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Custodian takes dismissal battle to appeals court

By SYLVIE MULVANEY
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A custodian fired from the school district for alleged drug use is appealing his dismissal yet again, after rulings by an administrative law judge, the former state commissioner of education and the state Board of Education recommended or upheld the firing.

Somerville attorney Stephen Klausner, who represents former Kennedy School head custodian Harry Caravello, said Monday he has filed an appeal with the intermediary appellate level of the Appellate Division after the state Board of Education agreed with previous rulings that resulted in Mr. Caravello's dismissal from the district.

The state board decision was handed down early last month.

Mr. Klausner contends that a urine sample used to test Mr. Caravello for the presence of drugs was improperly collected and handled, which resulted in a positive cocaine reading.

Hearing of the case will likely be scheduled in early 1995, at which time the prior decision either will be reversed or affirmed, Mr. Klausner said. He added that he could appeal to the state Supreme Court if the ruling is affirmed by the Appellate Division.

South Plainfield Board of Education members were made aware of Mr. Caravello's latest appeal in a letter dated April 4, Board Vice President Leon Aboosamara said Monday.

He expressed anger at the motion, which he said merely would add to the case's already expensive tab.

"It's going to end up costing the board a lot more money," Mr. Aboosamara said. "Two decisions already have gone against the guy. Why are we doing this again? He's milking this for all it's worth."

"I think it's ridiculous," he said. "Where is this money coming from? It's coming from the kids and the taxpayers."

Last month, following her announcement of the last appeal denial, borough Board Member Theresa Caslow said the decision left Mr. Caravello no way of getting his job back. Monday, she said the former custodian had exhausted all avenues within the realm of the state education system, and apparently went on to the civilian court.

According to Mrs. Caslow's figures, the board spent $73,861 on the custodian's salary between Dec. 27, 1992 and Nov. 30, 1993, legal fees, medical costs, social security and pension payments.

Mr. Caravello was charged by police

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Write-ins heat up BOE race

Compete with 3 already on ballot

By SYLVIE MULVANEY
THE REPORTER

A second write-in hopeful announced his candidacy Saturday for the Board of Education race.

Wickford Road resident and former nine-year board member John Markham joins the first write-in candidate, Carol M. Byrne, and three other hopefuls — Pio Pennisi, Barbara Harrison and Joseph Whitman — in the April 19 race for three open board seats.

None of the board's three incumbents — Richard Doerr, Myra Stillman and President Fran Ryzoff — chose to run for reelection.

Mr. Markham, 64, has been a borough resident since 1968. He was a board member from 1979-1988, and during his tenure served as board president for two years, and was finance committee chairman.

A member of the lease purchase ad hoc committee, Mr. Markham has three grown children, all of whom graduated South Plainfield High School.

"I feel I can really add something positive to the board," Mr. Markham said following his announcement. His goal, he said, is to provide children with the tools they'll need to succeed, and do so at the least cost to taxpayers.

Mr. Markham said he has attended board meetings regularly for many years to supply public input.

"Since 1988, I have stayed close to the system," he said. "I have taken an active part. If a person wants to run for the board of education, they should at least attend board meetings."

Voters also should have a choice of candidates, he said of his decision to run.

Mr. Markham is a customer service representative with the Salvatore Ferragamo company, maker of Italian shoes, in Linden.

Mrs. Byrne, a former three-term board member, announced her candidacy last month, after the February filing deadline had passed. She cited a lack of competition for the three 3-year board seats as her reason for running.

An Orchard Drive resident, Mrs. Byrne, 51, was a board member from 1978-1987. Her bid for a fourth term was defeated by 25 votes.

She has two daughters who attended South Plainfield schools.

Wadsworth Avenue resident Joseph Whitman was a board member from 1990-93.

A borough resident for about 14 years, he served as board president during the last year of his term.

Mr. Whitman, 42, works for a computer company in Wayne.

Mr. Pennisi, 38, previously served one term on the board, and then was defeated last year in his re-election bid.

He has been a borough resident for 31 years, and is a product of its school system.

Father of two children in the dis-

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Preschool daze

DIANE MATFLERD/THE REPORTER

Jessica Ross takes part in graduation ceremonies for preschoolers who attended Franklin School's kindergarten orientation. For the full story, see page A-7.

Stelton Road bridge repair will reroute traffic on I-287

By SYLVIE MULVANEY
THE REPORTER

Repair work on the Stelton Road bridge spanning Interstate 287 should start in March 1995 and last about seven months, state Department of Transportation officials said Monday.

During a special Borough Council meeting held to discuss proposed rehabilitation work for the bridge, Project Manager Mike Russo said the improvements will be done in three stages, allowing through traffic on the bridge at all times.

Work on the northbound side will be done first, followed by southbound lane improvements, and then center road construction, he said.

Traffic heading onto southbound I-287 will be rerouted, but officials haven't decided which alternate road to assign for the detour.

Although DOT authorities suggested Hadley Road as an alternate route, borough officials disagreed, saying it already is clogged at peak hours, and the road is in severe disrepair.

Mayor Michael Woskey suggested, instead, rerouting traffic to Hamilton Boulevard, then Durham Road. That option would involve only two right-hand turns, and likely be the best traffic solution, he said.

Mr. Russo said utility work in the area would begin this fall in preparation for the spring start date. The rehabilitation work will be finished by November 1995, he added.

DOT Public Affairs Officer Alexander Brown said officials will need county approval to use Hamilton Boulevard as the alternate route.

The project cost, including improvements to the Washington Avenue and Old New Brunswick Road overpasses along the same I-287 corridor in Piscataway, is estimated at $4-4.5 million, Mr. Brown said.

He said DOT officials are seeking input on the plans from local government representatives now, and will set dates later for public comments.

A Middlesex County project scheduled concurrent with state improvements, will revise existing I-287 ramps to allow left turns to and from Stelton Road, according to information from Mr. Brown.

That proposal includes new traffic signals at each of the ramp intersections with Stelton Road.

Taxes soar by 14 cents

School budget goes to voters

By SYLVIE MULVANEY
THE REPORTER

Saying it's the best they can do without sacrificing programs and teachers' jobs, Board of Education members delivered a $32 million budget into the hands of voters Saturday.

The 1994-95 school year proposal includes a tax levy of $26.2 million, and a tax increase of 14 cents, which translates to a rate of $1.95 per $100 of assessed valuation, board finance committee Chairman Frank Cornell said.

The figure, which falls below the state-mandated spending cap of 4.88 percent, represents an approximately 2 percent increase over the 1993-94 budget of $31.6 million.

The current school tax of $1.81 per $100 of assessed valuation includes a $24.8 million tax levy.

If voters approve the $32 million budget Tuesday, the average homeowner with a house assessed at $112,000 can expect a $157 increase in his tax bill, Mr. Cornell said.

But given the fact that voters have defeated the school budget for the past eight years, Mr. Cornell said he is not optimistic it will pass.

He said the board did a line-by-line review of the budget Saturday, and "chipped out the nitty gritty small pieces."

"To reduce this budget significantly, major programs would have to be out," he said. "The only places we can reduce are the classrooms and personnel."

Faced with a possible 17-cent increase just two weeks ago, board members held several work sessions and managed to slash $776,000 from the local tax levy in a 4½-hour budget session Saturday.

They accomplished that by cutting $466,000 from current expense, $50,000 from capital outlay, and transferring $260,000 from surplus to projected revenues, Mr. Cornell said.

Board members have stressed that eight cents of the proposed 14-cent increase have nothing to do with the schools, but rather with a loss of $55 million in ratables.

Other contributing factors include a "flat" state aid figure of $3.1 million, and the spending cap reduction of 5.63 percent to 4.88 percent over last year's amount, officials have said.

'To reduce this budget significantly, major programs would have to be out. The only places we can reduce are the classrooms and personnel'

— Frank Cornell
Board of Education

One big item the budget does provide for is a $450,000 expenditure for a district technology advancement program, Mr. Cornell said. About $360,000 are earmarked for hardware and software purchases, and about $90,000 will go for the necessary furniture, he said.

Officials also budgeted $118,810 for Acting Superintendent Steven Cole's 1994-95 salary. Dr. Cole, who will be known as assistant superintendent for administration after the district's new superintendent, Guy C. Ferri, takes over May 1. The position was created for Dr. Cole under his amended contract.

The board also provided for a $40,000-a-year human resources position to run the personnel department, a task currently shared by Board Secretary Dominic Car-

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Lawyers: Move Shollar case out of county

By SYLVIE MULVANEY
THE REPORTER

Extensive publicity surrounding the case of accused killer Scott Johnson will make a fair trial "impossible," attorneys for the defendant said last week.

Trenton attorney Robert Obler and East Brunswick attorney Anderson Harkov argued in Superior Court April 7 that their client, accused of kidnapping and murdering Piscataway resident Gail Shollar in November 1992, won't get a fair trial if the case is heard in the Middlesex County area.

Considerable media attention, mostly negative, already has made finding an impartial jury in the area impossible, Mr. Obler said Friday.

Middlesex County Prosecutor Robert W. Gluck denied that news reports about the case have been extensive, and said he pushed to keep the trial in the county.

Superior Court Judge Barnett Hoffman heard the arguments, and said he would rule on the change of venue question within two weeks.

"The judge is going to deny the application," Mr. Obler predicted following the court appearance.

"The prosecutor has been talking about how everything has been dying down," he said, "but any time we go to court for any reason ... it regurgitates the publicity."

Mr. Gluck said a change of venue request is subject to a multifaceted test, which includes consideration of the nature and extent of media coverage, the type of crime, prominence of the victim, the size of the community and the time lapse between when the crime was committed and when the trial begins.

The prosecutor said the change of venue request can't pass all aspects of the test.

"He could get an impartial jury here as anywhere else," Mr. Gluck said.

Mrs. Shollar and her 3-year-old daughter had just finished late-night grocery shopping at Pathmark in Middlesex Mall, here, when the pair was abducted in the parking lot, police said.

The suspect allegedly dropped the child off in front of a Piscataway day care center, and later murdered her mother, police accounts said at the time. Mrs. Shollar's body was found several days later in Piscataway.

Media coverage of the case doesn't necessarily reflect on Scott Johnson, but rather on the public's perception of the rise in violent crime statistics, Mr. Obler said.

"This case symbolizes a lot of the things that people feel is wrong in America," he said. Therefore, it is used as an example whenever reporters write about similar cases, he said.

For instance, because Mr. Johnson, of Plainfield, allegedly kidnapped Mrs. Shollar and her young daughter at their car, people writing about carjacking incidents always refer to this case, Mr. Obler said.

"Everybody jumps on this bandwagon," he said. "This case hit home because of where it happened."

Mr. Obler said he and his co-counsel handed over "tons" of copies of news articles written on Mrs. Shollar's murder to the judge to substantiate their argument.

SCOTT JOHNSON

Custodian takes dismissal battle on to appeals court

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with conspiracy to possess and distribute cocaine in May 1990. The charges were dismissed after he completed a pretrial intervention (PTI) program.

As a condition of reinstatement to his job at the K-5 school, Mr. Caravello agreed to random urine testing for one year beginning in November 1991. But a sample taken eight months later indicated the presence of cocaine, according to a judge's summary of the case.

As a result, he was suspended on tenure charges more than a year ago.

An administrative law judge in October found that the test administered to Mr. Caravello was properly handled, and "ordered" that the employee be dismissed. Former State Commissioner of Education Mary Lee Fitzgerald concurred with the decision and fired the custodian in a Dec. 1 ruling.

Mr. Caravello, who lives in the borough, contends he was not instructed to wash his hands before handling the specimen container, which was open, not sealed.

Mr. Klausner said cocaine residue tests done on paper money indicate a large portion of the money supply in the country is contaminated. He contends that anyone who touches money could possibly test positive for cocaine in a similar exam.

That is what happened to U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno while she was a prosecutor in Dade County, Fla., he said.

"All approved drug testing with no safeguards," Mr. Klausner said. "We think that the whole process was tainted."

Mr. Caravello also has denied guilt in the charges from his 1990 arrest, and said he agreed to the PTI program because of excessive legal fees, according to the judge's summary.

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A bulldozer works on Barone Avenue at Second Avenue.

Taxes may soar by 14 cents

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rea and Assistant Superintendent Lillian DeSimon, Mr. Cornell said.

He also noted a $461,000 decline in special income, such as federal aid, tuition and surplus appropriation, a $340,000 expenditure for removal of seven underground oil storage tanks, and a contractually-agreed $364,000 increase in teacher salaries.

Teacher salaries account for $11.3 million of the budget, he said.

Although the budget includes no teacher position cuts, it proposes eliminating the superintendent of educational programs position and that office's secretary job, as well as a secretary's position in the special education department, Mr. Cornell said.

Other cuts, he said, include $100,000 from health insurance, "technical adjustments" of $131,000 made upon closer inspection of the figures, and $100,000 in furniture and equipment, such as carpeting, floor refinishing, parking lot repair and repaving, and a proposed $18,000 greenhouse for the Middle School.

End of road in sight for work on Barone Ave., engineer says

By SYLVIE MULVANEY
THE REPORTER

Barone Avenue residents' months-long wait for clean streets should be over in about a month — hopefully.

The road reconstruction project that began in October has kept their street muddy and dusty, depending on the weather, for more than five months.

If Mother Nature cooperates, the project should be done by about mid-May, Borough Engineer Richard Naberezny said Friday.

Residents said they complained about the road condition several times, but were told to be patient.

"They've made a complete mess of the road," homeowner Tom Walsh complained recently. "It's a mess when it rains. The house is dirty, the rugs are dirty. You can't invite anyone over. I think for five months, we've been patient."

He said depending on the weather, the street is either a dust bowl or a mud pit.

A Barone Avenue resident for 33 years, Mr. Walsh also said several signs on the road were taken down and remain on the ground, and curbing and drain holes are not always blocked off or covered.

"Anyone not paying attention is going to go in it," he said of one drain.

He also questioned the need for the curbing.

"It's terrible," said Stella Cirigliano, another Barone Avenue resident. "They're doing it so slow. My neighbors have been complaining."

Mr. Naberezny said work crews began the road reconstruction project — which includes nearby Elizabeth Avenue and Rush Street — in the fall, but were forced to stop during the winter months.

The work site reopened April 4, he said.

Mr. Naberezny said the storm sewers and sidewalks have been installed, the curbs are nearly finished, and workers will start the road reconstruction soon.

He said the areas normally are blocked with barrels, but the guards sometimes get knocked down.

He added that there was a lot of dirt on the road when the project began, but snow plows have since pushed the dirt into a large pile at the end of the street.

"We're trying to keep everybody happy," Mr. Naberezny said. "It may not be as clean as they'd like it to be, but it is a construction site."

"The road was in very poor condition," he cited as the reason for the repairs.

When all three streets are finished, traffic will move through the area more easily because Rush Street, which has been blocked off with utility poles for several years, will reopen, Mr. Naberezny said.

Area schools planning class celebrations

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Write-ins heat up BOE race

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trict, the Cherry Street resident has been a science teacher at Dunellen High School for 13 years, and is head football coach there.

Clifford Street resident Barbara Harrison also was defeated last year in her bid for a seat on the board.

Personnel director for Faith Fellowship Ministries in Edison and a self-employed accountant, Mrs. Harrison, 48, is the mother of a 16-year-old South Plainfield High School student.

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Schools, children are focus of callers' attentions

Depending on which Sound Off caller one listens to, the school district or borough residents are responsible for the presence of non-resident students in the South Plainfield school district.

"If we have illegal students attending the South Plainfield school system, and they are found, their parents should be immediately billed and pay the system back for the education they have received," one woman said.

"The residents of South Plainfield sign affidavits that these students live at their homes when they don't," anther woman said. Those residents should stop lying for non-resident students she said.

The topic of "illegal" pupils was just one matter of concern about the district on the minds of Sound Off callers this week.

One caller said she was "saddened" by the lack of parental participation at school board meetings.

"... I have made it my goal this school year to attend as many Board of Education meetings and now budget work sessions as I can possibly fit into my busy life," she said. "It saddens me how few are the number of parents sitting in the public area unless there is a hot topic or issue in the air, especially during these budget work sessions when the information discussed is so very relevant to our children's futures.

"... Please educate yourself on this budget and get out there and vote April 19. It only takes minutes to vote, but imagine what it may mean to your child when you do not take that minute to vote."

Another caller was angry about the budget, which carries a 14-point tax increase.

"If Christie Whitman can get a state government down and into shape, we can do it too," she said. "Learn to live within our means. Stop spending more than you take in. They should learn their lesson."

However, while many callers were angry at the school board, at least one had kind words for board member Leon Aboosamara. Earlier this year, a former business partner charged the board member with theft. The Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office found the charges to be groundless and dismissed them.

"Leon Aboosamara is one of the few people on the current Board of Education who is asking questions, [like] 'What are we getting for $11,000 spent per child for 180 days of six-hour schooling?' " the man said. "This legitimate question does not make him popular with the South Plainfield Education Association.

"Those were the people, I think, who called Sound Off with the advice to Leon Aboosamara to resign ... Now that this unsubstantiated charges were dropped, not one of his previous accusers called Sound Off to express his apology. What does this say about the integrity of those people?"

A caller also defended the custodial staff at Franklin School.

"We feel we should focus on the positive aspects of the custodial staff of our school," she said. "Our custodians are always in uniform, are friendly, courteous and considerate to the children. The school is kept clean and our needs are attended to. During the recent winter, our sidewalks were kept clean."

"Let's stop focusing on the negative aspects and focus on what's good in our schools," she said.

One man was concerned over the number of children riding bi cycles without helmets, despite a state law that requires them to do so.

"Take a look at your children, because very few of them are wearing helmets on their bikes," he said. "Why don't we check this out and get a little more conscientious?"

Another woman said she was "appalled" that adults were permitted to smoke in the clubhouse of the South Plainfield Junior Baseball League while children were present.

Club officials should "take this into consideration," she said, "being that the whole country is trying to go smoke-free, and I think it's time they start setting a good example for our children."

Borough cleanup week slated for April 17-23

Mayor Michael Woskey has designated the week of April 17-23 as South Plainfield Volunteer Litter Cleanup Week.

A proclamation read at a recent Borough Council meeting urged residents "to participate in cleanup and fixup projects that will serve to enhance, restore or maintain the beauty of all neighborhoods in our community."

Any person or group that wants to take part should meet in the Borough Hall parking lot on Plainfield Avenue 9 a.m. Saturday, April 23. They will collect gloves, rakes, and refuse bags for use in parks, roadsides, and streams.

Participants will collect trash, bag it, and separate the items that can be recycled from the items that can't. Free pizza and soda await participants at Borough Hall afterward.

Boy Scout troops, Cub Scout packs, and individuals who took part last year have already signed up to take part.

For more information, call 754-9000, Ext. 315.

Glitter Award recognizes Cafe Piancone restaurant

Caffe Piancone, a Hamilton Boulevard restaurant renovated last summer, has received the Glitter Award from the South Plainfield Clean Business Association.

The award was given to restaurant general manager Gennaro Costabile by Joe Diegnan, president of the Clean Business Association, and Emil Leporino, chairman of the Clean Communities Advisory Board.

Glitter Awards are given to borough business that are unusually well-maintained or have recently improved their appearance through renovation or landscaping. The Clean Business Association is open to all businesses that want to see a clean South Plainfied.

For more information, call Alice Tempel at 754-9000, Ext. 315.

Man's hip-holstered gun held tear gas

David M. Tarachnick, 34, of Ivy Street, was charged April 7 with possession of a firearm and possession of a dangerous weapon (a dagger) after police said he was observed carrying what appeared to be a small caliber revolver in "plain view" in a hip holster. According to the report, the handgun contained four live rounds of tear gas.

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Jewelry worth $475 and a $15 compact disc were reported stolen Sunday during the burglary of a South Central Avenue home.

Police said a rear storm window was pried off and the window was unlocked. The home was ransacked.

The next night, the glass on a front window of another South Central Avenue home reportedly was cracked when someone tried to pry it open, police said. No entry was gained to the house.

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A $500 men's 18-speed mountain bike was reported stolen April 6 from an enclosed front porch on West Eighth Street.

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Gary J. Tozzi, 26, of East Fairview Avenue, was charged Friday with theft after he allegedly stole two poor boxes from Sacred Heart Church, South Plainfield Avenue, on two separate occasions recently, police said. Both incidents involved thefts of less than $200, police said.

Police log

Windows of two borough businesses were reported smashed with rocks during the weekend.

Employees of Sullivans Auto Service, Clinton Avenue, and Vendetti Clinical Labs, Oak Tree Avenue, reported after arriving for work Monday that three windows and one window, respectively, had been broken with rocks, police said. The incidents occurred between Saturday and early Monday, police said. Damage estimates were unavailable.

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Christopher Heacock, 23, of Geary Drive, was charged Saturday with drunken driving, careless driving and refusing a breathalyzer test following an accident, police said.

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Michelle R. Hicks, 31, of Plainfield, was charged April 7 with shoplifting $233.19 worth of merchandise from Bradlees, Oak Tree Avenue, according to a police report.

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Arthur F. Ivey, 38, of Piscataway, was charged Friday with shoplifting 43 packs of Marlboro cigarettes, worth $88.15, from Pathmark, Hadley Road, police reported.

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Ronald A. Kemple, 26, of Piscataway, was charged Monday with driving while intoxicated after an accident on Clinton Avenue at West Eighth Street, police said.

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Jeeva Sivaraman, 30, of Edison, was charged Sunday with shoplifting $37.10 worth of hair bows from Caldor, Stelton Road, police said.

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A Geary Drive resident told police someone threw "numerous" eggs and two potatoes at her house overnight April 7.

A correction

A headline in last week's *Reporter* incorrectly stated that Republican Municipal Chairman Dennis Little was endorsed for a spot on the June primary ballot.

The Republicans endorsed Mike Dixon and Hank Grabarz for council nominations, and Linda Dashuta for the mayoral slot.

The Reporter regrets the error.

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Commentary

Doff the cap?

Schools get double-edged sword to pare their budget spending

For many of us, balancing a checkbook and making the monthly car, insurance, utilities and mortgage/rent bills is confusing and frustrating enough.

Imagine how complex and arcane the process becomes when applied to a school district with its hundreds of employees, thousands of students, numerous buildings, and extensive grounds and equipment. School district officials and Board of Education members can find it difficult to keep up with all the changes a budget goes through from inception to the time it reaches the hands of voters. For a voter, the whole thing can become mind boggling, and in the end, all the average person sees are the dollars coming out of his or her pocket.

But before you pull that lever to pass or defeat the school district's budget next week, there are a few things you should know about one very important mitigating factor that is beyond the school board's control, but which directly affects your tax bill.

It's called the budget cap. It confounds school district officials and not many voters understand how it works.

The New Jersey Department of Education sets a percentage by which each district may exceed the previous year's spending. (For South Plainfield, the 1994-95 figure is 4.88 percent.)

The cap is a double-edge sword. On one hand, it forces districts to set spending limits and pare back on potential excesses.

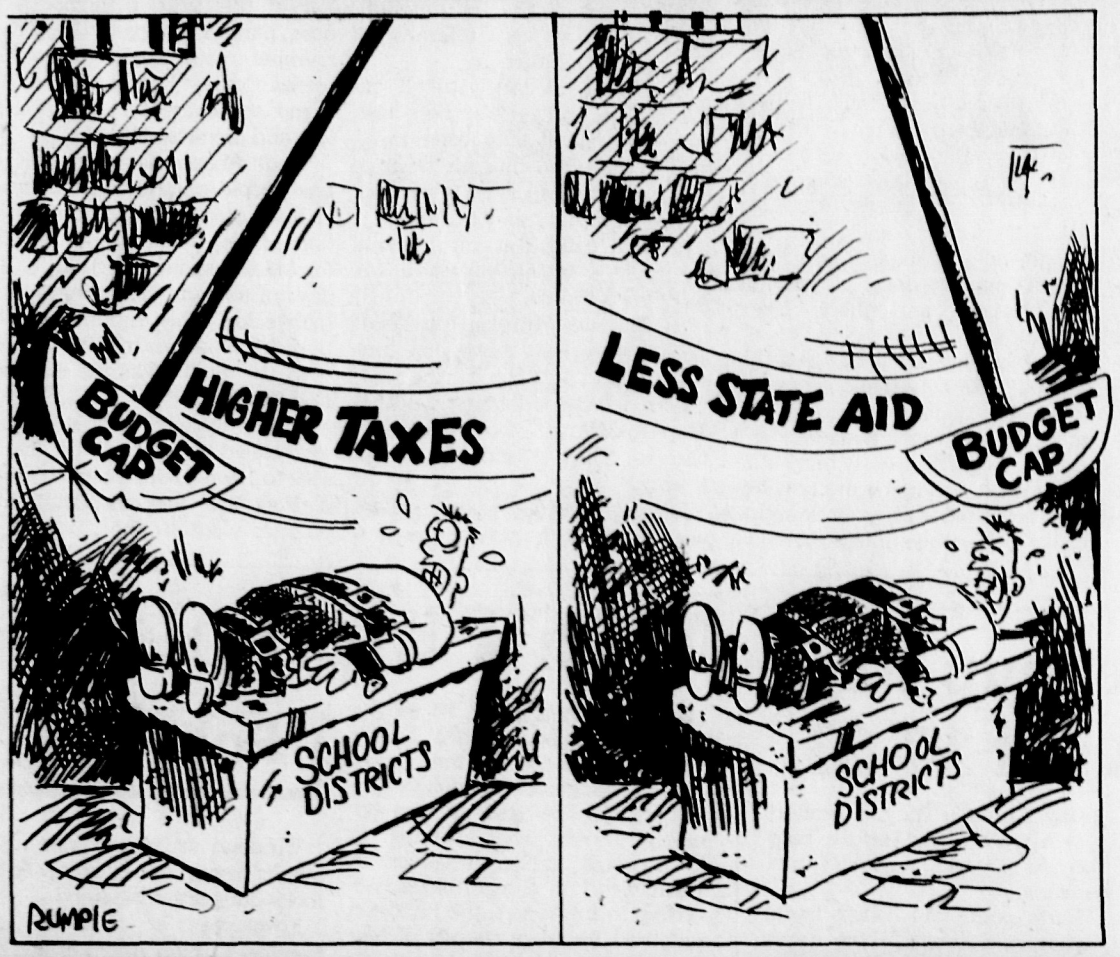
However, a district that budgets *under* its state cap for one year changes the numbers in the equation the state uses to determine how much aid that district will receive the next year. Consequently, a particularly frugal district could find itself being penalized with less state aid — and higher taxes.

Districts can ask the state to waive the spending cap. But there's a penalty for that, too. Just because a district can't meet the cap, doesn't mean the state will increase aid to the district. So taxes go up.

To protect its state aid, the district tries to budget *at* cap, which means the total budget rises by the prescribed percentage. And taxes go up.

Of course, the Catch-22 of budgetary caps is not the only reason taxes and budgets rise, and it shouldn't let district officials off the hook.

If anything, they need to be even more careful and creative to compensate for the system.



Letters to the editor

Did coach forget star player Kline?

To The Reporter:

Recently I had the opportunity to view Coach Steve Novak, varsity coach for South Plainfield High School, on Storer [cable channel] discussing the team's chances for the '94 campaign. Coach Novak felt his team would do well because he lost only two senior starters from last year's team.

A few days later, I obtained a copy of *The Reporter* and began to read the article in the sports section about the '94 South Plainfield baseball team. Again, Coach Novak stated that Tom Bovitz and Robert Oranchik were the only starters missing from last year's squad.

I would like to refresh Coach Novak's memory and remind him of an individual who started in left field last year as a senior. This young man also started half of the '92 season in left field as a junior. He also started several games in center field in '93, when Chris Rhodes went down with an injury.

Coach Novak stated on several occasions that this young man was the best defensive left-fielder that South Plainfield has had in the past 23 years, but Coach Novak has seen fit to omit his name when speaking of last year's squad.

The young man I refer to is Cory Kline, who earned his varsity letter as a junior and continued to play as a senior, despite Coach Novak's baseball "know how." Cory is continuing his education at Stockton State, where he made the varsity team as a freshman. Cory has since left the team to concentrate on his studies, but plans to return to the team next year. I mention this because Cory mad it on his ability to play ball, and I find it hard to believe that Coach Novak could forget someone with Cory's defensive skills, and someone who played for him the past two years. I believe Coach Novak owes Cory an apology, but knowing Coach Novak, I doubt that apology will ever arrive.

In closing, may I suggest Coach Novak write down all the names of his current players for future reference, so this does not happen again when Coach Novak decides to talk about the past.

GARY KLINE
South Plainfield

Ryzoff's son welcomes her home

To The Reporter:

I was very shocked, but very happy, to learn my mother Fran Ryzoff has decided not to seek another term on the Board of Education.

The reason that I am shocked is the fact that my mother has put three years of hard work and dedication into this unpaid job. She would put in very long nights and suffered a lot of stress trying to give the students of South Plainfield the high quality of education that they deserve. I can remember times that she would go to meetings that would last between six and seven hours and would come home feeling frustrated that she was not able to accomplish many of her goals.

But to be honest, my mother hasn't had a legitimate vacation in almost three years because of her complete dedication to the students of South Plainfield. I am, however, very happy to see that she can move on with her life, her business, and most importantly, her life as a devoted mother and wife.

So when Fran Ryzoff finishes out her term in April, I know that her family will welcome her back with open arms. I just hope that the rest of the Board of Education will be able to continue the efforts that my mother had made to keep the quality of education in South Plainfield intact and running smoothly. ANd I sincerely hope that the newest members of the Board of Education will put in the same amount of dedication and time that Fran Ryzoff has put in the past three years.

CHAD RYZOFF
South Plainfield

Candidate seeks support from voters

To The Reporter:

It is that time of year again. Election day is almost upon us, and you are asked to vote for the candidate(s) of your choice.

I am running for the Board of Education in South Plainfield, and would like very much to have your support in the form of your vote. I have served on the board in the past, as a board member and also as the president of the board. This has given me a good base of experience to work from, and I promise too a good job, and I will continue as in the past to listen to you, the public.

I realize that there are three candidates on the ballot, and there are three open seats. However, it would be nice to be supported by you with your vote. I would also hope that after the election the new and old board members will see you at the board meetings, and will get your support.

JOSEPH WHITMAN
South Plainfield

Write-in hopes to 'make a difference'

To The Reporter:

Why run for the school board? Why spend countless hours in meetings, away from family and friends?

Because I feel I can make a difference. Because I have a genuine desire to help the community. These are reasons I decided to run as a write-in candidate for the Board of Education.

I have the experience, so it won't come as a shock to me. There is no personal agenda or need for glory, just a desire to participate in the molding of young lives into the well rounded adults of the future.

There is a responsibility to the residents of South Plainfield to manage the budget carefully, to ensure that only what is needed is spent. There is also an obligation to every student to supply an education that will prepare them for the successful adulthoods they deserve.

Our financial resources must be wisely managed. Although it is impossible to equate money with educational excellence, it is an absolute truth that we must graduate students with a sound foundation of learning without beggaring the citizenry.

Please support me in this cause. I firmly believe that my presence on the South Plainfield Board of Education will be an asset to both tax paying residents and students alike.

Please write in Carol Byrne on April 19, 1994.

CAROL BYRNE
South Plainfield

Board member backs Carol Byrne

To The Reporter:

This past year has been a year filled with extensive learning for me. The most important things I've learned are, that to be an effective member of a Board of Education, a person must be: dedicated and open-minded, objective and realistic, and willing to give hours of constructive time.

Carol Byrne has these qualities and is willing to serve the children and the community again on the Board of Education. Her past experience will be an asset to this board. She is a diligent worker and extremely conscientious. Carol has always displayed a level of independence that has proven she is not swayed by any special interest group. Her special interests are a desire to provide quality education for the children of this community and a resolve to make quality education affordable for the taxpayers.

Carol is running as a write-in candidate. Please join me. I support her candidacy fully and without reservation.

Remember, on April 19, write in Carol Byrne.

EVE HOOK
South Plainfield
Board of Education

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Daytime TV can be its own world

I missed two weeks of work due to a painful condition known as shingles. I don't want sympathy. No matter how much I whine, my friends say, "That's *nothing*! When my (aunt, mother, friend) had shingles, she was *really* in pain." So I've given up.

I'd rather talk about the weird world of daytime television. I'm not referring to the soaps. I went through that in the '70s when I was out of work with a back injury. I got hooked on soaps and yes, *kicked the habit*. I sneer at soaps (although I do get heart palpitations sometimes when someone mentions Susan Lucci's name and I realize how many husbands she's been through since I cold turkeyed in 1977).

No, I'm talking about the *really* tacky stuff. I sat on my couch, hypnotized by what I was seeing. I channel-surfed, something I haven't done since I first got cable back in the early '80s. (When we moved to New Jersey six years ago, I eschewed cable, knowing that with about 600 channels to choose from, I might never leave the house again. We manage to get by on the channels our antenna picks up, though I sometimes have to be physically restrained from calling for cable when I get wind of a *Mr. Ed* marathon.)

Even without cable, I saw fascinating things during my two weeks in front of the TV.

Aside from the millions of commercials for Craftmatic beds, ADT Security and burial insurance, I was invited to join the psychic circle of Jackie Stallone, who is none other than the mother of Sylvester Stallone (who is probably dying of embarrassment). This 60ish matron with jet black hair, vampiric makeup, and see-through blouse with black bra, assured me earnestly that she is psychic advisor to the stars and promised me "money, love and luck." Now how shall I decide between her and Dionne Warwick's psychic circle? All decisions. Not that I scoff ... it just seems so easy. (But then, at four bucks a minute, maybe it isn't.)

A nattily dressed lawyer told me that no matter what injury or trauma I have suffered, there is *someone* I can sue, and he will, as God is his witness, find out who it is. I need pay him nothing but a percentage, but I *will* collect *something*. And this isn't just a referral service; I get to talk to a real live lawyer. (I think I'd rather talk to a lizard.)

Earnest people asked me questions such as "Where will you be when your laxative takes effect?" Now at first, that seems very funny, but think about it ... what if you're, say, in the middle of those stairs that lead to the top of the Statue of Liberty when your laxative takes effect? Pretty scary, huh? These people really know how to get to you.

And the talk shows are mind-boggling. They are no longer civilized discussions; they are tumultuous brouhahas. One person tells his/her story, the other person tells his/her story and then the talk show host sics the audience on the "villain," and believe me, you can tell who that is immediately (usually the man)!

Why these people air their dirty laundry in front of national audiences is a column in itself, but for now, I'll just list a few of the strange topics I encountered: men who beat up their pregnant girlfriends; people who used to be nerds confronting those who tormented them; what some people did for "love" (including stalking and killing); hostages who fall for their kidnappers; people who videotape fatal accidents (is there a support group for this?); falling in love with a cousin; homosexuals who are mistaken for heterosexuals (or was it the other way around?), and my personal favorite, folks whose disagreements about home decorating are breaking up their marriages (Bob Vila and a psychoanalyst took turns counseling them. Really!).

But there's hope. If all this is too much to bear, I can order videotapes of the best of *The Little House on the Prairie* and *Bewitched*.

OK, I admit I liked them, but pay for them?

Letters to the editor

Markham deserves vote, Ryzoff says

To The Reporter:

This year, the Board of Education election campaign has been almost silent. Since it has been primarily an uncontested election, the three candidates were not exposed to the public at a "candidates' night." Sadly, none of these three candidates was present at our final budget hearing to even verbalize their opinions about the budget and the areas which the current board cut.

The amount of time and commitment needed, both physically and emotionally, should not be underestimated. If these candidates are unable to attend the budget hearings or can attend only for a few minutes, the warning flags must then be raised. It is not enough to be a "nice person," or to want to "do this for the children," because these are empty sentiments.

This thankless, unpaid position is one that should be filled with people who have specific qualities. They should be people who are intelligent, decisive and not afraid to take a stand; people who can be counted on for their honesty, integrity and ability to communicate effectively. People who can act as part of a team, but not be afraid to vote their own convictions.

This year, there is a person whose name should be written on to your ballot who possesses all of the needed qualifications and has board experience to boot. Please write the name of John Markham on your ballot on Tuesday, April 19. I know that I will.

FRAN RYZOFF
South Plainfield
Board of Education

Markham seeking win on write-ins

To The Reporter:

I have decided to seek election to the South Plainfield Board of Education as a write-in candidate at the school board election to be held Tuesday, April 19. An uncontested election does not give taxpayers the choice we are entitled to have.

As a former member of the South Plainfield Board of Education (1979-1988), I have never lost interest in the education of South Plainfield students and how our tax dollars are spent. I have demonstrated this continually by attending most Board of Education meetings, including those related to the preparation, discussion, and adoption of the school board budget. I can offer experience, a wealth of knowledge in finance, dedication, independent thinking, and a firm commitment to students, taxpayers and staff, while at the same time always striving for excellence.

If elected to the Board of Education, I will continue to work diligently toward the goals of providing students with opportunities to increase their learning and achievement as they prepare for "life in a technological age."

Help me to help you and your children by voting for me, John Markham, as a write-in candidate on April 19.

JOHN MARKHAM
South Plainfield

Back Whitman in school elections

To The Reporter:

We just wanted to say that we are going to vote for Joseph Whitman for the Board of Education on April 19, 1994. We also urge the residents of South Plainfield to do the same.

Joseph Whitman had been a friend to the public before he served on the board and continued to listen to the public while serving on the board. He was there when we said we wanted to stop the reckless spending that was driving our taxes ever higher.

He was instrumental in seeing to it that the public was able to speak at the board meetings before the board voted so our input counted. We need a friend like Joe back on the board so we may continue to be heard and listened to.

STEVE and MAGGIE SCHOCK
South Plainfield

Byrne's heart is 'in the right place'

To The Reporter:

Carol Byrne has always been a strong supporter of our school music and drama programs. Since 1982, she has been a familiar face and a hardworking pair of hands with the South Plainfield High School Music Boosters and the Summer Drama Workshop. Even after her children went away to college, she remained active in both of these organizations. During her years on the Board of Education, Carol's voice was one of those most often raised in praise of our arts programs, demanding support for our children's cultural education.

In recent years, it seems to me that not enough attention has been paid to the importance of South Plainfield students' arts programs, that they have been neglected or passed over. Our children's cultural education is one of the most important elements in their school experience. Carol Byrne cares, and will once again demand that equal time be given to those issues concerning the arts programs. Her focus is first and foremost on the children and the quality of their education both academic and cultural.

First as a student and now as an instructor, I know the work of which she is capable. I have in the past, and will continue to support Carol Byrne. Her heart is in the right place.

Write in the name of Carol Byrne as your candidate of choice for the Board of Education on Tuesday, April 19.

JACKI CORVELEYN
South Plainfield

Send the right message about budget

To The Reporter:

Guess where I'll be on April 19? Voting for the budget. Will you be there? Or are you one who thinks it doesn't matter? Why does it matter to me? Because I really care about my child, and the education he receives here in South Plainfield, and I would like my children and the other children to someday be able to say proudly "I graduated from South Plainfield High School." Just like other graduates from the very nearby districts do already.

Some of the comments in Sound Off really surprise me. "Sending a message" about salaries will not be a message received by voting down this budget. These salaries will be paid as the contracts have already been agreed upon. There is only one "message" that will be sent out — that the children of South Plainfield do not matter.

I am one of those residents that attend monthly Board of Education meetings where all the board members look up and try to figure out why I am there. Why do they do that? Because I am one of the very few parents sitting there, so I must have a reason.

Well, yes, there is a very good reason — I want to know what choices the board members are making, and how those choices will affect the children of this town now and in the years to come. I want to know that the people I voted for are doing the job they said they were going to do when they asked for my vote. I want to know if they are taking the necessary steps in providing the very best education for our children, be it spending dollars in the budget, hiring personnel, etc. Do you know the answers to these questions? [Attend meetings] the third Tuesday of the month in the administration building, Cromwell Place, at 8 p.m.

OK, so you'd like to send a "message." Send one loud and clear. Write a letter, attend meetings, speak out and demand changes. Start with our new governor and work your way down. But please do not send a message to my first-grader and all the other children of this school district that they are not important enough.

Before you say no to the budget, think about the children, and realize what you are saying no to.

DAWN JEFFERYS
South Plainfield

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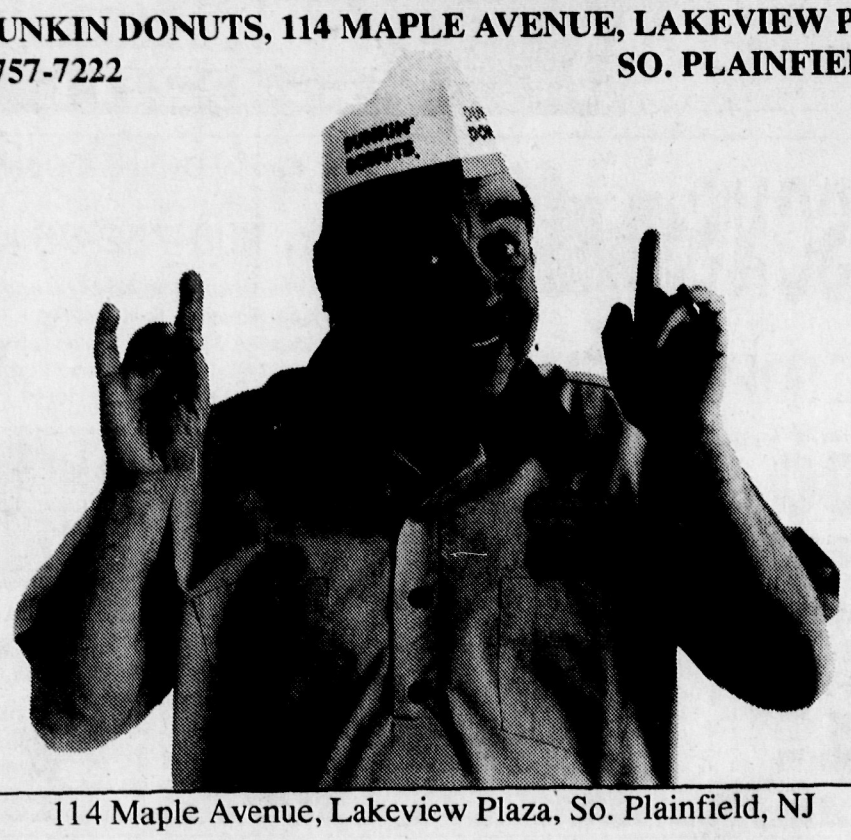

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Letters to the editor

Put Markham on board with write-in

To The Reporter:

Due to circumstances beyond his control, John Markham was unable to apply in time to get his name on the ballot for a seat on the South Plainfield Board of Education. However, he has made known his intent to serve if elected.

As I approach the completion of my first year of my term on the board, I must advise my fellow taxpayers of the many contributions made to board members by Mr. Markham. He regularly attends our public meetings and always offers his sound fiscal and constructive advice based on his many years of experience as a former board member and president. I have always found Mr. Markham to be a gentleman of high integrity, honesty and intelligence. I have also found him to have one and *only* one interest, and that is the betterment of the education of "our kids" and that the taxpayers get their "money's worth."

I sincerely urge you to write in the name of John Markham on Tuesday, April 19. He'll be one of the best advocates for taxpayers and their children. I also support and ask you to vote for Joe Whitman, a former member and president of the board.

M. THERESA CASLOW
South Plainfield
Board of Education

Kubala endorses Byrne candidacy

To The Reporter:

I am writing this letter as a private citizen, concerned for the welfare and education of our student population. I urge you, the voter and taxpayer, to exercise your franchise and your responsibility on April 19, and cast a write-in vote for Carol M. Byrne for membership on the South Plainfield Board of Education.

I have had the good fortune of knowing and being a friend of Carol's for many years and have observed her to be caring and involved both with her family and her community. I had the opportunity to talk with Carol, in depth, when she was deciding to run as a write-in candidate for our school board.

During our conversation, Carol made clear her concerns and her positions. She is totally committed to getting the best, most comprehensive and educationally efficient personnel and procedures in place so our students will be totally prepared for the 21st century.

As a result of my discussions with Carol, I am absolutely convinced that she is totally committed to insuring that the maximum amount of budgetary dollars gets down to the students and that education in South Plainfield should be at the most efficient and cost effective level possible, resulting in the best prepared students for any endeavor or career paths they choose to follow or attain.

Her nine years of Board of Education experience will help her to hit the ground running and to work effectively to achieve her goals.

Therefore, I am fully supporting Carol M. Byrne and asking you to take the time and make the effort to open the slot and write in Carol M. Byrne for membership to the board. Our students and our town will be a better place when she is chosen to represent us.

ED P. KUBALA
South Plainfield Councilman

Bryne is the right choice for write-in

To The Reporter:

In this past year we have seen a lot of changes.

Much of our tax dollars go for the education in our town. I have sat watching the budget process and how hard the Board of Education is working. It takes a lot of time to dig into the numbers and do what needs to be done. Carol Byrne has also sat through these meetings. She also decided to run for the school board as a write-in candidate. She felt that the taxpayers needed more of a choice and has offered her time.

She is a former board member, has the experience and is concerned for the children, the taxpayers and where our tax dollars are going to be spent.

She has the courage to run for election and is willing to put herself on the line for what she believes in. We need more people willing to serve our community like Carol Byrne. Now is our time to take the action and support Carol Byrne for this year's Board of Education election.

Please give your support to Carol on April 19. Write in your vote and make it count for out children and South Plainfield.

DEBBIE VOKRAL
South Plainfield

Tax increase is hard, but necessary

To The Reporter:

The last eight school board elections have seen the defeat of the school budget, which in itself provides a clear indicator of a public wish that there should be a better control of school expenditures.

The budget for the 1994/1995 school year does reflect a substantial increase in the local tax levy for reasons presented later on in this letter. However, I am urging everyone to support the proposed budget on April 19. I particularly endorse and encourage a major voter turnout on the budget issue as a fulfillment of a taxpayer obligation to become involved in local school affairs.

I have stated often that my primary goal as a board member is to provide our students with "the best possible education at an affordable price." Your input to this process is essential if we are to establish the appropriate dollar amounts to educate tomorrow's leaders and to prepare our students to be contributory members in our society without adversely impacting the property owner's capability to pay school taxes.

It was difficult for me to conclude that a $32 million budget, imposing a 14-point tax increase, should be supported. Let us look at some of the major factors.

Most importantly, the $55 million decrease in the town's assessed valuation must be considered. This component alone accounts for an eight-point increase in the school tax rate. Overall, this is a borough problem and one where the school district has no control. To offset this effect in the 1994/1995 fiscal year, the school budget would have required an expense reduction of over $2 million.

The remaining six points involve the following major elements on a net effect basis.

- A transfer of an additional $260,000 from surplus to increase revenue.
- The reduction of $516,000 from the originally budgeted expense figure.
- Introduction of an educational technology program at a cost of $450,000 (to initiate and develop the "new skills" for students which are prerequisites to individual success in the information age which already is part of our society).
- A $461,000 reduction of special income which essentially cannot be controlled by district efforts.
- A contractually established increase of $364,000 in teachers' salaries.
- A state-mandated requirement to remove oil storage tanks at a cost of $340,000.
- The implementation of board directed economies affecting administrative cost to reduce originally budgeted expense by $200,000.

Is a 14-point increase palatable? Not really. Is it required to keep the district on a sound educational

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More letters on page A-9.

Budget will provide for technology

To The Reporter:

On Tuesday, April 19, you will have the opportunity to vote on the school district budget and also to select members of the Board of Education.

When you vote on the school budget, there are several factors you should be aware of:

- This year there was a $55 million reduction in the assessed valuation of properties in South Plainfield due to tax appeals. This is a substantial reduction and translates into an eight point tax increase.
- This year, for the first time in many years, there was no increase in the amount of money the state of New Jersey provides to South Plainfield.
- The state establishes a cap on spending. This, in effect, limits the amount by which the budget can be increased. The budget which you are voting on is *below* the cap. This means that your Board of Education is controlling cost below what the state allows.

The balance of the increase is the result of this Board of Education asking you to approve an investment in computer technology for *instructional* purposes for the students in the four elementary schools, the middle school and the high school, not only to make these available to students, but to upgrade. This is necessary to give our students, many who are your children and grandchildren, the opportunity to have available current technology to prepare them for the future and the competitive world of work. The cost of this program is approximately $480,000, or four tax points. Just as in the past year we invested over $220,000 for new textbooks in the elementary schools. This budget is intended to continue our approach to investing in our students for the future.

It is not easy to ask individuals to vote on a budget that increases taxes. One may even suggest that it is stupid since South Plainfield has never approved a school budget. However, I firmly believe that if you are informed that the tax dollars you pay are being invested for the benefit of your children and grandchildren, you will understand. Your "yes" vote on the budget sends a message to the students that you care and you want them to have the opportunity to improve their computer and educational knowledge.

You will also be asked to elect board members to fill three vacancies. I believe you should support a write-in candidate, John Markham. He has previously served as a board member. More importantly, he has regularly attended school board meetings and actively contributed with his comments and observations. He has also served as a volunteer on a number of board advisory committees.

John is knowledgeable about board activities, but what qualifies him more than anything is his concern for students and the judicious control over how your tax dollars are spent. A write-in vote will take more time to cast your vote, but it will be the best investment you could make for the taxpayers and students.

You should also support Joseph Whitman, who will appear on the ballot. He has previously served as a board member and president of the board.

On April 19, be sure you vote. You are important; your vote counts. Vote for write-in John Markham and for Joseph Whitman.

FRANK A. MIKORSKI
South Plainfield Board of Education

Carol Byrne 'cares for the children'

To The Reporter:

Thank you for giving me the chance to say I support Carol Byrne as a write-in candidate for the school board. I hope all my neighbors and friends in South Plainfield will give their support to Carol. She gives us more to choose from. She cares for the children and the taxpayers.

Please support Carol Byrne with your write-in vote on April 19.

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Events planned by South Plainfield Chapter 4144, American Association of Retired Persons:

April 23 — Lunch and the Al Jolson tribute *Joley* at Seasons, Great Gorge, Vernon. A fund-raiser for Caring and Sharing.

May 23 — Bus trip to Bronson, Mo. Cost of $815, double occupancy, covers bus fare, hotel accomodations, entry to shows, and more. Return date is May 31. The trip is almost sold out.

June 18 — Trip to Peddlers Village, Pa. for lunch, a mule ride along the river, and browsing and shopping in the village.

Aug. 10 — Paramont Hotel in the Catskills for swimming, golf, shows and hospitality. Double occupancy is $290. The trip is almost sold out.

For trip information or reservations, call Grace at 753-1564.

Adult School Seniors

The South Plainfield Adult School Senior Group offers the following services to residents 60 and older:

Information referral service of social, educational and recreational programs; counseling; assistance in form completion for programs such as home energy, pharmaceutical assistance and Medicare; and transportation.

Van service runs 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday. Seniors can receive free rides to doctors' offices, local hospitals, therapy and banks. Call 9 a.m.-2 p.m. one working week before the ride is needed.

For more information, call 754-1047.

Tri-County Seniors

The Tri-County Senior Citizens Center, serving Middlesex, Union and Somerset counties, 450 New Market Road, Piscataway. Anyone 55 and older is welcome. Cards games, pool, darts and bocce are offered daily. All activities take place at the center unless otherwise noted. The schedule is:

Tuesdays: Square dancing, 10-noon; pinochle, 12:30 p.m.; cards, bridge and Mah-Jongg, 1 p.m.

Thursdays: Arts and Crafts, wood carving, 10-noon; ballroom and social dancing, 1-3 p.m.

Fridays: Line dancing, 10 a.m.-noon.

For information, call Drew Michaels at 725-3428.

Next stop — kindergarten!

Preschoolers graduate from orientation class

By SYLVIE MULVANEY
THE REPORTER

When South Plainfield High School graduation day 2007 rolls around, some seniors may recall their very first graduation 13 years before.

It was a rainy Thursday morning, April 7, 1994, and a piano version of *Pomp and Circumstance* played as 47 of them marched slowly into the Franklin Elementary School gymnasium.

Sporting white paper hats with red yarn tassels and, for the most part, great big nervous smiles, they headed to their balloon-adorned chairs up front.

They were preschoolers celebrating completion of a seven-week orientation course that acquainted them with the school they will attend in September.

Some of the children were shy and had to be coaxed along. Others mugged readily for the blitz of cameras and video-taping equipment that recorded their every move.

Parents stood on chairs, aiming the lenses and calling their children's names, followed by "look over here."

The future kindergartners waved small replicas of Old Glory as they sang along, jumped and stomped to the music on the tape recorder.

Toward the end of the 30-minute ceremony, as their names were called, the children headed for center stage to receive their diplomas.

For about 90 minutes each week, starting in February, the youngsters traveled to Franklin School to meet the people who will play big parts in their lives in September.

They are the principal, the school nurse who weighed and measured everyone, the music, gym and kindergarten teachers, the librarian, the bus driver who took them for a ride, and even the crossing guard.

"They seemed to adjust very well," said Elyne Foscolo, one of the orientation program coordinators, when it was over. "It familiarized them with the school. You can tell by their reactions. They're comfortable now — which was our goal."

The best part of the PTA-sponsored project is that the children got to meet their future teachers, she said.

"A lot of them are used to the nursery school environment," she explained.

"We've been through this and it's great," said Tiffany Roth's mother, Sue.

Tiffany, almost 5, a program graduate, didn't have a lot to say. She just held on tightly to her mom, buried her face in her neck, and let the grownup do the talking.

"She's ready for [school]" Mrs. Roth said. "She wants to go on the bus."

Unlike Tiffany's older sister, Heather, Robert Gentile Jr.'s 8-year-old sister Samantha didn't go through the program.

"I missed it with my oldest one and I'm sorry," Robert's mother, Ellen, said.

Robert, who will turn 5 in June, also has a 3-year-old sister, Sydney, who plans to participate next year.

"I'll make sure she goes," Mrs. Gentile promised.

Robert said his favorite part of the program was riding the bus. He added that he's all set to "play games" in September.

DIANE MATFLERD/THE REPORTER

Lauren Stoekel holds tight to the diploma she received after completing Franklin School's kindergarten-orientation program.

Summer reading sizzles with hot titles at library

By KENNETH MORGAN
SPECIAL TO THE REVIEW

At the library

Not too long ago, my director gave me another list to consider as a column subject. As I am always on the lookout for ideas to write about, I figured, "OK, I'll give it a shot." So, here goes.

It seems that summer is a big time of year for reading. It may seem odd that I mention that, since it's barely spring, but I thought I'd start early. Anyway, this results in a lot of patrons looking for new books to read. (It also results in a lot of sand in bookbindings, but I digress.) Anyway, the list I recently got might give you some ideas.

It's a list of the all-time first fiction bestsellers. (That's a mouthful, eh?) Actually, it's a pretty interesting list. Like the last list I wrote about, it runs the gamut of subjects. There's both fantasy (*Watership Down*) and realism (*Up the Down Staircase*). There is so-called beach-reading (*Peyton Place* is a good example) and so-called techno-thrillers (*The Hunt for Red October*). Also, a fair number of them went on to become, as could be expected, big-time movies (*Love Story* and *From Here to Eternity*, to name two).

But, in answer to the question that I hope you're asking now, the No. 1 book on this list was a bit of a surprise for me. It turns out that the all-time first fiction bestseller is *Jonathan Livingston Seagull*. (I agree; that's not what I figured it would be, either.) Anyway, as I've said, the list, particularly the ones I've mentioned, run the gamut of subjects.

But what do they have in common? As if you haven't already guessed, they're all available at the South Plainfield library. If you're interested in these or any other books, why not come in and ask? We'll do our best to track down whatever you're looking for. And I don't just mean for the upcoming summer season. We're open all year round.

Hey, I'm getting used to these list columns. I'll let you know when the next one comes along.

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Just a reminder that April 18-24 is National Library Week. We'd appreciate your support.

There will be a display of art by students from Roosevelt School at the library April 25-May 5.

There will be a story time and craft program for children 3-6, 11 a.m. Tuesday; 1 p.m. Wednesday; and 10 a.m. Saturday, April 23. For more information or registration, call 754-7885.

Czestochowa hosts dance on Saturday

Kick up your heels and have a toe-tapping good time at Our Lady of Czestochowa's Country and Western dance Saturday.

Hosted, sponsored and planned by the church's Holy Name and Rosary Society, the dance will begin 7:30 p.m. in the church hall.

The Sage Band will provide musical entertainment. Dancers will also be able to feast on a hot and cold buffet.

The dance costs $15 per person. Interested hoofers should make a reservation to guarantee good seats for the popular event.

For more information, call Isabelle at 561-6367.

New bike shop gets rolling

Hottest things on wheels are at cycle shop

By ELLEN M. FELICETTA
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Bicycles aren't what they used to be.

Gone are the days of high handlebars, banana seats and one speed. Today's cycles are rugged, quick-handling, high-performance machines. Built with the rider in mind, they incorporate the latest industry technology to ensure comfort, safety and low maintenance.

The latest in cycle technology can be found at the newly-opened South Plainfield Bike Shop. Owners George Johnson and Tom Viglianti have put their experience to work in bringing together a selection of everything from beginner tricycles to mountain bikes from top manufacturers such as Giant, Diamond Back and Cannondale. The shop is celebrating its grand opening this week.

The choices today are vast and varied — mountain bike, hybrid, commuter and more, aluminum versus titanium. South Plainfield Bike Shop offers a wide sampling of the available styles, makes and models.

The shop also carries an extensive supply of accessories, including saddle pads, gloves, bags, cycle computers, air compressors, roof racks and more. Hard-to-find baby joggers and trailers, as well as stationary bikes, are also available.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Viglianti also operate the Cranford Bike Shop.

"We offer our personal warranty on all new bicycles sold — one year unlimited tune-ups, includes parts and labor, 90 days on tires and tubes. Free pickup and delivery are available," Mr. Johnson said.

The partners support a Cranford racing team and are sponsor members of the Central New Jersey Bike Club.

Grand opening celebrations are ongoing throughout this week. Free water bottles will be given out to visitors, and a grand prize drawing will be held. The winner will receive a Giant Iguana Mountain Bike.

The South Plainfield Bike Shop is located at 224 Hamilton Blvd. Hours are 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday.

Scouts sponsor blood drive

Area hospitals reportedly are running short of blood and Boy Scout Troop 124 in South Plainfield wants to put some blood back in.

The scout troop and New Jersey Blood Services will hold a blood drive 3-8:15 p.m. tomorrow at the Veterans of Foreign Wars post, 155 Front St.

Donors must be 18-75 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and have not donated blood within the past 56 days.

A driver's license or proof of identification is required.

For more information, call Herbert Hung at 603-8366 and leave your name and phone number.

Labor Day parade needs grand marshal nominees

Plans are being made for the borough's Labor Day parade, scheduled this year for Sept. 5.

The theme is "Above and Beyond: Neighbors Helping Neighbors" and also those volunteers who donate their work in time of need. The parade theme coincides with the 50th anniversary of the South Plainfield Rescue Squad.

Candidates for honorary grand marshal are being considered by the Public Celebrations Committee. To nominate a grand marshal, submit a resume to the committee, Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, 07080.

Briefs

Seniors invited to show

The South Plainfield Senior Citizens club and the borough's Recreation Department are sponsoring a performance by The Strikers next week.

All South Plainfield seniors 60 or older are invited to the show noon Thursday, April 21 at the Police Athletic League building, 1250 Maple Ave. World War II hits, show tunes, ethnic favorites, and comedy sketches are part of the program.

Refreshments will be served.

GOP club is for teens

The South Plainfield Young Republican club has been formed for borough residents 14 and older.

If you are interested, call Linda Dashuta at 756-6519 or send your name and address to South Plainfield Young Republicans, 31 South Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, 07080.

The club's first meeting is scheduled for May 19.

Free rabies clinic is set

Licenses for borough dogs and cats will be issued during a free rabies clinic sponsored by the South Plainfield Health Department.

The clinic is scheduled 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 12 at the borough garage on Belmont Avenue. All dogs must be on a leash and all cats should be brought in a carrying case.

A license is required for any dog or cat in the borough that is at least seven months old. Proof of a rabies vaccination is required.

Kudos to SPHS thespians

The South Plainfield High School drama club placed third in a Feb. 26 drama competition at Monmouth College in West Long Branch.

The third-place standing was the highest the drama club (known as the South Plainfield Players) has had in any competition.

Students cited in particular categories were: Mike Bianchini and Sean Finnerty, first place, improvisation, novice; Janna GaNun and Trisha Razefsky, second, improvisation, varsity; Chris Murphy, third, comic monologue; Jennifer Colavito and Keith Walsh, fourth, improvisation, varsity; Nisha Shah and Shayne Miller, fifth, dramatic pairs, varsity.

Other SPHS students who participated were Jeanette Hoffmann and Kim Ahland, dramatic pairs, improvisation; Ms. Ahland, dramatic monologue; Heather Anderson and Mike Winner, improvisation; Ryan Alin (with Mr. Murphy), improvisation.

South Plainfield Players advisers are Kay Linger and Alissa Pecora, with assistance by Joy More and William Miller.

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— Amanda Kress

The author is a fifth-grader at John F. Kennedy School and a graduate of the South Plainfield Police Department's Drug Awareness and Resistance Program. Her poem won a contest for the best D.A.R.E. essay. Each week, The South Plainfield Reporter *will print a winning essay by a borough D.A.R.E. graduate.*

Nancy Tomevi, special education official; 56

Nancy Abbott Tomevi, 56, a former special education coordinator in the South Plainfield public schools, died April 9, 1994 at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, New York City.

Dr. Tomevi was born in Hammond, Ind. She lived in Hutsonville, Ill.; Raritan; Houlton, Maine; and since 1979 in Bridgewater.

She became South Plainfield's special education coordinator in 1968 after receiving a master's degree in education from Indiana University. Dr. Tomevi was a learning consultant with responsibilities in the entire district and also taught special education classes in the borough until 1972.

She received a bachelor's degree in education in 1959 from Eastern Illinois University. Dr.. Tomevi was a speech therapist from 1959-64 in the public schools of Arcola, Ill. From 1965-68 she was a special education teacher and the coordinator of the speech therapy department in the Perry Township public schools near Indianapolis, Ind.

She was the director of pupil personnel services in the Warren Township public schools from 1973-76 and earned a degree in special education from Rutgers University in 1974. She received a doctorate in special education and learning disabilities from Rutgers in 1978.

Dr. Tomevi moved to Houlton in 1976 as the director of special education for Maine School Administrative District No. 29. She returned to New Jersey in 1979 as the director of services for the Matheny School in Far Hills, coordinating therapeutic and educational programs for children with cerebral palsy.

In 1981 Dr. Tomevi became the principal of special needs for the Union County vocational and technical schools. She joined the Flemington-Raritan Township public school system in 1987 and was its assistant superintendent when she retired in 1993.

Surviving are her husband, Gary A. Tomevi; two sons, Gregory Tomevi of York, Pa., and Bruce Tomevi of Flemington; four grandchildren; a sister, Barbara Cline of Mattoon, Ill.; and a brother, Richard Abbott of Robinson, Ill.

Private services were held under the direction of the Bongiovi Funeral Home in Raritan. Relatives, friends, and their families may gather for a tribute to Dr. Tomevi's life at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Villa Restaurant, Route 28, Bridgewater.

Riley school pupils present Gym Show

Riley School students recently presented their annual Gym Show under the direction of physical education teacher. William Nothnagel.

The Gym Show featured demonstrations of typical gym classes in grades 1, 3, and 5. Parents saw the various levels of skills as the children progress over elementary school years.

First-grade students demonstrated basic skills of coordination and fitness. The third-graders showed how those basic skills are added upon as students grow in size and ability. The fifth-grade classes demonstrated yet even more growth and abilities in various areas of physical fitness and coordiantion.

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The Riley School PTSO held an ice cream party in the school cafeteria April 7 for all students taking part in the read-a-thon.

Students received ice cream sundaes with a choice of toppings. Each student also received a read-a-thon pencil and a personalized certificate.

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The Riley School will host a teachers' luncheon Thursday, April 21 with a summer theme chosen by chairwoman Janis Smith.

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Mrs. Carty's and Marie Stemmle's classes at **John F. Kennedy School** recently visited the Miller-Cory House Musuem in Westfield in conjunction with their study of New Jersey's colonial period.

The house was built in 1747 and contains many original furnishings. A comprehensive guided tour of the house and its accoutrements included a question-and-answer session and hands-on experiences.

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The **Franklin School** PTA's annual read-a-thon ended March 4 and it was a tremendous success with 92 percent of the student body participating.

The purpose of the eight-week-long program was to encourage the entire student body to read. The children, who are encouraged to read anything that interests them, read nearly 5,700 books.

The children also enjoyed watching the read-a-thon caterpillar grow along the walls of the school. Each week the children would add one circle with the title of a favorite book to the body of the caterpillar. A total of 1,505 circles formed the caterpillar's body at the end of the read-a-thon.

To celebrate the children's success, the PTA hosted an ice cream sundae party March 25 for all students who participated. Sports Park USA in Piscataway donated special passes and gift certificates for local bookstores were awarded to each of the 13 classes with 100 percent participation.

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Obituaries

Jacqueline Smith Spisso

At 68; lived 52 years in borough

Jacqueline I. Smith Spisso, 68, a resident of this community for the past 52 years, died April 9, 1994 at her home.

Mrs. Spisso was born in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and lived in Plainfield before moving to South Plainfield. She was a parishioner of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church.

Surviving are her husband, Louis J. Spisso; five sons, Louis Spisso of Glenwood, Md., William L. Spisso, Paul Spisso, Brian Spisso, and Craig Spisso, all of South Plainfield; two daughters, Andrea DeGennaro and Anita Pangborn, both of South Plainfield; 19 grandchildren; and two brothers, Daniel Smith of Whitehouse Station and Herbert Smith of Browns Mills.

A funeral Mass was offered Tuesday at Sacred Heart Church, following services at James W. Conroy Funeral Home. Entombment was in Holy Redeemer Mausoleum.

Marian Ogonowski, 68

A welder at a local steel works

Marian Ogonowski, 68, who once was a welder at a local steel works, died April 9, 1994 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center.

A native of Poland, Mr. Ogonowski settled in Philadelphia when he emigrated to the United States in 1956. He had lived in South Plainfield since 1957.

He was with the Harris Structural Steel Co. at its plant on New Market Avenue from 1956 until his 1990 retirement. Mr. Ogonowski was a parishioner of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife, Bernice Malec Ogonowski; four sons, Casimir Ogonowski, Frank Ogonowski, Joseph Ogonowski, and Marian J. Ogonowski, all of South Plainfield; three grandchildren; and a brother, Frank Ogonowski in Poland.

A funeral Mass was offered yesterday at Sacred Heart Church, following services at the James W. Conroy Funeral Home. Burial was in Holy Redeemer Cemetery.

Dolores May Oles Fairbanks

Bookkeeper, 61; services are today

Dolores May Oles Fairbanks, 61, a bookkeeper at the ShopRite supermarket in Watchung for the past 23 years, died April 10, 1994 at her home.

Mrs. Fairbanks was born in Hillside and had lived in South Plainfield since 1952.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry Fairbanks; a daughter, Debra Chalfant of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a son, Kevin Fairbanks of Sparta; four grandchildren; her mother, May Oles of Boynton Beach, Fla.; and a brother, Stanley R. Oles of Iselin.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. today at the McCriskin Home for Funerals, 2425 Plainfield Ave. Burial will be in Hollywood Memorial Park, Union.

James M. Johnson, 55

Lived in the borough all his life

James M. (Baby) Johnson, 55, a native of Plainfield who lived in South Plainfield all his life, died April 5, 1994 at his home.

Mr. Johnson is survived by a daughter, Christine Johnson in North Carolina; four grandchildren; his mother, Anna Pearl Coleman, and a sister, Pastor Irene Majette Campbell, both of South Plainfield.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Rescue House of Prayer, a Plainfield church.

Arrangements were by Judkins Colonial Home, Plainfield.

LOCAL MOVIE TIMES

For the week of Friday, April 15-Thursday, April 21. Schedules are subject to last-minute change.

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- *Serial Mom* (R) Friday-Thursday: 1, 3:40, 5:40, 8, 10:15 p.m. Late show Friday and Saturday at midnight.
- *Cops & Robbersons* (PG) Friday-Thursday: 1:45, 4, 5:55, 7:55, 10 p.m. Late show Friday and Saturday at 11:50 p.m.
- *Surviving the Game* (R) Friday-Thursday: 1:20, 3:50, 5:50, 7:50, 10 p.m. Late show Friday and Saturday at midnight.
- *White Fang 2: Myth of the White Wolf* (PG) Friday-Thursday: 1:25, 4:20, 7:15, 9:35 p.m. Late show Friday and Saturday at midnight.
- *Leprechaun 2* (R) Friday-Thursday: 1:15, 3:10, 5:05, 7:10, 9:15 p.m. Late show Friday and Saturday at 11 p.m.
- *Threesome* (R) Friday-Thursday: 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:45, 9:55 p.m. Late show Friday and Saturday at 11:55 p.m.
- *Sirens* (R) Friday-Thursday: 1:25, 3:25, 5:25, 7:30, 9:45 p.m. Late show Friday and Saturday at 11:45 p.m.
- *Major League II* (PG) Friday, Sunday-Thursday: 1:10, 3:15, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45 p.m. Saturday: 1:10, 3:15, 5:20, 9:20 p.m. Late show Friday at 11:50 p.m., Saturday at 11:25 p.m.
- *Four Weddings and a Funeral* (R) Friday-Thursday: 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50 p.m. Late show Friday and Saturday at 12:05 a.m.
- *D2: The Mighty Ducks* (PG) Friday-Thursday: 1:45, 4:05, 7, 9:25 p.m. Late show Friday and Saturday at 11:35 p.m.
- *The Paper* (R) Friday-Thursday: 4:50, 7:10, 9:30 p.m. Late show Friday and Saturday at 11:40 p.m.
- *Above the Rim* (R) Friday-Thursday: 1, 3:05, 5:05, 7:20, 9:35 p.m. Late show Friday and Saturday at 11:35 p.m.
- *Clifford* (PG) Friday-Thursday: 1:20, 3:45, 5:45, 7:40 p.m.
- *Naked Gun 33⅓: The Final Insult* (PG-13) Friday-Thursday: 1, 3, 4:50, 7:05, 9 p.m. Late show Friday and Saturday at 11 p.m.
- *Philadelphia* (PG-13) Friday-Thursday: 9:40 p.m. Late show Friday and Saturday at midnight.
- *Thumbelina* (G) Friday-Thursday: 1, 3 p.m.
- Sneak preview of *With Honors* (PG-13) Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

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- *Schindler's List* (R) Friday-Thursday: 1:15, 5:05, 8:45 p.m.
- *D2: The Mighty Ducks* (PG) Friday-Thursday: 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10 p.m.
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- *Threesome* (R) Friday-Thursday: 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:40 p.m.
- *The House of the Spirits* (R) Friday, Monday-Thursday: 1:30, 4:10, 7, 9:45 p.m. Saturday, Sunday: 7, 9:45 p.m.
- *Cops & Robbersons* (PG) Friday-Thursday: 1:20, 3:25, 5:35, 7:50, 10:05 p.m.
- *Four Weddings and a Funeral* (R) Friday-Thursday: 2, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10 p.m.
- *Major League II* (PG) Friday, Sunday-Thursday: 1, 3:20, 5:40, 8, 10:20 p.m. Saturday: 1, 3:20, 5:40, 10:20 p.m.
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- *Thumbelina* (G) Saturday, Sunday: 2, 4 p.m.
- Sneak preview of *With Honors* (PG-13) Saturday at 8 p.m.

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Letters to the editor

Don't react; get involved in schools

To The Reporter:

I am writing this letter in the hopes of alerting the parents of South Plainfield to a very important aspect of their children's education. For the past seven years I have become actively involved in my son's education by participating in PTSO and PTA activities, reading about various types of educational opinions, and trying to attend Board of Education meetings. Being an educator myself, I will admit to having some advantage in understanding many aspects of education, but having a child who will soon enter the teenage years, this advantage can sometimes become a hindrance.

There are many injustices that seem to plague the education of our children, not only in South Plainfield, but all over the United States. American school children know less geography than school children in Iran, less math than school children in Japan, and less science than school children in Spain. America invests a smaller portion of its GNP in education than six other industrialized nations. (This information was taken from the 1990 *Briefing Book* printed by the Children's Defense Fund.)

As parents, we face many challenges and obstacles in raising our children today and as taxpayers the cost of education seems to be rising faster than our salaries. But our obligation to our children and the future generations before us should be first on our list of concerns. Here, in South Plainfield, we have the opportunity on April 19 to make a decision that will be important to the future of our children by voting in the South Plainfield board elections and the school budget for 1994/95.

Are there some definite problems with our school system as it is presently being managed by our school board? I can honestly answer yes to that question.

There are many inadequacies in our present system, and many things I do not understand (and I am certain I spend more time at Board of Education meetings than the average parent in South Plainfield). In talking with other parents, I can understand their opposition and frustration when they see administrative salaries and inequities in teaching techniques throughout the system.

But instead of voting down the school budget in the hopes of "sending a message" to our local school board, we can send letters and statements to our legislators asking them to give us laws to forbid strikes by public employees and provide penalties to workers who walk off the job, such as the Taylor Law in New York. In the 1980s, teachers were once underpaid. Contract increases and improved benefits have given teachers credibility and their salaries are comparable to other professionals. We can ask our legislators to protect our public interests and the education of our children by providing additional funding, rather than the 10 percent state aid South Plainfield currently receives. New Jersey mandates specific requirements in our schools to meet special needs of our children, and yet neglects to provide us with the funds to help us execute them.

Unfortunately, our school board meetings are not filled with parents and I can fully understand many of the reasons. Lack of time, other parental obligations, and feelings of discouragement prevail. But the public gets much of its information from headlines which state the obvious — higher property taxes, larger salaries, lower test scores. The headlines do not reflect the excellent educational technology proposed in this year's school budget. The headlines do not help us understand that the district technology goals adopted by our school board will help prepare our children to compete in an information based economy, provide them with opportunities to promote creativity and motivate them in all aspects of the curriculum, and give our children access to global information. The headlines do not tell us that our teachers will be provided with the education and development they will need to help our children reach these goals.

This budget does indeed reflect deficiencies and inadequacies of business administration in our school system. Unfortunately, even if this budget does not pass, salaries will not be altered due to contracts. We cannot change this. To send a message to our Board of Education concerning these matters, citizens need to speak out during meetings and urge those sitting on the board to keep our best interests in the forefront of their decisions. When they don't, it is time we make changes at election time.

Again, I urge all parents of South Plainfield to cast an affirmative vote for the 1994/1995 school budget. We all have common hopes and dreams for our children. I want my child to have all the skills necessary to communicate effectively in this world. This budget is a start. Let's begin together.

CHRIS SIENKIELEWSKI
South Plainfield

A wish fulfilled reaches community

By EVELYN HALL
THE REPORTER

Editor's corner

Sometimes, wishes come true.

And sometimes, generosity makes the wish live on, even after the dreamer has moved on to new wishes.

On Monday, I opened an envelope from Disco Aluminum in Plainfield. Inside was a letter urging me to send business cards to the Children's Make A Wish Foundation in Atlanta, Ga. and fulfill the dream of a dying 7-year-old boy. The child, Craig Shergold, was suffering from a brain tumor and wasn't expected to live. His dream was to get his name in the Guinness Book of World Records for receiving the most business cards.

Considering the volume of mail that comes across my desk every week and the amount that gets stuffed into my woefully overburdened little mailbox at home, I'm no longer surprised when I open an envelope and find a chain letter. I don't condone chain letters, but in this case I decided to make an exception.

I called Michael Villane, the businessman who sent me the letter, which included a list of numerous area businesses that had already received similar letters. The participants were located in South Plainfield, and numerous other Middlesex, Somerset and Union county municipalities.

Mr. Villane and I briefly discussed the letter and agreed it was an opportunity to be a part of something special. I promised to run a column urging people to send Craig their business cards.

I then called the Make A Wish Foundation in Atlanta to get more information about the business card drive.

The woman who answered the phone immediately knew what I was talking about.

"Ma'am, you can disregard that letter," she told me. In the breath between that statement and her next, my heart plummeted. I was sure she was about to say Craig had already died of his disease.

"... You can disregard that letter," she repeated. "Craig's wish was fulfilled three years ago. He's all right, and he's doing just fine."

For just a moment, I felt foolish. But then I realized anyone who sent Craig a card long after his wish was fulfilled is still a part of his dream.

The magical part about Craig's wish isn't just that it came true. The magic is that people like Mr. Villane and all those other businessmen who sent their cards *want* to help this far-away child they have never met.

If you've received Craig's letter, please don't send any cards. But please don't lose the spirit of generosity that made you want to be part of making his wish come true.

Stomach flu or split personalities?

By MICHAEL DEAK
THE REPORTER

Guest commentary

I had an inkling I was going to get sick when I had grotesque dreams of exploding volcanos the night before. I dreamed that thousands of scantily clad Indonesians fled my bedroom shouting, "Mister Deak — he going to ka-BOOM!"

Thinking the dream was just a subconscious manifestation of my worries over a pimple, I went about my business the next morning, despite spending an uncomfortably long time in the bathroom.

I left work early and as soon as I got home, I flung my sportsjacket onto my bed and rushed to the bathroom. The Indonesian natives cried "Ka-BOOM!" and ran for safety, reciting long forgotten prayers.

In bed that night, the pain dancers formed a conga line on my lower back. With each beat of the marimba band, the pain switched from my right to left sides. That's when the strange dreams began.

It's hard to explain, but each position my body assumed in its endless search for comfort created a new personality in an extended dream of a western boom town in the late 1880s. When I lay on my right side, I was kindly Doc Grandy, the wise old man who badly needed rest from filling the holes in injured gunslingers, but was bothered by pestering townfolks who wanted his sage advice.

On my stomach I was Ma Dawkins, a saloon keeper and former school marm, who was taught the ways of a wicked world by a handsome masked man who rode off into the sunset and never returned. On my left side, I was Scruffy, a grizzled old prospector who kept on trying to steal Doc Grandy's gold watch and made goo-goo eyes at one of Ma Dawkins's dancers.

It may be hard to believe, but I had to get up and roam around the apartment because it was getting too crowded in bed. Ironically, I haven't had that feeling since college — and the last time I had a chile and pepperoni pizza.

I'm feeling much better now. In college, I used to recover from these bouts with the bug in a day. But I'm not as young as I used to be and it takes me longer to recover — at least that's what Ma Dawkins says.

Tax increase is hard, but necessary

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course? Yes, it is.

Does a budget acceptance mean that there are no other opportunities either to control or reduce cost? No! Ongoing managed cost studies will continue so as to identify savings in all areas.

Please consider all aspects of the budget, and again, I ask that you vote yes, and that you consider the yes vote as a personal referendum committing yourself to become involved as a parent, as a taxpayer. You are needed.

While in the voting booth, please give major consideration to the election of school board members. The board has the largest say on how funds ($32 million) are spent and it sets the policies under which your schools operate.

I believe that Joe Whitman and write-in candidate John Markham will best meet the leadership and responsibility role expected from board members. Their knowledge of school operations, their overall capabilities, their known credibility, and their previously displayed fairness in board deliberations emphasize the inherent strength of their qualification to eminently serve as board members. Their election can have an immediate and effective input in developing educational programs and setting the tone for general excellence within the school district.

FRANK P. CORNELL
Member South Plainfield Board of Education

Write-in candidate is good alternative

To The Reporter:

After much time and consideration on what is going on in our school district, I can only thank Carol Byrne for offering her time unselfishly again for her community.

She also has given us a choice instead of settling. She will work hard for what is best in South Plainfield, but most of all for our children.

Please support Carol Byrne as a write-in candidate on April 19. You will not regret it.

TERRY KORDALSKI
South Plainfield

Make vote count with Carol Byrne

To The Reporter:

I want to take the time to express my support of Carol Byrne.

She will not be one you can pull the lever for, but is a write-in candidate. She goes to all the Board of Education meetings and is very much for our children. Take the time to make your vote count this year. Write in your vote for Carol Byrne.

KAREN SCHNYDEREITE
South Plainfield

Write-in is 'wonderful' selection

To The Reporter:

April 19 is just around the corner. I think a write-in candidate for the Board of Education is wonderful.

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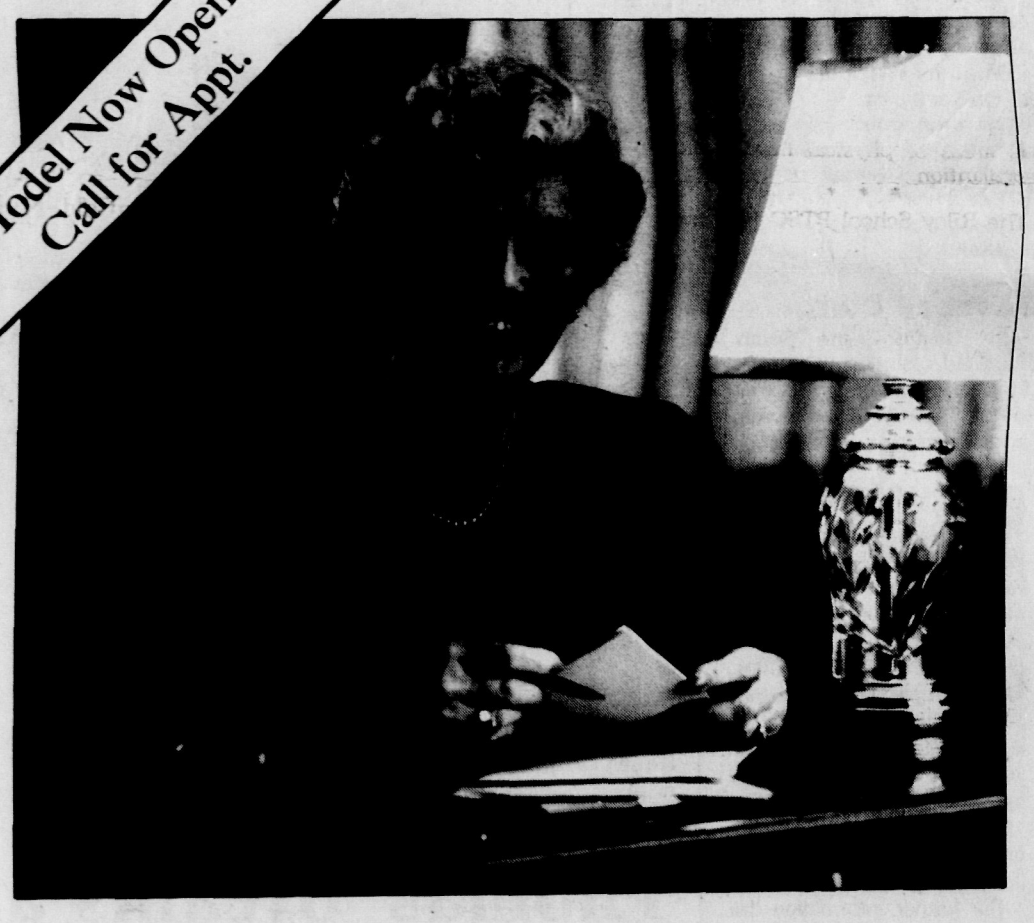

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South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club Commissioner Phil Aiello.

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SIDELINES

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The South Plainfield Recreation Commission is sponsoring a 3 on 3 double elimination basketball tournament to be held the weekends of May 13-15 and May 21-22.

Each team is guaranteed to play in two games. The games will take place at the South Plainfield PAL Recreation Center, 1250 Maple Avenue in 4 divisions: ages 15-17, 18-22, 23-29 and 30 and over. Teams can consist of no more than five players. Team sponsors are welcomed and registration will take place on May 2. Please call 754-9000, extension 253 for further information, playing rules and applications.

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Scholarships

Scholarship applications for South Plainfield residents who participated in the South Plainfield Recreation Ponytail League are available at the High Schoool Guidance Office from coach Don Panzarella or by writing to P.O. Box 441. Applicants must be seniors and must have played a minimum of three years in the Ponytail League. All applications must be returned to P.O. Box 441 by May 1, 1994.

The April meeting of the parents association will take place on Tuesday April 19, 1994 at the snack bar at Pitt St. Park at 8 p.m.

The organization will also be holding its field clean-up preparation Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. Opening day has been scheduled for Saturday April 23.

Baseball Club

On Saturday the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club is planning to hold its annual opening day parade and ceremonies.

Clark Wildcats

The Jersey Wildcats girls fast-pitch softball organization will hold tryouts for the summer season Sunday, May 15 at 10 a.m. at Johnson Regional High School in Clark. The rain date is Sunday, May 22 at the same time.

The Wildcats, in their 15th year, will again field three teams — age 14-and-under, 16-and-under and 18-and-under. The season runs from June 1-Aug. 1.

For further information call Jody D'Amato at 908-382-6275.

The Hot Spot

Tomorrow the South Plainfield softball team will face Metuchen on the road at 3:45 p.m.

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Tigers reach tourney final as Cirigliano settles down

By JOSEPH W. SAMULKA
THE REPORTER

After being down 4-0 in the bottom of the first inning Saturday the South Plainfield High baseball team seemed to be destined for defeat.

However, by afternoon's end the Tigers (1-1) had come back with an overwhelming offensive display to post a 16-6 triumph over Plainfield, assuring them a spot in the North Plainfield Tournament championship game against Watchung Hills, which beat North Plainfield 8-1 in the other first-round clash.

The finale is Saturday at North Plainfield's Krausche Field at 7 p.m.

In the top of the first inning the Cardinals reeled off four runs against Tiger starter Joe Cirigliano, who was unusually wild in the first inning.

The Tiger hurler, who had only walked 10 in 37 innings last year, surrendered four free passes in four innings of work, including three in the first inning.

The Cardinals scored all their runs in the first on only one hit (a double) as they were assisted by three walks, and an infield error.

However, the Tigers eager to defend their tourney championship, then rallied with five runs of their own in the bottom of the inning.

The Tiger hitting prowess was led by Mike Kurilew, an RBI double; Charlie Garcia, a two-run double; Mike Colicchio an RBI double, and Cirigliano, an RBI single.

After the five-spot the Tigers put up in the opening inning, they never trailed the game.

Cirigliano, who used his curveball to fluster the Cardinals the rest of the way, then settled down as he was able to find the strike zone allowing only three other baserunners to reach safely.

"He didn't come out ready," said Tigers Head Coach Steve Novak on his starter's early erratic pitching problems. "Four walks by Joe in four innings was surprising but there was some positive, he's a very, very hard worker and he reminds me a lot of Phil Aiello Jr. — (a former Tiger standout) he's got a great work ethic."

It seemed Cirigliano was trying to force the ball over the plate, trying too hard to hit the corners.

"He was overthrowing in the first inning and that messed up his mechanics — he's not a strikeout and walk pitcher," said Novak. "He's a control guy — he likes to mix it up and once he got his change-up going he was alright."

Cirigliano struck out six batters, his career high, in only four innings of work. Colicchio then pitched the final inning and allowed two runs on no hits as he walked four batters.

On the hitting side, Garcia was 3 for 4 with 5 RBI, Kurilew was 2 for 3 and Cirigliano was 2 for 4 for a South Plainfield team which collected 13 hits Saturday, in addition to the 11 they registered on opening day against Monroe last Monday.

"I'm pleased with the victory and the clutch hitting but I was surprised with lack of control of both pitchers. We'll face Watchung Hills, which is probably a top-15 team, Saturday. They're a tough Group Four school. It'll be a great challenge because I coached against all the kids at Watchung when I coached North Plainfield in the summer league."

A pending Greater Middlesex Conference-White Division game against Cedar Ridge, which was postponed on April 6, may be made up in the afternoon this Saturday before the

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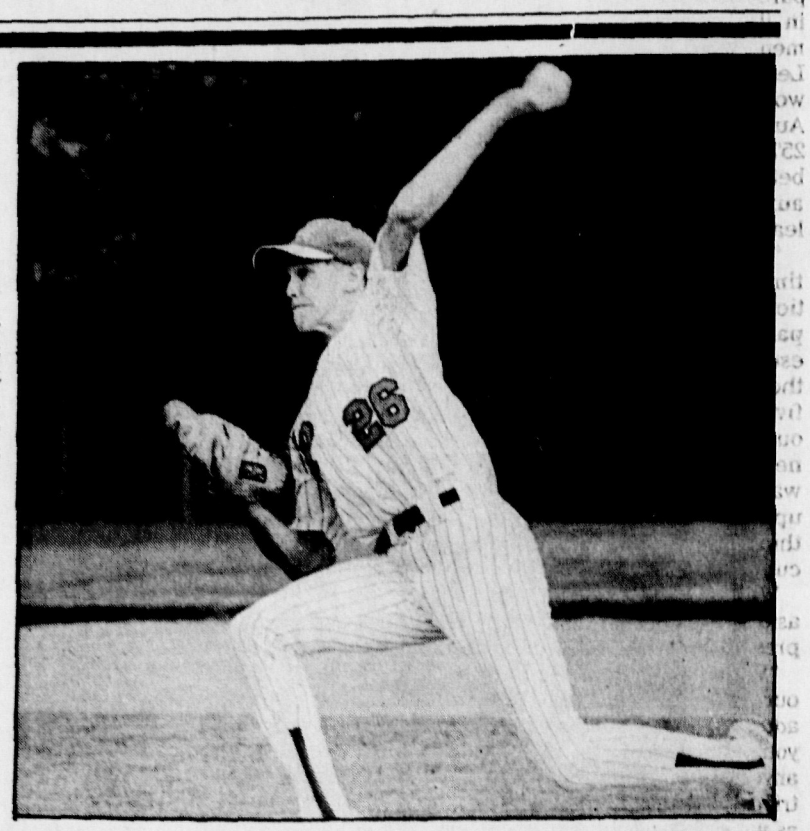

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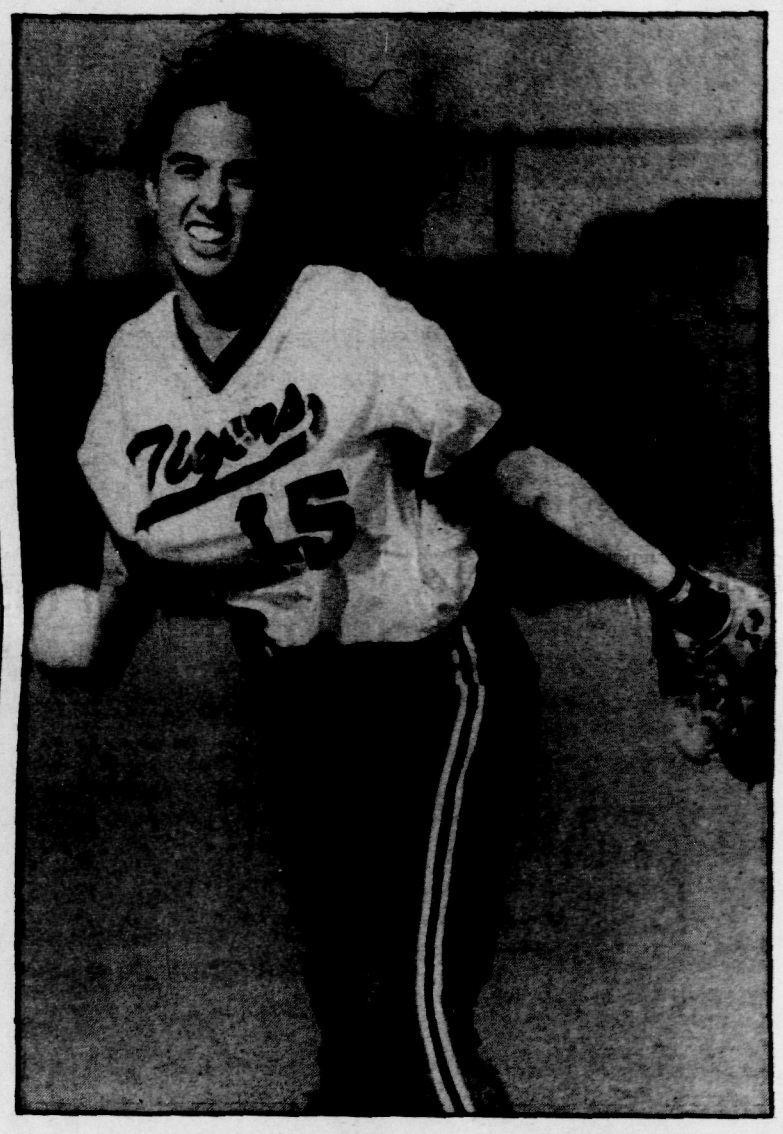
South Plainfield hurler Joe Cirigliano starts his wind-up in recent action. The Tiger pitcher chalked up a win over Plainfield on Saturday as he recorded a career-high six strikeouts.



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South Plainfield starting pitcher Laura Matticola in action against Sayreville last Tuesday. The Tiger mound-minder recorded the win in the 16-1 trouncing over the Bombers.

Cochrane harnesses velocity in consecutive shutout wins

By JOSEPH W. SAMULKA
THE REPORTER

For Rutgers University pitcher Chris Cochrane, a 1991 graduate from South Plainfield High School, there was no doubt he would be a reliable pitcher for the Scarlet Knights this season it was just a question of when.

After an 0-3 start which included losses to the University of Miami and Georgia, Cochrane, a junior who had posted 7-3 and 4-2 records the previous two years, was in the midst of one of his worst slumps at the school.

However, in Cochrane's last three starts, which occurred against conference opponents, he's compiled a 3-0 record and a 1.42 earned run average while recording two consecutive shutouts.

The first blanking was against St. Bonaventure on April 2, which was leading the Atlantic-10 in hitting at the time. The second occurred last Saturday against George Washington in which the junior allowed just three hits while registering eight strikeouts.

"Against St. Bonaventure we played a lot of good defense — we turned some double plays when we needed it," said Cochrane. "I felt in control."

Indeed the former Tiger was as he allowed no runners to reach third base.

"In the George Washington game I felt I was in control even more, I got more strikeouts and I had them off balance and that me set up the fastball," Cochrane related.

The answers for the turn-around have been simple according to the Scarlet Knight junior.

"Coach (Rutgers Head Coach Fred Hill) and I worked on making sure I had a consistent release point," said Cochrane. "We worked on making sure I wasn't rushing because I tend to get overanxious. Coach Hill taught me so much like how to pitch in game situations, and how to pitch to certain batters and things like that."

In his high school days, in which he was a member of the Tigers 1990, and 1991 Greater Middlesex Conference White Division Champion teams, as well as an integral part of the 1991 pitching staff which set and still holds the National record of consecutive scoreless innings (54) for a high school, Cochrane was known as a fastball pitcher.

However, in order to be successful in the collegiate and professional level the Tiger needed to develop other pitches to complement his 'bread and butter pitch' which had been clocked as high as 91 miles per hour at Rutgers.

"He's actually a better pitcher today than in high school," said South Plainfield Head Coach Steve Novak. "He was more of a thrower in high school and more of a true pitcher in college. If he keeps it up he'd be an excellent prospect and will probably be drafted."

What has made Cochrane more effective has been his ability to throw the change-up, the curveball, and the slider consistently for the past two weeks. The reason for Cochrane's less than stellar start of the season was due to the Scarlet Knight's inability to throw his complementary pitches over the plate.

"Hopefully I'm straightened out," said Cochrane, who was only one of two Tiger pitchers which Novak allowed to start at the varsity level.

"I wasn't concentrating on the mound in the beginning. I was getting the fastball over but I had nothing else. I was walking batters and all I had was the fastball and they were teeing off it. I always had the other pitches but I didn't have control over them," Cochrane commented."

Novak, who ranks Cochrane as one of the top four pitchers who have ever donned the green and white colors of South Plainfield, tried to explain why the Scarlet Knight junior has been a mound magician of late.

"He's a fierce competitor — he hates to lose. He doesn't have perfect mechanics but he's improved. He'll succeed as long as he works hard," said the Tiger coach who appreciates Cochrane's mound presence. "He was just born with the physical attributes to succeed."

Thomas' dreams are reached at Augusta

By JOSEPH W. SAMULKA
THE REPORTER

South Plainfield's Jeff Thomas was able to live out a life-long goal which many only dream about.

Last Thursday and Friday the 35-year-old Thomas, who plays golf regularly at the Plainfield West Nine in Plainfield, was facing the greats of golf.

Names like Greg Norman, Tom Watson, Bernhard Langer, Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer were playing on the same course as the amateur at Augusta National in Augusta, Ga. at the Masters.

Thomas, who completed the tourney with the second-lowest score among amateurs, registered a two-round total of 156 which was 12-over-par. John Harris finished highest among amateurs with a 305 over four rounds.

In being one of four amateurs to play at Augusta this year, Thomas was the first New Jersey novice to be invited to the Masters in its 60 year history. He received the invitation by winning the United States Mid-Amateur Championships in September.

Paired with Colin Montgomerie on Friday, Thomas as well as his counterpart, failed to qualify to play in the third and fourth rounds as both were not within 10 strokes of the leader, Larry Mize, who shot a 68 and 71 after the first two rounds.

"It's kind of a dream come true," said Thomas who played for the South Plainfield High School golf team from 1972 to 1976. "I never dreamed to be on a course like this — let alone to play at the Masters. I thought I played pretty well, I thought that I could have scored lower but it was a good experience and I proved that I could play without being nervous."

Thomas revealed that for him the Masters wasn't about scores, pars, and birdies; it was about soaking up the festivities and enjoying the company of the professionals.

"Just to be on the course and to play in the tournament was a thrill. The highlight was playing with Arnold Palmer in a practice run," said Thomas, a four-time All-America at Ramapo College, who won the New Jersey Amateur Tournament seven times.

"He (Palmer) said a few things to me but nothing major."

Highlights in the tournament itself for Thomas included being at par after the first five holes on Thursday and after seven Friday.

However, Thomas admitted he ran into trouble from holes seven through 12 as he learned a lesson.

"You need to be patient and can't be too greedy," Thomas said. "The greens are fast and you have to stop from trying to attack the golf course. It's a course that you can't let up on — you need to be sharp."

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South Plainfield's Taryn Decker makes the snag to retire a Watchung Hills batter on Saturday at home. The Tigers lost 5-3 as their record fell to 1-1. Watchung won the game in the top of the sixth inning with a two-run double.

Parent interest in Little League increasing in South Plainfield

By JOSEPH W. SAMULKA
THE REPORTER

South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club's Little League program, which will be in its 41st year of existence, has gone through many changes.

Interest in the community regarding little league has been at varying levels throughout the four decades. However, a trend which begun in the late 1980s, continuing through the early part of the 1990s, has league center core personnel ecstatic.

In the late 1970s through the middle 1980s it seemed, for whatever reason, parent interest in the league was non-existent. According

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Little League

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to the Junior Baseball Club Commissioner Phil Aiello, the parent participation reached its low point in the mid 1980s as only 150-175 men were active in the Little League Men's Club and only 35-40 women were active in the Lady's Auxiliary. But today there are over 257 men in the Men's Club and between 70 to 80 women in the auxiliary who assist the little league in any way they can.

"I think the hard economic times stopped it (parent participation) — but in this generation the parents are much more interested," said Aiello who realized the lack of parent participation five or six years ago and tried various gimmicks to generate a renewed interest in the league. "I was standing on my head (to pump up interest). If you'd see me you'd think I was ring master in the circus."

Well, what Aiello did was to put aside differences which is always present in organizations.

"What we started was to check our egos at the door. I said (to adults willing to participate) if you'd have a problem with me or anyone else don't get active. We tried to keep the attitudes in check as we emphasized the positive. We tried to establish a club first, 'me' second feeling," the commissioner said.

Being involved in little league takes up roughly one half of the year as preparations begin in February while the championship games are still continuing through the summer months. In this period of time Aiello also said at times, adults, most of whom are parents, become somewhat drained and get like he says, 'cranky'. In those instances Aiello suggests those people take a night off to clear his or her head and come back another time.

Another feeling that Aiello and the core has tried to instill is to try to keep each members' political beliefs out of the realm of the organization's goals. However, even Aiello couldn't explain how this was accomplished.

"For some reason we didn't get political — a 'me against you' mentally. This club has been able to put aside its differences and that's why it has grown to the extent that it has (including the parent participation)," Aiello commented.

The numbers speak for themselves — out of the 511 children who registered according to Aiello, there are 414 children that have at least one parent active in the little league. The numbers are expected to increase throughout the 1990s.

Aiello also said, as a direct result from parent involvement, six playing fields have been upgraded and lights have been installed in two of the 'small fry' fields.

"It's all due to the parent support and the goals of the center core people — its a heart-warming organization — they live it and breath it (little league)," said Aiello.

The little league core people, who in addition to the parent involvement which has made the league a success, include: Pete Magnani, the recording secretary; John Celentano, the corresponding secretary; Vic Minicozzi, the uniform and equipment manager; Victor Kurilew, the chairman of the boosters and fund raisers; Ray Del Nero, the coordinator of raffles; Dan Wasnick, treasurer; Sam Alexander, the chairman of opening day ceremonies; Adele Boyton, the President of the Lady's Auxiliary; and of course Aiello, the commissioner.

"The big thing we all want to provide is quality baseball for the youth and try to establish a family-type atmosphere. We're proud of the fact we're able to reach the families and get the responses we want without the hoopla of council."

Aiello, whose in his third term as commissioner, later added he believes the community at theses little league contests forget their problems and enjoy themselves — that's what he's most proud of.

All tolled there are 40 teams which make up the five leagues. The season will commence Saturday with a parade beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Borough Hall which will then proceed to the little league baseball complex at 10 a.m. on Kenneth Avenue. This year two 'lifelong' members of South Plainfield little league will be honored in its "Hall of Fame" — Rich Giordano and Charlie Decker, who have served the South Plainfield little league for over 15 years, will be honored with a 'lifelong membership award'.

In addition, Catherine Flannery, (Joe Flannery's daughter) who was chosen Miss Opening Day, will walk in the procession with Ellen Decker Fredrickson (Charlie Decker's's daughter), a former Miss opening Day participant who won the Governor's Award for teaching excellence at Roosevelt Elementary School.

Baseball Preview

South Plainfield vs. Watchung Hills

Date: Saturday, April 16
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Krausche Field, Rt. 22, North Plainfield

South Plainfield (1-1)

The Tigers, the defending Greater North Plainfield Tournament champions, reached the finals once again by disposing of Plainfield 16-6 in the first round last Saturday at Plainfield.

Catcher Charlie Garcia who recorded five runs batted in while stroking three hits in five at bats was the leader in a ferocious Tiger hitting attack which tallied 13 hits. In South Plainfield's season-opener they recorded 11 hits in a loss to Bishop Ahr which further solidifies the fact that they are dangerous with the aluminum.

The Tigers can hit the stuffing out of the ball but the problem they faced all year was how to get the timely hit. If the Tigers can bunch of their hits against a talented Watchung Hills team, which is ranked in the top 15, they may be poised for an upset.

Other hitters to note for the Tigers include: Mike Kurilew, Mike Colicchio and Chris Rhodes.

Watchung Hills Warriors (3-0)

The Hustin' Warriors are an experienced club, which is likely to repeat as Somerset County and Skyland Conference-Delaware Divison champs. None of Watchung's games this year have been very close, as they most recently dispatched North Plainfield in the first round of the tournament 8-1 Saturday.

Few teams can boast a pitching staff as strong as Watchung. Ben Matsil is one of the area's best and the Warriors lose little if Brian Runaldue takes the mound. Matsil opened the season 13-inning shutout streak.

Centerfielder Craig Campestre gives the Warriors plenty of speed on the basepaths, and their sluggers, like catcher/first baseman Greg Mobus and Chris Vitolo, make Watchung a legitimate home run threat. Matsil and Runaldue are fine hitters as well.

Defensively, Watchung has sure-handed fielders Adam Eder and Tom Tremarco in the infield and Frank Messensio has done well behind the plate.

Prediction: Watchung 8, South Plainfield 4

Brooks, Onoszko and Dambraskas lead the Tigers in win over Roselle Catholic

By JOSEPH W. SAMULKA
THE REPORTER

The Tigers won their fourth straight match of the season, 162-207, over Roselle Catholic at the Roselle Country Club.

Top Tiger scorers were **Chris Brooks**, 38; **Chris Onoszko**, 39; **Kevin Campana**, 42 and **John Dambraskas**, 43.

"I'm happy with the way the team is playing," said South Plainfield Head Coach Mike Kavka. "Last year we started 4-0 but we were fortunate. This year everyone wants to contribute and play. It's a nice situation for a coach to be in when eight can play — the others (the reserves) aren't far behind."

Today the Tigers will face South Brunswick, the defending Greater Middlesex Conference White Division Champions.

"This is more important for them (the Vikings) than us — in order to win the GMC you figure you have to win at home. If we were at home then the pressure would be on us."

Kavka added, "They're (South Brunswick) a well coached team and its a pleasure to play them because they're a class act."

South Plainfield 196, J.F. Kennedy 268—South Plainfield won its third straight game since the opening season commenced Friday against J.F. Kennedy High School, 196-268.

Brooks, Dambraskas and Onoszko were main contributors to the route as they compiled a 34, 34 and 39, respectively.

South Plainfield 196, Wardlaw 268—The Tigers thumped Wardlaw-Hartridge at the Plainfield West Nine Thursday as Brooks, Campana, Dambraskas, Onoszko, and **Anthony Perez** scored a 35, 37, 37, 37, and 41, respectively.

South Plainfield 226, Metuchen 282 —The Tigers won their season-opener at Tamarack Golf Course on Tuesday. Brooks was the low scorer for South Plainfield as he registered a 38.

TENNIS

Improving to 2-0 as they whipped South River 5-0 on Friday, the Tigers were led by the first, second and third singles trio of **Dwayne Limerick, Sean Finnerty** and **Robbie Perhach**, who won in straight sets: 6-2, 6-3; 6-3, 6-2; and 6-1, 7-6 (7-4).

South Plainfield 3, Bishop Ahr 2 The Tigers beat Bishop Ahr 3-2 last Tuesday in their first meeting of the season at Bishop Ahr. The difference in the contest was South Plainfield's ability to sweep the doubles events.

Scott Ribar and Perhach won their first doubles matches 6-2, 3-6, 6-0 over Tom Nalieckal and Paul Delery while the Tiger second doubles team of **Jeremy Hart** and **Nirek Rostagi** defeated Lou Kelly and Joe Castelluccio, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

"I'm very pleased with the first two (Tiger contests)," said South Plainfield Head Coach Roger Wood. "Dwayne is becoming more consistent now, he's more mature and more experienced."

Finnerty, who has become more aggressive on the courts, has also been a contributing factor in the Tiger success as he has developed a more consistent serve.

Perhach is also playing more aggressively in his role on the team..

As for the Tiger future it may come in the form of **Brian Louis Kaques**. Although he lost his first singles match 4-6, 4-6 in the season-opener against Bishop Ahr, he has shown some promise Wood believes.

In addition to Louis Kaques, there is a group of six (four freshman and two sophomores) Tigers that may form the South Plainfield nucleus in the years to come.

"We'll be down for a year or two (after this season) but hopefully the group we have now can go far," Wood said.

With a 2-0 start the Tigers feel they have a chance to be heard from in the divisional, county and state play. Four indicators that will tell the story are the matches against J.F. Kennedy, Monroe, Madison Central and South Brunswick.

SOFTBALL

The Tigers were topped by Watchung Hills 5-3 Saturday as Ganel Bonacci's two run double in the sixth inning broke open a 3-3 enabling the Warriors to snare victory.

Malikah Bryant smacked two doubles for the Tigers.

South Plainfield 16, Sayreville 1 —The Tigers overpowered Sayreville 16-1 last Tuesday on the road as **Kristy Moore** went 4 for 5 with a home run, two runs batted in, and four runs scored while **Jen Santoro** and Bryant each chipped in with three hits.

The Tigers are now 1-0 while the Bombers are 0-1.

BOYS TRACK

The Tigers, in their season-opener against Hopewell Valley, were dropped by the Bulldogs, 98-32 on Thursday.

Picking up first-place for the Tigers were **Carl Borre**, long jump, 19-foot-eight; **Brian Towers**, pole vault, 10 feet; and **Chris Sylvester**, 200 meter dash, 25.6.

Second place finishes were recorded by **Bao Duong**, 800, 2:23; **Greg Kuhn**, shot put, 40-feet-2 ¾; **Malcolm Cumberbatch**, 100 and 400; 12.0 and 57.8.

Third place finishes were registered by **Alex Harris**, 800 and high jump; 2:26 and five-three;**Marc Hourican**, 3200, 12:22; Sylvester, 400, 58.5; **Tyree Staple**, 400 hurdles, 71.6; **Julian Ford**, high jump, 5-4; and **Bill Meixner**, discus, 103-5.

"Hopewell Valley is always a strong team and considering I'm happy with the results," said Tiger Head Coach Mike Capizola.

LOCAL SPORTS

SOCCER

Thunderbolts make debut

On Sunday the South Plainfield Flight in the Crystal 1 Division of the Mid New Jersey Youth Soccer Association faced the Hunterdon United Thunderbolts. The Thunderbolts held a 1-0 advantage five minutes into the second half before the game was called due to rain. It has yet to be determined if and when the game will be remade.

The South Plainfield team played despite only suiting nine players and performed well in the midst of the disadvantage.

The South Plainfield Coach Mike Kaduk said, "I thought we played well with only nine players. I thought we did well in being outnumbered — it's hard to go four against seven offensively. I feel we played well in their first game and we should be encouraged."

The South Plainfield defense consisted of Jen Mornett, the right fullback; Noelle Piscitelli; the sweeper, Jen Mornet; center fullback; Noelle Piscitelli, sweeper; Jennifer Checchio, left fullback; Janna Ganun, stopper; Keely Heyman, goalie.

Heyman stopped 25 shots.

The offensive punch was provided by Jamie Devine, center striker; Kara Fava, left halfback; Jen Haduk, right halfback; and Rachel Blount, center half.

In the first half South Plainfield had their opportunities as they had three consecutive corner kicks midway through the first half. However, they were unable to find net.

Trout season opens with mixed results

Outdoors
By Dennis Suler Jr.

Although anglers venturing to local streams last weekend for New Jersey's long-awaited opening day of trout season experienced pleasant, sunny weather at the 8 a.m. opener, water conditions could be considered anything but seasonal, with rivers running high and unseasonably cold for early April.

Water temperatures at that time registered around the 40-degree mark, leaving trout lethargic and most anglers frustrated.

Local sporting merchants confirmed the frustration that could be seen on anglers' faces. Walt Davidge of WAG Sport Shop in Columbia said, "There just weren't that many fish caught, and most of the folks who did catch trout only got one or two fish."

Walt added that the majority of fish that were caught were quite small, measuring 10 inches at most.

Tom Frapaul of Simon Peter in Newton also reported the majority of the fish caught Saturday were small. He said the only trout weighed in at Simon Peter was a four-pound four-ounce rainbow trout caught in the Musconetcong River by Charlie Sadowski of Andover.

"Everyone was elbow-to-elbow," he replied when asked about the number of anglers on the rivers in the Sussex County area.

Rob McKenna of Dan's Sport Shop in Clinton reported lots of holdover brook trout being caught in the Musconetcong and South Branch of the Raritan River. This can not only be attributed to colder water temperatures but also the improving water quality of our local rivers, which now allows even the fragile brook trout the opportunity to survive on a year-round basis.

Rob added that Rich Wyatt of Iselin caught a 2½-pound brookie and Brett Schobert of Annandale took a 2¼-pound rainbow from the Musconetcong Saturday.

Jeff Hart of County Line Sport Shop in Hackettstown also reported a good number of holdover brookies being taken from the Muskie last weekend. He said he weighed in four brookies up to 2½ pounds, a brown trout weighing four pounds and a rainbow topping the scales at 4½ pounds. He said all the fish were taken from the Muskie.

Andy Scerniski of Ray's Sport Shop in North Plainfield reported elbow-to-elbow fishing on the Rockaway River, with most anglers using bait or silver Blue Fox spinners. Andy also said cold water has kept bass and pickerel fishing from being productive but trout fishing should be good within a week.

Ralph Nalepka Jr. of the Millstone Sports Shop in Millstone reports hit-and-miss opening day fishing, with some anglers doing well but the majority not catching many fish. The largest fish weighed at the Millstone shop was a 3½-pound rainbow taken from the South Branch of the Raritan.

Mark Jupina of Efinger Sporting Goods in Bound Brook said the local rivers' high, cold waters and the fact that those trout that were stocked at a time when rivers were quite high kept most anglers from catching good numbers of trout Saturday.

Mark said some anglers brought good-size fish into the store for Efingers' annual contest but most anglers caught few fish at all.

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BOWLING

Elks Club

Dan Uken Americanizm, Chairman of the South Plainfield Elks, on Saturday April 9, ran the Lodge's First Singles and Co-Ed Doubles Bowling Tournament at Strike and Spare Lanes on Route 22 in Greenbook. There were 22 men and 14 ladies that bowled in the Singles Tournament.

The singles winners were: Mike Zebro, 674; Al Mateyka, 673; Dan Labrandy, 653; Pattie Cassidy, 726; Barbara Shuleski, 669; and Eilene Uken, 610.

The co-ed doubles winners were: Tom Cole and Pattie Cassidy, 1308; John Shuleski and Barbara Schuleski, 1305; and Hank Lehman and Dale Lehman, 1222.

On Thursday April 7 at a general lodge meeting, the 1994 Elk of the Year was named and the winner was Tony Dymnioski.

Exalted Ruler John Shuleski presented John Muller with an award from the trustees of the lodge for his outstanding service to the lodge over the last six years.

Al Metyka was presented with an award for his distinguished service to the Elks Lodge.

IN THE COLLEGES

Bickunas shines at FDU

On April 4 FDU-Madison swept Upsala in a double-header, 7-3 and 2-0.

In the second game Kevin Bickunas, a sophomore from South Plainfield, collected two hits and drove in both Jersey Devil runs in while playing a solid third base.

IN THE NEWS

Phillies games

On Saturday, June 25, 1994, the PAL Recreation Center will be sponsoring a trip to the Philadelphia Phillies vs. the Atlanta Braves game at Veterans Stadium. The bus will leave the PAL Recreation Center parking lot at 4:30 p.m. and the game begins at 7:05 p.m. Great seats are available, call for more details. The cost for residents is $16 for an adult ticket and $14 for a child while nonresidents will pay $22. The fee includes deluxe motorcoach transportation and ticket to the game. Reservations are now being accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

On Thursday, August 11, 1994, the PAL Recreation Center will be sponsoring another trip to a Phillies game, this time versus the New York Mets. The bus will leave the PAL Recreation Center parking lot at 5:00 and the game will begin at 7:35 p.m. Excellent seats are available, call for more details. Residents will again pay $16 for an adult ticket and $14 for a child while , nonresidents will pay $22. The fee includes deluxe motorcoach transportation and ticket to the game.

CJ BASKETBALL CAMP

The **Central Jersey Basketball Camp** directed by Somerville High athletic director Neil Horne and high school coaches Wayman Everly of Watchung Hills and Kathy Matthews of Union Catholic will be held in July at the Lawrenceville School in Mercer County.

The camp — open to youngsters ages 9-17 — will have a girls session the week of Sunday, July 17 through Friday, July 22, along with the boys. The boys-only camp is July 24-29.

The CJ Camp is in its 21st year of operation and attracted over 400 boys and girls last year. The staff is comprised primarily of high school coaches and college players from Union, Somerset, Hunterdon, Monmouth, Middlesex and Mercer counties.

Among the camp's primary features are top college and high school players serving as counselors, 2½-hour drill sessions each day where the focus is on fundamentals in small groups, five full indoor courts, and two or three games a day.

For further information call Horne at 654-5691 or Everly at 654-5424 any evening, or write to Horne at 627 Hanford Place, Westfield, 07090.

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The classes, which are held at the P.A.L. Recreation Center cost $20 and are open to South Plainfield resident 18 and over. The classes are offered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday under the tutelage of Maureen Noll, a certified aerobics instructor.

Aerobics takes place from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m., and two body toning classes are offered from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

To register please fill out a registration form with a check for $20.00 and return to the South Plainfield Recreation Office located in the PAL Recreation Center, 1250 Maple Avenue. Registrations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. Please make checks payable to South Plainfield Recreation. For more information please call 754-9000, extension 253.

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3 For All

The South Plainfield Recreation Department is proud to be a local host of the all new "3 For All" girls' basketball skills competition, a program for non-varsity female basketball players ages 12-18.

Skills to be tested include "Super Shot" where players attempt to get the maximum number of points possible in 60 seconds; "Speed Dribble", a contest of speed and agility, and "Free Throw", where contestants try to make as many shots as possible in 10 attempts.

"3 For All" was designed to encourage recreational girls' basketball programs and is sponsored by Reebok and the Womens' Sports Foundation. Prizes will be awarded in the three age categories, 12-13, 14-15 and 16-18.

South Plainfield's "3 For All" will be held Sunday, April 10 at the P.A.L. Recreation Center and is free to all South Plainfield resident girls ages 12-18 who are not involved in varsity basketball

Ages 12-13 start at 1 p.m., ages 14-15 start at 2 p.m. and ages 16-18 start at 3 p.m.

Local winners receive a Reebok T-shirt and will advance to the regional contest to be held Saturday. Regional winners will receive a pair of Reebok sneakers, a New Jersey Nets cap, and two tickets to the final regular season Nets game on April 23. Regional winners advance to the final competition held at the Spectrum in Philadelphia on April 24.

For more information please call 754-9000, extension 253.

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CJ Senior Baseball League

The Central Jersey Men's Senior Baseball League, for men age 30 and over, has expanded from 14 to 22 teams for the upcoming season. In addition, the league is starting an age 40-and-over division which has two squads thus far.

Interested players, coaches and established teams for both age brackets can contact the CJMSBL representative in their area for further information.

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Nets Game

The South Plainfield Recreation Department is sponsoring a bus trip to see a New Jersey Nets game tomorrow for $16.00. The bus will leave at 6:00 p.m. from the PAL. The game between the Nets and the Detroit Pistons will begin at 7:30 p.m. Price includes deluxe motor coach transportation, ticket to the game, a Nets basketball cap, and a voucher for a free meal at White Castle. For more information, call 754-9000, ext. 253.

RUNNING

Race applications and information booklets for the Midland Run — one of New Jersey's most anticipated sporting events — are available at most area health clubs, athletic and sporting goods stores.

Applications may also be obtained by mailing a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: The Midland Run, Box 5026, North Branch, N.J. 08876 or calling 908-722-7903.

The gun will sound for the Midland Run at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 15 at AT&T's Moorland Farms off Route 202 in Far Hills. More than just an athletic competition, the event has evolved into a "Festival of Fun and Fitness" and attracts over 4500 runners and 20,000 spectators.

It's the principle fund-raiser for the Midland School, a non-profit rehabilitation center in North Branch which serves the special education needs of children with learning disabilities, communication disorders and behavior problems. The Midland School was recently recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as one of the nation's top three schools for disabled children.

Set to a backdrop of rolling green hills, the Midland Run features day-long activities. Some highlights include elaborate tailgate picnicking, a band fest with three popular local bands, strolling clowns and roaming TV cartoon characters, parachuting by Hunterdon County's Sky Dive East, and Bazookas Celebrity Autograph Tent, where festival-goers may vie for autographs and pictures from among nearly 50 radio, television and sports personalities.

The premier event — the Bellemead Development Corporation/Chubb-sponsored men and women's 15-kilometer race — is one of the most scenic in the country, touring the rich countryside of Far Hills, Peapack, Bedminster and Bernardsville. The race is designed as this year's USATF-New Jersey 15-K championship.

The Abe Powelson Memorial 5-K race is the most popular event of the day. The 5-K race follows a rural path through the hills and country roads of Somerset Hills and includes a Corporate Team Challenge.

Then there's the Johnson & Johnson Somerset County two-mile ramble fitness walk, a non-competitive, leisurely stroll, and the Lollipop Races for children age 10 and younger.

A total of $8000 in purse money will be divided among the top five male and female finishers in each race and awards to the top three finishers in each of nine age groups. Corporate team awards will be given to the first three teams — male and female — with three awards per team.

For the first time, this year a "Midland Masters" purse will be awarded to the top 15-K over-40 male and female finishers.

For more information about sponsorships or advertising opportunities, tailgate picnic applications, tents for group outings or serving as a distribution center for Midland Run applications, call 722-7210.

NEW PROVIDENCE — Somerville's Lindsay Nakajima, 37, of Somerville finished seventh overall in 35:48 and was second in his age group in Sunday's New Providence 10-K Run. **Mike Harnett,** 23, of Cranford was ninth in 35:48.

• Age division winners on the 6.1-mile course included Richard Dobkin, 48, of Watchung (40:30), William Eville, 36, of Watchung (41:18) and Rick Detrolio, 51, of Bound Brook (43:51). Women's age division winners included Barbara Hathaway, 40, of North Plainfield (46:33).

RINGWOOD — Piscataway's Roger Price, 45, placed 10th overall at the Ringwood Spring Festival 10-K Saturday, April 9. Price's time of 33:41 put him a minute-and-a-half ahead of the nearest competitor in the master's division.

NEW PROVIDENCE 10-K
Sunday, April 10
Local Results

Place Runner Name, Town, Age, Time
97. Walt Kalzha, South Plainfield, 45, 00:46:25.

APRIL CALENDAR

Saturday, April 16 — Rutgers University's Fund Raiser 5K, 10:30 am, Rutgers University New Outdoor Track and Field Complex at Piscataway campus (next to Rutgers Athletic Center). Race entry is $25. 908-932-4323.

April 17 — Cherry Blossom 10K, Newark, 10 am, 201-857-8530, 160 Fairview Ave., Cedar Grove, 07009, (MRGP-400 pts)

April 17 — Race For The Rainbow 5K, New Brunswick, 1 Mile at 10:30 am, 5 Mile at 11 am, NJNCPCA, 35 Halsey St., Newark, NJ 07102, 201-643-3710,(MRGP-400pts)
Mile at 9 am, 5 Mile at 9:30 am, 908-789-4080.

Cirigliano

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contest against Watchung Hills.

If the game is not played Cirigliano will be the starter, however, if the Cougar game is remade, the Tiger coaching staff will have to decide who will start.

"Overall they (Plainfield) were poor (in the field) but they're a Group IV school and we'll take it," Novak said.

Another bright spot for the Tigers occurred in lead-off position as shortstop Scott Gliechenhaus, who stole three bases, was 1 for 2. He reached base on two walks, a double, and a fielder's choice.

So all in all the Tiger coaching staff were the beneficiaries of what they had been striving for all season — timely hits, and improving defense.

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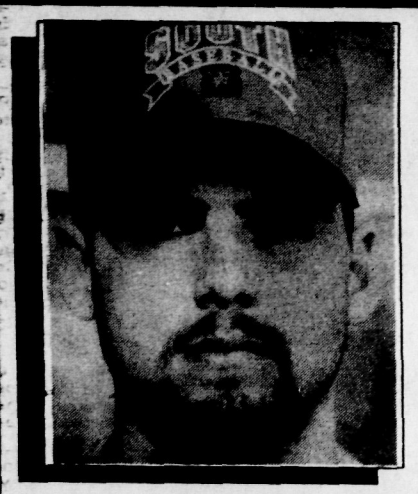

CHARLIE GARCIA
SOUTH PLAINFIELD

South Plainfield catcher Charlie Garcia was 3 for 4 with 5 runs batted in for the Tigers in the 16-6 win over Plainfield on Saturday in the first-round of the Greater North Plainfield Tournament. Garcia's efforts helped lift the Tigers into the championship game versus Watchung Hills Saturday at North Plainfield.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY is given that the following action was taken by the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Borough of South Plainfield at its meeting held on April 5, 1994.

Case #:

6-94/B — YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AUTO SERVICE COMPANY, INC. — d/b/a Home Town Auto Service, Block 541, Lot 13, Durham Avenue & Texas Avenue. Use Variance is GRANTED.

5-94 — JOHN & DEIRDRE ZIMMERMAN — Block 161, Lot 8, 113 Ivy Street. Variance from the rear/sideyard requirements is hereby GRANTED.

8-94 — WALT PODPORA — Block 337, Lot 9, 131 Delmore Avenue, Variance & a bulk (height) variance for elevation of garage roof to 19 ft. is GRANTED.

9-94 — NEW ERA DEVELOPMENT, INC. — Block 446, Lot 1.01, 901 Montrose Avenue. Use variance and request to be relieved of a formal site plan application were GRANTED.

83-92 — HARVEY SCOTT DEVENS — Block 393, Lot 3, Hamilton Boulevard and Matis Street. Applicant's request for waivers from 1. Environmental impact statement, 2. street trees, 3. storm water detention, 4. construction of curbs and 5. construction of sidewalks, were GRANTED.

68-92 — HARRIS STRUCTURAL STEEL COMPANY — Block 285, Lot 1, Block 286, Lots 1,3,4,5,6 & 9, Block 292, Lot 1. Request to approve site plan prepared and submitted by Menlo Engineering Assoc. revised 12/1/93 is APPROVED with conditions, a copy of which is on file in Borough Hall.

81-92 — GOOCHI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY — Block 362, Lot 11, Spicer Avenue. Applicant's request for a use variance is hereby DENIED.

Janice Muccilli
Secretary, Board of Adjustment

$19.27 R127 1x Apr. 14, 1994

PUBLIC NOTICE
BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

An appeal has been filed by DANIEL M. SMITH requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the construction of a 10' x 24' deck which would exceed maximum lot coverage by 12.5 sq.ft. (and site plan approval and subdivision approval) said property being located on Block 170, Lot 31 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protects against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 3, 1994, in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

The maps and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Building Inspector's Office, South Plainfield Borough Hall, any weekday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
RETURN OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE

TO: Alfonse Muglia
FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AT LOCATION: 126 Day Street, South Plainfield, NJ
LOT: 9.01 BLOCK: 392

A public meeting has been scheduled by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield to hear objections, if any, to the release of a Performance Guarantee posted by Alfonse Muglia for public improvements at 126 Day Street, South Plainfield, NJ, known as Lot 9.01 in Block 392 listed on the official tax maps of the Borough of South Plainfield. Said public hearing will be held 8:00 PM, Monday, April 25, 1994 in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

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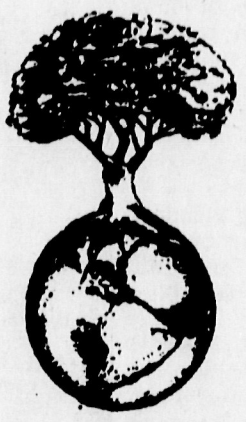

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(Never known to fail). Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and hear me, herein you are my mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3x). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me, I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted. My prayer has been granted. L.N.

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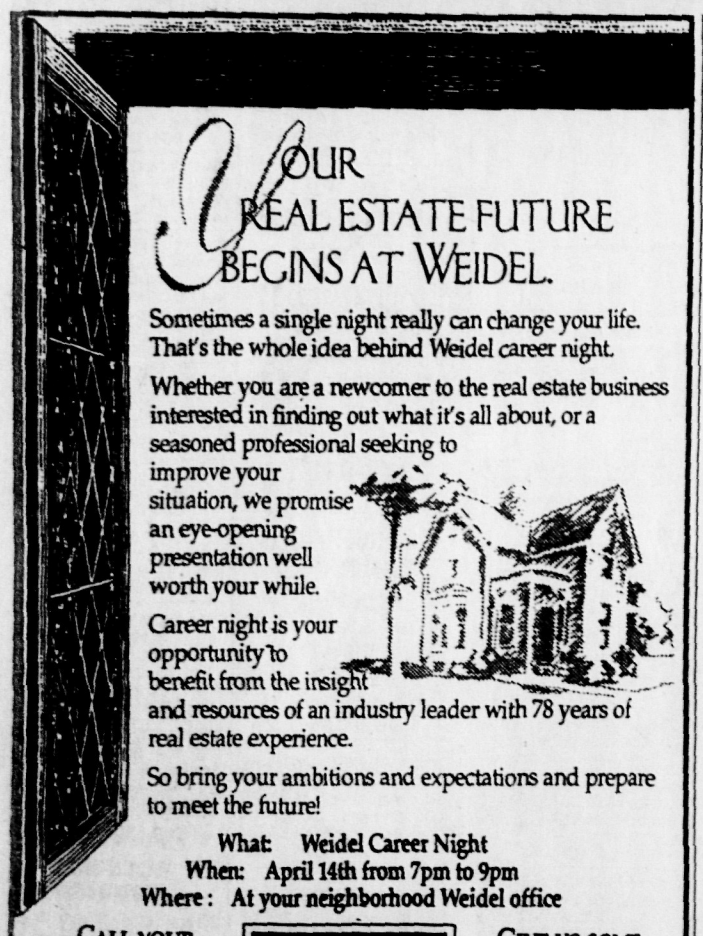

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Consumer-friendly pricing

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By TOM and BOB HAGIN
FORBES NEWSPAPERS

(Tom and Bob Hagin made a discovery recently. They found General Motors is on a mission. It wants to get some kind of competitive edge, so it's offering more "special" equipment on its products without raising prices in an effort to out-gun its imported and domestic counterparts. It's called "value pricing" and after researching the Monroney price sticker of today's four-door test vehicle, the new Pontiac Grand Prix, they were amazed to find 10 "options" included at no charge.

TOM: I like to see GM getting aggressive in pricing. It means that people like me may be able to afford a new car this year. Instead of five different models, Pontiac now offers two choices each on its sedan and coupe models. A refreshening of the automatic door locks is an important one. On last year's model, it was necessary to manually unlock the doors to exit the car. This year, the system automatically unlocks the doors after the ignition is switched off — a small but major enhancement.

BOB: Tom, in my wildest dreams I can't imagine you, a single guy, buying a four-door sedan. Your married brothers and sisters maybe, but not you. But I do like the idea of a younger family being able to afford a car with all the bells and whistles without having those extras add a couple of thousand dollars to the price. One of the ways The General seems to be able to do it is by freshening up

Generation Gap

an aging machine rather than going to the expense of a complete redesign. I'd like to think that most heads-up buyers recognize that the expense of change is passed on to the buyer.

TOM: There are only minor changes to the Grand Prix this year, inside and outside. Up front, a mild restyling identifies the upscale models, and inside, a half-moon shaped analog instrument cluster is all-new. There's a 115-mph speedometer, an optimistic 8,000-rpm tach, fuel level and coolant temperature gauges. I'd like to see an oil pressure gauge included, but a warning light nearby alerts the driver of lubricant problems. It's easy to reach the dashboard controls and new this year are rotary switches for climate control.

BOB: I don't agree with you on the need for an oil pressure gauge on the Grand Prix. By the time the average driver notices that the oil pressure has gone, the engine may have blown up. If anything, the "idiot lights" should be bigger. I like a lot of storage space in a car — space that's handy to the driver. The new floor console on this car has lots of cubbyholes for sun glasses, coffee cups and such.

TOM: Our model's fuel injected 3100 V6 engine is up five horsepower from last year, which has dropped 0-60 mph times from just over 11 seconds to 10.5. A new electronically controlled four-speed automatic transmission gives more positive shifting and increases the highway distance of a gallon of fuel. For myself, I'd look into the twin cam 3.4-liter optional V6 with 210 horsepower available in the GT sedan.

BOB: Hey, this isn't a performance model and that money would be better spent on groceries. Our test car wallowed somewhat on sweeping turns and was pretty soft. As I remember from my days as a young father, this tends to make young kids car sick. Your mother didn't do too well, either, Tom. A sensible option on the Grand Prix is the five-blade alloy wheels and 16" touring tires which gave excellent bite on wet or dry pavement. I like the idea of using upscale tires on family cars — it really gives more performance and, most important, safety. I also liked the fact that the Grand Prix has anti-lock brakes and dual airbags as standard equipment.

TOM: Another thing I'd like to see upscaled is the sound system. The unit that came as standard didn't seem to have good reception from FM stations that weren't really local and the quality seemed a bit flat. It could do with a more upscale speaker system to get more music into the rear seats.

BOB: There you go, thinking like a single guy again. More music in the back would just keep the kids awake.

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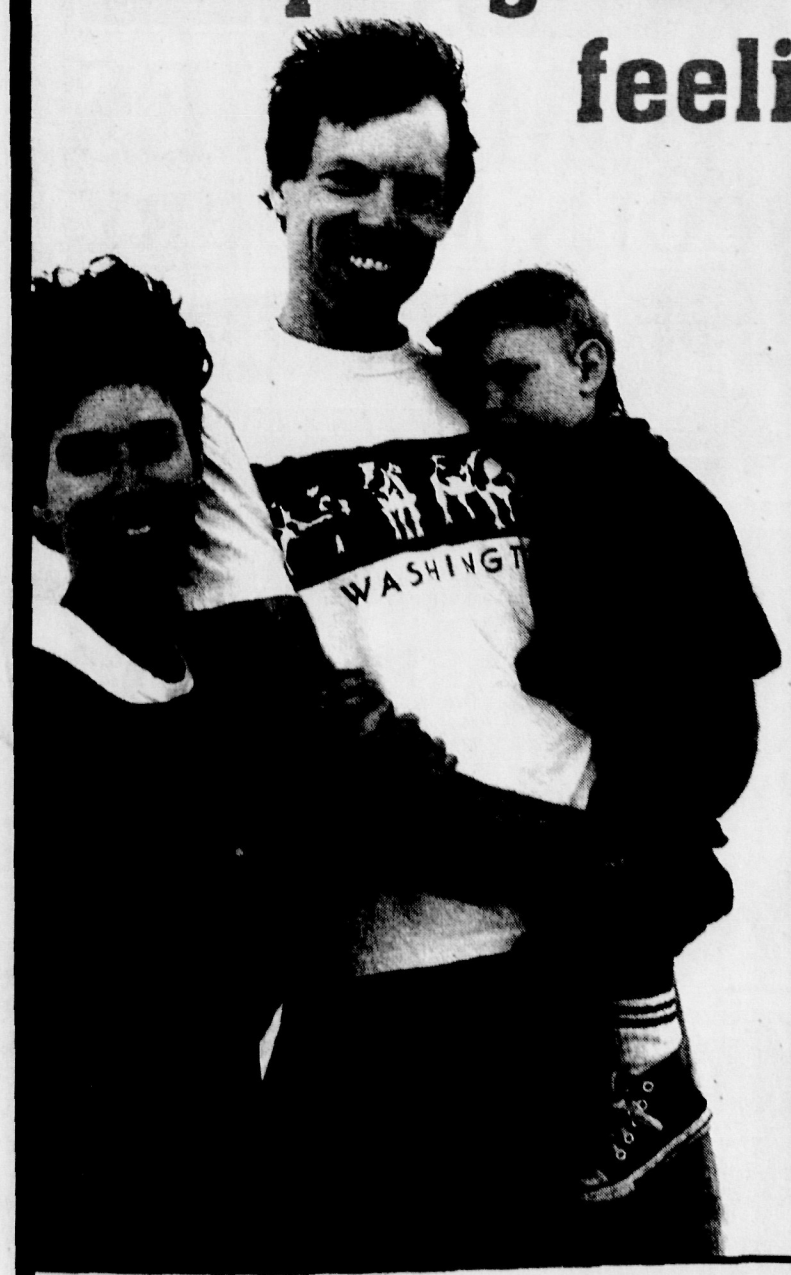

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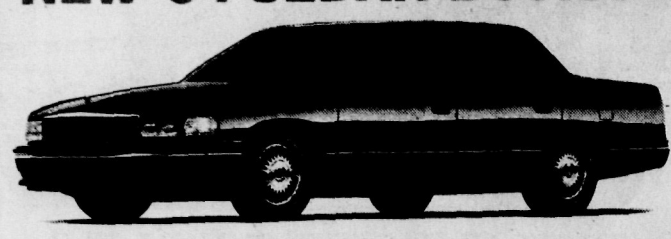

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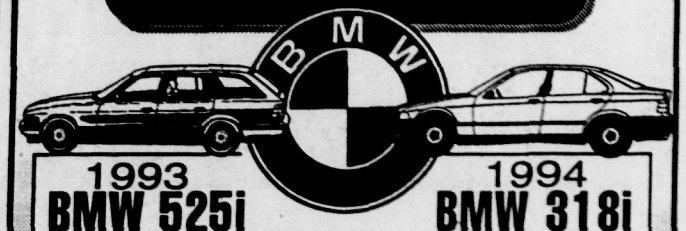

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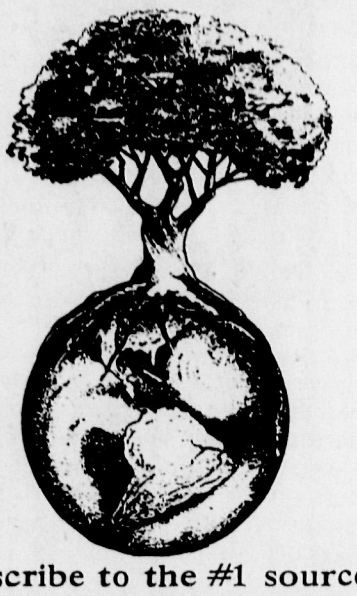

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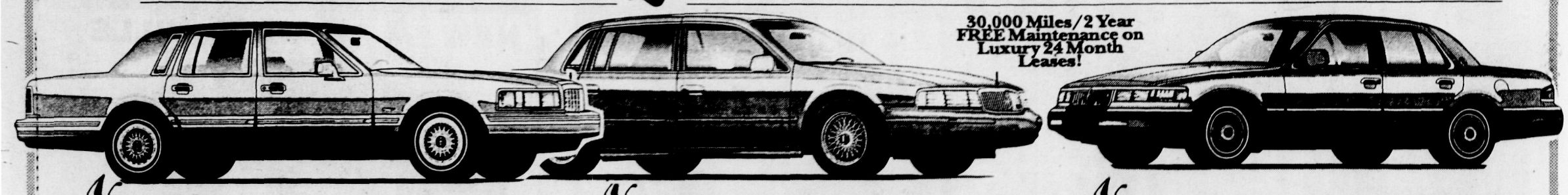

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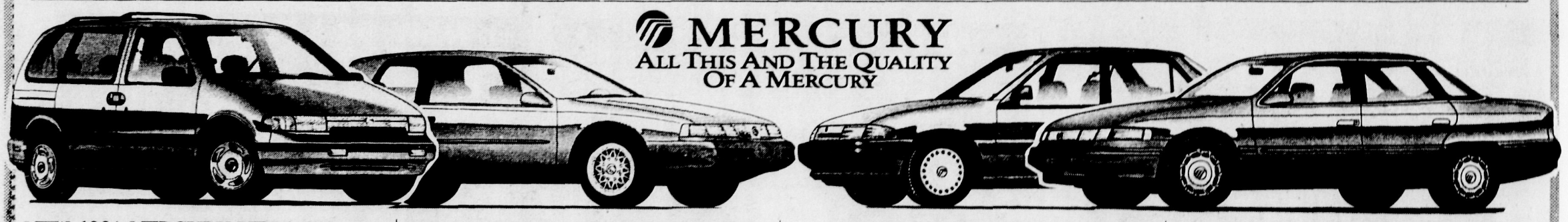

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Why is diesel so expensive?

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Automotive Q&A

Q As I understand the fuel distillation process and look back over the years of my not so terribly distant youth in Idaho, I find it extremely hard to understand a justification for the price of diesel fuel. Now I believe diesel to be one of the first fuels to come off the distillation line well before gasoline and in the '40s, '50s and early '60s, diesel fuel was half the price of gasoline. Why is diesel fuel now selling for more than gasoline at our local truck stop? I have always planned on a diesel ¾-ton pickup pulling a fifth wheel trailer for my retirement. But with the fuel cost and repair cost I'm in a quandary as to what to do. Is there a cost comparison for 100,000 miles between the two — one that includes maintenance costs? I wish there was a way to get the fuel issues back in line.

A As far as I know, there are no exact long-term overall cost comparison test results available between pickup trucks powered by diesel engines and those powered by gasoline engines of similar displacement. Trucking companies that run diesel tractors have those kinds of statistics and so would owners of pickup fleets, but I'm not privy to them. A colleague of mine switched from a rather vintage Chevrolet ¾-ton pickup a few months ago and went into a one-ton Cummins-powered Dodge. He tells me that although he now tows a fifth-wheel trailer rather than his old version, his mileage is now in the neighborhood of 17 miles per gallon rather than his former record of nine mpg. His major complaint now is that the hills he used to cruise over now require a lot of right-lane patience to crawl over. Why does diesel fuel cost as much or more than more sophisticated gasoline? I'm told that the real expense involved in selling liquid energy is handling and transportation but I'm sure that the profit margin has a lot to do with it.

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Q I'm about to do an engine overhaul on my '77 Bluebird RV that is powered by a 440-cubic-inch Dodge V8. We bought it secondhand and use it strictly for short three- and four-day vacations. I've been told that it would be wise to replace the standard exhaust manifold with a pair of tubular headers and would get better mileage as well as more power. Is this worth the investment?

A Although unbiased comparison figures aren't available here either, you'd probably get about a 5-7 percent increase in fuel mileage and maybe about the same in a power increase. Another plus for headers on your 440 is the fact that underhood heat is lowered, too. The big Chrysler V8 engines have a tendency to blow out the exhaust manifold gaskets and crack the iron manifolds themselves and headers can help. They also tend to reduce the frequency of heat-caused valve cover gasket shrinkage, too, and lessen the chances of them leaking motor oil onto the hot manifolds. If you're going to have the engine apart anyway, it's a good time to do the changeover, but be prepared to spend a good chunk of money on a good system.

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Q My '88 Chevrolet Celebrity V6 has around 80,000 miles on it and sometimes keeps running when I shut off the key. My son wants to remove the cylinder heads to remove what he calls carbon build-up. It sounds like the car would be disabled for a while and I would like to avoid this.

A Carbon build-up in the combustion chambers can cause hot spots that lead to dieseling by providing enough heat to ignite the fuel/air charge that's left there when the key is turned off. Before I'd go for pulling the engine apart, I'd try removing the carbon chemically with one of the commercial concoctions that are introduced into a running engine through the air intake system. If your son hasn't tried it before, you'd better have a pro do the job. The technique works great.

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Q I have a 1992 Ford Ranger pickup truck with about 23,000 miles on it. Last December I parked my truck in our company parking lot and went into work. About 30-45 minutes later, one of the women in the building called me and said that my truck was on fire. I went out to see the cab filled with smoke. The entire cab was seared from the heat and the dash was melted to the point where you could not see the speedometer or any other gauge. Has Ford had any other problems like this?

A After a half-dozen phone calls I reached Joy Wolfe at Ford's Customer Relations Department in Detroit. After researching her files and contacting those who are in the know, she said that there had only been one recall on the '92 Rangers and that involved a door latch mechanism. After a fire such as you describe, it's almost impossible for an average mechanic to identify the initial source of the flame. I suggest that you report the incident to Ford's Customer Relations Department yourself and give them the details. Also report it to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) since it may be something that comes on with age rather than mileage. Its hotline number is 1-800-424-9393.

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Q I've been told that there is a company that specializes in the sale of videos on automotive subjects. I've looked through book catalogs such as Automobile Quarterly's Quatrefoil and Steve Smith Autosports book catalog but there are just a few listed, and on a small number of subjects.

A The only one I know is Motor Cam, which lists everything from episodes of Car 54 Where Are You?to 60 minutes of the Grand Prix of Monaco and 300 more in between. It's at Box 4038 Wealthy Dr., Akron, OH 44321. Just reading the catalog is fun. Remember "Dragstrip Girl?"

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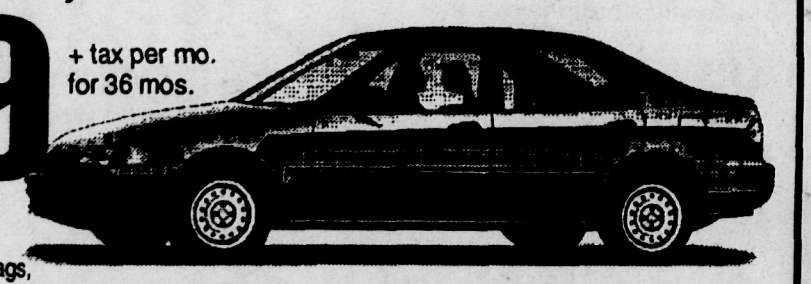

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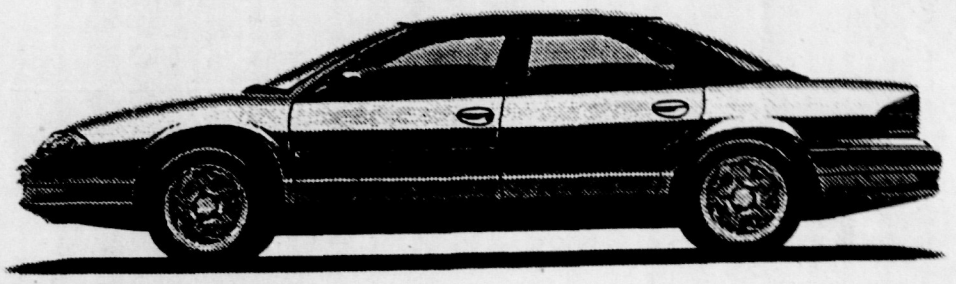

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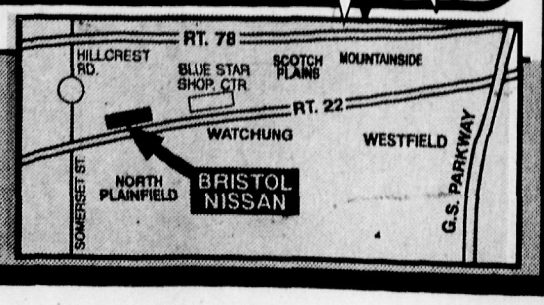

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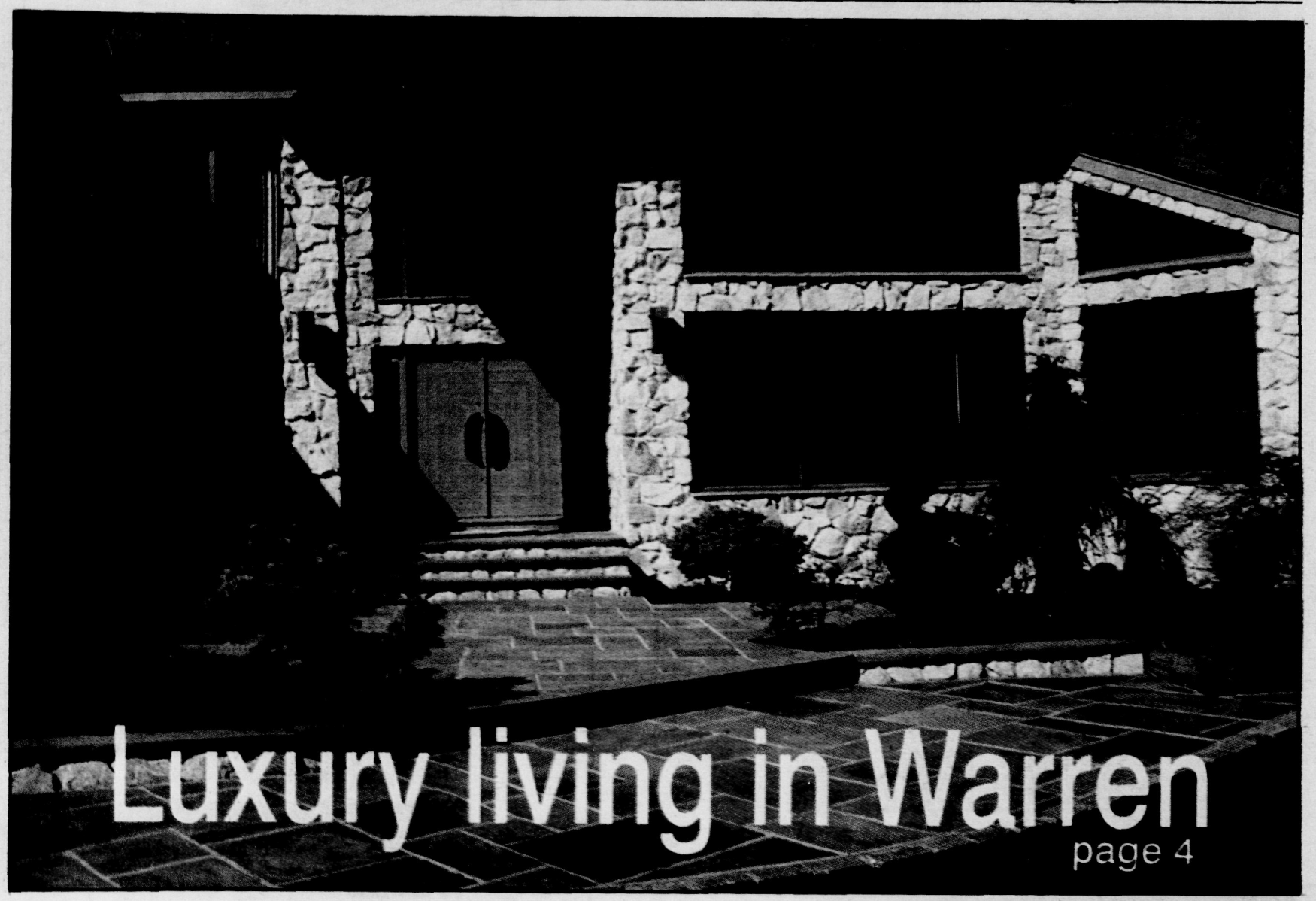

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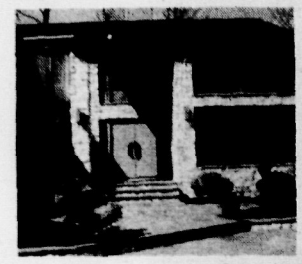

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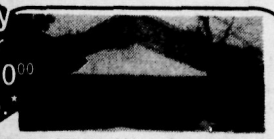

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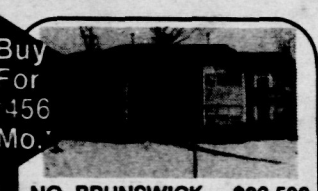

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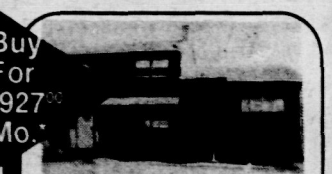

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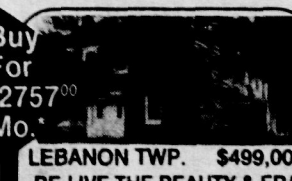

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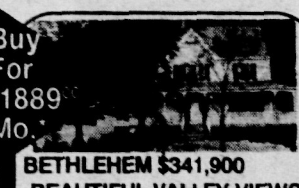

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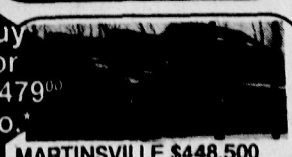

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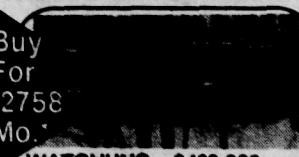

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The formal dining room, above, features a crystal chandelier and granite floor. The spacious kitchen, below, shows-off oak cabinets with black formica doors. The kitchen is fully equipped with top-of-the-line appliances.

If you're considering this contemporary home in an exclusive neighborhood in Warren Township, you may need all day to discover how much it has to offer.

Beginning with the exterior, this seven-year-old home was custom designed for gracious living on its 1.2 acres of professionally landscaped property. A circular driveway paves the way to this multi-level residence, filled with dramatic open spaces and limitless details.

HOUSE TOUR

Upon entering the solid oak double doors, a 29-by-12 entry with black granite and white marble floor is a prelude to the expansive 47-by-25 great room with 22-foot cathedral cedar ceiling. Wall-to-wall carpeting covers the great room floor. A raised hearth Vermont stone fireplace and built-in wet bar with cabinets and television make entertaining easy. A crystal chandelier highlights the 15-by-15 formal dining room which features the dramatic cathedral cedar ceiling and black granite/white marble floor.

Natural oak cabinets sporting formica doors line the 33-by-20 kitchen fully equipped with top-of-the-line appliances. There is a Jenn-Air range with two burners and grill; Thermadore four-burner range; two General Electric self-cleaning wall ovens; Litton microwave; Kitchen-Aid trash compactor; garbage disposal; stainless steel sink; GE refrigerator and pantry. The custom designed ceramic floor and skylights enhance the kitchen. The 12-by-8 laundry room features a marble floor, built-in cabinets. A powder room with custom marble sink and granite floor is located on this level; an additional powder room is located near the entry.

Enter through double doors to the 24-by-18 master bedroom which features cathedral ceiling, marble fireplace extending to the ceiling, raised platform and walk-in closet. The master bathroom features double sink/vanity, linen closet, marble bath, whirlpool tub on two-tiered platform with mirrored pillars, skylight and oversized shower — this is a mini-spa sized at 28-by-15 with a cathedral ceiling. Skylights, cathedral ceilings and plenty of closet space are main features of the three bedrooms, sized at 17-by-14, 17-by-12 and 16-by-14, located on the first level. A 14-by-16 full bathroom with its own whirlpool tub and shower serves these bedrooms.

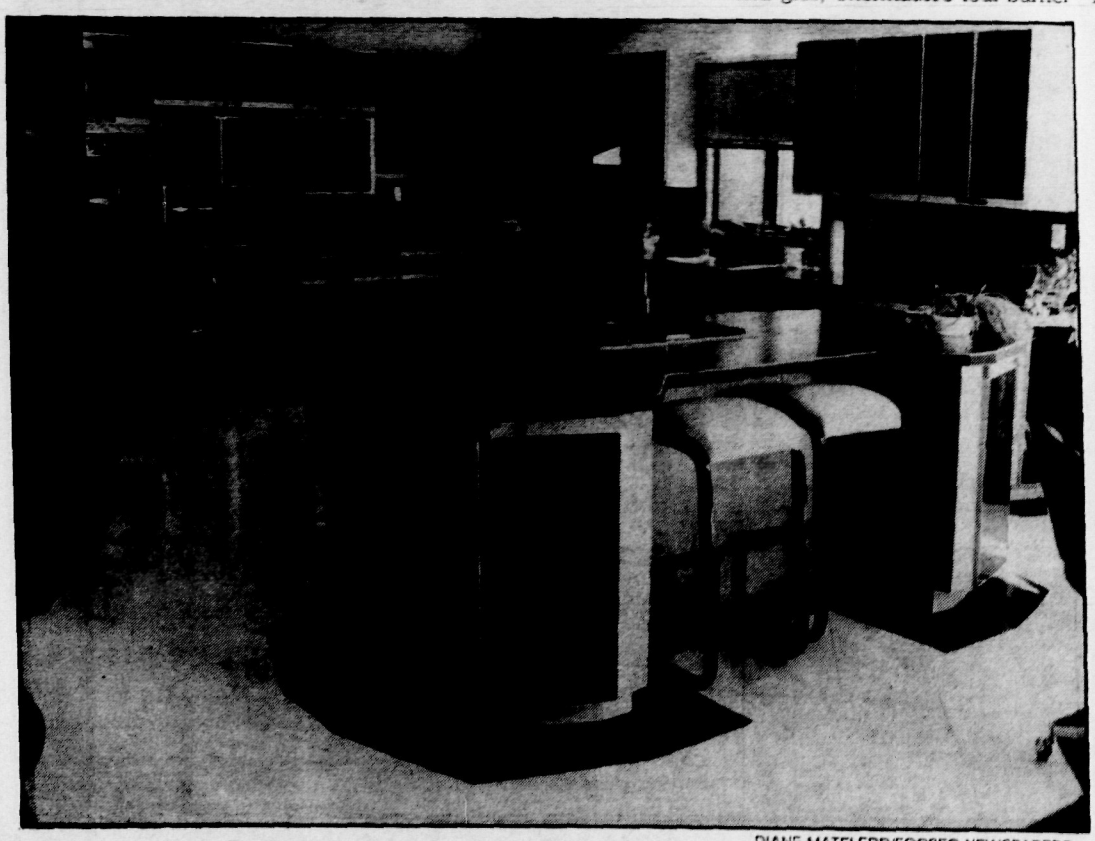
Ascend spiral solid oak stairs to the second level where there is a 26-by-16 sitting room with double storage closet. A fifth bedroom, sized at 24-by-12, with cedar ceiling and two skylights could be used as an office. An in-law wing provides a 20-by-16 sixth bedroom and full bathroom sized at 12-by-8 with whirlpool, skylight and custom curved mirrors. A secondary stairway leads to the garage area.

There is much more to this home as you descend carpeted stairs to the lower level. A 30-by-17 media room features wall-to-wall carpeting and surrounding sound system, which is negotiable. There is an 18-by-12 game room, and a 16-by-12 full bathroom featuring a sauna, shower, marble floor and inlaid mirror. The 14-by-14 library has its own built-in bookshelves. A custom, 10-seat bar, complete with wine rack, dishwasher, refrigerator and formica cabinets enhances the 30-by-17 entertainment room.

There is a 33-by-17 family room and same-sized billiard room. The bedroom, 14-by-14, has a walk-in closet and the other full bathroom sized at 10-by-11 has a shower and marble floor.

The utility room offers storage and the three-car attached garage has automatic garage doors and shelving.

This home, which includes many more amenities, is listed with Weichert Realtors' Warren office for $1,495,000. Contact Marie Pinelli, 757-7780, for further information or to arrange a tour.



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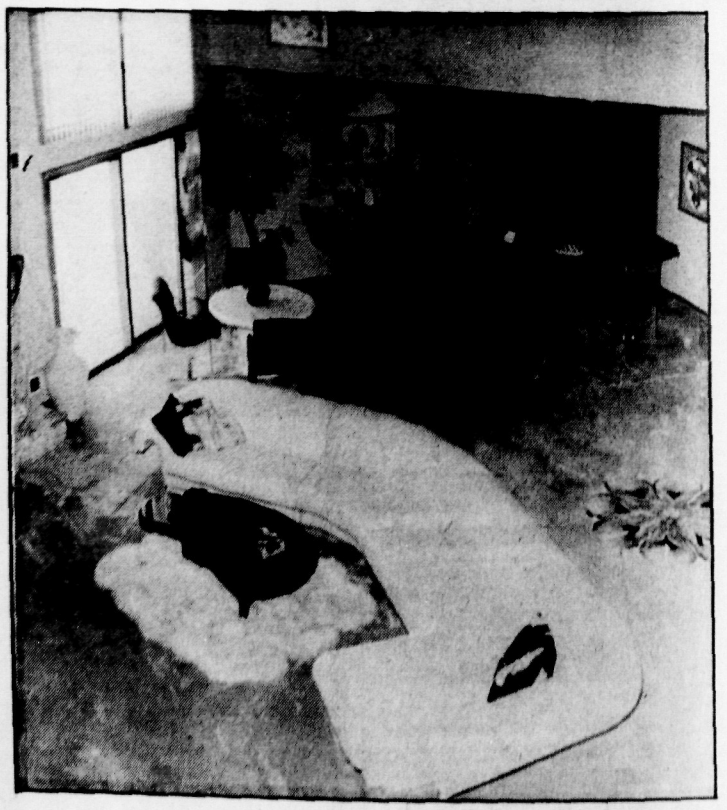

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A built-in wet bar is featured in the great room above.

Spring maintenance minimizes energy cost, repairs

As winter loosens its chilly and snowy grip and the weather gets warmer, homeowners nationwide are encouraged to perform some simple inspection and maintenance tasks to help keep their homes well-maintained and energy-efficient this spring and summer, according to Mauro Greco, president of the Home Owners Warranty (HOW) Corporation of New Jersey.

"Home maintenance tasks after the winter season are important to ensure homeowner comfort throughout the warmer months and most require no special tools or skills," said Mr. Greco. "A thorough inspection of the property is key to discovering any damage that may have occurred during the harsh winter."

To avoid costly repairs, it is especially important to clean gutters and downspouts, according to Greco. Gutters should be cleared of leaves and debris that may have accumulated during the winter and checked for holes.

The considerable weight of winter ice and snow can bend metal gutters and drains out of shape, causing leaks. To ensure that water is not seeping through walls and causing damage, it is important to make certain gutters are sloping correctly so water flows to the downspout.

Heavy ice and snow also can cause the ground around the home's foundation to settle and direct water into the basement. Inspect the entire perimeter of your home's foundation to ensure a positive grade (sloping away from the house). If any significant depressions are noticed, they should be filled-in immediately with soil and stamped down firmly.

According to Greco, other spring maintenance activities should include cleaning or replacing furnace filters. Filters tend to work harder and get dirty faster during the winter when exterior doors and windows are rarely opened and fresh outside air is a scarce commodity.

In addition, homeowners should inspect and, if necessary, repair caulking and weatherstripping surrounding windows and doors; extreme temperatures can cause weatherstripping to crack. An occasional application of petroleum jelly to vinyl/rubber stripping will help prolong its life.

Window panes should also be inspected. Insulated glass which fogs has experienced a "seal failure" and should be replaced.

Exterior doors should be checked for wear to see that weatherstripping is tight, free of dents or tears and glued securely. If you use storm windows during the winter months, but want fresh-air ventilation during spring and summer, many are designed for easy removal. Be certain to store storm windows and doors where they will not get broken.

According to Greco, cooling and ventilation systems should be checked thoroughly to ensure they are working properly and efficiently. This includes checking the home's cooling system for freon refrigerant leaks, which can lead to inefficiency and higher cooling bills. Freon system inspections should be performed by a professional.

Other inspections can readily be performed by the homeowner. "Be certain that air vents, especially the larger return vents which lead to the furnace for recirculation, are not blocked by furniture or drapes," said Greco. "Such conditions can overwork your system's compressor and raise your cooling bills."

To help reduce energy costs, Greco recommends setting thermostats at 78 degrees Fahrenheit, as constant resetting wastes energy; closing supply register's and door's to rooms not in use; and closing downstairs registers and opening registers upstairs, since cooler air settles.

Homeowners who use their fireplaces often during the winter should take advantage of spring's warmer temperatures to perform vital chimney maintenance. Because chemical build-ups from soot and ash deposits can cause fires, fireplaces and chimneys should be cleaned annually by a professional chimney sweep.

High winds, snow and ice can damage a roof in a number of ways. After winter's ice has melted, homeowners should check for water stains in the attic and on the overhangs. Since walking on the roof can cause damage to shingles, perform your inspections from the roof's edge.

HOW Corporation of New Jersey offers an informative brochure entitled, "Protect Your Investment: Home Maintenance Tips." For more information or to receive a free copy of the brochure, send a stamped, self-addressed, letter-size envelope to New Jersey HOW, 666 Plainsboro Rd., Building 200, Suite 2C, Plainsboro, NJ 08536.

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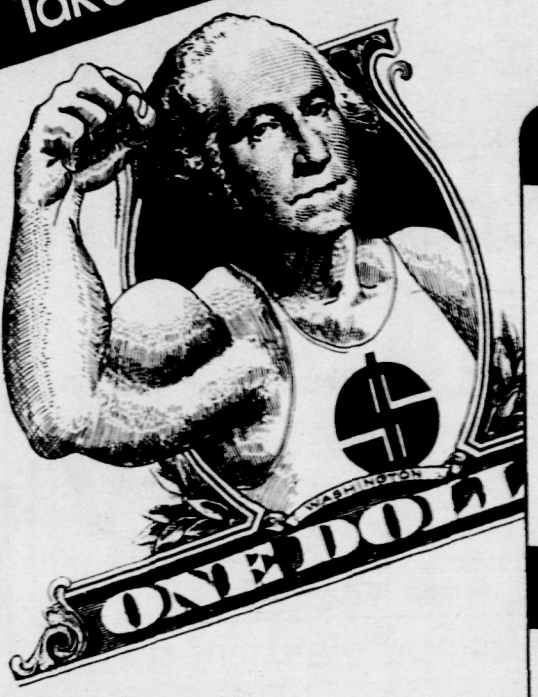

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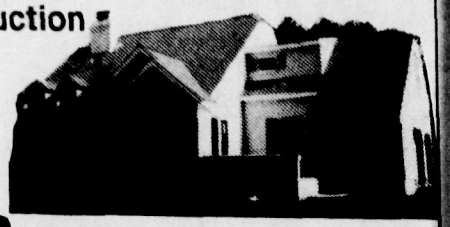

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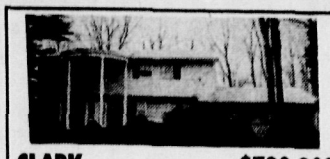

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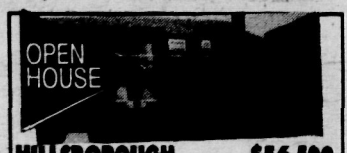

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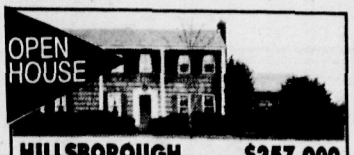

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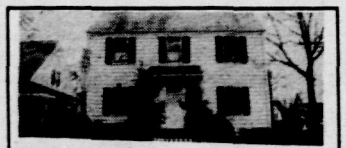

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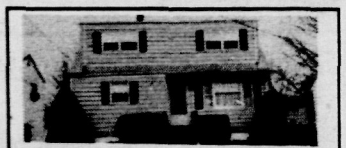

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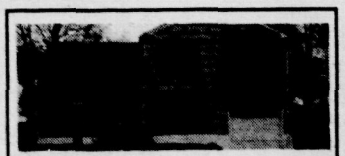

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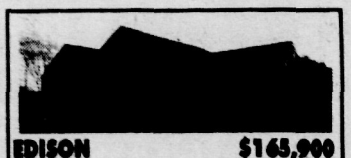

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As you enter the five-bedroom Colonial into the foyer, view the 14-by-32 family room with its stone fireplace and full wall of built-in bookcases. The living room is 14-by-21; the formal dining room is 14-by-12.

The eat-in-kitchen, sized at 20-by-14, is fully equipped with electric range/oven, refrigerator, dishwasher, trash compactor and dryer. A powder room is located on the first floor.

The four bedrooms, plus, are located on the second floor. The master bedroom, 15-by-18, has its own private full bathroom and walk-in closet. The other bedrooms are sized at 15-by-15, 13-by-10 and 12-by-12. There is an additional room/bedroom on the the second floor. The main bathroom is located on the second floor.

Parquet floors and wall-to-wall carpeting are featured throughout the house. The attic provides plenty of storage space and there is a full, finished basement featuring a wet bar.

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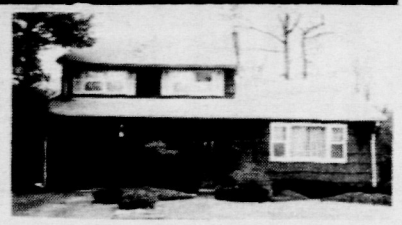

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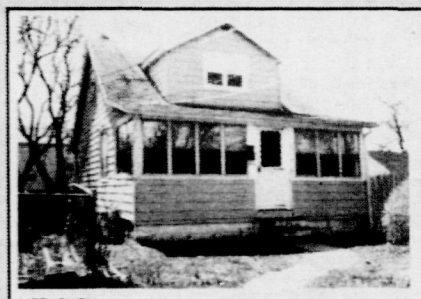

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Victorian gem found in Union County

Built in 1885, this stately historic home in Plainfield features two projecting two-story bays with conical roofs and wrap around front porch leading to the porte-cochere. Questover is a showplace designed with leaded glass windows, ten-foot box beamed ceilings, window seats, five fireplaces and hardwood floors.

The grandeur of this three-story home is seen throughout its spacious rooms which feature wainscoting and elegant details. The 25-by-13 reception hall opens into the living room sized at 24-by-18. The 21-by-15 formal dining room features a built-in corner closet and walk-in china/linen closet. The den is 14-by-14 and there is a 15-by-13 family room. There is a rear foyer sized at 12-by-12 and the gourmet kitchen, 19-by-13, is supplemented with a 14-by-6 butler's pantry. The kitchen features its own pantry, glass wall, subzero refrigerator and freezer, quarry tile floor, center island and Corian countertops. A 12-by-15 solarium, surrounded by greenhouse windows, features an imported ceramic tile floor.

Bedrooms fill the second and third floors. There is a 19-by-15 sitting room on the second floor, along with the master bedroom sized at 27-by-15. Three additional bedrooms on the second floor are sized at 22-by-12, 21-by-13 and 24-by-12. Two fireplaces and two full bathrooms are also located on the second floor.

Four additional bedrooms occupy the third floor along with two full bathrooms.

This historic home also has a full basement which features a laundry room, outside entrance and gas hot water heating system. The three-bay carriage house with approximately 1,600 square feet of space offers an electrical system and plumbing.

HOUSE TOUR

Situated on 1.38 acres of land, this Questover is listed at $349,000. Contact Gay Stanton, Burgdorff Realtors' Warren office at 754-6730 for further information.

This seventeen-room Victorian home is listed with the National Register of Historic Homes.

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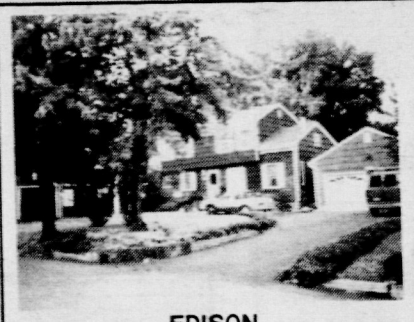

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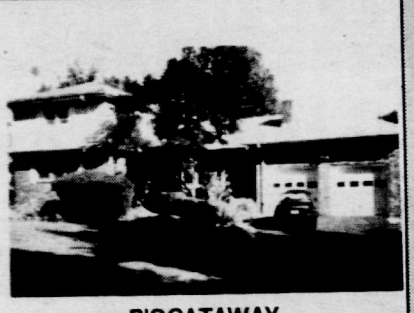

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3 levels! 2 Bedroom, 1.5 bath remodeled Townhome with finished bsmnt, central A/C spacious, well kept. Great for commuter by train! Many extras incl: new windows, roof & gas furnace.

NORTH EDISON

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Realty Notes

Pat Glaydura, a top sales producer in the Coldwell Banker Schlott Scotch Plains office began her career in 1986. Since that time she has been a consistent member of the NJAR Million Dollar Club, the Coldwell Banker Multi Million Dollar Club and President's Club. She has been named top producer in the Scotch Plains office fom 1987-1993.

Ms. Glaydura has extensive knowledge of the Fanwood, Scotch Plains and Westfield area. She is an active member of six Multiple Listings System; Westfield, Somerset, Summit, Plainfield, Middlesex and Greater Eastern Union counties.

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Gary Mitchell has been appointed to the position of Director of Marketing at the corporate offices of Richard A. Weidel, Corporation, Realtors in Pennington, N.J.

Prior to the appointment, Mr. Mitchell was a sales agent in Weidel's Lambertville office and held the position of chairman of Hunterdon County Board of Realtors User Group. Mitchell was also designated a certified relocation counselor, licensed in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

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Zoe Sawicki, a sales associate at the Coldwell Banker Schlott office in Scotch Plains has been a realtor for 22 years, and a member of the Million Dollar Club many of those years.

Ms. Sawicki is also a member of the Westfield and Greater Eastern Union County Board of Realtors.

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John Azzara, a 20-year Veteran Independent Life Insurance Agent, has earned Court of the Table membership in the prestigious Million Dollar Round Table. He is also branch manager and advisory representative for the Chubb Securities Corporation.

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Toni Carlino, a full time real estate professional with Coldwell Banker Schlott Scotch Plains office is a graduate of the Realtor Institute. She is

a member of the Westfield, Somerset, Middlesex, Summit, Plainfield and Greater Eastern Union County Board of Realtors.

Ms. Carlino's past sales performance has earned her membership to the New Jersey Association of Realtors Million Dollar Club in 1989, 1991-93. She is also a member of the Coldwell Banker Multi Million Dollar Club.

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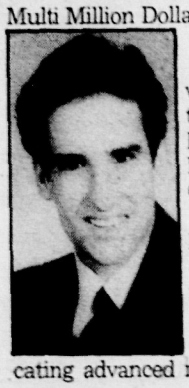

Michael Philip of Coldwell Banker Schlott Realtors Scotch Plains office has qualified for the 1993 NJAR Million Dollar Sales Club.

A resident of Scotch Plains, Mr. Philip has frequently been cited as a top real estate producer. He has just received his broker designation, indicating advanced real estate knowledge. His commitment to excellence is part of a tradition of Coldwell Banker Schlott's success.

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Faten Mahran, a sales associate at Coldwell Banker Schlott Scotch Plains office began her real estate career in 1988. She has just received the NJAR 1993 Million Dollar Club Award.

Ms. Mahran has extensive knowledge of Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood markets. She is a member of the Westfield, Somerset, Plainfield and Summit Board of Realtors and the Middlesex County Multiple Listing System.

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Nancy J. Walker has been appointed office manager of Richard A. Weidel Corporation's Clinton office. She will be responsible for the recruitment and guidance of new sales associates in addition to supporting efforts of seasoned associates.

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Maureen La Costa, a sales associate at Coldwell Banker Schlott, Scotch Plains' office has just received the NJAR Million Dollar Club award for 1993.

Ms. La Costa began her real estate career over 10 years ago in the Scotch Plains area. She has been a consistent member of NJAR Million Dollar Club, as well as the Coldwell Banker Schlott mutli Million Dollar Club and President's Club. She has extensive knowledge of Scotch Plains, Fanwood market area. Ms. La Costa is a member of the Westfield,Summit, Somerset, Garden State, Plaifield Board of Realtors and the Middlesex County Multiple Listing Service.

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Vasy Honecker has qualified for the New Jersey Association of Realtors Million Dollar Club.

Mrs. Honecker is a sales associate in the Westfield office of Coldwell Banker Schlott, Realtors. Mrs. Honecker belongs to the Realtor Boards of Westfield, Somerset, Plainfield, Garden State and Summit, among others.

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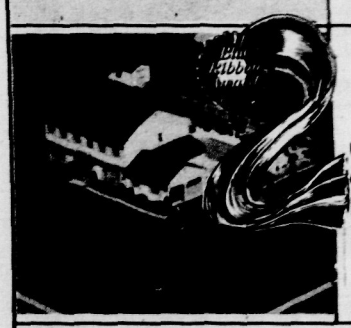

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C.H. col. 4BR, 2½ bath, tile foyer/kit., hrdwd flrs, wet bar in FR, brick frplc., fin. bsmt., IG pool, landscaped, fenced 1.4ac. corner, cul-de-sac. $369,900
BDM 3527

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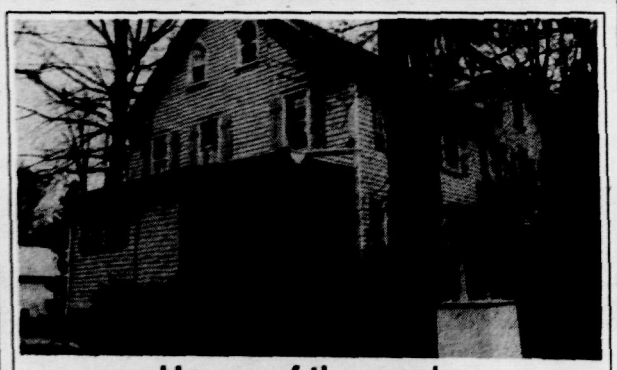

House of the week
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Mortgage aid for buyers

The New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (HMFA) has announced its support for the efforts of New Jersey Citizen Action (NJCA) to provide outreach and mortgage counseling services to low- and moderate-income residents across the state.

The Agency recently joined with the NJCA at the opening of it's second counseling center in Asbury Park as part of its Loan Counseling Service Program. Appointments are being taken for Asbury Park, Orange, New Brunswick and Newark.

Christiana Foglio, executive director of the HMFA, says "Education is a very important and necessary step in buying a home. The involvement of Citizen Action in providing counseling to families and individuals interested in homeownership works to support our efforts at the agency of helping residents of New Jersey access low-interest mortgage programs." During the last twenty-six years the agency has provided more than 53,000 mortgages to families and individuals.

Phyllis Salowe-Kaye, Executive Director for New Jersey Citizen Action says, "With the Opening of the Citizens Action Loan Counseling Service, New Jersey residents will be able to find out if they can afford to buy a home, figure out what's the best mortgage for them, locate affordable homes, and obtain conseling to resolve credit problems free of charge." For more information, contact the agency's toll-free hotline, 1-800-NJ-HOUSE. For counseling information call 1-800-NJ-OWNER.

Property Sales

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Prudential Home Mtg. Co. Inc. to Juan Carlos Gomez *et al.*, 433 **Cook Ave.**, $112,000

Estate of Mary Ellen Osborn to Merit Dev. Inc., **Voorhees Avenue**, $39,000

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SOMERSET

BRANCHBURG

Arthur W. & Jean S. Culberson to Glenn & Deborah J. Gottshalk, **895 Old York Road**, $275,000

Leo R. & Shirley A. Trinchera to Michael R. & Elizabeth Mattina, **92 Robbins Road**, $185,000

FRANKLIN

K. Hovnanian at Somerset VIII to Sanjay C. Shah, **157 Columbus Drive**, Franklin Park, $79,950

HILLSBOROUGH

Guy & Carol Izzo to Collette A. Carroll, **12 Crestwood Ave.**, $177,000

MONTGOMERY

R&S Colonial Builders to Scott K. & Diane L. Reiman, **48 Edgewood Drive**, $416,000

Percival C. Keith to Patricia G. Keith, **275 Grandview Road**, $70,000

SOMERVILLE

Murray & Beatrice Skydell to John M. Luyben, **265 Grove St.**, $169,500

WARREN

Margaret D. Nutting to Life Skills Resource Center, **101 Mount Horeb Road**, $279,000

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UNION

CRANFORD

Alan S. & Blossom Hatoff to cust Drive, $188,000

Helen Morritt to Richard M. & Arlene A. Walsh, **21 Madison Ave.**, $185,000

FANWOOD

George Svenda to Joseph Jr. & Gloria J. Simone, **126 Willow Ave.**, $73,000

KENILWORTH

Robert R. & Jane M. Keating to John T. & Ruth L. Coro, **55 S. 23rd St.**, $140,000

SCOTCH PLAINS

Federal Home Loan Mtg. Corp. to Constance R. Perkins, **519 Hunter Ave.**, $95,000

Mark S. & Virginia K. Bardi to Brian P. & Kerri L. Sullivan, **2239 Woodland Terrace**, $275,000

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John M. & Suzanne O'Rourke to Rebecca Y. Shum, **1015 Columbus Ave.**, $174,000

Warren L. Whitcombe Jr. & Paul T. & Mary E. Nuber, **420 W. Dudley Ave.**, $160,000

David & Theresa C. Anzano to Brian Mueller & P. Myhre, **458 Edgewood Ave.**, $225,000

Mary B. Krakora to William E. & Marie T. Keller, **631 Glen Ave.**, $250,000

SBD Company to State of New Jersey, **Tuttle Parkway**, $6,000

Muriel J. Malkin to Nancy E. & Michael J. Lombardi, **58 Westbrook Road**, $275,000

Ralph P. Jr. & Myrna Merrill to Thomas J. & Patricia Rucinsky, **121 Barchester Way**, $379,900

Phillip J. & sally R. Roberts to Brett C. Roberts, **936 Carleton Road**, $19,993

Richard Visceglia to Jack G. Falk, **101 Cottage Place**, $170,000

Elizabeth V. Kittleson to Allen & Barbara Burton, **620 Lenox Ave.**, $262,500

Mary Gaskin to Denise F. Elbeck *et al.*, **323 Livingston St.**, $100,000

Wen & Lee R. Ryan to N.P. Dodge Jr., **45 Michael Drive**, $259,250

Richard J. & Judith Cotter to Thomas M. Castellone *et ux.*, **812 St. Marks Ave.**, $264,000

Robert L. & Phyllis H. Babb to Christopher & Colleen Coyle, **740 Stevens Ave.**, $310,000

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NORTH EDISON **$279,000**

Beautiful spacious 6 bdrm home. On quiet cul de sac. 3 full baths, lovely deck, big fam rm, large backyard. WSF4735

KENILWORTH **$177,000**

Great family neighborhood. Deceiving 4 bdrm cape. Large eat-in kit, 2 full bths, rec rm. WSF4861.

CARTERET **$134,900**

Walk to schools and shopping. 3 bdrms, updated kitchen, fam rm and other updates. Great for the 1st time buyer. WSF4780

CRANFORD **$199,900**

Spacious home. Cathedral ceiling in liv & din rms, eat-in-kit, fam rm w/built-ins. Well maintained in family neighborhood. WSF4842

CRANFORD **$190,000**

Unique, "nook & cranny" colonial. Vintage 1920's. 3 bdrms, liv rm & fam rm w/fplcs, oak plank floors. Oversized grounds w/2 potting sheds & wishing well. WSF4831

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GARWOOD

Joan Koenig to Theresa Empirio *et al.*, **338 Locust Ave.**, $177,000

Donald P. Kalis to Frederick & Evelyn Archibald, **520 Spruce Ave.**, $146,000

KENILWORTH

Georgios & Loren Trikalinos to Dolores Fonti & Manno-Behan, **578 Passaic Ave.**, $124,000

Gertrude Kohler to John R. & Janet A. Yendrick, **114 W. 20th St.**, $147,900

Property Sales

SCOTCH PLAINS

Robert J. & Kala Post to Jeffrey L. Taylor, **2285 Hill Road**, $153,000

Raymond C. & Eloise Matthews to Maceo Hemmingway & R. Wood, **344 Hoe Ave.**, $130,000

Paul H. & Patricia Pritchard to Robert & Gail Schoenbach, **440 Warren St.**, $213,000

Louis W. Neumann to John P. & Fondanova Reynolds, **2032 Brookside Drive**, $270,000

Thomas P. & Christine Gilmore to Hans J. Weilandt & E.M. Smith, **2365 Channing Ave.**, $183,500

Saugatuck Assoc. to John J. & Michele H. Gibbons, **58 Clydesdale Road**, $294,835

Samuel R. & Joann Juice to Joseph M. Bonaccorso *et al.*, **422 Evergreen Blvd.**, $170,000

Rosemary Santorella to Jack & Nancy Lazarowitz, **1558 Frank St.**, $250,000

Citicorp Mortgage Inc. to Balbir Trikha, **1584 Front St.**, $120,000

Louis Pompilios *et al.* to Gladys A. Fitzgerald, **523 Hunter Ave.**, $130,000

Darryl D. & Nancy MacPherson to Jack J. & Marianne Phelan, **2275 Mountain Ave.**, $164,500

Grace M. Steiner to Richard O. & N. Woodfield, **2208 Redwood Road**, $198,000

Saugatuck Assoc. to Bruce J. & Donna V. Forman, **Sassafras Court**, $336,349

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Michael & Joan T. Carter to Thomas D. & Cristen Forrester, **725 Belvidere Ave.**, $137,470

Stephen D. & Deborah Kendrick to Kevin M. & Elizabeth A. Barry, **432 Birch Ave.**, $482,500

Louise M. Madas to Raul & Luz N. Rosa, **1714 Boulevard**, $167,000

W/T of Florence Gross *et al.* to Christopher & Eleanor Molloy, **854 Bradford Ave.**, $35,000

Louis G. Jordan & M. Coveney to Douglas & Karen Barash, **415 S. Chestnut St.**, $325,000

Catherine G. & John T. Ryan to Lawrence Pryblyski *et ux.*, **869 Dorian Road**, $210,000

631 Associates to Robert S. & Kathleen Goldbeck, **631 Downer St.**, $180,000

Neil H. & Pamela A. Metzger to Gustavo R. Schwed *et al.*, **635 Scotch Plains Ave.**, $285,000

Betty M. Hauser to Harry J. & Kathryn W. Olsen, **21 Summit Court**, $245,000

Victor & Patriczia Lafaman to Norma C. Connolly, **935 Brown Ave.**, $190,000

Robert & Donna Leahy to John A. & Linda Martoglio, **322 Connecticut St.**, $360,000

Christian M. & Julia E. Abeel to Thomas R. & Cherie L. Weisse, **47 Doris Parkway**, $189,000

Jose C. & Sara Donayre to Norman J. & Avril Powell, **609 Elm St.**, $365,000

Constance M. Villane & William F. Dailey Jr., **824 Embree Crescent**, $200,000

Yvonne M. Sabol to Brian & Michelle Brennan, **438 Everson Place**, $215,000

Benjamin R. & Emma M. Chu to Roger D. & Michelle Love, **106 Frazee Court**, $245,000

Kenley D. & Nancy W. Padfield to Christian M. & Julia E. Abeel, **18 Genesee Trail**, $300,000

Steven Sacks & E. Weber-Sacks to Michael R. & Ilene R. Smith, **437 W. Grove St.**, $247,500

C. Boyd & Margaret Clarke to John Morgan & Laura Johnson, **528 W. Grove St.**, $310,000

Estate of Edward W. Love *et al.* to Timothy W. II & Theresa Korth, **209 Jefferson Ave.**, $396,000

Ronald G. & Jeaan S. Harmsen to Pierre & Louise Vallee, **701 Mountain Ave.**, $290,000

Michael & Maralynn Ricca to Michaael & Marie Meriton, **310 Orenda Circle**, $420,000

Mark & Diane Moshin to Gaurdian Life Ins. Co., **1035 Seward Ave.**, $285,000

Alfred & Joan Pakenham to Rachel N. Graham, **946 Summit Ave.**, $235,000

Carlos Rego & Dana Rolleri to Timothy P. & Anne Bergin, **1278 Summit Ave.**, $190,000

Christine M. Tozzo to Bruce Waldman & S. Shiraga, **18 Westbrook Road**, $290,000

Lee & Linda Broad to Bruce & Victoria Wicks, **104 Winchester Way**, $447,500

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Realtors promote fair housing in New Jersey

"Fair Housing Opens Doors" is the theme for this year's Fair Housing Month in April, which is celebrated by realtors nationwide. According to the New Jersey Association of Realtors (NJAR), this is a time to reflect on what has been done to eliminate housing discrimination and consider what still needs to be accomplished.

"Equal housing opportunity does open doors," said Inez H. Lief, NJAR president. "The Realtors organization firmly supports the principal of fair housing for all Americans. We are fully committed to complying with fair housing laws. There is no room in our profession for housing discrimination."

The federal fair housing law prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, familial status and handicap. Real estate brokers and sales associates are taking preactive steps to guard against housing discrimination. Many are learning it is difficult to remain neutral in situations involving any party who attempts to discriminate.

"The NJAR supports programs to educate the public about the right to equal housing opportunities, and to educate the real estate industry about fair housing responsibilities," said Ms. Lief, corporate liaison/broker and professional relations for Burgdorff, Realtors. "The best way to avoid potentially discriminatory situations is to be fully educated about the law's requirements. Awareness is the key."

To the NJAR, equal access to housing is consistent with the spirit of the federal fair housing law. It is with this belief the National Association, which represents more than 750,000 members, continues to enter into the Voluntary Affirmative Marketing Agreement (VAMA) with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD is charged with implementing the federal fair housing law.

CENTRAL JERSEY MORTGAGE RATES

Lender, City, Phone		APP FEE	30 YR FIXED RATE	PTS	APR	15 YR FIXED RATE	PTS	APR	OTHER RATE	PTS	APR	
Accord Mtge Services,Bloomfield	201-748-2200	375	8.38	0.00	8.37	7.88	0.00	7.87	7.88	0.00	7.60	Y
AJA Financial, Middlesex	908-563-4070	295	8.50	1.50	8.73	8.13	1.00	8.39	7.50	1.00	7.66	M
Amboy National Bank,Old Bridge	908-591-8700	200	7.88	3.00	8.25	7.50	3.00	8.06	3.95	1.50	6.91	A
American Federal Mtge, Union	908-688-6500	190	7.75	3.00	8.09	7.25	3.00	7.76	8.00	3.00	8.32	B
ARCS Mortgage, Totowa	800-228-1136	406	8.88	0.00	9.01	8.25	0.00	8.47	5.88	0.00	6.44	R
Bay City Mortgage, Hazlet	908-264-2700	350	7.75	3.00	8.07	7.25	3.00	7.75	8.25	2.00	8.47	B
C Brooke Mortgage,Freehold	800-793-2265	0	8.50	0.00	8.50	8.00	0.00	8.00	7.38	0.00	7.38	M
Capital Funding,Parsippany	800-562-6760	0	8.63	0.00	8.63	8.13	0.00	8.13	8.38	0.00	8.38	H
Cenlar Fed'l Savings,Princeton	800-223-6527	350	8.13	3.00	8.46	7.50	3.00	8.01	8.63	3.00	8.97	B
Charter Fedl Savings,Randolph	201-366-3300	200	8.13	3.00	8.45	7.25	1.00	7.41	7.13	0.00	7.17	E
Choice Mortgage, Morris Plains	800-244-2821	350	8.50	0.00	8.50	7.25	1.75	7.54	8.13	0.00	8.13	V
Collective Fed'l Savings,Edison	908-549-4949	350	8.63	0.00	8.63	7.75	0.00	7.75	6.63	0.00	6.63	N
Columbia Natl Mtge,Cranford	908-276-0848	375	7.88	3.00	8.19	7.38	3.00	7.86	8.13	3.00	8.34	X
Countrywide Mortgage,Westfield	908-789-9455	268	7.88	2.88	8.32	7.25	3.00	7.96	7.38	2.63	8.02	H
Crestmont Fed'l Savings,Clark	908-827-0800	300	8.13	3.00	8.45	7.63	3.00	8.13	3.63	3.00	7.05	A
Diversified Mtg Svcs,Middletown	908-706-1300	350	7.88	3.00	8.27	7.25	2.50	7.13	4.38	2.00	7.09	A
Empire Mortgage Co.,Somerville	800-764-2342	350	8.13	2.75	8.42	7.38	3.00	7.88	5.25	0.00	5.25	A
First Fidelity Bank	800-841-8687	375	8.38	2.00	8.61	7.88	2.00	8.24	4.99	0.00	7.28	A
First Savings Bank SLA, Edison	908-225-4450	325	8.25	3.00	8.63	7.38	3.00	7.93	7.63	0.00	7.39	Q
Genesis Mtge Svcs,E Brunswick	908-257-5700	375	8.00	3.00	8.32	7.50	3.00	8.00	8.25	3.00	8.58	B
Huntington Mortgage, Chester	800-828-1318	0	7.88	3.25	8.21	7.38	3.00	7.78	4.50	2.00	7.41	A
Imperial Credit,Parsippany	800-246-2759	245	7.88	3.00	8.20	7.50	3.00	8.00	N/P	N/P	N/P	
Ivy Mortgage,Belle Mead @	800-489-5363	300	8.38	3.00	N/P	7.88	3.00	N/P	4.25	3.00	N/P	A
Jersey Pacific Mtge,Old Bridge	908-583-2121	325	8.00	2.75	8.30	7.38	2.50	7.79	3.75	2.50	6.60	A
Key Corp Mtge,Laurence Harbor	800-538-6678	250	7.88	2.75	8.17	7.50	2.25	7.84	4.75	0.00	7.12	A
King Mortgage Corp., Clifton	800-365-5080	300	8.00	3.00	8.32	7.38	3.00	7.87	5.50	2.00	7.28	A
Management Mtg Corp,Matawan	908-566-0500	0	8.63	0.00	8.71	8.25	0.00	8.33	8.25	0.00	8.33	F
Manor Mtge Corp, Parsippany	201-884-0040	225	8.50	0.00	8.50	8.00	0.00	8.00	8.63	0.00	8.63	B
Metropolitan Mtge Svc,Freehold	908-294-9900	350	7.88	3.00	8.22	7.50	3.00	8.03	6.63	3.00	7.28	J
Monarch Svgs Bank FSB,Clark	800-334-5003	299	8.13	3.00	8.45	7.63	3.00	8.13	4.25	3.00	6.13	A
Morgan Carlton Fin'l, Matawan	800-562-6719	0	7.88	2.75	8.12	7.25	2.75	7.49	4.00	2.75	4.21	A
Mortgage Unlimited,Secaucus	800-886-2274	195	8.00	3.00	8.32	7.50	3.00	8.00	6.38	3.00	6.67	P
Natwest NJ	800-374-4500	350	7.88	3.00	8.20	7.25	3.00	7.75	4.00	2.50	N/P	A
New Century Mtge,E. Brunswick	908-390-4800	375	8.25	1.00	8.31	7.75	1.00	7.96	4.50	2.00	5.12	A
NJ Home Funding Group,Edison	908-248-4400	0	7.88	3.00	N/P	7.50	3.00	N/P	8.13	3.00	N/P	B
NJ Savings Bank,Somerville	908-722-0600	350	8.38	2.25	8.62	7.25	0.00	7.25	N/P	N/P	N/P	
R & J Mortgage,Ledgewood	800-742-7856	300	8.13	3.00	8.45	7.50	2.75	7.95	3.75	2.50	6.98	A
Royal Mortgage,E Brunswick	800-566-2296	395	7.88	3.00	8.20	7.38	3.00	7.87	6.38	3.00	6.67	W
Royal Mortgage, Morristown	800-551-5552	395	7.75	3.00	8.07	7.25	3.00	7.75	4.75	0.00	4.75	A
Source Mortgage, Somerville	800-696-1860	325	8.50	1.00	N/P	7.75	1.00	N/P	7.63	1.00	N/P	D
Source One Mtge Svcs,Cranford	800-870-4857	300	8.00	3.00	8.38	7.38	3.00	7.96	6.38	3.00	7.32	T
Summit Mortgage,Bridgewater	908-429-2028	350	8.13	3.00	8.45	7.50	3.00	8.00	4.50	0.00	7.17	A
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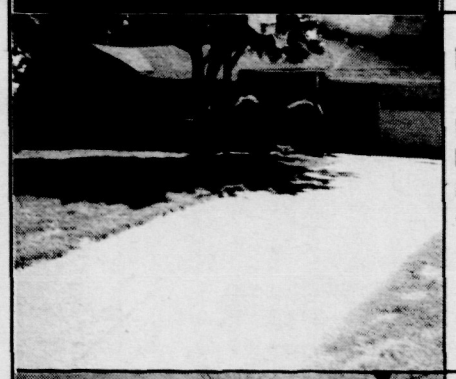

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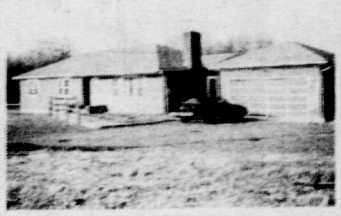

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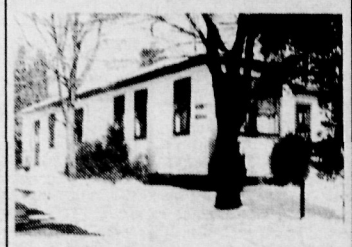

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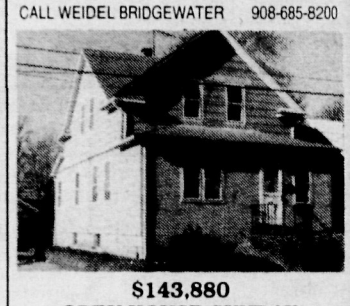

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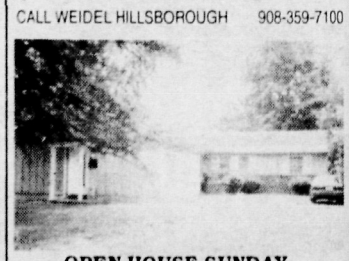

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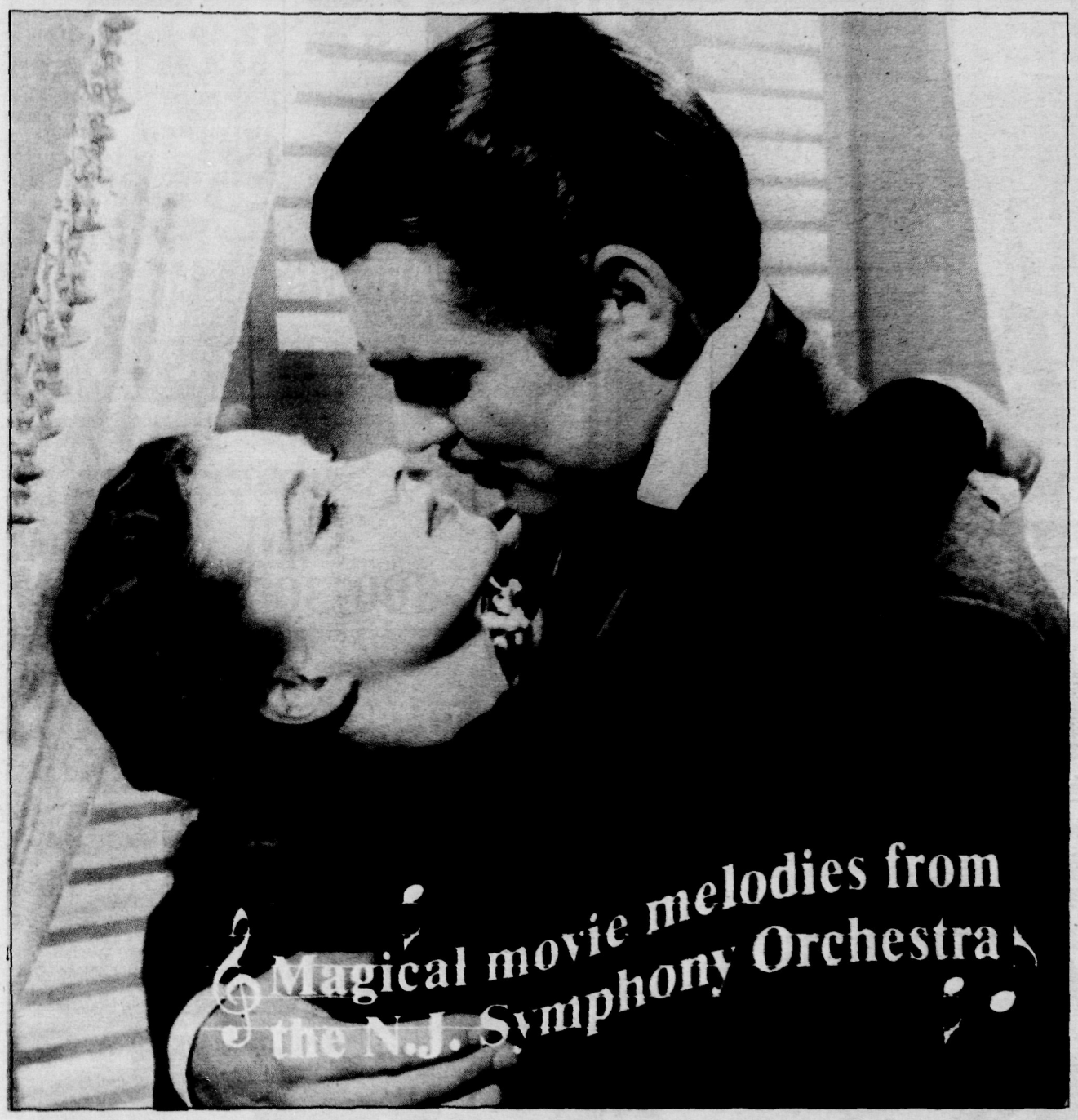

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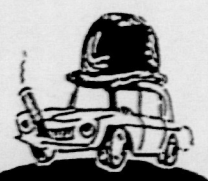

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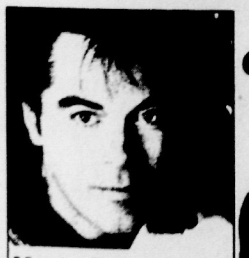

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When music was music, and movies were movies

NJSO's 'Symphonic Night at the Movies' comes to the State Theatre Friday

By KATE LINCOLN
WeekendPlus Writer

"Before there were special effects like *Jurassic Park*'s, music had to create them."

Arthur Post, conductor of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra's "Symphonic Night at the Movies," described how music had to carry the weight now borne in movies by computer enhancements and special effects wizardry, but this essential part of the moviegoing experience receives its due onstage from the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra (NJSO) Friday at the State Theatre in New Brunswick, Saturday in Trenton and Sunday in Newark.

The program, which mates film clips from a number of cinematic classics with live performances of their musical accompaniments, is the brainchild of John Goberman, Emmy-award winning producer of *Live at Lincoln Center*.

"This is a program for audiences who like classic films and also like big, symphonic sound," said Post.

Those sounds enhance action, mood and even create humor.

The orchestra plays the opening piece, from Erich Wolfgang Korngold's Oscar-winning score to *The Adventures of Robin Hood* (1938), starring Errol Flynn and Olivia de-Havilland, while the scene of Robin Hood being captured during the archery contest is shown on a large screen above the orchestra. The drama captured on film is amplified by live sound that more powerfully enhances a film than any Dolby stereo track shuddering through the walls of a multiplex.

Later in the program, the orchestra plays a Miklos Rozsa composition which accompanies a pivotal scene in Vincente Minnelli's version of *Madame Bovary* (1949) starring Jennifer Jones and Van Heflin. The Gustave Flaubert classic story limns the fate of a woman who sacrifices her husband and home for illicit love. The heroine, seduced into a waltz with Louis Jourdan, whirls around an ornate 19th-century ballroom and the music "builds and builds — until it disintegrates" in a shattering climax, said Post.

The tempo changes throughout the waltz, and Post's job includes synchronizing the live performance with the dancers' celluloid steps. He has a video monitor in front of him as well as timing notes written into his score. He must keep an eye on both as he conducts the orchestra to match the composer's contribution to the director's cinematic vision.

He recognizes the demands this places on his musicians.

"This is a virtuoso program for the orchestra," he said. "There is some flashy music, as you can imagine. It's a great challenge."

Especially as the orchestra has only a few rehearsals in which to match the rhythms of each piece. And while the musicians will be able to see the screen, in some pieces they will hardly have time to take their eyes from their sheet music.

Another Miklos Rozsa composition, for example, from the chariot parade in *Ben-Hur* (1959) starring Charlton Heston, and the music for a pursuit scene written by Bernard Hermann for the Hitchcock thriller *North by Northwest* (1959) is "very, very compelling," Mr. Post said, and builds the tension at a fierce pace.

CLARK GABLE and VIVIEN LEIGH
Also made movie music together

"With the simplest technical means and music, *great* effects are created," he added.

An entirely different work, also composed by Mr. Hermann, graces the opening and closing scenes of *Citizen Kane* (1941) starring Orson Welles, effectively framing the story within. The orchestra plays these interludes of mood music, which are simply compelling, almost sinister, spooky.

"The film gains an immense amount from the music," said Post of the Academy Award-nominated musical score.

These composers may not be household names, but they were all well-known European composers of the day "who went west and struck it rich in Hollywood," the conductor said. In fact, Mr. Rozsa had a career entirely apart from his compositions for the movies, and wrote a work which was performed by Leonard Bernstein at his acclaimed New York debut.

One of the other composers whose work backs a film is certainly not known within film circles for his cinematic compositions. Pachelbel wrote his "Canon" in the early 18th century, and the piece serves as the musical background for a short ballet film by David Hahn, *In a Rehearsal Room*.

The film ballet and its live accompaniment aptly display how one art form enhances the other, how "two separate things come together in a wonderful way," in the words of the NJSO conductor, "becoming greater than each alone."

"Seeing the ballet," he said, "I have a fully new appreciation for the music." He said he imagines that viewers will "come away with a really new appreciation of that music" and see the well-known "Canon" in an entirely fresh light.

Whether concertgoers are better acquainted with the music or with the movie, there is ample introduction to each. Narration written by Mr. Goberman documents the movies and the music, which also includes selections from *Gone With the Wind* composed by Max Steiner.

For those of us who think of Steiner's work as the *Million Dollar Movie* theme music, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra shows us wrong we are, and just how enjoyable a big screen, symphonic sound evening can be.

NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S "SYMPHONIC NIGHT AT THE MOVIES" 8 p.m. Friday, April 15 at the State Theatre, New Brunswick; 8 p.m. Saturday, April 16 at the Crescent Temple, Trenton; 3 p.m. Sunday, April 17 at Symphony Hall in Newark. Tickets $39-$21. (800) ALLEGRO or (201) 624-8203.

Music

'Magic Flute' signals end of season

Pianist Jeffrey Biegel returns to Westfield Symphony for final concert

Pianist Jeffrey Biegel won't be performing "Deja Vu" with the Westfield Symphony Orchestra, but he may well experience the feeling.

Biegel, who joined the WSO for its final concert of last year at the Union County Arts Center, will return with the popular regional orchestra to the same venue on Saturday, where they will perform another season-ending program which will open with the overture to Mozart's *The Magic Flute*.

"It's nice to have that venue open to us," said WSO director Edgar Cyrus of the restored Union County theater, which the orchestra hopes to visit on an annual basis.

The concert will also feature *Piano Concerto in A Minor, Opus 16*, by Grieg, and *Symphony No. 8 in G Major, Opus 88*, by Antonin Dvorak.

Biegel is a winner of the Juilliard/William Petschek Piano Debut Award and has performed with several major orchestras around the world, including the National Symphony Orchestra and the BBC Philharmonic. His abilities even captured the notice of the late Leonard Bernstein, who said of Biegel, "He played fantastic Liszt. He is a splendid musician and a brilliant performer."

Concert goers will also be able to subscribe to the Symphony's 1994-95 season, which will feature Schubert's "Unfinished" Symphony and Beethoven's "Triple Concerto." The annual opera in concert performance will be Puccini's *La Boheme*.

Tickets for Saturday's concert are available at the Union County Arts Center and numerous retail locations in the Westfield area. Pre-concert remarks by conductor Brad Keimach will be offered at 7 p.m., one hour before the concert begins.

WESTFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA w/Jeffrey Biegel 8 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at the Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving Street, Rahway. Tickets $21 general admission, $18 seniors, $12 students. (908) 232-9400.

Maestro Brad Keimach conducts the Westfield Symphony Orchestra.

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ROGER BRISCOE

Russian music, art at RVCC

The Central Jersey Symphony Orchestra will combine Russian art and music 8 p.m. Saturday during a concert at Raritan Valley Community College.

Three masterpieces of Russian symphonic music — Mussorsky's *A Night on Bare Mountain*, Rachmaninoff's *Rhapsody on a Theme by Paganini* and Mussorsky-Ravel's "Pictures at an Exhibition" — will be complemented by four new paintings by Russian artist Alexander Volkov. The paintings will represent the four musical sections of *A Night on Bare Mountain*.

A pre-concert discussion featuring the artist and conductor Roger Briscoe will take place at 7 p.m. in the Little Welpe Theatre.

The concert, which will take place at RVCC's Edward Nash Theatre, is part of the CJSO's Spring '94 "Second Half" series of performances, which also includes "Contrasts for Chorus and Orchestra — Baroque and Modern" with the Master Chorale on May 14, and a "Pops Extravaganza" on June 4.

Tickets are $9, or $6 for seniors, students and children. For more information, call (908) 725-3420.

In concert

AMABILE STRING QUARTET
8 p.m. Friday, April 15
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THE BARBER OF SEVILLE
8 p.m. Friday, April 15
3 p.m. Sunday, April 17
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•Rossini's comic opera, sung in Italian (with English supertitles) by the Boheme Opera Company. Admission $30-$15.

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1 p.m. Sunday, April 24
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BEETHOVEN AND BEYOND
8 p.m. Friday, April 15
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3 p.m. Sunday, April 17
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•Pianist, music professor, and Catholic priest performs works by Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin, and other composers. Free admission.

CARIBBEAN INFLECTIONS
8 p.m. Saturday, April 16
Nicholas Music Center
George St., New Brunswick
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•Works of Noel da Costa, Robert Benford, Daniel Goode, and other composers. Free admission.

CENTRAL JERSEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
8 p.m. Saturday, April 16
Edward Nash Theatre
Raritan Valley Community College, North Branch
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3 p.m. Sunday, April 17
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8 p.m. Saturday, April 16
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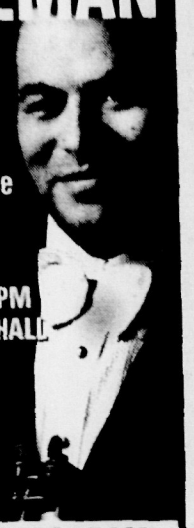

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MOVIES

'The Piano,' 'Short Cuts' on summer screen

No vacation for Rutgers Co-op Film Festival

The Central Jersey premiere of 18 features films will highlight the Rutgers Film Co-op Summer 1994 film program, which gets under way May 8 at the State Theatre in New Brunswick.

The Sunday "Flashlight" series at the State Theatre, will offer such recent fare as Jane Campion's *The Piano* (winner of three Oscars), Robert Altman's Academy Award-nominated *Short Cuts*, Stephen Frear's *The Snapper*, and Abel Ferrara's *Body Snatchers* remake, along with the restored director's cut of Nicholas Roeg's *The Man Who Fell to Earth* (starring David Bowie in a well-received acting debut from 1976). Foreign films such as Jackie Chan's *Police Story 1* and the late Cyril Collard's *Savage Nights*, his 1994 autobiographical story about a filmmaker dying of AIDS, will be screened as well.

On campus, the Friday-night "Fireflies" film series at Milledoler Hall Room 100 will present an even more eclectic mix of cinema highlights, including *Why Has Bodhi-Dharma Left For the East?*, Roeg's kinky *Bad Timing* (starring Art Garfunkel and Theresa Russell), the 1973 documentary *Jimi Hendrix* and even classics such as *Casablanca* and Howard Hawks' original version of *The Big Sleep*.

"Fireflies" will also present the New Jersey Media Art Exhibition, a benefit for the newly-formed New Jersey Media Arts Center, Inc., on July 8, featuring new films and videos by New Jersey artists, including Co-op director Al Nigrin. Upcoming activities of the NJMAC include seven film and video workshops, covering such topics as editing, audio recording techniques and funding, scheduled to take place between May 22 and July 30.

The Co-op will also sponsor "Looking Out: The New Jersey Lesbian/Gay Film and Video Festival," the first public media arts festival of its kind in the state, April 22-24.

For more information about the Rutgers Film Co-op or the NJMAC, call (908) 932-8482.

David Bowie stars in the restored director's cut of *The Man Who Fell to Eart*, which will be screened by the Rutgers Co-op Film Festival July 10 at the State Theatre in New Brunswick.

'Flashlights'

- **May 8:** *Shorts Cuts*
- **May 15:** *The Killer*
- **May 22:** *Naked*
- **June 19:** *Body Snatchers*
- **June 26:** *The Snapper/Blue*
- **July 10:** *The Man Who Fell to Earth/Atlantis*
- **July 17:** *The Piano*
- **July 24:** *Farewell, My Concubine*
- **July 31:** *Savage Nights*

"Flashlights" Sunday film series at the State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick. Sponsored by Rutgers Film Co-op. Admission $7, $5 Co-op members. (908) 932-8482.

'Fireflies'

- **May 13:** *Lung Ta: The Forgotten Tibet*
- **May 20:** • *Why Has Bodhi-Dharma Left For the East?*
- **June 3:** *The Reincarnation of Khensur Rinpoche/ A Song For Tibet*
- **June 10:** *Calendar*
- **June 17:** *Bad Timing*
- **June 24:** *Wax, or the Discovery of Television Among the Bees*
- **July 8:** *New Jersey Media Art Exhibition*
- **July 15:** *Stepping Razor: Red X*
- **July 22:** *Jimi Hendrix*
- **July 29:** *Casablanca*
- **August 5:** *The Big Sleep*

"Fireflies" Friday film series at Milledoler Hall Room 100, College Avenue Campus, Rutgers University, New Brunswick. Sponsored by Rutgers Film Co-op. Admission $4, $3 Co-op members. (908) 932-8482.

Skip 'Threesome' and buy the CD

By JEFFREY COHEN
WeekendPlus Film Critic

There is one rule by which you can invariably live: if a movie lists not only a music producer, but an executive music producer among its opening credits, run for the exits. Go buy the soundtrack. You'd be much better off.

Such is the case with **Threesome**, a "romantic" comedy in which Lara Flynn Boyle, Stephen Baldwin and Josh Charles try to do what Ben Stiller, Winona Ryder and Ethan Hawke did for *Reality Bites*, and fail to generate even that amount of sparks. But the music is cool, and you can dance to it.

Threesome concerns itself, with great pomposity, with Eddy (Charles), a junior transfer student entering a new college and rooming with Stuart (Baldwin), whom he calls "Stort," until one of those humorous bureaucratic errors indigenous to bad plotting, Alex (Boyle) is deposited in their suite (dorms have changed since I was in college). You can do the TV series casting yourself; and assure yourself it will be funnier.

Well, there are all sorts of goings-on: Eddy is confused about his sexual identity. Alex, despite having a boy's name, is attracted to Eddy because he's actually read *Catcher in the Rye*. Stuart is attracted to virtually every female on the planet, and Eddy is spending a lot of time looking at Stuart's behind. Literally.

There's no reason this couldn't have been a sensitive, entertaining portrait of a young man coming of age and discovering he's gay. Instead, writer/director Andrew Fleming has invented stock characters and given them stock situations. He's also given them enough profanity, innuendo and portentousness to sink the battleship Potemkin.

It's a movie that dares you, practically in every scene, to be offended. Ooh, that boy's leering at another one's butt! Oooh, that girl is writhing all over a library table! Ooh, they're skinny-dipping! And the movie spends so much time being offended at itself that there's no time for the audience to feel anything, let alone be provoked.

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None of this is helped by the cast, who uniformly look like they'd be happy to see 30 again, but are forced to pretend they're 20 years old. Boyle is forced to wear bizarre clothing (in one library scene, she's studying in a skirt slit up to the hip; when Baldwin brings a girl he's hoping to bed home to dinner, Boyle is dressed like Donna Reed, right down to the apron) and a haircut that makes her look like Speed Racer, wearing a helmet.

One more rule you can take to the bank: anytime a movie relies too heavily on voice-over narration, you can be assured it will be incoherent, pretentious, or both. Here, "both" is the answer. Supposedly, Eddy is telling us this story with a couple years of hindsight, but his purple prose indicates he's never gotten over the college phase that saw him, assumedly, major in French cinema, since that's the only class anybody ever seems to attend.

The coming attractions trailer and TV commercials for *Threesome* would like you to believe it's a thoughtful comedy with characters you'll take to heart. Instead, it's a leering sitcom with delusions of grandeur and characters who should have lived off-campus and saved us all the aggravation.

There has yet to be made a thinking movie about a gay character, young or old, that can play to mainstream America, unless you count *Philadelphia*, which was less about a gay character and more about an AIDS patient. That doesn't mean the movie can't be made; it just hasn't been yet. Here, we are given the usual music video sequences, the winking intimations that we are among unusually close friends, and lots and lots of sexual talk. There's even a little sex, and the movie manages to rob even that of any emotion. It's just there to confirm the fact that it all happened.

Buy the soundtrack. Save yourself the time.

Video rewind

'Needful Things'

If you're a fan of Stephen King, you might be glad to know that *Needful Things* has been made into a movie. On the other hand, you'd probably want thew book to be better served that it is in this perfunctory version in which Max Von Sydow, Ed Harris and Bonnie Bedelia are all wasted among special effects and puzzling motivations.

'Cool Runnings'

Cool Runnings is nothing if not novel: a movie about the first Olympic Jamaican bobsledding team is irresistible high concept. And yes, it's predictable byond that, but it's nicely handled, and John Candy shows us what was wasted when he died recently. Your kids can watch it, despite the rare profanity. A good time can be had by all.

Pooh alert

Keep alert, Pooh fans! Another volume in the Winnie-the-Pooh *Learning* series from Disney is just about on its way to virtually every store near you by now. And nothing could be less threatening, less worrisome, or more than for very youngsters.

—Jeffrey Cohen

'Monolith'

Further proof that direct-to-video films usually are better off unseen. Pseudo sci-fi thriller attempts to combine *The Hidden* with every buddy-cop film ever made, but embarrassing dialogue barely gets you from one lame action sequence to the next. Even makes talented actors like Bill Paxton (*One False Move*) and Louis Gossett, Jr. look bad. *Real* bad. Avoid at all costs.

—William Westhoven

Top 10 video rentals

1. *The Age of Innocence*
2. *The Joy Luck Club*
3. *The Fugitive*
4. *Carlito's Way*
5. *A Bronx Tale*
6. *Fearless*
7. *The Man Without a Face*
8. *Much Ado About Nothing*
9. *Striking Distance*
10. *Cool Runnings*

— List courtesy of Easy Video

Film capsules

Capsule reviews by WeekendPlus staff
Guide:
✓ — Recommended
☆ — Strongly recommended

OPENING THIS WEEK

COPS AND ROBBERSONS
•A suburbanite (Chevy Chase) and his family play host to a crusty cop (Jack Palance) staking out a nearby criminal. (PG)

SERIAL MOM
•Offbeat director John Waters (*Hairspray, Pink Flamingos*) goes relatively mainstream once again with this comedy starring Kathleen Turner as a "perfect" housewife who goes to murderous extremes to keep her family happy. (R)

CURRENT FILMS

ABOVE THE RIM
•Urban drama centered around a high school basketball phenom being pulled in two directions by his coach and a local drug dealer. With Tupac (2Pac) Shakur, Leon. (R)

ACE VENTURA: PET DETECTIVE
•Rubber-faced comic Jim Carrey (*In Living Colour*) stars as an animal-loving sleuth who must track down kidnapped quarterback Dan Marino. (PG-13)

CLIFFORD
•Martin Short stars as a precocious 10-year-old who drives his guardian uncle (harried Charles Grodin) crazy. With Mary Steenburgen, Dabney Coleman. (PG)

D2: THE MIGHTY DUCKS
•Emilio Estevez stars in the sequel to the popular comedy about a misfit youth hockey team. (PG)

FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL
✓Appealing romantic comedy stars Andie MacDowell (*Groundhog Day*) and Hugh Grant as a couple who carry on an intermittent affair after meeting at the funeral of a friend. (R)

GUARDING TESS
•Shirley MacLaine stars as the eccentric widow of an ex-president who drives her Secret Service protectors (including Nicholas Cage) to distraction in this comedy directed by Hugh Wilson. (PG-13)

HOUSE OF SPIRITS
•A blue-chip cast, led by Jeremy Irons, Glenn Close, Meryl Streep, Vanessa Redgrave and Winona Ryder adapt Isabelle Allende's novel about the tragic path of a prominent Latin American family over the course of 50 years. (R)

THE HUDSUCKER PROXY
✓*The Coen Brothers (Raising Arizona, Barton Fink)* wrote and directed this visually-stunning satire about a mailroom sap (Tim Robbins) whose promoted to Chairman of the Board of a large corporation as part of a takeover plot by a greedy executive (Paul Newman). Jennifer Jason Leigh adds sass as a tough-talking reporter who uncovers the scam. Tries to do too much, but big budget and strong performances keep it from teetering over the edge. A *must for those with eclectic tastes.* (PG)

JIMMY HOLLYWOOD
•Director Barry (*Rain Man*) Levinson's comedy stars Joe Pesci as a struggling actor who assumes the role of an anonymous vigilante as a publicity stunt. With Christian Slater. (R)

LEPRECHAUN 2
•Homicidal, vertically-challenged maniac returns in the sequel to the modest horror hit. (R)

MAJOR LEAGUE 2
•Charlie Sheen, Corbin Bernsen and Tom Berenger return for another comic episode about a fictitious group of misfit Cleveland Indians. (PG)

NAKED GUN 33⅓: THE FINAL INSULT
•Leslie Nielsen and the gang return for the third installment of this police-spoof series. (R)

THE PAPER
✓Director Ron Howard's look at the day in the life of a fictional New York City tabloid trying to avoid bankruptcy and break a big story. Standout cast includes Michael Keaton, Glenn Close, Robert Duvall, Marisa Tomei, Randy Quaid. (R)

Glenn Close stars as the penny-pinching managing editor of a New York city tabloid in the new Ron Howard comedy *The Paper.*

PHILADELPHIA
✓Tom Hanks turns in an Oscar-winning performance as a lawyer who sues his employers, who fire him when they discover he has AIDS. Denzel Washington is the reluctant, homophobic lawyer who takes his case to court. Directed by Jonathan Demme (*Silence of the Lambs*). (PG-13)

THE PIANO
✓Jane Campion wrote and directed this stunning, and very adult, drama about a mute English woman (Holly Hunter in an Oscar-winning performance) whose music helps her endure an arranged marriage to a brutal marriage, and prompts a sexual awakening with another, in 19th century New Zealand. Movie also won Oscars for original screenplay and for best supporting actress (11-year-old Anna Pacquin). (R)

THE REF
✓Comedian Dennis Leary stars as a would-be burglar who must endure the relentless bickering of a couple (Kevin Spacey, Judy Davis) he holds hostage in this comedy directed by Ted Demme. (R)

SCHINDLER'S LIST
☆Steven Spielberg's Oscar triumph: a black-and-white drama about Oskar Schindler (Liam Neeson), a Nazi sympathizer and war profiteer who later spent his fortune and risked his own life saving the lives of more than a thousand Polish Jews during World War II. A grueling three-hour epic that takes a psychological toll on the viewer, but pays off with an uplifting ending. (R)

SUGAR HILL
•Wesley Snipes stars in this drama about a drug kingpin trying to get out of the bad-guy business. (R)

THREESOME
•Lara Flynn Boyle, Stephen Baldwin and Josh Charles star in a comedy about the confusing relationship that develops between three college roommates. (R)

THUMBELINA
•Animated musical version of the popular Hans Christian Anderson fairy tale, directed by Don Bluth (*An American Tail, Charo and Gilbert Gottfried.* Voices include Carol Channing, Songs by Barry Manilow. (G)

RUTGERS CO-OP FILM FESTIVALS

ON THE WATERFRONT (1954)
Marlon Brando stars in this classic tale about New York harbor union battles in the 1950s. Winner of eight Academy Awards. **7 p.m. Friday, April 15, at Milledoler Hall Room 100, Rutgers College (near corner of George St. and Seminary Place, College Avenue campus, New Brunswick). Part of "Nostalgia" spring 1994 film program sponsored by the Rutgers Film Co-op. Admission $3 ($2 Co-op members). (908) 932-8482.**

8½ (1963; French subtitles)
Perhaps the best from the best? Fredirico Fellini's masterpiece (and winner of the 1963 Academy Award for Best Foreign Film), presented with a new print care of Kiko International. Starring Marcello Mastroianni. **7 p.m. Sunday, April 17, at the State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave, New Brunswick. Part of Rutgers Co-op Cinerama spring film program. Admission $7 ($5 Co-op members). (908) 932-8482.**

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STAGE

'Swing' is the thing at George Street Playhouse

Musical tribute to the songs of Johnny Burke will end theater's 20th anniversary season

Bing Crosby may be most-often associated with an Irving Berlin song — "White Christmas," but if you could ask him the name of his favorite composer, Johnny Burke would probably get the nod.

A long-overdue tribute to the author of "Swinging on a Star," "Pennies From Heaven," "Moonlight Becomes You," "Personality" and many others, including most of the songs featured in the Bing Crosby-Bob Hope "Road" movies, will begin Saturday, when the George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick premieres the lively new musical **Swinging on a Star: A Musical Celebration of Johnny Burke.**

Formerly titled *Pennies From Heaven*, the show will feature an ensemble of seven singing and dancing their way through "a musical journey" through the decades, broken into seven segments, beginning in the '30s and ending with the present. Michael Leeds, who conceived and directed the musical, which strives to represent the dance styles and fashions of the times as well as the music of Burke, whose catchy melodies and positive outlook brightened many spirits during the Depression. His earliest successes, in fact, came in the early '30s, when his first hit, "Annie Doesn't Live Here Anymore," won ASCAP's award for the most popular song of the year. He won the same award again in 1933 for "Beat of My Heart."

The cast includes several Broadway veterans under the guidance of choreographer Kathleen Marshall, who served as assistant choreographer on Broadway for *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, *She Loves Me* and *Damn Yankees*, and musical director Barry Levitt, whose most recent credit is the Broadway hit *Catskills on Broadway*.

Performances are Tuesday-Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. (excluding Tuesday, May 10 and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 8). Matinees are scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 11 and Thursday, April 28, May 5 and 12. There will also be a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, May 7.

Broadway veterans Lisa Akey and Michael McGrath are part of the ensemble cast of the musical *Swinging on a Star: a Musical Celebration of Johnny Burke*, opening Saturday at the George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick.

SWINGING ON A STAR: A MUSICAL CELEBRATION OF JOHNNY BURKE April 6-May 8 at George Street Playhouse, 9 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick. Tickets $30-$22. (908) 246-7717.

Curtain calls

NOW PLAYING

CABARET THEATRE
Douglass College
Nichol Ave., New Brunswick
(908) 932-8189
•*The Life of Galileo*, written for the stage by Bertolt Brecht. Through April 16. Adults $5, students $4.

CROSSROADS THEATRE COMPANY
7 Livingston Ave.
New Brunswick
(908) 249-5560
•*Home*, one-act drama by Samm-Art Williams. Through May 8. Admission $30-$20, discounts available.

FORUM THEATRE
314 Main St., Metuchen
(908) 548-0582
•*Spittin' Image*, world premiere of a musical by Stephen A. Weiner, Laura Szabo Cohen, and Karin Kasdon. Through April 24. Admission $27-$15, discounts available.

GEORGE STREET PLAHOUSE
9 Livingston Ave.
New Brunswick
(908) 246-7717
•*Swinging on a Star*, Johnny Burke's songs in a world premiere revue. April 16-May 15. Admission $30-$22.

JASPERS
Route 206, Somerville
(908) 526-5584
•*'Til Death Do Us Part*, murder mystery in a dinner-theater setting. 7:30 p.m. April 15. Admission $37.50.

NICHOLAS MUSIC CENTER
Rutgers Arts Center
George St., New Brunswick
(908) 932-7511
•*The Amvants: Long Memory and Survival among African-Americans*. 8 p.m. April 16. Free admission.

THE NEW THEATER
St. Bernard's Church
88 Claremont Rd.
Bernardsville
(908) 221-9191
•*Murder in the Cathedral*, T.S. Eliot's drama on the death of Thomas a Becket. April 15-23. Adults $10, senior citizens and students $7.

NICHOLAS MUSIC CENTER
Rutgers Arts Center
George St., New Brunswick
(908) 932-7511
•*Kurt Weill: Dance and Song* in honor of his career. 8 p.m. April 15, 16, 22, 23. Admission $14, discounts available.

OLD MILL INN
Route 202, Bernardsville
(201) 301-0562
•*A Deadly Brief Case*, murder mystery in a dinner theater setting. 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Admission $39.

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE
Brookside Dr., Millburn
(201) 376-4343
•*South Pacific*, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical adapted from James Michener's writings. Through May 28. Admission $42-$27.

PLAYHOUSE 22
210 Dunhams Corner Rd.
East Brunswick
(908) 254-3939
•*Jesus Christ Superstar*, opera based on the Gospel According to St. Matthew. Through May 1. Admission $14 opening night, $13 other times; discounts available.

RAMADA INN
Raritan Center, Edison
(609) 443-5598
•*Murder-mystery dinner theater*. 7:30 p.m. April 16, 22. Admission $39.95.

SHERATON AT WOODBRIDGE PLACE
Route 1, Iselin
(908) 634-3600
•*Noir Suspicions*, murder mystery in a dinner theater setting. 8 p.m. Saturday. Admission $40.

SOMERSET VALLEY PLAYERS
Route 514, Nesmanic
(908) 369-7469
•*Lend Me a Tenor*, or Murphy's Law as it would happen in the theater. Through April 17. Admission $12 Saturday, $10 Friday and Sunday; discounts available.

STONY HILL PLAYERS
Oakes Memorial Outreach Center, 120 Morris Ave., Summit
(908) 464-7716
•*Circus in the Wind*, a comedy for the young who can come and follow along. Through April 17. Admission $5.

COMING UP

MARRIOTT HOTEL
110 Davidson Ave., Somerset
(609) 443-5598
•*Murder-mystery dinner theater*. 7:30 p.m. April 23. Admission $39.95.

McCARTER THEATRE
91 University Pl., Princeton
(609) 683-8000
•*The Bermuda Love Triangle: A Spanish Imposition or the 103rd spring show of the Princeton Triangle Club*. April 21-24. Admission $21-$12.

EDWARD NASH THEATER
Raritan Valley Community College
Route 28, North Branch
(908) 725-3420
•*Mummenschanz*, mime and performance troupe. 8 p.m. April 23. Admission $20, discounts available.

STATE THEATRE
19 Livingston Ave.
New Brunswick
(908) 246-7469
•*The Second City*, touring company of comedy troupe. 8 p.m. April 19. Admission $15.
•*Storm Reading*. Disabled playwright actor/playwright Neil Marcus stars in autobiographical, multi-media production, featuring sign-language interpretation as part of show. Audio description, assistive listening, large-print and Braille programs, and wheelchair seating available. Rescheduled from March. "Pay-what-you-can" admission.
•*The Real Live Brady Bunch*, an episode of the TV series re-enacted on stage, featuring cameo appearance by Davey Jones of the Monkees. 8 p.m. April 23. Admission $30-$19.

Dance

DANCE RECITAL
7:30 p.m. Friday, April 15
Somerset County Vo-Tech
Vogt Dr., Bridgewater
(908) 526-8900, Ext. 277
•Original works by students in the school's performing arts curriculum. Admission $5.

NEW JERSEY BALLET
8 p.m. Saturday, April 16
Wilkins Theatre, Kean College
Route 82, Union
(908) 527-2337
•*Le Combat*, *Stars and Stripes*, and other works from the company's repertory. Admission $17, discounts available.

MISS RUTH'S SCHOOL OF DANCE
11 a.m. Sunday, April 17
14 Coryell St.
Fords
(908) 738-8239
•Free dance class taught by Cats star Kayoko Yoshioka ("Victoria the White Cat").

Rehearsals

CENTRAL JERSEY MASTER CHORALE
7:30 p.m. Monday
Arts Building, Raritan Valley Community College
Route 28, North Branch
(908) 231-8813, 218-8871
•Choral ensemble affiliated with the college. Most vocal ranges needed, tenors and basses especially.

CHORAL ART SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY
7:30 p.m. Sunday
Calvery Lutheran Church
108 Eastman St., Cranford
(908) 233-9478
•Union County chorus of varied voices, from early Romantic to more modern.

COMMUNITY CHORUS OF THE HIGHLAND PARK TEMPLE
(908) 249-8471
•Specializing in Jewish choral music (folk, ethnic, liturgical). Additional tenors and basses needed. Call for an appointment.

GIRL SCOUT CHORUS
7 p.m. Tuesday, April 19
Edison School
Rahway Ave., Westfield
(908) 233-3716
•All-female chorus with members from 24 towns in Central New Jersey.

HOUNDS FOR HARMONY
7:45 p.m. Monday
Elks lodge, 545 Bound Brook Rd., Middlesex
(908) 566-2808, 647-2180
•All-male chorus singing barbershop harmony.

RARITAN VALLEY CHORUS
7:30 p.m. Tuesday
Faith Lutheran Church
Amwell Rd., Neshanic
(908) 359-3771
•Mixed chorus of more than 100 members.

SOMERSET CHORALE
7:30 p.m. Thursday
Sampson G. Smith School
1649 Amwell Rd., Somerset
(908) 873-1227
•Community chorus with members from Franklin Township. No experience or audition necessary.

SOMERSET VALLEY ORCHESTRA
7:30 p.m. Thursday
Bound Brook High School
Route 28, Bound Brook
(908) 722-0122
•Community orchestra with 60 members, mostly from Somerset County.

Stage right

Summer arts at Villagers

The Villagers Theatre in Franklin is now accepting registrations for its summer theater arts program for students ages 6-18.

Classes, which run in two three-week sessions, July 5-22 and July 25-August 12, will familiarize students in all aspects of the theater, including dance, music, production arts, acting and stage direction under the guidance of program director Janet Cantore-Watson, familiar to many Villagers visitors from her title role in last year's production of the musical *Peter Pan*.

Guest artists will appear on Fridays to perform for students and provide workshops in their specialized areas.

A separate class will be offered to junior and senior high school musical instrumentalists under the direction of conductor Harold Van Hise. Students will study theory, performance techniques and rehearse as the pit band for student ensemble performances, which will take place on the last Friday of each session.

The program is also currently accepting applications from professional performing arts educators. Resumes may be sent directly to Cantore-Watson at P.O. Box 6175, Somerset, N.J., 08875-6175.

For more information or a registration form, call the theater at (908) 873-2710.

Gifted students dance Friday

Students in the gifted and talented performing arts dance program at Somerset County Vocational-Technical High School will present an informal dance concert 7:30 p.m. Friday at the high school auditorium, located on North Bridge Street and Vogt Drive in Bridgewater.

Admission is $5. For more information, call dance coordinator Sheila Buttermore at (908) 526-8900, ext. 277.

Happenings

BLOSSOMFEST
Franklin St., Belleville
(908) 996-3036
•Street fair in the Essex County village, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. April 24. Rain date May 1. Free admission.

FLEMINGTON CRAFTS FESTIVAL
Flemington Fairgrounds
Route 31, Flemington
(607) 265-3230
•Juried craft show w/more than 250 dealers. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. April 23, 24. Adults $5, children under 12 free.

MONMOUTH FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS
Monmouth Reform Temple
332 Hance Ave., Tinton Falls
(908) 747-8278
•Art show and workshops, noon-8:30 p.m. April 17, 9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. April 18-20. Adults $5, senior citizens and students $3.

PIECED TOGETHER QUILTERS
Bound Brook High School
Route 28, Bound Brook
(908) 658-3021
•Quilt show w/related lectures, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. April 23, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. April 24. Adults $3, senior citizens $2.

SHAD FESTIVAL
Lambertville
(609) 397-0055
•13th feast to mark the return of a certain fish, 12:30-5:30 p.m. April 23, 24. Free admission.

SPRING BOUTIQUE OF CRAFTS
Gospel Fellowship
626 Plainsboro Rd., Plainsboro
(609) 799-2304
•Also including clothing and gourmet food, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday through April 16. Free admission.

STAMP, POSTCARD, AND BASEBALL CARD COLLECTORS OPEN HOUSE
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38 North Main St., Milltown
(908) 247-1093
•For collectors, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 17. Free admission.

WORLD OF CARDS AND COMICS
Hillsborough firehouse
Route 206, Belle Mead
(908) 968-3886
•Comic book and trading card show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 16. Admission $1.50.

Kid Stuff

THE ADVENTURES OF PETER RABBIT
11 a.m. April 16, 17
Paper Mill Playhouse
Brookside Dr., Millburn
(201) 376-4343
•Beatrix Potter's stories of Flopsy, Mopsy, Cottontail, and Peter, brought to the stage. Admission $7, $6.

THE ART MUSEUM
Princeton University
(609) 258-3788
Gallery talks for children in kindergarten-grade 5 at 11 a.m. Saturday. Younger children must be accompanied by an adult. Free admission.
•Painting a picture, April 16.

TOM CHAPIN
1 and 3 p.m. April 17
Wilkins Theatre, Kean College
Route 82, Union
(908) 527-2337
•Folk singer and the brother of the late Harry ("Taxi") Chapin. Admission $5.

DESEQUILIBRE
3 p.m. Sunday, April 17
Edward Nash Theatre
Raritan Valley Community College, North Branch
(908) 725-3420
•"The Challenge" put forward by an acrobatic troupe from Montreal. Admission $7.50.

JACK & THE BEANSTALK
11 a.m. April 23, 24
Paper Mill Playhouse
Brookside Dr., Millburn
(201) 376-4343
•A famous fable brought to life on the stage. Admission $7, $6.

THE SLEEPING BEAUTY
3 p.m. Sunday, April 17
Union County Arts Center
1601 Irving St., Rahway
(908) 499-8226
•One of Grimm's fairy tales, brought to the stage. Admission $6.

Speakers

THE ART MUSEUM
Princeton University
(609) 258-3788
Gallery talks at 12:30 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Free admission.
•Peter Bunnell on Victorian art photography, April 15, 17.
•Abraham Kusch on the Princeton P'ou Prank, April 22, 24.

JOHN ASHBERRY/JAMES TATE
8 p.m. Tuesday, April 19
Seton Hall University
Bishop Dougherty Student Center, South Orange
(201) 761-9098
•Prize-winning poets read from their works. Admission $5.

BENNETT REIMER
3 p.m. Tuesday, April 19
Westminster Choir College
Library, Princeton
(609) 921-2663
•Northwestern University music department chairman ponders "What We Know When We Know Music." Free admission.

MICHAEL RILEY
7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 23
Creative Space Place
100 Jersey Ave., Building D, New Brunswick
(908) 254-7611
•Readings by a religion writer for an area daily newspaper. Admission $5.

GRETCHEN SORIN
1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 24
Morven
55 Stockton St., Princeton
(609) 683-4495
•Museum consultant speaks of Afro-American historic sites and material culture. Free admission.

Singles

ADVANCED DEGREES AND ENTREPRENEURS
(201) 267-5616
•Brunch and discussion at Marriott hotel, Princeton, and Basking Ridge Country Club, 11:30 a.m. Sunday.
•Personal-growth lecture and discussion at Cafe Beethoven, Chatham, 8 p.m. Thursday. Cost $9.

ALADDIN DANCE PARTY
(201) 797-7777
•Ballroom dance (jacket required) at Knights of Columbus hall, Rahway, 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Cost $5.
•Ballroom dance (jacket required) at Town & Country Inn, Keyport, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Cost $5.
•Ballroom and line dance (jacket required) at Don Quixote Inn, Matawan, 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Cost $5.

BLACKTIE PROFESSIONAL SINGLES (American-Asian-European singles, 25-55)
(908) 247-1053
Jacket required for men; no jeans or sneakers. Must reserve in advance.
•Buffet brunch (BYOB) at Wang's Kitchen, Franklin Park, noon April 17. Cost $20.

BRANDIS DANCE THEATRE
(908) 753-2300
•Ballroom and Latin dancing at Ricochet Health and Racquet Club, South Plainfield, 9 p.m. Friday. Cost $5.

CONSCIOUS CONNECTIONS
(201) 267-8552
•Social at Governor Morris Hotel, Morristown, 8 p.m. Saturday.
•Brunch and discussion at Basking Ridge Country Club, 11:30 a.m. Sunday.

CROSSROADS (separated and divorced)
(908) 722-6863, 754-0317
•Self-help group at Centenary United Methodist Church, Metuchen, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

JERSEY SINGLES ACTIVITIES CLUB
(908) 253-9815
•Country & Western dance lessons at Clinton Community Center, 7:30 p.m. Friday through May 27. Cost $8.

MASH (separated and divorced)
(908) 249-6459
•Discussion group at First Baptist Church of New Market, Piscataway, 7:15 p.m. Monday. Cost $3.

MOVIES AND SINGLES
(201) 267-8552
•Cruise around Manhattan (reservations required), 10 p.m. Saturday.
•Movie and social (call for location), 4 p.m. Sunday.

NEW EXPECTATIONS
(201) 984-9158
•Discussion group, game room, and snacks at Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 8 p.m. Friday. Cost $8.

OVERTURES FOR SINGLES
(908) 356-6165
•Chamber music recital at Basking Ridge Country Club, 5:45 p.m. April 24. Cost $12 in advance, $15 at the door.

SINGLEFACES
(908) 462-2406
•Dance (jacket required) at Hilton hotel, Short Hills, 8 p.m. Sunday. Cost $12.
•Dance (jacket required) at Grand Summit, Summit, 9 p.m. April 15. Cost $10.
•15th-anniversary party at Livingston Country Club and Scanticon-Princeton, 9 p.m. April 16. Cost $12 in Livingston, $10 in Princeton.
•Dance at Radisson hotel, Somerset, 9 p.m. April 22. Cost $10.
•Dance at Sheraton hotel, Iselin, 9 p.m. April 23. Cost $10.
•Dance and buffet at Scanticon-Princeton, 9 p.m. April 23. Cost $10.
•Dance (jacket required) at Hilton hotel, East Brunswick, 8 p.m. April 24. Cost $12.

SOLO SINGLES
(908) 766-1839 (7-9 p.m.)
•Bridge at Central Presbyterian Church, Summit, 6:30 p.m. Sunday and 7:15 p.m. April 21. Cost $3.

SOMERSET HILLS SINGLE HIKERS
(908) 774-6759
•Hike in Raccoon Ridge, Delaware Water Gap, 11:30 a.m. April 17. Meet in lot across from Willie's Taverne, Bedminster. Cost $4.
•Hike in Lewis Morris Park, Morristown, 11:30 a.m. April 24. Meet in lot across from Willie's Taverne, Bedminster. Cost $4.

SOPHISTICATED SOCIALS
(908) 221-1182
•Brunch at Basking Ridge Country Club, noon Sunday. Cost $20.
•Business card exchange at Hemingway's, Bridgewater Manor, 5 p.m. Tuesday. Cost $5.

***TOWN & COUNTRY* SINGLES CLUB**
(908) 766-4962
•Social at Old Mill restaurant, Bernardsville, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday. Cost $8.

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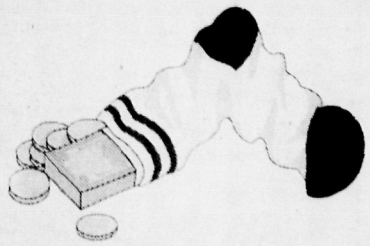

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•19th-century photographs by Henry Peach Robinson and Peter Henry Emerson, through June 6.
•Photographs from the museum's collection, through June 6.

BLACKSMITH MUSEUM
River St., Millstone
(908) 873-2803
Blacksmith shop that was in operation from the middle of the 18th century to the 1960s. Open Sunday from 1:30-4 p.m. through June 26.

CLINTON HISTORICAL MUSEUM
56 Main St., Clinton
(908) 735-4101
Featuring the Red Mill and other artifacts of rural America. Open daily (except Monday) from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Adults $3, senior citizens $1.50, children $1.
•Blacksmith workshops, April 23, 24.

DRAKE HOUSE MUSEUM
602 West Front St., Plainfield
(908) 755-5831
Colonial home built in 1746 and chronicling New Jersey history from before independence to after the Civil War. Open Saturday from 2-4 p.m. Free admission for members. Non-member admission: adults $1, children free.

EAST JERSEY OLDE TOWNE
Johnson Park
River Rd., Piscataway
(908) 463-9077
Village composed of relocated 18th century structures set near the headquarters of the county park police. No tours offered at present. Gift shop closed until further notice.

EDISON NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
Main St., West Orange
(201) 736-5050
Workshop with inventions of Thomas Alva Edison. Open every day from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Adults $2, children and senior citizens free.
•Tours of Glenmont (Edison's house) whis art collection. April 16. Reservations required.

ENVIROMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER
190 Lord Stirling Rd.
Basking Ridge
(908) 766-2489
Daily from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Free admission.
•Wildlife Art Preview, through May 5.

FOSTERFIELDS
Kahdena Rd., Morristown
(201) 326-7645
Living historic farm with implements and customs from the 19th century. Open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday from 1-5 p.m. Free admission on weekdays; admission $3 (discounts available) on weekends.
•The blacksmith's trade, April 23.
•Planting vegetables, April 24.

GREAT SWAMP OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER
247 Southern Blvd., Chatham
(201) 635-6629
Open every day from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Registration required for programs.
•Bird walk in the swamp, 9 a.m. April 16.
•Wildlife walk in the swamp, 2 p.m. April 17.
•Robert Zappalorti on reptile and amphibians, 7:30 p.m. April 20.
•"The Art Side of Me" by Letitia Hess, through April 30.

LIBERTY SCIENCE CENTER
N.J. Turnpike Exit 14B
Jersey City
(201) 200-1000
•"Where Science = Fun" with exhibits that reach out and touch you. Open every day from 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Admission $9 for the center, $7 (separate admission) for the Omni Theater. Discounts available.
•A "Bug's Eye View" of insects, through May 1.

MACCULLOCH HALL
45 Macculloch Ave.
Morristown
(201) 538-2404
Historical museum open Thursday and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. Group tours by appointment. Admission $3, discounts available.
•Daffodil Day (free admission), April 17.
•"Flora '94," through May 15.

MAIN STREET ANTIQUE CENTER
148 Main St., Flemington
(908) 788-6767
Antiques and collectibles from two centuries. Daily (except Tuesday) from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free admission.

METLAR BODINE HOUSE
1281 River Rd., Piscataway
(908) 463-8363
Piscataway Township historic museum, with permanent exhibition of life in the town's early days. Open Thursday through Saturday from noon-5 p.m. Donation.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY MUSEUM
Cornelius Low House
1225 River Rd., Piscataway
(908) 745-4177
Daily (except Monday and Saturday) from 1-4 p.m. Free admission.

MILLER-CORY HOUSE
614 Mountain Ave., Westfield
(908) 232-1776
Farmhouse built in 1740 on the West Fields of Elizabethtown. Open Sunday from 2-5 p.m. Adults $1, children 50 cents.
•Sheep to Shawl Day, April 17.

MONMOUTH COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
70 Court St., Freehold
(908) 462-1466
Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday from 1-4 p.m. Admission $2, discounts available.
•"Tools of the Trade" from early crafts and occupations, through July 17.

MONTCLAIR ART MUSEUM
3 South Mountain Ave.
Montclair
(201) 746-5555
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday and Thursday from 1-5 p.m. Free admission for members. Non-member admission: adults $4, senior citizens and students $2, children under 18 free. Free admission for all on Saturday.
•Storytelling with Dovie Thomason, 3 p.m. April 17.
•"Shackworks," retrospective of works by Beverly Buchanan, through May 22.
•"The Hand and the Spirit," through June 19.
•Navajo and Rio Grande textiles from the collection, through June 26.

MORRIS MUSEUM
6 Normandy Heights Rd.
Morristown
(201) 538-0454
Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday from noon-6 p.m. Free admission for members. Non-member admission: adults $4, senior citizens and children $2.
•Permanent gallery exhibits: dinosaurs, live animals, mammals, model trains, history, North American Indians, Woodland Indians, rocks and minerals.
•"Backyard Monsters: The World of Insects," through May 15.

MUSEUM OF EARLY TRADES AND CRAFTS
Route 124, Madison
(201) 377-2982
Exhibits portray the role of crafts people in the 18th and 19th centuries. Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday from 2-5 p.m. Free admission for members. Non-member admission: adults $2, children $1.
•How brooms are made, April 16.
•Medicine in the home, April 23.

N.J. HISTORICAL SOCIETY
230 Broadway, Newark
(201) 483-3939
Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Adults $3, children $2.
•"Urban Oasis: Newark's Mount Pleasant Cemetery," through July.

NEW JERSEY MUSEUM OF AGRICULTURE
Cook College
Route 1, New Brunswick
(908) 249-2077
Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Admission $3, discounts available.
•Spring on the farm, April 17.

NEW JERSEY STATE MUSEUM
205 West State St., Trenton
(609) 292-6464
Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m., Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Free admission.
•"Le Passage de Arce-Te/c/x/tus Contiuum" by Alastair Noble, April 16-June 12.
•"The Traveler as Ethnographer," through June 29.
•Indian prints by Thomas Loraine McKenney and James Hall, through June 30.
•New Jersey Arts Annual, through July 10.

OSBORN-CANNONBALL HOUSE
Front St., Scotch Plains
(908) 889-4137
Historic house from c. 1750. Open the first Sunday of each month from 2-4 p.m. Free admission.

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TRAILSIDE NATURE AND SCIENCE CENTER
Coles Ave. and New Providence Rd., Mountainside
(908) 789-3670
Open daily from 1-5 p.m. Registration required for programs.
•Deserted Village tour, 2 p.m. April 17. Cost $2.
•Appalachian-style egg basket, 9:30 a.m. April 23. Cost $25.

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JANE VOORHEES ZIMMERLI ART MUSEUM
Rutgers University
Hamilton St., New Brunswick
(908) 932-7237
Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Free admission.

Lens and canvas

Four photographers and a painter are sharing gallery space this month at the Watchung Arts Center.

While the paintings painter Assunta Sera of Upper Montclair, whose resume includes a work on display at the Vatican, are on display in the Center's lower gallery, the contrasting styles of four New Jersey photographers dominate the major exhibit space. Those styles range from the unusual, experimental offerings of Riverdale's Lynn Forrest (above), to the still lifes and portraits of Ellen Denuto of Paterson, to the moody, innovative images of Gerald Slota, also of Paterson, to the celebrated prints of Flemington's Richard Gerstner, whose photos have been showcased at the Museum of Modern Art as well as on the cover of *Newsweek*.

For more information, call the Watchung arts Center at (908) 753-0190.

Galleries

B. BEAMESDERFER GALLERY
6 North Second Ave.
Highland Park
(908) 249-6971
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thursday from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
•Paintings and drawings by Felicia van Bork, through May 14.

BERNARDSVILLE LIBRARY
2 Morristown Rd., Bernardsville
(908) 766-0118
Open during library hours.
•Works by Rigel Heung, through April 29.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL
150 New Providence Rd.
Mountainside
(908) 233-3720, Ext. 379
Open to the public Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Also open by appointment.
•Paintings by Debbie Tintle, through April 29.

CLARENCE DILLON LIBRARY
Lamington Rd., Bedminster
(908) 234-2345
Open during library hours.
•Works by Lee Ramsey, through May 5.
•Somerset Art Association group show, through May 5.

CREATIVE SPACE PLACE
100 Jersey Ave., Building D, New Brunswick
(908) 254-7611, 254-0856
Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday by appointment.
•"Seasonal Celebration," through April 29.

EVERHART GALLERY
117 South Maple Ave.
Basking Ridge
(908) 221-9007
Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Also open by appointment.
•"Spring Watercolors" by five artists, through April 30.

RENEE FOOSANER GALLERY
Paper Mill Playhouse
Brookside Dr., Millburn
(201) 379-3636
Friday from noon-3 p.m. Also open one hour before theater performances and at intermission.
•New Jersey Watercolor Society members show, through May 30.

FRIENDSHIP LIBRARY
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Madison
(201) 593-8532
Open during library hours.
•Photographs of "Paul Strand's Mexico," through April 30.

GALLERY AT BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB
Route 206, Princeton
(609) 252-6275
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday from 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 1-5 p.m. Free admission.
•Photographs by Edward Steichen "Within the Family," through April 17.

GALLERY AT CROSSROADS THEATRE COMPANY
7 Livingston Ave.
New Brunswick
(908) 249-5581
Wednesday through Friday from 7-11 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 2-11 p.m.
•"Art as Metaphor" in works by Ibitayo A. Ojomo, through May 8.

HUNTERDON ART CENTER
7 Lower Center St., Clinton
(908) 735-8415
Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission $2.50, discounts available.
•"Nocturnes" by Tim Daly and multimedia works by Joe van Ramp, through April 17.
•National Print Exhibition, through April 17.
•"Michael Lenson: Real and Surreal" paintings, April 24-June 26. Reception from 3-5 p.m. April 24.

HUNTERDON COUNTY LIBRARY
Route 12, Flemington
(908) 788-1444
Open during library hours.
•Holocaust remembrance, through April 30.
•Portraits by Joann Doneen, through April 30.

KORN GALLERY
Drew University
Route 24, Madison
(201) 408-3553
Tuesday through Friday from 12:30-4 p.m. Also open by appointment.
•Wall sculpture by Livio Saganic, through April 22.

LEXINGTON GALLERY
25 Texas Ave., Lawrenceville
(609) 883-8660
Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
•"Five Eyes," works by five photographers, through April 30.

LES MALAMUT GALLERY
Union County Library
Route 82, Union
(908) 686-0420
Open during library hours.
•Photographs by Shirley Gray, through May 13.

MORTIMER GALLERY
Gill-St. Bernard's School
Mendham Rd., Gladstone
(908) 234-2345
Thursday and Sunday from 2-4 p.m. Also open by appointment.
•Oil paintings by Jean Buckley, through April 27.

NABISCO GALLERY
River Rd., East Hanover
(201) 503-3238
Daily from noon-4 p.m. Free admission.
•Works of nine photographers, through May 12.

NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS
68 Elm St., Summit
(908) 273-9121
Palmer Gallery open Monday through Friday noon-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 2-4 p.m. Members' Gallery open from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. when classes are in session.
•Black Maria Festival (independent film and video), 7:30 p.m. April 21. Admission $5.
•International juried show, Palmer Gallery, through April 15. Free admission for members; non-member admission $1.
•"The Lay of the Land," landscapes painted by five faculty members, Members' Gallery, through April 15. Free admission.
•"Interiors," works by J. Brian Townsend. Members' Gallery, April 22-May 26. Free admission.
•"House Sweet House," Palmer Gallery, April 24-June 5. Free admission for members; non-member admission $1.

N.J. DESIGNER CRAFTSMEN
65 Church St., New Brunswick
(908) 246-4066
Monday through Saturday from noon-6 p.m.
•New Jersey glass, through May 14.

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PRALLSVILLE MILLS
Route 29, Stockton
(908) 534-4644
Daily from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
• "Design '94" exhibit and sale, through May 1.

PRINTMAKING COUNCIL OF NEW JERSEY
440 River Rd., North Branch
(908) 725-2110
Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday from 1-4 p.m. Free admission.
• "Small Impressions 1994," national exhibition, through April 21.

QUIETUDE GARDEN GALLERY
24 Fern Rd., East Brunswick
(908) 257-4340
Open by appointment only.
• "Winter Wonder 1994," works of nine sculptors, through April 23.

RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Route 28, North Branch
(908) 218-8876
Tuesday through Thursday from noon-3 p.m.
•Student art exhibit, through May 5.

RIDER COLLEGE
Student Center Gallery
Route 206, Lawrenceville
(609) 896-5325
Monday through Thursday from noon-2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.; Friday through Sunday from 2-5 p.m. Free admission.
• "Beginnings" in painting and drawing by Clarence Holbrook Carter, through April 17.

ELIZABETH ANNE SETON MEMORIAL GALLERY
St. Peter's High School
175 Somerset St.
New Brunswick
(908) 846-8046
Open during school hours.
• "Spring Delights" by Myroslava Stojko, through April 22.

VISUAL ARTS GALLERY
Livingston College
Berrue Circle, Piscataway
(908) 932-7511
Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Free admission.
•BFA thesis exhibition, April 15-29.

WALTERS HALL GALLERY
Rutgers Arts Center
Chapel Dr., New Brunswick
(908) 932-7511
Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Free admission.
•MFA thesis exhibition by Susan Kleckner, through April 15.
•MFA thesis exhibitions by Martha Otis and Vivinne Williams, April 18-22.
• "Public Interest" art, through May 7.

WARNER-LAMBERT ART GALLERY
201 Tabor Rd., Morris Plains
(201) 540-6678
Tuesday and Thursday from 1-5 p.m. by appointment only.
•Works by Ellen Sherman-Zinn, through April 15.

WATCHUNG ARTS CENTER
18 Stirling Rd., Watchung
(908) 753-0190
Daily (except Saturday) from 1-4 p.m. Free admission.
•Children's art, through April 28.
•Works by four New Jersey photographers, through April 29.
•Paintings by Assunta Sera, through April 29.

WESTFIELD ART GALLERY
152 East Broad St., Westfield
(908) 789-9696
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 3:30-5 p.m.; Thursday from 3:30-9 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 p.m.
•Landscapes by Burton Longenbach, through April 22.

WESTFIELD COMMUNITY ROOM GALLERY
425 East Broad St., Westfield
(908) 232-8581
Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.; Saturday from 1-4 p.m.
•Westfield Art Association members' show, through April 23. Reception from 1-3 p.m. April 23.

Planetariums

NEW JERSEY STATE MUSEUM
205 West State St.,
Trenton
(609) 292-6333
•Laser planetarium shows, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday through May 15. Admission $6, discounts available; call for showtimes.
•"Duncan the Dragon and the Solar System," and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday through July 3. Admission $1.

RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Route 28, North Branch
(908) 231-8805
Admission $4, group rates available.
•Native American sky legends, 1 and 4 p.m. Saturday through May 21; also at 1 and 4 p.m. April 24.
•"Follow the Drinking Gourd," 2:30 p.m. Saturday through May 21; also at 2:30 p.m. April 24.

TRAILSIDE NATURE AND SCIENCE CENTER
New Providence Rd. and Coles Ave., Mountainside
(908) 789-3670
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ITALIAN AMERICAN WIDOWER— wants to meet Mrs. Right, age 60-70, socialize, go out to dinner and movies. **This advertiser has chosen to receive mail also. Send letter to: Ext. 4813 Introductions, Forbes Newspapers, P.O. Box 699, Somerville, NJ, 08876.**

LINEAR DIVORCED WHITE FEMALE
Late 50's, active, employed, seeking **single divorced white female (linear only)** in Metuchen or Edison, but not confined to that area. Interested in fitness exercising, crafts, flea marketing, day excursions, movies, local theater and general socializing. Please call Ext. 4300.

SINGLE, WHITE, WIDOWED FEMALE
Early 60's, interested in SWM, middle 60's, who likes old movies, good cooking, bus trips, dancing, long walks or just hanging out. Ext. 4574.
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1005 Business Contacts

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TAPE THIS AD TO YOUR COMPUTER
I am a PC expert ready and willing to help you w/ your computer problems. I can help decide which computer and software is best for you! Call today. **PLEASE CALL EXT. 4591.**

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WHITE MALE—
Seeking female partner with experience in craft marketing to work with serious artist/wood worker. Making and selling high end crafts and custom children's furniture.
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1006 Exercise Partners

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1007 Game Players & Hobbyists

ATTENTION: PENTE PLAYERS!
Yes...this is not a misprint. There are so few of us. If you play Pente or anyone you know of plays Pente-please give me a call. (P.S. Robin Thompson, if you read this, please call!) Please reply ext. 4173.

CACTUS ENTHUSIAST—
SWM, 30, new to Hills area seeks like-minded persons whose hobby is collecting and cultivating cactus. Please call ext. 4928.

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YMOW— Younger Men/Older women, an organization dedicated to age difference relationships, looking for men & women for Ball Room dancing, please call ext.4767

1008 Hobbyists

BOATLESS— Neophyte boatman with lots of USPS classroom training, but no practical experience will help you maintain or operate your power boat in return for experience. **Please respond to ext. 4819.**

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1009 Traveling Companions

HI SWF— 52 taking an early retirement to get out of the "THE RAT RACE". I am slim attractive, personable and easy going- adventurous and affectionate as well. Want to travel the US with a fun loving and decent male who has a great desire to do the same. Female responses are welcome-strictly on a friendship basis. Please reply to Ext. 4539.
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1010 Introductions

ALEXIS' MOM PLEASE CALL OLIVIA'S DAD— We met in January in T.J. Max's, we talked of Montessori and of Alexis' birthday in August. ***PLEASE RESPOND*** **TO EXT. 4811.**

1942 MODEL VINTAGE 4DR FAMILY SEDAN— runs on regular fuel only, no additives required. Assembled overseas, imported into USA 1984, right hand drive but handles well on local roads. Well maintained and in excel. cond., all original equipment is still intact except for ashtrays and tip of radiator overflow hose. Paintwork worn a bit thin on roof and double headlights fitted. Usually parked at sports club, restaurants, theaters, movies, dancehalls, museums, around New York City, airport, ski areas & often in own garage in Edison area. Prev. ownership arrangements terminated due to dispute about garaging & operating conditions. If you are in the market for a reliable, high performance, good quality used vehicle by a reputable mfr., this fine example seeks a compatible slim 40-45ish nonsmoking Lady owner who would like to savor it and is prepared to invest sufficient TLC to keep it in tiptop running cond. in a LTR. Please don't reply if you think this ad should be in the used car section. Ext. 4546.

46 YR. OLD SWF— Non-drinker, non-smoker, but not boring ISO a LTR with single or divorced white male who enjoys movies, dining, dancing, having fun and sharing new experiences. No game players, please. **RESPOND TO EXT. 4811.**

A NICE LADY-SWF, Bookworm, Good sense, at 44 would enjoy similar gentleman w/yesteryear manners, great conversations, classical quiet times. Required - a clear conscience and promises kept. Please call Ext. 4853.

A PIRATES LOOKS, A SEERS EYES, A HEALERS HEART, A MAN;
Swordsman, singer, writer, poet, builder, comic, Netrunner, historian, and artist- with a taste for Gothic elegance seeks a Valkyrie intellectual in her 20's with a goofy streak, who's cynical facade shields a romantic soul. **PLEASE REPLY TO EXT#4962.**

A TOUCH OF CLASS, A TOUCH OF BRASS!...
37 yr. old professional SJF. Independent, intelligent, sensual and pretty. Let's cook dinner together...go to the gym...or take in a movie. Are you bright, intuitive, adventurous, and have a good sense of humor? I'm looking for someone who is under 42 and is looking to build a friendship into a "real relationship". Please call call ext 4804

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ALL AMERICAN SWM— Blond, blue eyes, 5'10, slim, neat, clean & honest. No drugs or drinking. Seeking attractive woman between 25-30 who believes one on one is the best way to a quality relationship. Also believes in Mom & Dad, pick-up trucks and puppies, apple pie and the 4th of July. Please call ext. 4935

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR ONE GOOD SINGLE WHITE FEMALE?
Your search ends here if you are a tall SWM, 30-40 years old who enjoys dancing movies and dining out. ext. 4708.

ATTRACTIVE SWM, 35
Blonde hair, blue-eyes, sexy, well built, good heart and full of laughs. Seeking attractive female who is honest, sensitive, caring and affectionate for possible LTR. Must like hugs!!! Ext. 4607.

ATTRACTIVE— affectionate, DWPM, 45, 5'10", 175 lbs., likes movies, dining out, travel & adventure. Looking for slender or petite S/DWf, 35-50, Who likes an assertive, Take-charge kind of guy, Looks not as important as personality. Please call ext.4775

BLACK SINGLE FEMALE—
25, 5'7, fit, attractive, calm natured, down to earth, open minded & sincere. Non-smoker or drinker w/ good values. My interests are indoor/outdoor activities, seeking tall employed SBM/SHM 25-35 w/same interests who desires a good friend whom he can spend quality time with. Please call Ext. 4537.

BORN AGAIN SWM— 31, attractive, good sense of humor, sincere with much to offer to the right woman, looking for attractive SWCF, 24-34, who puts God first. Must be honest, affectionate and likes having fun. Call if you're the special lady I'm looking for. Please call ext. 4806.

BROWN EYED GIRL—
26 seeks the same. Blue, Green, speckled eyes also welcome. I enjoy sunsets on the beach, softball, running, football, reading Maupin & King, movies, quiet evenings at home & my cat. I'd like to hear from A GWF 25-35 who enjoys this and more. For friendship or possible relationship. Please call Ext. 4535.

CARING, HONEST SWM—
From Nantucket, 26, energetic, seeking WF who enjoys long walks, beaches or just a night out. Please reply ext. 4723.

COLLEGE GRAD
25-yr. old SJM who enjoys sports, music & movies & the shore seeking SJF, 20-25, with similar interests. Please call Extension 4328.

DANCING ANYONE? SWM, 44, Loooking for educated, female dance partv
ner, preferably someone in exc. physcial cond., over 5'6", who likes oldies & C & W music, please call ext.4780

DEAR TALL, SMART, SINGLE AND HANDSOME,
I'm a very attractive 37 year old tall, funloving redhead - adventurous and full of life. I like a man with a great sense of humor, rugged, down to earth, and must be financially secure. Someone who likes anything from fine dining to getting lost in the woods. If you're looking for Cindy Crawford, keep looking. If you're looking for a genuinely attractive sincere woman to have a relationship with please respond to ext 3604.

DETERMINED TO FIND ONE NICE GUY— not looking for stereo type Bimbo. Me-SWF, wheelchair, Brn. eyes/hair S-Mom, intelligent, independent, active, shy, actress. Into RenFest, loves red carnations, music, parties, quiet nights, romantic, sensitive. ISO S/DWM, age? Similar interests, honest, sincere, outgoing, patient, non-smoker. No head games. Please call Ext. 3607.

DHWF, BORN AGAIN— 37, 5'2", 135 lbs., attractive, brown hair & eyes, professional, no children, sensitive, caring, affectionate, athletic, in good physical shape, committed, health conscious. I believe in traditional values and I basically enjoy the simple pleasures of life seeking 5'7"-6'2", white male, 33-41, broad shoulders, weight according to height, emotionally stable, financially secure, honest, sincere, attractive, considerate, in good health and good physical shape, non-smoker, free alcohol & disease. If you are unhappy or disgruntled and see the negative things in life, no need to respond. I like to laugh, life is too short. Are you willing to give 110% to a relationship? **Please call ext. 4822.**

DIVORCED FEMALE 33, 5'9, pretty, ISO SM 5'11 & over, 30-38, handsome, race unimportant, likes kids, party, dance, R&B music, Rapp, fun loving & light drinker. Please call Ext. 4852.

DIVORCED FEMALE
Big blue eyes, blonde, 40-something, pretty, nice, interesting life, hardworker, successful career and a good friend. Looking for an intelligent, kind, educated man for companionship and fun and whatever develops. Love black tie, the beach, boats, hikes, exploring, adventure, museums and Brigantine. Please call Ext. 3049.

DIVORCED WHITE FEMALE
43, slim, attractive seeking single/divorced white male- 38-48, trim and good looking, who is phsically and emotionally free to build a relationship with the right women if he were to find her.. and also have time for fun, dancing, dining and just being with someone special. Please reply ext. 4166.

DIVORCED WHITE FEMALE— 55, 5'10, average weight, Blonde, green eyes, nice looking, smoker. Newly divorced & lonely. ISO companionship & friendship for now. I enjoy reading, TV, movies, walks, dining out & flea markets. I'm successful, caring & easy going. Only tall, honest & sincere need reply. Ext. 4550.

DIVORCED WHITE FEMALE—
40, 5'5, blonde hair, brn. eyes, pleasant to the eye, physically & mentally. I am honest, secure, independent, witty & outgoing w/a great smile & sense of humor. Seeking handsome 5'10 to 6'2, fit, financially secure, S/DWM 40-46 who is confident, sensitive, romantic, honest & able to build a lasting relationship. Alcoholics, drug users, gambler & head gamers need not apply. **Please reply Ext. 4528.**

DIVORCED WHITE MALE
44, professional, 6', 180 lbs., Catholic, Seeking SWCF, 35-40, 5'2-5'6, good build, for serious relationship & whatever develops. Sense of humor a +, but must be attractive, outgoing & good conversationalist to enjoy movies, dining out & the occasional rainy day. Please no fanatics or people with little time on their hands. Please reply Ext. 4333.

DIVORCED WHITE PROF. MALE— young 43, Single Dad, successful, educated, sensitive, 5'11, 165 lbs., very fit, bright, likes outdoors, beach, old movies, fireplaces, Rock & Blues, seeking S or DWF 28-40 who is attractive, fit, warm, intelligent & eclectic for good times shared experiences. Please call Ext. 4548.

DIVORCED WHITE PROF. FEMALE—
Pretty lady-looking for the right man to compliment me. If you like a spirited, intelligent, independent lady very family oriented, caring-giving, who ran the gamut from wife/Mom to Politician, comfortable in any setting. S/DWPM 40ish + call me & decide if we are compatible. Ext.4541.

DJPF— 45, youthful, NS, attractive, outgoing, creative, secure. Enjoys music, theatre, travel, outdoors ISO special JM for warm, loving, committed relationship. **Please call ext. 4807.**

DO YOU LIKE BEING LONEY? Neither do I! Iam a SBPF, 27, 5'2", seekings SPM, 25-35, who is pleasant & fit., I like reading & movies, I don't drink or smoke, or have any diseases & neither do you. If you are looking for a casual friendship & have a good sense of humor & respect women. Please write. This advertiser has chosen to recieve mail only. Please write to Introductions Box 4776, Forbes Newspapers, Po Box 699, Somerville, NJ 08876

DWCF—
39, hard working professional, attractive, sincere and sensitive, non-smoker, lots of travel, 1 school aged child. Enjoys the outdoors, tennis, shore and mountains and values family times. Seeks SDWCM, non-smoker, 37-45, with similar interests for relationship based on friendship, companionship with mutual respect and love. Ext 4635.

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DWF— in search of SDWM 6', trim, over 55, non-smoker and no drugs w/ a sense of humor, likes dancing and going to the movies. Ext 4646

DWM— 30, fit/handsome, sincere/honest, enjoy exercise, music, movies, outdoor museums, etc. ISO S/DF, 40-55, w/similar interests for fun, romance & sharing special times. Please call ext. 4938.

DWM— 49, 5'7", 160 lbs., prof. warm and affectionate seeking attractive white female, 40-49, up to 5'5", who is open-minded, affectionate, caring, sharing, likes conversation and dining out. If you're interested **please call & send letter to: ext. 4821, Introductions, P.O. Box 699, Somerville, NJ, 08876.**

DWM— I am a warm, sincere and gentle man. I am also friendly, intelligent and financially secure. I am 38, 5' tall and an adorable romantic. I've been married before, 7 yrs. ago, but to the wrong woman. I now know what my future wife is; you are feminine, conservative, educated and enjoy tropical travel and dining out. You are between the ages of 25-35 and take pride in your appearance. Kids O.K. since I have them. **Please respond to ext. 4820.**

DWM— tall, slim, active, professional, 40 plus. Caring romantic with many varied interests. Seeking 30-40 sensual romantic female, slim to average build with or without children. If you like candles and fireplaces please respond to ext. 4933. This advertiser has also optioned to receive mail Please send letter to: Introductions, Box 4933, Forbes Newspapers, P.O. Box 699, Somerville, NJ 08876

DWPF— 46, 5'7", Red hair, Green eyes, Trim & fit, seeks educated male up to 60 yrs. old., to share my interests in outdoors, reading, environment, animals, travels & folk music, I am a political & religious liberal N/S, who also enjoys the traditioanl dining out, movies, beach, romance, ect. Please reply ext.4530

DWPF—
50, 5'7, Pretty, dk. hair, dk. eyed lady. Financially & emotionally secure, honest, fun loving, good sense of humor, socially active, enjoys the finer things life has to offer. Seeks M counterpart for same. Please call Ext. 4545.

EDUCATOR— DWM, attentive, sincere, honest, 50's, 150lbs., 5'8", enjoys reading, travel, theatre & dining out., Seeks a Slim, caring, understanding woman, 45-55 yrs.old, to share time together & possible LTR. Please call ext.4769

FEMALE—
Separated but available. Average but unique, professional but intelligent, science oriented but artistic in search of male, similar, prepared but not scared, 30's to fit 40's, 5'9" + and please write!
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FIT, WHITE, PROFESSIONAL MALE—
35, who likes children, coaching football and summer vacations; is seeling a special long-haired white or hispanic woman, S or D, for a long-term realtionship! Please reply ext. 4715.

GIGOLO 40ISH—
Monogamous, verbose, jaded, self-centered, cruel, egotistical, grotesque, drunk and eclectic- earned type A personality- who is at times angered. Impoverished DWM- artisan, smoker, recluse, secretive, non-supportive, denying-one-track-mind... who attempts no improvement, searching like female counterpart, 19-55; no children, affluent, obnoxious, financially secure, offensive, sensual, erudite, humorous, omnivorous- who can be manic, obsessive & seductive. Craving smiles, cuddles, tenderness, therapy, romance, honesty, intimacy, recipes, Mozart & cappuccino. Sequel. (will use your credit card) in favor of superficial, long term contractual relationship. Knock Knee commitment. Adv. MORE. Feces happens. PS... No Lawyerettes, Cardboard professionals. Public servants, New Yorkers, drugs. ASAP. **PLEASE REPLY TO BOX 4767.**

GOOD LOOKING, COLLEGE DEGREED—
Prof., DBM (w/no children), 40, 5'9, 165 lbs. seeks a good woman to spend time with. I am sincere, honest, & considerate, & I look for that in others. I enjoy skiing, music, Sci-Fi, going to movies, dining out, dancing & good conversation. I also enjoy quiet times at home, watching movie while snuggling on the couch w/someone special. If you're a S/DF bet. 28-42 who is: fun loving, yet down to earth; have a healthy sense of humor; a nice disposition & appearance; honest, reliable, & emotionally secure; & believes that romance should begin with good friendship & shared values please give me a call right now. (NO smokers, drug users, or heavy drinkers, please.) Race is unimportant. I hope to hear from you soon. Please call Ext. 4544.

GWPM— 43 yr.s old, 5'10", 165 lbs., brown hairs/eyes, good shape, masculine, kind & sincere indivual, ISO GW or asian Male, 30-45, in good shape, for friendship or LTR, HIV negative please! Please call ext.4778

HANDSOME, ATHLETIC, SUCCESSFUL SWM—
Very good looking, intelligent, physically fit, financially secure, romantic, sincere, active, multi-faceted individual. Have many interests which include skiing, golf, tennis, outdoors, sports, music, fine dining, movies, quiet evenings and travel. In search of very attractive, trim, athletic 5'7" or less, NS female (30-39) who is affectionate, caring and enjoys sharing all that life has to offer. If you are looking for an LTR based on friendship, companionship, mutual respect and love with a clean-cut wonderful man, then **PLEASE CALL EXT. 4593.**

HANDSOME, WPM, 49
Upbeat, successful, trim and healthy. I'm happy, enjoy life and having fun. ISO WF counterpart for loving but discreet friendship. Please reply ext. 4716.

HONEST, HANDSOME, SINCERE, SHY DWM— 30, desires to meet woman for a very LTR. Very open to activities, life and enjoyments. Other than an honest desire for a caring man all I ask is that you're under 30, under 5'8" and under 140 lbs. **Please respond to ext. 4817.**

HOW CAN I ATTRACT— responses from the ladies I'd like to hear from? What are the qualities that I either don't have, or haven't thought to tell you about? Are the calls not coming because I'm seeking a MUCH younger woman?(30-40). Or because I'm seeking a cute, sexy, petite woman? This JPM, self-employed, just turned 53, attractive, separated but available, has a lot to offer. My interests range from reading a book to spending some time in Vegas. Most people see me as a thoughtful, caring, affectionate, reasonably bright man who gets along with kids and dogs. And speaking of kids, it wouldn't be so bad to have a couple more! Maybe I shouldn't say I hate acid rock & rap. Or maybe I shouldn't say that I have a sense of humor that sometimes turns bizarre. Or maybe I shouldn't say that my belief is that kids should not be raised on junk food. Or maybe I shouldn't say that I was raised in a house filled with love. Or maybe I shouldn't say that I'm a touchy-feely guy. But I'm willing to risk letting you know these things about myself, and am hoping you will be just as honest and open. I'm seeking a long term relationship that will grow stronger year by year. By the way, I'm a non-smoker and VERY light social drinker. So if you fall into the right group, listen, to my audio message and give us both a chance. Who knows what could develop from a simple phone call! Please call ext. 4771

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I am creative, love all kinds of music, song, dance, hike, nature, gourmet cook. Seeking similar values in a divorced or widowed man 44-55 years old. Ext. 4172.

IF YOU ARE A SLENDER KOREAN FEMALE–
25 to 40 yrs, please repond to this ad. Nice-looking, athletic, 40ish DWM w/patience, passion and own home- would like to meet you for dating, friendship and maybe more. Please reply ext. 4719.

IF YOU LIKE PINA COLADAS– and getting caught in the rain, if you're not into health food, if you're into champagne call in and escape. I'm 25, 5'1", brown-eyed girl with brown curly hair and a good heart. I like anything from motorcycle rides and skiing to picnics and am looking for somebody between 25-30, adventurous and outgoing but must have a good heart and old-fashioned qualities. Hopeless romantic a plus. **Please respond to ext.4818.**

LOOKING FOR A CO-PILOT–
I am a divorced, white male, 60 years old. I am professional, own my own plane, very active, fit, & financially stable. An average man- no drinking or drugs, but I smoke. Seeking SINGLE WHITE FEMALE who is slim, 30-45 years old, who needs a nice emotional start in life and who likes to be spoiled and knows how to spoil in return. Must be level headed, like sports and sports cars, traveling, dining out, and quiet evenings. Sense of humor a must! Please call ext. 4014.

LOST IN NEW JERSEY– Recently transferred by a Co. in the Mid-west. SWM, 25, 5'11" blond hair, blue eyes, slim to medium build, good looking (will exchange photo). Looking for a female to help find my way out of this loneliness. I'm a well rounded individual. I enjoy country music to alternative music, skiing, camping, fishing, the Arts, exploring NYC. Seeking female for definate friendship or possible dating. A person whose personality & character are more attractive than her looks. Someone who knows how to cut loose and have fun and knows when to be serious. I appreciate sincerity, romance, kindness, sweetness, but what I respect and am attracted to most is a woman who is unafraid to be completely open & honest. Please call ext. 4930. This advertiser has also chosen to receive mail. Please send letter and photo to: Introductions, Box 4930, Forbes Newspapers, P.O. Box 699, Somerville, NJ.

MARRIAGE MINDED?
Want a child? I want a wife: Let's make a deal...Hardworking SWM, 28, very fit, 6'+. Very intelligent, suave looking, Prof. needs mousy Country Girl, Corporate Lady, or in-between, 19-29 or so, to share walks, movies, dinner, cuddling, beach, love (a business together?) Sacrificing for Bountiful life. Ext. 3926.

NEWLY GRADUATED MEDICAL CAREER–
Just graduated as an EKG technician. I'm a 23 yr. old, SWM, short blond hair, blue eyes, 5'11, 160 lbs. who doesn't get a chance to mingle due to school & work devotion. Formal Black Belt in Karate is in search of (marriage minded), single white college educated female, 20-26 who enjoys what I do (dancing, dining out, horseback riding & working out in gym). Cannot dial the 900 number for message retrieval so please let's exchange photos and letters. (Medical career college educated & brunettes would be a plus.) (LETTERS & PHOTO ARE PREFERRED BY ADVERTISER.)
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NICE GUY
5'9", 160 lbs., I enjoy the simple things in life; ice cream cones, movies, good conversation, good books, great dinners, dancing and good laughs. *I'm a WSM, responsible, non-drinker, financially secure, with a wicked sense of humor.* I would like to meet someone who is comfortable with themself, "pretty-plain-jane", 35-45 years old, 5'7" & under, no little kids, and SLENDER build, moderate drinker, non/light-smoker, easy-going, intelligent, compassionate, strong- (but not domineering) and feminine. Not looking for a one night stand but a serious contender. Lv. phone number & I'll call you back! (Bridgewater area, please.) Reply ext. 4170.

ONE AVERAGE POOR BOY– 140 Lbs., 5'10", Brown hair/eyes, 40's, SWM, who is working on old motorhome to go camping & fishes when his kids come visit this summer. Would like to meet average, friendly, slim, goofy girl, who looks good in a Baseball cap for friendship, Companionship, Bookworm & Tomgirls welcome. Please call ext. 4767

PRETTY DJF
5'5" slender intelligent, nurturing & aesthetic. Seeking attractive, cultured, financially secure male, 55-65 for caring, long lasting relationship. Ext. 4955.

SDW, PROFESSIONAL MALE
51, 5'11", 187 lbs. Interested in dining out, movies, music, sihgtseeing, sports, etc. I wish to meet an *attractive woman, 38-50years old,* 5'2"-5'6", who is educated and has compatable interests. Please reply ext. 4725.

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34, blue eyes, brunette, single mom, financially secure. I enjoy camping, dining out, movies, plays & museums. I'm looking for a down-to-earth SWM, 34-40 yrs. old- who enjoys the same things as myself. If this sounds good to you, then call ext. 3619.

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Petite to medium build, 24-30 years old- for a long term relationship. No head games, please. I am a single, white male, 27, 5'8, brown hair & eyes, 145 lbs. I am very sweet, sincere, & romantic. I love movies, dinners, spending time together and cuddling. I will answer every response, so take a chance-write to me.
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SINGLE BLACK FEMALE LOOKING FOR NO ONE IN PARTICULAR– 25, 5'5, Exotic dancer, ISO someone who is interesting & likes to go out & have fun. If this is you just give me a call at Ext. 4547.

SINGLE PARENT FATHER– DWCM 47, 5'9", stocky but dieting, seeking affectionate, playful woman, social drinker for LTR. Ext 4645.

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SWM– 35, 6 ft., dark hair & eyes, good looking & trim, seeks pretty, petite & caring SWF, 21-29, who loves Harleys for possible LTR, please call ext.4773

SWM–
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Rock 'n roller, 5'8", 160 lbs., 37 yrs., non-smoker, into fitness, fun, rock clubs, travel, comedy clubs & cuddling. ISO fit & fun woman with no children & good sense of humor. I'm zany but also sincere, looking towards a LTR. **Please call ext. 4590.**

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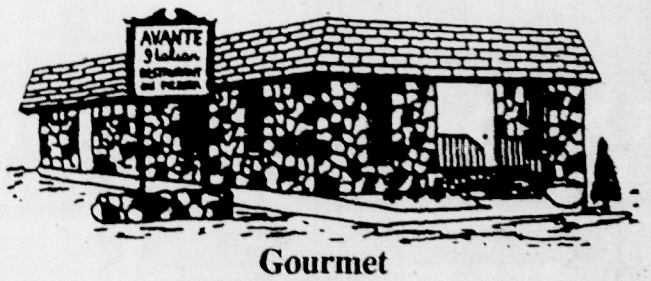

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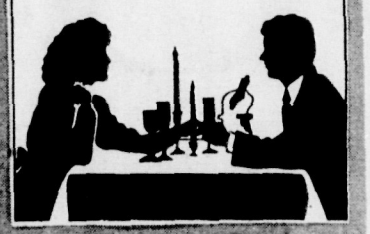

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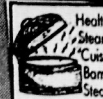

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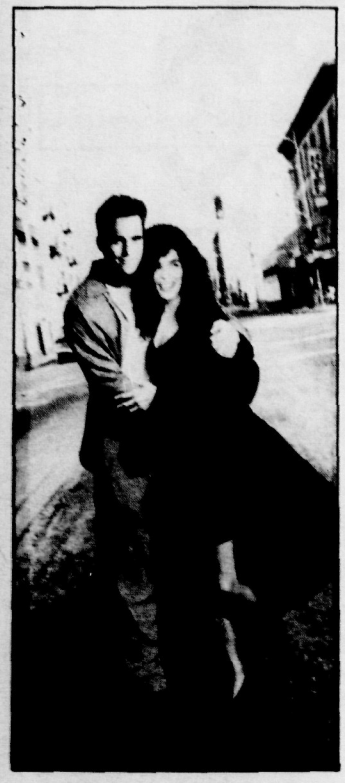

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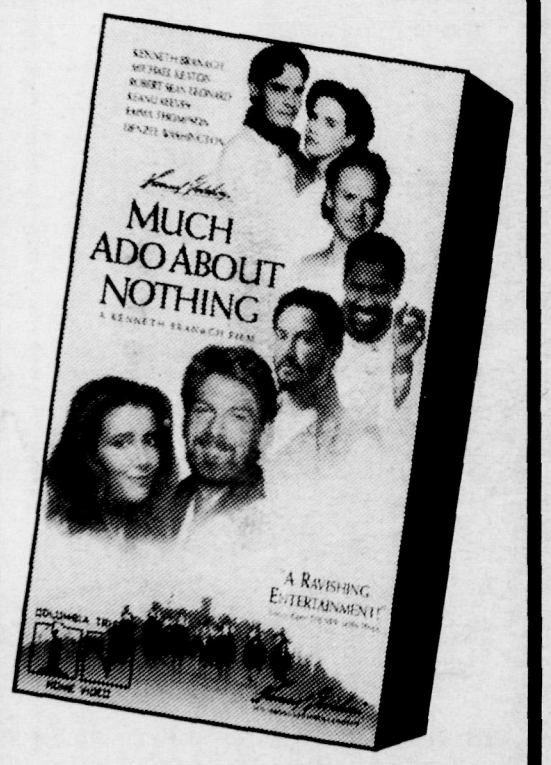

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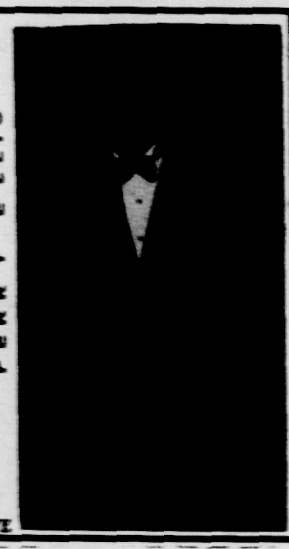

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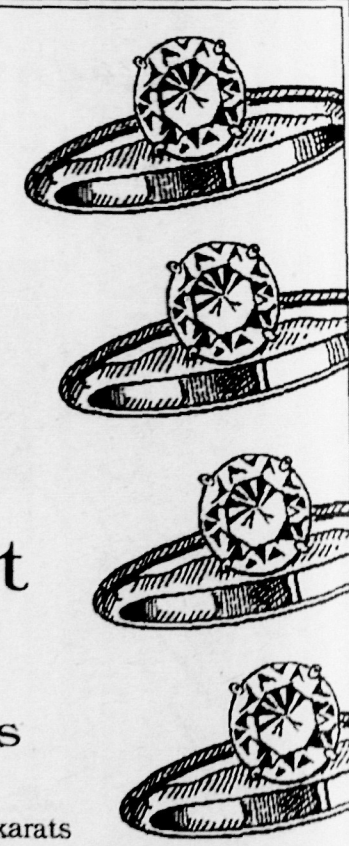

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Create wedding day bliss for the bride and groom

Tips for a smooth and memorable wedding day

For thousands of years, weddings have celebrated the love and joy a couple shares with one another. And every detail of this distinct ceremony, from the wedding cake to the flowers, makes a personal statement about the couple.

Yet amid all the excitement, after the engagement is announced and before vows are exchanged, the arduous task of planning a wedding lies ahead. The date and time of the ceremony must be decided, the site has to be chosen, invitations must be mailed, flowers need to be ordered, bridesmaids' dresses have to be fitted, musicians should be auditioned, a photographer needs to be booked, the reception must be planned. Decisions must be made. And all within a couple's budget!

For those distressed brides- and grooms-to-be, help is available. *Bride's* magazine offers creative time- and money-saving tips for planning a successful wedding. The following is a simple guide to cutting wedding costs from *Bride's* "100 Ways to Save Money, Time and Stress."

The ceremony

When choosing a site for the special day, several options are available. The chambers of commerce in all cities and towns provide lists of mansions, country inns and town halls that are appropriate. A rural location may be preferred, or the understated elegance of a university's or boarding school's halls. Parks and public buildings should not be ruled out, either.

To cut down on wedding costs, *Bride's* recommends a weekday or week night wedding for a lower rate.

Wedding attire

Couples on a tight budget should shop early to find a large selection of clothing at reasonable prices, rather than settling on dresses and suits because time ran out. Give salespeople a budget they can work with and inquire about special payment plans.

Take advantage of bridal salons' offers of discontinued samples or stock dresses, which are reduced. Or shop out of season, if possible — material such as silk, satin and taffeta can be adapted appropriately for any season.

Also, consider informal or bridesmaids' dresses in ivory or white and suits for smaller, less elaborate weddings.

As for the groom, purchase a tuxedo he can wear for a lifetime, or rent one. Navy blazers and white trousers, classic apparel that can be worn again and again, are also great for outdoor weddings.

The reception

Most guests remember a wedding couple's reception more than the actual ceremony, so plan early and decide carefully which food is to be prepared and what type of music is to be performed.

Work with the chef to create elegant dishes using inexpensive ingredients. Chicken is less expensive than beef or seafood, but when sauteed with wine, shallots, mushrooms or served with a savory sauce, it can be as hearty as heavy foods. Soup and salad are light and delicious appetizers before any meal.

The wine and champagne raised to toast the bride and groom are just as important as the toast itself, but moderation is the key. *Bride's* recommends serving a traditional wedding punch of fruit juices and spices since it requires little alcohol.

A reception wouldn't be complete without music, and the music should be as special as the first dance. So take time to audition bands before booking musicians, because bad music can ruin a reception. For more intimate gatherings, consider hiring a harpist, pianist or classical guitarist. An organist and other musicians affiliated with the house of worship may be the most intelligent and economical choice for the ceremony music. They know the equipment and acoustics of the location, and they receive a salary from the site, so their fee shouldn't be outrageous.

Beautiful wedding memories are created in formal splendor. Her gown by Michele Vincent is designed in silk shantung with an asymmetrically wrapped ballgown bodice. He wears "The Dream," a full dress variation with softly rounded notch lapels by Pierre Cardin. His accessories include a wing-collar shirt, coordinating vest with satin lapels and puffed bow tie, all by Pierre Cardin.

Details, details

Flowers express the joy of a ceremony. In-season blooms are easier to find since they do not have to be shipped in, and most flowers are fullest and less expensive during their peak growing time. *Bride's Little Book of Bouquets and Flowers* advises couples to ask friends for florist recommendations and evaluate store displays for freshness and creativity. Other ideas include forming bouquets that use large flowers, like lilies, which require fewer blooms, decorating the reception site with arrangements used in the ceremony, adorning the head table with bridesmaids' bouquets, using inexpensive cascading blooms of one flower and greenery for an elegant bouquet or tying multiple blooms of less expensive flowers together into one huge "flower" to create a lavish bouquet.

A wedding does not have to be a big production. A couple should decide what they want from the start — a small, intimate ceremony and reception, or a lavish wedding with hundreds of guests. Yet more importantly, planning a wedding should be a joyous occasion — not a tedious chore — celebrating new beginnings filled with hope and promise.

Planning tips for busy brides-to-be

If you're a working woman and a bride-to-be, you've undoubtedly discovered that gown fittings, blood tests and honeymoon arrangements can wreak havoc with an already hectic schedule.

How do you cope?

By using three techniques familiar to every professional woman: organize the project, delegate responsibilities and pace yourself so you can focus on things that require your attention.

First, spend time with your groom-to-be making important fundamental decisions such as a suitable date and the number of wedding guests. Also, decide on a certain wedding style — traditional, Victorian, contemporary or one unique to you.

Next, devise a countdown calendar of events leading up to your big day. Include all your plans in an easy-to-follow chart form; update it regularly. Ask recent and not-so-recent brides for their wedding preparation suggestions.

Somewhere along the way insist on giving yourself a well-deserved break and do something you normally wouldn't do. Treat yourself to fresh flowers on your desk as a quick "pick-me-up" or set some private time aside to do something unrelated to work or your wedding plans. You could spend a day relaxing at your favorite museum or curl up with a great novel.

By following these tips, you'll have a chance to enjoy the activities leading up to your special day.

Flower power

Tips for choosing a meaningful bouquet

There are few things on earth as well-appointed for the pursuit of romance as the diamond engagement ring and the bridal bouquet.

To capture their timeless beauty, consider choosing flowers that coordinate with the color and style of the bridal gown.

"A couple spends months choosing the perfect engagement ring and may never even consider the meaning of their wedding flowers," says Marvin Markman, president of Suberi Brothers, the diamond experts who manufacture the Royal Cut Collection of fancy cut diamond engagement rings.

"A couple will probably purchase more flowers for their wedding than for any other occasion, so the beauty and symbolism of their wedding flowers are significant," says Mr. Markman.

To find a florist, ask friends for recommendations or visit local florists and ask to see samples or pictures. Be ready to discuss your color scheme, flower preferences and, most importantly, the budget. Many couples want their flowers to be more than just beautiful.

If you want your flowers to have special meaning, consult the following list:

Carnation	sweet; innocent
Daffodil	regard and chivalry
Gladiolus	love at first sight
Honeysuckle	fidelity
Lily	purity; innocence
Lily-of-the-valley	happiness
Orchid	love; beauty; fertility
Rose	symbol of love
Stephanotis	bride's good-luck flower
Tulip	perfect love
Violet	modesty; faithfulness

After you've made your selections, take time to review the fine points. Let the florist know when and where the flowers can be delivered, when deposits are due, and the cancellation policy.

And don't forget to order a tossing bouquet so that you can save and preserve the real one.

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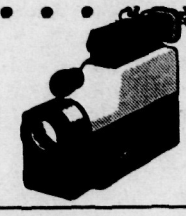

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- What type of service, sit-down, dinner or buffet, would be best?
- Discuss menu selections. What is the cost per person?
- Do you provide linens? Is there a fee?
- Is there a color selection?
- Do you supply glasses, plates and silverware?
- Is there an additional charge?
- Do you handle all rental equipment, such as tables, chairs and serving pieces?
- Would it cost less if I handle the rentals myself?
- How much time will you need to set up?
- Can we go over the table locations and seating arrangements ahead of time?
- Do you handle the cleanup? Rental returns?
- Will you personally handle and attend my reception?
- If, not, what is the name of the person who will?
- Do you make arrangements for flowers, decorations and music?
- Do you provide the wedding cake?
- If not, is there a cutting fee?

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- Will you provide a groom's cake?
- Do you provide the liquor?
- What is the cost per drink?
- Is it cheaper if we provide our own liquor?
- Do you charge a corkage fee per bottle if we provide our own wine and champagne?
- Do you require a guaranteed number of guests?
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- Do you have a contract?
- When will you provide the final per-person cost?
- What is the payment policy?
- What is the deposit to hold the date?
- What is your refund or cancellation policy?
- Are gratuities already figured in the total price?
- If so, what percent is being charged?
- Do you provide food for the photographer, videographer or musicians?
- Is this an extra per-person fee?
- Will you pack a to-go snack for the bride and groom?
- Will you pack the top tier of the wedding cake?

Source: *Planning a Wedding to Remember* by Beverly Clark, 6385 B Rose Lane, Carpinteria, Calif. 93013, 1-800-888-6866.

Complete the fairy tale with cake

You have found the perfect dress, spent hours choosing the right invitations and shopped for the bridesmaids' ensembles. Now it's time to select the wedding cake.

To ensure the cake is exactly what you want, provide the decorator, local bakery or hotel caterer with photographs of your favorite cakes. Thanks to *Bridal Cakes*, Wilton's treasury of exceptional wedding cake creations, it's easy to narrow down your options and choose the cake styles, icing techniques and adornments you like best.

The book includes everything from country garden and Victorian masterpieces to the ultimate in glamorous contemporary designs.

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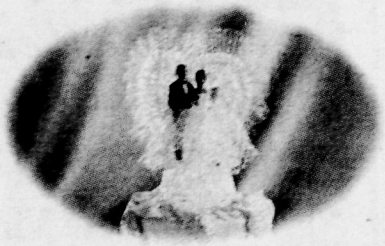

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While the traditional round solitare remains the most popular choice, a selection of classic diamond engagement ring shapes exists to suit everyone's fancy. These shapes, clockwise from top, include the emerald, oval, pear, marquise and round.

A diamond engagement ring has been a symbol of love and romance since 1477 when Archduke Maximilian of Austria gave Mary of Burgundy a gold ring set with a diamond as a token of his love. Today, the tradition of the diamond engagement ring continues. According to a new consumer survey, 70 percent of all brides-to-be receive one.

A diamond is an expression of individuality. Just as love is unique, no two diamonds are alike. Each diamond has its own personality and sparkle. Therefore, when purchasing a diamond engagement ring, it is important to become an informed consumer.

A little knowledge can go a long way to help unearth the best quality diamond within a budget. Understanding diamonds requires knowledge of the four C's: cut, color, clarity and carat-weight. These four variables are key to answering the elusive question as to why two diamonds of equal size may not be of equal value.

• *Cut* — Although diamonds can be cut in several shapes, such as oval, marquise, pear or round, it is the quality of the cut which gives the stone its brilliant sparkle. Light is reflected best when all of the facets are perfectly proportioned.

• *Color* — The best color is no color. Absolutely colorless diamonds are very rare.

• *Clarity* — The term clarity refers to a diamond's lack of naturally occurring inclusions, often called "nature's fingerprints," most of which are not visible to the naked eye. The fewer the inclusions, the more valuable the diamond.

• *Carat-weight* — Carat refers to the weight of the stone. There are 100 points in a carat; therefore, a diamond of 50 points weighs one-half of a carat and a diamond of 200 points weighs two carats.

These elements will determine the cost of a diamond. For those who are unsure about what to spend on a diamond engagement ring, many jewelers suggest two months' salary as an appropriate guideline.

To find out how to get a quality diamond, consumers should visit a reputable jeweler whom they know and trust. The diamond engagement ring is a symbol of a couple's future and, like love, can grow more precious with time.

For a booklet entitled "How to Buy the Perfect Diamond Engagement Ring," call the Jewelers of America at (800) 497-1480.

Here comes the bride

Getting ready for that special day

A bride-to-be has so much on her mind. There's so much to think about, so many decisions to make. Whether you begin several years or several months ahead, the following checklist can help the bride-to-be feel certain ahat all bases have been covered and that she, too, will be able to enjoy her wedding day, a day she will alwys remember

1.

Set a wedding budget

A. Decide who pays for what
B. Determine the style of your wedding (formal, informal)
The size of the party and guest list, type of food, and price set the tone for your wedding.

2.

Pick a date

A. Confirm it with the facility
B. Confirm it with the officiant

3.

Choose your attendants

4.

Select the bride's dress and attendants' dresses

A. Go for fittings
B. Make an appointment with a hair stylist

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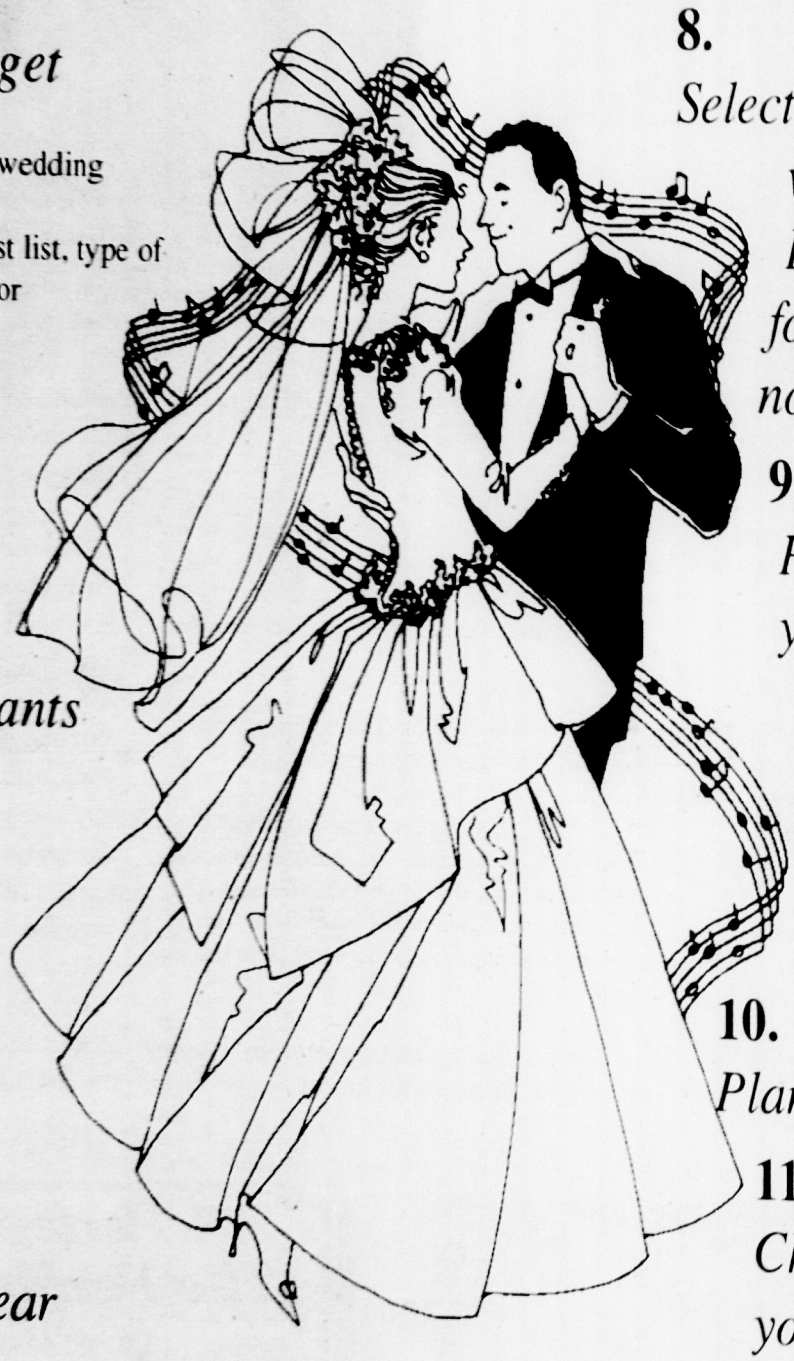
Select the formal wear for the groom, groomsmen

6.

Determine your guest list



7.

Order your invitations, thank yous

8.

Select a photographer/ videographer. Have photo taken for newspaper announcement

9.

Plan the details of your reception

Select:

A. Caterer
B. Music
C. Flowers
D. Cake
E. Seating plan

10.

Plan your honeymoon

11.

Choose gifts for your attendants

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Plan for a rehearsal dinner

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According to Brenda Lewis, a New York City-based wedding consultant, "Brides-to-be often make at least two or three visits to a hairdresser before the big day."

A growing trend Ms. Lewis has witnessed, however, is that many new brides are opting to style their hair themselves, thanks to the availability of at-home styling aids which help to achieve a professional-looking result.

Experts from the Aqua Net Style Studio offer some advice for creating your wedding day hairdo:

- Start by flipping through bridal magazines for hairstyle ideas. Clip out examples of those styles that will work best on your length and type of hair.
- Shop around and select your headpiece early. The hairstyle you choose will depend upon the style and shape of your headpiece — and you need to make sure they work together.
- Practice makes perfect! Experiment with a variety of products to determine which work best to help you achieve the look you want.

Also pay attention to the time required to create your style. You'll want to leave ample time on the wedding day to get your style picture perfect.

- Make sure your hairstyle is also functional. You won't have much opportunity to stand still on your wedding day — and your style has to withstand all the action. After your "practice sessions," be sure to turn your head in all directions to make sure your style stays intact and is comfortable.

To guarantee control of your style throughout the "big day," send for a free wedding guide that includes style advice: Dept. A, Cairns & Associates, 641 Lexington Ave., New York, NY 10022.

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Each bride creates her own look from the top of her headpiece (this one designed by Irene's Bridals in Green Brook) to the tip of her shoe.

DRESS CHART

	Formal Evenings After 6 p.m. (Year Round)	Semi-Formal Evenings After 6 p.m. (Sept.-May)	Formal Daytime Before 6 p.m. (Year Round)	Semi-Formal Daytime Before 6 p.m. (Year Round)
COAT	Tailcoat (full dress)	Formal separate dinner jacket or tuxedo	Tuxedo, Ascot or Classic Cutaway	Classic Stroller or the tuxedo of your choice
COLOR	Black	Black or subdued colors to coordinate	The color of your choice	Grey (Stroller) or color of your choice (tuxedo)
TROUSERS	To match coat	To match or coordinate with coat	Matching, coordinating or Classic Stripe (with cutaway)	Matching, coordinating or Classic Stripe
VEST	White pique waistcoat	Matching or coordinated vest	Matching or coordinating vest	Matching or coordinating vest
SHIRT	White pique bosom	Pleated or fancy bosom in white or colors	Your choice-plain or fancy-white or colors	Your choice plain or fancy-white or colors
COLLAR	Wing (separate) or attached	Attached turndown or wing collar	Wing or attached turndown collar	Wing or attached turndown collar
TIE	White bow	Black or to match shirt, vest or satin facings Patterned or solid ascot	Color-coordinated bow or striped or solid ascot	Color-coordinated bow or striped or solid ascot or four-in-hand
JEWELRY	White or pearl studs and links	Black, gold or jeweled studs and links	Pearl or jeweled stickpin with ascot	Black, gold or jeweled studs and links
SHOES	Patent pumps or oxfords	Patent or polished calf dress shoes	Polished calf dress shoes	Polished calf dress shoes
HOSE	Black silk, lisle or nylon	Black silk, lisle or nylon	Black silk, lisle or nylon	Black silk, lisle or nylon
OVERCOAT	Black dress coat	Black single or double-breasted coat	Black or oxford grey Chesterfield	Black or oxford grey Chesterfield

Designer tuxedos hit the runways

Exclusive line available for bridal and prom seasons

An exclusive new collection of tuxedos is hitting the fashion runways for spring 1994. This unique line features hot designer names, fashion forward style and exclusivity, making sure not "everyone" will be wearing "your" style. The name of this hot new collection is "The Exclusive Premiere Design Collection," better known as "The EDP Collection."

The EDP Collection will hit the runways across the east coast for the spring bridal and prom seasons. Bridal Expo, one of the most well-known and respected bridal show producers in the nation, gave a strong show of support for the line by deciding to feature The EDP Collection in all of their east coast shows. In addition, The EDP Collection is featured in a large fashion spread in *Modern Bride Magazine*, enabling brides to see up-close the detail and style of the most exclusive collection of upscale tuxedos currently available.

Whether selecting a style for the groom, father of the bride, ushers, ring bearer or prom date, the EPD Collection makes an outstanding choice for style, fit and comfort

The EPD Collection features a line of upscale designer tuxedos custom made just for the collection to suit the most discriminating customer.

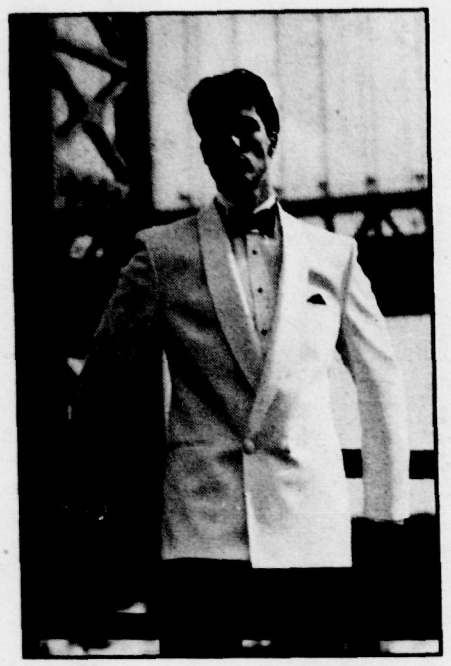
"This is an exceptional collection of tuxedos and is sure to make a strong imprint on the formal wear market for both the spring and fall seasons. The collection has merchandise from well known designers like Perry Ellis and Chaps by Ralph Lauren, the tuxedos are well made and they have incredible style and appeal. We expect the tuxedos in The EDP Collection to be our top renters for the upcoming season," said Lou London, vice president of marketing for Smalls Formalwear, a tuxedo chain with more than 50 stores covering six states. As an added plus, the collection carries sizes 4-60 to provide a comfortable fit for nearly every man.

The "first" in the line is the Prestige by Perry Ellis. The Prestige is a two-button, double-breasted tuxedo available in both white and black to accommodate virtually every formal need. The Prestige in white can be worn with white pants for a formal wedding look or with black pants for prom or any occasion where a dinner jacket is called for. Peak lapels and a designer lapel button hole provided the added detail so needed for that impressive formal look.

The Debonair, also by Perry Ellis, is a strong addition that fills the niche for an upscale ivory tuxedo in the collection. This ivory tuxedo provides an easy match for many ivory wedding gowns and presents an alternative to the white dinner jacket. The satin shawl lapel creates a sleek line and the double-breasted, four-button closure makes an elegant presentation and defines an added option to the standard avanti style. One of the biggest pluses of the Debonair is the fabric. The Debonair has a truly exceptional feel, something that many of the "older" polyester ivory tuxedos lack.

Chaps by Ralph Lauren creates distinction in design with the Hampton, another EPD exclusive in black. The Hampton has a fashion forward two-button, double-breasted styling complete with black satin peak lapels for added flair. The Elegance is sure to be one of the most successful tuxedos for the spring season.

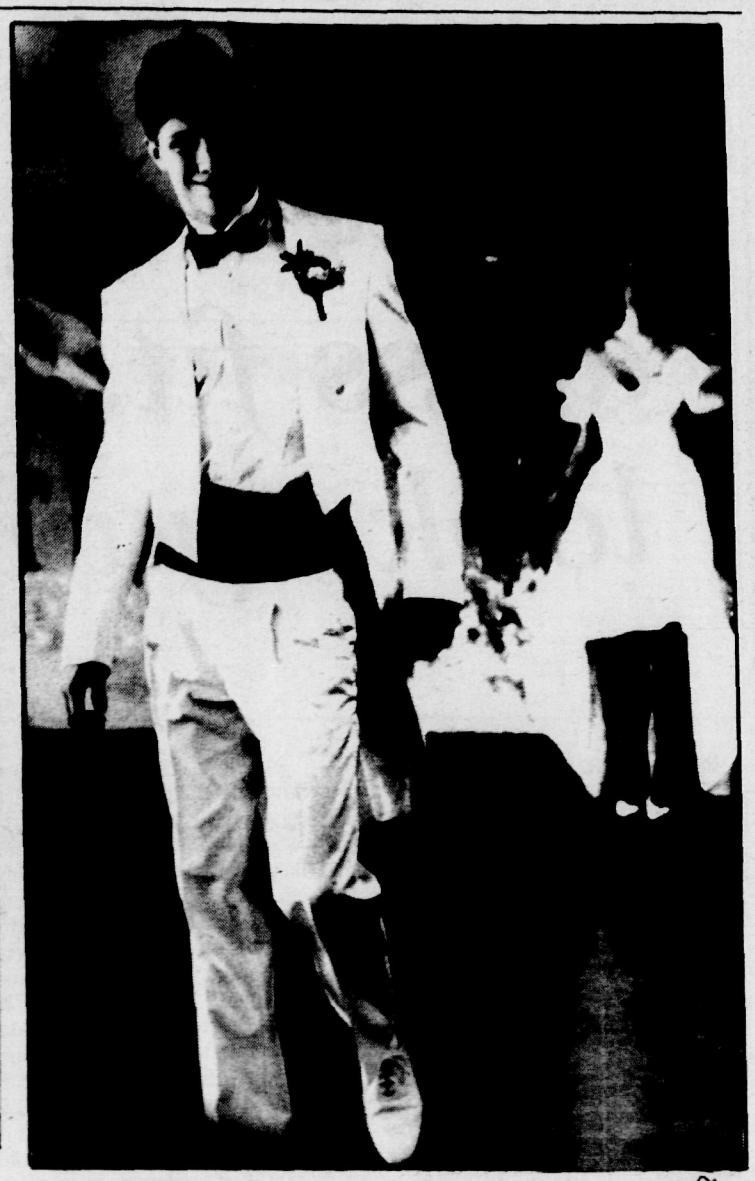
The EDP Collection represents what virtually every customer wants in a tuxedo – a unique collection that provides classic elegance, high style and a sophisticated image. Whether selecting a style for the groom, father of the bride, ushers or even the ring bearer, the EDP Collection makes an outstanding choice for style, fit and comfort. Look for this exclusive collection on the runways this spring to make weddings or special occasions sizzle with style.



Two of the newest styles available in the Exclusive Premier Designs line of tuxedos now available at Smalls Formalwear are, above, The Debonair, an ivory tuxedo, and The Prestige, a two-button, double-breasted tuxedo. Both are by Perry Ellis.

Prom time

Spring is also prom time, as students prepare to look their best for that special night. Last year, Bernards High School students Mike Munoz and Bill Soller compared the hats they had selected to top off their ensembles. At right, students modeled the latest fashions at a prom fashion show in Metuchen.



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If the dress fits, look again

By NAOMI R. KOOKER
FORBES NEWSPAPERS

I am searching for a wedding dress. It's one of those things you do when it happens. "It" not just being when you get engaged, but when "the time is right." My mother bought her gown years before she met her future husband. She knew she would be getting married, and who could refuse a $300 wedding dress marked down to $25 in the late 1950s?

For me, I have gotten engaged; so, it's time to look. Although there is more than one year to look for a dress, I have already earnestly tried to imagine what it is I truly want — what look I want, how much I can afford versus how much I want to afford.

The first place I turned was to the pages of bridal magazines. Not a week as a "fiancee" went by before I picked one off the rack at the end of the checkout counter and plopped it on the conveyor belt, bemusing how I'd eyed them before, skimmed through them with suspicion. Do "the engaged" really read these things?

It didn't take all 585 pages to discover that barely one dress fit my style, let alone my budget. I would rather put a down payment on a house or take that honeymoon than wear one $1,500 dress for a day. So, I mused, would I design it and have it made? That was dreaming — since I don't have the impetus nor the vision to do so. I settled for the big search. With so much time on my hands — or so I think — I decided sooner than later I'd take my first look at wedding dresses.

The operative word is "look." It was a Saturday morning in which I had planned other errands besides popping into a local bridal shop. I foresaw that I would see much of the same styles and prices I'd seen in the magazines, so indeed, I thought I would be in and out.

My maid of honor was with me. If you're going wedding gown shopping, take someone with you, at least for the first time. If they're not there just to see you in white, they are at least there to share the sometimes awkward transition from comfy home clothes to crinolines and Italian silk.

As we ascended the stairs to the second-floor shop, classical music softly playing, I knew this might be more than a "drop-in" visit. A woman immediately approached us, immaculately dressed, smiling and asking which one was the bride, what were our names and when was the wedding. This was serious.

I quickly realized there seems to be two parts to a bridal shop. The discontinued dresses which hang on racks accessible to those who come to look. These dresses are usually reasonably priced compared to their $1,000-and-up counterparts. The higher-end dresses are hidden in the back and are only brought out after the bride's been asked 20 questions about the wedding. When is it? Formal or very formal? White or ivory ("Would you wear pink?") High neck, low neckline? Off the shoulders, long sleeves? (This is just the wedding dress!)

Resigned to at least trying on one or two (after all, I'm here), I chose two I liked from the discontinued rack, ranging from $300 to $600. As my friend and I entered the walk-in changing room complete with one-walled mirror and chintz decor, Florence was right behind with the dresses, directing my friend to wait outside. But she was going to help, my friend politely told our saleswoman. "I do that," said Florence, directing my friend to wait outside. I saw why.

There were crinolines, (those stiff skirts known to Bo-peep) to step into and out of that stood by themselves without any help from a torso. The dresses themselves, some beaded, all laced, demanded a watchful eye as their detailed work was so delicate. They had to be placed over the top of the head with raised arms to fit over the crinoline. Then there was the pinning and adjusting to match the curves of the body and get the neckline just so. For the off-the-shoulder dress situation, I was offered padded breast liners, which I quickly refused — at first.

After the third dress when I was not only used to the idea of being a bride, but enjoying its implications, Florence suggested I try **her** favorite dress. Oh, boy. We had gone from simple and ivory, which I liked, to white, beaded and long-sleeved, which I discovered I didn't like.

"There is a dress for every bride," reminded Florence. The more I tried on, the more I realized it is just as much a process of elimination as it is knowing what you want.

Her eyes gleaming at the thought of this dress told me I really must try it; I was sure it was a waste of time, actually needed to go. (Maybe next time, I thought.) But I was curious. She left me alone in the changing room, bared above with my Bo-peep skirt. There was a certain feeling about trying on wedding dresses. They began to feel grand, which in turn made me feel rather grand, special, as one might donning a silk dress that captures the bust, moves shapely around the waste and flatters the hips. At least for a working girl like myself, it was rare to try on anything other than good finds at Marshall's or an occasional silk blouse or dress afforded by my fiance. I was beginning to understand the words I had heard from colleagues and read in bridal magazines. "This is your special day," "Don't skimp on what you want," "Don't underplay it." With my notion of simple and affordable, I had not entertained the dresses hidden in the other room.

Florence came back with a dress which I could imagine the Queen of England wearing. The silk was a soft white/gold. The design, while not in the least gaudy, was beaded and ornate without being overdone. The dress itself felt heavy. Florence slipped the dress over my head and it happened, this sense of finding it. I was wrong. This was not a waste of time. Can you see the craftsmanship here? I could. The Italian silk, she said, is not as beige as the previous ivory dress because of the quality of fabric. Florence explained the train's elegant shape was due to the lining which was sewn together with the dress. After all, I was trying on a $975 dress. ("I don't know why it isn't higher," said Florence. I could see her point.) We walked outside and my friend agreed; we both went from liking the first dress to loving this one. It did not have sleeves and it showed a little shoulder. Even the breast liners added a touch of ... fullness. Because of the back pattern being just so, the bustle would not start at the end of the dress, but be bunched underneath to keep the continuity of the pattern. The tussle would be $80. Florence then pulled out two veils, an act usually reserved until after the dress is selected, she told us. But we were on a roll. This veil, coming in at $180, seemed perfect, not too big or boofy, simple with a rolled edge. The final gesture came when Florence handed me ivory long gloves ($25)to slip on. I was ready to go, except for the groom being absent.

Although I know it's the right man, I contemplate the right dress a day after its debut. Being my first trip out, I could go for at least round two with a better idea what to expect and a better idea of what I want. Then one has to wonder, for the cost of the whole day, including the dress, my white lace shower curtain is looking quite appealing and the idea of eloping is not far behind.

Things To Do Before You Say I Do

Wedding Ceremony Checklist

TASK	DATE ASSIGNED	DATE COMPLETED
❑ Set Wedding budget		
❑ Check availability of facility		
❑ Send Engagement announce to Forbes Newspapers		
❑ Decide who pays for what		
❑ Confirm date with officiant		
❑ Determine wedding style		
❑ Choose or write ceremony with officiant		
❑ Select and invite maid/matron of honor and bridesmaids		
❑ Select and invite best man and ushers		
❑ Select and invite flower girl and ring bearer		
❑ Determine dress styles for bridal party and consult with members		
❑ Choose bridal gown style and accessories		
❑ Arrange for seamstrees, alterations, etc.		
❑ Contract with florist		
❑ Determine guest list for ceremony		
❑ Contract printer for invitations, announcements, stationery		
❑ Contract photographer and/or video person		
❑ Pay advance deposits on services		
❑ Buy or rent attire for groom, best man and ushers		
❑ Arrange name change on official documents		
❑ Shop for wedding rings		
❑ Send out invitations and announcements		
❑ Schedule wedding rehearsal		
❑ Make beauty/grooming appointments		
❑ Arrange accomodations for out-of town guests		
❑ Arrange transportation for wedding day		
❑ Schedule final fittings		
❑ Get blood tests and Marriage License		
❑ Check wedding accessories (goblet, ring pillow, garter, etc.)		
❑ Finalize guest list; call those who have not responded		
❑ Pick up wedding rings, dresses, accessories, tuxedos and suits		
❑ Hold wedding ceremony rehearsal		
❑ Ceremony set-up: flowers, runner, ribbons, music, etc.		
❑ Prepare and send wedding announcement to Forbes Newspapers		

Reception & Honeymoon Checklist

TASK	DATE ASSIGNED	DATE COMPLETED
❑ Set budget		
❑ Decide reception size and style		
❑ Select facility and check availability of time and date		
❑ Plan honeymoon time frame and check work schedules		
❑ Select and contract caterer, select and contract baker		
❑ Select and contract musicians or disc jockey		
❑ Choose wedding cake and cake topper		
❑ Choose travel agent and research honeymoon location		
❑ Arrange for rental of decorations, furniture, accessories		
❑ Order necessary documents and passports for honeymoon		
❑ Make list for musicians of DJ of desired reception music		
❑ Finalize honeymoon destination, make reservations, shop for necessities		
❑ Arrange for "getaway car" and have it checked out		
❑ Plan reception tables and seating plan		
❑ Pack suitcases for honeymoon		

Florist Checklist

TASK	DATE ASSIGNED	DATE COMPLETED
❑ Brides bouquet		
❑ Tossing bouquet		
❑ Floral hairpieces		
❑ Maid/Matron of honor bouquet		
❑ Bridesmaids bouquets		
❑ Flower girl's arrangement		
❑ Corsages		
❑ Boutonnieres		
❑ Reception flowers		
❑ Aisle ribbons adn runner		

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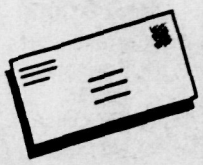

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Affordable Europe

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South of the border

From a full-service in-city hotel to a mountain hideaway, Mexico's Small Luxury Hotels give honeymooners a varied choice of escapes combining luxury and adventure. For assistance in planning, a free *Mexican Itineraries with Style* guide is available.

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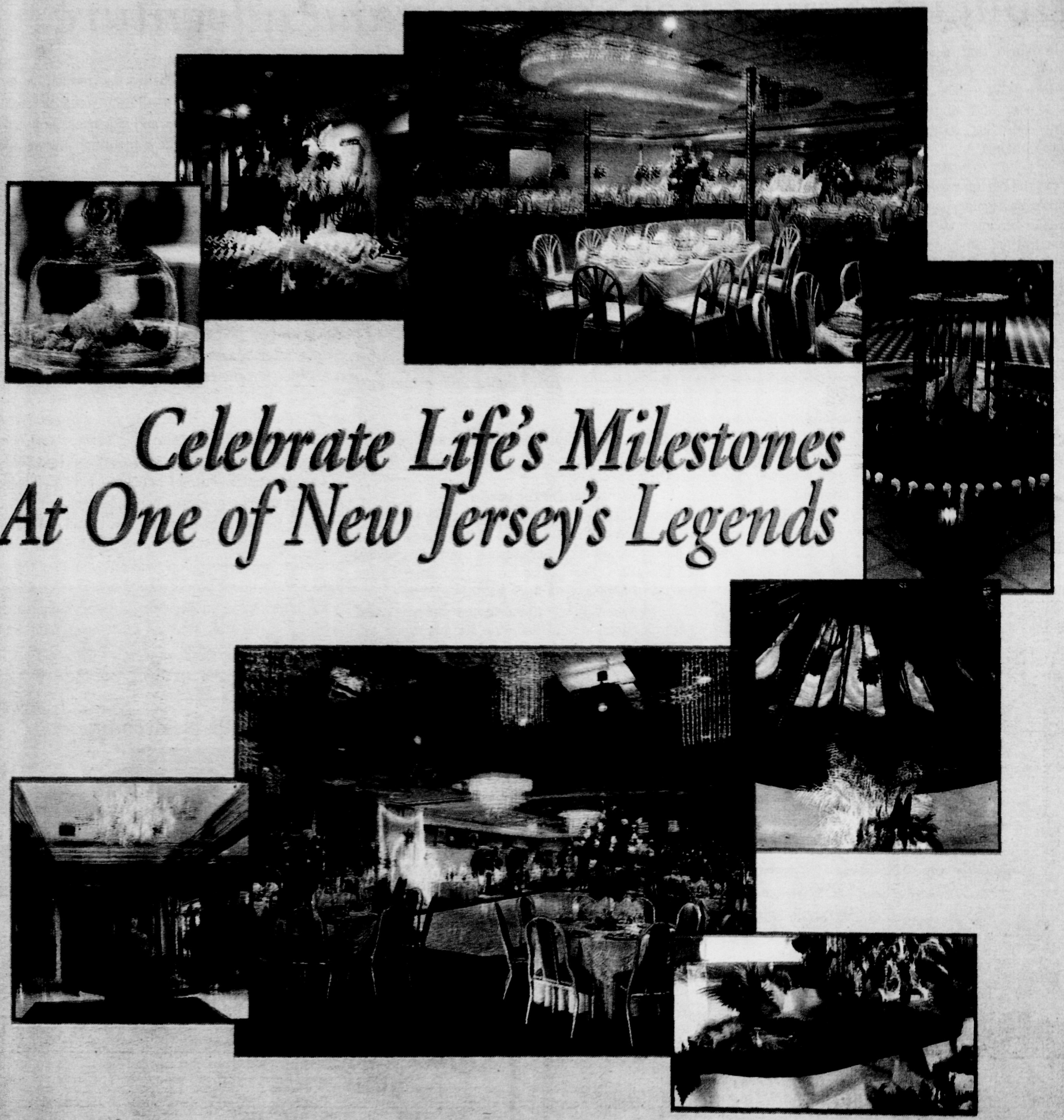

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