**Briefs****Bookmarks discuss danger of date rape**

New bookmarks are sending a vivid message: "Don't Let Your Dream Date Turn Into a Date Rape."

Plans are being made to distribute the bookmarks to high schools and colleges throughout Union County as part of a public service program involving five county agencies.

According to County Prosecutor Thomas Manahan, the message on the bright purple bookmarks includes a description about the types of substances used to render victims helpless. The bookmarks contain important warnings about preventing involuntary intoxication.

"The clear message is that you should not drink any beverage that has been left unattended because these substances are often clear and odorless," said Jennifer Pruden, director of the Union County Rape Crisis Center in Westfield.

Among the substances cited by Pruden are Ketamine, used as a tranquilizer for animals, and Rohypnol, known commonly as GHB.

Also on the bookmarks are suggestions for contacting a friend or authorities if you begin feeling dizzy, disoriented, sick or disproportionately intoxicated.

A young woman can be victimized if a date rape drug is slipped into an ordinary soda, Pruden said.

Sponsors of the bookmark program are the Rape Crisis Center, county prosecutor's office, Union County Police Chiefs Association, Union County Narcotics Strike Force and Union County Crimestoppers program.

***Times of Her Life' in Scotch Plains**

SCOTCH PLAINS — "The Times of Her Life: Mothers and Daughters" is the theme of a seminar sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Union County Commission on the Status of Women.

The free program will be 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 16 at the Municipal Building, 430 Park Ave. This is the second in "The Times of Her Life" series, which dwells on the milestones in a woman's life.

Speakers are Maryann Higgins on "Addiction and Women"; Judy Dederick on "The Mother-Daughter Conflict"; Suzanne Rubinet on eating disorders; Linda Van Fossen on violence against women; and Wendy K. Kolmar on "Raising Strong Daughters."

For more information or registration, call Karen Fountain at (908) 771-5726.

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**Fall fun**

Beautiful weather and fun for all were the hallmarks of Westfield's annual Festifall celebration, held Sunday in the downtown area. The 10th-annual event featured arts and crafts, games, food and shopping bargains galore — like the handmade wares for sale by Peggy Kiley (left), Linden's Jeffrey Feltner (above), 2, was not interested in shopping, though — he was more concerned with perfecting his drumming techniques at the Kindermusik booth.

Residents: Pool plan is all wet

By TERENCE DOPP

RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Opposition to the town's proposed large-scale redesign of the Memorial Pool complex was in full force this week, as almost 200 irate residents packed Monday's meeting of the Westfield Recreation Committee to argue against the plan — and over three dozen of them returned Tuesday night to do the same before the Town

Council.

"Everyone is for fixing the fields and alleviating drainage problems, but not on this kind of grand scale," said Joseph Penczak, a North Scotch Plains Avenue resident, referring to the original scope of a project that he said started as a means to improve soccer fields and became a plan for an entirely new facility. "It's like building the Meadowlands in our backyard. (Continued on page A-11)

Scotch Plains pushes for better flood plan

By JON LEDERMAN

RECORD-PRESS CORRESPONDENT

SCOTCH PLAINS — The havoc wreaked by Tropical Storm Floyd has generated renewed calls from residents and the Township Council for final disposition of a 26-year-old plan to construct water retention basins that would protect Scotch Plains and other area towns from storm flooding.

The federally funded Greenbrook Flood Control Project was developed by the

Army Corps of Engineers on the heels of a major 1973 storm that killed six people and left parts of Scotch Plains and neighboring towns under water. The plan is based on input from the Greenbrook Flood Control Commission, a body of municipal appointees established in 1973, and calls for retention basins to be constructed to protect municipalities in the two Greenbrook drainage basins. The upper basin consists of Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Berkeley Heights, (Continued on page A-11)

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High notes

Local 'Alphornists' head to Switzerland to play with world's best

By TERENCE DOPP

RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — For Chris Velderman, the most important part of the whole thing was the chance to meet other Alphornists.

Of course, going to Switzerland to do it was kind of nice, too.

Chris, a seventh-grader at Roosevelt Intermediate School, and teacher Dr. Ted Schlosberg took off Sept. 10 for the Alps and a convention of 12 premier Alphornists from around the world.

"The experience was the best part, seeing another country," Chris said. "Everything was so different."

Being interviewed on Swiss television was not bad either, he added.

Chris and Schlosberg, the founder and executive director of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, spent a week at the Alphorn Academy of Switzerland in Montreal. The two have studied the Alphorn — perhaps best known as the 10-foot horn blown in the advertisements for Ricola cough drops, which sponsored the duo's trip — and the trip was a great chance to play and hear their instrument in its natural setting.

"We performed in the mountains, very high up in the Alps," said Schlosberg. "It was the highlight to hear eight to 10 echoes of what we were playing."

Schlosberg first began teaching Chris, who has played the prestigious first Alphorn at the Academy, about two years ago.

"It's a fantastic feeling to hear the echoes after you stop playing," the teacher said. "That's what is all about — the Alphorn needs to be played in the mountains."

To Chris' surprise, and everyone else's at the academy, the two Americans were among the best players who attended the convention. "Most of the people were beginners," Chris said. "It was really neat because it was all older people. It really made me feel great."

"We never knew what to expect," Schlosberg noted. "We went in preparing heavily to be killed by the European horn players."

Chris and Schlosberg both said learning the Alphorn was relatively easy, something they both attribute to their experiences with other instruments. "Schlosberg got me one and we just started doing duets together," Chris said. "I already played brass instruments — they're pretty much the same thing."

Schlosberg said the instru-

ment is most similar to a French horn without the valves used to change pitch. "The biggest difference is that the Alphorn has a wooden mouthpiece," he said. "It tires your lip muscles out a lot faster."

Schlosberg said he became interested in the Alphorn during a trip to Switzerland several years ago, during which he heard a horn player from the Canadian Philharmonic Orchestra playing Alphorn on the shores of Lake Geneva. "I heard the music all over the mountains," he said. "I went to where the player was and started a conversation. I called the Swiss Embassy in New York to find a man who builds Alphorns. I did."

Back home, Schlosberg began playing at fairs and festivals in the area. "People would scream 'Ricola,' and I had no idea what they were talking about," he said, but a call to the company's U.S. headquarters created a partnership which has lasted more than three years and has landed Schlosberg and Chris on international television.

And the cough-drop company did not sponsor the trip for nothing, Schlosberg added. "I have given out at least 50 cartons over the last three years," he said.



'Alphornist' Chris Velderman, a seventh-grader at Westfield's Roosevelt Intermediate School, and his Alphorn Instructor, Ted Schlosberg, executive director of the New Jersey Workshop For the Arts, love their favorite instrument so much, they went to the Swiss Alps to prove it.

Westfield approves sidewalk repair plan

New legislation means residents, town will split repair costs down the middle

By TERENCE DOPP

RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Sidewalks throughout town will be improved thanks to legislation passed Tuesday night by the Town Council.

The council unanimously passed an ordinance and unanimously adopted a resolution setting up a plan under which money spent by homeowners to repair sidewalks in front of their homes would be matched by the town.

Previously, homeowners had to pick up the tab for sidewalk repairs on their property, but — courtesy of

a budget surplus for town sidewalk repairs — a program was created allowing municipal government to split repair costs 50-50 with residents. The surplus comes from last year's capital budget, which set aside more money for sidewalk repairs than was needed.

"We had allocated \$120,000 for sidewalk repairs and the bid came back at \$75,000," said Councilman Jack Walsh, adding the surplus spurred the town to initiate the program, which has already received a huge response from property owners. Walsh said over 110 property owners have expressed interest in the program,

and the town wants to expand that number as much as possible.

"This is a tremendous program and we hope to get started in the next few weeks," said Councilman Gregory McDermott.

Another resolution adopted Tuesday night, this one proposed by Councilman Larry Goldman, will allow homeowners to repair sidewalks with the original material used to construct them. Previously, the town required homeowners to repair sidewalks with concrete, although many sidewalks in town were originally made of darker asphalt.

Goldman said when concrete

was required, "no one replaced asphalt sidewalks at all," because residents were forced to repair the sidewalks illegally or use concrete. Goldman said he hopes to prevent what he calls a "zebra-effect" created when lighter concrete alternates with black asphalt.

"I have first-hand knowledge," said Goldman, who lives in an area with asphalt sidewalks. "Some of these sidewalks are 50 years old and have not been repaired since the houses were built. No one wanted to be the first to use concrete."

The program also means that older stone sidewalks can now be fixed with stone.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Youth Baseball taking 2000 registrations

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Youth Baseball Association will hold its 2000 season registration at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School cafeteria 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 23, 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Oct. 27 and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 30.

The association has six division for players ages 6 to 15 who reside in Scotch Plains or Fanwood. Registrants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and present a copy of their birth certificate for proof of

age. The association also needs the name of the parent or guardian's medical insurance carrier.

League fees are payable at the time of registration, preferably by check. There will be a \$25 late fee

for registrations after Oct. 30. The association is all-volunteer and the help of any interested adults is welcomed.

For more information, contact Jim Morris at (908) 322-8387 or Tom Peterson at (908) 322-4117.

Local author, candidate is an international 'who'

FANWOOD — Adele Kenny has been added to the "International Authors and Writers Who's Who."

The Fanwood resident and Borough Council candidate has published 19 books, the most recent of which are two reference books on antique British pottery. She also has written poetry, educational books and religious texts, in addition to her work as a columnist and feature writer for *Antiques & Auction News*.

Kenny is cultural arts director in Fanwood and director of the Carriage House Poetry Reading Series, held at the Patricia M. Kurian Cultural Arts Center on Watson Road. She once taught English, creative writing and gifted education classes in the Rahway School System. She also was an instructor at the College of New Rochelle.

More recently, Kenny has been a volunteer teacher of the Report Writing class at the John H. Stamler Union County Police Academy in Scotch Plains. She is a recipient of a 1999 HEART Grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and two poetry fellowships from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

The "International Authors and Writers Who's Who" is published by the International Biographical Centre in Cambridge, England.

Kenny also has been listed in "Who's Who of North American Poets," "Who's Who in U.S. Editors, Writers and Poets," "International Who's Who in Poetry and Poet's Encyclopedia" and the "Dictionary of American Poets and Fiction Writers."

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was in Westfield Sept. 26, police said.

A resident filed a report of harassment against his neighbor Sept. 26, according to police records. The man claimed his neighbor towed his car 100 yards up his street.

A New York City man's 1999 BMW was reportedly vandalized Sept. 26, police said. Someone scratched "WW" into the hood, police said.

James S. Wiskowski of Manville was charged Sept. 26 with contempt of court by the Municipal Court of Westfield. He was transported to the Union County Jail, where he was held in lieu of \$1031 bail, police said. While processing him, police discovered he was also wanted for contempt of court in Newark, according to police reports.

A resident of the Duncan Hill Apartments was assaulted by another resident during an altercation Sept. 27, according to police records.

Scotch Plains
Two thefts from automobiles

were reported this week. A radar detector was reported stolen Sept. 21 from the vehicle of a Church Street resident, according to police records, while a William Street resident reported a cellular phone stolen from his car, also Sept. 21, police said.

Meanwhile, a Parkwood Drive resident reported the windshield of his car was smashed Sept. 23. Police said the damage was done during the previous night.

Police responding to an alarm at a Plainfield Avenue business Sept. 22 found a garage door panel missing. The perpetrator did not gain entry, police said.

A 13-year-old Plainfield boy was taken into custody Sept. 24 after police spotted him riding a bicycle reported stolen from a home in the 1700 block of Mountain Avenue, police said.

Cash and jewelry were reported stolen Sept. 25 from a patient's room at the Ashbrook Nursing Home, police said. Police did not have an estimated value of the stolen items.

A home on Old Farm Road was vandalized with eggs and toilet paper Sept. 26, police said.

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Area towns still wringing out

Floyd clean-up continues as region takes stock of damage

By TERENCE DOPP

RECORD-PRESS

Tropical Storm Floyd dumped nearly 14 inches of water during the two days it spent in the area, and surprised residents and officials from numerous townships are still trying to put the pieces back together.

Union County towns are finally finishing clean-up efforts and starting to return to normal life after the events of Sept. 16 and 17, when the worst storm since 1971's Tropical Storm Doria ravaged Central Jersey and left behind a legacy of downed trees, flooded basements and snarled roadways.

In Scotch Plains, where the fire department responded to 214 calls to pump flooded basements, clean-up projects continue. Most of the clean-up is being handled by the Department of Public Works, which had to hire trucks from the Waste Management Corporation to assist in the collection of the vast number of items residents lost to flood waters and abandoned.

"We had tremendous tree damage," said Cathy Budzinski of the Scotch Plains Department of Public Works, noting the Glenside Avenue stream suffered so much damage the town is seeking help from the county to remove the brush she said "imploded" on the stream.

Still, the department remains on-call to assist Scotch Plains residents, Budzinski said. "We're very willing to help anyone with any type of storm damage," she said.

Scotch Plains Fire Chief Jonathan Ellis said he realizes the damage was worse in other parts of the Garden State, but that doesn't mean the township hasn't had its share of woes, he added. "There wasn't flooding like in Bound Brook," Ellis said. "But our people have real problems."

Ellis' department has real problems, too. During an emergency response Sept. 16 — in fact, the first emergency call Ellis' department received during Floyd — the department's newest rescue truck and the chief's own Chevrolet Suburban were swamped by

flood waters that entered engine intakes, sidelining the two vehicles for the duration of the storm.

Ellis said the truck was originally thought to be repairable by Atlantic Diesel, which is servicing the truck, but the damage turned out to be more severe than was originally estimated. The engine will have to be replaced, which will cost \$20,000 to \$30,000, he said.

"We thought we would be able to just drain the water out of the engine," Ellis said. "It will be cheaper in the long run to replace the engine."

The chief said an insurance adjuster has already appraised the damage and insurance will cover the cost of replacing the engine, which means it will continue to be covered by a warranty.

Ellis said he did not know when the repairs would be finished, but he had previously stated the loss of the engine does not affect his department's ability to respond to emergencies. The truck's predecessor has been filling in while repairs are made, he said.

The chief's Suburban, meanwhile, fared better than the rescue truck — water got into the oil and the rear end of the sport-utility vehicle, but "there was no major damage," Ellis said. "It needed an oil change anyway."

Floyd's pounding rains and wind also wreaked havoc in Fanwood, where Department of Public Works Director Ray Manfra said flooding was the first of many problems his crews encountered during and after the storm.

"In the beginning, the biggest thing was flooding," Manfra said. "Some areas got 4, 5, even 6 feet of water. We worked until about three o'clock in the morning (Sept. 17) and were back in by 7:30 (a.m.)"

Emergency crews spent the night pumping out 25 flooded residential and commercial basements, according to Manfra.

After the storm, he said, crews from the eight-man department began dealing with the trees that were down all over town. "One of the most serious problems we had was a town tree that went down

through a borough house," he said.

Manfra said borough efforts to clean up after Floyd's unwelcome stay were complicated by electrical wires strewn across many of the trees his men needed to clear. "There were wires down," he said. "Of course, PSEG is in charge of that, so there is a problem when a wire is dangling across a tree."

He said there were a number of roads his crews were forced to block off while waiting for PSEG workers to repair the downed wires.

"(The storm) made our workload increase by 100 percent," Manfra said. "We're doing it, we're just getting tired. We don't have a big crew."

Things were similarly busy in Westfield, where "we were inundated with calls," according to Deputy Fire Chief John Castellano.

Some South Side residents were evacuated in the face of rising flood waters, and Castellano said his department received about 250 calls during the storm — about 135 of which required a response, such as pumping out a basement. "It was a multitude of things," the deputy chief said. "There was a lot of rain, so water was a big thing."

Castellano said the fire department spent two days cleaning up after the storm, which caused some minor damage to equipment. "We had the normal things," he said. "Three pumps burned out from all of the water and a radio got wet and burned up."

One thing nearly all of Central Jersey had in common was a lack of drinking water after floods washed over the Elizabethtown Water Company's Raritan-Millstone water treatment plant, causing severe damage and crippling the water-giant's supply system.

Although water-boiling restrictions have not been lifted, the effects of Floyd will be felt for quite some time, according to company President Andrew Chapman, who said main breaks will most likely occur throughout the Elizabethtown system due to pressure changes caused by the company's return to normal operations.

With a little help from Sharon Rabbitt, a volunteer for the North Jersey Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Westfield Mayor Thomas Jardim ties a pink ribbon in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Westfield, Fanwood and Scotch Plains are among the more than 20 North Jersey towns participating in the Tie a Ribbon for the Cure program.



Cancer program has some seeing pink

The pink ribbons you will see popping up around your neighborhood will signal the beginning of the "Think Pink for the Cure" publicity campaign, aimed at raising awareness of the seriousness of breast cancer.

The campaign is sponsored by the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, North Jersey Affiliate. The program is scheduled for October in 20 some New Jersey towns as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Last year's campaign won the National Group Volunteer Award from the Texas-based foundation.

The pink ribbon has become the international symbol for breast cancer awareness. During this month, volunteers will be tying pink ribbons around municipal trees and selling the ribbons at certain locations. Youth volunteers also are scheduled to tie and remove the ribbons.

As part of the campaign, a ribbon with a special card and commemorative lapel pin will be sold as part of a community outreach program of the North Central Jersey Realtors Association.

"Last year's 'Tie a Pink Ribbon' campaign was embraced by many of the Realtors in the association," said Carolyn Gibson, owner of the Mountain Agency in Summit and president of the

Realtors' group. "The occasion to raise money was complemented by the opportunity to spread important breast health information to the public."

Summit Bank has joined the effort again this year and will have baskets of ribbons available

at its branches. Woodward Properties has underwritten the cost for printing posters.

Volunteers spent more than 100 hours preparing the 2 1/2-inch satin ribbons, as well as "In Memory Of" and "In Honor Of" tags.

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FANWOOD — The Woman's Club of Fanwood will be the beneficiary of "benefit dining" this week at the Friendly's restaurant on Mountain Avenue, Mountainside.

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from all meals served 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Thursday will be donated to the Woman's Club for use in its charitable projects. For more information, call President Barbara Couphos at (908) 322-7892.

Registration open for spelling bee

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Recreation/Junior Woman's Club Fall Spelling Bee is scheduled to be held Oct. 16 at the Scotch Hills Clubhouse, located on Jerusalem Road.

This is an elimination contest for students in grades three, four and five. Words are chosen from each grade level's spelling course. At the finals, more difficult words will be used.

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Commentary

Human spirit is alive and well

Now that Floyd is gone — though, for many, he will never be forgotten — and we can reflect on the events of the last few weeks, there is one positive that stands out from among all the tragedies we witnessed: In the midst of crisis, Central Jersey residents did not hesitate to reach out to help each other.

The tales of local heroes have been well documented. But "heroism" takes many forms, from the many who volunteered at local shelters to the man who helped his elderly neighbor clean out her flooded basement, from the woman, living in an area relatively unaffected by the ravages of Floyd, who bought supplies to donate to those in need to the woman who alerted her neighbors not to drink the water; from the volunteers who manned the water distribution sites to the businesses that made financial donations to the Relief Fund. Residents clearly recognized the severity of the situation and were not only thinking about themselves.

It is this same human spirit that will help enable residents to go on. But with this, too, they will need help. If you would like to continue to help those most severely impacted by Hurricane Floyd — particularly residents of Bound Brook and Manville — here is what you can do:

* **Monetary donations** can be sent to a special fund set up by the United Way to help victims. Checks should be made out to "United Way Disaster Relief Fund" and mailed to United Way of Somerset County, 205 West Main St., Somerville, NJ 08876. The United Way stresses that every dollar collected in this fund will be distributed to aid victims.

* **Material donations:** Clothing needs have been met, but there are other supplies still in need. Nonperishable food items and cleaning supplies may be dropped off at the Food Bank Network of Somerset County, 9 East St., Bound Brook. For information, call (732) 560-1813. FISH, Inc. is accepting donations of bed linens, towels, blankets and personal hygiene items at 456 New Market Road, Piscataway (732-968-7952).

* **Manpower:** Volunteer work crews are needed to help residents and business owners rebuild their homes and shops. People fluent in other languages are also needed to help translate documents into Spanish, Arabic or Polish. For more information, call United Way at (908) 253-6500.

No matter where you live, you can lend a helping hand.

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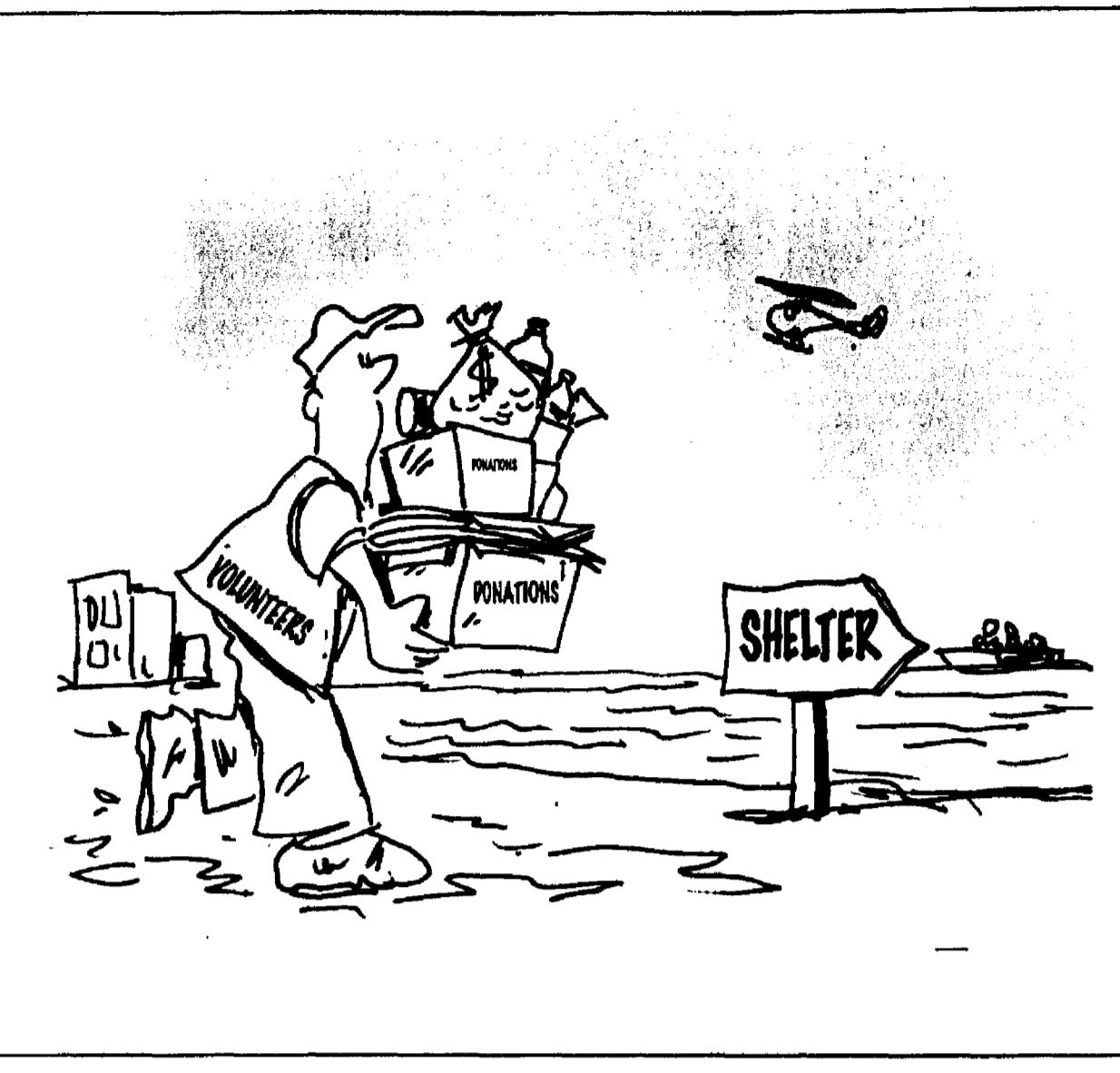
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Letters to the editor

Flood-stricken town thankful for aid

To the Editor:

On behalf of the town of Bound Brook and its residents, I would like to express our gratitude to Temple Emanu-El and its members. I originally asked my sister-in-law, Laurie Goldsmith-Heitner, if an announcement could be made during the High Holy Days about our need for clothing. Little did I realize that in one day, over 700 bags of clothing and bedding would be collected and delivered to our

town. Please be assured that we will make very good use of each of these items over the next several weeks.

To Rabbi Charles Kroloff, his staff, Laurie and especially to the many truly generous members, we say thank you and may you have a happy and healthy new year.

JOEL SHAPIRO
Bound Brook Borough Councilman

A life's memories drowned by eight feet of water

By NAT BODIAN

Living on Henley (Avenue) off Riverside Drive, mine was one of the homes inundated by the Rahway River's rampaging waters during Hurricane Floyd.

The water level in my basement reached ceiling height, burying everything therein under approximately 8 feet of water.

Eventually flood insurance should cover some of the material losses like furnace, water heater, central air unit, washer, dryer, etc.

But there were numerous losses in the basement that can never be replaced, and certainly not by any insurance. My three record collections were heartbreakers. I had a collection of original Broadway cast musical albums amassed over a 12-year period during the 1970s and early 1980s, a collection of musical recordings totaling about 175 and a collection of vintage Yiddish music that dated back to the 1920s. All lost.

When the 3,000-gallon-per-hour sump pump emptied my basement, the contents were a helter-skelter pile of debris resting on a muddy floor.

I had been especially proud of my files — boxes and boxes of them. I'm a hoarder and collector of information. In the course of my lengthy career in the fields of marketing and communications, I had created a file for practically anything I ever wrote or had published, including assorted original book manuscripts and correspondence related to them.

From the debris, I searched out and scooped up a few pieces with special memories and laid them out to dry in the sun, but virtually everything else was a loss and discarded.

Here are a bare dozen samples I was able to salvage from the accumulated flood debris — still damp and musty more than a week after the end of the flood:

* A letter dated May 6, 1980 from Boston University informing me, "I plan to make your Book Marketing Handbook the required text for my Boston University Graduate Book Publishing Program."

* A letter dated Oct. 16, 1980 addressed to my employer, John Wiley & Sons, thanking Wiley for allowing Nat Bodian to lecture at the Book Publishing Class in the Science Communication Masters Program.

* A letter dated Nov. 3, 1981 from McGraw-Hill Book Co. thanking me for being a judge at their Professional Recognition Awards program, an annual event for McGraw-Hill's creative staff.

Guest commentary

* A letter dated Aug. 28, 1981, again to my employer, John Wiley & Sons, thanking Wiley for allowing me to speak

at a seminar titled "Marketing Scholarly Publications" at the Third Annual Meeting of the Society for Scholarly Publishing.

* An attractive four-page folder dated 1981 from Solar Press which is titled "For Book Publishers Interested in Direct Response Card Promotions." The folder contains three pages of excerpts from my 1980 book, the "Book Marketing Handbook."

* A letter dated Dec. 31, 1982 from City University of New York thanking me for being a guest lecturer at the CUNY Book Marketing course.

* A letter dated March 29, 1983 from the Association of American Publishers thanking me for speaking at the AAP Professional and Scholarly Publishing Conference in Hershey, Pa.

* A letter from New York University dated May 11, 1983 welcoming me to the faculty of New York University's Summer Publishing Institute.

* An April 1986 tear sheet from The Inc. Advisor, a Boston newsletter containing a lengthy article titled "Mail lists: getting the most for your money." It was an article they had commissioned me to write.

* An article from the July 1986 issue of Society for Scholarly Publishing Letter written by me, "Worthy Books with Short Sales Life: Tested Ways to Extend Life Cycles."

* A letter dated Feb. 13, 1987 from the International Association of Independent Publishers confirming my appearance at their July 1987 annual conference on the UCLA campus, where I would conduct a day-long seminar "Direct Mail Marketing for Publishers."

* A letter dated March 26, 1987 from the Association of American Publishers thanking me for speaking at the International Division's three-day course on "Fundamentals of Selling Books and Rights Abroad."

I am but one of the hundreds of Cranford citizens who suffered flood losses, but even with these losses and a piece of my roof gone from a fallen oak, I may have fared better than some of my neighbors.

But the recent flood, at least for me, had an interesting side effect: It opened a window to a long-past retirement life, reviving memories dimmed by more than 12 years of retirement, of an earlier, busier and fulfilling life.



Gregory Zeller

Voters, are you ready to rumble?

Once again, it's everyone's favorite time of the year. That's right, October.

The baseball playoffs, you may be wondering? Fun, yes, but not what I'm getting at. The onset of colorful fall foliage? Certainly a dazzling reminder how lovely nature can be, but just as certainly not the highlight of this particular month. Halloween? A thrill for the kiddies, no doubt, but the subject here is a little more grown-up — not much, but a little.

Of course I'm referring to the campaign season, when candidates from local to national levels strut their stuff, make their pitch, tell us why their narrow-vision party line is better than the other party's close-minded agenda. From an endless array of baby-kissing hopefuls to charges of corruption and every potential sex scandal in between, this is the month we get to see our incumbents and their challengers bare their derrieres, so to speak, and boy, won't it be fun!

Yes, get excited, friend ... we can now look forward to about five weeks of political advertising gracing our newspapers and television screens. All those informative and amusing messages telling us about one office-seeker's superiority over another, or, if we're really lucky, no information whatsoever about the person sponsoring the add, just a litany of charges against his or her opponent.

Don't hide your enthusiasm, chum ... you're just as revved up as the rest of us, ready for a month's worth of mud-slinging, criticisms and counter-attacks.

Why should a candidate bother reflecting on his or her own record or plan for the future when it's easier — and, let's face it, much more entertaining — to slander the enemy? Remember, this is the country that brought us such mind-enhancing gems as "The Jerry Springer Show" and "WWF Smackdown." Politicians know their audience. They're no dummies.

Now I know what you're thinking, amigo ... not all candidates take this approach. Some take the high road and avoid the offensive and insulting tactics we've come to know and love. Well, rest assured, fellow citizen ... these same champions of morality will be dragged down soon enough by their opponents' underhanded strategies, left to explain how their family has forgiven them for the tryst with the au pair or how they "experimented" with cocaine but never actually snorted.

That's right, Johnny and Joan Public, it's the playoffs of politics. The Super Bowl of suffrage. The 11th hour of the electoral process, when it's smear or be smeared — a month of no-holds-barred, in-your-face stamping worthy of an Aaron Spelling vehicle. Too bad more debates aren't held beside in-ground pools, because you know sooner or later, two candidates would wind up soaked to their skivvies, pulling hair and throwing hay-maker slaps.

So grab your clicker and pull up a chair, registered voter ... it's time to appraise the attacks and rate the rebukes. Time to weed out the winners from the losers, and while most of us have only these political advertisements to guide us, we're certainly up to the task. Hey, we're a nation that re-elected a cracked-up mayor, put a professional wrestler in charge of an entire state and elected a draft-dodging, intern-friendly, non-inhaling rubbe to the highest office in the land — twice. This election business is nothing we can't handle.

And the best part is, confere, we get to do it all again next year, when the stakes will be even higher. A presidential election, the first of the new millennium! Too bad Dan Quayle dropped out — that much less ammunition for the political pundits' pens. If we're lucky, Hulk Hogan and Donald Trump will square off for the Reform Party nomination. They can debate in a steel cage on "Smackdown."

Correction Policy

The Record-Press will correct errors of fact, context or presentation and clarify any news content that confuses or misleads readers. Please report errors to Editor Gregory Zeller at (908) 575-6686.

An article appearing in Community Life sec-

tion of the Sept. 24 issue of *The Record-Press* incorrectly identified the position of Charles Howe. Howe, along with Melvin Reed, performs the groundskeeping at the Jerseyland Park Community Center in Scotch Plains. *The Record-Press* regrets the error.

Thrift shop sets up for Halloween

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Thrift Shop at 1730 E. Second St. is about to begin one of its biggest events.

A Halloween shopping spree starts Tuesday. Available will be complete costumes for all — men, women, boys and girls — plus material for making your own costumes. All material is scheduled to be replenished on a daily basis.

In addition, seasonal apparel is now available at the Thrift Shop. Seasonal clothes are in stock for men, women, boys, girls, toddlers and infants. Collectibles and antiques may be found in a separate cabinet. Costume jewelry and household items also are available.

Thrift Shop hours are 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Donations are accepted 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday through Saturday.

Proceeds benefit the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League. For more information, call (908) 322-5420.

Scrapbook group meets this evening

FANWOOD — Parenting Pathways will resume its scrapbooking group at 7 o'clock tonight in the community room at the North Avenue railroad station.

Today's meeting is a five-hour session and will include special workshops.

The public is invited and refreshments will be served. Fee of \$15 includes all presentations and materials. For those who want to learn about scrapbooking, an introductory class is available for an additional \$5.

Space is limited. For more information, call (908) 889-5826.



Defibrillator donation

Scotch Plains Chief of Police Thomas O'Brien (at the microphone) and Scotch Plains Rescue Squad Vice President Bob Gurske announced Sept 14 the squad's donation of three Lifepak 500 automated external defibrillators to the Police Department. The chief, who said he hoped the new equipment would help make the difference between life and death in cases of sudden cardiac arrest, said the donation put his department more than three years ahead of schedule as far as supplying officers and their patrol units with the life-saving devices. O'Brien also encouraged community members to continue their support of the 63-year-old Rescue Squad's annual fund drive.

Jewish Community Center to host Oct. 10 blood drive

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, in cooperation with the New Jersey Blood Services, will hold a blood drive Sunday, Oct. 10 at the Wilf

Jewish Community Campus, 1391 Martine Ave.

The blood drive will run from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and registration is strongly recommended. Donating blood only takes a

few minutes, but donors should allow one hour for sign-in and rest after their donation.

To reserve a time, receive directions to the Wilf campus or find out if you qualify to be a

blood donor, call the JCC at (908) 889-8800.

The JCC is a constituent agency of the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey and the United Way.

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Briefs

Internet class at Westfield library

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Memorial Library, 550 E. Broad St., has scheduled two classes on Internet search techniques for those who are new to the World Wide Web.

Classes will be 9:15 a.m. Oct. 14 and 9:30 a.m. Oct. 19.

They are intended for beginners and include an introduction to an online magazine database.

E-mail and newsgroups are not covered.

Some experience with a computer mouse is required. If you do not have any experience, you must visit the library for instruction and practice before the class.

Registration begins Monday for the Oct. 14 class and Oct. 12 for the Oct. 19 class. The program is open only to those with a valid Westfield library card.

Seating is limited.

For registration, call (908) 789-4090 or visit the library.

New digs for nature club

The Greater Watchung Nature Club will begin its 1999-2000 season 8 p.m. Tuesday in a new location: the courthouse of Borough Hall, Route 22 and New Providence Road, Mountainside.

Jeffrey Hall will present "The Color of the Rain Forest" of Central America. His program will highlight plants, animals and other aspects of that subcontinent.

The club is sponsoring a half-day trip Oct. 9 to look for fall migrants.

Members should meet 9 a.m. at the Green Acres site on Mountain Avenue, Warren, about 1 1/4 miles west of Stirling Road.

Guests are always welcome at meetings and other events.

Men can learn how to survive

"Men in the Marketplace: Surviving in the Real World" is the title of a year-long study to be pursued by the men's fellowship group at Faith Lutheran Church in New Providence.

The study's goal is to provide men with coping skills needed to deal with the stresses of modern life.

Interested area men are invited to join the group, which meets the first Saturday of every month, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. beginning Oct. 2.

Breakfast is served at each meeting. For more information, call the church at (908) 464-5177.

Campus notes

Two area students were named to the dean's list for the summer 1999 session at the University Park campus of Pennsylvania State University in State College, Pa. They are Keisha M. Arnold and Dominick T. Luciano, both of Scotch Plains.

Abigail O'Neill of Westfield was named to the dean's list for the spring 1999 semester at Ithaca College in Ithaca, N.Y. The graduate of Westfield High School has begun her sophomore year and is majoring in television/radio.



Community Life

This week

FRIDAY

OCT. 1

TRICKY TRAY — auction to benefit People for Animals. National Guard armory, 500 Rahway Ave., Westfield, 6:30 p.m. Admission \$5. Tickets: Call (908) 688-5280 or (908) 688-1073.

SATURDAY

OCT. 2

StreetFEST — street fair in Towne Centre, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Call (908) 322-7388.

POETRY WRITING — workshops, each complete in itself. Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Arts Center, 129 Watson Road, Fanwood, 9:30 a.m.-noon Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23. Free admission. Registration: Call (908) 889-7223.

ATTIC TREASURES — antiques and collectibles, fundraiser for Westfield Adult School. Roosevelt Intermediate School, 301 Clark St., Westfield, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Visit www.westfieldnj.com/adultschool or call (908) 232-4050.

SUNDAY

OCT. 3

COMMUNION BREAKFAST — sponsored by Altar Rosary Society of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church (Scotch Plains). The Westwood, 438 North Ave., Garwood, after 9 a.m. Mass at church. Cost \$13. Tickets: Call (908) 322-5409 or (908) 322-8809.

GET AWAY IN STYLE — fashion show and luncheon sponsored by Center for Hope Hospice auxiliary. L'Affaire, Route 22, Mountainside, 11 a.m. Cost \$40. Reservations: Call (908) 486-0700.

AWARENESS — first Union County breast cancer awareness program. Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, 1 p.m. Call (908) 233-2700.

THURSDAY

OCT. 7

JERSEY FRESH — farmers' market at railroad station, South Avenue, Westfield, 2-7 p.m. Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28. Call (908) 233-3021.

BENEFIT DINING — proceeds for Woman's Club of Fanwood. Friendly's, Mountain Avenue, Mountainside, 5-8 p.m. Call (908) 322-7892.

JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF — lectures on bereavement. Calvary Lutheran Church, 108 Eastman St., Cranford, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4 and 11. Free admission. Call (908) 486-0700 or (908) 654-3711.

COMING UP

MARRIAGE SEMINAR

"Climbing Mountains Together as One" with Rich and Cindy Palazzolo. Grace & Peace Fellowship Church, 950 Raritan Road, Cranford, 9 a.m.-noon Oct. 9. Cost \$20 per person, \$30 per couple. Registration: Call (908) 276-8740.

CLEAN SWEEP — municipal cleanup program in downtown Westfield, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 9. Call (908) 233-3021.

ELLIS ISLAND TRIP — sponsored by Scotch Plains-Fanwood Chapter of UNICO. Bus leaves from Italian-American Club, Union Avenue, Scotch Plains, 7:30 a.m. Oct. 10. Cost \$35. Reservations: Call (908) 322-4388 or (973) 538-9048.

CASINO TRIP — sponsored by Scotch Plains Woman's Club to Showboat casino. Bus leaves Scotch Plains Public Library, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, 8:30 a.m. Oct. 14. Cost \$23; receive \$18 in coin. Reservations: Call (908) 232-1226.

SENIOR CITIZEN BAZAAR — annual event of Westfield Senior Citizens Housing Tenants Association, 1133 Boynton Ave., Westfield, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 16. Call (908) 233-1733.

MOON OVER BUFFALO — musical presented by Westfield Community Players, 1000 North Ave. West, Westfield, 8 p.m. Oct. 16, 22, 23, 30, Nov. 5, 6; 3 p.m. Nov. 7. Admission \$12. Call (908) 232-1221.

PERSPECTIVES — lecture by Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.). Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 7 p.m. Oct. 17. Adults \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door; senior citizens and students \$6. Reservations: Call (908) 889-8800.

TASTE OF WESTFIELD — second annual event benefiting First Night Westfield. Temple Emanu-El, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield, 6-9 p.m. Oct. 24. Cost \$35 in advance, \$50 at the door. Call (908) 518-2983.

KIDS NIGHT OUT — for children 3-12, held in conjunction with "Taste of Westfield," Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, 6-9 p.m. Oct. 24. Cost \$20. Registration required; call (908) 233-2700.

PERSPECTIVES — lecture by Assemblyman Richard Bagger (R-22nd Dist.). Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 7 p.m. Nov. 21. Adults \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door; senior citizens and students \$6. Reservations: Call (908) 889-8800.

WANTED

DEALERS — for fourth annual Antique and Collectible Doll, Toy and Train Show sponsored by Westfield Lions Club. Pantagis Renaissance, Route 22, Scotch Plains, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 20. Spaces \$30 first table, \$25 each additional. Reservations: Call (908) 232-8551 or fax (908) 654-3643.

To Mexico, with love



When Alfred Lawrence of Westfield went to Acapulco, he was immediately swept away — not by the warm breezes or crystal clear ocean, but by the plight of homeless orphans there. Now, after years' worth of charitable efforts, a Mexican orphanage is being renamed in his honor.

Full slate of activities on tap at Scotch Plains Day/StreetFest '99

SCOTCH PLAINS — A variety of events and activities for all ages has been planned in Scotch Plains Towne Centre as part of Saturday's Scotch Plains Day/StreetFest '99.

The day's activities are organized by the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association, Scotch Plains Parks and Recreation Commission, Scotch Plains Health Department and Scotch Plains Fanwood Lions Club.

In a related activity, there will be a bonfire 7 p.m. today on the field behind Evergreen School, next to Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. The SPFHS marching band is scheduled to perform and the SPFHS football team will be introduced. The marching band is also expected to per-

form on Front Street Saturday morning.

A five-mile road race through the township will begin 9 a.m. Saturday. Registration begins 7:30 a.m. Fee is \$15 and all entrants will receive a T-shirt.

Medals will be awarded to race winners at 10 a.m. at the gazebo, followed by the Civic Awards ceremonies honoring outstanding citizens. Winners of the elementary school poster-essay contest also will be announced.

The Health Fair in the Municipal Building will run 8 a.m.-noon. Vision screening, hearing screening, dental screening, blood pressure screening and flu shots are among the services being provided. Rabies shots for dogs and cats will also be available.

Senior citizens who need a ride to the Health Fair should call (908) 322-6700, ext. 222. The senior citizen bus will be available for that purpose.

The Lions Club will hold its annual giant flea market 8 a.m.-5 p.m. in the municipal parking lot on Park Avenue. More than 100 vendors are expected.

The Business and Professional Association has planned sidewalk sales throughout Towne Centre and DJ music on the Village Green. Pony rides, a petting zoo, a dance exhibition and a martial arts exhibition are included.

In addition, the farmer's market sponsored by the Business and Professional Association will go on as usual, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Interactive evening aimed at helping learning-disabled 'Get Organized'

This year, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood/Learning Disabilities

Association is focusing on Academic Structure. Appropriately, the first seminar offered is "Let's Get Organized."

The skill of organization comes harder to some than others. Children struggling with learning disabilities often find it particularly difficult. "Let's Get Organized" may be of interest to all parents by providing insight and tips in helping our children organize and therefore move them that much closer to success.

Elaine Sigal of the Enrichment Center in Westfield will provide an interactive evening focusing on homework strategies and tips

for organizing schoolwork.

"Let's Get Organized" is open to all parents and professionals. It will be held 7:30 p.m. Monday, at the Evergreen School in Scotch Plains.

Throughout the year, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood/Learning Disabilities Association offers workshops, seminars and services for caretakers of children with learning disabilities.

If you are interested in more information or have any questions, please feel free to contact Karyn Steele at (908) 322-7265 or Bernadette Lopez at (908) 322-7261.

Volunteer opportunities are also available.

LATEST TRENDS, FREE TRIP TO IRELAND part of 'Get Away in Style' show

Preview the latest in fashion at the second-annual "Get Away in Style" fashion show and luncheon, sponsored by the auxiliary of the Linden-based Center for Hope Hospice.

The event will be 11 a.m. Sunday at L'Affaire, Route 22, Mountainside, between Echo Lake Park and the Loew's Theatres.

Fashions will be from exclusive shops in Short Hills, Summit and Millburn in a show under the direction of Maureen Pearce.

A grand raffle will be drawn

during the fashion show. First prize is an eight-day, expense-paid trip to Ireland. Other prizes are a New York theater weekend for two, a 27 inch television and gold and onyx earrings.

In addition, there will be a "Parade of Prizes" for auction with more than 70 offerings valued between \$150 and \$400.

Admission is \$10. Reservations are required; call Bobbi Wegryn or Anna Miranda at (908) 486-0700.

For raffle tickets, call Elaine Brown at (908) 587-2112.

Mexican orphans have a friend in Westfield

By TERENCE DOPP

RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The Salvation Army recently honored town resident Alfred Lawrence by renaming a Mexican orphanage he has sponsored, and helped build along with his wife, the Alfred and Ray Lawrence Children's Home of the Salvation Army.

The honor marked the first time the Salvation Army has named an orphanage after one of its volunteers.

"I'm very honored," said Lawrence, 95, while preparing the next batch of donations he will take to the orphanage in Mozambique, a suburb outside of Acapulco. "It's a work of pleasure. If I didn't have these things to do, I'd go crazy, I guess."

Lawrence, who moved to Westfield from the Upper West Side of Manhattan a decade ago, has been involved with the children's home for over 35 years, bringing donations he collects from his own family and other groups in the area to the Mexican children who have become like his own.

"They're all my godchildren, and they all call me *abuelito* (Spanish for 'grandfather')," he said.

Lawrence's daughter, Lucille Weiss, said her father has helped too many children to count — a number she placed in the thousands — during the time he has been involved with the children's home, which holds up to 90 children at a time.

"The Salvation Army says they provide the leadership and God does the rest," said Weiss, a former middle school guidance counselor in Springfield who has also been indispensable in helping the orphanage, according to Lawrence. "They look at him and they say that God provided him."

Lawrence has been a patron of Acapulco's neediest children since 1961, when he was vacationing in that city with his wife Ray, who passed away in 1992. He said he saw a little boy on the beach slumbering and in obvious need of medical attention and took the boy to the local hospital, then took him to a restaurant, fed him and offered to help the boy return home.

"I told him I would write to his parents," Lawrence said. "I asked him if they take you home, would you go?"

While waiting for a reply to his letter, which never came, Lawrence took the boy to the orphanage that would eventually bear Lawrence's name. Upon seeing the conditions, Lawrence said, he knew he had to help the children of Acapulco's streets. "From that moment on, I kept coming back to the home," he said.

Lawrence has returned to the home every year since, with shipments of clothing and other goods to help out the orphanage. The orphanage, Lawrence noted, could provide the items itself, but would have to spend money that otherwise could be used for school supplies and transportation.

Lawrence brings the shipments to the orphanage himself in his personal baggage, which Continental Airlines has allowed him to do free of charge.

In 1971, he even went as far as buying a condominium near the home, and began spending six months of every year in Mexico, where he could be closer to and continue to help his beloved children.

"When I go there, the children line up in the airport with flowers," Lawrence said. "I don't know if it's what they want, or the lollipops and balloons."

Lawrence points out the camaraderie and family atmosphere at the home is one of the reasons he has been going back for so many years. "We'll get a little kid at the home, crying," he said. "It might be she misses her mother or the mother may be dead. Two or three kids will go up to her, get around her and talk to her. The next thing you know, she's right at home. I just can't believe how wonderful it is."

Lawrence and his daughter are hoping to collect more donations before he leaves for his next trip to Mexico, scheduled for Nov. 2. To donate summer clothes and other needed items, call Lucille Weiss at (908) 233-4815.



That's five

These four members of the Westfield Fife and Drum Corps earned first-place honors Sept. 11 at the North Eastern States Championship Drum Corps competition, held in Connecticut. Competing in the Fifer Class against groups from New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut were (left to right) Kyle Daley of Millburn, Michael Sherry of Westfield, Scott Daley of Millburn and Alison Mack of Scotch Plains. Children ages 9 and up are welcome to join the corps, which has won numerous awards in its 25 years of existence. For more information, call (908) 636-7105.

Obituaries

William C. Stephens

SCOTCH PLAINS — William "Bill" Stephens, 47, died suddenly Sept. 21 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in Charlotte, N.C., he lived in Mansfield, Mass., and Tampa, Fla., before moving to Scotch Plains in 1979.

He had been for the past 20 years the owner of Cluff Associates, a printing distributor based in Scotch Plains. A member of Data Processing Management Associates, Mr. Stephens was one of only 2,000 certified forms consultants in the United States.

He once was a scoutmaster with Boy Scout Troop 203 in Scotch Plains and a coach with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Soccer Association.

He enjoyed fishing and

played softball in the St. Bartholomew's Oldtimers Softball League.

His father, William P., died in 1991.

Surviving are his wife of 30 years, Joan Cluff Stephens; son William Charles Stephens Jr. of Scotch Plains; mother Dorothy Milz Stephens of Sun City West, Ariz.; and sisters Donna M. Buckley of Attleboro, Mass., Linda J. Dauphinais of Phoenix, Ariz., and Nancy L. Rounds of Forest Lakes, Minn.

Services were held Saturday at the Rossi Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association, 200 Cottontail Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873, or the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 5160, Kendall Park, NJ 08824-5160.

Margaret B. Finn

WESTFIELD — Margaret Bryson Finn, 83, died Sept. 22 at Muhlenberg Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights.

She was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and had lived for many years in Westfield.

She was a member of the

Westfield Senior Citizens Club. Predeceased by her husband, James, she is survived by sons James and Leslie, seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Services were held Saturday at the Gray Funeral Home. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

David M. Palmer

SCOTCH PLAINS — David M. Palmer, 53, died Sept. 21 at his home.

A native of Philadelphia, Pa., he lived in Westfield before moving to Scotch Plains in 1994.

He graduated from Westfield High School in 1964 and Lehigh University in 1968.

Predeceased by his mother, Frances Embry Palmer, in 1992, he is survived by his father, E.

Marshall Palmer of Westfield, and brothers Stephen E. of Albany, Calif., and Robert O. of Boonton.

Private arrangements were by the Mundy Funeral Home in Dunellen.

Memorial contributions may be made to Plainfield Friends Quaker Meeting, c/o Dorothea Hoffman, 4 Cowperthwaite Place, Westfield, NJ 07090.

Michael Cantillo

SCOTCH PLAINS — Michael Cantillo, 79, died Sept. 25 at Genesis ElderCare-Westfield.

He was born in Elizabeth and lived in that city before moving to Scotch Plains in 1948.

He had been a U.S. Army sergeant during World War II and a supervisor in the construction industry in civilian life.

He was with the Blanchard Construction Co. of Millburn for more than 30 years and retired in 1983 as a supervisor.

He was a member of the Gran Centurions in Clark.

Predeceased by his wife, Pauline Scarpettieri Cantillo, in September of last year, he is survived by sisters Frances Renda of Elizabeth and Josephine Venezia of Brick; five nieces and three nephews.

Services were held Tuesday at the Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood. Burial was in Rosedale Memorial Park, Linden.

Congressman, Assemblyman to speak at Jewish Center

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, Wilf Jewish Community Campus, 291 Martine Ave., is now accepting reservations for the Perspectives Lecture Series, featuring U.S. Congressman Barney Frank and state Assemblyman Richard Bagger.

At 7 p.m. Oct. 17, Frank will present "Inside Washington," a discussion on issues to which the congressman is closely associated — banking and finance.

Bagger's presentation, "Inside Trenton," is scheduled for Nov. 21 and will highlight finance and appropriations on a state level.

Both programs will provide a question-and-answer session.

The JCC, along with the CRC of the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey and the Jewish Family Fund, are proud to present this community event to residents of Union, Middlesex and surrounding counties.

Advance ticket prices are \$18 per person for both lectures, \$16 per person for both lectures for general seating, and \$10 per person for one event.

Admission at the door is \$12 per person and \$6 for seniors and students.

Seating is limited, so call the JCC at (908) 889-8800 for reservations, directions or other questions.

The JCC of Central New Jersey is a constituent agency of the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey and the Jewish Family Fund.

Rosa Novello Mancini

SCOTCH PLAINS — Rosa Novello Mancini, 83, died Sept. 25 at her home.

She was born in Montazzoli, Chieti province, Italy, and settled in Scotch Plains when she came to the United States in 1971.

She was a homemaker and a parishioner of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church.

Predeceased in 1953 by her husband, Alfredo, and sons

Luigi (1991) and Giuseppe (1998), she is survived by son Emilio; daughters Iole Rosato and Ida; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, following services at the Rossi Funeral Home.

Entombment was in the Good Shepherd Chapel Mausoleum at St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Doris Howell Schultze

WESTFIELD — Doris Howell Schultze, 86, died Sept. 26 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

A native of Elizabeth, she lived in Westfield before moving to Mountainside in 1963.

She retired in 1978 after 20 years as a teacher at Featherbed Lane School in Clark.

She earned her teaching credentials at Newark State

Teachers College (now Kean University).

Predeceased by her husband, Stanley H., she is survived by sons William E. of Pittstown and Arthur A. of Westfield; brother Sidney C. Howell of Arizona; and three grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday at the August F. Schmidt Memorial Funeral Home in Elizabeth.

Jacques Lederman

WESTFIELD — Jacques Lederman, 84, died Sept. 16 at Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch.

Born in Brooklyn, he lived in Highland Park and Westfield before moving to Monmouth Beach in 1996.

He earned a law degree from the law school at St. John's University in 1945.

He was a local campaign manager in New Jersey during the 1952 and 1956 election campaigns for President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

He also was an attorney in New Brunswick from 1947 until his retirement in 1967.

He served as president of several clubs in Middlesex County and was a member of the Atlas Pythagoras Lodge, Free & Accepted Masons, in Westfield.

Surviving are his wife, Beatrice; son, Peter; daughter, Wendy Paulson; brother, Harold; and two grandchildren.

Private arrangements were by the John E. Day Funeral Home in Red Bank.

Frank F. Kaiser Jr.

WESTFIELD — Frank F. Kaiser Jr. died Sept. 26 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Peekskill, N.Y., he lived in Westfield since 1959.

He graduated in 1948 from the medical school at New York University.

He joined the Air Force in 1951 and was assigned to the medical corps. He held the rank of captain on his discharge in 1953. He was a general surgeon for 25 years and retired in 1985 from the Westfield Medical Group.

He was a member of the Echo Lake Country Club.

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Margaret C.; daughters Margaret E. of Westfield and Susan C.K. McBride of St.

Petersburg, Fla.; son Frank E. III of Fanwood; sister Claire Kennedy of New City, N.Y.; and two grandchildren.

A requiem service was held Wednesday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Gray Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Westfield Rescue Squad.

Janos Kollonitsch; pharmaceutical researcher

WESTFIELD — Janos Kollonitsch, 79, a researcher in the pharmaceutical industry from his teenage years into his 70's, died Sept. 15 at his home.

Born in Alag, Hungary, he lived in Salem, Mass., before moving to Westfield in 1958.

He began his career at 15 as a summer laboratory intern for the Hungarian pharmaceutical company Chinoi. At Chinoi, he developed a new process for manufacturing papaverine, the company's biggest export product.

The Magyar government honored Dr. Kollonitsch with its most prestigious scientific award, the Kossuth Prize, in 1950 and 1954. He was elected a corresponding member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in 1953 with a doctorate in chemistry.

After the aborted Hungarian revolution of 1956, Dr. Kollonitsch came to the United States and worked for the Metal Hydrides Co. in Salem, Mass. In 1957, he joined Merck, Sharp & Dohme Research Laboratories in Rahway, a divi-

sion of Merck & Co.

With Merck, Sharp & Dohme, he was an author or co-author on 72 patents, 65 of them from the United States. More than 60 scientific papers, six of them announcing newly discovered fields of research, were published under his authorship.

He retired from Merck as a senior scientist in 1991.

He is survived by his former wife, Valerie, of Morristown; son John of Bernards Township; daughter Katalin of Elizabeth; and nephews Pal Kovacshegyi and Ferenc Kovacshegyi, both of Hungary.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated 11:15 a.m. Oct. 16 at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church on First Street.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Doolley Colonial Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial Concert Fund at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Attn: Music Department, 89 Ridge St., Newark, NJ 07104.

Charles Wright Powell

FANWOOD — Charles Wright Powell, 64, died Sept. 27 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

A native of Lynch, Ky., he lived in Illinois and Cranford before moving to Fanwood in 1979.

He graduated from what is now Southern Illinois University.

He had been an engineer with the American Broadcasting Co. He was with ABC for 20 years and retired in 1993 from its Manhattan studios.

An honorary Kentucky Colonel, he served during the early 1960s as director of civil defense in Rantoul, Ill.

He was a member of the American Radio Relay League.

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Scotch Plains pushes for better flood plan

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Plainfield, North Plainfield, Watchung and Warren; the lower basin includes Middlesex, Dunellen, Piscataway, Bound Brook, Green Brook and Bridgewater.

While the lower basin project has moved ahead with \$1 million in federal funding, the upper basin project has been bogged down over the proposed locations of the basins.

Several people from the north side of Scotch Plains who were hit hard by the storm pleaded with the Township Council to be more aggressive in dealing with the impasse. "These so-called hundred year storms are happening more than once every hundred years," said one resident, who noted that Floyd was the third major storm to hit Scotch Plains since the 1960's.

Pool plan

(Continued from page A-1)
It's not needed."

The plan presented to residents Monday night, created by consultants Kinsey Associates, would build three new pools at the site and allow the town to alleviate the lack of membership openings it has experienced in the recent past. It would also create a large roller-hockey rink with bleacher-style seating and 18 lighting poles that would make it possible for the park to be used after dark, something Pencak noted does not happen in any other park in Westfield.

"We are talking about a hockey court with 4-foot walls 12 feet from my property," said George Toll, whose house stands mere yards from the site of the proposed rink. "In the service, I used to go to Boston Gardens to see the Bruins play on a smaller rink."

Many residents of the area agreed the plan went beyond its original scope and would create what one homeowner called an "athletic complex" that could host swim meets during crowded weekends at the pool and competitive roller-hockey matches.

To accommodate the new pools and the hockey rink, Kinsey Associates' plan would move the edge of the facility nearly 100 feet closer to houses bordering the property, which residents said would effectively destroy the noise buffer the town created by setting the pool back when it was built three decades ago.

Residents also expressed concerns over the intent of the project, which they said would place too much use on the Memorial Pool facility. They stressed the quiet neighborhood and the probability of traffic problems on dead-end streets.

Tuesday night's meeting was the first time some Town Council members heard the details of the Kinsey plan, which had to pass through the Recreation Committee before the council could vote on it.

"I think a lot of work needs to be done on the plan," said Mayor Thomas Jardim. "There is a clear need for going back to the drawing board."

The mayor said he hopes a committee of area residents will be formed to offer input during the planning stages. He was backed by other members of the council who agreed the plan was too ambitious in scope compared to the original goals of fixing fields and repairing the high-dive tank at the pool.

"It raises the question of 'Do we need some of these things, anyway?'" said councilman Larry Goldman. "Is the aim to fix what we have, or to buy a new Cadillac?"

Other council members were less diplomatic about the Kinsey plan. "I can't imagine taking this plan in its present form from the Recreation Committee to the full Town Council," said Councilman Carl Salisbury.

According to Mayor Geri Samuel, the bottleneck is partially due to Berkeley Heights' resistance to placing the basins in certain locations. "Retention basins are not very attractive," said Samuel, "so you can understand the concerns. But something has to be done, and soon."

Scotch Plains Engineering Department spokesman Dennis Harrington added that Union County has expressed concerns about the environmental impact of the basins, and therefore hasn't given the project its full support. "It's been difficult to build consensus among all the different interest groups," Harrington said, citing the lack of continuity caused by frequent turnover of county and municipal officials.

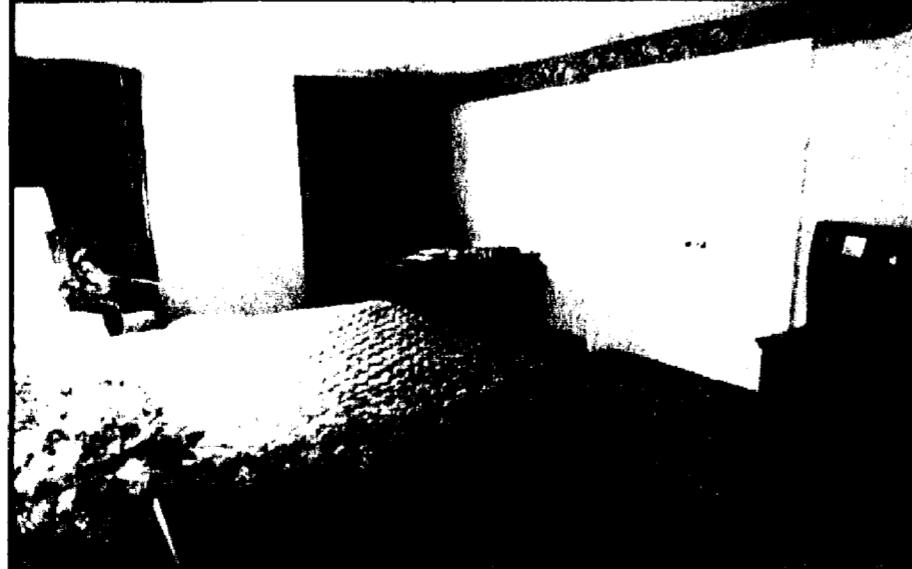
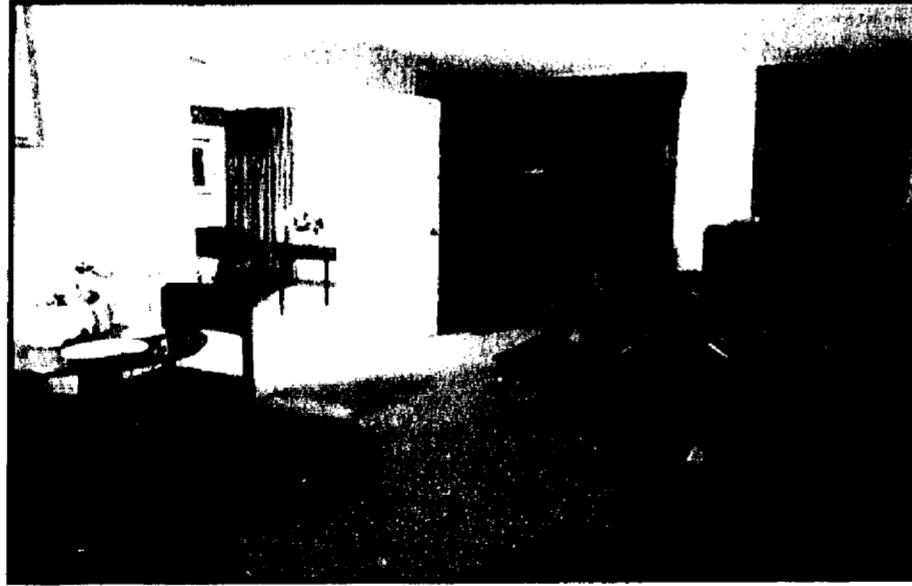
According to Harrington, the Green Brook Flood Control Commission has presented alternative approaches for study by the Army Corps of Engineers. Some of the alternatives include the construction of fewer and smaller basins, the government purchase of flood zone properties and the relocation of the property owners. It could take up to 18 months for the Army Corps of Engineers to complete its review and make recommendations to the commission, according to Harrington. He estimated that once an agreement has been reached on an approach, it could take another 10 years to complete the work needed to protect Scotch Plains and other Union County communities from the likes of Tropical Storm Floyd.



Honoring those who lay down their lives

Students in the Law Enforcement Program at the Union County Vocational-Technical School recently joined Gov. Christie Whitman (top row, center) and Law Enforcement Program Instructor Frank DeSanto (top row, left) in a memorial service to honor New Jersey police officers who lost their lives in the line of duty.

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Sports

Westfield-Scotch Plains rivalry heats up

By DANIEL MURPHY

RECORD-PRESS

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School will look to win back the local bragging rights when they battle a Westfield High School football team which has won the last two meetings between the schools.

Scotch Plains (2-0) has started the season strong, winning their first two games, including last week's 18-15 defeat of Shabazz. Westfield (1-1) got their season off to a shaky start, but rebounded to beat Cranford last week, 20-7, and even their record.

High School Football

Scotch Plains Head Coach Steve Ciccotelli down played the significance of the rivalry, calling it just another game on a long schedule.

"The next game on your schedule is always the most important game," said Ciccotelli. "We try to play every game like it's the last game we're going to play."

Ciccotelli's message got

through to his team as well. Senior captain Dave Herrmann commented that the team will continue to take one game at a time, and not try to get too anxious for Westfield.

"If you get over excited you tend to play bad," said Herrmann. "It's a big game for the school but we're trying to look at it as another game. I think we should beat them, but we aren't going to take it easy either."

Westfield Head Coach Ed Tranchina also downplayed the extent of the rivalry, but said he always enjoys games against neighborhood rivals, and that any plans by the state to eliminate these games isn't a good idea.

"It's a nice neighborhood rivalry. I love these games," said Tranchina. "They've got a great team. We got our work cut out for us."

Westfield senior linebacker and fullback Pat Tuohy is also looking forward to the game.

"It's Scotch Plains, it's a big rivalry. We've beaten them two years in a row and we're looking to do it again," he said. "We feel we got something to prove so we might as well do it against Scotch Plains, who's having a good year so far."

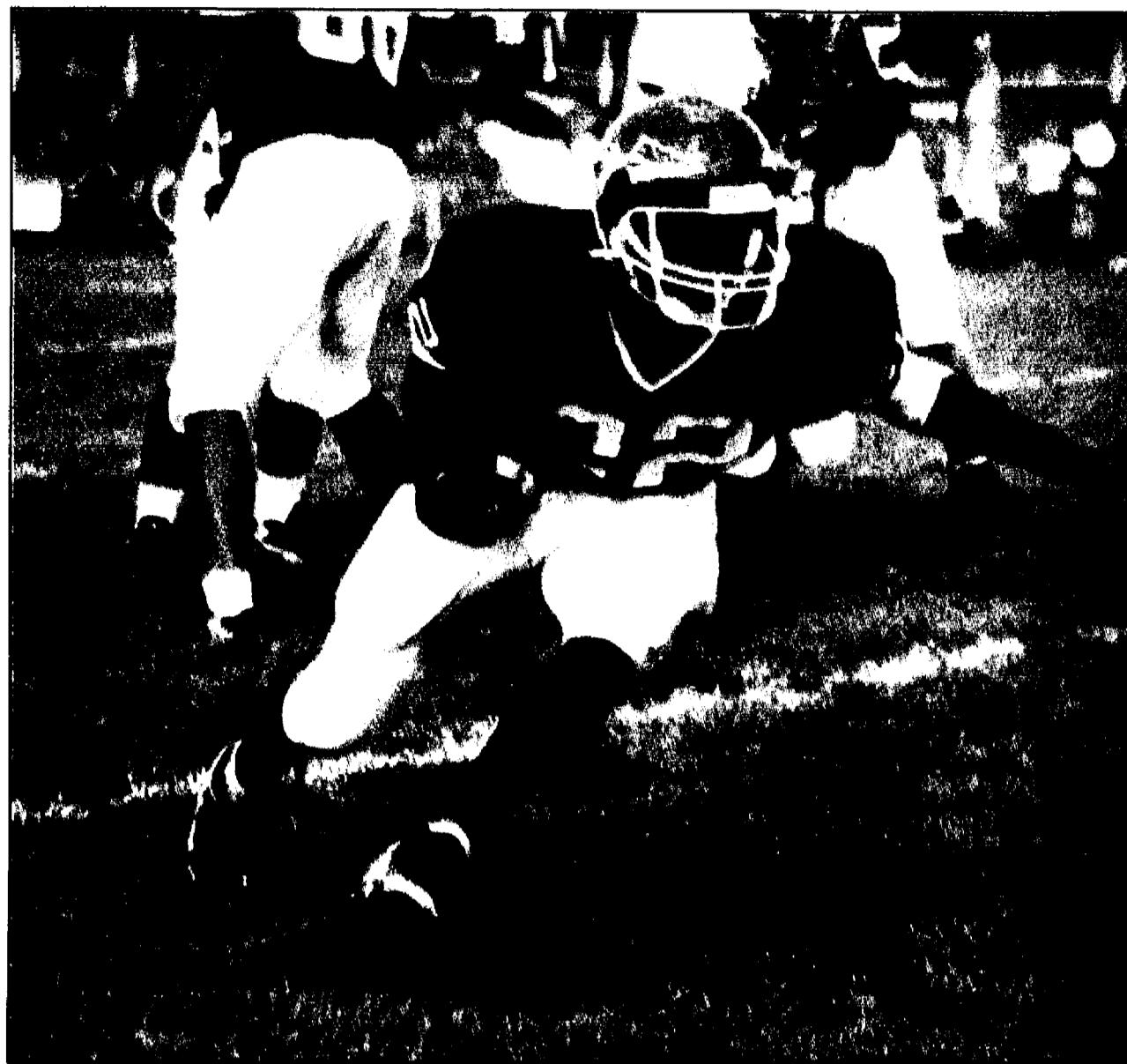
In order to be successful, the Blue Devils will have to shut down Scotch Plains' star running back Nathan Jones. Jones rushed for over 160-yards for the second week in a row, and is the catalyst of the Raiders attack. The Westfield defensive line will have to shut down the running holes created by a Scotch Plains offensive line, averaging 250lb.

"We have to stop their ground attack," said Tranchina. "They've got great ground attack."

Westfield will be the third Wing-T team that Scotch Plains has seen this season. They held Shabazz to less than fifty-yards of total offense in the second half, and shut down Hudson Catholic in its opener. Ciccotelli said he will approach tomorrow afternoon's game the same way he approaches every other, and try to limit the mental mistakes the Raiders made in the first half against Shabazz.

Herrmann believes that it is those mental mistakes which are holding Scotch Plains back from being a great team.

"I think we have a few minor mistakes which are holding us



RON WALTHERS/RECORD-PRESS

Nathan Jones, who has rushed for over 160 yards in each of the Raiders first two games, will be the main focus of the Westfield defense tomorrow.

back from being a great team," said Herrmann. "Penalties and first game mistakes are what's holding us back."

Tranchina was happy with the way his team rebounded from their opening day loss to Marist, and was able to deal with the loss of starting quarterback Chris Giaccone, who spent the day pacing the sidelines in street clothes due to suspension. Ryan MacDonald filled in nicely for Giaccone, who will be back behind center Saturday for the Blue Devils.

The Blue Devils were looking to raise their level of intensity against Cranford and senior linebacker Mike Ciaciarelli set the

tone early with a huge hit on Cranford's Dan Daly on the game's opening kickoff.

"It was a great hit," said Tranchina. "It set tempo for the rest of the day."

The Blue Devils jumped on the Cougars quickly when Pat Tuohy intercepted a pass by Cranford quarterback Bob Sawicki on the opening possession and returned it to the Cranford 25-yard line. Sophomore running back Terrence Jenkins, who ran for 124 yards and three touchdowns on 12 carries, rumbled in from the 2-yard line four plays later, and Westfield grabbed a quick 7-0 lead.

"We did what we had to do to

win," said Tranchina. "We improved, which was good, but we still have a long way to go."

Scotch Plains fell behind Shabazz early when Derrick Foster ran 83-yards on the first play from scrimmage for the touchdown. Scotch Plains answered when Jones ran it in from four yards out with 2:45 remaining in the first quarter.

Shabazz took a 15-6 half-time lead when Jabril Stokes barreled in from the 1-yard line. Scotch Plains took the lead in the third quarter behind a 15-yard run by Jones and a 27-yard kick by Brian Schiller. They added a safety in the fourth quarter for the 18-15 victory.

GEORGE PACCIELLO/RECORD-PRESS
Westfield's Terrence Jenkins hopes to repeat last week's performance which saw him run for three touchdowns and 124 yards.

Raiders rolling through competition

By DANIEL MURPHY

RECORD-PRESS

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood boys soccer team has shaken off several injuries so far this season, and after a 2-1 victory over neighbor and rival Cranford, improved their record to 5-1.

After star goalkeeper Brad Lowyns broke his wrist over the summer, and replacement Rob Bugg broke his leg in the first game, the Raiders have been playing with Pat Meredith in goal. Meredith was originally slated to start on the junior varsity, but was thrown straight into the fire and has so far performed well for Scotch Plains.

Lowyns is slated to come back Oct. 11 and Head Coach To

m Breznitsky is eagerly awaiting his return. He hopes to have Lowyns back in goal when the Raiders battle Ridge Oct. 12, but admits that it may take longer.

"He'd be in there with the cast on if it were up to me," joked Breznitsky. "But we're hoping that he has enough flexibility that he will be able to go."

Breznitsky feels that when Lowyns returns, Scotch Plains will be close to full strength, and any window other teams had at upsetting the Raiders early on will be shut. The Raiders suffered another set back when Mike Franzzone suffered a cartilage tear in his knee and will miss at least six weeks. But the return of Lowyns, should be able to sure up the Raiders defense in time for another championship run.

"We'll have a 25-30% improvement the minute he gets back," said Breznitsky. "We will be able to diffuse a lot of things."

Breznitsky is hoping that the presence that Lowyns brings to the field will improve the overall team defense and allow his players to concentrate on other things. Lowyns is someone who takes command on the field and is much more aggressive than Meredith, subsequently the Raiders defense will have to deal with less balls in the box, and can look to create the attack more.

Senior captain Jeff Fiorino is also eagerly anticipating the return of Lowyns. He feels the team has not played up to its capability offensively so far, because they have been

extra concerned about their defense. He feels the return of Lowyns will get them back on the right track.

"We're all looking forward to it," he said of Lowyns return. "It will probably be the turning point of the season."

But Scotch Plains hasn't assembled a 5-1 record on luck alone. The play of Fiorino, Eugene Ferrera, and Mike Zotti has been vital to the team's success, and the performances of freshman Ray DiNizo, and Dwight Simms have impressed Breznitsky.

"They have been our catalyst," said Breznitsky.

Cranford used long passes over the top of the Raiders defense to try to take advantage of the absence of Lowyns.

The Cougars controlled play in the first half and jumped out to a 1-0 lead early when Rob Sands sent a pass that Tom Arthur hammered home.

The Raiders rebounded in the second half when Mike Zotti tied the score in the 52nd minute. Andrew Babicz scored off a cross from Jeff Hensel in the 67th minute to secure the victory.

LARRY MURPHY/RECORD-PRESS
David Sigmon (left) of Scotch Plains battles Cranford's Tim Mamrak for the ball in the Raiders 2-1 victory over the Cougars on Monday.

WHS girls soccer is off to a quick start

By DANIEL MURPHY

RECORD-PRESS

With a 7-0 drubbing of Linden on Monday, the Westfield High School girls soccer team improved their record to 3-0-2.

While the Blue Devils are undefeated, Head Coach Pete Giordano was a little disappointed that his team hadn't notched a couple more wins in their belt to this point. He felt Westfield could have beaten Cranford, instead of walking away with a 1-1 tie, but was proud of the way the team fought back and salvaged a tie against a tough East Brunswick squad after falling behind 3-1.

"The girls showed some character," said Giordano. "Their not giving up and constantly playing hard."

At the start of the season Giordano

Girls Soccer

was concerned about the Blue Devils ability to put the ball in the back of the net and take advantage of their scoring opportunities. But he says so far that hasn't been the problem. His main concern has shifted from offense to defense.

"We're doing all right so far," said Giordano. "I'm not happy with our team defense. We still have some work to do."

Giordano said the defensive let downs have not been entirely the fault of the back line, rather it's been a lapse

on the part of the entire team.

"The whole concept of team defense needs to get better. We need to play defense as a unit," said Giordano. "We've been getting back a little late."

The Blue Devils have so far been able to take advantage of their scoring opportunities. During preseason scrimmages Giordano was concerned that the team wasn't looking to finish its opportunities, and wasn't offensive-minded enough. But after two weeks, he has been pleased with the play of the offense.

"There getting themselves in good positions, and beating their defenders," said Giordano. "There getting themselves the confidence to put it in. There putting the ball in the back of the net and getting themselves shots. These were the things I was worried about at the beginning and their starting to

do it."

While Giordano said the play of Donna Schaffer, Kristin Salmon, Taryn Wyckoff, Leigh Kendrick and Stevie Larson stand out in the mind of Giordano, he says he has been pleased with the play of the entire team.

"I hate to single people out," said Giordano. "Everybody that has played has done the job."

After playing three consecutive overtime games, the Blue Devils have amassed some nagging injuries. While Giordano wouldn't go into specifics, he did say he has been resting some of his players during practices.

"We've got some nagging injuries," he said. "A lot of them are playing through pain, and playing hard. But it's no excuse. The kids that get put in have to play and we don't use injuries as an excuse."

GEORGE PACCIELLO/RECORD-PRESS
Kristen Salmon and the Blue Devils will look to continue putting the ball in the back of the net against Chatham tomorrow.

Westfield gymnastics undefeated

The Westfield High School gymnastics team continue its impressive start winning two meets last week and improving their record to 3-0. The Blue Devils defeated Old Bridge 101.05-85.5 and Arthur Johnson 103.5-77.

Leading the way for the Blue Devils against Johnson was Ashley Flood, who competed in all four events tallying a 34.3 score. Lauren Caravello finished first on the uneven bars with a 9.1, and senior Tara Clarke contributed an 8.4 in vaulting in her first appearance of the year for the Blue Devils.

Against Old Bridge Jessica Caravello totaled 35 points. She finished first in vaulting, balance beam, and the floor exercise. Lauren Caravello finished first on the uneven bars with a 9.35, and Flood finished second on the uneven bars with a 9.0.

Field Hockey
Morristown 1, Westfield 0—The Blue Devils fell to 3-2 when Becky Shapiro scored for Morristown with 23:06 remaining in the second half in Morristown.

Westfield 2, Johnson 0—On the strength of goals by Paige Corbett and Val Wicks, the Blue Devils defeated Johnson on Saturday.

Boys Soccer
Westfield 7, Linden 1—The Blue Devils evened their record at 3-3 with the victory in Linden, Monday. Alex Lau had a goal and two assists, and Erik



GEORGE PACCIELLO/RECORD-PRESS
Westfield's Patti Oslislo goes up for the kill against Union Catholic. The Blue Devils fell to the Vikings 2-0.

Finne had one goal and one assist.

Westfield 3, Bridgewater Raritan 1—Ralph Rapuano led the Blue Devils over Bridgewater-Raritan on Saturday. Rapuano tallied a goal and an assist in the victory.

Volleyball

Cranford 2, Westfield 1—The Blue Devils dropped a tightly contested match 12-15, 15-11, 15-12. Westfield will compete against some of the top teams in the state in the Livingston Tournament tomorrow, before having a rematch with Cranford on Monday.

ATHOME

Need a new roof? Here's how to make that decision

If your home is nearly 20 years old, or it's been a good two decades since it was last shingled, chances are you may need a new roof.

Autumn is a good time to inspect closely and evaluate the condition of your roof. If the roof has deteriorated significantly, you'll have enough time to get your home re-roofed before winter weather arrives.

The Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association (ARMA) suggests that consumers look for the following aging/deterioration signs in trying to determine if they need a new roof:

* Using binoculars, walk around the outside of the house and look for cracked, severely curled or broken shingles. Never walk on a roof, it can be dangerous and may damage the shingles.

* Check gutters and downspouts for excessive accumulation of the mineral granules that coat the shingles. (It is normal for shingles to lose some of their granules, as an excess amount is applied during shingle manufacture). These granules provide important weather resistance to your roof. Noticeable loss of granules usually signifies roof aging or deterioration.

* Using a flashlight, inspect your attic space, looking carefully at the underside of the roof deck and rafters for stains or wet spots; both can be signs of leakage.

If you decide it's probably time to re-roof, you'll quickly discover there's a wide variety of products and options available in today's asphalt shingles. According to ARMA, four out of five homes in the United States have asphalt shingles.

For the most part, asphalt shingles remain the number one choice of homeowners because they offer the broadest array of colors, shapes and textures to match most architectural styles at the most affordable price. In addition, asphalt shingles offer a long life expectancy and low maintenance requirements.

For roofing professionals, asphalt shingles are often preferred because they offer good performance in all types of temperatures and are considered the easiest to apply of the standard roofing materials.

In addition, asphalt singles are available in a variety of classifications that meet specific fire, wind and hail resistance testing standards. For example, all shingles

carry a Class A, B or C fire rating, with Class A providing the highest fire resistance. These fire ratings are defined by nationally recognized standards and tested by independent testing agencies. In addition, many asphalt shingles carry a "wind resistant" label indicating that they've been tested to meet specific high-wind criteria.

Once you decide on the type of roof you're interested in, then color and style questions loom large. ARMA experts recommend that you consider the following basics when trying to decide on a roofing style and color:

* The color of your roof should harmonize with the color of your home's exterior walls. For example, if you have light gray siding and white trim, choose a roof color in the gray family and avoid brown shades.

* Stay in keeping with the neighborhood. You'll be happier with a roof that blends into the background rather than one that differs noticeably from the surrounding homes.

* If you want your home to blend in with the natural environment, pick a roof color that blends together varying shades of browns, grays or greens.

* A small home may be given added dimension with a light-colored roof to direct the eye upward and create a sense of airiness.

* Dark roof colors on tall homes or steeply-sloped roofs will help to

recede the roofline visually and seemingly reduce the structure's scale.

To learn more about roofing styles, design color and aesthetics, order the ARMA brochure, OA

Homeowner's Guide to Quality Asphalt Roofing" available for \$1, by writing to the Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association, HP Department, P.O. Box 1532 North Babylon, NY 11703.

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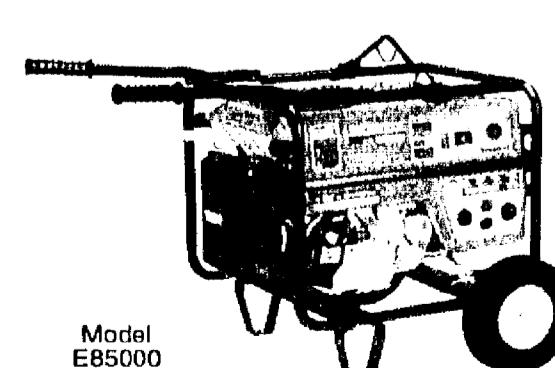
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Union Catholic boys soccer earning respect

By DANIEL MURPHY

RECORD-PRESS

After years of being viewed as an easy game on everybody else's schedule, the Union Catholic boys' soccer team has become a team to be reckoned with in Union County.

In his seventh year as head coach, Joe DeOliveira feels his team has finally reached a level where they will not only be competitive in the tough Mountain Valley Conference, but will make some waves if their opponents continue to look past them.

"Union Catholic has never been known as a soccer school," said DeOliveira. "But we're slowly coming around and turning the program around. For a while we weren't respected. We're no longer an easy game."

The Vikings went to the state tournament last year, posting a better than .500 record, and advanced to the second round of

the Union County Tournament. They will be looking to better both marks this season.

In order to do so, Union Catholic, who had posted a 3-1 record going into this week, will need strong play from their midfield, which DeOliveira says is the strength of the team. Leading the way is senior Mark Hordynsky, an all-state selection last year, Sergio Malaquias, and junior Ryan Price.

They will be counted on to control the ball on the ground in the midfield, and set up scoring opportunities for the Union Catholic strikers.

"Our midfield controls the ball and makes excellent passes to our forwards," said DeOliveira. "They make it easy for our forwards."

Looking to capitalize on those opportunities will be senior Andre Tobar, the Vikings leading scorer so far this year, junior Mark DeOliveira, the coaches son and an all-conference selection last sea-

son, and junior Tommy Simpson. Juniors Eric DaRocha and Craig Gorecza will sure up the defense for Union Catholic. DaRocha will look to score on set plays with his powerful shot, according to DeOliveira.

DeOliveira attributes the recent success and growth of the Union Catholic program to a growing crop of full-time soccer players.

He said he expected to turn the program around immediately after he started, but it wasn't until now that he had the pieces to fit the puzzle.

"I thought I was going to come in and change the whole program, but it takes time and wins," said DeOliveira. "I was teaching soccer, but didn't have the tools to win, Now I have the tools."

Those pieces are beginning to fit together.

"They played Arthur L. Johnson yesterday, and square off against Ridge and Rahway next week."

SPORTSCENE

TEDDY ROOSEVELT "ROUGH RUNNERS" ANNUAL 5K RUN

The annual Teddy Roosevelt "Rough Runners" 5K race will take place on Sunday at Roosevelt Intermediate School on Clark Street in Westfield. Registration will be held from 7:30-8:45 a.m. and will cost \$10. Tee-shirts will be available while supplies last.

The course will begin at Roosevelt and continue along the paved paths around the school. The course will end back at Roosevelt and there will be water stations along the way.

For the whole family, there will be a one-mile fun run following the 5K. Registration is free and all participants will get a lollipop.

For more information please contact race directors Michelle Aquino or Lou Cachio at (908) 789-4573.

GARWOOD RECREATION BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS

The Garwood Recreation Department is now

taking registrations for the 99/00 basketball season. The deadline for registration is Oct. 2. Registration forms can be picked up at Borough Hall.

The basketball league is for children in the third to eighth grade. The League will include both instructions and games. Anybody interested in coaching, assistant coaching, and/or refereeing please indicate so on a registration form. You do not have to have a child in the program to coach, assist or referee.

Any questions call Steve Dunn at 789-0173.

CONTACT WE CARE ANNUAL 5K ROAD RACE

Three area residents took first place in their age category in CONTACT We Care's Annual 5K Road Race held in Fanwood. Nearly 400 men, women and children participated in the 4th annual event. CONTACT We Care is the Union County 24-hour telephone hotline and crisis intervention service offering the gift of listening to residents of Union, Somerset, Middlesex, and Essex

Counties. Geoffrey North of Westfield, 23, came in first place in the male 20 to 24 category. Cynthia Benn of Westfield, 42, came in first in the female 40 to 44 group, and Marie Sokol of Scotch Plains, 48, won in the 45 to 49 female group.

"We congratulate the many winners in all the different age categories," said Michael Nicholson, executive director. "Each and every individual who ran in CONTACT Road Race is a winner since they took an active role in helping the community by supporting our unique listening service. With the funds raised through this annual even, CONTACT is able to continue to recruit, train, and supervise dedicated volunteers to staff its phone lines."

More than 100 men and women currently volunteer for CONTACT and offer an understanding, compassionate ear to callers who are lonely, under stress or in crisis.

For more information about volunteer opportunities, please call 908-889-4140.

BEST BETS THIS WEEK

Have 'Time of Your Life' with Hadassah

ELIZABETH — The Cranford/Roselle chapter of Hadassah will hold a fundraising theater party at the Elizabeth Playhouse, 1100 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth on Oct. 17. Curtain time is 2 p.m. for the production of William Saroyan's *The Time of Your Life*. Curbside parking is available and a parking lot is within short walking distance. Complimentary pastries and coffee will be served during intermission.

The Elizabeth Playhouse is part of the former 19th-century historic Third Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth, which was purchased by Marlow and Karon Ferguson in 1992 in the hopes of building two theaters. The Playhouse is situated in the former chapel of the church and seats 116 people. Work has begun on the other theater, which is in the nave of the church, and will accommodate 300 people when completed.

The Fergusons both love theater, he as a writer and director who has worked off-Broadway and in community theater in New Jersey, and she as a playwright and producer. The couple has been honored for their roles in helping to preserve an historic site.

Tickets are \$12.50 each and may be ordered by calling (908) 889-8853 or (908) 272-6053. Proceeds will be allocated for pediatric cancer research.

Trailside plans fall workshops

The Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside is offering a variety of workshops for children and their parents this fall. The center's location in the scenic Watchung Reservation provides the perfect outdoor classroom in which to have fun while learning about the environment and the natural world. Some new workshops are geared toward preschool to fifth grade children and their families.

"Two of Us" is an interactive program for children 3 and 4, accompanied by an adult. It encourages child and adult to discover nature together through exploration, hikes and outdoor activities. Classes are offered 10:30-11:30 a.m. or 1:30-2:30 p.m. Tuesday in October, November and December. Pre-registration is required. Fee is \$4 per person for each class.

A family workshop series from "Dusk to Dark" for children 6 and up, accompanied by an adult, includes a night hike 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6. Hikers will look and listen for evidence of nocturnal residents who visit Lake Surprise at night. Hikers will gather at the parking lot on W.R. Tracy Drive in the Watchung Reservation. Pre-registration is required. Fee is \$3 per person; bring your own flashlights.

For a fall program brochure, which includes a list of all workshops for children and families as well as special events, call (908) 789-3670 or visit the center at 452 New Providence Road.

Historic expeditions in October weekend



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The Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit (above) and the Miller-Cory House Museum in Westfield are two of the sites which will be showcased Oct. 23-24 during "Four Centuries in a Weekend."



Ensemble cast prepares to stage Ludwig's 'Moon Over Buffalo'

WESTFIELD — Naomi Yablonsky, known to local theatergoers for her many past appearances and directing efforts with the Westfield Community Players, has assembled an ensemble cast for Ken Ludwig's comedy smash "Moon Over Buffalo."

The show is set to open 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16. Additional performances are 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22 and Nov. 5, 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, 30 and Nov. 6; and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7. All shows are at the WCP theater, 1000 North Ave. West.

Rambunctiously funny, this slam-bang farce set in Buffalo in 1953 presents a tired troupe with a repertoire of Noel Coward's "Private Lives" and "Cyrano de Bergerac." While rehearsing, stars Charlotte and George Hay are told Hollywood director Frank Capra is on his way to audition them for starring roles in his upcoming swashbuckler "The Scarlet Pimpernel." Will George be sober enough to appear? Will Charlotte run off with her agent? Will Mr. Capra see anything remotely resembling a play, or will backstage shenanigans, missed entrances and blown cues send him back to Hollywood on the next train?

John and Linda Correll return to the WCP stage as

George and Charlotte Hay, the feature actors in this sorry troupe. Linda Guiditta of Westfield is Charlotte's deaf and cantankerous mother. Stanley Kaplan, also of Westfield, is the Hays' agent trying to fold everything together.

Mary Kate Cullinan returns to the WCP stage as Rosalind. Matthew Kaplan is Howard. Patti Vidakovic of Cranford is Eileen and Ralph Romeo is Paul.

Admission is \$12. Advance tickets are available at Burgdorf Reilly in Westfield or by calling (908) 232-1221. Opening night patrons are invited to stay for the traditional celebration featuring light snacks and coffee in the lobby after the final curtain.

Funding is in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Lipizzan Stallions to perform in area

BASKING RIDGE — The world famous Herrmann's Original Royal Lipizzan Stallions of Austria under the direction of Colonel Ottmar Herrmann will return to Lord Stirling Stable, 256 South Maple Avenue in Basking Ridge on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 1, 2, and 3. Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday; and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday. The 1999 performances of

the Lipizzan are sponsored by the Friends of Lord Stirling Stable and will be their only appearance in central New Jersey this year. Proceeds from the event will benefit Somerset County Park Commission Lord Stirling Stable.

Tickets information is available by e-mail at juno.com/pubbell.com or by calling toll free at 1-888-662-4177. Advance ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children age 6

to 12. Children 5 and under will be admitted free. Tickets are available at the Lord Stirling Stable office at 256 South Maple Ave., Basking Ridge from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. seven days a week and by mail with checks made payable to PLSS, P.O. Box 240, Basking Ridge 07920; include self addressed stamped envelope. Tickets at the door are \$18 for adults and \$13 for children. Seating is limited.

UCAC film series kicks off with 'The Godfather'

RAHWAY — The Union County Arts Center, Rahway's restored 1928 vaudeville theater, announced the return of its classic film series with the Academy Award winning film, *The Godfather*, on Oct. 13. Tickets are \$3 for the 1 p.m. showing, and \$5 for the 8 p.m. show. For advance tickets call (732) 499-8226. *The Godfather* Marlon Brando, Al Pacino and James Caan. It was an instant classic and has spawned two sequels, in addition to an entire genre of films.

With an afternoon matinee and a nighttime show, this screening of *The Godfather* is a chance to see the movie as it was meant to be seen — on the big screen.

The film series continues with *Young Frankenstein* on Oct. 29, *From Here to Eternity* on Nov. 10, *It's a Wonderful Life* on Nov. 26, and a holiday festival on Dec. 18 featuring *A Muppet Christmas Carol*, *The Nightmare Before Christmas* and *White Christmas*.

For more information, to purchase tickets, or to receive a schedule of the entire film series, call (732) 499-8226.

The Union County Arts Center, a non-for-profit corporation dedicated to presented the best in the performing arts, is located in the restored Rahway Theater in downtown Rahway. The Arts Center is handicapped accessible, and listening devices are available to patrons upon request. Major support for the Arts Center and its programs comes from the city of Rahway, Merck & Co., the Board of Freeholders of the County, Comcast Digital Cable of Union, and the Rahway Savings Institution. Tickets may be purchased by phone with a Visa, Mastercard or Discover, or in person at the Irving Street box office. Tickets will also be available online this season through the website at www.ucac.org, and through ETM ticket kiosks located in the Menlo Park Mall and Edwards Supermarkets. For more information or ticket availability call the box office at (732) 499-8226, or after 5 p.m. at 1-888-ETM-TIXS.

Pick any or all of five separate historic theme expeditions as a way to enjoy the 22 house museums, sites and buildings in "Four Centuries in a Weekend ... A Journey Through Union County's History."

Sightseers can select their favorite time period of the past and visit examples of it at their own pace. The free Heritage Festival takes place 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23 and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24.

"There are five historic themes, and they describe major changes that took place in what is now Union County from colonial times until the early 1920s," said Nicholas P. Scutari, chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. "Everyone can select a cluster of sites to visit or mix and match from all of them."

Choices include: the grand homes of the "Early Aristocracy"; the setting for the dangerous "Revolutionary Frontline" years; modest examples of hard "Farm Life"; the successful undertakings of "Commerce and Industry"; and the grandeur and comfort of "Victorian Resorts and Suburbs".

For this self-guided journey, free booklets are available. They contain brief descriptions of the sites as well as illustrated maps with all the stops marked.

"The stories of the theme clusters tell four centuries of Union County history," added Freeholder Mary P. Ruotolo, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "Because buildings changed to meet new needs and styles, some sites appear in more than one cluster."

Showcased during "Four Centuries in a Weekend" are: the Littell-Lord Farmstead and the Deserted Village of Feltville-Glenwood Park in Berkeley Heights; the Dr. William Robinson Plantation in Clark; the Crane-Phillips House in Cranford; the Belcher-Ogden Mansion and Boxwood Hall in Elizabeth; Evergreen Cemetery and Woodruff House/Eaton Store Museum in Hillside; the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House in Mountainside; the Salt Box Museum in New Providence; the Drake House Museum in Plainfield; Merchants and Drovers Tavern in Rahway; the Abraham Clark House in Roselle; the Roselle Park Museum in Roselle Park; the Osborn Cannonball House in Scotch Plains; the Cannon Ball House in Springfield; the Carter House, Reeves-Reed Arboretum and Twin Maples in Summit; the Caldwell Parsonage and Liberty Hall in Union; and the Miller-Cory House Museum in Westfield.

"Four Centuries in a Weekend" is made possible by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and grants from the New Jersey Historical Commission, the New Jersey Division of Travel & Tourism, and the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Additional support from AAA New Jersey Automobile club has enabled driving routes and laminated county maps to be available at each site.

Championship rodeo comes to Continental Arena

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Oct. 21-23 will mark the first time that America's most honored rodeo, the International Championship Rodeo, will stampede into the Continental Airlines Arena.

The International Championship Rodeo is a big-league, professional rodeo sanctioned for world championship points by the International Pro Rodeo Association (IPRA) headquartered in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and produced by the award-winning World Classic Productions, Inc. of Nashville, Tenn.

The International Championship Rodeo produces rodeos exclusively indoors, in civic centers and coliseums throughout the United States and Canada.

This rodeo consistently attracts world class athletes in all six world championship events of Bareback Riding, Bronc Riding, Steer Wrestling, Saddle Bronc Riding, Cowgirls Barrel Racing, Calf Roping and Bull Riding.

Much like professional golf, rodeo competitors are independent athletes. Each pays an entry fee for the privilege of competing. Their entry fees (as much as \$500) are added to the prize money to determine the total payoff in each event. Because the cowboys and cowgirls compete only one time over the three days - four performances run at the Meadowlands - these competitors will also be competing at other IPRA-sanctioned rodeos scheduled during the same week. Every dollar won by these professional rodeo athletes represents one world championship point. The more rodeos they attend during the year increases the competitors' chances of taking home not only additional prize money but

championship points as well. Unlike many professional sports, each performance will feature the six championship events, clown and horse acts, live musical entertainment, camel and ostrich races - but not the same cowboys and cowgirls. Each contestant competes one time only. At the close of the final performance only the top four scores and times turned in during the four performances of competition will receive a share of the prize money.

This rodeo offers something for everyone in the family, including special spotlighted musical production numbers, colorful costumes and the best rodeo acts, trick performing horses, rodeo clowns and live musical entertainment from International and World Finals Rodeo.

Each January, the International Finals Rodeo is held in Oklahoma City. The world's top 15 cowboys and cowgirls (top money winners) compete for the world championship titles in their respective events. Unfortunately, not everyone can just take off to Oklahoma City to see this great rodeo, with the International Championship Rodeo coming to the Meadowlands, the trip to Oklahoma is not necessary.

"After this rodeo's tremendous success at the Nassau Memorial Coliseum on Long Island earlier this year, we are genuinely excited about returning to the northeast and being at the Meadowlands," says Bob Teaff, director of marketing for the rodeo.

The International Championship Rodeo stampedes into the Continental Airlines Arena Oct. 21-23 for four action-packed performances.

Ticket prices are \$18, \$14 and \$10. Tickets for children (ages 12 and younger) are available for select performances. A limited number of VIP seats is available at \$25, no discounts.

Tickets are available at the Continental Airlines Area Box Office and all TicketMaster locations, or to charge by phone, call (201) 507-8900 and in New York, (9212) 307-7171. For special group discounts, call (201) 560-4370. For event information, call (201) 935-3900.

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**Author
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CLARK — On Sept. 30 at 7:30 p.m., author Bonnie W. McDaniel will sign copies of *In the Eye of the Storm: A Celebration of Family and the Real Purpose of Home* at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark.

McDaniel offers refreshing insights into the heart, soul, and power of the family. Using both old-fashioned wisdom and practical parenting tips, this book is a perfect tool for anyone, whether they be a child or adult, who is interested in improving the value of their family life. *In the Eye of the Storm* includes essential advice that empowers parents to re-establish the home as a place of stability, peace, and love.

"The answers to today's family problems," said McDaniel, "aren't necessarily found in modern-day theories or ideas, they are perhaps found in our past. We've lost sight of the simple lessons and effective parenting skills used by our grandparents."

McDaniel is a well-known expert on the home and its importance in family life. She is the creator and publisher of *The Art of Good Living Internet Magazine*, as well as a syndicated columnist across Northern Virginia through the Times Community syndicate. She has appeared on the Les Brown Morning radio show, broadcast out of Washington, D.C., and on Fox television in Washington, D.C., and Tampa. In addition, McDaniel was featured in the May 1999 issue of *Essence Magazine* in which *In the Eye of the Storm* was highlighted.

'Mostly Goodman' concert showcases small band swing

WATCHUNG — "Mostly Goodman," an evening of small band swing music, is booked at the Watchung Arts Center for Oct. 1, starting at 8 p.m. The Jazz Series concert will feature clarinetist Dan Levinson, pianist Mark Shane and drummer Kevin Dorn, all familiar with Benny Goodman's signature pieces, as well as tunes made possible by Artie Shaw and others. Tickets are \$12 and include light intermission refreshments.

The intimate space in Watchung's gallery fills quickly,

so reservations are advised to assure a seat will be waiting. Call (908) 753-0190, leaving a message on the tape outside of the 1 to 4 p.m. office hours. Tickets will be held at the door.

Levinson was asked to lead the band for the major Benny Goodman tribute in January, but illness required him to withdraw. He's back and in top form, so this concert should treat the audience to some of what they would have heard. Levinson, who plays a variety of reed instruments, considers himself "clarinetist first," and

thus is well prepared for the repertoire of the bands of Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw and other Swing Era greats. Levinson is well known on the jazz festival circuit, leading the Roof Garden Jazz Band, which captures the difficult ensemble style of the Original Dixieland Jazz Band.

Mark Shane was the pianist

of choice for both the 50th and 60th anniversary concerts, marking the date of Benny Goodman's historic Carnegie Hall appearance. Two different leaders felt he was best to reprise the Teddy Wilson and Jess Stacy parts. Shane is often "first call" when assembling all-star groups, and has appeared at Watchung many

times during a decade of jazz there.

Kevin Dorn is most often heard as a restrained drummer for groups exploring the early jazz styles, but he has excellent swing credentials as well. Gene Krupa of the Goodman

Band was the quintessential driving Big Band drummer, so filling his shoes is no small matter.

The Watchung Arts Center overlooks the Watchung Circle. Parking is available on site or at nearby municipal lots.

Hear Klezmer All Stars in Springfield concert

SPRINGFIELD — Mary Feinsinger's Klezmer All Stars will perform at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library on Oct. 3 at 2 p.m.

The Klezmer All Stars are four outstanding musical artists who combine their talents to present a unique sound in klezmer music, often called "Jewish jazz." The offer a mix of traditional and original klezmer tunes, Yiddish songs, and gypsy, Russian melodies.

Mary Feinsinger, voice and keyboard, co-wrote and performed in last season's off-Broadway Hot Klezmer and was co-founder, vocalist and keyboard artist of the West End Klezmorim. A Juilliard graduate in voice, she has sung contemporary classical music, opera, and cabaret. She serves as cantor of the Rossmoor Jewish congregation and teaches at Mannes College of Music.

Margo Leverett, on clarinet, is at the forefront of the new generation of klezmer clarinetists. She has performed original and traditional music for radio, television, dance, theater, and for the concert stage.

Barry Mitterhoff, mandolin, guitar and tenor banjo, is one of New York's foremost performers and instrumental teachers. He has performed with the New York City Ballet orchestra and played the mandolin at a 1999 Metropolitan Opera premiere.

Peter Stan, on accordion, was a member of the West End Klezmorim. Born in Australia into a Rom musical family from

Yugoslavia, he brings the richness of Balkan music to the All Stars.

Funding for this concert has been provided by the A. Leigh Balber Memorial Fund. Balber, a long-time local resident, was active in all library issues. Because of his actions on behalf of the county system and of local libraries in Essex County, the New Jersey State Library Association awarded him its Library Service Award in 1988.

This program is free and open to all with an attendance limit of 120 people. Tickets are available at the circulation desk. The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Library at 66 Mountain Ave. Call (973) 376-4930.

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Museum accepting exhibit applications

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Applications will be reviewed by the Museum Committee in November.

The 36x50-foot Palmer Museum was opened at its current site in 1975.

The Palmer Collection was started in 1939 when the library Board of Trustees appropriated \$25 to Springfield resident Donald Palmer to purchase pictures of Springfield. The collection grew to include historical mementos, antique guns, toys, tools, glass and china, etc. Portions of the permanent Palmer Collection are on display throughout the year.

Since 1992, the museum has provided space for the exhibit of art and historical works and for the presentation of cultural programs.

The museum is currently in the second year of a three-year series of concerts sponsored by the Balber family.

Many other events have been made possible through grants from the Union County Department of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Over the past year, the museum has exhibited the works of many fine local and regional artists.

Exhibits featured have included photography, sculpture, paintings, handmade dolls, needlepoint and prints.

Applications should be mailed to the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield, NJ 07081 no later than Oct. 29.

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Join a family bird walk

CRANFORD — Join experienced birders from the Friends of Lenape Park on Oct. 9 for a family bird walk from 9-11 a.m. Meet near the Watchable Wildlife signboard in the Trap and Skeet parking lot in Lenape Park, located off Kenilworth Boulevard on the Cranford/Kenilworth border. Bring wildlife guides and binoculars.

The rain date is Oct. 10.

Pushcart Players are coming to Cranford

CRANFORD — The Pushcart Players are coming to Livingston Avenue School 1:30 p.m. Tuesday for a presentation of their musical "Wow! What a Century!"

This performance celebrates the millennium with a whirlwind tour of twists and turns in history from 1900-2000. It begins with a look at family life in 1900 and from there becomes a collector's album of significant moments of the 20th century. This story is personalized through portraits of people and events that moved the century

forward.

After the show, the cast will stay to discuss the production with the pupils in the audience.

Now in its 25th season, Verona-based Pushcart Players produces theater and "arts in education" programs for young audiences. All of its productions are accompanied by comprehensive study guides for classroom teachers.

For more information, visit www.pushcartplayers.org or write Pushcart, 197 Bloomfield Ave., Verona, NJ 07044.



The Pushcart Players, including Lisa Brescia, Stephanie Kraus, Harry Christian and Jeffrey Wolf, rehearse a scene from "Wow! What a Century!" The all-new musical review in celebration of the 20th Century is being presented at Livingston Avenue School in Cranford.

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Big Band's concert to be a dance party

The 15-piece King's Road Swing Band would not have been invited back to the Watchung Arts Center's Jazz Series for 10 consecutive seasons if they did not fill the room. In fact, in recent years, demand was so great that a limit on admissions had to be imposed.

King's Road will return to Watchung on Oct. 22 with Nancy Nelson as their featured vocalist. Their "dance party" format provides a recently-refurbished dance floor for those who enjoy "active listening" as well as comfortable padded seats for those who just want to soak in some great Big Band tunes. Music starts at 8 p.m.

Tickets are priced at \$15 (\$10 for Arts Center members), including intermission refreshments. To assure seating, send a check to the Watchung Arts Center, 18 Stirling Road, Watchung NJ 07060, and tickets will be returned by mail. An SASE will speed processing.

Auto Show 2000 set for Oct. 2

Drive in to the new millennium when NJN Publishing hosts "Auto Show 2000" 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2 at the Downtown Somerville Shopping Center.

More than 15 dealers from throughout central New Jersey will be bringing some of their 2000 cars and trucks for review, rain or shine. Among the models scheduled to be on display are Volkswagen, Ford, Honda, Toyota, Mazda, Dodge, Jeep, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Chrysler-Plymouth, Lincoln-Mercury, Infinity, Kia, Buick, Pontiac, BMW, Nissan, Hyundai and Acura.

Take advantage of the opportunity to talk to dealer representatives about what is new for 2000 or to discuss how you can take advantage of 1999 leftovers.

Special guest during the afternoon will be Sparkee, the mascot of the Somerset Patriots baseball team.

There will also be prize drawings and gift certificates to stores in the Downtown Somerville Shopping Center.

For a preview of the 2000 models, see the special insert of this newspaper Sept. 30/Oct. 1.

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Art show to spotlight students' paintings

Devereux Deerhaven exhibit at Watchung Arts Center

WATCHUNG Devereux Deerhaven: The Children's Collection, an exhibition of paintings by students at the Devereux Deerhaven residential treatment center in Chester, will be presented from Oct. 5-31 at the Watchung Arts Center on the Watchung Circle, 18 Stirling Rd.

Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday from 1-4 p.m. A gala opening reception will be held on Oct. 10, 1 to 4 p.m., at the Watchung Arts Center.

Students between the ages of 9 and 20 in the Devereux Deerhaven art program painted upwards of 90 acrylics on canvas, all framed, that will be showcased in the Watchung Arts Center exhibit. The paintings, which measure 15-by-30 inches, 18-by-

21 inches and 24-by-30 inches, include landscapes, still lifes, and portraits. The artistic styles range from representational to surrealistic, with some folk art influences.

Devereux Deerhaven, located on a 33-acre former country estate in Chester, gives a second chance to troubled girls and young women, aged 5 to 21, most of whom have experienced trauma, abuse, neglect or abandonment in their short lives. The only residential treatment program in the state exclusively for girls, Devereux Deerhaven provides support and guidance to help these girls and young women develop coping skills and personal strength in an atmosphere that nurtures growth and stability.

Besides the art program, Devereux Deerhaven offers music and interpretive dance therapy, academics in an approved private school; pre-vocational training in horticulture landscaping, child care, maintenance, food service and office skills; and organized team sports.

The non-profit Watchung Arts Center is located in a structure built in 1898, as the original schoolhouse for the village of Watchung.

Renovations in the 1930s added more room.

Today the lower floor houses a small gallery and a studio for the many art classes and children's

art exhibits staged at the Watchung Arts Center.

The upper floor includes a performance space for jazz, folk, classical, vocal and contemporary music concerts.

Theatrical productions are sometimes produced in this space as well.

Both professional and emerging artists perform and exhibit their work at the Watchung Arts Center.

Admission to Devereux Deerhaven: The Children's Collection is by donation.

For further information about Devereux Deerhaven, call (908) 870-4500.



"Teardrop," a surrealistic painting done in acrylic on canvas, will be part of a special exhibition, "Devereux Deerhaven: The Children's Collection," on display Oct. 5-31 at the Watchung Arts Center, Watchung.

Call for your free Heritage Festival booklet

A copy of the free illustrated guide to "Four Centuries in a Weekend...A Journey Through Union County's History" is a phone call away. The event will be held on Oct. 23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Oct. 24 from noon-5 p.m.

The handy 32-page booklet has brief stories and engaging photos of the 22 house museums, historic buildings and sites that have joined together for the once-in-a-year Heritage Festival.

A map is included with all the sites marked.

"There is a tremendous selection for visitors," said Nicholas P. Scutari, chairman of the Union County Board of Freeholders.

"Many of the sites also offer special events like re-enactments, music and demonstrations."

The Heritage Festival is made possible by the Freeholders and grants from the New Jersey Historical Commission, the New Jersey Division of Travel and Tourism, and the New Jersey Council on the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Additional support from AAA New Jersey Automobile Club has enabled driving routes and laminated county maps to be available at each site.

Showcased during Four Centuries in a Weekend are: the Littell-Lord Farmstead and the Deserted Village of Feltville-Glenside Park in Berkeley Heights; Dr. William Robinson Plantation in Clark; Crane-Philips House in Cranford; Belcher-Ogden Mansion and Boxwood Hall in Elizabeth; Evergreen Cemetery and Woodruff House/Eaton Store Museum in Hillside; Deacon Andrew Hetfield House in Mountainside; The Slatbox Museum in New Providence; Drake House Museum in Plainfield; Merchants and Drovers Tavern in Rahway; Abraham Clark House in Roselle; the Roselle Park Museum in Roselle Park; Osborn Cannonball House in Scotch Plains; the Cannon Ball House in Springfield; Carter House, the Reeves-Reed Arboretum and Twin Maples in Summit; Caldwell Parsonage and Liberty Hall in Union; and Miller-Cory House Museum in Westfield.

For a copy of the Heritage Festival booklet with photos, site descriptions and a map, call the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, NJ 07202, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., at (908) 558-2550. NJ Relay users call 800-852-7899.

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Villella's acclaimed Miami City Ballet to make NJPAC debut

The New Jersey Performing Arts Center presents Edward Villella's acclaimed Miami City Ballet (MCB) 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10 in Prudential Hall.

The company arrives with two separate programs that include masterworks by the legendary George Balanchine as well as pieces choreographed by Paul Taylor and MCB resi-

dent choreographer Jimmy Gamonet De Los Heros. Tickets are \$12-\$56 and may be purchased by calling 1-888-GO-NJPAC (1-888-466-5722) or at the NJPAC Box Office at One Center Street in downtown Newark.

Miami City Ballet is presented as part of the Aetna-US Healthcare International Dance Series.

For its engagement at NJPAC, the company will perform Balanchine's complete *Jewels* ("Emeralds", "Rubies", "Diamonds") on Oct. 9. This performance will be the first time any company has danced the complete *Jewels* in the northeast other than the New York City Ballet (NYCB). While this ballet was created by Balanchine for the New York City Ballet, Miami City Ballet was the first company outside of NYCB to acquire the rights to perform the full-length ballet, widely regarded as one of Balanchine's supreme achievements.

The company's Oct. 10 program is a mixed repertoire, including Balanchine's "Prodigal Son" and "Glinka Pas de Trois," one of Paul Taylor's most successful ballets, "Arden Court," and "The Big Band

SUPERMEGATROID" by Jimmy Gamonet De Los Heros, set to the swing hits of Benny Goodman and Glenn Miller.

Edward Villella (whose autobiography is titled *Prodigal Son*) did much to popularize the role of the male in dance through the artistry and virility he exhibited during his performance career. He was the first American-born male star of the New York City Ballet, where he was a performer from 1957 through 1975. During his years with NYCB, he originated a variety of roles including *Tarantella*, the "Rubies" section of "Jewels," and the part of Oberon in "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Villella literally leapt to stardom in the 1960 revival of Balanchine's *Prodigal Son*, with his powerful and passionate interpretation of the

Prodigal in NYCB's revival of the 1929 masterpiece. Set to a score by Sergei Prokofiev, *Prodigal Son* captured the attention of ballet audiences and confirmed Villella as a star of the ballet stage.

Villella was the first American dancer to perform with the esteemed Royal Danish Ballet, and the only American ever to dance an encore at the Bolshoi Theater in Moscow.

He danced for President Kennedy's inaugural and for President Johnson, Nixon and Ford.

He also branched out as a television producer and director with the PBS series, *Dance in America*, and with an Emmy-winning CBS production of *Harlequinade*.

Villella became the founding artistic director of Miami City Ballet in 1986 and, over the course of the next decade, achieved worldwide acclaim for the company.

In recognition of his achievements, President Clinton presented Villella with the National Medal of Arts. He was a 1997 Kennedy Center Honoree and has been inducted into the Florida Artists Hall of Fame.

With a repertoire of more than 80 ballets (38 of which have been world premieres), including many of George Balanchine's most famous works; the neoclassical work of resident choreographer Jimmy Gamonet De Los Heros; and works by contemporary masters such as Paul Taylor, the acclaimed Miami City Ballet

was described as "the fastest growing and certainly among the most exciting ballet companies in the country" at the 1997 Kennedy Center Honors.

Now entering its 14th season, Miami City Ballet and Artistic Director Edward Villella have become acknowledged forces in the international dance world.

The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC), located on the Newark Riverfront near Gateway Center, Newark's Penn Station, and the Ironbound District in downtown Newark, is the first major performing arts center to open in the northeast in more than 30 years and the sixth largest performing arts center in the United States.

Funding has been made possible through a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State and funds from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Boat Show to feature large craft selections

EDISON — Buoyed by a strong economy and a summer of outstanding fishing, boat dealers throughout the area are reporting strong sales.

The 12th annual New Jersey Fall Boat Show, Oct. 8-10 at the New Jersey Convention and Expo Center, will reflect the fishing boat industry's expansion with displays of more than 250 models.

"It's been a very strong selling season this year and inventory levels are low," said Robert Barone, general manager of D&R Boats, in Green Brook. "We're getting a lot of first-time boat buyers, which we haven't seen in seven or eight years."

Still, consumers will find some of the best deals of the year on fishing boats at the NJ Fall Boat Show as dealers attempt to sell off their 1999 and model inventories before the slow winter season, said Kevin T. McLaughlin, show director.

"The fall show also will offer the first look at many 2000 models, which will be available at special show prices," McLaughlin said.

The show also will feature eight free fishing seminars presented by *The Fisherman Magazine*, featuring some of the best known anglers and fishing writers from the Jersey Shore and covering topics from inshore saltwater fly fishing tactics to catching deepwater stripers.

"Boat shows are an especially good time to buy a boat," said Gerry McConaghay, sales manager for Irwin Marine Inc., a Bayliner dealer in Red Bank. "There will be incentives from manufacturers and dealers. We offer our own incentives, like free storage and delayed payments, to help make the decision to buy a boat make sense. And, you beat the price increases that come in mid-winter."

McLaughlin said that, in addition to the strong economy, increased emphasis on family values and activities that let families spend more time together also are driving strong fishing boat sales.

"Fishing and boating are super family activities," he said.

The show will feature boats and equipment from more than 40 dealers and suppliers, according to McLaughlin, who added that models on display will include everything from aluminum runabouts to offshore/inshore fishing cruisers in the low-30-foot range.

The NJ Fall Boat Show, produced by McLaughlin Associates Corp., Spring Lake, will be open 1-10 p.m. Oct. 8; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Oct. 9; 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 10. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children ages 12-17.

Children under age 12 are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Senior citizens will receive discount admission of \$4 on the first day of the show.

For additional information, contact McLaughlin Associates at (800) 332-3976 or visit the company's website, www.macevents.com.

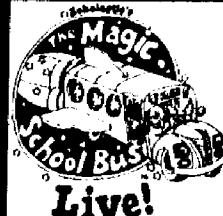
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Films in focus: A look at what's at the movies

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NEW RELEASES

THE ASTRONAUT'S WIFE - Johnny Depp is cocky astronaut Spencer Armacost. Spencer is sent up for another shuttle tour, but while working outside the vessel, he and Capt. Streck (Nick Cassavetes) suffer a brief visit from something cold, obscure and scary. They return, inwardly changed. Spencer, seemingly unharmed, declared a hero, takes a lavishly paid aviation job in New York. But blond-muffin wife Jillian (Charlize Theron) starts to detect differences. Some memorable sex leaves her feeling invaded. Soon she is pregnant with twins, while paternal Spencer hovers rather menacingly. With its winky little clips from the classic suds "Penny Serenade," and some scenes that come very close to Hitchcock, this is a fine movie. The expressive, razor-crafted details and moods drill some depth in the generic story. Cast: Johnny Depp, Charlize Theron, Joe Morton, Clea DuVall, Nick Cassavetes, Samantha Eggar, Blair Brown, Donna Murphy. Running time: 1 hour, 51 minutes. (Elliott) Rated R. 3 1/2 stars.

"BROKEDOWN PALACE" - Darlene (Kate Beckinsale) and Alice (Claire Danes) have been Ohio chums since childhood. Now, after telling their parents that they're topping high school graduation with a trip to Hawaii, they fly to Bangkok, Thailand. The girls fall under the charm spell of a blithe hustler (Daniel Lapaine), who uses them as expendable decoys for his drug smuggling operation. Tossed into a prison after a mild rough-up in jail, the adorables fall into the funk of suddenly chalky lighting and a sepia color scheme. Hardly anyone can aid the fair maidens, sucked into a legal nightmare. The bribes and attempted escape are like fumbled moves by someone who never got a rule book.

"CHILL FACTOR" - The movie's two heroes, played by Skeet Ulrich and Cuba Gooding Jr., come into possession of an extremely nasty chemical weapon that they must keep chilled below 50 degrees, or risk causing many people to die unpleasant deaths. Ulrich is Mason, who happens to be fishing buddies with the town eccentric, a scientist named Dr. Richard Long (David Paymer). The good doctor, 10 years earlier, had presided over a disastrous test of the experimental chemical weapon in which 18 servicemen perished. When Long gets shot at his lab late one night by a vengeful ex-Army officer bent on stealing the chemical for profit, the dying scientist bundles up the stuff and escapes to the diner, where he hands off the package to Mason, instructing him to keep it cool and keep it away from the bad guys. Fortunately, the deliveryman Arlo (Gooding) has shown up with precisely the right getaway vehicle: an ice-cream truck. Cast: Cuba Gooding Jr., Skeet Ulrich, Peter Firth, David Paymer. Running time: 1 hour, 40 minutes. (Hebert) Rated R. 1 1/2 stars.

"OUTSIDE PROVIDENCE" - Shawn Hatosy plays the very working-class and (so we first think) not very bright Tim Dunphy. Dad Dunphy is Alec Baldwin. It's 1974, and he is a sort of sub-Kowalski Archie Bunker, very close to an abusive sorehead, yet funny. Dad, not proud of his own lack of education, rigs it that dad student Tim can get away from his befin', barfin', drinkin', tokin' pals by going to the demanding Cornwell Academy, a strict prep school. Of course, once in, he gets some more befin', barfin', drinkin', tokin' pals. Tim does, indeed, shape up. He learns to get around A.E. Funderburk (Tim Crowe), the fascist nut who enforces school rules, and he wins the love of an endearing girl (Amy Smart). There is some easy patronizing of the working class in this comedy, and a greater measure of considered if ribbing affection. And Baldwin is so good he deserves a Farrelly Oscar. Call it the Floscar. Cast: Alec Baldwin, Shawn Hatosy, Amy Smart, George Wendt, Richard Jenkins, Tim Crowe, Tommy Bone. Running time: 1 hour, 29 minutes. (Elliott) Rated R. 3 stars.

RECENT RELEASES

"THE BLAIR WITCH PROJECT" - Supposedly a "found" documentary using discovered footage, this enterprising little horror movie follows the 1994 trek of three young filmmakers into deep woods in Maryland. Their goal is to document the local story of the Blair witch, responsible for murders or hauntings or, at least, myths. As teaser intro to the woodland scenes, they interview locals who mention "an old hermit" who was a serial killer, a "crazy woman" and the 19th century tale of "The Coffin Rock massacre." The tiny plot meanders forlornly, resorting to spook touches that were old before the brothers Grimm were born. When the finale involves an old haunted house, it is the climax of a dullard's checklist. Darn, did I simply miss the black cat? Cast: Heather Donahue, Michael Williams, Joshua Leonard. Running time: 1 hour and 27 minutes. (Elliott) Rated R. 1 1/2 stars.

"BOWFINGER" - Steve Martin stars as Bowfinger. He works out of his stucco dump

of a home ("Bowfinger International Productions"), and his new dream in a long line of losers is called "Chubby Rain." It seems to be a sci-fi crime thriller, and its unknowing focus is a very big action star, Kit Ramsey (Eddie Murphy), a macho fireball full of racial paranoia. Murphy is sharp as the fraudulently macho star, hurling insults like bombs, and is often funny again as Ramsey's look-alike, Jiff, a grinning dweeb whom Bowfinger presses into service as a stand-in. Basically, Martin has welded pieces of "Ed Wood" to his "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels." Cast: Steve Martin, Eddie Murphy, Heather Graham, Christine Baranski, Terence Stamp, Adam Alexi-Malle, Robert Downey Jr. Running time: 1 hour, 37 minutes. (Elliott) Rated PG-13. 2 1/2 stars.

"DETROIT ROCK CITY" - "Detroit Rock City" is centered around four Kiss-obsessed high school guys in a Cleveland band (MyStery) who spend their evenings in a basement performing covers of the face-painted icons' songs. Their every thought and conversation revolves around the upcoming concert in Detroit. But when a religion-crazed mother gets a hold of the tickets, the boys see their dreams go up in flames and are left to fend for themselves. This, of course, leads to some childish, unbelievable ways of getting into the concert. Anyone who walks into the theater in search of deep meaning and life-changing events will be severely disappointed. Once that realization is made, "Detroit Rock City" gets, as they say, groovy. Cast: Edward Furlong, Giuseppe Andrews, James DeBello, Sam Huntington, Natasha Lyonne, Lin Shaye. Running time: 1 hour, 34 minutes. (Garin) Rated R. 2 stars.

"DICK" is funnier than Oliver Stone's "Nixon." After all, this is an intentional comedy. Kirsten Dunst is smartly fluffy as Betsy, the yummiest airhead in "Dick." And so is Michelle Williams as her best gal pal, Arlene, living in the Watergate complex in 1972. It is they, on a late-night goof, who affix the tape on the door which leads a flatulent security guard

to call the cops, thus opening the first squirm of Dick Nixon's Live Bait Worm Farm. As usual in these spoofs, Nixon is not merely a klutz. He's Lord Destructo. No sooner has he met the awed girls than he loudly whines to H.R. "Bob" Haldeman (Dave Foley), "All I asked for is a simple bugger." Dan Hedaya's Nixon is a shrinking shadow, almost sympathetic when he isn't roaring expletives. About himself, he is clueless. Cast: Kirsten Dunst, Michelle Williams, Dan Hedaya, Jim Breuer, Saul Rubinek, Teri Garr, Dave Foley. Running time: 1 hour, 30 minutes. (Elliott) Rated PG-13. 3 stars.

"DOG OF FLANDERS" - A Dog of Flanders, like "The Iron Giant" this summer and "Madeleine" before, could signal the return of something welcome and overdue: films for kids that are grounded in story, not in merchandising. Heroic duties are split between Nello, the orphaned boy who finds the mistreated dog and becomes his pal, and the kid's artistic hero, no less than the majestic painter of blood-rich flesh and fleshy fabrics, Peter Paul Rubens. Eager to become a painter, which was the dream of his late mother, Nello is befriended by an artist of some stature, acted with earnest humanism by Jon Voight. But first there are snowstorms and poverty and a nasty peddler to endure. This fine movie manages to combine art, pathos, dog love, boy/girl puppy love, grandfatherly advice, a little religion and urgent but modest violence. The firm result is good entertainment.

"MARKED FOR DEATH" - "In Too Deep" sports relatively little violence, but what there is director Michael Rymer badly mistakes. The grand finale, especially, disappoints: That's it? But the film never falls into any kind of rhythm, broken up as it is by Cole's overly long pastoral retreat when he's (temporarily) yanked from the ease to fall in love with a Perfect Woman (Nia Long). Of course, we're just marking time before Cole talks his

way back. And before long, there's ... "NO WAY OUT." Cast: Omar Epps, LL Cool J, Stanley Tucci, Pam Grier, Nia Long, Hill Harper. Running time: 1 hour, 35 minutes. (Sahn) Rated R. 2 stars.

"DUDLEY DO-RIGHT" - Everything in "Dudley Do-Right" is delivered in broad strokes. It's a parody of those hokey, one-dimensional early-century dramas featuring the white-hatted hero battling the black-hatted villain, with the innocent damsel as one of the prizes. The germ of a funny movie is here, but writer-director Hugh Wilson clearly doesn't know how to develop it. Cast: Brendan Fraser, Sarah Jessica Parker, Alfred Molina, Eric Idle, Alex Rocco. Rated PG. 1 1/2 stars.

"IN TOO DEEP" - Rookie cop Jeffrey Cole (Omar Epps) begs to be sent undercover: He wants to bust up the drug ring masterminded by a smart, slick thug named Dwayne Gittens, a.k.a. "God" (LL Cool J). Cole's clenched-jawed supervisor, Preston (Stanley Tucci), tries to keep a tight rein on Cole, but it doesn't take long before Cole is ...

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"THE HAUNTING" - Hill House is vast, and so Gothic that you expect to find Mary Shelley dancing with Edgar Allan Poe while an entire Wagnerian opera company works its way down the grand staircase. Victorian, robber-baron stone on the outside, it's a splurge of dizzy styles inside, including hidden rooms and trick rooms, plus beds, statues and paintings that come alive morbidly. Invited to this theme park of luxurious peril is the naive little group of patsies recruited for a study in insomnia, actually an experiment in fear. "The Haunting" is not for kids. On a conceptual level it is, of course, rather childish, but then so is almost every horror movie. Let's call it adolescent with a vividly adult load of design. Enjoying it, you can feel a little foolish, but not a fool. Cast: Liam Neeson, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Lili Taylor, Bruce Dern, Owen Wilson, Virginia Madsen, Marian Seldes. Running time: 1 hour, 42 minutes. (Elliott) Rated PG-13. 3 stars.

"INSPECTOR GADGET" - Almost entirely devoid of story, wit, style and character development, the thing is just a platform for effects - gadgets, to be exact about it. The movie is very cute about it, in a way that may entertain kids without challenging them on any level. Eternally boy

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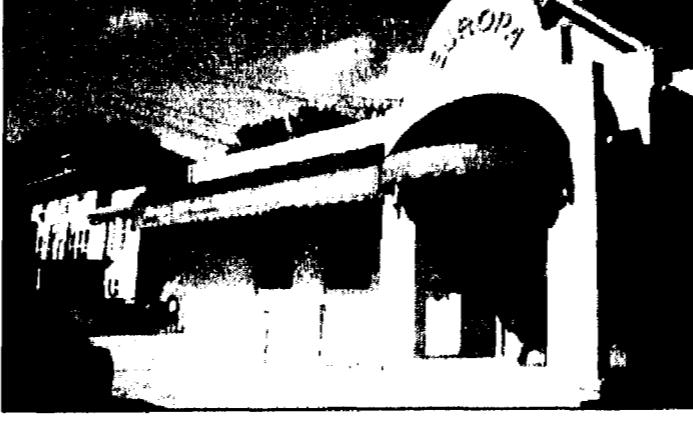
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Films in focus

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 ish Matthew Broderick stars as security guard John Brown. Chipper as a puppy in clover, he gets smashed up in one of his attempts at bravery, then rebuilt as an android Swiss Army knife called Inspector Gadget. Brown has a teen-perk niece (Michelle Trachtenberg), a darling "scientist" as his girl-pal (Joely Fisher), and a big villain to fight. The mad genius and Brown rush through the barely contrived plot, flashing gizmos and violence at each other.

Cast: Matthew Broderick, Rupert Everett, Joely Fisher, Michelle Trachtenberg, Dabney Coleman, Rene Auberjonois, Cheri Oteri. Running time: 1 hour, 15 minutes. (Elliott) Rated PG. 1 1/2 stars.

"IRON GIANT" - "The Iron Man," it is about a kid named Hogarth in a small Maine town. He finds a robot from outer space, more than industrially sized and hiding in the woods (hard to hide when you're about 40 feet tall and flatten trees with your tonnage). People panic as the "monster," who wants to be accepted, is pushed by federal security officer Kent Mansley into showing its inner, military hardware (awesome stuff, with death-ray shots based on 1953's "The War of the Worlds"). The violence flows from the story rather than squashing it, and there is a resounding fairly compelling anti-gun message. "The Iron Giant" has the art and heart to

be special. Don't wait for the video. Go for the dessert right now.

Voice: Jennifer Aniston, Harry Connick Jr., Vin Diesel, James Gammon, Cloris Leachman, John Mahoney, M. Emmet Walsh. Running time: 1 hour, 23 minutes. (Elliott) Rated PG. 3 1/2 stars.

"MICKEY BLUE EYES" - Hugh Grant, as Michael Feigate, exquisitely English gavel man at a posh New York auction house, falls in love with luscious Gina (Jeanne Tripplehorn), then still wants to marry her after discovering she's the daughter of a mobster, Frank Vitale (James Caan). One of the hoods does huge, godawful paintings. Though Michael assures Gina that he will avoid any mob tainting, he soon finds himself auctioning the terrible art, part of a money-laundering scheme and also an ego vent for the top don (Burt Young). Fumbling Michael becomes a murder suspect, with FBI men and hoods chasing him around town. It ain't major comedy, but kicking the movie hard is sillier than the movie itself.

Cast: Hugh Grant, James Caan, Jeanne Tripplehorn, Burt Young, James Fox, Joe Vitellini. Running time: 1 hour, 45 minutes. (Elliott) Rated PG-13. 2 1/2 stars.

"MYSTERY MEN" - Greg Kinnear is Capt. Amazing, a futuristic action hero more interested in his product tie-ins

than in foiling villains. Anyway, in his clunky boyish but sporty style, he has already vanquished the lot, including the meanest, Casanova Frankenstein (Geoffrey Rush). Of course, Casanova must gain parole, so that Amazing can be abducted by him, deep into the creeper's castle. Next, a squad of superhero wannabes challenge the cackling lord of evil. Maybe the best is infallibly wired Janeane Garofalo as The Bowler, a caged cupcake who flips K.O. stingers and hurls a lethal bowling ball. The gags have a fast fade. For all its zeal, the hipsterism is dated, a truth that thuds home in the line, "You bet your sweet bippy."

Cast: Ben Stiller, Janeane Garofalo, Greg Kinnear, William H. Macy, Paul Reubens, Wes Studi, Hank Azaria, Tom Waits, Claire Forlani, Lena Olin. Running time: Two hours. (Elliott) Rated PG-13. 2 stars.

"THE RUNAWAY BRIDE" - Julia Roberts plays Maggie, who keeps spoiling her own weddings. Three times the pretty Marylander has gone to the altar and then fled, once on horseback. Wind of the bizarre serial of nuptial mishaps breezes to New York, where USA Today columnist Ike Graham (Richard Gere) is desperate for some copy. He takes the story down at a bar and whips out a column, only later to be fired once USA Today discovers that Maggie jilted just three men instead of the seven reported by Ike. Down but not out, Ike zips to Hale, Md. In the perfect town, where Norman Rockwell and Frank Capra must be spiritual mayors,

Maggie is much liked, yet is also a running joke. The story is a sustained giggle. Nothing to it, really, but Ike showing up, taking a few rebuffs, charming the ladies, winning over Maggie by the pure and simple grace of his Gereness.

Cast: Julia Roberts, Richard Gere, Joan Cusack, Laurie Metcalf, Hector Elizondo, Christopher Meloni, Paul Dooley. Running time: 1 hour, 55 minutes. (Elliott) Rated PG. 3 stars.

"THE SIXTH SENSE" has Bruce Willis as Dr. Malcolm Crowe. The devoted child psychologist has just been given an award by the city when, in front of his wife (Olivia Williams), he is gut-shot by a former patient who thinks Crowe failed him. Only months later, Crowe is walking around as if not physically marrred by such a drastic wound, but the patient's suicide has left him at loose ends, unsure of his vocation and with his marriage falling apart. Crowe gets a chance for recovery and redemption with the case of a strange boy, Cole (Haley Joel Osment). The kid is bright, lonely and haunted by visions - ghosts who spook him, but pathetically, as if asking his help. Skillfully crafted and made with pensive regard for the nuances of fear, "The Sixth Sense" is never quite stupid, but it does seem stupified.

Cast: Bruce Willis, Toni Collette, Haley Joel Osment, Olivia Williams. Running time: 1 hour, 55 minutes. (Elliott) Rated PG-13. 2 stars.

"TEACHING MRS. TINGLE"

- As the title figure in

"Teaching Mrs. Tingle," Helen Mirren exhibits what literature pros call "motiveless malignancy," for she is the brazen, nasty definition of the word witch. In her history classes at Grandsboro High, Mrs. Tingle teaches by a refined and proven dialectic: vicious dissing. Leigh Ann (Katie Holmes) and Jo Lynn (Marisa Coughlan), both hopefully involved with cool "rebel" Luke (Barry Watson), manage with him to corner Tingle in her witch's castle of a house.

The premise is the old youth fantasy: Wouldn't it be great to gain control of your most hated teacher, and watch him/her squirm?

The plot turns very silly as the students try to figure how to wiggle out of their illegal situation, while savoring the sadistic options.

Cast: Helen Mirren, Katie Holmes, Marisa Coughlan, Barry Watson, Molly Ringwald, Michael McKean, Jeffrey Tambor. Running time: 1 hour, 33 minutes. (Elliott) Rated PG-13. 2 stars.

"THE THIRTEENTH WARRIOR" - It must have been a little tough on Antonio Banderas - not exactly a Pee-wee Herman among stars - to be the least macho of the manly warriors in "The Thirteenth Warrior." He shapes up, of course, despite being an Arab among Norsemen, and having the least amount of hair.

Ibn (Banderas) is sent from Baghdad in heroic times, a sort of ambassador without portfolio.

He wanders through Slavic lands and becomes the 13th warrior, joining the dozen hairy

fellas as they return home to save their terrified families. Director John McTiernan's film, from Michael Crichton's "Eaters of the Dead," is silly, scary, bashingly violent. And often quite entertaining, not for the "Emma" crowd.

Cast: Antonio Banderas, Dennis Storhoi, Omar Sharif, Vladimir Kulich. Running time: 1 hour, 43 minutes. (Elliott) R. 2 1/2 stars.

"THE THOMAS CROWN AFFAIR" - The new version stars Pierce Brosnan and René Russo. It is a swift, deluxe and enjoyable escape. Brosnan is Crown, a buccaneer of big-money mischief in New York. He has a secret gallery of stolen masterworks. Crown wants something new - a precious Monet oil, which, at the start of story, lures his hired gang of Euro-crooks to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. But the best fun and Crown's surprise is the tag on the heist - the insurance investigator, Catherine Banning (René Russo).

She can challenge and checkmate Crown in smart moves, snappy lines and corkscrews of chicanery. Catherine oozes beautifully into Crown's home, bed, plane, glider, cars, favorite restaurants and gorgeous Caribbean getaway.

"The Thomas Crown Affair" has a delightful affair with the audience.

Cast: Pierce Brosnan, René Russo, Denis Leary, Ben Gazzara, Faye Dunaway. Running time: 1 hour, 54 minutes. (Elliott) Rated R. 3 stars.

RATINGS
 4 STARS - Excellent.
 3 STARS - Worthy.
 2 STARS - Mixed.
 1 STAR - Poor.
 0 - Forget It.
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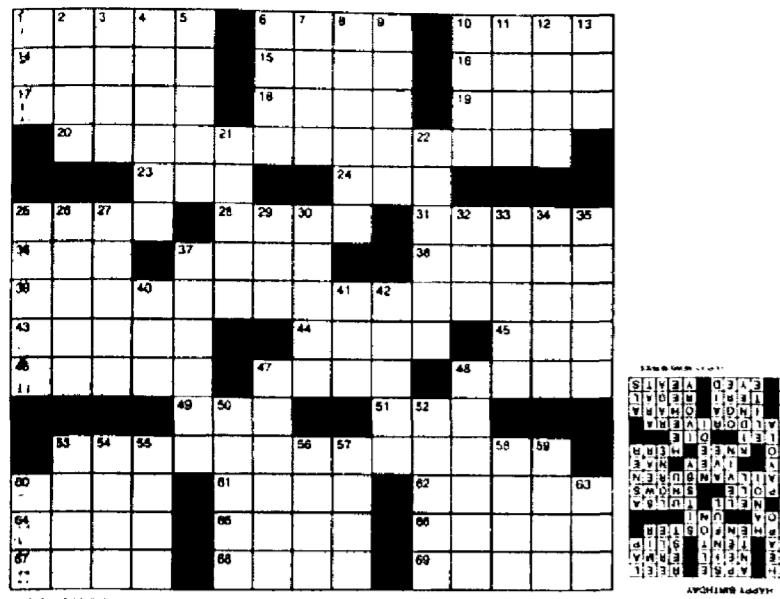
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- 10 Totter
- 14 Worship
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- 16 Bombeck
- 17 Kentucky campus
- 18 Camp abode
- 19 Move out of place
- 20 Songwriter born on July 4
- 23 Weedy grass
- 24 Prefix with cycle
- 25 Quarry
- 28 Carter of "Gimme a Break"
- 31 Oil city
- 36 Punch liquor
- 37 Rod
- 38 C.P. and Hank
- 39 Columnist born on July 4
- 43 Postpone
- 44 Dana of "Easy Street"
- 45 Scotsman's no 46 — a customer
- 47 Banjo's resting place

48 Mainz Mr.
49 Luau garland
51 Gambling cube
53 Controversial TV host born on July 4
60 Yearn
61 Swenson of "Benson"
62 Miss Scarlett
64 In a bit
65 Actress Garr
66 Fit for a king
67 Sail support
68 Gave a once-over
69 Irish poet
DOWN
1 Fairy queen
2 March 15, e.g.
3 Wrongful act
4 Like a horror show
5 "It takes a livin'..."
6 Feed the kitty
7 Hammer part
8 Wicked
9 Pianist/singer John
10 Tranquility
11 —Stanley Gardner
12 Kuwait bigwig
13 Race segment
21 Asian capital
22 Walks on the sidelines

25 El — Madrid museum
26 Actor Blades
27 Zola
29 Building adjunct
30 "Rosemary's Baby" author
32 Burmese statesman
33 Greene of "Bonanza"
34 Vow
35 Ed of "Lou Grant"
37 Bribe of a kind
40 Gun for Capone
41 Street: abbr?
42 —say more?
47 Steak and — pie
48 Cartoon giggles
50 Upper crust
52 Shade of white
53 A Lollobrigida born on July 4
54 Slaughter of baseball
55 Tom
56 Meanie
57 Foray
58 Style of Indian music
59 Smell—
60 A Shriver born on July 4
63 Jolson and Michaels

By Wanda Perry

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): An offer from a partner sounds too good to be true. Check out all the facts very carefully before signing on. Combining joint funds will be the biggest issue.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Travel for work is probable. An important assignment develops suddenly, so be prepared to pack and run. The possibility of growth exists within your personal realm.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Pay attention to your feelings. You can be very gullible or easily misled in the affairs of the heart. A speculative experiment turns out better than expected.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Emotional best describes your mood this week. Honor and

acknowledge the sensitive side of your personality. Family matters must be handled with loving care.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Mental work takes precedence over physical activities. Be sure to organize your time and space to eliminate stress. Go through those old files or piles and clean them out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Keep a close watch on your finances. It pays to know where each and every penny goes these days. Try playing a kinder and gentler role with children or younger siblings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Tie up some loose ends on a personal project. It's time to move on to a new phase of development. Plan to sacrifice your immediate goals for long-term achievement.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov.

21): This is an excellent period for rest and preparation. Bide your time in the shadows while the circumstances of change whirl around you. Your day in the sun is soon to come.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Enjoy a positive advantage over the toughest competitors. A trine to your ruling planet this week brings a lot of luck your way. Make the most of timely opportunities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Give career pursuits your utmost attention and top priority in your busy and hurried life. This is a great time for getting ahead professionally. Make all of your dreams come true.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): You are seen as a know-it-all in intellectual or educational circles. Share the wisdom of your experiences with friends and loved ones. Earn the trust of a

Sagittarius.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Keep your feet on the ground and your eyes on the bottom line while on a shopping spree this week. Avoid getting carried away on a whim of false promises or unsavory deals.

If your birthday is this week, expansion and optimism are your key words for the coming year. On your climb to the top, don't overlook any small details or important contributors to your life experiences. Explore intense and exciting avenues of thought and don't settle for any surface meanings or explanations. Expect, demand and accept nothing but the truth from loved ones. Also born this week: Toni Braxton, Brett Favre, Jesse Jackson, Clive Barker, Elisabeth Shue and Scott Bakula.

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NJ Gay Men's Chorus to perform at First Unitarian Society

PLAINFIELD — The New Jersey Gay Men's Chorus will perform in concert at the First Unitarian Society, 724 Park Ave., Plainfield on Oct. 10 at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door.

The chorus is drawing from communities in New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania. The ensemble

was established in 1991 by Dr. J.A. Kawarsky. They have appeared in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York and Maryland, and have been awarded grants from the New Jersey Area Council-Mercer County for five consecutive years.

Tickets are to the Oct. 10 concert may be obtained at: Swain Galleries, 703 Watchung Ave.,

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LEVEL WITH ME
I am a 34 year old, 54", humorous, honest, college educated, single, professional female. Enjoy long walks, church activities, beaches, going to the movies, dancing, long drives, boating and sports. Seeking male for a good, cordial, lasting relationship. BOX 4223

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Up-beat, 52", white widow who is cute and honest; appreciates movies and almost anything. Seeking a single male, 59 to 69, who is a professional, honest, intelligent, good sense of humor, appreciates dancing and is looking for a fun, monogamous relationship. BOX 1264

MAKE IT LAST
I am an attractive, professional, white female, mid 40s, 54", 120 lb, with brown hair and green eyes. Seeking a tall, attractive male, 40 to 48, for a long term relationship. BOX 12907

LOVE IS IN THE AIR
Single female who is tall, caring, loving and attractive. Looking for a loving, creative, humorous, honest, open, single male, 40 to 50 with similar interest and for a long term relationship. BOX 1264

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Full body of hair, gentle heart, sense of humor, non-smoker, non-drinker, non-smoker, over 60, 39 to 44, and good looking is this auburn haired, brown eyed, 5'7", 127 lb, desirable, secure, honest, well educated female's ideal mate. Boating, keeping fit, cooking and jogging are my past times. Interested? Call BOX 40713

COMPLETE MY LIFE
Retired female, 50, seeking a single gentleman who can laugh easily, communicate, positive and has a zest for life. BOX 13299

DO YOU HOLD THE KEY?
43 yr old, divorced, mother of three, who enjoys variety of interests. Looking for a single male with similar interests for fun, friendship and possibly relationship. BOX 36383

SUGAR AND SPICE
Young at heart, female oriented, single, 36, is seeking a single, white, professional male, 38 to 42, with similar attributes. BOX 32792

WARM EMBRACES?
Very attractive, single female, 50 ish but looks 40,ish, financially secure, seeking a male with a good personality. Enjoys dancing, traveling, and all outdoor activities. BOX 33334

ALLURING/INTELLIGENT
A 30 yr old, single, white female with long dark hair, 5'4", 125 lbs, very attractive, seeks articulate, good-looking, humorous and social drinker, single white male, who enjoys hiking, traveling, dining out, movies, and all outdoor activities. BOX 33334

A SANDWICH COFFEE
And You Thought, emotionally good female, tall, 50, 52, who can listen, laugh would like to share feelings and a future with a romantic, pleasing and fully-fledged professional, Jewish lady. Share the various eats, dining, outdoors, travel and friendship? BOX 33338

SEARCHING 4 SOULMATE

Single Native American female, 22 yr old, 5'4", 118 lbs, seeking a male with similar interests, including candle light dinners, sports, movies and quiet evenings together. Friends to possibly long term relationship. BOX 33341

SLIM FEMALE
Single white female, 40, 50, 118 lbs, attractive, with good sense of humor. Seeking an honest man, 48-55 to share love, laughter and happiness. Middlesex county, BOX 33341

BRIGHTEN UP MY WORLD

Divorced white mother of two, 40, 57", height and weight proportionate, non-smoker and independent. Enjoys movies, shopping, traveling, and is looking for a male for casual dating. If interested, won't you please give me a call? BOX 32789

MY VERY BEST FRIEND

White, widowed female, 67, petite, trim, intelligent, active and romantic. Seeking a single male who will be my very best friend, 50 to 70, who is elegant, stable, romantic, non-smoker and also that enjoys giving and receiving affection. BOX 32789

TWO THOUSAND

Divorced, white female, dark hair and eyes, tall figure, great smile and personality. Seeking a honest, secure, white male, 50 to 57, clean shaven, hopefully to spend New Year's Eve together. BOX 11101

NEXT TO GODLINESS

She is a Christian lady, 54", blonde hair, blue eyes who enjoys walks, dancing and most of, loves listening to Christian music and spending time with the Lord. Seeking a truly Christian male, 48-58, with same interests. BOX 12484

STOCKS, BONDS, OR...

ME? Funny, warm, appealing, compassionate, professional, Jewish lady enjoys the arts, antiquing, dining, some sports, travel, etc. Wishing to meet a single male, 40 to 50, who is a good, kind, gentle, non-smoker and possibly the future? BOX 32704

CUTE AND SAZZY

Single white female, 38, Scorpio, brown eyes and dirty blonde hair, 5', 100 lbs, enjoys going to the beach, sunbathing, swimming, tanning. Looking for someone who is same interests, honest, romantic, good sense of humor, and emotionally secure. 38 to 44. Friends first possible relationship. BOX 33312

SEEKS MR. WONDERFUL

Divorced, single, white, professional female, 40s, 55", with blonde hair, non-smoker, non-drinker, 40 to 55, who likes the theaters, Atlantic City, the beach and more for companionship leading to a relationship. BOX 36601

SEEKING A GENTLEMAN

Attractive, caring and fun loving, non-smoker, single female, 38, 5'8", 138 lbs, seeking a long term relationship, possibly for friendship and possibly relationship. BOX 33302

ARE YOU THE ONE?

25 yr old, single, nicely dressed, white female, who is easy going, loves to laugh, enjoys movies, dancing and more. Looking for a male who is secure, white male who wants to settle down and develop a serious and committed relationship. BOX 34318

WANTED SPECIAL MAN

Single female, 55+, blonde hair, non-smoker, enjoys dancing, movies and more. Looking for a male who is a good listener and has similar interests. Only the sincere need respond. BOX 33314

OLDER MEN WANTED

Cute, intelligent, young female who's interests include concerts, dancing, music, clubs and laughing, is seeking a male, 50 to 60, for a full relationship. BOX 12023

CIRCLE MY AD

27 yr old, slim, attractive, Hispanic female, non-smoker enjoys dancing, dining, movies, comedy clubs, the beach, sunbathing, swimming, quiet like myself who is a mom. Must be good with children and family oriented. Only the sincere need respond. BOX 12609

I WANT TO HUG YOU!!

I'm a divorced white female, 53", brown hair and blue eyes. I enjoy dancing, comedy shows and more. Seeking a hugable man, 40 to 52 who shares similar interests as me. BOX 11518

LOVING FOR FRIEND

22 yr old, single, gay headed, real friend, 5'6", 120 lbs, with blonde hair, non-smoker, enjoys candlelight dinners, sports, dancing and antiquing. Seeking a single, white male, 20 to 30 who enjoys dancing and new friends. Looking for him to be a good friend and a possible relationship. East Brunswick, and surrounding area only. BOX 33318

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LOVING FOR CLASS

Very attractive, 5'8", 135 lbs, brown hair and blue eyes, 33 yr old, 5'8", white female, non-smoker, enjoys dancing, movies and more. Looking for a male who is a good listener and seeking a male, 62 to 69, who is looking for a monogamous, fun-filled, but real relationship. BOX 33287

LOVING FOR YOU KNOW THAT...

I'm looking for a friend first who likes me for who I am. I am a 5'1", 130 lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, 33 yr old, 5'10", white female who enjoys dancing, movies and more. Looking for him to be a good friend and a possible relationship. BOX 12609

LOVING FOR BASICALLY LIKE...

Just the simple things in life. Movies, dancing, trying my best, having fun, staying home with the right person, music and dancing is what the right things, pre-possessing female, 33 to 43, who is a good listener. I may be the best friend you can find, but I want to be your best friend. BOX 40041

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Open house: Always look both ways before you go in reverse

By James M. Woodard
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Our growing number of seniors are generating an increasing demand for reverse mortgages. But is this relatively new concept a good thing for today's senior homeowners? A new study by Consumer Reports magazine throws some light on the subject.

A reverse mortgage is a special type of mortgage loan for seniors over age 62, with the borrower's home being used as collateral. It allows the senior homeowner to borrow against the equity in his or her home in order to access funds.

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every month - for a stipulated term or for the rest of the senior's life (or until the house is sold). However, the senior could receive a lump sum or a line of credit, which are usually not repaid until the borrower moves or dies.

With senior home ownership and life-expectancy rates climbing, a steadily increasing number of seniors qualify for a reverse mortgage.

For some seniors, a reverse mortgage can enable them to maintain financial independence and an adequate standard of living by converting their home's equity into tax-free cash. For others, these mortgages carry serious hazards that should be seriously considered, according to Consumer Reports.

Those hazards include very high costs, charged by some lenders. And the complex contract terms are confusing, and the high overall costs are often not fully disclosed.

Numerous fees drive up the costs, including origination fees, points, mortgage insurance premiums, closing costs, servicing fees, shared equity or "maturity" fees, and shared appreciation fees, according to Consumer Reports. And the promised "financial counseling" is often inconsistent and not independent of the lender.

"Consumers should make informed choices," said Norma Garcia, an attorney with Consumers Union. "We also urge state and federal policy makers to improve consumer protections in this industry. The lack of regulation and education in this new industry

has opened the door to numerous hazards. It's important for policy makers to close that door and protect America's seniors."

Information on reverse mortgages can be obtained by calling Consumer Reports at (415) 431-6747. Another good source of general information on various reverse-mortgage plans and firms offering them is the National Center for Home Equity Conversion, 7373 147th St. West, Suite 115, Apple Valley, MN 55124.

Q. You recently mentioned that a global commercial real-estate auction was being planned. When and where will it take place?

A. The first such auction was set for Chicago on Sept. 24. It will be at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel, and will be simulcast in Dallas, Miami and London, said Steven L. Good, CEO of Good &

Company, the firm that will conduct the auction.

"This will be a 1 1/2-hour bidding frenzy," Good said. "We'll auction an unprecedented \$100 million slate of prime international real estate in the United States, Mexico, Chile and the Caribbean."

The inaugural global auction forms the cornerstone of "Transact '99," the nation's first international real-estate conference developed jointly by the National Association of Realtors and the Urban Land Institute, with major sponsorship from The Wall Street Journal and 50 other national and international trade organizations. About 1,000 delegates from around the world are expected to attend Transact '99, which culminates in the global auction.

Q. Are first-time home buyers backing off from purchasing a home since prices are

on the increase?

A. No, indeed. They are a stronger segment of the market than ever. Ten years ago, first-time buyers accounted for 31 percent of all home purchases. Today it's 47 percent.

Q. How old is today's typical Realtor?

A. The median age of today's Realtor is 52 years, according to a report from the National Association of Realtors. The median age of today's home buyer is 37 years. The median age is that point where an equal number of people are older and younger.

Send inquiries to James M. Woodard, Copley News Service, P.O. Box 120190, San Diego, CA 92120-0190. Questions may be used in future columns; personal responses should not be expected.

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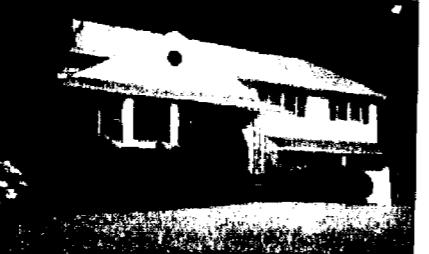
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A lush, green lawn can be a home owner's pride and joy, as well as an asset when the time comes to sell, according to Gloria Woodward, president of the New Jersey Association of REALTORS (NJAR).

However, beautiful lawns - whether they provide the owner enjoyment or help make a sale - don't grow that way by themselves, she notes.

"Autumn is an excellent time of year to build a lawn and help it recover from the ravages of the hot summer sun. Steps taken by early October can give a lawn a head start on the spring planting season," advises Woodward, president and broker of Woodward Realty Group in Middlesex, Rumson and Freehold.

Fall is an ideal time for planting grass seed. Weeds that thrive during hot summer months lie dormant, and young grass does not suffer from summer heat. Furthermore, grass seed planted now will have time to sprout and provide the yard with an insulating cover for winter.

"Don't discount the value of insulation provided by grass. It just might keep underground pipes from freezing

in the winter," Woodward says.

Proper cultivation is the key step, both in planting new lawns and reviving existing ones. The following are a few tips on cultivation provided by the Lawn Institute:

1) Expose the soil. A sharp-tined tool is suitable for small areas, but a power-operated lawn thinner might be more appropriate for larger jobs.

2) When the turf is thinned out, gouge the soil. Grass seed will lodge in the holes, finding a place to sprout.

3) Add fertilizer, preferably a type rich in nitrogen. The amount of fertilizer needed depends on the type used. For major lawn makeovers, fertilizer should not be spread until grading is completed. Otherwise, it will be unevenly distributed.

4) Once cultivation is completed, plant the grass seed, spreading it evenly. About two pounds per 1,000 square feet should be sufficient if a spreader is used. Water the seeds and cover with mulch, such as a thin layer of straw, to keep the area moist. After the first watering, the seedbed will remain moist

with occasional light sprinklings.

According to the Lawn Institute, perennial rye grass will sprout within a few days.

Fine fescue or Kentucky Bluegrass varieties take longer: sprouting probably will not occur for about two to three weeks.

The new grass should be watered and mowed before it reaches twice its customary height. After the second mowing, dust-free lawn food may be applied. Late-blooming dandelions and winter weeds can be eliminated with weed-kill applications.

The yard is the first thing buyers see when they drive up to look at a home. A healthy lawn definitely adds curb appeal," Woodward says.

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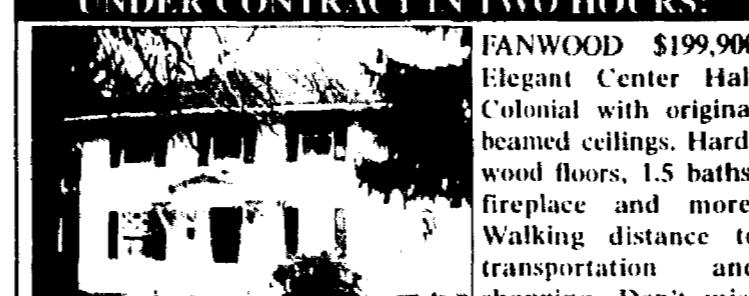
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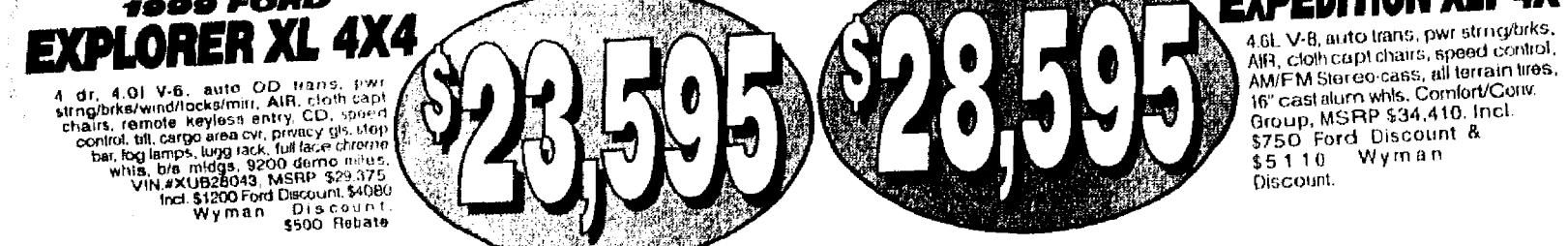
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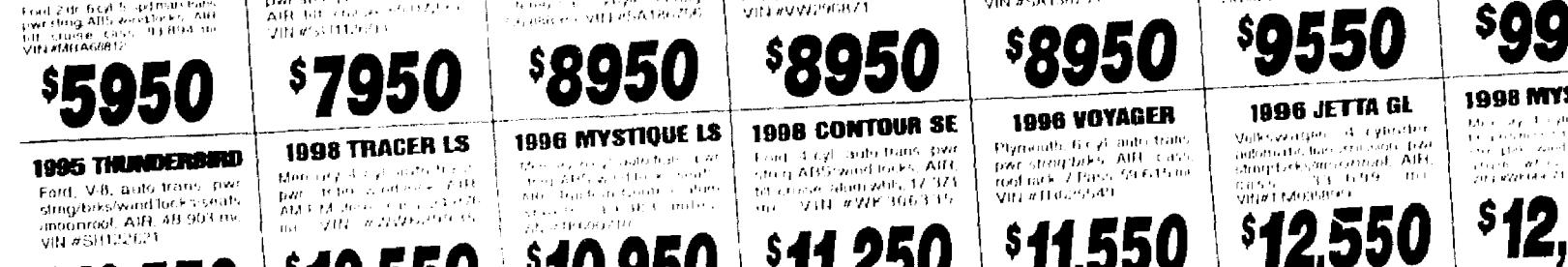
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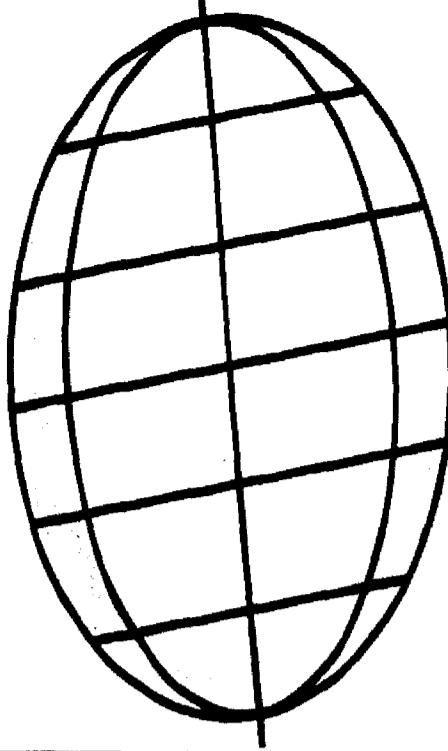
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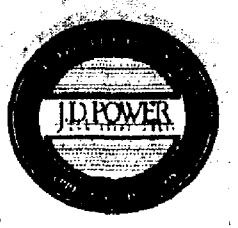
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2000 Buick lineup:**All-new LeSabre, Special Century for new Century**

Buick heads for the new millennium with a more powerful Century - and a significant new feature for its full-size Park Avenue and LeSabre.

StabiliTrak, an advanced system that helps the driver maintain control of the vehicle, especially in slippery conditions, is newly standard on the luxury Park Avenue Ultra and optional on Park Avenue. It is now also offered on the all-new LeSabre that reached the market in February 1999. StabiliTrak became an option on the 2000 LeSabre in May of 1999.

Regal, the division's premium midsize model, is also enhanced for the 2000 model year. And Buick, the industry leader in supercharging, has again equipped both Park Avenue Ultra and Regal GS with the 240-horsepower supercharged 3800 Series II V-6.

Buick's reputation as a quality leader was underscored when Buick ranged second (and was the top-ranked domestic) among 37 international car brands in a recent independent quality study. LeSabre, Family Circle magazine's "Family Sedan of the Year" for 1998 and the Good Housekeeping Institute Automotive Satisfaction Award winner for 1999, placed second, among premium midsize cars in the quality study. Century placed third in the same study. (The 2000 LeSabre has already been named a "Best Buy" by the Chicago Tribune.)

"Buick is positioned very well for the new millennium with four premium contemporary family sedans that are strong in the market," said Buick General Manager Roger W. Adams. "When you count the first experimental models, Buick's been building cars for a hundred years. That's a long tradition, and the models we're offering today play to our traditional strong suits - premium amenities, comfort, roominess, distinctive but not faddish styling, smooth power and basically great overall value."

Century

The midsize Century is offered in three sedan versions: Limited, Custom and a special edition Century 2000 to help celebrate the turn of the century.

Providing a new look for the new century, the special edition Century

2000 comes with blacked-out grille, body-colored fascias and side moldings and commemorative badging on its doors, tail lamps, instrument panel, headrests and floor mats.

"When your brand name is Century, and you're heading into this new millennium, you need to bring another level of vehicle to the marketplace," said Century Brand Manager Anthony H. Derhake. "Century provides little touches of luxury, like a remote keyless entry, anti-lock brakes, V-6 engine and electronically controlled four-speed automatic transmission, all standard -- and now we're offering more power. We like to refer to Century as 'a luxury car for everyone'."

All three Century sedans are powered by a revised 3.1-liter 3100 V-6 engine that delivers 15 more horsepower, increasing total output to 175 horsepower. Torque has also been increased, from 185 to 195 lb.-ft.

Century's horsepower boost was achieved by revising cylinder head and engine calibration and by installing less restrictive air intake and exhaust manifolds. At the same time, projected highway fuel economy has also been improved by one mile per gallon to 30 mpg. Projected city mileage remains at an excellent 20 mpg.

Another new feature is a side air bag for the driver, packed on Century Limited and special edition models ordered with leather-trimmed seats.

LeSabre

LeSabre, which was introduced as an early 2000 model, has been well accepted in auto writers' reviews and by the buying public. LeSabre has been the best-selling full-size car in the U.S. market for seven straight years.

LeSabre Brand Manager Joseph J. Fitzsimmons Jr. said the goal with LeSabre was simply to make a great car even better. For 2000, LeSabre is stronger, quieter and more convenient and secure. It has, among a long list of improvements, side air bags for the driver and right front passenger, better ride and handling and more luggage capacity (and, on Limited, a pass-through between the trunk and rear seats for hauling long items). There is

more stowage in the passenger compartment, new inset exterior door handles, larger gauges and larger outside rear-view mirrors that are hinged so they will fold if bumped.

From an engineering standpoint, LeSabre's major news is its more substantial body structure, the latest generation of the unusually strong architecture that early won praise in Riviera (1995) and Park Avenue (1997).

Among many safety features are Catcher's Mitt seats, described as high-retention front seats with self-aligning head restraints. These features can enhance the seat system performance in rear impact collisions.

In a rear impact, the new seat system is designed to absorb energy and "pocket" a properly positioned occupant's pelvis and lower back into the seat. The self-aligning head restraint, built into each front seat back, uses the rearward movement of the occupant's upper torso in an accident to rotate the head restraint closer to the occupant's head. This simple mechanical device can reduce head motion in certain rear impacts and, therefore, reduce the potential for a "whiplash" injury.

Now, as a mid-year enhancement, the 2000 LeSabre offers StabiliTrak, the General Motors advanced integrated vehicle stability system, as an option.

LeSabre is the highest volume car on the market to offer StabiliTrak. On LeSabre, StabiliTrak is part of a Driver Confidence Package that also includes self-sealing tires and a head-up driver information display.

Park Avenue

Park Avenue and Park Avenue Ultra feature refinements in safety, stability and comfort for 2000. Besides StabiliTrak (standard on Ultra, optional on Park Avenue), the 2000 models of Buick's luxury full-size sedans have seat-mounted side air bags for the driver and right front passenger, and rear-seat child seat tether anchors.

Other new features include new 16-inch wheels and optional chrome wheels, a front seat map pocket for expanded storage, optional separate heated seats, an optional trunk-mounted compact disc player and several interior changes designed to

**2000 BUICK CENTURY CUSTOM**

further quiet the car's interior. The Personal Choice option package includes numbered remote keyless fobs that allow two drivers to program separate settings for mirrors, seat adjustment and other comfort, security and safety features into Park Avenue's "memory." Ultra models also will sport new ebony instrument panel and door trim plates.

Park Avenue's pedigree is luxury but its value lies in sophisticated features that continue to satisfy the functional needs of its driver and passengers," said Park Avenue Brand manager Katherine J. Benoit. "Park Avenue exceeds the demands of today's luxury car customer - a customer who demands refinement but insists on practicality."

Regal

Regal now features a standard split-folding rear seat to make hauling long items easier and more convenient. A driver's seat side air bag is also provided on Regals equipped

with leather seats.

Exterior changes include new 16-inch cast aluminum wheels, standard body colored grille on the GS and two new colors, Gold Metallic and Sterling Silver Metallic.

But the primary feature that attracts many buyers to the midsize Regal is the power of the 3800 Series II V-6 engine. In the Regal GS, the supercharged 3800 engine generates 240 horsepower at 5200 rpm and 280 lb-ft of torque at 3600 rpm. The naturally aspirated 3800 engine, which is standard on Regal LS, provides 200 hp at 5200 rpm and 225 lb-ft of torque at 4000 rpm.

"Our customer is looking for one of three things - performance, sporty styling or accommodations for the family," said Mark Hines, Regal's brand manager. "At Regal, we deliver on all three. We have sporty styling - not over the top but classic, enduring, contemporary. We offer more power than any other car in its class. And we have plenty of room and comfort for the super-

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StabiliTrak

StabiliTrak helps the driver maintain control by electronically comparing what the driver wants the car to do with information from sensors indicating how the car is actually responding. If the car is in danger of sliding or skidding, StabiliTrak slows and stabilizes the car to help the driver maintain control.

OnStar

All Buick models offer the new three-button GM OnStar driver assistance system as a dealer-installed option for the 2000 model year. OnStar provides a hands-free link to real-time, person-to-person in-vehicle safety, security and information services from GM's 24-hour seven-day-a-week OnStar Center. The new three-button system eliminates the need for a customer to buy separate telephone service to access the OnStar system.

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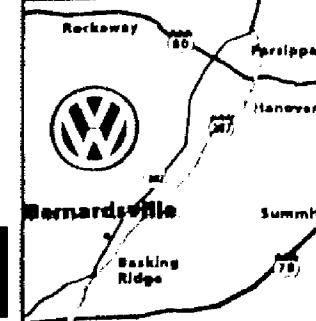
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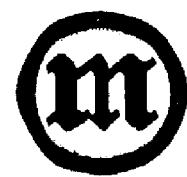
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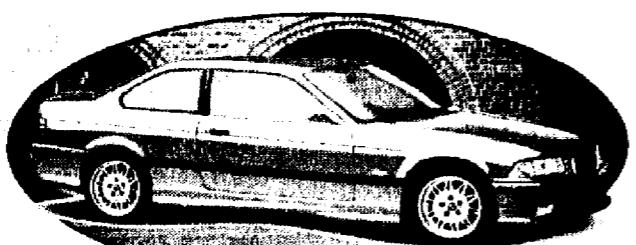


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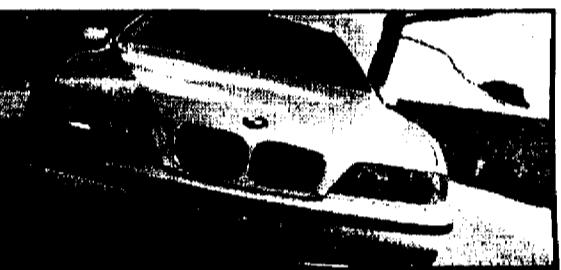
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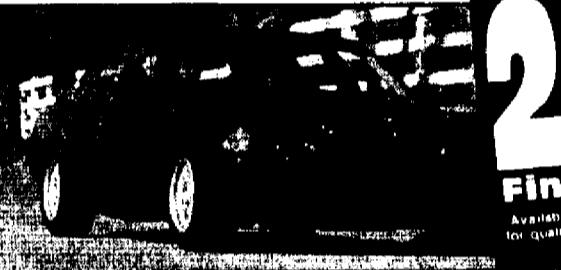
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Mazda retools the 626 sedan inside and out

By Mark Maynard
Copley News Service

Mazda called for reinforcements in the redesign of its 626 sedan for 2000.

It goes on sale in October with hardware reinforcements to stiffen the chassis and emotional reinforcements to inject more of the company's engineering and performance heritage.

The midterm face-lift and attitude adjustment have created a lively family sedan or perhaps a poor man's sports sedan.

Prices, including the \$450 destination charge and \$150 emissions fee for California and some Northeastern states, start at \$18,845 for the five-speed LX and rise to \$23,845 for the top-line ES V-6.

There are the typical face-lift type of changes, such as a new grille, headlights and rear end, but the most noticeable changes are under the skin, and the subtle changes to refine the interior. More than 70 changes were made inside and out.

"It should feel tighter and more solid with less NVH (noise, vibration and harshness)," says "Koby" Kobayakawa, vice president of product and design. The suspension is more taut, the braking response is stronger and the rack-and-pinion steering was adjusted for greater precision, he says.

The re-engineering work was done at the Mazda research and development center in Irvine, Calif., where Kobayakawa has been for the last two years.

He has been with the company for 35 years and is credited with putting Mazda first at the 1991 LeMans race, which saw the first Japanese sports car win the endurance race. He also helped put together the engineering team for the rotary engine, designed the convertible RX7 and redesigned the RX7.

Building cars that are fun to drive is important to Mazda, but horsepower was not a major element of the makeover. The changes help the 626

feel more precise in its handling - not aggressive as in the serious RX but light and agile as in the Miata. It is an appropriate personality for this sensibly priced sedan.

There are four trim levels - LX, ES 4-cylinder and an LX-V-6 and ES-V-6 - all with a choice of five-speed manual or optional four-speed automatic transmission.

A recent test drive of several limited-use production vehicles also gave a taste of the level of quality from the Auto Alliance factory, a 50-50 venture with Ford in Flat Rock, Mich.

The 626 is Mazda's only American-made car. I drove cars with VIN numbers as low as 62 and 71 and couldn't detect anything that wouldn't have passed inspection at the factory.

In the redesign, Mazda benchmarked the Honda Accord and also considers the Nissan Altima among its prime competitors.

The adjustments to the interior of the 2000 model are to make it a little more sophisticated. Many of the changes, however, appear to be small concessions to make this car more appealing for its North American audience, which is smart because the 626 is not sold in Japan.

There is significantly more soundproofing, but the athletic engine note of the 170-horsepower V-6 still carries into the cabin, which is good for those who care about such ambience.

The 2-liter, double overhead camshaft four-cylinder engine was tweaked to add 5 horsepower and 3 foot-pounds of torque. By moving to larger intake ports, a higher-lift camshaft and a freer flowing exhaust, the power ratings now are 130 horsepower and 130 foot-pounds of torque.

The 2.5-liter DOHC V-6 is rated at 170 hp and 163 foot-pounds of torque.

REINFORCEMENTS

The engineers stiffened the chassis by adding diagonal braces at the rear suspension; larger stabilizer bars front and rear; and a simple C brace added to the top of each front shock absorber. A solid (rigid)



2000 MAZDA 626

chassis is easier to tune for sporty driveability without making the ride feel stiff and jarring.

On the test drive, I sawed the steering wheel back and forth at highway speeds to test the stability. Instead of the tires and suspension mushing the car back and forth, the tires got a clean bite and steered the car.

There is a comfortable balance between steering input, acceleration and brake response. The ride felt wide and low going when pushed through the swales and esses of the hilly back country.

EXTERIOR

A new five-point grille and jewel-like reflectors in the headlights (similar to the Accord) result in a classier face while the rear has a bigger tail-light design, heftier chrome around the license plate and bigger logos (badges) for "Mazda" and "626" to better leave an impression of the brand to those following behind.

The 626 appears a little more poised by upping the tire

sizes by an inch to help fill up the wheel openings. The thick midsection also appears leaner since the designers extended the door-side rub strip to the front fenders.

The lines also were simplified by adding a remote-release fuel door instead of a thumb tab on the flap and an antenna that is integrated into the back window, which cuts down on breakage at the car wash and eliminates a hole punched into a fender.

INTERIOR

Inside, there is more chrome (door handles, locks, shifter and hand-brake button) and a metallic Mazda badge in the steering wheel.

A front center console-armrest has a dual bottom tray with power point for a phone and an opening for the cord so the phone can be used without having to leave the cover partly open. Two covered cup holders also were added to the console, and the center armrest is more amply padded in cloth or leather.

There are now map lights,

courtesy lights (for entry/exit) in the doors and a lighted glove box.

Instead of a basic black steering wheel, shift lever and brake handle, those plastics are now colored-keyed to contrast with the other interior plastics. It's a nice refining touch.

A three-in-one audio for AM/FM-CD is also a welcome improvement on the LX and above. An optional system adds a six-disc CD changer that is fed through the in-dash unit, not a cassette that is stored in the trunk.

Other standard features include:

- Remote keyless entry
- Rear seat center armrest with cup holders and covered storage tray.

- Rear seat heater ducts.
- Mazda's trademark "swing" or oscillating vent in the front instrument panel is still in place.

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2000 Mazda 626

Body style: Midsize five passenger sedan

Drive system: Front engine, front drive

Powertrain: 130 horsepower 2-liter DOHC, 16-valve four-cylinder or 170 horsepower 2.5-liter DOHC, 24-valve V-6

Transmission: Five-speed manual or optional electronically four-speed automatic with overdrive and lock up torque converter

EPA fuel economy estimates: Four cylinder: 26/33, manual: 22/28, automatic: V-6: 21/27, manual: 20/26, automatic

Fuel capacity: 16.9 gallons

Trunk space: 14.2 cubic feet

Front head/leg room: 39.2/43.6 inches

Rear head/leg room: 37.3/4.6 inches

Overall length: 187.4 inches

Wheelbase: 105.4 inches

Curb weight: 2,864 to 3,106 pounds

Standard features include: Remote locking, air conditioning, variable intermittent wipers, rear-window defroster, four-speaker AM/FM/CD stereo with digital clock, cruise control, power windows/locks/mirrors, power trunk fuel door releases, tilt steering column, illuminated and covered vanity mirrors, 60/40 split fold down rear seat back, height adjustable driver's seat

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2000 FORD EXCURSION

Big, bigger, biggest: Ford's utility vehicles

By Mark Maynard
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Sticks and stones can break its windows, but names will never hurt the Ford Excursion.

Ford's newest utility vehicle, the biggest passenger-type vehicle on sale today, has been scrutinized by consumers and media since production plans were announced last February.

The Sierra Club called it a "4-ton suburban supertanker," and its competitors have nicknamed it Extortion or Exponential.

It is easy to criticize such a big target, but after a week behind the wheel of a two-wheel drive XLT with V-10 engine, I can say to Henny Penny, the sky is not falling.

The Excursion is big, and it's heavy, though not quite 4 tons.

Curb weights range between 6,650 pounds for a base two-wheel-drive V-8 to 7,688 pounds for the top-line four-wheel-drive with diesel engine. It measures 226.7 inches long, 80 inches wide and 77.4 inches tall with the roof rack or 80.4 inches in four-wheel-drive form.

Parked next to a Chevy Suburban, it is 7.2 inches longer, 3.3 inches wider and up to 6 inches taller depending on tires and 4WD.

Excursion is also 20 inches

longer than its Expedition stablemate built off the F-150 platform. Compared with Ford's 15-passenger Econoline van, Excursion is 5 inches shorter, half an inch wider and not quite as tall.

Still, don't expect to park an Excursion in your condominium one-car garage, unless it is at least 20 feet deep and the door is at least 7 feet high. You'll have to look twice at the opening to an underground parking lot, and many times you'll have to park outside and walk.

It comes in XLT and top-line Limited. Base prices start at \$31,145 for the XLT and go to \$40,880 (including destination) for the top-line Limited, which adds Arizona-beige body cladding with wheel-lip moldings, chrome front bumper with Arizona-beige valance, Arizona-beige step pad on rear bumper, illuminated running boards in Arizona beige.

Also added are aluminum wheels, rear-seat audio controls, wood-grain trim, trip computer, power rear quarter windows, captain's chairs with leather and 6-way power driver's seat.

Ford knows Excursion sales will be limited by its size, not to mention its 44-gallon gas tank. Multiply that by a buck sixty, and the masses who would love to pile

into this behemoth are drastically whittled down to the hardcore truckers who A) want the biggest rig available or B) have something really big to tow.

The government doesn't require a fuel-economy rating on trucks with a gross vehicle weight in excess of 8,500 pounds, but Ford estimates that the 5.4-liter V-8 will deliver 10 to 11 miles per gallon city/highway, the 6.8-liter 15 to 16 mpg, the 7.3-liter turbo diesel 17 to 18 mpg. (The diesel will make the most of the fuel, but it is a \$4,600 premium on 2WD trucks and \$4,005 on the 4WD.)

The V-10 test truck gave brisk acceleration at all speed ranges, but I'd question how handily the V-8 would horse around the curb weight.

The average mpg readout from the test truck's trip computer held fairly constant at 12.2 to 12.6 mpg. I also remember noticing the readout for "Distance to Empty" when it was at 635 miles, and the tank was not full.

Ford says it can build 50,000 Excursions a year, which is a shadow of the 30,000 Explorers it sells every month.

Technically, it is a new model, but it is a borrowed rib from the Super Duty pickup trucks - a Crew Cab with a steel shell over the cargo area.

Like General Motors' pair of Suburbans, it makes a workhorse of a family vehicle, but it is almost too big to fill the role of family station wagon. The turning radius is expansive, and it can be a handful to maneuver in small parking lots.

Excursion is a use-specific truck. It makes sense for anyone who loads up a couple of kids and regularly heads to the mountains or to Baja California with a travel trailer or boat. And, unlike the pickup, your belongings can be locked inside and protected from the elements.

Smaller utes just don't cut it for this kind of travel. When you try to pack two adults, two kids, the dog, luggage, cooler and sporting gear into an Explorer, something gets left on the curb or strapped to the roof.

Moving up to the larger Expedition gets you more elbow room, but your trailering is constrained by horsepower, from either the 215 horsepower 4.6-liter V-8 or 260 horsepower 5.4-liter V-8.

This is where Excursion excels.

Its three engines cover the need for power, and all are rated as low-emission - or better - in all 50 states, producing up to 43 percent less smog-forming exhaust emissions than permitted by law. Both of the gasoline engines run on regular unleaded.

The 5.4-liter V-8 is rated at 265 horsepower and 350 foot-pounds of torque.

The 6.8-liter V-10 is rated at 310 horsepower and 425 foot-pounds of torque.

And the 7.3-liter V-8 diesel is rated at 235 horsepower and 500 foot-pounds of torque.

The only transmis-

mission is Ford's 4R100 heavy-duty four-speed overdrive automatic unit, and the four-wheel drive system is a part-time, two-speed transfer case with electronic shift-on-the-fly engagement.

GM and Dodge will argue that they have smaller engines and smaller trucks with comparable power ratings, but it is more than power that separates the Excursion. It has frame rails with the heft of steel girders that lay a solid foundation to endure decades of towing and hauling abuse.

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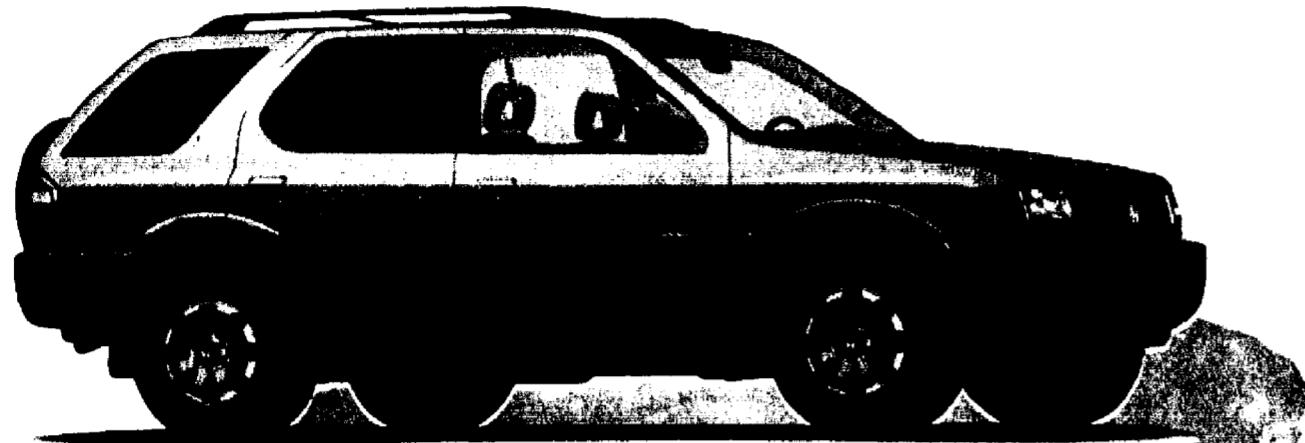
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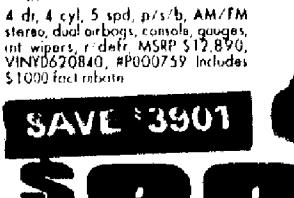
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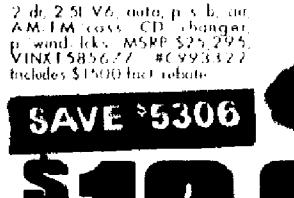
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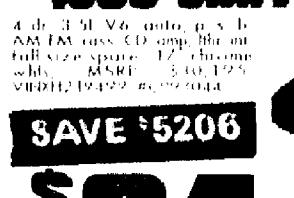
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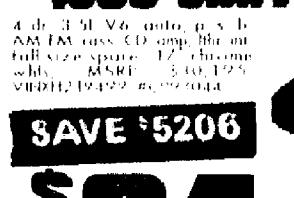
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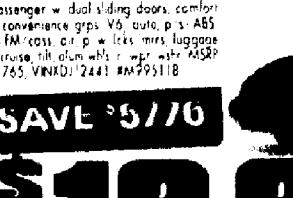
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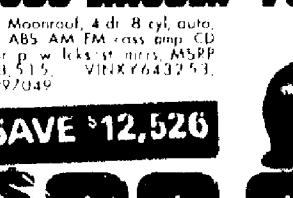
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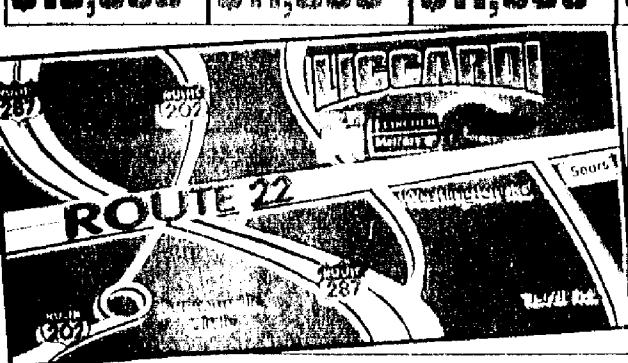
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