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Community Update

Widows group offers support and friendship

The ongoing Widow Support Group will have the monthly meeting Jan. 10, 1996, at 7 p.m. in St. Mary's Hospital, 211 Pennington Ave., Passaic.

Topic for discussion for the evening will be "Looking Ahead to the New Year." Speaker will be Mariann Aita, MPA.

With the holidays over, many widows find themselves experiencing seasonal let down and stress that is compounded by the loss they have had. How a person copes with this stress is an important step in the journey they are following to reach the goal of acceptance.

The theme of the WSG is "From Widowhood to Selfhood." The group explores the changes that occur when a woman is widowed and the effects these changes have upon her life. Coping with life after the death of a spouse can prove to be very challenging. Using both peer and professional support, women are gently guided along a path to the point where they are able to accept the reality of the loss.

For more information about the WSG, call 470-3050.

Cancer patients meet to help each other

Cancer Care of New Jersey is sponsoring five support groups at its main office at 241 Millburn Ave., Millburn. One group is an eight-session education and support group for cancer patients who want to share coping strategies and look at their cancer experience as an opportunity to adjust priorities and make the most of their lives.

The group will meet on Tuesday evenings beginning Jan. 23 in Millburn. For more information, call Jose Pacheco at 379-7500.

Another group is an eight-session group specially aimed for family and friends of cancer patients to help them cope with the stresses of having a loved one with cancer. The group will meet on Tuesday evenings starting Jan. 23 at Cancer Care's Millburn office. For more information, call Sylvia Pearl at 379-7500.

Arthritis support group meets in Montclair

The Essex County Arthritis Support Group will have its next meeting Jan. 6, 1996, from 7-9 p.m. in Montclair Community Hospital, 120 Harrison Ave., Montclair.

Topic for the next meeting will be "Arthritis and Exercise" given by Dr. Nachison, rheumatologist.

Additional meetings will be second Tuesday of each month. For more information, call the Arthritis Foundation, New Jersey Chapter, at (908) 283-4300.

Piano concert, bingo at YMCA for seniors

On Jan. 14 at 2 p.m., Senior Sunday will feature a classical piano concert by students of local piano teacher, Anna Katznelson.

Senior Sunday, a once a month social, cultural and recreational program is sponsored by National Council of Jewish Women, Passaic-Clifton Section and the YM-YWHA. It is held at the YM-YWHA, 199 Scoles Ave. in Clifton.

In addition to the piano concert, bingo for prizes is played and refreshments served.

For more information, call the YM-YWHA at 779-2980.

On display



FINE ART — Belleville Public Library is displaying art by Anique Taylor. Educated at The Sorbonne in Paris, Taylor's awards include: Recognition for Excellence, The Cork Gallery award, first prize at Avery Fisher Hall in New York and the Distinguished Artist Series award in Montclair. Taylor, a Teaneck resident, has been featured in solo shows at The Bruce Museum, Greenwich, Conn.; The Mari Gallery, Mamaroneck, N.Y.; The King School Gallery, Stamford, Conn., and Higgins Hall Gallery, Brooklyn. Her work has also been shown in group shows and galleries throughout the tri-state area, as well as, Arizona, Maine and Washington, D.C., and will be on display at the library until the end of December.

Belleville moved forward in '95

By Paul O'Keefe
Associate Editor

Belleville not only survived 1995, it made progress.

Few years contained as much big news for the township, with court battles, elections and scholastic achievements.

The following is a partial summary of Belleville's 1995.

January

Judge Alvin Weiss issued a restraining order prohibiting the firing of Belleville Tax Assessor Tom Salzano. Four council members, Joe Scaperrotta, Angie Paserchia, Gerald Digori and Bill Cook, became the subject of lawsuits filed by Township Manager Steve Cuccio, other members of township council and Salzano.

The Lombardi family of Belleville temporarily moved to Bloomfield after a fire destroyed their home. Belleville school administrators threw the children out as nonresidents, prompting an uproar from citizens.

More lawyers were hired in the tax assessor dispute.

Senator John Scott, Scaperrotta, Paserchia and Frank Orechio posed for a photo-op.

Brianna Rose Pagano became Belleville's first baby of 1995, born Jan. 8.

The Board of Education returned the Lombardi children to school after a noisy meeting during which Frank Montagna was ejected by President Gabe Nazzola.

An examination of property taxes at 800 Bloomfield Ave. in Nutley showed Frank Orechio paying noticeably less in taxes for the condos he owned there.

February

Superintendent of Belleville Schools Michael Lally announced a proposed district budget that had a 9.2 point increase.

Belleville Republican Organization Chairman Richard Yanuzzi was in Bloomfield municipal court to answer charges the Holiday Decorating Committee failed to pay for the Rec House Christmas Tree.

Bella Casa caterers filed charges against Yanuzzi for failure to pay for an election affair.

A Belleville botanical garden was proposed by Marie Messina, wife of Mayor Jim Messina. A spot on Mill Street was selected.

Buddy Muccigrosso was sentenced to 17 years for his role in the beating of a New Jersey State Trooper at a Belleville Pub. James Serritella received a five-year sentence and Angelo Dominick got 18-months.

March

A bitter chapter in Belleville school history ended when prosecutors found no reason to investigate Principal Frank Catrambone and janitor Walter Jeffers. The two men had been entangled in a broad investigation of

alleged child abuse. They had suffered suspension and damage to reputation for many months before being cleared.

John Perna nets state championship for Belleville at Atlantic City wrestling match.

Knights of Columbus made a show of force at a council meeting asking what the township would do to eliminate a go-go bar that opened next to a church, elementary school and the Knights' hall.

April

Board of Education trustees and administrators hold a series of local forums on the proposed school budget to get citizen input.

Vouchers from an Atlantic City convention are made public. Scaperrotta charged a 3 a.m. reuben sandwich while Digori bought a full bottle from the bar. Your tax dollars at work.

Voters can school budget while electing Montagna, Lou Pallante and Ralph Mazzuca to board terms.

Anthony D'Agostino said goodbye to Belleville after serving on the school board since 1979.

Blossom Fest was a big success. The go-go bar opened, prompting citizen uproar.

Pasent Elhelw, Mital Patel, Robert Dayrit and Indira Polanco are Belleville students accepted to Oxford University. Concerned Citizens of Belleville honors the four at a dinner.

May

Mazzuca was chosen as president of the school board. John Notari was selected as vice president.

Weiss decides in Salzano's favor, ending the attempted purge.

The zoning board rescinded approval for the recycling center on the grounds residents on Cortlandt Street were not informed of the plan in time for the hearing. The recycling company has same street address as Yanuzzi, but the zoning board fails to investigate that or explain Paserchia's "done deal" comment.

Council carved \$131,000 from school budget. Lally castigated Scaperrotta for grandstanding on the budget after the councilman had agreed in private to the budget, then added several more suggestions in public.

Scaperrotta falsely claims that the township attorney had never advised them against attempting to fire the tax assessor.

June

Cuccio and the council budget committee headed by Cook announced a proposed municipal budget with a zero-point increase. The budget committee had to overcome a 28-point shortfall.

Belleville Police had its annual awards ceremony, showing an impressive year marked by outstanding acts of police bravery.

An elderly woman was killed when

trying to cross Washington Avenue, drawing citizen complaints that a traffic light needed to be installed there.

An ordinance restricting adult establishments was drawn up by Township Attorney Bob Giordano.

Fire Chief Walter Beresford was cleared of accusations that grew out of an SCI investigation.

July

Weiss heard the Belleville go-go bar case. Township Council reorganized with Messina again chosen mayor.

Chris Albanese, a beloved Belleville citizen, died after a long illness.

United Treatment Center gained approval to open a treatment center, despite strong protests.

A municipal budget was approved that reflected a minimal tax increase. Two consecutive years of stable township budgets drew praise from observers.

August

Digori's suggested ordinance to have domiciles inspected each time they are sold gains council approval. Digori suggested the ordinance to counter illegal conversions to multi-family units and to keep code enforcement strong.

Scott got into scandal by introducing a law to exempt limo companies from paying overtime. Garden State Limousine was a heavy contributor to Scott's campaign.

Paserchia took a \$32,000 job with the county, reportedly in exchange for support of the Hilltop deal. So much for the campaign assurances about not seeking any jobs.

September

Scaperrotta and Paserchia told seniors that their taxes would go up \$1,000 if Hilltop was not approved. Frightened seniors were then bused to a meeting where they gave support to the deal. No explanation or apology for the whopper ever came from Paserchia and Scaperrotta.

Silver Lake got a new fire truck.

October

Belleville Board of Education celebrated being named a top New Jersey school by New Jersey Monthly and having Richard Ruffalo named teacher of the year.

Editor Russell Roemmele came to work at his accustomed 2 a.m., but went to hospital with chest pains. He died two days later. Semper fi, good friend, we miss you.

November

The new Silver Lake fire truck was damaged, and had to be sent to Florida for repair.

December

Thomas Fuscaldo and Barbara Cicalese were removed from the residency committee of the school board for meeting with the council residency committee without board approval.

District investigates incident in Passaic



Ralph Mazzuca

Frank Montagna

By Douglas M. Muro
Staff Writer

An incident after the Dec. 15 basketball game between Passaic High School and Belleville High School has made safety at athletic events a concern for Belleville.

After defeating the Passaic girl's basketball team, snow was hurled at Belleville team members as they entered their bus.

"I heard they were bombarded with snowballs," said Belleville Board of Education President Ralph Mazzuca.

"The superintendent asked for a report, and we will do whatever we can. There are proper channels we must go through. We are very upset by the incident," Mazzuca added.

Board member Frank Montagna, who has encountered problems during past athletic events, believes a remedy must be sought.

"I have seen incident after incident where our fans and players have been put in jeopardy. I speak for no one but myself, but the administration has done nothing," Montagna said.

"We were called 'guineas' and 'white trash' when we played at Hackensack. I am sick and tired of the abuse. Things are out of control, especially with Bergen County schools," said Montagna.

In addition to the problems at Hackensack, Montagna reported incidents at Bergen Catholic and Clifton.

"We have trouble at wrestling matches also. Belleville fans are not the problem. The officiating was a major problem at the Passaic game," Montagna noted.

During the Dec. 15 incident, a 14-year-old Belleville student was injured after a snowball struck her in the eye.

"The police report said officers answered a call concerning disorderly youths and named #31 of the Passaic team as one of the girls throwing snow," said Judy Piscatowski.

Piscatowski is a Belleville parent who voiced her disdain during the last Board of Education meeting.

"Our team should be taken out of this league," Piscatowski said.

"Why give Passaic a second chance? What happens when they come to Belleville? Do we bring out the armed guard? This is not the first time this has happened. What happens when a knife or gun is involved? I am not blaming anyone from our school, but the board should take a stand, now," Piscatowski remarked.

Montagna believes four things should be done: a charge or complaint should be filed with the New Jersey Scholastic Association, a formal complaint should be made to league officials, the league president should attend a Belleville Board of Education meeting and answer questions, and Passaic High School should be barred from participation against Belleville for five years.

"I do not care what league Belleville plays in, I just want our kids out of the league we are in now," said Montagna.

"If something is not done, someone is going to get hurt seriously, or lose his or her life," he added.



John Notari

Notari is library trustee

John Notari was recently appointed by Mayor Jim Messina to the library board of trustees.

Notari has a diversified background in education, communications and English. He is employed as an English teacher at Clifton High School and as a part-time professor at Stevens Institute of Technology.

Notari is also a trustee on Belleville Board of Education where he is vice president. He has been accepted for doctoral studies in English and language arts at Rutgers University.

Notari has master's degrees in communications from Montclair State, English from William Paterson College and educational supervision from Montclair State.

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Snow tows total 47

Burglars and car thieves gave residents an early Christmas gift by not breaking and entering homes and stealing many cars, while police countered the good deed by impounding close to 100 cars, this past week in Belleville.

According to police reports, approximately 47 automobiles were towed on Dec. 19 and 47 more on Dec. 20, primarily to aid snow removal from township roads.

In all, 19 cars were taken from Joramaleon Street, 23 from Washington Avenue, seven from Greylock Parkway, two from Little Street, seven from Union Avenue, six from Division Avenue, 18 from Belmont Avenue, seven from Passaic Avenue, and five from Franklin Avenue.

Police arrested Rolando Estevez, 36, of Kearny, and charged him with possession of a hypodermic needle during the evening of Dec. 18.

Police said they found the needle in Estevez's possession after a motor vehicle stop on Mill Street.

Police arrested Leonard Spera, 28, of Belleville, and charged him with possession of controlled dangerous substance on the early morning of Dec. 20.

Police said they responded to a disorderly person report in the vicinity of William and Dow Streets and questioned Spera. Spera was said to have two vials of a white powdery substance on his possession.

Police arrested Pearl Heart, 52, of Belleville, and charged her possession of CDS during the morning of Dec. 21.

police blotter

Police said that they spotted Heart on Washington Avenue and approached her because she was known to have an active warrant for her arrest.

Officers said that they found two wax-folds containing a white powdery substance with the words "sweet dreams" emblazoned on the outside and two clear plastic vials containing a white powdery substance clutched in her hand.

Shoplifting was reported at a Main Street department store on Christmas Eve morning.

Police responded and arrested Danielle Pluck, 21, of Belleville and charged her with shoplifting and possession of CDS.

Police said that after bringing Pluck to headquarters, they found on her possession a wax fold containing a white powdery substance with five stars and the words "hit and run" emblazoned on the outside.

Motor vehicle thefts were reported Dec. 19 on Lake Street, Dec. 21 on Washington Avenue, Saturday on Main Street and on Belleville Avenue, and Christmas Eve on Rocco Street.

Abandoned vehicles were found Dec. 18 on New Street and on Academy Street. A stolen motor vehicle was found Dec. 20 on Lake Street.

Breaking and entering was reported Dec. 18 on Washington Avenue and Dec. 23 on Wilson Place.

Credit obtained by fraud

Doriel Justinano, 32, was arrested Dec. 22 for driving while on the revoked list.

Police stopped Justinano after he "failed to keep right" on Rt. 21.

A subsequent investigation revealed that Justinano had two warrants out on him from South Plainfield.

Tenants at a rooming house on Passaic Avenue made several complaints about their landlord.

On Dec. 23, two tenants claimed they were harassed by the landlord.

On Dec. 24, another tenant claimed the landlord entered his room without permission.

Police advised those involved to sign complaints.

A case of fraud was reported Dec. 24.

Someone used a Nutley resident's name and social security number to acquire two credit cards.

The cards were cancelled by the original owner, and the matter is still under investigation.

A woman complained she was being followed by a suspicious male.

She told police she sees the man at her bus stop, and that she has been receiving "hang-up" phone calls.

The matter is being investigated.

Someone entered an office at Hoffman La-Roche and stole a \$1,900

police blotter

lap-top computer Dec. 22.

No signs of forced entry were discovered.

A business on Franklin Avenue was burglarized Dec. 22.

Police said the door of the establishment was forced opened with a "prying object." The matter is still under investigation.

On Dec. 25, police responded to an activated burglar alarm at Franklin School.

Officers believe Christmas decorations "swaying in the breeze," may have set the motion detector off.

Someone stole newspaper money from a Chase Street residence.

A 10-carrot gold ring was found on the steps of police headquarters Dec. 22.

A stolen 1989 Chevy Cavalier was recovered in Secaucus Dec. 22.

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Election notice set for May in Wards

The Township of Belleville will hold a General Municipal election on Tuesday, May 14, from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m., for the election of four Ward Council persons, one from each of four wards. The terms of office will be four years.

No person shall be eligible to become a candidate for any local elective office unless he is registered to vote in the local unit to which the office pertains and has been a resident of that local unit for at least one year immediately prior to the date upon which the election for the office is to be held.

Petitions must be filed on or before 4 p.m. Thursday, March 21, 1996.

Number of signatures required on petitions are 1% of the registered voters: Ward I, 37; Ward II, 44; Ward III, 35; Ward IV, 38.

Petitions of Nomination will be available from the Municipal Clerk's office after Jan. 15, 1996.

Housefire Dec. 26 gets quick response

By Jim Van Blarcom
Staff Writer

At approximately 1:41 p.m. on Tuesday, Belleville fire department responded to an alarm set off at a boarding house at 337 Washington Ave.

Firefighters located a blaze in a third-floor rear bedroom and were able to contain and distinguish flames within 15 minutes of arrival.

Firefighters of Belleville Fire Department Station 2 were first on the scene with ambulance crew members Dennis Ives and Michael Monahan, followed by engine two, manned by Lt. John LaBadia and firefighters Frank Hildenbrand and Paul Melchionne. An engine from headquarters arrived as backup.

"We were able to control the fire very quickly, before it spread. The origin of the flames was investigated and is considered accidental. We have had a few other alarms set off in the past at the same location, but there was never a fire," said LaBadia.

There were no injuries caused by the blaze, though paramedics treated a second floor resident for shortness of breath after the fire had subsided. The only sign that there had been a fire at the structure was a burnt mattress that lay in the front yard.

The boarding house advertises single-sleeping rooms available for rent on a weekly basis. Disaster was averted considering the amount of occupants the building holds.

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Salary questions go unanswered at BOE

By Jim Van Blarcom
Staff Writer

Nutley Board of Education has selected Frank Votto, assistant superintendent, to become acting superintendent in the place of James Fadule.

Fadule will take a leave of absence at the beginning of the new year until July, when he will retire. The seven months that the leave is effective Fadule will draw his regular, full-time salary despite protest from tax payers.

Resident Joan Rubino asked the board how much compensation Fadule would receive during his absence.

Board member Charles Kucinski would not reveal specific numbers, but said the "salary is status quo, it will remain the same until July — whatever he usually is paid, he will get."

"It seems that he shouldn't get paid for not working. I would also like to know the package he is going to receive after he retires, it is probably overly lucrative as well," Rubino continued.

Board did not provide Rubino the information requested.

In a related exchange Rubino asked if it was mandated by the state that districts had to have an assistant superintendent.

"No," answered John Sincaglia, board secretary.

"Then why do we have one? I suggest that we eliminate the position and save valuable tax money. I also suggest that there be no car for the next superintendent. We should stop some of this unnecessary spending," said Rubino.

The grading system was a topic of discussion during the hearing of citizens, and was highlighted with mention of the Nov. 27 board meeting.

Some criticized the gathering, which attracted a crowd of hundreds in the Middle School auditorium, as "a set-up," complaining that the audience was "stacked" with board supporters.

Charges were made that 17 out of 25 people were chosen to speak by board president Sam Battaglia because they were either principals or

teachers that side with the board.

"It was certainly an ego-trip for the board and Dr. Fadule. It is disturbing that every teacher is a clone of Dr. Fadule — I've never heard a word against him," Rubino said.

"I am very upset about last month's meeting. I feel there is a lot of smoke being blown about this issue. I haven't seen one kind act from anyone," said resident Barbara Bochese.

Bochese spoke for many at the meeting, by suggesting an end to the matter that pits those who feel district-wide grading standards are too high and hurt children's performance and chances for getting into better colleges, and those who do not want to lower standards.

"It is the board's responsibility to respond to citizen's requests for help. Well, we're doing so and we are being ignored. All we ask for is numerical grades be included on the report card with the letter grade. We are not asking for a lowering of standards. How is including numbers lowering standards? We don't need to stonewall this any more," Bochese added.

In a related item, a suggestion was made by an audience member that the Saturday Curriculum Development Committee be dissolved because it is wasting tax-payer money. Claims were made that the group had no set directive or purpose, and that funding for the group was unaccountable.

The study group is aimed at reviewing the grading system within district grades K-3. Some concerned parents feel that its results will find that there is no problem with the current system, which will imply there is no problem districtwide.

"The committee will not be dissolved," replied Battaglia.

Fadule reported that schools will be closed through Jan. 1 for Christmas recess. Sessions will resume on Jan. 2.

Board accepted the retirement of high school teacher William Osborn effective March 1, 1996.

Twelve-year board member Rosalie Scheckel announced that she would not run for re-election in April.

Dolls, miniatures to come Jan. 21

Ann Weiner's winter expo edition of the World of Mini-Mania Miniature and Doll Shows will be held Sunday, Jan. 21, in the Grand Ballroom of the Holiday Inn North Hotel, at Newark Airport off Frontage Road Exit - Route 1 & 9, Newark, N.J.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. General admission is \$5, seniors, \$4.50, and kids under 12, \$2.50. The show features handcrafted miniatures in all price ranges with artisans from many states.

Door prizes will be given throughout the day with special door prize drawings given between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., for adults and children.

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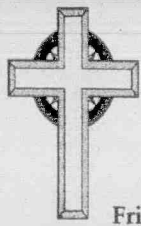
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Rocco, Crecco announce parental consent passed

Legislation sponsored by Assemblywoman Marion Crecco and Assemblyman John Rocco that would require parental consent for placement of a child in a bilingual program was approved by the Senate today.

Under current law, parents of pupils with limited English speaking ability are notified after their child has been placed in a program of bilingual education. Parents are not given any choices as to placement of their child in such a program.

"According to federal law, parents must be notified before their child is placed in a bilingual program," said Crecco, R-Essex, Passaic.

"My legislation would require New Jersey school districts to notify by mail the parents of a child who has been identified as eligible for enrollment in a bilingual program. The parents would have to be informed that the program is optional and they may decline the enrollment of their child in the bilingual program if they so choose," Crecco explained.

"New Jersey is the only state where it is illegal for a parent to withdraw a child from a bilingual program," said Rocco, R-Camden.

"Parents should be able to take part in deciding what education programs best suit their child. Schools should not be solely responsible for this important decision. Our legislation would see to it that parents are involved in the decision-making process of the placement of their children in and out of bilingual programs," he added.

"Presently, if parents disagree with the placement of their child in a bilingual program, they must first exhaust a local appeal process before their final appeal to the Commissioner of Education," said Crecco.

"With this legislation in place, there would be no need for an appeals process because the parents would have the final say in the placement to direct the upbringing and education of their children."

The bill, A-2181, would also repeal current law which provides criteria for the placement of a pupil in the English-only program and a procedure for parents and teaching staff members to use in appealing a placement decision.

"This bill stresses parental involvement and encourages parents to take a proactive role in the education of their child," Rocco said.

"We should not take over the parents' role in deciding what educational program is best for their child. Instead, we should provide assistance and encouragement to get them more involved in their child's education."

The bill would also provide the parent with the right to remove a pupil from a bilingual program at the end of each school year, with the approval by the county superintendent.

The measure, A-2181, which was merged with identical Senate legislation, was approved by a 39-0 Senate vote. It now heads to the Governor for consideration.



From left are, Kay Clark, Clara Maass Volunteer, and Phyllis Grainger, Belleville Senior Club, admire dolls made by club member Millie Paterno.

Senior gifts distributed

Christmas came early to Clara Maass Health System when the Tuesday Craft Class of the Mill Street Belleville Senior Citizens Club dropped its bundles of hand crafted gifts at the Medical Center.

The Belleville Club knits and crochets all year, making afghans, bed socks, hats and scarves. They also sew wheelchair bags and make dolls. The club then generously donates these items to Clara Maass Medical Center.

The Medical Center's Volunteer Services Department distributes the gifts to patients and nursing home residents all throughout the year. Marlene French, manager of Volunteer Services at Clara Maass, expressed her thanks for the gifts and the special relationship shared between the Medical Center and the Mill Street Belleville Senior Citizens Club.

people in the service

Mossey completes his basic Navy training

Navy Seaman Recruit Kyle J. Mossey, son of Patricia Mossey of Bloomfield, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Mossey completed a variety of training which included classroom study, practical hands-on instruction, and an emphasis on physical fitness. In particular, Mossey learned naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and a variety of safety skills required for working around ships and aircraft.

Mossey and other recruits also received instruction on the Navy's core values - honor, courage and commitment; and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct. Mossey joins 55,000 men and women who will enter the Navy

this year from all over the country.

Men and women train together from their first day in the Navy just as they do aboard ships and at shore commands around the world. To reinforce the team concept, Mossey and other recruits also were trained in preventing sexual harassment and ensuring equal opportunity.

Even as the naval service gets smaller over the next few years, highly motivated young people like Mossey are still finding an opportunity to improve their knowledge and education as they become part of the most highly technical naval force in history. This year alone the Navy will have more than 57,000 job openings and opportunities, most of which include guaranteed training.

He is a 1994 graduate of Bloomfield High School.

Ho-Ho-Ho!



John Ferranti, of Bloomfield posed, before his Santa-mobile as he embarked on a Christmas journey around the area.



Ferranti visited Clara Maass Hospital as part of his holiday service. He was joined by a few clowns as they entertained children.

Gifted Child Society offers SAT training

Capable seventh graders will be able to prepare themselves for taking the S.A.T., or Scholastic Aptitude Test, a test which is designed for college-bound juniors or seniors.

The non-profit Gifted Child Society is again sponsoring one-session three hour S.A.T. orientations for seventh graders. Students may choose one of the following dates: Wednesday, Jan. 10; Monday, Jan. 15; Wednesday, Jan. 17; or Monday, Jan. 22.

The one-time orientation will simulate actual test timing conditions and develop concentration. Sample problems from sections of previous tests as well as test taking techniques specifically applied to math and verbal portions will be covered.

The math instructor will review basic arithmetic, geometry and word problem questions. The language instructor will familiarize students with different types of verbal questions - synonyms, roots, analogies, sentence completion and reading comprehension.

Registration is limited to small classes. Pre-registration is required at least ten days before the session date. Interested parents are invited to call the Gifted Child Society, 444-6530, for flyer and free brochure for other Society programs.

Infant loss seminar at Mountainside

The next meeting of SHARE - a support group for learning to accept and resolve pregnancy or infant loss - will be held at Mountainside Hospital on Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., in Schering-Plough #1 Conference Room. The monthly support group is for patients who have suffered the tragedy of pregnancy or infant loss, and for families and friends of those who have experienced such loss.

SHARE meets on an ongoing basis at Mountainside Hospital on the first Wednesday of the month, 7:30-9 p.m.

There is no fee to attend SHARE meetings. However, if you plan to attend or would like additional information, call Linda LeCompte at 429-6936.

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Sons of Italy concert to feature orchestra

The Bloomfield Mandolin Orchestra will give a benefit concert for the Sons of Italy Jan. 21 at 4 p.m. in Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 91 2nd St., between Kennedy Boulevard and Avenue C, in Bayonne.

Enrico Giamici will be featured as soloist and guitarist. Admission will be \$5 per person.

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OPINION PAGE

Take your bows

The past year has been one of definite improvement in Belleville, and we hope the momentum will build in that direction.

The Township Council and Board of Education have become much more responsive to the needs of taxpayers, and Belleville public meetings have regained dignity where before they were the joke of area observers.

Mayor Jim Messina has proven to be competent and fair, and his tenure has had none of the aroma found in past administrations. Messina has faced several divisive controversies, as in the hoopla about the tax assessor, and has concentrated on leading rather than taking sides in a vendetta. He has often been the voice of common sense during debate. Messina deserves recognition for this.

Belleville also has benefitted from two consecutive municipal budgets that have held the line on spending.

Board of Education President Ralph Mazzuca and the trustees have had a good year as well. Despite the recent controversy with the residency committee, the board for the most part has stuck to business. Meetings have become respectful and productive, with each member finding ways to cut spending and move ahead.

The coming year will be politically difficult, with council and school board elections ahead. We hope voters will recognize that much has improved in Belleville government in recent months. If they keep the same course, the future will be better.

Much of what has gone right came from the selection of new candidates to serve on local governing bodies. Councilmen Victor Canning and Gerald Digori have been excellent choices. The Board of Education has benefitted from the election of Robert Molinaro, Lou Pallante and Frank Montagna, as well as the re-election of Mazzuca.

Belleville voters should pay attention this coming year, for many will be seeking your votes. Look at the elected who are doing well, and see whom they support. Perhaps the few remaining ones who will not change can be voted out this year.

Bill Martini's consistent record

Our congressional representative has been targeted for defeat by his opposing party. No higher praise can be given Bill Martini.

We have been keeping an eye on Martini's voting record, and he deserves recognition for always voting on the side of cutting spending and lowering taxes. With the media blitz blaming the "Freshman Class" in Congress for the budget impasse, we ask, what other group has taken the taxpayers' side at such a cost in public image. Certainly not the elder Republicans or the Democrats.

Remember that Martini has kept his campaign promises and has represented New Jersey taxpayers, not special interests. He deserves our thanks and encouragement this coming year.

"The Founding Fathers thought that liberty was more important than fairness, so they adopted the First Amendment."

—Tom Tauke

letters to the editor

Disappointed in play

To the Editor:

On Friday, Dec. 15, my family and I attended the Franklin School's Drama Club presentation of "Twas the Night Before Christmas," and were very disappointed and discouraged by it.

First, I must compliment the children on their performance and creative writing abilities. But it was the hostile nature of the play that concerns me. The actors, during most of the play, while in character, acted in an angry and hostile manner. Where were the teachers to guide them during the writing of the script?

Secondly, what does a "club song" like Supermodel have to do with Christmas? I understand it was during the Santa description portion that they used it, but to have seventh- and eighth-graders dancing around like Michael Jackson is totally inappropriate. Also, I don't know who that was on the front line, either a young looking teacher or an early bloomer, but to have her jumping around in a tight shirt, bouncing all over the place, is not something I want to see with my 4-year-old, or something that should be performed at school at all!

Again, may I state that I can appreciate the work that went into this play, but I brought my family to see a Christmas classic, not a hostile burlesque show.

I do hope that the adults involved will open their eyes and realize that with all the problems in this world, they should be doing things to help children get along, not encourage hostility by condoning things like the aforementioned play.

I will have three children in the Nutley school system soon, and it worries the heck out of me as to what they will be taught. I do not mean to sound like an alarmist or extremist, but parents and teachers, wake-up. Our children's future is at stake. We must change our ways and get back to basic, old-fashioned traditional values, and we must do so now. We cannot afford to wait.

Gregory J. Palma
Nutley

Health facility at ITT?

To the Editor:

The United States is a mecca of competition. The United States has established itself as a world leader in the global market. All for one reason — competition.

I understand there is a possibility for competition for the ITT property. The proposed housing project, with so many unanswered questions, now has a

Attention must be paid to Belleville's hacks

Bel View

By Paul O'Keefe
Associate Editor

This open air concrete crusher was meant to be built on Cortlandt Street. The residents across the street were never served notice of the hearings.

The corporate address for the company was the identical street address of Richard Yanuzzi, the chairman of the Belleville Republican Organization.

Had Mayor Jim Messina or Councilman Victor Canning tried such a brazen move, would Scaperrotta, Paserchia and Fuscaldo be yelling and accusing at every opportunity? You bet they would.

This particular application was a cynical attempt to gain favor for friends of this group at the expense of Belleville citizens in the Valley. This writer personally believes that the prosecutor should have investigated whether any elected or appointed people had more than a passing interest in this recycling center.

The Zoning Board later entertained Scaperrotta and his Bloomfield ally, Gary Iacobacci, in public hearings opposing United Treatment Center.

This was another example of an application approved by the board that ended up being reconsidered. The treatment center has ample reason for lawsuits as a result of the Fuscaldo board's actions.

Paying for legal bills, with taxpayers' money, is of no consequence to this Republican splinter group. Iacobacci and Scaperrotta got to grandstand, and that is what is important.

The entire reason for being in office to these people is to use the position for self promotion, preferably using your tax money, and to garner appointments and jobs.

Senator John Scott has delivered, with a little help from the self-proclaimed tax saver, Essex County Executive Jim Treffinger.

Taxpayers have to pay Paserchia's salary and benefits in her new county job, and Scott has nominated her for a commission slot. When pension time arrives, Paserchia will clean up at our expense.

This is after batting her eyes and telling everyone she had no interest in any government jobs during the campaign. Truth means little or nothing to this group.

Recent fines levied by Election Law Enforcement against Scaperrotta, Paserchia and their political party may be the beginning of the end for them.

The Orechio newspapers as well as our local daily have ignored this action against the Belleville group. Nothing wrong if it is not published, right?

Local print media have consistently ignored any problems with this political infestation. The tax assessment scandal in Nutley, that includes the Orechio Building on Chestnut Street, has been reported by Worrall Community Newspapers and WCBS News.

The only time it has been mentioned in the daily was an article long ago that failed to describe the problem and quoted only those who defended assessments.

Something similar is happening in Belleville and Bloomfield, with Scaperrotta, Iacobacci and their allies quoted fully and often by the daily with little or no effort to present both sides or expose ethical problems surrounding these people.

Iacobacci, like Scaperrotta, has been fined by ELEC previously. He now will face scrutiny for failing to file any report with ELEC for his mayoral primary campaign.

Again, Iacobacci's problems were not reported by the Orechio newspaper, nor has the local daily mentioned it.

In fact, Iacobacci gets a weekly column in the Orechio Bloomfield newspaper. Scaperrotta got the same treatment from Frank A. Orechio in Belleville. They are really on the taxpayers' side, aren't they?

They are too busy trying to make Scaperrotta, Iacobacci and their followers look like heroes to actually report the truth.

What is wrong with Belleville politics? Mostly, it is the failure of those responsible for informing the reading public. The worst politicians are treated like nobility by some media.

This is a disgrace on the part of these publications. How could they ignore at every step the self-serving behavior of these politicians?

If this group continues to win elections, it will be their fault for each indignity the taxpayers will suffer.

Parents must watch what their children read

I picked up a copy of the *Aquarian Weekly* last Thursday. You may find one around your teen-ager's room if you wish to compare notes with this column.

The *Aquarian* is one of the last of the 1970-era music-politics handouts in the spirit of the *Village Voice* or the defunct *East Village Other*.

The bulk of the issue consisted of music listings, record reviews and personal ads. This is a service to their readers.

Now if only the editors would cease to make the reader suffer through their political diatribes.

The article that caught my eye in the Dec. 20 issue was by Contributing Editor Ed Lagrossa on the awful effect religions have had on history. It was an exercise in bigotry, perhaps timed to counter the Christmas season, and a relic of the political fringes of both left and right wings.

Lagrossa has an egotistic habit of writing long articles followed by a bibliography. The impression is given that these are scholarly writings, well-researched and factual.

Each work cited in his bibliographies comes from the lunatic left library. The Dec. 20 issue listed only

Other Things

By Paul O'Keefe
Associate Editor

one source, titled "Holy Hatred," a hint is to the writer's bent. Maybe he should have listed his source at the beginning, so the reader would be warned of Lagrossa's limited research.

The article lists every war or injustice waged in the name of religion with the implication, of course, that because you go to church or pray, you are the source of all mankind's troubles.

Lagrossa, as do too many others, also gives solid weight to the myth created about the Spanish Inquisition.

Many readers will pause here and reflect that innocent people have been murdered in God's name. True. The inescapable fact is, however, that whatever the excuse used by a psychopath, he would find another person to kill if that reason did not exist.

Blaming Jesus and his followers for witch-burnings is like blaming John Muir and environmentalists for the Unabomber.

Jesus never started a war, never tortured anybody's body and never promoted bigotry as Lagrossa does.

Mohammed never put out a contract on an author, nor did he plant a bomb on an El Al jet.

Martin Luther did not found the Ku Klux Klan, nor did he advocate the murderous policies of Oliver Cromwell.

The Crusades, which Lagrossa condemns, have a much more intricate history than mere Christian hatred of Moslems. The Moslem wave of invasion in Spain and Europe was justifiably opposed by the Christian West.

Perhaps Lagrossa would be more satisfied if the Iberian Peninsula were populated by Berbers with long, curved swords who had sworn to kill Salman Rushdie.

Let's look at the score card for the atheists, to be fair. Chairman Mao in China presided over the extermination of more than 20 million souls. Joseph Stalin did his best to keep up with Mao. Both men subscribed to a policy of religion being an opiate of the masses. Both men closed churches, killed believers and did their best to eliminate Christianity and Judaism.

Did that end war, torture and persecution? Ask a Pole or Latvian, or an immigrant Jew. Do not ask Lagrossa, who has an agenda of hate.

Does Lagrossa and his publication blame Albert Einstein for Hiroshima? Was Abraham Lincoln responsible for Richard Nixon? Is Martin Luther King to blame for the Crips and Bloods?

Adolf Hitler also adopted an agenda of religious persecution, with Catholics and Protestants who rejected Nazi materialism included in the camps along with Jews. Hitler himself may not have been an atheist, however, as recent research uncovered a strong following of German pagan war cults among the top advisors to the Fuhrer. Do not blame Christianity for that.

The Spanish Inquisition has slowly gained historical redemption, thanks

to the scholarly work of William Thomas Walsh, an American who died in 1949 after becoming the historian of record for Spain under Philip II, Isabela and the Hapsburgs.

Walsh's "Characters of the Inquisition" will open the eyes of the reader. The author spent a lifetime researching the records of the Inquisition, with few paying attention to his findings outside Spain, where he was given the highest government honors for his work.

The History Channel on cable TV has recently aired a documentary on the Spanish Inquisition called "The Myth of the Inquisition," which documents how this legend evolved from the bigoted writings of Montanus and the unquestioning belief of historians. Lagrossa could do well to actually research once in a while.

One fact of the Inquisition was that it viewed the practice of witchcraft as a delusion, and did not persecute these people as was done throughout the rest of Europe. To blame the Spanish Inquisition for the witch trials is simply false, and Lagrossa certainly did not bother to correct this misconception.

If your children read the *Aquarian Weekly* to find out what bands are playing, all is well and good. Parents should, however, take the time to point out that this edition contains vile falsehoods that should be condemned. The fact that anti-Christian and anti-religious bigotry goes unchallenged these days is the source of many of our troubles.

Without a form of religious belief, or belief that our behavior is answerable to more than human law, we have incurred the immeasurable expense of paying for those who believe lying and killing are not wrong.

Lagrossa should reflect on the damage his kind of sloppy research and personal prejudice could cause. Would that author ever write such nonsense about homosexuals or blacks, chronicling everything negative about them throughout history without an effort to be fair?

Nobody demands Lagrossa like us. We merely ask he keep his ignorance to himself. Watch what your children read.

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obituaries

Helen Botti

Helen Botti, 86, of Belleville died Dec. 14 in Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville.

Born in Newark, she moved to Belleville 43 years ago.

Surviving are her husband, John P. Sr.; two daughters, June Knott and Lorraine Shell; a son, John P. Jr.; three brothers, Anthony, Paul and Joseph Cuva, and five grandchildren.

Romolo Potenzzone

Romolo Potenzzone, 73, of Belleville died Dec. 14 in East Orange Veterans Administration Medical Center.

He had been an electrician with ITT, Nutley, for 15 years before retiring in 1987.

Potenzzone served in the Army during World War II.

Born in Glen Ridge, he lived in Belleville for many years.

Surviving are two sons, Ronald and Dennis; five brothers, Achille, Silvio, Rudy, Arthur, and Raymond; and a grandchild.

John Sholander

John J. Sholander, 66, of Nutley died Dec. 14 in Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville. He was a chief engineer with the Essex County Hos-

pital Center in Cedar Grove, where he worked for 42 years.

He served in the Navy during peacetime. Sholander was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 6195 and the Elks Lodge 1290, both in Nutley.

Born in Harrison, he lived in Nutley for most of his life.

Surviving are his wife, Eileen R.; a son, Stephen; a daughter, Bette Donatiello; three brothers, Alfred, Edward and Joseph; two sisters, Sister Helen Sholander M.P.F. and Eileen Jenkins, and three grandchildren.

Phillip Buttacavoli

Phillip Buttacavoli, 88, of Nutley died Dec. 15 in Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville.

Buttacavoli worked many years as an engraver for the ABC Textile Engraving Co., Hawthorne, retiring in 1975.

He was a member of the Friendly Society of Textile Engravers of America.

Born in New York City, he lived in Belleville before moving to Nutley 65 years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Jennie; a daughter, Rosemarie Bojczak; two sons, Paul and John; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Michael Torrese

Michael Torrese, 96, of Nutley died Dec. 15 in Wayne View Convalescent Center, Wayne.

He was the owner of Michael Torrese Grocery Store, Newark, for 30 years before retiring 20 years ago.

Born in Italy, he lived in Newark for many years before moving to Nutley 10 years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Elena; a son, Michael; a daughter, Marie Bianchi; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Hazel Schoenect

Hazel M. Schoenect, 93, of Chester died Dec. 15 in her home. She was an assistant to Msgr. Stephen Patch at Corpus Christi Church in Chatham Township for 15 years.

Earlier, she was a secretary in public relations with ITT in Nutley for 35 years.

Schoenect was honored by ITT in 1978 as "Secretary of the Year."

Born in Newark, she lived in Nutley for many years, moving to Chester six years ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Marilyn Furey; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Jessie Zinconne

Jessie Zinconne, 89, of Nutley died Dec. 16 in Clara Maass Continuing Care Center, Belleville.

Born in Newark, she lived in Berkeley Heights before moving to Nutley 11 years ago.

Surviving are two daughters, Esther Freda and Marie Tretola; four sisters, Esther Barbella, Louise Zinconne, Concetta Fera and Jennie Puma; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Marie Sammon

Marie Sammon, 83, of Bensalem, Pa., formerly a linotype operator with The Star Ledger, died Dec. 12 in Wood River Village, Bensalem.

She was a linotype operator for The Star Ledger in Newark for many years before retiring in the early 1970s.

She was a member of the Manchester Chapter of Deborah Hospital.

Born in Little Ferry, she lived in Belleville and in Whiting for 10 years before moving to Bensalem 10 years ago.

Vito DeFeo

Vito DeFeo, 98, of Belleville died Dec. 24 in Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville.

He was the founder in 1927 of Star Wire Works in Belleville, retiring in 1965.

He was a member of the Belleville Friday Social Senior Club, the Belleville Essex County Monday Club, the Branch Brook Senior Club of Newark, the Essex County Senior Citizens Branch Brook Extension in Newark and was a former member of the Belleville Political and Social Club.

Born in San Stefano Del Sole, Italy, he lived in Connecticut before moving to Belleville 72 years ago.

Surviving are a son, Anthony; a daughter, Edith; a brother, Carmine; a sister, Mary Manfra; four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

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SPORTS

Perna awaits opportunity with SHU wrestling team

By Rick Bliwice
Assistant Sports Editor

For an individual who reaches the highest plateau possible in his or her particular sport, nothing is more frustrating than being sidelined with an injury.

This winter, that's the story for John Perna, who captured a state wrestling crown for Belleville High School last winter at 119 pounds. Perna, who compiled a brilliant 94-2 career mark for the Bucs, is a medical red-shirt for Seton Hall University for the 1995-96 campaign, but expects to be back on the mats in tip-top form for the start of the 1996-97 slate.

"I love competing so it certainly is frustrating for me not to be on the SHU team this year," said Perna, who posted a 33-0 slate for veteran Belleville coach Joe Nisivoccia in his senior campaign. "But I'm still practicing with the team and I think I'm learning a lot by watching some of the guys compete."

In particular, Perna has enjoyed watching Junior Nardone, a two-time state champ at Belleville, compete for the Pirates. Nardone is off to a sensational start in the 134-pound class, and the youngster recently won a championship at the Eastern Invitational hosted by Rutgers. The Pirates tallied 76 points in that event to finish a strong third behind Rutgers and Virginia Tech.

Nardone, one of the finest scholastic competitors in Garden State history, won his third straight individual championship of the campaign with a 6-1 decision over Syracuse's Jerry Seawood. At the U.S. Coast Guard Invitational held just prior to that event, the former Buc star also showed his stuff as he won the championship with an exciting 2-0 decision over Pat Kelley of Springfield.

"Junior is really in a class by himself," said Perna, who led Belleville to championships last season in the Bloomfield Tournament, the ECT and the districts. "He shows great technical skills on the mats and wrestles about as close to perfection as you can get. I'm more of a brawler out there so I won't even try to compare myself to Junior."



John Perna
former Buc star

Nardone isn't the only former local star who is competing for Seton Hall University this winter. Former Essex Catholic standout Kaseen Dufresne and former Bloomfield star R.J. Galisto are also doing quite well for SHU.

"I'm not surprised by their success because both Kaseen and R.J. had top high school careers," said Perna. "But it really is a big step up from high school competition to the college level. The guys are more physical on the mats and naturally they have more polished skills. The main thing is that in college, guys are just more mature."

Perna has always been a kid who appreciates having a good work ethic, and several of his teammates at SHU have impressed him in that regard. In particular, Perna has been quite impressed by senior Charlie Haas, who wins at 190.

"We have some good talent on the team and I'm looking forward to being part of a solid program," remarked Perna, who says he had "a lot of fun" competing on last year's squad at Belleville. "I'm doing my best to stay in shape because I really want to contribute next year. I would imagine that I'll be competing at 126 pounds and I know that's a pretty tough weight class."

Raider hoopsters seeking balance

By John Monteverde
Staff Writer

Throughout the first three years of his tenure as head basketball coach at Nutley High School, Walt Murray has seen his team struggle in the NNJHL, one of the top sports conferences in New Jersey.

But despite the shortcomings, the Raiders never lacked effort, something Murray is expecting a lot of this season. Nutley split its first two games of the year, opening with a narrow loss to Bloomfield and rebounding with an impressive win over St. Joseph of Montvale, and they entered the Nutley Holiday Tournament with a positive outlook.

"We're a very athletic team, and if everybody plays within themselves we have the opportunity to be a pretty good club," said Murray. "The problem is that we have to replace the 24 points and 12 rebounds a game that Bobby Bok gave us last year, because he graduated and is no longer here. We don't have just one guy to do that for us, and we're going to have to get that production from a total team effort."

The offense, which is lacking a true go-to player, has been predictably sluggish in the early going. Against Bloomfield, a game that Nutley would lose by a 42-40 count, they missed at least 15 shots from within five to 10 feet of the basket. And despite pulling out a 48-43 victory over the Green Knights, the Raiders were atrocious from the charity stripe, hitting on just 11 of 28 attempts, as well as missing a number of close shots again.

"We just were not ready offensively when the season started," Murray said. "A couple of our key kids were on the football team, and they didn't join us until Dec. 6 or 7. They only had four or five practices to get into basketball condition before the season started, and they still haven't quite caught up."

But despite the offensive woes, Nutley has been playing superb defense, a testimony to the hard



Photo By Joe Long

Nutley senior Sean Nicol battles Bloomfield players for rebound during opening game of season. The Raiders host North Bergen on Wednesday in the next regular season contest.

work and dedication of a group of players dedicated to turning things around. All the pressure on the ball starts with the experienced backcourt of seniors Vinnie Abbatiello and Michael Azzato, together for the second straight year. Abbatiello, a 5-foot-9 point guard and the team captain, is a three-year starter who has progressed every year, while Azzato, who will see most of his time at shooting guard and also stands 5-9, is a second-year starter who was a standout on Nutley's sectional finalist football team.

"We are unquestionably a very good defensive team," said Murray. "We put a lot of pressure on the ball, and we don't allow teams many second chance opportunities. Our kids are certainly tenacious,

and they get after the ball on the defensive end."

The remainder of the starting lineup consists of senior small forward Sean Nicol, senior center Joe DelMaestro and junior Jeff Mitschow. Nicol, who stands 6-1, returns after missing a year recovering from a broken vertebra, and his presence has made a big difference. The 6-3 DelMaestro, who hit for 24 in the win over St. Joe's, will be counted on to provide an inside force, while Mitschow (6-4) earned a varsity letter a year ago and is expected to progress after showing signs late last season.

While Nutley's bench is junior-dominated, a pair of seniors, Kris Forsythe and Eddie Desai, will provide versatility. Forsythe, a four-

year member of the program, can play both guard and both forward positions, while Desai will use his 6-foot-1 frame and newly-added bulk to back up DelMaestro in the middle.

The team is rounded out by juniors, as guard Rich Mikolitch, forward Dan Miesieski, guard Paul O'Grady, point guard Horace Hill and forward David Orr will serve reserve roles. Miesieski is a kid who can swing between both forward positions, while Hill, a transfer student, is quick and solid defensively.

While Nutley should be able to play good defense throughout the campaign, its success will hinge on the progress of the offense.

"We should be able to play with everybody due to our athleticism and good defensive pressure," said Murray. "If we can keep teams around 40 points all season we have a good shot to win some games. We have had an emphasis on defense from the beginning of training camp, and the kids have really picked it up. And once the football kids get into basketball shape, our scoring output should increase. It could be an interesting year."

AROUND THE RIM — Nutley is the host of the Holiday Tournament this year, which rotates annually between participants. In addition to Nutley, Bloomfield, Livingston and West Orange compete in the traditional event. Nutley took on improved West Orange in Wednesday's first round game, while Bloomfield tipped off against Livingston...

The Raiders have a rough first two weeks of January, as they will host North Bergen on Jan. 3 before traveling to perennial power Hackensack on Jan. 5. They will host rival Belleville on Jan. 9 and Teaneck on Jan. 12 (7:30 p.m.), and they end the stretch with a road match at Good Counsel on Jan. 13 at 1 p.m.

Nutley, Belleville enjoyed fine sports success in 1995

By Rick Bliwice
Assistant Sports Editor

Back in the days when the Big 10 Conference ruled New Jersey, Irvington High School always had a pretty good athletic program. Schools like Montclair and Bloomfield may have dominated in football, and schools like East Orange and Orange showed the way on the hardwood, but IHS always had teams to be reckoned with, no matter what the sport.

Times have changed in the Garden State with the demise of such leagues as the Big 10, but schools like Irvington are still pretty competitive. And in 1995, that was particularly the case. Just think about some of Irvington's achievements this year — capturing a record fourth straight county hoops title in the winter led by the brilliant play of guard Ramadan Brunson, and then capping things off with a superb 8-1 mark on the gridiron highlighted by a shutout victory over perennial state powerhouse Union. First-year mentor Gil Bragg had one of the toughest defenses in the Garden State as IHS allowed but 53 points and chalked up six shutouts.

Irvington's success in 1995 highlighted a remarkable sports year in The Worrall Community Newspapers area. Heck, on the girls' side, Bloomfield was also pretty special as the Bengals made it to the county finals in basketball, captured the county softball crown, and shared the county championship in soccer.

Bloomfield's great success was due largely to the contributions of several youngsters who went from sport to sport, depending on the season. Bill Fischman was the star in basketball, pitcher Kristen Gengaro earned the spotlight in softball, and Jenette Hendrickson was the key player in soccer, but BHS had several other major contributors as well. As an example of that fact, a kid like Maureen Moore, naturally quiet by nature, sparked for the court squad, and helped key a 27-3 campaign in softball by hitting .411 while swiping an incredible 44 bases.

"These kids really have been a special bunch," said Bob Mayer, who coaches the Bengals in both softball and soccer. "You just don't find a group of youngsters like this very often."

Irvington and Bloomfield stole the show, but there were scenes of other highlights as well. Belleville's John Perna captured a state wrestling crown, Seton Hall Prep won the Parochial A state baseball championship for the first time in 24 years, Nutley captured the Group 3 state softball crown, Walshburg won the Essex County American Legion title over Nutley, South Orange prevailed in the ECBL, and Nutley's Kathleen Pete won the ECT girls' singles championship and then paced the Raiders to a sectional championship. And not to be forgotten was Columbia's clutch 1-0 victory over Belleville in the GNT finals, and Nutley's drive to the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 championship game in football.

Here's a quick look back at the local year in sports for 1995:

WINTER

When the great teams in ECT history are mentioned, East Orange always comes to the forefront because the Panthers won four straight county hardwood crowns from 1974-77. But Irvington matched that feat this past winter and has a chance for No. 5 in the 1996 event which will celebrate the 50th year of the tournament.

Montclair was supposed to be the favorite for the 1995 title but on the afternoon of Feb. 25 at Essex County College in Newark, the Blue Knights had other ideas. Led by the lightning-quick Brunson, who was all over the floor, IHS swept past the Mounties, 62-58. True, Irvington stumbled in the Group 4 state tournament, but the impressive showing in the ECT was quite something. Irvington had a strong crew to support Brunson, but the senior guard was still "the man" for IHS.

In the girls' finals at EOC, Bloomfield lost to a talented Mount St. Dominic squad. But veteran coach Jim White got his kids to regroup and the Bengals went on to beat Elizabeth, 43-40, for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 state crown. Along with Fischman and Moore, the other standout for the squad was senior point guard Stacey Lipinski, who did a great job of distributing the ball.

On the mats, the story all season was Perna, who racked up title after title for the Bucs. The youngster, who

is now a red-shirt freshman at Seton Hall University, capped off a remarkable 33-0 senior campaign when he pinned Dave Esposito of Iselin Kennedy for the 119-pound crown. The determined Perna, who went 94-2 for his spectacular career, helped Belleville to championships in the ECT and the districts.

Finally, one other special moment during the cold winter months came when the SHU women's basketball squad made it to the Big East championship game before an SRO crowd at Walsh Gymnasium. But the Pirates were no match for powerful Connecticut, the No. 1 team in the country. A treat for Pirate fans all season long, however, was watching the brilliant play of former Clifford Scott star Dana Wynne, who proved to be among the top rebounders in the nation. And this winter, Wynne is doing it again for coach Phyllis Mangina in her junior campaign.

SPRING

Seton Hall Prep's drive to the Parochial A championship behind the brilliant pitching of John Probst and Pat Henning, and Nutley's drive to the Group 3 softball crown behind the strong hitting of Amy Hessels and Sarah Clarke, were major stories, but for pure excitement, nothing beat the classic GNT championship game at Verona's Doc Goeltz Field between upstart Columbia and Belleville.

In the history of the GNT up to the 1995 championship, there had been only two 1-0 tide affairs, those coming in 1933 and 1948. But in last spring's championship, Columbia's Chris Bott and Belleville's Dan Brunello turned in efforts that would even make people like Greg Maddux and Randy Johnson proud. Bott allowed only three hits while fanning seven, while Brunello, a crafty southpaw, also yielded just three safeties while recording five K's.

Columbia picked up the game's only tally in the top of the first when Matt Becht walked, Larry Busichio doubled, and Josh Buechler grounded to short. After that, there was nothing but goose eggs as Bott and Brunello matched pitch for pitch.

"There's really not much you can say after a game like this," suggested Buc coach Chuck Martin, "because

both pitchers did so well. But you have to come up with some key hits in order to win in this sport, and we didn't do that against Columbia. It doesn't matter how well your guy pitches if you can't get on the scoreboard."

Interestingly, in the last of the seventh Belleville threatened when Carl Piscatowski cracked a double. But Bott took care of things by getting the next man on a pop to short and the final out on a grounder to the sure-handed Becht at shortstop.

Seton Hall capped off a superb 25-6 campaign by besting Paul VI, 8-1, for the Parochial A crown. Henning led the way for coach Mike Sheppard Jr. with an 11-1 mark on the hill to go along with a sparkling 1.66 ERA, while all Probst did was go 8-1 with a 1.49 ERA while hitting .368 to boot. Catcher Joe Stephenson, a .393 hitter, and scrappy second sacker John Bravette, a .363 man, were two other leaders.

Nutley came out of nowhere to capture the Group 3 softball title over Watchung Hills thanks to the efforts of such kids as Hessels, Clarke and third baseman Danielle Matraxia, who hit a robust .471. But no one was any more important to the team than pitcher Christie Charence, who went 19-4 with a superb 1.43 ERA. The youngster really showed her stuff in the sectional finals against favored West Essex when she tossed a two-hit shutout for coach Mary Pagana to lead the way in a 10-0 decision.

Bloomfield was stunned in the Group 4 state tournament, but Mayer's club made their mark in the ECT. In the finals against Mount St. Dominic, Gengaro tossed a four-hit shutout. The youngster, who has 62 career victories, posted a remarkable 26-3 mark in her junior campaign and had an 0.88 ERA. Catcher Jodi Baumgardner who hit .354 while knocking in 37 runs, was the team's other key aside from Moore.

Track and field also had its share of special moments, highlighted by the performance of Columbia's brilliant senior Hazel Clark, who took the gold in the 800 at the Meet of Champions in South Plainfield. West Orange's Damica Pigott sparkled in the sprints while another WOHS star, Andrew

Dambreville, made his mark in the high jump. In fact, in the county meet, Dambreville turned in a top 6-10 performance to upset Montclair star Derrick Ponton.

SUMMER

After helping SHP to the Parochial A championship, most of the kids on that club suited up for Vailsburg in legion play and continued to excel. Frank Gately's crew captured the county legion championship over Nutley, 7-4, in a game which took place at SHU's Owen T. Carroll Field. Henning got the call but needed some late help from Probst in order to pull out the decision. Vailsburg went on to gain a berth in the Final 8 of the state tournament, taking a 25-2 mark into that event.

And in the ECBL, Billy Reddick, a former SHU standout, guided South Orange to the championship in an exciting five-game set against Cranford. South Orange featured some big sticks like Reddick, Miguel Suero and Mike Marcantonio, but in the play-offs, one of the squad's "ageless pitching wonders," former Valley and SHU standout Vin Byron, was the key.

FALL

Irvington began the fall grid campaign by blasting Kearny, 49-0, and racked up another three shutouts before finally bowing to powerful Elizabeth. But after the loss to the Minutemen, Bragg's crew came right back with four more triumphs to complete a banner 8-1 campaign. Linebacker Barris Grant keyed the strong defensive effort, while running back Ahmad Vincent, a 1,000-yard man, was the leader on offense.

Nutley, which won a state Group 3 championship in 1992, nearly gave veteran coach Rich San Filippo another title this fall. But in the finals, the Raiders were overpowered by a strong contingent from West Morris. Still, it was quite a year for the 8-3 Raiders, led by such superb players as QB Craig McCann and RB Rob Carey.

In soccer, West Orange and Seton Hall Prep made it to the county semifinals, but East Orange was the area's most dangerous squad. The Panthers, coached by George Lewis, featured an

explosive pair up front in Nyema Wiser and Ali Davis. And in girls' soccer, Bloomfield managed to gain a share of the county title with Caldwell thanks to the efforts of such talented kids as keeper Moe Eineker, Baumgardner, Michelle Reilly and of course Hendrickson, who had the ability to play practically any spot on the field.

Finally, in tennis, Pete led Nutley to a superb campaign as veteran coach Vin Turturiello earned his 500th career triumph. Terry Dumansky and Nicole Fredricks were the other two stars for NHS in singles play.

SPECIAL MOMENTS — Fans don't think of football in June but in June of 1995, they sure did. The initial Paul Robeson Football Classic took place in East Orange and though the game had to be stopped early due to bad weather, it was a special affair for area pigskin fans...

Bloomfield didn't win baseball or football championships this year, but the Bengals featured two of the state's top performers nevertheless. On the diamond it was Mike Nazzaretto, a .523 hitter, and on the gridiron it was Anthony Lambo, a brilliant two-way man...

A sad note was the closing of Upsala College in the spring due to a severe financial crisis at the school, because over the years the Viking athletic teams provided scores of excitement for local sports fans. But the last major athletic contest at the school took place on the afternoon of April 29, when the Vikings dropped a twin-bill to Wilkes College at Walker Field...

Among area coaches who achieved milestone victories during the course of 1995 were Seton Hall Prep's John Warchol, who registered No. 300 on the ice, and Nutley's San Filippo, who earned No. 100 on the gridiron.

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Housing report is dismal

The Low Income Housing Information Service released a report Dec. 21 that provides stark evidence that the nation's children are forced to live in unacceptable and unhealthy conditions.

The study concludes that housing cost burdens for households with children in New Jersey is the second-worst in America.

More than \$23,400 of all households with children experience either moderate or severe cost burden, defined as paying more than 30 percent of their income for housing.

Nearly 116,300 of these households experience severe cost burden, paying more than half their incomes for housing.

The study highlights the following other conditions for New Jersey:

- More than 92 percent of poor households with children experience at least one major housing problem including cost burden, lead paint hazards, physically inadequate housing and overcrowding. This gives New Jersey the ranking of seventh worst in America.

- More than 376,500 of New Jersey households, representing 39 percent, experience at least one major housing problem, ranking the state as eighth worst in this category.

The contrasts in New Jersey are stark, the report concludes. The state

has the second-highest per capita income and a poverty rate ranking 48th in the nation. The high cost of housing, however, means the state's residents are paying more of their income for housing than every other state in America except California. These high costs are impacting a population that is working but can not afford high housing costs.

"This study underscores the fact that our society is failing in its responsibility to provide for its children, our most vulnerable citizens and our most precious resource. If we do not address this problem now, what will the future be like?" asked Ciro Scalera, the director of Association for Children of New Jersey.

Carol Kasabach, director of the Lutheran Office of Governmental Ministry in New Jersey, agreed.

"The information in this report should make state legislators and policy makers step in their tracks and find ways New Jersey can address these issues," Kasabach said.

Copies of the full report are available from LIHIS at (202) 662-1530.

Copies of the executive summary and state-by-state data are available from Affordable Housing Network at (609) 393-3752.

Affordable Housing Network also provides local referrals to families with children who are at risk.



Linda Genteel will perform a tribute to Mozart this January at Trump's Taj Mahal.

Mozart tribute at Taj in January

Linda Genteel, who performs as the "Piano Princess" at the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City, will perform a tribute to Mozart from Jan. 5 to Jan. 10.

The show will include pieces such as Concerto 21, Eine Kleine Nacht Music, Symphony 40, Turkish March and many more.

Genteel has twice been voted "Best Casino Entertainer." Taj Mahal recently renamed the lounge "Piano Princess Lounge" in her honor.

Jim Yester, of the group The Association, performs on Genteel's show daily. Yester has had numerous gold and platinum albums.

Yester's hits include Cherish, Never My Love and Windy.

The Mozart tribute will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 4 and 10, at 9:30 p.m. on Jan. 5, at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 6 and at 3:30 p.m. on Jan. 9.

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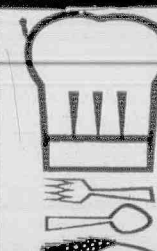
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A second term for Joe D.

Not too long ago, there was a time when the freeholder board showed an absolute disrespect for the taxpayers of this county.

Take this example from the Oct. 6, 1994 edition of our *Irvington Herald* from a column by Staff Writer Michael Ketcham in which he writes about the freeholders ignoring comments made by the public. "Maybe he'll look at the transcripts of the meeting, but he sure didn't listen to a word (Harry) Paden said. (Freeholder Johnny) Jones was too busy holding a private conversation with fellow Freeholder Joseph DiVincenzo."

"This was a common occurrence Sept. 28," Ketcham wrote. "DiVincenzo, in fact, worked the room, talking to every freeholder. All were more willing to discard the business at hand and lend a listening ear."

County Seat

By Anthony Puglisi
Regional Editor

Much has changed since then. The defining moment came when Joseph DiVincenzo was elected by his colleagues as president of the freeholder board. No longer does DiVincenzo excuse himself during freeholder meetings to carry on personal conversations in the back. In fact, his conduct during the past year has been far from the "business as usual, rubber stamp" attitude the freeholder board had when Tom D'Alessio was county executive.

Although highly suspect when first chosen to be president, DiVincenzo answered the call and can be credited with helping to restore dignity and some respect to the freeholder board. A look at what he's done this year is proof.

One of the first actions he took was to move the meeting time of the freeholder board from Wednesday afternoons to the evening hours. He also had at least one freeholder meeting in every municipality in Essex County.

These two moves may not seem monumental, but for the freeholder board, they are larger than the steps Neil Armstrong took for mankind on the moon 26 years ago.

For too long prior to 1995, the freeholder board acted behind a "closed door policy" it created by holding meetings during times when ordinary folks could not attend them. Perched high in the fifth floor meeting room of the Hall of Records in Newark, the freeholders acted out their duties away from the watchful eyes of the public.

Through simple rescheduling of the meetings and a flexible work schedule worked out with Freeholder Clerk Adrienne Davis, 7 p.m. meetings became a reality.

Another reality was prompt and efficient meetings. With perfect attendance this year, DiVincenzo scheduled a meeting for 7 p.m., and that's when it started. He often

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Budget, Hilltop dominated county in 1995

By Anthony Puglisi
Regional Editor

When Essex County Executive James Treffinger took office Jan. 1, he said he was going to "storm the Bastille" that had become the symbol for the waste and corruption prevalent in Essex County government.

One year into office, Treffinger still has the same vision and goals for Essex County — to deliver services in the most effective and efficient manner.

"I would like to characterize my first year as successful in terms of fulfilling a large part of what my goals are — to shrink the size and inefficiency of government and make it more responsive to the citizens," the Republican county executive said. "Let me emphasize we are far from achieving all our goals and reform at every aspect of county government is my ultimate goal."

When Treffinger took office in January, he was confronted with a \$161.5 million deficit — \$69 million in recurring debt from the county's operating budget and \$92 million in capital debt or one-time debt. News of the county's financial plight brought about comparisons between Essex County and the bankrupt Orange County, Calif., but the new county executive promised to pull Essex out of the abyss without raising taxes.

As the county's bond rating fell to one level above a junk bond rating, the new administration, headed up by a bevy of personnel who had left lucrative private sector jobs, such as Joel Weingarten and Wayne Hasenbalg, worked out a multi-year fiscal recovery plan.

In a recent interview, Treffinger said the administration achieved 89 percent of its cost savings in 1995, but had erased \$41 million of the recurring debt. To keep score, the administration fell short of its targeted budget savings by about \$8 million and will expect to make it up in 1996, when Treffinger said his administration will meet 100 percent of its savings initiatives.

"This is the year I am determined to deal with the structural debt and not extend it to another year," he said about the two-year plan to erase the \$69 million recurring deficit. The capital debt will be taken care of over a three-year period. Treffinger admitted this creates some problems "because I refuse to do what past administrations did. I refuse to raise taxes." For Essex, 1996 may be more difficult, but the situation will not be "worse," he said.

Hilltop sale

The cornerstones of the 1995 budget were the sale of the 365-acre Hilltop tract in West Essex, privatization of the courthouse security and janitorial staff and layoffs of 317 county employees. The county executive also started negotiations with municipalities to "municipalize" the maintenance of county roads, although most municipal officials did not take the county's offer because the reimbursement figures were too low.

The sale of Hilltop, in limbo while the state conducts a survey of the land, created much debate during 1995. Seven public hearings were convened on the sale, including a whirlwind three-town stop one day in August.

The county is hoping the deal, which hopes to generate \$32.5 million to bridge the budget gap, will have the state purchase the property and turn it into a state reservation or park, thereby forever protecting the land from



County Executive James Treffinger talks about the events of 1995 and what's in store for Essex County in the new year.

Photo By Milton Mills

development. In the November General Election, a \$340 million Green Acres Bond Act was passed and it is hoped the state will use money from this to purchase the site. Until then, the county waits.

The Save the Mountains Committee, a grassroots group based in Verona and headed by Kurt Landsberger, has been a supporter of the state park idea, "as long as the land is preserved, thus creating a tenuous relationship with the county. There have been opponents of preserving the land and instead developing it to create ratables, although few when compared to the more than 15,000 signatures collected on a petition by the Save the Mountains Committee.

One issue of the sale which created debate is the use of the Essex County Improvement Authority as a conduit financier. While the county waits the state's decision, money for 1995 had to be realized this fiscal year. A \$50 million bond, which was later reduced by 5 percent in November, was floated by the ECIA which will hold the property until a third-party purchaser, hopefully the state, is named.

Critics of the ECIA said the county would lose control over the property, although written in the service agreement between the ECIA and county are two review committees and a requirement the sale must be completed within three years or the county regains the property.

Treffinger trimmed \$2 million from the budget by privatizing the security and janitorial services and another \$8 million by laying off 317 employees. A furlough program which would have required 1,500 employees to take one day off a week for two-thirds of the year was nixed by Treffinger.

Off track

What threw the proposed budget savings off course were a plan to keep the county-operated day care center running for another year, hiring federally-mandated personnel at the

youth house and jails to attain appropriate prisoner to guard ratios, hiring back 12 parks and recreation employees who had been laid off, not achieving anticipated savings through layoffs because more senior employees with higher wages "bumped" newer employees and overtime and training costs at the youth center, jail and hospital center.

"A lot of things are under court order and were unforeseen," Treffinger said about the cost overruns. "We were pretty ambitious to do as much in 1995. We'll have to do more in 1996."

'Marketization'

To obtain the cost savings needed to overcome the deficit, Treffinger said he will make the delivery of

county services more competitive. Slightly altering his stance on privatization, Treffinger coined the phrase "marketization," a process which will allow county employees, or their unions, to bid along with private companies for county contracts.

"I prefer to call it marketization to apply free market principles to the delivery of government services," he said. "The goal is not to replace public employees with private employees. It's to run government like it's never been run before — like a business."

Treffinger said similar practices have been followed in Indianapolis, Milwaukee and Philadelphia and all have obtained savings of 30-50 percent.

The county executive said he started following this practice toward the end of this year when CWA 1040, which represents the 180 employees at the Geriatric Center, entered into negotiations to keep the center owned by the county. Another example is the recent announcement the Sheriff's Office will take over security of the courthouse for the same cost, \$340,000, as the private firm hired earlier this year.

"The next time, this will be the model I intend to use," Treffinger said about allowing unions and employees to competitively bid for services, although admitting the negotiations with CWA 1040 were not successful. "This way the bidding will not just be to the outside."

Geriatric Center

The Geriatric Center is another large deal started by Treffinger that is hanging in limbo. Before the holidays, the administration announced it planned to sell the 236-bed Geriatric Center in Cedar Grove and 20 acres of adjacent land to Health Care Management of Colorado for \$7.5 million.

The proposal is currently being reviewed by a volunteer four-member panel convened by Freeholder President Joseph DiVincenzo which will assure the new owner of the facility will maintain the level of care being provided to patients. This committee is expected to release the results of its review by mid-January. Until then, the layoff notices issued to employees Dec. 1 have been extended for a second time.

The announcement of the sale came one day after talks between County Administrator Vincent DiMauro and Gary Staples, a representative of CWA 1040, broke off. The two were negotiating a deal which would keep the Geriatric Center in the control of the county. The union was proposing an early retirement package and long range recovery plan for the center, while the county proposed an across the board payroll cut of 10 percent and the layoff of five employees.

In July, Treffinger, with the support of DiVincenzo, announced the proposed sale of the Geriatric Center. Operating at a deficit of at least \$1.5 million annually for the last five years and hit with five state violations, including one for substandard patient care, were the county's reasons for selling the facility. Brought in on an emergency basis to establish a remediation plan was Care Perspectives, which eventually took over management of the facility.

The contract for Care Perspectives, as well as other contracts for the Geriatric Center, mounted to more than \$550,000 and came under scrutiny by the freeholder board. This month, DiVincenzo issued an ultimatum that come Monday, a interim manager be hired by the county to replace Care Perspectives, which will have received \$350,000 for its services in 1995.

Goals for 1996

For 1996, Treffinger's fiscal recovery plan will also take on a vision for economic revitalization.

Along with his promise not to increase the tax burden is a goal to funnel grant money toward projects to bring ratables back to Essex County. In 1994, he said, Essex County lost \$1 billion in ratables.

The key to the economic recovery of Essex County is the recovery of Newark, the county executive said. One project under review is the construction of a soccer field and minor league baseball stadium in the city. Negotiations between the city, county, state and city Board of Education are underway.

"This is still a revolution. The Bastille may still be standing, but much of the repulsive aspects have been dismantled," Treffinger said.

Other 1995 highlights for Essex

♦ County Executive James Treffinger presents a \$516 million county budget in May that does not increase the total county tax levy for the first time in six years. In June, the Democratic-controlled freeholder board unanimously adopts the budget.

♦ The Save the Mountains Committee, which collected 15,000 signatures on a petition to preserve Hilltop, holds its first walking tour of the tract in July.

♦ After a public hearing in March, the administration and freeholders begin discussion with Lynnie Cook of Baltimore on how to improve the county's three golf courses. In November, Cook is hired as a consultant.

♦ During the course of July and August, the freeholders conduct two mid-year budget hearings. These are just one set of extensive hearings the board conducts: prior to the budget adoption six sessions were scheduled and, in November, two more hearings after the third quarter were scheduled.

♦ In August, Essex turns to Joe Clark, former principal at Paterson Eastside High School and subject of the movie "Lean On Me," to run the Youth House. Clark immediately starts things up by requiring all occupants to have crewcuts.

♦ In September, Treffinger appoints Joel Weingarten, Americo Seabra, Yvonne Fleming, Richard Van Kerde and Frederick Miceli to the Essex County Improvement Authority, creating a new majority on the seven-member board. Weingarten and Seabra resign before ever being

sworn in and are replaced by Frank Cocchiola and Jake Shapiro. Cocchiola joined the board in December, but Shapiro's appointment has yet to come before the freeholder board.

♦ In October, DiVincenzo announced a plan to downsize the number of freeholder aides. Each freeholder could hire up to four aides at a total salary of \$20,000. Aides could receive benefits only if they receive the full \$20,000. This is the second initiative by the president to reduce the number of aides. The plan goes into effect Monday. DiVincenzo also cuts the freeholder budget by 54 percent, setting an example for 1996.

♦ The Community and Human Relations Project is formed by Treffinger with Sabarah Sabin at its helm.

♦ In November, Democrat Patrick McNally defeats Republican Phyllis Cedola to become the new county clerk. The race is filled with political turmoil as incumbent Pat Drake is ousted from the party line to make way for McNally and is rumored in June to replace Cedola on the Republican ticket. Cedola reaffirms her commitment to run and Drake campaigns for her. As McNally prepares to take office, Drake is reassuming her civil service position she held in the Clerk's Office.

♦ Hikers and bikers clashed over whether bikers should be allowed to ride in the county's reservations. Common ground was reached in October, but in December a report by Jonathan Forsell of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension concluded bike use was detrimental to the environment.



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COUNTY NEWS

DiVincenzo deserves second term as prez

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became visibly agitated when his colleagues roamed the halls or chatted while he waited for a quorum and only once was personally at fault for a late start — Oct. 11 in Caldwell.

Again, it may not seem like much, but credibility ratings with the public rise when people are treated with respect.

Another thorn DiVincenzo plucked from the paws of the freeholder board — or pushed it in deeper, depending on how you take it — is his resolution to reduce the number of freeholder aides and their salaries to a maximum of four aides and a total salary of \$20,000 as well as require the aides to earn the full \$20,000 in order to collect benefits.

While it may have been politically expedient for DiVincenzo to eliminate the aide position as a patronage job, the result was a welcome sight for taxpayers, who saw a \$1.3 million savings in the county budget. That resolution will take effect on New Year's Day.

Much of what DiVincenzo has done as president can be compared to a wake-up call or reality check for his colleagues on the freeholder board. With the exception of Republican Nicholas Rolli, who is completing the unexpired term of James Treffinger, there are no new faces on the board. The eight Democrats are the same players who performed as "yes men" to Tom D'Alessio. They are responsible for helping the county fall into its current plight.

What DiVincenzo has done is make them realize that their past practices — and his as well — can no longer work in today's political climate and with the county facing the tough financial crisis discovered at the start of 1995.

DiVincenzo has fostered a bipartisan spirit by working with the county executive on the sale of Hilltop and the Geriatric Center to bring stability to the county's

finances, and making the freeholder board set the tone for the 1996 county budget by cutting the freeholders' budget by 54 percent.

Earlier this month, DiVincenzo released a year-end report which detailed the accomplishments of the freeholder board and issues it faced during 1995. The four-page glossy was paid for by the president's private election fund, was mailed to elected officials and made available for the public.

Most of the issues presented in the report — review of the management of the golf courses, lobbying for more state aid for the vocational school district, investigating the feasibility to allow mountain biking in South Mountain Reservation and holding extensive budget hearings — were a result of the initiatives of DiVincenzo.

The year-end report was issued with one month remaining in the year, and was suspected to be a "re-election" piece for DiVincenzo to retain the title of president. At the time, he was frank about his interest in retaining the title of presidency for another year.

To retain the president's title possibly could give DiVincenzo an edge in 1996, the year all freeholders are up for election. His standing within the party has been strained because of his bipartisanship effort with Treffinger and his support of the sale of the Geriatric Center — which Democratic Party Chairman Tom Giblin spoke against during a rally Aug. 16 in Montclair.

Regardless, DiVincenzo should be given an opportunity to continue the initiatives he started this year. This would enable him to see the fruition of his aide reduction resolution and hopefully will enable him to steer more initiatives to restore faith and respect to county government.

County government may not have much to cheer about, but for 1995, DiVincenzo's record could be called one of the bright spots.



Patrick McNally



Joseph DiVincenzo

DiVincenzo seeks a second term; McNally to be sworn in

By Anthony Puglisi
Regional Editor

County Clerk-elect Patrick McNally will be sworn in during a New Year's Day ceremony at 2 p.m. in the freeholder's chambers in the Hall of Records, Newark. McNally will be sworn in by Superior Court Judge Edmund Kirby.

The freeholders will have their reorganization meeting Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Hall of Records, Newark, which will be followed at 7 p.m. by their first conference meeting of 1996.

Freeholder President Joseph DiVincenzo is seeking a second term as leader of the county board. DiVincenzo, who was elected president after a heated battle last year, seemingly does not face a challenge this year.

McNally, a councilman in Irvington, defeated Republican Phyllis Cedola of Maplewood in the Nov. 7 General Election. The campaign was not without its surprises, as incumbent clerk Pat Drake, who was dropped from the Democratic ticket, campaigned for Cedola.

Drake, who was replaced by McNally on the last day to file for the June primary, was involved in a controversy in 1994 when Democrats Tom Giblin and Cardell Cooper, both running for county executive, finished in a dead heat during the primary. Cooper accused Drake of steering the results in favor of Giblin, who eventually lost out after a court hearing. In what is considered as a move to appease Cooper, Giblin, Democratic Party chairman, dropped Drake from the party ticket.

Storms take toll on blood collections; drives scheduled

The North Jersey Blood Center is urging people to donate blood as the winter storms have taken their toll on the blood supply. "The need is particularly acute as many blood drives were cancelled during the holiday time snow storms," said Judy Knecht, spokesperson for the blood center.

According to Knecht, the holiday period is difficult enough without adding the additional burden of snow fall and inclement weather. "Each donation of blood is broken down into various components, each of which have different shelf lives," she said. "Platelets have a shelf life of just five days. Red cells have a shelf life of 42 days, which means that when donations fall in December, the impact is severely felt in January."

"One of the best New Year's resolutions one can make is to donate blood and donate blood regularly," Knecht said. "Thousands of people will need blood transfusions every day — cancer patients and those with bleeding disorders who need transfusions regularly, and those involved in emergency traumas, such as fires or vehicular accidents."

January is National Blood Donor Month, designated by President Clinton. It is recognized in January because blood donations fall across the country. "The North Jersey Blood Center needs to import blood every week from other states, and when the entire nation is experiencing shortages, no blood can be found," she said.

Donors must be 18 years of age. Seventeen-year olds may donate with parental permission. There is no upper age limit for donors provided they have donated within the last two

years or have a doctor's note. Donors should know their Social Security number and bring a signed form of identification. People with cold or flu symptoms should wait until they are feeling better before donating, and there is a 72-hour deferral for dental work, including routine teeth cleaning. For those who have travelled outside of the United States recently, call the blood center for eligibility criteria. For more information or to sign up for a blood drive, call the blood center at (800) BLOOD NJ.

Blood drives have been set up at the following times and locations:

• Wednesday, 6-9 p.m., St. Barnabas Medical Center, East Wing, New Building, Room E26, Old Short Hills Road, Livingston.

• Jan. 6, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Knights of Columbus, 94 Bridge St., Belleville.

• Jan. 7, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., South Mountain Arena, 520 Northfield Ave., West Orange; 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., Congregation Achawes Adhim B'nai Jacob & David, 700 Pleasant Valley Way, West Orange.

• Jan. 8, 6-9 p.m., St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

• Jan. 10, 6-9 p.m., St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

• Jan. 11, 2:30-8 p.m., Montclair Chapter, American Red Cross, 663 Park St.

• Jan. 15, 6-9 p.m., St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Blood may also be donated at the Regional Donor Center at West Orange, 401 Pleasant Valley Way, Tuesdays to Thursdays from noon to 7 p.m., Fridays from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Recycling holiday trash can reduce waste

It's right after the holidays and in many homes it's time to grab everything disposable and bag it for the next household trash pickup.

"Wait a minute," said Marty Suchan, environmental engineer for American Ref-Fuel. "One person's trash is another's treasure. Many holiday items can be recycled or reused. By doing so, we can all cut down on the amount of household waste we generate at holiday time."

Suchan offered the following tips:
• Christmas trees will not be accepted in regular household waste collections. Many towns will pick the

trees up and recycle them into mulch. In some municipalities, residents can bring their tree in to be chipped and have the mulch returned for use in their own garden. Check with your town's solid waste coordinator as to how to dispose of trees where you live.

• Or, hang small pieces of suet or pine cones rolled in peanut butter and bird seed in the tree and put it up in your back yard. It will attract birds and provide them with food and shelter.

• Many schools and day care centers are happy to accept donations of

cards, gift decorations and ribbon for use in arts and crafts projects.

• Save as much wrapping paper from larger items, bows and especially boxes as you can and store them for re-use for next year, rather than buying these items new.

• Many towns are now recycling mixed paper. If your town does, put wrapping paper that cannot be re-used out for recycling. Be sure to remove ribbon and tape.

• If you do throw away boxes, remember to separate corrugated cardboard cartons for recycling.

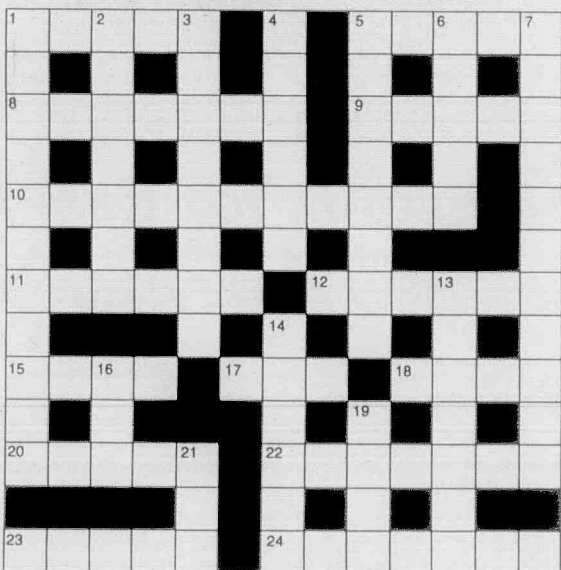
• Holiday entertaining usually means using more aluminum cans and glass bottles. In the rush of cleaning up, don't forget to separate these for recycling.

• Almost everyone thinks they have too much food in the house during the holidays. Consider donating some to a food pantry or shelter.

• Also, if you get a new wireless appliance, such as a cordless phone or power tool, the old one probably has a built-in battery, and should be separated from household garbage and held for household hazardous waste collection.

"In short, think before you throw it out. Is this something that can be put to a good use?" Suchan said.

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RSVP thanks volunteers

This special season of giving is an appropriate time to recognize a group of people who live the holiday spirit all year long — the 1,750 volunteers who are enrolled in the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Essex County, sponsored by Senior Services, Inc.

"Last year, our RSVP volunteers made a real impact in our community by providing 352,000 hours of service for local programs in Essex County — a great gift for which our whole community can give thanks," RSVP Director Pamela Paladino said.

RSVP volunteers serve more than 140 sites throughout Essex County, including day care centers, hospitals, nursing homes, museums and libraries. For Nenie Mayo, serving as a Central Essex Phone Alert volunteer has special meaning throughout the year and during the holidays. "It's rewarding for me because I'm doing it from my heart. I want lonely people to know that someone loves them," she said.

RSVP volunteers are men and women age 55 and older who provide a great range of services to community organizations. Around the United States, more than 450,000 RSVP volunteers serve some 60,000 public and non-profit community agencies. RSVP is part of the National Senior Service Corps, which also includes the Foster Grandparent Program and the Senior Companion Program. The Senior Corps is administered by the Corporation for National Service.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

A slew of great events ring in the new year with First Night 1996

First Night of Maplewood/South Orange, now in its fifth year, is offering participants a wide selection of programs on New Year's Eve to tempt all tastes, ranging from the classics, to comedy, dance, drama, magic and music just to name a few.

First Night 1996



Compiled by
Anthony C. Venutolo
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Join in the fun, and have your opinions heard by the people who count.

Ron Smith, well-known on the comedy circuit for his cynical views of politics, society and audiences, will be sure to tickle a few funnybones with his outrageous stand-up act influenced by Lenny Bruce, Bob Goldthwaite and Newt Gingrich.

Dance

The Demishawn Repertory Dancers, an historic modern dance company originating in 1925, will perform the works of Ruth St. Denis and Ted Shawn, featuring solos from the 1920s with lavish costumes and beautiful dancers.

L'Orient Danse, a Middle Eastern dance troupe, presents the exciting and mysterious "raks sharqi" — belly dancing. Watch as Adriana, Morgiana and Rahine weave their tale, then join in.

The Richard Reiter Swing Band invites all to put on their dancing shoes while listening to the great standards of the Swing Era. Reiter, who has worked with Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett and Nancy Wilson, plays saxophone, clarinet and flute in this quintet. Tricia Slafita is the featured vocalist.

Ethnic

Ethnic offerings will be quite varied this year with performances by celtic harpist Debbie Brewin-Wilson; Silk City, a four-part string band with a style that will delight accoustical music lovers; and a special perfor-

mance by The Seventh Principle. This contemporary African dance company fuses traditional African, modern and contemporary styles such as hip-hop, freestyle, street and popular dance to create a powerful and beautiful celebration of the evolution of African culture in America.

Back by popular demand with an all-new intergenerational one-woman show is Ruth Kaye. This year Kaye weaves a family story with narrative, monologue and song, entitled "My Grandmother, My Mother and Me," through the use of Yiddish and Israeli folk melodies, liturgical pieces and Broadway showtunes.

Family offerings

The basis of First Night has always been firmly planted in providing a family-oriented night of entertainment and pleasure. This year is sure not to disappoint.

The Gizmo Guys are world class jugglers and a whole lot more. Their act combines juggling skills in a series of original routines that amuse as well as amaze — incredible fun for the whole family.

After seeing John Bertles' performance of "Bash the Trash," you'll never look at trash in quite the same way. Catfood cans, refrigerator bins and old desk drawers are recycled into amazing instruments such as the "cafooba," the "bendjo" and the "gong tree."

Dikki Ellis, a member of the Big Apple Circus and the Clown Care Unit, brings magic, music and mayhem to First Night. Dressed in early American Vaudevillian garb, he will astound the audience with his juggling, stilt-walking and slack wire balancing act and prove to brave participants that they too can do the impossible.

Kim Winslow returns to First Night with his one-man show of bubble magic. His show has traveled around the world delighting audiences of all ages.

Torkova, a magician who "combines the classics in a vignette that is poetry in magic," presents a fast-moving show based on humorous situations involving himself and his audience. His performances are as theatrical as they are mystifying with a colorful, enchanting approach to the art of magic.

Folk, gospel and jazz

For those who prefer the simpler sounds of folk, gospel or jazz, there are several choices.

Laura Heumer, Greg Muirhead and Tom Picard will present an intimate evening of folk music with original selections and beloved favorites.

Joshua Nelson, performing at the First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary, will sing folk gospel and spirituals. His powerful voice, likened to that of Mahalia Jackson, and soulful style are said to bring new heights of praise and inspiration to his music.

The Jazz Vanguards, seven dedicated jazz artists, will bring their standard jazz repertoire as well as original music by Harold Van Pelt, Marvin McCray and Cornell McGhee. Other jazz offerings include Pam Purvis and Bob Ackerman presenting a program of jazz/nightclub adaptations of America's most irresistible music by Gershwin, Cole Porter, Rogers & Hart, and Johnny Mercer while Maplewood's own jazz guitarist, Marin Leys, will feature his own per-



The Eroica Brass Quintet will be performing at this year's First Night celebration in Maplewood and South Orange.

formance of original and jazz great compositions.

Drama

Staged performances will be conducted at the Baird Theater, presenting "Black Comedy," a one-act play, and "Trial by Jury," performed by The Strollers. A unique addition this year will be the Actionmasters, TJ Glenn's stage combat troupe, which will electrify audiences with great swordfight scenes from Shakespeare's plays including "Hamlet," "MacBeth" and "Taming of the Shrew."

Not the norm, but still fun

• Martial arts fans will enjoy watching a karate demonstration at the Columbia High School main gym at 7 and 8 p.m. The demonstration is performed by the Empty Hands School of Martial Arts.

• Travel to faraway places listening to the tales of Princess Durodola. This exotic and exciting storyteller spins tales of imaginary lands and great deeds. You can hear her at Columbia High School chorus room at 7:15, 8 and 8:45 p.m.

• Learn how to make a New Year's hat using the intricate art of Japanese paper folding called Origami. The First Night instructors will teach you how to make your very own Origami Hat from 7-8:15 p.m. in room C223 in Columbia High School.

Later in the evening, First Night has planned a wide range of music, dance and dramatic performances. At 11:30 p.m., a parade of giant puppet figures will make their way from the center of town to the South Orange Duck Pond. You are invited to march in the parade. Noise makers will be given out.

Instead of tickets to view these events, participants will receive a First Night button. The button is admission to all First Night Maplewood/South Orange events. Buttons are \$10 and are on sale at the Maplewood and South Orange libraries and municipal buildings as well as at local stores.

On New Year's Eve, buttons will be sold at the Baird Community Center, 5 Mead St., South Orange.

For more information, call 76-FIRST (763-4778).



Dikki Ellis, a world-class performer and funnyman, will be on hand during the Maplewood/South Orange First Night celebration.



The Gizmo Guys will be performing with lots of zany fun this year at the First Night celebration.

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March 21-April 20

A changing domestic scene may throw you for a loop this week, but try to enjoy the holiday anyway. Get a head start on some paperwork that you've been avoiding.

TAURUS
April 21-May 21

Although you may feel as though you're overworked and underappreciated, better things are ahead. Don't be afraid to take chances. Work as a team with someone to strengthen your approach.

GEMINI
May 22-June 21

A difficult situation angers and frustrates you. Stepping back from the situation may cool your initial fury, but if something is rotten, don't waste your time trying to fix it—it may be time to start over.

CANCER
June 22-July 22

Call upon all your resources to make this one of the happiest new years ever. A party with friends could renew an old acquaintance. There may be more there than meets the eye.

LEO
July 23-August 23

Exciting news signals the start of a new phase in your life. Be ready to

meet happiness as it comes your way. Someone argumentative may just be testing you to see how you'll react.

VIRGO

August 24-September 22

A higher-up's mistake at work comes down to affect you personally. It's important to keep the lines of communication open, especially if you're not too secure financially.

LIBRA

September 23-October 23

Making a commitment seems appropriate this week, but don't hesitate. It's vital to throw yourself wholeheartedly into life's most important things, so make sure you have no hidden doubts before the question is asked.

SCORPIO

October 24-November 22

Something you've been avoiding pops up at an inopportune time. You could learn something valuable. Confide in an old friend if something's bothering you—it's good to start the new year with a clean slate.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23-December 21

An aura of power surrounds you this week, and as the new year begins, you may be able to accomplish great things. Make extra time for a sweetheart to tell you the secrets of their heart.

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20

If an argument threatens, try to avoid expressions of outright anger. Make your point quietly, then let it go. Expanding extra effort will get you nowhere. A holiday celebration brings goodwill and cheer.

AQUARIUS

January 21-February 18

Staying home this week will make you productive in ways you had not thought of. A clean home renews your spirit and makes you feel ready to tackle anything.

PISCES

February 19-March 20

Schedule a group activity to take your mind off something worrisome. A new development means added excitement at work. A family member makes an important announcement. Avoid showing your feelings immediately.

Anniversary planned for
Cerebral Palsy group

Cerebral Palsy of Essex and West Hudson will have a year-long celebration beginning in November in honor of 50 years of providing programs and services for individuals with physical disabilities.

Call or contact the center at 7 Sanford Ave., Belleville, 751-0200

Two New Jersey jazz talents
to play in Union jazz series

Two New Jersey talents are among the young people rising through the ranks of jazz music, and they're both string players. Guitarist Russell Malone and Gary Mazzaroppi, a bassist, have been paired for the Watchung Arts Center's Jazz series first concert of 1996.

The pair will play Jan. 5 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10, including light refreshments to be served during intermission.

Both have played the 7-year-old jazz series before, Malone with Bucky Pizzarelli and Mazzaroppi with Tal Farlow. Playing together for the first time, they bring their experience from these and other associations.

Malone was featured at Jersey JazzFest in June, attracting favorable attention during the three-day event. Of course, he is accustomed to glow-

ing reviews. "Here is an artist," wrote jazz critic Leonard Feather, "who is destined to make a powerful mark in the evolution of jazz guitar." Of a group Malone was playing with, band leader Branford Marsalis commented, "The only one that was technically great was my brother Wynton. And this guy Russell Malone, whom you may or may not have heard of. Those are the only two."

The selections on his recordings tend to make personal musical statements, pay tribute to musical ancestors and mentors or resurrect worthy obscure tunes. Some are original pieces, while others are the classics fans have come to expect. Malone has shared the stage with a variety of musical greats, and in recent years has had an extended association with Harry Connick Jr.'s touring band.

Bassist Mazzaroppi is known for the company he keeps, being frequent accompanist to Tal Farlow, Les Paul and others. New York Times critic John S. Wilson observed that "Mazzaroppi has developed into a brilliantly virtuosic bass soloist." His technique is dynamic as well as unusual. "He plays that thing like a harp," exclaimed one amazed musician, observing Mazzaroppi for the first time.

Mazzaroppi has toured with Lionel Hampton's band, visiting Europe and South America in addition to domestic points. Over the years, he's played with Stan Getz, Clark Terry, Marian McPartland, Teddy Wilson, Red Norvo, Charlie Byrd and Warren Vache Jr.

Reservations for Jazz Series concerts are recommended, due to the size of the room. Tickets may be reserved by calling 753-0190, leaving a message outside of office hours. Tickets will be held at the door.

Social Security numbers can hasten tax returns

Taxpayers can eliminate delays in getting their federal income tax refunds by applying for Social Security numbers now.

IRS District Director J.J. Jennings said, "There is a new law which applies to tax years beginning Jan. 1. The IRS is now looking at all Social Security numbers on all federal individual income tax returns."

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Dining Review December 29, 1995

By Douglas M. Muro
Staff Writer

Pleasant Valley Way in West Orange has certainly earned its name by being home to Primavera Ristorante.

Upon entering, Primavera's staff greets patrons with a wide smile and unmatched hospitality. This is indicative of the old world tradition of ensuring that guests feel like family.

Close quarters and soft shades of green and peach instantly produce a pleasant feeling of being at home. Impressionist prints adorning the walls complement the surroundings perfectly.

The soft decorum invites patrons to relax with a cocktail from their well-stocked bar.

A fine selection of hot and cold appetizers, soups, salads and pasta, start off the meal.

The Salmone Affumicato, smoked Scottish salmon slices topped with sliced red onions, hard boiled eggs and capers, is sure to take the edge off. Antipasto lovers should try the Antipasto Freddo — an array of Italian favorites — soppressata, prosciutto di parma, mozzarella, roasted peppers and sun dried tomatoes and provolone. You cannot go wrong if you order the Straciatella alla Romana — classic egg drop soup. Finally, consider trying the Linguine Amadeo — linguine with chopped arugula, sun dried tomatoes and shrimp in a garlic and oil sauce.

In addition to numerous entrees, Pri-

mavera has a bevy of specials prepared to your tastes.

"All the specials are mine," said owner and chef Dominick Casolaro. "The regular menu will change sometime in January."

Casolaro, formerly of The Manor in West Orange and owner of Cafe Zingaro in East Hanover and Union, took over Primavera on Sept. 1. He was graduated from the Culinary Institute in 1979.

His specialties include a Fillet Red Snapper in a pesto crust with sun dried tomato sauce, salmon in a potato crust with leek sauce and much more.

After wetting your appetite, it is time for the entrees.

Veal lovers can feast on Veal Sorrentino — veal sauteed, topped with sliced eggplant, prosciutto and mozzarella in a wine sauce. Also on the menu is Veal Ortolana — tender veal in a light coating of bread crumbs and herbs, sauteed until golden brown and topped with fresh chopped arugula, tomatoes, red onions seasoned with light vinaigrette dressing.

Others may want to satiate their hunger with one of the many chicken dishes Primavera offers. Pollo alla Griglia is a butterfied breast of chicken marinated in herbs and spices, then grilled and topped with pepper strips and

Primavera Ristorante



Photo by Milton Mills

The old world tradition which makes guest feel like family is fostered at Primavera Ristorante by, from left, Julio Barlocco, Adelino Fernandes, Francisco Ruiz, Marco Guaman, Manuel Minchala and Americo Alves.

mushrooms. The Pollo Balsamico — chunks of boneless chicken breast sauteed with garlic, sun dried tomatoes, mushrooms, rosemary and fresh herbs in a balsamic vinegar sauce — is sure to please.

Finally, Primavera prepares numerous fish dishes. Try the Shrimp Marechiaro with Capellini — shrimp with clams, New Zealand mussels and calamari in a light marinara sauce.

Lunch is served Tuesday to Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dinner is served Monday to Thursday from 5-10 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 5-11 p.m. and Sunday from 2-9:30 p.m. For directions and information, phone 731-4779.

This column is intended to inform our readers about dining opportunities in the area

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DINING/ENTERTAINMENT

Happenings

Sunday

New Age

• New Age pianist Robin Spielberg will be appearing at the Outpost in the Burbs during the First Night celebration in Montclair in a live solo concert at 7 and 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10. No tickets will be available at the door. Call 744-3427 for tickets.

Jazz

• Newark-based WBGO-FM has announced the eighth annual Cognac Hennessy WBGO New Year's Eve Gala, an elegant evening of dinner and dancing, will be in the Empire Ballroom of the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York City. This year's extravaganza will feature music by world-renowned band leader Frank Foster and his All-Star Orchestra. Ticket prices are as follows: The Gold Package includes a full sit-down dinner with a choice of prime rib, salmon or cornish hen, unlimited cocktails, champagne at midnight, favors, coat check, tax and gratuity at a cost of \$225. The Silver Package includes all of the above except dinner; cost is \$175. The Grand Hyatt Hotel is located on Park Avenue at Grand Central in New York City. For reservations and more information, call 643-4303.

Jan. 7

Art

• The Montclair Art Museum is welcoming the new year with the debut of a monthly program "Creating

Art: Conversations with African-American Artists." This unique series will offer discussions with African artists, writers and musicians in which they share thoughts about the creative process, marketing their work and the problems that confront contemporary artists, no matter their medium. The series will kick off with a slide lecture by Pickett Jan. 7, 1996. The program will continue with Richard Wesley and Valerie Wilson Wesley on Feb. 18, 1996. Wesley's playwriting credits include "The Mighty Gents," which was performed on Broadway in 1978 and won the Audelco Award. His motion picture credits include "Let's Do It Again" and "Native Son." All programs in "Creating Art: Conversations with a Contemporary African-American Artists" are at 3 p.m. and sponsored by the African-American Art and Culture Committee. Additional lectures will be announced as they are scheduled. The programs are free with admission to the museum. Admission is free to museum members. Admission for non-members is \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and students with I.D. and free for children younger than 12. Admission to the museum is free to everyone on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Montclair Art Museum is located at 3 South Mountain Ave. in Montclair. For information or directions, call the museum at 746-5555.

Jan. 12

King tribute

• The New Jersey Chamber Music Society will present Jan. 12, 1996, a "Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.," with a special guest performance

by King's daughter, Yolanda King. King will read excerpts from the works and speeches of her father, as well as other poetry, and acclaimed soprano Leslie Hamilton will perform a collection of traditional spirituals. The audience will have the opportunity to meet King, Hamilton and all the artists involved in the performance at a post-concert reception at the Women's Club of Upper Montclair. The concert, which begins at 8:30 p.m., will be at Union Congregational Church, 176 Cooper Ave., Upper Montclair. Call the NJCMS office at 746-6068 for information and reservations. Visa, MasterCard and American Express are accepted.

Jan. 13

Jazz

• On Jan. 13, the "Jazz OnStage" series at the Burgdorff Cultural Center in Maplewood will continue with its second entry, Jay McGovern. Maplewood resident Yoran Isreal, an internationally renowned jazz drummer, will lead his quintet with purpose and grace March 2. The series is co-sponsored by WBGO, Jazz 88. The Burgdorff Cultural Center is at 10 Durand Road, Maplewood. Individual tickets are \$17.50 for non-members and \$15 for members. Series tickets cost \$45 for non-members and \$40 for members. To purchase tickets or for more information, call ArtsMaplewood at 378-2133. Tickets are also available at the Robin Hutchins Gallery, 179 Maplewood Ave., Maplewood.

Feb. 7

For kids

• Mime, music and magic are the hallmarks of the 1995-96 ArtStars of Greater Morris theater series for children ages 3-5. The series includes Flying Ship Productions: The Fool and the Flying Ship, Feb. 7; National Circus Project, March 6; and singer/

storyteller Bill Deltz, April 26. All six ArtStars performances are Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in the Music Hall Theater at the Lautenberg Family Jewish Community Center of Greater Morris, 901 Rt. 10 East, Whippany — excluding Bill Deltz, who will perform April 26. Tickets may be purchased at the Lautenberg Family JCC, the JCC of Metropolitan New Jersey, 760 Northfield Ave., West Orange, or by phone with Visa/MasterCard. Group rates are available. For more information and telephone ticket sales, call 736-3200, ext. 253.

For kids

• The new Popcorn Playhouse series continues at Montclair Kimberley Academy, 201 Valley Road, Montclair, with performances on selected Saturdays at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. On Jan. 20, 1996, hitch up the wagon and come along to "Laura Ingalls Wilder," the heartwarming musical that chronicles the true frontier adventures of the author of "Little House on the Prairie." Poko Puppets' charming production of "Aesop's Fables" is the Feb. 10, 1996; The Gizmo Guys, world class jugglers and jokesters, take center stage March 9, 1996. The acclaimed Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble performs during the season finale in an introduction to modern ballet for young audiences on April 12, 1996. To order tickets by phone, for a brochure or for more information, call 744-1717.

Art

• Contrasting perspectives on American Indian life, as depicted in art by non-Indians and Native Americans, will be presented in "Varied Visions: The Native American at the Turn of the Century." The exhibition will continue to Jan. 21, 1996, at The Montclair Art Museum. Guest curators George Abrams, a member of the Seneca Nation, and Alfred L. Bush, curator at Princeton of its collections of Western Americans, have organized the exhibition using works from the museum's own collection.

• "Framing the Future: Recent

Acquisitions" not only chronicles new and exciting works that have been added to the Montclair Art Museum's already sizable collection of American art, but it evidences why and how a museum chooses to expand its collection. On view in the newly-refurbished Rand Gallery through March 17, 1996, the show features a 167 of 360 artworks that have entered the permanent collection in the last three years, under the direction of the museum's director, Ellen Harris. Along with "Framing the Future," the museum is presenting a companion exhibition, "Proud Heritage," through Jan. 14, 1996. The Montclair Art Museum is at 3 South Mountain Ave., Montclair. For information or directions, call the museum at 746-5555.

• Artist Marylou Higgins will be showcasing her work at the Sheila Nussbaum Gallery until Saturday. The gallery is located at 341 Millburn Ave., Millburn. Call the gallery at 467-1720 for more information and holiday hours.

Pageant

• Volunteers are needed to assist with the Miss Essex County Scholarship Organization. People are needed who are willing to volunteer their ideas, time and effort in all areas of the organization which produces a scholarship pageant that serves as the official preliminary to the Miss New Jersey and Miss America Pageants. Anyone interested in being part of the Miss America family and this great American tradition that helps to provide scholarships can get information by calling Christopher Roemmele, executive director of the Miss Essex County Scholarship Pageant Organization, at 748-6377 or may write to the organization at P.O. Box 1806, Bloomfield, 07003.

La Di Da

• The open free-forum, La Di Da, presents gray matter, a poetic junction and open forum for poets and writers as a monthly second Sunday series. Each gathering will present featured

artists and will contain an information/networking area with various local resources available for poets and writers. The gathering will be at different multi-room venues each month throughout the area. This month it will be at 8 Park St., Montclair, at 7 p.m. Admission is \$3. Coffee and tea will be available. Also, the gathering place for local talent and performers will be hosting a weekly social Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. at 8 Park St. A gathering place for local songwriters and musicians to perform original material, jam and meet other local artists in a coffeehouse setting. There is an open sign-in and featured performers, all are welcome. Admission is \$2 at the door. For information, call 744-8021.

Poetry

• The National Library of Poetry has announced that \$24,000 in prizes will be awarded this year to more than 250 poets in the North American Open Poetry Contest. The deadline for the contest is Sunday. The contest is open for anybody and entry is free. Any poet previously published or not, can be a winner. Every poem entered also has a chance to be published in a deluxe hardbound anthology. To enter, send one original poem, any subject, any style to the National Library of Poetry, 1149 Greenidge Drive, P.O. Box 7144, 1986, Owings Mills, Md. 21117. The poem should be no more than 20 lines, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page.

Support group for cancer patients formed

The Essex Unit of the American Cancer Society, in conjunction with the Essex Oncology Group, is sponsoring a free program called White Today Count, a support group for cancer patients, their families and friends. Meetings will be on the third Tuesday of every month from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Essex Oncology Group, 36 Newark Ave., Suite 304, Belleville. To register, call Denise Johnson at 751-5757.

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The Paper Mill Playhouse — Cole Porter's delightful little gem, "You Never Know" runs from Jan. 3 to Feb. 4. From Feb. 4 to March 24 is "Comfortable Shoes" starring Clint Holmes. Irving Berlin's "Call Me Madam," starring Leslie Uggams, starts April 3 and will run through May 26. The dazzling Andrew Lloyd Webber musical "Evita" will close Paper Mill's season and will run from June 5 to July 21. For more information, call the box office at 376-4343. For groups of 20 or more, call 379-3636, ext. 2438. The Paper Mill Playhouse is located on Brookside Drive in Millburn.

The National Stage Co. — Arthur Miller's "A View From the Bridge" at the Blooming Grove Theater, Feb. 8-25; "Welcome to the Jungle" by Cris Firriolo at 12 Miles West, April 4-28; Eric Bogosian's "Suburbia" at the Blooming Grove, May 2-19; Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey into Night" at 12 Miles West, June 6-30. The 12 Miles West theater is at 488 Bloomfield Ave. The Blooming Grove theater is at 544 Bloomfield Ave. Performances are every Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$18 and \$15 for evening performances and \$15 and \$12 for matinees.

The Strollers — "The Children," by A.R. Gurney, will run March 15-16 and 22-23 at 8 p.m. and March 17 at 2 p.m. "The Miracle Worker," by William Gibson, will run May 10-11 and 17-18 at 8 p.m. and May 12 at 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday performances are 8 p.m. and the Sunday performances are at 2 p.m. Maplewood's community theater is at the Burgdorff Cultural Center, 10 Durand Road, Maplewood. For more information, call 761-8453.

The American Stage Company — "Over the River and Through the Woods," by Joe Di Pietro, will run from Jan. 10 to Feb. 4. "All My Sons," by Arthur Miller, will run from Feb.

21 to March 17. "Heartbeats," by Amanda McBroom, will run from May 1-26. The American Stage Company is at River Road and Route 4 in Teaneck. For more information, call 692-7744 or 692-7720.

Crossroads Theater Co. — "Sheila's Day," by Mbongeni Ngema, will be run until Dec. 31. "Ali" will run from Jan. 13 to Feb. 18. Crossroads is at 7 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick. For more information, call the box office at (908) 249-5581.

George Street Playhouse — "Entries," a world premiere by Bernardo Solano, will run from Jan. 20 to Feb. 11. "Cheap Sentiments," by Bruce Graham, will run Feb. 17 to March 10. "The Miracle Worker," by William Gibson, will run from March 16 to April 21. "Twist," a musical making its premiere in New Jersey, will end the season from May 4 to June 2. The George Street Playhouse is located at 9 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick. For more information or to order tickets, call (908) 246-7717.

The Pushcart Players — Pushcart Players, the Verona-based touring theater company for young audiences, will celebrate its 21st anniversary season with the revival of the highly spirited folk musical "American Sampler." Scheduled to tour schools and theaters, "American Sampler" will run through January. "American Sampler" is a musical journey through the landscape of America from the arrival of the first settlers in 1620 to the new wave of immigrants at the turn of this century. Pushcart's 1995-96 season continues with the presentation of its critically acclaimed production "Dear America," scheduled from February through June 1996. "Dear America" addresses tolerance and respect for ourselves at the turn of this century. Pushcart's 1995-96 season continues with the presentation of its critically acclaimed production "Dear America," scheduled from February through June

1996. "Dear America" addresses tolerance and respect for ourselves and others by exploring ethnic roots and promoting the value of multiculturalism in the United States. For more information, call 857-1115.

ArtsPower — Now accepting bookings in schools and theaters for the 1995-96 school season. Musicals include "Anne of Green Gables," "Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates" and "Little House: The Story of Laura Ingalls Wilder." For scheduling information, call 652-0100.

The East Lynne Company — The East Lynne Company is located at 281 Lincoln Ave., Secaucus. For more information, call 863-6436.

McCarter Theater — The winner of the 1994 Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theater is located at 91 University Place in Princeton. For more information, call (609) 683-8000.

Ensemble Theater Company — Ensemble is located at 89 Lincoln Park, Newark. For more information, call 642-0133.

Forum Theatre Group — The FTG is located 314 Main St., Metuchen. For more information, call (908) 548-0582.

Playwrights Theater of New Jersey — A special season is planned at the Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey to celebrate the 10-year anniversary "at play" with new scripts working with writers of all ages and backgrounds in new play development and educational projects. Staged readings are "Seductions of Johnny Diego" by Guillermo Reyes on March 8, and New Jersey Theatre Festival featuring new plays by New Jersey writers on June 12-16. All productions and readings feature professional actors. Readings are followed by discussion sessions between the audience, playwrights and director, with optional feedback sheets for audience members who prefer to respond in writing. This active audience involve-

ment with the creative process is integral to the development of new plays and the mission of Playwrights Theatre. The Playwrights Theater of New Jersey is located at 33 Green Village Road in Madison. For more information, call 514-1940.

Allegro Productions — "It's a Wonderful Life — The Musical" will be Allegro Productions' holiday pre-

sentation at the Parsippany Playhouse, 1130 Knoll Road in Lake Hiawatha. Performances end Feb. 22 and 23 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 24 at 2 p.m. For more information or to buy tickets, call 263-7020.

John Harms Center for the Arts — Celebrate New Jersey Ballet's 25th Anniversary production of the

acclaimed holiday spectacular, "The Nutcracker," at the John Harms Theater tomorrow to Sunday with matinee and evening performances. Showtimes are Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 3 and 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1 and 5 p.m. The John Harms Theater is located at 30 North Van Brunt St., Englewood. For more information, call 567-3680.

comedy

Rascals Comedy Club — Appearing Jan. 11, Dr. Dirty, John Valby; from "In Living Color," "Blankman" and "Boomerang," David Allen Grier on Jan. 20; Jan. 21, from WABC Talkradio, Lionel. Enjoy New Year's Eve with Taylor Mason, Mitch Patel and Billy Winn, complete dinner available \$29.95 per person. Two shows, 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Every Monday, laser karaoke. Every Wednesday, Peter Bales and the Dating Game with guest comics. Rascals Comedy Club is at 425 Pleasant Valley Way in West Orange. Showtimes are: Friday, 8:30 and 11 p.m.; Saturday, 8 and 11 p.m.; Sunday through Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. Smoke-free show every Thursday at 9 p.m. For more information, call 736-2726.

Club Bene — Club Bene Dinner Theater is located at Rt. 35 South Amboy. For more information, call (908) 727-3000.

Brokers Entertainment and Sports Bar — Enjoy "Comedy After Work" every Friday that features a headliner with seven comedians. Showtime is 7 p.m. Brokers is located at 43 Washington Ave., Irvington. No cover charge. For directions and information, call 416-CLUB.

The Feedbag — Weekly comedy showcases featuring numerous stand-up comics. Showtime is Saturdays at 11 p.m. with host Bobby J. Gallo.

Admission is \$5; 118 to get in, 22 to drink. Auditioners are welcome. The Feedbag is located at 36 Broad St., Bloomfield.

Bananas Comedy Club — Appearing New Year's Eve, Billy Garan. Shows are Friday, 11 p.m., 118 and older; Saturday, 8 and 11 p.m., 21 and older. Bananas is located within the Holiday Inn at 50 Kenney Place, Saddle Brook, exit 159 from the Garden State Parkway. Advance tickets are available at the club. For more information, call 909-0606.

Catch a Rising Star — Catch a Rising Star Comedy and Dance Club is located at the Governor Morris Hotel, 2 Whippary Road in Morristown. Dinner, overnight packages available. Dancing after comedy until 2 a.m. Open six nights a week, Tuesday through Sunday. Showtimes are Friday and Saturday at 8 and 10 p.m., Sunday and Tuesday to Thursday at 8:30 p.m.

Main Street Comedy Cafe — Live comedy every Friday at 10 p.m. and Saturday at 8:30 and 11 p.m. Main Street Comedy Cafe is located at 142-148 Main St., Hackensack. For reservations or information, call 488-5888.

Memories Shark Bar — Memories Shark Bar is located at 1116 Main St., Fort Lee. For more information, call 947-2500.

The Ketting Pot — Enjoy comedy every Wednesday night at the lower level of Don's 21, 1034 McCarter Highway in Newark. Call 923-7595 for more information.

Pop's Comedy Shop — Pop's Comedy Shop is in the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, 2055 Lincoln Highway, Edison.

Comedy Club Headquarters Cafe — Comedy Club Headquarters Cafe is located at 229 William St., Piscataway. For more information, call (908) 752-0240.

Double D's Bar & Grill — Comedy every Wednesday night by local headliners. Double D's is located on Ridgefield Avenue, Morristown. For more information, call 326-1999.

Jimmy Reid's — Live comedy every Saturday night from 8-10 p.m. featuring three top stand-up comedians. Admission is \$8. Jimmy Reid's is located at 1200 Route 17 North, Ramsey. For more information, call 327-0800.

Juke's Stage Door — Enjoy live music, live comedy and live fun at Juke's Stage Door, 225 Staywessant Ave., Lynhurst. For more information, call 939-3435.

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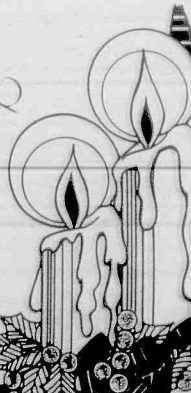
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First Night Montclair also getting into the act for New Year's Eve

First Night Montclair, now celebrating its eighth anniversary, is gearing up for one of its biggest nights ever.

This year, the event will feature 60 artists in 35 locations around the downtown Montclair business district.

Paul Ellis, executive director, credits the diversity of the performers and the increased number of performing sites with the huge success of First Night.

"There will be even shorter lines and less pre-show waiting time this year," Ellis said. "The planning and hard work on the part of all involved, particularly the First Night Entertainment Committee, make this the ideal night for families and folks looking to usher in the New Year in a joyous, safe and celebratory fashion while enjoying the very best in entertainment."

First Night Montclair will feature such diverse musical acts as Rounder recording artist Chritine Lavin and Lenahan, the hard-driving Celtic Rock group. Lavin's brand of urban folk highlights the pathos, chaos and humor of modern day mores in a society trying to catch up to the changes it engenders.

First Night 1996



Compiled by
Anthony C. Venutolo
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Lenahan has been described by critic John O'Regan as "Celtic rock rhythm and blues delivered with a fiery attack and a passionate flair."

The explosive reggae band Midnight will have First Night audiences swaying to its hypnotic blend of old and new world music singing songs of freedom, culture and universal love.

Montclair's Naomi Miller, an international cabaret and recording artist, features the soul of Jewish music and Broadway showtunes with a twist.

Love Planet Janet, a mellow punk band from New York, will be rocking Montclair with hits like "I Changed the Face of the Earth (When I Wrote your Name in Mud)" and "You're Bad for Me."

Jazz aficionados will delight to the cool sounds of Mark Weinstein and

The Group. Weinstein has played with such jazz greats as Herbie Mann, Chick Corea, Tito Puente and Maynard Ferguson and has accompanied singing greats as Tony Bennett and Rosemary Clooney.

For a walk down memory lane, Doo-Wop groups Magic Moments and the Melochords will get folks young and old strutting and humming.

Oliver Lake, idiosyncronic composer/performer, will electrify the stage performing his flute and monster sax in a unique musical-theater piece.

The New Jersey Chamber Music Society will perform an eclectic evening of classical and jazz music featuring the works of LeHar, Gershwin and Bolling.

Children's events abound this year with an all-new First Night Montclair

lineup of talent for the young and young-at-heart. Juxtures! is an offbeat and fascinating ensemble combining music, dance and storytelling as a means of celebrating the cultures of the world. Live electronic orchestras, ancient instruments, exotic dances and colorful costumes combined with audience participation will have all ages enchanted and wide-eyed with wonder.

Rick Lyon, a puppeteer on "Sesame Street" and for the "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" films, brings his own colorful troupe of hand puppets, The Lyons Puppets, to perform Really, REALLY True Stories, a humorous collection of international folk stories for the whole family.

First Night buttons are \$10 and can be bought at the participating merchants in Montclair.



Oliver Lake, idiosyncronic composer/performer, will electrify the stage performing his flute and monster sax in a unique musical-theater piece during the First Night Montclair celebration.

First Night facts

Here are some fast facts about Maplewood/South Orange's First Night celebration:

- ◆ It's the fifth year of First Night Maplewood/South Orange.
- ◆ It's the third year the celebration takes place in South Orange.
- ◆ First Night Maplewood/South Orange is one of only 12 First Nights in all of New Jersey.
- ◆ Price for admission buttons is \$10.
- ◆ On Sunday, buttons may be purchased at the Baird Community Center, South Orange.
- ◆ Children's evening events are clustered between 7-9 p.m. at Columbia High School.
- ◆ The evening program is planned between 7 p.m. and midnight.
- ◆ Fireworks will be displayed at midnight in Cameron Field, South Orange.
- ◆ A sample of this year's more than 40 events include modern dance, juggling, ballet, classical music, belly dancing, folk music coffee house, jazz, magic, drama, comedy and swing music. For kids, there is comedy, music, hat making and puppets.
- ◆ For more information, call 763-2436.

Anthony C. Venutolo, Editor

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Art classes slated to start on Jan. 8 in Livingston

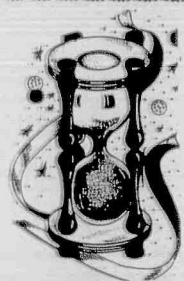
The winter session of art classes, sponsored by the Livingston Arts Association, will begin Jan. 8 for adult students of all levels and middle school students 11- to 14-years old, and Jan. 13 for children 6- to 10-years old. Registration is required for all courses.

Classes for adults and middle

school students will be held at Northland Recreation Center located at Jefferson and Madison Courts, Livingston.

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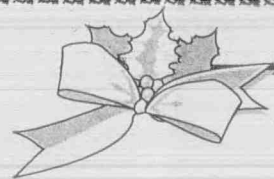
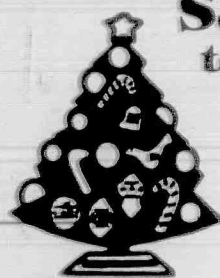


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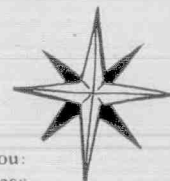
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IS THIS YOU?

40 year old, single black christian female. I am a green-eyed, full figured professional. Seeking a single black christian male who is looking for a relationship. Want an independent, good humored medium built professional who enjoys plays, dining out and more... BOX 39866

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5'5", 110 pound, beautiful, exotic, British college student. Seeking a well educated, successful, generous, caucasian male to enjoy the finer things in life and fulfill my fantasies. BOX 39835

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5'8", single white female, age 49. Like movies, long walks and candlelight dinners. Looking for a single white male who is easy to get along with and wants a long term relationship. BOX 39020

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18 year old, 5'5", single white female. I am heavier than average, but my bubbly personality makes up for that. Enjoy dining out, movies, cuddling, etc. Looking for a single white or hispanic male age 18 to 21, who shares some of the same interests. A plus if you are somewhat attractive and a good dresser... BOX 39094

TRADITIONAL FEMALE

Jewish female, early 50's, 5'4", 145 pounds. College educated and soft spoken. Looking for a Jewish male with traditional values, 5'8" or taller, 5'3 to 6'3, to be my best friend. Someone with whom I can share my life. BOX 39862

WILD AND SEXY

5'3", 110 pound female, brown hair and eyes. Looking for a black male with facial hair. Want someone who is wild and sexy enough to do anything at any time of the day. BOX 39218

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Consider Lori Anderson look alike, but slim. I am a single Jewish professional female, 36, educated, financially and emotionally secure, non smoker, no children. Interested in meeting my significant other. Should be trim, single white male, no smoker, no drugs. BOX 39099

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Looking for people in the suburban Essex area. For conversations and sharing common interests. BOX 39192

GOOD TIMES

20 year old female, 5'5". Looking for a male, 18 to 23, who likes to go out and have fun. BOX 39198

PROFESSIONAL FEMALE

White, professional female in my mid 40's, 5'6", and slender. I'm attractive, articulate and bright. Enjoy the outdoors, movies, plays, music, art, football, reading, sailing, and cross country skiing. Looking for a honest and sincere relationship with a professional white male, 44 to 50, 5'10" or taller, who is financially and emotionally secure, and physically active. BOX 39222

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Looking for someone in law enforcement, age 27 to 40, who is honest. Like dancing, cooking, going to the gym, movies, etc. Want someone with a nice personality and good sense of humor, for a long term relationship. BOX 39344

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21 year old female. Looking for someone who enjoys romantic evenings. Good with your hands... a plus. BOX 38721

YOUNG LOOKING

Single white female, 49. Enjoy long walks, movies and much more. Seeking a single white male. No smokers please. Possible long term relationship. BOX 38741

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African american female, 30. Full figured, attractive, strong and positive. Attend church regularly. Seeking a handsome male. Strong but not afraid to show weaknesses. No smokers or drinkers. Eye contact is also very important. BOX 38761

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35 year old female, 5'8" with a medium build. My interests include movies, outdoors, concerts, etc. Seeking single white male 30 to 42 for a possible long term relationship. BOX 39235

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Attractive, slim black female, age 25, 5'7" and weigh 120 pounds. Seeking a very good looking white male who is financially stable. If you want to have exciting fun...let's get together. BOX 12818

LET'S MEET

Divorced white 45 year old, petite female. Enjoy dancing, flea markets, long walks, etc. Looking for a drug-free, non smoking male age 45 to 55. BOX 37429

PEPPY LADY

Slender female...loves to dance and enjoy living life to the fullest. If you are a fit and energetic male 55 to 60, looking for a woman to spice up your life...call me. BOX 39290

DO THINGS TOGETHER...

18 year old, black female. Looking for a black male age 18 to 21, who likes movies, dining out and having fun. BOX 15893

LET'S TALK SOON.

57", shapely, down to earth, caring, single white Italian female. Like dining out, concerts, theater, outdoors, etc. Seeking a single white or hispanic male for friendship; possible romance. Social drinker and drug-free. BOX 38478

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

ACTIVE MALE

37 year old Asian professional male, 5'10", and weigh 140 pounds. Love culture, serious but playful, down to earth, monogamous, religious but open minded, and emotionally stable. Enjoy sports, movies, and travelling. Looking for a young, outgoing female who is open minded and energetic for a long lasting relationship. BOX 11015

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5'5", medium built, single white male age 24. Looking for a female for friendship; possible serious relationship. Enjoy free-style biking, climbing, parks and more. Age, race and looks are unimportant...a kind heart and personality are important. BOX 13396

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Looking for a young, attractive christian female, age 5 to 20, who is very honest, caring and loving. I am a 20 year old male. BOX 13444

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

22 year old, single white male college student. Enjoy travel, romantic dinners in the city, sports, etc. Looking for a black or hispanic female for an interracial relationship. BOX 13450

A LIFETIME TOGETHER!

37 year old, 5'9", 165 pound, never married, good looking Jewish male. I am down to earth, good humored, sensitive, a non smoker, very light social drinker and drug-free. Enjoy old movies, day trips, music, trying new things, etc. Looking for someone with interests and characteristics that compliment mine, who is under 40, respectful and never married, for friendship and a developing relationship. BOX 13487

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Mid 30's, college educated male. Seeking a single white female, 25 plus. Should like hockey, good music and food. No children! BOX 39248

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40 year old, professional single black male. I am drug-free. Love rollerskating, bowling, the shore, quiet evenings at home and more. Seeking a single female age 20 to 50, for friendship; possible long term relationship. BOX 10943

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27 year old, Italian/Jewish male. I am funny and intelligent. Like cooking, music, theater, working out, etc. Seeking a slender female age 22 to 32. Want someone who will let me take care of her. BOX 10970

HUMOR A MUST!

33 year old, 5'10", 195 pound male. Like camping, hiking, country music, the outdoors, etc. Seeking an energetic, humorous, outgoing female for a long term relationship. Age and race open. BOX 13009

CALL ME LADIES...

Smart, intelligent, romantic, great looking, single professional. I am Italian who is in great shape. Have a sense of value and morals. Willing to please the prettiest, intelligent woman who wants me! BOX 13066

NEED A COMPANION

White male, late 30's, 5'9", 190 pounds with a husky solid build. Clean cut, attractive, with a great personality and sense of humor. I'm easy going, outgoing, and considerate. Enjoy sports, movies, music, dining out, outdoors, parks, malls, museums, and quiet times at home. Non smoker and drug-free. Seeking a woman, 30 to 40, for a possible long term relationship. BOX 10898

CENTRAL JERSEY

White male, 65, 6'2", and 215 pounds. Enjoy traveling, dining out, music and the theater. Looking for a single white female, 48 to 58, with similar interests. BOX 11356

NEED A COMPANION

Tall, dark, and handsome single, white professional male, 37. Looking for a witty, single white female, 25 to 35, who is outgoing fun loving, and family oriented. Enjoy music, travel, Atlantic City, and spending time together. Want to know more, call and leave a message. Hope to talk to you soon! BOX 39436

ITALIAN/IRISH MALE

Single white male, age 40, 6' and weigh 200 pounds. I am handsome, good humored and easy to get along with. Looking for a very attractive, single black female, for a long term relationship. Age unimportant. Like long drives, movies, sports, dining out, etc. Let's talk soon... BOX 38902

INCURABLE ROMANTIC

Widowed white male, age 50, 5'8" and weigh 235. Looking for a witty female who is rubenesque, fun to be with and intelligent. I like dining, theater, dancing, etc. A great sense of humor. BOX 39226

GOOD TIMES...

25 year old male, blonde hair and blue eyes. Looking for a young female, 21 to 25, who is attractive and thin, to go out with and fun. BOX 39364

LET'S GET TOGETHER!

Single white male, age 39. Like lifting weights, swimming, travel, going out, dancing, etc. I am easy going and like having fun. Looking for a female who likes having fun, going out, the shore and each other's company... BOX 39378

FOR REAL...

Single white male, 38, 6', 190 pounds, and physically fit. Enjoy music, fitness, and quiet relaxing times. Looking for a slim and down to earth white female, 28 to 40, with a sense of humor and a good heart. BOX 39412

CLUB KID

Single male, 5'5", medium build and good looking. Looking for a hispanic female, 18 to 24, for fun times a possible relationship. Most importantly, you must have a kind heart and a warm personality. Enjoy free style biking, DJ and clubbing. BOX 39413

OLD FASHIONED VALUES

33 year old white male, 5'9", 165 pounds, separated and father of two. Enjoy long walks, movies, dining out, sports, and quiet evenings. Looking for a mature, fit, white female who is caring with good family values. BOX 39414

ONE IN A MILLION

33 year old white male, blue eyes and reddish brown hair. Enjoy the outdoors, rock and country music, concerts, comedy clubs. Looking for a female who is funny, honest, and caring. BOX 39567

WANT JOLLY CHRISTMAS

Appealing 29 year old, 6' 200 pounds, single white male. Looking for single white female, non smoker, 24 to 35, who enjoys funny, easy going, romantic guy. Interests include good conversation, renting or going to the movies, amusement parks, flea markets, comedy clubs, shooting pool, bingo, bowling, restaurants or take out food. BOX 38796

SINCERE MALE

Caring, sincere, honest, attractive male, 5'10". Like the outdoors, travel, movies, and music. Looking for someone with similar qualities for friendship and a possible long term relationship. BOX 37143

GOOD HEARTED MAN

Single white male, 39, 5'11", 175 pounds, brown hair and eyes, good natured and fit. Enjoy long walks, movies, dining out, motorcycles, and quiet times. Searching for a pretty companion for friendship and light hearted fun times. BOX 38893

CALL ME...

Attractive, 5'5" single male. Looking for a hispanic female, 18 to 24. If this is you, call and leave a message. BOX 39024

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SOUND LIKE YOU?

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CALL ME LADIES...

I am an adventurous, mature, blue collar lover. Looking for a woman who is spontaneous, sexy, no inhibition female who wants to have a good time. Hope to hear from you soon... BOX 39127

ARE YOU SINCERE?

33 year old, separated white male, 5'9", 165 pound father of two. Enjoy dining out, quiet evenings at home, sports, movies and more. Looking for an attractive, fit, petite white female who is sincere and down to earth. BOX 38890

NEED SOMEONE...

Good looking, romantic, mature, sincere, Italian male with brown hair and eyes. If you would like someone to cuddle up with on those cold winter nights, call! Maybe it could lead to something very intense and romantic. BOX 39002

WANT WINTER ROMANCE.

Single white professional male, age 37. Seeking an outgoing, fun loving, romantic, single white female age 25 to 35. Want someone who enjoys travel, dining in and out... BOX 39016

NICE PROFESSIONAL...

33 year old, single white male, 6', with brown hair and blue eyes. Looking for a woman who is sensitive, smart and intelligent. Enjoy movies, parks, eating out, etc. Want to settle down with a nice, in shape girl, age 25 to 33. BOX 39033

UNION COUNTY MALE...

6', 165 pound, single white male, age 38. Looking for a single white female age 35 and up, who is not into the bar scenes and believes in a one-on-one relationship. BOX 39039

CAN YOU COMMUNICATE?

40 year old, never married white male, 5'9" and weigh about 180 pounds with a husky build. I am handsome with a fantastic personality and sense of humor. Don't smoke and drink socially. Enjoy tennis, volleyball, movies, dining out, music, outdoors and much more. Looking for a woman who is open and honest, for companionship and a possible lifetime relationship. BOX 39040

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If you are an attractive, romantic, single black female age 30 to 45, who wants a handsome, caring, generous, single white professional male... call! BOX 39073

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LIGHTEN UP MY LIFE

White male, 39, 5'8", solid build, and no dependents. Clean cut, disease free, social drinker, non smoker, with a sense of humor. Enjoy sports, dining out, movies, music, the outdoors, and quiet times at home. Looking for companionship, leading to a long term relationship. Must be open, honest, a good communicator, and considerate. BOX 38855

ONE OF A KIND

Professional, self employed white male, 32, 5'8", 175 pounds. Enjoy cooking, motorcycles, New York and quiet nights at home. Looking for a white female, 24 to 35, to spend time with, dine out and talk. BOX 38864

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Looking for one sexy, attractive, single female, hispanic or black. Be in good shape and know how to have fun. I'm single professional male, fit and know how to please a woman. BOX 39066

STILL LOOKING...

54 year old black male. Enjoy fishing, movies and sports. Looking for a female, 50 to 60, with similar interests. BOX 39148

CAN YOU HANDLE ME??

Attractive black male, age 20, 6'6". Looking for a full figured black or hispanic female, 18 to 41, who is big enough to handle me. No drugs. BOX 39296

FEEL THE LOVE...

21 year old, single white male, 5'10" with a husky build. Enjoy movies, the shore, camping, hiking, fishing, bowling, etc. Looking for a single white female 18 and up, who is sincere, caring and sweet, with the same interests. Want someone who is not afraid of a commitment, to get serious with. Kids okay. BOX 38473

NATIVE AMERICAN

Native American background, age 50, 5'10, 165 pound and father of two. Enjoy going to casinos in Conn., horse racing, dining out and many other things. BOX 38795

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NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: FIRST HUDSON CORPORATION

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, plaintiffs attorneys, whose address is 7 Century Drive - Suite 201, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054, telephone number #(201) 538-4700, an Answer to the Complaint and Amendment(s) to Complaint, if any, filed in a civil action, in which CITICORP MORTGAGE, INC. f/k/a Citicorp Homeowners, Inc. is Plaintiff and JULIO PEREZ, et al, are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, ESSEX County, and bearing Docket No. F-6658-95 within thirty-five (35) days after December 29, 1995 exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, CN-971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated August 4, 1987 made by JULIO PEREZ and RAMONA PEREZ, as mortgagors to CITICORP HOMEOWNERS, INC. recorded on 08/10/87, in Book 5468 of Mortgages for ESSEX County, Page 602, et seq. CITICORP MORTGAGE, INC. f/k/a Citicorp Homeowners, Inc. is the holder of the mortgage and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 152 LINCOLN AVENUE, NEWARK, NJ 07104.

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Docket No. F-4131-94

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, to: HELEN BENEFIELD

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon Katz, Ettin, Levine, Kurzweil & Weber, P.A., whose address is 905 North Kings Highway, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08034-1569, An Answer to the Complaint and Amendment to Complaint (if any) filed in a civil action in which Citicorp Mortgage, Inc., is Plaintiff and Willie Benefield, et al, are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Essex County, bearing Docket No. F-4131-94, within thirty-five days after December 29, 1995 exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Complaint and Amendment to Complaint (if any). You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, CN-971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing the mortgage dated June 2, 1987, and made by Willie Benefield, to Gateway Mortgage, Corp. recorded in the Essex County Register's Office, Book 5439, at Page 522; to recover possession of and concerning real estate located at 221 Maple Avenue, Irvington, NJ 07111.

You, Helen Benefield, are named a party defendant hereto by reason of the fact that you are married to Willie Benefield and may have an interest in the subject property being foreclosed on and in that capacity in this action.

You may contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County in which this action is pending by calling 201-533-1779. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County in which this action is pending by calling 201-622-1513.

DONALD F. PHELAN, CLERK Superior Court of New Jersey

DATED: December 13, 1995

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NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: THOMAS WHALEN

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, plaintiffs attorneys, whose address is 7 Century Drive - Suite 201, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054, telephone number #(201) 538-4700, an Answer to the Complaint and Amendment(s) to Complaint, if any, filed in a civil action, in which THE LOMAS & NETTLETON COMPANY is Plaintiff and JAMES WHALEN, et al, are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, ESSEX County, and bearing Docket No. F-8677-95 within thirty-five (35) days after December 29, 1995 exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, CN-971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

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If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County of Venue by calling (201) 672-6050 or the legal services office of the county of your residence if you reside in New Jersey. If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may call or communicate with the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of Venue at (201) 622-4341, or at the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of your residence if you reside in New Jersey. If there is none, contact the Lawyer Referral Service of an adjacent county.

YOU, THOMAS WHALEN, are named as a party defendant as heir and devisee to the Estate of James Whalen.

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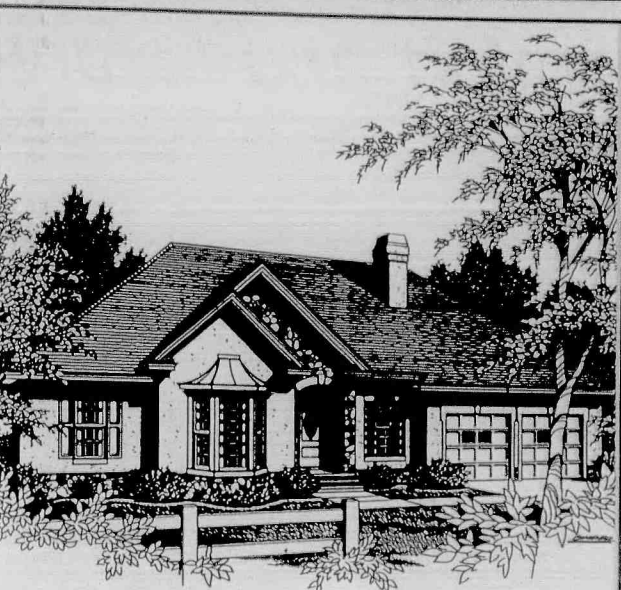
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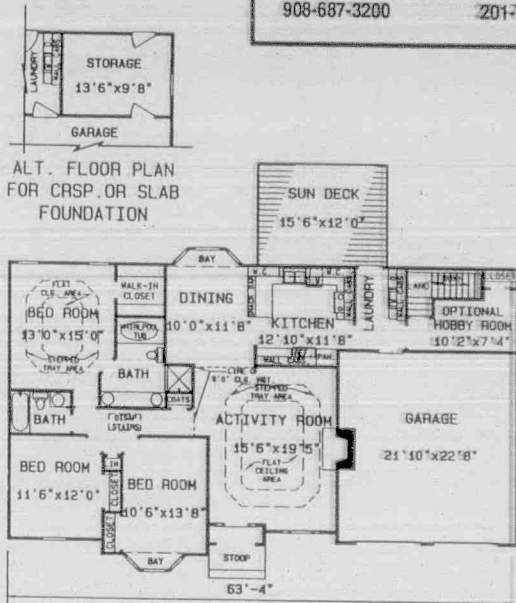
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The Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation's (Freddie Mac's) recent decision to raise the limit for single-family mortgages it buys from lenders recognizes the realities of the housing market, especially in New Jersey, where the median price of an existing, single-family home is typically \$30,000 to \$35,000 higher than the nation, the New Jersey Association of Realtors said in a recent statement.

"New Jersey is a high-cost market state and Freddie Mac's decision will help a number of prospective home buyers achieve the American dream of homeownership," said Robert L. Kinnebrew, NJAR president. "We applaud the agency's efforts and look forward to putting more New Jerseyans into homes as we enter 1996."

Freddie Mac raised its loan limit from \$203,150 to \$207,000. As a result of this action, industry analysts expect conventional loans for higher amounts will be more readily available.

"A higher mortgage limit will help close the housing affordability gap that too often blocks purchases in the nation's most costly areas, such as the Garden State," said Kinnebrew, broker-owner of Century 21 Candid Realty in Willingboro. "We also are pleased Freddie Mac raised its limits for multifamily loans it purchases. The liquidity Freddie Mac has brought to the mortgage industry has resulted in lower mortgage rates, more consistent sources of financing and a wider choice of financing for the consumer. It's fair to say that today's housing industry would be lost without home financing sources such as those provided by Freddie Mac," Kinnebrew said.

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Automotive

1996 Saab 900 coupes offers speed, comfort and luxury

Saab, already renowned for the integrity and long-distance comfort of its seats, enhances this comfort level even further by adding adjustable lumbar support in the driver's seat. Also added to the standard equipment list for five-speed manual 1996 Saab 900s with leather interior is a black leather shift knob and boot.

Like all 1996 Saab 900 models, the Saab 900 Coupes are factory-equipped with an all-new, full-width reflective panel between the rear light clusters, for a fresh rear profile. In addition, the base 900 S Coupe integrates the 900 SE Coupe's sporty rear spoiler, also as standard equipment.

The Saab 900 3-door Coupe shares the same platform as the 900 5-door, and therefore has the same generous passenger space and impressive cargo capacity with the rear seat folded

down. Designated a "Midsize" car by the Environmental Protection Agency, the roomy Saab 900 accommodates five adults. Rear seat passenger can enter and exit the 900 Coupe comfortably, courtesy of doors that are nearly nine inches wider than the 5-door 900 model.

Saab's famous utility quotient is just as high in the 900 Coupes as the 5-door variants, offering a spacious interior not just for humans, but also for their "stuff." The 40/60/100 split-folding rear seat has a pass-through opening behind the center armrest, and folds down partially or fully. With the simple push of a release button, the crossbeam folds down with

the seatbacks to fully open the rear area for maximum hauling capacity of a cavernous 49.8 cubic feet.

With the rear seat folded up, the unique "Saab Safeseat" design can be fully appreciated. This design, shared by all Saab 900s, integrates special crossbeams under the seat and at the top of the rear seatback. The sturdy upper crossbeam not only provides a cross-car reinforcement in the event of a side collision, but also anchors the three head rests — the center head rest is optional — and three safety belts. In addition, it serves as a bulkhead to protect passengers from shifting cargo in the luggage compartment. The "Saab Safeseat" complements the Saab 900's side impact protection, built into the rear panels of the 900 3-door or rear doors of the 5-door.

Driving enthusiasts will enjoy the secure road-holding and impressive performance of the 900 S Coupe, but for the ultimate thrill ride, it's the Saab 900 SE Turbo Coupe that makes drivers consistently take the long way home.



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All Saab occupants are protected by lap-and-shoulder safety belts, head-restraints and anti-submerging seating. Like all Saabs, every 900 Coupe also features standard dual air bags, front safety belt pretensioners, daytime running lights, anti-lock brakes, ABS, industry-leading 5-mph self-restoring bumpers, 1997 side impact protection and the Swedish automaker's legendary safety cage construction with front and rear crumple zones.

The powerplant is Saab's lively 2.3L naturally aspirated four-cylinder, with counter-rotating balance shafts, dual overhead cams, 16 valves and a strong 150 hp. A five-speed manual

transmission is standard, while an electronically controlled four-speed automatic is available as an option. The 900 S Coupe's list of standard equipment is exhaustive, including many features—like heated seats, a spoiler and alloy wheels—that would normally be extra-cost options on competing cars.

Additional standard features on the Saab 900 S include CFC-free air conditioning, luxury velour upholstery, telescoping steering wheel, power windows and door locks, remote locking and alarm system, cruise control, 80-watt AM/FM/cassette stereo with six speakers, front and rear fog lights,

and all-season performance tires.

Driving enthusiasts will enjoy the secure road-holding and impressive performance of the 900 S Coupe, but for the ultimate thrill ride, it's the Saab 900 SE Turbo Coupe that makes drivers consistently take the long way home. Rated at a potent 185 hp, the 2.0L four-cylinder utilizes Saab's Ecopower technology to squeeze maximum efficiency, power and economy out of every drop of fuel.

An optional automatic transmission will be available with the Saab 900 SE in turbocharged form starting in January 1996. The electronically controlled four-speed automatic will fea-

ture three driver-programmable shift modes—for sports, normal or winter driving. Standard transmission for the 900 Turbo Coupe is a five-speed manual.

Other standard features on the Saab 900 SE include power front seats with three-position driver's memory, leather upholstery, power sliding glass sunroof, Automatic Climate Control, a 160-watt stereo with eight speakers and a multi-function trip computer. Every Saab 900 features a security-conscious deadbolt locking system that, when engaged by turning the key a quarter revolution in the exterior door lock, will not allow thieves to open a

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Complementing the all-new Sky Blue metallic exterior color are these additional choices: Black, Imola Red, Citrin Beige, Scarabe Green and Silver. Interior color options include Taupe, velour, Sand Beige, leather, Light Gray or Charcoal.

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Buick strengthens its market position for the new year

Building on a successful 1995 model year, Buick strengthens its market position for 1996 with the all-new Riviera and significant improvements in Regal and throughout its product line.

Buick is also continuing to build its relationships with current customers, and developing new ways to bring additional customers into the Buick family, according to Michael J. O'Malley, Buick's general marketing manager.

"Traditionally, we have focused on developing the product and then figuring out ways to sell it," O'Malley said. "Today's winning companies are those that also focus on the customers and the relationship they have with those customers."

The key is to use new methods of communications, better market research and "old-fashioned common sense" to build and maintain relationships with individual customers, he said.

"The best analogy is that of a general store," he said. "In a small-town general store, the owner meets individual customers on a daily basis. That makes it easier to stay in touch with what they need and want, and to resolve any problems quickly and informally."

However, as the number of customers increases, the relationship becomes more distant as the marketer shifts to classic mass marketing, O'Malley said. "With mass marketing techniques, companies focus on one brand at a time, and try to sell that product to as many customers as possible during a given sales period."

Today, Buick is working to come full circle, back to the individual approach, sometimes referred to as relationship marketing, that was more typical of the small-town general store.

"In relationship marketing, you focus on one customer at a time," O'Malley said. "The goal is to sell that customer as many cars as possible over the lifetime of that relationship. This requires an interaction with the customer -- a dialogue, not a monologue."

The 1995 model year sees a continuing effort to enhance the Buick brand, while also building the value of individual car brands.

"The Buick Tri-shield brings new

customers to us, and keeps many traditional buyers with Buick," said O'Malley. "However, new buyers tend to be more attracted by the brand character of individual models."

"We need to build these individual brands, to emphasize what makes each model unique, what gives each a competitive advantage. The Buick brand becomes an umbrella over everything. It tells customers that we offer premium American motor cars -- cars that are substantial, distinctive, powerful and mature."

Under this umbrella, individual car lines are designed to meet the needs and desires of well-defined groups of customers.

Skylark, for example, is a well-appointed small Buick with expressive styling and spirited performance. It offers Buick quality and reliability in a small car, and at an affordable price.

Skylark buyers tend to be baby-boomers, often female, who work as middle managers, or in technical trades. They want the quality and reliability of a Buick. But they also want a car that stands out from the cookie-cutter competition and is fun to drive as well.

Century offers a traditional mid-size American sedan with a roomy interior, an affordable price, and the quality and durability of a Buick.

Century buyers tend to be comfortable financially, and tend to be loyal buyers of American cars.

With its all-new interior and freshened exterior styling, Regal is strongly positioned as an alternative to both import sedans and to the new generation of domestic family sedans. Regal provides powerful performance, unsurpassed safety, and excellent ride and handling.

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LeSabre, the best selling full-size car in America, continues to offer unprecedented value, along with an impressive array of safety features, a trusted reputation and acclaimed Buick quality. LeSabre buyers are looking for a comfortable, reliable car that provides good value for the money. They want to buy American, and they want to buy from a manufacturer

tial baby-boomers, well educated, reasonably affluent, and very demanding of their cars. To help attract and retain these customers, Regal is positioned as America's premium mid-size car.

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Roadmaster sedan and Estate Wagon appeal to slightly different groups of buyers. Roadmaster sedan

buyers are often empty-nesters who are attracted to traditional rear-drive American sedans. In addition to its outstanding powertrain and impressive safety and luxury features, Roadmaster sedan is also an excellent value, something also important to these buyers.

Roadmaster Estate Wagon, because of its unique combination of luxury and utility, appeals to a somewhat younger, more affluent group of buyers. Average household income is equal to that of the Riviera at \$60,000 plus.

Park Avenue is a gracefully styled American luxury sedan with refined performance, luxurious comfort,

incomprising accommodations, and acclaimed Buick quality.

Park Avenue buyers tend to be college-educated professionals who work hard and believe in good value. They don't want to appear pretentious, but they also value the comfort and features of a luxury car.

Park Avenue Ultra is positioned as a spirited luxury sedan offering sophisticated performance and superior comfort, along with the quality and durability that Buick is known for.

Primary buyers are top professionals and managers who want a sophisticated luxury car. With an average household income of \$75,000 plus,

they are among the most affluent car buyers.

Riviera, with its unique style and exceptional feel on the road, is positioned as a world-class luxury coupe, providing a rugged body structure for safety and security, excellent performance, and quiet comfort.

Riviera buyers tend to be independent thinkers and decision makers, who want their vehicles to express their personalities. The cutting-edge styling and performance of Riviera is important to these buyers. Some of these people will have owned previous Rivierras, while others will be moving up from mid-price coupes, or moving over from import luxury cars.

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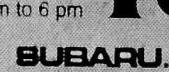


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Jim Malpede named the new general sales manager at Multi Chevrolet

Jim Malpede has been named General Sales Manager of Multi Chevrolet, 2675 Route 22 West, Union. His appointment represents a renewed emphasis on the part of the management of Multi Chevrolet toward setting an unequalled standard of customer service among its competition.

This service-oriented approach is intended as a contrasting alternative to the intrusive, big-budget advertising and high-pressure sales tactics of

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According to Malpede, "Eventually car buyers will stop being fooled by noisy, bait-and-switch advertising, which is intended to draw unsuspecting bargain-hunters from far and wide. When people get fed up with the hype and broken promises, they come to Multi. Some dealers think volume is the name of the game. At Multi, it's straight-talk and satisfying the needs of the customers."

Jim Malpede is well-prepared to lead his staff of sales associates at Multi in the drive toward 100 percent customer satisfaction—in new and used car sales and service — he has had more than a decade of experience training staff for General Motors in the New York/New Jersey area and nationwide.

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The Pugliese's have three children, ages 18 months, 5 and 15. Two of the

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The most essential thing needed by the family was a reliable car to transport the children to the hospital for treatments. On Friday, Dec. 22, on the Montel Williams Show, Maxon presented the Pugliese family with a beautiful Oldsmobile Cutless Ciera.

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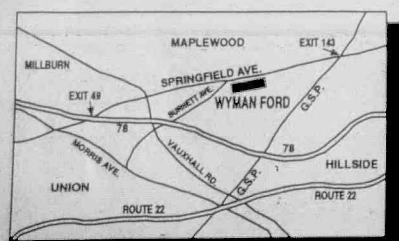
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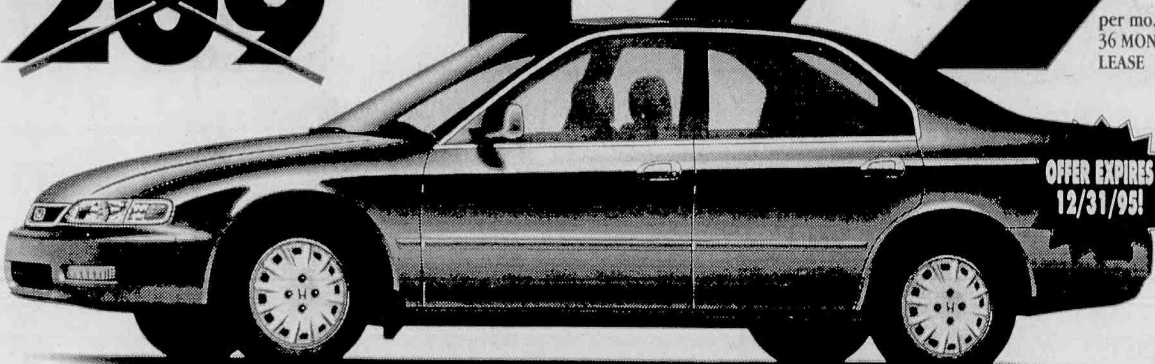
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