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- Black Diamond gray finish
- Available in Wall (PD-4001), Tabletop (PD-4002) and Floorstanding versions (PD-4002MB)
- Wall version includes separate receiver/controller
- Floorstanding version is Tabletop version with matching base
- Two-tuner advanced PIP
- Bitmap graphic interface
- Color temperature set at 6500°K
- 150:1 Contrast ratio
- 3" x 2" Detachable speakers
- 1 set speaker outputs: FW + TV
- Front AV inputs with S-Video
- 2 rear stereo audio inputs
- 2 rear video inputs with 2 S-Video inputs
- 2 composite video and 1 S-Video output
- Active AV Network
- Multi-brand remote with VCR/cable/DSP control
- Mitsubishi audio and DVD control
- 4:3 Aspect ratio
- 640 (x31) x 480 Pixels
- 64 Gray Scale
- > 300 cd/m<sup>2</sup> Brightness

Dimensions (HxWxD):  
PD-4001 - 29 1/4" x 36 1/4" x 3 1/4" (without speakers)  
PD-4001 - 31 1/4" x 36 1/4" x 3 1/4" (with speakers)  
PD-4002 - 33 1/4" x 36 1/4" x 12 1/4" (Tabletop)  
PD-4002MB - 33 1/4" x 36 1/4" x 28 1/4" (Floorstanding base)

## MITSUBISHI VS-50501 • VS-50502 50" Slim Big Screens with Two-Tuner Advanced PIP

These 50" Big Screen televisions are finished in either Black Diamond gray (VS-50501), or an oak vinyl finish (VS-50502). Both models feature two-tuner advanced PIP, high-performance CRTs, color temperature control, IRIS light sensor and dynamic white balance.

- Two-tuner advanced PIP
- 2 language ViewPoint™ on-screen menu system
- Illuminated multi-brand remote with VCR/cable/DSP control; Mitsubishi DVD control; Mitsubishi audio control
- Color temperature control (Low=5500°K)
- IRIS™ light sensor
- 7" CRTs
- 4-element, multi-coated hybrid lens system
- Digital Dynamic comb filter
- Velocity Scan Modulation
- Front reflective surface mirror
- Dynamic white balance
- Level Sound
- 2 rear video inputs with 2 S-Video inputs

## MITSUBISHI VS-50802 50" Slim Big Screen with Two-Tuner Advanced PIP and StarSight™

Mitsubishi's VS-50802 is crafted in genuine oak veneer. The 3D VCR comb filter ensures a clear, sharp picture. The StarSight™ on-screen program guide provides rapid tuning and one-button VCR recording.

## MITSUBISHI TS-50611 50" Tabletop Big Screen with Two-Tuner Advanced PIP and TV GUIDE Plus+

This 50" tabletop cabinet TV has its own matching base (MB-5087A). Advanced features include a two-tuner advanced PIP, a 6-element, multi-coated hybrid lens system for improved contrast performance, and TV GUIDE Plus+.

## MITSUBISHI TS-5545 55" Tabletop Big Screen with Advanced PIP

The TS-5545 features Mitsubishi's high-performance CRTs and high-efficiency optics technology for a sharp, accurate picture. The slim tabletop cabinet has its own matching base (MB-5545), with an integrated shield mount to protect the screen surface.

## MITSUBISHI TS-4545 45" Tabletop Big Screen with Advanced PIP

Mitsubishi's innovative optics and CRT technology led to this exclusive tabletop cabinet design. The reduced depth of less than 21" makes this 45" Big Screen fit easily on a shelf or on its own matching base (MB-4553).

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A Toast to YOU

## MITSUBISHI BIG SCREEN TELEVISIONS

### VS-5047 50" Slim Big Screen with Advanced PIP and Built-In VCR Storage

The 50" VS-5047 features a built-in VCR storage shelf and is finished in Black Diamond gray. A 3 language ViewPoint™ on-screen menu system provides on-screen guidance to most all TV operations.

### VS-55601 55" Slim Big Screen with Two-Tuner advanced PIP and TV GUIDE Plus+

Finished in Black Diamond gray, the VS-55601 features TV GUIDE Plus+. This on-screen programming guide allows viewing of any time slot over a 48-hour period, or if desired, 48-hours of programming for any one channel plus one-button recording.

### VS-60621 60" Slim Big Screen with Two-Tuner, Advanced PIP, Built-In VCR Storage and TV GUIDE Plus+

Finished in Black Diamond gray, the VS-60621 has a built-in VCR storage shelf with glass doors. The 6-element, multi-coated, high-speed hybrid lens system reduces surface reflections and delivers improved contrast performance.

### 45" Slim Big Screens with Two-Tuner Advanced PIP

These 45" Big Screens make a striking addition to any room or Home Theater system. Two-tuner advanced PIP allows viewing of two programs at the same time without using a VCR's tuner. Advanced features include high-performance CRTs, color temperature control and IRIS™ light sensor.

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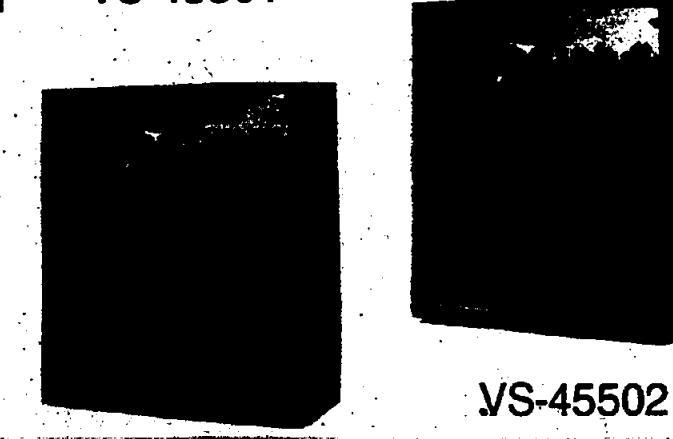
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### VS-70601 70" Slim Big Screen with Two-Tuner Advanced PIP and TV GUIDE Plus+

The slim, 2-piece split-cabinet design enables easy set-up for the 70" VS-70601. The black-ink, black-matrix lensiculator screen improves overall picture contrast under most ambient room light conditions. This high-performance television features TV GUIDE Plus+, Active AV Network and a host of other features.

### VS-45501



### VS-60601 60" Slim Big Screen with Two-Tuner Advanced PIP and TV GUIDE Plus+

The VS-60601 is finished in Black Diamond gray. The Two-tuner advanced PIP allows 2 video sources to be viewed at the same time without the need for a second external tuner. TV GUIDE Plus+ delivers instant on-screen program information and simplifies VCR recording.

### VS-8087 80" Slim Big Screen with Two-Tuner Advanced PIP and StarSight™

The VS-8087 is Mitsubishi's largest rear-projection Big Screen television. The 3D VCR comb filter ensures a clear, sharp picture. It uses 7" CRTs for optimum brightness and focus at all areas of the screen. StarSight™ on-screen program guide provides rapid tuning and one-button VCR recording. The ViewPoint™ II on-screen menu system has large graphic icons which can be incorporated for quick, visual confirmation. The Black Diamond gray, split-cabinet design is designed so it can be separated into two parts to make delivery and set-up easier. An integrated DiamondShield™ with a scratch-resistant surface is included to protect the picture screen. This acrylic shield is fitted within the shield to improve contrast.

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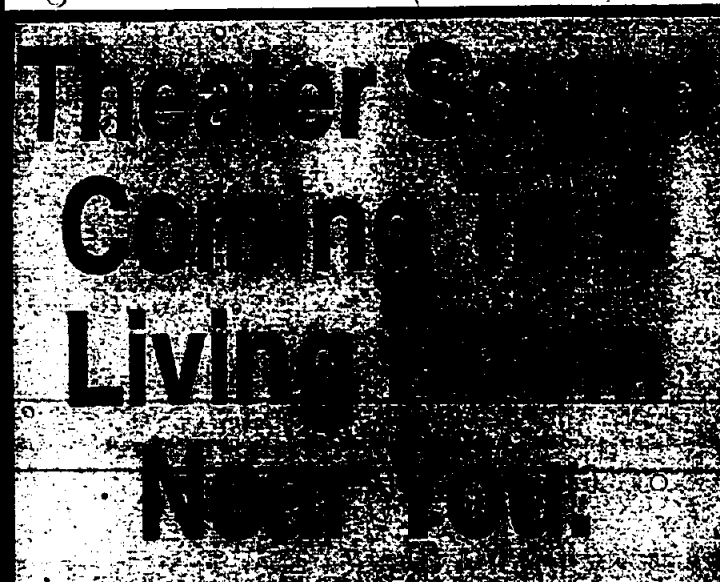
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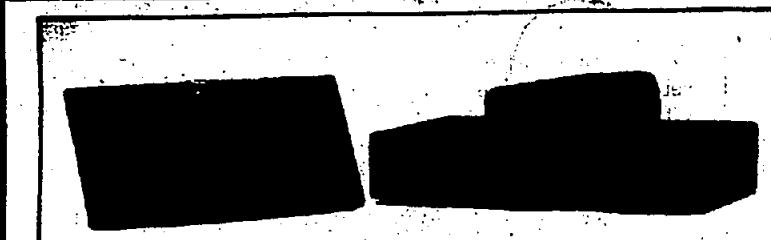
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The M-VR600 is designed for the Home Theater enthusiast. Its discrete-transfer power amplifier circuit can drive virtually any set of surround speakers to move theater-like levels. It has inputs for DVD and camcorders. The pre-programmed remote can turn on your entire home theater system, receiver, subwoofer, CD player and TV.

### MITSUBISHI M-VR800 A/V Receiver

This superb-sounding A/V receiver is the central piece of an advanced Home Theater system. It has multiple inputs and outputs to accommodate today's analog and digital products. The digital signal processor decodes Dolby Digital audio signals from DVD players and future digital TV broadcasts, and also provides high performance Dolby Digital decoding. The power amplifier section has two identical channels with the same low distortion, low noise specifications.

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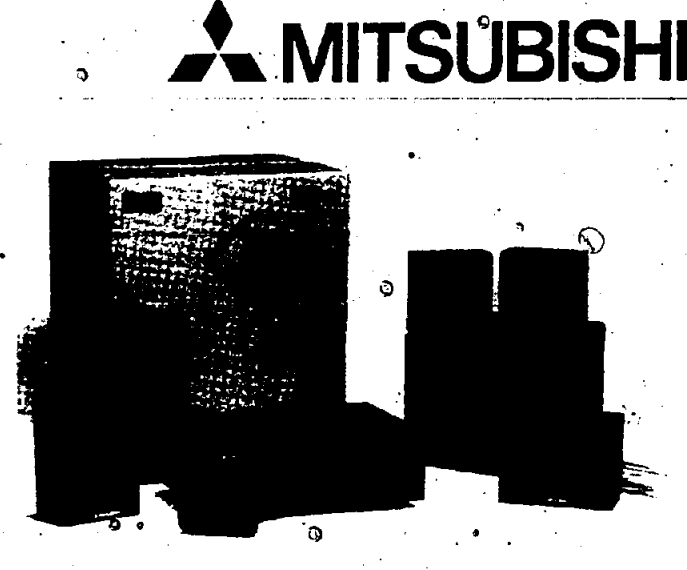
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## Governor visits to open seniors facility

Gov. Christine Whitman visited recently with more than 100 health care professionals, hospital representatives and public officials to celebrate the ribbon-cutting for the new Special Needs Wing at Cranford.

The 50-bed Special Needs Wing was developed to serve seniors in the beginning stages of Alzheimer's Disease and other cognitive disorders.

"I am proud to be here today to dedicate such an important facility as this one," Whitman said. "One of the greatest responsibilities we all share is ensuring the well-being of our senior citizens community. By working together, we can all make certain that we achieve that goal."

Whitman was joined in the ribbon-cutting ceremony by Kapson Senior Quarters Corp. President Evan A. Kaplan; Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas; former Gov. Thomas Kean; Cranford Mayor Bob Hoffler; Kapson Senior Quarters President Evan A. Kaplan; Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas; and Kapson Vice Chairman Wayne Kaplan.

Gov. Christine Whitman, center, cuts the ribbon opening the Special Needs Wing at Senior Quarters in Cranford. The facility is intended for seniors in the beginning stages of Alzheimer's Disease and other cognitive disorders. Next to the governor, from left: Assemblyman Alan Augustine and state Sen. Donald Blumenthal, both R-Union; Cranford Mayor Bob Hoffler; Kapson Senior Quarters President Evan A. Kaplan; Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas; and Kapson Vice Chairman Wayne Kaplan.

Wing offers premium accommodations for its residents and will provide a comprehensive package of services for a single monthly fee, including 24-hour personal care monitoring, daily meals served in a restaurant-style dining room, and complete housekeeping, laundry and linen services. In addition, Special Needs residents will benefit from high-quality programs specifically designed to meet their physical and emotional needs.

To meet the needs of residents with cognitive disorders, Senior Quarters will maintain higher staffing levels at the new Special Needs Wing. Senior Quarters also employs staff members with specialized knowledge, who conduct frequent "dementia" support group meetings monthly for family and friends.

## Residents may gain tool in noise debate

New technology that could assist in developing and evaluating aircraft routing proposals was demonstrated recently by Glenn Bates of Geopac Inc., consultant to the statewide citizens' group the New Jersey Coalition Against Aircraft Noise.

The software allows radar data from the FAA's Automated Terminal Radar System to be displayed on a personal computer. The geographic location of aircraft can be superimposed over highways, roads, terrain and to show the geographic location of aircraft and noise impacts caused by each flight path on specific homes, hospitals, schools, police stations and communities. The technology will display the flight paths that can offer the most effective noise abatement procedure for a given region.

Developed by Le Tech Inc., the computer software will provide hard data on routes for citizens, elected officials, Continental Airlines, the Port Authority and the Federal Aviation Administration. Pamela Barsam-Brown, executive director of NJCAAAN, stated, "This will allow route designs to be judged on merit and will minimize if not eliminate the false and misleading information which has fueled needless controversies in the past."

Introduction of the computer software comes at a time when public and political sensitivities have been heightened, encouraging Continental Airlines, the FAA and the FAA to seek a solution to the aircraft noise problem over New Jersey and Staten Island.

Licensing for the software technology called the "Radar and Noise Management System" may be obtained from Le Tech Inc. located in Alexandria, Va.

Members of the governor's staff, members of the New Jersey delegation, and representatives from the Eastern Region Federal Aviation Administration and Port Authority of New York and New Jersey were present at the demonstration.

## Cooperation is plan regarding local river

### Rahway River flooding is issue

Earlier this month, a meeting sponsored by Assemblyman Joel Weingarten and Kevin O'Toole and Sen. C. Louis Blesser was held with representatives from around Union and Essex counties to address flooding issues regarding the Rahway River, and to discuss progress since July of this year.

Representatives came from Springfield Union, Union County, Maplewood, Millburn, Essex County, and the Department of Transportation.

Major initiatives which have borne fruit include:

- Bridge Replacement and Repair: The state Department of Transportation announced that both Essex and Union counties were granted \$175,000 of discretionary state aid for the design engineering of the Veterans Road Bridge replacement and Millburn Avenue Bridge deck raising.
- Essex County's engineers agreed to take the lead in managing the engineering phase of these projects.
- DOT's Al Malocci will investigate the process for acquisition of state funding from the construction phase.
- The State DOT allocated \$200,000 from DOT Trust Fund for the ongoing process of the Route 82 Bridge replacement. The Union County engineer has agreed to take the lead in managing the engineering phase of this project.
- De-Sagging and De-Sitting: Essex County met with Essex municipalities to develop a plan, which is scheduled for completion in March.
- Michael Cox, of Kiliam Associates, is compiling costs of participation for Union County municipalities.
- The system is targeted for installation and testing by September.
- Bank Restoration: Former Subholder Linda DeGiovanni has submitted a Natural Resource Soil Conservation Service form on behalf of Union County requesting assistance in funding for improvements to the banks of the Rahway River.

## County rethinks its use of pesticides

Union County's government recently added a two-day seminar to its training roster on how to implement integrated pest management strategies. "The Basis of Landscape Integrated Pest Management."

Eight county employees from the Division of Parks and Recreation joined other New Jersey professionals from the public and private sectors for this certification course on tree and shrub management, which was held at the county's Washington Stables in Mountaintop.

In his opening remarks, Freeholder Henry Kutz, liaison to the Environmental Health Advisory Board, told the participants that this program was an important new addition to the management of pesticides in Union County—one he would like to see implemented throughout the county.

"The long-term effects of chemicals historically used on a routine basis are now being judged deleterious to the environment, and to people," Kutz said.

Freeholder Daniel Sullivan, who serves as liaison to the Union County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, presented the certificates to the participants at the completion of the course.

"Every citizen has the responsibility to protect our environment, to ensure our quality of life, and the health and well-being of future generations. The county's IPM strategies include replacing traditional biological and herbicide by adopting biological methods, performing spot treatments instead of treating an entire golf course for a disease and using less toxic chemicals when pesticides are needed," Sullivan said.

The NJ Department of Environmental Protection offers pesticide certification credits for those who complete the course. Additional certification courses are slated for 1998.

General public who are interested in learning more about current practices in controlling landscape and turf pests and diseases can attend a variety of upcoming seminars:

- Turf Day on Jan. 6, followed by Tree Day on Jan. 7, at Morris County College.
- Bedding Plant Grower/Garden Center Management Day will be held on Feb. 6 and Landscape Day will be held on Feb. 11 at Valley Regional Center in Clifton.

These seminars are given as part of the North Jersey Ornamental Horticulture Conference, sponsored by Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County.

Registration is required. A small registration fee will be charged.

For more information on these programs, call Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County at (908) 694-9854, or the Union County Bureau of Environmental Affairs at (908) 654-9890.

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- Clear your mind — Whether it's through meditation, deep breathing, yoga, Tai Chi, listening to music in a quiet or peaceful setting in a cozy room, take some time each day to stop what you're doing, turn off all the noise, and welcome your thoughts. Even as little as five to ten minutes of peaceful solitude can be tremendously restorative and energizing.
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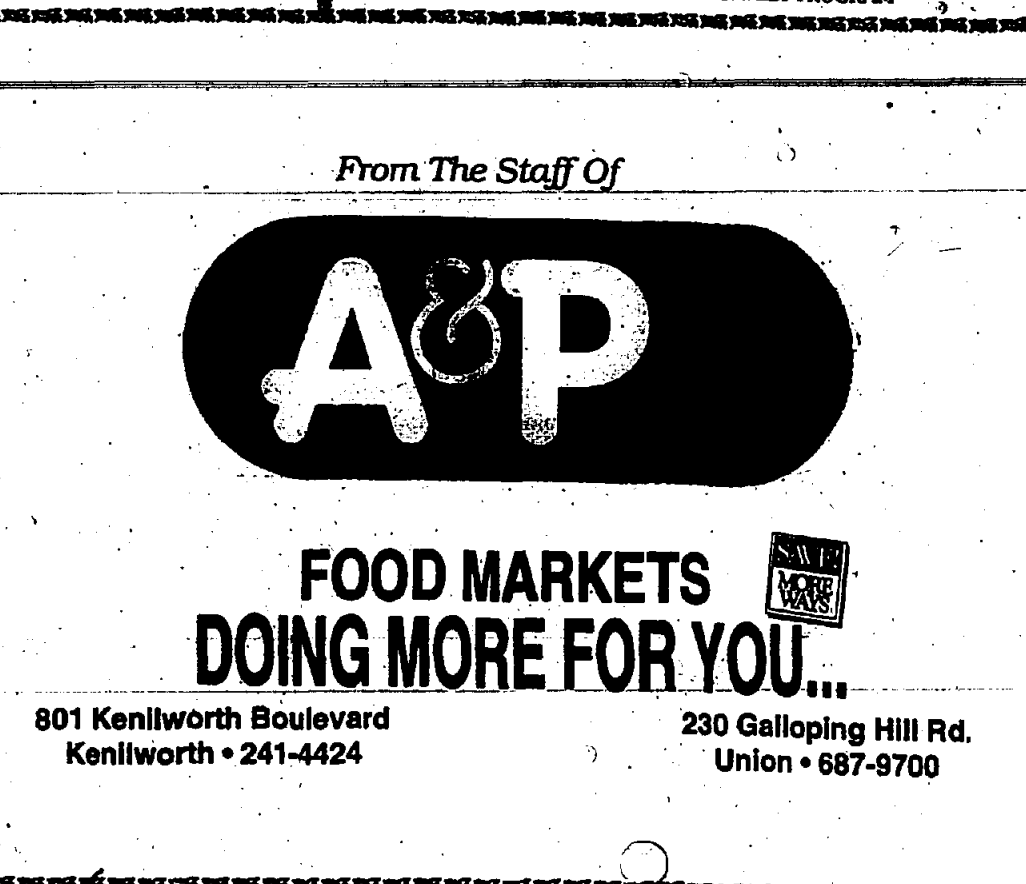
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# Union resident has learned and earned his love of opera

**By Ben Smith**

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Fresh from his tour de force in Italy, Thomas Smargiassi III of Union has plunged into his operatic career with an energy and ambition reserved for the young. He is 26-years-old.

Smargiassi was last seen in a concert at the South Orange Middle School on Dec. 6. On Dec. 10, he auditioned with the Fila Grand Opera Co. in New York City, and he will be auditioning at the Metropolitan Opera Co. on Jan. 17 when he sings for Jerome Hines, who is in charge of the New Jersey State Opera Music Theatre Institute.

"I was in Italy for several months," said the husky operatic singer. He smiled broadly. "I sang for so many wonderful people, including the voice teacher of Luciano Pavarotti, Maestro Pops. After I sang for him, he said that my voice was 'an extremely important voice in the opera world today.' I was very happy to hear that — from him especially."

In Italy, Smargiassi explained, "I gave local concerts in small towns. It was a wonderful experience for me to learn the culture and the language at the same time. I'm still not fluent, but that's my next goal."

Smargiassi was in Italy "on a Young Artists Program. On a small scale, I performed and learned not just many roles in opera, but the acting, the blocking, the stage combat — in opera there are many violent things going on. I'm not getting that experience and learning these roles. I also took language lessons. Principally important to me is the Italian language. This is what I want to do with my life — sing, see, live, people."

Smargiassi, who was born in Elizabeth, "lived in Union my whole life. I always liked to sing as a child. From ages 8 to 14-years-old, I sang with my sister, Rachel, who, incidentally, is a professional actress and singer now, and another girl named Jackie.

"We sang all the regular times at openings for companies, senior citizen groups and in Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York City," recalled Smargiassi. "I just always had a strong desire to sing, to entertain and just be on the stage, even while I was in Union High School."

Does he have stage fright whenever he approaches the stage?

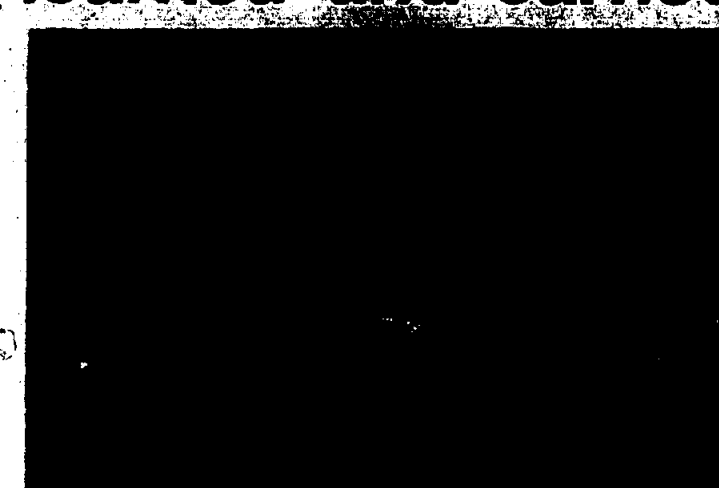
"I think everyone has stage fright," he said. "It's a big thing for a lot of people to learn to get over it and turn stage fright into positive energy. I'm still learning now, even while I go to voice lessons in New York City twice a week. I have sung for my teachers and coaches and in the past had some very important auditions for a concert."

Concerts, said the young opera singer, "require a different kind of singing. It has always been intense. In more recent months, I have learned to relax, and it made me a better singer because of it. In opera, it's extremely important that you not only know what you're singing, but you must know what every word you're singing about means. So, you fully interpret what you're singing — so that you can put yourself into that character. The minute you, as a singer, get out of that focus, you can become confused. You have to know what the character is supposed to be and what you're supposed to be portraying. You have to be that character. And it's very difficult if you don't understand the language."

Smargiassi explained that "I sing in Italian, German, French, Spanish and English. I've been learning languages for about nine years now. There's a different level now. I believe you never get to a part saying, 'I've learned everything there is to know about one field or subject matter.' The more I learn every day, the more I realize how much I don't know. I speak Italian good enough to get by. I'm third generation Italian-American, so it isn't really used at home.

"Actually," he said, "you really have to learn it from scratch. Once that happens, I'll be understanding more of what I'm singing. You get a lot more confidence as a singer. I believe that is the key to good performances and auditions."

Smargiassi has been singing professionally for "four or five years now. This has been my life. Oh, I have other interests. Golf, for example. I love to golf.



Thomas Smargiassi III

and I was on a team in high school. It's a very good exercise. It's important to have exercise. When I was at Union High, I was in a lot of sports. But now, as a singer, I have to take care of my voice.

"That's when your lifestyle changes," said Smargiassi. "You become more laid back. I'm in the process of that change. Actually, I sort of started in high school. I did 'Muscle Man' in junior high school, and my music teacher, Tracy Murray, who is my best friend, noticed the talent in my voice and he felt I could start taking voice lessons. He sent me to his high school teacher.

In his spare time, Smargiassi is a voice teacher. "I've had a studio for the past six years out of my home. I had 45 students last year, but it was too much now. I have about 20 students. They include high school and college students and some professional performers in musicals and the opera. I won't be doing it for much longer," Smargiassi admitted, "although I do enjoy teaching. It is a most satisfying thing to be able to pass on to the students some of the things I have learned over the years — vocally."

"You know," he said, "there's a lot of young vocal talent out there and because there are not too many good vocal teachers to recognize them. I hope that I have steered people in a higher direction and advanced them vocally. That, too, has been my goal."

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Puder exhibited in the gallery in 1993 when the Les Matamoras celebrated its fifth anniversary. She has since had many solo shows and participated in group shows. She has traveled considerably, particularly in the west, and has tried to capture its vast unspoiled beauty. Although she has seen "pictures in California, overgrown land in Colorado and mining scars in Arizona," she "remains hopelessly nostalgic for the unspoiled west that exists in my imagination. I long for those romantic images with their beauty and the 'West of My Dreams' she states.

A graduate of Trenton State College with a B.A., she attended the New Jersey Center for Visual Art and the Nikon School, as well as numerous seminars on photography. Puder is a member of the Millburn Camera Club, Westfield Art Association, Cranford Camera Club, NJ Center for Visual Arts, NJ Photography Forum, North American Nature Photography Association, and Margaux "Who's Who in the East."

She has received first place in 1993 and 1997 for photography in the Union Festival on the Green and the Paintfield Outdoor Festival of Art. She was Calendar First Winner for the Equitable Calendar of 1989-91 for the Millburn Camera Club. In addition, she has received many other awards.

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- 2 Felt behind
- 3 Discharge
- 4 D'Aragon's creator
- 5 Solitary
- 6 Collier's entrance
- 7 Famous
- 8 Advice for a bore?
- 9 Respectful robbery?
- 10 Marshy
- 11 Endless in a vase
- 12 "With a hey, and a ho"
- 13 Rural address
- 14 Italian artist
- 15 Twenty
- 16 Compare thee to a summer's day?
- 17 W.S. Shakespeare
- 18 Pond weed
- 19 Cudgel
- 20 Reuniting lines
- 21 Cuckoo chimes
- 22 Fina
- 23 Holy woman
- 24 Menzo Stevens
- 25 Shem's capital
- 26 Endangered
- 27 Foolish giggle
- 28 Squeaking
- 29 Screwdriver's slogan?
- 30 Magnificent
- 31 Beavers, for instance
- 32 Famed warden
- 33 Lampoon
- 34 Moslem precepts
- 35 The Weaver of Carville
- 36 Medieval convert
- 37 "from here to eternity"
- 38 Eden one-liner?
- 39 Pluck
- 40 "like a hot potato"
- 41 Cap'n's cherry tree?
- 42 Hymn
- 43 Cool deserts
- 44 Carriers
- 45 Scudum name
- 46 Vena de Mido
- 47 defecate
- 48 Knap or Ostrach
- 49 Solitary with profit or racket

**DOWN**

- 1 Down
- 2 Foreign country?
- 3 Cap'n's right hand
- 4 Crode
- 5 Don Juan's mother
- 6 Part of QED
- 7 Roughly partner
- 8 Lake some roads
- 9 Not so hot
- 10 Main and Sugar
- 11 Instigating
- 12 Lasso
- 13 Henry or Marianne
- 14 before my horse to market?
- 15 Soldier disk
- 16 Hunter of films
- 17 Intermittent
- 18 Inconceivable
- 19 Cone sound
- 20 Musical instrument
- 21 "The Magnificent"
- 22 Sand's "et"
- 23 Lu
- 24 Someone else
- 25 Co-owners
- 26 Elinor's stop
- 27 Wind screen members
- 28 Reciprocal deals
- 29 Hokkaido aborigine
- 30 Call oil
- 31 Solar disk
- 32 Course wool
- 33 Formal cause
- 34 "the season"
- 35 Musical instrument
- 36 "et"
- 37 Lu
- 38 "Long"

(See ANSWERS on Page B8)

## HOROSCOPE

For the week of Jan. 4 to 10

**Aries**  
March 21-April 19

You already have a good handle on what's going wrong in your life, but it's time to take a look at what's gone right. Don't be so slow to congratulate yourself on work well done. You deserve praise, whether you're getting it or not.

**Taurus**  
April 21-May 21

Pay extra attention this week to the little things, especially at home. You have a knack for laughing off adversity, which is good, but sweat the details this time. It will pay off for you. By week's end, you'll hear good news.

**Gemini**  
May 22-June 21

Do not say what's on your mind this week. The wrong people may be listening and you can't afford to offend anyone important to your career. It might just be better to confide in someone outside of work this time. Call an old friend this weekend. He or she will have a surprise for you.

**Cancer**  
June 22-July 22

Some criticism is heading your way, but don't flinch. You need to keep an open mind and listen this time. You may find the criticism. Admit the mistake early and prepare for a rocky relationship to steady.

**Leo**  
July 23-Aug. 23

Your clothes may look good to you,

but someone important is going to be watching you this week. Take a little extra care in how you dress. Maybe it's time for something new.

**Virgo**  
Aug. 24-Sept. 22

You have more energy than you think this week, but you'll have to manage it properly. Don't waste time on tasks that you know aren't any real benefit to you, regardless of what someone else is telling you. Be your own manager until the task you're on is complete.

**Libra**  
Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Communications with your partner could be the difference between happiness and sorrow this week. Don't wait for them to come to you for a resolution. You have an opportunity to make a difference in someone's life this weekend. Watch for it—it won't be obvious.

**Scorpio**  
Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Food is going to be important to

**Sagittarius**  
Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Nobody can force you to accept the responsibilities you've been avoiding, but it will be to your benefit to do so. When you least expect it, the road is going to straighten out for you and get a little easier to navigate. Give a co-worker some well-deserved praise.

**Capricorn**  
Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Keep in touch with old friends—someone may have news that interests you. Don't be afraid to try new ideas this week. You have the creativity to do something truly new. Plan ahead for a busy weekend.

**Aquarius**  
Jan. 21-Feb. 18

There's more than one way to solve

a problem. Don't stop looking until you've found the alternative, that is not going to have problems than the one you'll solve. Doing the right thing may be painful this week, but it will pay off.

**Pisces**  
Feb. 19-March 20

Offer a kind gesture to a stranger this week. You'll be surprised how many times you may benefit from the experience. Don't take too long to decide how to handle what appears to be an awkward situation in the work. It could become complicated if you wait.

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## Volvo is structurally, stylishly, and also environmentally sound

Volvo has always been strongly identified with certain core values: safety, quality and care for the environment. In keeping with its Scandinavian heritage, Volvo takes a holistic view of humanity and environmental responsibility. Consequently, Volvo's total manufacturing processes are examined from an environmental perspective, resulting in projects like:

• **Environmental Priorities System**, a system by which the environmental impact of every material element in each vehicle is quantified in order to make the best possible production decisions.

• **MOTIV Chemical Database**, which details the environmental and health effects of each chemical used in the manufacturing of Volvos, as well as 2,000 that have been deemed unusable due to undesirable effects.

• **Environmental Car Recycling in Scandinavia**, a program which focuses on the dismantling of vehicles in a way that has the least environmental impact.

While tailpipe emissions may be the most obvious automotive "pollution," in reality the entire life cycle of a car produces waste. From mining resources and producing raw goods to transporting products and manufacturing vehicles, not to mention vehicle use of consumables and, finally, disposal of vehicles, sources of pollution exist. Volvo has helped develop a tool to measure all environmental aspects of a Volvo's life cycle. It is called Environmental Priorities System.

Volvo environmental experts and engineers, the Swedish Environmental Research Institute and the Swedish Federation of Industries, have measured every step of the manufacturing, operation and disposal processes. Using their findings, they established the environmental load unit, a unit of measurement that quantifies the environmental impact of each element of a car.

Adding together the ELUs of the aluminum, iron, glass, plastic, leather, vinyl and every other material found in a car, Volvo can then vary the use of components in order to attain a lower total ELU. For example, the plastic inner fender-heel cover can be made from virgin plastic or recycled, but the virgin plastic has a higher ELU; so recycled plastic would be used.

The ELU includes every aspect of a component. For example, when determining the ELU of a red plastic component, the total ELU includes materials used to clean the mold for production of plastic components in another required color. An ELU for raw iron includes all aspects of the mining plus ore transportation, smelting and forging. EPS makes it easy to select environmentally desirable alternatives for vehicle production. Designers, engineers, purchasing experts and others who have a role in developing a new model use the same scale, the ELU, to determine how to create a product with the least harmful effect on the environment.

Perhaps the most pressing environmental issue facing Volvo is the use of chemicals during manufacturing. Certain chemicals offer unique hazards and disposal problems, but are often used in the automotive industry to facilitate production processes and enhance the experience of drivers and passengers.

Volvo has created MOTIV, a chemical database which provides details on 4,000 different chemicals used within the life cycle of its cars. MOTIV also includes information

on handling, storage and transportation of these chemicals. Additionally, MOTIV includes information on 2,000 chemicals Volvo no longer uses because of environmental and/or health factors. Here are some of the chemicals that Volvo has permanently removed from factories, and the reasons they have been removed from the process:

- CFCs — ozone depleting.
- Halogens — ozone depleting.
- Chlorinated paraffins — toxic, difficult to biodegrade.
- Trichloroethylene — human health hazard.
- Neopentylchlorides — toxic.
- Lead naphthenes — toxic, difficult to biodegrade.
- Dibutyl phthalate — toxic, bio-accumulating.
- Hexane — causes nerve damage.
- Ethyleneglycols — inhibits reproduction.

All new chemicals proposed for use in production are analyzed against the MOTIV database. Those deemed unacceptable from a health and environmental standpoint are prohibited from entering the factories. Volvo insists that MOTIV will prevent contamination of the environment and harm to its employees.

All around the world, people are recycling aluminum, paper, plastic and other materials that would otherwise take up valuable space in landfills. To do its part, Volvo is spearheading a study on how to recycle more effectively. Environmental Recycling in Scandinavia is a joint venture between Volvo, who conceived and planned the ECRIS facility, and three other Scandinavian companies. ECRIS is in a four-year trial program with four main goals:

- To develop effective new methods for dismantling and sorting environmentally harmful components and recyclable material.
- To use life cycle analysis to calculate the environmental impact of various recycling methods.
- To evaluate material recycling and energy recovering methods.
- To promote and evaluate markets for recycled materials.

New design and production engineers from Volvo are sent to the ECRIS as part of their indoctrination into Volvo's engineering environment. Dismantling all types of vehicles at ECRIS teaches them how to design components that can be separated in a recycling shop. For example, an instrument dash panel is typically constructed by bending foam to metal, becoming a single piece that is basically impossible to separate for recycling. However, because of lessons learned at ECRIS, the Volvo dash panel is attached to its metal base with clips for easy removal during recycling. The same technique is used with many other major disassembly joined parts.

Once the materials are separated into recycling bins, it is determined whether they will be recycled or reused. Some glass can be crushed to make new glass, while other glass is used in concrete. Foam from seat cushions is recycled to produce car seat undersides. Many steel body parts are recovered intact and used to repair Volvos damaged in collisions. All engines are tested, put into working order, given a warranty and sold to repair shops.

ECRIS is confident that its methods are beneficial to the environment and help Volvo achieve its goal of producing quality products at a good value to the customer.

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