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From The Editor's Notebook

By Tom Canavan
Editor in Chief



One of the best ways to have a quiet Valentine's Day is to ask your better half to schedule mouth surgery on Feb. 14.

That's not what I did; it just worked out that way, and I was amazed to discover, from the silence alone, just how much my Valentine normally talks.

On Saturday, I arrived at her house at about 10:15 a.m. to take her to her 11 a.m. dentist appointment. The surgery was scheduled for that morning because of the three-day weekend, giving her one extra day to recover before she went back to work Tuesday. Whether it was nerve in anticipation of the surgery or just Barbara being Barbara, I felt like I had three days worth of conversations in that 45-minute period.

"The roses you sent are beautiful...," "Let's see 'Titanic' tomorrow...," "My face is going to be swollen...," "I'm not going to be able to talk all day...," "I'm going to be in pain tonight...," "I e-mailed a friend yesterday..."

With a kiss for luck, I left her with the dentist for about an hour and upon her return, was left with three of the most quiet days we have spent together. Never mind the fact that she wasn't supposed to talk, she was also on painkillers which made her doped and sleepy.

I think I notice the amount of talking other people do because I'm not really a talkative person. That's been pointed out to me many times, especially by Barbara, and probably because, just like I notice how much she talks, she notices how much I don't talk.

But we got along beautifully. She has even pointed out that I call her every time I'm cooking. Coincidence? Or am I calling her at that time so I can make the excuse that I have to get off the phone to eat before my food gets cold?

"I've got you pegged," she said. "You call me everytime you're cooking so you don't have to stay on the phone long."

"That's not true," I responded.

"Sure it is...," "How about yesterday?" I said smelly victory. "I called you yesterday...Oh, that's right, I was making Taylor ham and eggs."

"What about Saturday?" I called her late in the afternoon to find out how she was feeling. I wasn't going to be with her Saturday night because she needed her rest. "Oh, yeah, Steak."

Quite frankly, I could take the telephone or leave it. I don't understand how people can stay on a telephone for long periods of time without getting angry. If you're on the other end of a telephone with me, you can hear me pacing the kitchen floor or hearing me ask you to repeat yourself because I've been watching the television while you were talking. But in her case, it really is coincidence.

In fact, by Monday night, I discovered that the weekend was too quiet, and I missed my Valentine's voice.



Union County Prosecutor Thomas Manahan at a press conference last week points to one of the locations where prostitution arrests have been.

Prostitution crackdown announced

By Michelle Runge
Staff Writer

A 25-percent increase in prostitution arrests in recent months has triggered a countywide crackdown on sex-for-hire in the suburbs, Union County Prosecutor Thomas Manahan announced at a Feb. 11 press conference.

Authorities from the Prosecutor's office speculate that a police crackdown on prostitution in New York City drove many of Manhattan's call girls to ply their trade throughout Union County, at least on weekends. Manahan described how New York prostitutes customarily board buses on Friday evenings to cross the river and solicit sex in nine Union County towns, including such diverse locations as Westfield, Elizabeth, Hillside and Rahway. Monday morning, the streetwalkers return to New York, Manahan said.

"It's a job they can commute to," Manahan said. "We call the nine towns we've designated so far 'hot spots.'"

Manahan said that the proliferation of prostitutes has reached such epidemic proportions that young women not interested in selling their bodies are routinely accosted on the streets near the "hot spots."

"Their common brazen activity in the parks has ordinary women being propositioned," said Manahan. "There is a persistent problem with prostitution and we plan on taking an aggressive stand against it."

He urged mayors and council representatives to notify landlords who own buildings being used as houses of prostitution that they risk forfeiture of the property if they continue to house sex-for-sale operations.

"If there is prostitution going on in a house we will not allow those property owners to turn a blind eye to what's going on on the premises," said Manahan. "The operators of these brothels are not going to be pleased with the response here in Union."

The timing of the prosecutor's initiative coincides with a legislative

measure (A-1689) introduced by Assemblyman Gerald Green (D-Union) in Trenton last week. Green's bill would make prostitution an indictable offense subject to adjudication by a state Superior Court judge.

"This measure would hit all quarters of the prostitution trade in this state," said Green. "People who engage in sex-for-hire activities should mend their ways because not only are they risking a lot more than arrest and a fine in the future, they will be risking indictments, aggressive prosecutions, a jail term and a mandatory loss of driving privileges."

Green's bill will enable judges to impose tougher criminal penalties in cases where police pull over a motorist who has a prostitute in his vehicle. By upgrading the crime of prostitution from a misdemeanor to a felony, the motorist can lose his driver's license — and possibly forfeit his car.

Manahan's campaign calls for police to increase patrols of the so-called "hot spots," especially public parks and streets.

Train program gets derailed

By Sean Dally
Staff Writer

Last year, the Board of Chosen Freeholders announced an ambitious program to build and repair train lines in Union County.

The purpose of this program was to improve commuter service and freight lines throughout the county. But two of those rail projects have apparently run into trouble.

County Manager Michael Lapolla has applied to the state Department of Transportation for an additional \$6 million to \$8 million to rehabilitate two freight lines.

Last week, NJ Transit approved \$15 million for a light-rail link between Newark and Elizabeth — none of which is to be spent in Union County.

The money that Lapolla applied for is to supplement \$4.3 million — \$4.2 million of it in state DOT funds — that was to be used for repairing and rehabilitating the Rahway Valley and Staten Island rail lines in a construction four- or five-mile stretch in Elizabeth, Linden, Roselle and Cranford. These two lines are to be used strictly for carrying freight.

According to Freeholder Chairman Dan Sullivan, the county's engineering consultants have said that the county will need more money to fix these lines.

This money will, in particular, be used to repair a wooden trestle bridge that Sullivan says is "in poor condition" on the Staten Island line, said Sullivan. This trestle leads to a railroad bridge that spans the Arthur Kill.

According to John Dourganian, DOT spokesman, it will take a month to review the application.

The \$15 million in NJ Transit money is part of a \$1 billion Capital Program for fiscal year 1999. The plan was approved last Wednesday.

According to a NJ Transit spokesman, this \$15 million is to be used in connecting Penn Station and Broad Station, both in Newark. This money is not for construction but rather for final design and land acquisition.

"I'm disappointed that they're taking a narrow view and focusing only on Essex County," said Sullivan.

But, according to NJ Transit, none of this money is being used in Union County "because at this point there is no defined project," said the spokesman.

According to Freeholder Chairman

Changes in store for owner of Rahway incinerator

By Sean Dally
Staff Writer

The UCUA has a new chairman for the Board of Commissioners, along with two new commissioners.

The chairman is James Kennedy, a one-year member of the Board of Commissioners and mayor of Rahway, where the UCUA's incinerator is based. He was joined by Edward Jackus of Elizabeth and Edward Kahn of Scotch Plains at the UCUA's reorganization meeting last Wednesday. Kennedy, Jackus and Kahn are to be paid about \$240 a month.

Jackus is a city councilman in Elizabeth, while Kahn is a former UCUA commissioner. They replace Katherine Fulcomer and Barbara Banasiak. When how he felt about being chairman, Kennedy said with a laugh, "Okay."

"It's a challenge. It's an interesting time for the authority. There are some serious changes that have to be made to keep the citizens of Union County in a strong financial position."

Kennedy's term as chairman will be for one year but, during that time, he will oversee possibly the most radical change of the UCUA in its seven-year history. According to Kennedy, the UCUA "will be over by May."

That is because of a proposed lease agreement between the UCUA and Ogen Martin Systems, which actually operates the plant. Under the terms of the agreement, Ogen Martin will lease the incinerator for 25 years in exchange for buying \$175 million in reissued UCUA bonds.

According to Kennedy, the UCUA has already taken "some serious steps" toward privatization. These included a number of resolutions passed by the Board of Commissioners at the reorganization meetings.

These resolutions canceled all professional service contracts with the incinerator. Incinerator employees will be given 45 days notice before their jobs are cut.

Kennedy stressed, "It's not just Jim Kennedy who's looking at this. This is going to be truly market driven." Y He added, "Since the Supreme

Court ruling, you have to realize that the waste stream has been cut dramatically and you have to take drastic measures."

The Supreme Court ruling, in November, upheld a Third Circuit Court ruling that ended solid waste flow control laws and opened the garbage disposal industry to outside facilities.

Under these laws, county garbage disposal facilities like the UCUA had a monopoly on garbage disposal. All 21 towns in Union County had to send their garbage to the UCUA for disposal, guaranteeing that the incinerator would have business.

The loss of these waste flow control laws means that towns can send their garbage wherever the like for disposal. The amount of trash sent to the UCUA has already dropped off and the incinerator has had to reduce its per-ton garbage disposal fee or "tipping fee" from \$83.05 to \$50 to remain competitive.

Kennedy said that there were advantages to having the mayor of Rahway, the incinerator's "host community," as chairman of the UCUA board.

"Ultimately, we will be dealing with our operator, so I think it's

important to 'keep close ties.'"

At least one group — the Union County Concerned Citizens, an anti-incinerator group — is unhappy with Kennedy as chairman.

"It seems to me there's a potential conflict of interest having the mayor of Rahway in control of a facility that is harmful to Rahway," said Bob Carson, a UCCC member and Rahway resident.

According to Carson, Kennedy is "responsible" for implementing a non-binding Treasury Department audit of the UCUA; this audit was completed last year. The UCUA does not have to follow the suggestions in this audit, although it is a requirement to make the incinerator eligible for certain state aid.

The resolutions, according to Carson, follow suggestions in the audit. Carson said other suggestions in the audit would be dangerous for Rahway residents.

These include bringing in contaminated soil from across the state for "thermal" decomposition. This, according to the audit, would be an additional source of revenue for the incinerator. But Carson said that it would result in extra truck traffic and would require incinerator workers to

handle "polluted" soil.

He added that the lease itself would not be in the best interest of the county.

A requirement for this lease is that all 21 towns in Union County sign "you-or-us" contracts with the UCUA to send at least 250,000 tons of garbage a year to the incinerator. If the towns do not meet this minimum amount, they will have to make up the difference in cash.

The UCCC has long championed recycling and composting over garbage incineration. Carson said that a 25-year put or pay contract with the UCUA would affect and hinder advances in these kinds of garbage disposal options.

Jackus and Kahn give the Democrat's a 5-4 majority on the Board of Commissioners for the first time. It had been a 6-3 majority in favor of the Republicans last year.

But Kennedy said that the Board of Commissioners have become more bipartisan in the face of changes in the state's waste disposal industry.

"This previous year was an interesting time because the community worked bipartisan to hire special counsel, which brought us to this point," he said regarding the lease.

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By Daniel Sullivan
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That's why the county is moving quickly to meet the challenges and opportunities of the coming millennium through innovative programs and services — initiatives designed to improve the quality of life for every man, woman and child who resides within our 102.93 square miles.

Your Freeholder Board is working diligently in several areas, including taking action to secure Union County's position in the global economy; seeing to it that our transportation infrastructure is up to date, clean and efficient; that people will have a modern retail center, not only in which to shop, but one that will provide employment opportunities and learning experiences; and that our children receive the utmost in education in order to meet the challenges of the future in order to keep us moving forward.

companies doing business in the European country. A continuation of the process began last December when a Luxembourg delegation visited Union County to witness our far-reaching commercial opportunities, this trade mission reinforced the many advantages of doing business here.

We continued multi-level efforts to ensure that our residents have the first job opportunities when the Jersey Gardens mall opens in Elizabeth next year, and, at the same time, address several social concerns.

The Workforce Consortium — comprising local, county and state officials, in addition to the mall's developer — has been working to put together a comprehensive plan to deal with job training, day care and transportation. An important outgrowth of the alliance will be the establishment of an on-site, 3,000-square-foot Retail Skills Center to identify local job seekers, assess their skills and match them with the approximately 5,000 jobs and 200 tenants at the mall through specific training and internship programs.

An efficient transportation system is crucial to bringing people to and from Jersey Gardens, as well as Newark International Airport and other points throughout the county. The proposed

Union County Light Rail Transit System would just that. I am pleased to report that LRT is a step closer to operation, having recently cleared a crucial hurdle in the state Department of Transportation. This Freeholder Board will work closely with local, state and Port Authority officials to garner final approval for this important project.

All our economic development efforts would be meaningless, however, if we did not effectively prepare our children for the 21st century. That is the basis of "Access 2000," a program I have introduced that would put a computer and sophisticated software — including Internet access — in every classroom in the county. The

opportunity we offer to our municipalities is this: for every computer you put in a classroom, we will match it with another. We urge towns to take advantage of this unique program for the sake of our children, for our future's sake.

Union County is taking advantage of another exciting possibility: the professional MetroStars soccer team relocating to Elizabeth.

As with our other initiatives, the MetroStars and a new stadium would be a boon to the county's economy and make it an even better place to live, work and do business.

Daniel Sullivan is chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

To this end, the board and I enthusiastically welcome our new members: Lewis Mingo Jr. of Plainfield and Mary P. Rucolo of Westfield. They share our commitments to the people of the county and are already using their energies to provide the services and programs our citizens want and deserve.

In keeping with our priority of ensuring continued economic development, we are reaching out to businesses locally, nationally and internationally. We are — to borrow from a popular saying — "acting and thinking locally and globally."

Freeholders Donald Gonçalves and Linda Siender, as well as Deputy County Manager George Devanny, recently returned from Luxembourg, where they met with government officials, business leaders and American

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A night of comedy is now just a short drive away

By Jacque McCarthy
Associate Editor

How far would you travel for a good night of comedy? Although some of the best comedy clubs are in the tri-state area — Rascals in West Orange, Casual Times in Clark, a smattering of open-mic hot spots in New Brunswick, and, of course, almost any pub in Greenwich Village — a night on the town requires some mileage. Joe and Jamey Montes of Tavern in the Park in Roselle Park would like to change all that, by hosting professional comedians on a weekly basis, right in your own backyard.

The Montes', along with Manny Montes, Joe's brother and business partner, have owned Tavern in the Park for the past four years. They established this thriving restaurant in the fine style of their successful restaurant family — the Montes' own the well-known El Bodegon in Rahway, as well as Primo's on Morris Avenue in Union. Anyone familiar with these establishments knows that the food quality of paramount importance, seconded only by the relaxed atmosphere the Montes' endeavor to provide.

"We don't want this to be a corporate-type place," said Joe. "This is our house. This is the way we furnish it. This is the way we treat our guests."

According to Joe and Jamey, they wanted to provide Tavern on the Park guests with more than just good food and atmosphere — namely, a good time. Jamey observed that there was a need wanting to be filled regarding local comedy entertainment, and that hosting pop and rock bands and charity events were not bringing the same customers back on a steady basis.

"There's nothing like this in this area," Jamey said. "We started with the bands, and it was bringing a mixed crowd; it wasn't being consistent."



Tavern in the Park's new Comedy Night starts this Saturday at 9 p.m. and continues every Friday evening thereafter.

According to Joe, Tavern in the Park hosted a few comedy nights, and the theme seemed to fly. The owners decided to turn a portion of the restaurant, a basement hall, into a comedy club, and to hire name entertainers weekly.

"We might even call the comedy club Joe's Basement," said Joe, in keeping with the homey atmosphere of the restaurant. "It's a comfortable feel. We want you to be very at home. Everybody likes to laugh."

The Montes' have hired West Coast professional comedy promoters Dennis Ross and Joe Miller to book the acts. Ross has appeared on MTV's Miller, "A Night at the Improv."

opening night of the comedy club, and the two-hour set will feature Ross and Miller.

The weekly line-up will include not just comedians, but also hypnotists, ventriloquists and magicians. Tavern in the Park is offering something other comedy clubs typically don't — a \$25 dinner-and-show package. Show-only is \$8.

"The food is our number-one thing," said Joe. "We want them to taste our food."

"We call it creative American with a twist from Italy," said Joe of Tavern cuisine, stating that his experience training chefs in Houston led to his incorporating some "eccentric" southwestern dishes to the menu.

"We want to make it a more comfortable atmosphere," Jamey agreed. "We want them to hang out and have a cappuccino, a piece of chocolate, shoot pool and listen to some good music even after the show is over."

Montes are r'nt ruling out the possibility of including an open-mic segment for aspiring comedians. They open their doors to the Make-A-Wish Foundation twice a year, and have sponsored local bands trying to make their start.

"Those people work hard, and they have a hard time getting onstage," because there's nowhere to go," Joe said.

The Montes' hope the shows will be so successful that Tavern in the Park will be able to eventually open up another ballroom for top-of-the-line entertainers. In the meanwhile, Tavern in the Park's Comedy Night will open on Saturday at 9 p.m., and resume every Friday at 9 p.m. Upcoming entertainers are Nancy Parker, Feb. 27; Tommy Moore, March 6; and Steve Marshall and Tom Savitt on March 13.

Tavern in the Park is located at 147 W. Westfield Ave., Roselle Park. For information, call (908) 241-7400.

There's no doubt 'She Loves Me' delivers the true nature of love

It was a weekend for love and lovers, especially at Cranford Dramatic Club, where audiences were entertained with an endearing production of "She Loves Me," the classic tale of boy meets girl.

Theater View

By Jacque McCarthy
Associate Editor

Hold on — it's never that easy, as anyone celebrating a relationship this weekend can attest to — but always well worth the effort. Classic film buffs will remember this story in the film version "The Shop Around the Corner" with Jimmy Stewart as Georg Nowack, the head shop clerk at Marazek's perfume store. On the CDC stage, good old Georg is played in classic style by Richard Sibello, who gave an memorable performance as the count in CDC's recent, charming "Jack and the Beanstalk." Sibello is as smooth as Stewart himself, and as flustered and frustrated by Marazek's newest hire, the brazen Amalia Balash. Boy meets girl, alright — but neither boy or girl like each other very much, and both boy and girl are smitten with love letters from more "desirable" partners — or so they think.

So if you are in the mood for old-fashioned romance with its usual twists and turns and prafails, it's not too late to check out "She Loves Me," which continues at Cranford Dramatic Club through March 7. For information, call (908) 276-7611.

This is a sweet old-fashioned romp, with a cast embracing the speaking style and mannerisms of the 40s. Jean McCauley is perfectly abrasive and idealistic as Amalia. All players give effective performances, with an especially enjoyable one by Bobby Selig as the randy Steven Kodaly. Choreography is clever, especially in cafe scenes and Selig's solo with Iona, played by Rebecca Zalon. The production's only weak area is the accompaniment, which needs more energy to support the musical numbers.

Rahway invites writers to join the collective

A new creative home for playwrights is being formed under the joint auspices of the Union County Arts Center and the newly created Rahway Arts Guild. The purpose of the Writers Collective at Union County Arts Center is to offer an environment where playwrights can meet regularly, where they can experiment, hone their craft and explore their art in a safe harbor of like-minded peers. The collective is not envisioned as a classroom where the basics of the craft would be taught, but rather a workshop where one-acts, full-lengths, children's shows and musicals are created and re-created.

At each session, portions of new work under development will be read and discussed in supportive terms. The writers will be encouraged to create a list of questions that will channel discussion into desired areas. Although reading will be done primarily by members of the Collective, guest talent may be brought in from time-to-time for specific projects.

The Writers Collective will be facilitated by playwright and journalist Lou J. Stalworth. Stalworth holds an M.F.A. in playwright from Rutgers University and is currently artistic director of PinnWorld Productions, a company dedicated to fostering new playwrights and introducing audiences to the experience of plays-in-process. A former theater critic for the Home News, Stalworth is a member of the Dramatists Guild and is a frequent teacher and guest lecturer at Mercer County and Brookfield Community Colleges.

Applications are now being accepted by the Writers Collective at Union County Arts Center for its Spring 1998 Playwrights Workshop. Beginning March 9, the Collective will meet for 10 consecutive Mondays. The fee for this workshop is \$120. Interested parties should send a 20-page writing sample, and a biography/resume to: Lou J. Stalworth, Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway, NJ, 07065.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Theater company finds 'space' to create some great theater

"Have you heard the story of the Johnstone Twins?" No? Then make it a point to see "Blood Brothers" now playing at the Open Space Theatre Co. in residence at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church.

It's the story of twin boys, separated at birth by a mother with too many worries and too many children. She is persuaded to sell him to a rich woman, Mrs. Lyons, who passes the child off as her own for 18 years. The truth is eventually told, after some remarkable events. The book seems somewhat lacking at times, but the score is beyond beautiful.

Open Space has used this basic church hall to great advantage. For Valentine's Day weekend, it had a quaint dessert theater set-up, allowing audience members to share long tables, savoring coffee, tea and "toddies" for cakes and pastries. From this vantage point, the first thing one sees is the awesome set, broken windows and imposing brick walls, composing both the Johnstone and the Lyons domains. The stage seems crammed at first glance, but from the artist's entrance, the imaginative staging and roomy set design create a vast space where even a pack for rowdy children have room to roam.

A cast in love with the material makes almost every moment pure entertainment. First and foremost is the Johnstone family. Ellen Cusick, well-known and loved by community theater audiences, sets our toes to tapping at times and our hearts to breaking at others with her weary, resigned portrayal of Mrs. Johnstone. Her lilting, but powerful alto voice reaches the rafters and caresses our ears. Ron Gioff and Charlie Irwin portray her son Mickey and her lost son, Edward, respectively. We first meet these fine actors as 7-year-old boys. Gioff creates a hilariously honest, mischievous prankster, while Irwin's cluelessly eager Edward wins the affection of the audience even as he wins Mickey's. The acting talent of these young men is exceeded only by their soaring voices. Both actors have met the challenge of creating a boy's life from age 7 to 18 with aplomb, particularly in Mickey's "Nasty Eight" moment and Edward's confession of love, "I'm Not Saying a Word."

Don Meehan is the Narrator, guiding each moment with the cruel hand of fate to its inescapable conclusion. His voice fits well with the sound of the show, and he effects transitions seamlessly. His demeanor never over-

Theater View

By Falh Agnew Correspondent

shadows the other players, but rather emphasizes their pivotal moments. Reina Baron plays Linda, the girl both twins are in love with. Baron has done a fine job with a role that seems underdeveloped in the script. Her 7-year-old tomboy is especially fun to watch. Pity the writers never give her a song.

A fine ensemble cast rounds out the production. From a roving band of playful children to a line of men on the dogs, they support the other players nicely, as well as steal a few moments of their own. "Kids' Game," a rousing schoolyard chant, is one of the show's finest moments. Of particular note is Robby Lee. To say she has a certain "spark" is understating the case.

The credit for all this goes of course to Director A.J. Irvin. His staging, while stylized at times, never seems "theatrical," nor does it hit us over the head with obvious moments. The opening tableau sets the tone and each moment thereafter is obviously carefully considered, with both a profound understanding and fondness for the material. He has done wonders for the somewhat wordy script, and the terrific songs are only improved by his touch. Kudos as well to musical director Sharon Reynolds. The difficult solos seem effortless, and the ensemble numbers are marvelously blended, somewhat of a rarity in many community theater shows. There is also quite a bit of underscoring which may have been intrusive if not played with just the right feel.

Open Space has tackled a difficult show for its sophomore effort. Except for a few wobbly moments, which can be attributed to opening night jitters, they have created something special. See "Blood Brothers," and keep your eyes peeled for future endeavors. If you like your theater with a little edge, Open Space has some great things in store.

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A hectic social gathering turns out to be fun. Sneak off to a corner if it gets to be too much to handle. Using the right amount of patience and push could finalize a deal. Don't forget to get some exercise other than the trip to the coffee pot this week.

Taurus April 21-May 21

There is reward in intellectual pursuits this week. Concentrate your energy on a direct goal and you are likely to make it. Don't overlook the obvious when you get the answer to a problem. Don't discount your own ability to make a difference in the outcome of a friend's future.

Gemini May 22-June 21

Going out-of-town this week could turn out to be more than you can handle. Keep your eyes on the road. Remember to take the rest you need before you begin any journey that looks to be long. Your money is safe where it is right now, so don't make any sudden financial decisions in the near future.

Cancer June 22-July 22

You can't go wrong with a second opinion this week. Medically speaking, you aren't as bad off as it might first appear. Do more than your fair share at home and it will pay off. Your level of creativity is very high right now.

Leo July 23-Aug. 23

Clear your slate of past promises. You have everything to cover your agreements if you spend wisely. Your productivity and good attention are in danger this week. Don't be distracted by company arguments and departmental planning. You have a job of your own to do. Stick to it.

Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Buying based on impulse could prove problematic today. Ask for a few days to consider the deal. Look to a trusted friend for advice. Try your hand at cooking something new — you'll be surprised how good it will

turn out. Don't be afraid to experiment.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Your expertise is wide, but don't overextend your reach this week. You may be asked for your opinion of something unfamiliar. Stay on solid ground and only speak about the portion you really understand. Resist the temptation to show off. You could come out looking foolish.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

This is a good time to spend some quality time with someone you love. Keep your eyes and ears open to new opportunities. You have an inner strength that has kept someone afloat unbeknownst to you. Don't forget to say thank you to those who've been helping you meet all the requirements of this work.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Take another look at something that looks too good to be true. You may get a surprise. This is a good week to focus on your health. Develop your network of acquaintances to see if someone important has been looking for you.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

You deserve a break. Treat yourself to something special: it will improve your mood and the moods of those around you. Consider what it is you've been asking others to do before you react. They'll be glad you paid attention. Do not underestimate the power of words.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Someone you don't particularly like is actually right for a change. Don't say no because he or she said yes. It could mean the difference between your own success and failure this time. A difficult problem you've been avoiding will actually fix itself this week.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Invite a new friend over for an evening of conversation. You need more levity in your life right now. Take a moment to laugh at how silly a stressful moment has gotten. Exercise will help you relax and will improve your outlook.

You can't win if you don't play 'The Game'

The Video Detective

By Jim Riffel

Nicholas Van Orten, played by Michael Douglas, is a millionaire. Actually, he's more than just a millionaire. His worth is in excess of \$600 million. He's owner and chief executive officer of Van Orten Banking. Nicholas lives in a mansion on acres of property that are surrounded by a large stone wall. Fountains with marble statues give the estate a regal, noble feel. He has a maid who lives in a servant house a few hundred yards from the main building. Nicholas drives a shiny new BMW and any car that enters or exits the compound must do so through an electronic black-stone gate.

It looks like Nicholas has it all. But looks can be deceiving. Nicholas is in a constant state of stress and anger. He's gone through a few marriages and can't seem to find or even look for the right woman. He ignores this problem by diving deeper into work. What he can't make up with in the area of love he'll make up for in the world of financial gain.

Then his younger brother, Conrad, played by Sean Penn, pays a visit. They have lunch. Conrad never got involved in the family business. Money wasn't the main event in his mind. Nicholas never really understood Conrad and the two, though friends, were distant. Now Conrad has a birthday present for Nicholas. It's a free pass for something called "The Game." It's run by a company called Consumer Recreational Services. Nicholas goes back-and-forth about participating.

One reason for his hesitation is he doesn't even know what the game is. No one will tell him. Conrad won't breathe a word, a few business associates have played the game but won't talk and even the people at Consumer Recreational Services are completely close-mouthed. All anyone will say is that the game will change your life. Someone tells him it's like the quote from the Bible, "Once I was blind but

now I can see." Nicholas signs up and runs through a series of tests, both physical and mental. Then he goes the news: he failed and won't be able to participate. That evening he pulls through his electronic gate and sees someone in a clown suit, unconscious, face down on the driveway. Nicholas approaches and cautiously turns the person over. It's not a human being but a wooden clown.

Inside the clown's mouth is a key from Consumer Recreational Services. The game has begun. Later that evening, Nicholas is watching the business news. This is a ritual for him. Each night Nicholas sits down to dinner and gets his fill of financial information from the TV. But tonight it's different. The news anchor stops reporting on the stock market and begins to talk directly to Nicholas. Nicholas is shocked. He nervously looks around the room. The anchor continues to address him.

Then a series of bizarre events begin to unfold which drag Nicholas into life-threatening situations. He starts to wonder if maybe his brother Conrad, who he believes secretly resents his wealth, may have set the whole game up to liquidate his \$600 million fortune. As the dangerous game continues, Nicholas, watching his fortune dwindle, calls in the police. They begin to work on some clues, but it's slow going. Then Conrad has a nervous breakdown and is institutionalized. But the game continues. Nicholas is penniless. It seems like things can't get much worse. But they do. The people who have his money now want him dead.

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Tailor your wedding to reflect your personal style

Imagine your wedding day as a blank canvas, primed and ready for you to paint with very special touches. Following you'll find a description of some of the different ways you can tailor your wedding to reflect your personal style by your choice of dress, accessories, flowers, and much more.

Valentine's Day
No matter what day of the year you plan to wed, Valentine's Day provides fitting inspiration for a most romantic wedding.

A contemporary color scheme for a Valentine's Day wedding consists of crisp red and white. To coordinate with a pristine white wedding dress, carry brightly colored tulips or the more traditional red roses.

Your bridesmaids will delight in wear again outfits such as a white moire or tulle blouse paired with a red moire skirt. Oufit flower girls in crisp white cotton frocks and give them each a gold-painted basket filled with fresh flowers and prettily wrapped packages to carry down the aisle.

The Victorian valentine bride

wears a floor-length gown of ecru lace and carries a bunch of old-fashioned posies in pale pastels. Choose a bouquet of softly shaded roses and greenery. Or, ask your florist to suggest flowers that will add an old-fashioned feeling to your bouquet such as violets, bluebells, and forget-me-nots. You may need to combine fresh and silk flowers in the bouquet. A nosegay is particularly old-fashioned and looks charming surrounded by a lace doily.

Victorian bridesmaids look lovely in creamy white silklike dresses sashed with several pastel satin ribbons. Or, dress each of your bridesmaids in a different pastel shade — soft peach, pale green, light yellow, shell pink, or delicate blue. Bridesmaids' bouquets may be a petite version of the bride's or coordinated to the color of their gowns.

Special treats at a Valentine wedding reception include a lavishly decorated heart-shape cake and pink-frosted heart-shape cookies with your names listed in white. The cookies

make enchanting keepsakes for your guests.

Birthdays-party charm
Enchanting customs and delightful keepsakes create a sentimental wedding for the bride who marries on her birthday or in her birthday month. The birthday bride can plan an entire wedding party around the special symbols of her month — the flowers and birthstones.

For example, decorate for a February wedding with bouquets of primroses and violets and a color scheme inspired by the birthstone of the month — amethyst. Flowers and birthstones for the rest of the year are as follows: **January** — carnation and snowdrop, garnet; **March** — jonquil and daffodil, aquamarine; **April** — sweet pea and daisy, diamond; **May** — lily-of-the-valley and hawthorn, emerald; **June** — rose and honeysuckle, pearl; **July** — larkspur and delphinium, ruby; **August** — gladiolus and poppy, peridot; **September** — aster and morning-glory, sapphire; **October** — calenda and marigold, opal;

November — chrysanthemum, topaz; December — pansy, turquoise.

The best jewelry to wear on this doubly festive day is your birthstone, of course. Whatever you choose to wear, be it birthstone earrings, pin or pendant, the piece will become a cherished keepsake in the years to come — especially if it was a gift from your husband-to-be.

Create a convivial party mood at your reception by decorating tables with cloths to match your color scheme. Top tables with the flowers of the month and baskets filled with festively wrapped packages. And what's a birthday party without balloons? You can use bouquets of helium-filled balloons to enhance the hall, mark the corners of the dance floor, or to decorate the cake table.

Regal majesty
The bride whose dream day includes a touch of regal splendor should aim for an evening wedding and reception. Wear a wedding dress with a touch of gold or elaborate

beading and plan a candlelit reception.

A color scheme in deep jewel tones such as sapphire blue, emerald green, or ruby red is especially dramatic. And oversized bouquets of large flowers add a majestic touch. Ask your florist to suggest some available in your color scheme. You also may want to include in your bouquet some fabric flowers that have been spray-painted in gold.

Spiritized country dance

The bride who's fond of all things country will delight in a spirited wedding reception. This country dance begins with the lively beat of a bluegrass band. The stage is set with a few bales of hay. Quills and pottery pitchers filled with daisies and other wildflowers decorate a renovated barn.

For your country-fied reception, choose a site with rustic charm — a local lodge, country inn, or whatever is available in your area. Scour second-hand shops and flea markets for inexpensive quilts and embroidered tablecloths to decorate the tables.

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Three months before the wedding date, make a preliminary visit to a rental agency or two to see their selections and bring brochures home for further discussion. Visualize the wedding party assembled for a formal portrait to get an idea of the color balance between the dress and tuxedos — it is often a good idea to have the dresses set the color scheme. You also might want to take swatches of the bridal costumes to the shop before making your final selection of colors.

The season of the year and the time of day also should enter into your decision. There are no hard and fast

rules as to tuxedo color choices, but, in general, darker colors are considered best for winter or evening, and lighter colors for summer or mornings.

Gray morning coats worn with darker, striped trousers, and white, brown, or pastel tuxedos are especially appropriate for before-noon weddings. The black tuxedo is especially effective for evening weddings. In most colors, tails are available for the groom, with matching tuxedos for the groomsmen.

The fathers of the bride and groom usually rent matching suits or tuxedos as well. If one or more of the groom's attendants is from out of town, the rental agency will provide a fitting card to be sent to them to be filled out by a rental agency in their area.

Preserve your antique lace

To preserve the beauty of the crochet, knit, or tatted lace you've made, treat it with the same tender loving care that you would lavish on heirloom laces. Following are some tips for repairing and preserving antique and new handmade laces.

Inspect the lace for tears and repair any damage before washing. If sewing is adequate to repair the damage, insert the needle between threads rather than into them.

Holes are best repaired by darning. Use a thread close to the color and weight of the original, and weave threads across the tear; begin and end having three or more meshes on each side of the hole. Weave in and out of these threads, duplicating the original stitches as closely as possible. Finish threads to the existing piece.

To remove stains, use a gentle bleach, such as lemon juice or hydro-

gen peroxide, diluting it with water. If stains remain, you may try a weak solution of a nonchlorine laundry powder such as Clorox 2. Begin by diluting one teaspoon of powder per cup of water. Soak the lace only long enough to remove the stain, then rinse thoroughly.

Once the stains have been removed, hand-wash small pieces using a mild liquid dishwashing detergent. Large pieces can generally be laundered using the delicate cycle of your washing machine.

Store your clean handmade lace in a cool, dry place, not in a cedar chest. Oil from the wood can be absorbed into the lace, causing it to become discolored. Lay small pieces flat, without folding, between sheets of acid-free tissue paper. Finish by wrapping another layer of acid-free tissue paper around the outside of the lace.

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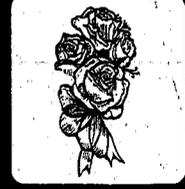
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Choosing the right ship
No two ships are alike, even if at first glance they appear to be. Each has a special mood and character, qualities that are determined by the

captain, the crew, the activities and facilities on board, the philosophy of the ship line, the food, the wine, the bartenders, the entertainment, and even the personalities of the cruise director and the staff.

One ship may have a reputation for superb service, another for lavish buffets, still another for shipboard social life and entertainment. Many of these elements can't really be researched by poring over cruise brochures. You have to talk to people who have had firsthand experience with the particular ship.

Your best sources of information are probably your friends and relatives and your travel agent. If he or she has actually sailed on the vessel you're interested in.

If travel agents push particular ships too hard — especially ones they never sailed themselves — it is reasonable to suspect that their enthusiasm has more to do with the ship line's commission schedule than it does with any merits that the ships might possess.

Long, high-priced cruises tend to attract an older crowd, many of whom are retirees. Passengers on the lower priced one- and two-week cruises are more likely to be younger people. Statistics show that on the shorter Caribbean cruises up to 20 percent of the passengers may be honeymooners like yourselves.

Your stateroom
It's best to pick your stateroom as far in advance as possible. If you don't, you might not get the kind you want. Those at the top and bottom ends of the price range tend to go first. Many seasoned cruise ship travelers always book the lowest-priced cabins. Their reasoning is that it's silly to pay anything but the minimum for a room that is rarely used except to dress and sleep in. Price differences between the highest- and lowest-priced rooms can be substantial — nearly 100 percent in some cases.

Every ship line publishes diagrams that show where everything on the ship is located. To avoid getting a cabin that's too near a noisy area,

study the diagrams carefully before you make your choice.

Activities aboard ship
Rare are the times when you'll find yourselves aboard a cruise ship with nothing to do. The ship itself will include many of the facilities and activities that you'd expect to find at a luxury resort.

You can cool off in a swimming pool — some ships have more than one — work out in the exercise room, catch a first-run movie in the ship's theater, whack a golf ball off a driving post at the stern, sign up for a dance class, join the early morning joggers for a few turns around the deck, open up your pores in the sauna, or simply stretch out with a good book on a deck chair.

Evening activities range from cabaret entertainment and dance bands to costume parties and fancy dress occasions. Every ship has a morning newspaper that tells you what's going on that day. Usually, the staff member slips the paper under your door early in the morning. That

way you can plan your day's activities while you sip your first cup of coffee.

If there's an activity you'd like that you don't see advertised, talk to the cruise director.

If you're looking for another couple for a rubber or two of bridge, for example, the director can help you find them.

Ports of call
Many experienced travelers consider the places a ship visits just as important as the ship itself. But everything depends on your point of view.

If you've chosen to cruise primarily because the amenities and activities of the ship appeal to you, then the ports of call will carry only incidental importance. Some travelers don't always bother to disembark when the ship pulls into port.

For novice cruisers and those on one- or two-week itineraries, the ports of call usually carry greater weight in making the final choice of cruise. If you fall into this group, you'll want to spend some time boning up on what the various ports have to offer.

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ART SHOWS

DEAD LIFE TALKING, will life paintings by nine regional artists, will be on display through today at Tomasulo Art Gallery.

FANTASY LANDSCAPE SERIES by abstract artist Pasquale Cuppari will be on display through Sunday at Eugenia Gallery in Scotch Plains.

STREET SCENES AND OTHER by Leon L. Tadrick will be on display at Les Malamut Gallery in Union through Wednesday.

MILBURN LIBRARY will display "The Life and Times of Bill Monroe: A Photo Essay" through Feb. 28.

NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS will present an international Juried Show from Sunday through March 29.

GEMINI GROUP is seeking cameramen and technicians for filming original works for broadcast on local cable stations.

RAHWAY VALLEY JERSEYAIRES barbershop quartet rehearses in the First Baptist Church Hall, 170 Elm St., Westfield, every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m.

SINGERCHOIR men's chorus rehearses Friday evenings at 8:30 p.m. in Schwalbischer Sangerbund mixed chorus rehearses Thursday evenings at 8:30 p.m. at the Deutscher Club in Clark.

UNION HARMONICA BAND holds practice sessions at the Senior Citizen Building, Caldwell and Morris avenues, Union, every Friday from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

WESTFIELD GLEE CLUB invites male singers to come and sing at rehearsals on Mondays at 8 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church Parish Building Assembly Hall, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield.

ELIZABETH LIBRARY will exhibit African-American art and themes by Derek Daniels throughout February.

UNION COUNTY BOARD of Chosen Freeholders have sponsored an exhibit of historic documents, photos and stories at Union County Administration Building and Courthouse in celebration of African-American History Month.

INTERACTIVE THREADS by Ellen O'Brien will be on display at New Jersey Center For Visual Arts through March 6.

THE EXHIBIT will hang in the Members' Gallery, NJCUVA is located at 69 Elm St., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

THE GLOVE PROJECT, an art and sculpture exhibit, will be on display at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library through March 12.

VESSLS, a pottery exhibit by Phil Holmes, will be on display at Kent Place Gallery through March 13. A reception will be held tomorrow from 6 to 8 p.m.

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FILMMAKERS SYMPOSIUM will be held on Monday evenings starting Feb. 23 at Lovess Theaters Mountainide. A second session begins on April 5.

ARTIST'S WAY is a six-week workshop series beginning Feb. 23 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., sponsored by the Resource Center for Learning.

AMERICAN HARMONICA BAND provides free harmonica lessons. For those who play, but do not read music, lessons will also be given.

COVE LOUNGE presents live music by alternative bands every Wednesday.

CROSSROADS in Garwood presents a weekly lineup of musical rotation: Tuesdays — Acoustic Open-Mic Night; Blues guitar stinger and vocal; it Rhett Tyler opens the show, and then opens the show on any aspiring player who enters. The show opens at 9:30 p.m.

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The Cafe hosts a wide variety of family-oriented entertainment, ranging from folk singers to jazz ensembles.

MINSTREL COFFEEHOUSE is a coffeehouse/concert series run by the Folk Project, a non-profit folk music and arts organization.

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Clark
 Frank and Tomiko Decker sold property at 31 King St., to Helder Henriquez for \$133,000 on Sept. 25.
 Nichola Jachim sold property at 46 Ridge Road to Thomas Sweney for \$205,000 on Sept. 29.
 William F. Ricker sold property at 31 Hall Drive to Nicholas F. Writing Jr. for \$105,000 on Oct. 1.
 Richard C. and Marj McGillegitt sold property at 87 Liberty St., to Anthony Gianastasio for \$205,000 on Oct. 14.
 Helen Patzwa sold property at 74 Prospect St., to Todd Patzwa for \$180,000 on Oct. 14.
 Alan E. and Sandra Y. Grossman sold property at 53 Post Road to James R. Peninger for \$200,000 on Oct. 15.
 Florence Petroselli sold property at 3 Lefferts Lane to Michael Spatola for \$126,500 on Oct. 20.

Elizabeth
 Eurogroup LLC sold property at 633-638 Monroe Ave., to Antonio Gonzalez for \$198,000 on Sept. 26.
 Lottie Lasher sold property at 947 Remondino St., to Terry Carenas for \$237,500 on Oct. 20.
 Cecilia White sold property at 457 Fay Ave., to Margarita Angeles for \$56,000 on Oct. 23.
 Dewell D. Gardner sold property at 27 Kerwyn Court to Charles Hodge for \$32,000 on Oct. 24.
 Emeise Coppola sold property at 122 Fay Ave., to Carlos D. Pereira for \$82,000 on Oct. 24.

Hillside
 Manuel and Benilde DaSilva sold property at 1075 Prospect St., to Natalia D. Maos for \$25,000 on Sept. 10.
 Timi A. Perkins sold property at 1432 Leslie St., to Margaret Taylor for \$55,000 on Sept. 22.
 Patricia Courage sold property at 1555 York St., to Norman Sapoznik for \$5,000 on Sept. 24.
 E. Thomas and Doris Lentz sold property at 1042 N. Broad St., to Terence Hall for \$128,500 on Sept. 30.
 Bobby and Dorothy Lewis sold property at 230 Williamson Ave., to Barbara T. Smith for \$108,000 on Oct. 3.
 C. Borre sold property at 582 Buchanan St., to Everett Wilson for \$113,000 on Oct. 3.
 Robert L. and Fannie Wilson sold property at 40 Ridgeway Ave., to Antoine L. Washington for \$105,000 on Oct. 3.
 Walter Goldsherry et al sold property at 1626 Crockett Ave., to Darlene Levy for \$77,325 on Oct. 7.

Kenilworth
 Brian and Barbara Luciani sold property at 346 Ashwood Ave., to Albino M. Cunha for \$167,000 on Oct. 3.
 Philip V. and Schiffr J. DeBaise sold property at 33 N. 23rd St., to Lauren Baumann for \$155,000 on Oct. 4.
 James P. and Helen A. Koerner Sr. sold property at 12 N. 19th St., to Jamie L. Gaston for \$170,000 on Oct. 22.
 Ann J. Fico sold property at 551 Newark Ave., to Henry Morales for \$135,000 on Oct. 27.

Linden
 Mary A. Shapinski et al sold property at 406 E. Blauvelt St., to Claude Etienne for \$200,000 on Sept. 22.
 Marian E. Sharkey sold property at 633 Washington Ave., to Vladimir Libizov for \$100,000 on Sept. 26.
 Roland and Charlene Saget et al sold property at 1151 Passaic Ave., to Louise Pierre for \$155,000 on Sept. 26.
 Murray and Janet Horowitz sold property at 509 Birewood Road to Victor Ponce for \$135,000 on Sept. 29.
 Edward J. and Joan M. VanHouten sold property at 634 MinHouten to Edward J. VanHouten for \$42,500 on Oct. 8.
 John and Linda Dynak sold property at 823 Amherst Road to Joseph A. DiIorio for \$182,500 on Oct. 8.
 Robert Orlandi et al sold property at 45 Karitan Road to HIMS Affordable for \$55,000 on Oct. 10.
 Helen Kempczykanski sold property at 312 E. Elm St., to John F. Bush for \$142,000 on Oct. 10.
 Michael and Mary A. Pereira sold property at 1830 Windsor Road to Robert S. Sowerski for \$168,000 on Oct. 16.

Mountainside
 Robert and Judith Schmidt sold property at 1091 Sunny Slope Drive to Arthur G. Calise for \$268,000 on Oct. 16.
 Judith C. Gordon sold property at 324 Partridge Run to William J. Clark for \$277,500 on Oct. 16.
 Milton S. and Myra T. Kaplan sold property at 370 Central Ave., to John Sokol for \$340,000 on Oct. 18.
 Anne Arcure sold property at 250 S. Fork Road to Paul A. Szeiliga for \$204,000 on Oct. 23.

Rahway
 Sylvia and Salerno D. Gerwitz sold property at 258 Orchard St., to Nestor Lopez for \$85,000 on Sept. 19.
 Samuel and Lucia Thau sold property at 668 W. Scott Ave., to Edward F. Eggmann for \$130,000 on Sept. 30.
 Victor J. and Carole Wisniewski sold property at 2076 Whittier St., to

Emmanuel Badaeu for \$112,000 on Sept. 30.
 Clemente and Amarilly Arias sold property at 444 Concord St., to Magalie Saint-Elien for \$140,000 on Oct. 6.
 Edward H. Meahan sold property at 849 Robert St., to Dorothy Meahan for \$145,000 on Oct. 6.
 Kimberly and Cassara T. Carrilli sold property at 2258 Church St., to Steven P. Niro for \$119,500 on Oct. 10.
 Gloria J. Collins sold property at 1804 Allen St., to City of Rahway for \$84,000 on Oct. 17.
 Roy J. and Elizabeth Roach sold property at 207 Union St., to City of Rahway for \$100,000 on Oct. 17.

Roselle
 First Nationwide Bank sold property at 433 W. 6th Ave., to Karen H. Fong for \$115,000 on Sept. 30.
 Julie Zaitkov sold property at 11 Westbrook Court to Lance Mack for \$120,000 on Oct. 1.
 Ricardo Maldonado sold property at 1266 E. 12th Ave., to Ali D. Williams for \$129,000 on Oct. 2.
 Dorothy P. Rand sold property at 220 Park St., to Josephine Sitchon for \$93,000 on Oct. 6.
 Harry and Judith Desbormes et al sold property at 230 W. 4th Ave., to Isidore Gaudin for \$140,000 on Oct. 6.
 Joseph M. and Melynda S. Kaiser sold property at 246 E. 12th Ave., to Terry E. Williams for \$423,000 on Oct. 6.
 Arthur J. and Joan E. Sauer sold property at 270 E. 4th Ave., to James L. Oliver for \$134,000 on Oct. 9.
 Grace J. Maher sold property at 1116 Thompson Ave., to Anthony Arcer for \$111,000 on Oct. 10.
 Paul Goldman sold property at 120 W. 7th Ave., to Kerline Noetlein for \$70,000 on Oct. 10.

Roselle Park
 Girard Savings Bank FSB sold property at 268 E. Westfield Ave., to Mortgage Guaranty Ins. Corp. for \$126,754 on Sept. 23.
 Philip D. and Kathleen J. Woods sold property at 715 Walnut St., to Reinildo Aracha Jr. for \$144,000 on Sept. 25.
 Gary P. and Maryanne Sexton sold property at 128 Charlotte Terrace to

Lawrence E. Dickey for \$164,000 on Oct. 3.
 Alice Saffi sold property at 118 Butler Ave., to Mary M. Patrick for \$107,000 on Oct. 16.
 Jean K. Eimont sold property at 170 E. Webster Ave., to Bruce Rule for \$133,500 on Oct. 16.
 Peter L. and Liza P. Beharynsigh sold property at Mahesh Patel for \$158,000 on Oct. 27.

Springfield
 Richard H. Greenstein sold property at 7 Shunpike Road to Mark A. Bolibar for \$112,500 on Oct. 17.

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 Lewis Colangelo sold property at 39 Morris Ave., to Walter G. Cuneo for \$210,000 on Sept. 30.
 Gary W. and Rita M. Gulden sold property at 24 Oak Ridge Ave., to Frank A. Fridel for \$420,000 on Oct. 2.
 Peter and Margaret E. Kane sold property at 5 Sheridan Road to Denise Millet for \$255,500 on Oct. 3.
 Henry and Judith C. Salerno sold property at 13 Prospect Hill Ave., to James E. Redfern for \$720,000 on Oct. 9.
 Thomas F. and Debra Miller sold property at 18 Edison Drive to Carolyn Gargiulo for \$210,000 on Oct. 9.
 Randolph F. and Jeanine Buckley sold property at 30 Sweetbriar Road to Peter G. Kane for \$505,000 on Oct. 10.
 Frank V. and Mary E. Ocello sold property at 128 Ashland Road to Edward Walter for \$555,000 on Oct. 13.
 Francis X. and Sybil H. Keane sold property at 3 Glen Oaks Ave., to Richard M. Haugh Jr. for \$463,000 on Oct. 13.
 Richard M. and Eleanor K. Haugh sold property at 401 Mountainside Ave., to Frank V. Ocello for \$350,000 on Oct. 14.
 Carlos A. and Maria P. Valle sold property at 95 Fenwood Road to John Nicholas for \$695,000 on Oct. 15.

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 Russian-Ukrainian Evangelical sold property at 1408 Isabelle Ave., to Dominique Altener for \$134,000 on Sept. 19.
 Paraska Pawlenko sold property at

278 Salem Road to Frances C. Carlisle for \$137,000 on Sept. 25.
 Ronald A. Lyman Jr. sold property at 286 Martin Road to Ana C. Zambrano for \$183,000 on Sept. 29.
 Sharon Yawnick sold property at 1374 Mark Drive to Ronald Yawnick for \$69,167 on Sept. 29.
 Juan A. and Catalina Hernandez sold property at 1025 Cranbrook Drive to George Sendein for \$150,000 on Sept. 29.
 Thomas P. and Carolyn Y. Healy sold property at 283 Forest Drive to Juan Muniz for \$153,000 on Sept. 30.
 Marian Henry sold property at 931 Louise St., to Arthur G. Henry for \$100,000 on Sept. 30.
 Henry and Judith C. Salerno sold property at 1266 Carleton Terrace to Keith Seidie for \$162,000 on Sept. 30.
 Richard and Kim Rifino sold property at 713 Hemlock Road to Athens A. Moulins for \$160,000 on Oct. 1.
 Robert J. and Lucille F. Cliptano sold property at 1128 Liberty Ave., to Vipulchandra Patel for \$170,000 on Oct. 3.

Carma Ginnie sold property at 340 Cambridge Drive to David Edmondson for \$220,000 on Oct. 6.
 Patricia L. Manna sold property at 172 Renner Ave., to Tunesio Otani for \$110,000 on Oct. 6.
 Arline Kori sold property at 888 W. Chestnut St., to Wylene Clark for \$148,000 on Oct. 7.
 Howard B. Bloom et al sold property at 1036 Gifford Court to Dina Cunha for \$251,000 on Oct. 7.
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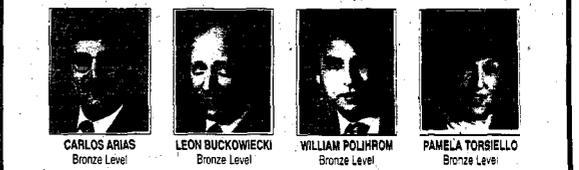
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15 YR FIXED	6.13	3.00	6.50	FEE	15 YR FIXED	5.83	3.00
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Mercedes-Benz designed its M-Class sport utility vehicle to be compatible with the world around it.

According to MGNA President Mike Jackson, "The current two-tiered standards may have made sense back when light trucks were driven mostly by farmers and craftsmen, but it's clear that these types of vehicles are now being used primarily for everyday family transportation. For this reason, we feel that SUVs should offer the same levels of safety and environmental protection as passenger cars."

In a feat many passenger cars have yet to attain, the super-clean M-Class sport utility yielded exhaust emissions of only 0.032 grams per mile of unburnt hydrocarbons, 0.25 ppm of carbon monoxide and 0.07 ppm of oxides of nitrogen.

The LEV and ULEV emissions standards are being phased in gradually, and for the 1998 model year, 25 percent of each automaker's light-truck sales in California must be certified to the LEV standard.

In general, the new-generation Mercedes-Benz powerplants get up to 40 percent lower exhaust emissions, 13 percent better fuel-efficiency, are 25 percent lighter in weight, and have a broader torque range than previous Mercedes engines. The new engines feature two spark plugs per cylinder, and the dual ignition system activates the twin spark plugs one after the other in quick succession rather than simultaneously, with electronically varied "stagger" for cleaner-burning combustion and smoother, stronger performance.

The new Mercedes-Benz engines use innovative three-valve-per-cylinder technology to reduce exhaust emissions dramatically, over 40 percent during the critical warm-up state when most of engine emissions are produced. There is less surface area at the exhaust port, relative to a comparable four-valve engine, which dramatically reduces exhaust heat loss between the engine and the catalytic converter. This translates to higher exhaust temperature and earlier

converter "light-off." In general, there is no tradeoff in horsepower and torque with the new three-valve technology compared to a four-valve design. In any efficient, well-designed engine, exhaust valve size needs to be somewhat smaller than the intake valve area.

Mercedes-Benz was the world's first automaker to use innovative cast-in-silicon-aluminum cylinder sleeves with a low-friction surface that allows piston-ring spring tension to be reduced by 50 percent. Thanks to a number of such friction-reducing measures, the internal "drag" of the new engine is 45 percent lower than other engines, and the efficiency pay-off for low internal friction means fuel savings, increased power and longer engine life.

The new Mercedes-Benz engines also feature the longest intake pipes in the industry, a plus which provides outstanding low- and mid-range power. Cast into the super-lightweight magnesium intake manifold are long intake passages which spiral around to each cylinder. Incorporated into the manifold are flaps, one for each cylinder, that are closed below about 3,700 rpm, forcing intake air to take the "long route" through the manifold and build up pressure waves which boost the intake process and improve low- and mid-range torque. At higher speeds, the flaps open electronically, allowing intake air to take a shortcut — a more direct route to the cylinders — for maximum high-speed power and efficiency.

In a critical evaluation of both real-world performance and design excellence, the new-generation 3.2-liter V6 engine from Mercedes-Benz was recently named one of the Best Engines of 1998 by "Ward's Auto World," the noted industry trade magazine. In their coverage of the new Mercedes-Benz engine, "Ward's" editors said, "This is a solid, technically significant new engine range." "Ward's," which conducts the only competitive evaluation of automotive powerplants, ran comprehensive tests of 28 different engines over a two-month period.

In addition to the "Best Engine" accolade, the new M-Class has won many of this year's top automotive awards. Among these, the new M-Class was voted the North American Truck of the Year by an independent jury of 48 top automotive journalists and was named "Motor Trend" Truck of the Year by their editors.

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