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Briefs

Veterans group installs officers

Union County Chapter 688 of the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) recently installed its 1996-97 officers.

Taking the oath of office were John Ferry, president; Jerry Hughes, first vice president; Bob Clark, second vice president; Mike Wisniewski, treasurer; and secretary Joe McCourt.

Also installed were Board of Directors members Paul Carro, Bill Duffy, Pete Hogaboom, Ed Martucci, Bill Sinkowitz and Ron Thatcher.

VVA Union County Chapter 688 meets 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at American Legion Post No. 3 on North Avenue.

All Vietnam-era veterans are invited to attend the meetings. For more information, call Bob Clark at 499-9796.

Sons of Revolution group meet Tuesday

The September meeting of the Westfield Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will feature Robert E. Miller in a presentation on the battle of the Monitor and the Merrimac.

The chapter will meet 8 p.m. Tuesday in the community room of the municipal building.

The public is invited. Mr. Miller's great-grandfather commanded the gun turret on the Union's Merrimac in the epic Civil War engagement between the iron-clad ships at Hampton Roads, Va., in 1862.

Membership in the Sons of the American Revolution is open to men who can trace their family history to a member of the Revolutionary military force.

Coats sought to aid the needy

The third annual coat drive, sponsored by the Community Service Committee of the Westfield Board of Realtors, will begin Monday, Oct. 7.

All styles and sizes of coats and jackets are welcome. Among the recipients will be Cranford Family Care Association, Westfield Neighborhood Council, Fanwood-Scotch Plains Social Services, the Salvation Army, Westfield Department of Human Resources and an AIDS shelter.

Coats and wraps may be dropped off at the Westfield Board of Realtors office, 767 Central Ave., no later than Thursday, Oct. 17. For more information, call 232-9000.

Back-to-school nights planned

Parents and guardians of students in the public schools are invited to attend back-to-school night at their children's schools. The following schedule has been announced:

- Tonight: Jefferson School, 7:30 p.m.; Wilson School, kindergarten, 7:30 p.m.;
- Sept. 25: Edison Intermediate School, 7 p.m.; Washington School, second-fifth grades, 7:30 p.m.;
- Sept. 26: Westfield High School, 7:30 p.m.;
- Oct. 2: McKinley School, kindergarten-third grades, 7 p.m.; fourth-fifth grades, 8:30 p.m.; Wilson School, third-fifth grades, 7:15 p.m.; first-second grades, 8 p.m.;
- Oct. 3: Roosevelt Intermediate School, 7 p.m.; Tamaques School, 7:30 p.m.;

Regina Afifi honored for essay

Regina Afifi, nursing supervisor at the Westfield Center, Genesis ElderCare Network, was recently selected as a final list in the third statewide Long Term Care Week Essay Contest.

Ms. Afifi wrote an essay on "The Joy of Caring."

Train station work under way

\$6.1 million NJ Transit project will close several parking spaces

By KAREN BITZ
WESTFIELD RECORD

Construction at the train station began this week in an effort to make commuting easier for the estimated 1,400 daily riders who board the Raritan Valley line in Westfield.

NJ Transit plans to improve accessibility at the station by raising the platforms at the station to the same elevation as the train

cars. Riders now have to climb a set of stairs to reach the cars.

The inconvenience to passengers will be minimal, NJ Transit spokesman Steve Coleman said.

"People might have to walk a little bit farther down the platform to board," he said. "We'll be doing a lot of off-peak work."

During the off-peak times between 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and on weekends, one track may be shut down at the station. All the work is

slated to be completed by the end of 1997.

The \$6.1 million project complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act, which requires transit companies make their facilities accessible to disabled people.

Funds for the work will come from the state's Transportation Trust Fund and the Casino Revenue Fund.

In addition to the platform project, a new pedestrian tunnel will be built under the tracks, along with elevators at either side of

the new tunnel to allow passengers who have trouble climbing steps to access the higher platforms.

The station building also will be brought up to the standards required under the federal law. Improvements include renovations to the restrooms, the expansion of doorways and the creation of a low-level writing surface near the ticket window.

The construction will require the closing (Please turn to page A-2)



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Life in the 18th century

Thomas Sherry of the Miller-Cory House Museum on Mountain Avenue shows Carolyn Avis, 10, and Emily Ortuso, 9, how rope was made in the 18th century Sunday. Samantha Avis, 6, seems to be a little sidetracked from the demonstration.

Neighborhood to get its place in history

Kimball Avenue district near approval

By KAREN BITZ
WESTFIELD RECORD

What do former mayor Henry W. Evans and library founder Emma Bridges have in common? Both lived in Victorian homes on Kimball Avenue earlier this century.

Residents of Kimball Avenue take great pride in the historical significance of their neighborhood, and now they are only one step away from being able to officially celebrate this distinction.

Last week, the Town Council unanimously passed the first reading of an ordinance to establish the Kimball Avenue Historical District, and, unless there is serious public opposition, the ordinance will be officially adopted at the next council meeting Tuesday.

By establishing this district, the neighborhood is encouraging people of a certain mind to move into the area, Kimball Avenue resident Pat Velderman said.

"It attracts restoration minded residents," he said.

A member of the Westfield Historic Review Commission, Mr. Velderman was a key player in creating and submitting the proposal to create the district.

The district would include the portion of Kimball Avenue between Elm Street and Lawrence Avenue. Originally, the proposed

district was much larger, Mr. Velderman said, but organizers decided a smaller district would be easier to establish. "We decided to focus more on this area because of commonality of the houses."

The homes in the proposed district have more to offer historically than their former tenants. All of the homes, except for one, were built between 1880-1900, and typify late 19th century Victorian architecture, a housing style representative of West-

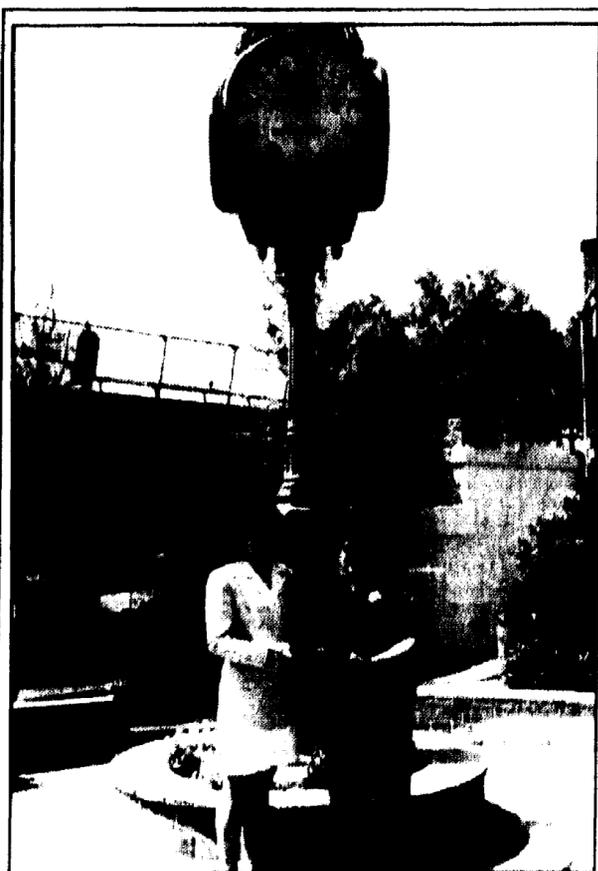
field's development of the town from a rural community to a suburban commuting town.

Interest in making the neighborhood a historical district was the result of a love of the Victorian style and a fear of encroachment upon it, Mr. Velderman said. Many residents fear that zoning laws and subdivision will take the charm away from the neighborhood.

"A lot of us had bought these houses because we like Victorian houses and brought back certain features," he said.

While the ordinance would not indefinitely protect the houses from alteration, some restrictions would apply. For example, changes to the exterior must go under a review under a set of guidelines. If the action is acceptable to the guidelines, the homeowner will re-

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Sign of the times

Ellen Ramer of Martin Jewelers in Cranford shows a \$13,000 Rolex watch to Police Officer Joseph Costanzo of Westfield Police's Benevolent Association No. 90. The watch will be a hole-in-one prize at the PBA's second annual golf outing at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield on Monday, Oct. 7. For more information on the outing, call Mike Patrick at 241-9300 or Capt. Owen McCabe at 789-4017.

SAT scores rise over last class

By KAREN BITZ
WESTFIELD RECORD

The hard work of Westfield students, teachers and parents has apparently paid off once again.

At Tuesday's Board of Education meeting, Acting Superintendent of Schools David Tuller gave a presentation in which he announced the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores of the Class of 1996 showed significant increase over the scores of the previous class. The scores were assessed by the Educational Testing Service (ETS).

The average 1996 scores are 5 points higher in verbal and 12 points higher in math.

"Anyway that you characterize it, the SAT scores are very impressive for the Class of 1996, and this is a trend we would like to keep up," Mr. Tuller said.

According to ETS guidelines, any increase or decrease of five points or more is a significant change. Any lesser change should be regarded as chance.

Westfield's scores rank high in comparison to national and state averages as well. Verbally, Westfield's average of 554 is significantly higher than both the state average of 496 and the national average of 505. Westfield's math results averaged 568, compared to a 505 average in New Jersey and 508 in the nation.

"We are thrilled with the latest figures we've received. These increases reflect the hard work and achievement of our students, the commitment of our faculty and the support of parents in the community," Board of Education President Susan Jacobson said following the presentation.

In other business, David Rock, assistant superintendent in charge of curriculum, presented the results of the High School Proficiency Test for the 1995-96 school year. Of the 278 students who took the test, 96 percent passed the reading section and 97.8 percent passed the math section.

"As always, we are above the state mean," Dr. Rock said.

Public schools will be closed for students and teachers Monday in observance of Yom Kippur.

4-H schedules annual pansy sale

The 4-H program of Union County will hold its fourth annual pansy sale 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Sept. 25-27, at the 4-H office, 300 North Ave. East.

Pansies can be planted now and will flower until December; they thrive in a spot that receives a half-day of sunlight.

"Crystal Bowl" pansies, the special hybrids offered by the 4-H Club, will flower again in March. The plants are in 4-inch pots and have several flowers on them. They are available in red, white, yellow and blue.

Plants are \$2.50 each and some lower priced plants may also be available. For more information, call the 4-H office at 954-9884.

Fall fix-up

Now's the time to think of home and garden

Special section inside



Grudge match

WHS and Scotch Plains boys soccer teams clash

See Sports, page A-10



Spirit of competition

Where and how to have fun watching pro football

See Weekend Plus

Kimball will get its place in history

(Continued from page A-1) receive a certificate of appropriateness saying the action is acceptable. If the certificate is not issued, the homeowner must wait six months-one year before altering the exterior.

"The idea is to offer guidance and encouragement, not take away property rights," Mr. Velderman said.

All 15 homeowners in the district approve of the proposal.

Mr. Velderman was unable to forecast how the districting would affect the neighborhood. While being registered as a historical district will not increase the market value of the homes on Kimball Avenue, the demand for the security the district offers may increase actual selling prices.

"The houses may become more valuable because restriction in development and knowing the area is not going to change. People like stability when they buy a house," he said.

Mr. Velderman said the districting should improve the attractiveness of the town as a whole and will hopefully attract people who care about housing.

If approved, this will be the first local historical district made in Westfield since allowance was made for them in 1984.

Town to repave Elm Street between North and Walnut

By KAREN BITZ
WESTFIELD RECORD

WESTFIELD — Motorists will soon no longer have to face potholes and cracked cement when traveling on Elm Street.

In October, the town will repave the portion of Elm Street between North and Walnut avenues. The project is a continuation of the 1993 paving of Elm Street between Dudley Place and Walnut Avenue, Town Engineer Ken Marsh said.

The funds for the \$86,000 job will come out of the state's Transportation Trust Fund. Westfield applies each year for a grant from this fund to finance roadwork, Mr. Marsh said.

"We usually get one road project per year," he said.

The exact start date of the project will depend on how fast the state does the paperwork, according to Mr. Marsh. He estimates the project should begin in early to mid-October and last about three weeks.

The street will be repaved with the milling and paving process in which mill is put on the street to wear down the old pavement, but some digging will still occur.

"We'll see a certain amount of excavation because there are old blocks under the street," Mr. Marsh said.

In the meantime, the closing of the street will create a tough traffic situation, Mr. Marsh said, but it will save residents and town officials a lot of aggravation in the long run.

"We spend a lot of time filling potholes and such now," Mr. Marsh said.

Lutheran church holds back-to-school worship

WESTFIELD — The Youth Group at Redeemer Lutheran Church hosted a back-to-school worship service Sept. 4 at the church. Students, teachers, families and friends gathered to celebrate the beginning of a new school year in a new building.

In his opening remarks, Pastor Paul Kritsch welcomed everyone, reminding them of the importance

of both academic and Christian education. His sermon carried the message that in today's world it's OK to be different. He urged his listeners not to let the world set standards for them, and told them to "learn to change and keep Jesus in your hearts everyday."

The evening was filled with music, song and inspiration as the children performed a skit and accompanied each other on piano, flute and guitar.

Holy Communion was celebrated and prayers were offered for all schools, public and private.

Redeemer Lutheran Church is located on the corner of Clark and Cowperthwaite, across from Roosevelt Intermediate School.

For more information, call 232-1517.

Used children's clothing is sought

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Day Care Center Auxiliary is seeking donations of used children's clothing for its annual sale in October.

The sale will be held 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11 and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12 in Westminster Hall at Presbyterian Church.

Clothes must be clean and in

good condition. Sizes needed are newborn-12.

Donations may be dropped off 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the center, 140 Mountain Ave., or the infant center, 462 W. Broad St.

Proceeds will provide scholarships for children whose parents need help in obtaining quality day care.

For more information, call 232-6717.

Train station work under way

(Continued from page A-1) of 28 long-term metered and 28 permit parking spaces on the east-bound side of the train. NJ Transit and Westfield officials are already looking for alternate long-term parking space, said Town Engineer Ken Marsh.

"We can make a few up in areas where we have a wider lane along a curb," he said. "We also may change a few short-term spots to long-term."

The project will be built in five phases to minimize disruptions to service. The first phase, which will take about 18 weeks to complete, will be the construction of the pedestrian tunnel and the elevators. The construction of the platforms will follow phase one.

The project is part of NJ Transit's long-range plan to renovate its 35 biggest stations to comply with the federal act by 2008, NJ Coleman said.

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Stray cat fails to develop rabies

By KAREN BITZ
WESTFIELD RECORD

WESTFIELD — The parents of two young children who were attacked by a stray cat in Jacques Park in August are finally able to breathe a sigh of relief.
After 14 days of observation, the cat was released from quarantine for rabies, Health Official Robert M. Sherr said. The cat showed no signs of infection.
Because the cat failed to exhibit signs of infection, the parents no longer have to feel the threat of rabies.
While they are grateful their children are healthy, the parents feel the wait for this good news could have been avoided.

The parents urged the Health Department to test the cat as soon as it was captured, but the department chose to follow state guidelines by putting the cat under observation.
In order to test the cat, it would have had to have been killed. The parent whose 2-year-old daughter was attacked Aug. 26 feels the Health Department cared more about keeping the cat alive than the health of the children.
Instead of waiting idly during quarantine period, both parents began a cycle of rabies vaccination shots on their children, a process that is both painful and expensive.
"Had they tested the cat, my daughter wouldn't have had to go through the shots," the little girl's father said.
The other victim was a 2-year-old boy. His

mother said she stopped the vaccination cycle as soon as quarantine was lifted, but her son had already endured five "very adult-sized" shots.
"Swifter action could have been taken to prevent this," she said.
State guidelines recommend the animal be kept alive in quarantine if possible. In an earlier interview, Mr. Sherr said this is to ensure officials know without a doubt whether the animal is infected.
"There is a chance of mishandling, loss or something going wrong during the testing," he said.
There have been no reported cases of rabid cats in Union County since June 1995.



Jewelry is stolen from Boynton home

A Boynton Avenue residence was burglarized between 5:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 11, police said. The intruder gained entry by forcing open the back door.
Jewelry was stolen. The value of the jewelry was unavailable.

Someone attempted to break into a Delaware Street home the evening of Sept. 11, police said.
A resident said she heard someone trying to force open her back door and called out to see who was there. The resident's scream ended the suspicious activity, police said.

A woman reported \$600 stolen from her pocketbook while shopping at the Gap Saturday, police said.

The customer left the purse containing the money on the dressing room floor. When she returned to

Plainfield Avenue home burglarized

A Plainfield Avenue business was burglarized Sept. 10, police said. The burglars gained access to the building through a ground floor window.

A modem, computer, monitor and an answering machine were stolen.

Christian Garibaldi, 20, of Short Hills Lane, was found breaking into a car parked on Ravenswood Lane Sunday, police said. The suspect reportedly resisted arrest by running from police officers.

Mr. Garibaldi was charged with burglary of a motor vehicle and resisting arrest.

Westfield Police log

retrieve the purse, the money was gone.

Kyle Harin, 20, of 448 W. Broad St., was charged with underage possession of alcohol the afternoon of Sept. 10, police said.

Daniel Titus, 39, of 117 Harrison Ave., was charged with driving while intoxicated Saturday, police said. Mr. Titus was stopped on South Avenue near the Garwood border.

Several rolls of toilet paper were strewn throughout trees in front of a Cottage Place home Sunday, police said.

Scotch Plains police log

Several bicycles were reported stolen in the township, police said:

- from a Mary Ellen Lane residence Sept. 9;
- from a Hawthorne Street residence Sept. 9;
- from a Princeton Avenue residence Sept. 11;
- from a Algonquin Drive residence Saturday.

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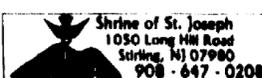
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Commentary

Check out FestiFall

Westfield's annual festival promises to be good time for all

Looking for a fun community event to take advantage of this weekend? Then check out the Westfield FestiFall of Arts and Crafts Sunday.

A tradition in Westfield for six years, the seventh annual event will offer two stages of entertainment, plenty of fantastic food, and more than 300 exhibits of crafts, art and local businesses.

Exhibitors from seven states will be on hand. Westfield exhibitors will include decorative wicker artist Ellen Zied; Joseph McKeon, who creates wall hangings; and Bridget Henck, who also sews custom table mats and decorations of velvet and tapestries. Also, sweaters knitted by Andrea Arfanis of Westfield will be sold, and Mary Lou's Memorabilia on Elm Street will show vintage accessories and collectibles.

Looking for good food? Then look no further than the FestiFall. Close to 30 food booths will tempt festivalgoers with American, Chinese, Mexican, Italian and Greek specialties. Local restaurants Hunan Wok, Ferraro's, Best Touch, Domino's and Cosimo's Pizza are planning FestiFall menus.

And, as always, there will be plenty of activities for children, including pony rides and a petting zoo.

All this will happen noon-6 p.m. on Elm, East Broad and Quimby streets. Admission and parking are free.

Turn on lights for safety

Whatever happened to New Jersey's "wipers on, lights on" law for motorists? You know, the one that received so much press last winter. It rained Friday and Tuesday. It also poured. So why weren't all drivers flicking on their lights for safety?

After taking drives down South Avenue both days, it became obvious that people aren't taking the AAA-endorsed law seriously. About half the motorists we saw on South Avenue were not using their headlights.

It also looks like police are not enforcing the law. We saw a few police cruisers drive past motorists who were breaking the law. And surprisingly, the motorists were not stopped. It would seem that driving without lights in the pouring rain is as dangerous as speeding a little bit, yet police usually won't hesitate to pull someone over for driving a little too fast.

For everyone's safety, we'd like to see all drivers use their headlights when it rains. And we'd also like to see our police officers let a motorist — whether it's through a stern warning or a fine — that "wipers on, lights on" is New Jersey's law.

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The newspaper is here to serve you. We invite your participation in putting the news together. The following information should help you see your ideas and community news in print:

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Neil Krupnick was incorrectly identified on Page One in last week's Westfield Record.

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We prefer letters to be typed and double-spaced and no more than 250 words. If it is not possible to type a letter, please print neatly. Because of the chance of misinterpretation, we will not accept letters that are handwritten in cursive.

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Letters to the editor

Magazine editor criticizes editorial on school rankings

To The Editor:

Your Aug. 29 editorial says the high school rating in New Jersey Monthly's September issue is unfair to districts in poor neighborhoods. I'm surprised you are so willing to accept the superficial excuses for poor school performance.

You assume the reason schools in poor areas don't perform well is because students from those areas are hard to educate, because they are less capable due to their backgrounds.

I completely disagree. And I'm a little dismayed that you think it's OK for educators to stand at the schoolhouse door and decide that some schools and students won't perform well because of their backgrounds. That mindset smacks of bias.

I believe every child can achieve, and I think it's the job of educators to set high standards and then make sure every student meets those standards, regardless of race, gender, ethnicity or socioeconomic background.

Your editorial, however, implies that you already know which students will achieve even before they

reach a classroom.

And finally, you say you support a school's decision not to release information about its performance. Frankly, I'm shocked you would take that stand.

Schools are public institutions that soak up millions of our tax dollars. They have an obligation to provide data about their performance, even if they don't like what the public might do with it.

What if we were talking about the Department of Defense, and some general decided not to tell us how much a B-2 bomber costs because he didn't like what we might do with that information? We'd be outraged. Yet that type of behavior from school officials is tolerated.

We spend \$12 billion a year on schools in this state. Parents, citizens and taxpayers have a right to know how their schools stack up. A lot of people feel they're not getting that type of information from the schools, so I'm happy to help.

JENNY DE MONTE
Editor
New Jersey Monthly

Walk will benefit diabetes research

To The Editor:

On Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 5-6, thousands of walkers from New Jersey and all across America will take a hike to benefit the American Diabetes Association. They'll be making every step count by taking part in Walktoberfest — our annual 5- to 10-mile walk-a-thon that raises money for diabetes research.

More than 16 million Americans — a half-million in New Jersey alone — have diabetes, a disease that impairs the body's ability to process sugar from food into energy needed for daily life. Half of the people with diabetes don't even know it.

Untreated, diabetes can lead to complications like blindness, kidney disease, heart disease, stroke, and leg or foot amputations. Diabetes is the fourth leading cause of death by disease in the United States and there is no cure.

Our goal for Walktoberfest is to raise important contributions for the research that will help us find a cure for diabetes, and to raise public awareness about its risk factors and warning signs. But we're not in it alone.

Hundreds of individuals and members of corporate teams have already signed up for this important event, and we'd like to invite your readers to join us too.

For more information on Walktoberfest, or to sign up as a walker, sponsor or volunteer, call the American Diabetes Association, New Jersey Affiliate Inc., at (800) 254-WALK today.

HOWARD GOLDSTEIN
President
American Diabetes Association
New Jersey Affiliate

Westfield's Jardim, Walsh deserve support

To The Editor:

I was reading Ferdinand Gajewski's letter in the Aug. 29 Westfield Record and I had to laugh. He talks of the decline of Westfield. He mentions ever-increasing high taxes, poor public services and disregard for the environment.

Then he urges you to vote for the same people, if not the same party, that is currently running Westfield! The same people who voted to increase your taxes and destroy your public lands.

We are at a crossroads. Don't be fooled. It is time

we look for a change for the better of all Westfield, not just the elite few.

This is why we need to elect Tom Jardim for mayor and Jack Walsh in the 3rd Ward.

Let's stop the good old boys network.

Again, thanks for pointing out the problems to your fellow Democrats. Next time, you should indicate the party in office and those people currently running Westfield, since we should hold them responsible for these problems.

MICHAEL C. WOLSKI
Westfield

Thanks to Ellen Cahill for writing story

To The Editor:

I wanted to take a moment to thank Ellen Cahill for the heartwarming story she wrote in the Scotch Plains-Framwood Press regarding Michelle and David Miksis.

The response has been most rewarding. We have received furniture, dishes, tableware and lots of good

clothes for Jonathan and the baby due. Toys galore have been received (he loves them all), and we have to pick up a crib and dresser next week.

Michelle is so grateful, she cries all the time. Again, thanks to Ellen for getting the ball rolling.

LAURA D. SWIDERSKY
Recreation Commission
Scotch Plains

Thanks for supporting the Thrift Shop

To The Editor:

The volunteers of the Fanwood Scotch Plains Service League would like to acknowledge the fine support we have received for our Thrift Shop in Scotch Plains.

The high quality of clothes and house furnishings of all kinds donated to the Thrift Shop have pleased

the shop's customers.

Sales have led to profits, which in turn have enabled the Fanwood Scotch Plains Service League to donate to local and county charities each year.

DONOTHY BANDOLA ON BEHALF
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Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League Thrift Shop



Mistaken parking priorities

The other day I went to a supermarket and was startled to see several spaces directly in front of the door reserved for mothers with toddlers or babies. Meanwhile, elderly people who were ineligible to use the handicapped spaces, yet were hampered by arthritis or other infirmities, limped across the parking lot from the farthest spaces.

It appears motherhood is now on a par with being handicapped. Amazingly, these "toddler spaces" are closer to the front door of the market than some of the handicapped spaces are.

Anyway, I went into the store and told the manager, "I applaud your actions in caring about your customers, but why are you giving young mothers exclusive parking, rather than assisting the infirm and the elderly? I think your efforts are noble, but misdirected."

Except I didn't word it that eloquently, because I was annoyed. In fact, I committed the ultimate journalistic no-no: I told him I was so angry, I intended to write a column about it.

There is a saying, "The pen is mightier than the sword," and it's true. But journalists are not supposed to go around threatening people with our Bics (or IBM compatibles, as it were). I apologize for that.

The manager was polite and accommodating, but firm about the store's policy of assisting young mothers (who, I'm sure, buy a lot more groceries than old Mrs. McDowell. Hmnnnnnn.) However, he said, he would pass along my complaint, and so on. Basically, I hit a brick wall.

Look, those who choose to have children do so because they have (supposedly) carefully weighed the pros and cons and have decided they can cope with the difficulties of parenthood.

You become a parent and everywhere you go, you lug diapers, toys, strollers, bottles, baby wipes and snacks. Every time you get out of the car, you take them out of the car seat and load them into the stroller.

You come back out of a store, load your trunk and then spend five minutes strapping in the kid while people honk at you for your space.

So who said parenting would be easy? You knew it was going to be tough. You've been observing parents for years, so you realized when you decided to become one that certain things were a big pain in the tush. But you did it anyway, because you wanted children so very much.

The elderly and infirm don't have a real choice. They grow old and walking is harder, shopping is horrendous and some of them shouldn't even be driving, but they do it anyway because some have no one to help them and some are just proud of their independence.

By the way, these toddler spaces are not required by law as handicapped spaces are. They are just a courtesy, the manager stressed, and you won't be ticketed for parking there.

I urge people who are old, ill or even have a temporary disability, such as a broken leg, to use these spaces and show the store how they should be used.

As far as those of us who are healthy are concerned, I don't expect anyone to boycott the local supermarket, because that's unrealistic, but I hope you'll complain to the managers until they give these spaces to the people who need them.

I can't bear seeing a frail, white-haired lady wending her way slowly across the lot while a young mother bounces out of her car, plops her child into a shopping cart, and strides into the store.

It's to their credit that many of the young mothers in my borough, to whom I've spoken feel the same way and have chosen not to use these spots.

Births

A daughter, Alexandra Michelle, was born to Kim and Peter Tavis of Scotch Plains at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville July 9, 1996.

A daughter, Jennifer Rose, was born to Frank and Denise Uzzolino at St. Mary's Hospital, Langhorne, Pa., Jan. 7, 1996. She weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces. Grandparents are John and Mary Ann Uzzolino of Scotch Plains and William and Elaine Monaghan of Piscataway.

A son, Jackson Whitaker, was born to Lisa and Glen DuMont of Westfield at Overlook Hospital in Summit April 29, 1996. He joins his brother Alex, 3. Grandparents are Jack N. Kelly of Huntsville, Ala., and Barbara and Carl DuMont of Scotch Plains.

A son, Ryan Richard, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Weber of Westfield at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield July 21, 1996. He weighed 8 pounds, 10.5 ounces and measured 21.25 inches. He joins his sister Rachel Lynn.

Maternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. John Herguth. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Krizer of Westfield. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Balogh of Irvington.

A son, Patrick, was born to Stephen and Robyn Teal of Westfield at JFK Medical Center in Edison June 28, 1996.

A daughter, Lisa, was born to Michael and Mona Hanna of Scotch Plains at JFK Medical Center in Edison Aug. 6, 1996.

For a birth announcement form, call Forbes Newspapers at 276-6000 or write P.O. Box 826, Cranford, N.J. 07016. Birth announcements can also be obtained by stopping by the office at 102 Walnut Ave., Cranford.

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David Wroe to conduct Oct. 19 symphony concert

WESTFIELD — Maestro David Wroe will conduct the Saturday, Oct. 19 premiere of the Westfield Symphony's "Season of Grandeur and Romance."

A native of Great Britain, Mr. Wroe recently held the position of assistant conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and holds the position of music director of the Kansas City Camerata.

The concert will include "The Moldau," by Smetana; Symphony No. 9 ("New World Symphony"); "Prelude to Die Meistersinger" by Wagner; and "Romeo and Juliet" by Tchaikovsky.

The concert is sponsored by Merck at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway.

Mr. Wroe has conducted the New York City Ballet and numerous major symphonies such as the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, the

Kansas City Symphony Ballet Orchestra, the Tanglewood Music Center Orchestra and the New England Conservatory Symphony Orchestra.

He has toured in London and Paris with the Boston Symphony Chamber Players and served as cover conductor for the San Francisco Symphony.

Mr. Wroe was a finalist in the recent First Leonard Bernstein Jerusalem International Conducting Competition. In addition, the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra voted Mr. Wroe the "Orchestra's First Place Choice" and has invited him to return in March with guest narrator Claire Bloom in a program that will include Mendelssohn's complete *Midsummer Night's Dream*.

He devotes much time to music education and played a prominent role in the Boston Symphony

Youth Orchestra Concerts. He is a judge for the Music Assistance Fund administered by the American Symphony Orchestra League and has given master classes at Harvard University.

At Tanglewood, Mr. Wroe worked with the Tanglewood Music Center Orchestra and the Boston University Tanglewood Institute.

Individual concert tickets and subscriptions for the "Season of Grandeur and Romance" are available by calling 232-9400 or at ticket outlets in Westfield, Clark, Rahway, Scotch Plains, Cranford and Summit.

Users on the Internet can learn more about the Westfield Symphony's season and guest artists by visiting the symphony's home page at www.westfieldnj.com/wso.

Ehrlich appointed at school

WESTFIELD — Iris M. Ehrlich of Westfield was recently appointed director of White Meadow Temple Nursery School and Kindergarten in Rockaway.

Mrs. Ehrlich brings more than 18 years of experience in early childhood education. She began her professional career as a kindergarten teacher in the Irvington public schools. For the past 10 years, she has been head teacher at Temple Emanu-El Nursery School in Westfield, where she has also served as director of the summer camp.

A graduate of Bayonne High School, Mrs. Ehrlich holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Jersey City State College, and she has a master's degree in early childhood education from



IRIS EHRLICH

Kean College.

She is a member of numerous professional associations and was elected to Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society in education.

Mrs. Ehrlich lives with her husband, Gene, and two daughters, Debbie and Robyn.

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WESTFIELD — Storytime on Elm, the children's bookstore in downtown Westfield, kicks off its third year with a storewide sale to show customers its appreciation for their support in helping the store get off to a solid start throughout its first two years.

In addition to children's books for toddlers through young adults,

Storytime on Elm carries a variety of music, toys and games.

"At Storytime on Elm, we take pride in selecting the best that's out there for children," said owner Elaine Zack.

"In the past two years, we've offered author visits, programs and storytimes. Now we want to say thanks in another way — with our

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TOWNS HOLD FARMERS MARKETS



Stanley Skeba of Skeba Farms catches a watermelon tossed to him from a truck at Westfield's farmers market.

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Jersey produce ripe for the picking

By KAREN BITZ
FORBES NEWSPAPERS

New Jersey farmers have brought a touch of the country to suburbia by setting up farmers markets in area towns, including Westfield and Scotch Plains.

The markets give farmers an opportunity to sell their products, while giving suburbanites a chance to purchase freshly picked produce.

The North Jersey Farmers Market Council, an organization dedicated to the promotion of New Jersey agricultural products, plans the market by acting as a liaison between the farmers and the towns. The council was created four years ago as part of the state's effort to market agricultural products, said Ronald Good, a spokesman for the council.

This year, Westfield began holding a market 2-7 p.m. Thursdays on the South Avenue side of the train station, where each week about five or six New Jersey farmers sell produce.

Councilwoman Gail Vernick, who was chiefly responsible for the implementation of the Westfield market, first came across a farmers' market last year in Millburn and thought such an idea would be perfect for Westfield.

"I thought the citizens of Westfield would enjoy having the New Jersey farm fresh produce picked 24 hours before coming to their table," she said.

Meanwhile, Katherine Brohier, executive director of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, attends the Westfield market weekly and said the chamber is supportive.

"There's nothing like having a nice lit-

tle outdoors thing to add a little spice to summer," she said. "Its popularity is amazing. You really have to get there early now or all you'll find left are a few moky cucumbers."

Scotch Plains hosts its market, which four farmers attend, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays in the police department's parking lot on Park Avenue. Now in its third year, the market has become a tradition in town, said Ray Pardon, president of the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association.

"We start it earlier each season because people look forward to it," he said.

Farmer Jim Van Handler, who sells produce in Westfield and Scotch Plains, said the markets begin getting crowded immediately after it starts and remain busy until the end.

"The people love us being here and we

love to come. It's a way for them to get fresh stuff and us to make money," he said. Mr. Van Handler farms 360 acres at Harvest Hill Farm in East Windsor.

In compliance with the council, farmers are allowed to sell only New Jersey-farmed products. Both Westfield and Scotch Plains will only allow the farmers to sell fresh fruits and vegetables and not baked goods or fresh flowers, so as not to create competition with the downtown merchants. The type of produce for sale changes as the crops change, Mr. Van Handler said.

"The peach and melon season is ending. Soon we'll be bringing pumpkins, winter squash and a lot of apples," he said.

Matty Fuerst, who farms 50 acres on Sunhaven Farms in Hillsborough, has come to Westfield weekly this season. As

a member of the council, Mr. Fuerst is able to choose which towns he wants to sell his produce. He said he is happy with his decision to sell in Westfield.

"This is a pretty good market, and it's catching on fast," Mr. Fuerst said.

To recruit farmers, each town sends applications to the North Jersey Farmers Market Council, which contacts farmers interested in selling goods. In order to operate, the farmers pay the towns an annual registration fee plus an additional fee for each visit.

Both the Scotch Plains and the Westfield markets will run until the end of October. Other towns with similar markets are Millburn, Rahway and Somerville.

"The markets give a nice aspect to shopping and living in a small town," said Mr. Pardon, of the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association.

Congregation pulls together to renovate church sanctuary

By KAREN BITZ
FORBES NEWSPAPERS

WESTFIELD Members of First Congregational Church of Westfield dug deep into their hearts and pocketbooks to show their love for their church.

Members recently pledged a total of \$350,000 to renovate the church's sanctuary.

The project included installing an air conditioning unit, a full paint job, the laying of new carpet and replacing the heating unit.

Exterior renovations were also done to improve the look of the church buildings.

Rev. Dr. John G. Wightman said he taken pleasure in how the church members showed their sup-

"These are our folks that love our church and wanted to make it happen."

Rev. Dr. John G. Wightman
First Congregational Church

port of the church.

"These are our folks that love our church and wanted to make it happen."

The church celebrated the renovation Sunday during special ser-

vices, led by Rev. Wightman. Fifteen church leaders participated in the ceremonies, and more than 250 people attended.

The idea to renovate was conceived earlier this year, and the project got under way quickly, Rev. Wightman said.

"We knew we had to do something soon."

Almost 600 members make up the congregation. The church is also home to Mothers Morning Out, two Alcoholics Anonymous chapters and other local groups.

The church was founded in 1880, and the first sanctuary built in 1882.

The current building was built in 1980. This is the third major renovation the church has undergone.



Allida Woods, the church school superintendent; Barbara Thomson, the music director; Rev. Wightman; Lori Bierman; and Margaret Dawe at First Congregational Church.

AUGUSTO F. MENEZES/THE RECORD

David N. Tyre, 78 Presbyterian Church and Exxon official

WESTFIELD — David N. Tyre, 78, who served on the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and was manager of human resources for Exxon Corp., died Sept. 16, 1996 at his home.

He graduated from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania in 1939. Mr. Tyre served in the Navy in the Pacific early in World War II, then became an instructor at the Navy Supply Corps School at Harvard University later in the war. He transferred to the Naval Reserve after the war and held the rank of captain on his retirement from the military.

He joined the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey (now Exxon) in 1945. Mr. Tyre worked in Manhattan; Elizabeth; Bayonne; Caracas, Venezuela; Houston, Texas; and Brussels, Belgium. He was manager of human resources when he retired from Exxon in 1982.

Mr. Tyre was born in Philadelphia, Pa., and had lived in Westfield since 1964. A former trustee

of the American Lebanese University in Beirut, Lebanon, he coordinated admissions for the University of Pennsylvania in Union County. He was a longtime member of Presbyterian Church of Westfield and a member of the board of Presbytery of Elizabeth.

He held membership in the Echo Lake Country Club; the Westfield Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution; the University of Pennsylvania General Alumni Society; the National Executive Service Corps; and the International Student Exchange.

Surviving are his wife, Janet; two sons, Philip of Clearwater, Fla., and Steven of Newtown Square, Pa.; a daughter-in-law, Lynn of Newtown Square; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service will be 4 p.m. Sunday at Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave. Memorial contributions may be made to the Overlook Hospital hospice or the Memorial Fund of Presbyterian Church.

Arrangements are by the Gray Funeral Home. There is no visitation.

Gail Ellen Gilday, 42 Translator; assistant VP of a bank

WESTFIELD — Gail Ellen Gilday, 42, died Sept. 10, 1996, at her home. A translator, she had operated the Transprose Translations firm in Westfield for the past three years.

She was born in Newark and had lived in Westfield since 1954.

Ms. Gilday joined the Chase Manhattan Bank in 1979 and was an assistant vice president in its Latin American division in Manhattan when she left the bank's employ in 1987. She received a bachelor's degree in Romance languages from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1975.

She also was a volunteer at Washington School and a member of the American Translators Association.

Surviving are her husband, Peter Bourke; a daughter, Amy; a son, Steven; her parents, Raymond J. Gilday and Claire Curtin Gilday of Westfield; a sister, Patricia C. Gilday-DiProspero of Fanwood; and three brothers, James R. of Hoboken, Thomas D. of North Kingstown, R.I., and Daniel J. of College Park, Md.

Funeral services were held Friday at the Congregational Church of Westfield, of which Ms. Gilday was a member. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Colonial Home. A memorial fund in Ms. Gilday's name has been established at the Congregational Church for Doctors Without Borders.

Doris Ahl Rutledge, 61 A data processor with Cosmair

WESTFIELD — Doris Ahl Rutledge, 61, died Sept. 4, 1996 at the Clark Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. She had been a data processor for more than 20 years at the Clark offices of Cosmair Inc.

Mrs. Rutledge was born in Carteret and lived in Westfield before moving to Clark in 1959.

Surviving are her husband, Stuart W. of Clark; three daughters, Laurie Esposito of Ho-Ho-Kus,

Lynn Voss of Hawthorne and Lisa Kerwin of Waldwick; and a sister, Claire Schierle of Westfield.

Services were held Sept. 7 at the Walter J. Johnson Funeral Home, Clark, followed by a funeral Mass at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Hawthood Cemetery, Clark.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad.

Les Kriz, 83

Trumpet player in dance orchestra

WESTFIELD — Les Kriz, 83, died Sept. 12, 1996 at Community Medical Center in Toms River. He played the trumpet for five years during the 1940s with Les Brown & His Band of Renown.

Mr. Kriz was born in Newark. He lived in Maplewood, Scotch Plains and Westfield before moving to Avenel in 1976.

He joined the Glens Falls Insurance Co. in 1957 and worked at its Newark office until his retirement in 1977.

Surviving are an aunt, Martha Baranek; an uncle, Robert Stava; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held Monday at the Union Funeral Home-Lytwyn & Lytwyn. Burial was in Hollywood Memorial Park, Union.

Sophie Risack Berman

Austrian native; recently of Westfield

WESTFIELD — Sophie Risack Berman died Sept. 12, 1996 at Rahway Hospital. She was born in Austria.

Mrs. Berman lived in Newark, Irvington, Elizabeth and Somerset before moving to Westfield.

Her husband, Joseph, is deceased.

Surviving are a son, Harold; two daughters, Claire Weg and Thelma Portnoff; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a brother, Herman Risack.

Graveside services were held Sunday at Mount Lebanon Cemetery in Iselin. Arrangements were by the Menorah Chapels at Millburn, in Union.

Obituaries

Orin Virgil Earhart, 96

An Army officer during WWI

WESTFIELD — Orin Virgil Earhart, 96, died Sept. 14, 1996 at the Clark Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. He was a second lieutenant in the Army during World War I and worked for the former Western Electric after the war.

Mr. Earhart was born in Shadeville, Ohio. He lived in Columbus, Ohio; Chicago, Ill.; and since 1927 in Westfield.

He was with Western Electric at its Chicago and Kearny plants from 1923-65. Mr. Earhart earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Ohio State University in 1923.

He also was a trustee of First United Methodist Church and a head usher for services. He was a past monarch of the Groto Lodge, MOVPER, in Newark, and for 70

years a member of Lodge 476, Free & Accepted Masons, in Humboldt, Ohio.

Mr. Earhart held membership in the Telephone Pioneers of America, the Old Guard of Westfield and the American Red Cross chapter in Westfield.

His wife, Mary Naomi Earhart, died in 1977.

Surviving are two daughters, Patricia L. Kelly of Westfield and Helen A. Sterling of Cleveland, N.Y.; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday at the Gray Funeral Home. Burial was in Hollywood Memorial Park, Union.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army.

William J. Coogan, 78

Marine Corps officer; CIA agent

WESTFIELD — William J. Coogan, 78, died Sept. 15, 1996 at Jersey Shore Medical Center in Neptune. He had been a decorated Marine Corps officer in World War II and a senior agent with the Central Intelligence Agency after the war.

He was born in Jersey City and lived in Westfield before moving to Avon-by-the-Sea in 1995.

Mr. Coogan was awarded a Silver Star for valor on Iwo Jima and a Bronze Star for valor on Saipan during the war. He also was awarded two Purple Hearts for wounds suffered in wartime combat and held the rank of major on his discharge from the Marines in 1948.

He joined the CIA in 1948 and was the senior agent in charge of the Agency's office in New York City office when he retired in 1978. Mr. Coogan graduated in 1948 from John Marshall College, in Jersey City, and in 1951 from the Rutgers School of Law.

Surviving are his wife, Marie Murray Coogan; a son, William J.; three daughters, Maryelyn Chapman, Kathleen Calabro and Meg Blake; and five grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated yesterday at St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church, Avon-by-the-Sea, following services at the O'Brien Funeral Home in Wall.

Jewel Donichy Willson, 96

Secretary to legislator, freeholders

WESTFIELD — Jewel Donichy Willson, 96, died Sept. 1, 1996 at the Rae-Ann Suburban Nursing Center in Westlake, Ohio. She had been a secretary to Florence Dwyer, a state assemblywoman and U.S. representative, during the 1950s.

Mrs. Willson was born in Newark and lived in Westfield before moving to Ohio. She also was a secretary

for the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders in the 1950s.

Surviving are two daughters, Earline McNeil and Betty Jackson, both of Westfield; six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Another daughter, Eleanor Chabak, and a sister, Elizabeth Greeley, are deceased.

A memorial Mass was celebrated Friday in Henderson, Nev.

William J. Macaluso, 69

Headed insurance underwriters' group

SCOTCH PLAINS — William J. Macaluso, 69, died Sept. 17, 1996 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. He had been an insurance agent and a past president of the Surety Underwriters Association of New Jersey.

Mr. Macaluso was born in Boston, Mass., and lived in Medford, Mass., before moving to Westfield in 1965. He had resided in Scotch Plains since 1992.

He joined Seaboard Surety Inc. in 1946 and was a district manager in its Springfield offices when he left in 1981 to found the William J. Macaluso Agency. During World War II, he served in the Navy aboard the USS Harmon in the Pacific.

He was a member of the Plainfield Country Club, in Edison, and

the Professional Insurance Agents association. Mr. Macaluso was a parishioner of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

Surviving are his wife, Jane Dunn Macaluso; three sons, William D. of Tokyo, Japan, John of Westfield and Robert of Falmouth, Mass.; and three grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. today at Holy Trinity Church, 315 First St., Westfield. Burial will take place 2 p.m. tomorrow in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Falmouth.

Arrangements are by the Dooley Colonial Home in Westfield. Memorial contributions may be made to Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Road, Mountaintop, N.J. 07092-2590.

DAR chapter will meet tomorrow

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Helen M. Morrison, 74

Native, longtime resident of Westfield

WESTFIELD — Helen M. Morrison, 74, died Sept. 12, 1996 at Northwest Covenant Medical Center, Dover General Campus, in Dover. She was born in Westfield and lived in the town before moving to Budd Lake in 1976. Miss Morrison formerly was a parishio-

ner of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Surviving are two nephews, John C. Jr. of Greenwich, Conn., and Michael S. of Tulsa, Okla.

A requiem service was held yesterday at St. Paul's. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements were by the Gray Funeral Home.

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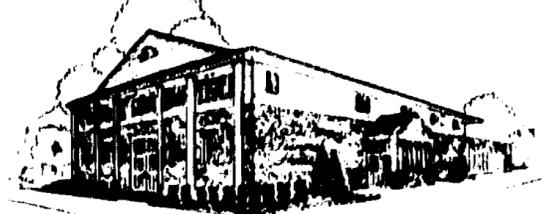
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Let's rock

The Westfield School Booster Association will present the Fabulous Grasseband, "A Rock 'n' Roll Revue," Saturday, Oct. 12 at the Westfield Armory. For 20 years, the Fabulous Grasseband, an eight-member party band, has been performing rock 'n' roll dance music from the 1950s-'80s. Proceeds from this event will be used to help support all the sports programs at Westfield High School. During the past 30 years, the Boosters have provided more than \$150,000 in sports equipment and Scholarships for high school students. Tickets are available at Taylor and Love Realtors, Athletic Balance, or by calling Stan Ciemniecki at 654-7398.

Campus notes

For more campus notes, see page A-9.

Julia A. Coronella, daughter of Charles and Sheila Coronella, formerly of Fanwood, received her doctoral degree in molecular genetics from the University of Southern Florida.

Dr. Coronella graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in 1983, attended Syracuse University and received her bachelor's degree in biology from North Carolina State University.

Dr. Coronella has accepted a position at Harvard University, where she will serve as a Harvard Fellow. She will concentrate on cancer-related research in Harvard Medical School's gene therapy laboratory.

Dr. Coronella's parents now live in Phoenix, Ariz. Her father is a former Fanwood councilman.

The Wardlaw-Hartridge School has announced the following area lower school students have achieved the honor roll for the entire year:

Grade 6 - Kate Abramson and Becky Zakian, Scotch Plains; and Stefanie Forman and Peter Jeydel, Westfield.

Grade 7 - Kate Duddy, Westfield; Alex Galitzer, Fanwood; Meggie Kaplan and Samantha Schackman, Scotch Plains.

Mark A. Greco of Fanwood and Victor O. Otunuya of Scotch Plains graduated from New Jersey Institute of Technology May 17, 1996. Mr. Greco received a master of science degree in management. Mr. Otunuya also received a master of science degree in management.

Sue Ann Jankalaw and Michael Jackson of Scotch Plains, graduate students in Fairleigh Dickinson University's master of business administration program, have just completed an intensive two-week graduate seminar in international business at FDU's British campus.

Colleen Spotts of Scotch Plains has been named to the honors list at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Florham-Madison campus. To qualify, a student must have a 3.5 or better grade-point average out of a possible 4.0.

Elizabeth A. Boyle of Scotch Plains and Michael S. Ewing of Fanwood received degrees from the University of Scranton at its 108th commencement ceremony May 28, 1996.

Katharine R. Andrews, a member of the Class of 1996 at William Smith College in Geneva, N.Y., was named to the dean's list for the 1995-96 academic year.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Andrews of Scotch Plains.

Natasya Wachtel, daughter of Nomey and Peter Wachtel of Scotch Plains, was named to the spring 1996 dean's list at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Ms. Wachtel is a member of the Class of 1997, majoring in developmental psychology and comparative literature through the bachelor's degree with individual concentration program at the university.

She is also a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society and the Alpha Lambda Delta honor society, and has served as vice president of the Honors Student Association at UMass. She also is an Honors Commonwealth Scholar.

Ms. Wachtel graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in 1993.

Parker Greenhouses schedules 'Mum Festival'

Parker Greenhouses in Scotch Plains will hold a "Mum Festival" Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 28-29.

The festivities begin 8 a.m. with hayrides, gardening seminars, horticultural demonstrations, contests, prizes, a petting zoo, refreshments and more.

Parker will also display and sell thousands of home-grown mums as well as other items.

A guest appearance will be made on both days by nationally syndicated WOR radio garden expert Ralph Snodsmith. He will answer gardening questions, and autograph his most recent book. There will be other surprise guest appearances as well.

Parker Greenhouses is located at 1325 Terrill Road, off Route 22. For more information, call 322-5555.

Program to show how to invest

"A Step Ahead," a program for those who wish to learn how to invest, will be held tonight at the Scotch Plains Library and Wednesday at the Westfield Y. Both programs begin 7:15 p.m.

The seminar is designed to help people make sensible investment choices.

The program is free, but space is limited. For more information, call Renee Golush or Steve Tebeleft at Dean Witter at (800) 347-5018.

Residents invited to use computers

Residents of Scotch Plains and Fanwood are invited to use the school district's Macintosh computer labs again this year.

The labs will be open for community use, free of charge, on the following Wednesdays:

Oct. 9 - Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School; Oct. 23 - Park Middle School; Nov. 6 - Terrill Middle School; Nov. 20 - Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, and Dec. 11 - Park Middle School.

The labs will be open 3-5 p.m. A district technology assistant will be available at each session to provide brief lessons and help participants use the software. To reserve a place in the lab, call

Briefs

Terrill School at 322-5215, Park School at 322-4445 or Scotch Plains-Fanwood High at 889-8600.

Alumni group meets Tuesday

The first regularly scheduled meeting of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Alumni Association will be 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room C-101 at the high school.

Kristi Hawkins will be guest speaker. She was co-chairwoman for Project Graduation in June, and has been involved with Project Graduation at the high school since it began in 1988.

Ms. Hawkins will talk about the inception of the party and what it takes to keep it going each year.

Dues for are \$5 yearly and \$50 for a lifetime, and are valid September-August. A portion of each member's dues goes toward the Scholarship Fund.

The association produces a newsletter that is sent to all paid members several times a year that covers current information on the high school, association news and members from all classes.

For more information, call John Gausz at 322-8442 or Elena Zlata Harper at 322-5863.

Friends of library to hold fund-raiser

The Friends of the Fanwood Library will hold its annual fund-raiser 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday,

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Proceeds will be used toward the library's technology initiative being developed by the Technology Committee.

The committee is investing electronic circulation, cataloging and library management software and hardware for use in the library.

Lisa Hayes, Friends representative on the committee, said, "This summer, the library was awarded a grant from the state to purchase two multimedia computers for the library. In the coming year, we hope to make additional recommendations on electronic resources to bring a virtual library to Fanwood."

Donations for the book sale may be dropped off at the library any time. Used books in salable condition are needed including recent publications, paperbacks, children's books, games and toys. Used videos, compact discs and cassettes will be accepted.

Old textbooks and mildewed, damaged books or magazines are not acceptable.

Volunteers are also needed to sort, set up, sell and clean up. If interested, call 322-6400.

Arts, crafts sale set at Ashbrook

A community arts and crafts sale will be held 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6 at Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 1610 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains.

A bake sale and 50/50 drawing will also be held. Bagels and coffee will be sold in the morning, and hot dogs, hamburgers and cold drinks will be sold 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Vendors may purchase tables for \$10. For more information or to reserve a table, call the activities department at 889-5500.

Registered nurses group to meet

The League for Educational Advancement for Registered Nurses (LEARN) will hold its next meeting 7:45 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30 at All Saints Episcopal Church, 599 Park Ave. in Scotch Plains.

The speaker will be Karen Cepero, R.N., emergency room/critical care coordinator at Jersey City Medical Center.

Yearly membership for LEARN is \$30. The single meeting guest fee is \$8. For more information, call Betty Rosman at 272-7238.

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Neighbor council plans event

WESTFIELD — A buffet dinner and "Oldies but Goodies" dance will be held by the Westfield Neighborhood Council 7:30-11:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Westfield High School gymnasium, 550 Dorian Road.

Ticket are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. To reserve tickets, call 233-2772.

Founded in 1969 as a community-based nonprofit organization, the Westfield Neighborhood Council strives to support the traditional values of church, family and schools by providing programs for children, teens and adults in the neighborhood.

The Student Tutorial and Enrichment Program (STEP) provides afterschool homework assistance, tutoring, cultural activities and recreation. This summer, more than 60 children attended the Summer Day Camp at the center on Caciola Place.

Campus notes

Todd William Flannery of Plainfield, who attended Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, was named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Johns Hopkins University.

Mr. Flannery, a biology major, will graduate in May 1998. He is the son of William Flannery and Mrs. Betty Lynch.

Scotch Plains residents Avi Daniel Horev and Anthony Temeles were named to the 1996 spring semester dean's list at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.

Fanwood residents Michael Francis Campion and Lori Stacy Gelfand received bachelor's degrees from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.

Rachel Davis, daughter of Edward and Susan Davis of Fanwood, was named to the 1996 spring semester honors list at Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa.

Janet Cheung of Scotch Plains was named to the 1996 spring semester dean's list at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham-Madison campus.

Donald G. Lewis III, son of Dr. and Mrs. Donald G. Lewis Jr. of Fanwood, was named to the 1996 spring semester dean's list at Hartwick College, Oneonta, N.Y.

Danielle Masar of Scotch Plains, was named to the 1996 spring semester dean's list at Ithaca (N.Y.) College.

Joseph Wallace Parker of Westfield was named to the 1996 spring semester dean's list at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.

Stacey Leandra Cunningham received a bachelor's degree in in-

dustrial engineering with honors from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.

Gregg Gagliardi, son of Michael and Rosemary Gagliardi of Westfield, was named to the 1996 spring semester honors list at Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa.

Jeffrey M. DeVito of Westfield was awarded first honors of the Marist College dean's list for the 1996 spring semester. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominic DeVito.

Maria Lynn Dalrymple of Westfield was named to the dean's list for the spring semester at the College of St. Elizabeth in Morristown.

Ms. Dalrymple is now a sophomore at the school.

Amy Sklar, a 1994 graduate of Westfield High School, was named to the dean's list for the spring semester at the University of Maryland, College Park, Md.

Ms. Sklar is enrolled in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Talbot Sklar.

Rachel Laura Stavenick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stavenick of Westfield, graduated magna cum laude with a degree in mathematics from Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass.

She was named a Sarah Williston Scholar and received the Jennifer Dawn Landry Memorial Award. She was a member of the English Handbell Choir, a class representative, and worked as a teaching assistant for the mathematics and philosophy departments.

The Westfield High School graduate began a secondary mathematics teaching position in the fall.



A united celebration

The United Fund of Westfield recently kicked off its 1996 campaign with a celebration at the home of Lois and James Pinkin. The celebration saluted the members of the Pillars Club as well as the campaign volunteers. Pictured are Mrs. Pinkin; Raymond DeRosa of J&M Market of Westfield, which catered the celebration; Susan Pepper, campaign chairwoman; and Linda Maggio, executive director of the United Fund of Westfield.

Filing deadline
SCOTCH PLAINS — Ed Evans, volunteer coordinator of the Senior Tax Program, reminds senior citizens and people receiving Social Security disability the deadline for filing a New Jersey Homestead/Tenant Rebate Tax Form has been extended to Jan. 15. Those who did not file because of low or nontaxable income should call the Scotch Plains Library at 322-5007 to arrange to have a tenant rebate tax return prepared.

Weddings



MR. and MRS. MOSKOWITZ

Lara Beth Selesner is wed to Mark Jay Moskowitz

Lara Beth Selesner, daughter of Leonard and Rita Selesner of Scotch Plains was married July 27, 1996, to Mark Jay Moskowitz, son of Gayle and Joel Moskowitz, also of Scotch Plains.

Rabbi Charles Kroloff and Cantor Martha Novick of Temple Emanu-El, Westfield, performed the ceremony at Schackamaxon Country Club.

Jill Selesner, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Mindy Moskowitz, Nancy Tepper, Alison Koser, Melissa Zemsky, Amy Marth, Barbara Feldman and Stacy Garstein. Danielle Tepper, the groom's niece, was

flower girl. David Moskowitz, brother of the groom, was best man. Ushers included Neal Tepper, Brad Jacobson, James Robinson, Ralph Tejesla, Steven Lerman, Robert Miller and Dr. Richard Luciani. Geoffrey Moskowitz was ring bearer.

The bride received her bachelor's degree from Syracuse University and her master's degree in teaching from Fairleigh Dickinson University. She is a teacher in the Livingston Public School system.

The groom attended Northeastern University and is an investment executive with PaineWebber, Westfield.

The couple reside in Springfield.

Yu family performs at convention

WESTFIELD — Four members of the Yu family of Westfield — Cindy, 20; Marina, 15; Peter, 12; and Allen, 12, were among a dozen musicians chosen from around the world to perform at the annual convention of the Chinese American Academic and Professional Society. The convention was held Sept. 12 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Manhattan.

The family debuted last spring at the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark, earning the congratulations of Gov. Christine Todd Whitman and Assemblyman Richard Bigger.

All four siblings studied piano from earliest childhood under Dr. Ferdinan Gajewski of Westfield. Cindy, Marina and Peter are expert violinists as well,

while Allen is an accomplished cellist. Stephen Wolosonovich and Leo Wang are the family string teachers.

The four have won numerous competitions, including the New Jersey Arts Challenge. Marina, Peter and Allen have played in several orchestras, and are now playing with the All-State Orchestra and the New Jersey Youth Symphony.

Several appearances are scheduled in the metropolitan area during the upcoming concert season. The Yu siblings are scheduled to appear next spring in a special program featuring a Grieg piano concerto, a Paganini violin concerto and a Dvorak cello concerto, with Marina, Peter and Allen Yu as soloists.

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You said it:

"If they don't do a good job, I'll move them back to their old jobs."

— WHS football Head Coach Ed Tranchina on his current players and former ballboys Brendan Hickey and Jay Osborne (story below)

Sports

FAST FACT

The Westfield and Scotch Plains-Fanwood high school boys soccer teams both won state titles last season.

WHS cross country squads are frontrunners

Kozub leading girls team in quest to defend titles

By JAMES REILLY
THE RECORD

As most sports fans know, numbers can be deceiving. For example, the Westfield High girls cross country team has lost nine of its top 10 performers from last year. This nugget of information would lead one to believe the Lady Devils are preparing for the dreaded rebuilding year.

But actually, the team is in pretty good shape, as evidenced by an impressive turnout of 34 girls running with the team.

"We've lost a lot of talent from last year, but we do have plenty of girls waiting for the chance to prove themselves," said Head Coach Tom Hornish. "We had a fine season last year and we'd like to duplicate that but we know it'll be a tall order. But we do have the girls who can come up with big performances for us, and we'll just have to work hard and see how we do."

Last season was indeed fine, as the Lady Devils went 17-0, in addition to winning the championships of Union County, the Watchung Conference-American Division and the state sectional title.

Senior Suzy Kozub was a key ingredient to Westfield's success last year, and is back for her final year as co-captain of the team, along with classmate Allison Totams.

Other Lady Devils currently battling to earn a spot in the top seven include senior Liz Shannon, juniors Laura Brucia, Christina Ho, Anna Dujnic, Kathryn Hintze and Susan Wilson and sophomores Sara Carpenter and Lyndsey Totams.

Several other Lady Devils are working hard to keep up with the top runners, including sophomores Courtney Stone and Tara Bhandari and freshmen Priscilla

Hurley and Heather Dennis.

"Suzy is the one girl with a great amount of experience coming back from last year," said Hornish. "But we've got some girls who've had big years. Allison (Totams) had a very good 1994 and some of the other girls have been making steady improvement."

Hornish himself has been making steady improvement since an accident last summer felled him for much of the 1995-96 season.

"Fortunately I'm not in a wheelchair this year," said Hornish. "I'm riding my bike, which makes it easier to keep an eye on the girls while we're practicing. In the wheelchair it was difficult to do."

Hornish takes to the bike because the Lady Devils train for meets by running through various routes in Westfield, sometimes running toward Route 22, sometimes toward Plainfield and sometimes toward Cranford and Garwood.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY



WHS girls cross country Head Coach Tom Hornish is spurring his team on for the upcoming season.

'Big Five' leads Devils into promising season

By JAMES REILLY
THE RECORD

A word of warning for the high school boys cross country competition: Beware the Devils of Westfield.

Last season the Westfield High boys won the Union County and Watchung Conference championships as well as the state section and Group 4 titles. And this year they may be even better.

"Our top five runners, which is the number of runners who score in a meet, are all returning seniors," said WHS Head Coach Jack Martin. "That's the first time that's happened in my coaching career, and we've had some good teams."

Martin has become a master of the understatement, especially in the last few years when Westfield High boys track has had great success. With the "Big Five" returning this year, continued success is a definite possibility.

"Our goal will be to repeat as Group 4 champions, and this group is certainly capable of doing that if they keep improving," said Martin.

Leading the team will be senior Matt Elmuccio, who placed fourth in the Meet of Champions last season as well as first place in the MOC mile in the spring.

Right behind Elmuccio is a trio of runners — Ryan Stefuk, Mike

Krug and Abdallah Simaita — who have been pushing each other to better performances while racking up the points for the Blue Devils in meet after meet. Fellow senior Chris Tafelski has been cutting the gap in fifth place for the Devils.

Other Blue Devils who have caught Coach Martin's eye with solid workouts in the preseason include Mark Matthews and sophomores Peter Angelone and Gordon Kaslusky.

With five experienced seniors currently holding the top spots, Westfield's season is full of promise.

"Seniors usually tend to think about the fact that this will be their last year with the team and things like that," said Martin. "And because of that they really have the dedication and the drive to do their best in their last shot."

But the possibility of the younger guys on the team getting discouraged with such tough competition ahead of them doesn't bother Martin.

"I don't see that as a problem," he said. "We have young kids on the team and this is an opportunity for them to see all the hard work that's needed to win. They'll need to work themselves so they can be ready when their turn comes."

And the experienced runners penciled in for the start the year for the Blue Devils appear ready for their turn.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY



Megan Clarke and her Westfield High teammates are jumping into the upcoming season with high hopes of repeating as Union County champions.

WHS gymnasts have high hopes

By JAMES REILLY
THE RECORD

Anyone up for a threepeat?

The Westfield High girls gymnastics team won its second straight Union County Championship last year with a freshman, Julie Elmuccio, leading the way.

This year, not only is Elmuccio a year older and wiser, but another precocious young gymnast, Laurie Hogan, has joined the already talent-laden squad.

"This is a great group of gymnasts we have this year," said WHS Head Coach Ellen Kovac. "And we do have a goal for the season. Thus far, the state sectional championship has eluded us. We've come close a couple of times, but we haven't quite gotten there."

Last season Elmuccio led the team to 10-2 record and the county crown while placing an impressive

GIRLS GYMNASTICS



eighth in the state individual championships. Three juniors — Megan Clarke, Kristen Mack and Diana Shineman — also return with expanded roles this season.

Other Lady Devils looking to contribute include sophomore Allison Checchio, freshman Tara Clarke (Megan's sister), senior Susan Pastir, sophomores Amy Seligman and Jane DiDonato and freshmen Allison Greene, Kathryn Solon and Jenna Ellsworth.

"The mood of the whole team is just excellent," said Kovac. "This is a very self-motivated, hard-working group."

Hogan had originally balked at

participating in high school gymnastics because of her commitments to her club team and her studies but decided to give the team a try this year.

"She's going to try it out this year and see if she can handle it," said Kovac. "I'm really thrilled to have her because I always hate it when we have a good gymnast at Westfield High and she doesn't compete on our team."

And how did the team react to Hogan's arrival?

"The girls really want what's best for the team," said Kovac. "And there's no question that Laurie is a fine addition. She'll help us meet our goals and so far the atmosphere on the team has been just terrific."

Kovac also noted a similarity between Elmuccio and Kovac.

"One thing I've seen with both girls is that they're both excellent

students as well as gymnasts," said Kovac. "That's nice to see, and I think it says something about them both."

Westfield matches its impressive lineup with top competition this season as the Lady Devils open the season today against Somerset County power Bridgewater-Raritan in addition to facing Red Bank next week. The Lady Devils will also compete in the Dayton Bulldog Tournament, as well as competing against Columbia (Maplewood), East Brunswick and Somerville.

"I think it's important to play a tough schedule, because that's how your team gets ready for big meets," said Kovac. "This team is relatively young, but I think it's talented enough to have a very successful year if we can stay healthy."

First test

Westfield and Scotch Plains soccer teams face off today

By JAMES REILLY
THE RECORD

The boots have barely been laced, and the leather is already flying as Westfield High's boys soccer squad meets Scotch Plains Fanwood today.

In a battle of defending state championship teams — Westfield won Group 4, and Scotch Plains Fanwood holds the Group 3 crown — the action promises to be at a higher intensity than your usual early season clash at Scotch Plains Fanwood High.

In the past, the two Union County powers faced off in late October, some times twice in the same week because of county tournament clashes. But because of a change in Watchung Conference scheduling the traditional showdown has been moved up.

"We usually see Scotch Plains later in the season, but not this year," said Westfield Head Coach George Kapner. "It's always a

good game and a good rivalry, and I expect it to be one of many tests we'll see during the course of the year with our schedule."

Both the Blue Devils and the Raiders boast highly skilled, deep midfield play, which should be a key area of interest today. Westfield's central midfield is manned by juniors Jason Corcoran and Kevin Mansfield. Both players are tickler with the ball than most wingers and neither one thinks twice about joining the attack.

Scotch Plains will respond with senior Mark Lowyos and junior Mike Milberger. Lowyos leads

the game as well as anyone in the county, and his pinpoint passes often pierce the heart of the stingiest defensive schemes, while Milberger adds a more mix of defensive intensity.

Offensively, junior Dylan Dupre of Westfield is the greatest threat, as Scotch Plains features untested juniors Chris Cardinal and Ted Sweeney.



Jason Corcoran and his Westfield High teammates will see if they can toe the line today in a big matchup at Scotch Plains Fanwood High.

In the back, both squads have experienced leaders with junior sweeper Adam Koster anchoring the Raider defense, and three returning defenders — stopper Mike Haly, sweeper Colin McGee and outside back Bob Schulze —

patrolling the Blue Devil back line.

Senior Drew Stoller won the job in nets for Westfield, and Jeff Gillie returns to the goal for Scotch Plains after an outstanding performance last season.

Ex-ballboys now WHS grid players

Brendan Hickey and Jay Osborne have gone from ballboys to starting varsity players on the Westfield High football team. But Head Coach Ed Tranchina isn't about to start playing favorites.

"I like to kid them," said Tranchina. "If they don't do a good job, I'll move them back to their old jobs."

This season marks a reunion of sorts as Tranchina is back at the helm of the Blue Devil football, taking over for the departed Jim Benedict. An 8-year-old Hickey started as a ballboy for Tranchina in his first stint on the sideline, and stayed with the team until he reached eighth grade, when Tranchina gave up coaching to devote his full attention to his position as athletic director at WHS.

With "Coach T" back, Hickey couldn't be happier.

"My brother Terry was on the varsity in 1989 and I used to hang around, watching practices," said Hickey, who also serves as an assistant captain on the WHS ice hockey team. "He asked the coach if I could help out, and from then on I didn't miss a practice or game. I helped with the equipment and balls, and also brought water out to the players during games."

Hickey almost missed his chance to play for Tranchina, and hopes to make the most of his opportunity.

"When Coach T stopped coaching in 1993 I was really upset," said Hickey. "I wanted to play for him,

and now I'm glad he's back."

In addition to his ballboy chores, Hickey played for the Westfield PAL from 1989-93, the school's freshman team, and as a sophomore earned a varsity letter last year.

Osborne became a ballboy in the sixth grade, when he asked his friend Hickey if he could help. Hickey talked to the coach, and Osborne was put to work immediately.

Osborne also played PAL football in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades and freshman ball. He, too, earned a varsity letter for the Blue Devils last season.

"My father played tailback for Union High School, so I guess you could say football is in my blood," said Osborne. "I can't wait to show Coach T what I can do. And you can be sure I'll treat the ballboys good."

Tranchina has marked both boys as starting varsity players, with Hickey at offensive guard and defensive end, and Osborne as a receiver and defensive back.

"When I think back, just a few years ago, Brendan and Jay were my ballboys," said Tranchina of the two juniors. "Now that they're playing for me I couldn't be more pleased. They're special to me. I watched them come up through freshman and junior varsity ball. What's even better is that they're both juniors, so I get to be with them again next year."

SCOREBOARD

Cycling for good cause

The wheels will be turning, and hopefully the cash will be rolling in, at the Westfield Armory in two weeks.

The St. Jude Children's Research Hospital's Bike-A-Thon is scheduled 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 28 at the Westfield Armory, where cycling enthusiasts can pedal for bucks in the quest for cures, better treatments and prevention of cancer.

Two dedicated Westfielders — Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fleming — are coordinating the event for the second straight year and are hoping for community involvement to make the day a big success.

"Last year we were shooting for around \$500 to \$600, and we made \$3,128," said Ray Fleming. "We don't want to throw out any dollar figure for this year, we just want to get as much as people can spare."

Cyclists or those wishing to sponsor a cyclist can call the Flemings at 382-7187 for further information. The Bike-A-Thon will consist of bike riders who get pledges of a certain amount of money per mile they ride. In the Westfield Armory 10 laps equals one mile.

Mr. Fleming was also quick to point out the noncompetitive nature of the Bike-A-Thon.

"You don't have to race continuously, either," he said. "You can stop for a while and have a drink or snack, which we'll provide at the Armory, and then get back on the bike for a few more laps if you like."

— JAMES REILLY

TENNIS LADDERS

MEN'S SINGLES

Below are the final standings of the Westfield Tennis Association Men's Singles Ladder reflecting the 35 matches completed through September 2.

Only the top 16 players completing a minimum of eight matches have qualified for the playoffs.

Playoff match scores or questions pertaining to the ladder should be directed to Alan Shinemman, ladder coordinator, at 654-2788.

- 1. Vince Camuto, 2. Ron Lyon, 3. Dwight Evans, 4. John Tirone, 5. Peter Sharpe, 6. Gary Wasserman, 7. Frank DeSantis, 8. Alan Shinemman, 9. Don Rosenthal, 10. Evin Hoel, 11. Irode Aiche, 12. David Printz, 13. Jeff Poliacik, 14. Bill Gottedenker, 15. James Gould, 16. Steve Parker, 17. Mark Daaleman, 18. Stephen Saitkin, 19. John Dalton, 20. Mel Blackburn, 21. Jim Bender, 22. Simon Lee, 23. Mike McGlynn, 24. Mike Feldman, 25. Simon Lack, 26. Vaughn Harris, 27. Dewey Rainville, 28. Mike Panagos, 29. Paul Hanas, 30. Charles Carl, 31. David Leiz, 32. Joe Sobala, 33. Jim Ostasio, 34. Steve Goodman, 35. Joe Donnolo, 36. Ted Moss, 37. Alan Lo, 38. Mike Walters, 39. Duong Vo, 40. Hugh Coleman, 41. Ernie Jacob, 42. Tom DeTrano, 43. Steve Einstein, 44. Tom McClellan, 45. Matt Power.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

The following list shows the WTA Women's Singles Ladder concluding this season. This season had a record number of 40 players who have played eight or more matches. Congratulations to the most active player, Anna Murray, with 39 matches.

Playoff matches begin immediately and each round must be completed within five days. Match scores should be reported to Jean Power at 654-7418.

- 1. Cindy Fechter, 2. Karen Dome, 3. Clara Karnish, 4. Cheryl Robbins, 5. Yvette Wagon-sommer, 6. Meghan Corbett, 7. Anna Murray, 8. Karen Fried, 9. Diane Mroz, 10. Helaine Wasserman, 11. Andrea Lowenstein, 12. Carol Grosse, 13. Sherri Bender, 14. Jan Velasco, 15. Liz Mitchell, 16. Leslie Streit, 17. Susan Mackay, 18. Monica Gundrum, 19. Ellen Shapiro, 20. Robin Bailey, 21. Kathy O'Neill, 22. Pat Page, 23. Pat Hudelson, 24. Tina Wasilewski, 25. Lisa Sharkey, 26. Terri Macri, 27. Lorraine DeSorbio, 28. Pam Lerner, 29. Janet Cornell, 30. Carole Smilie, 31. Ella Greenberg, 32. Diane Fleming, 33. Paula Long, 34. Rebecca Tamborlane, 35. Janet Koshler, 36. Lynda Sperry, 37. Diane Barabas, 38. Debbie Roldan, 39. Jill Lower, 40. Joannmarie Korn, 41. Maureen Meyer, 42. Charlotte Clevenger, 43. Ellen Smith, 44. Sarah Sharpe, 45. Linda Coleman, 46. Theo Tamborlane, 47. Melissa Gould, 48. Pat Clark, 49. Betay Hogarth, 50. Lori Smith, 51. Pamela Budz, 52. Ginny Leiz, 53. Jill Sharpe, 54. Karen Iovino, 55. Kerry Lucke, 56. Marcia Sawyer, 57. Beth Kroncke, 58. Sara Stroecker, 59. Jill Campbell, 60. Rebecca Goldberg.

MEN'S SENIOR SINGLES

There were seven matches played this period. Changes in the standings resulted not from match play, however, but from players being dropped three slots for lack of play. All players are reminded that a minimum of eight matches are required to be eligible for the playoffs. So far, only six players are eligible. Call your matches into Bruce Long 654-1874, no later than 48 hours after the match and no later than 8 p.m. Sunday for weekend matches.

- 1. John Tirone, 2. Stan Karp, 3. Evin Hoel, 4. John Dalton, 5. Irwin Bernstein, 6. Dewey Rainville, 7. Mike Panagos, 8. Mike McGlynn, 9. Paul Hanas, 10. Joe Candia, 11. Charles Carl, 12. Joe Donnolo, 13. Lowell Doak, 14. Saul Dietz, 15. Ted Moss, 16. Vaughn Harris.

WOMEN'S SENIOR SINGLES

Playoff matches have been completed among the four players eligible to participate based on having played at least eight regular season ladder matches. Final standings based on the results of the playoffs are listed below. As this was the first season of this new ladder, it is felt that a good beginning was made in the number of matches played and in the number of participants. Hopefully next season will bring even more activity.

- 1. Delores Schmidt, 2. Gert Cohen, 3. Joanne Dugle, 4. Janet Dolinger, 5. Carole Smilie, 6. Kathryn Codella Gioia, 7. Paula Long, 8. Rita Winnicker, 9. Ann Latartara, 10. Georgia Aquila, 11. Susan Parker.

MEN'S DOUBLES LADDER

The following lists teams final standings for the WTA Men's Doubles Ladder through Sept. 2. All scores should be reported promptly to Mel Blackburn at 233-6458.

- 1. Camuto/Candia, 2. Karp/Tirone, 3. Gork/Jackman, 4. Aiche/Lyons, 5. Daaleman/DeSantis, 6. Blackburn/Netravak, 7. Lo/Vo, 8. Weiss/Zack, 9. Chiesse/Cinciox.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES LADDER

Following are the standings for the WTA Women's Doubles Ladder through Aug. 18. Teams must play at least eight matches to qualify for playoffs. Please report all ladder scores within three days to Andrea MacRitchie at 654-9375. The last reporting period ended 8 p.m. Labor Day, Monday Sept. 2.

- 1. Shelly Nichole/Carol Thompson, 2. Karen Dorne/Delores Schmidt, 3. Kathy Ostrowski/Lillian Luise, 4. Pat Page/Lynne Augie, 5.

- Karen Brown/Robin Bailey, 6. Lee Perry/Cindy Fechter, 7. Ginny Luppesco/Pamela Shallcross, 8. Rebecca and Barbara Goldberg, 9. Meghan Corbett/Lauren Rudofsky, 10. Andrea MacRitchie/Eileen Mitchell, 11. Lorraine DeSorbio/Sherri Bender, 12. Patty Hudelson/Andrea Lowenstein, 13. Gert Cohen/Kitty Godella, 14. Janet Cornell/Maureen Foley, 15. Kathy O'Neill/Theresa Macri, 16. Diane Barabas/Charlotte Clevenger, 17. Susan Shusman/Lelia Bernstein, 18. Susan Fraser/Ginger Hardwick, 19. Genny Shinemman/Rikke Thompson, 20. Michelle Sit/Jennifer Foley, 21. Linda Coleman/Ginny Leiz, 22. Jayne Bernstein/Ella Greenberg, 23. Gene Einstein/Gail Berlich, 24. Susan Fraser/Ginger Hardwick, 25. Janet Rosen/Lori Smith.

MIXED DOUBLES LADDER

The following lists final standings for the WTA Mixed Doubles Ladder through Sept. 2. Only those top eight teams playing a minimum of eight matches have qualified for the playoffs. Qualifying teams will be notified of their first round opponents. All scores must be reported to Stan Karp at 232-2309 no later than 8 p.m. Labor Day, Monday Sept. 2.

- 1. Robins/Robins, 2. Boyle/Karp, 3. Valia Pizzi, 4. Shinemman/Shinemman, 5. Sharpe/Sharpe, 6. Page/Candia, 7. Myers/Darmanin, 8. Goldberg/Hanas, 9. Louie/Augis, 10. Allen/Rainville, 11. Bernstein/Bernstein, 12. Bender/Bender, 13. Logan/Logan, 14. Coleman/Coleman, 15. Clevenger/Clevenger, 16. Fischt Flynn, 17. Panagos/Panagos, 18. Morgart Lawson, 19. Parker/Parker, 20. Evans/Evans, 21. Macri/Macri, 22. Strohecker/Clarkson.

WOMEN'S GOLF

ASH BROOK WOMEN

18-Holes Handicap Stroke Play Weekly Tournament

Threw out six worst holes

Flight A

- Low Gross — Anna Chung, Rahway 85 First Low Net — Gloria Glickman, Westfield and Anna Chung 43.5 Third Low Net — Jane Jones, Fanwood 44

Flight B

- Low Gross — Joyce Bukowicz, Clark 91 First Low Net — Joyce Bukowicz 39 Second Low Net — Margaret Hickey, Cranford 41 Third Low Net — Eleanor Mulhale, Westfield 42

Flight C

- Low Gross — Doris Reinhardt, Scotch Plains 103 First Low Net — Doris Reinhardt 42 Second Low Net — Mary Hughes, Scotch Plains 44.5 Third Low Net — Barbara Doane, Westfield 49

- Low Putts — Gloria Glickman 29

Chip-Ins — Eleanor Mulhale

9-Holes Handicap Stroke Play Best ball of three Flight A

- Low Gross — Vera Shereyko, Perth Amboy 56 First Low Net — (Tie) Carol Katz, Marge Ruff, Scotch Plains and Elena Rastelli, Maplewood 26

Flight B

- Low Gross — Marge Ruff, Scotch Plains 52 Second Low Net — Alice Kehler, Westfield, Fran Pasowski, Edison, Claire Knau, Union, Cathy Blatt, Fanwood, Marian Brandtitz, Summit and Eleanor Ricciardi, Mountainside 31

Flight C

- Low Gross — Fran Pasowski 59 Low Putts — Marge Ruff 12 Chip-Ins — Marge Ruff

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GIRLS LACROSSE

The Friends of Westfield Lacrosse have announced a Cocktail Party at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cambria at 865 Standish Avenue in Westfield. Parents of girls interested in playing on the newly-formed Westfield High School girls lacrosse team are invited to attend. The cost of the party is \$5 per person and guests are asked to bring hors d'oeuvres. Contact Eileen Cambria 654-3173 or Lois Hely 233-3990 if you plan to attend.

The Westfield High girls lacrosse team will begin its inaugural season in the spring of 1997. Westfield's board of education approved this new high school sport for girls with the stipulation that this program would be self-funded. The Friends of Westfield Girls Lacrosse will be fundraising actively to raise \$15,000 to finance the sport at Westfield High. Over 50 girls have expressed interest in the new sport.

BLAZING BERNSTEIN

Irwin Bernstein of Westfield retained his 800-meter run crown at the Garden State Games at Toms River North High School Sept. 7.

Bernstein recorded a time of 2:39.8 to lead the 80-84 age group for his seventh straight victory in this event. Thirty minutes earlier, Bernstein placed third in a very fast paced 400-meter run with a time of 1:08.0 behind Shore Athletic Club teammates John MacDonald (1:03.1) and Alex Johnson (1:04.3). Bernstein's

performances in this meet qualify him to compete in the National Senior Games in Tucson, Ariz. in May.

BASEBALL REGISTRATION

The Westfield Baseball League is proposing to sponsor an instructional league for players ages 8-16. The formation of the league is dependent upon the number of interested participants per age group and field availability. Registration fee will be \$20.

The league will play Saturday afternoons in September and October. All players interested can call 233-4767 and leave name, date of birth and phone number. A representative of the WBL will then contact you with additional information.

PBA GOLF OUTING

The Westfield Policemen's Benevolent Association, Local 90, announces their second annual golf outing will be Monday, Oct. 7 at the Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield.

This outing affords residents, business persons and the professional community of Westfield the opportunity to enjoy a day of golf and socialize with members of the Westfield Police Department. Cost of admission includes green fees, golf cart, golf balls and souvenir shirt, etc. In addition to a day of golf, a barbecue lunch at Echo Lake and buffet dinner with open bar will follow at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains. The price for the entire day is \$195 per golfer.

If you're unable to join for the entire day, but are interested in attending the dinner at Snuffy's and receiving a souvenir Westfield PBA golf shirt, the cost is \$75 per person. All proceeds will benefit the Westfield PBA local 90's Sick and Death Benefit Fund.

For information call Captain O. McCabe at 789-4017 or Mike Patrick at 241-9300.

LACROSSE CLUB

The Westfield Lacrosse Club is seeking volunteer coaches and managers. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Westfield Lacrosse Club or any questions concerning registration can contact Ed Joffe (232-8705), John Flood (654-7441) or Lois Hely (233-3990).

SOFTBALL TOURNEY

Applications are now being accepted for a Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament in celebration of the Union County Park System's 75th anniversary. Appropriately held in one of the county's original parks, Warinanco, located off St. Georges Avenue in Elizabeth and Roselle, the tournament is limited to the first 16 teams to apply.

The date of the tourney is Oct. 5, and a single elimination format will be followed. A championship trophy will be awarded to the first-place team and all members of that team will receive individual plaques. A runnerup trophy will be awarded to the second-place team. The entry fee is \$75 per team.

Union County's Park System will turn 75 years young Nov. 21 and the occasion will be marked with musical entertainment, fireworks and the softball tourney the weekend of Oct. 5-6.

The 75th Anniversary Slow Pitch Softball Tournament is sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders in cooperation with the New Jersey Amateur Softball Association. Entry forms and information about the tournament can be obtained by calling the Division of Parks and Recreation at 527-4900.

SKATING CENTER OPEN

Warinanco Skating Center, a facility of the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation, will open for the upcoming season at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 4. A new set of locker rooms are being completed and the restrooms have also been modernized to include accessibility to persons with disabilities.

Due to the increased popularity of ice hockey and skating, expanded hours have been added to the schedule. Admission for general skating sessions is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children and \$4.25 for senior citizens. Discount cards for Union County residents who plan to skate on a regular basis are also on sale. Those interested in clinics, are semi-private and private lessons can also request these activities. Skate rentals, a pro shop and a refreshment stand are also featured at the Center.

The Warinanco Skating Center is located off Thompson Avenue in Warinanco Park, Roselle. Park entrances are located on St. Georges Avenue, Thompson Avenue, and Third Avenue. For information call 298-7850.

HOME RUN CARD

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Youth Baseball Association announces the availability of its 1996 Home Run Card. The card offers discounts from 31 Scotch Plains and Fanwood merchants, and there is no limit as to how many times it can be used until its expiration date of Dec. 31. The cost of the cards is \$10, and is available from players in the association or can be ordered by sending a check or money order payable to SPFYBA, to P.O. Box 264, Scotch Plains, N.J., 07076.



Saturday Sports Clinic

After the Game-Saturday's 5-7pm Starting Saturday September 21st



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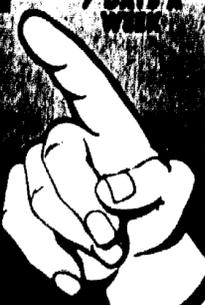
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BEDMINSTER - The Mills, 13 Stone Edge Rd. (Stone Edge Dev. off Mt. Prospect) Sat 9/21: 10-5pm. Furn., artwork, & much more. **MOVING SALE - 719-0911**

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2130 Garage Sales

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High quality women's designer clothing and accessories - Armani, Calvin Klein, Escada, Valentino, & Chanel. All items are at least 75% off the original price. 555 Passaic Ave. West Caldwell, NJ 07004. 9/21 & 22: 9am-5pm. 782 Morris Tpk. Short Hills 201-564-6464. Both stores now open Sun noon-5pm

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Sat 9/21: 9:30am-5pm
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ESTATE SALE - CONTENTS OF FURNITURE - MIDDLESEX
730 Voorhes Ave. Fri Sat 9/27 & 28, 9am-6pm. Sun 9/29 noon-5pm. window AC, furniture (some depression) tools, Hummel, HH items. Fri call 908-981-1274

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HUGE YARD SALE BOUND BROOK - 138 W. Union Ave. (across from 85 High Sch) 9/21 & 22, 9am-5pm. Tools, furn, bikes, riding mower, & misc

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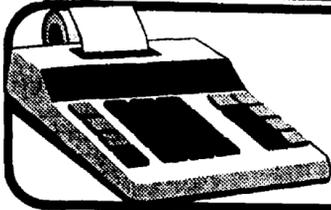
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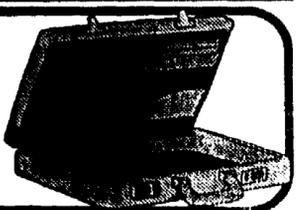
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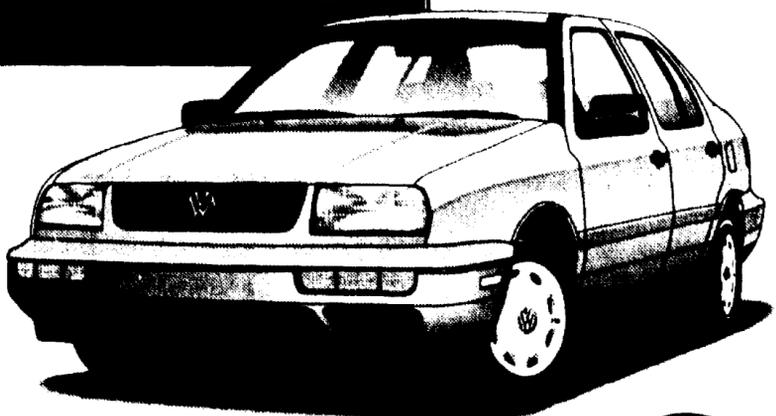
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By BOB HAGIN

FORBES NEWSPAPERS

Q My car is a 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle Malibu with a 307-inch V8 engine. Mileage on the odometer is 103,449. My husband puts spark plugs in the car and it runs well for a couple hundred miles, but then they get dirty, carbon builds up on them and the car starts missing.

When we used regular gas, we didn't have this problem; but now by law we have to use 89-octane unleaded gasoline.

A If the engine coolant isn't running hot enough, the plugs might foul, so try a hotter thermostat. It's also possible the heat riser valve may be stuck open. This

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valve routes hot exhaust gas under the carburetor to heat it a bit.

Since your engine is getting up there in years and miles, you may want to experiment with a set of slightly hotter-than-normal plugs, but don't overdo it. Those are the easy things.

The hard things are it might need new valve stem seals (does it burn oil?), a valve regrind job, new piston rings or all of the

above. If you really like the car (restored vintage Chevy four-door sedans are very "in" now) and the body and interior are choice, you might consider a rebuilt engine, but plan on having the transmission gone through while it's apart. Then keep it until the wheels fall off in order to get your investment back out of it.

Q We own a 1995 Pontiac Trans Sport minivan with very few miles on it. One of the main reasons we bought it was it has an automatic sliding side door system that allows it to be opened and closed from a keyless entry fob, from the dashboard or from the manual door handles. The salesman told me if there is an ob-

struction in the way, the door is supposed to stop and reverse itself.

We have a 5-year-old daughter, and a few weeks ago she got her arm caught between the door and the door jamb and the mechanism latched closed. I took her to our doctor immediately and he found no bones were broken, but there was soft tissue damage.

Since that incident, I've talked to every Trans Sport owner I could find and several had problems similar to mine, but not as drastic. Is this peculiar to Trans Sports in our area, or are the pressures necessary to activate its reversal set too high? I've already contacted the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

A Most of us have had the unpleasant experience of getting caught in a closing elevator door and I've had my hand caught in power windows before, but there are a couple of differences here. Neither of the aforementioned devices lock into place like a van door, and I'm lots stronger than a 5-year-old.

Logic tells us you wouldn't have bought that option had you known it doesn't return as claimed, so I recommend Pontiac Trans Sport-buyers with kids avoid that option when they buy.

I've tried to get an answer from the Pontiac public relations people, but they haven't returned my calls.

Five defining events in history of autos

By BOB HAGIN

FORBES CORRESPONDENT

By the time I became a dedicated "car guy" just after World War II, the automobile industry had been in place and operating for half a century. The year was 1946 and cars and trucks were commonplace. Almost every family either had one or aspired to ownership and returned GI's made auto ownership a top priority.

But just 50 years earlier, autos were so rare they were often included in circus parades. They were few and far between. They were looked on by most of the population as the products of backyard inventors, and bought by the affluent as toys.

The business side of auto making developed once the dreamers and inventors had made the car a viable, working device. The auto industry celebrates its 100th birthday this year. These are the high points that made it possible for it to develop into what it is today:

Series of identical cars built. Although several self-propelled vehicles had been made and were operating in the US by 1865, they were pretty much "one-off," and none of them were alike.

That changed in 1896 when the Duryea brothers, Frank and Charles, formed a company to build horseback carriages using mostly outside venture capital. After winning some early-day races, their company, the Duryea Motor Wagon Company, produced 13 look-alike, albeit poor-quality, autos and offered them for sale. This started the auto industry in America as we know it today.

Auto dealership system established. From the first, auto makers realized selling their products to private parties directly from the factory was too slow and might require a buyer to travel across the country.

Dealerships for bicycles, farm machinery and household items had been in operation for decades, so it was natural for car makers to approach these businesses to take on their "horseless carriages." Selling autos was a sideline to those early agents and in most cases, they would only order a vehicle from the factory when the buyer paid for the car.

William Metzger is universally credited with being the first true auto dealer to carry a stock of merchandise. Mr. Metzger sold Waverlys and Wintons from his Detroit showroom in 1898.

Auto parts standardized. When we buy new parts for our autos, we expect them to fit and to be built to a "standard."

In the early days, this wasn't how things worked. Each part would be hand-fitted to a particular car, and would not necessarily be exactly like the same parts fitted to another vehicle of the same make and model.

Henry Leland changed that and produced early Cadillacs with absolutely identical parts.

In 1908, he submitted three randomly chosen Cadillacs to the Royal Automobile Club (RAC) of England for a test. The three cars—chosen from a pool of eight—were dismantled down to the last nut, bolt, bearing and cotter pin,

and all the parts from the three were mixed together. Under close observation by RAC engineers, Cadillac mechanics reassembled the cars from the pile of 2163 parts and drove them away.

While it doesn't sound like much today, it was the first time auto parts were built precisely enough to facilitate true mass production by nontechnical labor. This allowed the car to become a practical means of transportation, rather than a rich man's plaything or a blacksmith's hobby.

First successful auto assembly line. One day in 1913, 29 magneto assemblers at the Ford plant in Detroit made American automotive history. The previous working day, each assembler had taken about 20 minutes to produce one magneto by himself; but on April 1, the men were positioned side by side at a long table.

The first worker began by putting two parts together. When he came to predetermined point, he passed the unit on to the second man, who installed a third part. This continued on until the 29th man installed the 29th part and the magneto was complete. Magneto assembly time dropped to just five minutes in a very short time.

Although similar systems had been used in making sewing machines and in food processing plants, it was the first time the assembly line technique had been applied to something as complex as an automobile. Ford applied the system to the rest of his plant, and chassis frames placed at the starting point of a conveyor belt rolled off the other end as complete, running cars. The auto assembly line was born.

Auto time payments available. At the turn of the century, thrift was preached by bankers rather than borrowing money for luxuries. They would lend capital for business ventures, farms and real estate; but the middle class was encouraged to save its money (in the bank, of course) and pay cash for what it wanted.

Even then, autos were big-ticket items, and the average family would have to save for years to buy a car. But the demand for autos was great, and the attitude of those banks quickly changed. By 1913, a new car could be driven home by the buyer for a 25-percent down payment; and by 1924, installment purchases of cars in this country were \$2.2 billion.

In 1919, General Motors was the first auto maker to form its own credit organization and made it possible for GM dealers not only to sell the product, but to arrange its financing on the showroom floor.

There are lots of milestones in the development of the automobile. The pneumatic tire, the self-starter, the transmission and many more made the actual operation of the machine possible by average people. These are tangible items that became integral parts of the car.

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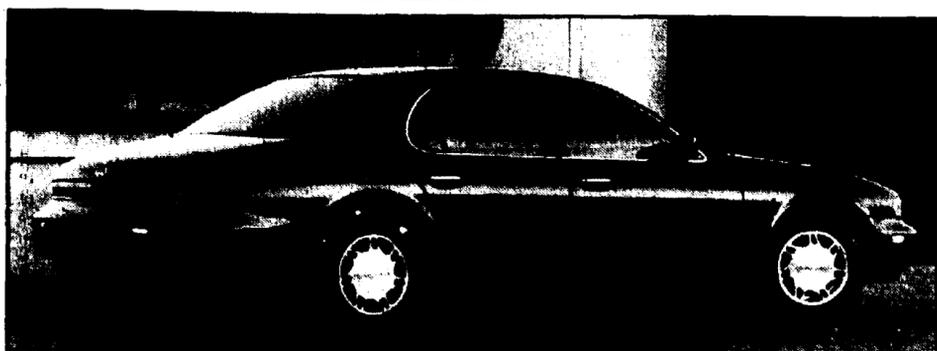
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Infiniti J30 a comfortable sedan

By **TOM MAGN**
FORBES CORRESPONDENT

According to industry reports, now would be a good time to buy an Infiniti J30, because its price has been dramatically slashed.

The mid-sized J30 caused a nervous stir in the automotive press when it arrived in 1993 because of its unconventional shape. Curiously though, this "unconventional" shape is now being embraced by many manufacturers — just compare one to the new cars on a crowded freeway.

This mid-sized luxury sedan from Nissan's luxury division is available two ways — as the "standard" J30, and as the same car fitted with a touring package featuring special suspension and outside trim.

Outside

Since styling is a primary factor in shaping public reaction to a car, the shape of the J30 is sure to draw a response. Its sagging hindquarters and lack of straight lines draw strong feelings: It is either loved or hated, and there seems to be no in-between.

The elegant sedan is more coupe-like, and draws on traditions deeply steeped in the European car design. But its origins are in California, at Nissan Design International, and many car enthusiasts compare the car to the Jaguar sedan of years ago. Our test vehicle, the base J30, was almost completely devoid of chrome, save for a small strip wrapped around the glass.

Inside

A long list of standard comfort equipment is included in both J30 models. The seating position up front offers a good view of the road and the analog instruments, and it is an easy reach to the 200-watt, in-dash AM/FM cassette/CD player. Its front bucket seats are power eight-ways, covered in extra-soft leather upholstery, have large map pockets behind and built-in heating elements.

Up front is a very comfortable and supportive place to be, but in back is rather nice as well. Since the standard power sunroof robs a hint of headroom, taller passengers may scrape the headliner a bit. Other standard features include automatic climate control, power windows, door locks and outside mirrors, along

with cruise control, auto-dimming rearview mirror and variable-speed intermittent wipers.

On the road

The J30 uses an adaptation of the powerplant under the hood of the now-defunct Nissan 300ZX, and the successful Maxima sports sedan. The 3.0-liter V6 gives 210 horsepower and 193 lb-ft of torque, but does so with hushed authority. It uses dual overhead camshafts and four valves per cylinder, but what makes it different from the other variants is its quieter intake and exhaust manifolds, revised crankshaft damper, hydraulic engine mounts and whisper-like cooling fan.

All these components significantly contribute to less drivetrain noise, as engine sounds are barely audible from inside. Gear changes from its electronically controlled four-speed automatic transmission are imperceptible as well, but manually moving through the gears requires some practice since the notched shift gate has an unusual pattern.

Behind the wheel

The J30 ride favors comfort rather than performance, but nevertheless, its underpinnings are state-of-the-art. The suspension uses MacPherson struts, coil springs and an anti-roll bar, while the rear is independent, and consists of upper and lower A-arms, coil springs and another anti-roll bar. Both ends are connected to isolated subframes, which further reduces noise and controls vibration. Driven moderately into a corner, the J30 feels well-balanced and poised, with minimal body roll and tire scrub.

Applying the throttle hard when exiting the corner can produce oversteer, as this is a rear-wheel-drive vehicle. Fortunately, J30 comes standard with a viscous limited-slip rear differential, which controls wheelspin on slippery surfaces, as well as speed-sensitive power rack-and-pinion steering, a configuration that makes parking easier, but gives more road feel at speed. Very effective four-wheel disc brakes are standard, along with an anti-lock braking system (ABS), which brings the car quickly to a straight stop.

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Electric cars given a jump-start

After 60-year hiatus, Saturn and Honda unveil new electric cars

By BOB HAGIN
FORBES CORRESPONDENT

After an hiatus of nearly 60 years, it will soon be possible to buy a fully modern electric-powered family car. Not since the days of the Baker and the Detroit Electric has an American buyer been able to stroll into an auto dealer's showroom and drive out in a noiseless auto.

Actually, that statement isn't quite accurate either. Shortly after the fuel crisis of the '70s, there was a spate of electrics pushed onto the market; but they were either refugees from a golf-cart factory or factory alterations done on existing gas-powered sedans or sports cars. Some were good, and some were not so good, but they all had their 15 minutes of glory and then passed from the front page to the annals of automotive history.

And "purchase" may not quite be the right word either. Two major manufacturers are going on the market with electric cars in the spring of '97, but they will be available for lease only, according to the information I have from their recent press releases. Honda and Saturn both announced selected dealers will have modern electric four-seaters on their showroom floors in a few months.

At this point, it looks like purchasers are going to have to be Westerners too. While a company spokesman told me the Honda EV will be available at dealerships up and down the entire Golden State, the Saturn offering will be leased through special Saturn dealerships in Southern California and in the Arizona sun belt. "These areas demonstrate the topographical and climatic conditions most favorable to electric vehicle operation" is the exact wording

from the Saturn information packet. I assume that means snow chains won't be a necessary option on Saturn's GM EV1.

Over the past couple of days, I've done a nonscientific, strictly subjective survey of a couple of dozen people who are car owners but not enthusiasts. Most use a fairly small, late-model car to commute to work, and I asked them for their opinions on acquiring an electric vehicle. I asked if they would consider buying one, based on the information they now have on electric vehicles.

Only a few flatly said "no" although many of them had to think twice before they answered. When I asked if a positive effect on the environment was instrumental in their affirmative answers, they all answered "yes" without hesitation. I then asked if they would still consider buying an electric car if the cost of the machine were 20 percent higher than a similarly sized and equipped gas buggy.

To this I got more "I'd have to think about that one" responses than anything else. All answered in the affirmative when I asked if they'd be willing to try one for a week.

Without exception, everyone I asked said his or her greatest fear in driving an electric vehicle would be that the batteries would run flat and leave them stranded. To answer that fear, both the Honda EV and Saturn's GM EV1 have built-in battery charging systems to be plugged in on arrival home. Saturn also has an external stand alone 220-volt Magna-Charge quick-charger that has to be hard wired into the garage or car port.

According to Saturn's press release on the subject, it has entered an agreement with Honda to share this induction-charging tech-

nology.

The two companies use different battery types to get their electric motors going. According to Saturn's information kit, the GE EV1 uses 24 lead-acid batteries, similar, I guess, to the one that gets your present set of wheels started while Honda opted for a more high-tech nickel-hydrate units. On a full charge, each car claims a range of about 125 miles.

Both the cars are state-of-the-art designs that evolved from a clean drafting board. The GM EV1 is the more futuristic-looking of the two, with an aerodynamic design that has a drag coefficient of only .19. The Honda EV is more box-like in design and obviously created as a city vehicle. They both rely on space age plastics technology to keep weight down which increases vehicle range.

There is a small group of motorists who will get a chuckle out of this "startling" information, and I expect to get a large amount of mail from them. They are those motorists who have been driving electric-powered cars for up to 30 years. Most have done the conversions themselves, although some have had their vehicles converted by one of the professional shops dedicated to the industry.

In my own area, the Electric Auto Association has been in operation since the late '60s and has a strong membership. It has been crusading for the broad use of the electric car since then, and I imagine the membership has a terse comment for Honda and General Motors.

The first will be "Welcome on board," while under their breath they may add "What kept you so long?"

Where there's smoke, there could be oil too

By BOB HAGIN
FORBES CORRESPONDENT

Automotive Q&A

Q I have noticed in the past few months I get a puff of blue smoke from the exhaust when I start my truck in the morning. It only seems to do it when I first start it up.

A I have had a couple of people tell me it could be caused by a couple of things. Do you have an idea what could be causing the smoke?

A White smoke from the tail pipe is the result of coolant (and water in particular) going through the combustion system and coming out as steam. Black smoke is indicative of excessive fuel, while blue smoke is the result of burning oil.

I think your truck is beginning to use oil and collecting it in your exhaust system when you shut it down. When you start it up again, it goes out your tailpipe as visible smoke.

Do a 3,000-mile check on your oil consumption. It may be that your truck is going to be an oil burner and you'll want to know this if it is still under warranty.

Q I recently bought a 1993 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham, and I am unhappy with the sta-

bility of the front end. After a stop, it sometimes feels like the front wheels are wobbling.

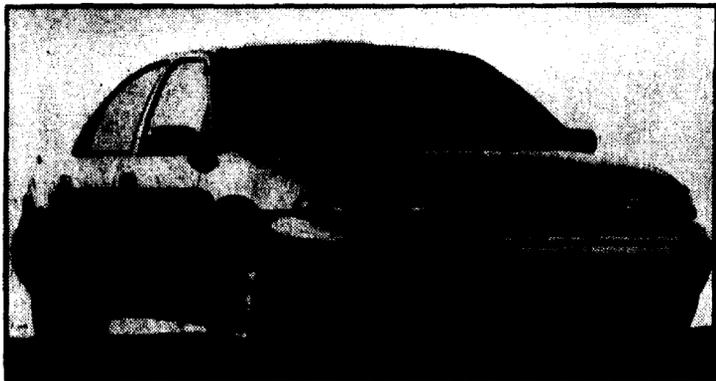
A I've had it back to the dealer three times, and was told "That's the way a big car handles."

I would appreciate any information you might know about the '93 Cadillac. The dealers won't give me any believable information, and I've tried two of them.

A You don't mention how many miles are on the car, but if it's average, it probably has around 30,000 — enough to wear out the original shock absorbers.

A capable front end and tire shop could set you up with a set of upscale shock absorbers (maybe Bilstein or Koni) and maybe even a set of slightly beefier springs.

The Cadillac folks never expected buyers of those big Fleetwoods to worry about a "wallow" ride, so what you have to do is find someone who knows what he's doing.



The 1996 Ford Contour SE gets 21 miles per gallon in the city, 30 on the highway, for an average of 26.

Ford Contour brings flair to previously dull sedans

By TOM HAGIN
FORBES CORRESPONDENT

Ford's "world car," the Contour, brings a European flair to the mid-priced sedan segment at Ford previously occupied by the dull and uninspired Ford Tempo.

Available as the entry-level GL version, mid-line LX and sporty SE, Contour is carefully constructed, gives precise handling and is built with efficient use of interior space.

This week's test starts behind the wheel of the Contour SE, with its assertive stance, wide tires and sporting suspension. Fortunately, we received no speeding tickets that week, but we could have.

Outside

Contour features a modern design, with smoothly rounded corners, flush door handles and integrated bumpers with built-in fog lamps. This shape has enabled Ford engineers to develop an impressive .31 coefficient of drag, which helps control wind noise and raise fuel mileage.

Its rigid construction was noticeable on the road, as well as when each door was shut, producing a reassuring thud. A low lift-over trunk lid makes loading cargo simple, and its 14 cubic feet of space is about average in Contour's sedan class.

A split folding rear seat adds more cargo room. Contour SE models come standard with a sporty rear spoiler, seven-spoke alloy wheels, body-color bumpers and mirrors, and large P205/60R16 tires.

Inside

In keeping with the car's sporting nature, Contour SE's front bucket seats gave good lateral support, even under heavy cornering. A full-length center console resides between the front seats, and features ample storage and pop-up cupholders.

While there is enough room up front for almost anyone to find a comfortable position, those in back may find it cramped. Ford has addressed the issue by scooping material from the front seat-backs, along with a repositioning of the rear seat cushion for even more room.

Standard interior items include an AM/FM cassette stereo and power outside mirrors (LX and SE models), a pollen filter for the ventilation system, and a rear passenger compartment heat duct.

Our test car came equipped with a \$1,870 options package which included air conditioning, a rear window defroster, power door locks and windows, cruise control and special interior lighting.

On the road

Contour's base engine, available with GL and LX models only, is a 125-horsepower 2-liter inline four. Its power is adequate enough, and gives stellar fuel mileage.

But when the 2.5-liter "Duratec" V6 is offered (it's standard on Contour SE), it is understandable why we liked it best. The Duratec engine gives 170 horsepower and 165 lb-ft of torque, which moves the car quickly to speed. What's more, the torque comes on at relatively low rpms, which means the throttle pedal doesn't need to be floored to safely enter a crowded freeway.

The added power doesn't sacrifice fuel economy, either, as we stretched over 30 mpg from a long distance drive. Both a five-speed manual (standard) and a four-speed automatic (optional) transmission are offered, and the two make for a vastly differing driving experience.

Behind the wheel

All Contour models have four-wheel independent suspension, with coil springs and front and rear stabilizer bars. The SE model handles best, but rides the roughest of the three. Its sport suspension uses stiff springs and shocks, along with larger-diameter stabilizer bars and grippier tires.

Equipped this way, Contour SE handles as well or better than many sports sedans costing much more. We were able to slip through our impromptu slalom course (in a mall parking lot) with speed and agility.

Putting the optional V6 under the hood of any Contour model adds disc brakes in the rear to replace the four-cylinder model's rear drums. An anti-lock braking system (ABS) is available and traction control can be fitted as well. This system, which controls wheelspin while accelerating on slippery surfaces, can be deactivated if needed. SE models all come equipped this way, and its braking was superior to the Contour GL, we tested last year.

Safety

Dual airbags and side-impact protection are standard, while ABS and traction control are optional.

Options

A power moonroof and leather seats add \$595, while a CD player upgrade is a \$270 extra. Traction control/ABS costs \$100.

Price

The manufacturer's suggested retail price is \$16,170, as tested, \$21,700.

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The Acura Integra LS gets 25 miles per gallon in the city, 31 on the highway, and 29 on average.

Intergra continues strong showing

By TOM HAGIN
FORBES CORRESPONDENT

Acura is starting into its second decade of building automobiles. In July 1994, the company sold its one-millionth vehicle. It has weathered the storm of the rising and falling yen and at just under \$20,000, the Acura Integra slots into the median of the average price of a new car today. That price is rising, but if Integra continues a strong showing, it (or its descendants) will be around for many more decades.

Outside

Acura gave the Integra a new look in 1994, with a slippery shape to efficiently slice the wind, and projector beam headlights for a cleaner, more modern look. Thin-roof pillars and a low cowl give an excellent view from the driver's seat, but the reduced metal doesn't make the car weak.

In fact, the new Integra sedan is 50-percent stiffer than the model it replaced, which is noticeable on the road. Of special note is a small pin inside the window tracks that keeps the side glass from becoming affected by negative pressures (it causes a whistling sound) caused by high vehicle speeds.

Standard exterior features on Integra LS include body-color bumpers, outside mirrors and bodyside molding, full wheelcovers and Michelin all-season tires.

Inside

Though classified as a subcompact by the EPA, Integra is much larger inside than expected. Up front is ample head and legroom, with plenty of seat adjustments, including lumbar support, for a comfortable top. And while the rear seats aren't made for huge people, they will accommodate two moderately sized adults; three in a pinch.

Full analog instrumentation seems in the right places, and features white-on-black lettering, making them easy to read. Integra LS models come standard with air conditioning, AM/FM cassette stereo, full center console, tilt steering, cruise control, power windows, mirrors, door locks and antenna, as well as a power moonroof.

Acura has paid special attention to occupant safety, with side-impact beams in each door, and padding at the hip and shoulder level to reduce the energy

transmitted to those inside in event of an accident.

On the road

All but the Integra GS-R model come with a peppery 1.8-liter four-cylinder engine that produces 142 horsepower and 127 lb-ft of torque. There are several cars in its class costing less with a slight horsepower advantage, but few can match the smooth power delivery or dependability of the Acura's powerplant. It's a free-revving engine that seems perfectly suited to both high-speed cruising and around-town driving.

Our test car came equipped with the standard five-speed manual transmission, and we liked it that way. It provides fault-free gear changes via smooth-as-silk shift linkage. A flip of the wrist and the next gear slides effortlessly into place. For those who resist rowing through the gears, however, there is an optional four-speed automatic transmission that utilizes grade logic which features electronic controls to eliminate unwanted gear-hunting during uphill or downhill driving.

Behind the wheel

It seems every car maker is developing improved steering systems. Acura is one of those, and Integra models use a new torque-sensing system lighter and more compact than previous units. Where many upscale cars modulate steering effort based on road speed (the steering gets stiffer at high speeds), Acura's steering varies in accordance with a combination of engine speed (rpms), and the amount of torque generated between the wheel and tire. This gives more control over power-steering boost, and offers more precise action.

The front and rear suspensions of the Integra are both fully independent, with relatively stiff springs and shocks to give nimble handling, yet still provide a soft ride on our LS model.

Braking is excellent as well, with four-wheel disc brakes assisted by an anti-lock braking system (ABS). We were able to stop the vehicle in 120 feet on dry pavement, with virtually no brake fade after repeated stops. Wet pavement extended those distances to 175 feet, but halted the vehicle in a straight line.

Price

The manufacturer's suggested retail price is \$19,650; as tested, \$20,085.

Road improvements improve traffic safety

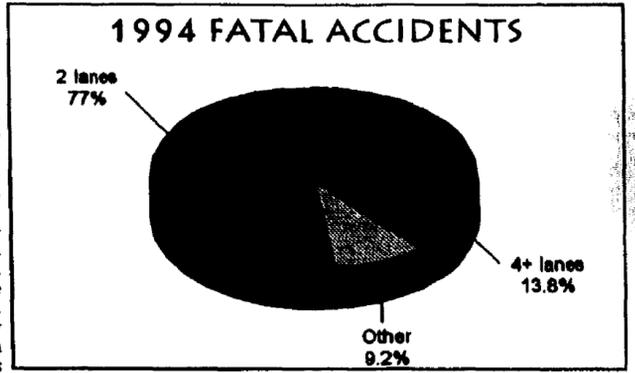
Road improvements such as upgrading two-lane roads to four lanes, adding a median, widening highways and widening and paving shoulders can play a significant role in reducing traffic accidents and fatalities, says a nonprofit transportation research group based in Washington, D.C.

"Our nation needs to increase its focus on traffic safety issues this Car Care Month because traffic fatalities increased for the past three years after declining from 1988-1992," says William M. Wilkins, executive director of The Road Information Program (TRIP). "This reversal in highway fatality trends comes about even though we now have safer cars and trucks that are replacing older vehicles, and states are enforcing tougher driving laws."

Wilkins said the nation needs to examine all factors, including road and bridge conditions, that play a role in traffic safety in order to truly assess what can be done to reduce traffic fatalities, which kill more than 40,000 Americans every year.

"One of the most overlooked aspects of traffic safety is the role that road improvements can play," Wilkins said. "Statistics show that the number of traffic fatalities and accidents have been reduced when certain road improvements are made."

TRIP's analysis, based on data by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the U. S. Department of Trans-



portation, also found:

• The fatality rate on roads with four or more lanes is less than half what it is for two-lane roads. The fatal accident rate per hundred million miles traveled on two-lane roads was 2.03, while the fatal accident rate on roads with four or more lanes averaged .95.

• In 1994, 77 percent of fatal accidents occurred on two-lane roads, which carried 51 percent of the total travel.

• The FHWA has found that when medians were added to roads, traffic fatalities decreased 71 percent.

• Widening or modifying a bridge can reduce fatalities 49 percent.

• Widening a lane has been found to reduce fatalities by 21 percent," Wilkins said. He said the nationally

recommended width for a lane to be considered safe is 12 feet. Excluding interstate highways, which have at least four lanes, TRIP estimates about three-quarters of the nation's 159,000 miles of major roads are two-lane, and 15 percent of those have lanes less than 12 feet wide.

"It simply stands to reason that if drivers have more room to operate and additional space to return a vehicle to the road, then traffic accidents can be reduced," Wilkins said. "This data on traffic safety and road conditions should be further evaluated to determine what specific improvements can be made to certain roads to improve traffic safety conditions."

— The Road Information Program

Changing seasons are car care reminders

See if you can find the pattern here: summertime means vacations and an oil change. Fall means football, an oil change and tire rotation. In the winter, it's hot cocoa and an oil change. Springtime reminds us of April showers, an oil change and tire rotation.

If that exercise prompted you to think about seasonal car maintenance, then you and your car are headed in the right direction. October is National Car Care Month, when the Car Care Council encourages motorists not only to winterize their cars but also to develop good maintenance habits for the entire year.

As part of the campaign, National Car Care Month incorporates free vehicle check lanes in participating communities. Last year, in 35 cities throughout the U.S., thousands of motorists took their cars through free check lanes. The results: nearly 9 out of 10 failed some portion of the inspection.

A closer look reveals 30 percent failed due to worn belts and hoses. Nearly one out of three (32 percent) failed on low or dirty motor oil. It gets worse: Thirty-five percent failed the exhaust emissions test, and 59 percent had bald or under-inflated tires.

"These statistics help remind us to change the oil each season and rotate the tires every six months or as recommended in the owner's manual. But preventive maintenance doesn't end there," says Donna Wagner, executive director of National Car Care Month. "There's wheel alignment, cooling system, brakes and other systems and components needing periodic attention."

The owner's manual is a good place to start. Some car companies break their service recommendations down month by month. The council suggests reading the owner's manual carefully, then keeping track of all maintenance.

"This can save you time and money," says Wagner. "If you keep good records, you won't duplicate any maintenance procedures. And a well cared-for car with maintenance records to prove it is worth a lot more in trade than the same car in average condition."

Watch for National Car Care Month activities in your community.

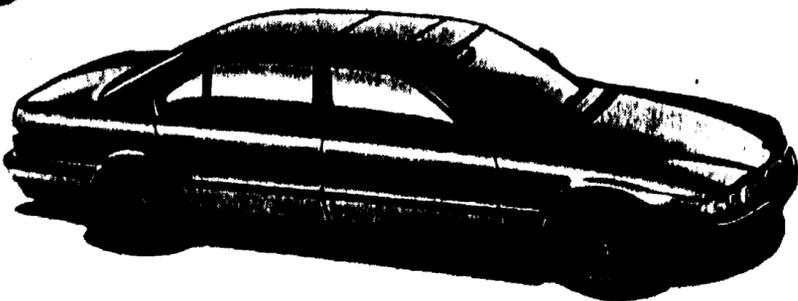
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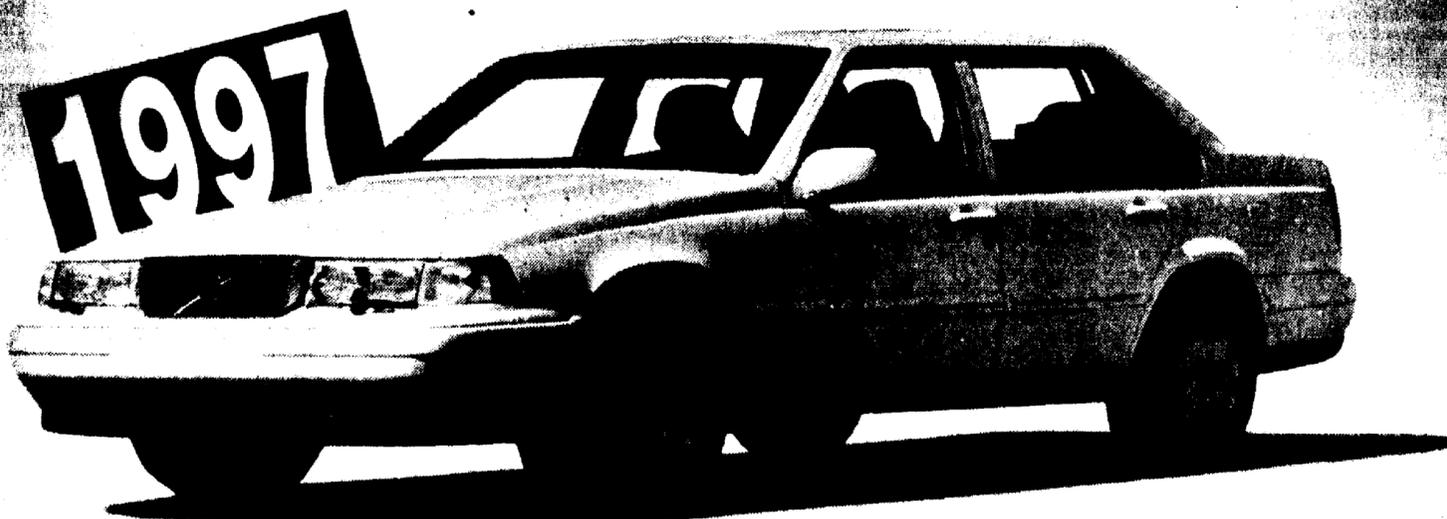
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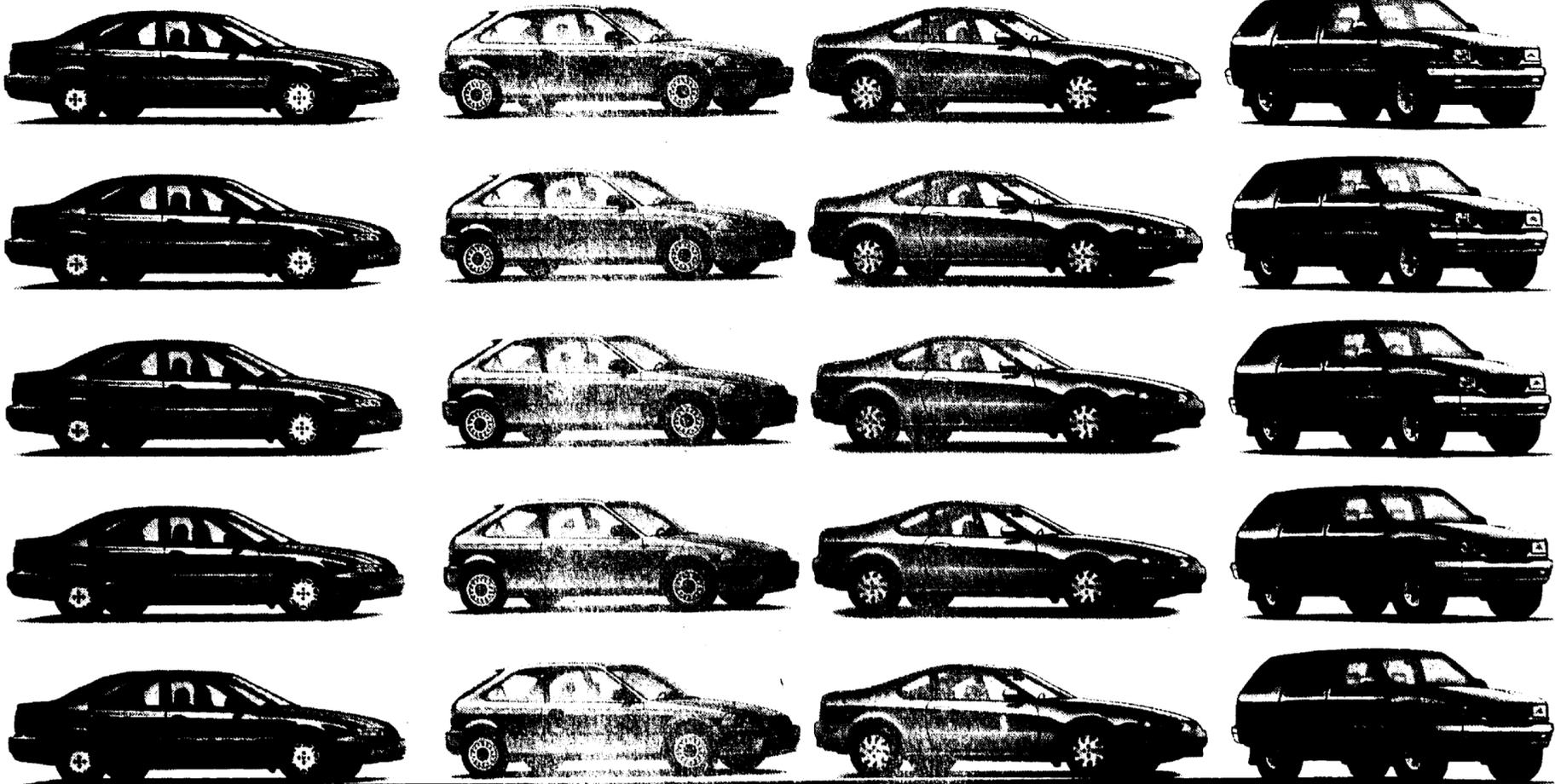
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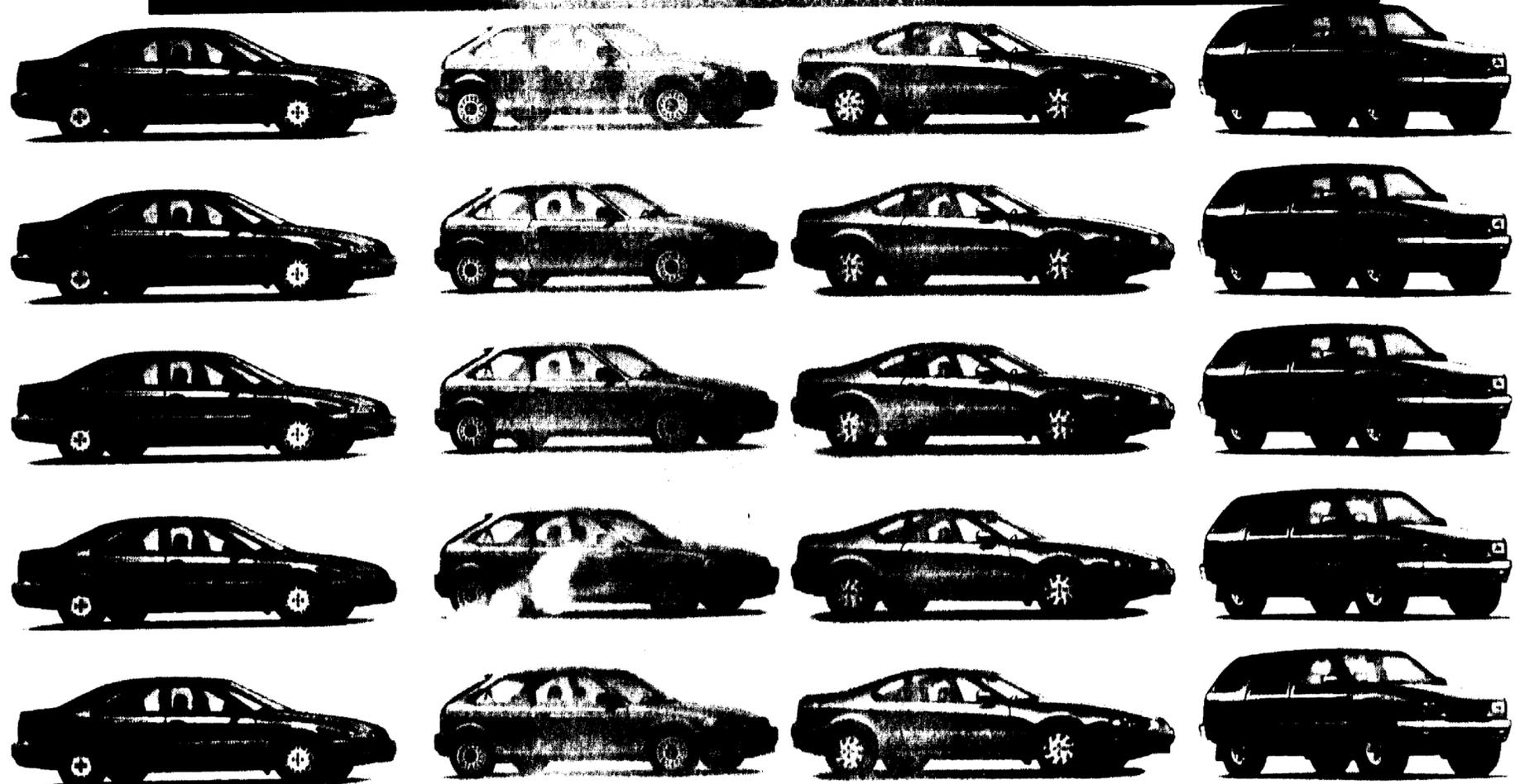
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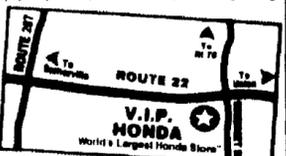


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The Ciera SL gets 20 miles per gallon in the city, 29 on the highway, and 26 on average.

Ciera an 'invisible best seller'

By **BOB and MATT HAGIN**
FORBES CORRESPONDENTS

Next year Oldsmobile will celebrate its 100th birthday. For the past few years, the company has been trying to shake off its image as a stodgy old company building stodgy old vehicles for stodgy old people. Its Ciera sedan is one of those "stodgy old cars" according to Bob Hagin, but his son Matt points out it is one of America's best-selling mid-sized sedans nonetheless.

BOB — If the auto press gave an award for the most faceless, invisible car on the market, the Olds Ciera would be one of the leading contenders. Its national advertising budget must be in the low four-figures and most car buffs think the name is the misspelling of a mountain range. This may be caused by the fact that the car really hasn't changed much since it first hit the Oldsmobile lineup in 1982.

MATT — That's true, Dad, but the one thing that the Ciera has going for it is that it still sells well and appeals to rental-car-purchasing agents, fleet buyers and "mature" private buyers who want a car that will be as reliable and unassuming as their power lawn mower.

Oldsmobile has been selling around 140,000 Cieras each year for a long time, and it outsells all of the company's flashier offerings. The term "bread-and-butter car" definitely applies here.

BOB — That best-seller label must apply to the V6-powered version we tested, Matt, because I can't picture anyone buying a Ciera wagon or even a sedan with the 2.2 liter, 120-horsepower four banger listed as the standard powerplant.

The V6 is an antiquated pushrod design, but its simplicity must help account for its reliability. At 160 horses, it's not a ball of fire, but it goes well enough to easily stay up with traffic and merge onto the highway without causing cardiac arrest in us oldsters.

The four-speed automatic transmission is the only gearbox available on the V6, and its lock-up fourth gear is an overdrive ratio that helps to account for the

20 city and 29 highway miles per gallon. The four-cylinder version gets slightly better mileage, but it's so anemic, the transmission it is mounted to eliminates the overdrive. I guess it just couldn't pull the car with that high ratio over anything steeper than a driveway.

MATT — It really is a conservative car, and this is reflected in its interior too. So few Ciera buyers went for the optional bucket front seats in recent years Oldsmobile dropped them altogether. The only available seating up front now is the conventional bench-type split seats with a drop-down center arm rest.

Most of the traditional options like a/c, a cassette sound system, tilt steering wheel, tinted glass and power to the front-seat recliners are all standard equipment. The only luxury options listed are cruise control and power to the door locks, side mirrors and the driver's seat.

BOB — I'll bet not many retail buyers or fleet managers buy Cieras without those options. Obviously, no performance handling kit is offered as an option either, and I think the Ciera could use a bit of stiffening in the suspension department. It leans pretty heavily in the turns and its skinny 195/75-by-15 tires complain bitterly at sudden changes in direction.

There's an optional aluminum wheel set offered at extra cost. They're a half-inch wider than the standard steel units, but I can't see them turning the Ciera into a ridge-runner.

MATT — Dad, if a buyer wants to stay loyal to Oldsmobile but wants more get-up-and-go, he or she can go for some of the current line of Olds hot-rod like the Aurora or the compact Achieva.

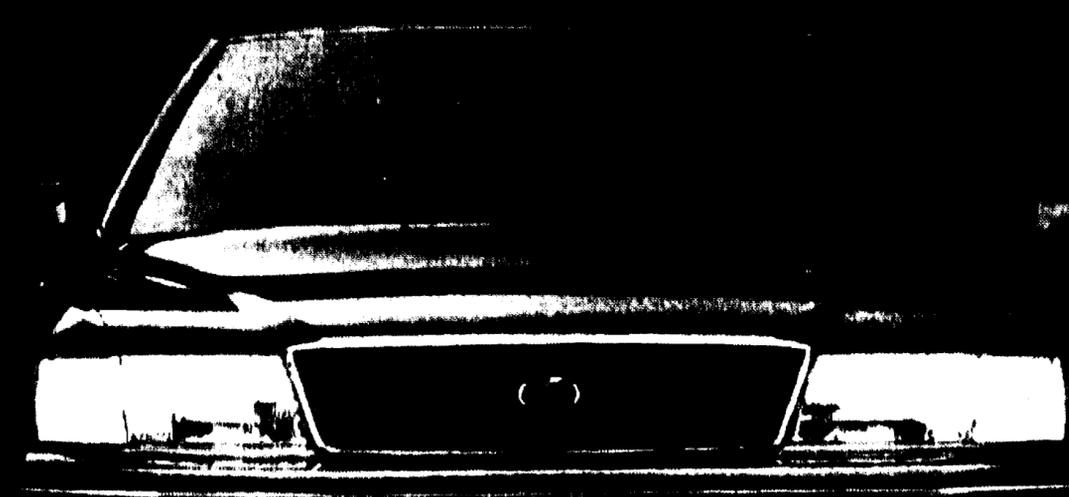
The Ciera is made for the driver who isn't a car buff and doesn't need to make a fashion statement out of daily transportation. The Ciera station wagon epitomizes this in that it has a rear-facing fold-up seat in the 'way-back storage area for old folks to carry a couple of extra kids.

BOB — I wish I'd known that, Matt. Next time let's ask for the Ciera wagon to test. I could use it to take a bunch of the grandkids to an afternoon at the zoo.

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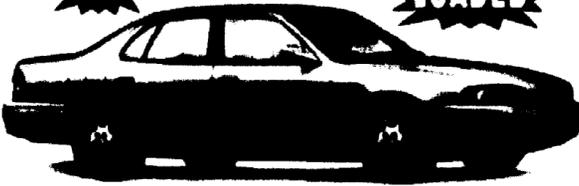
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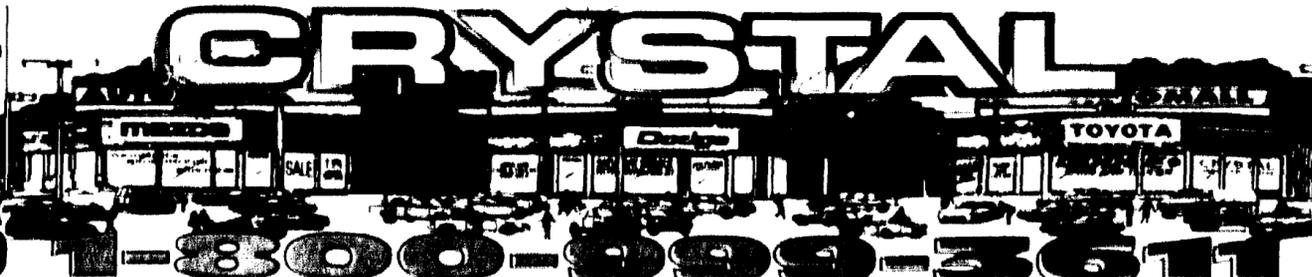
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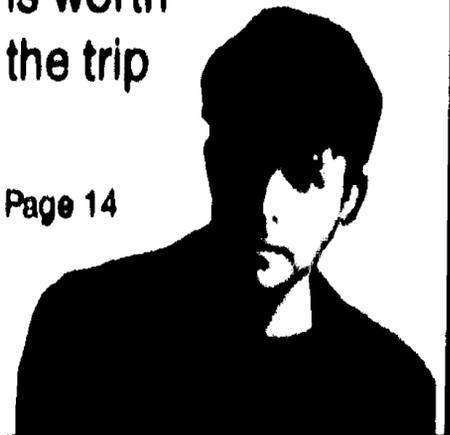
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When the victim tried to explain the tickets weren't valid in Wendy's, the suspect became irate, police said. The victim tried to approach the suspect to explain the situation but instead the suspect hit and scratched the victim.

The victim, in self-defense, retaliated, police said. The victim then backed away, but the suspect attempted to charge at the victim. Other employees intervened and

stopped the scuffle.

Someone's been fired

Designer pens worth a total of \$2,085 were stolen from Things Remembered in Menlo Park Mall during the day on a Monday in late July, according to police. The display case containing the pens was found unlocked.

What would Mr. Whipple say?

A dispute over toilet paper led to assault allegations against an Edison resident.

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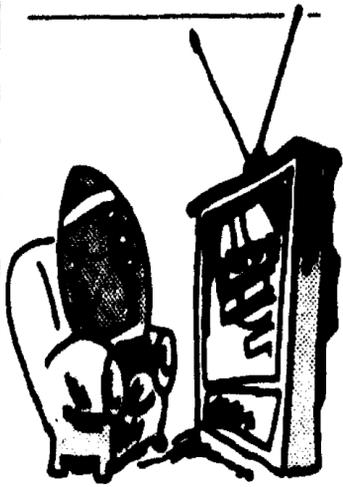
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The crowd roars for football action.

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Mark Montgomery, 12, leaps mid-swing at a Somerville park as friends Tala Carter, 11, Damon Howard, 12, and Avery Wright, 12, look on.

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The power of popular music

WEEKEND CONFIDENTIAL

Weekend Confidential experienced powerful pop performances last week at the Cranberries concert at the PNC Bank Arts Center.

Cracker, the band that opened, riveted those smart enough to arrive early with edgy gems like "I Hate My Generation" and "What The World Needs Now," incorporating punk attitude into a straightforward rock 'n' roll sound. Frontman David Lowery retained an air of mystery with a cowboy hat pulled down well over his eyes.

Once they were done, the veils came off a stage set boasting a piano hidden behind a revolving door, which welcomed the Cranberries.

Singer Dolores O'Riordan, full of energy — so much so, that Confidential almost didn't notice her knee brace, reveled in the screams and enthusiasm of the audience, getting the crowd to trade lines with her on many songs. The pleasure of the Cranberries music is her lyrical quests to find her way, or protagonists' ways out of adverse situations. She drove this

home with her performance.

Seeing and hearing O'Riordan perform songs from their latest album which haven't become singles, made Confidential soar despite their unfamiliarity. Something about the mood she and the band convey, even without knowing the words, shook us up.

In concert, the Cranberries' performance of "I Just Shot John Lennon" somehow did a better job of getting across how pathetic his assassin was. On that song, and on their hit "Hallelujah Thoughts," band members Mike Hogan, Fergal Lawler and Noel Hogan knew just when to raise the intensity.

The culmination of all this for Confidential was "Hollywood," with O'Riordan's imploring of the words "run away, run away." Music rarely gives you the shivers quite like that.

Feel good pictures

Last month was movie time for Confidential. When the newest flicks came out, we were there. We liked Tin Cup. It's one of those pictures you smile through watching the antics of likable actors such as Kevin Costner, Rene Russo, Cheech Marin and Don Johnson. Despite the froth, there is a question to discuss after the movie: When do you play it safe rather than "go for it"? Emma, an other interesting flick, depicted the difficulties of being low caste in 1800s England. The Jane Austen story translates well on screen.

We were told *Tinspotting* is a good movie about the youth drug culture of the 1980s. We, however, could not get past the first 20 minutes. Watching unlovely characters shoot up, snort up and hide drugs in body cavities was more than we

could take. We left.

Vacation essentials

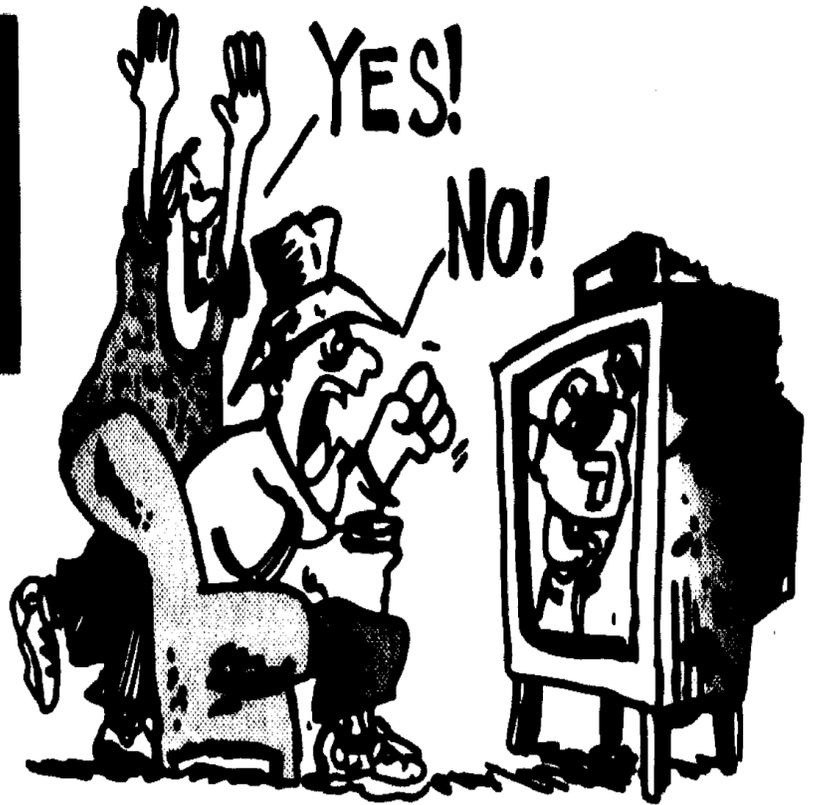
Confidential encountered one incredibly minor peeve during a recent terrific vacation. We need gum to fly, and arriving at the Orlando airport for our return trip, found we had none left.

Checking the gift shops, no gum was to be found. We asked a cashier why they lacked this air travel essential. "We don't sell gum anywhere in the airport," we were told. "It's become a maintenance problem."

Confidential now has hatred for the bureaucratic airport administrator who rammed this one through. We can just imagine what it would be like if this person was working at, say, LaGuardia, and suggested this to superiors.

"What are you, high?" they'd probably be told. "The more we can gouge them for overpriced gum, the better. Now get out of here before I bust you down to the mailroom!"

Football fandom



The NFL gives fans a competitive sport to watch

By KEVIN MOONEY
Weekend Plus correspondent

"I hate the Cowboys!"

"I love the Cowboys!"

This verbal exchange continued to rage in my family den as the Dallas Cowboys squared off against the Green Bay Packers during last year's National Football Conference (NFC) championship game.

The lead changed hands several times in this terrific play-off matchup that featured two teams of championship caliber. Precision passing, explosive running and key turnovers put the Cowboys over the top. The final score was 38-27. The Packers played well — Dallas just played better.

A 99-yard drive which began from the Cowboys' own 1-yard line was particularly memorable. It featured the familiar trinity of Troy Aikman, Michael Irvin and Emmitt Smith. The Cowboys were about to put one in the end zone for the go-ahead touchdown with a just a few seconds left in the half when the call came from the kitchen.

"How much longer is this football game going to be on? I have this great meal cooked and you guys are watching the stupid football game!"

Over the years, I have been forced to tolerate these annoying interruptions while exciting athletic events are on television. Oh well, some wives and girlfriends will never comprehend the importance of football. For this reason, ardent sports fans are often forced to flee from their homes when football season gets underway.

This season, I'll be sure to spend more time in Sean Grady's Sports Bar, located at 160 W. Main St. in Somerville. It provides football fans with a fun, festive environment. Here I can watch the games and tilt back a few cold ones without anyone nagging me in the background. The bar is open noon-2 a.m. weekends and 4 p.m.-2 a.m. during the week. It opened in May 1995 and has been well received. Fans can enjoy the games on 16 state-of-the-art screens; the

featured game appears on three sets with a surround sound system.

"We have a loyal following of fans for the Pittsburgh Steelers, the Green Bay Packers, the Minnesota Vikings, the Washington Redskins, the New York Giants, the Dallas Cowboys and the Philadelphia Eagles," says Bill Harrison, an owner. "This adds a lot to the atmosphere because we're not dominated by any one group. It's an interesting mix."

The football season has already given Grady's a sharp increase in business. "When football begins, we go from not having much of anything on Sundays to really having something," he says. "It's great for us. It's great for the fans."

Unfortunately, the neighborhood I grew up in did not have what you would call a balanced mix of fans. Instead, it was dominated by those loud, obnoxious Philadelphia Eagle maniacs. They became even louder and more obnoxious when the Eagles won

the NFC title in 1980 under the leadership of head coach Dick Vermeil.

This development sparked a certain degree of friction between myself and the other kids in the neighborhood because I grew up idolizing the Dallas Cowboys. I particularly admired Dallas quarterback Roger Staubach and his remarkable come-from-behind victories. As a loyal Cowboy fan, I've often felt the exhilaration of victory.

But I experienced a much different emotion when the Eagles thoroughly defeated the Cowboys during the NFC championship game for the 1980 season. The game was played on a cold January day in Philadelphia's Veterans Stadium. The final score was Eagles 20, Cowboys 7.

My brother and I were crushed and we kept waiting for the phone to ring, as it often does when the Cowboys lose. But there was only silence. I couldn't understand why. The Eagles just earned a trip to the Super Bowl. Wasn't anyone going to call me up and rub it in?

About an hour or so after the game, we heard a commotion outside. Eagles fans were picketing our home. They were equipped with signs that read

Eagles are the Champions!!!

Dallas Stinks!!!

**Move over, Dallas —
Philly is Number One!!!**

Of course, in recent years the tables have turned and it has been the Cowboys who are beating up on the Eagles in the playoff games. Last year's NFC Divisional Playoff game was played in Texas Stadium. Cowboys 30, Eagles 11. Just a friendly reminder.

What can we expect to see this season? Will the Cowboys remain supreme? The Eagles have become competitive again and they have a great coach. If the Cowboys were to stumble, the Eagles would be well-positioned to win the division.

Jeff Harearik, a Sean Grady's employee, offered his assessment of the 1996 NFL season.

"I don't expect any big surprises during [this] season," he says. "The contenders will separate themselves from other teams early on. The Cowboys had a tough first week but they rebounded nicely in the second week against the Giants."

But Harearik's Super Bowl prediction is a bit of a surprise. He sees the Washington Redskins winning the NFC and the Kansas City Chiefs winning the AFC.

It's fun to prognosticate, but football is not an exact science. Every week, I watch *Inside the NFL* on HBO so I can listen to the commentary offered by former players and coaches. Even their picks are off-center from time to time, but it's an insightful program nonetheless.

From what I've gathered, fans can expect to see more parity among the teams. The Cowboys and San Francisco 49ers have been in a class by themselves during the '90s, but this is beginning to change with free agency and the salary cap. Consequently, some of the lesser teams will become more competitive.

"It's hard to be a fan these days," says Scott Stevens, a football enthusiast from Ewing Township who sometimes visits Sean Grady's. "You have to like players instead of just teams because the teams frequently change."

Nevertheless, Stevens supports the con-
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cept of free agency. "You want to have the league more competitive so it isn't just Dallas and San Francisco all the time," he says. "This way, fans will have an interest in all of the games being played instead of just a few."

Like many football fans, Stevens is troubled by the movement of teams from one part of the country to another. The most obvious and painful example involved the Cleveland Browns, whose owner Art Modell wanted a new stadium. The powers that be in that city resisted, however, and the Browns are now the Baltimore Ravens.

This really screws up the fans, Stevens says. "There should be a tougher policy in place."

How do Browns fans feel these days? What can they expect to see in the future? Only a genuine, dyed-in-the-wool Cleveland fan like James Babashak would have the answers. He grew up in western Pennsylvania, became enamored with Browns quarterback Otto Graham in the early 1950s and has been a loyal fan since.

For now, I'll follow the Baltimore Ravens out of interest for the previous team," he says. "But I can't speak for all the fans. People will react differently."

"Unfortunately, the city did not try to keep Modell for political reasons. But Cleveland still owns the rights to the team name and the team colors. The NFL has promised us a new team by 1999 if a new stadium is built."

Babashak was a season ticket holder when he was single.

After I was married," he says, "I found that Jane was not as concerned with football as I was, but we still went to one or two games a year. We both had a good time."

Likewise, Stevens enjoys watching football with his wife Karen, who approaches the game with a much enthusiasm as he does.

"She is very knowledgeable," he says. "I don't have to explain the game and answer dumb female questions. We have a common interest."

The Stevenses, both of whom are Eagles fans, enjoy examining every aspect of the game. They are concerned not only with the caliber of the players but with the quality of the coaching. He has definite ideas about the coaches who are effective and the coaches who leave a lot to be desired.

Eagles coach Ray Rhodes, Pittsburgh coach Bill Cowher, Buffalo coach Marv Levy and Miami coach Jimmy Johnson are among the best in their opinion. They also feel New York Jets coach Rich Kotite and Dallas coach Barry Switzer are the worst.

"Coaches like Cowher, Rhodes and Johnson are great motivators who get the most out of their players," Stevens says. "I also like Marv Levy's philosophy of coaching. He knows how to delegate authority to his assistant coaches."

"Rich Kotite tries to run the whole show in New York, and he's a big flop," he says. "He'll probably be the first firing this year."

Barry Switzer may also be gone at the end of the season because of all the controversy between him and Troy Aikman. The players in Dallas lack faith in Barry."

Although he has enormous respect for Jimmy Johnson, Stevens believes the expectations are too high for the Miami Dolphins.

"People are expecting a winner right away," he says. "Jimmy Johnson's making all the right moves. More emphasis on the running game, more emphasis on defense and less pressure on Dan Marino. But you have to remember Johnson has changed about 30 percent of the roster. Miami is on the right path, but it will take about three years. They shouldn't expect more than a wild card [playoff spot] this season."

So who are the real contenders in the 1996 NFL season?

The Green Bay Packers look like the team to beat in the NFC. Quarterback Brett Favre looked superb in the first two games and could have another MVP season.

The running game continues to improve and Reggie White powers a determined defense.

But it would be premature to count out Dallas or San Francisco; both still have a lot of offensive weapons and quality defense. Most observers believe the Dallas defense is much better than the one which won last year's Super Bowl.

The AFC is much harder to read.

The Pittsburgh Steelers almost pulled off a great upset in last year's Super Bowl. This season, the Steelers have been victimized by free agency and key injuries but still have a playoff team. In Buffalo, coach Levy has kept the key ingredients in place. The Bills have quality players with Super Bowl experience on offense and defense. The Chiefs, San Diego Chargers, Indianapolis Colts and Denver Broncos all have a genuine shot. I believe the gap between the more dominant NFC and the AFC has closed considerably.

There are some interesting possibilities for this year's Super Bowl. My gut feeling tells me we

might see something like Green Bay against Buffalo, Dallas against Indianapolis or a variation on these combinations.

Football remains my favorite sport, period. It's fun to watch and fun to play, and if we pay close enough attention it can teach us some important lessons which spill over into everyday life. The commitment to excellence, the perseverance in the face of great difficulty and the importance of teamwork always separate the winners from the losers.

Unfortunately, there are some disturbing trends in the NFL which undermine a large part of what I like best about football. Too many high profile players lack a sense of loyalty to their respective organizations as a consequence of free agency. Why should fans remain loyal to any particular team when its high profile players are ready to jump ship?

I also have problems with the league's salary cap because it works against those organizations which are serious about winning.

The reality is some franchises are committed to excellence while others are not. It's not like the New York Jets don't get good draft picks.

Success breeds envy. Dallas owner Jerry Jones has an ego a mile wide and I can see how he may rub people the wrong way. But he wants a winner in Dallas and is willing to allocate the necessary resources. I wish the owners of the New York Jets, the New York Giants, the Cincinnati Bengals, the Arizona Cardinals and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers had the same attitude. Why weren't they trying to pick up Deion Sanders when he was a free agent. Don't they want a playoff team?

Fans will never see complete parity in the NFL.

There will always be winners and losers.

Kevin Mooney wrote "Watching the Skies" for Weekend Plus in June. He doesn't like to be bothered when the Cowboys are on.

Football viewing hot spots



Fans flock to Central Jersey eateries and bars, like those listed below, to enjoy football on TV together.

Weekend Plus recommends the following locations, among others, for "tilting back a cold one," as our writer Kevin Mooney puts it, and watching the games.

- Antone's, 112 South Ave., Cranford; 276-3414
- Bazooka's, 475 N. Bridge St., Bridgewater; 526-3303
- Bazooka's, 1351 Centennial Ave., Piscataway; 981-1234
- Casey's, 1736 Route 206, Skillman; 359-6300
- Colorado Cafe, 154 Bonnie Bum Road, Watchung; 322-7200
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- Legends, Willie's Tavern, Hightstown; 234-1896
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Murder under glass

Shipboard mystery breaks fourth wall

By JOHN ANGELO

Weekend Plus theater writer

Every Saturday night, patrons of *A Deadly Briefcase* can travel back to 1902 and enjoy a cruise on the *QE II* without going further than Woodbridge. *A Deadly Briefcase* is an interactive murder mystery dinner theater production in which the audience tries to figure out the identity of the ship's killer.

The possible suspects include Borgo (Joe Prussak) and Nadia (Carolyn Burger), a pair of Romanian spies; Lucy (Katie Damiano), a bubbly woman with amnesia, a simpleton who thinks he's Sherlock Holmes (Don Sheffrin), a customs agent who may be more than he claims to (David Fine); and his former lover Tammy (Amelia de Cassia Leites). Ellery Chan (Hob MacKay), the American grandson of the great detective Charlie Chan, is also aboard to help the audience solve the mystery. The characters' obsession is a mysterious briefcase whose contents they're willing to kill for.

A Deadly Briefcase, written by local playwright David Landau, is a spoof on James Bond movies and a comedy/murder mystery in the tradition of the movie and board game *Clue*. Audience members, seated together at large round tables as on a cruise ship, may query the actors to gain more information on the case, or they may find themselves taken hostage by spies or asked to hold a gun on the potential murderer.

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participation, stageless plays, such as the long running off Broadway hit *Tony 'N' Tina's Wedding* or the newcomer *Grandma Sylvia's Funeral*. *A Deadly Briefcase* is sure to make for an enjoyable evening. The actors display a great deal of enthusiasm for the material, which makes up for a sprinkling of bad puns with which they pepper the audience. The action takes place on all sides of unsuspecting audience members who will be questioned as witnesses to the crime.

A warning to those who like to sit back in the audience and remain unnoticed until the end of the performance: This play is not for you. Actors will crawl under the dinner tables, hold guns to the heads of some people, dance with others and so on. All this makes for a unique experience quite unlike most dinner theater productions. Some audience members, however, may find it a bit

intrusive for their tastes.

The set decorations and costumes are very minimalist but adequate for the story line. The production also contains a few comic numbers (with music and lyrics by Nikki Stern), which allow the actors to show their musical abilities.

The \$42 ticket price includes a four course dinner (taxes and gratuities included), patrons may choose pasta primavera, chicken marsala or grilled salmon. Each course serves as an intermission to the play, which makes the night carry on a little longer than needed, however, audience members will not be bored by the production's slapstick humor, musical numbers and fight sequences.

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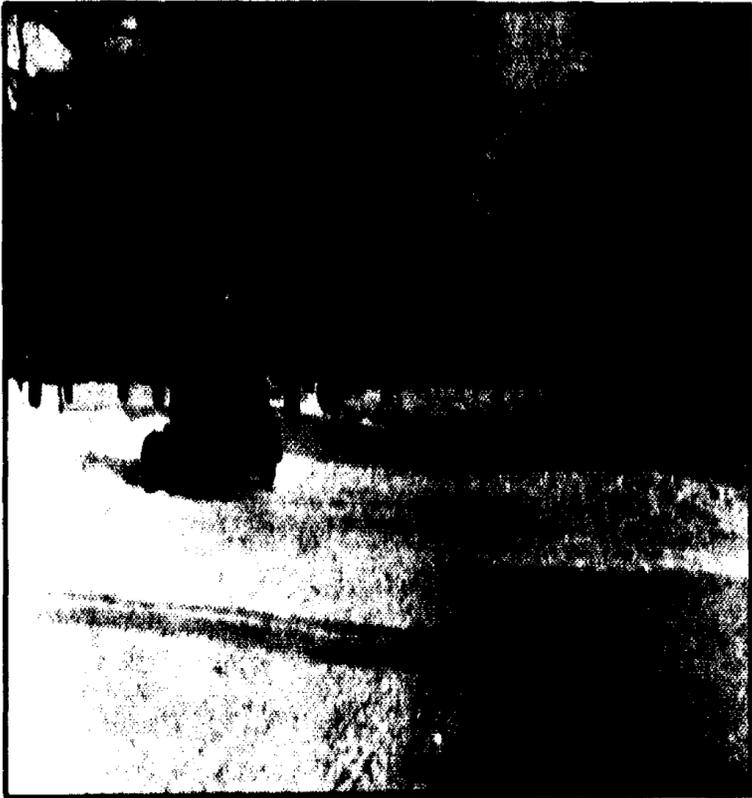
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Step into the historic past of Somerville



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Above, snow-covered High Street in Somerville. The old Central School is on the left. At right, the corner of Main and Bridge streets in the borough. Both photographs are circa 1940.

Historic weekend invites you to explore the borough's past

By **DORE CARROLL**
Weekend Plus writer

You can learn from the dead, learn on your bike or learn about Paul Robeson this weekend in Somerville.

"Celebrating Historic Somerville" will showcase the borough's rich history through walking and bicycle tours of historic sites and photos and demonstrations of how they were at the turn of the century. Families and friends are welcome to join in the festivities and learn about Somerville's history Thursday through Sunday.

Among the weekend's featured events are tours of Somerville's historic cemetery and historic St. Thomas A.M.E. Zion Church, the Country Faire at the Wallace House and Old Dutch Parsonage, and a bicycle tour of historic buildings and homes in town.

Walking tours of Somerville's cemetery on South Bridge Street will be given 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday by the Somerville Cemetery Association.

Designed in the 1880s, the cemetery is unique because it was a planned, landscaped cemetery, architecturally designed in a Victorian pattern.

"Other cemeteries are lined up in straight rows, but this cemetery was planned in a park-like setting, for people to come and contemplate," says David Hardgrove, secretary of the cemetery association. Winding roads, curving paths, trees and flowers contribute to the ambience.

Victorians thought cemeteries

should be beautiful, pastoral places, with a garden atmosphere, says Marge Sullivan, chairwoman of the historic advisory committee.

"The cemetery represents the evolution of our thoughts about death and burial over time," says Hardgrove. "The cemetery tells of the social history of Somerville and how it reflected the times in America."

Somerville's historic cemetery has many large family plots where entire extended families were buried together. Grandparents, in-laws, cousins, aunts and uncles, parents and children were all buried in the same spot.

"Nowadays, people buy two plots, one for them and their spouse. That reflects a change in society," Hardgrove says. On the whole, he adds, people are not as close to their extended families like they were many years ago.

The cemetery also illustrates medical problems that are almost obsolete today.

"One stone lists a man and his three wives. All three died in child birth," Hardgrove says. "It was such a common occurrence then, and we don't even think about that today."

It's evident from dates on headstones that seven children buried with the same family all died in infancy. "Again, it's something we don't consider today," he adds.

"The cemetery also reflects the history of Somerville itself," Hardgrove says. "All the names of the streets in town are down there on headstones."

People grew up in town, lived here, made names for themselves, and died here, Hardgrove says. "Again it's a reflection of society. Today, people come and go so quickly. They don't grow up and live and die in one town anymore."

In Victorian days, black people were not buried in the same cemeteries as white people, Hardgrove explains, but the historic cemetery has a black section.

"That reflects Somerville, because even then Somerville had a black population," Hardgrove says. "Now, of course, blacks are buried throughout the cemetery, and that too is a reflection of society."

History is further reflected in the cemetery, in the black section of the cemetery, where the letters "C.T." are printed on some headstones.

"The C. T. is on veterans' headstones. It stands for 'colored troops' from the Civil War," Hardgrove says. "There was a very small number of blacks in the Union Army," he relates, and some were from Somerville.

A cemetery as old as this one tells us a lot about societal trends over the years, Hardgrove says.

The annual "Country Faire in the Raretons" is traditionally celebrated every September, and this year will be held noon-5 p.m. Sunday at the Wallace House and Old Dutch Parsonage in conjunction with the celebration of historic Somerville.

The fair follows traditions begun

in New Jersey during colonial times, Sullivan says. The fair represents the borough's early history, when it was not much more than a small colonial hamlet.

The crafts at the fair have varied from year to year, depending on which crafters are able to attend. In past years, the fair has hosted a shepherd with live sheep. This year, colonial American arts and crafts will be displayed by people wearing 18th century costumes, and fireplace cooking and baking will be done on the premises. Candle making, lace work, weaving and wool spinning will also be demonstrated. Colonial dancers will perform the English-style dances families often enjoyed in their homes and parlors after dinner in the 18th century.

Somerville's oldest African American parish, St. Thomas A.M.E. Zion Church, will present a general history of African Americans in the community.

The 141-year-old church was the home parish of Paul Robeson, whose father was a pastor at one time. A slide show and video, prepared by TKR Cable, chronicling the life and times of Paul Robeson and a history of the congregation will be shown. Photos of some of the parish's original donors will be displayed in the foyer, and talks about the church's founding members and pastors will be given through the afternoon, historian Dr. Beverly Murdoch says.

St. Thomas' location at 75 Dav-

enport St. is its second, Dr. Murdoch says. The church's first location was across the street, where the Middle School is now. This second edifice was built in 1896. Tours of the premises will be given noon-2 p.m. Saturday.

A family bike tour of historic Somerville has been organized by the Somerset Alliance for the Future, the U.S. Bicycling Hall of Fame, and RideWise of Raritan Valley. The tour links historic sites, significant buildings on Main Street and the Medical Center, organizer Steve Dragos says. It is a self-guided tour that families can do at their own pace.

"You can do something without hurting the environment and without wearing out your shoe leather," Dragos says. "Bicycling is an important part of Somerville."

The bicycle tour will be a unique way for families to experience the historic weekend, Dragos adds. You can register in advance, or from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the U.S. Bicycling Hall of Fame at 168 W. Main St. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A route map, schedule of events, guide book to Somerville's historical sites, and a "Pop" Kugler T-shirt, will be provided to all families, for a \$5 donation. All proceeds benefit the Bicycling Hall of Fame.

"We hope to have lots of people out on bikes enjoying the day," Dragos says.

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School's in and the Halloween dilemma looms



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By RACHAEL HIP-FLORES

Weekend Plus writer

OK, being as how it's September and everything, the most natural thing to write about would be going back to school. Yow! That's kind of a downer, isn't it? But going into Conackamack Middle School is exciting -- in a dismal kinda way. I mean, there's all sorts of cool stuff that comes with the sixth-grade territory, like hanging up posters in your new locker of the celeb you currently have a crush on (in my case, the one and only Bill Pullman), having gym every day and having your own schedule. It's really exciting ...

... for the first

week. Then,

once your locker starts to look like ground zero after the bomb has gone off, once you've discovered how truly unathletic you really are, and once three or four hours of homework every night is routine, you begin to mutate into a funky sort of mold that reads, writes and mathis.

And then one day, when you find yourself massaging your temples, trying to remember exactly how to multiply decimals, your mind inevitably wanders to other more important matters like, What does Phoebe Buffet do for a living on *Friends*? Why is Alanis Morissette's *Jagged Little Pill* still on the charts after 64 weeks? I mean, it's a good tape and all, but -- and finally, that yearly dilemma, "What in God's name am I gonna be for Halloween?" You saw that one coming, didn't you?

This last item is almost as much a conundrum as "What came first, the chicken or the egg?" See, Halloween is very important to us kids. We have to pick just the right costume because, y'know, it has to be self-expressing or something. If you can't go through the agonizing, frustrating, sweat and blood, heart and soul, salt and pepper, bacon and cheese, all that and a bag of chips rigmorle of trying to resolve that all-important question, what fun is Halloween?

However, the older you get, the harder it becomes to choose your costume. I mean, when you were, like, between 3 and 7, you could have dressed up as a type of fungus and no one would care, because no matter what you were, if you were that young, the almighty candy givers always thought you

were cute.

As the years wore on, you didn't want to be a ballerina or a clown, because that was for kids. (Of course you were only 8 then, but who was counting?) You wanted to be different. Halloween was a time to rebel even if you weren't a rebel. Of course, in second or third grade you would still get stuck being a vampire, but hey, it could have been worse. You could have been a pumpkin!

When you're in your fourth- or fifth-grade classroom with your head in your hands, stressing over that one word you completely forgot how to spell, you really start tearing your hair out over this annual October nuisance. When you're, like, 10 or older, there is virtually no excuse for being a fairy princess. It's total social suicide. These years are when you really start getting dramatically creative or try to be, anyhow.

I have to admit last year's costume could have been a bit more original. I was a hippie. Yeah, man. Incidentally, so was my mom -- in 1969. In all fairness, it did seem like a good idea -- at 3 a.m. Oct. 30.

It's "Sixth Grade and the Process of Costume Elimination." Tell me that doesn't sound like some sort of book. Anyway, I've been mulling over the costume question since July. First, after reading *Alice in Wonderland*, I wanted to be the Mad Hatter. That lasted about a week. The Mad Hatter is so up for grabs for anyone stuck for an idea. So are a cranky housewife, a shower curtain, a Spanish maqui and a Union general from the Civil War, all hurled into oblivion.

By the time you read this I will probably have dismissed about half a dozen more costume concepts. I probably will end up making a sandwich board which reads, "Did Not Know What to Be for Halloween." I may never achieve full closure on this one subject -- the costume that expresses my inner child or the outer one, whichever comes first.

Or was it the egg?

Rachael Hip-Flores is an 11-year-old student at Conackamack Middle School, Piscataway. This column runs the third week of the month.

Minnesota is a disaster

By JEFFREY COMEN

Weekend Plus film critic

Quentin Tarantino has a lot to answer for. After unleashing *Reservoir Dogs* and, especially, *Pulp Fiction*, the hipster auteur has established his own genre (there are books devoted to "The Films of Quentin Tarantino" — all two of them!), and in doing so, has released onto an unsuspecting world a force more sinister than anything he himself could dream up: Quentin Tarantino wannabes.

Take, for example, Steven Baigelman. The novice writer/director has clearly seen both Tarantino films a couple of times, and feels he can inflict upon an unsuspecting audience his own homage, a black comedy he calls *Feeling Minnesota* because if he called it *Bob Goes to the Zoo*, nobody would know what he was talking about. At least the movie does take place in Minnesota.

Here, Keanu Reeves, as an ex-con named Jjaks (don't even ask; they'll tell you), squints his way back into town on the day of his brother Sam's (Vincent D'Onofrio) wedding to Freddie (Cameron Diaz, looking a lot like Courtney Love, who turns up as a waitress). The marriage, it would seem, is being forced by a local hood named Red (Delroy Lindo) as a reward for Sam and a punishment for Freddie.

With us so far? Okay. So Jjaks (still don't ask) comes to the wedding, his eyes lock with the bride's, and guess what happens five minutes later? That's right, on the bathroom floor.

Before you can say *True Romance* (which Tarantino wrote but didn't direct), the cute couple is fleeing Sam and thinking about stealing his cache of money, which may or may not be hidden in Sam's house.

Keep in mind that the big dream being chased here is the opportunity for Freddie to become a Las Vegas showgirl, that both Sam and Jjaks tend to get violent for not especially good reasons, that neither one of them is going to be



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"Dude, we're in a really bad movie." Keanu Reeves and Cameron Diaz wonder what they're doing in *Feeling Minnesota*.

invited to join Mensa anytime soon, and that Baigelman's script thinks it's fooling you with plot twists that were old when Tom Mix was making movies.

It doesn't help that Reeves and Diaz generate about as much heat on the screen as *Nanook of the North*, nor that nothing very much happens for 45 minutes in the middle of the movie.

There is the requisite violence, the expletive every other word, and all the other quickly developing cliches of the genre. It must be an oversight that nobody shows up in a black suit with a thin tie.

The only actor who even attempts a Minnesota accent (so well

captured in the Coen Brothers' *Fargo*) is Dan Aykroyd, who plays a corrupt cop. And even he showed more depth as F. Buzz Miller.

Weekend Plus rates films on just how much of their \$8 ticket price they're worth.

Feeling

Minnesota .. They owe you \$80

Written and directed by Steven Baigelman
Produced by Danny DeVito, Michael Rihmanberg and Blake Silver. Rated R. 95 minutes.

Jjaks	KEANU REEVES
Sam	VINCENT D'ONOFRIO
Freddie	CAMERON DIAZ
Red	DELOY LINDO
Waitress	COURTNEY LOVE
Nora	TUESDAY WELD
Ben	DAN AYKROYD



Disney wants you to believe that *Oliver & Company* (Walt Disney Home Video; \$26.99 suggested retail) is a classic worthy of inclusion in the Masterpiece Collection. What it really is: a middling little animated adaptation of *Oliver Twist* using kittens and dogs. Voices by Billy Joel, Bette Midler and (especially) Cheech

Martin even things up. But wait another month, and you can have *Toy Story*. It's worth the wait.

Sarah Jessica Parker does her best to bring charm to *W Lucy Pelt* (Columbia TriStar Home Video), and writer/director/star Eric Schaeffer provides funny lines for ... himself. He also provides reasons for Elle MacPherson to kiss him. Some guys have really good jobs. But the movie, a Gen X romantic comedy that's so obvious my seven-year-old could predict the plot twists, is disappointing. Schaeffer has a way with dialogue. Next time, he needs to have a story, too.

Top ten rentals

1. Executive Decision
 2. 12 Monkeys
 3. City Hall
 4. Restoration
 5. Happy Gilmore
 6. Mary Poppins
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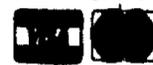
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Home of St. Joseph
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Washington Crossing State Park, Route 574, Titusville
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*19th annual exhibit of antique tractors, cars and farm equipment, 8 a.m.-dusk Sept. 21, 22. Admission \$4.

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Waterloo Village
1-80 Exit 25, Stanhope
(201) 384-0010
*On the grounds of the historic site, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sept. 28, 29. Adults \$5, children under 16 free; combination tickets with Waterloo Village (see Museums).

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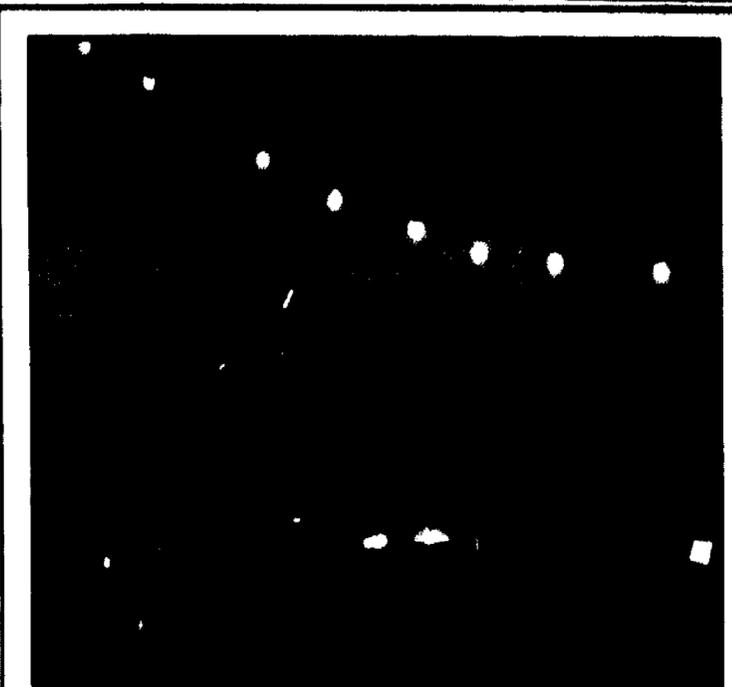
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The Atocha collection, considered the greatest sunken treasure ever discovered, is valued at \$40 million, less than one-tenth of the total \$400 million value of Fisher's Atocha find. It was recovered by

Fisher and his treasure team after a 16-year search filled with frustration, tragedy, hardship and glory. It is the only touring Atocha exhibition authorized by Fisher and his family.

In Flemington, the exhibition will be staged by a man who has firsthand experience with the Atocha. Abe Sherman, a certified diver, has taken part of Fisher's continuing exploration of the Atocha treasure site off Key West, Fla. Fisher's dive team is still discovering treasure from the Spanish galleon which sank in 1622. A rare ornate gold cross and a spectacular emerald ring were among artifacts recently found at the site.

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•Volleyball (weather permitting) at Southard Park, Hasking Ridge, 1 p.m. Sept. 28. Cost \$5, bring water. (201) 378-8571.

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(908) 766-4812
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•Dinner at First Presbyterian Church, Bernardsville, 1 p.m. Sept. 28. Cost \$12.

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•Brunch (28-45, jacket required) at the Stone, Hasking Ridge, noon Sunday. Members \$20, non-members \$30. (908) 221-1182.

•Volleyball (28-45) at Racquet Club of Warren, 2 p.m. Sunday. Members \$5, non-members \$10. (908) 647-9380.

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NYC club series offers musical spontaneity

By ART SWIFT
Weekend Plus correspondent
Going to a concert nowadays usually entitles the audience to an impeccably polished performance. The band de-

livers a straightforward, formulaic show that may be high on intensity, but low on surprises. For the concertgoer who is searching for something edgier and unvarnished, a unique month-

ly event has been happening at the Bottom Line [15 W. 4th St., Manhattan, (212) 228-6300]. Since last April, a collection of celebrity singer/songwriters are joining the "Writers In The Round."

Hosted by rock veterans Richard Barone and Jules Shear, each show features four singers, brandishing acoustic guitars, who just met a couple of days before. After a minimum of rehearsal at "Chez Barone," or, Richard's house, the previous night, the results on stage are musical serendipity.

On Sept. 26, Barone, Shear, Roseanne Cash and newcomer Ron Sexsmith will play this month's "Round." Past lineups have included Barone and Shear with Jill Sobule ("Kissed A Girl"), Freedy Johnston ("Bad Reputation"), Curtis Stigers ("I Wonder Why") and Eric Bazilian of the Hooters, notable for writing Joan Osborne's megahit "One of Us."

There's no moderator, no set song list and mistakes are made. But it's the collaborative experimentation and willingness to joke with each other on stage that separates this from other songwriting circles, Barone says.

"It's a truly fun environment," he says. "We sing backup on each other's songs and encourage each other to shine on stage. It's not every man for themselves up there and we're never really sure until we sing that night what it's going to sound like. I've enjoyed it tremendously."

Barone is probably best known for his work with the seminal '80s band The Bongos, a highly influential pop/new wave outfit from Hoboken. With hits like "Numbers With Wings" and "In The Congo," the group paved the way for a multitude of artists from R.E.M. to Duran Duran.

Shear has been more successful when others cover his songs. Cyndi Lauper did his "All Through The Night," the Bangles did "If She Knew What She Wants" and Orleans, Roger McGuinn of the Byrds and Tommy Conwell have also popularized his music.

The genesis of "Writers In The Round" came when Barone hosted a similar night in February at the Bottom Line, simply called "In Their Own Words."

"After the show, the owner of the club called me into his office and I wondered if I had said something wrong about the club," Barone says. "I thought I was going to be reprimanded, but instead he offered me this show on a regular basis. I suggested to bring Jules into it. I thought we could really bookend the show with our personalities, we could really keep the show rolling each month."

The roots of the show can also be traced to Barone's first solo album, the lush, stylish *Cool Blue Halo*, a deeply personal record that some credit as the forerunner of the "MTV Unplugged" movement. That stripped-down, unplugged



PUBLICITY PHOTO BY LORRAINE SYLVESTRE
Richard Barone, leader of the early '80s pop group The Bongos, promotes and plays a monthly New York City nightclub series showcasing well-known singer-songwriters.

vibe was clearly evident last month when Suzzy Roche of the legendary Roches and newcomer Patty Griffin joined the round. A coin was tossed and Shear sang first. During the set, Barone talked about being the "littlest DJ" at a Tampa radio station in the 1960s. Griffin reminisced about her days as a phone operator at Harvard University, and Roche expounded on the topics of fathers, llamas and Christmas trees.

Not to worry, Barone interjects, this is not a marathon talkfest punctuated by the occasional song. "Each person does four songs and we want to do a show that's mostly music," he says. "Of course, it's relaxed and we talk between songs, but we mainly keep the show a show."

The August evening ended with the quartet singing "I Go To Pieces" by Del Shannon. Why Del?

"We wanted to close each show with a song by a deceased song writer. This way we could honor their memory in our jam session," he says. Past selections from the grave have included "Eye As A Bird" by John Lennon, "Hang On Sloop" by Wes Farrell and "What A Wonderful World" by Bob Thiele.

In sum, "Writers In The Round" is a lighthearted yet musically substantial evening with some twists.

"I'd have to say it inspires my songwriting and incites me to write more," Barone says. "It helps me to really focus on what I do because it's different, it encourages our difference."

Who will be the next ingredients in this musical stew? Barone isn't saying, but he would only reveal "Carole King has been coming to our shows and I think we can get her onstage."

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David Bowie: *Murky Dory, Low* (Rykodisc)

I must admit, after purchasing the entire Bowie catalog on Rykodisc, I was perturbed when I learned the label was remastering some of those albums yet again. However, I was pleasantly surprised when I heard *Murky Dory* and overwhelmed when I heard *Low*.

What impressed me most about *Murky Dory* was the clarity of the string sections. On "Life On Mars" and "Changes" especially, the sound was quite vivid. In addition, the acoustic guitar intro to "Andy Warhol" is crystal clear.

The re-release of *Low* is a real treat. The album is part of a trilogy of Bowie releases which were the precursor to today's "ambient" music. By mixing pop tunes with synthesized avant-garde instrumentals, Bowie and producer Brian Eno invented a new musical genre. These discs are highly recommended for audiophiles and Bowie completists.

— Andy Goldstein



SHARON WILSON/WEEKEND PLUS

This white chocolate praline dessert by Somerville's Verve restaurant is one of the treats in store for you at Chocolate Sunset.

A chocolate lover's delight

Historic weekend dessert event to benefit Heritage Trail, RVCC

By PHYLIS RECKEL

Weekend Plus culinary correspondent
 If drowning in a sea of chocolate sounds like the ideal way to get to heaven, there is an event coming you shouldn't miss. You will be able to taste the finest gourmet chocolates and chocolate desserts to be found in the area at Chocolate Sunset, "The Sweetest Part of the Day."
 The chocolate-tasting event to benefit Raritan Valley Community College and the Heritage Trail Association of Somerset County takes place Saturday in the Sculpture Garden at the college. Following the 6:30-8:30 p.m. tasting and auction there will be a performance in the college theater of *The Final Word*, a "whodunnit" about the Hall-Mills murder. Tickets for the play may be ordered separately - if you are one of the few non-chocoloholics of the world.

Chocolate Sunset will feature chocolate delights and chocolate sculpting by 10 prominent pastry chefs from the area's most prominent restaurants and caterers.
 The silent auction offers chocolate creations by local celebrities to be delivered at a later date. Bridgewater Police Chief Richard Voochies will personally deliver a Chocolate Mud Pie on his motorcycle with or without lights flashing and sirens ringing.

CPA Gail Rosen offers an April 15th Celebration Cheesecake, "good enough for an accountant to prepare the day after tax season is over." She will make it for your next celebration.

Mike Turner, president/CEO of Somerset Medical Center, will provide Chocolate Turtles made from a recipe "my wife Linda does not give out, even to me."

Assemblyman Kip Bateman suggests you be "politically correct" at your Election Day celebration with a Chocolate Peanut Butter Pie that will "taste almost as good if your candidate wins or loses."

Sue Wetzel, president of United Way of Somerset County, will unite a chocolate cake with oranges, liqueurs and a raspberry glaze for her great-for-the-holidays Chocolate-Orange Delight Cake.

"Contributing to the quality of life in Somerset County," Stephen Dragos, president of Somerset Alliance for the Future, will offer a Somerset "22 Karat Gold" Chocolate Cake to be prepared by his wife Judith. A perfect grand finale to a dinner party, this dessert is a double-layer chocolate cake filled with a white chocolate lemon mousse, draped with marzipan icing and set within a golden wreath of spun sugar.

To remind you "the economic climate in Somerset County is favorable for growing your business," Barbara Ross, president of the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce, will provide a Flowerpot Cookies N' Cream Pudding in which the flowerpot is filled with healthy "soil" so even the blue violets on top are edible.

Other celebrity offerings will include a Chocolate Surprise from Bridgewater Mayor Jim Dowden, and "Sex in a Pan" from Bridgewater Councilman Charlie Harrison, which may or may not be politically correct.

Also donating auction offerings are Rich Reitman, Freeholder Denise Coyle and RVCC President Cary Israel.

From the exhibitors offering chocolate samples, there will be a flourless cake layered with passion

fruit mousse from Christine's at Somerset Hills Hotel, truffles and cookies from the Doubletree Hotel in Somerset, an assortment from Fox Hollow Golf Club, cookies from Mama's Kitchen, truffles from Palmyra Tea Room and Verve American Bar and Restaurant, and chocolate cups from Willie's Tavernie. Other treats will come from Nadia Gourmet Catering, The Hilton at Short Hills, Wine Discoveries, and West & Co. Innovative Catering.

A motto I've adopted is "Eat dessert first. You never know." Similarly, Chocolate Sunset says "Life is short; eat dessert first." Either way, you should live by the adage, at least on Saturday night.

Tickets to Chocolate Sunset are \$50. Reservations are limited to 300 people. For tickets and information, call 725-3420.

Lunch break

History buffs touring Somerville can take a break for lunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at the United Reformed Church in the middle of town on Main Street. Renowned for the annual Lenten Luncheon it has served for years, the church is offering a smaller sample of its wares.

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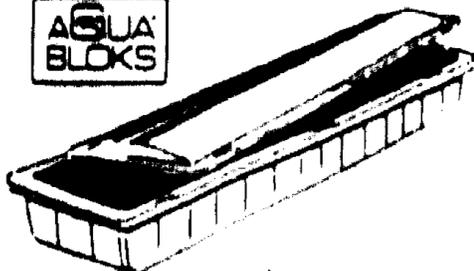
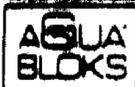
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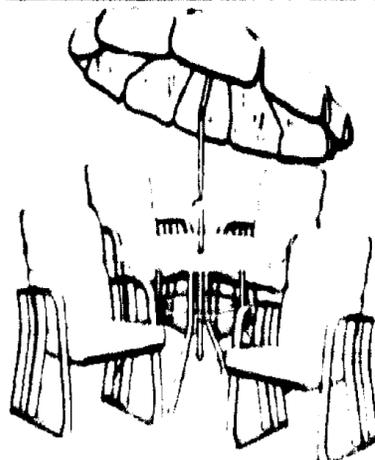
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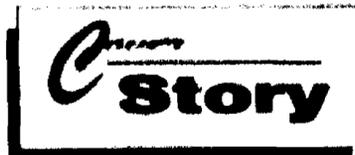
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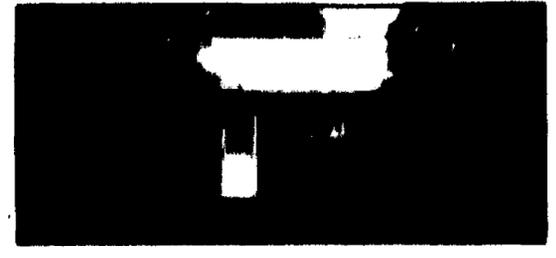
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Capital gains tax plans good for property owners

EDISON - The capital gains proposals announced by President Bill Clinton and Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole at their respective conventions last month will give New Jerseyans some much-needed flexibility in their home buying and selling decision-making process.

The two proposals, applying to all taxpayers, not just those older than 55, vary slightly, but are identical in that each benefits home owners when they sell their principal residence, giving them the option to trade up to a larger home or down to a smaller home.

"Both plans endorse expansion of the \$125,000 one-time capital gains exclusion on the sale of a principal residence as part of their election campaigns," said Robert L. Kinniebrew, president of the New Jersey Association of Realtors. "The bottom line is more money will most likely make its way back into our economy as a result of these plans because they allow for a much higher tax exclusion on gains from the sale of residential property."

Senator Dole's plan gives everyone a \$250,000 exclusion, and then requires a complex formula to get up to a \$500,000 exclusion, while President Clinton gives the full \$500,000. In any event, both plans will help New Jersey wallets

and pocketbooks," said Kinniebrew, broker owner of Century 21 Candid Realty in Willingboro. "Both plans are a huge simplification, and they will get the IRS out of people's lives. Both plans are consistent with Realtor policies of simplification, and consistent with the broad goals of our capital gains policy."

The two plans differ in other ways as well. Senator Dole's plan requires the home to be sold must be the seller's principal residence for at least three of the previous five years; President Clinton's plan requires two years. While this is President Clinton's lone capital gains proposal, Senator Dole also has an across-the-board capital gains cut.

Since the enactment of the 1986 Tax Reform Act, Realtors have favored restoring a lower tax rate on long-term capital gains, as compared to ordinary income.

"NJAR believes lowering the current capital gains rate would encourage real estate investment and stimulate the economy. Anecdotal evidence suggests many individuals who own viable properties and who have held them for a long period continue to hold those properties rather than sell them and take the beating associated with current law. This lock-in of capital exacerbates economic stag-

nation," Kinniebrew said.

Before 1987, an individual could exclude from taxation 60 percent of the gain from the sale of a capital asset, including depreciable real estate. The 1986 Tax Reform Act repealed that provision.

The Clinton and Dole capital gains plans could also indirectly help New Jersey's commercial and investment property activities in that they may lay to rest the idea of a flat tax system proposed by several members of the House of Representatives.

For instance, under the Rep. Richard Arney (R-Texas) flat tax, the capital gains treatment of commercial real estate would be taxed at the predetermined flat tax rate.

However, capital gains on other investments, like securities, would not be taxable. Moreover, the taxable amount of gain would be the full sales price. This would create a tremendously uneven playing field for real estate in the investment arena.

Last year, Realtors vehemently opposed the Arney flat tax plan, and we will continue to work with our legislators to create a fair and equitable tax system for all Americans," said Kinniebrew.

The New Jersey Association of Realtors is a nonprofit organization serving more than 38,000 real estate agents throughout the state.

Roger Love, president of Century 21 Taylor & Love Inc., is pleased to announce experienced sales associate Tracy Wilde has recently joined their full-time sales staff at 436 South Ave. in Westfield.



TRACY WILDE

A life-long resident of Cranford, Ms. Wilde graduated from Cranford High School and attended Seton Hall University. She was previously employed at United Counties Trust Company in the finance and investment department before selling real estate with a local Cranford office. Ms. Wilde and her husband, Russ, reside in Cranford with their two children, Russell, 3½, and Hayden, 1½.

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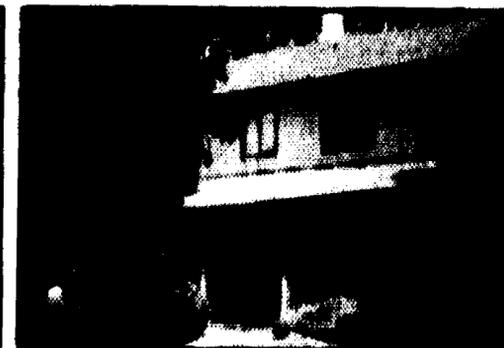
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DENVILLE Smashing 4 BR, 2 1/2 bath Colonial styled home. Vaulted ceiling in Family Room w/frplc. On over 1 acre w/private backyard **\$290,000**



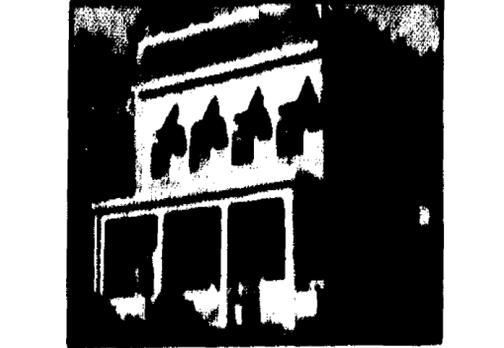
WEST ORANGE Two family investor, 2 - 2 bedroom units **\$132,500**



BASKING RIDGE Great in town home. 8 rm Colonial offers New Designer kitchen, 3-4 bdrms, 2 fireplaces, vaulted FR ceiling, great lawn maintenance, gardens, finished basement. **Must see \$325,000**



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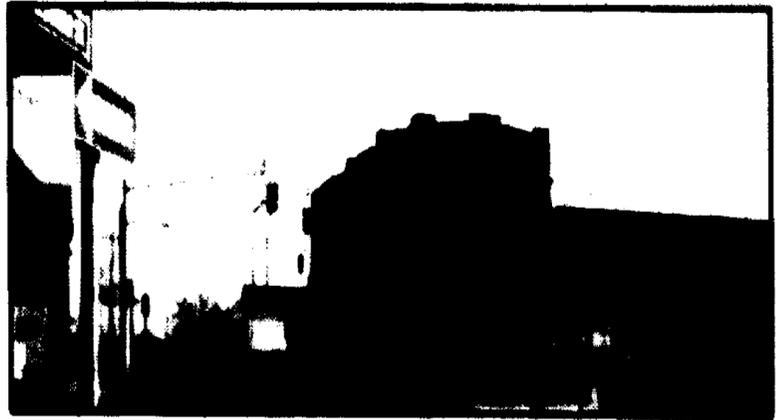
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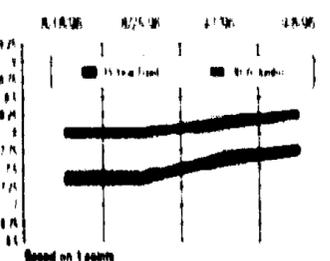
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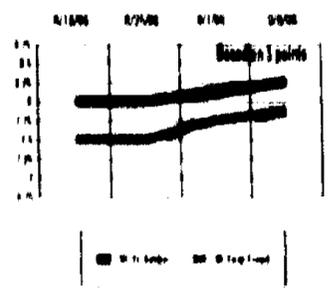
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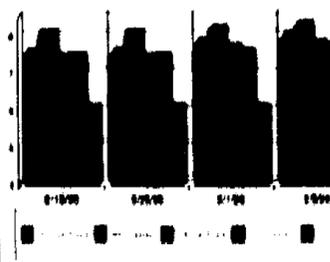
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(B) 77 Brent Ave., Clark, NJ 07066

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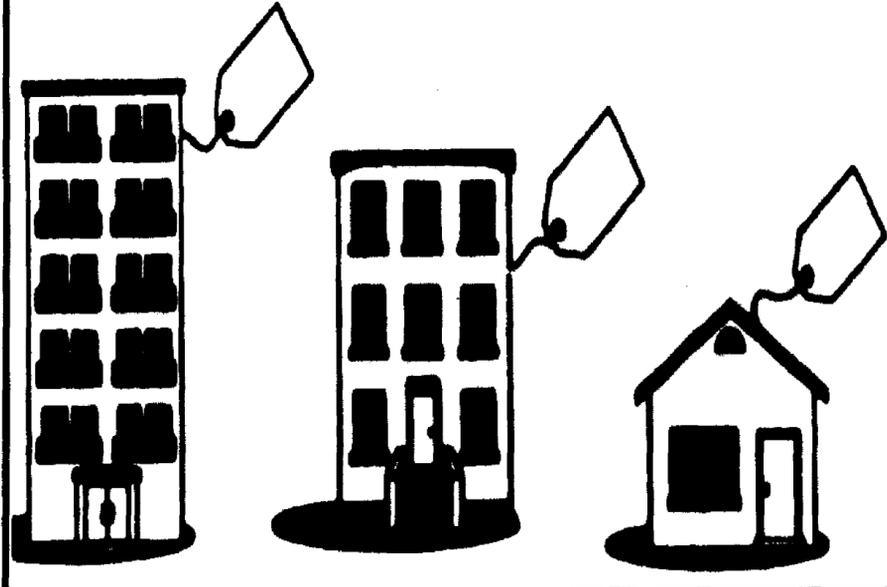
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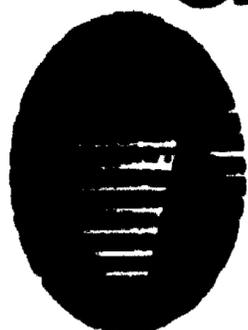
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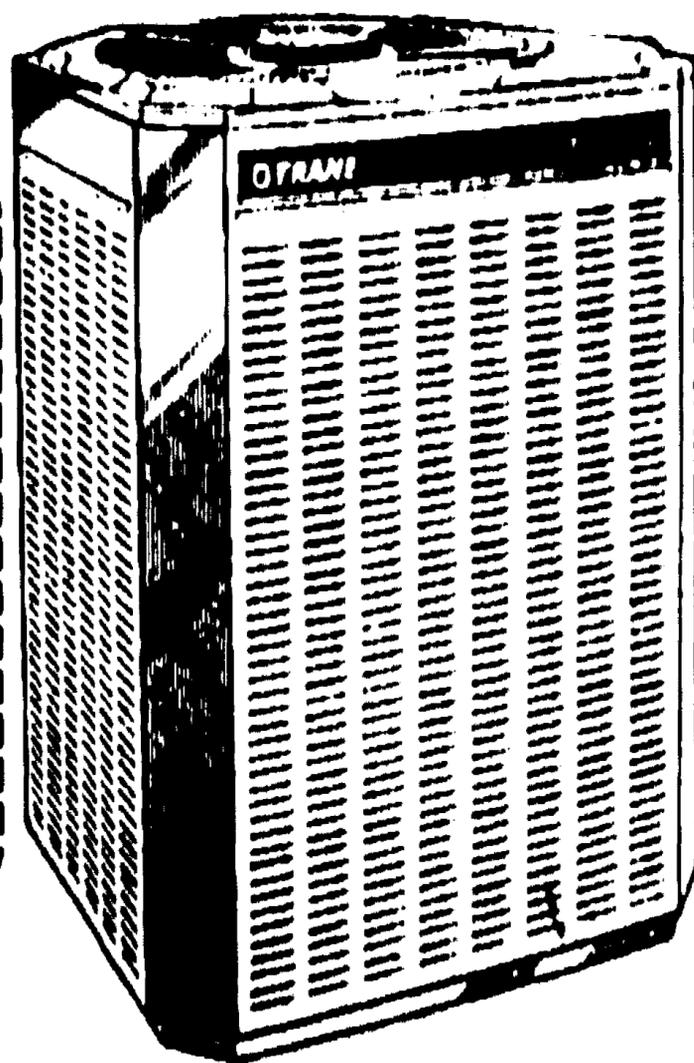


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A fall maintenance checklist for homeowners

The cool breezes of autumn may bring relief from the summer heat, but for homeowners they also bring a reminder that it's time to start fixing, cleaning, and preparing for winter weather.

If certain tasks are left undone, say the home inspectors from the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI), then a home becomes increasingly vulnerable to air, moisture, and water penetration, which may eventually cause structural problems. Whether done by the homeowner or a professional service contractor, preventive maintenance will help prolong the efficiency and lifespan of a home's many components.

In addition to any obvious repairs that might be necessary, ASHI recommends that homeowners safely tend to the following each fall in order to prevent minor problems from turning into major expenses:

- 1. Inspect the roof, using binoculars, for damaged, loose, or missing shingles. Repair as needed.
- 2. Check the flashing around roof stacks, vents, skylights, and chimneys as possible sources of leakage. Repair as needed.

- 3. Look for leaking, misaligned, or damaged gutters, downspouts, hangers, gutter guards, and strainers. Clean the gutters after all the leaves have fallen.

- 4. Check and upgrade attic insulation and ventilation so that improper conditions will not lead to ice dams in the winter, which can cause leaks and interior damage to the home.

- 5. Cut back tree limbs growing on or over the roof, as well as shrubbery growing against the house, to prevent damage to the home's exterior.

- 6. Check all doors and windows for proper caulking and weatherstripping. Remove any worn or decayed materials and apply new material as needed.

- 7. Drain exterior water lines, hose bibbs, sprinklers, and pool equipment. (Do not leave hose connected to bibb.)

- 8. Have the heating system serviced annually (fall is the best time).

For a free brochure on these and other seasonal home maintenance routines, send a self-addressed, stamped business-size envelope to: "Maintaining Your Home," ASHI, 85 West Algonquin Road, Suite 360, Arlington Heights, IL 60005-4423.

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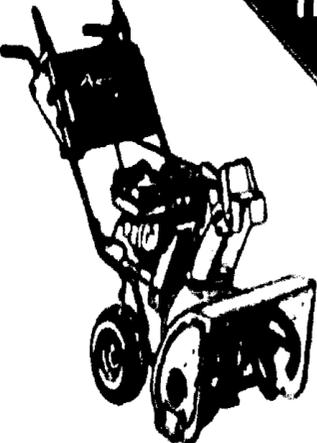
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There's nothing worse than pulling out your lawn mower for that first springtime cut and finding dry, crusted dirt from last season. Cleaning your garden tools and storing them properly can save you money and aggravation. Every tool, from your basic long-handled shovel to your snazzy electric hedge cutter, can be preserved and maintained for long-time use.

Taking the time to clean your tools today will start tomorrow's gardening off on the right foot.

Home Depot lawn and garden expert Martin Salazar believes storing tools is important.

"Clean out your garage and make room to store your garden tools," he says. "You won't be sorry when springtime rolls around and everything looks as good as new."

Start by selecting an area in your garage or covered shed for your tools to hibernate. After all your tools are in one place, wipe them down with a clean rag. Wear sturdy gloves to avoid any cuts from sharp blades. All blades could use a little lubrication



after wipe-off.

"A little WD-40 is all you need to lubricate the blades and avoid buildup," says Mr. Salazar.

Garden rakes, shovels and hoes require very low maintenance. Before you put them away for winter, check for any dirt, moisture or leaves that could cause rust buildup while in storage.

You might want to use a rust preventative before putting your tools away in storage.

Double check that your battery powered tools have all been disconnected. When the simple tools

are taken care of, you can move on to the larger items, like your lawn mower.

"Treat your lawn mower like a car," says Mr. Salazar. "Change the oil and the filter at the end of each season."

A gas additive will protect your lawn mower and other power tools by providing a chemical coating over the top of the gas that can last for up to two years.

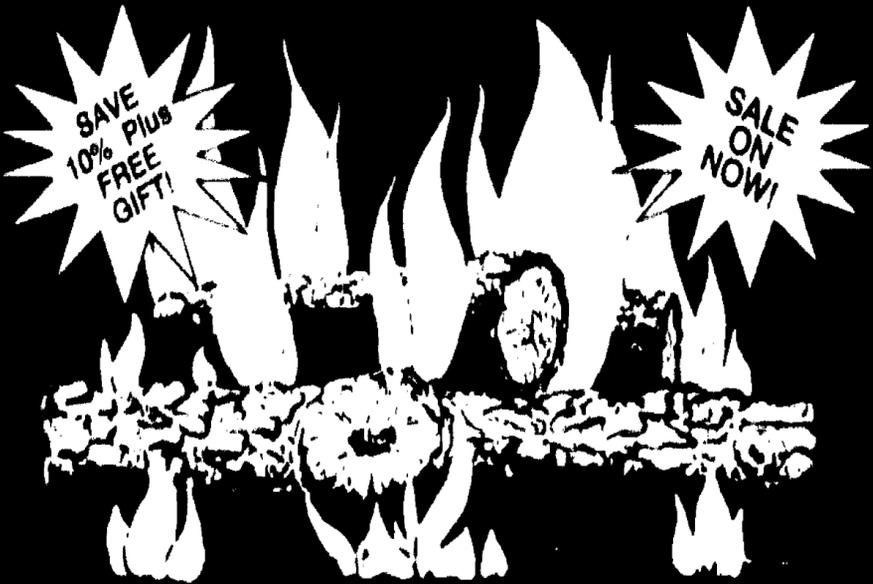
Mr. Salazar also suggests running your gas-powered equipment for a few minutes before putting them away. According to Mr. Salazar, the mixture needs to pass through the carburetor to make sure the gas doesn't become syrupy over the winter months.

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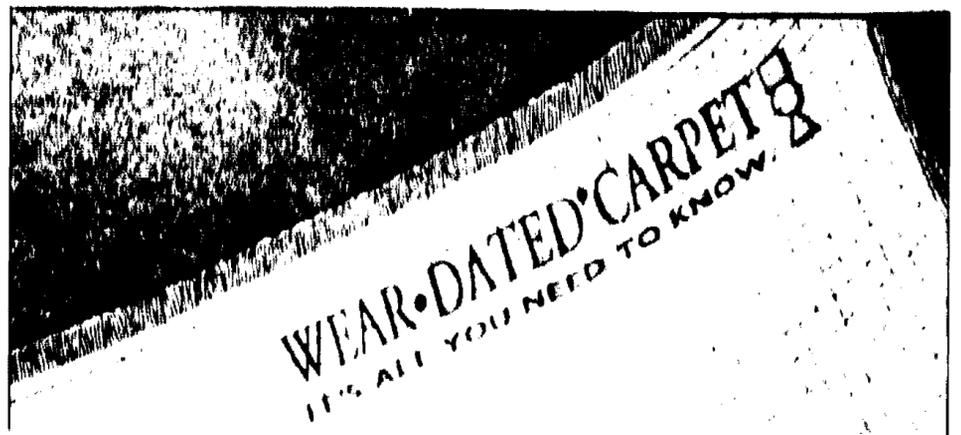
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Fall gardening basics:**Three easy steps to a beautiful spring garden**

Winter may be on its way, but don't put away those garden tools just yet. October is one of the busiest months in the garden and a critical time for green thumbs to lay the foundation for a gorgeous display of spring blossoms. Everything you do now to freshen plants and flowers will directly improve their appearance next spring.

"Your fall gardening chores can be organized into three easy steps: planting trees and shrubs, planting bulbs, and yard and garden cleanup," says Mike Mitchell, a nursery manager at The Home Depot. "Autumn is the best time to plant shrubs, trees and flowering bulbs. It's also a great time to give your garden a thorough cleaning — not the most enjoyable aspect of gardening, but essential for a good spring growing season."

Planting trees and shrubs

Don't wait until spring to plant new trees and shrubs. Put them in the ground now to give them a head start. Come spring, you'll have a garden that's in full swing.

When selecting a new tree or shrub, do your research. Consult nursery personnel

to determine how large the tree or shrub will be at maturity. A little forethought will insure your selection won't outgrow the garden in 10-15 years. Also learn about the plant's root system, water requirements, growing habits and seasonal changes.

When planting a new tree or shrub in the fall, be sure to protect it against winter's harsh elements. Adding a little mulch around the stem will protect new plants' tender root systems from winter winds. This also works well with rose bushes, mums, clematis vines, most small fruit trees and shrubs and any sensitive perennials.

Autumn is also a good time to cut back and prune deciduous shrubs and most perennials — particularly evergreens, peonies, roses and hydrangeas. Fall pruning puts less stress on the plant's systems and enables it to heal easier.

Planting bulbs

After a long, cold winter, spring bulbs are a welcome blast of color and well worth the effort of a fall planting. Bulbs such as tulips, daffodils and hyacinth require a period of extreme cold to stimulate their growth, and must be put in the ground in the fall. To preserve the endur-

ing beauty of your garden, plant at least several new bulbs each year. Some bulbs stop blooming after a few years and others get damaged by rot or wild animals.

When planting bulbs, there is really only one rule to follow: duplicate the way plants grow naturally. Loose, informal groups are much more attractive than awkward, artificial plantings in straight lines or other geometric patterns. Don't worry about planting too many bulbs; just be sure you remember what's already been planted so older bulbs aren't damaged as new ones are added.

Cleanup and composting

Cleaning up the yard may not be as fun as planting, but it does have its rewards. Those fallen leaves and twigs you're collecting are key ingredients for gardener's gold — more commonly known as compost.

Compost is the end-product that results from the decomposition of organic materials. The nutrients and microorganisms within can turn your garden into a real showcase. Adding compost to soil will improve its structure, texture, aeration and water-holding capacity.

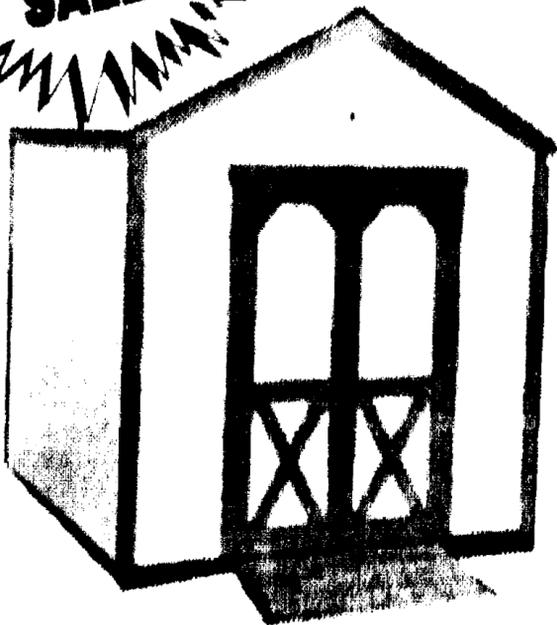
Except for meat, bones, pet manure and

dairy products — all of which are either difficult to break down or attract rodents — there's not much that you can't use to make compost. Items that qualify include leaves, grass clippings, straw, sawdust, kitchen vegetable scraps and weeds (as long as they haven't gone to seed).

Compost piles are built by alternating layers of carbon, or "brown materials" such as straw and leaves, with nitrogen, or "green materials," such as grass clippings and kitchen scraps, with a small layer of soil in between. Add water as you put the ingredients in, but don't over do it. Your compost pile should have the moisture content of a wrung-out sponge. Mix it in with your garden soil, spread it as mulch around vegetables or let a bucket of it seep in water and use the water as fertilizer.

Final thoughts

Remember that all the work done this fall can result in a healthy, colorful garden next spring.

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Fall cleanup time?

Don't forget to check your windows, too!

If your fall cleanup plans include washing and installing storm windows, you may want to take the process one step further this year.

Extreme temperatures and continuous exposure to the elements may have taken their toll on your windows. A simple inspection while installing storm windows or washing windows will tell you whether they are working properly.

"Windows are more than just cut glass in a frame that let you see the outside," said Daniel Reinbold, district manager for Larmco Windows in Cleveland. "They are very carefully engineered building components. They suffer damage over time and, if they don't work properly, they cost you money and potentially cause damage to your home and its contents."

Mr. Reinbold recommends a number of things to inspect to determine whether your windows need repair or replacement:

- **Faded drapes and furniture:** Fabrics may fade naturally over time, but your

windows may be largely to blame, especially if they are older. Newer windows are made with specially coated glass, called Low-E glass, to reduce the amount of damaging ultraviolet light that passes through, not only protecting fabrics but also reducing heat buildup in the summer. Low-E glass also helps reflect radiant heat back into the home during the winter.

- **Cracks:** Extreme temperatures may have caused the glass to crack, particularly in the lower corners. Aside from being unsightly, cracks reduce the energy efficiency of the window. A reputable glass dealer can help with replacement of cracked panes.

- **Damaged drywall:** Condensation and ice from the window, especially on metal-framed windows, can cause damage to the surrounding drywall. The drywall can be replaced, but the source of the problem — condensation from the windows — can only be eliminated by replacing the window.

- **Peeling paint:** Peeling paint inside or outside the window indicates moisture around the window. Leaving the wood beneath the paint unprotected will lead to warping of the frame.

- **Warped frame:** If the wooden frame itself is warped, the window has been exposed to excess moisture in the form of condensation, which results when cold air outside leaks into your warm home, or from activities such as cooking, bathing and showering.

"Once you've noticed the signs of excess condensation, such as peeling paint, rotting wood and warping, you may need to consider replacing the window itself," Mr. Reinbold said. "Some people try to prolong replacement by repainting or restaining the frame, but the underlying problem can only be corrected by replacing the entire unit."

It's important to select windows that are designed to correct the problems of the old windows, Mr. Reinbold said. dual-pane re-

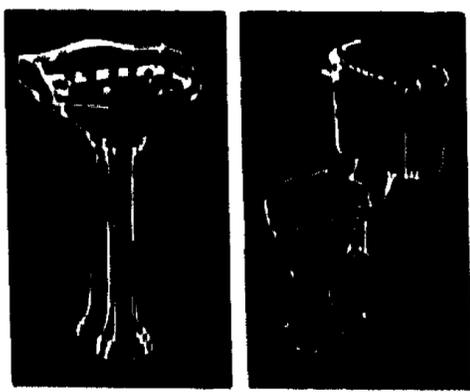
placement windows made with Low-E glass and argon gas to insulate between the panes are available in a variety of styles. The sealant used in the window unit is one of the most important aspects of its construction.

Many leading window manufacturers use Swiggle Seal, an insulating glass spacer manufactured by Tremco, Inc., a BF Goodrich company. Swiggle Seal is made with moisture-sealing, heat-resistant polymers that reduce the flow of heat from around the window and increase its energy efficiency by up to 10 percent. It is designed to inhibit condensation or fogging between the panes, extending the life of the windows.

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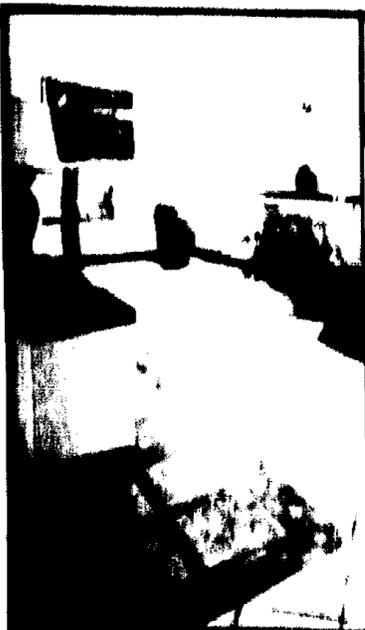
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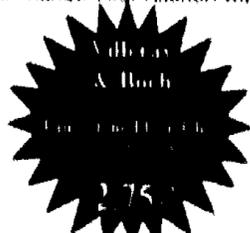
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One reason for the growing interest in this concept is that passive systems can save money. Even in the northern parts of the country, passive solar can supply at least 30 percent of a home's heating needs. In milder climates, it can meet up to 80 percent.

Proper selection of windows and patio doors for a passive solar home is critical because they function as the collectors. When choosing units, keep the following factors in mind.

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