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Club auxiliary needs new members

The South Plainfield Jr. Baseball Club Ladies Auxiliary will have their monthly meeting on

Sunday, January 14 at 7:30 p.m. The club is seeking new members. Anyone interestedm please attend. If you have any questions, call Juli Magnani at 753-5785.

Diesel fuel is found in waterways

By DONALD PIZZ

South Plainfield police and fire officials were still trying to determine Tuesday night how a heavy flow of diesel fuel seeped into borough waters, and where it came from.

First reports of the fuel spill reached borough officials early Tuesday afternoon, and police and firemen quickly fanned out over several locations in South Plainfield to assess the situation.

Borough emergency management co-ordinator Michael Zushma said that the fuel spill had originated somewhere in Union County,

brook Park area in Plainfield, and into Spring Lake Park via the Cedar Brook. It was believed that the fuel had also made its way into Piscataway through the lake and Cedar

"Today we were out trying to cut off the flow of the fuel that was floating on the surface of the water," Zushma said. "As of now, the amount that entered into South Plainfield is unknown.

Representatives from the federal (Please turn to page A-15)

On thin ice...



'Maximum' established -

District submits preliminary budget

School board president

will not seek re-election

The deadline for filing for candidacy for the Tuesday, April 3 Board of

Education election is Thursday, February 8, according to the office of

board secretary Dominic Carrea. Three board seats will be up for

grabs, and at least one board member has already decided that he will

three terms on the board. Brooks said Tuesday that he has decided not

"Nine years is a long time," said board president Randy Brooks of his

The three-year terms of board members Robert Garfield and Angelo

In order to qualify for a Board of Education seat, candidates must be

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the Board of Education administrative offices, Cromwell Place, in the

the board secretary before 4 p.m. at least 46 days prior to the election.

person in authority from that organization must give his name, to be

but not to genuine news stories or newspaper editorial comments.

contract with or claim against the board are not eligible.

Pennisi will also end this year. Neither has announced his intention as of

By DONALD PIZZI

The South Plainfield Board of Education approved a proposed school budget for 1990-91 at a special public meeting Monday, thus establishing \$29,295,539 as the maximum amount that they will allow to be spent.

Board president Randy Brooks explained that the budget is tentative, and that it is possible that the final figure will be lower. "It will not be one penny more," Brooks said.

According to the resolution on the meeting's agenda, the budget includes \$27,592,689 listed in current expenses, \$945,354 for capital outlay costs and debt services totaling \$667,496. The budget will now be sent to the county superintendent of

schools for approval.
Also at Monday's meeting, the board set up a schedule of six work sessions - five public and one executive meeting - during which they will develop the final budget. The board will meet in private on January 23, and will open the procedure to the public on January 29, February 6 and 27, and March 6 and 12.

The budget, which was prepared by the district administrative staff and reviewed by the central office, shows an overall increase of 8.5 percent over last year. In a letter to the board, Superintendent of Schools Leonard Tobias stated that the in-

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Legal restrictions discussed -

Community pool seeks financial help

By DAVE PILLA

On Monday night the Borough Council discussed a request for help from the community pool, and reached the conclusion that the borough should not get into the pool business.

The South Plainfield Community Pool is in financial trouble, and the borough will not be able to assist the non-profit corporation that runs it.

Council president Michael Woskey, who serves on the council's Recreation Committee, said during the agenda meeting that the pool's Board of Trustees asked if the borough could help the financially ailing

They are definitely in serious financial problems right now," said Woskey. "It is a possibility that they might not be able to open next sea-

Woskey said he did not know the exact figures as far as the pool's finances were concerned, because the 'audit is still in the process of being finalized."

"If nothing else, we should at least get a copy of the audit and sit down with their auditor," said Woskey.

Woskey cited three main reasons for the pool's financial woes: a dropoff in enrollment, rebuilding of the pool and collapse of the filter house.

The pool corporation spent about \$120,000 in the spring of 1987 to install a fiberglass pool over worn marsite

In July, 1965, just before its grand

opening, the pool's filter house was the borough "has no obligation to reservations about the borough's thooded and badly damaged, a serious and costly setback.

Last year the pool trustees had to ask members to help finance \$75,000 worth of repairs to the filter system either through a "one-time assessment" of \$150 or the purchase of a \$200 pool bond.

Borough attorney Frank Santoro told the council Monday night that come to the aid of the pool

Mayor Daniel Gallagher said it would be illegal for the borough to make financial contributions to a private corporation. Thus the bor-. ough's only option would be to wait until the pool went bankrupt, then take over the facility.

However, Gallagher said he has

"I don't see any reason at all why the borough should step in and take over," he said. "I don't think we should touch that."

The council directed Santoro to inform the pool trustees in writing that they could not legally assit them at this point.

Council to approve shift in funds for purchase of a new police car

The Borough Council agreed Monday night to transfer \$1,700 from the 1989 school crossing guard budget to help purchase a new police car.

The new car would replace a 1989 model that was totaled in an accident last autumn, according to borough clerk/administrator James Eckert.

The new car would cost a total of \$13,000, but he borough has received \$10,000 from the insurer of the totaled car, and has \$2,338 currently in place to contribute to the cost, Eckert said.

In other business discussed at Monday's agenda session, the council put off discussion of a request from environmental officer Alice Tempel to raise the salary of the Environmental Commission's secretary.

Tempel requested that the secre-

\$750. Council members agreed that the proposed raise would have to be addressed as part of municipal budget deliberations for 1990, and not as

a separate item. The council also put off considera-

tary's salary be raised from \$375 to tion of participation in a gypsy moth control program, which would cost the borough \$13,000 for 1990.

A recently completed state survey showed "significant damage" in the South Plainfield area, according to

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School board set to debate eight-period day

By DONALD PIZZI

printed on the material.

office of the board secretary

to run again.

Two proposals that would allow for more instructional time in the South Plainfield High School will be on the agenda for the January 16 Board of Education public meeting, it was decided at Monday's board agenda ses-

The board had previously discussed the possibility of adding an eighth period to the school day at a special public meeting in December. No decision was made at that time, though board members said that there was no denying the educational benefits of the proposal. Superintendent of Schools Leonard Tobias had said at

hinged on financing the move, which would require additional staff members and computer resources, and which may be a possible contractual issue with teachers.

Tobias proposed an idea he called the flex schedule at Monday's agenda session, as an alternative to the eight period day. The schedule would allow students to attend classes before or after the regular school day. Board president Randy Brooks stressed Tuesday that participating in these additional courses would not be mandatory, and would allow students not ordinarily be able to fit into their schedule.

A third proposal, calling for the high school schedule to remain as is, will also be on the agenda. Tobias favors the flex schedule because he feels it is more financially

feasible than the eight period day, and would not require contract negotations with staff members. The South Plainfield Education Association contract would allow the administration to assign staff members to instruct the flex programs if no vomembers currently teach five per- spend.

the special meeting that the decision to attend electives classes they would iods a day, but contractually they could be asked to teach a sixth.

According to Tobias, funds for the flex schedule would run a maximum of \$160,000. Preliminary figures on the cost of the eight period day are estimated at a minimum of \$360,000, according to Tobias.

If either of the increased instruction proposals is adopted, the board would have to find the money to finance them within the recently proposed 1990-91 school budget, since the dollar amount quoted in the budget is lunteers came forward. School staff the maximum the board intends to

Borough has no takers for free bottled water

The borough has decided to discontinue its distribution of free bottled water to the residents of the Pitt Street area, whose wells may have been contaminated recently.

The reason for the decision to cancel the program, made during Monday night's council session, is simple - the offer had no takers.

The health officer and myself, in cooperation with the mayor and firehouse, have been offering the water to anyone who wants it," said Eckert. "As of this date (Monday night) we have not distributed a single gallon of water.'

Eckert said the program was in its 10th day as of Monday, and said someone had been on hand at the firehouse 24 hours a day to distribute the water. He said the program would be discontinued as of the next day

The Board of Health had recently discovered five Pitt Street wells to be contaminated, and the borough subsequently announced that it would distibute bottled water to residents of the area if they did not want to drink their well water, although health officer Michael Bonk said it had not yet been determined if anyone's well water was actually unfit

Eckert said Monday night that the Borough Council had no obligation to pay for residents to tie into public water lines if that were to prove necessary, although he said the Board of Health could require residents Alpine Furniture

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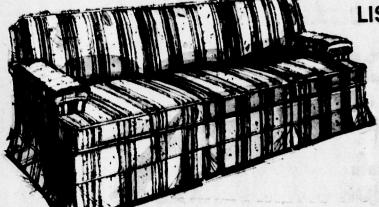
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Fifties fashions highlight meeting of woman's clubs

The G.F.W.C. Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield met at the firehouse on Thursday, January 4. This meeting was the annual meeting, in conjunction with the Junior Woman's Club and the Juniorettes. This year the Suburban Woman's Club was the host club.

The evening began with a fashion show depicting the styles and fashions of the "50s." The Juniorettes were the models, as well as Mrs. April Bengivenga, president of the Junior Woman's Club. Mrs. Freda Walker did the narrating and commentary

The complete program was put together by Mrs. Beverly Montwid, program chairman.

Denise Puskas, president of the Juniorettes, conducted their meeting and outlined their activities and fundraising events

Next, the Junior Woman's Club president, April Bengivenga, conducted their meeting and presented their

programs and events that are forth-coming. "It is most gratifying to know that this group has South Plainfield's interest at heart and work very hard at their projects," said Suburban Woman's Club members.

Mrs. Alice Boffa, president of the Suburban Woman's Club, conducted her meeting with announcements of events forthcoming, and the upcoming fundraiser, which will be a theatre party at the Edison Valley Playhouse in February, under the chairmanship of Grace Farinella.

Two new members, sponsored by Mrs. Olaf Berentsen, were introduced. They are Mrs. Phil Cusanelli Viola and Mrs. Jeanine Kimmel. Mrs. Marie Kane, membership chairman, presented them with corsages and yearbooks, and heartily welcomed them into the club.

Delicious refreshments were enjoyed by all.

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members are welcome.

The Bridge Club, under the direction of Mrs. Anna Mae Lacey, will meet on January 15th at her home.

AARP to meet on January 19

The South Plainfield Chapter No. 4144 of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will meet Friday, January 19 at 1:30 p.m. at the rescue squad building, 2506 Plainfield Avenue. The building is located across from Spring Lake Park.

A talk will be given on "Bridging the Medicare Gap" to help in evaluating insurance needs. New members and friends of the AARP are welcome.

On Wednesday, January 31, a bus trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse is planned to see "Any Wednesday," which will include a

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Congratulations to Lou Scioscia of Holly Park Drive, who celebrated his 50th birthday at a surpirse party on December 2nd at the Italian American Club in South Plainfield...the party was attended by 80 family members and friends and was given by his wife, Diana and daughter, Jennifer...Mr. Scioscia, originally from Linden, has been a resident of South Plainfield for the past 20 years and is president of Lou Scioscia Air Conditioning and Refrigeration...

Happy birthday wishes to Amy Curcio...Ann Capparelli...Marion Gallagher...Joe DeCarlo...Nancy DeSousa...Georgianna Taub...Jayson King...Sara Lowich...James Green Jr...Patti Leporino...Paula Fidler...Dottie Arrigan...Allison Acrin and Catherine Phillips.

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. David Romano, they're the parents of a baby girl, Camille Loren, born on December 21st at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center...she joins a sister, Diane Lee...the grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dom Demico and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Romano Jr. of Basking Ridge.

The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club will hold its final registration for the 1990 season at it clubhouse on Kenneth and Lorraine avenues, Thursday, January 18th from 6 to 9 p.m...new players must bring a birth certificate or copy and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

If you have contributed pictures to The Reporter for publication and haven't yet picked them up, please come in and do so. Spring cleaning time is fast ap-

Our policy on corrections

The Reporter will promptly correct errors of fact, context or presentation and clarify any news content that confuses or misleads readers. Please report errors to Reporter editor, Dave Pilla, 2323 Plainfield Avenue, 561-9494. All corrections and clarifications will appear in this space on this page as a convienence to our readers.

In last week's editorial, it was erroneously reported that schools superintendent Leonard Tobias will be paid \$120,000 in 1991. The superintendent's salary for that year will actually be \$110,000.

Junior Woman's Club to host annual spelling bee

Club of South Plainfield is currently accepting registrations for their tenth annual Fourth and Fifth Grade Spelling Bee.

A preliminary competition will take place on January 23rd at Wesley United Methodist Church, 1500 Plainfield Avenue. The bee will begin at 6:30 p.m. for fourth graders and 7:30 p.m. for fifth graders.

That competition will determine the 10 fourth grade and the 10 fifth grade students who will be eligible to compete in the final competition on February 6th at Wesley United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. The top speller in this competition will be awarded a \$50 U.S. savings bond.

The top five spellers from the final competition will be invited to participate in a joint competition between students from Cranford, North Plainfield, Roselle, Roselle Park, Rahway and Westfield. Here they will be competing for a first place prize of a \$100 savings bond, or a \$50 savings bond for second place.

Registration forms, rules and a practice word list for the preliminary

The G.F.W.C. Junior Woman's competition are available through the classroom teachers in Franklin, Kennedy, Riley, Roosevelt and Sacred Heart elementary schools in South Plainfield, or by calling 753-8224. The registration deadline is

January 19. For more information regarding any of these competitions, call

On February 3, the G.F.W.C. Junior Woman's Club of South Plainfield will be offering your family the opportunity to receive the priceless treasure of a family portrait.

A photographer from First Class Photography will set up his studio at Pilgrim Covenant Nursery School on Park Avenue. Families will be scheduled at 10-minute intervals from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. A snow date has been set for February 10.

Families will have the option of selecting from two different packages. All profits from the family portraits will go into the Junior Woman's Club's contribution fund, to be distributed to various charities.

To schedule your appointment call 756-6258 or 561-8057.

Arts and crafts for children is offered

There will be an arts and crafts program held at the P.A.L. building on Tuesday and/or Thursday, beginning January 16 and continuing until April 12.

Grades K-2 will be from 3:30 until 4:25 p.m. and grades 3-5 will be 4:30 Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

until 5:25 p.m. The fee will be \$7.50 for one day per week and \$10 for both

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Our Opinion

Budget season is here; join the hunt for quality

The budget season has gone public this week, with the release of the school board's "preliminary" spending plan for 1990-91 Monday night.

That plan is not final; the board simply needed to send something to the county schools superintendent for "preliminary" approval. Of greater significance Monday night was the board's announcement of plans to hold a series of public meetings on the budget over the next two months (see our front page story in this issue).

The Borough Council also brought up the subject of pending budgets Monday night, during their agenda session (informally, as the spending plan might relate to minor mat-

A rather unsettling sign at both meetings Monday (although the weather may have been a factor) was the noticeable lack of residents in attendance. Both meetings were attended by a single member of the press.

It is now more important than ever that taxpayers get out to these meetings, listen, and be heard.

Last year, taxes went up considerably in South Plainfield, and many residents waited until after the local budgets had been set before coming out to speak up. This year, don't let the time slip away.

Your Opinion

School board spending raises important questions

To The Reporter:

I think the raise that was given to Mr. Tobias is absurd. When is this Board of Education going to start streamlining, instead of spending? They want to know why the taxpayers vote down budgets year after

Come off it. There was a shortfall, jobs were lost, then less than six months later Mr. Tobias gets a raise. Now they unanimously vote to give him \$20,000 more. Where did they find an extra \$20,000?

Well, I have always voted for the budget in the past and have tried to persuade others to do the same; but this April the board can count on one less "yes" vote and, needless to say, any incumbent running for reelection can do the same.

Who needs a two-year transition period? If the person the board

chooses to replace Mr. Tobias needs all that time to be trained, they would have hired an incompetent.

When Mr. Papkin and Mr. Garfield were running for election they told the voters of this town they would stop this ridiculous type of spending. Now Mr. Papkin is quoted as saying "We're lucky he didn't DEMAND more." DEMAND? Since when do employees have the right to DE-MAND anything, other than legal rights, from their employers?

When are the taxpayers going to DEMAND that this and future boards work toward the best interests of our CHILDREN. And when are the politicians in this town going to keep the promises they make prior to being elected?

> Dale M. Finn Jackson Avenue South Plainfield

Sports column missed the facts concerning Penn State

To The Reporter:

I would like to point out that your piece on Penn State (Extra Points, Dec. 28) was extremely poor. Not only are some of your facts blatantly incorrect, but your narrow-minded opinions have no support whatsoever. Regardless of Independent status or being a member of the Big 10 Conference, Penn State will reign as the best that Eastern College Football has to offer.

To start off, the only reason Penn State cancelled its long-running series with Syracuse was monetary interests. You know as well as I do that everything these days revolves around dollars and cents. Penn State's football program must support 28 different intercollegiate sports while Syracuse need only to support half of that, with basketball also being a major source of income at that school.

As far as the Lambert Trophy is concerned, Penn State captured their 19th this season and deservedly so. The Lions had identical records with Pitt and were one game below West Virginia. However, was Penn State not the only team to defeat all of the other Eastern teams on their schedule and were 2-0 against the abovementioned teams? Do you not recall Pitt and West Virginia tying and then both proceeding to bow to the Nittany Lions?

You are wrong again, as well, about Dartmouth in 1970. Penn State was not just above .500. The Lions were 7-3 and were 5-1 against other Lambert Trophy candidates. Whether the Nittany Lions deserved another Lambert Trophy will never be fully answered, but they did play a decidedly tougher schedule than your

'Big Green.' Sorry, but I've found another flaw in your article. Never in their 103-year history has Penn State compiled a 5-5-1 record. Once they finished 6-4-1 and did accept an invitation to the Rose Bowl to play USC. That was, however, all the way back in 1922. By the way, where were you in 1984 when Penn State declined a bowl bid after losing their final game

of the season to finish at 6-5? Penn State's smugness is not at question here. Their success on the gridiron is; and who could argue with two national championships in the 80s? Certainly not you! It seems to me that "We Are Penn State" is

more or less a chant of champions. Finally, I'd like to point out that you are obviously speaking out of emotion and not from any kind of knowledge. I just ask that you get your facts straight before passing judgement on someone or something that you know little or nothing about.

A proud Penn Stater, Ken Palmer

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the National Guard during the Vietnam War. And he had to beg to get admitted to law school because he spent his undergraduate years out on the golf course. Lloyd Bentsen - a walking advertisement for facelifts. DAVID PILLA if I've ever seen one — said he was Editor "no John Kennedy," apparently be-DONALD PIZZI cause Lloyd couldn't think of his name either. Everyone wrung their hands (which is actually quite painful) and wondered what would happen if, God forbid, George Bush died and this Dan guy had to become president. Advertising Representative Well now Dan is vice president and



South Plainfield's first churches are the key to historical research

By LARRY RANDOLPH

The first Europeans to settle in this area came to America in search of religious freedom. Finding themselves in the midst of a virgin wilderness, they were first faced with the need to build homes, plant crops, and establish towns.

Because of this, years would pass before they were able to build their churches. However, once constructed, these buildings became some of the best known landmarks of their time. Despite this fact, the exact location of the oldest known churches in South Plainfield has been a cause of confusion to many historians.

The first settlers in this area appear to have been Quakers. Fleeing persecution in their native Scotland, they came to New Jersey in the 1680s to take advantage of land offered to them by the East Jersey Proprieters. Their numbers never became large, as most newly arrived Quakers found the religious and political cimate more tolerant of them in the settlements of West Jersey and Pennsylvania.

It was not until 1732 that the members of the Society of Friends in this area were able to construct a meet-

Tradition places the location of this meeting house on Woodland Avenue. just south of the intersection of Maple Avenue. Today, a sign stands at this point to note that fact.

However, I have never been able to find any documentation that locates the meeting house at that site, and I do not believe that it is the actual location of this, the first church in South Plainfield.

The meeting house was built on land donated by the Laing family. who were prominent members of the local Society of Friends. Although land along Woodland Avenue was part of their farm, the Laing farmhouse was located along present-day Crescent Parkway near the area of the P.A.L. building. British military maps of the Revolutionary War period note the Quaker meeting house as

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Looking **Back**

being on this site. Regretfully, almost nothing is known about the physical appearance of this building or its history

In 1788, the Friends constructed the meeting house that they presently use on Watchung Avenue in Plainfield. The reason for the move is said to be that the South Plainfield site was too small for them to build a larger meeting house. This seems difficult to imagine at the Woodland Avenue site, but as the Crescent Parkway site was a small knoll bounded by swampy ground on two sides, one can well imagine how this site could limit expansion.

In the 1960s, a construction crew working near the P.A.L. site uncovered several graves. It is likely these were the remains of the church yard of the original Quaker meeting

On New Market Avenue, at the site of the Hillside Cemetery of Samptown, stands another sig that notes this as the location of the Samptown Baptist Church, which was built in 1792. Most people are content to know that the present cemetery grew up around the old church yard, but the exact location of the church building within the cemetery has caused much debate among local historians for several decades.

In fact, the answer is quite simple. It can be found in a piece of level ground located between the section of the cemetery containing the oldest graves and the railroad. This area is surrounded by a circular driveway which has caused it to become know

as "the Loop." In fact, two separate churches have been located on this site. The first was built in 1792 and expanded

If you're going Quayle hunting,

be prepared for a long journey

gation outgrew this building and a larger church was built in 1834 "on the north side of the road about opposite the old house." This building was destroyed by a fire caused by sparks from a passing train in 1879.

The present New Market Avenue-Clinton Avenue alignment did not come into use much before the 1880s. Prior to that time, the road crossed the Bound Brook at the site of the present Clinton Avenue bridge and turned west to follow the south bank of the brook. When the railroad was built in 1874-75, it was actually constructed upon this section of the old New Market Road.

Despite this, a road alongside the railroad tracks was in use for many years afterward. It passed over a grade crossing at the northern side of the cemetery and crossed south through the cemetery at the eastern side of the loop.

This road fell into disuse during the 1880s but, as the church did not acquire frontage along present-day New Market Avenue until the 1920s, it continued to provide the only access to the cemetery until that time. The borough of South Plainfield did not formally abandon the right of way and allow the grade crossing to be dismantled until 1931.

Records indicate that the 1834 Baptist church was also in the way of the railroad construction, and the railroad paid to have the building moved. It is likely that it was at this time that the 1792 church building was demolished and the site upon which it was located was graded to form the Loop. The 1834 church building was moved to this site and, when it burned i 1879, the preset Baptist church was built on Hamilton Boulevard. Further evidence of this is the fact that none of the graves located in the Loop are earlier than 1880.

An archeological investigation of the eastern end of the Loop, conducted by this writer and Mr. Gordon

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Random notes

Confessions of an adult Muppet junkie

By DONALD PIZZI

I have all the classic signs of addic-tion. I'm anxious before it happens. I'm depressed when it's over. I talk about it incessantly. Yes, I've even dreamed about it.

What follows is not pretty. I am admitting in print that I, your local reporter at large, am addicted to Sesame Street.

It started as a very innocent diversion. My nephew is rambunctious, to say the least, so it was nice to be able to sit next to him on the couch while he checked out the latest happenings of Kermit the Frog. At first I would read the newspaper while he sat mesmerized. Occasionally I would look up to catch the action, especially when Grover the monster appeared (he's always been a personal favor-

I didn't even realize it at first, but soon I too was mesmerized by the gang on Sesame Street as they sang songs about shoe tying and counting giraffes. If my nephew wasn't in the mood to sit through it, I would coax him a little. "Come on buddy," I would say, "it's the episode where Forgetful Jones forgets the words to 'Oklahoma.' You love that one!'

Eventually he would give in, and we would soon be sitting in video bliss as Cookie Monster ate Styrofoam counter tops. Those were, to borrow an expression, the salad days.

Then I noticed something horrifying. I was watching Sesame Street even if my nephew didn't want to sit on the couch. Or if he was napping. Or if he wasn't even in the house.

I was hooked.

At first I hid my horrible secret pretty well. Then I noticed myself talking about recent episodes at work. Before I could stop myself, I would be explaining how Grover had taken a job in a Mexican restaurant, or how Gordon sang a funny song about cows. I started getting strange looks. Then finally a co-worker broke it to me pretty harshly.

"Don," she said, "most adults don't know all the Twiddlebugs by name. In fact, most people don't know what Twiddlebugs are. Don, most adults don't watch Sesame Street, let alone remember specific episodes.'

Well, why didn't someone say something a little sooner?

I tried talking to my family about my problem, but they were just as bad off. My mother told me to be quiet because Kermit was interviewing the Big Bad Wolf. My sister had a glazed look in her eyes, and just mumbled something about Ernie teaching Bert how to sing the alpha-

bet in Spanish. Then there was my dream. In it, Sesame Street guest star Billy Dee Williams and I measured how tall Big Bird was, while Mr. Snuffleufagus looked on. In case you care, Big Bird is just a tad above eight-foot-

"You see Don," Billy Dee said in the dream, "We can see exactly how tall Big Bird is by using this ruler, which is broken down into feet and inches.

"I see Billy Dee. Now inches are bigger than feet, right?"

"No Don, feet are bigger than inches. In fact, there are twelve inches in every foot.' "Gee Bird," said Mr. Snuffleufa-

gus, "You sure are tall."

"He sure is," Billy Dee said. "Now let's go measure Mr. Hooper's bald

I woke up in a cold sweat.

Now, Sesame Street is a wonderful show for children, both entertaining and informative. But the writers did something very nasty to parents; they crammed it full of inside jokes that only adults catch, which hooks mom at the same time it does her kids. Those heartless fiends! Imagine the poor mother who is dying to tune into The Frugal Gourmet, but just can't muster up enough strength to pull her eyeballs from a collection of puppets and human beings dressed in giant bird costumes.

If you haven't checked out Sesame Street lately, you might want to sit down with your kids some day, and see how enchanting it really is. But if you do, I suggest that you keep one hand on the remote control...

dly neighborhood newspaper reporoff beat What in the world has happened to By TIM HALL our vice president, Dan... Dan... Dan, uh, you know. The blonde guy. Hoosier. His wife has a Laura Petrie dow of a doubt, is that the quickest hairdo. You know. Young guy... nice way to become invisible - in this teeth and hair... looks a little like country, at least - is to become Robert Redford's little brother.

either vice president or a member of the Cleveland Indians. If you're hiding out from the law, become vice dad used his influence to get him into president and you're assured four years of peace and quiet.

My Central American spies tell me that Manuel Noriega, that loveable maniac from Panama, planned to escape to the states and become Bill Bradley's running mate in 1992. Unfortunately, 40,000 U.S. military troops managed to surround him and turn him into a catholic, so it looks like we could be looking at Bradley and.... what was the name of that woman who ran with Walter, uh, Mondale in 1984? Geraldine Page?

Anyway, my spies also tell me that George Bush will make his final decision on whether to keep Dan as his 1992 running mate during his annual hunting trip later this year. George and his buddies and 500 secret service agents will head down to Texas

to hunt quail and... That's it! Dan I knew I'd think of it eventually.

While our vice president is allowed

to function in virtual anomynity, other citizens of this country are subject to unbelievable scrutiny. As an example, while you might not know what the vice president or secretary of state were during last week, you likely know that Roseanne Barr and her husband-to-be Tom Arnold are no longer planning to walk down the

It seems that Tom is a bit of a drunk and, according to "USA ('We're drinking more kool-aid') TO-DAY," he is entering a rehabilitation center to "dry out."

Believe that account if you want, but I have my own theory on the breakup. You see, he probably sobered up and got a good look at his fiance and said, "see ya later."

Hey, it's just a theory

While watching one of the thousands of shows about the 1980s we've been subjected to in the last month, I couldn't help but be struck by the changes in Ronald Reagan during the decade.

In 1980, Reagan was a wise-

cracking challenger to Jimmy Carter who charmed everyone with his wit and toughness. But by the end, he seemed - at times -almost unable to form a sentence without bobbing his head repeatedly like one of those dolls you see at the vending booths at major league ballparks. The office and its accompanying

stress obviously took a tremendous toll on the man. Just think what the aforementioned Mr. Quayle would look like if he was president for eight years, although in that case the aging process might overtake all of us.

That was an obvious cheap shot at Quayle, but it's a lot better than being ignored, don't you suppose?

MORE LETTERS...

Furor over circulars caused loss of jobs for borough kids

To The Reporter:

I would like the mayor and town council of this community to explain to the youth of South Plainfield why they, the leaders of this community, do not believe that the youth of this town are important.

It seems that Mr. Gallagher has a personal dislike for the circulars delivered to the residents of South Plainfield. I guess he doesn't believe the people of this community have a right to the free advertising distributed by the merchants of this community (in a very economical way). I assume these merchants also pay

Until recently, whenever possible, delivery of these store circulars has been done by the youth of this town with the help and guidance of their parents. Restrictions imposed by the mayor and town council on the delivery of these papers is not always safe, especially on heavily traveled streets and in the bitter cold and inclement weather. I believe everyone would agree that the safety of our children is important.

Because Mr. Gallagher has a dislike for these circulars, he has made sure that everyone who delivered these papers in the past has been fired. A new group of people from OUT OF TOWN will now be delivering the circulars Mr. Gallagher's way, a way not always safe.

Mr. Gallagher, please explain why you would rather give work to out of town residents instead of the youth and future voters of this town, and when are you going to stop imposing your personal opinion on the voters of this town. You were elected to serve this community, not decide what everyone should want.

Helen Tennenbaum



To The Reporter:

The holiday season often finds us all running around shopping, writing out cards, running to mail packages, buying groceries, wrapping presents, decorating, baking cookies, and still trying to keep on top of our day to day needs such as eating, sleeping and keeping ourselves, our clothes and our houses clean. It is gratifying to know with all this going on around us, people can still take the time to think about others.

The GFWC Junior Woman's Club of South Plainfield would like to take this opportunity to thank all those thoughtful and generous people who helped us make the wishes come true for some very special people at the Woodbridge Developmental Center.

During the month of December, club members set up a Wish Tree at the First Atlantic Bank on Hadley Road, and at another branch in North Plainfield. Both trees were decorated with hand-made ornaments.

Patrons of the banks were invited to take home an ornament and replace it with a special gift for a resident at the Woodbridge Center. The response was overwhelming! Because of the generosity of people in both communities, we were able to deliver over two hundred gifts of love this year.

The members of the Junior Woman's Club would like to say "Thank You" and to wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

Connie Palmer Public Relations chairman



Pictured (left to right) are George and Dee Frohberg, Mayor Daniel Gallagher, Councilwoman Linda Dashuta, Emergency Management secretary Linda Miniere and coordinator Michael

Business donates trailer to Emergency Management

The Office of Emergency Management for the borough of South Plainfield would like to extend their sincere appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. George Frohberg, owners of AZCO Modular Structures, which is located at 220 Ryan Street in South Plainfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Frohberg generously donated a 40-foot trailer to be used by Emergency Management. O.E.M. ccordinator Michael Zushma said that the need for office space was urgent, since there was no room available for this department.

The trailer, valued at \$12,000, measures 10 by 40 feet and is fully air conditioned and heated.

Zushma said that because of the generosity of fellow community members such as the Frohbergs, the borough is able to maintain high standards which every resident expects and deserves.

Health clinics for 1990 are planned

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P.A.L. building - January 23, February 27, March 27, April 24, May 22, September 25, October 23, November 27.

The Health Department will also be sponsoring the following child health conferences in 1990 (all at 9

a.m. at the P.A.L. building): February 7 and 21, March 7 and 21, April 4 and 18, May 2 and 16, June 6 and 20, July 4 and 11, August 1 and 15,

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Holtz (the cemetery superintendent), recovered broken pottery and nails dating from the mid-1800s. No doubt, these were part of the remains of the 1834 church.

In addition, the shaft of a large well was uncovered. Located in front of the old church building and at the side of the road, it provided water not only for the church but for thirsty travelers as well. As this was also the site of the earlier church, this well could have been dug any time after

Because they are landmarks to which other sites can be referenced, the exact location of these early church buildings is of prime importance to historians attempting to understand what South Plainfield was like in those years. For most people, however, it is enough to know that although the buildings are gone, the communities, the Plainfield Meeting of the Society of Friends and the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield survive to this very testimony to the strong and enduring faith of the early settlers of our town.

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Borough Republicans name new party chairman

Former borough councilman Dennis Little has assumed the duties of chairman of the South Plainfield Republican Committee, following the announcement of the retirement of previous chairman Frank Santoro.

Santoro, in a letter to committee members last month, retired from the position he has held for the past two years.

Little was elected by the members of the committee during their December meeting. The Republican Committee is comprised of one man and one woman elected from each of the borough's 14 election districts. Committee persons are elected each year in June as part of the primary election process.

In thanking those present at the meeting., Little said, "1990 is an important

year for South Plainfield residents. In 1990 we will elect a mayor and two council members, and control of the council will be decided in November.' Little urged those present to renew their "personal commitment to working

for good government in South Plainfield." 'It has been eight years since this borough has had a Republican mayor," he said. "We have all witnessed the increase in taxes and the weakening of our

borough structures during these past eight years."

"1990 is the doorway to the 21st century," Little said. "What we do in the 90s will shape how South Plainfield will begin the new century. We, as Republicans, have an obligation to find and present the best possible cadidates through the next 10 years. It will take strong leadership to bring us into the

"I am asking every registered Republican and every independent voter to join us in this important decade as we plan a better South Plainfield for all of

Little said he would soon be announcing a plan to recruit the best possible candidates for the Republican party to present in November, 1990.

Commission needs new members

Several positions are now available on the Recycling Commission. The commission invites South Plainfield residents to consider volunteering for these appointments, which range from one to three years.

The commission meets once a month at the municipal building. Other activities include education, presentations to various organizations, market analysis, publicity and many other tasks.

Recycling coordinator Mary Mazepa encourages any interested residents to apply. "Our commission will benefit by having new members to help come up with new ideas," she remarked. "We have accomplished much in the past three years that the Recycling Center has been open. But we have to be creative to accomplish our goals. We need people with all types of talents, and welcome all who would like to join.

All concerned residents are ecouraged to submit a letter or short resume describing their talents and interest in recycling to the following address:

South Plainfield Recycling Commission

2480 Plainfield Avenue South Plainfield, N.J. 07080

If residents have specific questions about the work of the commission, a commission member can be contacted at the Recycling Hotline,

In addition to the need for new members, the commission also needs a secretary to attend the monthly meetings, to record the minutes, and later type them for distribution. Anyone interested in the secretarial position should either send a note to the above address, or call the Recycling Hotline

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Denise DeAndrea to be married to William Giakas



Denise DeAndrea and William Giakas

Mr. and Mrs. John G. DeAndrea of South Plainfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Denise Frances, to William J. Giakas, M.D., son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Giakas, also of South Plainfield.

Both Ms. DeAndrea and Dr. Giakas are graduates of South Plainfield High School.

The bride-to-be earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications from the University of Delaware, and is presently senior account executive/public relations for Gilbert, Whitney & Johns, Inc. in Whippany.

Her fiance is a graduate of Cornell University and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey -New Jersey Medical School. He is currently a resident in psychiatry at Yale University School of Medicine.



Lori Ann and Jeffrey Fritze

September wedding unites Lori Ann and Jeffrey Fritze

Lori Ann Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Brown of 124 Cumberland Street, South Plainfield, married Jeffrey A. Fritze, son of Lydia R. Fritze of 138A Carlton Avenue, Piscataway, in a September 23, 1989 ceremony at the First Baptist Church in South Plainfield.

Officiating was Rev. Dennis O'Neil.

The bride wore a gown of baby satin with imported Brussels lace, boat neckline, chapel length train, skirt appliques and hem lined matching lace, leg o'multon sleeves and Camelot headpiece, and carried a bouquet of roses and

The maid of honor was Vikki Lynn Brown of South Plainfield, sister of the

She wore an apple red satin floor length gown with elbow length sleeves and boat neckline, and carried a colonial bouquet of carnations and red roses. She wore a silk flowered comb in her hair.

The bridesmaids were Tracey Brown of South Plainfield, sister of the bride; Nancy Capparelli of South Plainfield, the bride's aunt; and Patricia Millard of South Plainfield, a friend of the bride.

They were apple red satin floor length gowns with elbow length sleeves and boat necklines, with silk flower combs in their hair. They carried colonial bouquets of white and red carnations.

The best man was John Fritze of Piscataway, brother of the groom. The ushers were James Brown of South Plainfield, the groom's brother;

Louis Capparelli of Florida, an uncle; and Anthony Sansone of South Plainfield, a friend of the groom. Sean Fritze, the groom's son, served as junior usher. The groom's niece, Melissa Fritze of Piscataway, served as flower girl; and

Jeffrey Fritze, son of the groom, served as ring bearer. A reception was held in the Crystal Room of the Italian American Club in

The bride is a graduate of South Plainfield High School and Piscataway Vo-Tech, where she studied beauty culture. She is employed at Color My World, a full service beauty salon in Middlesex.

The groom is a graduate of Piscataway High School, and is employed with Atlantic Hard Chromium in Piscataway.

After a wedding trip to Cape May and Atlantic City, the couple settled in Piscataway.

Delli Santi, Walsh plan November wedding rites

Stephanie Delli Santi, daughter of Lorraine Delli Santi and the late Anthony Delli Santi, of 432 South Plainfield Avenue, is engaged to be married to Peter Walsh, son of Peter and Barbara Walsh of 3226 Brenda Place, South Plain-

The bride-to-be is a graduate of South Plainfield High School and East Stroudsburg University. She is presently employed by Motorola Communications in Somerville.

Her fiance is also a graduate of South Plainfield High School, and is presently vice president and co-owner of the Beaumont Group Technical Division in

The wedding will be held on Saturday, November 10, 1990 at Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield. A reception will follow at The Westwood in Gar-

Anastasio, Hunter plan wedding for May of 1991

Kimberly Ann Anastasio, daughter of Mrs. Catherine Anastasio of 213 Fred Allen Drive, South Plainfield. and the late Donald Anastasio, is engaged to be married to Robert James Hunter of Edsion. He is the son of Robert and Joan Hunter of 183 Geary Drive, South Plainfield.

The bride-to-be is a 1984 graduate of South Plainfield High School. She is employed as a sales assistant with Research and Education Association in Piscataway.

Her fiance is a 1982 graduate of South Plainfield High School. He is employed as a field coordinator with Pascale Inc. in Metuchen

The wedding date will be May 4,



Kimberly Ann Anastasio and Robert Hunter

Nadine Collins, Paul Walsh to marry in the fall of 1991

Nadine Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Collins of 3241 Beverly Road, South Plainfield, is engaged to be married to Paul Walsh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Walsh of 3226 Brenda Place, also in South Plainfield.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of South Plainfield High School and Middlesex County College. She is employed by Merck & Co., Inc. of Somerset.

Her fiance is a graduate of South Plainfield High School and Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pa. He is employed at Prudential Insurance Co. of Amer-

The couple plans to have a fall, 1991 wedding.

Garden club to hold meeting tonight

Terra Nova Garden Club of Edison will hold its meeting tonight (January 11) at 8 at the North Edison Public Library on Grove Avenue,

Edison. The program for the evening will

flower arranging" by Kay McCormack and Mary Mazepa. Guests are welcome.

Hostesses for the evening will be Mrs. Joan Bechtle and Mrs. Sally Eckel. The arrangement will be by be "Things no one ever told you about Mrs. Catherine Cassano.

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Sign up Saturday for lacrosse program

Dena Marie DeFillipo

DeFillipo, Rutkowski plan

wedding for spring of 1991

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. DeFillipo of South Plainfield have announced the

The bride-to-be, a graduate of South Plainfield High School, is employed

Her fiance is a graduate of Piscataway High School and is employed with

engagement of their daughter, Miss Dena Marie DeFillipo, to Mr. Walter John

Rutkowski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rutkowski of Piscataway

and Walter Rutkowski

Sing-ups for South Plainfield Recreation lacrosse will be held on Saturday, January 13 at 7 p.m. in the P.A.L. building. Registration (\$15) for the spring season will be accep-

Artison Tile & Marble Co. in Highland Park.

A wedding is planned for the spring of 1991

with AT&T in Morristown.

The schedule and tentative practice schedule will be discussed. There will be an equipment representative from All-Lacrosse present to demonstrate equipment; and there will be a videotape of college and club games and instruction in playing techniques. Players, parents and friends

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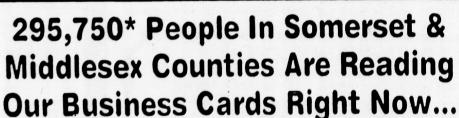
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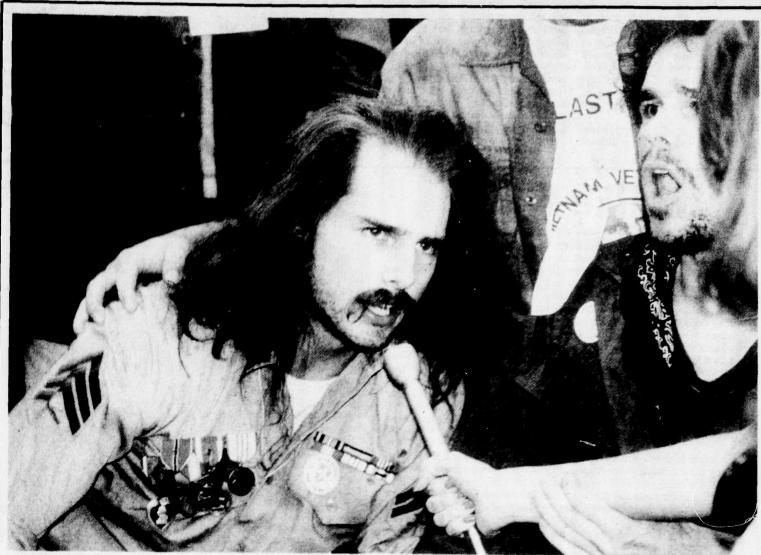
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Goings On at a Glance (A-10)

ENTERTAINMENT

What movies are in town (A-11)



Ron Kovic (Tom Cruise) talks to a reporter during a confrontation at the 1972 Republican National Convention in Born On

the Fourth of July, a new film about the life of the paraplegic Vietnam War veteran.

In like Flint

'Born on the Fourth,' 'Roger & Me' are engrossing and untrustworthy

Oliver Stone's *Platoon* is one of the best Vietnam War movies yet made but it ends with one of the dumbest statements in *any* movie: the hero's observation that in Vietnam "we weren't fighting the enemy, we were fighting ourselves."

That line could serve as the credo for Born On the Fourth of July, a pet project Stone has finally brought to the screen after more than a decade

of work, in which the war and the upheavals it inspired are refracted through the life of one man, Ron Kovic, who marched off to battle in the late '70s and came

DEEP FOCUS

STEVEN HART

back dead from the chest down. The focus is on Kovic's transition from a gung-ho teenager eager to "stop those communists" to a rage-twisted paraplegic trying to shout down Richard Nixon at the 1972 Republican National Convention: national events are touched on only as they reflect Kovic's anger. This single-mindedness of purpose provides Born On the Fourth of July with its greatest strengths but it also fuels the suspicion — particularly during the last hour or so — that Oliver Stone may be dead from the neck up.

Working with Kovic from his 1976 autobiography (which I haven't read), Stone has fashioned a movie that will stand as the most harrowing in a career devoted to assaultive filmmaking. After an extended prologue devoted to Kovic's boyhood in small town Long Island — playing solider, working at the A&P, imbibing go-for-it winning-is-everything platitudes from his mother —Born On the Fourth of July heads for Vietnam and two pivotal incidents in Kovic's military life: his accidental gunning-down of a fellow soldier and the earlier, bloody assault on a seaside village that turned out to be populated solely by women and

children. As he did in *Platoon*, Stone shows how tension creates an environment in which fleeting seconds of fear, anger and carelessness result in lifelong, soul-shriveling horrors.

Bad as these scenes are, they are merely the preparation for the extended tour of hell that starts when Kovic is shot and paralyzed in battle. First he is deposited in the reeking slaughterhouse of a medic's tent, then transferred to a foul, rat-infested pit of a VA hospital in the Bronx, where physical and psychological wounds are made worse by antiquated equipment and surly, indifferent orderlies. His return home brings not comfort but more alienation, climaxing in a drunken screaming match with his domineering, God-fearing mother. A measure of relief is afforded by a trip to Mexico during which Kovic, a virgin when he went to Vietnam, savors the only sexual life now open to him, then back to the States and a growing involvement in the antiwar movement. It is here that Stone, who spares us nothing when the subject is pain, gore or the humiliations of being crippled, suddenly turns vague and evasive.

At first Kovic continues to cling to his youthful patriotism after returning to Long Island. What made him a '60s radical? It wouldn't be easy to show the stages of a political transformation but at the beginning of the film Stone finds many economical, visual ways to make us understand how the young Kovic was steeped in junk food jingoism. Later in the film he just starts spouting junk food anti-Americanism, complete with fleeting scenes in which Kovic can be heard (just barely, over the music) spouting the New Left line that the North Vietnamese were simply resisting colonialism and that everything in Southeast Asia would be fine once the United States went away. In the aftermath of the Khmer Rouge genocide and the ongoing tragedy of the boat people, the warnings made by the hawks in the '60s and early '70s no longer sound so dumb. Yet Stone, viewing the period through a haze of nostalgia for

(Please turn to page A-8)

NEW BRUNSWICK — A full-scale production of Puccini's famous opera La Boheme will be presented by the New York City Opera National Company on Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 8 p.m. in the State Theatre, 19 Livingston Avenue. Sills in 1978 New York bringing to ces to all NYCO National State Theatre, 19 Livingston Avenue.

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Opera 'La Boheme'

This performance, which marks the company's only appearance this season in the northern and central New Jersey region, will feature a performing enselmble of 75, including 15 soloists, 15 choristers, a 29-piece orchestra and a staff of 15.

One of the most popular and endearing of all Puccini's operas, La Boheme tells the story of the lives and loves of four impoverished artists living on the Left Bank of Paris in the early 19th century.

The score contains some of opera's best-known arias, which have been immortalized in recordings by some of oera's most renowned talents since the opera premiered in 1896.

The New York City Opera National Company was founded by Beverly Sills in 1979 as the touring arm of the New York City Opera. Dedicated to bringing top flight opera performances to all part of the country, the NYCO National Company will cover some 24 states during its tour this season.

This production of *La Boheme* features the City Opera's popular and much-praised "supertitles" feature, in which an English translation of the Italian score is provided on a screen suspended above the stage.

"Supertitles have opened the world

said NYCO National Company administrative director Nancy Kelly. "Wherever we perform, the supertitles generate a unanimously positive reaction."

Tickets to the performance are priced at \$27.50, \$22.50 and \$17.50 and may be purchased either at the door or in advance by calling 246-7469.

The State Theatre is located in the New Brunswick Cultural Center near the intersection of Livingston Avenue and George Street

Cross-country lessons at Trailside Center

MOUNTAINSIDE — Cross-country ski lessons for beginners and intermediate-range students begin this weekend at the Trailside Nature and Science Center, Coles Avenue and New Providence Road.

Beginning students have their choice of Saturday morning sessions offered Jan. 13 or Jan. 20 and Feb. 3 or Feb. 10 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Intermediate lessons will be offered Feb. 10 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Beginned blo fee which will be \$5

non-refundable fee which will pay for an indoor lesson if there is no snow outside. The indoor program will consist of a lecture covering such topics as clothing, waxing and equipment along with a screening of the film You Can Walk.

If there is good enough snow outside, the instructor will give beginners the chance to learn the basics of cross-country ski techniques in the natural setting of the Watchung Reservation. An additional \$10 fee

will be payable at class time if an outdoor lesson is given.

Intermediate-level students will get to try such advanced maneuvers as stem, parallel and telemark turns. Snow plow, parallel and other methods of stopping and cross-country techniques will be explored. Also included will be a videotape examination of the sport.

Intermediate students may register in-person the week prior to the lesson if there is sufficient snow cover. Registration is held every day from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m at the center, and intermediate outdoor lessons are limited to 25 participants for each session. There is no limit on indoor lessons.

All participants must provide their own equipment. Skis may be rented from the sintrcutor, Bob Streeter of Hills & Trails in Westfield at 654-1991. For more information, call the Trailside Nature and Science Center

Trailside Nature and Science (at 789-3670.

Crafts exhibition to open Saturday

NEW BRUNSWICK — "In Search of Excellence," a showcase of works by recipients of 1989 crafts fellowships from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, opens this weekend

The fellowship recipients are artists whose work exemplifies the ar-

tistic and cultural excellence abundant in New Jersey.

The show opens Saturday, Jan. 13, and runs through Friday, Feb. 23, at The Gallery, 25 Livingston Avenue.

The opening reception Jan. 13, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., enables the audience to view the works and ask questions of the artists. A gallery talk schedule for Saturday, Feb. 3, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., enhances the flow of information from artist to audience.

The Gallery, the New Jersey Designer Craftsmen's permanent exhibition space, is located in the New Brunswick Cultural Center and is open Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. For group tours, membership information and a list of 1990 events, call 246-4066.

The New Jersey Designer Craftsmen are a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and exhibiting the highest quality contemporary and traditional crafts.

The group is funded in part by a

grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/ Department of State and is a resident company of the New Brunswick Cultural Center. The NJDC also receive special project grants from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation and the New Jersey Department of Commerce and Economic Development/ Division of Travel and Tourism.

Exploration of space topic of free lecture

CRANFORD — "The Search for Other Solar Systems," a topic to be explored heavily during 1990 by astronomical researchers, will be discussed next week by a Johns Hopkins University researcher at the January meeting of Amateur Astronomers Inc.

The program will be held Friday, Jan. 19, at 8 p.m. in the theatre at Union County College. The public is welcome to attend.

Dr. Douglas Duncan, who is research astronomer at the Space Telescope Science Institute of Johns (Please turn to page A-8)

List, List, O List!

The 'Black Plastic' Top 10 Albums of the 1980s (Dub Version)

By BILL MILLARD

Rationalization for offering yet another list: Several days after sending off what he thought was the definitive Top 10 list for the '80s, your Fearless Reporter came to the sudden realization that his list did not, in fact, contain the 10 best records of the expiring decade, and that another list, which really does contain the 10 best records of the decade, should appear instead. Please disregard the previous list as the product of a disordered mind.

R.O.Y.A.L. No. 2: The previous list was the result of a hoax perpetrated by Fearless Reporter's evil twin, who submitted a Black Plastic simulacrum that was practically indistinguishable from the real thing: same bands BP has always hyped, same long sentences, same bad mood. (Rumors that our evenmore-evil triplet is constructing yet another list, this one full of Rick Astley, Madonna, Whitesnake and Milli Vanilli — "some real '80s music, dudes, not that stuff you like" — are, at least at this date, only rumors.)

R.O.Y.A.L. No. 3: The '80s were so awful that, like a vampire, they have to be buried more than once.

R.O.Y.A.L. No. 4: The defining quality of the '80s was in fact neither media saturation nor Reaganism nor post-modern irony nor wretched excess, but doublethink: good old Orwellian doubleplusgood doublethink, without which we'd all have spent most of the decade extremely angry. The records on the last list were the 10 best albums of the decade. The re-

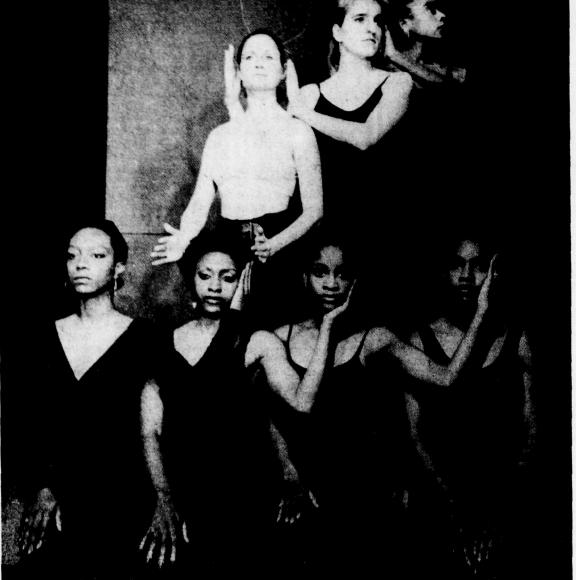
cords on this list are also the 10 best albums of the decade.

ns of the decade. ELVIS COSTELLO

Blood and Chocolate (Columbia) The King put out a half-dozen damn good albums during the '80s and a clunker or two; this is the most difficult of the lot, but I'd put it among the damn good ones — even, under the laboratory conditions of a Top 10 list, up above 1989's instant masterpiece Spike. Some people (including plenty of longtime E.C. fans) hate it, all of it, from the ultra-harsh one-chord opener "Uncomplicated" through the trans-Dylanesque confession "I Want You" through producer Nick Lowe's trippy tape-speed experiments on side two, all the way to the good old reliable 1978-style power pop of the closer "Next Time Round." All good intentions aside, these people are not to be believed. Chocolate was probably the last time Elvis'll ever work with the Attractions as a unified group: some of them were close to killing each other during the sessions, and the tension is obvious all over the record. The guy's moved on to levels of sophistication that he always had in him, but here, as part of a brilliant quartet in a state of panic and collapse, he pushed the limits, and he spooked some incredible ideas out of both himself and the band.

> HUSKER DU Zen Arcade (SST)

Between their eccentric speedcore origins and the full-scale artiness of their last work, this Minneapolis trio (Please turn to page A-9)



The William Chaison Dance Theatre will perform Saturday, Jan. 13, at 8 p.m. in Conackamack Middle School, Witherspoon Street, Piscataway. The free event is part of the township's three-day observance of Martin Luther King's birthday. 463-0777.

Toys that become playmates, companions and teachers

By VALERI DRACH WEIDMANN Toys, especially stuffed animals, have a knacking for finding their way into enchanting forests, magical lands and even the bedrooms of small children. Youngsters usually follow their plush partners and become ensnarled in many wacky adven-tures. But then something interesting happens, children grow a little bigger, more sophisticated and can't find their way back to these once frequented playlands.

Winnie the Pooh, Puff the Magic Dragon and Mac, an out of this world being, are all toys that become tour guides of the imagination in the following videos.

Winnie the Pooh and the Honey Tree (Walt Disney Home Video, 25 minutes) takes off from the fact that everyone has a weakness; some flaw

Exploration of space

(Continued from page A-7) Hopkins, will talk about the U.S. capabilities and probabilities of exploring in depth other solar systems during the 1990s. He will refer specifically to the proposed launch of the Hubble Space Telescope in March by

The professor's personal research on the topic has brought him to observatories throughout North America, South America and Europe. His specialty is in the area of starspots, which are sunspots located on other

Following the presentation, participants are invited to view space objects through the high-powered telescopes at the Sperry Observatory, on the UCC campus.

that causes them pain, embarass-ment and a lot of discomfort. In the Hundred Acre Wood and to the more intimate members of that population, it is generally known that a certain bear with a rolly-polly physique has an uncontrollable urge for honey.

This first Walt Disney Studios attempt to animate A.A. Milne's already famous story book characters is also one of the best. The Hundred Acre Wood is a true haven for children. Christopher Robin, who was inspired by Milne's own son, is the benevolent sovereign of his own small, stuffed kingdom of animals. In his own room they are simply soft materials, bright colors and a conglomeration of button noses and cloth tails. But once you let them loose in Christopher's imagination they all come to life in the Hundred Acre

In this first video adventure, Winnie the Pooh keeps his friends busy with his own sticky exploits. He can't keep his nose out of honey pots, bee hives or even honey trees.

But every passion has its own pricetag and Pooh finds himself pursued by angry bees, wedged in his friend's doorway and just a little out of control.

However, along with his cravings, Pooh has an inexhaustible reservoir

Toddlers, older children and adults will be drawn to this bear's confidence, charisma and all encompassing love for life.

The animation is first rate Disney fare, the music is mesmorizing and the storybook quality of the production is lovely to look at. This video is more than rentable. It belongs in a young child's permanent collection.

Puff the Magic Dragon (Children's Video Library, 25 minutes), inspired by the children's song performed by

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Peter, Paul and Mary, adds a few little plot twists of its own. The song is heard in bits and drabs throughout the story but the dragon, who has the soothing voice of Burgess Meredith, is portrayed as part guru, part tea-

Jackie Paper, instead of being the spontaneous, happy little boy of Peter Yarrow's lyrics, is withdrawn, mute and quite depressed. A team of doctors pronounce him hopeless and this turns into quite a serious and almost didactic tale of his recovery, which is brought about by a trip to the magical home of Puff, the Land of Honah Lee.

Although I wouldn't completely rule out this video, it is a little to preachy to become a true classic. The idea of a toy with a life of its own is intriguing to anyone who has ever been a child. But this story is too controlled and fixated on teaching a lesson, which is don't give in to your fears of growing up.

All in all the animation features surrealistic images, a few menacing pirates and of course the "Puff the Magic Dragon" song, which is al-ways nice to hear. Children two to eight years of age might be mildly amused and the message is valid. But instead of this dragon, I'd rather take home a toy like Winnie the Pooh or the Velveteen Rabbit. At least they don't tell you what to do.

The most outstanding feature of

Mac and Me (Orion Home Video, 99 minutes) is the utter shamlessness with which it imitates the blockbuster film E.T. The main character is a tiny brown creature with long healing fingers and large eyes; when it wears a disguise, looks like a small child in a Hallowe'en costume. The action takes place in a California suburb and instead of bikes, as in E.T., wheelchairs and vans are utilized as escape vehicles.

However, unlike Spielberg's critter, Mac and family have come to Earth accidentally and then then decide to become American citizens, complete with a pink Cadillac, a love for malls and a passion for fast food. This explains why the film was hea-

vily promoted in McDonald's restaurants when first released.

Although the creators have chosen to copy many of the details of the classic Steven Spielberg film, they seem to have left the heart of the production out. There is a circle of children that care for the extraterrestrials but none of them show any growth or maturity as a result of their adventure. The kids are quite unscathed battling government

agents and an entire police force.

Violent scenes of towering fires and a shooting might be upsetting and too disturbing for young children. It would make more sense to rent E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial rather then bring home Mac.

In like Flint

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radicalism, proceeds as if the protestors were correct. Maybe in Stone's mind they were, but if you don't share his Evil Empire view of the United States, you could leave Born On the Fourth of July thinking Kovic was just trying to get back at his mother all along.

Whatever doubts this film raises about Stone, it puts to rest all doubts as to whether Tom Cruise is an actor or a teen idol with a little bit of luck. Cruise's portrayal of Ron Kovic is a full-bodied great performance. Whether playing Kovic as a teenager, running through the rain to dance with a girl he has never quite managed to start a romance with, or as a man anguished over the ruin of his body and demanding "Who will love me now?", Cruise can make you weep. When Born On the Fourth of July deals with one man's private hell, it is unforgettable; when it claims to go beyond that, the film turns untrustworthy. Stone has the skill to shake you up. But judging from the reviews I've seen for Born On the Fourth of July, entirely too many people mistake an upsetting film for one that is also profound.

Another form of untrustworthiness is on display in Roger & Me, a very funny but ultimately deeply depressing look at how captains of industry can leave cities and whole populations in the lurch as they sail off in search of lower costs and higher profits. The subject fairly cries out for coverage and at first Michael Moore - a Michigan-born left-wing journalist who set out in 1987 to document the havoc wrought in his Flint hometown by General Motors layoffs — seems the ideal man for the job: an engaging blend of amiable jokester and hound of heaven documentarian. But there are a few problems with Roger & Me, of which

Starting with a brief rundown of Flint's history as a one-company town, Moore describes how late in 1986 GM chairman Roger Smith unveiled his "brilliant plan" to close 11 plants and move production to Mexico, leaving 30,000 employees without jobs and, as the film demonstrates, without hope. And, in some cases, without homes: Moore spends a lot of times dogging the heels of Deputy Sheriff Fred Ross as he oversees as many as 24 evictions in a single day. As the crime rate soars and urban rot metastasizes throughout Flint, Moore makes repeated, futile attempts to meet Smith face to face and invite to see what is happening to Flint — hence the title.

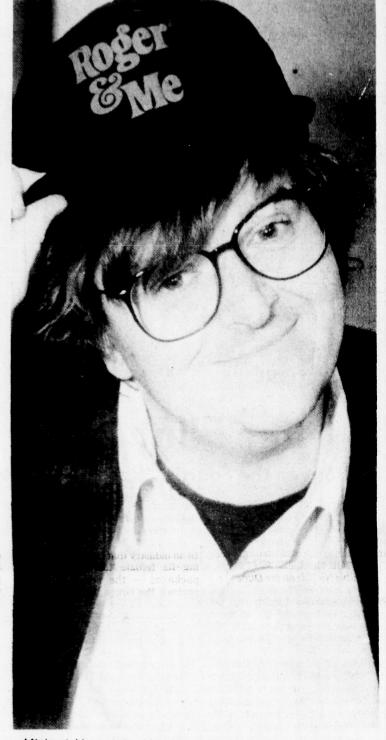
While documenting the economic devastation of Flint, Roger & Me goes on to show local and national politicians responding with believein-yourself slogans and fantasyland projects. Ronald Reagan buys pizza for a group of unemployed autoworkers; one of whom reports later that Reagan suggested they follow the jobs to the Sunbelt (in a bone-dry aside, Moore notes that the cash register was stolen during the lunch). The city fathers try to make Flint a tourist attraction by lavishly subsidizing a Hyatt Regency luxury hotel and building a \$100 million AutoWorld theme park complete with a miniature replica of Flint in the prelayoff days. Former Chevrolet shill Pat Boone, televangelist Robert Schuller and Anita Bryant all drop by to deliver buck-up-andkeep-smiling speeches while Bob Eubanks, another hometown boy who made good, tries to help people forget their problems with a tacky roadshow version of The New Newlywed Game; later he self-destructs on camera by telling Moore a nauseating anti-Semitic AIDS joke.

The problem is, Roger & Me is too good to be true, as Harlan Jacobson notes in the November-December issue of Film Comment. By making a few calls and doing a little digging, Jacobson - protesting all the while that he admires the film - found a pattern of distortions both great and small. Reagan had indeed visited Flint but in 1980, when he was campaigning for the Presidency; that the cash register had been stolen two days before his visit; that the plans and seed money for the hotel and theme park were put together in the '70s (a point Moore disputes); that both the Hyatt Regency and the AutoWorld opened and closed years before the layoffs; that the 1986 layoffs Moore describes involved not 30,000 but about 10,000 employees.

Jacobson's transcript of Moore's responses to these little discrepancies is revealing: after implying that Jacobson is a GM dupe, the neophyte auteur (who was booted out of the editorship of Mother Jones after less than half a year) says: "I tried to tell a documentary in a way they don't usually get told." Which is rather like saying the Ayatollah Khomeini was simply giving a harsher version of a bad notice in the New York Times Book Review.

This pattern of falsifications (which would get a reporter summarily shot in any self-respecting newspaper office) makes you less inclined to trust Moore and more inclined to notice the mean-spirited fun he pokes at people who are at worst harmless fools: a onetime feminist who became an Amway saleswoman and now does people's "colors," a woman who raises rabbits for sale as either pets or food, the 1987 Miss Michigan (and eventual Miss America) who wants to avoid making political statements after joining in a pathetic parade down Flint's boarded-up main street. You notice that many of the people being evicted aren't identified as being former autoworkers. Even the low-level functionaries who block Moore in his attempts to see Roger Smith end up seeming more sympathetic: if an unheralded stranger arrived with a movie camera and demanded to see the boss, would you do otherwise?

Has General Motors (and by extension all the other companies that ran the American auto industry into the ground) done Flint a disservice? Probably. Does Roger Smith, assuming the reasons Moore gives for his actions are correct, have a lot to answer for? Maybe. Has Michael Moore, by playing fast and loose with his facts, blown his credibility and allowed his subject to get away almost clean? Definitely.



Michael Moore, the director of Roger & Me, a documentary about the chaos that resulted when General Motors laid off workers in Flint, Mich.

By playing fast and loose with facts in 'Roger & Me,' Moore lets his target get away almost clean

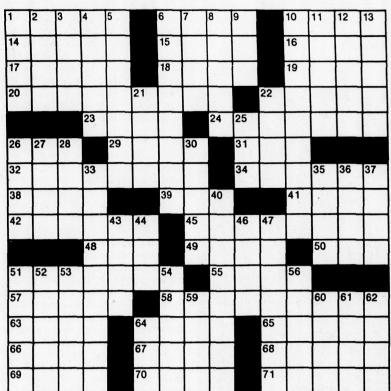
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A teacher prepares to play under his onetime student

Talking with pianist Leon Fleisher, you get the feeling that after spending a lifetime mastering a concert repertoire, a switch to pieces that can be played with only the left hand is the most natural thing in the world.

With neither apologies nor regrets, Fleisher, whose right arm has been injured and can no longer be used in playing without pain, has been mastering the literature for the left hand.

His mastery will be demonstrated Jan. 12, Jan. 13 and Jan. 14 when he performs Maurice Ravel's Concerto in D major for Piano with the New

Jersey Symphony Orchestra at three New Jersey locations

He said he looks forward to the NJSO performances with particular enthusiasm because of his special relationship with its music director, Hugh Wolff. Wolff was Fleisher's piano student at Baltimore's Pea-

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body Conservatory, and served as his assistant conductor when Fleisher led the Annapolis Symphony Orches-

"It's like a father-son relationship," explained Fleisher, who will solo under his erstwhile protege in Red Bank, Trenton and Newark.

OHNO! IT'S MAKING IT

by Gloria Curran

ture for left hand is comparatively limited. Having performed the composition a number of times he considers it "inspired," and a "high point in musical literature" regard-

ess of the number of hands required. Stricken in the mid-1960s by a mysterious ailment that made his right hand unuseable at the height of his concert career, Fleisher finally focused definitively on performing as a left-handed pianist.

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horizons of left-handed pianism by the first of these in New York at the piano, three hands.

any period.

after his return from Paris - where he was president of the jury for the

Fleisher said that the Ravel piece Long-Thibaud Competition - Fleimeans a lot to him because the litera- sher voiced pride in his teaching prowess and delight that Brian Ganz, one of his present students, won first prize in the prestigious international contest open in alternate years to pianist and violinists.

Besides the composition in which Fleisher will solo, the NJSO concerts include a pair of other compositions by Ravel, his "Alborada del Gracioso" and "Une Barque sur l'Ocean." Both piece are Ravel's own orchestrations of pieces that he wrote for solo piano. Both come from "Miroirs," a set of five pieces considered so avant garde when Ravel wrote it in 1905 that even his own circle found it bewildering.

The program ends with Dmitri Shostakovich's Symphony No. 5, the piece in which the Soviet composer managed to rehabilitates himself after having incurred Stalin's wrath. An excerpt from the symphony performed at the piano by the composer in New York in the late 1940s was an immediate crowd-pleaser and the symphony has become one of Shostakovich's most popular pieces.

Easily accessible to Central Jersey residents, the performances will take place on Friday, Jan. 12, at 8:30 p.m. in the Count Basie Theatre, Red Bank; on Saturday, Jan. 13, at 8 p.m. in the War Memorial Theatre, Trenton; and on Sunday, Jan. 14, at 3 p.m. in Symphony Hall, Newark.

For more information, call 1-800-ALLEGRO or 624-8203.

Wilde comedy auditions set

BASKING RIDGE - Open auditions for the upcoming Trilogy Repertory production of Oscar Wilde's The Importance of Being Earnest are set for Monday, Jan. 15, Tuesday, Jan. 16, and Monday, Jan. 22, at Ridge High School.

Auditions will be held in the Little Theater from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for each session.

Needed are five men and four women to play characters ranging in age from 18 to middle age. Rehearsals begin Jan. 24, with performances set for the first three weekends in

ELAINE STRAUSS

With no plans to return to twohanded piano playing, Fleisher will be instrumental in expanding the commissioning new works for his musical specialty. Within the next two or three years, he revealed, a body of chamber pieces, concerti and works for left hand solo will hit the concert halls. The public will hear end of January when Fleisher will appear with Lorin Hollander in a composition which composer Gunther Schuller has fashioned for

Besides piano performance, Fleisher's strenuous musical career includes serving as artistic director of Tanglewood, the summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. He also conducts major symphony orchestras throughout the world and has made his debut as an opera conductor.

As a piano pedagogue at Peabody, Fleisher's tutelary skills are legendary. Andre Watts, who appeared in New Brunswick earlier this month, remembers his studies with Fleisher as a constant stimulus to explore new musical possibilities. Paul Hoffman, a former Fleisher student, now on the faculty of the Mason Gross School of the Arts, pays tribute to his ability to ferret out the meaning of music from

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201-805-3054 How can you not like a restaurant when one of its young owners names it after his mother? Rosina's, which opened in December, is owned by Joseph Todaro and Bruce LiCausi. Joseph was responsible for the kitchen and the menu while Bruce did the interior decorating. The building, at 102 Talmage Ave., Bound Brook, is a very old bar that has been closed for quite some time. In fact it was once an old speakeasy of the 20's. To say that it needed extensive renovations is an understatement. What Bruce did, combining burgundy and seafoam green colors, black marble bar with mirrors and glass shelving, is

a site to see.

Everything looks so new, freshly painted, and clean. We asked Bruce if his profession was interior decorating and were surprised when he told us he was an attorney practicing law in Somerville. But knowing lawyers, and their propensity for detail, we can understand why. When he was speaking of the wall color he pointed down at the rug to show us how he tried to match both. When he told us about the glass shelves behind the bar he explained how he wanted the recess lights to shine through the three levels right down to

the glasses below. Now that's detail!

The menu is all Italian. It was five cold appetizers such as proscuitto & melon (\$4.95).

roasted pepper & mozzarella (\$5.95), and five hot ones consisting of clams oreganato, mussels, calamari and an antipasto, with prices ranging from \$4.95 to \$7.95.

There are four salads, including a house salad (\$2.95), Caesar or tomato, onion &mozzarella (both \$4.95), and a calamari salad (\$5.95). The house salad is included with each entree. In addition, Rosina's has two soups, minestrone for \$3.95 or the soup of the

day for \$2.95.

The menu has eight pasta dishes with prices ranging from \$7.95 (fettucini Alfredo) to The menu has eight pasta dishes with prices ranging from \$7.95 (tettucina Rosina, a blend of shallots and basil in a light cream sauce with a touch of plum tomato topped with fresh mozzarella cheese). There are five veal dishes from \$11.95 to \$14.95 (veal parmigiana to veal chop morfi), four chicken entrees from Florentina bed of spinach) to Giambotta (breast of chicken with onions, peppers, potato and sausage) for

In addition the menu includes five fish, from calamari marinara or fradiovalo to scampi, at prices ranging from \$12.95 to \$16.25, and two beef entrees (steak and filet mignon for \$15.95 and \$16.95).

The first order of the evening was a cold roasted peppers and mozzarello antipasto. This vas nicely done with round slices of fresh, moist mozzarello topped with slices of roasted reports and surrounded with lettuce and onions.

Our salads, which are included with all entrees, had a good vinalgrette dressing. The

ressing was similar to a Caesar's with that cheese, pepper and vinegar taste. For entrees we chose a veal and a fish dish. My companion ordered veal saltimboccarbich is veal rolled and stuffed with mozzarella, prosciutto and spinach, on a creamy

which is veal rolled and stuffed with mozzarella, prosciutto and spinach, on a creamy tomato sauce (\$13.95). The sauce was a unique orange pepper sauce, nicely presented and very tasty. The spinach was sauteed in garlic before being added to the entree. The pasta of the day, served with each entree, was linguini in a red sauce.

The fish entree, calamari marinara over linguini (\$12.95) was served in a red spicy, but mild, marinara sauce (as requested). The calamari was very good, not overcooked and rubbery. An added treat was the four mussels that came with the entree.

For desserts Rosina's offers the usual Italian fare: spumoni, tortoni, tortuffle, Italian rum cake, strawberry amaretto cheese cake and chocolate fudge. We ordered the chocolate fudge cake, a good, rich chocolate cake, shared by the two of us.

We concluded the evening with cups of capuccino, content with the pleasant atmosphere, good food and the singing of Mario Lanza in the background.

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RATTY

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THE TRICK.

ing; make that many enemies and

you've got to be doing something

right. But they also knew when to

move beyond their specialty. At the

end of a string of records based on

their trademark ideas, Document

showed a surprising new range: the

clonable factors gave way to real

rock and roll bite (which everybody

who'd seen the band live knew they

had in them), and the always-

implicit politics reached the surface

with real force, real wit and some-

times even verbal clarity. "It's the

end of the world as we know it, and I

feel fine," opined Michael Stipe, in

between rapid-fire recitations of fa-

mous names ("Leonard Bernstein,

Leonid Brezhnev, Lenny Bruce and

Lester Bangs") and believable funny

one-line non sequiturs. If they've got

a future it'll sound something like

THE REPLACEMENTS

Let It Be (Twin/Tone)

themselves "the last best band of the

80s" has to be listed up here some-

where. This record, made while they

were still on their original label and

while Bob Stinson was still sober

enough to stay vertical, was the

strongest of several awesome vinyl

performances. Paul Westerberg's writing has steadily moved from the

inside-joke mentality of The Re-

placements Stink to the misty-eyed

maturity of Don't Tell a Soul, and

some fans think he's become, well,

too much of a grownup. But on the

middle-period stuff, like this album's

"I Will Dare" and the song with the

best one-line hook of the decade,

'Unsatisfied," the band was peaking

without hinting that they might ever

lean too far in any one direction. Ex-

ploring the barroom tensions be-

tween Regular Guys and gender-

benders ("Androgynous"), Wester-

berg hits just the right combination

of amusement and tolerance ("To-

morrow, who's gonna fuss?");

knocking out quickies about dental

work and erections, he's the kind of

teenage wiseapple that can't be dis-

missed as a mere teenager, because

he's genuinely funny; merging mockery of MTV with an ambitious

semi-instrumental ("Seen Your

Video"), the band stumbles upon a

guitar sound that could stand to be

SONIC YOUTH

Daydream Nation

(Enigma/Blast First)

layering experiments and denizens of

the oh-so-decadent subculture of

lower Manhattan, this quartet had

been slouching toward some kind of

major statement for a couple of

years - the Evol and Sister albums

worked hard at appearing offhand

Veterans of Glenn Branca's guitar-

called majestic.

Any band with the chulzpah to call

WORSE-THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING! CLAGGIC "FOILED MAD-SCIENTIST TEMPER TANTRUM"!-MUSIC TOMY SUPER-SPY EARS!!

and trashy, but you don't get that kind of antipop effects (unusual tun-

ings, deconstructions of the rock-

song format, jazz chords that de-

liberately broke punk's cardinal

harmonic rules) without being

somewhere close to knowing what

you're doing. This massive, exhaust-

ing, exhilarating 1988 album was the

logical outcome of the Sonics' con-

tradictory but inexorable move-

ments toward both guitar excess and

radio access. It had an actual single,

the adrenalin-pumping "Teen Age

Riot"; it proved, among other things,

that Thurston Moore could truly sing

when he wanted to; it crowned Kim

Gordon, sloppy voice or no sloppy

voice, as the dominant sexual ironist

of the age, an Antimadonna who

knows in her bones how desire can be

an absurd social construction and an

ZEITGEIST

Translate Slowly (DB)

Now known as the Reivers (a gotta-

look-it-up name that puts their

Faulknerian ambitions right on the

surface), this band practices a dis-

tinctive variety of melodic fast-

tempo country rock - let's call it

Thrash Folk — that could probably only happen in Austin, Texas. One of

the better-kept secrets lately has

been that city's rock underground,

rarely represented on Austin City

Limits but well-represented in the

better kind of record stores (you

know, the ones that still sell black

plastic); a lot of Austin bands man-

age to be both comfortable with local

traditionalism and college-town

skeptical. Zeitgeist was, and still is,

the best of the bunch, featuring the

astonishing suburban-angel voice of

Kim Longacre and the just-obscure-

enough songwriting of John Croslin.

Harmonizing together like a drug-free version of X's John Doe and

Exene Cervenka, they make the rock underground safe for people in good

moods; bearing down on instrumen-

tals, with the support of an uncompli-

cated but reliable rhythm section,

irresistible force at the same time.

The Top 10 albums (dub version)

(Continued from page A-7) put out the fiercest sound of the decade. Not always the best songs, although composers Bob Mould and Grant Hart both had some real killers in them; for every "Something I Learned Today," "Pink Turns to Blue" or "Newest Industry," there were a few failed experiments and short-lived outbursts. Not always the widest stylistic range, although they were by far the most ambitious of the bands loosely labeled as hardcore; though his lyrics were imaginatively direct and his voice was an effective blunt instrument, Mould clung to the familiar symmetries of 14-foot ballad meter as obsessively as anyone this side of the Residents. But for sheer punk fury, encoded in rhythmic tightness and violence of timbre, nobody could touch the Huskers — this was a sound you never forgot, like the shriek of a loved one in a flaming building. They never shied away from the rawest emotions, the loudest distortion, the busiest drum fills, the extremes that separate honest punks from posers. This record, a double LP of frantic beauty, raised the stakes for its whole genre.

THE MINUTEMEN **Double Nickels on the Dime**

(SST) When D. Boon died in his car, an eerie sense of precognition began to surround this record: you see, all its sides begin not with songs but with engine noises. It was a low-budget historicizing move at first, jamming the Minute-dudes' leftist rage and antiromantic whiplash punk straight into the context of the quintessentially Amurrican form of romance, that of the open highway. If rhythms this wild, vocals this grungy, and what Camper Van Beethoven fans would call "white trash appeal" could coexist with an unabashed update of a Sixties oppositional stance, there just might be hope for low-budget independent rock as a social force; if titles like "Maybe Partying Will Help," "Political Song for Michael Jackson to Sing," "God Bows to Math" and "Do You Want New Wave or Do You Want the Truth" (along with several truly great ones that don't sit well with editors of family newspapers) were indicative of the exploding throwaway intelligence behind the sound - and, D. help us, they were then all the supposed contradictions between brainy punk and punk that's fun were just artifacts of rock critics' prejudices. But then D. died in his car, and it became tough to listen to the band's autonomous sound without thinking of some kind of weird prescience behind the auto sounds. Maybe guys like this will always be doomed.

MISSION OF BURMA Vs. (Ace of Hearts)

As influential on the indie bands of this decade as Burma's own heroes, Wire, have proved to be. In some crowds, you can jerk some serious tears of an oh-what-might-have-been nature just by mentioning this band: they had to quit for medical reasons, of all things, just as they were peaking, both artistically and in media visibility. Some of the basement tapes they left behind after disbanding can still kick the life out of most of what passed for punk in their wake. Their three-piece attack could be garage-direct or electronically pastoral, somehow woolly and cerebral at the same time; their song structures were angular, unhinged, obedient only to the logic of immediate urgent emotions; their vocals, no matter who was singing, were marked by an eloquent fierceness, ranking forceful intelligence over all forms of vocal craft. Subsequent projects (Birdsongs of the Mesozoic, the early Volcano Suns, Roger Miller's solo work) have confirmed what Boston cognoscenti knew for years: Burma belonged in the big leagues.

THE PRETENDERS

(Sire) Since her debut a full 10 years ago, former critic Chrissie Hynde's onagain-off-again bandleading career has drawn only a fraction of the

commercial attention it deserves. She puts out another pretty good record every few years, has trouble hanging on to band members for long (or keeping them alive), and comes up with just enough terrific rousing hooks per album to remind her old fans how huge a force she was at the beginning of the decade. Of all the discs people swore by, back when the often-meaningless "New Wave" was the hottest thing going, this one may have been the most perfectly realized: thickly layered guitars that leaped up like a pack of pit bulls, sharp mersh melodies that knew where they were going and always got there, smooth steady overdrive 4/4 rhythms, and songwriting that immediately established Hynde's nononsense persona. And that voice, alternately a hard-bitten snarl and a movie goddess' caress, did more than accelerate the systolic rates of America's male population (the industry cranks out dozens of chirps every year who do that): it announced the arrival of somebody who lived with both her brain and her body and refused to act like there was anything contradictory about it. In an industry that insists on present-ing its female talents in defined packages — the sensitive hippie poetess, the bimbo, the leather-clad thugette - Hynde has insisted on working on her own terms. The hardest-rocking declaration of independence in recent history.

PRINCE

1999 (Warner Bros.) He's done more ambitious records, but they tend to have some real embarrassments on 'em (sure, Purple Rain was a great slice of guilt-free Hollywood glitz - or guilt-filled Hollywood glitz, if the bad acting in the movie really got to you - but who can hold down lunch during "When Doves Cry" any more? And as for Batman, well, the less said the better). He's done less repetitive records (at full length, four sides of pounding vinyl, this may be the most repetitive record since disco died), But whatever you think of the funny costumes, the religio-sexual rhetoric and the relentless magenta mythos, there's no denying the talent; these tunes are about as close as anybody in this decade came to producing anthems. The title song, just to name the most obvious one, isn't just a lot of apocalyptic talk attached to a great hook; it's the '80s in condensed form, the idea of partying your brains out because you suspect that if you left them in you'd have to watch the end of the world.

R.E.M.

Document (I.R.S.)

Yes, Document, not Murmur. Of the two dominant '80s bands with eccentric long-haired lead singers and names with no actual words in them, R.E.M. was the one I didn't get tired of (not even when they finally put out a very ordinary record, 1988's Green). Their debut EP Chronic Town and first LP Murmur put them on everybody's map as the generators of the most clonable sound since Led Zeppelin, all open chords and mushmouthed free-associative lyrics and mobile rhythms. They're a love-'em-or-hate-'em band, inspirers of equal amounts of love and loath-

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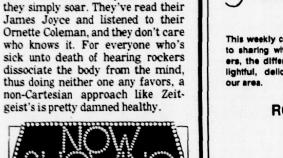
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Theater

AND FURTHER MO' New York area premiere of Vernel Bagneris' sequel to One Mo' Time chronicles the end of the black vaudeville era. Through Feb. 4 at the Crossroads Theatre, 320 Memorial Parkway, New Brunswick. Admission \$36 to \$17. 249-5560.

BREATH OF SPRING A comedy about women thieves being stalked by Scotland Yard, performed Jan. 12, 13, 19, 20 at 8 p.m. by the Westfield Community Players, 1000 North Avenue, Westfield. Admission \$7.

CHEATERS Farce by Michael Jacobs performed through Jan. 27 at the First Avenue Playhouse dessert theater, 42 First Avenue, Atlantic Highlands. Dessert at 8 performances at 8:30 p.m. Admission

THE COCKTAIL HOUR A.R. Gurney's contemporary comedy of manners, performed through Feb. 4 at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Brookside Drive, Millburn. Admission \$33 to \$19.376-4343.

parving MISS DAISY Alfred Uhry's play about the relationship between a white Southern matron and her black chauffer and how it develops into friendship over the years. Saturday, Jan. 27, at 8:30 p.m. in the Count Basie Theatre, 99 Monmouth Street, Red Bank. Benefit for the Jewish Family Service of Northern Middlesex County. Admission \$32.50, includes dessert and coffee after show. 738-5225 or 287-4765.

THE FURTHER ADVENTURES OF MAID MARIAN Children's musical about Robin Hood's main squeeze, performed Jan. 13 by the Trilogy Repertory Company at 1:30 p.m. in the Somerset County/ Bridgewater Library, North Bridge Street and Vogt Drive, Bridgewater. 526-4017.

HAPPY DAYS Olympia Dukakis takes the lead role in Samuel Beckett's play, per-formed through Feb. 4 at the Whole Thea-tre, 544 Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair. Ad-mission \$23 to \$15. 744-2989.

KUNI-LEMEL A musical farce based on AUNI-LEMEL A musical farce based on Avrom Goldfadan's story about a nice Jewish girl whose father finds her an eminently unappetizing suitor, performed Jan. 26 through Feb. 18 at the Forum Theatre, 314 Main Street, Metuchen. Admission \$21 and \$18.50 on Fridays and Saturdays, \$18.50 and \$16 on Thursdays and Sundays. Discounts available. 548-0582.

MASS APPEAL Bill C. Davis' humorous drama about a young deacon who clashes with an older, conservative priest, performed through Jan. 27 at the Circle Playhouse, 416 Victoria Avenue, Piscataway. Admission \$8, \$7 for students and the elderly. 968-7555.

MIME X TWO Duo performs Jan: 13 at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. in the Kelsey Theater, Mercer County College, West Windsor. Admission \$6.586-4695.

MOUNTAIN Douglas Scott's biography of Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, performed through Jan. 28 at the George Street Playhouse, 19 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick. Admission \$25 to \$20, rush tickets available. 246-7469.

REALLY ROSIE Children's musical by Maurice Sendak with songs by Carole King, performed through Jan. 20 by the Parish Players in residence at the Plainfield YWCA, 232 East Front Street, Plainfield. Admission \$10, \$8 for students and the elderly, 753-2622.

THE RINK The Kander & Ebb musical about a mother and daughter who run a skating rink. Performed Jan. 19, 20, 21, 26, 27 by the Red Oak Music Theatre at the Strand Theatre, Clifton Avenue and Fourth Street, Lakewood. Admission \$17, \$14. 367.1515.

SOMETHING'S AFOOT Murder myster y-musical comedy performed through Jan. 28 at Playhouse 22, 210 Dunhams Corner Road, East Brunswick. Admission \$10.

SNOW WHITE AND ROSE RED Chil ren's play performed Jan. 13 at 2 p.m. and 3 .m. by the **Folk Tale Puppets** at the Arts louncil of Princeton, 102 Witherspoon treet, Princeton. Admission \$3. (609) Street, 921-2304

TWO GOOD BOYS A new black comedy by Barry Jay Kaplan about two sons whose devotion to their mother goes far beyond anything normally seen. Jan. 18 through Jan. 28 at the McCarter Theatre, 91 Univer-Place, Princeton. Admission \$8. (609) 683-8000

Film

Capsule reviews by Steven Hart

MEDIAMIX MEDIA ARTS FESTIVAL Screenings of film and videos, ranging from little-seen mainstream films to new and experimental works. Screenings Fridays at 7 p.m. in either Room 105 of Voorhees Hall or Room 100 of Milledlor Hall, both on the College Avenue campus of Rutgers University, New Brunswick, Call ahead for place of show. Admission \$2. Jan. 26: The Wild Child. Feb. 2: Every Man For Himself And God Against All. Feb. 9: U.S. Super 8 Film Festival, Feb. 16: Independent filmmake Festival. Feb. 16: Independent filmmaker Emily Hubley presents her works. Feb. 23: Independent filmmaker Mark Rappaport presents his works. March 2: Zou Zou w/ Josephine Baker. March 9: Will Success Spoil Rock Hunter? March 16: "Needles and Pins: The Fifth Annual Experimental Film-Video Marathon." March 30: The Kilers. April 6: Killer's Kiss. April 13: Thomas Edison Black Maria Film-Video Festival. April 20: The Trial. For information call Al Nigrin at 932-4685.

Exhibitions

AKEEM ANISHERE Works by the Nigerian artist on display Jan. 22 through Feb. 23 in the College Center Gallery, Midd-lesex County College, 155 Mill Road, Edison. 906-2569.

BIOGRAPHY OF A WOMAN Paintings by Trenton artist Marguerite Doernbach on display Jan. 20 through Feb. 17 at the Rab-bet Gallery, 120 Georges Road, New Bruns-wick. 828-5150.

CARTOONS COME TO PATERSON AD proximately 140 pieces of original carton art, from Marvel Comics superheroes to New Yorker sophisticates, on display through Jan. 27 at the Paterson Museum, 2 Market Street, Paterson. 881-2761.

CHRIST METHODIST CHURCH Arts and crafts projects by preschoolers at the church will be on display throughout Jan-uary at the Westergard Library, 20 Murray Avenue, Piscataway. 752-1166.

ANNETTE FLICK Oil portraits and photo restorations by the Piscataway resident on display throughout January at the Westergard Library, 20 Murray Avenue, Piscataway, 752-1166.

R.C. GORMAN Exhibition of lithographs extended to Jan. 14 at the Howard Mann Art Center, 45 North Main Street, Lambertville. (609) 397-2300.

HOUSES IN MONTGOMERY Pen-and-ink drawings by Ellie Wyeth Fox on display through Jan. 31 at the Mary Jacobs Memor-ial Library, 64 Washington Street, Rocky Hill. (609) 924-7073.

IN SEARCH OF EXCELLENCE Crafts by New Jersey artisans on display Jan. 13 through Feb. 23 at The Gallery, 25 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick. Opening reception Jan. 13 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. 246.4066

MARTIN LUTHER KING Display honoring the civil rights leader will be on view throughout January at the Kennedy Library, 500 Hoes Lane, Piscataway. 463-1633. Also throughout January, artwork about King and areas of social concern will be on display at the Piscataway Municipal Building, 455 Hoes Lane. 463-0777.

TOM MALLOY Solo show featuring 88 works by watercolorist on display through Jan. 22 at Ellarslie, city museum in Cadwalader Park, Trenton. (609) 989-3632.

PRINTMAKING COUNCIL OF NEW JERSEY An exhibition of prints by three members — Idaherma Williams, Diana Gonzalez Gandolfi, Denise Mullen — on view through Feb. 2 at the Council Gallery, Ralph T. Reeve Cultural Center, Station and River roads, Branchburg. Opening reception Jan. 21 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. 725-2110.

STATED AS FACT: PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTS OF NEW JERSEY Works by over 40 state photographers to mark the 150th anniversary of the invention of photography, through Jan. 28 at the NJ. State Museum, 205 West State Street, Trenton. (609) 292-6308.

BONNIE STEINSNYDER Urban landscapes in which several panels combine into single paintings, on display through Feb. 25 at the Oakside-Bloomfield Cultural Center.

240 Belleville Avenue, Bloomfield. 429-0960 WIDGETS, GADGETS AND ICE CREEPERS New Jersey patent models and inventions on display through April 29 at the Cornelius Low House/ Middlesex County Museum, 1225 River Road (overlooking Landing Lane), Piscataway, 745-4489.

ANNA WOJTASZEK AND RUTH CROWN Original works on display throughout January at the North Brunswick Free Public Library, 880 Hermann Road, North Brunswick. 246-3545.

Speakers

DOUGLAS DUNCAN Researcher from Johns Hopkins University will speak on "The Search for Other Solar Systems" Friday, Jan. 19, at 8 p.m. in the theater at Union County College, Cranford. Star viewing to follow at Sperry Observatory. 276-STAR.

WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS: THE MAN AND THE MOUNTAIN Symposium on the life and career of Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, hosted by the George Street Playhouse in conjunction with its production of Mountain, a new play about Douglas. Panelists include Arthur Kinoy, vice president of the Center for Constitutional, Law: Dorothy Roberts, associate professor at the Rutgers University School of Law; and Douglas Scott, author of the play and an authority on the man's life. Saturday, Jan. 27, at 4:30 p.m. in the George Street Playhouse, 9 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick. Free admission. 246-7717.

Nightlife

BANANAS COMEDY CLUB, Holiday Inn, 2117 Route 4 East, Fort Lee. Live comedy Friday and Saturday, 947-7444.

BIRCH HILL NIGHT CLUB, Route 9 South, Old Bridge. (Rock, dance) Thursdays: All-male revue. Jan. 12: Edgar Cayce, Exxplorer. Jan. 13: The Watch, Joey & The Works, 536-0650.

BOURBON STREET CAFE, Old Bay Restaurant, 61-63 Church Street, New Brunswick, Thursdays: Alternative music ar Kays DJs. 246-3111.

CHICK'S INN, 253 French Street, New Brunswick. 249-6131.

CITY GARDENS, 1701 Calhoun Street, Trenton. (Rock) Thursdays, Saturdays, 90-cent dance night. (609) 392-8887.

CLUB BENE DINNER THEATRE, Route 35, Sayreville. Jan. 13: Zebra. Jan. 19: Steve Forbert. Jan. 20: Tony Williams & The Platters. Jan. 27: Ron Bartlett of WFAN. Feb. 2: Charlie Daniels Band. Feb. 3: Pieces of a Dream. Feb. 15: David Bromberg Big Band. Feb. 16: Tito Puente. 727-3000.

CLUB 375, 375 George Street, New Brunswick. Tuesdays: New music. Wednesdays: All-male revue. Thursdays: Ladies night. Fridays. Saturdays: Dance party w/d.j. Doors open 9 p.m. 828-8385.

CONNECTIONS, 503 Van Houten Avenue, Clifton. (Rock) 473-3127.

CONNIE'S, Route 35, Sayreville. (Oldies) Every Wednesday: Bill Turner and Blue Smoke. 721-6223.

CORNER TAVERN, 113 Somerset Street, New Brunswick. (Rock) 247-7677.

CORNERSTONE, 25 New Street (corner of New and Pearl streets), Metuchen. of New and Pearl streets), Metuchen. (Jazz) No cover charge; reservations recommended Jan. 12: George Masso Quartet w/ John Bunch. Jan. 13: Kenny Davern Quartet w/ Howard Alden. Jan. 17: Kenny Davern Quartet. Jan. 19: Mike LaDonne Quartet w/Doug Lawrence. Jan. 20: Ed Polcer Quartet. Jan. 24: Bucky & John Pizzarelli Duo. Jan. 26: Brooks Tegler Quartet. Jan. 31: Mark Shane w/ Terry Blaine. 549-5306.

COURT TAVERN, 124 Church Street, New Brunswick. (Rock) Jan. 12: Dr. Seuss. Jan. 13: The Mad Daddies (free show for video shoot). Jan. 18: Mist Procession. Jan. Benefit for Long Shot poetry magazine w/ Bad Karma, Lesser Kudu, Raging Lamos. Wild Narma, Lesser Rudt, Raging Lamos, Jan. 20: Black Cat, King Carcass, Beme Seed (Blast First recording artists). Jan. 25: Smart Pill, The New Gods (free cassette tapes for first 50 customers). Jan. 26: Latty Guzang (reggae). Jan. 27: Funk show w/ Knew Breed, Arnold the Pig. 545-7265.

THE COVE, 108 Chestnut Street, Rose-IIe. (Jazz, rock, popular) Wednesdays: Showcase night. 241-1226.

ESCAPADES, 349 West Side Avenue, Jersey City. (Rock) 433-2126.

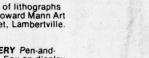
FM STATION, Route 23 North, Wayne

GREEN PARROT, 1927 Route 33, Neptune. (Rock) Sundays: Stained Glass. Wednesdays: Loretta Windas. Thursdays: Blue Gumbo. 775-1991.

HARMONY STREET, 210 Somerset Street, Plainfield. Live music every Thurs-day, Friday, Saturday, 769-0441.

HIDEAWAY LOUNGE, Edison Country Inn, Routes 1 and 287, Edison. (Dinner a dance) 548-7000.

HURRICANE ALLEY, Headquarters Plaza Hotel, 3 Headquarters Plaza, Morristown. (Rock) 898-9100.





Len Cariou stars as U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas in Mountain, Douglas Scott's biography of the controversial justice performed through Jan. 28 at the George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick. See Events.

IRONWOOD, 185 Madisonville Road, Basking Ridge. (Jazz) Performances Tuesdays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.; reservations recommends 756 2001

JASON'S, 1604 F Street, South Belmar.

J. AUGUST'S, 19 Dennis Street, New Brunswick. Sundays: Open stage. Thursdays: Reggae night. 246-8028.

LADY JANE'S, 14th & Hudson Streets

LIVE TONIGHT, 125 Washington Street, Hoboken, (Rock and comedy) Jan. 12: The Fundamentals, No Heroes, Freedom of Expression, Jan. 13: The Toasters, Panicl 795-9606.

LOOP LOUNGE, 373 Broadway, Passaic. (Rock) 365-0807.

MAIN STREET COMEDY CAFE, 146 Main Street, Hackensack. Live comedy Friday and Saturday, 488-5888.

MAXWELL'S, 1039 Washington Street, Hoboken. (Rock) Jan. 11: Mercyland, Won-derama. Jan. 12: Roscoe's Gang, Blue Chiefftains, Jan. 13: Deep 6. Peter Himmel-man. Feb. 12: Call club for details. 798-4064.

MINE STREET COFFEEHOUSE, Neilson and Bayard streets (basement of the First Reformed Church), New Brunswick. Shows Saturdays at 8:30 p.m., admission 33 Jan. 13: Mike Agranoff, singer and storyteller. Jan. 20: Eddy Lawrence, singersongwriter from the Western deserts. Jan. 27: Jim Albertson, storyteller and humorist from the Pine Barrens. Feb. 3: McDermott's Handy, Irish and traditional American music Feb. 10: Mark Levi, political songs. Feb. 17: Open stage, sign up at 8 p.m. Feb. 24: Michelle Weinstein, singer-songwriter w/ British Invasion influence. 572-4173 or 549-0931. MINE STREET COFFEEHOUSE, Nei

MURPHY'S LAW, Ocean Boulevard and Chelsea Avenue, Long Branch. (Rock) 229-5175.

NICKEL'S ALLEY, 205 Paramus Road, Paramus, 845-4721.

OBSESSIONS, 1380 Sussex Turnpike, Randolph. (Rock) 895-3243

OUTBACK SALOON, 15 West Main Street, Bound Brook. ("60s rock and Top 40)

PINES MANOR, Route 27 and Talma-ge Road, Edison. (Dinner and dance)

287-2222. THE PIPELINE, 841 Broadway, New

PLAYPEN LOUNGE, Route 35, Sayre

THE POMPOUS MENAGERIE, 789 Jersey Avenue, New Brunswick. 846-4111

RAZZLES, Sumner Avenue and The Boulevard, Seaside Heights. (Rock) Wednesdays: Maxez Metal Shop. Thursdays: Freefall. 830-3555.

THE ROXY, 95 French Street, New Brunswick. Sundays: New York City Comedy Night: Mondays: Open stage. Live DJ, rock music and dancing Tuesday. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. 545-8971.

SHARK BAR, 225 Stuyvesant Avenue, Lyndhurst. (Rock) 939-3788.

SHARKY'S CLUB, 90-92 River Street, Hoboken. (Jazz) 659-1833.

SHORE BAR AND RESTAURANT, 20th Avenue and the Boulevard, Ship Bottom. Sundays: Jah Love, reggae. Mondays: The Chippendales. Tuesdays: The Rockets. Wednesdays: The Grease Band. (609)

THE STONE PONY, 913 Ocean Avenue, Asbury Park. (Rock) Sundays: The Cats, Joey & The Works. Wednesdays: New Music Night. Thursdays: Bobby Bandeira. 988-7177.

STUDIO 1, 88-89 Verona Avenue, North Newark. (Rock) 482-1150.

T-BIRDS CAFE, 707 Main Street, Asbury Park. (Rock) Sundays: Acoustic jam 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays: Acme Boogie Company, Tuesdays: Lonesome Johnny E. & The Loners. 502-0072.

TJ'S HIDEAWAY, 605 Tompkins Avenue, South Plainfield. 668-9860.

VALENTINO'S, 350 West First Avenue,

THE WAITING ROOM, 1431 Irving Street (across from train station), Rahway. 574-8469. WURLITZER'S, 386 Hoes Lane, Pisca taway. (Baby Boomer dance music with DJ) 463-3113.

ZUPKO'S DUNELLEN THEATER, 458 North Avenue, Dunellen, Jan. 13: Jimmy Miller & Illusion (oldies covers). Jan. 20: Rock concert w/ Pierce, Rayce (Piscataway band). 968-3331 or 968-1020.

Museums

AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORICAL SO-AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORICAL SO-CIETY MUSEUM, Greenville Library, 1841 Kennedy Boulevard, Jersey City, Monday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. Permanent exhibition devoted to civil rights movement and role of black chur-ches. Also musical instruments of Africa. America and the West Indies; kitchen typi-cal of black urban households circa 1930; African shields and sculpture, 547-5262

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, Central Park West at 79th Street, New York. Daily 10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Contribution of \$4 for adults, \$2 for children, free Fridays and Saturdays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Through Jan. 31: "The Skull of Apatosaurus: A Case of Mistaken Identity?" Exhibit on the evolution of three different species of dinosaurs that proposes possible heads for the Apatosaurus, which is what the Brontosaurus is now being called. Through March 25: "Crossroads of Continents: Cultures of Siberia and Alaska." (212) 769-5100. 769-5100

THE ART MUSEUM, Princeton University, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Museum shop closes 4 p.m. Western European paintings, sculpture and decorative art from 19th and 20th centuries. (609) 452-3788.

BERGEN MUSEUM OF ART AND SCIENCE, Ridgewood and Fairview avenues, Paramus. Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Admission \$2.50 for adults, \$1 for students and the elderly. Lanpe Permanent exhibition devoted to culture of the Lenape Indians. 265-1248.

CORNELIUS LOW HOUSE/ MIDD-LESEX COUNTY MUSEUM, 1225 River Road (overlooking Landing Lane), Pisca-taway, Tuesday through Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. Through April 29: "Widgets, Gadgets and Ice Creepers: New Jersey Patent Models and Inventions." 745-4489

EAST BRUNSWICK MUSEUM, 16 Maple Street, East Brunswick. Saturdays and Sundays, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Free admis-sion. 254-7329.

EAST JERSEY OLDE TOWNE, River Road at Hoes Lane, Johnson Park, Pisca-taway. Village composed of relocated 18th century structures set near the headquarters of the county park police. Guided tours for small groups Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. larger groups by reservation only. Call 463-9077 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.

FRANKLIN MINERAL MUSEUM, Evans Street off Route 23, Franklin Bor-ough. Friday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday from 12:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Open to groups by reservation, admis-sion \$2 for adults, \$1 for children. Separate admission for adjoining Buckwheat Dump. Some 300 types of minerals from New Jersey Zinc Co. mines plus replica of mine 827-3481.

HACKENSACK MEADOWLANDS DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ENVIRONMENTAL MUSEUM, 2 DeKorte Park Plaza, Lyndhurst. Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. History of Meadowlands and Urban Salt Marsh, diorama, exhibit on garbage crisis and recycling. 460-8300.

JANE VOORHEES ZIMMERLI ART MUSEUM, Rutgers University, George and Hamilton streets, New Brunswick. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed Wednesdays), Saturdays and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Through Feb. 6: "The Central Years: Sickles Photo-Reporting Service Documents the American 1940s and 1950s." Through Feb. 6: "Sheila Marbain As Master Printer," retrospective of works by silkscreen printer. Through Feb. 6: "Surface Printing in the 1980s," lithographs, screenprints and montypes from the Rutgers University archives, 932-7237. JANE VOORHEES ZIMMERLI ART

JERSEY CITY MUSEUM, 472 Jersey Avenue (fourth floor of main library building), Jersey City. Tuesday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Through March 3: "Contemporary Woodblock Prints." Through Feb. 3: Katherine Parker, recent paintings 5d7.4514. paintings. 547-4514.

METLAR HOUSE, 1281 River Road, Piscataway (near the Lynch Bridge). Pis-cataway Township historic museum, week-day tours by appointment. 752-4178.

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART, Fifth Avenue at 82nd Street, New York. Wednesday through Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., Tuesday 9:30 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. Contribution \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children and the elderly. Through Jan. 14: "American Pastels." Through April 15: "The Age of Napoleon: Costume from Revolution to Empire." Through April 15: "Canaletto," works by 18th century Venetian painter. (212) 879-5500. METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART

MONTCLAIR ART MUSEUM, Bloomfield and South Mountain avenues, Montclair. Tuesday through Wednesday, Friday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Donation \$2 for non-members. Through Feb. 11: Paintings by late 19th century French artist Max Rateau. Through April 1: Post-World War II American art from museum collection. 746-5555.

THE MORRIS MUSEUM OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, Normandy Heights and Columbia roads, Morristown. Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$2 for adults, \$1 for children. Through Feb. 11: "CRASH: Computer AssiSted Hardcopy," international exhibition by artists using computer technology. Through Feb. 11: Illustrations by Metuchen artist Patrick McDonnell. Through 1990: "Evolution to Revolution." 19th century lighting devices. Through June: "From the Ground Up," exhibit on the unearthing of a coelophysis. Dec. 29: "Winterfest," films and workshops for children. 538-0454.

MUSEUM OF EARLY TRADES AND CRAFTS, Main Street and Green Village Road, Madison. Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$1 for adults, 50 cents for chil-

MUSEUM OF MODERN ART, 11 West 53rd Street, New York. Daily 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., closed Wednesdays. Admission \$6, \$3.50 for students, \$2 for the elderly. Through Jan. 16: "Picasso and Braque: Pioneering Cubism." (212) 708-9400.

NEW JERSEY STATE MUSEUM, 205 West State Street, Trenton, Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4/45 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission. Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission. Through June: "Potters in the Sun," Pueblo Indian pottery. Through Jan. 28: "Stated As Fact: Photographic Documents of New Jersey." Jan. 13 through April 15: "Trade Wampum." Jan. 20, 21: "Super Science Weekend" w/ laser concerts and the Electric Circus (609) 292-6464.

OLD BARRACKS MUSEUM, Barrack OLD BARRACKS MUSEUM, Sarrack Street (next to State House complex), Trenton. Revolutionary War museum. Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Donation \$2. Through 1990: "Of War, Law and the First Amendment." (609) 396-1776.

RICHMONDTOWN RESTORATION, 441 Clarke Avenue, Staten Island. Historic village. Wednesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (718) 351-1617.

RUTGERS GEOLOGY MUSEUM, Ha-milton Street between College Avenue and George Street (Old Queens Campus), New Brunswick, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission, 932-7243.

SAYREVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM, Main Street and Pulaski Avenue, Sayreville. Sundays from 1:30 p.m to 4 p.m. 721-0334.

TRAILSIDE NATURE AND SCIENCE CENTER, Watchung Reservation, Coles Avenue and New Providence Road, Moun Avenue and New Providence Road, Mountainside. Science and nature displays. Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission. Planetarium shows Sundays at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., admission \$1:50 for adults, \$1 for the elderly, Jan. 14: "Good Lookers," hunt for camoullaged objects. Jan. 23: How to make colorful rag baskets. Jan. 30. Valntines Heart basketmaking. Feb. 28: Origami flower-making 789:3670.

Events

KEITH BARANY Stand-up comedian performs Saturday, Jan. 13, at 8:30 p.m. for the alumni social at the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, Clifton Avenue and Ryders Lane, New Brunswick. Business dinner and

meeting preceds performance. Call 545-2407 or 247-8675 for reservations.

GEORGE CARLIN Comedian performs

Friday, Jan. 12, and Saturday, Jan. 13, at the State Theatre, 19 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick. 689-6655.

CLARK STAMP, COIN AND BASE-BALL CARD SHOW Sunday, Jan. 14, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Howard Johnson Motor Inn, 70 Central Avenue, Clark Free admission. 247-1093.

CENTRAL JERSEY STAMP, COIN AND CARD EXCHANGE Sunday, Jan. 28, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Budget Mo-tor Lodge, 350 Route 9 North, Woodbridge.

CHATHAM ANTIQUES SHOW AND SALE Feb. 20, 21, 22 at the Chatham United

Free admission, 247-1093.

Methodist Church, 460 Main Street, Chatham, 635-7740.

michael cooper "Foolosopher" presents one-man show of magic, Illusion, juggling and all-around clowning Saturday, Jan. 13, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in Penick Auditorium at Montclair Kimberly Academy, 201 Valley Road, Montclair. Admission \$5.50.744-1717.

ICE CAPADES Richard "Mr. Debonair" Dwyer leads all-star cast of champion ice skaters Jan. 30 through Feb. 4 at the Mea-dowlands Arena, East Rutherford. Admis-sion \$26, \$15, \$13, \$8. 935-3900.

NEW JERSEY FLOWER AND GAR-DEN SHOW Feb. 24 through March 4 at the National Guard Armory, Morristown

OUTDOOR SPORTSMEN SHOW Seminars and displays aimed at hunters and fishermen of every type, Jan. 11 through Jan. 14 at the Rutgers University Annex and Gym, College Avenue, New Brunswick 969-3070 Gym, Co 968-3070

RV SHOW Recreational vehicles of all types on display and for sale Jan. 26 through Jan. 29 at the National Guard Ar-mory, Morristown. 968-3070.

VIENNESE BALL An evening sponsored by the Philharmonic Orchestra of New Jersey featuring a champange reception, silent auction, big band music and Strauss waltzes. Saturday, Jan. 13, from 6 p.m. to midnight at Chubb International Corporate Headquarters, Warren. 356-6165.

WINTER STAMP FAIR Exposition takes place Saturday, Jan. 13, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 14, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Somerset Marriott, 110 Davidson Avenue, Somerset. Admission \$2, free to children under 16. 761-7760.

Dance

IRISH FOLK DANCING LESSONS Classes sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians resume Jan. 11 and continue through April 26 at the PeopleCare Center, 120 Endorre Avenue Professional Profession 120 Finderne Avenue, Bridgewater, Beginners classes at 7:30 p.m., intermediate classes at 8:30 p.m. 725-1956.

NEW ENGLAND CONTRA DANCING For new as well as experienced dancers, partner not required. Saturday, Jan. 13, from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Reformed Church, 23 South Second Avenue, Highland Park, Admission \$4, 249-0447.

WILLIAM CHAISON DANCE THEA-TRE Performing three works by minority choreographers Saturday, Jan. 13, at 8 p.m. in Conackamack Middle School, Witherspoon Street, Piscataway. Free admission. Part of the township's three-day observance of Martin Luther King's birthday. 463-0777.

Music

ASPEN WIND QUINTET Sunday, Jan. 14, at 3 p.m. in Montclair High School. 744-6770.

CHORAL ARTS SOCIETY New arrangement of Haydn's oratorio "The Seasons" performed Saturday, Jan. 13, at 8 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church, Broad Street and Mountain Avenue, Westfield. Admission \$8, \$5 for students and the elderly. 233-7018.

BOB DYLAN Surprise appearance from the '60s troubador, whose latest album made a lot of best-of-the-year lists and even a few best-of-decade rosters. Monday, Jan. 15, at the McCarter Theatre, 91 University Place, Princeton. Admission \$30, \$27. (609)

LEON FLEISHER Pianist performs with Hugh Wolff and the N.J. Symphony Orchestra in a program of works by Ravel and Shostakovich. Jan. 11: John Harms Center, Englewood. Jan. 12: Count Basie Theater, Red Bank. Jan. 13: War Memorial Theater, Trenton, Jan. 14: Symphony Hall, Newark. Admission \$30 to \$9.50. 624-8203 or (800) ALLEGRO. LEON FLEISHER Pianist performs with

GLORIA ESTEFAN & MIAMI SOUND MACHINE Sunday, March 4, at 8:30 p.m. in the Meadowlands Arena, East Rutherford. Admission \$22.50, \$20. 935-3900.

HAKAN HAGEGARD Swedish lyric barinakan naucidakid swedish lyric bari-tone performs lieder by Schubert and others Thursday, Jan. 25, at 8 p.m. in the Nicholas Music Center, George Street near Route 18, Douglass College, New Brunswick. Admis-sion \$18.932-7511.

B.B. KING Lucille's favorite blues guita-rist performs Friday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. at the Count Basie Theatre, 99 Monmouth Street, Red Bank. 842-9000.

RUTH LAREDO Pianist performs works by Chopin and lectures on his life Jan. 13 at 8 p.m. in the Prospect Presbyterian Church, Maplewood, and Jan. 14 at 7.30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, Westfield. 762-8486.

N.J. SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Planist

Christopher O Riley joins the NJSO for a program of chamber works by Mackey, Mozart and Beethoven. Jan. 18: Pingry School, Martinsville. Jan. 19: Richardson Auditorzarf and Beethoven, Jan. 16, Fringry School, Martinsville, Jan. 19, Richardson Auditor-ium, Alexander Hall, Princeton, Jan. 20. State Theatre, New Brunswick, Jan. 21. John Harms Center, Englewood, Admission \$21, \$13, 624-8203 or (800) ALLEGRO.

SONDRA REEVES-PHILLIPS Performing The Late Great Ladies of Blues and Jazz, musical portraits of great singers. Saturday, Feb. 10, at 8 p.m. in the Count Basie Thea-tre, 99 Monmouth Street, Red Bank, 842,0000

MAX ROACH Renowned jazz drummer performs with Fab 5 Freddy, the host of Yo! MTV Raps! Saturday, March 10, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 11, at 3 p.m. in the Count Basie Theatre, 99 Monmouth Street, Red Bank. 842-9000.

STRING PREPARATORY ORCHES-TRA Division of the Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra will perform works by Corelli, Mozaret, Washburn and Stevens Sunday, Jan. 28, at 3 p.m. in the John Witherspoon School, 217 Walnut Lane, Princeton. Free admission. (609) 737-1866

JAMIE WATSON Singer and instrumentalist performs country tunes and folk bal-lads Friday, Jan. 12, at 8:30 p.m. in the Fid-dlers Meadow Coffeehouse, Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commission Environment Center, Valley Brook Avenue, Lyndhurst. Admission \$4, \$3 for students and the elderly. 460-8300.

WESTFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHES-TRA Performing Beethoven's "Emperor" piano concerto, Prokofiev's "Classical" symphony and the Bachanias Brasileras No. 5 by Villa-Lobos. Saturday, Jan. 27, at 8 p.m. in Westfield High School. 232-9400.

WINTER FESTIVAL OF TRADITIONAL MUSIC Fifth season of Saturdaynight performances in the tavern at the
Richmondtown Restoration, 441 Clarke
Avenue, Staten Island. Showtimes 8 p.m.
and 9:30 p.m., admission \$6. Reservations
required. Jan. 20: The Straightforward Bizarre, old-time string band. Jan. 27: Pam
Goddard, 19th-century songs. Feb. 3: To be
announced. Feb. 10: Los Conquistadores
del Sur, Tex-Mex norteno. Feb. 17: Larry
Cole and Alan Fendler, 17th- through
19th-century music. Feb. 24: Becky Miller,
Krista Patton and Steve Schneider, traditional social and dance songs. (718) tional social and dance songs. (718) 351-9414.

Local movies: The places the times and the titles

Capsule reviews

ALWAYS (PG) A romantic fantasy from Steven Spielberg: a remake of the 1943 Spencer Tracy vehicle A Guy Named Joe, set among a group of pilots who fight forest fires. Richard Dreyfuss stars as a pilot who is killed but comes back to help a colleague. With Holly Hunter, John Goodman and Audrey Hepburn.

BACK TO THE FUTURE II (PG) Literally starting where the first film left off, director Robert Zemeckis and screenwriter Bob Gale take Marty McFly and his scientist pal into the next century and then back to the '50s, creating a storyline with all the twists and complications of a boxful of Moebius strips. (Those who didn't see the original will only be baffled.) The plot relies on surprise and relentless pacing for its laughs suffice to say Biff, the bully of the first movie, wreaks havoc by using the time machine for his own purposes - and the tone is somewhat more abrasive than last time out. Still, there's enough the original's inventiveness and humor to make the prospect of another sequel (made more or less simultaneously and set for release this summer) a pleasant prospect. With Michael J. Fox (who also plays his own daughter), Christopher Lloyd, Thomas F. Wilson and Lea Thompson.

BLAZE (R) An engaging, rambling story about the scandalous late '50s romance between Blaze Starr, a stripper who didn't much care what people thought about her, and Earl K. Long, who was not only more than twice her age but the governor of Louisiana as well. The pleasures are similar to those offered by Ron Shelton's previous film, Bull Durham: flavorful writing and dialogue, a view of sex that is antic but still fundamentally adult. Lolita Davidovich plays Blaze with a directness that makes the character seem innocent even while disrobing for barrooms full of sailors but Paul Newman's performance as Long takes some getting used to. The film doesn't really hold together but it's never less than completely interesting.

BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY (R) The autobiography of Ron Kovic, a Long Island boy who marched off to Vietnam and came back an embittered paraplegic and eventual antiwar activist. Starring Tom Cruise as Kovic; adapted by Oliver Stone (Platoon, Wall Street) and Kovic from the book.

DRIVING MISS DAISY (PG) An adaptation of Alfred Uhry's play, which follows the relationship be-tween a wealthy white woman (Jessica Tandy) and her black chauffer (Morgan Freeman) over decades of social change. Screenplay by Uhry; directed by Bruce Beresford ("Breaker" Morant).

ENEMIES, A LOVE STORY (R) An adaptation of Isaac Bashevis Singer's novel about a Holocaust survivor (Ron Silver) caught between his wife, his mistress and his long-lost first wife, whom he thought was killed by the Nazis. With Anjelica Huston, Lena Olin and Margaret Sophie Stein.

FAMILY BUSINESS (R) A semihonest businessman (Dustin Hoffman) discovers his roughneck father (Sean Connery) and his son (Matthew Broderick) are planning a robbery. Vincent Patrick (The Pope of Greenwich Village) adapted his own novel; directed by Sidney Lumet.

GLORY (R) Civil War drama about the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, an all-black regiment that marched against Fort Wagner in 1863. With Denzel Washington, Morgan Freeman and Matthew Broderick as Col. Robert Gould Shaw, their white commander. Dircted by Edward Zwick, one of the creators of the TV series thirty something.

HARLEM NIGHTS (R) It's been getting slagged without mercy but Eddie Murphy's directorial debut, set in 1938 Manhattan, is a perfectly good gangster flick and his first halfway decent movie since Beverly Hills Cop. Murphy's evocation of the Harlem Renaissance isn't very convincing (The Cotton Club used its setting to better advantage) but he has shrewdly populated the film with stellar comedic talent: Richard Pryor as a nightclub owner who, caught between the downtown mob and the police, decides to start pushing back; Redd Foxx as a croupier who's losing his eyesight but not his smarts; and Della Reese as a dreadnought-like madam; Arsenio Hall as a gangster whose emotions get the better of him. The dialogue, a nonstop barrage of obscenities and insults, has enough energy to generate laughs and overcome the rather stale caper plot. Murphy plays the dapper head bouncer who is Pryor's righthand man; his two biggest scenes involve violence against women and evoke the sick puppy side of his character revealed in Raw.

LEATHERFACE: TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE 3 (R) The further exploits of the Sawyer family's most lethal member. Originally set for release but was pulled back

for editing when the MPAA gave it an "X" rating for gore.

PRANCER (G) A young girl finds a wounded reindeer, believes it to be one of Santa's helpers and nurses it back to health. With Sam Elliott, Cloris Leachman and Abe Vigoda.

ROGER & ME (R) Mixture of autobiography and documentary in which left-wing journalist Michael Moore attempts to track down General Motors chairman Roger Smith while chronicling the disastrous effect of GM plant closings on his hometown of Flint, Mich.

STEEL MAGNOLIAS (PG) Majorleague scenery munching about the trials and tribulations of six Southern women, the kind of aimless soap opera that stumbles to a halt only when somebody dies. One of the women (Julia Roberts) is a diabetic absolutely determined to have children despite the warnings of her doctors. The best you could say for her is that she's incredibly reckless (the words monomaniacally selfish also come to mind) but the film presents her decision as admirable and waits for us to start using up those hankies as her mother (Sally Field) supports her through thick and thin, even giving up a kidney on her behalf. Robert Harling's play featured only the women; here the men they only talked about make appearances in roles so underwritten they might as well have stayed off-screen. Shirley MacLaine and Olympia Dukakis play a pair of eternally fightin' and fussin' local eccentrics like two gargoyles from the same cathedral; Daryl Hannah has her moments as a waif who gets religion in a big way. With Dolly Parton, Tom Skerritt and Sam Shepard.

TANGO AND CASH (R) Action comedy starring Sylvester Stallone and Kurt Russell as a pair of combative Los Angeles cops.

TREMORS (R) Monster movie about burrowing creatures that hunt aboveground prey. With Kevin Ba-

THE WAR OF THE ROSES (R) Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner star as Oliver and Barbara Rose, a materialistic couple whose divorce turns into a battle royal over who gets to keep the knicknack- and furniture-crammed house. Drawn from Warren Adler's novel and directed by Danny DeVito, the story yields up comedy as black as the coal in a Christmas stocking. It doesn't exactly drip with Yuletide spirit but the bitter wit and uncompromising tone demand respect, if not much affec-

WE'RE NO ANGELS (PG-13) Robert DeNiro and Sean Penn star as escaped convicts mistaken for priests. Screenplay by David Mamet (House of Games, Things Change); directed by Neil Jordan (Mona Lisa, High Spirits).

THE WIZARD (PG) TV brat Fred Savage stars in a comedy about a national video game championship.

The times

Times and listings effective Friday, Jan. 11. All times are accurate as of press time but last-minute scheduling changes are always a possibility. Save time and spare your blood pressure by calling ahead.

BROOK THEATER, 10 Hamilton Street, Bound Brook. (469-9665) Call theater for times and titles.

BRUNSWICK SQUARE GENERAL CINEMA, Route 18, East Brunswick. (238-2998) One: National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (PG-13) 1 p.m., 3:50 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m., 9:45 p.m. Two: The War of the Roses (R) 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

LOEWS, Route 18, East Brunswick. (254-9000) One: Tango and Cash (R) Friday, Monday through Thursday at 8 p.m., 10 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m., 10 p.m. Two: Internal Affairs (R) Friday, Monday through Thursday at 7:15 p.m., 9:40 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:40 p.m.

MENLO PARK CINEMA I AND II, Menlo Park Mall, Route 1 and Parsonage Road, Edison. (549-6767) One: The War of the Roses (R) Friday through Monday at 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10 p.m.; Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m., 10 p.m. Two: Always (PG) Friday through Monday at 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10 p.m.; Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m., 10 p.m.

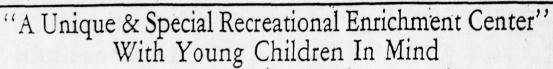
RUTGERS PLAZA CINEMA 6, Easton Avenue, Somerset section of Franklin. (828-8787) One: Glory (R) 1:40 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7:10 p.m., 9:25 p.m.; plus a late show Friday and Saturday at 11:40 p.m. Two: The War of the Roses (R) 2 p.m., 4:35 p.m., 7:20 p.m., 9:35 p.m.; plus a late show Friday and Saturday at 11:50 p.m. Three: Leatherface: Texas Chainsaw Massacre 3 (R) 1:20 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:15 p.m.; plus a late show Friday and Saturday at 11:15 p.m. Four: The Little Mermaid (G) 1:15 p.m., 2:50 p.m., 4:25 p.m. Always (PG-13) 7:45 p.m., 10 p.m. Five: Born on the Fourth of July (R) Friday and Saturday at 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m., 10 p.m.; Sunday through Thursday at 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m. Six: Back to the Future II (PG) Friday, Saturday, Monday through Thursday at 1:50 p.m., 4:25 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9:45 p.m.; plus a late show Fri-

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Obituaries

Joseph Pellegrino, 82, was local contractor and builder

SOUTH PLAINFIELD - Joseph Pellegrino, 82, died Thursday, January 4, 1990 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He was born in New York City and had lived in South Plainfield for 77

Mr. Pellegrino was a mason contractor and builder in South Plainfield for Pellegrino Brothers Construction Co. for 50 years, retiring in

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6763 in South Plainfield and the South Plainfield Chapter of the American Association of Retired

He served in the Army during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Rose Eadicicco Pellegrino; three brothers, James, Thomas, and Anthony, all of South Plainfield; and a sister, Mary Durnya of South River.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 8, from the James W. Conroy Funeral Home, 2456 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, followed by a 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at Sacred Heart Church, South Plainfield. Interment followed at Holy Redeemer Cemetery, South Plainfield.

Jerry Rutigliano, 69, was active in many local clubs

minick Rutigliano, 69, died Monday,

January 1, 1990 at his home. Mr. Rutigliano was born in New York City and moved to South Plainfield 40 years ago.

He was a milkman for 40 years at Johanna Farms in Flemington, retiring in 1985.

Mr. Rutigliano was an Army veteran of World War II and a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield.

He was a member of the Italian-American Social Club in North Plainfield, the American Association of Retired People, the Tri-County Senior Citizens, American Legion Chaumont Post 243 in South Plain-

SOUTH PLAINFIELD - Jerry Do- field and the Intenational Teamsters

Surviving are his wife, Frances Glascott Rutigliano; two daughters, Marie Coury of Watchung and Jeri Williamson of Branchburg; three sisters, Lena Wood of North Plainfield, Grace Meleo of North Plainfield and Virginia King of Merrick, N.Y.; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Higgins Home For Funerals, 752 Mountain Blvd., Watchung on Saturday, January 6 at 9:15 a.m. followed by a 10 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church, South Plainfield. Interment was at Holy Redeemer Cemetery, South Plainfield.

Grace A. Cemino, 92, was town resident for 20 years

SOUTH PLAINFIELD - Grace A. (Ferraro) Cemino, 92, died Tuesday, January 2, 1990 at St. Peter's Medical Center, New Brunswick.

She was born in New York, and had resided in North Plainfield and Woodbridge before moving to South

Plainfield 20 years ago. Mrs. Cemino was a communicant of St. Joseph's R.C. Church in North Plainfield, where she had been a member of the church's Altar Rosary Society, the Catholic Daughters of America and the church's Womens League. She had been active in the North Plainfield school system's

P.T.A. for many years. Her husband, Michael V. Cemino, died in 1935 and a son, Victor M. Cemino, died in 1984.

Surviving are four daughters; Barbara A. Nelson of South Plainfield, Filomena Trautwein of Edison, Grace DiNizio of Scotch Plains, Marguerite Congdon of Haines City, Fla.; two sisters, Rose Galuppo of Red-dick, Fla., Mary Bucossi of North Plainfield; 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

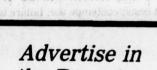
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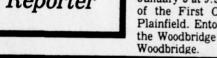
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Mary Ann Kula to Martin & Elizabeth Rasmussen, residence at 1628 Ford Avenue, \$125,000.

Salvatore Perrette to Keith & Susan Morin, residence at 196 Garden Drive, \$148,000.

Michael & Agnes Campanelli to Ramdad & Ramaswari Singh, residence at 309 Joan Street, \$160,000.

Marcos & Nora Sanchez to Philip & Mary Crosby, residence at 317 Joan Street, \$178,500. Josef & Liesbeth Frank to Timothy

Gallagher, residence at 454 Joan Street, \$155,000. Daniel & Katherine Chen to Sam-

son Deepan, residence at 148 Kaine Avenue, \$148,000. Martin & Mary Lillis to Samuel &

Heidi Pauls, residence at 72 Leeds Drive, \$152,000. Mary Miller to Vijay-Das & Mona Bijlani, residence at 2520 Linden

Avenue, \$147,000. Eileen Simone to David & Kather-

Gasper Bruno, was local businessman

POCONO LAKE, Pa. - "Perry" Gasper Bruno, 75, died Tuesday, January 2, 1990 at the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Mr. Bruno was born in South Fayette, Pa. and resided in Italy as a young boy, then moved back to the U.S. and lived in Canonsburg, Pa. for 10 years before moving to South Plainfield in 1954. He had lived in Pocono Lake for the past year.

He was part owner and operator of the Custom Cleaners and Tailors in South Plainfield for 30 years before retiring in 1988.

Mr. Bruno was an Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Elsie Alderson Bruno; a son, Perry Bruno of Thornhurst, Pa.; five sisters, Pia Galeota, Dora Barone, Olga Viola and Edvige DiGassboro, all of South Plainfield and Elda D'Angelis of Long Beach, Calif.; a brother, Amedeo Bruno of South Plainfield: and one grandson.

Funeral services were held Friday, January 5 at 9:30 a.m. in the church of the First Christian Assembly, Plainfield. Entombment followed in the Woodbridge Memorial Gardens.



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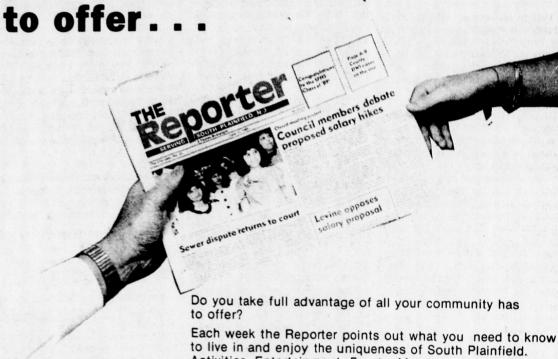
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Suspicious fires damage vehicles in two separate incidents

Plainfield residents were damaged by suspicious fires this week, according to police reports.

On Wednesday, January 3, a fire was discovered in a car belonging to a Woolworth Avenue man, who saw smoke in his 1978 Plymouth Reliant while it was parked at his residence.

Police reports described the fire as being of a suspcious nature. The car's owner had received six obscene phone calls between December 28 and the day of the incident, though it is not known if the two incidents are related.

A 1984 Chevrolet owned by Grant Avenue woman was found to be filled with smoke on January 8, when it was parked at the Maaco auto body works facility on News Brunswick Avenue. A Maaco employee noticed the smoke while it was parked in front of a bay door.

Found in the car were smoldering rags and several books of matches. The car was reportedly locked, with all keys located in the Maaco building. Police detected no signs of forced entry.

Police responding to a burglar alarm at the San Gennaro restaurant on South Clinton Avenue on Sunday, January 7 discovered that the front door had been smashed.

The restaurant's cash register was building, along with \$50 and several personal checks in unknown

Police found unidentified tire marks in front of the restaurant. The incident occurred at 2:49 a.m.

Keys to a Dodge van were taken from the Pro Express Company office on South Clinton Avenue during a burglary attempt this week, and the van was also removed from the pre-

Also taken from the unlocked office were a Sony Watchman radio and Casio cassette player. The burglary was estimated to have occurred between 5 p.m. on Friday, January 5 and 9 p.m. on Saturday, January 6.

Representatives from a Con-

Vehicles belonging to two South this week that 12 gift certificates lainfield residents were damaged were found missing on Saturday, December 24.

The certificates, which were worth a total of \$630.89, were redeemed at a Consumers location in North Plain-

A car belonging to a Piscataway woman was burglarized while parked in the Middlesex Mall parking lot on Thursday, January 4 between 7 and 7:30 p.m.

The driver's side door lock was found punched out, and \$1,185 worth of merchandise was removed. Damage was also done to the 1983 Honda's front seats and air vents.

Unknown suspects broke into the Kinney shoe store on Oak Tree Road between 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 3 and 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 4.

Stolen from the store's cash register were \$22 in coins and a gift certificate in an unidentified amount.

Police reports stated that a wall safe near the cash register was struck several times, possibly with a hammer

Police and firemen responded to a Hollywood Avenue home on reports of a house fire on Thursday, January 4 at 8:08 a.m.

Fire officials found that the fire missing when police entered the had started in the home's basement, and spread to the kitchen. They were able to extinguish it, and are still investigating the cause.

> A South Plainfield woman told po lice this week that her estranged husband has been harassing at her home and place of employment.

The woman said that several incidents had occurred between December 18 and January 4. She told police that a restraining order had been filed against her husband, and that he had violated it several times.

A woman was arrested for shoplifting from the Mandees clothing store at the Middlesex Mall on Saturday, December 30.

A store employee discovered clothing and security tags in a fitting room sumers distributor on the corner of the woman had just left, and alerted Hadley and Stelton roads told police the manager. The suspect was found

Squad Calls

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad responded to the following calls: Sunday, December 24

3:05 p.m. - Hamilton/New Market - motor vehicle accident, injuries

Monday, December 25

Tuesday, December 26

Wednesday, December 27

Thursday, December 28

Friday, December 29

2:10 p.m. - Hamilton/Stelton Road - motor vehicle accident, injuries

Sunday, December 31

5:09 p.m. - Stelton/Route 287 - motor vehicle accident, injuries

1:15 a.m. - Cedar Oaks Nursing Home - difficulty breathing

9:15 a.m. - Harrrison Avenue - fell down stairs

12:23 p.m. - Union Hospital to home - transport

3:11 p.m. - Hamilton/New Market - second rig

3:15 p.m. - Hamilton/New Market - crash truck

10:00 p.m. - New Durham/Durham - assault, stabbing

4:40 p.m. - Fairmount Avenue - unconscious person

7:00 p.m. - MRMC to St. Peter's - transport

11:20 p.m. - Franklin Avenue - chest pains

1:35 a.m. - Park Avenue - difficulty breathing

5:00 p.m. - Martin Drive - unconscious person

7:39 p.m. - K-mart, mall - cancelled in route

5:15 p.m. - Stelton/Route 287 - second rig

5:20 p.m. - Stelton/Route 287 - crash truck

4:30 p.m. - Vakarich Place - sudden illness

6:00 p.m. - Borman Road - difficulty breathing 8:00 p.m. - New Market Avenue - sudden illness

5:25 p.m. - Stelton/Route 287 - third rig

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2:23 p.m. - Kosciusko Avenue - refused transport

4:39 a.m. - Firth Street - back pains

7:00 p.m. - MRMC to home - transport

8:00 p.m. - MRMC to home - transport

12:00 p.m. - Hartwyck Nursing Home - dificulty breathing

3:15 p.m. - Oak Tree/Park - motor vehicle accident, injuries

3:45 p.m. - Somerset Street - motor vehicle accident, injuries

4:10 p.m. - Park Avenue, doctor's office - difficulty breathing

12:40 a.m. - Plainfield assist - sudden illness

11:10 p.m. - Dumas Avenue - chest pains

6:48 p.m. - Duffy Place - chest pains

Police Beat

in the mall with two pairs of pants that matched the severed tags. The incident occurred at 2:30 p.m.

A pocketbook belonging to a Atlan-

tic Container Line employee was stolen from her desk area on Friday, January 5 between 3 and 7:30 p.m.

Missing from the pocketbook when it was found in a building stairway were \$30 to \$50 in cash and several credit cards.

Stacey McDowell, 29, of Plainfield was arrested for shoplifting from the Acme supermarket on Park Avenue on Saturday, January 6.

McDowell reportedly was seen attempting to leave the store with \$11.33 worth of merchandise in his pants.

The incident occurred at 12:19 p.m.

Unknown suspects entered the premises of Just Packaging on Hamilton Boulevard on Wednesday, January 3 at 1:41 a.m.

Police responded to a burglar alarm and found that an alley door to the building had been kicked in. The building was checked by police, and nothing was found disturbed or miss-

A bad check was issued to the A&P supermarket on Park Avenue on Oc-

Municipal Court

tober 29, it was reported to police this week.

The check was issued by an Edison woman in the amount of \$252. Certified letters sent from A&P requesting payment were signed for by the woman, but no attempts have been made towards restitution.

A New Brunswick man was arrested for shoplifting from K-Mart on Monday, January 8.

The man reportedly attempted to leave the store with paying for an Epilady shaver worth \$49.97.

Police observed that debris had been dumped in the rear of the old Mary Kay Cosmetics building on Hamilton Boulevard on January 5, and contacted a company who's name and address were discovered

Representatives from the company gave police the name of a woman who had purchased the dumped merchandise from them. When contacted, the woman told police that she had hired two men to haul the items from her house, after they were damaged by flood waters.

The woman told police that she had gotten the name of the men from a newspaper advertisement. She acknowledged that the debris had come p.m. on Tuesday, January 2 and 8:30 from her home, and told police that a.m. on Wednesday, January 3.

she would try to find the names of the men who had dumped it.

A stolen automobile was recovered at the Middlesex Mall on Friday, January 5.

A mall security guard discovered the abandoned 1977 Oldsmobile, and contacted police. It was determined that the car had been stolen from a Newark auto body shop.

Unknown suspects threw a garbage can through the window of a 1988 Chevrolet while it was parked on Sampton Avenue on Sunday, January

The car, which belonged to an Amboy Avenue man, was vandalized sometime between 1 a.m. and 2:39

A Piscataway woman reported to police that the window on the passenger side of her car was broken while it was parked in the Middlesex Mall parking lot on Thursday, December 14.

Missing from the car was a cassette radio, which was ripped out of the dashboard.

A fire extinguisher was discharged by unknown suspects in the factory area of the Electronic Labratory Supply Company building on Pulaski Street on Thursday, Dec. 28.

It is unknown how the suspects entered the building.

A car belonging to a Grant Avenue woman was vandalized while it was parked at her residence between 6:30 Two tires on the 1986 Ford Escort were punctured by a sharp object, according to police reports.

Unknown suspects smashed the windshield of a car belonging to a Grant Avenue on Monday, January 8,

by pelting it with a snowball. Fragments of a brick were found near the car, leading police to believe that it had been placed in the snow-

The incident occurred at 7:50 p.m. on the corner of Plainfield and Wadsworth Avenues.

Rabies shots urged for dogs and cats

The South Plainfield Health Department strongly advises everyone who owns a dog or cat to have their animal vaccinated for rabies.

Presently, nine cases of rabies in raccoons have been diagnosed in the western section of New Jersey, in Hunterdon and Warren counties. There is some concern that the problem will expand to other counties.

To ensure protection of your family from possible rabies exposure your pet should get the rabies shot.

Inasmuch as many dogs are protected as part of the borough's dog licensing program, health officials stress the further protection of cats who may be at risk and are not covered by such a program.

The following cases were heard

last week during the South Plainfield

Synergy Gas Corporation of South Plainfield was fined \$25 and assessed \$25 in court costs for the possession of a liquified petroleum gas meter on a Chevrolet truck that did not perform correct measurements.

The corporation was also fined \$60 for contempt of court.

Andrew Kyles of Perth Amboy was fined \$100 for possession of a hy-podermic needle and syringe, and was also assessed with \$550 worth of drug-related fines.

Kyles was reportedly found in possession of the needle and syringe on February 25, 1988. He was also required to pay \$25 in court costs.

Wayne Williams was fined \$250 and sentenced to 90 days in jail for sho-plifting from the Channel Home Center on December 30, 1989.

Williams was reportedly arrested for trying to leave the store without paying for four hammers, worth

He was also assessed \$25 in court

Malton Monroe, 38, of Plainfield was fined \$750 for driving while revoked. He was also assessed \$15 in court costs and \$60 for contempt of

Monroe's license was revoked for

60 days. Virginia Whalen, 22, of Plainfield, speeding 46 mph in a 25 mph zone, \$70

fine, \$10 court costs, \$10 late fee. James Parker, 33, of Plainfield.

speeding 46 mph in a 25 mph zone, \$70 fine, \$15 court costs; contempt, \$60. Gino Gavazzi, 32, of North Plainfield, driving while revoked, \$750 fine, \$15 court costs, license revoked

for an additional 60 days. Kirkwood Bodden of North Plainfield, failure to display an inspection sticker, \$25 fine, \$15 court costs.

Chetram Singh, 32, of Orange, unregistered vehicle, \$25 fine, \$15 court costs; unispected vehicle, \$25 fine, \$15 court costs; contempt, \$60.

Robert Goetz of Yonkers, N.Y., driving while intoxicated, \$250 fine, \$15 court costs, \$100 surcharge, license revoked for six months; unsafe lane change, \$50 fine, \$15 court costs; open container of alcohol, \$200 fine, \$15 court costs.

The following cases were heard two weeks ago in South Plainfield Municipal Court:

John Messick, 36, of Great River, N.Y. was assessed \$575 in drugrelated fines for an August 18 charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Messick was acquitted of a controlled dangerous subtance charge from the same night.

Ted Yhap, 28, of Staten Island, N.Y. was fined \$50 for interfering with a police officer on September 24.

Yhap reportedly interfered with the officer's actions after his vehicle was stopped for a driving infraction. \$25 in court He was also assessed

Patricia Conroy, 20, of Plainfield was fined \$300 and sentenced to five days in jail for shoplifting from the

Bradlees department store on Oak Tree Road. Conroy reportedly attempted to leave the store with \$77.42 worth of unpaid clothing on December 12.

Donald Durrett, 34, of Parlin was assessed with \$580 in drug-related fines for a possession of a controlled

dangerous substance charge. Durrett was reportedly found in

possession of under 50 grams of marijuana on October 13.

The residents of 333 Hamilton Boulevard were fined a total of \$80 for four counts of blocking a fire

Thadeus Dabrowski of South Plainfield, parking a vehicle in a prohibited area, \$250 fine, \$25 court costs.

The residents of 132 McKinley Street, accumulation of rubbish and parking vehicles in a prohibited zone, \$250 fine, \$25 court costs.

The residents of 136 McKinley Street, accumulation of rubbish and parking prohibited vehicles in a prohibited zone, \$250 fine, \$25 court

Danielle Screven, 24, of Plainfield, driving while revoked, \$500 fine, \$15 court costs; contempt, \$60; failure to stop or yield, \$60 fine, \$15 court costs.

Nilaja Merriweather, 35, of Plainfield, drunken driving, \$250 fine, \$15 court costs, \$100 surcharge; possesssion of a controlled dangerous substance, \$50 fine, \$15 court costs, license revoked for two years; failure to yield the right of way, \$60 fine, \$15 court costs; unregistered vehicle, \$25 fine, \$15 court costs.

Shepard Haugabook, driving while revoked, \$500 fine, \$25 court costs, license revoked for 60 days.

Walter Cabelas, 43, of Irvington, driving while revoked, \$500 fine, \$15 court costs.

Dana Thompson, 19, of Piscataway, driving while revoked, \$500

fine, \$15 court costs; contempt, \$60. Cecilia Maing, 45, of Colonia, careless driving, \$60 fine, \$15 court costs.
Craig Wilson, 23, Tinton Falls,

speeding 50 mph in a 25 mph zone, \$80 fine, \$15 court costs.

Jose Cedeno, 37, of Weehawkin, speeding 52 mph in a 25 mph zone, \$90 fine, \$15 court costs.

Napoleon Castillo, 26, of Plainfield, speeding 50 mph in a 25 mph zone, \$80 fine, \$15 court costs.

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Jose Horta, 47, of Rahway, careless driving, \$75 fine, \$15 court costs.

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speeding 52 mph in a 25 mph zone, \$90 fine, \$15 court costs. Tong Yu, 25, of Somerset, failure to

Rafael Baptista, 45, of Middlesex,

stop or yield, \$60 fine, \$15 courts. Teresa Dewolf, 30, of Belvedere, careless driving, \$60 fine, \$15 court

John Parrot of Plainfield, speeding 59 mph in a 25 mph zone, \$80 fine, \$15

court costs. Steven Goldstein, 38, of Matawan, improper passing, \$50 fine, \$15 court

Jonathan Messick, 36, of Great River, N.Y., failure to maintain one

lane, \$50 fine, \$15 court costs. Robert Smitz, 33, of Brooklyn, N.Y., speeding 69 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$60 fine, \$15 court costs.

Roberto Bove of Selden, N.Y., speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$70 fine, \$15 court costs.

Dennis Ramano, 17, of Parlin, speeding 69 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$60 fine. \$15 court costs.

Donald Durrett, 34, of Parlin, uninspected vehicle, \$25 fine, \$15 court costs.

Rodney Forester, 29, of Plainfield. failure to make repairs, \$25 fine, \$15

court costs; contempt, \$60. John Furnosa, 39, of North Plainfield, failure to inspect vehicle, \$25

fine, \$15 court costs. Michael Maid, 43, failure to inspect, \$25 fine, \$15 court costs; no in-

surance card, \$15 fine. Dinesh Pandija, 59, of Landing,

speeding 69 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$60 fine, \$15 court costs. Kirkwood Bodden, 26, of North

Plainfield, failure to display inspection sticker, \$25 fine, \$15 court costs; contempt, \$60; unregistered vehicle, \$25 fine, \$15 court costs.

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Franklin School gears up for Read-a-thon contest

Get on your mark. Get set. READ! Franklin School's annual Read-athon is on. Students in grades K-5 are raiding the school library and the public library to get in a good supply of reading materials to raise money for their school's cultural arts pro-

The rules are simple. Students find sponsors who will pledge a certain amount of money for every book they read. The students record everything they read, on their grade level, from December 18 to February 23 (kindergarteners and first graders may include any book read to them).

Each book on their list must be initialed by a parent. Students bring their book list to school each week, so their homeroom teacher can chart their progress on the classroom flow sheet.

Every student who participates is invited to attend an ice cream sundae party on March 23rd. Special prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners who read the most books in grades K-2 and 3-5. A gift certificate will also be awarded to the class which has the highest percentage of student participation in grades K-2 and 3-5.

The Read-a-thon is sponsored by the Franklin School PTA in order to encourage the students to read and to raise money for cultural arts pro-



The Franklin School PTA is sponsoring a pre-school program to orient the upcoming kindergarten children. This program will be open to any child living in the Franklin School district who will be entering kindergarten in September, 1990.

Registration will be held on Wednesday, January 17 and Friday, January 19 from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

One of two seven-week sessions are available on a first come first serve

basis. The classes will be held Friday mornings.

The first session hours are 8:55 to 10:25 a.m. and the second session hours are 10:30 a.m. to noon. Dates are as follows: February 9, 23, March 2, 9, 23, 30 and April 6.

A birth certificate and proof of address are required at this time. A \$3 fee per child will be collected.

Any questions can be directed to Kathy Petrocelli at 753-2033 or Helen Lay at 753-6692.

Registration on for Adult School

In-person registration for the South Plainfield Adult School and Saturday Scene Youth programs 1990 winter semester is being held daily at the adult school office in the administration building on Cromwell Place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A special in-person registration will take place on Tuesday, January 16 and Wednesday, January 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the South Plainfield High School main office and on Saturday morning, January 20 from 10 a.m. to

Brochures have been delivered to area residents for the winter programs. There will be over 125 Adult Education classes and 60 Saturday Scene classes offered in the winter

The Adult School will also sponsor 30 trips as part of the winter semester program.

Information on all Adult Education classes may be obtained by contacting the South Plainfield Adult School at 754-4620, ext. 213 or 214.

Registration may be made over the phone using a Master Card or Visa card. You may also register by mail by sending a check, money order or credit card.



The Grand Prize winners are (left to right) Nancy Moore, Mark DeVito and Christine Vokral, shown with their masterpiece.

Gingerbread contest has some tasty results

"Working together" was the essence of the Gingerbread House Ski Chalet competition of Mrs. Loretta Tansey's high school basic ds classes. The students created incredibly imaginative designs for their

The competitors "cooked up" their designs, baked and decorated their gingerbread creations in preparation for the holidays.

Judges (representing all different faculty departments) then visited the kitchens to determine a first and second place winner in each of the four classes. Judges examined the construction, decoration and landscaping of each chalet. Mrs. Tansey tallied the scores to select a first place winner in each class. She awarded the winning group a coupon book of movie passes.

Kristen Henry, one of the winners, commented, "It was fun and gave us a cance to be original and creative.

Most of the students had an idea of what they were to do; the baking, the constructing, and the decorating really had put their determination to the test. Decorations were brought in by the students for each kitchen's chalet. The decorations varied from M&Ms to Certs and even Wheat Thins. All were used with imagination, making the entire contest enjoyable.

Mrs. Tansey, a new home economics teacher at the high school, thought of the idea for the competition. She spent many hours developing the contest rules and the judges' tally sheets. "The project was very demanding, but I was very happy with the cooperation of the students," she said. "I think they learned not only cooking skills, but life skills such as cooperation, planning and organization as well."

The first place winners were Aleen Aya, Kristen Henry and Jason Bisson of period 5/6; Paul Hajduk and Jim Brown of period 3; and Kendall Ribar and Joe Makarewicz of period 9, and qualified for a final round from which a Grand Prize winner was selected.

After much deliberation, culinary experts Dr. Seitz, Ms. Black and Mr. Beegle chose the winner. They selected the chalet designed by Mark DeVito, Nancy Moore and Christine Vokral, which were also first palce winners of period 1. Mrs. Tansey rewarded these artists with a free pizza party at Pizzeria Uno.

The wining chalets are on display in the Home Economics display case and the Media Center showcase in the high school.

(Special correspondents to The Reporter are SPHS seniors Sonja Eftoski and Jen Bersin, and freshmen Linda Hansen and Matt Eng.)

Middle School P.T.A. to host parenting workshops

The South Plainfield Middle School P.T.A. is pleased to announce that a series of parenting workshops will be offered to middle school parents and guardians of the South Plainfield Middle School.

Mrs. Maria LaSalvia, a language arts teacher at the middle school, will be conducting the workshops. Mrs. LaSalvia has been teaching in the South Plainfield district for 20 years. She has conducted similar workshops for the N.J.P.T.A., N.J. School Boards Association, N.J. Education Association and various community groups in the area.

There will be three workshops, scheduled for January 25, February 25 and March 25 at the middle school library, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Refreshments will:

Workshop No. 1 (January 25) will address "Effective Listening Skills." This workshop will help parents learn how to listen to what their child is really saying. It addresses the idea of giving and understanding "I" messages and pro-

Workshop No. 2 (February 25) will be on "Assertive Discipline Skills." Say what you mean, mean what you say; establishing rules and consequences; sticking to what is established.

Workshop No. 3 (March 25) is on "Neuro Linguistics," which means determining visual, auditory, tactile communication and learning styles; verbal skills to reach each style.

Parents are invited to attend all three workshops, but need not take all three. Workshop 2 and 3 will review the prior skills. Role playing will be an integral part of each program.

Be sure to mark your calendars as each workshop will be an exciting new learning experience to help parents/guardians to be more effective in raising their middle school child.

Library Notes

Parents, start off the year by registering your children for the Junior Woman's Club Story Hour to be held Thursday, January 18 from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. All children between the ages of 3 1/2 and 5 are invited to attend this

On Monday, January 15 we honor the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The library has many fine biographies of Dr. King in both the adult and juvenile divisions. If you truly want to comprehend King's life and times, you will want to view the video cassette "I Have a Dream." History comes alive as over 200,000 marchers crowd the steps of the Lincoln Memorial to hear the impassioned words of the eloquent Dr. King.

The library will have a special exhibit in honor of Dr. King. A personally autographed book by Dr. King will be on display in the small exhibit case.

In recognition of Black History Month, commencing January 26, you might enjoy reading books by such classic black fiction writers as Richard Wright and James Baldwin. In addition, the library loans out all six episodes of the mini-series "Roots" and Steven Spielberg's powerful drama, "The Color Pur-

The library will be closed on January 15, in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

NEW BOOKS · Fiction

The Titan Game by Niven Busch - An idealistic young man must contend with Si the deadly games of a major weapons business.

Haunted by James Herbert - A haunted house leads an investigator into a nightmare world which threatens his very existence. Elements of Chance by Barbara Wilkins - A mysterious past and unknown

parentage catch up with a wealthy sophisticate.

The Honourable Detective by Jeffrey Ashford - The honor of two very dissimilar men is at stake in this detective story about a hit and run accident.



Roosevelt School held its annual Holiday Concert on December 19th. Instrumental music was played by the Roosevelt School Band, and several holiday songs were sung by the school's fourth and fifth grade chorus. The evening was enjoyed by all, especially the students who practiced so hard for the evening.

Student inventors invited to participate in county program

School children throughout Middlesex County are invited to explore the world of invention with the help of the Student Inventors Program, a project of the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission and the Cornelius Low House-Middlesex County Museum.

The program, which runs from January 1 through April 2, 1990, complements "Widgets, Gadgets and Ice Creepers: New Jersey Patent Models and Inventions," an exhibit of statewide patent models, drawings and papers, sponsored by the commission at the county museum.

To participate, an invention must be created that solves a problem, answers an need and/or makes a task more simple to accomplish. A model of the invention must also be made (preferably a working model), that should not exceed 12 inches each in height, width and depth.

Advisory help from a teacher or adult is permissable, as long as the problem to be solved has been identified by the students, and the students devise the so-

lution or invention. Schools that choose to get involved with this program will receive \$25 from the commission toward supplies, as long as registration is postmarked no later than January 15 (all others by February 28). The commission will publicize the project and the school's participation. Also, a panel lof judges, two representing the field of architecture and engineering, plus an inventor, will recognize meritorious invention which will, in turn, be displayed in local libraries in May, June and July, 1990. Enrollment in this program is open to Middlesex

County students in grades four through nine, in public, private or parochial schools. Entrants must be a team of students accompanied by a classroom teacher or other supervising adult, as a sponsor.

The Student Inventors guidelines have been modeled after the Mini-Invention/Innovation Team (MIIT) contest guidelines. Teachers and sponsoring adults may wish to submit their student projects to the MIIT as well. For further information about the MIIT, call (201) 290-1900.

Inventions entered for the museum's Student Inventors Program must be created between January 1 and April 2, 1990. Only one invention may be entered from each school unless the multiple entries represent different student teams, each with their own

Interested schools are advised to visit the museum and tour the exhibit. The museum, located at 1225 River Road in Piscataway, is open Tuesday through Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. For museum information, call

To receive a copy of the complete guidelines and registration form, which must be submitted no later than January 15, 1990 to qualify for the supply funds (all others by February 28), and to schedule a workshop for the participating school, sponsors may call the commission at 745-4489 or 745-3888.

Golembeski is named to Dean's List

South Plainfield resident Andrea Golembeski of 126 Tompkins Avenue, has been named to the Dean's List at Johnson & Wales University, Providence, R.I., for the fall trimester

To receive Dean's List commendation, students must earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 or

Golembeski is majoring in fashion merchandising.

Adult School needs teachers

The South Plainfield Adult School is seeking applicants to teach the following classes during its winter semester, beginning January 29:

- Income tax preparation -Spanish beginning
- French beginning Italian beginning
- Interested applicants should contact the Adult School at 754-4620, Ext. 213, 214 or 215.

Women's exercise class is offered An exercise program will be avai-

lable for all South Plainfield women 18 and older, beginning January 17 and running through April 27, 1990.

The program will be held at the PAL building Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. Babysitting service is available. Fee is \$12.50 per session, \$20 with

babysitting.

Support group to assist grandparents

A support group is available in Middlesex County for grandparents who are raising their own grandchildren. The group meets at the Middlesex County Board of Social Services, 181 How Lane, New Bruns-

Alice Abner, an employee of the county board and organizer of the support group, said, "The organization will enable grandparents who are raising a second family to get together to share experiences and provide strength and comfort to each other.'

Grandparents who are interested and wish further information about the support group can call Alice Abner during the day at 745-3541.



Displaying their projects on the planets are (above, left to right) Kerel Dawkins, Julian Forde and Kareem Roberts and (below) Nicole Peloquin, Michele Hoffmann and Siobhan



Planets displayed at Franklin School museum

Everything you ever wanted to know about the solar system could be discovered at the Franklin School "mini-museum," curated by Mr. Orfan's fifth grade class.

Three-dimensional displays illustrated the positions of the known planets, eclipses, the rotation of the earth around the sun, the phases of the moon, and many other interesting facts about our solar system. Students teamed up in pairs or worked individually to research the

mysteries of the universe. Their discoveries were revealed in both a written report and a visual display.

Mr. Orfan consolidated their projects and displayed them in the corridors of the school for other students to view.

Gas station attendants held up at knifepoint

Two unidentified men attempted to cording to police reports. burglarize a local service station on Saturday, January 6, assaulting two employees in the process.

According to police reports, the two suspects entered the office of the Exxon station on the corner of Clinton Avenue and 7th Street at 8:30 p.m., and demanded money from the attendants. One of the assailants, a black male wearing dark overalls and about five-foot-eleven in height, reportedly held a butcher's knife to the neck of one employee, while the other attendant was instructed to open a drop safe located in the office.

The second attendant was struck in the face by one of the suspects after he was unable to open the safe, according to the employees. Neither victim appeared to be injured, ac-

Diesel fuel

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Environmental Protection Agency and state Department of Environmental Protection were to meet with borough fire officials and Zushma yesterday to determine what kind of clean up procedure would be necces-

"The Middlesex Water Department was here today, and they determined that as of now there is no danger of the fuel contaminating drinking water. The spill did not interfere with the water supply," Zushma said. "There was a whole slew of people out there today trying to figure things out.'

Members of the borough firem department and the county HazMat (Hazardous Materials) unit rushed up and down feeder streams leading into and out of Spring Lake Tuesday afternoon, setting up "booms" to soak up the contaminating fuel.

Stream barriers were set up as far south and west at the Bound Brook behind Harris Steel Co. on New Market Avenue, near the Piscataway

District budget

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creased impact to taxpayers would be 13 cents per hundred dollars of assessed valuation, 7 cents less than last year's tax increase.

The board this year sought the help of residents to gain support for the budget, in the hopes that it will not go the way of last year's budget. South Plainfield residents said no to last year's \$25.4 million budget, by a 1,494 to 549 margin, in the April 4 school elections. The board this year formed a citizen's committee, which was given the task of developing strategies for the board to adopt to ensure that the budget would be accepted by the

The board passed a resolution Monday that set the public hearing for the budget for March 13. That meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the administration building on Cromwell

Once the two men realized that the burglary attempt would not be successful, they orderd the two attendants to lie down on the ground. The suspects then fled the scene at 8:43 p.m., in an unknown direction.

Police report that nothing was taken from the office, and that searches for physical evidence met with negative results.

The second suspect was described by the witnesses as a black male, about five-foot-ten, wearing brown clothing with a hood and a hat.

Baseball club now offering scholarships

Applications for the fifth annual Edward T. Devine Junior Baseball Club Scholarship are now being accepted by the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club, Inc. Applications may be obtained at the South Plainfield High guidance office or by calling the club at 754-2090.

Applicants have until April 1 to apply for this award.

Meadowlands photo display now on view

SADDLE BROOK - The Saddle Brook Public Library is exhibiting during January a collection of photographs which depict the beauty of the Hackensack Meadowlands.

The photographs, taken by amateur and professional photographers, were winning photos in annual photo contests sponsored by the Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commission during the past four years.

The library, located at 340 Mayhill Street, is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to

Information on next year's photo contest is available at the library or by calling the Development Commission at 460-1700. Deadline for entries is Nov. 2, 1990.

Recreation plans trip to Atlantic City

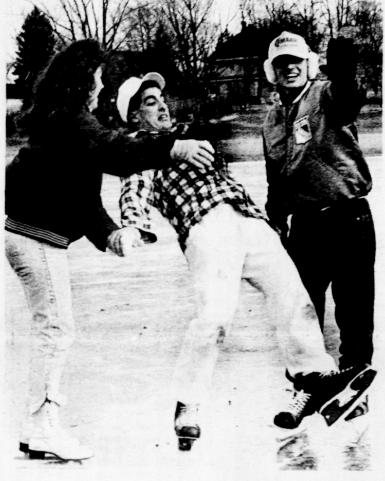
The South Plainfield Recreation Department will be sponsoring a trip to Resorts International on Sunday, February 11.

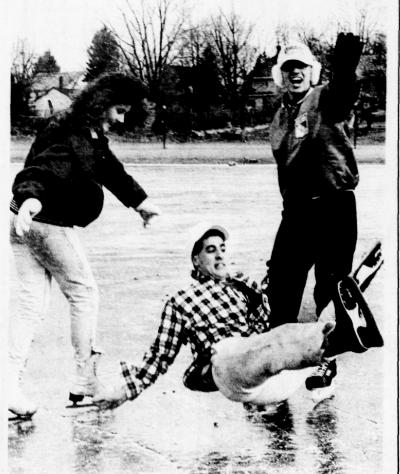
Bus will leave the P.A.L. building at 11:30 a.m. and return about 10:30 p.m. Included in the trip will be \$5 in coin, tickets for the Rip Taylor show and a \$5 deferred voucher.

Cost of the trip will be \$13. Sing up at the recreation office in the P.A.L. building Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All for one and one free fall...







Some local residents enjoyed the ice skating (and some didn't) at Spring Lake in the cold days just before the temperature went up early this week. In the sequence above, Shannon Housel (left) and Anthony Barbara (right) attempt to keep Jim Brown going steady, to no avail.

Public Notices

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND

O WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Common Council of the Borough of South Plainfield. County of Middlesex. State of New Jersey, held on Thursday. December 14, 1989. I was directed to advertise the fact that the Mayor and Council will meet in the Municipal Building. 480 Plainfield Avenue. South Plainfield. New Jersey, on Monday. January 22, 1990. at 7, 30 p.m. to expose and self at a public sale to the highest bidder, according to terms of sale on tile with the Borough Clerk. The property described below. Take further notice that the Mayor and Council have.

described below.

Take further notice that the Mayor and Council have by resolution and pursuant to law fixed the minimum office at which said properly will be sold together with all other details perfinent said minimum price being as shown below, plus \$500.00 for costs of preparing deeds affinecessary appraisals and advertising this sale.

Take further notice that at set sale on any date or place which it may be adjourned, the Mayor and Council reserve the right in its discretion to reject any or all bids and to sell said property to such bidder as it may select use regard being given to terms and manner at payment.

and to sell said property to such bidder as it may select, due regard being given to terms and manner at payment in case one or more minimum bids shall be received. Take further notice that in each instance where necessary thave been authorized to notify all contiguous property owners as required by NJSA 40A 12-13-2. Take further notice that at 7.00 pm on the date of sale toose persons interested in bidding shall deposit with the Clerk a certified check for ten percent of the runnimum bid for the parcel or parcels sought to be bid on Upon acceptance of the minimum bid or bid above runnimum by the Council and the payment thereof by the purchaser according to the manner of purchase in accordance with terms of sale on file, the Borough will deliver at Bargain and Sale Deed for said premises.

Details of proposed land sale to be advertised in The Peporter Thursday January 4, 1990 and Thursday January 11, 1990 the sale of property known as Sale #1 — Minimum Bid \$180,000 Block 399, Lot 2 and pro Lot 6 Bargain and Sale Deed for said premises

Sale #2 — Minimum Bid \$24,000 Block 107, Lot 23

Sale #4 — Minimum Bid \$91,200 Block 259, Lot 1.02

Sale #5 — Minimum Bid \$75,000
Block 266. Lot 12

be held on Mondar January 22, 1990 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Build — south Plainfield New Jersey and will be made sut —, to the following conditions:

1. That — eyance by the Borough of South Plainfield shall b —, y bargain and sale deed, without convenants, and v -shout representations as to the matketability of title. In the event that the purchaser shall determine that title of the property in questions shall not be good and marketable, any questions as to marketability of title shall be submitted to the Borough Clerk's Office within 45 days of the date of sale. In the event said questions have not been raised within said 45 day period, then and in that event all questions relating to the marketability of title shall be deemed waived and this matter shall proceed to closing of title within 90 days of the date of sale.

2. Easements, both of record and not of record.

3. Restrictions of record.

4. Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield as presently constituted without representations as to the use to which said property can be put.

5. In the event that the purchaser is unable to close sitle within innetly (90) days of the date of sale, they shall toward to the Borough of South Plainfield at that time a check representing the balance of the purchase price

to be placed in the general fund of the Borough 6 in the event that the purchaser fails or refuses to close little and/or pay the consideration therefore within the afcressed period of time, then in that event, the Borough of South Plainfield shall.

a Declare the transaction null and void and the purchasers deposit shall be retained by the Borough as liquidated damages.

7. At the time of sale 10% of the purchase price plus 5500 00 representing the cost of advertising legal fees and costs of any necessary appraisals. Shall be paid by the purchaser All interested bidders shall post with the Clerk 10% of minimum bid price at 7.00 p.m. on the day of sale in order to qualify as a bidder.

8. The purchaser shall make application for, and be responsible for payment of, any required subdivision and all costs of subdivisions including but not limited to on site and offisite improvements as required by appropriate.

all costs of subdivisions including but not limited to an site and off-site improvements as required by appropriate Borough boards, agencies and off-lers shall be paid by the purchaser.

9 It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that if the subject parcel does not require subdivision approval or other Planning Board or Board of Adjustment review their, in that event, the burchaser will make all required improvements, including off-site improvements in accordance with off-site improvements in accordance with off-site improvements requirements of the Borough's Development Review Ordinance and as determined by the Borough Engineer. The necessary performance guarantees shall be posted for same prior to the issuance of any building permits.

10 At set sale, or any date or place to which it may be adjourned, the Mayor and Council reserve the right in its discretion to reject any or all bids.

82 § 21 Jan. 4, 11, 1980.

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED

The Council of the Borough of South Plainfield has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a processional service pursuant to N J S A 40A 11.5(1)(a). This

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED

The Council of the Borough of South Plainfield has awarded a contract without competitive bridding as a professional service pursuant to N. J. S.A. 40A.11.5(I)kai. This contract and resolution authorizing it are available tor public inspection in the office of the Municipal Clerk. Awarded to Frank Santoro. Jr. Service. Borough Attoriev

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED

The Council of the Borough of South Plainfield has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service pursuant to N. J. S. A. 40A.11-5/11/Al. This contract and resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the office of the Municipal Clerk. Awarded to: Howard Freeman Service Borough Prosecutor

Time Period: January 1, 1990 to December 31, 1990

ISJames V. Eckert

/s/James V Ecker Municipal Clerk/Administrator R2-1t-Jan 11, 1990

UNICO plans spring events

The Plainfields' Chapter of UNICO National is accepting nominations for "Person of the Year" for 1990 to be honored on April 27, 1990.

The nominee must be an Italian-American who has performed civic and service work in accordance with UNICO's motto of "Service Above Nominations must be sent to Mr. Michael Lombardi, 517 Edgeworth

Street, Middlesex, N.J. 08846. Deadline is January 10, 1990. The Plainfields' Chapter of UNICO National will hold a reunion of all

former scholarship winners and Brian Piccolo Award winners on May If you are a former recipient of either of the above awards, please contact Mr. Michael Lombardi at the above address.

Local man honored with Prisoner of War medal

Mrs. Eleanor Haines of South Plainfield was one of the three recipients of the Prisoner of War medal at the annual Christmas dinner of the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Garden State Chapter NO.I., held at Fort Monmouth on Sunday, December 3.

Mrs. Haines received the medal awarded to her husband, Edward M. Haines, who was a prisoner of the Japanese for three years.

Before a large gathering of relatives, friends and dignitaries, the medal was presented to her by Army Colonel Robert Van Sprang, director of Newark Veterans Affairs Regional Office. At this affair, Col. Van Sprang mentioned the following concerning the award:

The public law authorizing the Prisoner of War medal specifies that the medal shall be accorded a position of precedence in relation to other awards and decorations, immediately following decorations awarded for individual heroism, meritorious achievement or service, and before any other service medal, campaign medal or service ribbon authorized

Edward Haines enlisted in the Army in 1940 at the age of 18. He was captured in 1942 and was a survivor of the infamous "Bataan Death March." He suffered physical and mental torture at the hands of the enemy due to forced labor in the Japanese lead mines. Such treatment resulted in great loss of weight and deterioration of health.

Haines was liberated in 1945.

Council to approve shift in funds for purchase of a new police car

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Eckert. The state report recommended the borough take part in the pro-

However, council members again said they did not want to commit themselves to spending the money before the new budget is completed.

The council did agree to send Tempel and a Public Works department employee to a state-sponsored meeting in Morristown on Tuesday, January 16 to find out more about the program.

Eckert informed the council that the borough has been granted \$182,600 in funding from the state Department of Transportation to continue improvements to Metuchen Road. Borough engineer Richard

Naberezny said the grant plus an additional \$87,000 the borough has from developer contributions will take care of improvements to the road from just south of Belmont Avenue south to about 400 feet beyond Harmich Road.

"The original plan was to go the other way, toward Sherban's Diner," said Naberezny, "but with the railroad crossing there, we would have to spend more to bring the crossing up to grade."

Mayor Daniel Gallagher requested that Naberezny and borough attorney Frank Santoro find out who owns the right of ways for several railroad crossings along Metuchen Road, and suggested that the council pursue strategies to try to force the owners to pay for crossing upgrades.

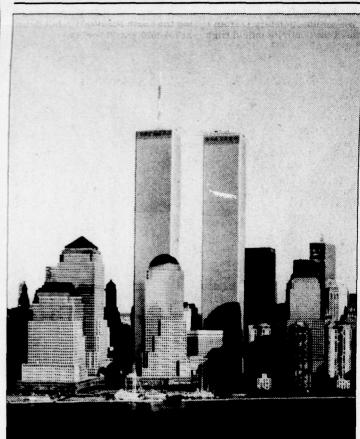
Dunellen church to sponsor flea market

The Dunellen Methodist Church. 150 Dunellen Avenue, Dunellen, will hold a flea market on Saturday, January 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Two floors of dealers will feature antiques, collectibles and white ele-

A lunch counter is available. Admission is free.

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WORKING TO KEEP NEW JERSEY ON THE MOVE

Nichols leads Hoyas to victory

points last week as he paced Georgetown to a 47-28 victory over St. John's in a battle of undefeated teams in the South Plainfield Recreation Department Youth Basketball League.

The Hoyas raised their A League record to 5-1 with the victory which was aided by a 15-point effort by Sean Finnerty. Keith Eggert paced the losers with 10 points, while David Dolan and Keith Smith added eight and six points, respectively.

In other A League games, Notre Dame bombed Seton Hall, 52-17, as Johnny Greco tossed in 25 markers. Kevin Carty added 11 points to the attack, while Justin Kline scored eight.

Chris Diabiase had eight points to pace Seton Hall, while teammate Matt Romlfs added seven.

Arizona had no trouble taking a 59-25 victory from Rutgers. David DelRio topped the winners, while teammate Kevin Malecki added 14. Patrick Harris scored eight points in

a balanced attack. Chris Love scored 17 points for Rutgers and Kevin Kane had four.

Duke used a strong defensive effort to top Kentucky 34-25. Chris Rhodes and Willy Fitzsimmons combined to **Sports**

Colicchio and Jim Moore had eight and seven points, respectively, for Kentcuky.

The standings in the A League are Dame (4-2), Duke (3-3), Kentucky (1-5), Rutgers (1-5) and Seton Hall (0-6)

race for the lead in the B League as it edged Bagel Stop last week, 34-30. Scott Stayvas had 16 points to lead the winners, while Mark Rennie added six.

Sean Carty scored 30 points for Bagel Stop and Jay Golon added

Holly Park Video outlasted McCrisken's 29-22. Shaun Morrison had 16 points to pace Holly Park, and

score 30 points for Duke, while Mike teammate Matt Flannery added five. Kavin Compana had 14 points for McCrisken's, while Travis Laanui

scored four. Sportsworld stopped Boro Recyas follows: Georgetown (5-1), Ari-cling 36-17 as Joe Leonardis led the zona (5-1), St. John's (5-1), Notre way with 11 markers. Nick Prybella and Ricky Devito both had six points to round out the Sportsworld attack.

0-6).

Juan Arias had six points for Boro Cecchettini Insurance is still in the Recycling and Matt Martinkovic ad-

The Polish Home defeated American Legion 28-22 as Joey Glowacki scored 12 points. Temmates Donna Dolan and Jason GaNun comined for 16 points for the Polish Home.

Chris Lesso of American Legion led all scorers with 15 points.

The standings in the B League shape up this way: Sportsworld (5-0), Holly Park Video (4-1), Polish Home

(4-1), Cecchettini Insurance (4-2) McCrisken's (3-3), Bagel Stop (2-3), Taco Bell (1-4), Boro Recycling (1-5)

and American Legion (0-5).

Matt Cleary scored 14 points to lead United Jersey Bank to a 25-21 victory over Shoppers World in a C League contest. Ryan Flannery had five points for United Jersey Bank and Ed Burrows added four.

Justin Martin led the losers with 12 points and Dana Curcio added nine.

Syracuse won a defensive battle over Vails Hardware 18-11. Brad Giardino paced the victors with eight points and Joe Grego added four. Chris DeCosta led the losers with six

Hometown Deli topped Ohio State 34-22 with Keith Palmer leading the way with 16 points. Matt Michielli added eight points for the winners and Matt Hrutkay added six.

Ryan Stiegelmayer socred 12 points for Ohio State and Pat Fitzsimmons had 10.

Standings in the C League are as follows: Hollain Electric (5-0), United Jersey Bank (5-1), Hometown Deli (3-2), Shoppers World (2-3), Ohio State (2-3), Syracuse (1-4) and Vails Hardware (0-5).

MALIK SHEPARD of the South Plainfield High basketball team goes up for two points Monday night during the Tigers' loss to Colonia. The setback was the first of the season for the

Hunters enjoying successful season

New Jersey's Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife has issued the deer harvest figures for the six-day regular firearm season. Despite sub-normal temperatures during the week of Dec. 4-9, Garden State hunters bagged a total of 14,010 deer. That's the third-highest deer harvest for the six-day firearm season during the past five years.

Dave Burke is the deer project leader for the division and he said the total for the six-day shotgun season was slightly less than last season's 14,148, but the figures were still in line with the goals of the division's deer management program.



Somerset County hunters harvested 749 antlered bucks during the regular season, 73 less than last year. Although the division did not give any reason why some counties accounted for fewer deer than in years past, most local hunters at-

and fewer areas which are open to hunting.

"The Division's on-going efforts to control deer herds by increasing the harvest of antlerless deer in zones where there has been both crop and ornamental shrub damage will likely reduce future buck harvests in those areas," said Burke.

It is conceivable this may account for the slight harvest reduction figures in Somerset County.

Even in view of the fewer deer taken during the shotgun season, the area is still one of the "hot spots" for hunters seeking heavy deer with tribute it to the loss of natural habitat large racks. No one seems to know

for certain, but whatever the reason deer seem to grow bigger antlers and put on weight faster in the Somerset County region than in most other

In fact, over the past decade, several trophy "Pope and Young" record book bucks have been taken from Somerset County.

The Division is satisfied with the season tally thus far. For whitetail hunters, only a few days of muzzleloader season and the threeweek winter 1990 bow season remain. But the total harvest for fall archery, extended season permit archery and the six-day firearm season has reached 27,000 deer

The "Grinch" Appears

The grinch who stole Christmas made its appearance this year. But this time the "grinch" came disguised as state bureaucrats. The United Bowhunters of New Jersey and a few county chapters of the New Jersey Sportsman's Federation had donated venison to several shelters and needy

State health officials claimed this was "illegal," and the meat must be inspected both before and after a deer is killed in order to make such a donation. The health department managed to step in before any donations were made. As a result, the UBNJ's program "Hunters Helping the Homeless" was halted.

I've just crossed the half-century mark, and have been hunting since age 12. During those years I've yet to see anyone become sick from consurning venison. The move to prevent the distribution of venison would be easier to understand had the organizations been selling the meat as would a commercial butcher shop or supermarket.

To the credit of the organizations, they did not give up on the program. Instead, turkey and harns were substituted in place of the venison. In view of the health department's stand on the "legality" of giving away venison, one would but wonder about individual hunters who share their harvest with friends and rela-

Unfortunately, as this is being written, Christmas is in full swing and it was not possible to contact anyone at the offices of the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife to check on this scenario.

Tiger cagers doomed by poor first period

first quarter Monday night, the South Plainfield boys' basketball team fell for the first time this season, losing 63-58 to Colonia.

South Plainfield went into the game with a 7-0 record, but left wondering what went wrong during an eight minute stretch at the start of the game which saw the Tigers outscored 21-5.

Coach Jeff Lubreski's Tigers rallied in the second half when they outscored Colonia 32-19, but it wasn't enough to stop the upset-minded Patriots.

The win raised Colonia's record to 5-3 on the season.

Bob Timinski led the winners in

Stuck in first gear for most of the this Greater Middlesex Conference contest, scoring 21 points and dishing out four assists. Temmate Michael Morales added seven points to the Pats' attack, while Bob Ferrell and Sean Overton tallied 10 points apiece. South Plainfield received 15 points

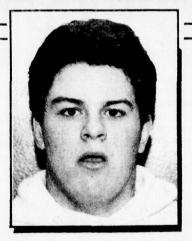
from center Ed Bolton and senior guard Craig Kearney. Bolton also blocked 10 shots and came up with five steals for the Tigers. The Tigers were scheduled to face

St. Joseph's of Metuchen last night (results were not known at press time) and return to action Saturday when they host St. Pius at 1:30 p.m.

South Plainfield will then host Madison Central nex Tuesday in a 7 p.m,

BRIAN BESSER looks to score a takedown against South Brunswick's Trevor Barcelo last Friday. The Tigers, undefeated in dual meets this winter, are slated to face Monroe Township Saturday in a Greater Middlesex Conference match-up.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



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NICK DIGRAZIA SOUTH PLAINFIELD HIGH

One of the top 171 pound wrestlers in the area, Nick recently turned in a solid performance during the Top of the Hill Tournament where he reached the final round of competition before losing to Delaware Valley's Greg Heiser, 7-1.

EFINGER'S

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



SALLY ECKEL A former standout athlete at South Plainfield High School, Sally went on to star at Rider College in South Jersey.

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ED BOLTON (left) is headed for two points Monday night during South Plainfield's 63-58 loss to Colonia. Bolton had 15 points and 10 blocked shots for the Tigers who are 7-1 on the season.

Junior grapplers win again

Thanks to a number of key pins, the South Plainfield Recreation Department youth wrestling team was able to crush visiting Maplewood Saturday morning, 48-26.

ported Bernaud Hunter.
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Recording pins for the Green Team were: Billy Wilson, Ricky McCrisken, Don Muccilli and John Ertle.

Winners by decision were: Tommy
Doerr and Ryan Miller. Shaun Gayla,
Frank Scheicher, Kyle Banashek and
Chris Curran all won their matches

by forfeit Saturday.
South Plainfield's effort was sup-

ported by: Danny Hoppe, Bobby Bernauer, Mike Hasuly and Colin

Notching pins for the White Team were: Ricky DeAndrea, Chris Johnston and David Hartpence.

Winning by decision were: Danny Kunst, John Vasilliadis, Glenn Thomas and John Coppula. Also playing a key role for South Plainfield was Ricky Shinkle.

South Plainfield will participate in the Roselle Park Tournament this weekend.

Fech's bowlers surprise Colonia

Coach Ralph Fech's South Plainfield High girls' bowling team rebounded from its first loss of the year to stun previously unbeaten Colonia Friday afternoon at the Carolier Lanes

South Plainfield scored a 3-1 victory as it won for the fifth time in six outings this winter. Leading the way for the Tigers was Jawana Sanders who rolled a three-game high total of

The second highest scorer for the Cats was Mindy Ingerto who checked in with a three-game total of 425. South Plainfield won the first two games 734-640 and 745-630. Colonia captured the third game, 700-682, but

South Plainfield outrolled its Greater Middlesex Conference rivals, 2161-1970.

South Plainfield wasn't as fortunate a day earlier when it was downed by John F. Kennedy of Iselin. JFK lost the first game, 802-775, but rebounded to take the second, 747-688 and the third, 770-744. All totalled, JFK knocked down 2292 pins to South Plainfield's 2234.

Leading the charge for South Plainfield was Tracy Billingslea who scored a three-game total of 475. Billingslea rolled games of 159, 153 and 163 for the Tigers.

Fech, however, wasn't totally pleased with his team's perfor-

mance, stating that the Tigers "did not bowl very well after a big first game." South Plainfield does have another chance to meet JFK later this season.

In a busy week for the Tigers.

In a busy week for the Tigers, South Plainfield ripped Mid-State Conference representative Franklin. Fech's crew won all three games by scores of 687-564, 687-586 and 755-693. South Plainfield recorded 2192 total pins to the Warriors' total of 1843.

The highest score for South Plainfield belonged to Shari Stivala who rolled a three-game total of 377 pins.

South Plainfield, Colonia and JFK are all tied for first place in the White Division with 5-1 records. The Tigers, however, have a divisional record of 4-1, tops in the league.

The Tigers' boys' bowling squad is also 5-1 on the season, having recently downed Colonia and JFK. The only loss absorbed by the Cats this winter came at the hands of South Brunswick.

South Plainfield marched past Colonia last Friday, winning all three games by scores of 797-742, 893-695 and 834-790. The Tigers knocked down 2480 total pins to Colonia's 2171.

and 834-790. The Tigers knocked down 2480 total pins to Colonia's 2171. Bill Panewicz rolled a three-game total of 526 which was tops on the Tigers' squad. Panewicz' scores were 130, 248 and 148. Pankewicz' 248

was the high-game of the match.
Panewicz again led the way for South Plainfield last Thursday when the Tigers took three games from John F. Kennedy, 854-707, 855-748 and 884-827. Totalled, South Plainfield had 2593 pins to JFK's 2282.

The highest three-game total belonged to Panewicz who scored a 614. The second highest three-game total for South Plainfield was recorded by Mike Weber who knocked down 542 pins.

South Plainfield leads the White Division with an overall record of 5-1, while Kennedy is checking in with a 3-2-1 mark.

Perhach takes first place in bowling competition

Robbie Perhach starred in the South Plainfield Recreation Department's Saturday Morning Bowling League last weekend as his score of 170 took honors in the individual boys' high game scratch category.

Perhach was followed in the Bantam Division by Shawn McLean's score of 168. Chris Fitzsimmons and Greg Harrison both rolled 167 as they tied for third place.

Taryn Decker won the individual girls' high game (scratch) with a 168, followed by Tricia Garcia and Kristy Moore, both of whom rolled 145's.

Kevin Smith was best in the individual boys' high game (handicap) with a 225. Second place went to Robbie Perhach with a score of 220, while Shawn McLean rolled a 217.

Tricia Garcia scored a 207 to win the individual girls' high game (handicap). Taryn Decker was second with a 204, while Sarah Pozarycki and Sarah Dixon both scored 185 as they tied for third.

The standings in the Bantam Division look like this: Powers of Pain (71-34), Pin Blazers (65.5-39.5), Pinheads (58-47), Three Musketeers (50-55), Dead Poets (48-57), Pythons (45-60), Pinbusters (44-61) and Powder Puffs (38.5-66.5).

The Demons and Lucky Strikes continue to be tied for first place in the Junior Division with 67-38 records.

Martin Vasquez rolled a 236 to take honors in the individual boys' high game (scratch), followed by Chris Brooks' 223 and Steve Fiore's 212. Vasquez also won the individual boys' high game (handicap) with a score of 280. Scott Cichetti was second with a 276 and Justin Kline was third with a 253.

Jawana Sanders won the individual girls' high game (scratch) with a 196, while Tawana Sanders was second with a 193. Third place went to Jennifer Tuma with a 180.

Jawana Sanders also took honors in the individual girls' high game (handicap) with a 245. Tawana Sanders was second with a 235 and Lori Sanders rolled a 223 for third place.

The standings in the Junior Division shape up this way: Demons (67-38), Lucky Strikes (67-38), Strike Busters (60-45), The Gang (58-48), Just Us (56-49), Odd Squad (55-50), Wild Cats (54-51), Strikers (50-55), Road Warriors (49-56), The What (41-64), Eagles (38-67) and The Naturals (35-70).

Sign-ups still going on for Junior Baseball Club

The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club will hold its final registration for the 1990 season at its clubhouse on Kenneth and Lorraine Avenues, Thursday, January 18, from 6-9 p.m.

Additional sign-up times are set for Friday, Jan. 19 from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 20 from 10

The registration fee, for players who will be between the ages of eight and 16 by August 1 will remain the same at \$25 for one player and \$40 per family. However, anyone registering af-

late fee of \$35 per player with no family rates offered.

New players must bring a birth certificate or copy and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Sign-ups for potential managers, coaches and umpires will also be held at this time as well as membership cards for the men's club and women's auxiliary.

The women's auxiliary will also be conducting one of its fundraisers by having sweatpants, sweatshirts and tee shirts available.



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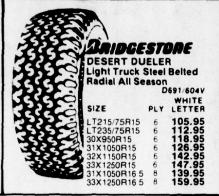






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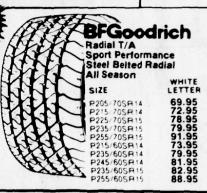






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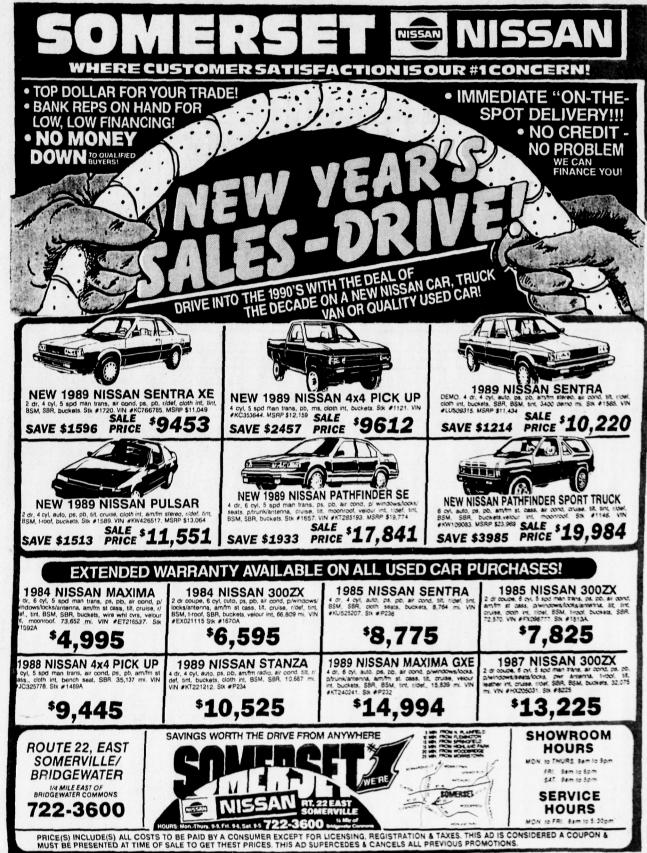
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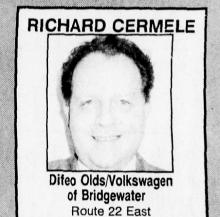


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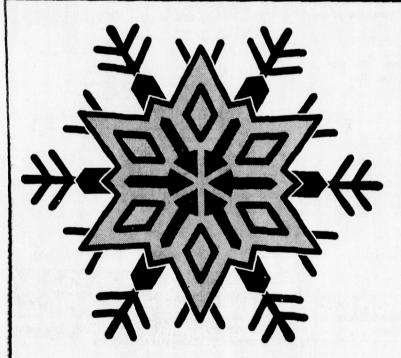


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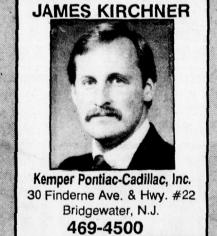
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NEWS FROM AREA AUTO DEALERS

Three promoted at Queen City Pontiac-GMC dealership

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Fred Merkle and Kerb Keech have been associated in the automobile business since 1948. Queen City was founded by Merkle in 1958 when he opened the Pontiac dealership in Plainfield. Under the able leadership of Merkle and Keech, Queen City posted an outstanding record of growth and in 1970 moved to their present modern facility in Green Brook. The continued success of the dealership made additional management staff necessary and in 1978 Alan J. Szymanski was designated new car sales manager.

Szymanski, a resident of Middlesex, has been associated with Queen City for 18 years. His outstanding performance as sales manager has been rewarded



HERB KEECH (left) receives congratulations from owner Fred Merkle on his recent promotion to president of Queen City's dealership.

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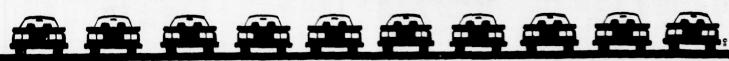
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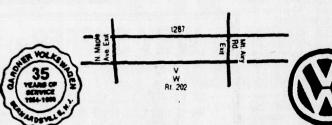
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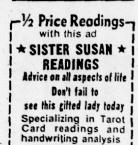
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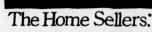
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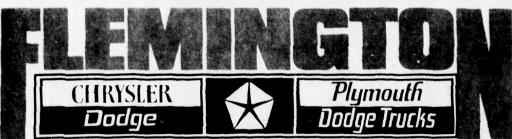


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