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Peter and Rose Esposito, seated, are flanked by Doris and Russell Miller, left, and Anthony and Cecile Camera. Terry and Frank Hauser also participated in the Record's Valentine interview.

## 400 years of marriage expertise

### Seniors reveal how they met, why they're still together

By KEVIN COLLIGAN  
THE RECORD

With Valentine's Day right around the corner, The Record figured it best to consult the experts in affairs of the heart — four couples who have been married an average of 50 years.

The couples, all residents in the Westfield Senior Citizens Complex on Boynton Avenue, agreed to share their stories — and advice — with our readers.

The Cameras

Anthony Camera met his future wife, Cecile, 32 years ago while both were in the Army, stationed at Pine Camp in upstate New York. "I walked into the post office one day and out of the clear sky, there she was," said Mr. Camera.

"He had the most beautiful smile I ever saw," said Mrs. Camera.

Shortly after the two met, Anthony was sent to Europe to fight in the Second World War. Cecile was sent to serve with the Women's Army Corps in Australia and New Guinea.

"I wrote every day," said Mrs. Camera. "sometimes twice a day."

Mr. Camera wrote back when he could. And he saved every letter Cecile wrote. After two years apart, his collection grew to nearly 800

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— Frank Hauser

letters. He still has those letters.

After the war, the couple was reunited. They wed in October 1945.

The Espositos

Peter and Rose Esposito were brought together by Rose's sister-in-law.

Rose lived in Westfield, Peter in Bayonne. One day, Rose's sister-in-law asked Mr. Esposito if he wanted to meet a nice girl from Westfield.

"I said, 'I don't know what Westfield is,'" said her husband.

Still, a meeting was arranged. Mrs. Esposito recalls putting a flower in her hair for the big meeting. When they met, "he thought I was a little kid," she said.

The two married in October 1941.

Like the Cameras, the Espositos were sepa-

rated by World War II. Peter, an Italian immigrant, was sent to Texas to work as an interpreter with Italian prisoners of war. He spent four years apart from his new wife.

The Millers

Westfield natives Doris and Russell Miller met each other at a carnival more than 50 years ago. At the end of the evening, Mr. Miller offered Doris and her sister a ride home. "It was very cold that night, so we went," said Mrs. Miller. "Then we started dating."

They wed in October 1946.

"That's a long time to be together," said Mr. Miller.

Mrs. Miller explained the couple's compatibility. "I'm easygoing, he's easygoing," she said, nodding toward her husband. "We agree on most things ... We just get along."

The Hausers

Terry Hauser met her husband Frank at her sister's wedding. "He was an usher," she said.

The Hausers have a straightforward explanation for the strength of their 42-year marriage.

"We never argued," said Mrs. Hauser. "He was always at work."

"He got up early and went to work," she continued. "When he got home supper was

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## Briefs

## The search begins

Consultant will find Smith's replacement

By KEVIN COLLIGAN  
THE RECORD

With Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark Smith headed to New England to accept a job with a suburban-Boston school district, the Westfield Board of Education is left to shop around for a new schools chief.

The quest started in earnest Tuesday night when the board unanimously voted to hire a consultant to aid in the search — just as it did in 1986 when it hired Dr. Smith.

Board of Education President Susan Jacobson said recent consultant fees paid by neighboring districts ranged from \$8,000-\$18,000.

## Paganos quits council

By LYNN A. POLLEY  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Michael Paganos, 4th Ward councilman, resigned his position effective next week after serving more than nine years on the governing body.

Mr. Paganos did not say why he is resigning.

"It's been a great experience working with all of you," Mr. Paganos told his colleagues at the Township Council meeting Tuesday night.

Council members extended their best wishes to the long-time councilman.

"I found your quiet presence and thoughtful ways to be an inspiration to all of us," said Councilman James Gibbons.

"His leadership impressed me," said Councilman

Gary Jenkins. "He demonstrated his leadership by example."

During his tenure, Mr. Paganos served as chairman of the Public Works and Solid Waste committees. He was also a member of the Laws and Rules Committee. In other business, residents and business owners expressed their concerns about the Special Improvement District (SID) ordinance, which is scheduled for a second reading Tuesday, Feb. 27. Under the SID ordinance, an additional tax would be levied on the 200 commercial properties contained in the proposed district. The revenue, along with money from the town treasury, would be used to stimulate business growth through a combination of programming and capital projects (see related story).

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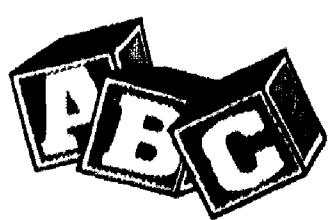
## Philhower deadline

The deadline for nominations for the Westfield Rotary Club's annual Charles Philhower Fellowship Award, granted to an elementary school teacher in Friday, Feb. 16. Nominating letters, describing the nominee's activities, may be mailed to Dr. Ronald Swist, President, Charles Philhower Fellowship Committee of the Westfield Rotary Club, 387 South Ave., Westfield, NJ 07090. Contact the Community Relations Office of the Westfield Board of Education at 789-4430 for more information.

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## N.J. slashes \$321,391 in 1996 aid

### School budget dented

By KEVIN COLLIGAN  
THE RECORD

Though shy of a "Dear John" letter, Westfield Public Schools received disheartening news from Trenton last week.

State aid to the town's school system dropped \$321,391 — nearly 11 percent. If the district were to keep spending at 1995 levels, property taxes would rise 2 cents per \$100 of assessed value — an increase of \$36 for the average Westfield resident with a home assessed at \$180,000.

Such an increase is unlikely, however, said Assistant Superintendent for Business Dr. Robert Rader. Dr. Rader said the district will almost certainly stay within the state-mandated budget increase cap of 3.63 percent.

How far inside the cap, however, has yet to be decided. "I don't know yet," said Dr. Rader. "It makes the budget more challenging. We have to reduce the budget."

Board of Education Finance Committee Chairman William Sweeney said his committee is still in the "information gathering and analysis phase" of the budget-building process.

"Everything is on the table at this point," said Mr. Sweeney. "We have heard the administration's recommendations and now we have to pull all that (information) together."

The Finance Committee will present a tentative budget to the full school board at the Feb. 20 board meeting. Board members are scheduled to vote on that budget Feb. 27.

The bulk of the \$321,391 reduc-

tion was in state transitional aid. Trenton reduced Westfield's transitional aid from \$400,974 in 1995 to \$321,391 in 1996.

Dr. Rader said the state first halved transitional aid to New Jersey districts. Then Trenton further reduced the budget line to reflect "savings" each district realized when state pensions were revalued in 1994.

"They said we were overfunding pensions, (but) they really did that so they could reduce the state's [pension contribution]," said the assistant superintendent. "It is hard to stomach as an accountant."

Westfield also lost \$51,208 due to the phasing out of state Desegregation Aid, said Dr. Rader.

One bright spot on the ledger is the \$36,323 the district received in state Technology Aid — a category that did not exist last year.

The remainder of state aid levels remained constant. Westfield schools received \$1,817,154 in special education aid; \$430,800 in transportation aid; \$162,739 for "at risk" students; and \$92,425 in bilingual aid.

Though the budget numbers are unpleasant, they were not unexpected. Dr. Rader said the district estimated state aid to within \$20 of the actual figures. "We were probably just lucky," he said.

After the Board of Education votes on a tentative budget, the budget will be sent to the county. A new budget, possibly with minor changes, will be formally adopted by the school board after a public hearing scheduled for March 26. Westfield voters have the last say on the district's finances in the April 16 election.

## SID open meeting Wednesday night

An open information meeting on the proposed Special Improvement District (SID) will be held 7-8 p.m. Wednesday in the Program Room of the Westfield Memorial Library.

The SID would levy an additional tax on the 200 commercial properties contained in the proposed district and use the revenue — and money from town coffers — to stimulate business through a combination of programming and capital projects.

The Westfield Town Council voted 6-1 Jan. 23 to introduce an ordinance creating a SID encompassing the town's central business district and sections of major entry roads into downtown.

A public hearing and final vote on the ordinance are scheduled for 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27.

The SID tax would be an additional 14 cents per \$100 of assessed value on 52 southside and 197 northside property owners.

The new tax would provide \$140,000 of the SID's \$380,000 operating budget. Another \$140,000 of town funds would be allocated to the district. The remaining funds would be raised through marketing and volunteers.

The \$380,000 operating budget would fund a management corporation which would be an outgrowth of the current Westfield MainStreet volunteer organization.

An executive director and assistant would be hired at \$70,000. FICA,

rent and other expenses would drive administrative costs to \$116,400 in 1997, the first full year of the program.

The 1997 budget calls for \$82,800 for streetscape improvements, such as lighting and benches; \$74,000 for marketing and events; \$46,750 for downtown maintenance; \$18,250 for business recruitment; and \$16,400 for facade design and improvement.

The mayor and council would appoint the members of the district's management corporation and vote on its budget each year.

If the council approves the district, a Westfield MainStreet Management Corporation (WMMC) board would be assembled to run the SID. The 11-member board, to be appointed by the Westfield mayor and Town Council, would be comprised of four district property owners, two district business operators, four Westfield residents and one member of the council. At least one member must be a member of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

The mayor and council would approve the WMMC budget each year. The yet-to-be assembled board has May as a target date for the SID budget.

Copies of the SID proposal are available at the Westfield MainStreet office, 150 East Broad St.

**Who do you love?**  
Couples talk about  
arranged marriages  
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# Woman flushes odd burglar from her home

## Police log

A woman returned home Monday to find burglars in her Minisank Way house.

According to police, the 68-year-old resident noticed her rear kitchen door smashed open as she approached her home at about 2:49 p.m.

The woman entered the house and headed for the telephone to call police when she was confronted by the burglar on the second floor.

As the suspect ran down the stairs, the victim screamed and

stepped outside through the broken door.

The suspect inexplicably yelled, "We have to get out of here. They just stabbed my mother," according to police, and ran out of the house. He pushed the victim to the ground as he ran past her, police said.

The burglar was last seen run-

ning north on Minisank Way.

A Union County Sheriff's tracking dog was dispatched to the residence, but yielded no results. Authorities believe the burglar made off in a car parked nearby.

The suspect made off with some costume jewelry valued at about \$10.

The suspect is described as a white male with a heavy build, in his 20s-30s. He had no facial hair and a mid-range voice. The suspect was wearing a navy blue baseball cap, a plaid shirt, a dark jacket and

no belt.

### Drug possession

Stacy Barnes, 33, of 534 West Broad St. was charged with possession of suspected heroin and cocaine Feb. 1 after a motor vehicle stop on West Broad Street, according to police reports.

Willie Abner, 32, of Piscataway, was also charged with possession of suspected cocaine, according to police.

The pair allegedly had a total of 15 vials of "crack" cocaine and four glassine envelopes of heroin, ac-

cording to police.

Mr. Barnes was also wanted on a warrant for contempt of court in Hudson County for failure to appear in court to face drug possession charges, police said.

Bail for Mr. Barnes was set at \$1,500. Bail for Mr. Abner was set at \$835.

### Theft

Jennifer Scott, 18, of Plainfield, was charged with theft by deception Friday for allegedly attempting to steal from her employer, Lord & Taylor department store,

on North Avenue.

According to police, Ms. Scott gave a merchandise credit to a fictitious person then attempted to use the credit to purchase products from Lord & Taylor. Ms. Scott was released on her own recognizance.

### Criminal mischief

Gemini Limousine on Springfield Avenue reported someone smashed the passenger side window of a 1985 Lincoln Continental limousine and made off with a cellular phone and carrying case.

# School board pares four snow days from calendar

By KEVIN COLLIGAN

THE RECORD

The Westfield Board of Education tidied up the school calendar Tuesday night by finding a place for four snow makeup days and reserving a spot for one more.

The board voted to shorten the spring break into a long weekend,

scheduling classes for Wednesday-Friday, April 24-26. If classes are canceled again, Tuesday, April 23 will pared from vacation.

The last day of school has been moved back one day to June 25 for secondary grade students and June 26 for elementary school students.

The one "snow day" built into the school calendar was no match

for the five emergency cancellations so far this year.

To avoid a repeat next year, the board also retooled the 1996-1997 calendar.

Next year, the February break will be whittled from a week-long vacation to a four-day weekend. Schools will be closed Presidents' Day, Feb. 17 and Tuesday, Feb. 18, but open for the rest of the week. And the traditional April spring vacation will begin March 31 — the Monday after Good Friday. This switch cuts the district's spring semester cleanly in half, placing the spring break 11 weeks after the Dec. 23-31 holiday and 12 before the end of the school year. The last day of school in 1997 moves up to June 20 for secondary school stu-

dents and June 23 for elementary school students.

Though deemed too controversial to tackle on such short notice, board Vice President John Toriello said the board will consider purging three holidays from the 1997-1998 school calendar. On the chopping block are Columbus Day, the second day of Rosh Hashanah and Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Schools would meet for a half day of "human rights and prejudice reduction" lessons on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, said Mr. Toriello.

In other news:

• The district's cost for the upcoming April school board elections is likely to triple due to a new state law which mandates the county — not the school district —

run the election. Though the law all but takes the school district out of the election process, it will still pick up the tab.

With the county clerk and Board of Elections running the election, every Westfield voter will receive a sample ballot in the mail. Voting will take place at 20-odd general election polling places rather than the four district polling sites. The district will pay for the printing and mailing of sample ballots and for poll workers' salaries, which just increased 33 percent.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Dr. Robert Rader estimates the district will spend \$30,000-\$40,000 on the election. "That's about \$2 a vote," quipped board member William Sweeney.

The board unanimously passed a resolution opposing the new election law, contending it violates the recently passed state law barring unfunded mandates.

• Dr. Rader told the board it would cost \$13,650 to videotape and cablecast school board meetings on local cable access television. The board would have to spend \$8,850 to buy a sound system, up to \$4,000 to buy video equipment and about \$100 per meeting for supplies and student camera operators.

## Paganos quits council

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Stanley Baum, president of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, read a statement from the chamber's Board of Directors that requested "the council to delay the second reading of the ordinance in order to receive more input from the community and the chamber membership."

Several other people echoed the Chamber of Commerce's request for a delay of the second reading.

"It's being rushed through without enough information being disseminated to the public," said resi-

dent Saul Drittle.

Business owners were also concerned because Central Avenue was not included in the proposed improvement district.

"Central Avenue is a main artery," said Warren Rorden, owner of Rorden Realty. "We need to bite the bullet. We need to look at Central Avenue because it is not complete," he said.

Mayor Garland "Bud" Boothe asked proponents of adding Central Avenue to the district to advise the council on how much of the road to include in the plan.

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3348 or 654-4095 for information.

### Broadway trip

The Westfield Recreation Commission is sponsoring a trip to Broadway to see Victor Victoria Friday, March 1. Tickets are front mezzanine and cost \$85 per person, transportation included. The bus leaves the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad St., at 8 p.m. for an 8 p.m. performance.

### Stringers sought

Forbes Newspapers is seeking freelance reporters to cover municipal and school board meetings. Journalism experience is helpful, but not as important as knowledge of, and interest in, the workings of local government. Call 276-6000.

### Art show

Florence Laughlin and Terri Manali of the Westfield Art Association are displaying their work at the Spanish Tavern in Mountainside. All paintings are for sale.

### Ski trip

The Westfield Recreation Commission is sponsoring a ski trip Sunday to Shawnee Ski Area. The cost is \$43 per person which includes transportation and lift ticket. The bus leaves the municipal parking lot at 6:30 a.m. and will return about 6 p.m. Call the Recreation Department at 789-4080 for registration information.

### Art auction

The Newcomers Club of Westfield invites you to attend an art auction 8 p.m. Saturday, March 2 at the Westwood in Garwood. Art may be previewed at 7 p.m. Admission is \$15 per person and includes hors d'oeuvres, wine and cheese, beer and a cash bar. A portion of the proceeds benefit the Caring Neighbor Fund of Westfield. Call Beverly Golschmidt at 654-

## Marriage expertise

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ready ... It was an easy life."

Though retired, Mr. Hauser still rides with the sun. "I get up at seven. She gets up at nine," said Mr. Hauser. "Those two hours I call quality time."

### The advice

All of the couples said their marriages had ups and downs. "Like an elevator," quipped Mr. Hauser — but they managed to stick it out.

"It's not something that just happens," said Mr. Cameron. "You have to work at it. Today, if things don't go right, right away people want to get a divorce."

Two-income families and modern conveniences also make splitting up more practical than it once was, said Mrs. Esposito. "The man doesn't need the woman and the woman doesn't need the man," she said.

To keep things in perspective, the Camerons head back to the place where they met each year. "We go around the [Army] camp and see all the places we were," said Mr. Cameron.

The secret to a successful marriage, according to Mr. Cameron, is no secret at all. "It really boils down to compromise," he said. "If you're going to have everything your way it's not going to work ... It's not a secret. That's the way it is."

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# Community Life

Downsizing diary — Personal battles with unemployment — Part II



JENNIFER BORTON and KEVIN NOLAN

## Jennifer Borton plans to marry Kevin Nolan

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Borton Jr. of Westfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Susan Borton, to Kevin Lawrence Nolan of Garwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nolan of East Setauket, N.Y.

The future bride graduated from Westfield High School in 1991 and earned her bachelor's degree in environmental design cum laude in 1995 from Syracuse (N.Y.) University. She is assistant manager for The Right Start, Short Hills.

Her fiance graduated from Ward Melville High School in Setauket in 1990 and received his bachelor's degree in information management technology in 1994 from Syracuse University. He is a consultant for Integrated Systems Consulting Group in King of Prussia, Pa.

A January wedding is planned.

## Graduation night plans are already under way for June

Plans are well under way for an all-night substance-free party for the seniors of Westfield High School on their graduation night, Tuesday, June 25.

The party, "Project Graduation — RASH '96," is being co-sponsored by the Optimist Club of Westfield, the Westfield High School PTO and the Westfield Recreation Commission. The purpose of Project Graduation is to avoid the tragic automobile accidents that can occur from drinking and driving following traditional celebrations after events such as graduation.

"Last year's party was a great success by attracting 277 students, or 87 percent of the graduating class," said project Chairman Don Pray, "and we are hoping to surpass that level for the class of 1996."

This is the seventh year of the Westfield post-graduation party. Ricochet Racquet in South Plainfield has been reserved for the party.

The party will take place after graduation 10 p.m.-7 a.m. the next morning and bus transportation will be provided for the students departing from the high school. Activities available at the club include racquetball, swimming, basketball, volleyball and wallyball, which will be complimented by a DJ, dancing, massages, tattoos (removable), nail art, a lip synch contest, laser karaoke, live entertainment and other student-planned events. Door prizes and food are continuous throughout the evening and the grand prize drawing (last year a Leading Edge 480 computer) will take place at breakfast. All seniors will receive a gift.

Funding for the Project Graduation — RASH '96 will come from parent contributions, businesses and professional donations, grants from PTOs and clubs in town along with planned fund-raising events. The total budget for RASH '96 is about \$14,000.



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At Guaranteed Staffing in Cranford, co-owners Marilyn Tretiak and Sue Swenson review resumes of clients. The personnel agency works with unemployed support groups in an effort to match jobs with the jobless.

## Mailroom to boardroom, path is blocked by layoff

By ELLEN M. FRICCIETTA  
FORBES NEWSPAPERS

A recent report from Gov. Christine Todd Whitman's Council of Economic Advisors predicts the garden state's economy will be weakened by corporate job cuts this year and could possibly turn into recession by next winter. Downsizing trends, however, continue nationwide without regard for age, race or gender.

Nancy Ebersole was on her way up. After four prior positions with small to mid-size companies, the Cranford resident landed a job with a major oil corporation. Although her job was entry level, the large corporate division seemed to offer Mrs. Ebersole the opportunity for growth and job security.

"I started in the mailroom, but I felt with hard work I could move myself up the ladder," she said.

Over the next six years, her determination and solid work ethics paid off.

"I moved up to administrative aide and then to administrative assistant. This was a position I worked hard to achieve. I was very happy not only with my job, but with my co-workers. I enjoyed going to work," she said.

Eager to continue her upward mobility, Mrs. Ebersole participated in the company's education program and continued to upgrade her skills.

According to Mrs. Ebersole, it was at this time that another company division moved to

Texas. A year later "rumors started to go around the office," she said. "There were rumors that the company was going to consolidate and downsize. The rumors continued for an entire year. It was very sad. My career was on hold throughout this time. There were no more challenges. The day the company called a

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— Nancy Ebersole

meeting, I knew what was going to happen. It was scary, but I was prepared. The company offered me a severance package. It was voluntary, but I accepted it. After eight years, I was ready to say goodbye."

Looking beyond any "bad vibes and harsh

feelings," Mrs. Ebersole took advantage of the company's employee assistance program which helped her prepare a resume and brush up on interviewing skills.

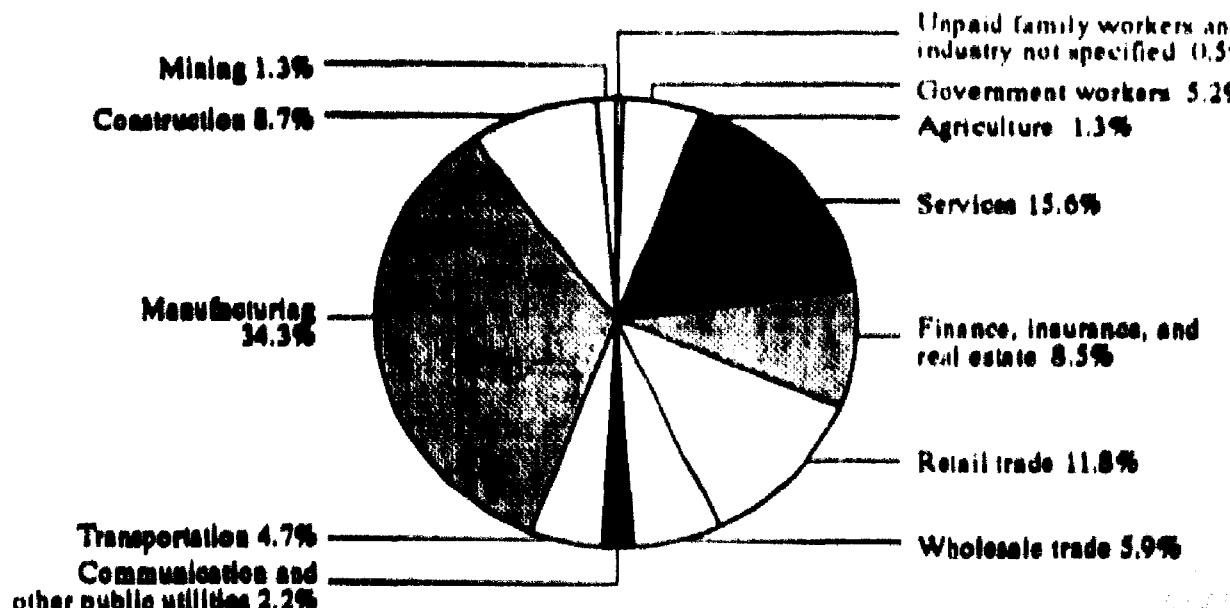
Since she left, Mrs. Ebersole has registered with Guaranteed Staffing, a local placement agency and has been sending out her resume as well. She worked a long-term temporary assignment and continues to keep her computer and word processing skills up to date.

"I'm finding it harder than I thought, but I don't regret my decision," she said. "I saw a door being opened for me and the opportunity for a new career with new challenges."

"There are opportunities out there, however you have to be a can-do person in today's marketplace," said Marilyn Tretiak, co-owner of Guaranteed Staffing. "The key is to be willing to cross-train yourself and learn new skills. We place a great deal of emphasis on broadening and developing our applicants' skills, and building their self-confidence. It starts with a positive attitude. Although it's difficult, don't think about what you lost, think about what you can gain by increasing your skills and exploring new options for yourself."

Partner Sue Swenson suggested a college class or computer lesson to make the most of your time.

"It's also important to maintain your daily work habits. Be pro-active in what you do and at every opportunity network yourself. With the right mindset, you will achieve what you set out to do," she said.



Data from the U.S. Census Bureau reflect those 20 and older with three years job tenure who lost or left work between January 1991 and December 1992 because of company closings or moves, insufficient work or elimination of their positions.

## Alexander Bowling Jr., 83; corporate officer, civic leader

Alexander Worthington Bowling Jr., 83, an attorney, corporate vice president and longtime Union County civic leader, died Friday at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He joined the Magnus Chemical Co. of Cranford in 1946 and was its president when he retired in 1968. Mr. Bowling had earlier been an attorney with the firm of Musgrave, Bowling & Cook in Baltimore, Md.

He also was a past president of the Visiting Nurse and Health Services, which covers Union County from offices in Elizabeth. He served as chairman of its finance committee and in that post helped develop and build a children's center the organization operates in Elizabeth.

Mr. Bowling served as acting president of the board of trustees of the Fairview Cemetery Association in Westfield. He was chairman of the finance and investment committee for that organization.

He was a founder, charter member and vice president of the Cranford Swim Club. A former trustee of the Cranford Public Library and the Union County Psychiatric Clinic, Mr. Bowling once was a vice president of the United Way of Cranford and that township's chapter of the American Red Cross.

He also held membership in the Military Order of Foreign Wars; the Rotary Club of Westfield; the Reserve Officers Association of the United States; the Cranford Historical Society; the Echo Lake Country Club, in Westfield; the Maryland Bar Association; and Sigma Kappa, a law fraternity.

He formerly was a member of the Gibson Island Club in Gibson Island, Md.



ALEXANDER BOWLING JR.

Mr. Bowling was born in Baltimore and had lived in Cranford since 1946. He received a bachelor's degree in law from the University of Baltimore in 1932.

During World War II, he served in the Army Air Corps's Office of Special Investigation and held the rank of lieutenant colonel.

His wife, Elizabeth Rogers Bowing, died in 1977.

Surviving are two daughters, Carroll B. Old and Patricia B. Yurochko; and two grandsons, Tyler Old and Michael Yurochko.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Monday at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Cranford, of which Mr. Bowling was a parishioner.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Funeral Home in Cranford. Contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse and Health Services, 354 Union Ave., P.O. Box 170, Elizabeth, 07207-9837.

## Kurt Christopher Bauer, 53

### Newspaper owner in the county

Private services were held for Kurt Christopher Bauer, 53, who died Jan. 26, 1995 at New York University Medical Center in New York City. He had owned the Westfield Leader newspaper since 1990 and The Times newspaper of Scotch Plains since 1983.

He was born in New York City and had lived for more than 40 years in Westfield.

Mr. Bauer was the publisher of the Rahway News-Record and the Clark Patriot before purchasing The Leader. He formerly was the managing editor of four trade publications in the international shipping, chemical and environmental fields.

He graduated from Westfield High School in 1960 and received a bachelor's degree in English from Rutgers University. Mr. Bauer sang with the Rutgers Glee Club in Europe and won a number of writing awards while at the university.

He also owned a Westfield antiques shop under his name and restored a number of homes he purchased in the town. One of those homes was on the Hillside Avenue.

## Obituaries

### Sally Perot Lea, 88; honored for her work with Girl Scouts

Sally Perot Lea, 88, who received the Golden Eagle award for her many years' work with the Girl Scouts of America, died Sunday at the Meridian Nursing Center-Westfield.

Miss Lea began her Girl Scout career as an area director and trainer for Union and Essex counties. She served as the American representative to the International Girl Scouts-Girl Guides Jamboree in the Netherlands in 1930.

She later was the social director of the Community House in Ogdensburg, operated by the New Jersey Mining Co. of Franklin Borough. She became the receptionist for the Family and Children's Society of Montclair in 1955 and held that post until her retirement in 1972.

A native of East Orange, she was a daughter of the late Richard Matlack Lea and Sarah Wistar Perot Lea. Miss Lea lived in Millburn, Ogdensburg and East Orange before moving to Westfield in 1979.

She was the president of the Evening Club and served on the Altar Guild at Christ Episcopal Church in East Orange, of which Miss Lea was a parishioner for more than 60 years. She became active in St. Paul's Episcopal Church after moving to Westfield.

Miss Lea was a member of the East Orange Business and Professional Women's Club and more recently the Woman's Club of Fanwood. She devoted her time in Westfield to volunteer work with senior citizens and ecological causes.

A brother, Richard M. Lea III, died in 1994.

Surviving are a sister, Elisabeth Sergeant Lea, also of the Meridian Nursing Center; two nieces, Mrs. Paul C. Couphos of Fanwood and Mrs. Charles P. Woodward of Westfield; six great-nieces and great-

More obituaries  
on page A-8

### Gina Cerefice Klapp, 50

Gina Cerefice Klapp, 50, died Jan. 29, 1996 at her home in Toms River. She was born in Newark and lived in Westfield before moving to Toms River in 1980.

Mrs. Klapp is survived by her husband, Jack Klapp; two sons, Craig Sicora and Brett Sicora; six

daughters, Jackie Sardi, Laurie McCulley, Irene Barros, Joanne Frunzi, Tracy Wellington and Denise Klapp; 11 grandchildren; and two brothers, Robert Cerefice and John Cerefice.

Services were Jan. 31 at the Carmona-Bolen Home for Funerals.

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## Obituaries

Gene Thompson Smith, 73  
Social worker in Newark schools

Gene Thompson Smith, 73, died Sunday, Feb. 4, 1996 at her home in Newark. Before moving to Newark in 1962, she had lived for 40 years in Westfield.

After receiving a bachelor of arts degree and a master's degree in social work from Howard University in Washington, D.C., she

joined the New Jersey State Department of Welfare. Later she moved to Newark and was employed for 25 years by the Newark Board of education as a special counselor in their Unwed Teenage Pregnancy Program. She retired in 1988.

Among her many civic and social interests and activities is her membership in the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

She is survived by a brother, Dr. Robert H. Thompson Jr.; sister-in-law, Jacqueline Thompson; a niece, Freida R. Thompson; two nephews, Steven Thompson and Robert H. Thompson; and five grandnieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at Fairview Cemetery 2 p.m. today.

Services were under the direction of Plinton Funeral Home, 411 W. Broad St., Westfield.

## Edward Otto, motor sports promoter and official; 92

Edward L. Otto, 92, a longtime motor sports promoter and a past president of the stock car sanctioning body NASCAR, died Sunday at his home in Delray Beach, Fla.

He was born in Newark and lived in Westfield before moving to Delray Beach in 1992.

Mr. Otto promoted more than 1,000 automobile and motorcycle races during his career. He

joined NASCAR in 1950 and was its president when he retired in 1963; among his work with NASCAR was requiring roll bars on open-wheel race cars in 1952 and shoulder harnesses in race cars in 1954.

He also helped establish accident insurance for race drivers and pit crews.

His first wife, Dorothy Otto, and his second

wife, Marie Otto, are deceased.

Surviving are a son, Edgar Otto; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a sister, Tillie Ernst.

Services were held Jan. 31 at the Laskowski Funeral Home in Union. Burial was in Reiland Memorial Park, East Hanover.

Vegas, Nev.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 10:30 a.m. tomorrow at Holy Trinity Church, 315 First St. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Visitation is 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad St. Contributions may be made to the Westfield Rescue Squad.

## Josephine Buccola, bookkeeper; a lifelong resident; 77

Josephine L. Buccola, 77, died Feb. 5, 1996 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. She was a bookkeeper with McDowell's Oil Heat Service in Westfield from 1957 until her retirement in 1974.

She was born in Westfield, a daughter of the late John Locognito and Concetta Tumino Locognito. Mrs. Buccola lived in Westfield all her

life and worked for the J.S. Irving Co. in the town during World War II.

She was a parishioner of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church.

Surviving are her husband, James Buccola; a son, Michael Buccola of Scotch Plains; a daughter, Mary Ann Buccola of Westfield; two grandchildren; and a sister, Connie Ellerbeck of Las

Vegas, Nev. Arrangements were by the Doleen Colonial Home. Contributions may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Mercer County Chapter, 1034 Salem Road, Union 07083.

## Pauline Habenschus Balint, with furnace, type companies; 74

Pauline H. Habenschus Balint, 74, died Jan. 31, 1996 at St. Peter's Medical Center in New Brunswick. She was a bookkeeper with the American Gas Furnace Co. (now AGF Inc.) in Elizabeth from 1969 until her retirement in 1976.

Mrs. Balint was born in Elizabeth. She lived in Roselle; Rocky Hill, Conn.; Hightstown; and since

1994 in Westfield. She worked for the former American Type Founders in Elizabeth for 15 years before joining American Gas Furnace. Mrs. Balint was a member of senior citizens clubs in Hightstown and Westfield.

Her husband, Michael T. Balint, died in 1988. Surviving are a son, Michael P. Balint of Plainsboro; a

daughter, Susan Heine of Westfield; and five grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Monday at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

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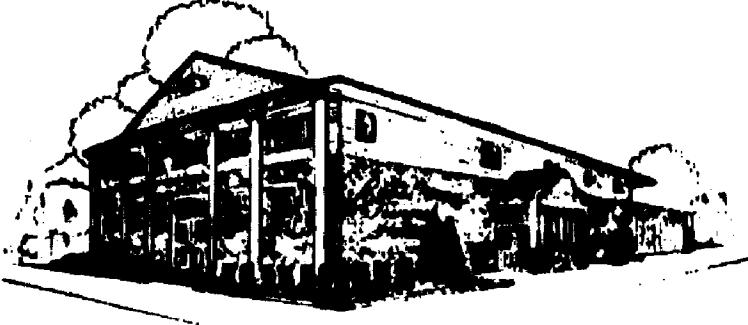
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Jewell Carlson  
Sikora, 77  
Interior designer;  
alumna of WHS

Jewell M. Carlson Sikora, 77, died Feb. 2, 1996 at her home. She was a decorator with Dorelle's Interior Design in Westfield from 1965 until her retirement in 1980.

A native of Endicott, N.Y., she lived in Maplewood before moving to Westfield in 1933.

Mrs. Sikora also was a volunteer with the Discovery Shop sponsored by the American Cancer Society in Westfield. She graduated from Westfield High School in 1935 and the Drake College of Business in 1937.

She was a member of the Monday Bridge Club and the Friday Bridge Club, both in Westfield. Mrs. Sikora was a member of First Church of Christ, Scientist, on East Broad Street.

Surviving are her husband, John Sikora; three daughters, Alexa Park, Irene Messina and Jeani Grimaldi; four grandchildren; and a sister, Ruth Herzog.

A son, Guy Sikora, is deceased.

Services were held Monday at the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains. Contributions may be made to the Overlook Hospice, 33 Bleeker St., Millburn 07041.

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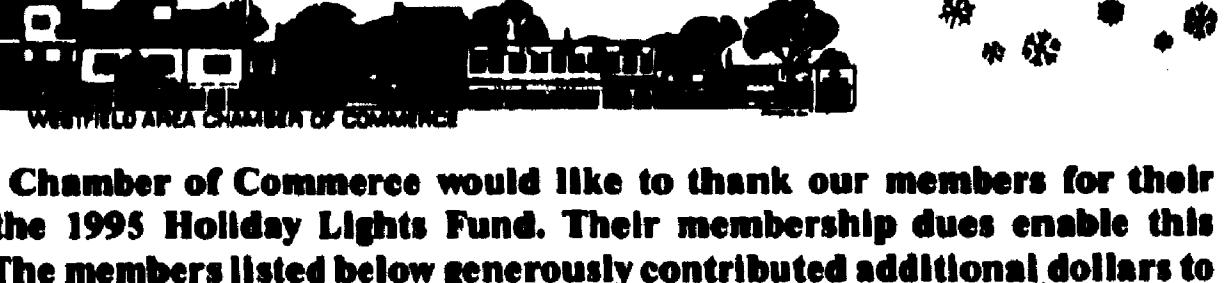
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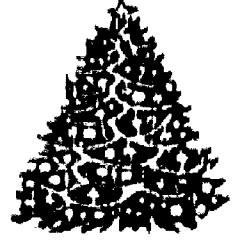
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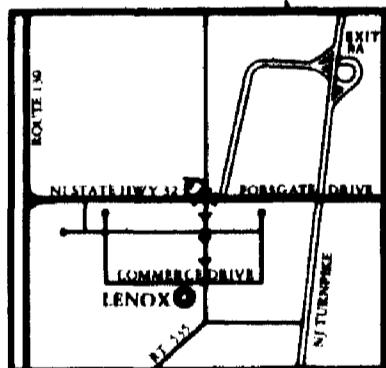
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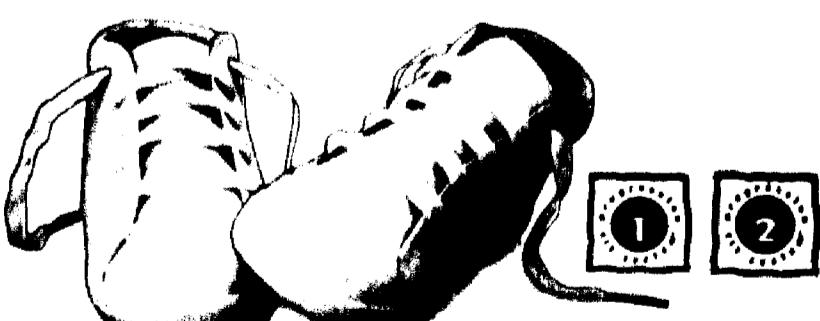
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- Consider your child's interests and plan a party around them — a cooking party for a junior baker, a nature walk for a budding naturalist, a pool party or sports activity for a child bursting with energy.

- Cake and ice cream are the crowning glory of any child's party — even if excitement often dulls their appetites. Make your own to fit the theme of the party, or buy one. Some children prefer cupcakes.

- Party favors can be useful items like decorated pencils, small toys, candy or stickers. Small gift bags make excellent goody bags for small party favors.

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- To cool down in the middle of summer, have a winter party. Decorate the house in white and have tinsel icicles hanging from the ceilings. Only serve white food.

- Have a costume party in which the children come disguised as their favorite celebrity, cartoon character or book character. Then have the guess who's who. Some costumes will be effective enough to spot right away, whereas others will spark curiosity. Hang up celebrity and cartoon posters to help.

- Throw a miniature golf party at a local mini-putting course and have the children wear the most outlandish "golf wear" they can find. Use score cards as invitations.

- Have a treasure hunt where the children receive clues to hunt the treasure hidden somewhere in your house or garden or in a park.

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By DR. ARNOLD RINCOVER

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Siblings compete for parents' time and affection. As a consequence, some argue, siblings are born rivals.

There is a lot a parent can do to minimize this rivalry. The key is to balance the attention given to each child. We only have so much attention, money, time and toys to give. Children will compete for them and that is to be expected. This competition provides an opportunity to teach them about sharing, compromise and taking turns.

It is never too early to teach a child about sharing and compromise. When the first baby is born into a family, this child seems to have everything. Not only is there no competition, but this child is "the first." It is the sole recipient of parents' affection. Even if no more children are born, parents should explain why sharing is important. When a child is a toddler, he or she will begin to understand such lessons.

Parents face a challenge when they are expecting their second child. Explanations will be needed to clarify why some toys are exclusively for one child and others now must be shared. When preparing for the new arrival, there is a lot that can be done to build positive feelings and reduce

potential rivalry.

The child can feel mommy's tummy and learn what is happening inside. As a game, parents can think up crazy names for the baby. The funnier the suggestions, the better, so the older sibling will enjoy talking about the baby. The older children can anticipate the arrival of "their" sister or brother.

When the baby arrives, a visit to the hospital will help the older child adjust. Asking the child to help change diapers, hold the baby or make the baby laugh will create a positive atmosphere for the older sibling.

Creating a healthy atmosphere is important for gradual acceptance of the new addition to the family. Parents must be

patient because it may take some time before the older child fully accepts the new arrival. The baby will get half the rides, half the tickles and half the stories. Always explain why sharing and cooperation must take place. Use words like: love, fair, family and phrase comments with "how would you feel if ...?" These are strong lessons in life and ones that may be hard for a child to accept and understand at such a young age. However, if parents wait to teach these lessons, the situation will only get worse.

There will always be some rivalry between siblings. If you want to minimize sibling rivalry among your children, each child has to learn to make some compromises. A child is never too young to share

and older children are not always at fault when someone begins to cry. As the baby becomes a toddler, the older child must witness parental instruction to the second child. This will reinforce the sharing rules and confirm that there are some toys or books or items that are the sole domain of one or the other child. The rules should not only apply to the older child, or resentment may fuel rivalry.

If you follow this advice, you will notice a cohesiveness between your children and the amount of rivalry will be minimized.

For a free better parenting kit, call the IOF Foresters, (800) 922-4463. Dr. Arnold Rincover is a child behavioral psychologist and a consultant to the IOF Foresters Better Parenting Program.

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You're the Hero Books was started about two years ago. Six or seven months of that time was spent creating the first four books. The number of books is now up to 20, with new stories being added on

a regular basis. Some of the titles are *The Boy Who Found the Dinosaurs*, *The Magic House*, *The Great Space Taxi Ride*, *The Awful Alphabet*, *The Amazing Blue Bunny*, *My Dolly's Run Away*, *My Personal Pink Dinosaur*, *The Anything Box* and *The Fairy Tale Dream*.

Before releasing any of the books, they were read by parents, teachers and librarians.

You're the Hero Books is available for fund-raising events by PTAs, nursery and pre-schools, as well as other groups. Part of the reason for attending fund-raisers is the chance it gives Mr. Behar to speak with mothers. He keeps a pad and pen handy to write down what mothers would like to see as the subjects for new personalized books for their children. When enough people ask for a certain topic, it becomes a new book!

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Happily, there is some good safety news for parents. That is the development of an automotive "child protector" addressing the needs of this age group.

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The organization is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization founded in 1978 by mothers of children of all ages.

Mothers are invited to attend an open house at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, 716 Watchung Ave., Sleepy Hollow, Plainfield, 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesday, March 13, to learn more about the center, view the facility and meet the child care workers.

New members will have an opportunity to sign up for any of the spring discussion groups that begin during the week of March 20 and meet once a week, 9:30-11 a.m. for either five, eight or 10 weeks.

Business meetings and workshops are held in the Scotch Plains Library. For more information, call 861-1781 or write The Mothers' Center, P.O. Box 7, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

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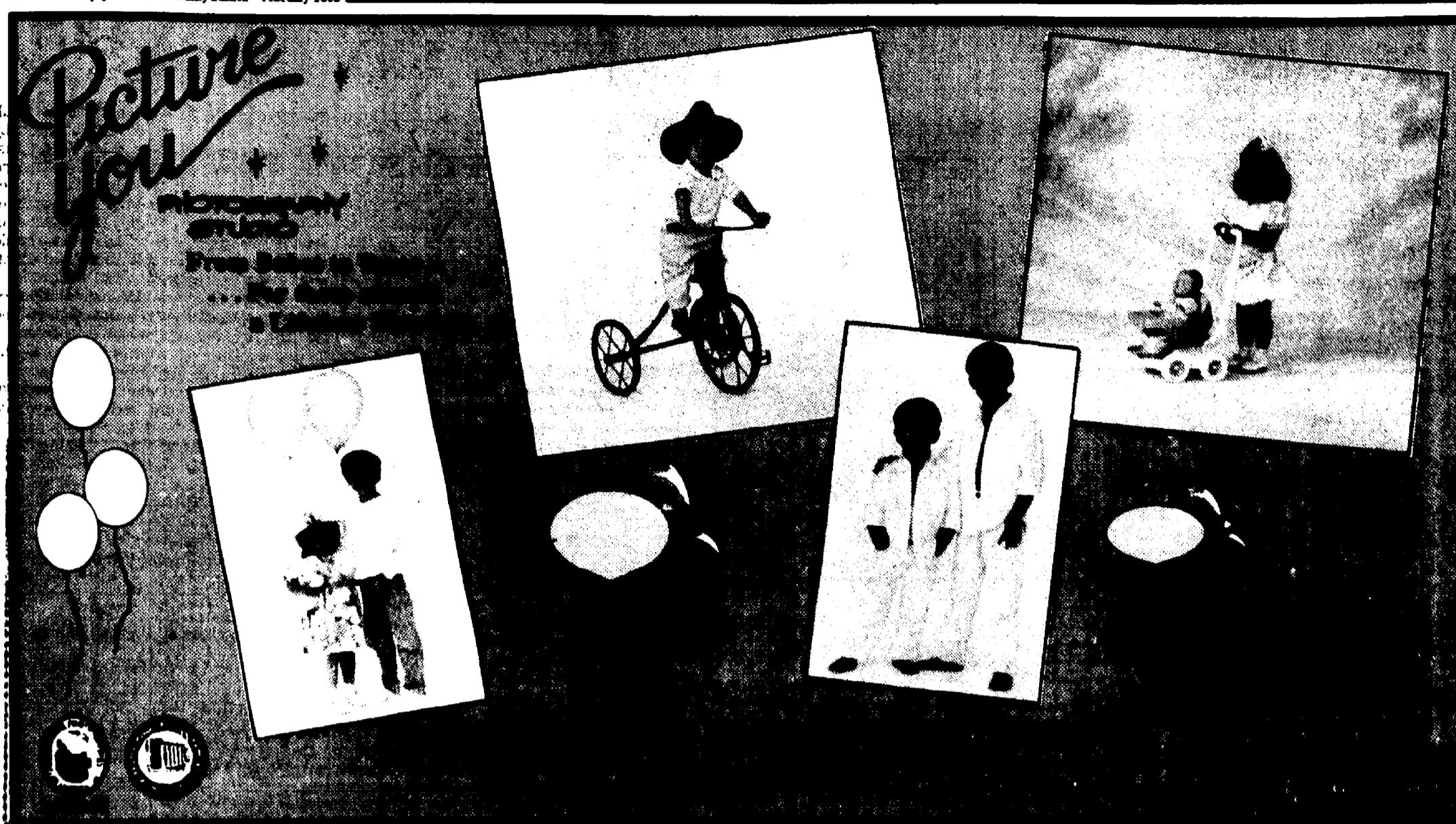
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- **Make it a family affair.** Involve your child in the decorating process, but make sure this is a room that you can live with, too. Shop around first and then share your choices with your child. You might even tack wallpaper samples and fabric swatches to the wall and have a family meeting to discuss your options.

- **Pick a theme.** Personal touches, such as a child's original artwork or treasured toys, are good inspirations for themes. It's easy to create a coordinated look with the wide variety of wallpapers, borders and companion fabrics available. Thibaut's "Imagination" collection offers everything from celestial and circus motifs to bold stripes and checkerboard patterns.

- **Plan for growth.** You'll find basic patterns, such as geometrics or stripes, make classic statements that will last throughout childhood. If the room is set aside as a nursery for younger siblings, or you plan to redecorate as your child grows older, try more traditional juvenile patterns.

- **Think like your child.** Your tastes are not necessarily your offspring's, so you may make compromises on the overall theme, but both of you can still have fun with a little creativity. Suspend coordinating fabrics from the ceiling as an alternate to a canopy bed, make a fort in a room with an Old West motif, or revive an old toy chest or favorite chair by covering with wallpaper borders.

- **Seek advice.** You'll find retailers a helpful source for good decorating advice. Store displays, wall-covering books and magazines are also great inspirations. For the names of local retailers, call Thibaut at (800) 223-0704.

## A community landmark turns 35

For 35 years, the Village Shoe Shop, in downtown Scotch Plains, has served Scotch Plains and its surrounding communities with quality juvenile footwear and expert fitting.

With its antique furniture, traditional woodwork, and numerous toys and activities, the store has a homey, traditional character that speaks of a much gentler time. The extensively trained sales representatives, all with several years experience, have a friendly, knowledgeable demeanor about them. The store's basic creed has remained the same over the years: unparalleled service at a reasonable price. As manager Jennifer Farrell states, "We realize the trust that parents put in us, and we strive to excel in every way."

In the past year, customers have been treated to some new features, longer store hours (including Sundays), more payment options, a frequent buyer program, and more larger and extensive sales. Additionally, a 40 percent increase in inventory allows for wider selection and more fitting options.

The store, which features primarily Stride Rite, Nike and LA Gear, has begun merchandising toward more fashion oriented styles that still offer quality and fit. An emphasis has also been placed on footwear that is less expensive than in the past. Although basic styles will remain the same and the focus remains on fit, Ms. Farrell noted that most parents today are also more price and style conscious.

For many parents with young children, shopping at the mall has become a tedious and time-consuming activity. Additionally, mall stores can rarely boast of the service and expertise that The Village Shoe Shop has maintained. The store is located at 428 Park Ave. in Scotch Plains (322-5530). So come down to the Village Shoe Shop; you may very well find yourself becoming a regular.

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"It's a clean sweep."  
— WHS swimmer Ann Teitelbaum after leading the Lady Devils to their fourth straight Union County championship (story below)

# Sports

## Union County waters ruled by Devils

### Teitelbaum leads girls to crown

By JAMES REILLY

THE RECORD

Ann Teitelbaum can now rest easy. As far as the Union County Championships are concerned, her job is done.

"It's a clean sweep," said Teitelbaum Saturday after leading the Westfield High girls swim team to its fourth straight county title. "I'm very relieved. I've done my part, and now it's up to the girls next year to try and keep it going. It was great to help the team win it again this year, because everyone's worked so hard. This is a close team, and I'm happy we could pull it off."

The Lady Devils defended their title with 218 points, as Teitelbaum was first in the 500-yard freestyle in 5:21.91 and third in the 200 freestyle, while anchoring both the 200 and 400 freestyle relays to victory.

Head Coach Bev Torok was quick to point out the key to the Lady Devils success.

"Depth was the most important thing for us in this meet," said Torok. "In the past, we've had more raw talent. We don't have a bunch of stars on this team, but we've got a dedicated, balanced group of swimmers who know how to win. That was the key."

The Lady Devils got off to a solid start when the 200 medley relay team of Michelle Kashlak, Allison Cook, Adrienne Coppa and Kelly Larson placed fifth in 2:06.09 after



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Westfield High's Molly Phelan and her Lady Devil teammates were all smiles after winning the Union County championship Saturday.

being seeded seventh. From there, Westfield took off.

"They made a nice jump up to fifth and that was a sign of good things to come," said Torok. "It's just a good example of the solid team we have."

Molly Phelan took second place in the 50 freestyle in 26.19, while Kelly Carter was third in the 500 freestyle (5:48.98) and fifth in the 100 butterfly (1:06.31).

Teitelbaum, Phelan, Carter and

Lauren McGovern then won the 200 freestyle relay in 1:47.57 and the 400 freestyle relay in 3:57.70. Diver Megan Clarke also had a fine day, placing fourth with 129.15 points.

"We had 13 best times in the meet, which is outstanding, and everyone really came through in the clutch," said Torok. "We thought it would be close, and because of that everyone was very focused. We lost a top swimmer in

every event from last year, but this group really picked up the slack to make sure we defended the title. Ann's a great leader who's helped the younger swimmers prepare for big meets and we're swimming very well."

The Lady Devils will host Governor Livingston today, and await the seedings for the state tournament next week in their quest to reach the state championship for the second straight season.

### Romano, Lechner help extend boys streak to 40

By JAMES REILLY

THE RECORD

Asserting a dominance that stretches back to the Eisenhower Administration, the Westfield High boys swim team won its 40th straight Union County Championship Saturday at Elizabeth High.

The Blue Devils amassed 326 points — 106 more than runnerup Summit — with six first-place finishes, while every Westfield swimmer entered scored.

"We went into the day thinking it would take a lot of mistakes for us to lose," said WHS Co-Head Coach George Kapner. "And we didn't make many mistakes. Everyone contributed their best, and that was certainly enough to win the county championship."

Co-Head Coach Bruce Johnson, a former WHS swimmer who knows much about the 40-year streak, which is considered the longest such stretch in the country, was happy to see the county championships in his rear-view mirror.

"Mostly, I'm just glad it's over," said Johnson. "It's a cool thing to be part of, but now we have other goals ahead of us to concentrate on. We swim well at the counties and now we need to keep getting better as the season progresses."

Leading the way for the Blue Devils were senior co-captain Brendan Lechner and junior Tim Romano. Lechner won the 100-yard butterfly in 55.21 seconds and the 100 backstroke in 57.37, both for the second straight season, while Romano was the county champ in

the 500 freestyle (4:58.80) and the 200 individual medley (2:04.27).

"Those two guys have been top swimmers for a few years now and are very comfortable in their roles on this team," said Johnson. "They were favored, but you still have to go out and win, which is the hard part. They sometimes make it look easy. But a guy I was particularly happy for, too, was Jon Jones. He had a great day, and he was due for one."

Jones is the other senior co-captain and hadn't been able to contribute as much as he would like because of various physical ailments which kept him out of the pool. But Saturday he was back in form, winning the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:04.95 — three seconds better than his previous best time this season.

"This was a special win for a couple of reasons," said Jones. "First of all, it was the 40th win, which is incredible. But second, I'm really happy for this team. We're a close group that really pulls together as a team and that's a good feeling. We don't have superstars on this team, but we do have a lot of very good swimmers."

Colin McGee and Eric Linenberg were third and fourth in the 50 freestyle, while Frank Coppa was second in the 200 freestyle and fourth in the 100 freestyle. Seth Bernstein and Linenberg were second and third in the 100 butterfly, while Jay Pollack was third in the 100 breaststroke, and Chris Panagos swam on the 200 medley relay.

## Sports Scholars

### Brotherton keeps on truckin'

By JAMES REILLY

THE RECORD

Matt Brotherton refuses to be slowed down by a bad leg.

The senior center on the Westfield High boys basketball team has a bum knee, but he keeps on truckin' with the help of a brace on the basketball court, and with a keen sense of dedication in the classroom.

Brotherton has helped lead the Blue Devils into the state tournament with his gritty play, and also finds time to excel in his studies, compiling a 3.1 GPA, while participating in the Key Club, the Italian Club and the Pool Club.

His all-around performance at Westfield High has earned him a spot in Who's Who Among American High School Students, and he also finds time to coach the local CYO basketball team.

Q — How's the knee coming along?

A — I've gotten to the point where I'm used to playing on it, but I'm not playing at full strength. Coach Carey has been spotting the minutes and that's



MATT BROTHERTON

been working out fine. I just want to contribute all I can to my teammates.

Q — Have you finalized plans for college yet?

A — I haven't come to a decision yet, but I'm leaning toward either

Roanoke College in Virginia or Babson College in Massachusetts. They're both schools with small enrollments which I liked. I didn't want to go to a school where I'd be just another number.

Q — What's your favorite subject? A — I like environmental science this semester. We learn how to help with keeping the environment healthy and it's pretty exciting. It's a good thing it's exciting, too, because it's a 7:30 a.m. class.

Q — Have a favorite book?

A — Yeah. I liked *Daly Life* by Chuck Daly. I love basketball and it talks about more than just the game, but how the game can affect your life.

Q — What do you think is the key to the Blue Devils' success on the court this season?

A — Well, for one thing, we've got guys who've been playing together for a while and we know how each other plays. Plus Mr. Carey has also been a big help in defining our roles on the team, and what ways we can help the team win.

Q — How's the knee coming along?

A — I haven't come to a decision yet, but I'm leaning toward either

## Mucho Grande

### Elmuccio sets mark in winning in 800 meters

Right on the heels of placing fourth in the high school mile at the prestigious Millrose Games Friday night, Matt Elmuccio took first place in the 800 meters Sunday at the NJSIAA Group 3 Indoor Track and Field Championships inside Princeton University's Jadwin Gym.

Elmuccio won the race in style, setting a Group 3 record with his scintillating 1:55.17 time, and helped the Blue Devil boys team to ninth place in the meet. Mike Krug will join Elmuccio at the Meet of Champions in two weeks on the strength of his impressive fifth-place performance in the 1600 meters. Krug came in at 4:39.18 to crack the top six, automatically qualifying for the Meet of Champions.

Suzi Kozub, Sage Steluk and Keltie Goncalves paced the WHS girls team Sunday to 13th place at the Group 3 Championships. Kozub ran a 2:22.10 800 meters, good for third place, while Steluk was a few seconds behind at 2:25.50 in the same event.

Goncalves rounded out the Lady Devil qualifiers for the Meet of Champions with a 11:57.20 in the 3200, good for sixth place.

#### WRESTLING

Westfield had little problem defeating East Side 54-12 last

Wednesday, as the Devils dropped only two matches — one by forfeit with the meet already decided.

Dan Todd got the ball rolling with a pin at 112 pounds, followed by a forfeit win by Jarrett Kamins at 130. Senior co-captain Kevin Sullivan pinned his man at 135, followed by six forfeit Blue Devil victories.

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Westfield edged host Montville 40-34 Monday. The Lady Devils were led by Amy Williams' 15 points and point guard Vicki Nusse's 10 points. Westfield (8-10) will begin the county tournament next week.

Shabazz 56, Westfield 26 — The Lady Devils were outscored 35-9 in the second and third quarters Thursday at Shabazz, falling 56-26 in the game.

Katie Brahm scored six points for Westfield (6-11), while junior forward Amy Williams added four points. Guards Vicki Nusse and Laz McKeon each scored three points.

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

The host Blue Devils were victimized by Shabazz 64-63 Thursday

when Angelo Barrino canned a three-point basket with eight seconds remaining.

Westfield (8-7) got 20 points from senior point guard Brian Clemmicki, 16 points from junior forward John Faggins and 14 from center Matt Brotherton.

#### ICE HOCKEY

The Blue Devils picked up their second win of the season Monday night at Warinanco Skating Center over NJHL National Conference B Division rival Indian Hills 5-2.

Westfield (1-13-2) got first-period goals from Ron Kashlak, Matt Hanas and Derek Fisher to skate out to a three-goal lead they never relinquished.

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## Blue Devil grapplers eye county titles at Elizabeth

By JAMES REILLY

THE RECORD

The prelims are done, and now it's time for the main events.

The Westfield High wrestling team has finished the regular season and is now poised for the high-intensity county, district and regional meets on the horizon. First up for the Blue Devils is the Union County Tournament tomorrow and Saturday at Elizabeth High.

While the competition in the county will be fierce, led by outstanding teams from Rahway and Roselle Park, Westfield Head Coach Don Macdonald is looking for a strong performance from his squad.

"We hope to represent ourselves as a solid team," said Macdonald. "And we want to make sure we're

ago. Posey is currently 17-0 on the year, and usually gets stronger as the season progresses.

"Corey is familiar with most of his opponents and knows what he has to do," said Macdonald. "This is Corey's time of year and we're confident in his ability."

Other Blue Devils with fighting chances to win at the county include co-captain Kevin Sullivan at 130, sophomore Mike Daly at 130 and Jason Osborne at 140.

Also scheduled to grapple with the best in the county are Dan Todd at 103, Steve Kozub at 112, Omer Teymaz at 119, Jarrett Kamins at 125, Brian Joffe at 135, Bruno Paquette or Dan Villalobos at 140, Bill Heiden at 171 and Andy McCabe at 180.

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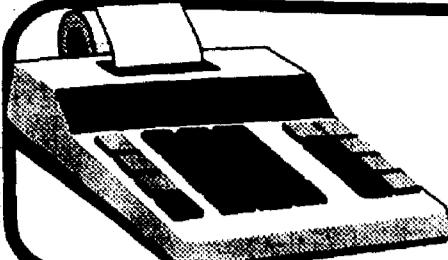
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Computers will help drivers navigate and avoid traffic jams

The next time you're on the road, stopped in a traffic jam, the idea of a computer system that can prevent all that might be appealing. Happily, that day is coming closer. Some of the technology is here right now.

Computer signs that already adorn freeways in major cities and warn "accident ahead, 10-minute delay" are just the beginning of something called Intelligent Vehicle Highway Systems (IVHS). Researchers in the civil engineering department at Ohio State University (OSU) envision a day when in-car computers predict potential problems, suggest alternative routes based on where the driver is going and send commuters in enough different directions to avoid other jams elsewhere.

Using the CRAY T3D MPP (massively parallel processing) system at the Ohio Supercomputer Center, these civil engineers are conducting complex computer work in hopes to design, implement and test advanced technologies -- including real-time traffic simulation models -- for the development of IVHS.

Real-time computing -- or as close to "right now" as possible -- is key. "If an accident hap-

pens and this system takes two hours to tell drivers what to do, the information is worthless," said Thanasis Ziliaskopoulos, assistant professor of civil engineering at OSU. "I need to know within two or three minutes."

## Details, details

The variables involved in real-time traffic simulation could cause gridlock of the mind. The most telling computer models must account for the number of lanes of traffic on any particular street, intersections, time of day, traffic volume, stop sign and traffic light locations, left-turn lanes, weather conditions, even the location of patrol cars looking for speeders -- not to mention individual driver characteristics.

"Truckers behave differently than passenger cars, older drivers differently than younger ones," Mr. Ziliaskopoulos noted.

MPP, as opposed to sequential, one scenario-at-a-time computing, promises to bring transportation researchers closer to real-time and reliability than previous computers could. MPP systems, like the CRAY T3D supercomputer, are made up of hundreds and even thousands of processors. Each processor can be responsible

for an intersection and manage the computing (routing algorithms) required to simulate that intersection and its interaction with others in a community.

Mr. Ziliaskopoulos is optimistic about preliminary results on small scenarios of about six intersections.

"The routing algorithm is structured such that each intersection operates almost completely independently from the others," said Mr. Ziliaskopoulos. "Since minimal communication is needed between processors (in the CRAY T3D system), the computations can run faster."

Mr. Ziliaskopoulos knows that six scenarios are a far cry from the 2,000-3,000 that might make up a real-time full-scale traffic simulation. He cautions that it might take years for the various models to mirror reality. Still, MPP is proving to be a promising computer architecture. The high memory and speed requirements of these models, as well as the suitability of the algorithms for parallelization make the CRAY T3D system an ideal and more realistic computer architecture than ever before for these important advances for motorists.

# Waging war on carjacking goes high-tech

Carjacking is a terrifying crime that may provoke dangerous behavior from the intended victim in order to protect his or her vehicle.

For safety's sake, the best response for the victim of a carjacking is to say by word and deed: "Take it. I won't try to stop you."

And then get away from the vehicle as far and as fast as you can.

This approach makes things seem quite easy for the carjacker and often preserves the victim from the carjacker's rage and brutality.

However, a lot of people, upon seeing their means of transportation -- and often the biggest financial investment they have besides their house -- about to disappear, take heroic action that can result in injury or death.

A new security device called The Posse, by Audiovox Corp., uses satellite tracking gear to pinpoint the vehicle's location within minutes.

"If you are carjacked, you just walk away," said Tom Malone, vice-president of the company. "A call from the nearest telephone to a toll-free 800 number for the 24-hour-a-day Posse

command center will activate your system. Posse will flash your vehicle's lights and sound the horn. An optional, ear-splitting siren can temporarily deafen the carjacker and make everyone around take notice."

Then, when the carjacker leaves the vehicle to try to shut down all the attention-getting noise and flashing, the Posse closes down the ignition system so the car won't start again. The frustrated carjacker must leave it where it is stopped.

The Posse system is about the size of a pack of cigarettes, with quick, easy installation if you already own a security system you wish to upgrade to state-of-the-art.

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For additional information about carjacking and other vehicle security problems, call (800) 645-7750.

## Hints for improving safe driving skills

Heeding these hints can help you be a smarter, safer driver, and perhaps save a life while on the road.

• When entering a freeway, try to keep steadily increasing your speed as you enter the ramp, avoiding any sudden stops. Use your rearview and side mirrors and look over your shoulder to judge the traffic. Don't forget your turn signal.

• Before proceeding through an intersection, look first to the left,

then to the right and then back to the left again.

• To see if you're driving in someone's blind spot, glance at their inside rearview mirror. If you can't see it, the driver can't see you. Move forward or fall back out of harm's way.

• If you're the first to arrive at an accident, pull up well beyond it, turn on your emergency flashers and look out for downed power lines or spilled gasoline. If you can do so safely, turn off the ignitions

of the wrecked cars. Don't move the injured unless they're in imminent danger. Send for medical help.

• If you come upon an accident where someone is bleeding severely, press firmly against the wound with a thick pad of cloth. It's a good idea to keep latex gloves in your first aid kit and to use them in this type of emergency. If you don't have gloves, put a plastic bag, several dressings or other barrier between yourself

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• Keep a first aid kit in your car. It should include change for a pay phone, chemical cold packs, sterile bandages, a gauze pad, gauze roll, a large box of assorted adhesive bandages, a roll of adhesive tape, scissors, safety pins, blanket, large sheet, cleansing wipes and alcohol swabs, two pairs of latex gloves, flares, a working flashlight with extra batteries and a small fire extinguisher.

## Air-cooled engines still a hot idea in automotive industry

By BOB HAGIN

FORBES CORRESPONDENT

When VW put water cooled heads on its Vanagon bus in the early '80s, it brought tears to the eyes of aficionados of the marque. "It's the end of the air cooled engine in this country," a friend lamented to me. "Simplicity is dead."

The last mass-produced American car that utilized direct air cooling of the engine was the Franklin of the mid-30s, and while it was a Franklin helicopter engine that found its way into the tail of the Tucker, it was necessary to install water

cooled heads to make the engines last as long as they did.

But unless you're usual mode of transportation is a power boat, the vehicle you're driving is actually air cooled. The heat just takes a slight detour before it returns to the atmosphere. What we're talking about here is a system that gets rid of excess engine energy (heat) by using a heat transfer device commonly known as a radiator.

The point of it is that without a properly operating cooling system, the average automotive engine would have a very short life expectancy. About 15 to 20 minutes

after the cooling system fails, the engine is usually ready to be recycled into a newer, gentler vehicle.

The use of a radiator filled with some sort of coolant to draw off excess engine heat has been around just about as long as the automobile itself. Early car makers found that the passage of air over the engine cylinders was OK as long as those cylinders were exposed to the passage of air as in the case of a power mower. But they also found (the hard way, sometimes) that when their engines were placed in a confined area (such as under a hood), an

other means of disposing of the heat was

needed.

By the beginning of World War I, there

was a liquid-filled radiator sitting in

front of most of the world's cars. An ex-

ception was the gargantuan Renaults --

and their radiator was behind the power

plant.

The principle is simple: the engine cyl-

inders are surrounded by enclosed pas-

sages filled with a liquid. When the engine

is running, these cylinders give off heat as

a by-product of combustion (an energy

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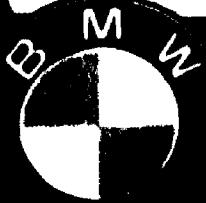
through the metal of the cylinders and

into the liquid. The liquid then makes its way into a tank (usually built into the top of the radiator), flows down through a bunch of tubes that connect the top tank to a similar one on the bottom of the unit and then returns to the engine. As the car rolls along, cool air passes over the hot surface of the tubes and heat is carried off.

In truth, things aren't quite that simple.

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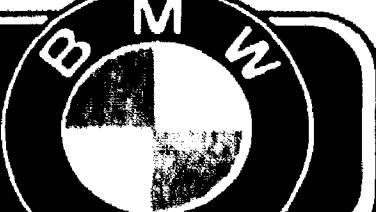
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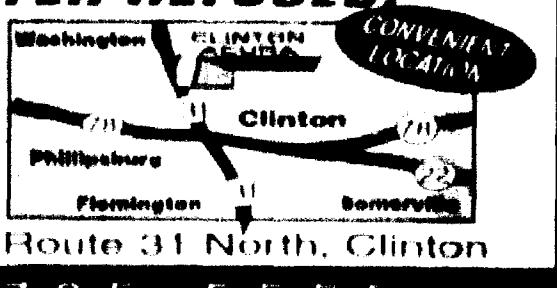
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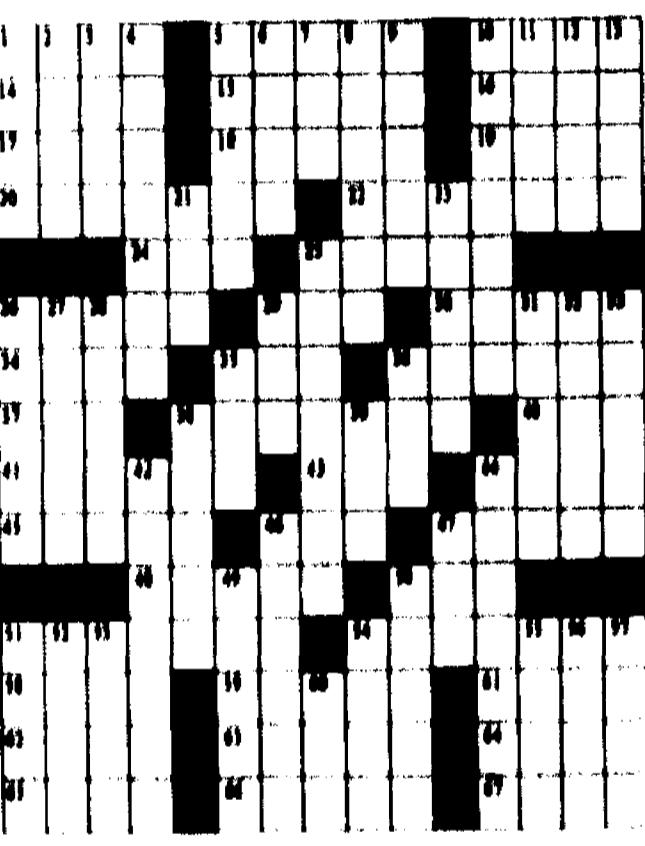
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Between cups of coffee, Weekend Confidential's conversation with a friend turned to the subtle signs family members give when they want your attention.

She had settled down to read the last chapter of her book, dog curled up at her feet.

"You wanna help me do some cleaning up around here?" her dad asked.

"As soon as I'm finished this last chapter," she told him.

She read a bit. Three pages to go.

Clump, clump, clump went her father down the stairs, then rummaging around the kitchen, supposedly looking for something to eat.

Two to go. She struggled to stay focused on the book.

Dad: "How's it coming there?"

"I'm almost done."

Last page. After reading it, she couldn't even remember what she'd read leading up to the ending.

"You know what, Dad? I think I'm gonna clean out the basement now. You wanna help me?"

"Oh, no, that's all right."

With that, she sat in the basement and re-read the last chapter in peace.

## In the heat of the night

Although we gave up excess in favor of achievement years ago, Weekend Confidential still runs in a fast crowd. You know the types: "Live Fast, Die Young" tattooed on the inside of their eyelids.

Usually this lends color to life and excitement to the weekends, but not always.

Last weekend, we were at a party where dinner wasn't served until late, and one of our friends passed out before the first course. Most people thought it was funny, those who didn't kept to themselves. It bothered us because we'd seen him the night before, consorting with a whiskey bottle at another venue.

The following night we ran into him again on the way to see a show in the city.

"See you inside; I'm off to cop some coke," he said. "Don't tell anyone."

Being Confidential, of course we wouldn't. But we also wondered why the friend said something to us, someone known for adherence to the straight and narrow.

1,000 WORDS



Penta, Cranford.

AUGUSTO F. MENENDEZ/WEEKEND PLUS

Was it bragging -- that comes with the territory -- or a scream for help in the night?

We'll get back to you on that.

## Friends

Talking to a friend, out of the blue she mentions her friend that you were admiring almost a year ago. You had called her a couple of times, but she was never in, she

wouldn't call you back, or when you did get her, she seemed too busy to talk.

Your friend tells you that the one you had been interested in actually had thought of you after all this time, and asked whether you were seeing anybody. Your spirits lift, fly even.

But you're aware, or you've been told, she just took a demanding, time-consuming job. But you're

still praying she'll call. A week or two goes by, and you think, "Well, I should at least take the initiative, right?" You remember, though, that the last time when you gave up, you threw out her number.

So you call your friend, and ask for her number again. But she tells you that she'll have the object of your affections call you, instead. A week goes by, maybe more than that. You haven't heard from her. Valentine's Day? Bah humbug!



DEWANS STUDIO, NEW DELHI

Here comes the groom: Urdhe Kharbanda, May 4, 1983.

## Arranged marriages question our

BY ANDREW MOEWEN

Weekend Plus editor

**I**t's the same old story: Boy meets girl. Boy marries girl. Boy falls in love. Hey. Wait a sec.

Let's just read that again.

Gurpreet Kohli meets Anju Bhagwan Sept. 2, 1984. They agree to marry Sept. 7. They marry Sept. 11 in New Delhi.

"In those four days, there's not a lot you can find out," admits Mr. Kohli.

Today the Kohlis of Morris Plains are a happily married couple whose children, Aneet, 8, and Naupree, 10, attend Littleton School in Parsippany.

"As far as getting to know the person, the dating begins after the marriage," says Mr. Kohli.

That's why Mr. Kohli, a regular attendee at the Sikh Temple Gurudwara in Bridgewater, politely suggests an arranged marriage may be much better than a non-arranged one.

Your typical Western couple dates, becomes intimate, gets engaged, becomes more intimate, maybe moves in together, becomes even more intimate and finally, maybe, just maybe, marries.

After the wedding, he says, what else is left to do?

"What do you have to look forward to? You already know everything about each other. What's left to really explore?" says Aris Ali, a devout Muslim who could not even touch the hand of his wife Durdana Haque until their wedding day.

Good thing too, in his humble opinion.

"I look at my non-Muslim friends and all the relationships they have gone through. They claim to be in love, but I haven't seen any of their marriages work."

Mr. Ali has a point.

Through their defenses of the various institutions of arranged marriage, the couples here turn a large Valentine's Day mirror on our own romantic notions, the seductive idea that a special someone exists with whom we shall one day share a sacred vow and then live happily ever after.

**"It's reincarnation. Most couples are reincarnated."**

**William Chuang**

**W**hen I saw her picture, my gut feeling was 'She's my woman,' says William Chuang, an AT&T computer scientist.

After a brief exchange of letters with Jinny Chin in Taipei, Taiwan, here he was staring at her beautiful — but familiar — face for the first time. Instinctively, he knew this woman was no stranger. They had known each other before, perhaps a lifetime ago.

"Nobody can explain what love means. How do you explain 'falling in love'?"

"It's reincarnation. Most couples are reincarnated. The energy level is right," he says.

About three months later, Dec. 18, 1983, Mr. Chuang, a devout Buddhist, stepped off the plane in Taipei to meet his future wife,

Jinny Chuang, daughter of Mr. Liang Liu Chin Chin and Mrs. Liang Hui Peng. After three days, it was all decided. The couple would marry Dec. 31, a very lucky day in the Chinese calendar.

"My father was a judge and so everything he says is the law. If he said I could not see someone, that was it," remembers Jinny, now a travel agent at Jersey Travel in Edison. "When I was younger, I hated this. Young people don't care about such things. Then I saw my brother and sister marry and I realized how good it was for them."

**W**hen you arrive here as a minority, when Chinese people come here, they are desperately trying to preserve some of their culture," says Marjorie Li, president of the New Brunswick-based Chinese American Cultural Association at Rutgers University.

"They try to reconstruct China. They attend the same weekend Chinese schools, the kids grow up together."

"Parents make sure of this. An old Chinese joke is for parents to say, 'Wouldn't it be nice if our kids got together? Wouldn't it be wonderful if we were relatives?'

"They create many of these activities with that kind of plan. In the playing together, dancing together, it's only very natural for the sons and daughters to fall in love. This is very much in the minds of the parents."

As Mrs. Li describes the delicate courtesies and sophisticated nuances of Chinese-American society, the subtlety of the recently released movie *Sense and Sensibility*, directed by Ang Lee, comes to mind. Suddenly it all makes sense.

In the Jane Austen novel, the Dashwood family's reduced income casts a shadow over the romantic aspirations of daughters Elinor (Emma Thompson) and Marianne (Kate Winslet). They learn to mix sense with sensibility in approaching their problems with money and men.

Elaborate social circuits ensure the Dashwood sisters continue to meet the right sort of men, the right class, the right breeding. (Go to B)



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Left: The Chuangs marry.  
Above: The Kohlis outside temple.  
Right: Aris Ali and Durdana Haque on their wedding day last year.  
Below: The Patels outside temple.



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## romantic myths

(From 4)

The Dashwood sisters finally choose their love. But if we are honest with ourselves, do they really choose? Do any of us, even today?

"Look, you only have so much choice," says Mr. Chuang.

"Everyone who wants to get married wants to pick their own girl. They want to choose a girl. So they choose Marilyn Monroe. Well, you can't pick everything you want," he says.

"You have to face the facts. Only within a limited pool can you make a choice. And within that pool even, you can only make a limited choice."

"In your whole life, you might only meet 50 girls — usually much less. You say you're making a choice. But how much choice is it really?"

Freedom of choice, however precious to pop culture, is perhaps something of an illusion.

"I often say to people, 'You have your Rockefellers, your Kennedys. They stay in their own socio-economic group, their own kind.' It's not so different, really," says Udit Kharbanda, a principal engineer of Schindler Elevator Corporation in Morristown.

But whatever Mr. Kharbanda says, freedom, however hypothetical, still exists. Maybe it's a bit like the bus system. We're happy knowing the option exists.

"It's just nobody uses it."

Or maybe it's a yin-yang thing. No absolute arrangement. No absolute freedom: just different degrees of choice.

"The children really wouldn't want to admit anything is 'arranged,'" explains Mrs. Li.

"Like the parents, you want to put it in a more subtle fashion. Because if you are not subtle, the children will say 'We are not our parents' pawns. We are not entering this so-called 'arrangement.'"

Defining the "arrangement" is definitely difficult. Nobody likes the "a" word.

"The idea of 'arranging marriage' is actually a misnomer," says Mr. Ali, whose marriage, he explains, is definitely not arranged.

"It implies you have no say in it, that you're forced into it. But we had the right to say 'yes' or 'no.' There are laws within Islam that allow us to say 'yes' or 'no.'"

"Firstly," says Mr. Kharbanda, "I'd say the phrase 'arranged marriage' is a little bit wrong."

"It's not simply dictated. We try to match the most appropriate person in terms of families, the educational level, some sort of economic level possibly, their physical features."

For all those reasons, he married Parmeet Arora in New Delhi in May 1993. He and Parmeet live in Whitehouse Station. They have a Harvard MBA son Kenneth, 31, and 27-year-old daughter Meeta is an engineer with Bellcore in Piscataway.

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# 8 Cover story

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Above: Mr. and Mrs. Kharbenda are married.

Right: Reva Kaufman dated seven years. She then went to a matchmaker and was married within 6 months.



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## Arranged marriages test romantic myths

(From B)

The prophet Mohammed, "peace be upon him," adds Mr. Ali, gave four reasons why a Muslim man marries: beauty, money, status and religious piety.

"The man who marries for the first three alone is a fool," the prophet added.

"In Islam, you marry not for the artificial things. You marry for the sake and love of God," says Mr. Ali, who married the daughter of Piscataway residents Mr. Shamimul Haque and Mrs. Rehana Haque Jan. 15, 1994.

Piscataway High School graduate

Durdana Haque, who under Islamic marriage custom retains her father's name, could not even meet her suitor without a legal guardian as chaperone.

A lab technician at Union Carbide, she proudly observes how women have had their own property rights under Islamic law since the 1400s, rights which came much later to the Western world. Indeed, the Dashwood sisters' dilemma in *Sense and Sensibility* derives from dispossession of property rights.

Through a brother, an aunt and the two mothers, a meeting with Durdana Haque's parents was arranged for Mr. Ali in July 1993.

Mr. Ali met Durdana and her family about 10 more times before the decision was made.

Muslim men and women must not contact eyes in a hurtful way. Durdana Haque's eyes are about all you can see. Clothing covers most of her body, to prevent sexual temptation and protect both the man and the woman, explains Mr. Ali.

Both Rutgers students, they wanted to marry in January and live privately, away from the two families, for the six months before graduation.

The families were apprehensive at first, he says. "But if there had been strong disagreement, I would have respected their wishes."

Mr. Ali says if one day their 7-month-old daughter Miri Ali decides to marry a non-

Muslim, Islamic law does not recognize such a marriage. (For an Islamic man, if no suitable Muslim woman is available, he may marry a Jewish or Christian woman, or a slave, according to the Koran.)

"To be perfectly honest, I have no idea how we would handle it. I have seen a lot of mixed marriages and I'm not convinced that they work."

It's all a matter of bringing up the issue, ensuring the question remains hypothetical. Mr. Ali, a technical representative with TransNet Corporation in Somerville, knows all too well the pressures of a multi-cultural, secular society.

"At school, my non-Muslim friends tried to get me involved in this. It seemed to me more a waste of time. I saw my friends dating two or three people at a time. You would think, with AIDS, people would curb their sexual activity."

"Even the word 'liberalism,'" he notes, "is secular." Dating, he says, is forbidden in Islam.

"I suppose you could say I was the single queen," says Highland Park resident Reva Kaufman, who dated for seven years without success.

"I had gone to every Jewish singles event. They have all these things in the city. You could go to something three days a week."

In October 1994, she went to see matchmakers Rabbi Yeheskel and Mrs. Pearl Lebow, who boast four matches a month.

"My mother was so embarrassed I went to a matchmaker. She wouldn't tell her friends."

Irving Kaufman, who had signed up with the matchmakers in July 1994, dated a few women recommended by the professional matchmakers before he met Reva Levine,

daughter of Mr. Julius and Mrs. Muriel Levine.

As Reva tells it, Mr. Kaufman mentioned trips to Italy to one date, who promptly discussed how she'd enjoy shopping in Milan.

It didn't work out.

The next date wore high heels and made up to an informal picnic.

No dice.

Finally, he asked on a date what she saw in the clouds. Cotton wool balls, she said.

Matchmaker smatchmaker, he thought.

Then in October, he met Reva. After a month, she mentioned marriage. "Give it time," he said. They married March 3, 1995, four months later, in Highland Park Conservative Temple.

A qualified physical therapist, Mrs. Kaufman manages her husband's practice in Somerset.

They have four children, 2-year-old Esther and Ian, 4, Sam, 7, and Natalie, 9. They attend Rabbi Pesach

Raymond Yeshiva School.

"He had asked me to marry him many times in what he called a 'generic sense.' So when he actually asked me for real, I didn't believe him," recalls Reva, who also backs off from the word "arranged."

"But he still jokes now. I called up the synagogue before he asked me to check on free dates. Of course, I had called because I had misunderstood the earlier proposals."

Their successful matchmaker story made *EyeWitness News* on Channel 7 when Kathy Tong interviewed them a year later.

"I still think it was a lucky guess in some ways," says Mrs. Kaufman.

"It came out in the show we both don't kill bugs. You know, just one of those little things we had in common."

In his wallet, Irving Kaufman keeps a copy of the card he was handed with Reva's

name and phone number on it. Reva says she would recommend trying a matchmaker to anyone interested in hooking up for the long haul, a real commitment.

Otherwise, she says, stick to dating.

"We dated for about a year, but no hanky panky, you understand," says Devendra Patel, who married Cranford High School graduate Jumila Patel, daughter of Mr. Jayantibhai and Mrs. Hansaben Patel. (Her maiden name is also Patel) May 2, 1988. Daughter Madhavi is in second grade at Irwin Elementary School, East Brunswick.

A temple saint, Mahant Swami recommended Mr. Patel, son of Mr. Chandubhai and Mrs. Yashunati, to Jumila's parents, Mr. Jayantibhai and Mrs. Hansaben Patel.

Guru Shri Pramukh Swami Maharaj recommended Jumila to Devendra Patel. The couple, regulars at Bochasanwasi Swami Narayan Temple, Woodbridge Avenue in Edison, say marriage is not just a happy day for the couple, but a joyous day for the two families who arranged it.

"The best part is the families getting to know one another," says Mr. Patel.

"I am very quiet," says Mrs. Patel, a data entry clerk at the New Brunswick Courthouse, of their first, formal meeting. "So the first question I asked was 'Why do you want to marry me?'"

"It was very important to me we had the level of maturity, that we communicated clearly."

Obviously, Mr. Patel got the message across successfully, as three months later, he made his marriage proposal, as is the custom, to Jumila's parents. The "dating" engagement lasted a year while they waited for the whole family to organize their attendance.

At the wedding reception, Parash Patel, workmate of Mr. Patel's brother Harish, spotted Bangita, Jumila Patel's sister. "Right away, he asked my brother, 'Find out if she's interested!'"

They married the next year.

# White Squall drowns with good intentions

BY JEFFREY CONEN

Weekend Plus film critic  
A lot of people are going to tell you *White Squall* is nothing more than *Dead Poets Society* on the high seas. They're wrong — it's really *Mr. Holland's Opus* on the high seas.

Robin Williams taught a bunch of prep school boys about the joys of language and poetry in *Dead Poets Society*. Jeff Bridges teaches a bunch of prep school boys about the joys of life on a schooner in *White Squall*.

The nasty weather hones in on the boat in the final reel — and that's where *White Squall* takes something of a dark turn. Before then, it's a relatively standard Ridley Scott (*Alien*, *Blade Runner*, *Black Rain*) film: You can rarely see anyone's face clearly for all the shadows he is throwing at them, and everybody's problems are way more important than yours.

But the film wants to have it both ways. Hence the comparison to *Mr. Holland's Opus*.

Even after tragedy strikes — which is no surprise to anyone who's seen the TV commercials or read the title of the film — Scott and screenwriter Todd Robinson

want to nail the point: These boys have learned to respect their skipper (Bridges). The problem is we've spent almost two hours with these boys already and we're still having trouble telling which one is which. Chuck Gleg (Scott Wolf from TV's *Party of Five*) has the main role as, in the words of a shipmate, "the glue that holds us together," only one of the movie's many clichés.

He might just as well be Frank Beaumont (Jeremy Sisto), Girard Paical (Julio Mechoso) or Tracy Lapchick (Ethan Embry). The boys aren't characters; they're walking case histories.

One has a father who's pushing him too hard for no good reason. Another has parents who fight so frequently and vehemently, they didn't notice when

his brother fell out of a tree and died. Parents don't get a really sympathetic treatment here.

The true story, in which a floating school called the Albatross did go under in a storm, was surely more dramatic than this film. What we have here is a movie about a teacher that becomes a tragedy out of left field and tries to uplift us artificially in the last five minutes. Thanks anyway.

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## Video Rewind

The *Big Green* and *A Kid in King Arthur's Court* are being packaged as a double feature. They're both reading the action movies as perfunctory as they are pedestrian. They want to ride the crest of other films. And my 8-year-old son loves both of them dearly. Go figure.

Now Steven Seagal over decided to be an action hero in probably a more entertaining story than that of *Under Siege 2: Dark Territory*. Here the Navy cook of the improbable hit *Under Siege* has to do battle with nuclear terrorists (led by Eric Bogosian) on a moving train. Seagal looks and acts more like a cook than an action hero.

### Top ten rentals

1. *Waterworld*
2. *Nine Months*
3. *The Net*
4. *Die Hard with a Vengeance*
5. *Showgirls*
6. *Chances*
7. *Judo*
8. *First Knight*
9. *Forget Paris*
10. *Something to Talk About*

Upcoming releases:  
*Virtuosity*, *Hackers*, *Living in Oblivion*, *Dangerous Minds*, *Beyond Rangoon*.



A freak storm hits the Albatross (seriously, the ship's called Albatross) in *White Squall*.

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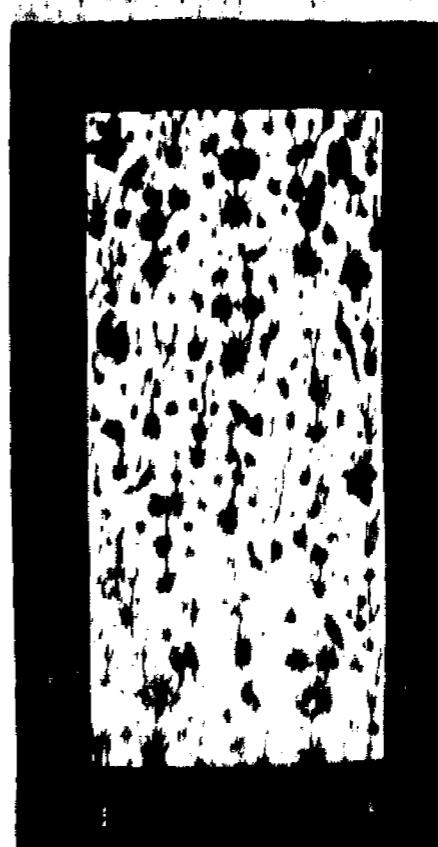
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# 3 • Collectibles

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## Knowledge is power: your education starts here

BY LINDA J. DAWSON

Weekend Plus writer

**T**he extraordinary prices realized at the January Americana sales in New York City will long be remembered by antique collectors and dealers. I visited Sotheby's collection of Americana and was overwhelmed by the wonderful offerings of the Adolph Henry Meyer collection.

One piece in particular caught my eye. The catalogue description was "The Samuel Whitehorne Queen Anne Block-and-Shell-Carved Mahogany Kneehole Desk, Attributed to Edmund Townsend, Newport, Rhode Island, circa 1770." The desk was expected to bring between \$800,000-\$1.2 million. The proportions and carving were exquisite. It was in original condition, with the original patina

### What's It Worth?

It brought an amazing \$3.3 million.

A "Rare and Important Canvas-Work Chimney Piece, by Schoolgirl Hannah Otis (1732-1801), Boston, Mass., c. 1750" was estimated at between \$300,000-\$300,000. It brought more than \$1 million.

Why did these and other items sold so far exceed their estimates? How can an expert in a field estimate a piece of property and be so far off the track?

As you can see from the discrepancies above, appraisers and experts in a field can use certain data, statistics, facts, provenance, condition factors and comparisons to help determine value. However,

if enough competition is present, value cannot always be predetermined. An appraisal is not an exact science.

One of the best ways to learn about antiques and their values is to attend as many auctions, antique shows, museum exhibitions and antique shops as possible.

There are books, as well as many valuable courses. The New York University School for Continuing Education offers an appraisal studies program. I have attended many of these classes and found them informative and helpful. If you are considering becoming an appraiser, it will take a lifetime to learn even part of what you need to know to become truly knowledgeable. Courses in London, at Sotheby's or Christie's, are all considerations.

One of the best ways to learn is

to become an intern. At our auction house, interns learn to weigh and identify silver; examine furniture; learn about glass, pottery and porcelain; research paintings and prints; and use Artifact, a computer system that allows you to find comparable auction sales records for property you are evaluating.

I personally have gone through the courses offered by the American Society of Appraisers (ASA). To become a certified appraiser by the ASA, one must take in-depth courses, pass difficult exams and work as an intern appraiser for at least two years. You must also recertify every five years with 100 hours which can be earned through course work, lectures, writing, teaching and active membership on the chapter or international levels. The ASA is the oldest nonprofit appraisal organization. I

would suggest anyone interested in learning more contact the ASA at its headquarters in Washington by calling (800) ASA-VALU.

Art is such a volatile market today. My next article will deal with artists who sell today in both the regional and global markets. If you would like to know what your paintings are worth, please send a photo, the artist's name and the size of your painting to What's It Worth?, Weekend Plus, PO Box 699, Somerville, NJ 08876.

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# Fighting Gravity: Kinks stink

Incoming band raps about life on tour

BY ANDREW MC EWEN

Weekend Plus editor

**F**resh from the release of a new CD, *forever = 1 day*, Fighting Gravity appears at the Club House in Plainfield Saturday. Weekend Plus recently caught up with guitarist/vocalist David Triano and bass player/vocalist David Peterson. Then we got too far behind them. Then we caught up again. And so on. Then we asked them these questions.

**Q:** So what was it like having two guys from *Rolling Stone* following you around everywhere for four days while you were out on tour?

**A:** "It was very interesting to say the least. [Rolling Stone writer] David Wild has been all over and has written articles about just about everybody. So it was a little intimidating. By the second day, we hardly noticed him, which might not be such a good thing."

**Q:** So do you think all publicity is good publicity, or are there some things you're hoping the *Rolling Stone* guys didn't see?

**A:** "I guess if you're looking to propitiate a certain image, then that's not really the case. I talked to David a couple of days ago. He said it was a shining story. He was battling with his editors to not whittle it down to 750 words. He said it was shining. Mind you, you can make an ----- shine."

**Q:** With seven people, your band is a little larger than most. Do you guys ever feel crowded when you're on stage or in the studio?

**A:** "Yes and yes. A lot of it depends on the layout of the stage. When we were in Columbia, I [David Peterson] almost fell off the stage. Most of us are playing little guitars and stuff. But we have a trombone player and that really gets in the way. You have to watch the body crevices."

**Q:** You've performed with every one from the Dave Matthews Band to the Kinks. Who did you hate most and why?

**A:** "The Kinks was one of the worst. They had the total Spinal Tap syndrome. We were totally brushed aside. We treat all other bands equally. But we were in the backstage of the Boathouse when the changeover took place. The manager was told there was to be no one backstage. I had brought a couple of records for them to sign and they wouldn't even do that."

**Q:** You're from Richmond, Va. How'd they talk you into coming to New Jersey?



Fighting Gravity: drummer Mike Boyd, guitarist David Triano, lead singer Vonz, Jimmy Paddington, Chris Leitch, bass player David Peterson and pianist Eric Lawson.

**A:** "We've always wanted to play New Jersey. We love playing different places, but we like the Northeast. For some reason, the Jersey folks have taken a real liking to us. We particularly like the Jersey Shore. A lot of new people see us there and then go out and spread the word."

**Q:** One magazine described your music as "a blend of pop with World Beat." Can you do any better than that?

**A:** "David Wild told us he was interviewing Elvis Costello and Costello said that writing about music is like 'dancing about architecture.' But I think that pop and World Beat's a fairly accurate description of what we try to do. Our influences come from all over the world."

**Q:** Who's your favorite character from *Gilligan's Island* and why?

**A:** "Gotta be Ginger because she knows how to work."

**Q:** What would you be doing for a living if you were born tone deaf?

**D**avid Peterson: "Who says we're not? I'd be doing interviews. I wouldn't mind going back to work in a guitar shop."

**D**avid Triano: "That question reeks of whether you want to go back and join the rat race: something I'd rather not think about. I guess I would like to teach."

**Q:** We're doing an article in this issue about arranged marriages. How do you feel about turning down an EMI record deal?

**A:** "We felt like we dodged the bullet. We were offered a deal that was really closely tied to a management contract. We just couldn't work out this management contract. They kept saying 'A record deal's a magical thing.' This 20-percent, 6-year contract depended on this one guy with whom none of us could get along. They were scamming us. EMI sucked. If they really believed in us, they wouldn't have tried to tie us to this one manager. They would have given us a contract anyway."

**Q:** One of the couples interviewed said they were reincarnated. What do you think you were doing in a previous life?

**D**avid Peterson: "Did you ever see *Clerks*? I think I had a certain job like they discussed there." David Triano: "And maybe I was a patron of that geisha house."

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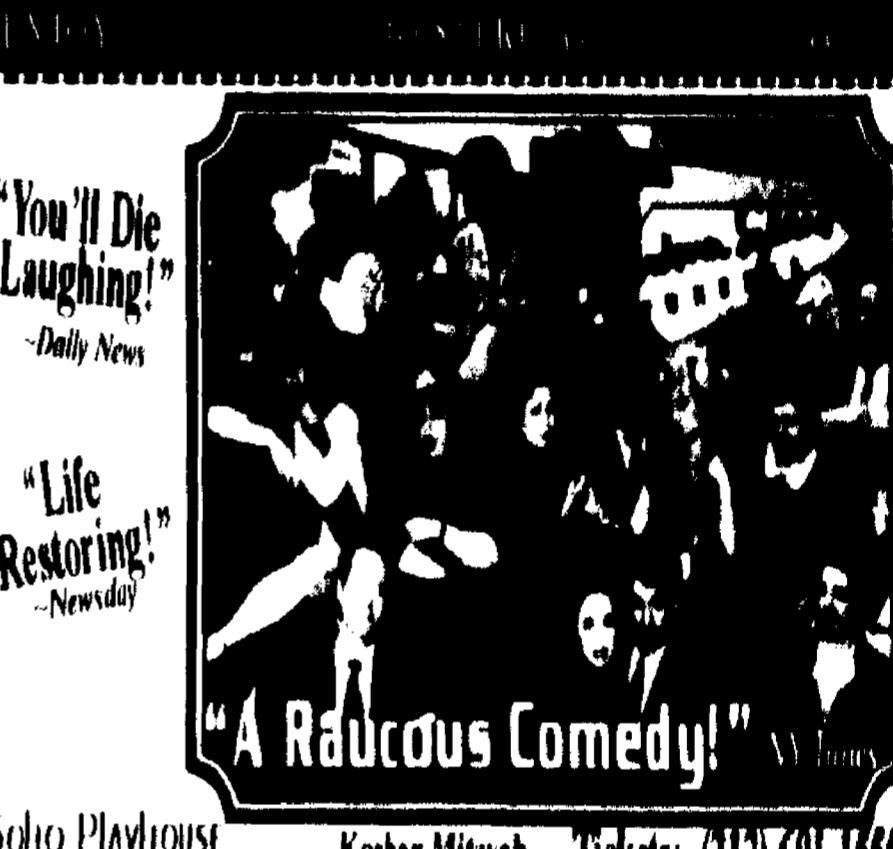
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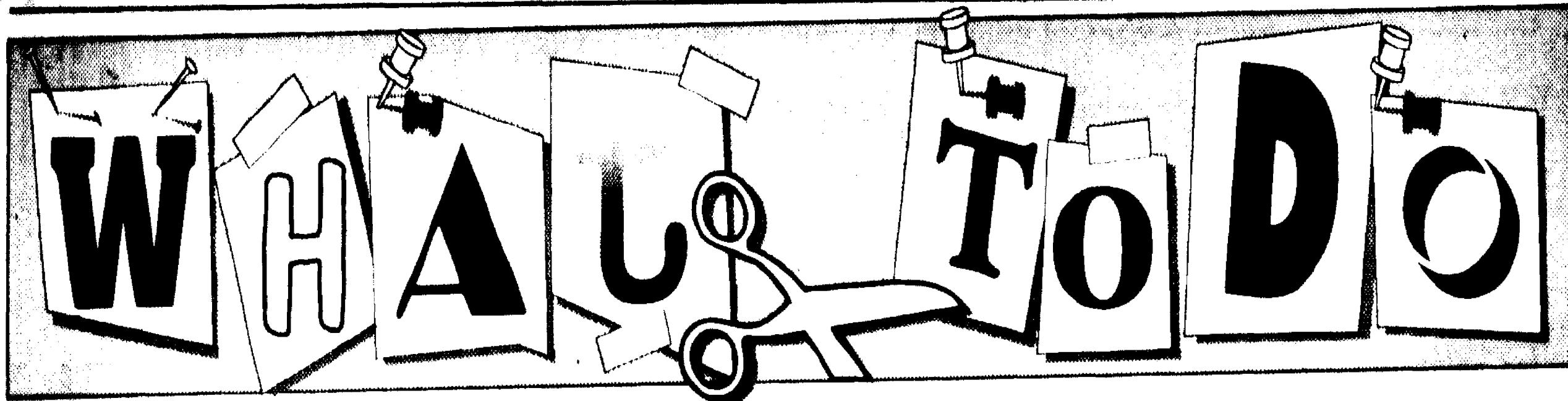
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### SPORTS CARD, COMIC BOOK AND COLLECTIBLES SHOW

Raritan Inn  
 Raritan Center, Edison  
 (908) 583-7915  
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10. Tigerlily (Natalie Merchant)

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Movie Museum  
 6 Hamman Heights Rd., Morristown  
 (908) 540-0454, Ext. 212

• The Hobbit, J.R.R. Tolkien's cult favorite re-told with retconned titles, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Feb. 10, 11, 10 and 1:30 p.m. Feb. 11. Movie members \$5, non-members \$8.20.

### CLIFF PLAYHOUSE

116 Victoria Ave., Piscataway

• Coming to the End Zone, football comedy by Dan Davis, 7 p.m. Feb. 10. Adults \$11. Friday and Saturday, \$12 for one or \$18 for two. Sunday: senior citizens and students \$10. Friday and Saturday, \$18. Sunday.

### CROSSROADS

#### THEATRE COMPANY

7 Livingston Ave.

New Brunswick

(908) 240-5500

• Jolly Roll, cabaret musical about ragtime pianist Jelly Roll Morton, 7 p.m. Feb. 11. Admission \$32-\$22, group rates available.

### ELSON VALLEY PLAYHOUSE

2190 Oak Tree Rd., Edison

(908) 755-4654

• Hide and Seek, rural mystery by Larrey Havard, 7 p.m. Feb. 24. Adults \$10, senior citizens and students \$8. Group rates available.

### ELIZABETH PLAYHOUSE

1100 East Jersey St., Elizabeth

(908) 355-0077

• The Young and the Reckless, stories from F.

Scott Fitzgerald adapted by Sally Benson, 7 p.m. Feb. 11. Adults \$18, senior citizens and students \$10. Group rates available.

Looking for something a little romantic? "An Eighteenth Century Valentine: Music for Flute and Strings" will be performed by Robert Stollman at the Community Theatre of Morristown Friday night. Mr. Stollman will perform Vivaldi's Flute Concerto V in D Major. See In Concert, page 11.

### ENTERTAINERS

#### REPERTORY THEATRE

PeopleCare Center, 120 Hindemith Ave., Bridgewater

(908) 840-5032

• Victorian Music Hall, how the British heard live song at the turn of the century, 7 p.m. Feb. 29. Admission \$30.

### GEORGE STREET PLAYHOUSE

9 Livingston Ave.

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(908) 240-7717

• Entrees, world premiere of a rainforest drama by Bernardo Bolano, 7 p.m. Feb. 11. Admission \$30-\$24, discounts available.

### PHILIP J. LEVIN THEATER

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• Twelfth Night, Shakespeare standard from old England, 7 p.m. Feb. 11. Admission \$10-\$12.

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• Dimensions, world premiere of a drama by Emily Mann, 7 p.m. Feb. 25. Admission \$32-\$24.

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### UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER

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• Phantom, musical adaptation of Phantom of the Opera. To Feb. 17. Admission \$23-\$16.

### VILLAGERS THEATRE

475 DeMott Lane, Somerset  
(908) 873-2710  
• The Secret Garden, stage version of the novel (and surprise hit movie). To Feb. 11. Admission \$17 Saturday, \$15 Friday, Sunday.

### WORTH-TYRELL STUDIOS

51 South St., Morristown  
(201) 538-6285  
• Teen-adult musical comedy workshop. 8 p.m. Feb. 9. Free admission.

### COMING UP

#### MARRIOTT HOTEL

Route 1, Princeton  
(609) 443-5598  
• Murder-mystery dinner theater with audience participation. 7:30 p.m. Feb. 14, 17. Admission \$39.95.

#### PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE

Brookside Dr., Millburn  
(201) 378-4343  
• Comfortable Shoes, autobiographical story of Clint ("Playground in My Mind") Holmes. Feb. 14-March 24. Adults \$46-\$31; students (15 minutes before showtime) \$10. Group rates available.

#### RARITAN INN

Raritan Center, Edison  
(800) 443-5598  
• Murder-mystery dinner with audience participation. 7:30 p.m. Feb. 18. Admission \$39.95.

#### VAUGHN-EAMES MALL

Kean College of New Jersey  
Route 82, Union  
(908) 527-2337

• For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When the Rainbow is Enuf, 70s black play by Ntozake Shange. Feb. 14-25. Adults \$10, senior citizens and Kean employees \$8, students \$6.

## In Concert

### AMERICAN FLYER

8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17  
Echo Hill Park  
Route 31, Annandale  
(908) 470-1888  
• Bluegrass band performs in a coffeehouse setting. Adults \$10, senior citizens \$8, children under 12 \$3.

### AMERICAN STRING QUARTET

8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9  
Pottersville area  
(908) 356-6105  
• Chamber music ensemble performs in a private home (location given at time of purchase). Admission \$65; black tie optional.

### ANDREW APPEL

8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13  
Tappin Auditorium,  
Princeton University  
(609) 258-5000  
• The Goldberg Variations of J.S. Bach, performed on a harpsichord. Related lecture 4 p.m. Adults \$10, students \$2.

### BLUE BAKER & FRIENDS

8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10  
Reformed Church, 23 South Second Ave., Highland Park  
(908) 640-1883, 628-3928  
• Bluegrass band from Maryland performs in a contra dance with Beau Farmer, caller. Lessons for beginners 7:30 p.m. Admission \$7.

### EDMUND BOWEN

8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12  
Nicholas Music Center, Rutgers University, New Brunswick  
(908) 932-7811  
• Jazz saxophone player performs solo and with others. Adults \$10, senior citizens and Rutgers employees \$8, Rutgers students \$5.

### CARIBBEAN JAZZ PROJECT

8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17  
State Theatre, 19 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick  
(908) 246-7460  
• Paulette D'Rivera, sax; Dave Samuels, vibes and marimba; Andy Nardell, drums. Admission \$25-\$10.

### RIO CLEMENTE TRIO

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3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11: Hamilton Park Conference Center  
175 Park Ave., Florham Park  
(201) 267-0206  
• Jazz ensemble performs in a gallery setting. Admission \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door.

**ELIZABETH DIFELICE**  
3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18  
Tappin Auditorium,  
Princeton University  
(609) 258-5000  
• Pianist performs works by Beethoven, Debussy, Roger Sessions and Henry Martin. Free admission.

**DON GIOVANNI**  
8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10  
Nicholas Music Center, Rutgers University, New Brunswick  
(908) 932-7511  
• The Mozart opera, sung in Italian (with English supertitles) by Opera at Rutgers. Admission \$16, discounts available.

**MAYNARD FERGUSON**  
8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16  
Community Theatre  
100 South St., Morristown  
(201) 539-8008  
• Jazz trumpeter from Canada. Admission \$25, \$20.

**FINGERPYX**  
8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17  
Ogden Memorial Church  
Route 124, Chatham  
(201) 267-2788, 288-9729  
• Quartet performs in a contra dance with Steve Schnur, caller. Instruction for beginners 7:30 p.m. Admission \$6; sneakers required.

**JEFFREY B. FOWLER**  
12:30 p.m. Wednesday,  
Feb. 14; Princeton  
University Chapel  
(609) 258-3654  
• Organist performs works by J.S. Bach, Franck and Robert Elmore. Free admission.

**FRANK GIASULLO QUARTET**  
**JOHN COATES JR.**  
8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17  
Cultural Center  
Lewis Morris Park, Morristown  
(201) 326-7600  
• Jazz ensemble (former) and pianist (latter). Admission \$4.

**TIM GILLIS BAND**  
8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16  
Knights of Columbus  
88 Jackson St., South River  
(908) 780-2987  
• Country and Western band from the Garden State. Dance lessons 7:30 p.m. Admission \$10.

**RICHIE HAVENS**  
8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17  
Edward Nash Theatre  
Harrington Valley Community  
College, North Branch  
(908) 725-3420  
• Folk singer who performed at the original Woodstock festival in 1969. Adults \$15, senior citizens and students \$12.50.

**NANCY FROYSLAND HOERL**  
4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11  
Westminster Choir College  
Bristol Chapel, Princeton  
(609) 921-2663  
• Soprano sings works by Dimitri Shostakovich and Maurice Ravel. Free admission.

**KEYBOARD DUET**  
4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11  
Cathedral of the Sacred Heart  
89 Ridge St., Newark  
(201) 484-4000  
• Works of Clifford Beers, John Rutter, P.D.Q. Bach and others, performed by David Fedor and F. Allen Artz III. Admission \$10.

**MESOAMERICAN FESTIVAL**  
8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9  
Richardson Auditorium,  
Princeton University  
(609) 258-5000  
• Works of Peter Schickele, Laura Grubb and Carlos Chavez, performed by Princeton Pro Musica. Adults \$27, \$22; senior citizens \$22, \$20; students \$10, \$8.

**MUSIC FOR**  
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4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11  
Unitarian Church  
4 Baldwin Ave., Summit  
(908) 273-3249, 273-8499  
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**MUSIC FOR LOVERS**  
8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10  
State Theatre, New Brunswick  
8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17  
Count Basie Theatre, Red Bank  
3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18  
Symphony Hall, Newark  
(800) ALLEGRO  
• Love-song themes of Saint-Saens, Faure, Tchaikovsky and other composers, performed by the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. Adults \$42-\$23; students (30 minutes before showtime) \$5. Group rates available.

**POMERIUM**  
8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11  
Kirkpatrick Chapel, Rutgers University, New Brunswick  
(908) 932-7511  
• Renaissance music from Antwerp, sung by a University of Notre Dame ensemble. Free admission.

**PEE WEE RUSSELL**  
**MEMORIAL STOMP**  
12:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18  
Hyatt Regency Hotel  
2 Albany St., New Brunswick  
(201) 543-2039  
• Daylong tribute with the Harlem Blues and Jazz Band, Wooster Street Trolley, Orphan Newsboys, Ray Alexander Quartet and Allentown Jazz Ensemble. Admission \$20.

**RUTGERS JAZZ ENSEMBLE**  
8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18  
Nicholas Music Center, Rutgers University, New Brunswick  
(908) 932-7511  
• Featuring university musicians. Free admission.

**SCHUBERT MEETS BRAHMS**  
8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15  
Morris Museum, 6 Normandy Heights Rd., Morristown  
(201) 538-8069  
• Works of Turina, Schubert and Brahms, performed by a New Jersey Symphony Orchestra quartet. Museum members \$21, non-members \$28.

**SHADES OF HARLEM**  
8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15  
Wilkins Theatre  
Kean College, Union  
(908) 527-2337  
• Re-creation of Harlem from its "golden age" of the 20s and 30s. Adults \$13, senior citizens and Kean employees \$9, Kean students \$8.

**MARK SHANE**  
8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9  
Watchung Arts Center  
Watchung Circle, Watchung  
(908) 783-0190  
• Jazz pianist performs in a gallery setting. Admission \$10.

**STUDENT VOCALISTS**  
4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11  
Pingry School  
Route 52B, Bernards Township  
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• Featuring ensembles from Pingry, the Delbarton School (Morristown), the Hill School (Pottstown, Pa.) and the Westover School (Middlebury, Conn.). Free admission.

**FREDERICK URNEY**  
8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17  
Nicholas Music Center, Rutgers University, New Brunswick  
(908) 932-7511  
• Tenor sings the Schwanengesang and other lieder of Schubert. Adults \$10, senior citizens and Rutgers employees \$8, Rutgers students \$4.

**WESTMINSTER CHOIR**  
**COLLEGE FACULTY**  
3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11  
Tappin Auditorium,  
Princeton University  
(609) 258-5000  
• Faculty recital, featuring works by Brahms, Sibelius, Schubert and Joseph Marx. Free admission.

**WESTMINSTER**  
**SYMPHONIC CHOIR**  
8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10  
Princeton University Chapel  
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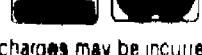
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## BOURBON STREET CAFE

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• Night Train, Feb. 9.

• Voodoo Rhythm Kings, Feb. 10.

• Terrence Simien & The Mallett Playboys, Feb.

14.

• Nathan Williams & The Zydeco Cha-Chas,

Feb. 15.

• Lucky Seven, Feb. 16.  
• The Gotham Playboys, Feb. 17.

## CATCH A RISING STAR

Hyatt Regency Hotel  
Route 1, West Windsor  
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Headline comedy.

• Greg Pegg, Feb. 11.

• Kirk Noland, Feb. 13-18.

## CHIMNEY ROCK INN

Thompson Ave., Bound Brook  
(908) 356-2807

• Johnny Charles, Feb. 17.

## CITY HALL COFFEEHOUSE

City Hall, Hoboken  
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• Professor and Maryann, Feb. 18.

## CLUB BENE

Route 36, Sayreville  
(908) 727-3000

• Peter White, Kirk Whalum, Marc Antoine, Rick Braun, Feb. 9.

• Jackie (The Jokeman) Marting, Feb. 10.  
• Gerald Albright, Everett Harp, George Howard, Walter Bessley, Feb. 10.  
• Keith Hamilton Cob, Mark Consuelo, Feb. 17.  
• Slaughter, Feb. 18.

## THE CLUBHOUSE

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(908) 768-9267

New Life Circle, Thursday.

• Heaven's Soul in the New World, Feb. 9.

• Fighting Gravity, Feb. 10.

• Good Girls Don't, Feb. 16.

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## COACH N' PADDY

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• Sound of Magic, Feb. 9.

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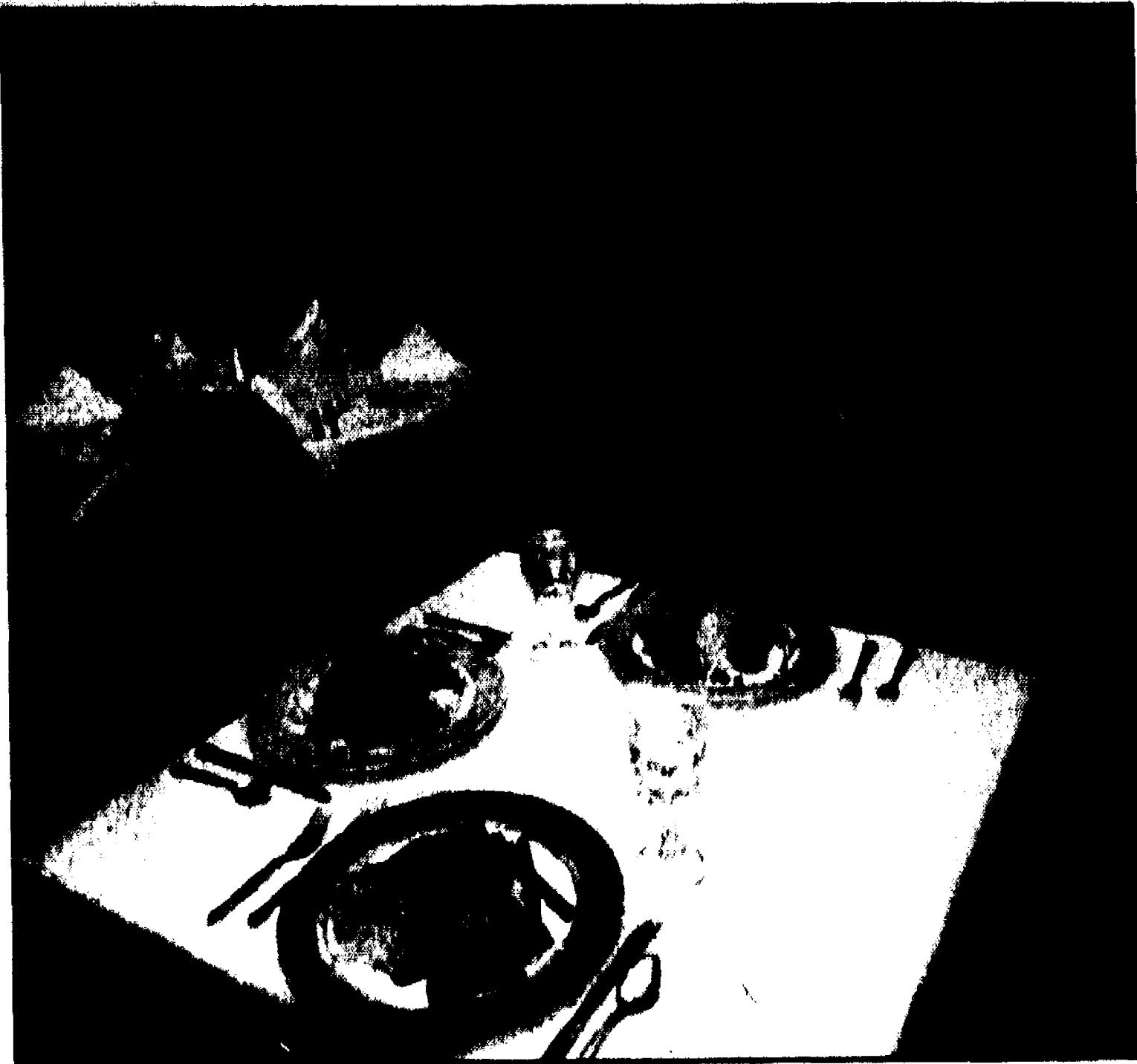
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BY PHYLLIS NECKEL

Weekend Plus culinary correspondent  
**O**ne would assume a restaurant successful enough to celebrate its second anniversary would stay the course, resting on its laurels. Yet Japiens in Bedminster has put its laurels aside and revamped its space, dividing into two separate entities: Japiens American Bistro and Bedminster Delicatessen & Catering.

Chefowners James, Pete and Nick, whose initials led to the name Japiens, have decided to serve their customers in a more personal way. The new dining area, once just the formal part of the restaurant, has become more intimate through baffle walls, a built-in alcove and a subdued green/gray and pink decor. The breakfast/diner area has been converted to the deli/catering shop, separated from the restaurant by a wall and its own entrance.

The new menu in the bistro, American in accent, includes French and Italian details, and the specials will often offer a Polish, French or Ukrainian delight. Their desire is to offer "creative selection in a personal setting" and to that end the chefs have "melted all we know into a new concept of an American bistro."

The dinner menu incorporates two soups every day, plus 12 appetizers (\$4.50-\$7), including Maryland-style crabcakes, salmon, ca-

lamari, salad, lobster ravioli, penne and fettucini recipes, and brie and mozzarella specialties. All are available in entree size (\$10.50-\$13), thus adding to the regular entree choices of four-cheese chicken, honey-lemon salmon, pork medallions, veal cutlet, steak Diane, swordfish and shrimp (\$14-\$17.50). Add to that the five specials of the day — always a highlight — which always include two fish and two pasta dishes, and something out of the ordinary Friday and Saturday, such as beef Wellington, rack of lamb, seafood ravioli or Provencale. All entrees come with salad, vegetable and potato.

The lunch menu has a huge selection of salads (\$4-\$8), cold sandwich served with pasta salad and pickle (\$8), hot sandwiches such as the increasingly popular croissant sandwich, burgers, french dip and hot pastrami — all served with french fries, cole slaw and pickle (\$5.50-\$7.50). For those who want to make it a special luncheon, there are entrees of penne and chicken in vodka cream sauce, shrimp quesadillas, spinach fettuccini, four cheese chicken and jumbo shrimp stuffed with crab meat (\$7-\$9.50). Again, there are always specials to add to the menu; the smoked turkey sandwich made with focaccia (pizza crust) is a hearty, very tasty delight.

I have never been disappointed with a meal here. Portions are gen-

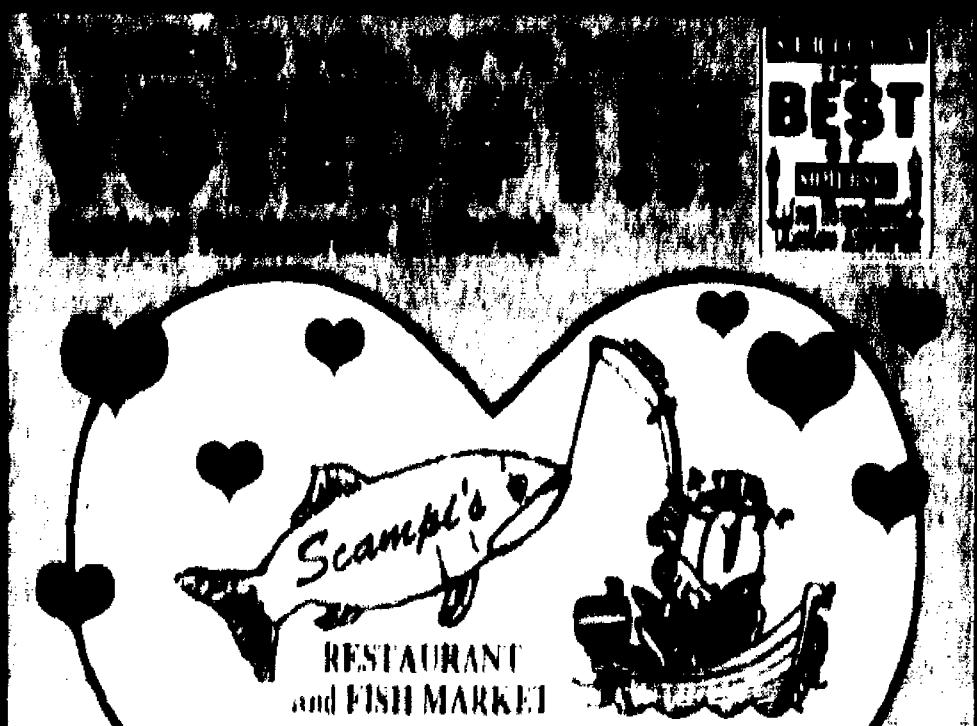
erous, flavorful and interesting. The new menu seems only to make a good thing better. While many of the recipes are a bit rich, the chef is happy to take in dietary needs of diners and, in addition, offers all fish blackened, broiled or poached. Service is friendly yet efficient and beautiful new plates make the presentation all the more exciting.

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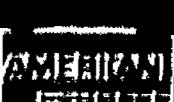
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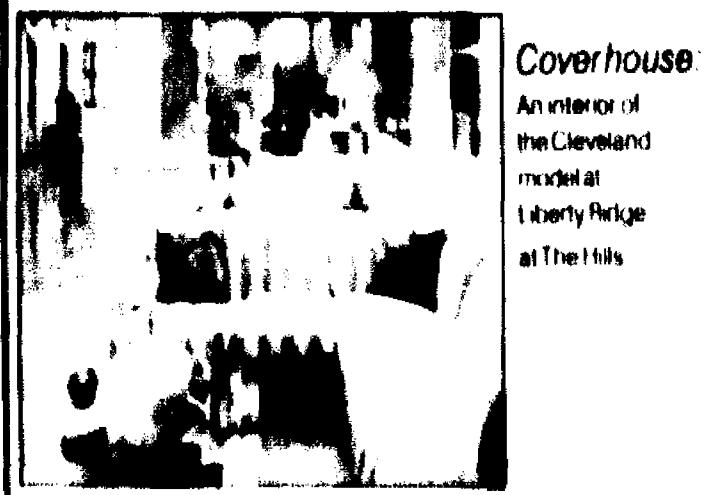
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## Homeowners remodel to enhance family lifestyles

By PAUL W. KAUSCH

SPECIAL TO FORBES NEWSPAPERS

Now more than ever, homeowners are tearing down walls to make their homes brighter, more open and more compatible with their family-oriented lifestyle.

According to experts at The Remodelers' Show, sponsored by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and co-produced by the NAHB Remodelers Council and Remodeling Magazine, more walls are tumbling down in the '90s for enhanced light and conversation.

Most remodeling projects are triggered by a major life event, such as marriage, the birth of a first or third baby, the children moving out, or an elderly parent moving in. Homeowners remodel to update outdated homes, to add a kitchen/family room, to add a bonus room for teenagers to keep the kids at home, to bring in views of the outdoors and natural light, and to add a bath so parents don't have to share one with the kids.

The more than 7,000 homeowners who entered the 1994 Better Homes and Gardens/NAHB Remodelers Council Home Improvement Contest spent a total of \$184 million in home improvement projects, or an average of \$26,063.

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Most were married couples and the median family income was \$68,000.

Remodeling consumers are growing more budget conscious. In the 1994 contest, the mean cost of seven of the nine categories declined from 1992, only whole house remodelings and additions increased.

To hold costs down, homeowners are doing up front and finish work themselves, such as demolition and painting. Another way homeowners save money is by shopping for materials long before the project starts and picking up items on sale, for example, savvy homeowners may buy cabinets from a showroom when the store changes displays.

Homeowners are also paying for their projects out of pocket more, rather than going into debt to finance them. In 1994, 44 percent of the jobs entered in the contest were financed with personal

savings and nearly 30 percent were paid for during the course of the project. Just 23 percent used a bank loan or second mortgage. In the 1980s, 40 percent of the projects were financed with loans.

Homeowners are remodeling kitchens more than any other room in the house. In the BH&G survey, the average kitchen remodeling job cost \$17,000; space was typically not added, but walls were knocked down to open the

kitchen to a dining or family room. Bathroom remodelings cost an average of \$12,000 and also were usually carved out of existing space. Today's baths include whirlpool tubs that are comfortable but not oversized, and large, walk-in showers with natural light.

When homeowners did add space, they typically added family rooms, master suites with baths, exercise rooms with spas, hobby rooms and laundry rooms.

Other interior trends include using glass block in rooms other than the bath to add light, transoms over French doors, and big windows so the view of the outdoors can be enjoyed.

Mr. Kausch is chairman of the Remodelers Council of the Community Builders Association of New Jersey. He is the owner of Kausch Contracting and Remodeling, located in Edison.

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"This means there will be a price increase as we move into the second phase," said Mary Boorman, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Gale, Wentworth & Dillon, builders and developers of The Hills. "We invite homebuyers to shop early, while there are still choice locations in the first phase, and take advantage of the homes we have for early move-in dates. We currently have opportunities for 90-day delivery."

Two of the homes now under construction are the Cleveland de-

sign, a home that has particular appeal to homebuyers whose children have grown. Here is a home that incorporates all of the amenities experienced homeowners are used to with a size that many empty nesters are looking for.

"The Cleveland's first floor master suite is something that many homeowners will readily appreciate," Ms. Boorman said. "This suite enjoys privacy from the other first floor rooms, and features its own entry vestibule, cathedral ceilings, large windows with elliptical overheads, and an invitingly large master bath with soaking tub, separate shower, dual sinks and enclosed water closet. It's an opportunity for convenient all-on-one-floor living, but with the luxury and privacy of two additional bedrooms on a second floor."

Because of a generous use of windows throughout the first floor, the Cleveland can be flooded with sunlight. A dramatic configuration makes this an inviting home for entertaining. The dynamically angled entry way is flanked by a formal dining room on one side and a living room with a volume ceiling in the other. The entryway leads straight through to the spacious

two-story great room with its fireplace and adjoining breakfast room off the kitchen. This room is overlooked by a loft which can easily be used as a study or a sitting area. Two and one-half baths, a laundry room, and a two-car garage make the Cleveland a great family home as well.

"There is a model of the Cleveland for people to see," Ms. Boorman added. "We've decorated our model in russet and bronze colors that suggest the warmth and hospitality of the American Southwest. We feel the Cleveland's innovative design is greatly enhanced by such a dramatic look."

Liberty Ridge's appeal is enhanced by its location in The Hills, a magnificent 1,800-acre residential community in Bedminster and Bernards Township. The community has its own village convenience shops and a new recreation facility complete with clubhouse, swimming pool, and tennis courts.

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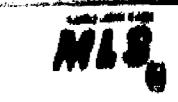


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## SOUTH PLAINFIELD

129 W HENDRICKS BLVD SOLD TO WOJCIECHOWSKI, EDWARD & ANN M FOR \$170,000 ON 10-12-95 BY BARTFALVI, MICHAEL E & SUSAN

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Donald P. Eisen and Charles Klatskin will present "The 1996 Office and Industrial Forecast for New Jersey" at the annual meeting of the New Jersey Chapter of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP) 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15 at the Radisson Hotel in Somerset.

Mr. Eisen is the senior managing director for the Metropolitan New York area of Cushman & Wakefield. Mr. Klatskin is chairman of the The Charles Klatskin Co., formed in 1968.

Registration is \$70 for NAIOP members and \$90 for non-members. For more information and registration, call Susan Lipton at the NJ-NAIOP office at 417-0010.

Century 21 Moretti Realty in South Plainfield will be sponsoring a seminar on Estate Planning and Living Wills on Monday, Feb. 12. The program is designed to offer tax and legal information to past clients and friends, said broker Guy Moretti.

Fred Bongiovanni, a CPA with Bongiovanni and Company, and Thomas Lanza, Esq., of Thatcher and Lanza, will be the speakers for the evening. The seminar will be held 7 p.m. at Sherbans Diner on Front Street in South Plainfield. The general public is welcome to attend. To reserve a seat, call 755-5300 and ask for Toni or Ol.

## RealEstate Notes

To find out how to join a marketing leader and discover the personal and financial satisfactions of a career in real estate, attend **Welchert Realtors'** free Success Seminar 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15 at Welchert's Westfield office, 185 Elm St.

Current trends, as well as the future outlook for the real estate industry, will be covered. For those considering a real estate sales career, the seminar will offer information on obtaining a real estate license. Those who already have a sales license can find out how to increase earnings and become a top producer, said office manager Bob Albanese.

For more information, or to make a reservation, call Mr. Albanese at 654-7777. Welchert Realtors will also hold career seminars in Hillsborough on Monday and in Metuchen on Thursday, Feb. 22.

John Bendall of Weidel Realtors' Bridgewater office recently attended a two-day educational and networking event to learn the latest skills and techniques to better serve his clients.

The "Sell-a-bration" seminar, held in Nashville, Tenn., was presented by the Residential Sales Council of the National Association of Realtors. The event is an intense, information-packed series of workshops and sessions presented by the most highly regarded speakers in the country. The program provided up-to-date tools and skills needed to provide the best service in the real estate industry.

Carol Taylor, district manager for Coldwell Banker Schlotz Realtors New Homes Division, was recently named the 1995 Associate of the Year by

the Builders Association of Northwest Jersey. She was awarded this distinction for her outstanding commitment and dedication to the Association and the building industry as a whole.

Mary Ellen O'Boyle, a broker associate in Burgdorff Realtors' Westfield office, has been awarded the Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) designation by the Residential Sales Council of the Realtors National Marketing Institute, an affiliate of the National Association of Realtors.

A real estate professional for more than 12 years, Ms. O'Boyle has earned numerous sales awards throughout her career, including the New Jersey Association of Realtors' Million Dollar Sales Club Silver Achievement Award for 1994, requiring at least \$8 million of business in a single year.

Mark Heflin has recently joined the Bridgewater office of RE/MAX Preferred Professionals as a sales associate. With 15 years of real estate experience, Mr. Heflin specializes in the listing and sale of residential property in Somerset County, with a focus on Quailbrook and surrounding communities.

Mr. Heflin joins RE/MAX from Prudential Golden Key Realtors, where he was named to the New Jersey Association of Realtors Million Dollar Club from 1991-1994, achieving the Silver Level in 1993 and 1994.

Joseph Giudice, of Welchert New Homes & Land in Morris Plains, has been named "Associate of the Fourth Quarter, 1995" by the New Jersey Builders Association (NJBBA) for his achievements on behalf of the Association.



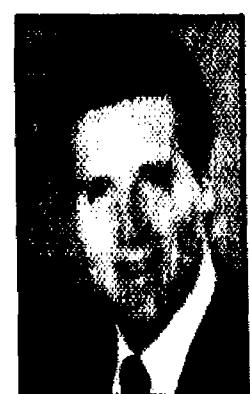
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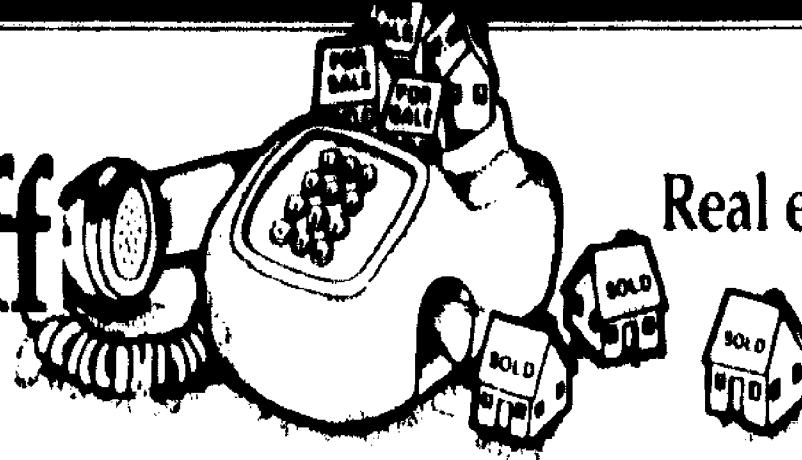
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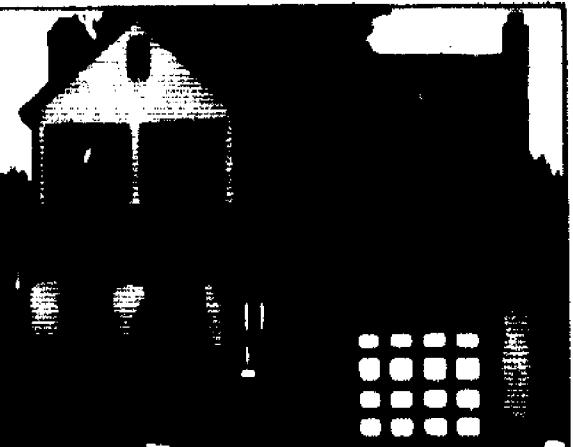
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**MAGNIFICENT RANCH**  
Lookin for 1 floor living? This custom ranch features formal LR and DR, rec room plus family room with fpic, 5 spacious BR, 1st fl laundry, office 20 x 40, inground pool and much more  
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**4 BEDROOM CAPE**  
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**BUNNY SPLIT!**  
3 BR, 1 1/2 bath split level, updated kitchen and bathrooms, quiet circle, bright and sunny and ready for you to move in. Also features CAC, new roof, large family room  
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Westfield **1**  
**TOTALLY RENOVATED**  
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