yrs young, Leo, 170lbs, 5'10", semi retired, financially secure. Seeks honest, DWF/WWF/SWF, age no barrier, N/S, N/D, good cook, smart shopper, drives, affectionate, enjoys good conversation w/ sense of humor, likes long walks, short trips, enjoys outdoors, typewriter or computer smart a plus. Race unimportant. For long term friendship, a + for Mrs. Right.

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DWPF--

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

DWPF-- attractive 39, 6'1, brown eyes & hair. Caring, loving and compassionate. Seeking attractive D or SWF, who likes to go out to dinner, movies, the beach & sporting events, but also likes to spend time at home with that special person who I am still wait-

ing for. Write and lets get to know each other (please send picture). We might be that special person each of us is looking for. Write or Call Box 4922, Introductions, P.O. Box 699, Somerville, NJ 08876

EX-SCHOOL TEACHER DWM--

Somewhat reserved, easy going, 58, 5'8", 150 lbs, who enjoys walking, reading, sports, and travel. Seeks a slim, caring, attractive, understanding woman, 40-50 to share time together. Ext. 4617.

FEMALE FRIEND WANTED--

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

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FEMALE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD FRIENDS--

Interested in dining out, going to club, having fun and must love to dance. Please call ext. 4919.

FEMALE--

Separated but available. Average but unique, professional but intelligent, science oriented but artistic in search of male, similar, prepared but not scared, 30's to fit 40's, 5'9" + and please write!
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FIRECRACKER

in search of her match. 41, SJF seeks adventurous, classy gentleman with quick sense of humor who is confident enough in himself (not arrogant) to not be intimidated by a confident, independent, active lady. I enjoy travel, dancing, jazz, tennis and skiing. If you're a S/DJM, 35-45, non-smoker seeking a traditional, healthy, long-term relationship - please reply ext. 4491.

FRIENDLY WHITE MALE--

To interested but cautious - I'm interested. Please contact for location to meet at ext. 4586, INTRODUCTIONS, FORBES NEWSPAPERS, P.O. BOX 699, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876.

FRIENDLY WHITE MALE--

55, 6', 155 lbs., in great shape, seeks female, any status, for discrete daytime/evening get-togethers. Please call ext. 4586.

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GAY SINGLE WHITE FEMALE--

Professional, 42, adventurous, cute, in love with life and still growing. Stable, secure and know myself. In search of gay female with like qualities. Non-smoker, no drugs, disease free for friendship or possibly more. Please call ext. 4486

GIGOLO 40ISH--

Monogamous, verbose, jaded, self-centered, cruel, egotistical, grotesque, drunk and eclectic. earned type A personality- who is at times angered. Impoverished DWM- artisan, smoker, reclusive, secretive, non-supportive, denying-one-track-mind... who attempts no improvement, searching like female counterpart, 19-55; no children, affluent, obnoxious, financially secure, offensive, sensual, erudite, humorous, omnivorous- who can be manic, obsessive & seductive. Craving smiles, cuddles, tenderness, therapy, romance, honesty, intimacy, recipes, Mozart & cappuccino. Sequel. (will use your credit card) in favor of superficial, long term contractual relationship. Knock Knee commitment. Adv. MORE. Feces happens. PS... No Lawyerettes, Cardboard professionals. Public servants, New Yorkers, drugs. ASAP. **PLEASE REPLY TO BOX 4983**

HANDSOME DIVORCED JEWISH MALE

42, professional, positive, good shape, romantic, caring, many interests ISO S/DWF, up to 42, petite attractive, romantic, smart. Friendship-Romance relationship call ext. 4360

HANDSOME JEWISH SINGLE WHITE MALE

Young-looking 35 year old. Medium build, brown hair, 5'7". Is successful, spontaneous and sincere. Interests include: traveling, concerts, outdoor sports, physical fitness and more. I enjoy an active adventurous lifestyle. I am seeking an attractive petite Jewish single white female 25-33 with similar interests for possible relationship. Ext. 4957.

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HANDSOME PROFESSIONAL--

WM, 48, successful easy going, nice trim athletic build, enjoys life, music having fun. ISO sincere, romantic, but discreet LTR with discerning female counterpart. Please call ext. 4809.

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HANDSOME SINGLE WHITE MALE

35, 5'6", brown hair, blue eyes, physically fit, great smile & personality, looking for cute SWF who is fun & open-minded for exciting relationship. Please call Extension 4310.

HANDSOME, ATHLETIC, SUCCESSFUL SWM--

Very good looking, intelligent, physically fit, financially secure, romantic, sincere, active, multi-faceted individual. Have many interests which include skiing, golf, tennis, outdoors, sports, music, fine dining, movies, quiet evenings and travel. In search of very attractive, trim, athletic 5'7" or less, NS female (30-39) who is affectionate, caring and enjoys sharing all that life has to offer. If you are looking for an LTR based on friendship, companionship, mutual respect and love with a clean-cut wonderful man, then **PLEASE CALL EXT. 4893.**

HANDSOME, FUN LOVING, SJM--

38 yrs., 5'8", muscular. Enjoys traveling, rock concerts, comedy clubs, indoor/outdoor sports, and quiet, romantic times at home. In search of like-minded woman, physically fit, good sense of humor, w/a spontaneous nature and no children. Ext. 4620
THIS ADVERTISER HAS ALSO CHOSEN TO RECEIVE MAIL. PLEASE SEND LETTER AND (PHOTO OPTIONAL) TO: BOX 4620 FORBES NEWSPAPERS 44 VETERANS MEMORIAL DR., P.O. BOX 699, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876.

HI, SWM--

Compassionate, romantic, sincere, loyal, gentle, loving, touching (both physical and emotional), attentive, humorous and thoughtful. Those are the things I hold dearest. I can best describe myself as the road less traveled or off the beaten path. I enjoy seeing someone happy, boardwalk in the spring, fall, and winter, amusement parks, long drives to who cares where, fall when the leaves turn, sunsets, and sunrises. All these things I'd love to share. Looking for someone who can be crazy and spontaneous as I can too. Me: I'm 46, 5'9, 225 lbs. fairly solid. People say I'm nice looking, my parents say I'm great. You: Anywhere from 25-45, attractive, slim to a little over medium build, and crazy or want to aspire to it. Let's talk. Call ext. 4613.

HOT OUTGOING SWF--

25 yrs., 5'4", 115 lbs. looking for SWM, smoker is OK, no drunks, fatsoos, dead beats allowed. You must be interested in dancing, skiing, animals, being sensuous. Jealous people playing games need not apply. **Please call Ext. 4579.**

I LIKE A MAN WITH CLASS--

I am a worldly, beautiful DWF in my mid 40s who is young looking, slim, compassionate, adventurous and energetic. Seeking a worldly, cultured DWM, 40s who is emotionally mature, decisive, warm, successful and relationship minded for friendship, romance and fun. Non smoker. Please call ext. 4912.

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JAMAICAN BLACK LADY--

47 yrs. old, 5'9, 155 lbs, attractive, financially secure. like to dance, cook, togetherness, traveling. Seeking tall, gentleman, nice dresser, non-smoker, sociable. Look for me usually on Thursdays to age 50. Race not important. Ext. 4619.

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JAMAICAN MALE

42 yr. old, Physically fit 5'9, 156 lbs. Looking for a female between the ages of 32-36. Seeking non-smoker and non drinker and a professional who is physically fit. If you enjoy a good time call ext. 4162

LADY SINGS THE BLUES--

Because she knows Mr. Right is out there somewhere but she doesn't know where to find him. This attractive & talented 36 yr. old DWCF seeks an attractive gentleman (S??) between the ages of 36-42 who is secure, intelligent, loving & sincere with good old-fashioned values. If you like to have fun & are interested in meeting an artist who enjoys dancing, museums, laughing, theater, & music then why not give this Shiksa from Westfield a call-who knows it could turn out to be a mitzvah! Please respond to ext. 4570

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**P.S. Ext. 4602 you sound interesting, please write!

LIFE IS NOT A REHEARSAL--

DWM tall slim good looking. Taurus. A photographer who looks for the good in others and beauty in our world. I'm easy going, healthy and have no dependents. You are a DWF, at least 5'5" tall, 35-42 who is appealing to the eye and stimulating to the mind. We are both seeking a physical, intellectual & emotional match for a lasting relationship. No drugs or alcohol, smoker OK. Ext. 4491

LONELY-- SWM, 35, ex-Marine, 5'11", 180 lbs., Brown hair, blue eyes, right smoker, likes movies, long walks - playing home watching cable TV, music (Bass player) I like the shore, bicycling, basketball ect., ISO SF, 21-45 yr. old, Disease free, for friendship, companionship & possibly more. Please call ext. 4766

LOOKING FOR A SWF--

Preferably with blond hair & blue eyes, she has to like to be romantic, and she has to enjoy sports. I'm as big as a man, but as cuddly as a teddybear. Please call ext. 4798

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE

To share your life with? Well, look no further, I am an attractive WM 38, 5'9, 160 lbs. w.Brn. hair & Blue eyes. Looking for someone to share special times with. I believe a strong relationship is built on a foundation of trust & friendship. I'm honest, caring & loving. I enjoy many activities incl. sports, reading & hiking. I also enjoy quiet conversation & quiet evenings at home. Looking for someone w/similar interests who is also interested in the possibility of a long term relationship. She should be warm, slim, 38 or younger w/no children. If interested Please call Ext. 4169

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL WOMAN

If you love to laugh, enjoy going out & love hugs, look no further. I'm a 43 yr old SWM who is looking for SWF up to 40 to share great times with, I love to dance or just cuddle. Looking for a woman who wants to be serenaded by my guitar. I'm 5'8, 160 lbs. with hazel/green eyes & I work out regularly & love to travel. Reply ext. 4409

LOOKING FOR THE GIRL WHO WANTS TO BE TREATED RIGHT

SWM, I'm 23 years old 5'9", blue eyes, light brown hair, college graduate and loves sports. I'm interested in finding someone who can be herself, think on her own, will try anything from in-line skating, camping at a mountain lake, to relaxing on the couch and watching a good movie. Also, you must be emotionally stable. If this sounds like you Please call ext. 4122.

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LOOKING FOR UNTAMED HEART

SWM, 27, law student, intelligent, attractive, thin looking for SF, 20-35, intelligent, independent, attractive. please call ext. 3603

MARRIAGE MINDED?

Want a child? I want a wife: Let's make a deal...H-adworking SWM, 28, very fit, b... Very intelligent, suave looking, Prof. needs mousy Country Girl, Corporate Lady, or in-between, 19-29 or so, to share walks, movies, dinner, cuddling, beach, love (a business together?) Sacrificing for Bountiful life. Ext. 3926

MEDICAL CAREER STUDENT--

Graduating in 1 month as a EKG technician. I'm a 23 yr. old, SWM, short blond hair, blue eyes, 5'10, 170 lbs. who doesn't get a chance to mingle due to school & work devotion. Formal Black Belt in Karate is in search of marriage minded, single white college educated female, 20-26 who enjoys what I do (dancing, dining out, horseback riding & working out in gym) Cannot dial the 900 number for message retrieval so please let's exchange photos and letters. Medical career college educated & brunettes would be a plus. (LETTERS & PHOTO ARE PREFERRED BY ADVERTISER.)

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NOBODY FOR VALENTINE'S DAY???

Single white male, 27, brown hair, blue eyes, sense of humor, caring, affectionate, honest, wheel chair bound. Are you still reading? "Amazing!" Seeking single white female, honest, caring, sensitive, affectionate, romantic, who likes being treated special with lots of TLC. Please call Ext.# 4960.

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NOTHING COMES CLOSE--

SWM, 36, not to be compared to any other. Nothing laboo, sacred or boring except opera, ballet or the arts. No requirements other than a response to this ad and we'll take it from there. Please respond to ext. 4094

PRETTY, FEMINE, CONFIDENT--

5'6", DWF, sz 10 with many accomplishments seeks a LTR with a successful, professional quality gentleman between the ages of 49-59. **PLEASE CALL EXT. 4801.**

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Central New Jersey's Best Choice For Meeting Someone Close To Home

PRETTY, IVY EDUCATED SWJPF

38, at Fortune 100 company in search of romance and long term relationship with special SWPM. Please be tall, handsome and under 46. Please call Ext. 4521.

PROF SWCM-

36 yrs old, physically fit, non-smoking, handsome, & 5'8". Seeks similar SWCF for companionship & possible, sincere, monogamous relationship. Ext 4626.

PROFESSIONAL SINGLE WHITE MALE-35

Handsome, successful, secure, spontaneous, intelligent and warm-hearted in search of an attractive, SWJF, 25-33, with a special smile-to share an active, adventurous lifestyle with. I love music, physical fitness, traveling, concerts, and outdoor sports. Sensitivity and sincerity are qualities that I cherish. Looking forward to building a strong, lasting relationship. Please respond to Ext. 4957.

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READ MY PERSONAL

DWF, non-smoker, 5' 5", green eyes, 40ish professional, looking for tall, professional businessman. He should be financially secure, likes life, good times and is down to earth with a sense of good humor and sense of reality. Must answer this trivia: How many dimples in a golfball? Please leave answer, brief message and name and phone number and I will call you back. Ext. 4337.

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SBPF-

Seeks SPM, between the ages of 30-39, who enjoys dancing, comedy clubs, and is tired of the single scene. I enjoy walking, dancing, exercising and reading. Please be drug & disease free. If this sounds good to you then please call ext.4755

SDWF-

34, blue eyes, brunette, single mom, financially secure. I enjoy camping, dining out, movies, plays & museums. I'm looking for a down-to-earth SWM, 34-40 yrs. old- who enjoys the same things as myself. If this sounds good to you, then call ext. 3619.

SEARCHING IN NEW JERSEY-

Do you like teddy bears, bubble baths, candlelight, romance, and the glow of a full moon on a clear evening night? Do you like the feel of warm sand between your toes, the sound of crashing ocean waves? Do you relish the smell and warmth of an engulfed fireplace, flames crackling and sputtering? If so, a handsome 25 yr. old male with brown hair and deep brown eyes would like to meet you! I'm 5' 10" and 140 lbs., slim, clean cut with a moustache. I enjoy travel, contemporary top 40 music, children, racket sports, animals and the list goes on and on. I seek a young woman who not only enjoys the above, but who is also attractive with weight proportionate to height, a non-smoker, emotionally stable, caring, and commitment oriented. An ideal young lady would understand the importance of family, friendship, communication, and she would know it takes two people working together to make a relationship work. Ext. 4577.

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SEEKING ORIENTAL FEMALE-

Single white male, 51 yrs old, health care professional, 5'8", 160lbs, brown hair, hazel eyes, financially secure, honest, loyal and trustworthy seeks same in single or divorced, Oriental woman, 36-48 years old- who is petite and attractive- for friendship leading to a long term relationship. Middlesex and Somerset Areas. Please reply ext. 4707

SEEKING SINGLE WHITE MALE

Extremely handsome, successful, creative, spiritual, sexy, hip, cosmopolitan, open minded, honest, communicative, thick full dark hair. Nourishing, single, interested in serious relationship, responsible, early 30's, no drugs, alcohol or smoking, for SWF, beautiful ash blonde, 29, creative, spiritual, loving, honest, sincere, intuitive, sexy, 5'7, 130 lbs. and much, much more. Ext. 4474

SINGLE BLACK CHRISTIAN FEMALE

32 yr. old, I have been single over 4 yrs & comfortable. But not enough to want to stay, looking for someone who has no children, but wants some in the future. I have none now, looking for someone to help me find myself, love me & not leave me. I am no Beauty but not gross either. I want very much to love & be loved. To grow & prosper together decently. I prefer someone who is outgoing because I am reserved. Going places I love. Please call ext.4295

SINGLE BLACK FEMALE

Looking for white professional male for relationship. Ages 30-35. Please respond to box 4961

SINGLE BLACK MALE

30, 6'4", 210 lbs., athletic, attractive, out-going, seeks SBF/SWF for casual dating, must be sincere. Please reply ext.3615.

SINGLE MALE, 37

Tall, athletic. Looking for open minded, sensual female. Age & race is unimportant. Call me, and let's start enjoying each others company! Please reply ext. 4380.

SINGLE MALE-

Attractive, 28, 5'8, 170, well built, dark hair, brown eyes, good personality, secure job. Seeking a down to earth, attractive single female, well proportioned under 130, between 5'-5'7 for fun time, friendship and possible long term relationship. Please respond to ext. 4903.

SINGLE PRETTY WOMAN-

Seeks her counter-part. Should be tall, handsome and very smart. She loves to dance, laugh and dine. Desires male 40+ who is simply divine. SPF, 40's looks 30s, not shy- ISO N/S male 40+ for sparks to fly. Please reply ext. 4290.

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE

22, 5'8", Enjoy dancing, movies. Cuddling a plus! I enjoys walks, love the beach, camping and I adore hiking. I have a bubbly sense of humor & you should too. Must enjoy children. I am looking for a SWM, mid-twenties, who has a great sense of humor, and MUST be able to be open & communicate! Financially & emotionally stability a must. Not looking for a Play-girl centerfold, just a sincere guy, who is looking for a real relationship. Please reply ext. 3614

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE 34

Warm, bright, slim & attractive. Enjoys dining out, good music, & new adventures. Looking for a 30-40 yr old, S/DWM, who is fit, down to earth, & looking for someone special. Please call ext.3622.

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE

Attractive, 49, blonde, blue-eyed, looking for outgoing white male, 48-58, at least 5'10, who enjoys life's celebrations, dining out, entertaining at home, dancing & good conversation. Only men with a sense of humor & sincere attitude need apply. Please call Extension 4336.

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE

32, 5'11", attractive prof., independent & very affectionate, brown-eyed brunette. Enjoys the beach, romantic dinners, walks in the park & the N.Y. Giants. ISO S/DWM, 30-39, who is tired of the dating scene. Let's meet & enjoy each other's company. Ext. 4703. **THIS ADVERTISER HAS ALSO CHOSEN TO RECEIVE MAIL. PLEASE SEND LETTER AND PHOTO TO: INTRODUCTIONS BOX 4703, FORBES NEWSPAPERS, PO BOX 699, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876.**

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE

very attractive, 30, 110 lbs., 5'5 w/1 child, non-smoker, non-drug user, sincere, honest, organized & neat, secure about myself. Wishing to meet SWM, must be very attractive, 28-38, 5'9"-6'1", in shape, 34 inch waist or small, 0-2 kids ok, non-smoker/drug user, honest, polite, not a slob or lazy, must be secure about yourself yet not self centered, for a meaningful relationship & possible marriage, if you fit all of the above, then please call ext.4294

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE

37, down to earth, wavy, light brown, shoulder length hair and brown eyes. 5' 6", larger frame but not obese, a smoker, attractive, likes cooking, staying home for a quiet evening w/a movie or going out. Works diff. hours but kind of a night owl. Looking for a sincere, honest, S/DWM, kids ok, 35-50 who knows how to treat a lady, 5' 10" and over, average or solid larger frame, who wants a one on one relationship. No head games please. Only serious minded callers need call- ext 3806.

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE

Professional, mid-40's, living life to fullest but tired of doing it alone. Interests include golf, skiing & biking as well as quiet times. Value honesty, laughter, & open communication. Would like to meet S/DWM, non-smoker with similar interests. Pls call ext. 4585.

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE-

25 yrs. old, 5', Brn. curly hair, Brn. eyes, 110 lbs. Affectionate, honest & outgoing w/good sense of humor. I enjoy anything from Comedy Clubs to picnics on the beach & skiing or just staying home & renting movies. Looking for SWM, mid 20's-early 30's w/a good heart, old fashion morals & good sense of humor. If seeking possible relationship please call Ext. 4525.

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE- 62,

ISO college educated, trim, and active SWM 62-73 with traditional values for long term relationship. **THIS ADVERTISER HAS CHOSEN TO RECEIVE MAIL ONLY. PLEASE SEND LETTER & PHOTO TO: INTRODUCTIONS BOX 4598, FORBES NEWSPAPERS, P.O. BOX 699, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876.**

SINGLE WHITE MALE

26, 6'1", 180lbs, curly hair (natural), physically fit. Varied interests include: Sinatra, Stern, NYC, outdoors, and racquetball. Seeking female for all occasions. Age & race unimportant. Please reply ext. 4174.

SINGLE WHITE MALE

28, 6' tall, green eyes, dirty blond hair, some say good looking, catholic, professional, educated, romantic, and down to earth. I love to have a good time but I also take life seriously. Seeking SWF, 22-28, slim, attractive- for friendship an possible relationship with the right person. Please reply Ext. 4702.

SINGLE WHITE MALE

27 yrs. old. Very good looking, hopeless romantic, seeking single female, between 24-42, 5'8", dark hair w/light eyes and in great shape with many interests. The ideal lady is smart, pretty and in good shape, between 5' and 5'6", non-smoker and non-drug user, race is unimportant. Must be clean and headgamers need not apply. Please reply ext. 4604.

SINGLE WHITE MALE

31, down to earth, handsome, athletic. Intellectual, shy, romantic, sometimes talkative, other times quiet. Like outdoor activities & exercise but also like to relax in peace & quiet. Liberal, honest & loyal. Like tennis, skiing, bicycling, fitness, nutrition, museums, parks, theater, history, politics, etc. Looking for a woman to share life with. Please call Ext. 4335.

SINGLE WHITE MALE

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

SINGLE WHITE MALE

35, tall, handsome, athlete, in excellent shape, enjoys music, swimming, picnics, & dining out, financially secure, and very steady, seeks attractive, physically fit female, 25-35 yr. old, with similar interest & likes to have fun, please call ext.3609

SINGLE WHITE MALE

Handsome, athletic, successful, well-educated, stable, sincere. Enjoys sports, outdoors, tennis, golf, movies, the arts & travel. Seeks beautiful affectionate, intelligent, athletic, non-smoking female (28-38) who enjoys life, companionship, romance & sharing all of the above. If you're between 5'2 & 5'7, exceptionally attractive, physically fit & desire a serious relationship with a great all around guy who promises to make you happy, Please call ext. 4402

SINGLE WHITE MALE

Looking for young female who is pretty, kind and attractive. I want to have a nice, meaningful and friendly relationship with a girl that wants to be happy in one relationship. I keep busy physically by taking karate & working out a little with weights, just enough to look and feel good. I am 5'7 and have long curly brown hair and a cute face. Perfect chance to meet your someone special. In my personality, the most important thing is the companion I have. Please call Ext. 3536

SINGLE WHITE MALE-

28 yrs. old, 5'9, 210 lbs. Brn. hair, Grn. eyes, avor looking ISO SWF 26-35 for friendship & possible romance. Likes Football, baseball, hockey, long walks on cool nights, movies or just hanging out. Have crazy job & crazy hours. Please call Ext. 4533.

SINGLE WHITE MALE-

21, Brn. hair, hazel eyes, slim, athletic, enjoys the little things, Sports, Brnch. Hooks especially children. Seeking SWF w/similar interests. Please call Ext. 4540

SINGLE WHITE MALE-

32, 6 ft, 190 lbs. fit, attractive, educated, employed. Seeks romance with young lady, 20-30. Prefer short, full figured, long hair. Latin or Asian welcome. Please call ext. 4916

SINGLE WHITE MALE-

36 5'10, good sense of humor. Enjoys 60s & 70s music, Seinfeld, outdoor sports, old movies. Seeks SWF 30-40 with good personality for friendship and possible relationship. Please reply to ext. 4902.

SINGLE WHITE MALE-

Attractive, very fit, 30-39, blue eyes, fun-loving, enjoys boating, beach, outdoors, travel, pets & sports. Seeks SWF, 25-30, for friendship possibly leading to a lasting relationship. Please call extension 4339

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SINGLE WHITE MALE

Professional, honestly good-looking, 34, 5'11, 160 lbs., dark hair/eyes, financially secure, selective. Enjoy dining, travel, conversation, outdoors, distance running. Seeking (very) attractive SWF, 20-35. Photo helpful, can exchange. Please call Ext. 4529

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SINGLE WHITE PROFESSIONAL FEMALE

26, 5'7, athletic build. Do you like roller coasters, climbing to the top of a mountain and golden retrievers? Are you looking for a fun-loving, smart and adventurous woman to be your best friend? If the answer to these questions is "yes" and you are a SWM, 26-34, intelligent and have a kind heart, please reply to ext. 4553

SINGLE WHITE PROFESSIONAL FEMALE

36, 5ft.4in, 110 lbs., very sexy, sophisticated, intelligent, exotic. Late 20-looking. Financially secure, independent, corporate professional. Looking for attractive, honest, sincere SP/WM, 34-43 for LTR. You can count on my sincerity and loyalty if you are a worthy person. Please call ext. 4554

SINGLE WHITE PROFESSIONAL MALE

43, 5'5", young looking, smart, handsome, good shape, positive, romantic, stand-up guy, in search of S/D Female: attractive, shapely, similar personal qualities, up to 40 years old. A lady who will be my romantic partner & friend. Please reply ext. 3616.

SLEEPLESS IN N.J.

SWM, 33, Eric Clapton look-alike. In search of SWF, 25-33, simply preferred- honesty a must. Please reply ext. 4552

SLIM, NICE LOOKING

DWM, Professional-looking for slim, nice looking, S/DWF professional, aged 32-42, drug-free, nonsmoker, for friendship/relationship. Interests include working out, tennis, theater & the show. Please reply Ext. 4500

SPECIAL LADY WANTED-

This 48 DWPM is looking for a special woman. She should be between 35-55 and very open-minded and enjoy living an alternative lifestyle. I like all the regular activities: dining, dancing, etc. and all the activities NYC has to offer. She may be attached or unattached. I am disease and drug free in Somerset County. Ext. 4600

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SQUARE ONE

Immigrant, professional, Christian Male. U.S. citizen, 52, working in the Edison area. In search of an immigrant, educated, working female roommate. Over 40, non-smoker, non-drinker and no drugs. To rent and share expenses. Her choice of the area and the apartment size. I am very considerate and trustworthy. Not into head games. Baturity, financial stability, and care could lead to a wonderful friendship or companionship.

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SWCF-

28, 5'8", attractive, physically fit, loving, honest. Have much to offer to the right man looking for SWCM who has a sense of humor but takes life serious, loves the Lord, also likes to have fun. Must be honest, good looking, enjoy nature & love children. call if you may be that one special man I'm looking for. Pls call ext.4760

SWCM-

This lonesome, once appearing thin, college educated executive seeks the companionship of an attractive personable lady in her 50's or 60's from or near Somerset County for possible LTR. Call ext.4588 and please leave your name & phone no. Thank you.

SWDM-

34, 1 child, likes beaches, motorcycles, camping, movies, long walks, cuddling. 5'9, hazel eyes, 180 lbs., married, exact. I am kind & honest, loving, affectionate, caring and sensitive. Non smoker. Looking for SWF 30-40, kids ok and must have sense of humor and share similar personality interests. Please call ext. 4916

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Central New Jersey's Best Choice For Meeting Someone Close To Home

SWF--
25, 5'7", brown hair, green eyes, slim, professional, non-smoker, rather liberal. Enjoys music, outdoors, exercise, having a good time whether its going out late or relaxing at home. Looking for SWM 25-30, professional/educated, slim or medium build, honest, with good sense of humor (no head games) for friendship and possible relationship. Please call Ext. 1495.
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SWF--
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SWF--
40ish, prof., petite, auburn hair, w/cultural & artistic interests, I enjoy going to NYC, also smart men, fast cars & slow hands, seeks a SWM who is financially & emotionally secure, for living happily ever-after. Please call ext. 4762

SWF--
Attractive, 40, down-to-earth, caring, affectionate. Smoker, social drinker, Giant fan, interested in SW or DWM who is honest, caring and has a sense of humor for LTR. Please call Ext. 4578.

SWF--
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SWF--
Looking for today's Real Man who is 38-42 yrs., 180-200 lbs, 6'-6'4", white, divorced, secure, lives alone. Middlesex area. Ext. 4628.

SWINGING ATTACHED MALE

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SWM-- 26, attractive, outgoing, very energetic, I enjoy mountain biking, cycling, power lifting, fishing, roller blading the outdoors, and Cape May in the summer. I'm interested in meeting an educated, intelligent, sincere, SWF 21-33, who is athletic, adventurous, likes dining out and travel. If you like dancing and listening to alternative music that's a plus. Let's stop letting life pass us by. Life has to much to offer than spending weekends and holidays alone. I feel I'm special and have a lot to offer, if you feel the same way about yourself, have a great sense of humor and like to laugh and have fun please call ext 4836.

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SWM--
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SWM--
28, who enjoys movies, walks & interesting conversation, looking for an exciting, exuberant female with similar interests. Please call ext 4753

SWM--
29, 6', 165 lbs., physically fit, good looking, college grad., financially secure. Very easy going & open minded. Enjoys sniling, boating, going beach & outdoors. Seeks SWF, good looking, physically fit, between 24 & 30 with similar interests. PLEASE CALL EXT. 4892.

SWM-- 41 seeks single or divorced white female between 35-45. Social drinker okay & light smoker. Like to dine out, beach, movies, flea markets and much more. Ext 4637.

SWM--
41, brown-haired, blue-eyed professional, 6'2" tall I have a very dry sense of humor, I have my Doctorate and am successful. I enjoy the beach in the summer. Looking for a female in the 30-45 yr. range for a permanent relationship. Pls call ext. 4566.

SWM--
43, in search of SWF, 35 to 50. I like to go to stock car races, I like to do most anything like movies, dining out, outdoor sports, etc. Please reply to ext. 4496.

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SWM--
50, 5'6", 140 lbs., very fit vegetarian, affectionate, financially secure, I enjoy dancing, the beach, hiking, & travel. I seek a Down to Earth female counterpart, for friendship, roaming the world, LTR. No drugs/ alcohol/smokers. Please call ext. 4752.

SWM-- 5'8", early 40's, artistic, enjoys playing music, camping, likes being in the outdoors. Sell employed. Seeking SWF, 30-38, for a possible long term relationship. Ext 4632.

SWM--
Good looking, 25, 180 lbs. blue eyes & brown hair, looking for someone to have fun with and doesn't drink. I love children. Seeking SWF, 28-30. Please call ext. 4911.

SWM--
I am a 23 yr old SWM 6'2", 195 lbs with brown hair and blue eyes; seeking an intelligent, attractive SWF 20-25. My friends describe me as an easy going, fun person with a good sense of humor. In my free time I enjoy outdoor sports such as softball, soccer and volleyball. I am also an avid reader. If you have a wide variety of interests and if you want a satisfying, fun relationship, I would like to hear from you. Ext 4622

SWM--
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SWM--
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SWPM-- 25, 6'3", brownhair, blue hair. Seeks tall, n/s, humorous, SWPF, age 20-30, interested in sports, music & movies. Ext 4829.

SWPM--
ISO SBPM, age 30-35. My interests include sports, movies, dining out, ect. If interested Pls. call Ext.4751.

SWMM-- 61, handsome looking seeks women in mid 50-60. Like to dine out, the outdoors, and music.

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WANTED FEMALE MODELS--

21-31, SWMale model, 30, 6', 175lbs. muscular build, ft. brn. hair, blue eyes, looking for the Girl of his Dreams. Want to share dancing, dining & good times. Please reply Ext. 4842.
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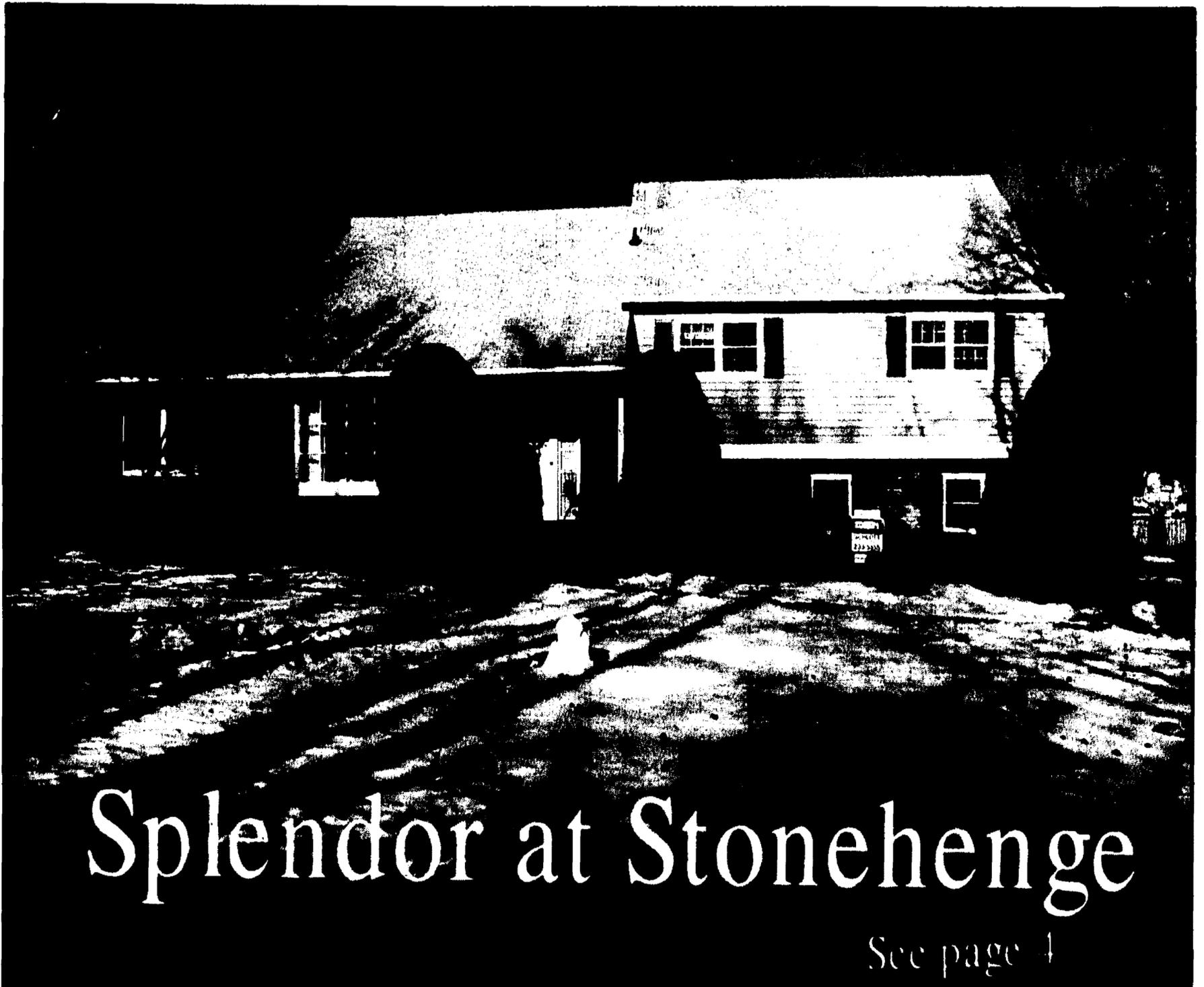
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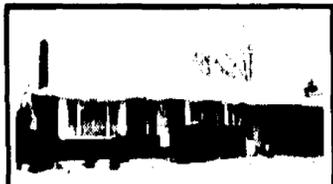
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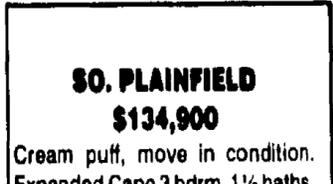
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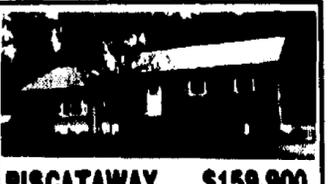
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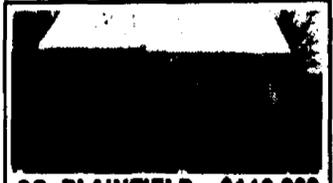
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One of the first things to investigate when looking at a home is insulation. Improper insulation can lead to heat loss, frozen pipes and leakage when ice begins to melt.

As Diane Ailor, broker of Century 21 Ailor

Associates in Ocean, explained it, "We like to see insulation that is at least six inches thick. Many home owners are tempted to install even thicker insulation, but it can become costly. Most modern insulation brands are effective; the thickness is the important factor."

Gutters, which most home owners view as an important means of water drainage, can sometimes be a detriment. A frozen gutter causes back-up freezing on the roof which leads to leakage and serious water damage

in the home. Heating tape placed around a gutter can help to prevent freezing.

Ms. Ailor also advises a potential buyer to look carefully at windows and door jams: drafts are the leading cause of energy loss in a home. Windows should be double glazed and have strong seals. Wooden windows are often preferred to metal because metal transfers the cold into a home.

The basement of a home needs to have proper drainage so that water, snow and ice pressure will not build up around the home's foundation. Don't forget the spring thaw, too. If the house is located at the base of a hill, swales for drainage need to be situated as far away from the base of the house as possible. Second only to fire, water damage due to freezing and improper drainage is the real enemy of the home owner.

Knowing what to look for to determine whether a home is winter ready is beneficial to both the potential home buyer and the person who is planning to sell a home. To a broker, a home that has been carefully weatherproofed with proper insulation, tight, double glazed windows, proper drainage and landscaping to draw melting snow away from a home's foundation, brings a higher selling price.

Realtors often recommend sellers carefully review their homes with the buyer in mind. If they have a formal inspection done before they put the house on the market, they can fix problems before the potential buyer finds them. Those sellers with good inspection reports might give a copy to the potential home buyer for added confidence and incentive.



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Realty Notes

The New Jersey Chapter-NAIOP, the Association of Commercial Real Estate, will hold its annual Commercial Real Estate Forecast Dinner Thursday, Feb. 17 at Mayfair Farms, West Orange.

Donald Eisen, senior vice president of Cushman & Wakefield of New Jersey, and Charles Klatskin, president of The Charles Klatskin Company, will provide an overview and forecast of office and industrial real estate activity, respectively.

The chapter will also hold its annual election of officers. The evening begins with a cocktail hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30. Cost is \$65 for NAIOP members and their guests.

Reservations can be made by calling NJ-NAIOP's Kearny office at (201) 998-1421.

NJ-NAIOP's 200 members own, manage, finance, develop, plan, design and construct commercial properties and own or control more than 188 million square feet of office, industrial and other related commercial properties throughout the state.

The Sales and Marketing Council of the Community Builders Association of New Jersey will present its 1994 New Homes Spring Showcase Wednesday, March 9 at Bridgewater Manor in Bridgewater.

Realtors will be invited to attend between 8:30-11:30 a.m., corporate relocation managers noon-2 p.m., and the public will be welcome to view the new homes 5-9 p.m.

For more information, call Barbara Quilban of the Sales and Marketing Council at the Community Builders Association on New Jersey, 647-6683.

Linda Von Deesten has joined the East Brunswick office of Century 21 Worden and Green. Ms. Von Deesten has a background in management and sales, and has won awards for being top performer of her team in the newspaper industry.

The residential real estate company Gale, Wentworth & Dillon Inc. recently announced the appointment of Mary Boorman as vice president of sales and marketing.

Ms. Boorman holds primary responsibility for marketing GWD New Jersey properties, including The Hills, the 1,600-acre planned residential community in Bedminster and Bernards Township.

In addition to developing and implementing long-range marketing strategy, Ms.

Boorman will participate in hands-on management of daily sales operations, according to GWD President Thomas H. Dillon.

Ron Clark has joined the Hillsborough office of Century 21 Worden and Green. Mr. Clark joins the real estate industry after 25 years of marketing IBM data processing products.

Nicholas P. Mariano, Esq. of Mariano & Coiro, P.C., Attorneys at Law, has been named affiliate member co-chair of the Somerset County Board of Realtors, Inc.

A recognized authority in real estate law, Mr. Mariano is often a guest speaker at seminars, conferences, and real estate training programs. His professional memberships include New Jersey State Bar Association, American Bar Association and American Trial Lawyers Association.

Denise Murphy, sales associate with Weichert, Realtors' Watchung office, has received the office's Top Producer award for the greatest number of sales in December.

A licensed real estate agent for nine years, Mrs. Murphy's past sales achievements have qualified her for membership to the New Jersey State Million Dollar Club and the company's Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs.

Becky Silvers, has joined the Weichert, Realtors' Bernardsville office as a sales associate.

A newly licensed real estate professional, Silvers was previously a data processing manager for Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland and Perretti in Morristown.

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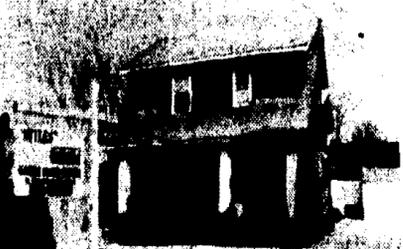
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Liz Lewy was awarded the nationally recognized Certified Real Estate Brokerage Manager (CRB) designation by the Real Estate Brokerage Managers Council.



The vice president/manager of Burgdorff Realtors' Bedminster/Bridgewater office, Ms. Lewy is a member of the Somerset Board of Realtors and the New Jersey Association of Realtors. The CRB designation is

the highest award real estate brokerage managers can receive.

Judi Lewis, a broker associate in Burgdorff Realtors' Warren office, has been named chairman of the equal opportunities committee for the Somerset County Board of Realtors. She will also serve on the New Jersey Association of Realtors equal opportunities committee.



A real estate professional with over 10 years experience, Lewis was the 1992 Realtor Associate of the Year for the Somerset County Board of Realtors, and qualified for the NJAR Million Dollar Sales Club in 1985, 1986 and 1987.

Fred Martin, a sales associate with Weichert, Realtors' Westfield

office, has been awarded the Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) designation by the Residential Sales Council of the Realtors National Marketing Institute.



A licensed real estate professional for four years, Martin is also a licensed broker. The CRS designation is received after completing required course work and demonstrating expertise applied in residential real estate marketing. Less than three percent of all associates hold this designation.

Louise Keleher, a sales associate with Weichert, Realtors' Watchung office, had earned the office's Top Producer award for greatest number of listings in December.

A 25-year veteran of real estate, Keleher is a member of the Somerset and Middlesex county boards of realtors, as well as Summit, Plainfield, and Westfield boards. Her sales accomplishments have qualified her for membership to the New Jersey State Million Dollar Club.



BOB ROSE and JIM LONGO

Pru Rose opens doors

Bob Rose of Warren and Jim Longo of Bedminster have announced their partnership and association with The Prudential Real Estate Affiliates, the fastest growing national franchise in the country.

Rose has been a real estate professional for 25 years and had opened Bob Rose Realty in Watchung in 1985. The former

Bob Rose Realty will be known as The Prudential Rose Realtors, remaining independently owned and operated.

Longo, who has been in real estate for 20 years, joins Rose as a broker-owner and will act as the firm's manager. He previously was manager of Weichert Realtors' Warren office since 1985.

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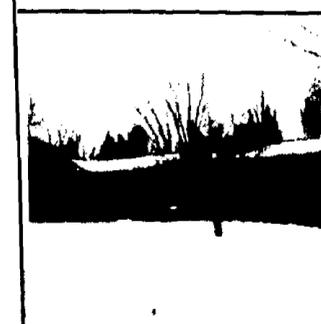
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Hidden Woods townhomes set in wooded preserve

PISCATAWAY — Hidden Woods, a new neighborhood of luxury townhomes on a 25-acre wooded preserve in this Middlesex County township, has unveiled its third section, Barry DePeppe, marketing director, recently reported.

Mr. DePeppe said 50 percent of the community's 85 homes have been sold since the grand opening in October. "The response to the decorated models has been overwhelmingly positive. More than half of the homes sold out in less than a three-month period. We are thrilled with the success of the community and anticipate that it will continue to thrive. In fact, I

expect the remainder of the residences to sell out very quickly."

All the homes in the new section are situated on prime sites which back up to the community's wooded preserve, affording purchasers an abundance of privacy. In addition to the picturesque tranquil environment, Hidden Woods offers an affordably priced home with luxury amenities usually reserved for higher priced residences.

Available in three distinctive two and three bedroom models, attractively priced from only \$122,990, Hidden Woods residences offer up to 1,769 square feet of finely detailed living space.

Architectural features include dramatic two-story entry foyers highlighted by decorative plant shelves and volume ceilings. The oversized master bedroom and adjoining private bath boast a Roman style soaking tub, separate glass enclosed shower, ceramic tile floor and wood vanity.

Each residence features an unusually spacious living room and dining room perfect for entertaining, 2 1/2 baths, abundant closet

space with ventilated shelving, central air conditioning and a convenient laundry area ideally situated on a second story near the bedrooms. Another popular feature is the loft, also on the upper level, which most residents opt to use as

a den, study or guest room.

Practical amenities include a one-car garage with convenient access directly into the home, economical gas heat and day/night thermostat and energy-insulated windows and patio doors.

Coppergate Farm features custom-built luxury homes

BERNARDS TWP. — Carol Taylor, district manager for Coldwell Banker Schlott, Realtors' New Homes Division, has announced the appointment of her division as the exclusive sales and marketing agent for Coppergate Farm, a new home community in Somerset County.

The community is being developed by Golden Oak Developers, one of Central Jersey's most respected developers, who designed Coppergate Farm to cater to discriminating home buyers. With prices starting from \$525,000, only 13 customized designed homes will comprise this community.

"We're honored to have been selected by Golden Oaks Developers to market Coppergate Farm and the entire Coldwell Banker Schlott realtor network is prepared to support this exceptional new community," said Ms. Taylor. "Home buyers will delight in the absolute luxury and extravagance that rings

throughout the homes at Coppergate Farm."

Buyers have the option to be involved in every step of the building process for their new homes. Whether they want to customize their gourmet kitchen, grand family room or spacious bedrooms, almost anything Coppergate Farm home buyers desire for their homes will be accommodated.

Coppergate Farm is set in the prestigious community of Bernards Township. Just minutes from routes 78, 287, and other major commuting highways, Coppergate Farm residents will enjoy convenience as well as beautiful views of the scenic countryside. The area also boasts excellent public schools, and close proximity to some of the state's finest private schools.

Contact Helene Dale at the Coldwell Banker Schlott, Realtors Warren office to make an appointment to visit Coppergate Farm.



Country Classics opens Phase IV

BELLE MEAD — Country Classics is celebrating the new year by opening Phase IV of their award-winning luxury community in this Somerset County location.

Nancy Czarny, broker of record of Homeward Bound Realty Inc., exclusive marketing agent for Country Classics, reported that 1993 was a record year for Country Classics, with 41 home sales.

"Because of the tremendous response to our homes, and requests by buyers for lots on McIntyre Drive, we have decided to offer these home sites for construction much sooner than expected," said Ms. Czarny.

McIntyre Drive is made up of 25 lots, half of which are wooded and border dedicated land that will remain undeveloped. Phase IV homes start at \$292,000.

Ms. Czarny attributes Country Classics' success to the fact that the 2,500 to 3,100 square foot homes are the size and quality buyers desire at very affordable prices.

"Our 10 basic floor plans offer buyers options that are usually only available in more expensive homes,"

said Ms. Czarny. "For example, the Grammercy I priced at \$322,000 features a first floor master bedroom suite, screened porch off the kitchen, a deck off the breakfast area, a sunken family room with fireplace, and much more. A wide variety of facades gives each home at Country Classics its own sense of character. The Grammercy offers a partial stone front; many others are brick."

Country Classics, in the historic Millstone Valley, offers an established family neighborhood, with an elementary school within walking distance. Set on lots from 1/2 acre to 1 1/2 acres, these four-bedroom homes feature fireplaces, vinyl siding, extra high basements, crown moldings, and six-panel pine doors. Other unique amenities include cathedral ceilings, skylights, garden tubs, hardwood floors, ceramic tile foyers, and baths.

Located in the Princeton corridor, Country Classics is easily accessible to routes 78, 206, 22 and 287 as well as commuter trains and buses to New York and Philadelphia. For further information, call Jean Murphy, sales manager, at 359-1900.

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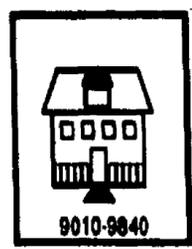
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Amboy National Bank, Old Bridge	908-891-8766	7.00	3.00	7.35	0.50	7.04	3.95
American Federal Mtge, Union	908-688-6666	7.75	2.75	7.08	0.25	6.55	7.19
ARCS Mortgage, Totowa	609-228-1198	7.00	2.75	7.28	0.50	6.90	0.88
Associated Financial Svc	609-288-3344	N/P	1.00	7.25	0.50	6.87	3.88
Bay City Mortgage, Hazlet	609-264-2766	8.50	3.00	7.03	0.25	6.73	0.88
Centar Fed'l Savings, Princeton	609-223-6527	8.88	3.00	7.19	0.38	6.87	7.19
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Collective Fed'l Savings, Edison	908-548-4848	7.38	0.00	7.38	0.63	0.00	6.63
Columbia Natl Mtge, Cranford	908-278-6646	8.75	3.00	6.82	0.38	2.75	6.78
Countrywide Mortgage, Westfield	908-788-9488	7.00	2.38	7.29	0.38	2.75	6.90
Directors Mtg Loan, Rochelle Pk.	908-872-0288	7.50	0.00	7.50	7.19	0.00	7.19
Diversified Mtg Svcs, Middletown	908-708-1308	8.75	2.75	7.02	0.25	3.00	6.73
Empire Mortgage Co., Somerville	908-764-2342	8.88	3.00	7.18	0.38	3.00	6.86
Equity Fin'l, Old Bridge	908-882-8828	7.38	0.00	7.43	0.13	3.00	6.64
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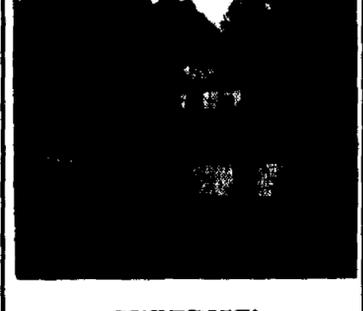
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Stores mark President's Day with sales, sales and more sales

Store owners in Cranford will offer first-quality winter merchandise at popular prices during the annual celebration of President's Day Sale, beginning Wednesday, Feb. 17. The sale will continue throughout the weekend and end on the national celebration Monday.

During the sale, shoppers will still receive the personalized service that distinguishes Cranford as a premier shopping district.

According to Sandy Hamaydi, co-owner of Geiger's Fine Woman's Apparel, the majority of retail stores will participate in the sale that offers shoppers discounts of up to 70 percent.

"There's a really good selection of items still in the stores because of January's snowy weather," said Ms. Hamaydi.

It's a good time to buy, said Ms. Hamaydi, as merchants try to make room for the spring line and offer bargain prices on winter stock.

For the discriminate shopper, Cranford has come of age. Cranford shoppers can now expect to find a variety of goods and services ranging from fashion accessories and jewelry to sportswear and equipment. Gourmet food items, fresh fruit and vegetables, butcher-cut meat and fresh flowers can be found. Antiques, crafty novelties, books, records and tapes are here. Other shops offer alterations and shoe repair, portraits and photography equipment, and printing services.

As always, Cranford's merchants give careful attention to customer's needs. Many Cranford merchants offer shoppers extras like free gift wrapping, senior citizen discounts, and free parking. Tokens are available from participating merchants and are offered at discounted prices at the change station in the Park & Shop lot on Miln Street.

Cranford remembers Howard Siegel

Long-time merchant left his mark

Howard Martin Siegel, the owner of Martin Jewelers, died Jan. 3 of natural causes while at his second residence in Hilton Head, South Carolina.

In the summer of 1945, First Lieutenant Howard Siegel, still in uniform, returned to New Jersey from the European Theatre of Operations where he flew B-17s with the 18th bomb Squadron, 34th Bomb Group. As a pilot, he flew 34 missions and received four Oakleaf Clusters and a Bronze Star for his bravery.

Mr. Siegel opened the firm's flagship store in Cranford Oct. 2, 1945. He had \$1,000 in his bank account. The GI bill loaned him \$3,000 more. Four years later, the business was so successful that he was able to open a branch store in Westfield, which closed in 1992.

In February 1952, he received his title of registered jeweler of the American Gem Society. An advocate of ethical standards and professionalism for the industry, Mr. Siegel was also a member of the Jewelers' Vigilance Committee, Jewelers of America, Jewelry Industry Council and the New York-New Jersey Guild of the American Gem Society.

Mr. Siegel's life-long commitment to highly professional jewelers found expression in his encouragement of others to pursue gemological expertise. Under his training, the first several women in New Jersey were awarded the American Gem Society title of Certified Gemologist Appraisers.

Mr. Siegel served on the original construction committee of Temple-Beth El and was president of the Businessman's Association, the predecessor to the Cranford Chamber of Commerce. He was named the Chamber's Man of the Year in 1963.

Mr. Siegel served as chairman of the Cranford Planning Board and oversaw the development of the master plan which was a comprehensive plan to guide the future development of Cranford.

An active Rotarian for more than 25 years, Mr. Siegel was instrumental in obtaining the Jaws of Life apparatus for the Cranford First Aid Squad.



HOWARD MARTIN SIEGEL

Encouragement of new generations to strive for new heights of achievement took another form in 1970 when Mr. Siegel moved his flagship store in Cranford. The new store was the fulfillment of the graduate thesis of Edward Coe, Jr., an architectural student who had been a Martin Jewelers' part-time employee. Designed as "the museum that sells," the store received national attention for innovative design and new concepts to facilitate enhanced customer service.

In 1991, Martin Jewelers, in cooperation with Rolex Watch, U.S.A., donated an 18-foot Victorian street clock to Cranford. The

clock is now the centerpiece of a downtown revitalization project that has won acclaim for the township.

Mr. Siegel was also a member of the Disabled War Veterans, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Cranford Elks, Free and Accepted Masons and the PBA. He was active in the United Fund, Boy Scouts of America and the Organization of Minor and Major Leagues where he served as an assistant manager and coach. Martin Jewelers continues to sponsor the Little League Team, the Cranford Braves.

DMC continues its search for downtown manager

Cranford's Downtown manager Marta Person has resigned her post to become the executive director of Red Bank RiverCenter, a special improvement district. The DMC is currently in the second-phase of its search for a new downtown manager, said Meryl Layton, chairman.

"I will miss working in Cranford," said Ms. Person. "I feel tremendous pride having accomplished so much in Cranford over the past four years and seeing quantitative and qualitative support that the Special Improvement

District really has made a positive impact on our entire community."

During Ms. Person's tenure, she oversaw the physical renovation and marketing efforts of downtown Cranford. This includes the facilitation of the design and implementation of the \$3.5 million dollar Streetscape renovation project, development of a maintenance plan, production of annual marketing plans and publications, organization of special events, and organization of a multi-

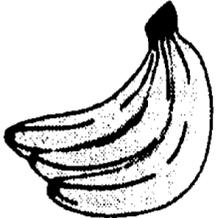
media advertising campaign.

Ms. Person said her fondest memory and proudest accomplishment was her role in the fund-raising and construction efforts of the Eastman Plaza Gateway Project.

"I never dreamed that 500 citizens and sponsors would gather to see the unveiling of the town clock," said Ms. Person, reminiscing about the dedication ceremony of Eastman Plaza in June 1991. "It was then that I knew we had something very special going in Cranford."

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"I am excited about the change," Mr. Venner said.

"Photography is fun and I look forward to sharing my enthusiasm and knowledge with all camera buffs, from novice to expert," said Mr. Venner.

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tography and on-site custom darkroom facilities are also available from Bergen Camera's staff of professionals.

"We'll continue to provide the same quality service that has been our trademark for the past 39 years and at the same time implement some new practices such as weekly in-house specials on popular items."

Mr. Venner will also offer photography workshops for amateurs and professionals as well as expansive commercial services.

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laroid and Kodak in addition to antique-look frames, albums and binoculars. The very popular compacts — Polaroid Captiva and Kodak Cameo — are also stocked.

Bergen Camera was established by the retiring founder, Boris (Buddy) Bergen in 1954. Mr. Venner joined the business in 1980 after a successful career in management at Korvette's and Kmart.

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DMC will focus on marketing and

This year, members of the Downtown Management Corporation will focus on marketing and maintenance as the final stage of the physical improvements to the downtown shopping district come to an end, said Mayor Carolyn Vollerero recently.

"When this final stage is completed in the spring, all of the physical revitalization will be done, and the focus of the DMC will be to encourage new business to locate in Cranford," the mayor said recently.

"They've done a good job," she said of the DMC. "Cranford's got a real nice feel to it. It's a beautiful place to come and spend time."

Mayor Vollerero said she is "very pleased with the make-up of the DMC which has six new members this year."

"They are extremely enthusiastic and eager to be a part of something new," she said. "There are a lot of good feelings. It's going to be a great year."

According to Township Administrator John Laezza, the

final stage of the Streetscape campaign - North Avenue between North Union Avenue and Eastman Street - will begin shortly after the holidays in April, and be finished by early July. The finishing touches on Warner Plaza, including landscaping, a park bench, brick walkway, and commemorative rock, will be completed by spring as well.

The members of the DMC are Meryl Layton, chairperson, Tony Capone, Alan Churchill, Gloria Cotroneo, Ed Gallagher, Patricia Hernandez, Yvonne Kiamie, Robert Stanley, and Ruth Yablonsky.



MERYL LAYTON

Meryl Layton is chairman of the Downtown Management Corporation. A charter member, she has also served on the sign and facade, marketing, and publications committees.

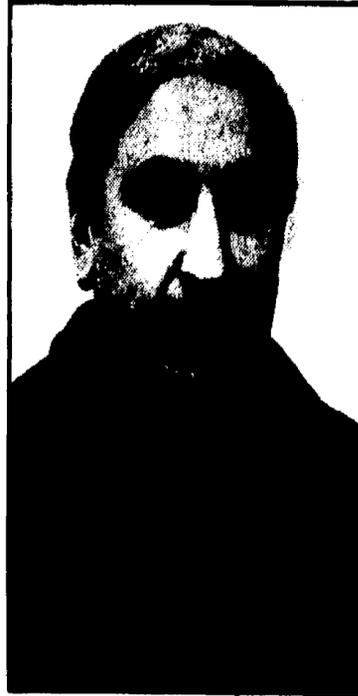
"Our focus will be to strengthen and maintain what we've built," said Ms. Layton. "We need to build on our retail core and expand our maintenance program."

The DMC will offer workshops and seminars concerning issues of importance to small business owners. The workshops will help business owners learn how to work within today's economy, said Ms. Layton.

Now, as neighboring towns look to rebuild deteriorating shopping areas, establish special improvement districts and adopt Main Street philosophies, they look to emulate Cranford. "In terms of redevelopment, Cranford was the leader," she said. "Everyone's moving now to catch up to us. We're admired by many other towns including Westfield and Summit. They look at Cranford, they look at what we've accomplished, and they ask how we did it."

The DMC will use a variety of marketing strategies to attract shoppers. It will design an aggressive marketing campaign to draw new business.

Ms. Layton owns the Cranford Book Store.

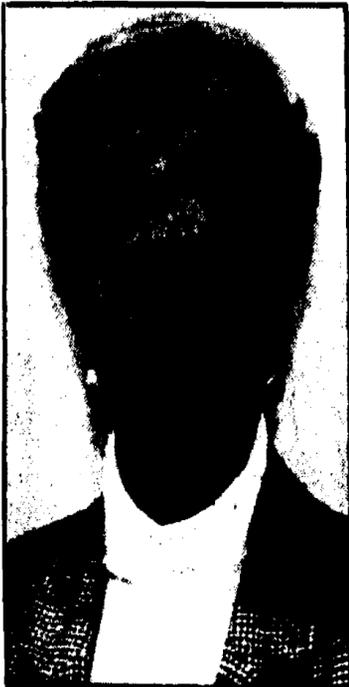


TONY CAPONE

Tony Capone, owner of Tony's Cafe on North Union Avenue, knew the DMC needed volunteers and decided it was time he got involved.

As co-chair of special events, Mr. Capone will help to organize sales events, summer concerts, and holiday happenings.

"Cranford has a great future ahead of it," said Mr. Capone. "The town and the volunteers have put in a lot of hard work to make it what it is...a great place. Now it's my turn to help out."



GLORIA COTRONEO

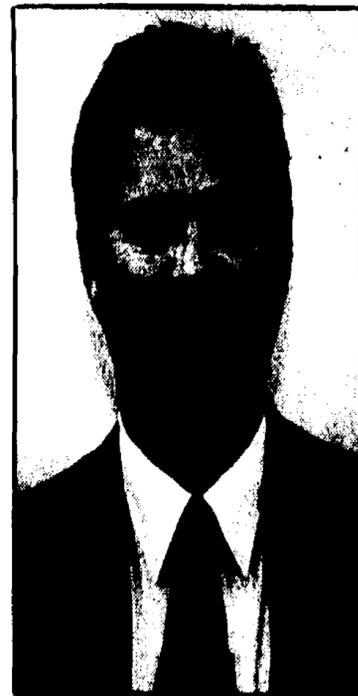
Gloria Cotroneo first started shopping in Cranford over 20 years ago and has continued to patronize downtown merchants regularly. What distinguishes Cranford from other shopping districts, said Mrs. Cotroneo, is the personalized service the store owners deliver.

This year, as a member of the DMC, she will chair the publications committee charged with producing the DMC tabloid and walking map.

"Cranford is a strong viable business center, but there is always room for more," said Mrs. Cotroneo. "Now we'll strive for new ideas that will bring people into the downtown to shop."

It is Mrs. Cotroneo's second year on the DMC. Last year, she co-chaired the parking committee. In the past, she has also served on the holiday committee. A retired employee of New Jersey Bell, Mrs. Cotroneo works with the DMC because she believes in the downtown.

"I've always been interested in making Cranford a better place," she said. "I've always shopped in Cranford. I know all of the store owners. I love working with them. I love the town."



ALAN CHURCHILL

Alan M. Churchill is the general manager of Forbes Newspapers' three Union County community weeklies including the *Cranford Chronicle*. Mr. Churchill has 18 years of sales and management experience including five years with the Home News Publishing Co. of New Brunswick, where he served as sales representative, major accounts supervisor, assistant retail manager and national co-op advertising manager.

"We wish to contribute as much of our time, energy and creativity as is humanly possible to help the DMC achieve its goals," said Mr. Churchill.

The local newspaper provides the community with the opportunity to communicate their thoughts, actions and needs, said Mr. Churchill.

"It is an essential part of a community in terms of communication," said Mr. Churchill. "Together, we can create a climate where we can thrive and prosper."



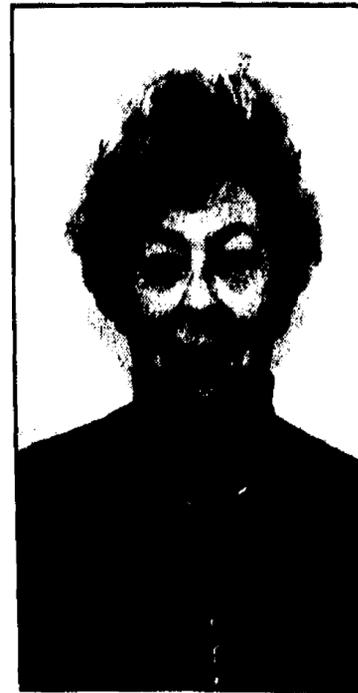
EDWARD GALLAGHER

Cranford resident Edward Gallagher will head the recruitment and retention committee of the DMC. The committee is charged with trying to eliminate the vacancies and to develop programs and initiatives to keep businesses in town, said Mr. Gallagher.

An 11-year resident, Mr. Gallagher is the business manager for the Sheet Metal Local 22.

"It's up to us to dream up new ideas to make the town attractive to new business owners, and viable for those already here," said Mr. Gallagher.

"Cranford is a very nice town, and the rehabilitation of the downtown area has served all residents well," said Mr. Gallagher. "I'm told by people in the business that there are very few homes in town that don't sell almost immediately. That's a tribute to the work that's been done."



YVONNE KIAMIE

Yvonne Kiamie is a lifelong resident of Cranford and owner of the Kiamie Agency, a full-service real estate agency, since 1981. Mrs. Kiamie will co-chair the special events committee charged with coordinating sales events, fairs and concerts, and holiday activities.

"Through my business, I've seen how the revitalization of the downtown has helped Cranford to attract business and residents," said Mrs. Kiamie recently. "I don't want to see it falter, so I've decided to get involved. I've seen all the work the others have done. Now it's my turn."

Cranford continues to be a premiere town in Union County attracting many homeowners looking to relocate, she said.

"Cranford will continue to live up to that reputation partly because of the DMC's efforts, and partly because of the tax structure. Together, they make Cranford a viable place to live, and to do business in," said Mrs. Kiamie.

maintenance during 1994

PATRICIA HERNANDEZ

Patricia Hernandez is a partner in the North Avenue law firm of Stender & Hernandez. A resident of Cranford since 1980, Ms. Hernandez opened her general practice in 1981.

Ms. Hernandez has served on the Mayor's Committee on Garbage and has coached the Cranford High School Law Club for eight years. She is also a trustee on the Union County Bar Association, a board member of the Union County Legal Service Corporation, and a member of the District 12 Ethics Committee.

"I've spent considerable effort and money to improve and redesign the facade of my building to keep it in line with Cranford's Victorian theme," said Ms. Hernandez. "I've

always been interested in the DMC and was excited to be asked to serve."

"I think the ripple effect throughout town has been magnificent," she said. "Look around, there are contractors fixing up both homes and businesses and that has a lot to do with the rehabilitation of the downtown. People are proud to live in Cranford."

As chairman of the visual improvement committee, Ms. Hernandez will be responsible for reviewing applications before they submitted to the Planning Board and making recommendations on facade and signs. She will also provide referrals for contractors, and direct store and property owners to organizations giving low interest loans and grants.



BOB STANLEY

Cranford resident Bob Stanley will serve as chairman of the finance committee for the DMC. Mr. Stanley, who served as finance director for Cranford from 1975 to 1978, is currently a vice president-assistant director attached to the Client Services-Business Development Group of Moody's Investors Service. He has lived in Cranford since 1973.

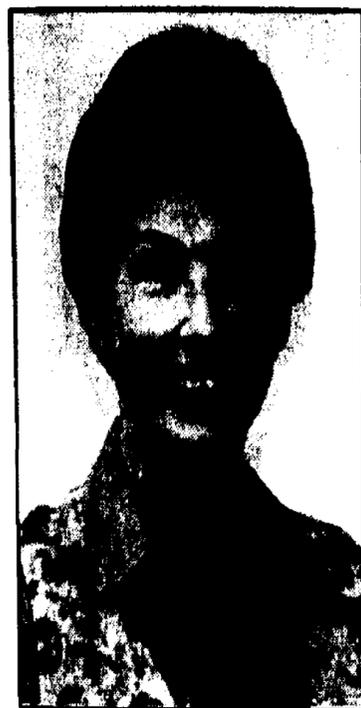
Mr. Stanley's primary responsibility will be to monitor and provide input to the DMC Board of Directors concerning monthly financial activities.

"I came forward because I wanted to give back to the community some of the expertise I have gained over the past 20 years in public finance," said Mr. Stanley. "I knew that if there was a need, I would like to participate."

Mr. Stanley sees the DMC moving from an construction mode to an operational one.

"I think Cranford is at a turning point," he said. "The major construction -- putting things in place -- is behind us. Now, it's time to maintain what we have and to devote our support to vigorous marketing activities. Cranford is the benchmark that other towns throughout the state try to emulate."

"There a sense of enthusiasm here, and a desire to keep the momentum going," said Mr. Stanley.



RUTH YABLONSKY

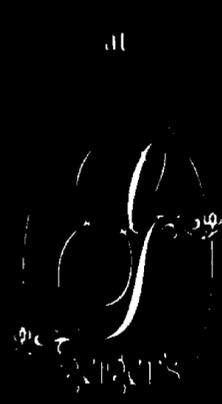
Ruth Yablonsky has been a member of the DMC for the past six years. At the time, the maintenance committee was a new charge, and Mrs. Yablonsky eagerly took the challenge and has continued to lead the committee.

"The capital improvements are almost complete and it's time for the maintenance program to take over," said Mrs. Yablonsky, a park naturalist for the county at Trailside Museum.

"The concept of a town center is a good one, and Cranford's mix of stores is good too," she said. "Cranford is a convenient place to shop, and a pretty place to spend time."

In 1994, the DMC will hire a second maintenance man to preserve the physical improvements made to the downtown business district including the pavers, benches, planters and trees. The committee will also investigate techniques to clean the bricks including steam cleaning machines. In addition, the committee will develop a maintenance schedule for the Victorian street lamps.

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"Why did I buy the business now?" he asked himself. "I knew the business could be successful. It just needed the right person, a person who knew how to tap resources, a person who could manage it better."

The full-service printing shop offers customized printing, quick copy services, business cards, wedding and occasion invitations, and customized rubber stamps and insignias. It also provides limited design services.

The store offers customers an opportunity to print on color stock every day. Just check the board to see what color paper is offered that day, and order up at no extra charge.

"We're a local business and I'm always here," said Mr. Venditto. "You get to deal with me — personally — every

day, unlike chain operations or highway stores where the staff is always changing."

His qualified staff is another reason to shop local, said Mr. Venditto. "Between us, we have over 25 years in the printing business. That's experience you can only buy here," he said.

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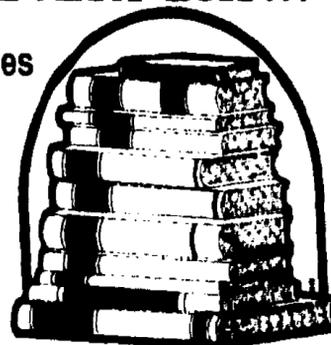
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Renaissance Group has an eye on the community

The Renaissance Group, manufacturers of designer eye wear, has relocated to 50 South Ave. West, the former site of Ketchum Distributors, Inc. The 30-year-old privately held company has centered its manufacturing and distribution operations in the facility. In addition, the administrative offices are housed there.

"This facility is the perfect size, and we felt Union County would be a good source of labor since it has a

well-established public transportation system," said Barbara Kauz, marketing director. "It's a nice town, and we thought it would be a much better environment for both the employees and the company."

The company holds the license for Nintendo, Marilyn Monroe, Mary McFadden, Oscar DeLaurenta and Reebok eyeglass frames. They sell wholesale to eyeglass firms and doctors.

The company has renovated the three-story building and plans for a health club facility for employees should be underway soon. The business will also landscape in the spring and reconfigure and pave the parking lots.

The company immediately joined the Chamber of Commerce and is looking forward to taking an active role in the community.

"We want to be a company that's involved in the community," said Ms. Kauz.

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Cranford parking plan will better serve residents

Cranford officials continue to make proactive changes to its master parking plan to better serve residents, shoppers and commuters alike. According to Lt. Thomas Kane, the railroad station lot will be changed to a permit lot only and the lot at Chestnut and High will be hourly parking.

"Right now we have a waiting list for permit parking and we think this new structure will solve that problem," Lt. Kane said recently.

Cranford has approximately 600 metered spaces and 500 permit spaces, said Lt. Kane.

The Chestnut and High streets lot will use a multi-space parking machine to control the lot, which will offer hourly parking up to 12 hours daily. People will also be able to buy a pre-paid card at the Municipal Building and scan in through the machine rather than pay with coins.

Over at the Park and Shop lot on Miln Street, a new change machine offers tokens at a discounted price. People can exchange \$1 for three quarters and three tokens. Each token is worth one-half hour of parking at any Cranford meter, so with each exchange a patron receives

a free 30 minutes of parking.

In addition, several merchants offer tokens to all patrons whether a purchase is made or not. The Chamber of Commerce started the token program three years ago in an effort to make the downtown consumer-friendly by providing free parking, said Paul LaCorte, then-Chamber of Commerce president. Participating merchants display a parking token program decal in their store window.

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