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## Briefs

### Triathlon coming to Cranford Sept. 13

Gold Medal Fitness Center of Cranford and the Cranford Bike Shop are sponsoring a triathlon Sunday, Sept. 13. Proceeds will be donated to the American Heart Association.

The all-day event will consist of a 20-mile indoor, stationary bike ride, a five-mile treadmill run, and a 200-foot stair climb. All entrants will receive a T-shirt. The best overall time will win a bike.

Participants must register by Friday, Sept. 11. Call Gary Patti at the Gold Medal Fitness Center, 276-7566.

### RVSA to hold public hearing

The Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority (RVSA) will hold a public hearing at 7 tonight to obtain public comment on the long-term amendment to its Land-Based Sludge Management Facilities Plan. The hearing will be held in the board room of the RVSA's administrative offices at 1050 E. Hazelwood Ave., Rahway.

The proposal calls for the RVSA to enter into a long-term contract with AgOrganic, Inc. for processing of the sludge (waste water) produced at the RVSA facility. The contract with AgOrganic would be in lieu of the RVSA's purchase of new land for sludge disposal.

### Registration set for Cub Scouts

Students of Hillside Avenue, Walnut Avenue and Livingston schools may register now for the Cub Scout program year. The Tiger Cub program is open to boys who will be entering first-grade in September. This is the first stage of Cub Scouting. Each Tiger Cub attends a monthly meeting with an adult partner, usually a parent or relative.

The Cub Scout program is open to boys entering second-grade and up to 10 years old.

Pack 75, sponsored by the Cranford Methodist Church, is for boys attending Hillside Avenue School. Pack 174, sponsored by Walnut/Livingston PTA, is for boys attending Walnut and Livingston Avenue Schools.

Call Dominick and Barbara Esola at 278-6841 to register by Sept. 10.

### Eighth-graders have "Night Out"

Garwood's eighth-graders and Burger King will host a night out Saturday, Sept. 12, from 4-8 p.m.

Cash receipts should be placed in a special box at Burger King marked eighth-grade fund-raiser. Burger King will donate 20 percent of the receipts to Lincoln's eighth-graders.

### Tax payments due Monday

Cranford residents have until Monday to meet their third-quarter tax payments.

Property tax bills were finally mailed Aug. 14 after budget wrangling at the state level delayed mailing for more than one month. The original payment due date was Aug. 1. The delay caused more than frustration for tax payers and town administrators. The interruption in cash flow forced many towns to meet payroll and bill payments.

Cranford Director of Finance Tom Grady said use of town surplus and cooperation from the school board has saved the township the costly interest fees of short-term borrowing.

## Cranford student roomed with Soon-Yi

By CHERYL NEHL  
THE CHRONICLE

Last year Stephanie Dixon left Cranford for Drew University and wound up rooming with Soon-Yi, who has been the subject of worldwide, multi-media coverage of a love triangle among her, Woody Allen and Mia Farrow.

Ms. Dixon, 19, may be the only person close to the principals whom the major media have not yet caught up with. She hasn't been hiding; in fact, she has spent the last few weeks in her Redford Avenue home watching television.

Ms. Dixon spent her entire freshman year in the same room with Soon-Yi and never knew her roommate's "boyfriend" was Woody Allen. She knew "something" was upsetting her roommate, and that something had made Soon-Yi's mother, Mia Farrow, so angry prior to Christmas that heated exchanges on the phone resulted in her

roommate crying "all the time." "At first I didn't even know her mother was Mia Farrow. It was my Mom who mentioned it to me, so I asked Soon-Yi. She seemed to not want anyone to know, so I respected her feelings," said Ms. Dixon, who still seems shocked by the entire revelation. However, her roommate's desire to keep her personal life to herself often was mysterious, especially this past spring.

"I knew she was seeing someone who was an actor since I would hear her talking about sets and lighting, but I never thought it was Woody Allen," she said, adding that Soon-Yi would ask her to leave the room so she could "talk in private."

"Now I know why her mother was so angry with her, but Soon-Yi was constantly crying," she said, but Soon-Yi never discussed her personal life.

Still, as Stephanie sees it, spending a year living in such close proximity to one of the rich and famous was "pretty normal" most

of the time. Like most freshman students the adopted daughter of Mia Farrow and Andre Frevin had to adjust to college life, but according to Ms. Dixon, Soon-Yi spent most of her time studying. Soon-Yi was "meticulous" about her college papers, and would have friends check over her work for mistakes in spelling and grammar.

But Ms. Dixon dispels the myth that the rich have everything. "Soon-Yi did not have a lot of clothes, but what she did have was expensive. I do know she and her brothers and sisters had to do chores around the house and basically work to pay for things they wanted," she said. Ms. Dixon said that Soon-Yi often spoke of how her mother expected all of the children to earn money for things they wanted.

Since the two had private telephone lines into their room, it was rare for Ms. Dixon to answer her roommate's phone.

Ms. Dixon did notice Soon-Yi went "home" every weekend by bus and returned

by limo. There also were nightly calls from a person she assumed was her boyfriend "the actor."

Although Ms. Dixon respected her roommate, she does not approve of her liaison with Mr. Allen, and finds fault with the way the romance came about.

"I think what Soon-Yi is doing is wrong. It is not what she is doing as much as who she is seeing. After all her mother has done for her, taking her in and all, it just does not seem right, especially with someone his age," she added.

She does remember Ms. Farrow "screaming at her daughter at 6 a.m. on the phone each morning for a long period of time, asking 'Why are you doing this to yourself?'" As far as Ms. Dixon knew, her mother was just displeased with Soon-Yi's choice of a boyfriend, something quite common for teenagers.

The Cranford resident will have a new roommate this fall.

## Hitting the book



Schools are about to reopen and it's time to stock up on supplies, just as Marc Perrette, 10, and his mother Barbara did recently at Drug Fair in Cranford.

## Board adds teacher on school year's eve

By BOB SULLIVAN  
THE CHRONICLE

On the eve of the new school year, the Board of Education voted Monday to hire one new teacher rather than maintain two fourth-grade classes of 27 students at Hillside Avenue School.

The board has traditionally limited elementary class sizes at 25, but Monday night considered a proposal from Acting Superintendent William Cashman that class sizes of 27 students be maintained.

Last year's two third-grade classes at Hillside School were below the 25-student limit, but transfers caused the numbers problem for the upcoming year, Mr. Cashman said. He suggested that the two classes of 27 be maintained and a classroom aide be hired to assist with clerical work. He also suggested some parents might be willing

to shift students into smaller classes at Livingston School.

But board members felt the hiring of a new teacher — which will cost the district an estimated

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\$42,000 — was both fair and educationally sound. The vote to split the class into three sections was unanimous.

Prior to discussion, several parents complained about the drawbacks of larger class sizes.

"There are a considerable amount of students in that class who need a lot of help. Last year's third grade teacher is adamant that the class be split," Janice Rosenkrantz said.

## Clark board again postpones vote

By BOB SULLIVAN  
THE CHRONICLE

After listening to 60 minutes of chanting picketers and another three hours of public testimony, the Clark Board of Adjustment again postponed decision on the proposed cogeneration plant Monday night.

Most of Monday's hearing was devoted to comments from Clark residents while concerned Cranford citizens will have an opportunity to testify at the next meeting, scheduled for Sept. 6. That night the board also may begin deliberations on the proposal, but there is no guarantee that any decision will be made.

More than 100 residents from both Clark and Cranford marched outside Clark's Brewer School Monday prior to the meeting, holding picket signs and chanting "One, two, three four, we won't take it anymore...five, six, seven, eight, we will not cogenerate."

The protesters oppose a proposal by EEA Development Inc. to construct a plant on Raritan Road near Cranford's border that would provide steam to United States Gypsum at discounted rates and excess electricity to New York's Con-Edison public utility. The proposal requires at least one use variance and must receive the blessing of the Clark Board of Adjustment

before construction.

Cranford residents Loretta Smith and Rae Kane were among the chanters.

"We're concerned that once they change that land to light industry, zones in the area will change piece by piece. The flavor of the area will change," Ms. Smith said. "They (board of adjustment) have stifled us, have not let us speak, and practically thrown down our committee members with no courtesy."

But another Cranford resident who lives just as close to the plant supports its approval and construction.

Joe Pagano was one of about 50 U.S. Gypsum employees who appeared at Monday's meeting wearing baseball hats which read, "Cogeneration — clean and green."

"It's safe and it's something we need here in the United States," Mr. Pagano, a 45-year Cranford resident said. "It's something U.S. Gypsum needs to compete with foreign companies, and there's no evidence that it's a danger to anyone."

Cranford school board members Rich Salls and Dee Sugalski and Township Committee member Barbara Hilger also were among the picketers. Committee members Daniel Aschenbach and Bob Hoefler spoke before the board.

## Flooding relief OK'd for downtown shops

By BOB SULLIVAN  
THE CHRONICLE

The Cranford Township Committee has unanimously authorized bidding on a project designed to relieve flooding at a series of North Avenue stores.

The flooding is caused by a steeply graded public parking lot in the rear of the stores. Running water from fast, hard rains cannot be contained by small drains in the area, and water jumps the curbs and runs into Corina Restaurant, Martin Jewelers, Gelger's Fine Women's Apparel, and several other stores.

The ship of stores in the heart of the downtown has compiled a list of recent damages caused by the water runoff. According to a transcript from Cranford Chamber of Commerce President Paul LaCorte

to the Township Committee, preliminary estimate of damages to five of the stores is nearly \$36,000.

But the Township Committee believes the project sent to bid Tuesday will solve the problem. Plans call for the installation of new drains across the lot, two new catch basins, and increased curbing height outside the stores. Cost of the project will be about \$25,000, which will be paid by the Downtown Management Corporation.

"This is a very straightforward proposal which won't cost a lot of money or take a lot of time but it will solve the problem," Commissioner J. Robert Hoefler said.

Mr. Hoefler said the problem began when the back lot was redesigned a year ago. "They didn't take into account that the sewer leader to the street makes three sharp turns. That prevents the water from escaping fast enough."

## Town policeman boldly handles gun incident

An off-duty Cranford police officer aided a gunshot victim and helped arrest a suspect Saturday near his Edison home.

Det. Liam Lockwood was home and off-duty Saturday when his girlfriend heard what sounded like a gunshot. She called police while Det. Lockwood headed outside.

"I saw the victim on all fours on the lawn, bleeding," he said. "He had been shot through the mouth, but he was talking and coherent."

Guy Messina of Edison's

McArthur Drive allegedly had shot Donald Graus around 7 p.m. after the two were engaged in a personal dispute.

"I found the gun sitting in nearby bushes and I left it there," Mr. Lockwood said. "Then I located the alleged shooter standing on his porch. I kept my eye on him until the police arrived."

Mr. Graus was listed in satisfactory condition at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick Tuesday.

BOB SULLIVAN

## DiFabios worry as Andrew roars at them

By BOB SULLIVAN  
THE CHRONICLE

When Hurricane Andrew ripped through Florida Monday morning, Joe DiFabio could only wait.

The program coordinator for Cranford's recreation department tried unsuccessfully to contact his brother Al by telephone that morning and, at press time, he was still unable to confirm his brother's safety. Al, a Cranford High School graduate and former Cranford resident, has lived on Key West for the past 10 years.

"There were no communications to the area," Joe DiFabio said. "My parents have been trying and trying. They might not have phone lines and electricity in Key West for a week or two. We just have to sit and wait. We talked to them (Sunday) and we know they weren't

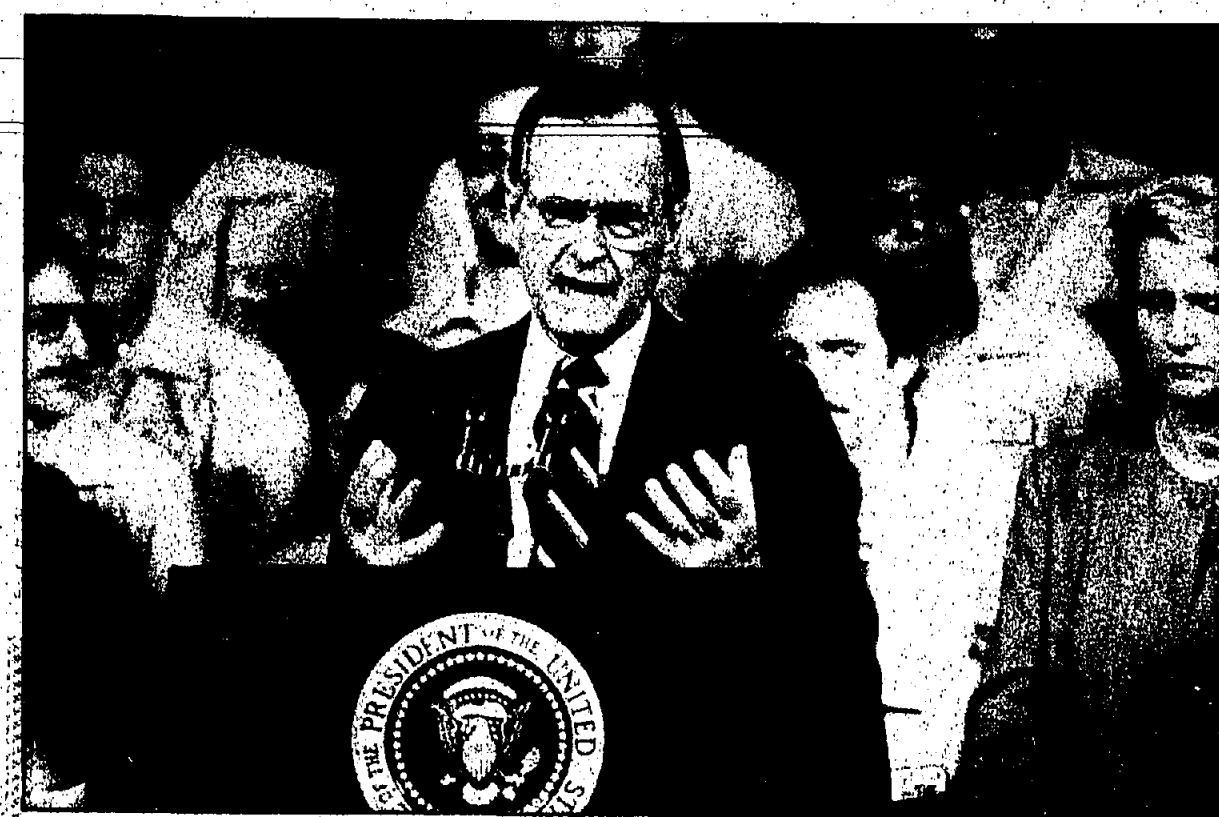
leaving. They were boarding up the house and getting ready."

Key West had braced for Hurricane Andrew, which delivered record winds and rainfall. Hurricane forecasters predicted Andrew would be a category 5 — or catastrophic — storm when it hit the coast.

Joe, who also graduated from Cranford High School, lived for several years on Key West before returning to Cranford a few years ago.

"I'm pretty upset (about not being able to call), but they've made of heavy stock down there. They have a way of living through these things down there," he said on Tuesday. "They have ample warning. The National Weather Service is right down there in Miami."

Wednesday at 5:45 a.m. the good news came in a call from Al: all is OK.



President George Bush addresses crowd Monday morning at Lincoln Tech in Union.

## Local pols greet Bush in Union

By CHERYL NEHL  
THE CHRONICLE

Local politicians rubbed elbows with George Bush Monday when the President visited Union County on a mid-morning campaign stop.

In a flurry of tight security and gridlocked roads, local politicians were among those invited to Lincoln Technical Institute in Union to hear, and in some cases, meet the President.

It was an exciting, action-packed morning for local Republicans from Cranford and Kenilworth, but due to some type of confusion, few were included in a private reception held prior to his public speech.

Despite the oppressive heat in the cavernous warehouse, blue-collar workers mixed casually with dignitaries, media members, and other GOP dignitaries. Outside the large facility, crowds lined the hillside and streets in an effort to get a glimpse of the President, who arrived by motorcade and departed by helicopter.

While the President chatted with mayors and other Republican party officials in a sequestered room, former Gov. Tom Kean and Republican Congressman Matthew Rinaldo paved the way for the President's entrance.

"This visit is about job training and jobs for the unemployed," Mr. Kean said. "Something this state should be all about."

Though generally supportive of those speaking, there were several instances of booing from the audience, which was predominantly made up of the students training for technical positions.

However, the appearance of President Bush, and his subsequent delivery of a speech pledging to spend \$10 billion over the next five years to boost employment, led to rousing rounds of cheers from the audience.

Ironically, the President unveiled the job training proposal within minutes when taxpayers may decide to end his. But the employment plan fell on

receptive ears since New Jersey unemployment is at 9.8 percent.

But unemployment and job training wasn't really on the minds of several GOP party members from Cranford who attended the event. Instead, it was a chance for some to meet with the country's chief executive.

Barbara Bilger, who has served one three-year term on the Township Committee and is in the running this fall for the second, had a bird's-eye view of the President during his speech and managed to speak directly to him.

"I told him I was running for re-election, and he wished me luck, so I wished him luck too," Ms. Bilger said.

Despite representing Cranford as the deputy mayor, Ms. Bilger was not asked to join the approximately 40 other mayors and representatives of Union County municipalities at the pre-speech get-together. However, Ms. Bilger was content to wait in the warehouse with other GOP members.

Robert Hoeffer, serving the first year of a three-year term on the Cranford Township Committee, also attended the event.

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Chatting after the excitement at Lincoln Tech where President Bush visited Monday are Paul LaCorte, former Cranford mayor and now Chamber of Commerce president; Township Committee candidate Joe Carroll; and Township Committee members Barbara Bilger and Bob Hoeffer.

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## Kenilworth-Garwood Briefs

### Westfield responsible for sewage spills

The Department of Environmental Protection and Energy (DEPE) has served a notice of violation on Westfield for recent spills of raw sewage into the Garwood brook.

Finding a solution to the problem, though, may take some time, considering the confusion surrounding the issue.

The DEPE responded after Garwood residents complained several times in the past two weeks about the odor of raw sewage coming from the brook running through town. A representative from the

Water and Hazardous Waste Division of the DEPE issued the violation Aug. 18 after determining the brook originated in Westfield.

However, conflicting reports from the DEPE and Westfield officials continue to cloud whether the break was repaired, or if anyone knows where the actual break is located.

### Volco developer wants a decision

KENILWORTH — The attorney representing the developer seeking to rezone the former Volco site in Kenilworth has told the Borough Council it was time to "fish or cut bait," after nearly a year of waiting

for a decision on the matter.

Developer and longtime Kenilworth resident Frank Criscitello proposes to clean the contaminated former Volco Brass and Copper site on Market Street and the Boulevard, pay at least three years back taxes and build a supermarket and car wash on an 8-acre parcel at the corner of the Boulevard and Market Street.

Frustrated by the delay and the fact he has ADE Supermarket chain ready to sign on the dotted line, Mr. Criscitello began to clean the site a few weeks ago at his own expense, including spending \$30,000 to gut the interior of the building sitting on one portion of the property.

Mr. Criscitello and his attorney, David Buino, came before the council once again this week, asking to have the Volco site rezoned from industrial to commercial. But a decision by council will have to wait until a special meeting Sept. 10.

## Man charged with assaulting cop

A Rahway man was charged Aug. 12 with four counts of assaulting a police officer after running a police car and trying to hit police officer on foot.

Officer James Wosnick stopped Michael Latulippe, 32, on Centennial Avenue after he made an alleged illegal turn off the Garden State Parkway. After stopping, Mr. Latulippe turned his car hard toward the officer and sped off.

The suspect later rammed one car with two other Cranford police officers and attempted to ram the car of Officer Wosnick was driving during a chase through Linden, the parkway, and Kenilworth.

The suspect was also charged with eluding, resisting arrest, driving while intoxicated, driving while on the suspended list. He was released after posting \$2,000 bail.

Sunday, Aug. 23

A Union cab company driver signed a complaint against David Levy, 24, Cranford, alleging he failed to pay his cab fare from Roselle Park to Cranford. Mr. Levy maintains he paid the driver, Jaime Rivera, 28, but there was disagreement over the amount owed. He signed a complaint against the driver.

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## Police report

Friday, Aug. 21

Officer Chris Chapman stopped an East South Avenue driver for making an illegal turn and later arrested him for driving while intoxicated. Gordon Coletti, 39, Garwood, was stopped at 2:20 a.m.

A 1988 Blazer was reported stolen from Kenilworth Boulevard at 5:15 a.m. by police. No entry to the building was gained.

Five juveniles cornered an 11-year-old Cranford youth and stole his bicycle at 8:30 p.m. in the wooded area behind the Cranford Community Center near the Adams Avenue ball field. The youth was not injured, but he was restrained while others took his \$350 Huffy 21-speed bicycle. According to Detective Lt. William O'Donnell, this was the second such "strong-arm" robbery in the area, known to youths as "The Trail," this year.

Thursday, August 20

A 1988 Oldsmobile belonging to a Staten Island resident was reported stolen from the Days Inn.

A Huffy 12-speed bicycle was stolen from a Centennial Avenue parking lot between 3 and 4 p.m. The bike was valued at \$300.

A 1990 Acura Legend was stolen from Prospect Avenue between midnight and 8:30 a.m. It was found by Newark police at 2:15 p.m.

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## Rising enrollments renew schools' study by new committee

By JOANNE McFADDEN  
THE CHRONICLE

A rising enrollment has sparked the Board of Education into establishing an ad hoc Facilities Committee to review how well the district facilities and equipment are meeting the needs of each student.

The results of that report are expected to be released in December. Their report will assist the district in determining a future course of action dealing with potential increases of students, explained Superintendent of Schools Walter Boright.

For the first time in many years, Garwood faces an increased enrollment as it prepares to open its doors for school. According to Mr. Boright, that increase is 18 students, or 5 percent over the June enrollment.

Numbers can yet go up and down as registration remains open," Mr. Boright warned.

The total student population numbers 402. Washington School totals 137 students; Franklin School, 151; and Lincoln School, 114. Out-of-district placements

count for six.

In spite of all of the sophistication of demographic data, federal census tract information, professional research and local birth records, the only accurate way to project school enrollment is to record who enters school on opening day," said Mr. Boright.

According to Mr. Boright, the first year or two of school is the most critical in projecting student populations in the first grade and beyond. With most of the upper grades in the mid-30 range of enrolled pupils and the kindergarten classes numbering around 40 each of these last three years, a steady enrollment rise is expected.

"The graduating eighth-grade class is being replaced with a larger number of students in kindergarten and kindergarten," Mr. Boright states.

Although the district enrollment remains below the mid-range projections of the Kerner Professional Report, a consultant's group which analyzed and projected enrollment, the fact that the district enrollment would grow was projected by that report.

## New administrator down to business already in schools

By JOANNE McFADDEN  
THE CHRONICLE

Raymond Krov, the Garwood schools business administrator, will oversee the implementation of a double-entry accounting system for the district finances, which will result in more comprehensive accounting reports and internal controls.

Mr. Krov, who received his MBA from Seton Hall University, will be responsible for computerizing the business office and implementing the general accounting principles (GAP) as required by the State Department of Education by 1993.

He recently completed three training sessions facilitated by state officials regarding the double-entry accounting system.

Basically, the implementation of these GAP procedures will bring New Jersey school districts in line with other states and allow for comparisons," said Mr. Krov. "Currently, school boards are the only public entities that do not have to comply with these principles. Municipalities do."

Board of Education members will be given comprehensive ongoing financial statements that will reflect what was budgeted and what was spent up-to-date for each line item. Each report will be 12 pages long and list all revenues and expenditures.

In addition, the implementation of the double entry system will provide for better record keeping and internal controls.

"They can get the information they need almost immediately," explains Mr. Krov. "At a glance, they will be able to tell the financial condition of the district."

Mr. Krov replaced Louis Cramble as the board secretary and school business administrator. A part-time employee, he is assisted by Betty Faggiano. Since he holds a school business administrator certificate, the state will reimburse the district for his Social Security and pension payments.

"Even my employment will end up saving the district money," he jokes.

## Cleaning up



Katie Kriem, 13, washes a van during Lincoln School's fund-raising car wash in Garwood on Thursday.

## Trailside opens mammals exhibit of the Watchungs

A new exhibit, "Mammals of the Watchungs," has opened at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside.

The exhibit, located in the center's natural history museum and funded in part by the Trailside Museum Association, was designed and installed by exhibit artist, Doug Schiller. It features 10 cases housing 14 different species of mammals native to the Watchung Reservation. According to Union County Manager Ann Baran, "The exhibit provides visitors to the museum information about the animals' habitat, habits and food requirements in an interesting and easy-to-understand format."

The public will see examples of these Watchung Reservation inhabitants depicted in their own

natural setting. A red fox pup seen emerging from its den or a chipmunk startled by the attack of a weasel are just two of the scenes shown in the exhibit.

The exhibit will remain on permanent display and can be viewed from 1:15 p.m. daily. For more information, call 789-3070.

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## Students will see new programs in 1992-93 classes

By JOANNE McFADDEN  
THE CHRONICLE

With a number of new programs set to debut this fall, students in the Garwood school district should reap the benefits of a successful year.

So says Garwood Superintendent of Schools Walter Boright.

"There are many delightful things that will take place," said Mr. Boright, who also mentioned the upcoming realignment in the district. "This will be a fun-filled, academically rich school year."

The realignment plan will bring students of the same age into the same buildings. Washington School will accommodate children in the prekindergarten through first-grade. Franklin School, children grades 2 through 5, and Lincoln School, grades 6 through 8. Lincoln School will function as a middle school with emphasis on middle school concepts.

"First of all students will be together with all of the other students of the same age," said Mr. Boright. "What a great way to get to know one another better and to build longer lasting friendships!"

Washington School has been redecorated, mostly through the efforts of parents and teachers. "Your teachers, parents and aides have been in throughout the summer setting up the classrooms with learning centers, more manipulatives and some really great and colorful decorations in the classrooms and hallways," stated Mr. Boright.

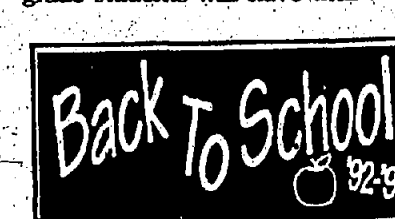
In addition, field trips to local and community establishments and classes on the lawn are being planned, weather permitting. Assembly programs geared especially for the student population, ages 3 to 7, are also being scheduled.

The realignment of students in second- and third-grade to Franklin School will allow access to its library, computer and gifted-talented programs.

"Plans are under way to get students into the computer room at least once each week with both the classroom teacher and computer

teacher," said Mr. Boright.

At Franklin School, a modified self-contained approach will be implemented that will allow students to experience other teachers for a few of the major subjects. Fourth-grade students will have their first



experience in home economics, art, drama and computers. Fifth-grade students will have expanded time and opportunities in home economics and industrial arts, as well.

"Of interest to fifth-grade parents is the newly designed large gauge arts course titled 'Language and Living,' said Mr. Boright. It will be offered as an elective in the district, with the Spanish foreign language course.

As the Lincoln school shifts more closely to a middle school environment, there will be an expanded opportunity for after-school activities, said Mr. Boright.

In addition to the regular varsity sports of soccer, field hockey, basketball, baseball, and softball, after-school club programs will offer activities including tennis, golf, volleyball, computers, basketball, crafts, modeling and grooming.

Special programs throughout the district will continue as well. "Life Science" will visit with grades kindergarten through third on a regular basis, and Operation Archaeology, a four-day dig in the Deserted Village area of the Watchung Reservation, will also take place.

"Mr. Science was very popular and educationally enriching and Operation Archaeology was a terrific program," said Mr. Boright. Mr. Boright reminds parents that the administration practices an open door policy for students and staff. "If you have a question, concern, or problem, let one of the administrators or teachers know about it," he said.

# RECYCLING NEWS

ATTENTION CRANFORD AND GARWOOD RESIDENTS

Effective September 1, 1992 the Union County Utilities Authority Regional Curbside Recycling Program will be picking up PLASTIC BOTTLES, TIN CANS AND CORRUGATED CARDBOARD in your municipality on your regularly scheduled recycling days.

NEXT PICK-UP:  
CRANFORD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1992  
GARWOOD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1992

WHAT AND HOW TO RECYCLE

NEWSPAPERS

- ✓ Tie with twine in bundles no more than 12" high. Do NOT use tape, wire or rubberbands.
- ✓ NO magazines, paper bags, telephone books or cardboard.

GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS

- ✓ Rinse well.
- ✓ Remove caps and lids.
- ✓ Only bottles and jars will be collected.
- ✓ NO window glass, dishes, Pyrex, mirrors or crystal.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

- ✓ Must be clean.
- ✓ Must be flattened.
- ✓ Must be tied in bundles.
- ✓ NO paper bags, magazines, telephone books, junk mail or newspapers.

PLASTIC BOTTLES

- ✓ Rinse well.
- ✓ Remove caps and lids.
- ✓ All bottles should be flattened.
- ✓ Only plastic bottles that contain pourable liquids, such as milk, soda, juice, or detergent, will be accepted.
- ✓ NO squeeze bottles, packaging plastic wrap or containers holding food or hazardous materials such as motor oil or anti-freeze.
- ✓ Acceptable materials will have a PET, PETE or HDPE mark or the number 1 or 2 in a triangle imprinted on the bottom of the bottle.

ALUMINUM & TIN CANS

- ✓ Must be well rinsed.
- ✓ NO paint cans or spray cans.
- ✓ GLASS AND PLASTIC RECYCLABLES MUST BE SET OUT IN SEPARATE STURDY, REUSABLE CONTAINERS.
- ✓ ALUMINUM AND TIN CANS CAN BE COMINGLED IN ONE CONTAINER.
- ✓ MATERIALS PLACED IN PLASTIC OR PAPER BAGS WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.

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The Chronicle

# Commentary

## Resolved:

### A few New (school) Year's Resolutions from three top county education officials

None believes it, but most schools will have reopened in less than 10 days. The 1992-93 school year dawns, presenting a welcome occasion for parents, students and teachers, the Big Three of forces in education, to make some "New Year's Resolutions."

Forbes Newspapers asked superintendents of schools in Somerset, Union and Middlesex to suggest New Year's resolutions to the Big Three.

Here, with our explicit endorsement and highest hopes for implementation, are their suggestions for resolutions:

#### For parents...

Continue to support public school education by attending meetings, volunteering in any way in the schools, and helping your own

students with their homework. (Somerset County Superintendent Dr. James H. Mundy)

Give maximum support to youngsters so that they become the best they can be and perform at their maximum level. (Union Superintendent Dr. Leonard D. Fitts)

Students...

Dedicate yourself to producing the very top quality work of which you are capable. (Union's Dr. Fitts)

Teachers...

Continue to deliver an education program of quality. And continue to serve as pseudo-counselors. (Dr. Mundy)

Dedicate yourself to being the finest teacher and models for the kids. (Dr. Fitts)

## Serious help

### County-wide rape crisis center calls for special, mature volunteers to help victims

The pressure on the staff at the County's Rape Crisis Center in Westfield is building, because the number of women calling for support in the wake of recent rapes, or even crimes committed years ago, is growing.

There also are growing requests for the staff to make educational presentations and talks in schools, club groups and at health fairs.

The center needs volunteer help to free the staff to meet such demands. But not just any volunteers. These people compassion, a non-judgmental approach to victims and their families and friends, and enough commitment to the work to stick with it, no matter the intensity of any one case or call. Most are women, and women are better in many of the volunteer roles, but men also are welcome to apply.

Apply is a key word. Volunteers first face an orientation and screening interview, then face 13, 3.5-hour evening training classes spread through October and November. Volunteers then are matched according to their skills, strengths and availability, to specific work areas and to hours anywhere around the clock.

The center carries about 50-60 volunteers

each year and about a third of them, all women, are assigned to the Hotline. Day time help is of particular value right now, any age (at least 21, though) is acceptable, and fluency in language other than English is welcome.

The center, now in its ninth year under county control, provides individual and group counseling, a 24-hour hotline, speakers bureau, in-service training to hospital, law enforcement and mental health professionals, consultation to professionals working with survivors, and information and referral services.

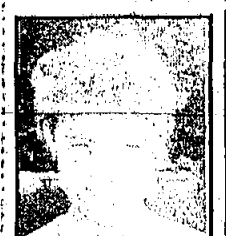
The Rape Crisis Center's volunteers play a critical role in its operation, but just as importantly, in the lives of the rape victims and their friends and families. Providing medical and legal information, and the support of a understanding person willing to listen and they help generate the satisfaction for the center's staff and volunteers.

That gratification makes the detailed training and the often unsettling stories and suffering of the victims worthwhile for the special volunteers.

Center Director Jennifer Pruden (233-7273) is the first call for those volunteers who have the stuff to truly make a difference in this important, trying area of human need.

## Viewpoint

Question: What are the best and worst parts about going back to school?



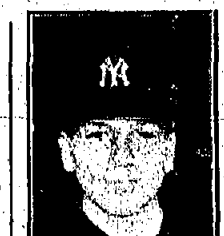
**Kelly Armstrong**  
Westfield  
"The worst thing is that we have to start before Labor Day. The best is that I get to see all my friends."



**Sean Sczygiel**  
Westfield  
"The best is seeing my friends, the worst is home-work."



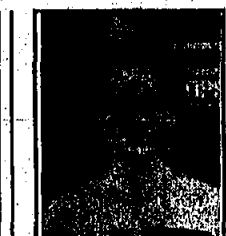
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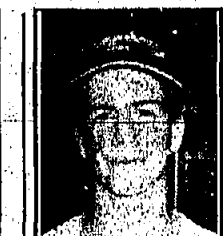
**John Levine**  
Garwood  
"The worst is listening to teachers and doing home-work. The best is I won't have to watch my two-year-old niece any more."



**Gary Conrad**  
Cranford High School  
"The worst is getting up in the morning, the best is seeing my friends again."



**Becky Gregson**  
Cranford  
"The best is getting away from my parents, the worst is not seeing my summer friend."



**Paul Zema**  
Brooklyn High School  
"The best is seeing my friends again, the worst will be having to get to work on time after school."



Letters to the editor

### Carroll backs South Avenue supermarket rezoning

To The Chronicle:

On July 28, the Cranford Township Committee approved the rezoning of a parcel of land on South Avenue to permit, among other things, the building of a supermarket. I support this action and applaud the members of the Township Committee who accepted their responsibility and voted on the issue in the best interest of Cranford.

I found it disturbing that Commissioner Aschenbach proposed to

bring the ordinance until an existing suit brought by the owners of the lot in question against Cranford was settled. Democratic candidate Albert endorsed this proposal in his comments during the public hearing on the matter. Such action would have cost the Township legal fees in defending the suit, but more important, would have left the zoning of this important parcel of empty Cranford land in the hands of an out-of-town judge. Members of the Township

Committee must accept leadership roles when matters of importance to Cranford's future are under consideration. I fail to understand why Commissioner Aschenbach was willing to cede his responsibility on a matter so important to Cranford.

I want a Township Committee willing to face their responsibility and do what is right for Cranford. Commissioners Bilger, Valero and Mayor Robinson did so.

**JOSEPH F. CARROLL**  
319 N. Cranford

### Are we sure we're on the right track in Waldorf struggle?

To The Chronicle:

Well, the papers have finally revealed the plan for the Waldorf case that the governing body has known about since December 1991. The attorneys seem to feel that admitting liability is a great tactic. Let's hope it is!

We admit liability and then ask, "How much do we pay?" I'm afraid I have to admit I don't understand. The insurance company attorney

lost the original case; our own, lowly paid, Republican appointed Borough Attorney Charles Irwin, won our appeal; and now our high priced, highly reputed Democratic appointed attorney says, "Let's roll over and ask how much, we don't have a good case. It cost us an awful lot of money for that decision, after winning an appeal, too. Imagine, gathering up all of the same information Mr. Irwin had already obtained, at more cost and then a highly questionable result. Now, I can understand the attorney advising the council not to talk about the case publicly (I wouldn't be proud of the decision, either). But, how could they not talk about how to pay the bill? No matter how much or how little the final tab is, we still need a program, a plan, at least a slight idea of how to pay it.

The council knew, over six months ago, what the case strategy was and did absolutely nothing. When Councilman Schultz suggested we try to "share" some expenses, did he get much support? When he said, "Don't hire another policeman right now" or "don't get the budget more," did he get support? Heck, no! Why bother, when the taxpayers can just pay more. The political misfits and mental misfits who have governed this borough for the past few years have sold us down the river...no paddle, no oar...not even a rudder to guide us past the fi-

nancial rapids in our future. And, by the end of this year all of those who should have been making plans for us — Clemente, Corcione, David, Pepe, Testa — will all be gone. That's a great way to solve a problem...leave it for the next guy! By the way, those same guys didn't hesitate at all when they approved the \$2.75 million bond issue last year. We're already paying for that one.

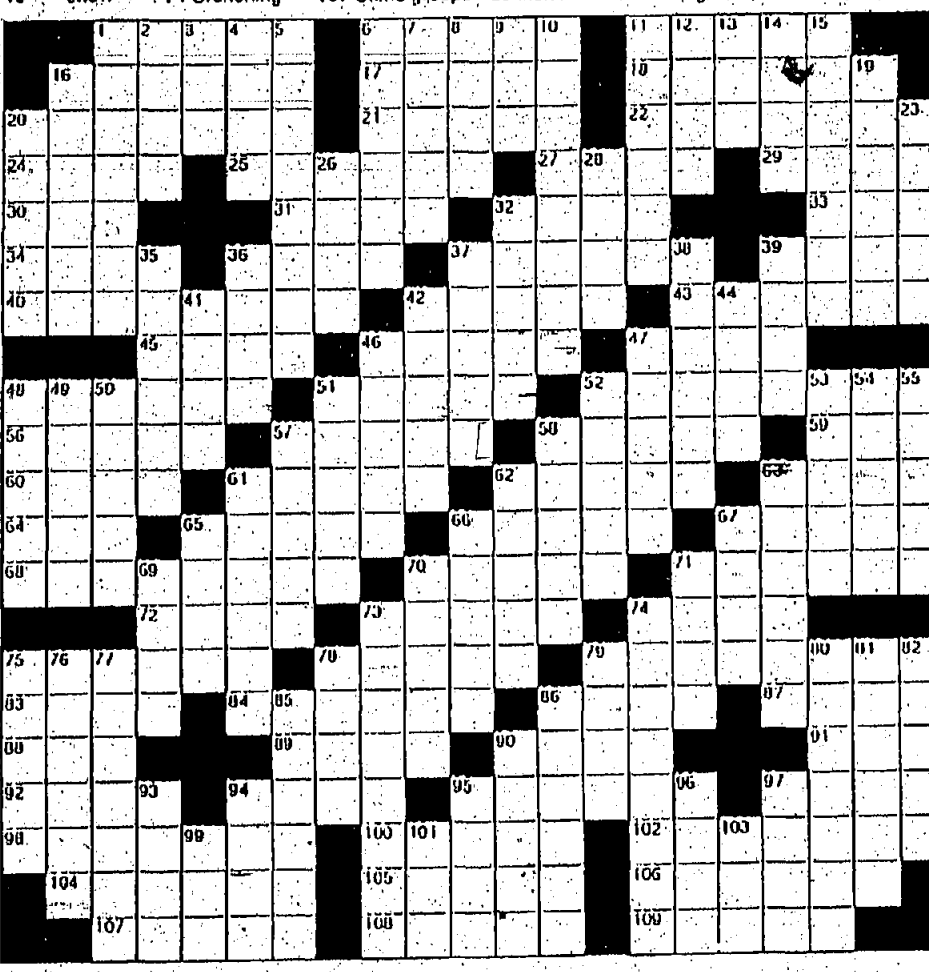
Sadly for us, a plan has been available since 1989, but it was never adopted, or even seriously discussed. The political misfits mentioned before, just tossed it aside because it was a "political (Republican) solution." Their alternative plan was brilliant, don't bother to plan at all, it will all go away. It's a piece of cake. At this point in time, without a plan ready, which would require state cooperation, the ultimate judgment will have to be paid in five years. How will you like that in your property tax bill?

It will take at least a year to devise and implement a payment plan. In the meantime, interest on the money starts on day one, not when the plan is ready. Remember what I said, "no paddle, no oar," not even a rudder to steer with? What is the correct term? Malfeasance or misfeasance in office? When is someone going to smell the coffee and take charge?

**WILLIAM E. CONRAD**  
Kenilworth

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# Community Life

## Teachers, staff getting schools ready for the big day



By ELIZABETH GROMEK  
and CHERYL NEHL  
THE CHRONICLE

Everyone expects students to have butterflies in their stomachs before the first day of school. But for teachers and custodians, those very same butterflies start in August. A few weeks before students put on their back-to-school shoes and walk through the door with their new lunch boxes in hand, there is much cleaning and setting up to do. Teachers are winning up their vacations and spending time putting up bulletin boards, figuring out ways to implement new materials into the curriculum, and trying to incorporate what they learned over the summer in workshops and seminars.

Maryann Molnar, a kindergarten teacher at Franklin Elementary School in Westfield, said it takes at least five full days to get the classroom ready. But, because she is switching from teaching first-grade to kindergarten, she started last week. Her classroom walls are covered with colorful cutouts with the alphabet or numbers on them.

One of her distinctive challenges this year will be having several Japanese students in her class. They will be participating in the English as a second language program, but still spend the majority of their time in her class.

"We use a lot of pictures, anyway," Ms. Molnar said. "The written word is a foreign language to all the kids at this point."

The planning for this year is also important, according to second-grade teacher Eileen Cambria. She is reviewing new materials and

planning how to use them best in the classroom. Because teachers need to give the children their full attention when they are in the classroom, being prepared is crucial, she said.

"You can't do this job by the seat of your pants and last!" Mrs. Molnar said.

Over in Cranford at Walnut Avenue School, Principal Joan Melvin was hard at work designing a colorful 5-foot high house on one hall wall. Contrary to popular belief, principals like Ms. Melvin have not lost their flair or love of getting ready for the first day of school.

Roundings for the little ones who will return to school.

Joe Binder, a teacher at Harding for 28 years, was busy putting the finishing touches on his third-grade classroom. Walton trains colorfully edge the walls, each depicting a part of the alphabet, while a colorful wall board announces "Welcome back." Neat rows of desks are topped by a stack of books, attesting to the fact there is much to learn in 1992-93.

Gazing around the colorful surroundings, one can see much time has gone into preparing the room. Was it always this way?

the way for the children who will race through the door in just a few weeks. What does she hope for the coming year?

"That they don't cry," says the teacher who gives an abundance of hugs to the newest addition to the Harding roster. Yet Mrs. Tischling looking forward to her new challenges, and the new year.

"They learn so much in one year, and they always come back to visit after they move up," she says smiling.

Teachers are not the only ones getting a jump on the school year. Custodians at the Evergreen School in Scotch Plains started sprucing up the building for September the day after school ended. They have polished floors, cleaned desks, and touched up paint from one end to the other.



The major project this summer was staining classroom baseboards in the 30-year-old building. While it seems a lonely life, just a custodian and his paintbrush, it is not so dull according to Ed Witall, one of the custodians on staff at the elementary school.

"I've got my music cranked up and nobody bothers me," Mr. Witall said. "During the summer, you want to spend time alone, but it's always great when the kids are back."

The three custodians try to squeeze in some vacation time during the summer, so usually they are only two working at a time. But that does not concern Mr. Witall.

"It's the same routine - you know what you gotta do and you just get down and do it," Mr. Witall said.

As for normal third-grade "tattle tales," Mr. Binder has hit on a cure.

"I have them confront each other instead of coming to me," Mr. Binder explains, "they tell each other they are sorry and it is over. Most of all it works." He will spend the next week or so working on a special math program. But the night before, well, that will find the popular third-grade teacher tossing and turning.

"I always get excited the night before school opens," he admits.

Marti Tisch, who teaches kindergarten, has just started her classroom decorating. There is still plenty of time, though, to prepare

Joe Binder, a third-grade teacher at Harding School in Kenilworth for almost three decades, spent part of last week getting his classroom ready for the upcoming school year. Teachers throughout the area will soon be welcoming back students as summer vacation comes to an end.



Mark and Elizabeth Benner of Kenilworth announce the birth of their son, Russell James, July 22, 1992. He joins two sisters, Melissa, 4, and Almira Rose, 16 months. Maternal grandparents are Mary Jane Jones of Chesapeake, Va., and the late James Jones. Paternal grandparents are Richard and Vivian Benner of Cranford. Russell weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

Sharan and Jim Hardman of Cranford announce the birth of their daughter, Kelly Susan, July 8, 1992 at Rahway Hospital. She joins a sister, Kristin, 2 1/2. Maternal grandparents are Tom and June Ford. Paternal grandparents are George and Pat Hardman.

Matthew and Peggy (Walsh) Fitzgerald announce the birth of their fourth child, Clara Jeanne Marie, born April 22, 1992 in Baltimore. She joins brothers, Garrett Matthew and Kennedy Michael, and sister, Margaret Rose. Paternal grandparents are John and Jeanne Fitzgerald, formerly of Cranford, now residing in Middletown. Maternal grandparents are John and Claire Zimmerman, also formerly of Cranford, now residing in Hillton Head, S.C.

### Junior League plans session for women interested in joining

The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield (JLEP) will sponsor an informational session for prospective members at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8. This session will be the last opportunity to join the 1992-93 provisional class.

The JLEP is part of the Association of Junior Leagues, an international organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism and to improving the community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

The league's community involvement for the upcoming year includes hands-on assistance at St. Clare's Home in Elizabeth, a transitional home for pediatric AIDS



JOHN OBLACHINSKI and CAROL ANN SHUSTA

### Anne Shusta is engaged to John C. Oblachinski

Anne T. Shusta of Garwood announces the engagement of her daughter, Carol Ann, to John J. Oblachinski, son of Joan Oblachinski and the late John C. Oblachinski. The future bride is the daughter of the late Carl T. Shusta.

The bride-to-be graduated from David Beasley Regional High School in 1983 and Katharine Gibbs School in Montclair. She is employed by the law firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer as a legal secretary in personal injury litigation.

Her fiancé graduated from David Beasley Regional High School in 1982 and attends Caldwell College. He is employed by General Electric Co. in Union.

The wedding is planned for Oct. 16, 1993.

### Lynne Marie Proebstle to wed Kenneth D. Hogan

Lynne Marie Proebstle of Cardiff, daughter of Robert C. Proebstle of Mount Laurel, and the late Celina Proebstle, is engaged to Kenneth Donald Hogan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. Hogan Jr. of Cranford.

The bride-elect graduated from Willingboro High School, Atlantic Community College and Stockton State College. She is employed by Bally's Corp.

Her fiancé graduated from Cranford High School and Pace University. He is an accountant with Weinick, Sanders and Co. in New York City.

The wedding is planned for October 1992.

### Foreign exchange program seeks hosts for students

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs invites residents to open their homes, hearts, and heritage with an exchange student. Eileen Voorhees of 340 Coolidge Drive, Kenilworth, is the local contact of the non-profit, public benefit organization. Those interested in becoming an ASSE host family or would like more information, call Mrs. Voorhees at 276-7514 or 800-877-ASSE.

### Residents elected to diabetes board

Officers of the board of directors of the Diabetes Center of New Jersey have been re-elected to one-year terms. They include John H. Kopicki of Cranford, trustee and president, and Robert W. Lee of Ramoth.

### Party Saturday for Rider alumni

Rider College will host an alumni beach party at Bar Anticipation in South Belmar Saturday, from 2-8 p.m. The \$5 pre-paid per person fee includes admission, drink specials, barbecue and live entertainment. A Rider/Bar A mug will be given to the first 500 attendees. Call (609) 896-5340 for reservations.

### Support group meets at Kessler

On the second Tuesday of each month, Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation hosts meetings of the New Jersey Spinal Cord Injury Outreach Group and the Spinal Cord Injury Family Support Group. The free meetings, which are open to the public, begin at 7 p.m. at Kessler Institute's West Orange facility.

The meetings, providing support and information to individuals and family members whose lives have been affected by a spinal cord injury, cover a wide range of social, text entry, editing, formatting, multi-formatted pages, special effects and fonts, column modes, mathematics, spell check, thesaurus, document merge, mail merge, library function, and file import and export.

### Software specialist certification offered

Union County College's Department of Continuing Education will offer a non-credit computer software specialist certificate program for persons wishing to obtain an applications expertise in a variety of software types.

This fall, all four of the courses required for the certificate will be available, either on the Cranford, Elizabeth, or Plainfield campus, or all three in some cases.

"Applications in Word Processing" will cover two of the top professional word processing packages, Microsoft Word and Word Perfect. Topics covered will include

### Club news

athletic and health-related issues. For more information on the New Jersey Spinal Cord Outreach Group, call Sue Claire Harper at 800-248-3221, Ext. 768. For more information on the Spinal Cord Injury Family Support Group, call Diane Guskas at 800-248-3221, Ext. 365.

### JCC to run trip to lower East Side

The Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, 1391 Main Ave., Scotch Plains, is sponsoring an all-day outing to the Lower East Side Sunday, Sept. 13. A bus will leave the center at 8:30 a.m. and will travel to the Tenement Museum on Orchard Street where the group will take a guided Jewish heritage walking tour, visiting many of the landmarks in the area. Following the tour, the group returns to the museum. Lunch and shopping is on your own. The bus leaves New York City at 4 p.m. returning to the JCC about 5 p.m.

The cost for JCC members is \$22; students and seniors \$20; non-members \$28. Special price arrangements will be made for families with young children. Call the JCC at 898-8800 for reservations.

### Social club plans trip to Kelly's

Garwood Social Club has planned a trip to Kelly's in the Passaic Nov. 8-12. The cost of \$205 per person includes spa, indoor pool, contests, nightclub entertainment each night, and three meals a day. A few seats are available. Call Pat at 789-1455 for reservations.

### Religion news

#### Dinner at temple for Russian emigres

New Americans from the former Soviet Union will be welcomed by Temple Beth-El at a Friday evening service following a traditional Shabbat dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 4 at the temple, 338 Walnut Ave., Cranford.

Rox Reiss, event chairwoman, invites the community to attend and to bring ritual covers - for the kiddush cups and challah covers - for the blessings over wine and bread.

Dinner cost is \$10 for adults; \$5 for children ages 5-12; \$3 for children 3-4; with no charge for children under age 3.

Advance reservations are required and may be made by sending a check to Ms. Reiss at Temple Beth-El.

#### Alliance Church to show video

On the Edge, an award-winning video, will be shown at the Cranford Alliance Church at 6:30 p.m. Sunday. Shot in Yosemite National Park, the plot focuses on a group of young people deep in the wilderness who find that more than their friendship is at stake in the obstacles they face. There is no admission charge.

The Rev. Robert Bashium's sermon will be on "Elijah's Prayers" at the 10 a.m. service. Music will be provided by Bertha Shershinger, Assistant Minister. Paul Thompson will assist in leading worship.

Christian illusionist Toby Travis will appear in performances at two "Rally Day" services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 13. His appearance will feature illusions, comedy, and inspirational challenge. The shows are free and open to the public. A worship service will be held 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13. For information, call 276-1017.

#### New officers to lead St. Paul's circle

New officers of the Women's Circle of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Garwood, will lead the first meeting of the season Wednesday, Sept. 9, at noon.

Dessert will be served by hostesses Catherine Heisch and Helen Sedlak; devotions, Helen Sedlak. Women are encouraged to attend as the rummage sale and other activities will be discussed.

The officers are: president, Catherine Jakovic; vice president, Flo Middleton; treasurer, Catherine Heisch; secretary, Helen Sedlak; sunshine chairwoman, Elsie Williams; and publicity chairwoman, Catherine Madara.

#### Temple to focus on Jews in Spain

Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 South Springfield Ave., Springfield, will resume formal Friday evening sabbath services led by Rabbi Joshua Goldstein and Cantor Amy Daniels, Sept. 11 at 8:30 p.m.

At this service, Sha'arey Shalom will conclude its year-long programming honoring the anniversary of the year 1492, the year of the expulsion of Jews from Spain. Through a creative service at the 10 a.m. service, music will be provided by Bertha Shershinger, Assistant Minister. Paul Thompson will assist in leading worship.

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### Lt. Commander Lesak takes part in ceremony

Navy Lt. Commander William P. Lesak, son of Anne M. and James J. Lesak Sr. of 461 Fourth Ave., Garwood, recently participated in the commissioning ceremony of the Navy's newest aircraft carrier, the USS George Washington, on the fourth of July, at Norfolk Naval Base, Va. Lt. Commander Lesak is a 1971 graduate of Seton Hall University and a 1976 graduate of Immaculate Conception seminary, South Orange. He joined the Navy in September 1981.

Marine Pvt. Paul H. Sowa, son of Theresa M. and Paul H. Sowa of 30 Ann St., Cranford, recently completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. Pvt. Sowa is a 1991 graduate of Cranford High School.

Navy Lt. Jg. Tawees J. Stawasz, son of Mary Stawasz of 335 Beach Ave., Garwood, recently deployed aboard the destroyer USS Briscoe, homeported in Norfolk, Va., for six months to the Red Sea. A 1985 graduate of David Beasley Regional High School and 1989 graduate of Villanova University, Lt. Stawasz joined the Navy in May 1989.

Alman Daniel Curtis has completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. The son of Kenneth A. and Patricia Curtis of 102 Hawthorne St., Cranford, Airman Curtis is a 1990 graduate of Cranford High School.

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### Laurie Gabrielli is bride of Michael Mohr

Laurie Patricia Gabrielli, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gabrielli of Cranford, was married to Michael Donald Mohr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mohr of Cranford, in a wedding ceremony which took place June 5, 1992 at St. Michael's Church, Cranford, was officiated by the Rev. Warren Hall. The reception was held at the Richfield Regency in Verona.

The maid of honor was Stephanie Gabrielli of Cranford, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Donna Gabrielli of Clark, sister-in-law of the bride; Kim Marie Buontempo, Anita Campagna, Jamie Cleary, all of Cranford, friends of the bride; and Stephanie Leifer of California, friend of the bride.

Kimberly Alliseo of Ringoes, cousin of the bridegroom, and Cassandra Wilkowski of Plainfield, cousin of the bride, were flower girls.

Ken Goldstein of Cranford, friend of the bridegroom, was best man. Ushers were Michael Gabrielli and Kevin Keating of Clark, brothers-in-law; Richard Thomas of Keasbey, cousin; and Joseph DeMarco of Cranford and Casey Campagna of Elizabeth, friends.

Patrick Keating of Clark, nephew, served as ring bearer.

The bride graduated from Cranford High School in 1988 and is employed at Investors Savings Bank.

The bride groom graduated from Cranford High School in 1986 and graduated magna cum laude from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York City, in 1990. He is employed by the U.S. Department of Justice as a deputy marshal.

After a wedding cruise on the Monarch of the Seas through the Caribbean, the newlyweds reside in Elgin.

Conti to address Kenilworth seniors

The Kenilworth Senior Citizens Club will resume its activities with the monthly membership meeting 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Kenilworth Center. Guest speaker will be Union County Surrogate Ann Conti and the Kenilworth Board of Health.

The monthly birthday party will be held Tuesday, Sept. 15. The members with August and September birthdays will be honored.

Coming trips: Villa Roma vacation, Sept. 21-25; Oktoberfest, Thursday, Oct. 22, at the Highland; and "Once Upon a Christmas" at the Spinning Wheel, Conn. Check with Marty or Betty McCrea for more dates and times. There also are monthly trips to Atlantic City.

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## Sports Matters



## Vicci uphold grid tradition

Another football season is about to begin. Throughout the years the fathers and sons of many Cranford families have worn the blue and gold in both good seasons and bad. One of the most representative families are the Viccis.

Vince Vicci, born in town, and president of the Cranford-based Vicci Construction Co., graduated from the High School in 1954. He quarter-backed the Cougars to a Group II State Championship in his senior year. He earned 11 varsity letters, participating in football, basketball and track. He was captain of the football team, earned all-state and all-county honors and led the county in touchdowns passed in both his junior and senior years.

"We really had a great team," said Vicci. "I remember my primary receivers were: George Lincoln, Jesse Bell and Tim Schuman. In my junior and senior years, they caught most of my 23 touchdowns passes."

Today, Vicci spends most of his free time on the golf course, where he is a past winner of the Presidents Cup at the Metuchen Country Club. Last year he scored a low in one at Greenbrook in Caldwell.

His wife, Joan, is also a Cranford High School graduate. She first met as classmates in Sherman School. Later, Joan was co-captain of the Cougar cheerleading squad. She also played basketball and track and softball. Through the years, she has been a mainstay in township activities. She is a past president of the Soccer Club as well as the grammar and high school PTAs. She's also a board member of Deborah Hospital.

"They Vicci family's participation in sports, particularly football, has been one of the most enjoyable parts of our lives," Joan said. "Besides Vince and myself, just watching our children throughout the years and being around other Cranford football families is something we'll never forget."

Vince, Jr., the eldest son, graduated from the high school in 1972, where, like his father, he captained the football team. He was named MVP in his senior year. Later he played varsity football at Muhlenberg College (Pa.). He is now an optometrist here in town with a wife and two children.

Vince, Jr.'s younger brother Rob was also a Cougar football captain and MVP before graduating in 1976. He quarter-backed Cranford to its only state playoff appearance in 1975. He also lettered in baseball, basketball and track. He went on to play three years of varsity football at West Point. He is now vice president of the family business as well as an Army Reserve helicopter pilot. He too has a wife and two children.

Daughter Susan followed in her mother's Cougar cheerleader footsteps before graduating in 1977. She attended Fairleigh Dickinson and is now a cardiac intensive care nurse at Robert Wood Medical Center in New Brunswick. She is married and has two children.

Finally, youngest son John (Please turn to page B-2)

## Bottoms up



Kenilworth's Phil Torino (top) grapples for position in the 86 pound match at the Panther Classic in Bridgewater earlier this month.

## Area man tutoring pupils on finer points of fencing, sabre

By KIP KUDUK

THE CHRONICLE

He doesn't have any vacuum cleaners and he's not soliciting any contributions, but George LaTorre will be happy come to your house and teach the finer points of fencing.

LaTorre, a resident of Union, has been involved with fencing for 23 years and specializes in transforming high school and college programs on the brink of extinction into champions.

LaTorre not only excels as a fencing teacher, but he's also one of the sport's top competitors. The 35-year-old, who specializes in the sabre, finished second in New Jersey state tournament, qualifying in the sabre in April. On June 8, he placed 25th in the sabre in the National Finals in Chicago.

He has also found success as a teacher. LaTorre revived a pair of varsity fencing programs almost single-handedly.

In 1982, he took over the varsity program at Essex Catholic High School, where he graduated from in 1974 and helped the Eagles win a state title the same year.

When he took the job, the team had only four members and the future of the program was in jeopardy. Three years later, the squad earned a district championship, and in his final two years the Eagles went undefeated while winning back-to-back state titles.



GEORGE LATORRE

Last year, he took over the head coaching reins at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, heading a team which tallied eight victories in its previous four seasons. Under LaTorre's tutelage the NJIT Fencers Club won their first ever conference championship.

LaTorre was also a pioneer and instructor for the Westfield Fencing Club, which still meets on Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings at Edison Intermediate School. Although he does not teach there anymore, the program is flourishing under the leadership of Theodore Schlosberg.

"I'm thankful to have the opportunity to teach. I've benefited from good coaching myself," said LaTorre, who cited former Montclair State varsity coach and West-

field resident Rocco DeCicco and Steve Kaplan of the New York Fencers Club, as his biggest influences.

Now, LaTorre is ready to make house calls to share his knowledge and zeal of the sport. Already with a strong base of students in Westfield and Cranford, LaTorre is willing to give lessons to anyone in the immediate area. Although most of LaTorre's students are between junior high and senior high school ages, anyone who wants to learn or hone fencing technique is a prime candidate for instruction.

"I'll show the first three weapons, the scoring areas and the blocks," said LaTorre, who has taught all three types of fencing (sabre, foil and epee). "There are three blocks you can learn to defend against any attack. After a short amount of time, I show the basic attack and retreat moves. It's easier to learn in an actual bout. I'll actually go to the level of the person I'm teaching and have a competitive bout with them."

"I enjoy the movement of the sport. It's quick paced. There's a lot of balance, grace, speed and strategy. I enjoy teaching it and I try not to make it tough to learn. I try to make it fun."

Anyone interested in contacting LaTorre for private instruction may call 688-5592 for an appointment. You can leave a message.

## Scott heads to Spain to take on Para Olympics

By SCOTT ZUCKER

THE CHRONICLE

The Summer Olympics are long over with, but Andre Scott is still seeking glory in Barcelona.

The Union County College student leaves for Spain tomorrow to compete in the Para Olympics. Scott, who is confined to a wheelchair, will compete in the table tennis tournament. The Para Olympics, which are designed to allow disabled players a chance to show their athletic prowess in competition, will run from Sept. 3-14. The event involves a variety of sports including: cycling, swimming, track and field, judo and fencing.

"We got in there a little early to adjust to the change in time," said Scott. "It gives us a chance to get some practice."

Scott, who lives in Elizabeth, will be competing against a field of nearly 400 players. The 27-year-old is currently ranked first in the United States and fifth in the world among the disabled. He has been preparing for the event by playing a variety of tournaments around the world.

"In June I played in a tournament in England," said Scott. "I made it to the finals, but lost to the number two player in the world, who was the top-ranked player there."

He also competed in the U.S. Open Tournament in Midland, Mich., in mid-June. He finished seventh in a field of 510 of the world's top players. The tournament included both able-bodied and disabled players.

Scott began participating in table tennis about 11 years ago as a patient at Children's Specialized Hos-

pital in Mountsinide. He was being treated for a degenerative condition in his joints. He also has a severe spinal problem.

He returned Sunday night from California. He spent most of the summer training with his doubles partner Mike Denney at the Ventura-Oxnard Table Tennis Club. He chose to train on the West Coast because of the similarities to Spain.

"The altitude is a lot like Barcelona and the weather is similar," Scott said of southern California. "It's around sea level. At the lower altitude the ball moves slower and the higher the altitude the faster it moves because there is less resistance from the air."

Scott's daily training routine involves stretching and drilling. He does drills to return an attack volley, hit a fast ball and handle loops and other challenging shots. Previously, he practiced regularly at Westfield Table Tennis Club, one of the nation's leading clubs under Coach Chris Lehman. The coach has spent the past 10 years working with top-rated table tennis players.

Scott is confident that he will have a good showing in Barcelona. "I've been playing the best I've ever played right now," Scott said. "I feel really good with the new equipment I've been using. I have a chance to win the tournament. I think my partner and me have a good chance of winning the team event."

Scott is a recreational therapy major at Union County College and hopes to receive his certification in 1994. In addition to table tennis he also plays wheelchair basketball and participates in water and snow skiing.

## PTC Run Registration opens

The second Cranford PTC Run for Education will be held on Sun. Sept. 27 at Orange Ave. School. This one-hour run and fitness walk will begin at 1 p.m. The four-mile race will start at 1:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Ruth S. Janovick Scholarship Fund.

The cost of the run is \$5 without a shirt and \$8 with a shirt and a maximum family entry fee of \$18. Registration forms are available at most Cranford stores or by calling 276-8025.

The race is presented by Walgreens and is co-sponsored by Forbes Newspapers, the Cranford Chamber of Commerce, Merck & Co., Schering Plough, Suburban Cablevision and many local businesses.

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| 9 (Sat) at Kearny         | 1:30 p.m. | 18 (Mon) at Summit         | 4 p.m. | 8 (Mon) at No. Brunswick   | 4 p.m. | 15 (Thu) at Mahwah         | 4 p.m. |
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## WeekendPlus

# Playing the field at the local sports bar

By JEFF HANEY  
WeekendPlus Writer

**B**efore attacking this story — a look at the sports bar scene in the *Weekend Plus* area — I had never given much thought to the phenomenon of sports bars.

No, when it came to bars, I always aligned myself with the Mike Royko school. I figured Royko, a syndicated columnist, said it all when he defined a good tavern as "a place where they serve the whiskey in oversize glasses so that those with the shakes won't be embarrassed by spilling it all over their clothes."

It seemed a fair standard of judgement to me. Generous shots, a bartender who springs for a round once in a while, and maybe a television — that made for a good bar.

But I had it all wrong. Because I assumed a bar was simply a place to sit and drink. What a sad, misguided notion.

Never did I dream that a bar could be a place to work on my foul shot. To engage in a cut-throat game of one-on-one basketball. To play 18 holes of golf (putts only). To play quarterback, throwing real spirals to imaginary receivers. To velcro-jump.

Yet at sports bars, I could do all these things. And more.

Strictly defining a sports bar, however, was not easy. Sure, if an establishment calls itself something like "Bleachers" and has three basketball courts and four batting cages along with fully stocked liquor shelves, it's definitely a sports bar. And if Joe's Pub down on the corner puts the Jets' game on its 13-inch black-and-white TV on Sunday afternoon, it's still not a sports bar.

In between, there's a lot of gray area. You'll find, however, that the following qualities help define a sports bar. To qualify as a sports bar, an establishment doesn't have to have all these aspects, but it should have most of them.

So, a true sports bar will probably have...

• A sports-inspired name. This can range from the cutesy-type monikers such as "The Dugout" to the simple ones such as "Tom's Sports Bar."

Sometimes, it seems as if the proprietors of sports bars take their names more seriously than the owners of more traditional watering holes. Perhaps that's a reflection on the rabid nature of sports fans in general. For instance, during the 1990 Stanley Cup hockey playoffs, the Boston Bruins were battling the Edmonton Oilers in the finals. This prompted one tavern in Edmonton, formerly called the "Bruin Inn," to change its name to the "Bruins Out, Oilers Inn."

And over in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn, the name of a sports bar is causing the owners real headaches. The three small businessmen who own the "Brooklyn Dodger Sports Bar and Restaurant" have been sued by the Los Angeles Dodgers baseball team, who claim they still retain the rights to the Brooklyn Dodger name, 35 years after they moved to California. After two years, the lawsuit continues to flounder in the legal system.

• Plenty of sports-related items on the walls, table-tops, ceiling, etc. A single, scratchy 8 x 10 team photo reading "Kelly's Beer Hall, 1978 softball runner-ups" doesn't count. No, we're talking full-color matted lithographs on the walls surrounding the bar and above each table and booth. Local heroes will be the most prominent subjects, so in the New York area expect plenty of pictures of Mickey Mantle, Joe Namath, Don Mattingly, and the like. Similarly, if you're in Philadelphia you'll see Steve Carlton and Tug McGraw and Randall Cunningham.

However, an exceptional sports bar decorator will include large photos of more obscure players from



Bartender Felix Ciattarelli serves a smiling Lisa Maselli of Somerville and others at Bono's in Haverhill. Ciattarelli is also the referee of the popular night spot's "Lazyman's Olympics."

the past, as well as ample action shots featuring several players in one frame. This allows you to impress your friends, as in "Hey, there's Nino Espinosa" or "That's Bird driving around Marc Iavorrioni."

Another nice touch is a behind-glass display devoted to one player. Such a display would include, say, Mike Schmidt's shoes, jersey, bat, and autograph.

Finally, silk banners reading "CBS Sports" or "Madison Square Garden Network" add to the atmosphere.

• Food and drink specials that coincide with sporting events. For example, most sports bars offer a pitcher of beer and pizza, or clams, or nachos, for a reduced price while Monday Night Football is on.

Hint: If the guy behind the bar sneers and says "You want specials? Yeah, we got specials. We got the game on that TV over there and we got beer for sale. That special enough for ya?" then you're probably not in a sports bar.

Which leads to the next point... • Class. Sports bars tend to be exceptionally clean, upscale establishments. Many are either connected to superb, full-menu restaurants or serve fine food themselves.

Despite some people's initial misconception, sports bars are for everyone. The ones with restaurants draw a family crowd at dinner time, corporate diners at lunch, and a young, active late-night crowd.

With few exceptions, sports bars do not feature a bar-hopping crowd — they're too inconvenient. Rather, sports bars market themselves as the destination of the evening. After all, in one stop you can watch the game, eat, drink, play games, and socialize.

Even if you tried, you'd be hard-pressed to design a Hemingway-esque, *The Sun Also Rises*-type bar crawl solely around sports bars. At least in New Jersey. All the big, popular sports bars in this area lie far apart — definite driving distance.

• A cornucopia of television sets. For many sports bar-goers, this is the single most important factor. Even a small sports bar will have multiple regular-size sets along with one large projection screen. For the larger sports bars, a count of several hundred TVs is not out of the question.

Cable is a must, especially ESPN. Where else besides your own home can you catch those all-important Big West Conference college basketball games late at night?

Most sports bars also receive satellite TV, which can really come in handy to us here on the East Coast. After the Knicks-76ers, for instance, you can watch the Lakers-Clippers from 11:30 until last call.

• Participatory activities, in addition to drinking. These range from velcro-jumping to darts, and can be considered the factor that absolutely, positively sets sports bars apart from traditional drinking establishments.

*Weekend Plus*-area sports bars offer a vast array of these activities. Here's a thumbnail sketch:

### Top of the Key

This perpetually-crowded North Brunswick sports bar boasts all the old standby games — bowling, darts, Hoop Shot — plus, on certain nights, robotic boxing. In robotic boxing, two competitors each operate a robot with controls located just outside a 4 x 6-foot boxing ring, complete with scoreboard and referee.

Top of the Key is located at 794 Livingston Ave., near the New Brunswick-North Brunswick border. Phone (908) 247-7734.

### Poor Billy's Sports Cafe

"Here you are," said bouncer Jim Boxwell. "The (Please turn to page 5)



Todd Johnston and Jill Bonetti strike up a conversation at the Goal Post in Fanwood. Sports bars are thought by many to be the lair of the male animal, but women are discovering that sports bars are clean, lively and serve great food. Of course, they also have plenty of men.

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# Sports bars

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kingpin of them all."

Once inside Poor Billy's, you'll find a one-on-one basketball court with regulation net and backboard, which can give new meaning to a shot and a beer. Also, a golf-putting game (\$1 for nine holes, \$2 for 18 holes), a boxing ring (used as a dance floor or a stage for comedians), and, if it's a Wednesday night, velcro-jumping.

Perhaps the most impressive aspect of Poor Billy's, however, is the grand total of over 200 TV sets in the cafe.

Poor Billy's is located on Route 9 North in Woodbridge. Phone 634-5454.

### Legends

Located in the Readington Roadhouse on Route 22 East in Whitehouse (534-1504), Legends Sports Bar features a unique football-throwing game. Two players — the "quarterbacks" — battle each other head-to-head, throwing passes toward two holes in the backboard — a lower hole, which yields gains of 1-9 yards, and a higher opening, which yields gains of 9-24 yards. An electronic scorekeeper tallies each player's yardage, and you can earn first downs by racking

up 10 yards.

Other diversions at Legends include Pop-A-Shot basketball, the golf-putting game, darts, and video games.

The bar's five TVs, including a wide-screen, show Philadelphia and New York sports from cable, and nationwide events pulled down from satellite. A Monday-night darts league is slated to begin with the onset of Monday Night Football.

Another Legends, owned by same company, is located at Willie's Tavern on Route 202 in Bedminster. Phone 234-1596.

### First Place

Located in Bridgewater Commons, First Place combines a highly-regarded full-scale restaurant and a sports bar. Although its only games are video baseball and football, First Place does have 22 TVs and a sports motif. Watch for their Great Bicycle Giveaway, scheduled for September 13. Phone 218-9333.

Other sports bars in the Weekend Plus-area include:

- Jersey's Sports Bar, in the Holiday Inn, Somerset. (908) 356-1700.
- Champs Sports Bar, 1628 Stayvesant Av., Union. (908) 688-6644.
- Oliver's, 1159 St. George Ave., Colonia. (908) 634-3710.
- The Sports Section, 117 Chestnut St., Roselle Park. (908) 241-5787.
- Hub City, George St., New Brunswick. (908) 846-1070.
- Goal Post Restaurant, 15 South Ave., Fanwood. (908) 322-6800.
- Ebbets, Rt. 523 (Main Street), Whitehouse Station. (908) 534-1078.



A balcony view of Hub City Sports Bar on George Street in New Brunswick.

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# M O V I E S

## A Clint classic?

*'Unforgiven' doesn't quite live up to the hype*

By JEFFREY COHEN

What's the first thing you think of when you hear the name Clint Eastwood? Quick! Action guy, cowboy, Dirty Harry, Man-Without-a-Name, tough character. Okay. But "auteur" doesn't necessarily leap to mind. There's a reason.

You may have read a lot lately about *Unforgiven*, the new western Clint produced, directed and stars in. The ads, for example, quote one critic as saying the film is a "sure-fire classic." Others, like *The New York Times* critic Vincent Canby, have heralded the stark, downbeat movie as a sign that Eastwood is on his way to being one of the most interesting filmmakers we have.

Well, maybe. Then again, maybe not. *Unforgiven* is a perfectly serviceable Western, not too far from being traditional, with a dollop more depth given to the characters than usual. It is a thought-provoking movie — maybe Eastwood's best directorial effort to date — and its filmed with an eye for scenery and a point of view. But it is not a sure-fire classic.

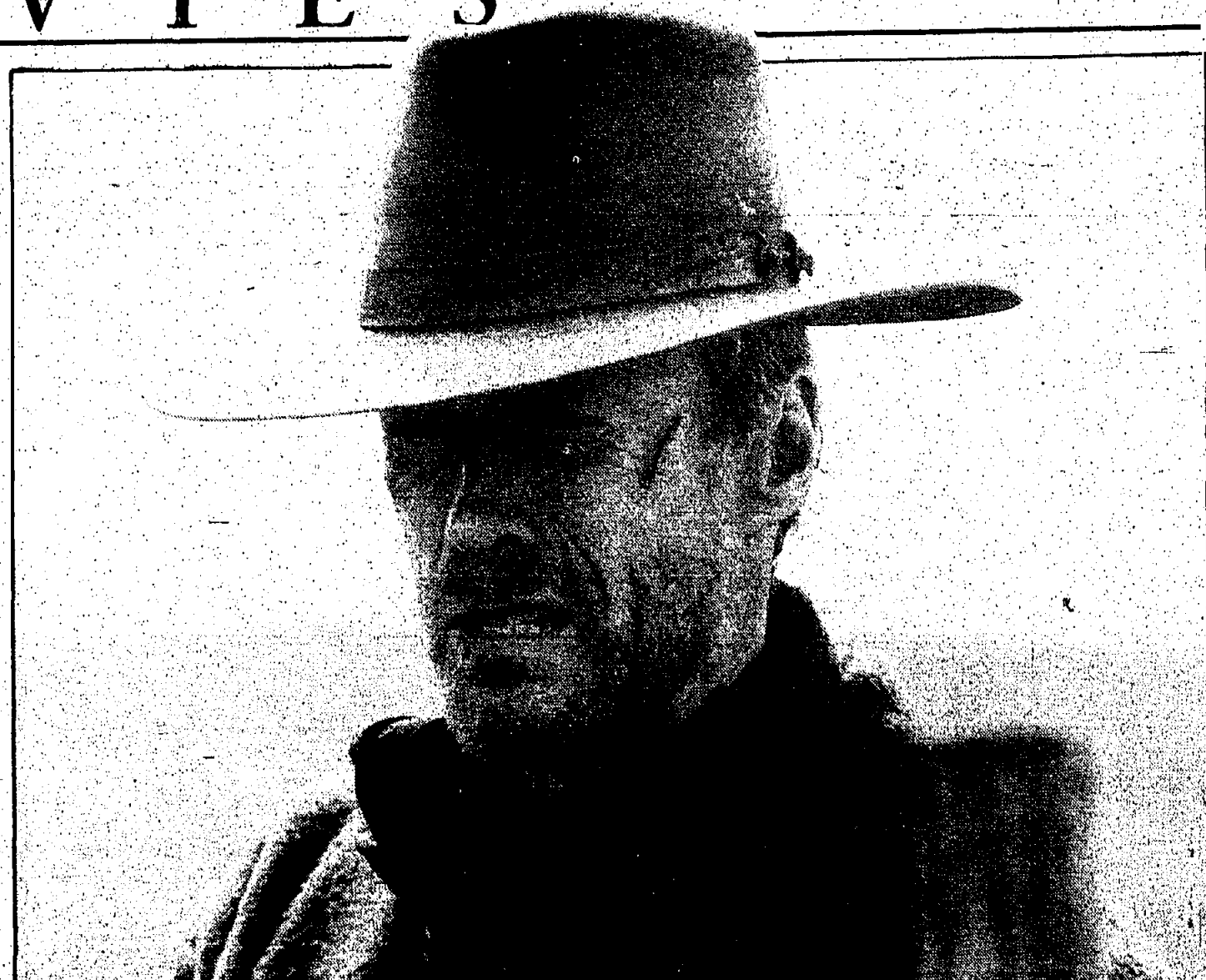
What the movie offers is a standard Western plot line with a few quirks. When a nasty cowboy gets offended at a prostitute and cuts her face brutally, the other sportin' women pool their money and let out the word that anyone who kills the assailant and his partner can have \$1,000.

That seems like a lot of money to Will Munny (Eastwood), a former assassin, now a widowed hog farmer with two young children to support and a farm full of feverish hogs. Enough that he's willing to overlook his vow never to strap on his guns again, and head out to Big Whiskey to do the job and collect.

The rest of the film deals with Munny's efforts to complete his assignment and the efforts of his partners — an obnoxious youngster who calls himself the Schofield Kid and Munny's virtuous former partner (Morgan Freeman) and competitors to do the same. The obstacle is personified mostly in the considerable presence of the local sheriff (Gene Hackman, in a rare villainous role), who kicks people a lot.

In the course of the movie, Munny and the others have to deal with more than just the concerns of traditional Western characters: they don't just pull the trigger and run; they're subjected to guilt over killing, and in some cases, are unable to pull the trigger at all.

Munny, himself, is torn over his promise to the deceased wife he considers a saint (his character is downright spooky talking about her; he uses the cadence and the language of a brainwashed cultist), and the difference between simply killing a man when you're numb with alcohol and doing the job cold sober, looking at a living human being in your sights.



Clint Eastwood's latest directorial effort, *Unforgiven*, has drawn raves from some critics. But not all of them.

But does *Unforgiven* establish Clint as a moviemaker with his own personal vision? Well, if having your own personal vision means always making a movie that needs at least 20 minutes cut out of it, sure. Eastwood is less interested in a tight story and more in windy moralizing. The weather cooperates with his moods, too: it rains whenever Clint rides into town with his awful burden and the clouds are always hanging over Big Whiskey, threatening to fall down and crush the town. It all screams "Allegory, Allegory" at the audience so loudly it's hard to hear the dialogue sometimes.

In his other films as a director, Eastwood has suffered from much the same problem. His supposedly clear-eyed, warts-and-all portrait of Charlie Parker, *Bird*, suffers from a good half hour that needs to be cut out, and everything's so dark you can barely tell what's going on half the time. (The answer to that question is: not much.)

And *Unforgiven* also shows off Eastwood's heavy, heavy hand with light humor. The comic "relief" in the film is sometimes very hard to identify. Even when Clint has trouble getting on his own horse, you can't tell if it's supposed to be funny or pathetic. In movies like *Bronco Billy*, which is actually kind of charming in spots, you sometimes get the same problem. But here, with the overall doomsday tone set, it's really a chore finding the laughs.

The cast, of course, is a dream. Hackman, as usual, is just about perfect, giving even the loathsome sheriff some charm in scenes with a dime-novel "biographer" (Saul Rubinek) who the sheriff wishes to impress. Richard Harris, as a competing hit man who doesn't do very well, is bombastic and loud, as usual (no, that's not Peter O'Toole; it's Richard Harris). And Morgan Freeman, pretty much reviving his *Robin Hood* role as the noble sidekick, is understated and fine as he ever is, even if it is weird that in post-Civil War America, nobody notices he's black.

*Unforgiven* is not a movie to be overlooked; in a summer filled with thoughtless puff pieces, it has a brain. But it's not *Satyricon*, or even *The Searchers*. It's just not.

## Video rewind

### Revisiting the 'Twilight Zone'

If you're one of those people who can't resist a good trip into that dimension "not only of sight and sound, but of mind," your ship has really come in.

*Treasures of the Twilight Zone*, a new release from CBS Video, includes rarities and oddities from that oddest of areas, which first intersected with American TV sets in 1959.

Consisting of two cassettes, *Treasures* includes the premier episode ("Where Is Everybody?"); two episodes that haven't been syndicated ("The Encounter" and "An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge"); and three "Z" faves: "The Eye of the Beholder," "The Masks" and "The Howling Man."

Also, a 10-minute promotional sales film made by series creator Rod Serling to attract sponsors in 1959, original on-air promos for any episodes and a Serling interview by Mike Wallace are all included. The set has a suggested retail price of \$29.98.

If you still haven't had enough of a '50s TV fix, consider that next week, in Star Home Video will release Christmas episodes of *Slick*, *Jeopardy!*, *Howl-O-Wee!*, *Hazel* and *The Burns and Allen Show*.

—Jeffrey Cohen

### Top 10 rentals

1. *Fried Green Tomatoes*
2. *Prince of Ages*
3. *Medicine Man*
4. *Wayne's World*
5. *White Men Can't Jump*
6. *Final Analysis*
7. *Memoirs of an Invisible Man*
8. *The Hand That Rocks the Cradle*
9. *Famgully — The Last Rainforest*
10. *Hook*

### Top 5 Sales

1. *Wayne's World*
2. *Hook*
3. *Rock-a-Doodle*
4. *The Great Mouse Detective*
5. *Famgully*

—Sales figures courtesy of Eazy Video

## Film capsules

### CURRENT FILMS

#### Capsule reviews

#### A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN

•Penny Marshall (*Big Awakenings*) directed this appealing summer blockbuster, which stars Geena Davis, Lori Petty and Madonna as members of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, formed

in 1943 when World War II decimated the ranks of the minor leagues. Tom Hanks co-stars as their crusty, befuddled manager. (PG)

#### A STRANGER AMONG US

•William Westhoven (*Remains of the Day*) stars as a policeman who goes underground in Brooklyn

Hasidic community to catch a killer and falls for a young Talmud Scholar. Sparks fly as the expected culture clash bubbles to the surface. (PG-13)

#### BATMAN RETURNS

•For what it's worth, better than *Batman*. Like some bloated Andrew Lloyd Webber stage spectacle, *Batman Returns* is a

triumph of production design rather than storytelling. There are three villains this time, all nifty: Christopher Walken as a scheming industrialist; Michelle Pfeiffer as the vinyl-suited Catwoman; and Danny DeVito as the hissing, bilious Penguin. But Michael Keaton is even more of a stiff than usual, and the Caped Crusader gets so lit-

tle screen time the film might more properly have been titled *Where's Batman?* (PG-13)

#### BODMERANG

•Eddie Murphy returns to the big-screen in this romantic comedy, starring as a male chauvinist who gets a taste of his own medicine from liberated beauty Robin Glens and finds true love with Halle Berry. *BUFFY, THE VAMPIRE SLAYER*

Include Neil Carter, Rich Little and rapper Tone Loc. (PG-13)

#### BEBE'S KIDS

•"Anmation with an attitude" based on inner-city characters created by the late comedian Robin Harris and produced by House Party team of Reginald and Warrington Hudlin. Voices

include Nell Carter, Rich Little and rapper Tone Loc. (PG-13)

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## Film capsules

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stranger. Kristy Swenson manages to keep a stuck-up cheerleader charm, even while sticking ghouls with wooden stakes, guitar fretboards or whatever's handy. Donald Sutherland is suitably creepy as the vampire-killer recruiting officer, while Paul "Pee-Wee Herman" Reubens stakes out new territory as the Igor to Rutger Hauer's king of the vampires. Could Pee-Wee Meets Frankenstein be next? The movie also manages to effectively jab at the Southern California mall culture, where looks are everything, even for the living dead. (PG-13)

*Shrunken Kids* reverses the lens this time around, as daddy-inventor Rick Moranis zaps his precocious toddler with a ray that makes the kid grow to Godzilla-like proportions. Mostly-for-kid flick gives new meaning to the "terrible twos." (PG)

—W.W.

### HOUSESEITTER

•Director Frank Oz, who scored with *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* and missed with *What About Bob?*, goes back to Steve Martin for this comedy about an architect whose life is invaded by a con artist pretending to be

between the artistically inclined Schlegels and the Wilcozes, a mercantile clan whose practical-mindedness has a way of shading into complacency and cruelty. Gorgeously photographed and directed, with performances that bring to mind a collection of finely crafted camels. With Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson, Sam West and Vanessa Redgrave. (PG)

—S.H.

### MANK TROUBLE

•Rare is the stinker that stars Jack Nicholson, but this one's a real snootful. His Jackness stars as a guard-dog trainer

up on a high-class beauty and caught up with some low-class bad guys. Mo' for adults than for the young fans of his TV Show. (R)

—W.W.

### PATRIOT GAMES

•Jack Ryan, the hero of *The Hunt for Red October*, incurs the wrath of terrorists while in England. With Harrison Ford and Anne Archer. (R)

### PINOCCHIO

•Walt Disney's second feature is the best animated movie made while old Walt was in charge, though troubles with production and wartime distri-

enring the story's punch. A lot of Disney re-releases have been diminished with time; this one is, if anything, even more impressive, with some of the most charming and most intensely frightening moments Disney ever created. Jiminy Cricket's voice is provided by Cliff Edwards, a former vaudeville performer and radio singer known as "Ukelele Ike." Mel Blanc, the voice of Bugs Bunny and Elmer Fudd, adds a single hiccup to the soundtrack as Gideon the cat. Songs by Leigh Harline, Ned Washington and Paul J. Smith. (G)

his murderous twin brother. Lolita Davidovich, who swept Paul Newman off his feet in *Blaze*, stars as the shrink's unfaithful (and ill-fated) wife. (R)

—W.W.

### RAPID FIRE

•More martial arts action from Brandon Lee, son of the leg. endary Bruce Lee, with the former playing a young witness to a mafia murder who gets caught up in the middle of a drug war. Violence typical of the genre, as is the movie in general. (R)

### SINGLE WHITE FEMALE

•Bridget Fonda stars as a

(PG)

—W.W.

### UNFORGIVEN

•Publicized as a typical Clint Eastwood action-western, *Unforgiven* is the high point of Eastwood's directorial career. He's also no slouch in the acting department, starring as a retired gunslinger, now a destitute widower with young children, who is recruited to hunt down a gang of outlaws who sliced up and disfigured a local prostitute. Eastwood is only after the reward money, but gets more than he bargained for in the process. So do the bad guys and a self-righteous sheriff played by Gene Hackman. (R)

—W.W.

### UNIVERSAL SOLDIER

•Two accents for the price of one as action figures Jean-Claude Van Damme and Dolph Lundgren (did you ever wonder why he abbreviates his first name?) play secretly cryogenized, semi-cybernetic Vietnam Veterans thawed out for action in the '90s. Naturally, things go wrong, things begin to blow up, bodies begin to lose their structural integrity and motor vehicles start to go really fast. Still, not bad for the genre. (R)

—W.W.

### WHISPERS IN THE DARK

•Annabella Inghita (*The Hand That Rocks the Cradle, Jungle Fever*) stars in this failed erotic mystery-thriller about a psychologist who becomes involved with the lover of a murdered patient and suspects he may be the murderer. Save your money and wait for the video. Co-stars Jamey Sheridan, Jill Clayburgh and Alan Alda. (R)

—W.W.

### REVIVALS

#### THE SEAGULL

•The New Jersey Shakespeare Festival's Monday Night at the Movies summer series continues on Aug. 31 with Sidney Lumet's 1968 version of Anton Chekov's *The Seagull* (color), starring Vanessa Redgrave and James Mason (Aug. 31). General admission seating is \$7. Films are shown on a large screen in 35 mm. Tickets available at the Bowtie Theatre box office, Draw University, Route 24, Madison, (203) 408-5600.

—W.W.



George Corraface, Marlon Brando, Rachel Ward and Tom Selleck star as Christopher Columbus, the Inquisitor, Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand, respectively, in *Christopher Columbus: The Discovery*, the first of two Columbus movies marking America's Quincentennial. 1492, starring French actor Gerard Depardieu, will be out in the fall.

his wife. With Goldie Hawn and Dana Delaney. (PG)

### HOWARDS END

•E.M. Forster brings out the best in the Merchant-Ivory film-making team, who otherwise perform adaptations of literary classics with a curator's eye and a taddlermist's touch. Drawing on Forster's 1910 novel — arguably Forster's best — they produce something vanishingly rare in movies: a view of the classes (here in Edwardian England) that feels warm and forgiving while remaining cool and observant.

The title refers to a pretty little country house that is the fulcrum for a series of encounters

hired to protect opera diva Ellen Barkin. Romance eventually develops, but the plot doesn't. Sit this one out and wait for *Hoffa*. (PG-13)

—W.W.

### MOM AND DAD SAVE THE WORLD

•Silly, but harmless comedy about Dad (Jeffrey Jones) having to pull a Flash Gordon to save Mom (Teri Gar) and, of course, the world from a Ming-like alien dictator (Jon Lovitz). Bring the kids. (PG)

### MO' MONEY

•Using Color's Damon Wayans wrote and stars in this action comedy concerning a street-wise con artist who gets hung

button made it a dead loss for the studio when first released in 1940. (The staff had so much trouble animating Pinocchio, a puppet whose form couldn't be stretched and squashed in the usual cartoon manner, that at one point Disney threw out six months' accumulated work.) Carlo Colli's original stories, written as a series for an Italian children's magazine in 1881, could be pretty rough stuff — e.g., the original talking cricket is a dull moralist Pinocchio crushes with a hammer — but Disney's crew found ways to soften the Florentine journalist's most grotesque touches without weak-

—S.H.

### PRELUDE TO A KISS

•Summer romance with Alec Baldwin and Meg Ryan. Directed by Norman René (*Longtime Companion*). Screenplay by Craig Lucas, based on his Tony-nominated play, which René directed on the stage. (R)

### RAISING CAIN

•Director Brian DePalma shakes off his *Bonfire of the Vanities* disaster by returning to his familiar stylish thriller territory. Combining hair-raising thrills with dry comic relief, *Raising Cain* also offers an over-the-top performance by John Lithgow as a child psychologist with a dark past and

young New Yorker who opens her home to the roommate from hell (Jennifer Jason Lee), a mousy psycho whose obsession with her roommate leads to murder and mayhem. (R)

### UNLAWFUL ENTRY

•A psychotic cop (Ray Liotta) invades the domestic life of a couple. With Hunt Russell and Madeline Stowe. (R)

### 3 NINJAS

•A couple of pre-teenage mutant turtle wannabes are trained by an old master to save the day. Like action from the Buena Vista (Disney) folks, who prove once again that when it comes to kids movies, they ought to stick to cartoons.

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### Singles

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•Big-band dance at The Willys, Green Brook, 9 p.m. Tuesdays. Free admission.  
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(ages 30-55)  
•Dinner at Plaza Diner, Edison, 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, (908) 753-0263.  
•Trip to Ellis Island, Aug. 30.

Meeting place: (908) 753-0263, 283-0779.  
**JEWISH SINGLES WORLD**  
(ages 23-36)  
(908) 964-8086  
•Dining out at Koshers Komer, East Brunswick, 6:30 p.m. Sept. 1. Cost \$20.  
•Day trip to Jewish Renaissance Fair at Rabbinical College of America, Morristown, Sept. 6. Meet at 1 p.m. at main entrance to fair. Cost \$11.50 in advance, \$12.50 at the gate.  
•Volleyball night at Sports 'N Stuff, East Brunswick, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 9. Cost \$5.  
•Barbecue at Jewish Center of West Orange, 1 p.m. Sept. 13. Cost \$12 in advance, \$18 at the door.  
•Singles night at Jewish Community Center of Greater Morris, Whippany, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 17. Free admission.  
•Rogin Haskapra program at Suburban Jewish Center, Linden, 9:30 p.m. Sept. 19. Cost \$5.  
**PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS**  
Mid-Jersey Chapter 236  
(908) 248-8840  
•Open dance at Ramada Inn,

Ramada Center, Edison, 8:30 p.m. Sept. 6. New member orientation at 7:30 p.m. Members \$6, non-members \$8.  
•Closed dance (members only) at Ramada Inn, Raritan Center, Edison, 8:30 p.m. Sept. 13. New member orientation at 7:30 p.m. Cost \$6.  
•Closed dance (members only) at Quality Inn, North Brunswick, 8:30 p.m. Sept. 20. New member orientation at 7:30 p.m. Cost \$6.  
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(908) 704-9490  
•Dance at Ramada Inn, Somerset, 9 p.m. Saturdays through Aug. 29. Members \$5, non-members \$7.  
**SHORE SINGLES**  
(908) 291-1687  
•Hike on boardwalk in Spring Lake and Sea Girt, 7 p.m. Sept. 4. Meet at bathing pavilion at end of Route 524, Spring Lake. Cost \$2.

•Hike at Allaire State Park, Wall, 11 a.m. Sept. 5. Meet in commuter lot at Garden State Parkway Exit 105. Members \$3, non-members \$4.  
**SINGLEFACES**  
(908) 238-0972  
Cost for all events \$10.  
•Dance at Ramada Renaissance hotel, East Brunswick, 9 p.m. Aug. 28.  
•Dances at Old Mill Inn, Bernardsville, 9 p.m. Aug. 29, Sept. 26.  
•Dances at Liberties, Sheraton hotel, Iselin, 8 p.m. Aug. 30, Sept. 27, 9 p.m. Sept. 12.  
•Dance at Van's, Freehold, 9 p.m. Sept. 4.  
•Dance at Mayfair Farms, West Orange, 9 p.m. Sept. 5. Jacket required.  
•Dances at Hilton hotel, Short Hills, 8 p.m. Sept. 6, 20. Jacket required.  
•Dance at Garden State Arts Center, Holmdel, 9 p.m. Sept. 9.  
•Dance at Birchwood Manor, Whippany, 9 p.m. Sept. 11.  
•Dance at Gate House, West Orange, 8 p.m. Sept. 13.  
•Dance at Grand Summit hotel,

Summit, 9 p.m. Sept. 18. Jacket required.  
•Dance at Sheraton hotel, Fairfield, 9 p.m. Sept. 19.  
•Dance at Essex House, West Orange, 9 p.m. Sept. 25.  
**SOLE SINGLES**  
(ages 40-over)  
(908) 665-2686, 766-1839  
between 6-9 p.m.  
Events held at Central Presbyterian Church, 70 Maple St., Summit.  
•Tap or bridge, 6:30 p.m. Sundays. Cost \$2.  
•Bridge night, 7:15 p.m. Sept. 3. Cost \$3.  
**SOMERSET HILLS SINGLE HUNTERS**  
(908) 774-6759  
•Hike at Bulls Island, Stockton, 10 a.m. Aug. 30. Meet in lot across from Willie's Tavern, Route 202, Bridgewater. Cost \$4.  
**SOPHISTICATED SOCIALS**  
(professionals 30-50)  
(908) 221-0047  
•Party at Aspen Hotel, Parsippany, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays. Cost \$5/casual attire, no sneakers.



Country stars Reba McEntire (pictured) and Vince Gill team up for a show at the Garden State Arts Center on Monday, Aug. 31.

### Happenings

**FLEMINGTON AGRICULTURAL FAIR**  
Route 31, Flemington  
(908) 782-2413  
•Farm show, 4-H exhibits, auto races, and much more, Sept. 1-7. Call for each day's hours.  
**GREATER NEW JERSEY STAMP EXPO**  
Holiday Inn  
Route 22, Springfield  
(201) 379-3779  
•For stamp and postcard collectors, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 29, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Aug. 30. Adults \$2, senior citizens and children free.  
**JEWISH RENAISSANCE FAIR**  
Rabbinical College of America  
226 Sussex Ave., Morristown  
(201) 267-9404  
•An Old World street, a "Wheel of Torah," and other things Jewish, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sept. 6. Rain

date Sept. 7. Adults \$12.50, children 3-12 \$6.50; discounts available.  
**KENILWORTH OUTDOOR FINE ART SHOW**  
Harding School field  
Boulevard, Kenilworth  
(908) 241-0221  
•25th annual show and sale, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sept. 13. Rain dates Sept. 20, 27. Free admission.  
**KING'S ROAD VINEYARDS**  
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(908) 479-6611  
•Open house with wine tastings and tours, noon-5 p.m. Sept. 6, 7. Free admission.  
**LIONS CLUB FLEA MARKET**  
Market grounds  
Route 206, Chester  
(908) 879-4408  
•Operated by Chester Lions Club with proceeds to area charities, 9

a.m.-5 p.m. Sundays through Oct. 25. Free admission.  
**SCANDINAVIAN FEST**  
Vasa Park  
Wolfe Rd., Budd Lake  
(908) 850-8116, 542-8150  
•A smorgasbord from Sweden, Norway, Iceland, Finland, and Denmark, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sept. 6. Admission \$6.  
**STAMP, POSTCARD, AND BASEBALL CARD OPEN HOUSE**  
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•For avid collectors, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 30. Free admission.  
**TRI-STATE ANTIQUE DOLLS, TOYS, AND GAMES SHOW**  
Aspen Manor hotel  
Route 46, Parsippany  
(410) 329-2188  
•Classic toys and games as well as dolls, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug.

29, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 30. Admission \$4, covers both days.

### Speakers

**INDIAN SUMMER AT WATERLOO**  
Village of Waterloo  
I-80 Exit 25, Stanhope  
(201) 347-0900  
Traditional arts and primitive skills of native Americans. Presentations at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. Adults \$8, senior citizens \$6, children 6-15 \$4; includes admission to village.  
•Iroquois cornhusk work, Rita Christjohn-Benson, Aug. 29.

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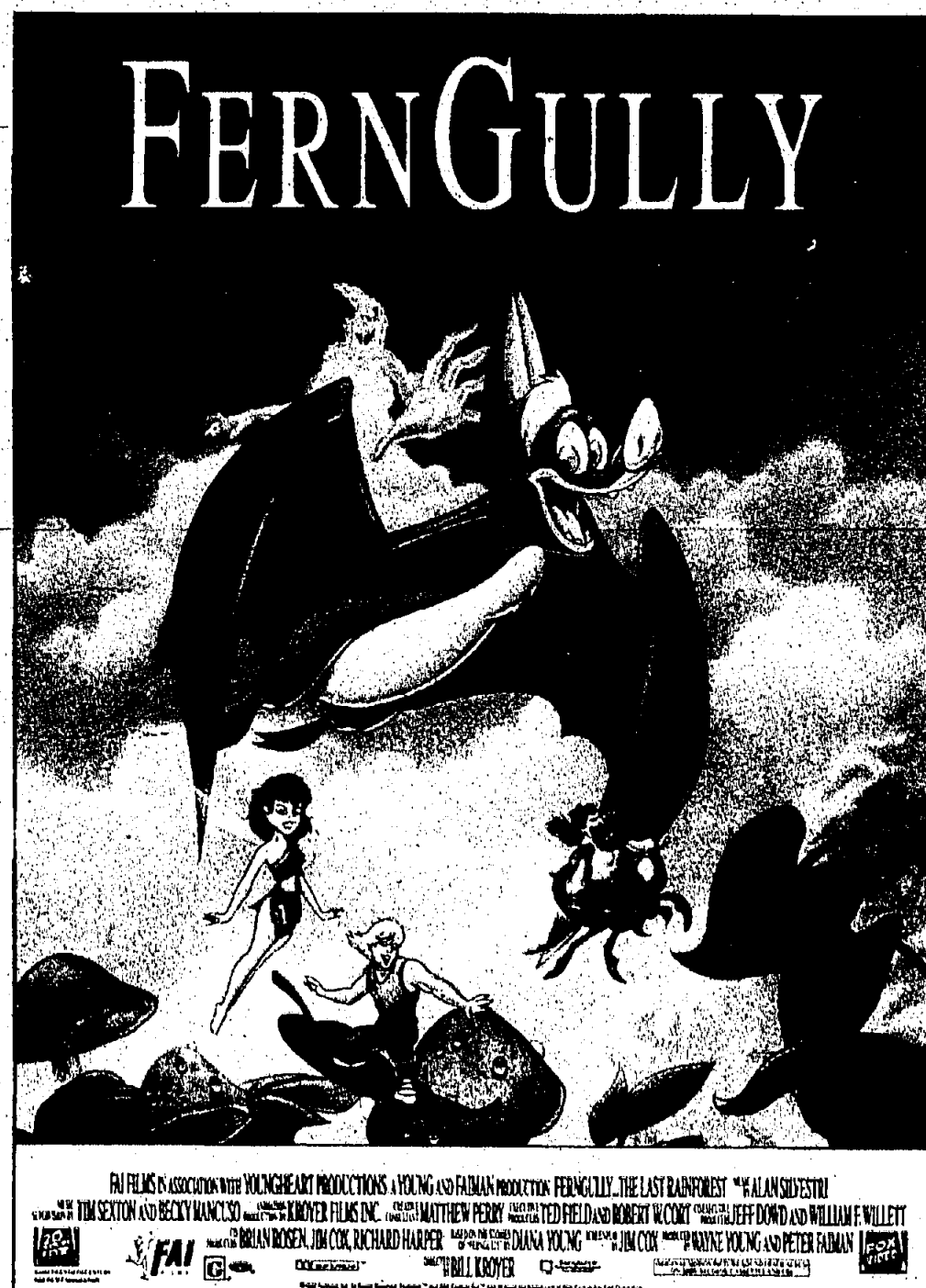
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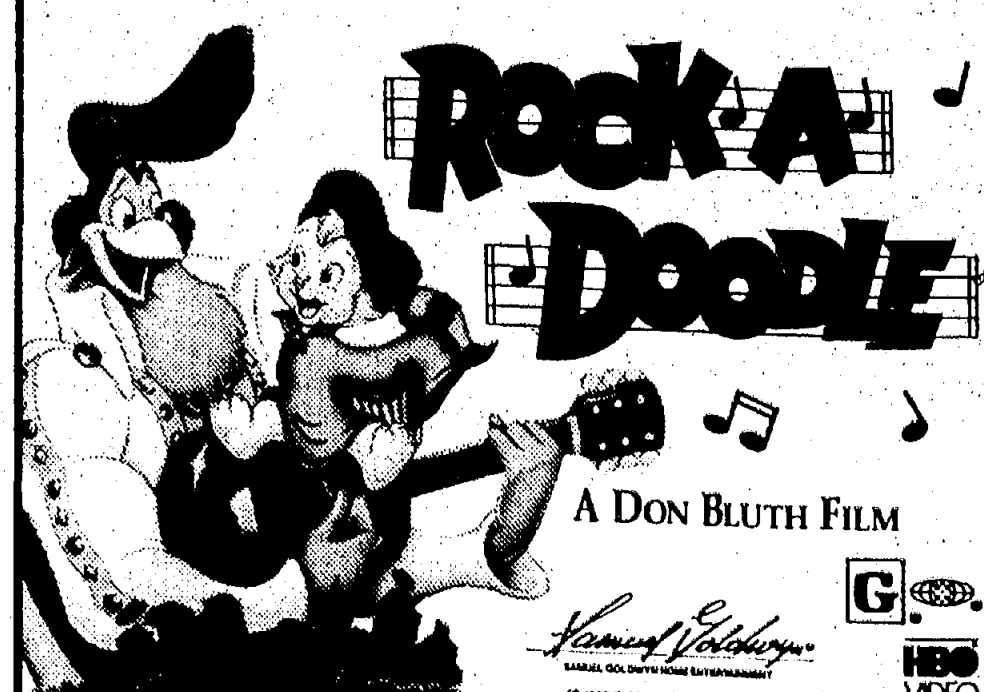


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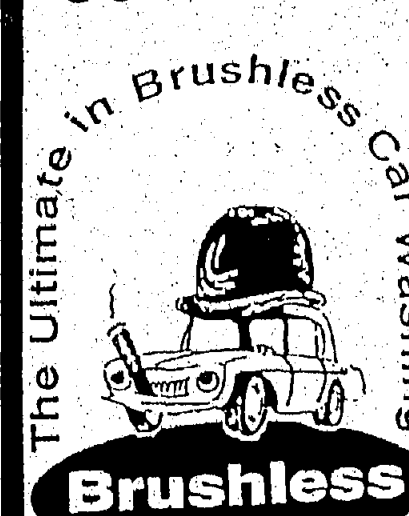
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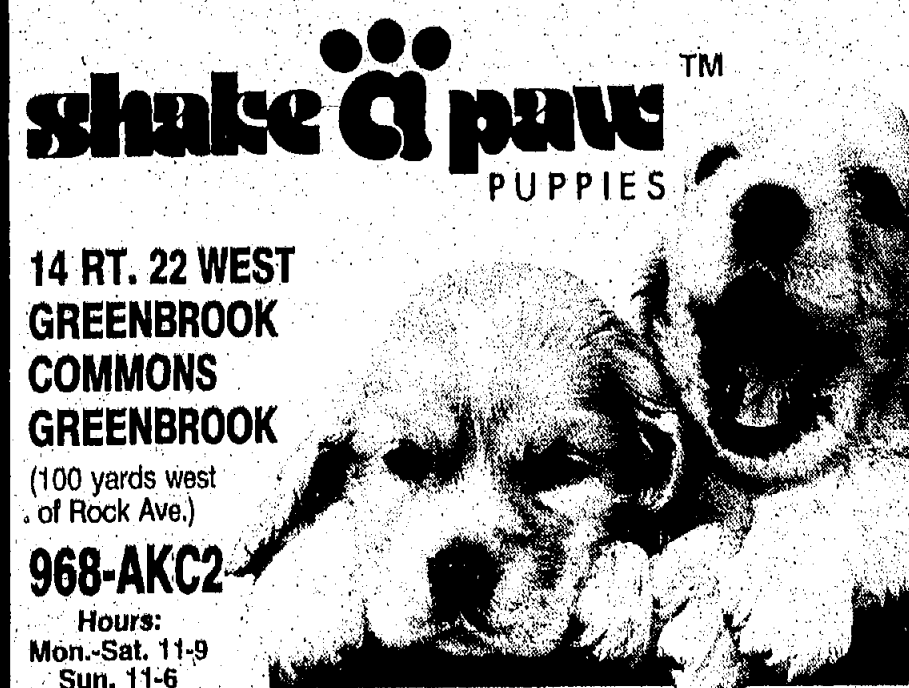
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# B O O K S

## Walking the walk

'30 Walks in New Jersey' is a must for hikers

By SHARLINE CHIANG  
WeekendPlus Writer

**H**ey, yuz from Jürzee? What exit? Unfortunately, this familiar salutation is shame of New Jerseyans, whose state usually conjures nothing more than the images of congested highways and billowing clouds of industry.

Like many New Jersey natives, I too wonder sometimes why we call it the "Garden" state, and always thought a walk in New Jersey was something you do when your car breaks down.

So if you want to get away from this bustling metropolis, head out for a rural stroll where you can find windswept beaches, rolling hill country, botanical gardens, quaint villages, broad green valleys and autumn cedar swamps.

But don't bother buying a train ticket, because these pictorial lands of natural paradise are found right in your backyard—in New Jersey. Thanks to Kevin Dann and Gordon Miller, the authors of *30 Walks in New Jersey* (\$12.95, Rutgers University Press), you can rediscover the beauty of this state by hiking along the Kittany Ridge, the Highlands, the Piedmont, the Delaware River Valley, the Pinelands, Cape May and along the Atlantic Coast.

The book, an updated version of the authors' original 25 Walks in New Jersey, is a novice-hiker's dream—with the trails rated as "easy," "moderate" or "difficult." The routes are also measured according to the amount of time it would take to start and complete.

To top it off, clear maps, detailed directions and informational phone numbers are provided for the truly clueless beginner, whose idea of a hike is getting the mower out of the shed.

Once you get started, the book will guide you along as the authors point out distinctive rock formations, plant communities, and wildlife. You'll also learn about some interesting ways on how humans have shaped the New Jersey landscape.

If you're the type who can't tell the difference between a witch hazel plant and a purple cliffbrake fern, this book will teach you how and give you some historical background behind each plant as well. The same is true for bird watching. Along each walk, the authors give directions on where and how to spot birds like chickadees in the Ramapo Mountains to bufflehead ducks in Cheesecake State Park.

Besides presenting the courses, Mr. Dann and Mr. Miller remembered to take care of both Mother Nature as well as the hiker by including two sections: "Taking Care of the Land" and "Taking Care of Yourself."



This boardwalk is part of the walk through Lord Stirling Park detailed in the updated edition of *30 Walks in New Jersey* available from Rutgers University Press.

Before you go gallivanting off to the woods, they ask you not to disturb the wildlife, not to smoke while hiking and "Leave the trail as if nothing had been there."

As for the traveler, they give tips on how to identify deer tick which transmit Lyme disease, and also what to wear for prevention.

Just to be picky, I found one drawback in the guide. When I opened up the book I was expecting colorful photos to lure the reader into these beautiful trails. Instead I found some (yawn) black-and-white snapshots of a flower and rock here, and a historical house there (not that you find many color shots in any \$12.95 book).

But the duo makes up for the lack of pictorial evidence with some great wildlife anecdotes, like how the carpenter frog, found in Wharton State Forest, first got its name.

"The carpenter frog gets its name from its call, which sounds like two carpenters hitting nails one right after the other."

The charming text reveals the two authors as the experienced naturalists that they are. Mr. Dann is a naturalist, geographer and a historian. He's also written a book called *Traces on the Appalachians: A Natural History of Serpentine in Eastern North America*. Mr. Miller is a historian and the author of *Lost in the Language of Nature*.

After reading *30 Walks in New Jersey* I felt the first chills of autumn tugging at my walking shorts. Eagerly, I thought to myself: It's time to take a hike.

Mr. Dann and Mr. Miller's book is helping to put the "New" back in New Jersey, and maybe someday the state salutation will become, "Hey yuz from Jerzee? What walk?"

The paperback book, small enough to fit inconspicuously in your back pack, will be available September 1.

## Mark your calendar

### Ballet school registration

Registration is now in progress for fall classes at the Montstown School of Ballet.

Children's ballet classes are offered for youngsters ranging from pre-kindergarten to seventh grade. Teenagers may register for classes in ballet, pointe and jazz ranging from beginner to advanced. Additionally, special adult classes will be offered in ballet, pointe and jazz for beginners and intermediates.

A wide range of performing opportunities is also available at the school, including a group of children and teens who are selected each year to perform with the professional Garden State Ballet Company during a statewide tour.

Qualified intermediate and advanced students may also be selected for membership in the Garden State Ballet School Company, a group that performs for school children during a tour of north Jersey schools.

New students may enroll in fall classes until Nov. 15. For more information, call (201) 538-8444.

### 'Never before, never again'

Mystery surrounds the haunting images of the Clinton Historical Museum's exhibit, "Never Before, Never Again: The Baumann Photographic Collection," which runs from Sept. 1 through Oct. 31.

The exhibit features photos of 19th century Clinton printed from a set of glass plate negatives found by Baumann, a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah, in a Salt Lake City antique shop. The photographer remains unidentified, although one photo is said to show members of Clinton's aristocratic Leigh family.

For more information, call (908) 735-4101.

## Curtain calls

### NOW PLAYING

**BUCKS COUNTY PLAYHOUSE**  
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### HUNTERDON HILLS

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Route 173, Hampton  
1-800-447-7313

\*Seems Like Old Times, revue from the Roaring 20s to World War II. Through Sept. 30. Group rates available; call for prices.

### NEW JERSEY

**SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL**

Drew University  
Route 24, Madison  
(201) 408-5600

\*The Seagull, Anton Chekhov's comedy about four artists in turn-of-the-century Russia. Through Sept. 12. Admission \$30-\$14, discounts available.

### OFF-BROADWAY THEATRE

5 South Greenwood Ave.

Hopewell  
(609) 466-2766

\*Happy Birthday! bedroom farce drawn up by Mark Camont. Through Sept. 5. Admission \$17.25 Saturdays, \$15.75 Fridays and Sundays.

### SHERATON AT WOODBRIDGE

Route 1 South, Iselin

(908) 634-3600

\*A Deadly Environment, murder mystery set at a country club. 8 p.m. Aug. 28. Admission \$39. Includes dinner.

### SOMERSET HILLS HOTEL

1-78 Exit 33, Warren  
(908) 647-6700

\*A Deadly Environment, murder mystery set at a country club. 8 p.m. Aug. 29. Admission \$39. Includes dinner.

### VILLAGERS THEATRE

475 DeMott Lane, Somerset

(908) 873-2710

\*Dames at Sea, satire on the Busby Berkeley musicals of the 30s. Through Sept. 5. Admission \$15.

### COMING UP

**CIRCLE PLAYERS**

416 Victoria Ave., Piscataway  
(908) 968-7555

\*Play It Again Sam, Woody Allen's takeoff on Casablanca. Sept. 11-Oct. 3. Admission \$10 Fridays and Saturdays, \$9 Sundays; discounts available.

### PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE

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\*The Wizard of Oz, Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, and all the others following the Yellow Brick Road. Sept. 9-Oct. 25. Admission \$41-\$26, discounts available.

### PERONA FARMS

Route 517, Andover

1-800-762-8569

\*Remember Mama, the Rodgers and Hammerstein play about a Norwegian family in turn-of-the-century San Francisco. Main theater, Sept. 8-Dec. 18. Group rates available; call for prices.

### Myron's Mitzvah

a bar mitzvah in musical form with audience participation. Club Room, Sept. 10-Nov. 20. Group rates available; call for prices.



Greg Brooks and Dara Brettkopf sing and dance in the musical comedy *Dames at Sea*, which continues with weekend performances through Sept. 6 at the Villagers Theatre in Somerset.

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### DANCE

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Route 1, Edison  
(908) 548-2884

\*Original dances by area choreographers. Admission \$2.

#### NEW ENGLAND

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Saturday, Sept. 12, 7 p.m.  
Reformed Church  
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Highland Park  
(908) 828-8776, 873-1228

\*For new and experienced

dancers: no partner needed. Instruction at 7:30 p.m. Cost \$5; dress casual and light.

#### AUDITIONS

##### CIRCLE PLAYERS

416 Victoria Ave., Piscataway  
(908) 968-7555

\*For November production of *Runners*. Auditions at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 31, Sept. 2. Five men and five women, all mid-20s or older; readings from the script.

**VILLAGERS THEATRE**  
475 DeMott Lane, Somerset  
(908) 873-2710

\*For fall production of *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*. Auditions at 1 p.m. Sept. 12, 7 p.m. Sept. 14. Large cast of men and women 17 and older, plus one boy 15-17; call for requirements.

#### Rehearsals

**GEORGE KRAUSS MEMORIAL BAND**  
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Rader Blvd., Hillsborough  
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#### SWEET ADELINES

Piscataway Chorus  
Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Reformed Church  
Main St., South Bound Brook  
(908) 572-6959, 287-0161

Somerset Valley Chorus  
Tuesdays, 7:15 p.m.  
PeopleCare Center

120 Fierme Ave.  
Bridgewater  
(908) 526-8769, 874-6366

\*For women who enjoy singing. New members welcome; no experience necessary.

#### WESTFIELD COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Mondays, 7:15 p.m.  
Roosevelt School, Westfield  
(908) 322-5055

\*For adults and young people who play string instruments.

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# EXCURSIONS

## Something for everyone at Flemington Fair

Monster trucks, pig races, 4-H exhibits and more on tap for 136th annual edition

By CHLOE MILLER  
WeekendPlus Writer

Over 300,000 people attended last year's Flemington Agricultural Fair. Were you one of them?

If not, you'll have another chance to find out what all the fuss is about from Sept. 1-7 between 10 a.m. and midnight, when the annual event takes over the Flemington Fairgrounds for the 136th straight year.

The Flemington Agricultural Fair has been ranked in the top 100 fairs in the United States, positioned 72nd in 1991, for the past six continuous years by the *Amusement Business Magazine*. No other fair in New Jersey has managed to accomplish this feat.

Each day will host special and on-going activities for every age and interest, from rose competitions to elephant rides to monster trucks on the 50 acres of fairgrounds at the Flemington Motor Speedway. Tuesday, Sept. 1, the festivities begin with Children's Day, when kids under 12 are admitted free, with a special drawing for a new bicycle.

Wednesday, Sept. 2, will be Farmer's Day and Senior Citizen's Day, and Thursday, Sept. 3, will have free admission up to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, will be another Children's Day, which segues into Fireman's Night, while Saturday, Sept. 5, will feature the enduro races and stock car races at the Speedway. Sunday, Sept. 6, highlights at the Speedway include stock car races and a monster truck show. Monday, Sept. 7, the Flemington Fair will conclude with the popular Demolition Derby.

Daily admittance is \$4.50 Tuesday through Friday, \$5.50 on the weekend, and \$2 for children 12 and under.

Especially for children, Speed-O the Clown will return to help with the big wheel races on Tuesday and Friday. He will also perform in front of the grandstands throughout the track activities. Cookie the Clown will be seen hosting the "Kids Comedy Magic Show" and roaming throughout the fairground the entire week.

The world's largest traveling amusement park, Amusements of America, will come and stay for the duration of the fair. In its 52nd year, Amusements of America has been coming to the Fair for about 30 years. Along with old favorites and children's rides, an old-fashioned ride day on Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. when every ride is only \$1.

The theme of the flower displays this year will be "Rediscover America." There will be different classes from the miniature division, designer and horticultural divisions to the many junior divisions. The Garden Club of Hunterdon County is sponsoring the annual flower show, which will be staged Tuesday, September 1st and Friday, September 4th.

Lionel Electric Trains will be running on the layout in the metal building. The Millburn Train Center will also have a large selection of "Thomas the Engine and Friends" to select from at the Fair. Tickets for the raffle to win a free Lionel Train set can be obtained at the Fair.

Musically speaking, the Bandito Country Western Band will play Tuesday and Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. on stage near the Main Beer Garden. The Stormy Weather Oldies Revue Band is returning from last year on Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 10 p.m. The Blue Ribbon Cloggers will demonstrate their Appalachian-style dancing to bluegrass country music all weekend. And with the help of impressionist Lee Estrada, "Elvis" will visit the Fairground 4 p.m. Sunday and "Roy Orbison" on Labor Day Monday at 4 p.m.

The 4-H Clubs will be featuring various animal and environmentally-related programs. Tuesday, the seeing-eye puppy demonstration will be followed by shows about sheep, lamb, dairy animals, poultry, and waterfowl. Wednesday will spotlight the dairy shows, and in the evening the square dance festival at 6 p.m. Thursday will begin early for the 4-H with a featured goat and beef show. At high noon, the 4-H rides will be followed by the shepherd's lead competition. Friday, the dog, sheep, and critter show, the herpetology (the scientific study of reptiles and amphibians) handling contest, the open-poled herford beef show, the prep creative recycling art contest, the fashion revue, and the queen and escort



The Flemington Fair, which runs Sept. 1-7, is one of the oldest and best-attended local fairs in New Jersey.

contest are the bill of fare.

The morning of Saturday, September 5th will be filled with beef and sheep shows, followed by a sheep-to-shawl demonstration and the sheep-fitting contest. Sunday will hold the final contests for the open-class sheep, while the noon-time 4-H "round robin" will mark the end of the 4-H festivities until next year.

Other fair highlights include: •The "Dash for Mash" pig races will be held daily at 1, 3, 5, and 7 p.m. in the arena near the pony rides and sheep barns on the east side of the Fairground. Five pigs in each of the five heat races will race on the 150 foot track with colored ribbons for identification. After the "dash" on the finish line is discovered, the "dash races" will begin. With crowd encouragement, five "Indian Runner" ducks will travel the length of the track. These free daily shows will run at 1, 3, 5, and 7 p.m.

•Tuesday, Sept. 1, will heed the beginning of the Open Horse Show. The Western Division kicks off at 8:30 a.m. and the English Division Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. The horse expo starts 3 p.m., Thursday and continues until Labor Day Monday. The public is invited to watch all of the events and view Clydesdales, speed events and rodeo. Visitors

are also welcome to the stables, the dressage demonstrations and horse jumping that will be shown daily as a part of the horse expos in the horse ring.

•The New Jersey Singles and Doubles Horseshoe Championships will be hosted by the 1992 New Jersey State Horseshoe Pitchers Association again this year. The horseshoe contests will take place Tuesday through Friday at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday through Labor Day Monday starting at 12:30 p.m. Mini-grandstands near the horseshoe pitching are set up for both observers and relaxers.

•The track at the Flemington Agricultural Fair features events for children and adults alike. Tuesday afternoon, at 2 p.m., the "Big Wheel" races for kids will be the first on the track. Later, at 8 p.m., the track will host Kar Parts Night, 4-wheel drive truck pulls and Speed-O the Clown. The truck pulls are open to any 4-wheel drive owner who wants to come out and pull against the competition.

Wednesday, "Farmer's Day," farm tractors can be weighed in and registered at 9 a.m. and featured an hour later at 10. Five weight classes from 800 pounds to 1400 pounds will be held to include the machine and driver. A special 800-pound junior class will be held for 10-16-year-olds with parental permission and a 1000-pound class for women. Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. the mighty modified trucks and tractors will compete in the open Grandstands between turns one and two. Many more seats are available than last year, but it is advised to arrive early for a prime seat.

For children, the "pedal tractor" pulls will take place Thursday morning.

The first auto racing will begin Thursday evening with the pro-4 modified, late models and Great American street stocks.

More "Big Wheel" racing Friday, September 4th will be available for the kids to participate in. The evening will speed up with the monster truck show and Todd Seeley's "World Record-Holder" motorcycle jump. Todd Seeley holds the *Guinness Book of World Records* for the 246-foot distance he accomplished in 1988. Seeley has also jumped the furthest on his ATV (All-Terrain Vehicle) four-wheeler at 137 feet. Depending on conditions, Seeley will attempt to break his own records at the fair. Seeley is 30 years old, and has been jumping since the age of 16. He has performed motorcycle stunts on many TV shows, including *Miami Vice* and movies such as *Parental Guidance*, and *Superboy*.

The reappearing monster truck show will be on Friday at 9 p.m. and returning Sunday at 8 p.m. In 1990, the "Towasaurus Wrex" crashed through the retainer fence and headed for the race track. The driver was uninjured, and the crowd has never since forgotten. This year, the Towasaurus Wrex will compete against "Above N' Beyond," "The Keystone" (Please turn to page 13)

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Krusher," "Pony Express," "Excavator," "Kimosabe," "Jersey Outlaw," "U.F.O.," "The Wreckov" and "The Liquidator." Last year's success is still being shown on television, so be sure to come early before the show quickly sells out.

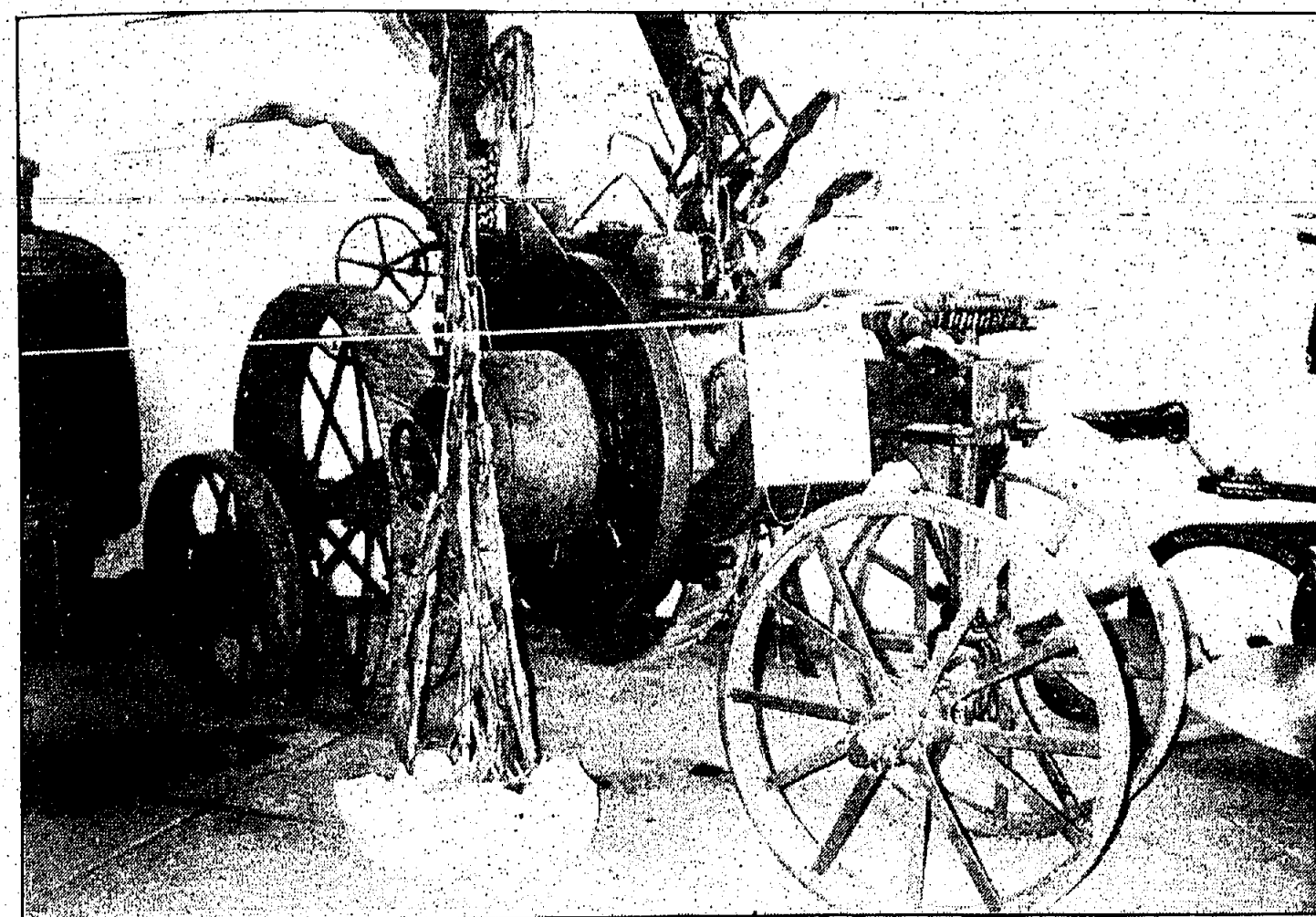
Saturday, September 5th at 2 p.m., the two-hour enduro race will be held. An enduro is a chaotic, immensely entertaining race of endurance; when the green flag is given, the race will continue unless a driver is injured, a fire develops or the track becomes entirely blocked. The winner is determined by the last vehicle that has the capability to move under its own power, not withstanding the condition of the car. At 8 p.m., the modified and Great American

street stocks will put on a traditionally exciting show.

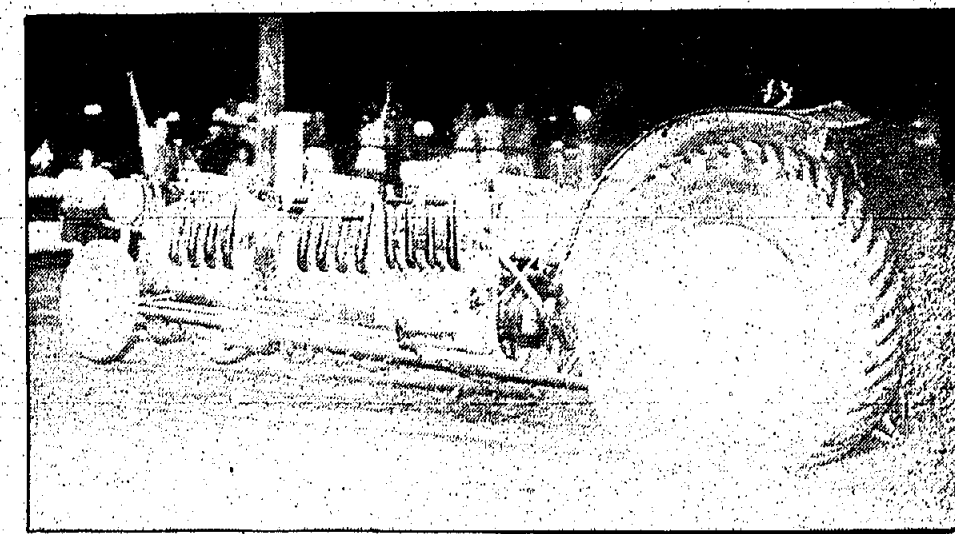
The afternoon of September 6th, at 2 p.m., the "Daytona" series for the late models, TAR-cars and micro stocks will race prior to the monster truck event, followed by the return of Todd Seeley at 8 p.m.

Labor Day Monday at 2 p.m., the demolition derby and yet another Todd Seeley jump will take place in a bigger and better way than before. The fair will end on a high note after the running of the A.R.D.C. and T.Q. midgets and the National Old Times of Auto Racing Show at 8 p.m.

As you can clearly see, there's something for everyone at the Flemington Fair. For more information, call the fair office at (908) 782-2413.



Antique tractors (above) will be on display at the 136th annual Flemington Fair, while modern, modified tractors (left and right) will participate in the tractor pull event.



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\*Gallery tours Saturdays at 2 p.m. through Sept. 5.

##### DRAKE HOUSE MUSEUM

602 West Front St., Plainfield (908) 755-5831

House built in 1746 and furnished with articles of the period. Open Saturday from 2-4 p.m. Adults \$1, children free.

##### EAST BRUNSWICK MUSEUM

16 Maple St., East Brunswick (908) 254-7329

Saturday and Sunday from 1:30-4 p.m. Free admission.

##### EAST JERSEY OLDE TOWNE

Johnson Park, Piscataway (908) 463-9077

Village composed of relocated 18th century structures set near the headquarters of the county park police. No tours offered at present. Gift shop open Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

##### EDISON NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Main St., West Orange (201) 736-5050

Workshop with inventions of Thomas Alva Edison. Open every day from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Adults \$2, children and senior citizens free.

\*"Entertaining with the Edisons," tour of the inventor's home, Wednesday through Sunday, through Aug. 30.

\*Photograph Day, Sept. 13.

##### FOSTERFIELDS

Kahena Rd., Monticello (201) 326-7645

Living historical museum. Open Thursday through Sunday from 1-4 p.m. Adults \$3, senior citizens and children \$2.

\*Memorabilia from the Columbian Exposition of 1893, Sept.

12-Oct. 31. Tours from 5:30-9 p.m. Sept. 19.

##### HUNGARIAN HERITAGE CENTER

300 Somerset St., New Brunswick (908) 846-5777

Museum open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

\*"Budapest 1900: In Photographs," through Jan. 31, 1993.

##### MACCULLOCH HALL

45 Macculloch Ave., Monticello (201) 538-2404

Gardens open daily from dawn until dusk. Museum open Sunday and Thursday from 1-4 p.m. Adults \$3, senior citizens and students \$2; group tours by appointment.

\*Retrospective of works by Joe Jones, through Aug. 30.

##### MAIN STREET ANTIQUE CENTER

148 Main St., Flemington (908) 788-6767

Antiques and collectibles from two centuries. Daily (except Tuesday) from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free admission.

##### METEAR HOUSE

1281 River Rd., Piscataway (908) 463-8363, 752-4847

Piscataway Township historic museum. Weekday tours by appointment.

##### MIDDLESEX COUNTY MUSEUM

Cornelius Low House, 1225 River Rd., Piscataway (908) 745-4177

Daily (except Monday) from 1-4 p.m. Free admission.

##### MILLER-ODRY HOUSE MUSEUM

614 Mountain Ave., Westfield (908) 232-1776

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##### MINIATURE KINGDOM

Route 31, Washington (908) 689-6866

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##### MONTECLAIR ART MUSEUM

3 South Mountain Ave., Montclair (201) 746-5555

Through Aug. 31: Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday from 2-5 p.m. Beginning Sept. 1: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday and Sunday from 1-5 p.m. Members admission free; non-member admission by donation. Free admission for all on Saturdays.

\*African-American art from the permanent collection, through Aug. 30.

\*Cityscapes: "Where Immigrants Dwelled," through Aug. 30.

\*Native American baskets from the permanent collection, through Sept. 6.

\*"The American Landscape" from Cole to Blake, through Nov. 22.

\*Plains Indians art from the museum collection, through June 27, 1993. Gallery talk at 3 p.m. Sept. 13.

##### MORRIS MUSEUM

6 Normandy Heights Rd., Monticello (201) 538-0454

Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday from 1-5 p.m. Free admission for members. Non-member admission: adults \$4; senior citizens, students, and children \$2.

\*Permanent gallery exhibits: dinosaurs, five animals, five senses (for children 3-5), mammals, model trains, history, North American Indians, Woodland Indians, rocks and minerals.

\*Juried show of high school art, through Sept. 13.

\*Children's book illustrations "Through Sisters' Eyes," through Sept. 13.

\*500 Years of Discovery: From Columbus to Space," through Oct. 18.

\*Glass sculpture by Lucartha Kohler, through Nov. 22.

##### MUSEUM OF EARLY TRADES AND CRAFTS

9 Main St., Madison (201) 377-2982

Exhibits portray the role of crafts people in the 18th and 19th centuries. Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday from 2-5 p.m. Free admission for members. Non-member admission: adults \$2, children \$1.

##### N.J. CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

599 Industrial Ave., Paramus (201) 262-5151

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##### N.J. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

230 Broadway, Newark (201) 483-3939

Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Guided tours by appointment. Admission free for society members, \$3 for non-members.

\*"Tender in Years," childhood in 19th-century New Jersey, ongoing.

##### N.J. STATE MUSEUM

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

Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m., Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Free admission (except where indicated).

\*Great mammals of the Ice Age, through Sept. 5. Adults \$4, senior citizens and children \$2.50, school groups \$2 per child.

\*"Nature and the Decorative Arts," through Sept. 13.

\*Posters by Ben Shahn, Aug. 26-Feb. 7, 1993.

\*"Christopher Columbus and the Age of Exploration," through March 7, 1993.

##### NEWARK MUSEUM

49 Washington St., Newark (201) 586-6550

Wednesday through Sunday from noon-4:45 p.m. Donation. Largest museum complex in the state. (Please turn to page 15)

### American Heartwalk Training Tips By Vicky Wyder

## Starting to walk

**Editor's Note:** This is the first of a six-part series on walking for exercise being run in conjunction with the American Heart Association's Heartwalk. Ms. Wyder is Assistant Chief of Physical Therapy at Somerset Medical Center.

Walking is for everyone. No special supplies are needed, and it's an exercise that uses every muscle in your body, while not over-stressing the joints.

Before starting any exercise program, check with your physician. If you have a history of heart disease, a stress test is usually recommended to base your exercise level on. Otherwise, a formula can be used to determine your exercise intensity, or in other words, your target heart rate (THR). This formula is: 220 minus your age equals your maximum heart rate. Sixty-five to 85 percent of maximum heart rate equals your target heart rate.

The above formula calculates your maximum heart rate, but you should never exercise at your maximum. Otherwise, you will over-work and over-stress your heart. Sixty-five to 85 percent of your maximum is a safe level for exercise.

Taking all the above information into consideration, a method must be used to take your heart rate. Your pulse can be taken with your index and middle finger placed right below your thumb at your wrist. Your pulse can be taken for

10 seconds and multiplied by six to get your resting heart rate per minute. This process should be repeated throughout your exercise period.

Above all, please be realistic about your walking goals. If you haven't been on a regular exercise program, don't expect to walk for half an hour without having difficulties. Start off slowly! Ten minutes of exercise to start is fine; just gradually build up from there.

You don't need much equipment for walking. In fact, all you really need is a good pair of shoes. The shoes should be lightweight, have good arch support, breathable uppers and cushioning under the ball of the foot. Wear them for a month to break them in.

Your clothing should also be loose-fitting and allow a free range of motion. It's beneficial to dress in layers, as your body temperature will increase with exercise. Cotton is a breathable fabric that is excellent to wear in any type of weather. With the cold weather approaching, dressing in layers is a must! This will keep down perspiration as you can shed layers when hot and put them back on when cooling down. Also, in cold weather, it's important to protect your airways, which are warm. A scarf worn over your mouth and nose will protect your airways by warming the air before it enters your lungs.

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WeekendPlus Writer

Art rock never quite died, although it did sink up the room for awhile.

It's been about 15 years since it was safe to use the A-phrase around rock 'n' roll crowds: except for those strange little pockets of people who collect back issues of *Contemporary Keyboard* and view Ian Anderson as a religious figure, "Art rockers" is the label everyone with much sense tries to avoid. But there's obviously a lot of overlap between the art world and the rock world (and not just in Lower East Side bars where they don't let you in unless you wear black, cultivate a junkie tan, and can quote three William Burroughs jokes before you get the cover charge out of your wallet). Once in a while you run into a band that makes the gap between art and pop look pretty absurd.

Art rock used to be what you call something that involves too much undanceable rhythm, too many keyboards and gadgets, too many lyrics that try to win high school poetry prizes and/or save the world, too much complex technique for technique's sake and too little fun. What do you call a band that calls itself a "techno-artist collective," invents and builds its own instruments, writes a lot of lyrics about world peace and interpersonal harmony, sports impeccable instrumental technique and plays incredibly danceable rhythms? Whatever you call **D'Cuckoo**, don't call them an art-rock band. Their debut CD, simply called *D'Cuckoo* (on their own D'Kayla label, available at Tower Records), is art, and it rocks, and it won't sit comfortably in anybody's pigeonhole.

D'Cuckoo began when three members of San Francisco's Underground Marimba Ensemble started getting ideas about using marimbas as the interface for a wider range of synthesized sound. In the mid-1980s, Patti Clemens, Tina "Bean" Blaine and Candice Pacheco searched around for instruments that could handle their ideas. Blaine had studied Senegalese and Congolese percussion during travels through the Third World; Pacheco had studied Balinese gamelan music and was helping develop an electronic music department at Sonoma State University; Clemens was a student of Zimbabwean Shona marimba technique; these were people with pretty high standards. For what they wanted there was nothing on the market, nothing close.

They decided they'd better build their own. After consulting with some Silicon Valley engineers Pacheco met at a party, then spending some time in R&D — learning how to hardwire circuit boards from Craig Anderson's *MIDI for Musicians* and searching through 5,000 different kinds of rubber to find a material with the perfect resilience — the band (adding Tina "Rip" Phelps, veteran of the San Francisco Taiko Dojo, a demanding school for traditional Japanese drummers) had the necessary hardware. Although D'Cuckoo uses a few basses, guitars and keyboards, most of their sound comes from their own inventions: electronic marimbas (using a mallet keyboard to trigger MIDI synthesizers) and "turtle drums," enormous neoprene-and-piezoelectric devices built to take Phelps's overwhelming pounding. Their name reflects a perception that surrounded them in the early days — that they were bonkers to try making their own gear. This perception didn't last long.

Their sound is intricate, vigorous and astoundingly diverse. They've impressed some imitative people, making fans of everyone from Grateful Dead percussion scholar Mickey Hart to Brian Eno. Eno's work with Bowie, with *Na'ang Heads* and on his own is an obvious reference point



D'Cuckoo onstage — their name reflects their reputation for being crazy even to try to invent their own instruments. But after a while, people stopped wondering and started listening.

for the band; they've worked with him in an improvisatory context, recording what he called "African Industrial Robot Dance Music" with the Neville Brothers rhythm section (recording projects with both Hart and Eno are due for release). The band's in constant progress, with new member Sarita Escobar in for Clemens and dozen fresh projects in the works; they put their collective philosophy into practice, switching instruments and using all four minds to compose and arrange.

They've also destroyed the connection between synthesizers and sterility — maybe not singlehandedly (can't forget Eno or the Band's Garth Hudson in that department), but decisively. D'Cuckoo's flamboyant polyrhythms bring the first and third worlds together in astonishing ways. It's no accident that three songs on their album use the word "world" in the title — what these folks are after is a pan-tribal orchestra sound, something common to tribes who hit animal skins and tribes who punch deck. They call it "neoclassical postindustrial cybertribal world funk."

It's easy to go rhetorically overboard about this band, from a purely sonic standpoint. Lyrically, they often do it themselves, cranking up the neohippie verbiage to a degree you'd expect from the "house band of the virtual reality movement" (they've been a huge hit with West Coast hacker and cyberpunk crowds, of course, and with Deadheads). "One World" is right up the same alley as various Byrne/Eno writings, using aquatic imagery to signify common human connections ("Let the water flow/we are the ocean of life/let the river flow/we are on the same side");

*They've impressed some impressive people, making fans of everyone from Grateful Dead percussion scholar Mickey Hart to Brian Eno.*

there's a lot of this sort of thing, never exactly naive, but not for verbal tastes formed in the cynical '80s. The politics are humanist and feminist, intelligent if sometimes a bit obvious ("Someone Else's Dreams," for example — a hard-

edged, near-rap song — slams anti-choicers, the Pentagon budget, and Ollie North — deserving targets, no doubt, but one might wish for a bigger barrel to shoot fish in).

It's hard to imagine anyone listening to D'Cuckoo for words alone, or stumbling over the words on the way to the hooks. This is a rhythm band and a texture band, using ensemble vocals for melody and atmosphere but getting the real work done with marimba cross-rhythms and software writer Pacheco's electronic palette. Their range of moods is huge, from the guitar wrath of "The Whole World" to the eerie processed chants of "1,000 Miles" and the visionary cool of "Gems."

They're working on the frontiers of techno-interactivity, using a sampler-triggering "MIDI ball" of their own invention to let the crowd help shape the sound at live shows, exploring unusual instruments like the Biomuse (which uses brain waves, not hands) in the studio. Predicting the future of world beat is a cheap parlor game, but D'Cuckoo seems about as close to it as anybody out there.

*If you don't find D'Cuckoo's record in your local shop, write to D'Cuckoo, 6114 LaSalle Ave., Suite 414-R, Oakland, Calif. 94611.*

## Listen up

### The 'Pirates' of Princeton

The Princeton Opera has moored its sails to the Open Air Theatre at Washington Crossing State Park, where its production of *The Pirates of Penzance* continues through Saturday.

Included among the cast members of the popular Gilbert and Sullivan musical comedy, which is under the guidance of musical director Steve Ryan, are Mark Cotton of Edison as the Sergeant of Police and Lynn Springer of Piscataway as the nursemaid.

*The Pirates of Penzance* contains some of Gilbert and Sullivan's funniest and most memorable songs, including Sir Stanley's famous patter song, "I Am the Very Model of a Modern Major General." Perhaps the most popular song, however — one not always associated with the production — is "Hail Hail the Gang's All Here."

Performances will be held Wednesday through Friday, Aug. 26-28, at 8:30 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$6-\$7.50. For more information, call the box office at (609) 737-1826.

### Ringo, Cocker at Waterloo

The Waterloo Music festival concludes this weekend with a smorgasbord of classic rock riffs. Friday, Aug. 28, Ringo Starr returns to the area on the tail end of a nationwide tour that played the Garden State Arts Center back in June. Supported by the second edition of the "All-Star Band," which includes Dave Edmunds, Todd Rundgren, Burton Cummings, Joe Walsh and Niko Lofgren, among others, Ringo performed several songs from his recent *Time Takes Time* album as well as a generous helping of Beatles and post-Beatle hits. He also surrendered the stage to each of the featured performers, who used the opportunity to play their hits, including a spirited version of Rundgren's "Bang on the Drum" (including transcriber Walsh doing a cameo as the bass-drumming Eveready Bunny) and Cummings' big hit with the Guess Who, "American Woman."

The very next day, Joe Cocker and the Neville Brothers team up for a double-shot of classic R&B. Both shows will take place on the Waterloo Village field in Stanhope. For more information, call (201) 347-4700.

# MUSIC

## Sister sequel

*Widowmaker picks up where Twisted Sister left off*

By WILLIAM WESTHOVEN  
WeekendPlus Editor

Musical minds never seem to wander very far from music.

"Do you realize your extension is just like Beethoven's 5th?" asked Dee Snider when he phoned into *WeekendPlus* for a recent interview. "Da-da-da-da. Here, let me play it for you (He does. He's right.). That's very happening."

Snider, of course, was the wild, lion-maned lead singer and frontman for Twisted Sister, the Long Island heavy metal band that graduated from playing Jersey Shore nightclubs to headlining arenas back in 1984, when their second album, *Stay Hungry*, sold over two million copies and spawned the hit teen anthem "We're Not Gonna Take It."

Now, after five years of frustration since breaking the band up, Snider is back — bigger and louder than ever — with his new band, Widowmaker. And you may be glad to know that, unlike the aforementioned phone extension, Widowmaker is not playing Beethoven.

"For the last five years, I've been in the witness protection program," he joked. "I live for being onstage and like many people of my ilk, their personal lives seem nothing without the performing... Five Years. You know the saying 'Be careful what you wish for, it might come true?' Well, I gripped a little too loud and a little too long and somebody up there heard me and said 'Try this — five years.' It's been a miserable experience. I had no idea it would take this long."

"I got out of Twisted because I was sick of it. I had expected it to go forever, so I had to do some thinking. I wanted to get it fresh again, to get excited about doing a gig instead of dreading it. I started to put together a project — blues-based, nothing like Twisted Sister, with English and Irish musicians — I spent about two years putting it together, I had a deal with Elektra Records and we recorded an album. The whole thing was ready to come out, but after investing half a million dollars, they shelved the project. I was like stunned. It was essentially a political situation. Wouldn't release the band, wouldn't release the album, wouldn't release me. It was a nightmare situation."

"After a year of that, I finally got released. But at that point, I wasn't into the blues. I was mad."

Thus was birth of the headbanger-correct attitude that conceived Widowmaker, which released its debut CD, *Blood and Bullets*, this month on Esquire Records. And ironically, after searching far and wide for the best musicians he could find to join the band, he found most of them right in his own back yard.

The lineup includes fellow Long Islanders Joe Franco on drums and Al Pitrelli on lead guitar. Franco, as many of you no doubt remember, was the drummer for local legends the Good Rats. And prior to joining Widowmaker, Pitrelli co-founded Danger Danger and was the musical director of the "Alice Cooper Trashes the World" tour. Completing the lineup and breaking up the New York accents is English bassist Marc Russell.



After five years of frustrating delays, former Twisted Sister singer Dee Snider (second from left) is back with his new band, Widowmaker.

"Long Island is definitely way underrated," he said. "You get so many of these scenes erupting. Seattle now, L.A. was hot for a while, there was C.B.G.B.'s in New York, but Long Island never really got its due. And if you go back in rock 'n' roll history and make a list, it's pretty astounding. Vanilla Fudge, Billy Joel, Lou Reed, Pat Benatar, Twisted, Stray Cats, Public Enemy, L.L. Cool J, Mariah Carey. If you want to include Debbie Gibson, I guess you have to. These are all Long Island people."

Now, Widowmaker looks to join the list, and they are already off to a fast start. The band did a brief local club tour last month, and is now headed towards Texas and other points west (Snider's not exactly sure when, but promises to return to our area for more shows in the near future). Already, the old juice is back.

"When you see me perform now, people are stunned. We did a show on Long Island and we just leveled the place. I've lost like 25 pounds since the Twisted days — when you're in prison, you only have one thing to do and that's work out and stay in shape — I look like DeNiro in *Cape Fear*."

Equally chisled is the instrumental muscle from Franco, Pitrelli, and Russell, who prove on the album that Snider is not only back in business, he's got more support than ever. The band is comfortable playing a variety of styles, from the scattershot double-bass assault of "Emaheevul" (that's "Am I Evil" in English) to the more-commercial metal riffs of "The Lonely Ones."

With no disrespect intended to his former Sisters, Snider admits that musically, this band is way beyond Twisted Sister.

"In Twisted, there wasn't great musicianship," he said. "Some of the guys were O.K., some weren't so good. I had a lot of respect for them, but they didn't have a lot of creativity. With this band, I have enough respect for them to let them play their instruments, instead of telling them what to play, which was sort of the way it was with Twisted."

But Snider, while professing a desire to be judged on what he's doing now instead of what he's already done, hopes his new success will help to ease the restless soul of his former band.

"When you have something that goes as long as Twisted, and was as successful as Twisted, and it falls apart the way it did — and it did, it crashed and burned baby — my biggest regret is that it went out with such a whimper. My only hope is that with my new project that we reflect positive light on the old project, that Twisted will be remembered for its best elements."

## Music notes

### Raritan Valley Youth Chorale

The Raritan Valley Choral Association has announced that it will offer a new youth chorus beginning in September.

The Youth Chorale is the newly-formed division of the Raritan Valley Chorus for young people entering grades 4-9. The RVC is open through an informal audition and interview to any young person interested in performing with a choral ensemble of superior quality. Prior choral or vocal experience is encouraged but not required.

Rehearsals will be held Tuesdays from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Faith Lutheran Church in Hillsborough. Auditions will be held in September and rehearsals will begin in October. For more information or to schedule an audition, call (908) 359-3771.

### R.U. concerts begin Sept. 26

The Rutgers Concert Series at Rutgers will open its 70th season on Sept. 26 with a performance by distinguished American pianist Brent Johansen.

The series also includes the Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra (Oct. 24), soprano Phyllis Bryn-Julson (Nov. 14), Joannes Vermeer with the Rutgers University Orchestra (March 5, 1993) and an evening of Boccherini guitar quintets, plus music by Mozart, Haydn and Beethoven performed by guitarist Richard Savino and the Rutgers String Quartet. For more information or to order tickets, call (908) 932-7511.

### Top 10 CDs

1. Sade, *Lovers Rock*, Atlantic
2. Red Hot Chili Peppers, *Blood Sugar Sex Magik*, Warner Bros.
3. David Byrne, *Let Me Talk to a Man*, Warner Bros.
4. Faithless, *Wasted Love*, Angel Air
5. Elton John, *The One*, Geffen
6. Guns N' Roses, *Use Your Illusion II*, Geffen
7. The Roots, *Things Fall Apart*, World Circuit
8. U2, *Rattle and Hum*, Island
9. Mariah Carey, *MTV Unplugged*, Arista
10. TLC, *CrazySexyCool*, Arista

—Sade, Faithless, and TLC courtesy of Atlantic Records

## Club mix

**AL CIBELLI'S**  
1000 Convent Blvd.  
Perth Amboy  
(908) 826-6428  
\*Live entertainment beginning 9 p.m. No cover.  
**BIG DADDY'S**

**253 French St.**  
**New Brunswick**  
(908) 249-6111  
**BINO'S**  
Regal Inn  
Kingsbridge Rd., Piscataway  
(908) 486-5700

**BIRCH HILL NIGHT CLUB**  
Route 9 South, Old Bridge  
(908) 536-0650  
Dance party, Saturdays.  
Male revue, Saturdays, Thursdays.  
Teen night, Sundays.

\*American Angel, Hard Street, Makara, Aug. 29.  
\*The Movement, Aug. 30.  
**BLACK SWAN**  
Scanticon-Princeton  
Route 1, West Windsor  
(609) 452-7800

Mario Castro-Neves, Saturdays.  
**BOO-BOO'S BAR**  
44 Newark St., Hoboken  
(201) 659-1789  
Dance party, Sundays.  
**BRIGHTON BAR**  
121 Brighton Ave.

Long Branch  
(908) 222-9684  
Acoustic night, Sundays.  
Jazz night, Tuesdays.  
Poetry/acoustic night, Wednesdays.  
\*Wambo Room, Scott Hafha-

way, Aug. 26.  
\*Church Hills, Black Flies, Misery Blues, Aug. 29.  
\*Place of Woods, The Stars, Third Stone, Aug. 30.  
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#### BRUNSWICK HOTEL

10 Livingston Ave.  
New Brunswick  
(908) 214-1717

Jazz jam session, Thursdays.

#### CARTEET HILL BOWL

569 Roosevelt Ave., Carteret  
(908) 981-1515

\*Soul Engines, Aug. 28.

\*Knewknew, Shovelhead, after-  
noon Aug. 29.

\*The Jesus Lizard, Tar, Dalsey-  
Cutter, Godspeed, afternoon  
Aug. 30.

#### CATCH A RISING STAR

Hyatt Regency Hotel  
Route 1, West Windsor  
(609) 987-8018

Headline comedy every night  
except Monday.

College night, Sundays and  
Tuesdays.

Ladies' night, Thursdays.

\*Carol Siskind, through Aug.  
30.

#### CHARLEY'S UNCLE

415 Route 18, East Brunswick  
(908) 254-4226

Live comedy Friday and Satur-  
day.

#### CHARLOTTE'S

58 South Main St., Manville  
(908) 685-9546

Live oldies bands Fridays and  
Saturdays.

\*Loose Change, Aug. 28, 29.

#### CHEERS TAVERN

584 Amboy Ave., Perth Amboy  
(908) 324-0208

Alternative dance night, Fridays.

Rock dance night, Thursdays.

#### CITY GARDENS

1701 Calhoun St., Trenton  
(609) 392-8887

"All-Alternative" dance party, Fri-  
days.

95-cent dance night, Satur-  
days, Thursdays.

\*Shudder to Think, Jawbox,  
American Standard, Aug. 30.

\*L7, Sept. 6.

\*Special Beat, Hyperactive, Big-  
ger Thomas, Sept. 13.

\*They Might Be Giants, Sept.  
15.

#### CLUB BENE

Route 35, Sayreville  
(908) 727-3000

\*Sara McLaughlin, Aug. 28.

\*"Beatlemania," Aug. 29.

\*Physical Graffiti (Led Zeppelin  
tribute), Sept. 4.

\*John Caffery & The Beaver  
Brown Band, Sept. 18.

\*Leon Russell, Sept. 19.

\*Poco, Sept. 25.

\*Alban Holdsworth, Oct. 2.

#### CLUB XS

406-408 Boulevard  
Seaside Heights  
(908) 830-3036

Dance night, Saturdays.

Alternative dance night, Thurs-  
days.

#### THE CLUBHOUSE

116 Watchung Ave., Plainfield  
(908) 769-9267

Rave night, Thursdays.

#### COCKTAILS

51 Main St., South River  
(908) 257-8325

Alternative dance night, Thurs-  
days.

#### COPENHAGEN

Scanticon-Princeton  
Route 1, West Windsor  
(908) 452-7800

\*Piano brunch w/Sandy Maxwell,  
Sundays.

#### CORNERSTONE

25 New St., Metuchen  
(908) 549-5306

Traditional jazz.

\*Joe Temperley Trio, Aug. 28.

#### COURT TAVERN

124 Church St.  
New Brunswick  
(908) 545-7265

Showcase night, Wednesdays.

\*Black Cat Bone, Sept. 10.

#### THE COVE

108 Chestnut St., Roselle  
(908) 241-1226

Open coffeehouse, Tuesdays.

\*No Man's Land, Sun Dogs,  
J.G. Mugs, Aug. 28.

\*Don Kiley & The Pulsations,  
Horse You Rode In On, Babonic  
Trauma, Whores, Aug. 29.

#### CRICKET CLUB

415 36th Ave., Irvington  
(201) 374-1062

Live acts in main room, "alter-  
native" music in basement.

Open-mike night, Wednesdays.

\*American Angel, Kid Cardiac,  
Wipactraction, Aug. 28.

\*ADS benefit, Sept. 4.

\*John Eddie (acoustic), Sept.  
17.

#### DANNY'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT

11 Bridge Ave., Red Bank  
(908) 741-8500

\*Stormy Norman Seldin  
(piano), Fridays.

#### ESSEX MANOR

41 Broughton Ave., Bloomfield  
(201) 748-6590

Jack Destiny, Sundays.

#### THE EXCHANGE

Route 202-206, Bridgewater  
(908) 526-7020

Open blues jam, Tuesdays.

#### THE FAR SIDE

789 Jersey Ave.  
New Brunswick  
(908) 247-2995

Open-mike night, Mondays.

#### FAST LANE II

207 Fourth Ave., Asbury Park  
(908) 988-3205

99-cent dance night, Satur-  
days.

The Outcry, Wednesdays.

"Alternative" dance night,  
Thursdays.

\*Hyperactive, Aug. 28.

\*Toad the Wet Sprocket, Gin  
Blossoms, Aug. 29.

\*Colossal Street Jam, Bruce  
Wacker Band, Aug. 30.

\*Dramarama, Sept. 4, 5.

\*Dead Milkmen, Surgeon Gen-  
eral, Sept. 6.

\*Matthew Sweet, Sept. 8.

\*Special Beat, Sept. 18.

\*Michael Penn, Sept. 26.

#### FOREST MANOR

Route 615, Jamesburg  
(908) 521-3141

Country music, Saturdays.

\*Bandit (w/Patti Davis), Sept.  
12.

\*Cadillac Cowboys, Sept. 19.

\*Diamondback, Sept. 26.

\*Gun for Hire, Oct. 3.

#### FREDDY'S

1 Mill St., Bernardsville  
(908) 766-6575

Comedy night, Sundays.

\*Neighborhood Blues, Aug. 28.

\*Pachomiana, Aug. 29.

\*Bill Ruppick, Leslie Duncan  
(comedy), Aug. 30.

#### GIGGLE 'N' BITS

Clanton Hotel  
2055 Route 27, Edison  
(908) 287-3500

Live comedy Friday and Satur-  
day.

#### J. AUGUST'S

1039 Washington St.



Mercer Ellington will lead the 17-piece Duke Ellington Orchestra into the Raritan Valley Community College Theatre in North Branch on Friday, Aug. 28, at 8 p.m.

19 Dennis St., New Brunswick  
(908) 246-8028

Dance party, Fridays, Satur-  
days.

Hub City Jam, Sundays.

Gary T To (guitar), Mondays.

#### JACK O'CONNOR'S

1288 Route 22, Bridgewater  
(908) 725-1500

Piano brunch w/Gladys Rich-  
ards, Sundays.

Gary Oleyar, Tuesdays.

Willie Lynch Trio (Irish), Thurs-  
days.

\*Rhythm & Bats, Aug. 28.

\*Call for details, Aug. 29.

#### JASONS

1604 Main St., South Belmar  
(908) 681-1416

Jazz night, Sundays.

\*Floyd Hunter Blues Band, Aug.  
28.

\*The Blues Dogs, Aug. 29.

#### JOHN & PETER'S

96 South Main St.  
New Hope, Pa.  
(215) 862-0823

Free admission Saturday and  
Sunday afternoons.

Open-mike night, Mondays.  
Fridays.

#### LIVE TONIGHT

125 Washington St.  
Hoboken  
(201) 795-9606

\*From Good Homes, Aug. 28.

\*Oversoul, Aug. 29.

#### MARIA'S CANTINA

1 Penn Plaza, New Brunswick  
(908) 247-3840

John Regan Quartet w/Charlie  
Rouse Jr., Tuesdays.

#### MAXWELL'S

1039 Washington St.

Hoboken  
(201) 798-4064

\*The Jesus Lizard, Tar, Cell,  
Aug. 28.

\*The Deleventes, The Health &  
Happiness Show, The Marys,  
Aug. 29.

\*The Dead Milkmen, Sept. 4,  
5.

\*Gallon Drunk, Finger, Sept. 9.

\*The Real Kids, Sept. 11.

\*Elvis Hilder, Sept. 13.

\*Shudder to Think, Sept. 15.

\*The Meat Puppets, Sept. 17.

\*Heavenly, Lois Matteo, Sept.  
18.

\*Sonny Burgess, Oct. 3.

\*The Chills, Oct. 15.

#### MELODY BAR

108 French St.  
New Brunswick  
(908) 249-5784

\*in Blu, Aug. 29.

#### NOAH'S ARK

117 Main St., Woodbridge  
(908) 634-3448

\*Jazz Jammin', Aug. 29.

#### OBSSESSIONS

1380 Sussex Tpk., Randolph  
(201) 895-3243

All ages admitted Thursdays,  
Fridays.

Teen dance night, Saturdays,  
Fridays.

#### OCEAN PLACE HILTON

3 Ocean Blvd., Long Branch  
(908) 571-4000

Charles Rouse Jr. Band, Fridays  
and Saturdays.

#### O'CONNORS BEEF 'N' ALE

708 Mountain Blvd., Watchung  
(908) 755-2565

Live comedy, Fridays.

#### OLD BAY

61 Church St., New Brunswick

(908) 246-3111

\*Night Train, Aug. 28.

#### ORPHAN ANNIE'S

1255 Valley Rd., Stirling  
(908) 647-0138

Open jam, Sundays (except  
Aug. 30).

Audition night, Wednesdays.

\*B.B. & The Stingers, Aug. 28.

\*Ourside Barbecue Band, Aug.  
29.

\*Terminal Blue, Sept. 3.

\*Eastern Potato, Sept. 4.

\*Pacha Mama, Sept. 5.

\*Sweet Release, Sept. 10.

\*99 Years, Sept. 11.

\*Eat 42, Sept. 12.

\*The Steele Brothers, Sept. 17.

\*80 West, Sept. 18.

\*Joe Buray Band, Sept. 19.

\*The Wise Men, Sept. 24.

\*Pandora's Box, Sept. 25.

\*J.C. Thunder, Sept. 26.

#### PATTENBURG INN

Route 614, Pattenburg  
(908) 725-2547

\*Joining Charles & The Stin-  
gays, Aug. 28.

#### PETEY'S SPORTS BAR

1001 West Mainland Rd.  
Manville  
(908) 725-9340

Party Masters (classic rock),  
Fridays.

#### PHASANTS' LANDING

Amwell Rd., Hillsborough  
(908) 359-4700

\*Young Einstems, Aug. 28, 29.

#### THE PIPELINE

841 Broadway, Newark  
(201) 481-0486

All ages admitted Fridays, Sun-  
days.

Progressive-music dance night.

Wednesdays, Sundays.

\*Lazarus, Effect, Lyndex,  
Sept. 3.

#### PLANET SURF

1900 Ocean Ave.  
Orley Beach  
(908) 703-6925

\*The Head Spins, Saturday af-  
ternoons.

Reggae night, Wednesdays.

\*The Sense, Aug. 28.

\*"Endless summer" party,  
Sept. 4.

#### PLAYPEN LOUNGE

Route 35, Sayreville  
(908) 721-0100

Male revue, Fridays.

\*TKA, Aug. 28.

\*Sub-Culture, Silencer, Scope-  
goat, God Forbid, Aug. 30.

\*Loud Linsk, Sept. 6.

\*The Cover Girls, Sept. 11.

#### POOR BILLY'S

Route 9, Woodbridge  
(908) 634-5454

Live comedy every Sunday.

#### RARITAN RIVER CLUB

85 Church St., New Brunswick  
(908) 545-6110

Gary T To (guitar), Friday twi-  
light.

Dinner-dance, Friday evening.  
Piano player, Saturday.

#### RECOVERY ROOM

74 Speedwell Ave.  
Morristown  
(201) 267-0516

\*Night Train, Aug. 29, Sept. 4.

#### RED BULL CAFE

Best Western Red Bull Inn  
(908) 703-9899

Jazz night, Sundays.

Audition night, Wednesdays.

Doug Snyder, Thursdays.

#### THE RIVERFRONT

11 Main St., South River  
(908) 390-4438

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I just got back from San Francisco where I attended the Society of Wine Educators' Annual Conference. Besides working on my tan, I also had the opportunity to take some invaluable wine and food pairing classes and taste some really excellent wines. If you can find these bottles in your local wine shop, please try them. I'm certain you'll be as pleased as I was!

**Trefethen White Riesling 1990**  
Fermented cool in stainless steel, no fussing with oak and very dry, this Riesling is a very serious wine. All the lovely floral aromas follow through in a clean, fresh taste. The acidity keeps this wine lively and the flavors of citrus and melon last medium long in the mouth. If you don't like to drink Rieslings because you think they are all sweet, drink this, and change your mind. About \$8.00.

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**Quady Winery 1991 Electric**  
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**Concannon Vineyard 1987 Petite Sirah**  
I was looking for something that wasn't Cabernet that was still rich and full of flavor. I found it. This Petite Sirah is extraordinarily deep purple with strawberries filling the nose. In mouth the fruit leans to dark cherries and is lush with a tight core of tannins. You may want to keep this a bit before drinking it, but it promises to age beautifully. Good with game, duck and even dark chocolates. Break out of the Cabernet habit with this wine.

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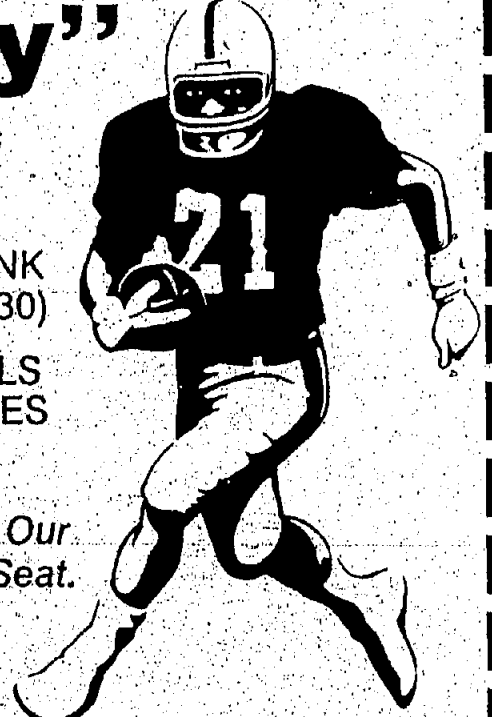
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