

calendar



Newark Museum, New Jersey Designer Craftsman exhibit and self-portraits by Alex Katz through September; The New Jersey Teen Arts Festival, through Sept. 23; The American Chair Retropective, "The Chair: Symbol and Sculpture," through Oct. 28; The Poster and Print Art of Puerto Rico; 596-6638.

Museum, Union, meets third Thursday of each month.
Trenton Art League Workshop, exhibit at Nabisco Brands, through Sept. 25; 682-7140.
Lee Mahlum Art Gallery, Union, to present month long art exhibit by Prof. Donald Lokuta of Union, through September; 686-0420.
Jewish Community Center of Metro NJ, to present "Little Old New York" art exhibit through Oct. 21 in West Orange; 736-3200.
Newark Museum, to offer art courses and workshops in October; Call 596-6638 for registration.
Artists for Youth at Risk, to hold benefit Sept. 23, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 287-8050.
Swain Galleries, to hold oil pastel exhibit through Oct. 12, 703 Washington Ave., Plainfield; 756-1707.
Edison Library, to display black and white photographs of Linwood McClain through Oct. 27.
Bloomfield College, to sponsor community college artists through Oct. 30; 748-9000.
Art and Crafts at Andersons, through Oct. 28; 429-0960.
Union Township Historical Society, at Caldwell Parsonage and



Shalom Singles Group, to host Tuesday dinner events at Stanley's Restaurant, Springfield and Morris avenues, Springfield, 630 p.m.; 925-3842.
Candlelight - Connections, disco nights with '50s music, Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Northfield's Restaurant; Friday rendezvous nights at Giuseppe Marotta Ristorante, 466 Prospect Ave., West Orange; 992-0041.
Net-Set sponsors singles every Sunday tennis parties at Mountain-side Tennis Center, 5 to 10 p.m.; 770-0070.
Jewish Association Serving Singles offers JASSLine, 24-hour telephone hotline listing events for all ages. Tapes are changed weekly; 925-3842.
Solo Singles over 40, Presbyterian Church, Maple Street and Morris Avenue, Summit, offers "rap or bridge" the first and third Thursday of the month at 7:15 p.m.; 464-8166 or 766-1839.
Jewish Singles World, to dine out every Wednesday night, 964-0886.
New Expectations, meets every Friday night and will hold a singles

dance on Sept. 23; from 8 to 12 a.m., at Springfield Holiday Inn; 964-8158.
New Beginning-New Belonging, to sponsor a bus trip to West Point U.S. Military Academy Sept. 23; 382-3108.
Candlelight Connections, private dinner party for professionals, 30-39 in Livingston, Sept. 22, 8 p.m.; 922-0041.
Widow & Widowers, to hold party at St. Lima's Church in Short Hills, Sept. 23, 2-5 p.m.; 396-8900.



Business and Professional Women of Westfield Inc. dinner meets third Tuesday of each month at Ramada Hotel, Clark; 233-0863.
Union County Chapter of New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners, NIAWBO, meets on second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. with dinner and guest speaker or workshops at Rudolph's, Mansion Hotel, 295 South Ave., Fanwood; 549-7575 or 889-1072.
Former Greta Reilly School of Dance will hold reunion at Town & Campus, Union, Oct. 28, from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.; 736-0802.
CYO Youth Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark is holding its annual Hand 'n Hand Festival Sept. 29 at Our Lady Queen of Peace High School in North Arlington from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
from Nurturer Rose Knapp, Rangers will meet Fridays throughout the summer from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; 789-3670.
Planatarium Show, sponsored by the Trailside Nature & Science Center, Sundays in September and October at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.; Weekday plantarium shows will be on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 2 p.m.; 789-3670.
Union County Legal Secretaries Association, to hold meeting Sept. 25 at 6 p.m. at Coachman Inn, Cranford.
Cranford Residents 60 years or older are invited to join Cranford Social dance class which meets every Tuesday at the Cranford Community Center at 1 p.m.; 709-7283 or 276-9149.
Greater New Jersey Music Collectables Expo, to be held Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Somerset Marriott's Ukrainian Cultural Center; 761-7760.
Plantarium shows for September and October at Trailside Nature and Science Center, Saturdays at 2 and 3:30 p.m.
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Central Jersey Stamp, Coin & Card Exchange show is scheduled Sept. 23 at the Budget Motor Lodge, Woodbridge.
Trailside Nature and Science Center to hold 9th annual Harvest Festival Sept. 30 from 1-5 p.m.; Squirrel program Sept. 23 at 2 p.m.
Waterloo Antiques Fair, to be held Sept. 22-23, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., at Waterloo Concert Field, Waterloo Road, Stanhope; 768-2773.
Resource Center For Women, to schedule career counseling, parenting programs, legal consultations, and workshops for fall; 273-7253.
Youth For Understanding International Exchange, offers exchange students from Europe, Asia and Latin America; 1-800-872-0200.
Garden State Cultural Center Fund, to present Chinese Festival, Sept. 22, and 15th annual Slovak Heritage Festival Sept. 23; 888-5000.
Morris-Union Jointure Commission, to hold workshops for parents and laypeople concerned about education of handicapped children Sept. 26 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.; 464-7625.
Family Service Association, to present skills about school issues, Sept. 27 at 8 p.m.; 273-1414.
International Adoption Information Night, to present seminar on adoption procedures for children of Central and South America Sept. 28 at 7:30 p.m.; 449-7189.

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Bergen raises issues and criticism in race

By DAVE WISE Bruce Bergen, the Democratic challenger in the 7th Congressional District race, is hoping his campaign will generate more publicity, as he vies for Republican Congressman Matthew Rinaldo's seat. Bergen is currently "making as many public appearances as possible," which included a recent visit to a weekend fair in Clark.

Study recommends ways to increase school funds

By DAVE WISE In accordance with state regulations that each school district issue a five-year master plan, the Springfield Board of Education recently issued its comprehensive report which discloses such information as student enrollment projections and the condition of school buildings.



PANEL DISCUSSION - Natalie Wald, center, a member of the New Jersey School Boards Association's Special Management Review Committee, discusses the panel's recent report with Mario Gangi, left, the Association's president.

Recycling coordinator is appointed by committee

By DAVE WISE The Springfield Township Committee appointed Cynthia Weaver as the new recycling coordinator last week. Weaver, formerly an official of Matawan Regional Health Department, will also serve as the township's health department sanitarian.

Cable program focuses in on colorful history of Springfield

By DAVE WISE The "Eye on Springfield" program on TV-36 is airing two half-hour shows that will focus on the township's history. "What was it like in the 17th and 18th century? How did things change? These are questions which the program, scheduled for broadcast in October, will attempt to answer.

New narcotics investigator is chosen to re-activate the disbanded bureau

By DAVE WISE A year after Springfield's two-man narcotics bureau was disbanded because of budget cuts, the township has appointed a new narcotics investigator in an effort to re-instate the Police Department's drug enforcement division.

Parents concerned about son in Gulf

By DAVE WISE Sam Leedy, a 1987 graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield, is aboard the carrier John F. Kennedy heading to the Persian Gulf.

Aerobic classes slated for residents

The Springfield Recreation Department is introducing beginner and low impact aerobic exercise classes. The classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginning Oct. 2, at the Chatham Community Center.

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Officers are given posts

The Springfield Continental Post 228 American Legion held its annual Installation of Officers for the 1990-1991 term on Sept. 15 at the Millburn Post 140 with 100 members and guests present. The following officers were installed: Anthony Fabisio, Commander; Arthur Bucher, Vice Commander; Donald Auer, Finance Officer; Raymond Schramm, Secretary; William Weber, Service Officer; and Louis Quinton, Sergeant at Arms. Outgoing Commander Morris Samo presented William Weber, Raymond Schramm and Robert Day with plaques for dedication and outstanding service over the years.

Post 228 meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. in the American Legion Post 140 on Main St. in Millburn. All veterans are invited, welcome and urged to join us even though they may be members of another veterans' organization.

Son in Gulf

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He likes working on the planes, being on the flight deck, said his mother.

For his birthday this Oct. 17, his parents are sending him a "care package" and all their prayers for his safe return.

New doctor joins staff

Springfield Associates announces that Dr. Linda Knust recently joined their staff, a clinical and organizational psychology consulting group. Throughout her career, Dr. Knust has worked extensively with children, adolescents and adults. Her work has focused on helping students develop cognitive strategies to deal with learning disabilities, decision-making and social problem-solving.

Prior to joining Springfield Associates, Dr. Knust worked for nine years as a school psychologist.

Library presents a new schedule for fall season

The Children's Department of the Springfield Public Library announces its fall Story-Time program schedule. There will be two Story-Time programs for preschoolers, ages 2 1/2 to 5. One group will meet Tuesday mornings from 10:30 to 11:15, beginning on Oct. 2. The other group will meet Thursday afternoon from 1:30 to 2:15, beginning on Oct. 4. There are eight sessions planned for each group.

The Toddler Story-Time program is for children ages 2 1/2 to 3 1/2, accompanied by a caregiver. This program will be held on Wednesday mornings from 10:30 to 11 a.m. and will begin on Oct. 3. The Toddler Story-Time will have eight sessions.

Schools receive high scores on test

Springfield Public School students met or exceeded the high standards set by the Board of Education and School Administration. "The expectations that students at each grade will score a minimum of one grade level above the national norm, and that 85% of the students will perform in the top two quartiles on the Iowa Achievement Tests are standards which represent a high caliber of performance in any school district," said School Superintendent Dr. Gary Fritland.

Springfield students, according to results of district tests scored mean grade averages substantially above the national norm, and eighth grade graduates at Florence M. Gaudinier Middle School earned top scores as freshmen on the High School Proficiency Test taken at Jonathan Dayton High School in April.

According to Mr. Albert LaMorges, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, 100% of the ninth grade students who graduated from the Middle School in 1989 attended a public school passing the standards set for reading, 97.1% passed mathematics, and 98.6% passed writing on the High School Proficiency Test.

"I am pleased with the overall performance of Springfield students and the Board that although test results are one of many measures that help to assess the academic program, they should be cautious not to focus on an

Native wins scientific award for work

A University of Mississippi pharmacology professor will travel to Germany in October to accept a prestigious prize that is awarded every two years for the world's most important non-published scientific work in the field of vitamin research.

Dr. Anthony J. Verlangieri, a Springfield native, has been chosen as the recipient of the 1990 international Hermes Vitamin Research Prize for his work that shows vitamin E treatment slows atherosclerosis and may even reverse the disease. The award, which will be presented in Munich, is sponsored by the German pharmaceutical company Hermes Arzneimittel Gmbh.

Registration is required for these Story-Time programs. Further information can be obtained by stopping by the library or calling the Children's Department at 376-4930.

Native wins scientific award for work

The prize comes after 20 years of continuing research funded by more than \$1.2 million in grants from the American Heart Association and others. Dr. Verlangieri has long believed that the relationship between vitamins and atherosclerosis (more commonly known as hardening of the arteries) lay in the actual biochemical mechanism of the disease.

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The findings in Verlangieri's award-winning paper include some of the results from a seven-year clinical study conducted in primates, which provides the first practical evidence that vitamin C and natural vitamin E prevent and reverse atherosclerosis.

"This is quite an honor," Dr. Verlangieri said. "Five years worth of convincing people that the antioxidant vitamins are truly important in the prevention and treatment of certain chronic or age-related diseases. The Hermes award indicates that this theory is now being taken seriously."



GOLDEN YEARS — Clifford Bakley, Inter-Club Chairman of the Millburn-Springfield Kiwanis, presents a guest speaker certificate to Michela Tagliore, on the right, of the Franciscan Oaks. Tagliore spoke to the Kiwanis about a new concept in retirement living.

Space available for Chesapeake venture

The Department of Adult and Vocational Education of Union County Regional High School District 1 has announced that registrations are now being accepted for a three-day trip to Solomons Island on the Chesapeake Bay. Naturalists Mike and Diana Dove will be leading the Oct. 19-21 expedition.

After departing from Governor Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights, the first stop will be the National Aquarium in Baltimore, Md.

The group has reservations at the Holiday Inn and Conference Center, conveniently located on Solomons Island. The island stretches toward the Chesapeake Bay on Maryland's southwestern shore. It is famous for its oystering, crabbing and fishing and has various shops, restaurants and deep water slips and canals.

Some of the activities include a three-hour cruise exploring the Chesapeake on board the restored William B. Tennison. The first mate and a marine biologist will interpret the sightings and answer participants' questions.



Outdoor exhibits include a recreated salt marsh and a boat restoration area, as well as a visit to an Oyster House featuring boatbuilding displays and artifacts of the local seafood industry.

After Saturday night's dinner on Solomons Island, the group will be treated to a private presentation by a popular biologist who will share information on the bay's ecology. The final day will include a visit to the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory climaxing with a guided walk along the beach of Calvert Cliffs along the Chesapeake Bay in search of fossils.

For registration information, one can call the Union County Regional Adult School at 376-6300, extension 276. Registration forms are in the 1990 fall brochure which may be requested by calling the above telephone number. Late registrations will be accepted only as long as space is available.

Programs are scheduled

The Children's Department of the Springfield Public Library announces special programs and activities scheduled for October.

On Monday, Oct. 1, from 7 to 7:30 p.m. a Bedtime-Story program is planned for children ages 3-5. Children may wear their pajamas and bring a stuffed animal for company.

On Wednesday, Oct. 10, from 3:30 to 4:30 a Story/Craft program for children ages 3 1/2 — 5, entitled "All About Me" will be held. A caregiver is asked to attend the first 15 minutes of the program.

Flu shots to be offered

The Westfield Regional Health Department, which covers Mountaine, has announced that several flu clinics will be held for residents of Mountaine, Westfield, Garwood and Fanwood at the following times and locations:

Wednesday, Oct. 3, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. — Garwood First Aid Building, Walnut Street, Garwood.

Thursday, Oct. 18, from 7 to 8 p.m. — Mountaine Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22 East, Mountaine.

Monday, Oct. 29, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. — Fanwood Municipal Building, 75 North Martine Ave., Fanwood.

school menu

REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOLS

FRIDAY: pizza parrot, plain sausage, pepperoni, peppers and onions, hot meatloaf sandwich, spiced ham sandwich, tossed salad with dressing, vegetable, fruit, large salad platter with bread and butter, homemade soup, desserts, milk; MONDAY, mince steak on roll, Egg McMuffin, bacon, egg, cheese, ham on bun, American cheese and tomato sandwich, potatoes, fruit, juice, large salad platter, homemade soup, desserts, milk; TUESDAY, pizza hoagie, frankfurter on roll, tuna salad in pita, coleslaw, vegetable, fruit, large salad platter, homemade soup, desserts, milk; WEDNESDAY, hamburger with cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle on bun, potatoes, fresh fruit, turkey fajitas in pita with peppers and onions, spiced ham sandwich, shredded lettuce, large salad platter, homemade soup, desserts, milk; THURSDAY, macaroni with meat sauce, bread and butter, tossed salad with dressing, fruit, veal patty with gravy on bun, potatoes, cold submarine sandwich with shredded lettuce, large salad platter, homemade soup, desserts, milk.

Rally to benefit disabled

Parents, guardians and friends of people with developmental disabilities from Union, Essex, Somerset and Middlesex counties will assemble to share their common concerns during a rally at the Plainfield Work Center of the Union County Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC), located at 1227 South Ave. Plainfield.

State legislators have been invited to attend this rally and hear first-hand the frustrations and outrage the group has with what they feel is a lack of action by the state to address their problems.

Of primary concern is the sense of helplessness felt by aging parents whose adult children have been on waiting lists for group-home placement for eight years or more with no solution in sight.

Specific life situations will be aired in an effort to impress upon lawmakers the severity of the problem and the need for a remedy in the near future.

The ARC is a non-profit social service agency providing programs and services for children and adults with disabilities. The agency was in the forefront of those providing community residences for people with mental retardation and opened its first group home in 1974.

Between 1976 and 1987, seven additional homes and apartments were established, but no new residential programs have been opened by the ARC in the last three years.

Anyone interested in joining with the more than 200 people expected to attend the rally can get more information by calling the ARC office at 754-5910.

Cookie sale announced

The Washington Rock Girl Scout Council, which includes Girl Scout troops in Springfield, Mountaine and Kenilworth, has announced that the annual Girl Scout cookie sale will be taking place the first week in October.

Local Girl Scouts will be taking orders from Oct. 5 through Oct. 21. Cookies can be ordered from neighborhood Girl Scouts, at Girl Scout cookie booth displays or from the Cookie Hot Line, 232-5890.

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- Tilt the brush so its surface is angled against the gumline. You'll then be scrubbing where teeth and gums meet.
- Use short strokes, moving from tooth to tooth, but gently, gently.
- First the front of the teeth, then the back, all the time keeping up the short, back-and-forth strokes.
- The inside surfaces of the upper and lower front teeth require special treatment. Turn the brush to a vertical position. The strokes are now up-and-down rather than across the teeth, with the top end of the brush working for you.
- The final step — brush your tongue to remove bacteria there and help keep your breath sweet.

That's about it. Your dentist can help you select the proper toothbrush for the size of your mouth and the position of your teeth. As we've said before, choose a fluoride toothpaste and, if you want additional dental hygiene support, use a fluoride mouthwash.

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Springfield resident David Schiffman, 18, was one of hundreds of students who recently arrived in New York City during Yeshiva University's new student orientation week.



DAVID SCHIFFMAN
Marlo Joseph Viscardi III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Viscardi III, of Kingston Avenue in Kenilworth and a

student at David Brewster Regional High School in Kenilworth, recently completed a week-long Culinary Arts Career Exploration program at Johnson and Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island.

Regional BOE meeting is announced

The Board of Education of Union County Regional High School District 1 will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 8 p.m. in the Instructional Media Center of David Brewster Regional High School on Monroe Avenue in Kenilworth.

School in Springfield, Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, and Governor Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights.

Kenilworth seniors feted

The Kenilworth Senior Club honored its August and September birthday members with a party on Tuesday-Sept. 18, during which a sing-along was held and birthday cake was served.

available to approximately 500 people who attended the event.

Betty Battito, Helen Nancy, Edith Bird, Ann DiNunzio, Rosa Fontes, Dom Fiorelino, Joe Fuera, Josephine Garling, Frank Grillo, Ray Grunwald, Al Heoney, Dot Keyes, Virginia Lupo, Sally Mattiara, Clem Mazzarrese, Mary Murray, Helen Schiano, Ethel Shallerross, Charlotte Vitale and Nikki Wit.

Club members who volunteered included the following: Dan Cherecne, Clara Cherecne, Peggy Curley, Kay Ferguson, Lena Frandano, Joe Fuera, Gertrude Goveis, Al Heoney, Mariel Heoney, Minnie Kern, Minnie Laicauskas, Mary Labrizzi, Ginny Lupo, Dr. Rocco, Moscarillo, Annette O'Malley, Frank Rasinski, Stella Rasinski, Ann Sabolchick, Ann Scheurer, Stella Scurek, Margaret Seibert, Helen Steel, Josephine Torrenti, Charles Vitale and Charlotte Vitale.

Twenty-five club members volunteered - at the annual Kenilworth Health Fair, which was held at Schering-Plough on Sept. 15. Many tests, shots and examinations were

A trip to Reading, Pa. is being planned. One can call Ann Sabolchick for information.

Jaeger Lumber Autumn Sale

Advertisement for Jaeger Lumber Autumn Sale featuring Glorion Deluxe Fall Fertilizer and Glorion Deluxe Grass Food. Prices include 5,000 sq. ft. coverage for \$6.99, 10,000 sq. ft. for \$12.99, and 15,000 sq. ft. for \$17.99.

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A WARM WELCOME — Fifteen-year-old Eric, center, a patient at Children's Hospital in Mountainside, greets New Jersey's First Lady Lucinda Florio, left, during his visit last week to the pediatric rehabilitation facility.

Mountainside resident to lead parade

By EARL MOORE
Martin H. Hochadel of Mountainside has been selected by the Union Township governing body to be the township parade's grand marshal.

The parade will travel westward from Suburban Road near the Bradles Shopping Center to Union High School. Morris Avenue will be closed from noon until the parade is over, and a rain date has been set for Sunday, Oct. 7.

To see all four parade divisions, spectators should station themselves west of the Route 22 overpass along Morris Avenue to Cook Field at Union High School.

Flea market to benefit historic house

The Springfield Historical Society will hold its Autumn Book Sale and Flea Market on Saturday, Sept. 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Historic Cannon Ball House, located at 126 Morris Ave., Springfield.

In addition, there will be a selection of attic treasures, costume jewelry, kitchen utensils, glassware and dishes, general household items and many antiques as well as useful items.

Others serving on the committee are Janice Bongiovanni, Jerry Bongiovanni, Marie Eichenlaub, Hazel Hardgrove, Dorothy Hendrix, Kenneth Hendrix, Frank Johnson, Gertrude Johnson, Madeline Lancaster, Mildred Lovsen, Virginia Regenthal, Catherine Sless, Violet Vieser and Howard Wiseman.

Workshop to target homework skills

The PTA of St. Mary's School in Denville will offer a workshop titled "Homework: A Parent's Survival Guide," which will be presented at the school by the Huntington Learning Center on Monday, Oct. 1, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

"Many students never acquire adequate study habits...sometimes the quality of the homework doesn't reflect the student's best work, or it takes all night to get assignments done, or the child will wait until the very last minute," she added.

For example, during "Homework: A Parent's Survival Guide," parents are told that they, together with their child, should define mutually acceptable goals and expectations.

Regional BOE prez is panelist in study of state association

Springfield resident Natalie Waldt, president of the Board of Education of Union County Regional High School District 1, completed service on a panel that examined the structure and operations of the N.J. School Boards Association (NJSBA) and determined that the organization is fundamentally sound.

The panel, called the Special Management Review Committee, recently delivered its report to NJSBA's board of directors in Princeton.

The panel recommended a series of actions to ensure NJSBA's long-term viability. It also called for the creation of an audit committee to monitor budgets and expenses, and it recommended organizational changes to strengthen management and financial controls, thereby creating a simpler, more efficient structure.

According to Waldt, the panel conducted a thorough examination of NJSBA. It found a vibrant, vital organization in need of fine-tuning, rather than extensive restructuring.

The committee's view was that overall control of the association should be firmly in the hands of elected officials, she pointed out.

During a four-month review of NJSBA, the Special Management Review Committee found the Association to be a sound, productive body.

The committee was appointed by then NJSBA President Jeremiah F. Regan in May, in the wake of a report released by the State Commission of Investigation (SCI) criticizing the practices of the Association and its former Executive Director, Octavius T. Reid, Jr.

Current NJSBA President, Mario J. Gangi, noted that the association has already adopted formal and informal policies that tightly control expense accounts, prohibit spending on alcoholic beverages, restrict travel and set firm meal allowances.

"The committee's report is consistent with my view that control over the association's finances and activities must be firmly in the hands of the board of directors and elected leaders," said Gangi.

Hospital to establish lecture program

The Pediatric Department of Overlook Hospital in Summit is planning to establish an Annual Memorial Lecture in honor of Arthur Ackerman, M.D., a long-time Summit pediatrician who was active in many community endeavors.

The proposed lecture series will be geared alternately for pediatric medical professionals and the general community, dealing with topics of interest to parents.

Start-up funds for the program have been provided by Overlook's Pediatric Department and the Summit Medical Group. Others who would like to help support this educational program may send contributions to the Overlook Hospital Foundation, 36 Upper Overlook Road, Post Office Box 220, Summit, 07902-0220.

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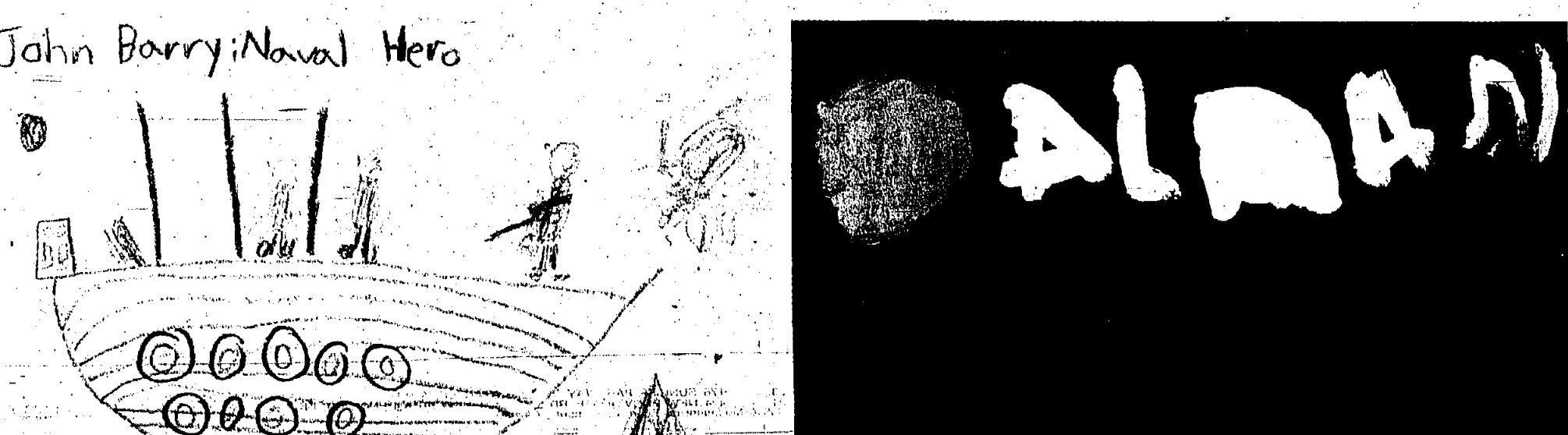
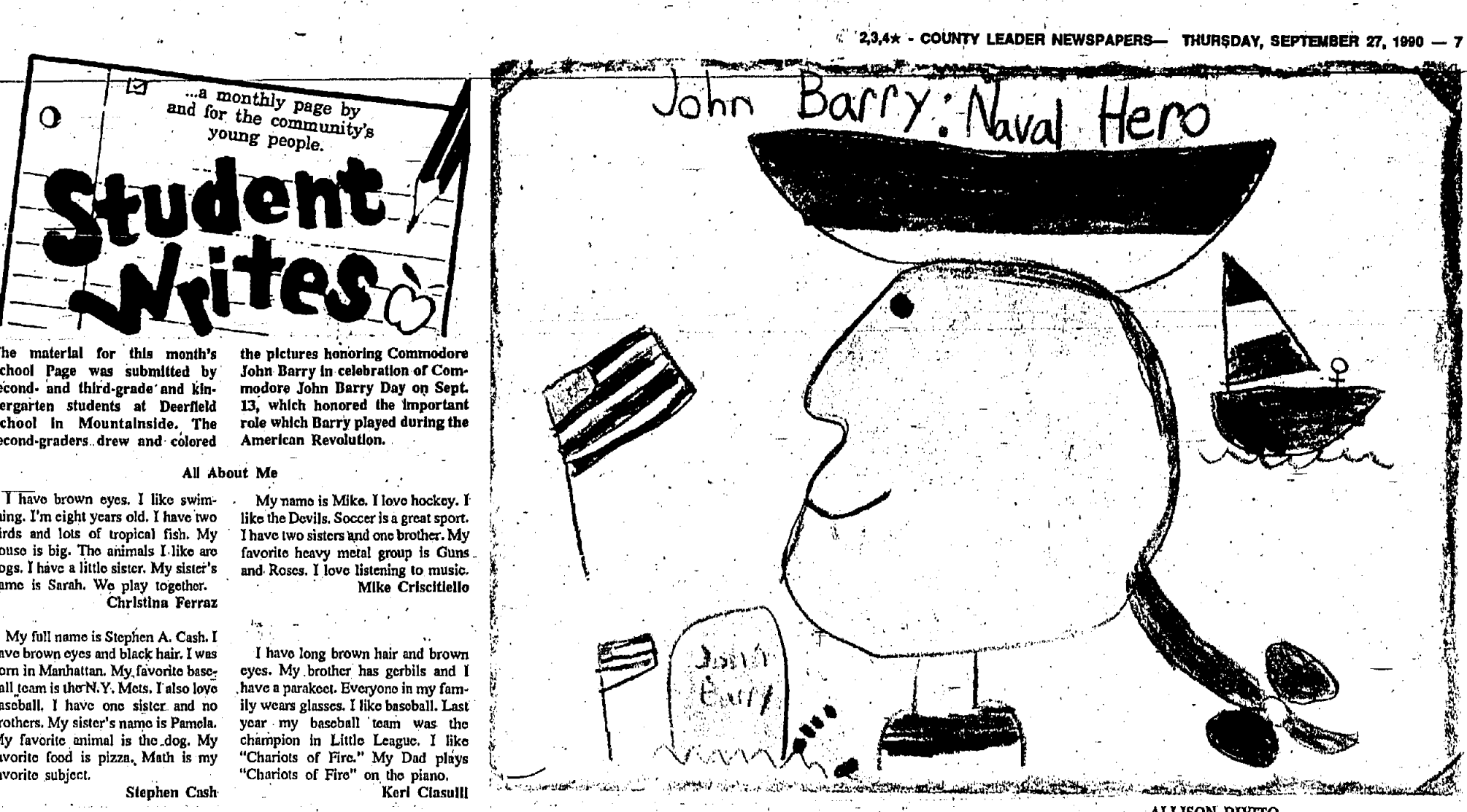
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LIFESTYLES

Teener wears many crowns, loves military

By BEA SMITH

Lovely, busy, talented 14-year-old Mary Ann Falas of Union considers being active every moment of the day a normal way of life.



AS A MODEL — Mary Ann Falas, 14, of Union is shown modeling the latest styles for a magazine.



IN THE MILITARY — Mary Ann Falas shows off her uniform as a member of the ROTC in Union High School.

and she and her family moved to Union. "My father came from Portugal and worked with the International Longshoremen's Association until his heart attack three years ago. His illness forced him to retire, so now he takes me everywhere I have to go. He acts like my manager. My mother, Doracy, came from Brazil. She also has a Dutch background. And my grandmother, on my mother's side, was an author.

Without my parents, the teenger says, "I couldn't do any of the things I'm doing now. I really can appreciate my parents. I know that without them, everything would really be hard to do. And I'm pretty happy. I think everything that happens has a reason."

Fun show opens season theater review

By BEA SMITH

What happens to a British musical comedy hit that has a great triumph in London then hits Broadway with a similar success? It ends up at the Paper Mill Playhouse, in Millburn as a newly improved production.

It's a slam-bang vehicle for the opening season of the Paper Mill Playhouse, with book and lyrics by L. Arthur Ross and Douglas Ferber, Stephen Fry's revision of the book, and contributions to revisions by Mike Ockrent. Michael Annis, who created three original set designs to the already dazzling backdrops, seems to compete for stardom with the play's fine stars and lively music.

But who cares? The story is set in the late 1930s in Hareford Hall, Hampshire, Mayfair and Lambeth, with a fantastic cast led by James Brennan, a versatile young man, who recreates his Broadway role of Bill Smitson, a cockney man, sudden heir to a fortune offered to him if he does not marry his cockney girlfriend, Sally Smith.



SHOW-STOPPING NUMBER — James Brennan, third from left, and Judy Blazer, third from right, do the lively "Lambeth Walk" with the ensemble in "Me and My Girl" at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn. The British musical comedy production will run through Oct. 21.

and he goes to Berkeley School of business and he's engaged. Actually, he made me enter the program. I joined the ROTC in high school. You can join it as an elective, and I joined it last year when I was still in Burnet Junior High School, and I loved it...really, really loved it. A little more than 100 students, including me, from Union High School who are in the program went to Fort Dix Aug. 5 through Aug. 18. We were up at 4 a.m., had our physical training and learned military skills. I won the Spirit de Corps Award then.

"I really do all this because I don't want to be a bad kid," she replies. "I do it to keep out of trouble from teenage peer pressures."

Young Falas do so much for so why do you do it? "I really do all this because I don't want to be a bad kid," she replies. "I do it to keep out of trouble from teenage peer pressures."

And with all that she's accomplished, what does Falas want to be when she's grown up? "I want to be in the military when I grow up," she says seriously. "I always really wanted to be in the service. My dream is to go to West Point. I know it's a lot of work, but life's good afterwards," Falas says dreamily.

Surprisingly, one finds Mary Ann sweet, unassuming, busy young lady, who can talk about her accomplishments casually, but with a touch of excitement. She is particularly excited about becoming "overall winner on July 1 of the Teen Young America contest. I was first-place winner," she smiles, with a genuine sincerity. "New Jersey Entertainment sponsored me."

How can she do all that she does and still manage to have a normal life...such as friends and homework? "We have a rule in our house," she explains. "We can't be on the phone with a friend for more than five minutes. My mother says it's a waste of time. And in my house, everything works with the clock. I'm always running around. My house is only where I eat and sleep," she muses. "But I love every minute of it."



ERIC MICHAEL KUS

Eric Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kus of Union, observed his third birthday on Aug. 21. Joining in the celebration were his brother, Jason, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Przewdzik of Union and Mrs. Estelle Kus of Kenilworth.



MICHAEL J. DERCOLE

Michael J., twin son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Dercole of Roselle Park, celebrated his third birthday on Aug. 17. Joining in the celebration were his twin brother, Peter J.; his grandparents, Mrs. Theresa Buonvino of Roselle Park and Mr. and Mrs. I. I. Dercole of Linden, and great-grandmother, Mrs. Salerno of Linden.

Concert season set in Cathedral's hall

The Cathedral concert series' eighth season will be performed in Newark's Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, the fifth largest cathedral in the country and a national historic landmark.

The opening concert on Sunday will join together the full Cathedral Symphony Orchestra, the 9,500-pipe restored Cathedral organ, and the 150-voice festival chorus in Mahler's

Union County pageant is set

Cynthia J. West, of Union, Union County director for the Mrs. Union County New Jersey America Pageant, has announced the deadline for submissions of entrant applications is Oct. 15.

"We still welcome applications from interested married Union County women who would like to be contestants," said West, who is planning to hold the actual pageant in November.

More information can be obtained by calling 484-2400. The cathedral is accessible to the handicapped, and limited secure on-site parking is available. The series of concerts is made possible in part by grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the New Jersey State Council for the Arts/Department of State.

Bea Smith Lifestyles Editor



CELIA WORMAN JOHN JOSEPH LAUER

Worman-Lauer betrothal

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Worman of Berkeley Heights have announced the engagement of their daughter, Celia, to John Joseph Lauer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lauer of Union.



MR. AND MRS. JERRY MARINO

Marinos mark 50th year

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Marino of Denver, Pa., formerly of Roselle Park, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 1. Relatives and friends gathered at their home for a Mass of celebration offered by the Rev. Joseph Oppiz, CSSR, of Our Mother of Perpetual Help Catholic Community, Ephrata, Pa. A dinner party was given by their children at the Hawk Valley Country Club.

Mr. Marino and the former Carmela Buonvino were married Sept. 21, 1940 in the Church of the Assumption, Roselle Park. They lived in Brooklyn, N.Y., from 1940 to 1954, then moved to Roselle Park, where they resided for 32 years before moving to New Holland, Pa., in 1986. From there, they moved to Denver.

The Marinos are the parents of a son, Jerry Marino of Edison, and a daughter, Teresa Salimardo, who is married to Jack Salimardo in Houston.

Social photos

All photos will be held for three months following publication. Unclaimed photos will be destroyed. No photos will be returned by mail.

SOCIAL



MR. AND MRS. GARY PALMISANO

Magro-Palmisano wed

Margaret Magro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mantel Magro of Kearny, was married July 7 to Gary Joseph Palmisano, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Palmisano of Union.

The marriage was held in Queen of Peace Church, North Arlington. A reception followed at the Fiesta, Wood-Ridge.

The newlyweds, who took a honeymoon trip to Hawaii, reside in Cranford.

Jennifer Lynne Peterson

A 5-pound, 7-ounce daughter, Jennifer Lynne, was born July 31 in Overlook Hospital, Summit, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peterson of Kenilworth.

Christine Adele Keselica

A daughter, Christine Adele, was born July 10 in Overlook Hospital, Summit, to Mr. and Mrs. M. Craig Keselica of Lebanon Township.

Renee Rose Riedlinger

A 7-pound daughter, Renee Rose was born Aug. 21 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Riedlinger Sr. of Union. She joins a brother, Richard Jr., 6.

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Theuret-Czarnatowicz

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Theuret of Linden have announced the engagement of their daughter, Denise Leslie, to James Edward Czarnatowicz, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Czarnatowicz of Cranford.

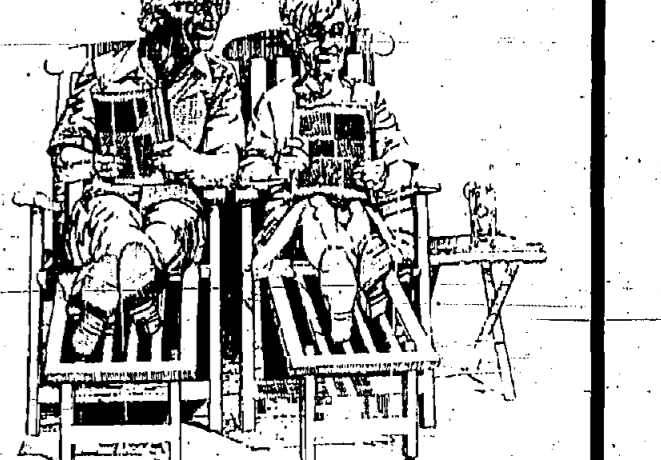
Initial meetings set clubs in the news

The BCM Chapter of Deborah Hospital will sponsor a bus trip to the South Street Sanport in New York City Oct. 14 with buses leaving at 10 a.m. Buses will return home at 4 p.m. Harold Rosove, chairman can be contacted at 687-6648.

THE FUN AND FRIENDSHIP Club, sponsored by the Linden Recreation Department, held its first meeting of the season Sept. 11 at Wilson Park Recreation Center, Summit Terrace. The club took a trip to Bally's in Atlantic City Tuesday. A benefit event will be held after the next meeting Oct. 9. New officers are Helen Melnik, president; Geraldine Koszynski, vice president; Lucille Pawlowski, secretary, and Helen Solas, treasurer.

DEBORAH HOSPITAL Foundation, Elizabeth Chapter, held its first membership meeting of the season, it was announced by Deborah's president, Luise L. Sweigman, at a board meeting.

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OPINION

Knock Knock

Hands Across New Jersey (HANI), the grassroots organization militating for the rights of initiative and referendum and loudly protesting Governor James Florio's \$2.8 billion tax program, flexed its muscles this past Sunday with a rally of about 4,000 before the statehouse in Trenton.

More significant than the turnout is the close to a million signatures collected so far on the group's petition. This is a movement that seems certain to endure at least through November's elections.

We, too, believe that New Jersey residents should have the powers of initiative and referendum, whereby they may introduce subjects for legislative consideration and, in some cases, supersede the legislature and directly vote a law in or out.

We also think, as previously stated in this space, that the governor's tax plan is an untimely increase of the citizenry's burden. Florio should have tried to invigorate the economy before tapping it again.

Certain things, however, are coming to light in regard to Hands Across New Jersey that are a bit disturbing.

Officers of the New Jersey Chapter of the National Rifle Association and of the New Jersey Sportsmen's Club have been spotted at several local meetings of HANI. Prominent HANI members are aware of the gun lobby's presence in their movement, but downplay it, saying that NRA members are simply protesting higher taxes like the rest of them.

Is that all it is? If the gun lobbyists spotted were simply NRA rank-and-file they might be tax-protesters and nothing more. But these are NRA officers. This may well be an attempt at strange bedfellowship, with the gun lobby the knowing seducer and HANI the naive one.

The NRA and the Sportsmen Club want the state ban lifted on semi-automatic assault weapons. God and certain Freudians only know why. But that is what they want. The weapons ban was one of the best things Florio and the Democrats have engineered so far. The gun lobby is, consequently, seething with vengeance. If the NRA cannot yet get the ban lifted, it would like nothing better than to injure the governor in some way. The NRA also contains people with some political expertise, people who could "guide" the less politically astute leaders of HANI. It is quite conceivable that the gun lobby could take this populist movement off course and waste its energy in schemes and vendetta.

We do not know if any deals have been made, or are even being discussed at this point between the organizations. We are simply wary of a possible alliance. That's a wolf at the door, folks.

Credit Due

The Florio administration recently put into effect an anti-dumping program which has met with universal approval. Anyone who supplies information, like a license plate number, that leads to the capture of an illegal dumper will receive \$250 or, if a greater sum, 10 percent of the civil or criminal fine. If the dumping involves hazardous or radioactive waste, the bounty rises to 50 percent of the fine.

It's a great idea, and should make it tougher for certain self-centered morons to pollute our embattled environment. But, since no one else seems to be mentioning it, we would like to point out that this great idea originated here in Union County. Freeholder Neil Cohen, who is also a state Assembly member representing the 21st District, introduced an ordinance to the county board a few weeks before the governor announced his program. Cohen's program called for \$250 bounties or 10 percent of the fine. It also called for impounding the offender's vehicle and the establishment of a hotline to facilitate the operations.

Why not go all the way in your idea borrowing, Governor, and include these last two items, too?

News tips: Give us a call

Do you know of a news story that we, too, should know about? Has your club or organization undertaken a project that might be of interest to others? Would one of your friends or neighbors be a good subject for a feature story? If so, be our eyes and ears — and tell us about it. Call us at 686-7700 with a news tip.

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STARTING UP — Vail-Deane School in Mountainside held its opening meeting and picnic on Sept. 5. Among those attending were, from left, Marc Flichburg, a sophomore from Hillside, Melanie Kanzler, a freshman from Springfield, Lauren Ross, a freshman from New Providence, Laurie Schoeman, a freshman from Scotch Plains and Jessica Walters, a junior from Mountainside.

letters to the editor

"Hands" wants action
The politicians, in order to form a more perfect union... That's not the way it goes, but that's what it's become — and that's a shame! We can get very angry at Gov. Florio for a lot of good reasons, but one thing he's done is make very clear the contempt felt by the politicians toward the taxpayer exercising his constitutional role in his own government.

Besides being hit with the largest tax increase in history, the Ford Act which allowed for the deduction of property taxes was destroyed, and even bigger increases in property taxes because of a special gross receipts tax on oil companies, the changes made in school funding which will make it necessary for the municipalities to pick up the cost.

On top of this financial mugging, the hierarchy of the A.F.L.-C.I.O., League of Women Voters and a coalition of other groups went to court and were successful in making it impossible to have a non-binding, anti-tax referendum on the County ballots.

The U.S. Constitution gives us the right "to petition the government for a redress of grievances." The N.J. Constitution says that "All political power is inherent in the people," and further says the people have (referring to government) "the right at all times to alter or reform the same whenever the public good may require it." It doesn't say sometimes or under certain conditions. It doesn't say when the politicians or the courts allow it! It says "AT ALL TIMES!"

We no longer have government of, by and for the people. What we have now is "Government in Spite of the People!"

Removing the voter's right to express himself in the voting booth could only add to the fury already felt. If the people can't vote for issues that affect their lives, their economic well-being, it is feared that this anger will be directly expressed in a matter of days when they vote for their municipal governing bodies, freholders and senatorial candidates. Taxation is one thing, but tinkering with our basic civil freedoms is a whole other ballgame.

Washington Report

The crisis at home is ignorance

By MATTHEW RINALDO
Before the Midwest crisis erupted into a headline story, few American high school students could point out on a map where Iraq and Saudi Arabia are or the location of the Persian Gulf, even though they are at the center of a volatile, oil rich region on which the world economy depends. According to the National Assessment of Education Progress, high school seniors responded correctly to only 57 percent of the questions in a geography test. Only a third could correctly identify the oceans. Less than half, for instance, could find Central America on a map. Only one in three could locate Vietnam, and three quarters were unable to find the Persian Gulf.

Clearly, this widespread and growing ignorance and indifference to the rest of the world places the people of the United States at a serious disadvantage in the global economy and in understanding the present world crisis and America's stake in the Midwest.

Even more troubling is that few students even know very much about their own country. A survey of New Jersey 12th graders found that on the average, they could identify only 41 percent of the states. In Dallas, 25 percent of the high school students could not name Mexico as the country that borders the United States to the south. And in Boston, 39 percent of the students surveyed could not name the six New England states.

In order to remain a world economy in power and to increase our influence in the world's market place, Americans must become more competent in our knowledge of international events, resources, cultures and languages. This knowledge starts with geography. Students must be taught about the world around them in order to get along with our neighbors and to do business with them.

It means jobs for the future. Thirty-three percent of the U.S. corporate profits are generated by international trade while four out of five new jobs are created as a result of foreign trade. Yet, because of our deficiencies in language and scant knowledge of other countries, nearly 40 percent of American corporations fail to take advantage of international business opportunities, according to a recent survey.

All this going on, and those we elect and pay handsomely to represent us are literally "Out to Lunch!"

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AIMING AT DEADBEATS — The Cranford campus of Union County College was recently the scene of a seminar conducted by the New Jersey Commission on Interstate Child Support. Two members of the commission, which seeks to bring to justice parents who avoid their support obligations, U.S. Senator Bill Bradley, a D-NJ, left, and U.S. Congresswoman Marge Roukema, R-NJ, right, are hosted by Thomas Brown, center, the college president.

UCC offers special law class

Information on the American judicial system presented by 10 attorneys specializing in particular aspects of the law will be presented in a non-credit course, "The People's Law School" to be offered this fall at Union County College.

The College's Department of Continuing Education, in cooperation with the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, New Jersey Chapter, will conduct the course from 7:15 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Oct. 8 through Dec. 11 on the Cranford Campus.

The public education program is designed to clear up the mysteries surrounding the practice of law, and to create a public well informed of its rights, privileges, and responsibilities under the American judicial system. Topics to be covered include court structure, jury trials, appeals, arbitration, landlord/tenant laws, and small claims.

Each of the ten weekly sessions

provides current information on a variety of topics of critical interest by lawyers with specialized expertise. Participants will be enrolled in the entire series, but may choose to attend only selected sessions. Cost includes a notebook and weekly materials. Certificates will be awarded to persons attending at least seven of the 10 sessions.

Those interested in further information should call 709-7601.

N.J. had fewest road fatalities since 1977 for this Labor Day

Director James A. Arena of the state Division of Highway Traffic Safety recently announced today that the lowest number of Labor Day weekend traffic fatalities since at least 1977 occurred over the recent holiday. According to Arena, the division started collecting holiday weekend data in 1977. "Three people died in motor vehicle collisions during the recent Labor Day holiday," said Director Arena. The holiday commenced at 6 p.m. on Fri., Aug. 31 and ended at 11:59 p.m. on Mon., Sept. 3.

"I'd like to applaud motorists for setting a new safety record in New Jersey by obeying the motor vehicle laws and driving safely," said Arena. He pointed out that nine people lost their lives in motor vehicle crashes over the Labor Day weekend in 1989 and in 1988, eight people died in accidents.

In an effort to prevent tragedy on our roadways the division sponsored its annual statewide summer safety campaign called "Enjoy New Jersey's 101 Days... Safe, Sober and Buckled," which kicked off in May and ran through the end of the Labor

Day weekend. Safety experts call the days between Memorial Day and Labor Day the "101 critical days," because during that period travel volume is the heaviest of the year and more people are likely to be killed or injured on New Jersey's highways and waterways.

As part of renewed efforts of the "101 Days" campaign, the division joined the New Jersey Police Traffic Officers Association, the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, and the New Jersey Division of State Police in sponsoring their "Lights On For Safety" campaign, which kicked off in July. During the program stepped-up police enforcement patrols, with their headlights on at all times, targeted speeders and motorists following too closely and those driving while intoxicated. Arena asked motorists to join the enforcement community's campaign by driving with their headlights on at all times to symbolize their commitment to safe roadways.

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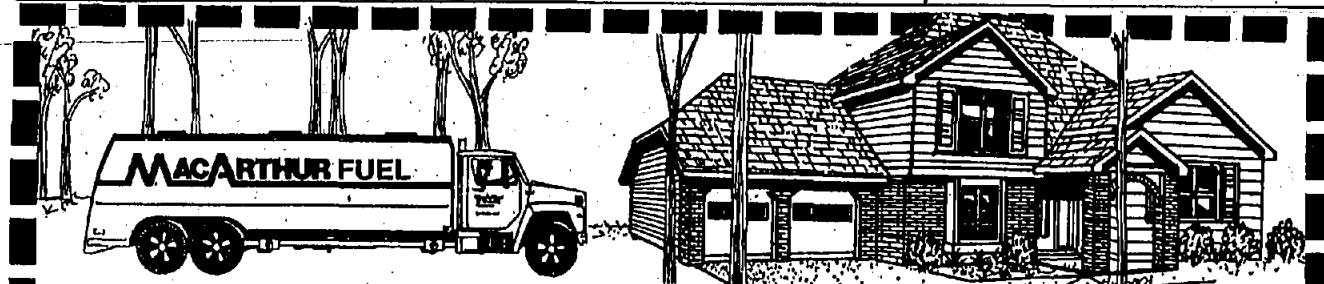
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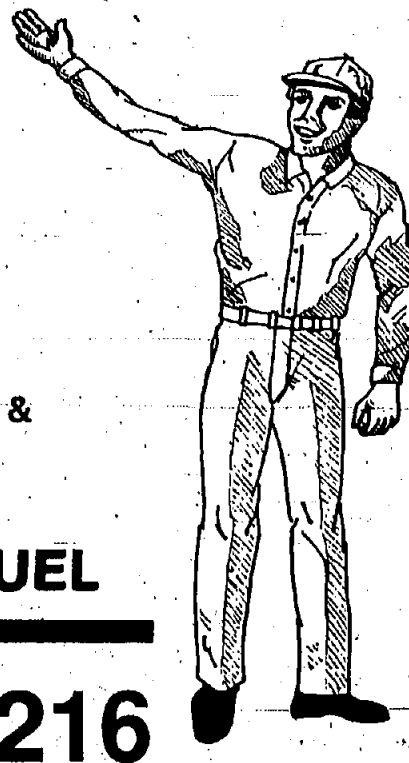
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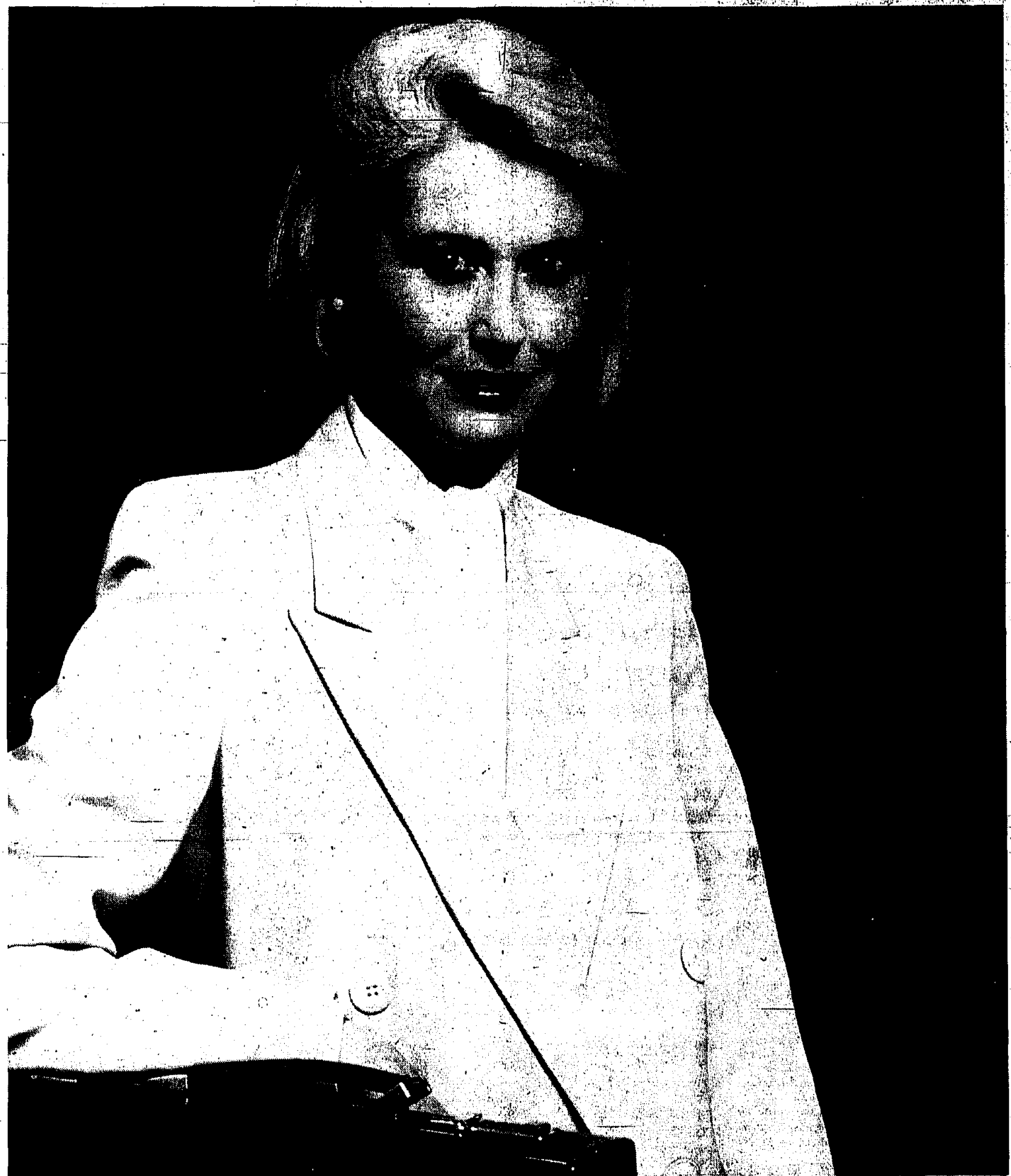


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SECTION B

Battle paces Brearley to win over Panthers

By SUSAN KRAKOWIECKI
Mike Battle was the offensive star for Brearley Regional High School on Sunday, scoring three touchdowns and leading the Bears to a 28-14 victory over Roselle Park High School in the season-opener for both teams at Ward Field in Kenilworth.

Battle opened the scoring for Brearley (1-0) with a one-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. The score capped a 13-play, 75-yard drive for the Bears. Mack Scuderi's kick gave the Bears a 7-0 lead.

Roselle Park (0-1) evened the score at 7-7 in the second quarter when fullback Dave Patterson ran it in from the one-yard line, and Tom Baylock made good on the extra point attempt.

The Bears regained the lead in the third quarter. Roselle Park closed the gap to 21-14 early in the fourth quarter when Panther quarterback Baylock hit Scott Bermingham with a 15-yard touchdown pass and place kicker Baylock connected on the extra point attempt.

Brearley regained a two-touchdown lead when Battle scored for the third time, this time on a three-yard run with one minute left, and Scuderi hit the conversion. It capped a 58-yard drive that began with a 27-yard run by Dayon.

minutes later when quarterback Don Dayon kept the ball on an option play and ran in from the 10-yard line. Scuderi again kicked the conversion.

Brearley increased its lead—just before the half. Joe Corbo intercepted a pass at the Roselle Park 21-yard line, and on the next play, Battle took the ball in for his second touchdown of the afternoon. Scuderi's kick made it 21-7 in favor of Brearley.

"Joe Corbo's interception near the end of the first half was a key play for us," Brearley coach Bob Taylor said. "It allowed us to score for a third time in the first half and carry a two-touchdown lead into halftime."

Bermingham was the main weapon for the Panthers, carrying 23 times for 138 yards and one touchdown. Baylock was 5-for-8 passing the ball and had one touchdown and one interception. Joe Arena caught two balls for 50 yards.

"I was really pleased with the consistency the team showed on offense," Taylor said. "It was unusual for an opening game. We had several long, sustained drives. Those things are important factors to a coach."

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GIANT FRIEND — This past Monday night, Rodney Hampton of the New York/New Jersey Giants paid a visit to the Sports Section Cafe in Roselle Park, one day after his team had improved its record to 3-0 with a 20-3 victory over the Miami Dolphins. To Hampton's left is Joe Bradley, the restaurant's manager, and at right is the owner, Frank Stella, who lives in Union and recently opened a second Sports Section on Morris Ave. in Union.

Olsen nets four for Sharks

The following are the results of Union Soccer League games through this past weekend.

SHARKS 8, BARONS 2
The N.J. Tool & Die Sharks defeated the Bob Higgins Photography Barons, 8-2, behind a four-goal outburst by Scott Olsen, and two each from both Ian Brennan and John Bantoloni. Zachary Reino, Jason Kyrnicki and Andrew Pasciak added solid defensive play in support of the Shark win. Ryan Eger and Chris Ravallio led the Barons defensively.

STEELERS 9, ADMIRALS 0
The Gardner State Printing Steelers shut out the Hacks Electric Service Admirals, 9-0, behind four goals apiece from David DiGiorgio and Justin Salton. David Andriola added another goal for the winners, while midfielder Mario Martinis scored three assists. Forward Graham Markel and halfback Michael Mathis both sided the Steelers cause, as did fullback Mark Miano.

WIZARDS 3, SPARTANS 1
The Diamond Importers of America Wizards defeated the Union Soccer League Spartans, 3-1, behind goals from Brian Shanahan, Mike Wollansky and Josh Levin. Danielle Koval led an all-around solid team defensive effort for the Wizards, while John Kennedy and Manny Castro led the Spartan defense. Danny Reisman scored the lone Spartan goal.

ROYALS 5, FALCONS 0
The Multi Chevrolet Royals used a strong team effort in defeating the Jeff Ryhs and Tony Galindo shared the shout in goal. Brian Bech, Jeff Pereira and Joe Hrdina played a consistent game on the forward line, while Matt Tubey's midfield play helped control the ball for the Royals. Halfback Hans Kim and fullback Tim Gunzenhauser played fine defensive games for the Falcons.

DRAGONS 3, SABERS 3
The Fior D'Italia Food Center Dragons jumped out to a 3-1 lead over the Boyle Tire Surgery Sabers on goals by Justin Genschel and another by Kyle Weber, but in the end, a Sabers comeback forced both sides to settle for a 3-3 deadlock. Rich Fritz, Shawn Estrada and Phil Pincini all turned in strong games for the Sabers. Bobby Vin. Ryan Eger and Chris Ravallio led the Dragons defensively.

PROWLERS 4, ISLANDERS 3
The Priests Restaurant Prowlers outlasted the Inter Community Bank Islanders, 4-3. Phillip Sickingler had two assists for the Prowlers, and Sam Lipsicini turned in a strong defensive performance. Tommy Olvaney, Jason Esteves and Cherie Ann Pain all scored for the Islanders.

PANTHERS 5, MAJORS 0
The Tom Swick Plumbing Panthers, led by a goal scoring of Jason Hollingsworth and the defensive play of Brian Burke and Chris Miller, defeated the Conair Majors, 5-0.

UNION STARS 1, BRANCHBURG JUNCH 0
The Union Stars, the soccer league's traveling team for 11 years, defeated the Branchburg Juniors, 1-0, in a well-played match in Union, as Bernie Hernandez netted the game's only goal. The contest remained scoreless until midway through the second half when Hernandez scored off an assist from Chris Legros.

STALLIONS 1, PONIES 1
The Bob Higgins Photography Ponies and the Ritter Insurance Agency Stallions played an exciting game that ended in a 1-1 tie. The Stallion goal was scored midway through the first half with help from Joey Baco, Gioia Arminio and Jonathan Wig-

Rams blank Hillside, 37-0

By MARK YABLONSKY
Lou Grasso's Abraham Clark High football team may not be overly big in size, but it sure does have a lot of speed. That's a major reason why the Rams captured a first-ever North Jersey Group 2, Section 2 championship last fall, and that's why Roselle figures to remain competitive throughout the 1990 season as well.

The Rams, who picked up some 400 yards in total offense, used speed to defeat Hillside, 37-0, in the season opener for both teams this past Sunday at Arminio Field in Roselle. The game was one of several in the local area to be played one day late, due to Saturday's rains.

"They're an aggressive, stumping football team, and they have a great deal of speed," commented Hillside's first-year skipper, John Kaye. "I thought we moved the ball pretty well. We had 14 first downs and we had 130 yards, but we just got from 20 to 20 (yard lines), and ran out of gas."

"They just have great team speed, and I think that was the determining factor," said Grasso.

Junior tailback Mike Fullman, who was a starter only on defense for last year's championship squad, made his first start on offense a memorable one. The 5-8, 150-pounder ran for 197 yards and two touchdowns in just 17 carries, and picked up roughly half of Roselle's total offense.

The other major part of the damage done to Hillside came from the combination of senior quarterback Barron Miles and flanker John Johnson, who got together for the first two scores of the game on nifty passing plays.

Miles, who completed five of 12 throws for 126 yards, capped a three-play, 73-yard drive by finding Johnson with a 70-yard scoring pass with 4:25 remaining in the opening quarter. Johnson caught the ball at about mid-field, then sprinted the remaining 50 yards to give the Rams an early 6-0 lead, with the PAT kick attempt failing.

Just over four minutes later — more specifically, just 10 seconds before the end of the quarter — Miles capped a four-play, 63-yard advance with a 27-yard strike to Johnson in the end zone. A two-point conversion attempt failed, but Roselle was now ahead by a 12-0 count.

Just before an 18-0 game by the half when defensive end Darrell Kelley made off with an interception, and then fought his way for the remaining 35 yards for the TD. The play unfolded when outside linebacker Albert Maxim charged Hillside quarterback Byron Lewis in the act of throwing, forcing the ball upward and into the hands of Kelley.

Fullman sandwiched TD runs of 34 and 10 yards in the second half, around a 65-yard punt return from Miles as Roselle took no chances in scoring the win. Miles, a 5-10, 165-pound speedster who can break any game wide open, caught a Hill-side punt on the right side at about his own 35-yard-line late in the third quarter, then reversed over to the left side of the field and scampered the rest of the way to pay dirt.

Miles accounted for Roselle's lone PAT of the day after Fullman's second TD.

"We played a typical first game," said Roselle head coach Lou Grasso, whose team will face Immaculata at home tomorrow at 2 p.m. "I feel there were a lot of mistakes we can correct. Hillside is a very young team and very well coached. We actually didn't play as well as we could have."

Scoreboard

Football

Briarley 28..... Roselle Park 14	Dayton 0..... Ridge 28
Linden 26..... Summit 0	Roselle 37..... Hillside 0
Union 62..... East Side 0	

Boy's Soccer

Briarley 4..... No. Pfld. 0	Linden 10..... Un. Catholic 2
Linden 0..... Westfield 8	Linden 4..... Irvington 3
Linden 1..... Cranford 2	Ros. Cath. 6..... Ros. Park 0
Union 1..... Elizabeth 1	Union 2..... Summit 0
Union 2..... East Side 1	Union 4..... Kearny 6

Field Hockey

Union 1..... Montclair 1

'Dawgs lose in opener

A key running attack was the main ingredient behind Ridge's 28-0 opening-day football win over Dayton Regional High this past Sunday at Metzel Field, Springfield.

Dayton, which tied Ridge, 0-0, in last year's opener, was hurt by running back Ed Esposito, who scored the first of Ridge's four touchdowns on the afternoon, and then set up the second with a long 72-yard gain early in the second half.

"We're inexperienced and in high school football, inexperience usually equals losses at the start of a season," reasoned Dayton head coach John Ledonne, whose team will face North Plainfield tomorrow at 2 p.m. in Springfield.

"We're just hoping to be more successful as time goes on."

Esposito began the scoring with a 15-yard TD run early in the opening quarter, capping a five-play, 31-yard advance that began when Dayton, following an unsuccessful opening series of downs, was forced to punt into a stiff breeze from its own 16.

Mike Hartman added the first of his four PATs.

Ridge made it 14-0 when it took the second-half kickoff and scored in five plays, the big play being Esposito's 72-yard punt from the Ridge 26-yard-line to the Dayton two. Jim Loleszi went in from the one two plays later.

Willie Nagy scored on an eight-yard TD run later in the period, and Loleszi added another one-yard smash in the fourth quarter.

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horoscope

For week of Oct. 1-Oct. 7
ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Buck the tide and let your hair down — a natural response for you. Crack your jokes and see the lighter side of life. Give older and children extra strokes. Unexpected money passes through.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Be sensitive to relatives who are on the rocks. Your wisdom and healthy touch can bring some relief. Research and writing projects will get the green light. Retreat to your ivory tower if need be.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Do not let those subliminal worries eat away at your sense of stability. See those apparent obstacles as tests of faith rather than as permanent roadblocks. Sensitive moves win over brusque behavior.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be on your toes in regard to personal finances. Trust your intuitive promptings over logic. Find some time to take sports breaks. Wax philosophical with trusted friends.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Take control of your life. Put on more regal airs. See yourself as executive material. Being another's pawn or slave just will not work for you. Call on old friends to tell them of important news.

For week of Oct. 8-Oct. 14
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Become a whitewash on the literary and music fronts. Listen to your heart in terms of romantic matters. Buy some new art object or table-top for your home. Reorganize your domestic space.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 23) When push comes to shove, be sure you know your limits. All bets are off in terms of business affairs. Get more involved with charity work. Help the downtrodden, as a way to help yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Try on your own Agatha Christie costume for size. Solve those personal mysteries relating to sexuality and childhood fears. Make faith the bread and compassion to butter that provides sustenance in your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Keep your distance from risky ventures. Revolutionary changes are now in the air. But do not get swept up in any emotional hurricanes. It should be back-to-basics in both business and pleasure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Program yourself for a drive toward suc-

Chansonettes

The Chansonettes of Westfield will begin its 54th year entertaining clubs, civic groups and nursing homes. It is directed by Jean Schork. The program consists of show tunes, folk songs and old favorites.

Women who enjoy Glee Club-type singing are welcome to join. Rehearsals are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month in the Presbyterian Church in Westfield. One can call Nancy Nya, president, 654-5576, for information on membership or prospective bookings. An accompanist is requested; this year those interested can contact Jean Schork at 232-5576.

lottery

The following are the winning New Jersey Lottery numbers for the week of Sept. 16.

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Sept. 16—484, 1392
Sept. 17—912, 4063
Sept. 18—342, 3618
Sept. 19—667, 5024
Sept. 20—049, 5030
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Sept. 22—366, 2008
PICK-6
Sept. 17—15, 17, 19, 21, 22, 24; bonus — 42892.
Sept. 20—3, 17, 20, 27, 34, 37; bonus — 11836.

WHERE TO DINE

A Guide to Find the Finest Dining In New Jersey

Restaurant review The Continental Restaurant

By KATHERINE BROOKS

If you are traveling through the Clark area via the parkway or town roads, the Continental restaurant is a good place to have dinner. With its new menu, it will also be a great place to stop by for an inexpensive snack — perfect for those long drives home from the shore this summer.

Nestled inside the Clark Ramada hotel, the Continental restaurant does quite a business on its own. It has a separate entrance from the hotel and provides ample parking for its patrons.

In the next few weeks the restaurant will be undergoing changes. The decor will remain the same, dimly lighted and tranquil. However, menu changes to be introduced will create the impression of a casual, good eating place.

Its new menu will be less expensive than the current one. It will offer a more diversified selection. It will even combine lunch and dinner menus to accommodate any appetite, any time of day or night.

The Continental is also a great place to enjoy breakfast SEVEN DAYS A WEEK! Monday through Sunday, the restaurant has a breakfast buffet from 6:30-11 a.m. for only \$4.95 per person — all you can eat. On Sunday the buffet closes early, at 9:30 a.m., to prepare for Sunday brunch — an absolute feast!

Brunch is served on Sunday from 10:30-2:30 and is \$13.95 per person, also all that you can eat. Children under 10 years of age can eat only \$6.95. Brunch offers more sophisticated breakfast items, such as a waffle station, a fresh carving board, made to order omelets, and all kinds of pasta and seafood salads.

With just under a dozen different categories to choose from, the new menu will satisfy any palate. If you are in the mood for an appetizer or snack, the price ranges from the soup

du jour for \$1.50, to the assortment — fried zucchini, mozzarella sticks, potato skins, chicken fingers, onion rings and dips at \$5.95. Thirteen other menu items fall between those two prices. The roasted chicken, \$3.95, is a great price for six clams freshly cooked.

Nine different salads are available from a Caesar at \$3.95 to the Mediterranean salad — crisp greens tossed with shrimp, artichoke hearts, peppers, salami, pepperoni, and black olives at \$6.95.

The entrees are reasonably priced for the quality of food served. The lesser priced items are the chicken entrees, from broiled chicken breast at \$6.95 to barbecued chicken with baby back ribs for \$9.95.

The steak selection is great, offering a New York sirloin steak or prime rib at \$9.95, queen cut, or \$13.95, king cut. The jumbo shrimp (3) and steak teriyaki, \$14.95, was excellent — marinated and sauteed to perfection.

Broiled or fried scallops and broiled fillet of sole are both offered at \$8.95. The surf and turf, \$16.95, is the most expensive menu item. However, if you are in the market for a lobster, every Friday and Saturday night the Continental has a lobster feast. It is a complete lobster dinner for only \$9.95.

Omelets, pastas, Mexican dishes, burgers and sandwiches are also on the new menu. Dinner was topped off with a chocolate chandord cake which was moist and rich, with a dusting of raspberry.

This summer, the place to visit is the Continental. Do not let the fact that this restaurant is located inside a hotel prevent you from stopping by. It is conveniently located almost on the parkway. Catering is available for affairs up to 350 guests — perfect for weddings. Conference rooms are also available.

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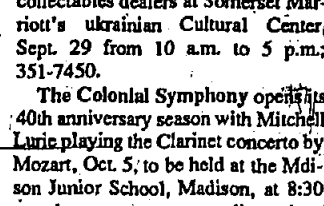
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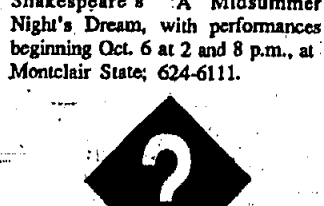
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Union County Chapter of New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners, NAWBO, meets on second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. with dinner and guest speaker or workshops at Rudolph's, Manston Hotel, 295 South Ave., Fanwood; Helen Hsiao, membership chairman, 549-7575 or 882-1972.

Planetarium Show, sponsored by the Trailside Nature & Science Center, Sundays in September and October at 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.; Weekday planetarium shows will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m.; 789-3670.

Cranford Residents 60 years or older are invited to join Cranford Social dance class which meets every Tuesday at the Cranford Community Center at 1 p.m.; 709-7283 or 276-9149.

Greater New Jersey Music Collectables Expo, to be held Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Somerset Marriott, Maple Street and Morris Avenue, Summit, offers "rap or bridge" first and third Thursday of the month at 7:15 p.m.; 464-8166 or 766-1839.

Jewish Singles World, to dine out every Wednesday night, 964-8086.

Archdiocese of Newark to hold annual Hand in Hand Festival Sept. 29 in Our Lady Queen of Peace High School, North Arlington, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Trailside Nature and Science Center to hold 9th annual Harvest Festival Sept. 30 from 1-5 p.m.

Research Center For Women to schedule career counseling, parenting programs, legal consultations and workshops for fall; 273-7253.

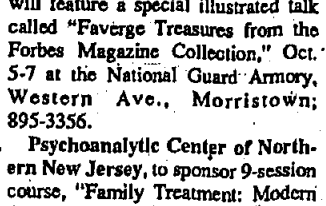
Youth for Understanding International Exchange, offers exchange students from Europe, Asia and Latin America; 780-872-0200.

Family Service Association, to present skits about school issues, Sept. 27 at 8 p.m.; 273-1414.

International Adoption Information Night, to present seminar on adoption procedures for children of Central and South America Sept. 28 at 7:30 p.m.; 449-7189.

The New Jersey Mycological Association will sponsor a Fungus Fest '90 Sunday, Sept. 30, at the Somerset County Park Commissions Environmental Education Center between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.; 766-2489.

Contact-We Care Inc. offering 24-hour helpline for the troubled and the hearing-impaired; 332-2880.



Support Groups

Union County Elizabeth Chapter of the American Chronic Pain Association meets on second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7 p.m. in the Community Health Center of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Elizabeth; 527-6050.

The Oncology Department at Union Hospital, 1000 Gallop Hill Road, plans two support groups, one for cancer patients and one for families of patients, to meet Tuesdays from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the hospital; 687-1900, Ext. 7182.

The American Cancer Society, seeking volunteers to assist patients with transportation needs; 354-7373.

Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays-Northern New Jersey, to hold support group meetings second Sunday of month at 2 p.m. in First Presbyterian and Trinity Church, 111 Irvington Ave., South Orange. Also Help-Line available; 731-8974.

Guide Dog Users Support Group, meets first Monday of every month at the Union County Administration Building, Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth; Christine Brito, 625-9565.

Women Against Abuse, a weekly support group for women in relationships with physically, verbally and emotionally abusive men; 355-1995.

Harvey-Morris AIDS Support Group, a self-help support group for persons affected by AIDS, and their families, partners and friends, to meet every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Union; 241-1132.

Spenders Anonymous, Oakes Outreach Center, 120 Morris Ave.; Summit, meets Mondays at 7:30 p.m.; 273-7108.

Women for Women of Union County, 414 East Broad St., Westfield, to hold singles support group and women-who-love-too-much sessions Mondays, 7:30 p.m. and coping with separation/divorce workshops, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.; 232-5787.

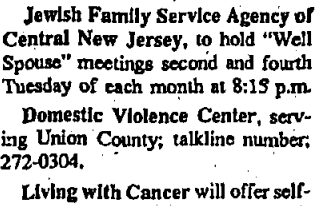
The Westfield Center for Counseling and Human Development, 425 East Broad St., to hold support groups covering variety of areas; 654-6500.

Parents Anonymous to meet every Wednesday at the Linden Methodist Church, 321 N. Wood Ave., from 10 a.m. to noon. Child care is available; 1-800-843-5437.

Caregivers Anonymous to meet every Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Manor Care, Route 22, Mountainside; 645-0020.

Emotionally/Physically Battered Women, CHOICES, free, confidential support group for women; 272-0304.

Alternatives therapeutic group for abusive men; 272-0304.



What's Going On?

Rummage Sale THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 28, 29, 1990 EVENT: Annual Rummage Sale PLACE: Prospect Presbyterian Church, Prospect St. & Tuxcan Rd., Maplewood TIME: Thurs., Fri., 7-9 p.m.; Sat. 6:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. ORGANIZATION: Women's Association

CHINESE AUCTION SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1990 EVENT: Chinese Auction PLACE: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 134 Prospect Ave., Livingston TIME: Doors open 5 p.m. PRICE: Admission \$3.50. Hgt dogs and sandwiches will be sold. ORGANIZATION: Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Emotions Anonymous, for those having a problem coping with life, Chicago Center, Church of the Assumption, Roselle Park, Fridays at 8 p.m.

Gamblers Anonymous, meetings every Monday evening at 8 in Town-ley Methodist Church, Salem Road and Huguenot Avenue, Union.

Bereavement Program, Elizabeth General Medical Center, 925 E. Jersey St., free to community with meetings Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Education/Conference Center; 558-8070.

Eating Disorders, 514 Livingston Ave., Livingston, holds self-help groups for persons with eating disorders on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.; 1-800-624-2268.

Hyacinth Foundation AIDS Project, offers support group for residents of Union County and surrounding area and is open to anyone affected by AIDS, persons with AIDS or ARC, the worried-well, partners, family members, and friends; meets on Mondays from 7 to 8 p.m. at Union-Clark, Plainfield, 724 Park Ave.; Hotline: 1-800-433-0254 or 246-0204.

Cancer Care Inc. 24 Lackawanna Plaza, Millburn, offering information and a support group for adult relatives of cancer patients, meets Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m.; 379-7500.

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Miss Bronze World

deadline announced

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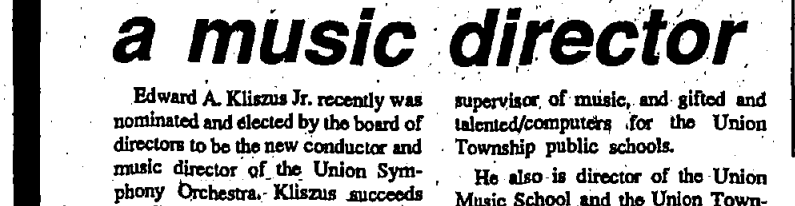
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Klitzus elected a music director

Edward A. Klitzus Jr. recently was nominated and elected by the board of directors to be the new conductor and music director of the Union Symphony Orchestra. Klitzus succeeds Dr. Gerard Matte, who resigned this past June. The orchestra was founded by Leo W. Rindler in 1952.

He also is director of the Union Music School and the Union Township Music Teachers' Scholarship Fund. The orchestra plans a triple concert season for 1990-91. The programs are slated for Dec. 7, March 8 and May 3, 1991, at Kawmash Junior High School, Union. All concerts begin at 8 p.m. Community string players are invited to join the orchestra. Adults can attend rehearsals. Students are expected to meet minimum Intermediate Region Orchestra requirements.

Information regarding the subscription series or membership in the orchestra can be obtained by calling 851-6583 or by writing to Klitzus at the Union Board of Education, 2369 Morris Ave., Union, 07083.

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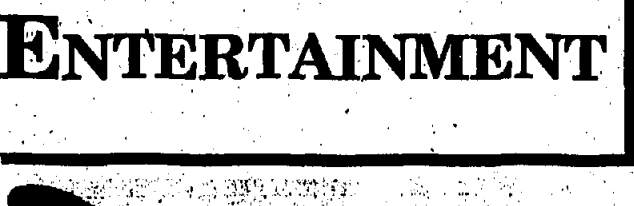
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ENTERTAINMENT

Michael Pluznick is creative force



By MILT HAMMER Good Listening "Beneath our sophisticated surfaces, all of us have a non-verbal side," says percussionist Michael Pluznick. "Drums can draw out a part of ourselves that is very ancient, and it can scare some people. Personally, I embrace it."

Pluznick, a New Jersey native whose fascination with percussion began during his childhood, has devoted his life to pursuing the magic of rhythm. His second Sons Gaia album, "Cradle of the Sun," reaffirms Pluznick's status as a major creative force in the world of music as he weaves synth-driven melodies into the spiritual sounds and rhythms of African, Caribbean, and South American percussion.

His ethnic and ancient instruments — a vast collection that includes gankouku, dundun, ankling, shaker, calixti, bata and berimbau — not only evoke images of the rainforest, they are rainforest bantoo shakers, gourd drums, sticks, skins, bards and all manner of earthen objects.

At the same time, Pluznick is intrigued by technology's impact on percussion and he employs the Octapad II, computers and other electronic devices in crafting his pieces. Then again, if you listen carefully, you

might also hear such commonplace objects as wood blocks, baby rattles and a bag of marbles on "Cradle of the Sun." Ask Michael Pluznick what's shaking, and the answer could be anything.

"Cradle of the Sun" is the latest step Pluznick has taken to create what he likes to call "a new musical form with its own distinct character." The album overflows with a variety of diverse ethnic influences: African and Haitian chants on "Gardians of Nature" and "You Vain"; Peruvian folk music blended with Brazilian cadences on "Mystic Dancer"; Nigerian-style pedal steel guitar on "Birds of Paradise"; and the jazzy Latin textures of "Back to Havana."

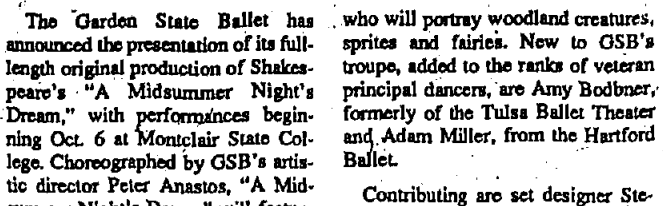
Like many musicians, Pluznick views his art with an almost mystical appreciation. "I believe the music chooses us; we don't choose it," he says. "If it didn't want to exist, it wouldn't be here. This music can help break down cultural barriers and bring forward the rhythms, and the integrity, of ancient peoples so they can be appreciated. I just see myself as a catalyst, a good home for the music."

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Bard ballet set

The Garden State Ballet has announced the presentation of its full-length original production of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," with performances beginning Oct. 6 at Montclair State College. Choreographed by GSB's artistic director Peter Anastas, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" will feature a "mixture of classical ballet with a comic twist that has become Anastas' trademark."

Set to the music of Felix Mendelssohn, the production will highlight GSB's 18 dancers, accompanied by 18 children from the School of the Garden State Ballet in Newark, Morristown and Rutherford, and the Academy of Dance Arts in Red Bank

who will portray woodland creatures, sprites and fairies. New to GSB's troupe, added to the ranks of veteran principal dancers, are Amy Bobner, formerly of the Tulsa Ballet Theater and Adam Miller, from the Hartford Ballet.

Contributing are set designer Steven Rubin, Claudia Lynch, GSB's resident lighting designer, Kady Kaufman, and production manager, Vincent Paul.

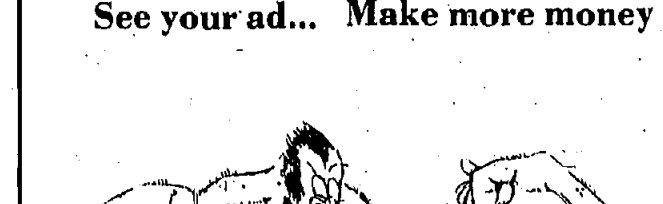
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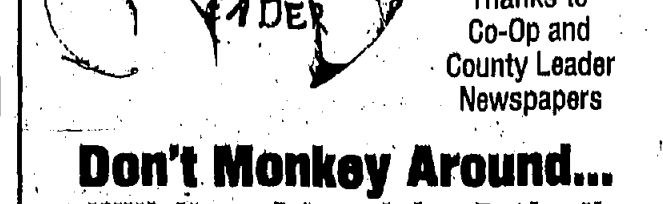
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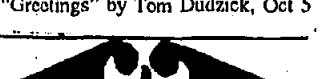
Music

International Music Festival series to present Chamber Ensemble, Trio Doppio, Oct. 9 at 8 p.m. in Main Lobby of Bishop Dougherty Student Center, South Orange campus; 761-9089.

The Folk Project, to present open mike to all acoustic musicians, Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m., at Somerset County Environmental Education Center, Basking Ridge; 335-9489.

The New Philharmonic of New Jersey, to present a concert, Sept. 30, 7 p.m., at Hamilton Park Conference Center in Florham Park; 762-8449.

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BUSINESS

ShopRite supermarkets teach heart-health eating

Union Township's ShopRite supermarket, located at Liberty and Morris avenues, Union, is currently participating in the American Heart Association's Food Festival, a national nutrition education event scheduled for Sept. 23 to 29. The program is helping New Jersey consumers learn more about heart-healthy eating.

All Grand Union supermarkets statewide will take part in the program. Building on the success of last year's Food Festival theme, "Future Hearts," which educated parents on heart-healthy lifestyle options, New Jersey's Food Festival will continue to remind parents to reduce fat in the family diet. "Don't Forget - Think Heart," 1990's red-ribbon Food Festival theme, promises to remind consumers that good eating and good heart health go hand in hand.

"This year, we are pleased to have the additional support of the Dairy Councils of New Jersey," states New Jersey Affiliate 1990 Food Festival Committee chairman Carol Francis, R.D. "Our theme focuses on reminding parents to keep fat consumption under 30 percent for children over 2. Of course, parents themselves should heed the reminder by practicing healthy lifestyle habits so their children will follow their example."

"Our goal is also to improve public awareness of the relationship between diets high in cholesterol and saturated fat and coronary heart disease," Francis adds. "A high blood cholesterol level is considered to be a major risk factor contributing to coronary heart disease, which claimed the lives of nearly 34,000 New Jerseyans last year."

Cholesterol can build up in the inner lining of blood vessels, causing them to narrow. Eventually, the blood vessels may become blocked. If the blockage occurs in a blood vessel serving the heart, a heart attack can result.

New Jersey Dairy Council representative Brenda Ripoli says, "All foods can be included in a heart-healthy diet - just be sure to practice moderation. Remember, keep your diet balanced by choosing a variety of foods from all the food groups. By budgeting fat grams, you can enjoy a balanced and varied diet, which is both heart-healthy and which includes your favorite foods."

"Everyone can enjoy nutritious, low-fat foods which also taste great simply by making a few substitutions, whether in preparation or by trying something new," she concludes. "We want to remind consumers to 'Think Heart!'"



HELPING OUT - The Pathmark Supermarket in Union Township recently hired five new permanent employees through Our House Inc. of Berkeley Heights - an employment service which provides jobs for the developmentally disabled. Pictured, from left, are Assistant Store Manager Sam Indrawis, Our House representative Ellen Nalven, and store employees Jeanne White and Lisa Perman of Summit. Peggy Wohlgenuth of Union, Richard Schlosser of Millington and Suzanne Kitzman of New Providence.

on the job

Pearlsall & Frankbach of Westfield has welcomed Louis Pasarella, a native and resident of Kentworth, as an account executive effective Aug. 20. Pasarella's expertise lies in Life & Health sales, but he will also be actively selling all other lines of insurance. Pasarella attended Albright College in Pennsylvania, receiving a bachelor of science degree in business psychology. He was class president, a four-year letter winner in football and captain in his senior year.

John E. Strydesky, a CPA from Linden, recently attended a forum on issues of concern to local CPA practitioners. The AICPA helped the forum to find out what issues were of concern to small practitioners.

Strydesky is a partner with Morrison, Strydesky & Company of Linden.

Bank spends \$200M on United Jersey portfolio

United Jersey Bank Financial Corp. of Union announced that it is selling its consumer credit card portfolio of over \$200 million to the Chicago-based Harris Trust and Savings Bank. The total gain to UJB Financial from the sale will be approximately \$50 million.

"Today, competition in the credit card market is fierce, not only from the money-center banks, but also from non-bank issuers such as AT&T, Sears, and General Electric Capital Corporation, which have become major competitors," UJB Financial Chairman T. Joseph Senrod said. "To continue in this highly competitive environment, we would have had to expand beyond our own region and necessitate the need for additional loan loss provisions. This, coupled with expenses related to the sale, will eliminate much of the \$50 million gain from this transaction."

"We were offered an attractive premium for our portfolio, together with a favorable agency agreement and, therefore, we decided to exit the business as a direct issuer. As an agent for Harris, we will still provide credit cards in our banks' names through all of our branch offices, so our customers will still have convenient service," he said.

Harris Trust and Savings Bank is a subsidiary of the Bank of Montreal, a \$70 billion institution. The transaction is subject to regulatory clearance and is expected to close later this month.

According to Senrod, UJB Financial will reinvest the proceeds from the sale of the credit card portfolio into product lines which will maximize long-term returns. The bank will also continue to operate and expand separate merchant credit card processing business, which is the largest in New Jersey. "We are experiencing ongoing softness in the real estate market as well as further slowing of this region's economy," Senrod said. "These factors continue to cause our non-performing asset totals to increase and necessitate the need for additional loan loss provisions. This, coupled with expenses related to the sale, will eliminate much of the \$50 million gain from this transaction."

Linden Walgreens offers around-the-clock service

Walgreens now offers 24-hour service at its store at 22 E. St. Georges Ave., Linden. "Both our pharmacy and our store will be open round-the-clock - an added convenience for customers," said manager Mike Cuccia. "We're here to help you if your child becomes ill in the middle of the night, you need an emergency prescription at 2 a.m. - or it's simply more convenient to shop later in the evening."

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Graceland Memorial Park Mausoleum, one of the area's largest, contains more than 1,000 Catholic families along with hundreds of other individuals and families with a diversity of denominations. "We are largely a Catholic mausoleum," says Frank Ali, owner and proprietor of Graceland Memorial, "but we also accept those of other faiths."

The mausoleum at Graceland Memorial is, unlike many other mausoleums, a single structure designed to accommodate a limited number of tombs. Other mausoleums often begin with a single structure but build additional as the need for more space increases.

"A lot of memorial parks start out with one type of mausoleum, then build others as it begins to fill," says Ali. "What they end up with is something without continuity in design - it begins to look like a mausoleum factory."

"We like our clients to know that there are no construction plans for Graceland. What we have now is all that we will ever have. That is, one elegant, simple mausoleum building with a limited amount of space."

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fiancee. Choose from a D.J., an ice carver, photographers, video specialists, flowers upon flowers to choose from. Compare styles and prices. Shop and browse in a non-pressure atmosphere. An added bonus is the opportunity to meet other area brides to be at the show. Many report meeting friends from high school with whom they may not have seen for years. Hundreds of couples attend these shows and because of the competition many offer discounts and show specials plus door prizes. One woman won a honeymoon in Hawaii, another a wedding gown.

Variety and alternatives are the words used to describe the ultimate in bridal shopping and planning. See lavish displays of balloons, party planners and travel agents specializing in cruises and honeymoons. There

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"Most guests want to purchase a gift that the couple really

wants," Kathan said. "A bridal registry print-out is the easiest way for them to be comfortable with their decision."

Kathan suggested listing a wide variety of items on the registry. She suggested registering for some small, inexpensive items such as kitchen utensils, decorative coffee mugs or dish towels/pot holders for shower gifts. The majority of the items

on the registry should be in a medium price range — \$25 to \$75. This category could include many typical wedding gifts: sheets, towels, casual dinnerware, silverware and barware, small electric appliances, cutlery and decorative pieces like vases and floral arrangements.

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Packing right for your honeymoon

By Glenda Wladars
Copley News Service

or pack with lots of extra room so you can fit the new items in later.

Think also about rain gear, sunscreen and comfortable shoes for walking.

Put luggage on your list of most-wanted wedding gifts. Ask for sturdy soft-sided pieces that can hold more and have fewer risks of serious damage. Opt for a neutral color that won't show the grime that inevitably collects after several trips around the airport carousel. Pieces that match are easier to locate and keep together.

On airplanes, make sure you pack the most important items in your carryon bag. These would include passports, medicines, eyeglasses — anything you positively couldn't do without. If you pack carefully enough to get all your belongings in carryon bags, you'll avoid the interminable wait at the pick-up point.

But don't overpack. The people you meet won't remember that you wore the same jeans three times in one week.

If you're planning to do a lot of shopping or bring home several souvenirs, take an empty suitcase,

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Tips and options for a lovely honeymoon

By Glenda Winters
Copley News Service

The first few days of your marriage are some of the most exciting and intimate times of your life, and they offer a rare opportunity to enjoy what you got married for — being alone together.

Once you're back at work or if you decide to have a family, moments for long walks and quiet conversations become precious indeed. And even the vacations you take won't ever quite recapture this special time.

So even though a lot of your creative energy is going into fittings, reception menus and floral arrangements, taking the time to plan your honeymoon carefully. The chances are it will be the most memorable part of your wedding celebration.

At some point in your marriage, your vacations will undoubtedly take you to popular tourist spots and amusement parks. While these are certainly options for your honeymoon, consider staking out a new part of the world for just the two of you.

Whether it's lavish or rugged, your only happy chore is to make it private and romantic. Here, some destination suggestions to get you thinking.

• Bed-and-breakfast inns are sprouting up all across the country in imitation of their English cousins. Find one in a small, quiet town and check in. Spend your days taking walks and poking through antique shops. In the evening, suggle in front of a crackling fireplace.

• If you're big-city people at heart, shop for a luxury hotel that offers a special honeymoon package. Look for one that has a Jacuzzi in the room, room service and a view of the skyline. Lunch at ethnic cafes, browse in art galleries, go to the theater and wind up each day with a late-night supper.

• Book a tour of Europe by train. Relax while you enjoy the passing vista of mountains, castles and thatched-roof cottages. Spend a night or two in the places that interest you most, and then on to the next adventure.

• Consider an African camera safari. Long a favorite of animal-loving outdoor types, this now has become a top romantic destination, thanks to the movie "Out of Africa." Honeymoon plans include hot-air balloons over the plains and close-up looks at the world's most exotic creatures.

• Contrary to the pictures in bridal magazines, not all weddings take place in the springtime. If you're skiers and can plan your wedding during the winter months, head for the mountains. Hit the slopes in the daytime; spend the evenings sipping mulled wine in your cozy chalet.

• The Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania have long catered to honeymooners. Or head for the Rockies. And don't limit your fantasy trip to the United States. In Canada, couple your travels with a stay at the Banff Springs Hotel in Alberta.

• These spots are good summertime destinations, too. Many resorts offer backpacking, hiking, tennis and golf at a time when the

rates are substantially lower.

• Explore whatever exotic part of the world intrigues you. Think about India, Singapore, Malaysia or Japan. And Hawaii, which abounds with ancient mysteries and modern honeymoon amenities, or the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico, rich in Mayan heritage.

• The sun capitals of the world are always popular with lovers. Book a Caribbean cruise, or go straight to the island of your choice and stay at a hotel on the beach. Enjoy snorkeling, boating and water play, or all under an umbrella and watch the world go by. Indulge in seafood feasts and island music.

The most important part of planning your honeymoon is doing it together. That's where the fun really begins. It's also a good idea to seek the help of a travel agent. He or she is trained to cover all the details and to get what you want — rental cars, tickets to local attractions, restaurant reservations — at the most reasonable price.

If possible, don't go where either of you has been before. But if you do, swear that you won't utter the words "The last time I was here..." Approach the spot as if it were new to you, too.

In your fantasies you picture endless hours of time spent alone together doing nothing. The fact of the matter is, if you're active people when you're home, unless you incorporate some structure into your honeymoon, you may be bored senseless.

Include some time for exploring. Plan a honeymoon to the city or country where one or both of you has roots and retrace your family tree. Or drive through several states (off the major highways, of course), stopping when a local vista catches your attention.

Or do a theme honeymoon — history, art, music, food, photography or sports. Tour cathedrals, bicycle through New England, raft down the Colorado River.

Pace the days so that each includes both periods of high activity and easy, relaxed times. And

don't feel obligated to spend every moment together. A walk by yourself or an hour spent curled up with a book can give both of you a healthy breathing space that makes the time together even more meaningful.

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Starting with a modest store in Staten Island, the brothers set out to become leaders in the men's formal wear industry. Making this dream a reality wasn't easy. Nevertheless, even when the future of their new business seemed uncertain, the Iannatotos always maintained their commitment to providing their customers with the classic style and superior service they deserved.

That unwavering commitment paid off. Two years after opening their shop, the brothers purchased a 4,000-square-foot warehouse in Linden. This

improved their already stringent quality-control system by allowing them to maintain their own inventory of choice men's formal wear.

Dante's success suffered a setback, temporarily, when Guido passed away in 1962. The next growth phase began when Anthony's son Daniel entered the business in 1967. By the end of the 1970s, the father and son partnership was operating a formal wear empire, with 12 stores throughout New

York and New Jersey. In addition, Dante's warehouse facility was expanded to 32,000 square feet.

During the '80s, Anthony and Daniel once again expanded their company by adding 17 new stores — making Dante Tuxedos the largest formal wear supplier on the East Coast. The '80s also saw the introduction of several customer-oriented innovations, such as Dante's in-home service and lowest price guarantee.

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Accessories enhance the overall look for the bride

By Debra Cooper
Copley News Service

The dress is, of course, the most important garment you wear at your wedding.

But it's just the beginning. Lovely accessories enhance and polish your overall look — and lend your personal touch.

The headpiece and dress should look as though they were created by the same designer, advises *Bride's* magazine. Both should have similar accents of sequins, beads or crystals, or a repeat of the same fabric or lace.

And, of course, they should be the same color.

If your gown is rich in detail, you'll want an elaborate headpiece, with an understated dress, choose a simpler one.

Remember, your headpiece is an enhancement to your hairstyle. If you're wearing your hair smooth and pulled back, you'll look best with a small but beautifully ornamented headpiece.

For a sophisticated look, accent a chignon with a profile comb, bun bows and frills.

Feminine hairstyles for brides include hair twisted into a roll at the neck; you can adorn it with a pouf made of tulle. Tame thick, voluminous curls with a net snood that sparkles with rhinestones and metallic threads.

Local shop offers large bridal sizes

Jane Fashions Bridal Salon proudly announces the grand opening of a very special department for a special bride. "The ultra feminine" large size bride. A vast and complete selection of plus size designer gowns and accessories is available.

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If your hair is short, you may look best with a Juliet cap or floral wreath; lace mantillas and tiaras complement any hair length.

Be sure to take your headpiece with you when you visit your hairdresser, several weeks prior to the wedding, to plan how you will wear it on that special day.

Few accents add more emphasis than the train. Imagine a bird's-eye view of your wedding: do you see yourself a picture-perfect traditional bride, a flowing train extending gracefully behind you?

All eyes are on you, the bride, and on your train as you say your vows. Regal trains have exquisite detailing, with scalloped lace edging and intricate cutouts. What could be more feminine than chiffon ruffles, soft satin bows, lattice-

crocheted gloves; cooler weather calls for kid leather, taffeta or stretch satin.

A popular option is delicate, all-lace gloves — they're romantic, even Victorian. For a contemporary look, try lustrous, shimmering nylon with lycra.

Your wedding day handbag should be small enough not to be a burden, but large enough to hold a few essentials (handkerchief, lipstick, compact).

Favorite shapes include round and fan, as well as drawstring bags. Fabrics are many: silk, satin, faille, brocade, velvet and metal mesh — and you'll see them trimmed with satin rosettes, tassels, lace, beads, braid, pearls, bows, pleats, lace, sequins, more.

Little things make a difference: shimmery, embroidered hosiery; a satin rosette-trimmed parasol; a

fur-trimmed muff; a ribbon bookmark for your prayer book or Bible; heirloom jewelry.

Naturally, you don't need — or want — all these items. But select a few; those you do use on your wedding day will become treasures you cherish for a lifetime.

Some unusual ideas include saluting your ethnic heritage with a ring bearer's pillow of Scottish tartan, Chinese red silk, or some other appropriate fabric; holiday motifs for your garters; wearing a shawl embroidered in the hues of your attendants' dresses.

Oddly enough, many brides overlook the importance of comfort when selecting shoes. Remember, unlike some accessories, shoes are functional as well as decorative. Not only should they fit well when you purchase them, you'll want to wear them once or

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Technology makes wedding photos a whole new factor

By Orlando Ramirez
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Technology is a two-edged sword. It has wrought many wonderful things. Can you imagine a world without microwave ovens, pacemakers or CD players? But technology can cause problems as well as solve them. All one has to do is ask the bride-to-be who must choose between still photos or videotape.

In the old days, you hired a photographer who took several shots of the bride and groom, parents and attendants, disappeared, then had proofs ready once the happy couple returned from their honeymoon.

These days, it's not unheard of for the videographer to interrupt the vows because he wants to shoot from another angle or to treat the reception like a movie set with the guests being just so many extras in the production.

With today's hectic pace, the decision of whether to go with still photos or video or combine both has to be made early in the wedding preparations.

The best photographers are booked months, even years, in advance. Many shoot more than one wedding a day, and any last-minute scheduling conflicts can cause serious wedding-day migraines.

Also, it's important to know in advance whether the church where you are exchanging vows allows flash photography or video cameras during the service.

Some do and some don't. Some will let you tape, but only if the camera and its operator don't intrude on the service. Others have their own cameras in discreet locations and allow you to buy a video of your wedding at a nominal fee.

Still photos capture that one moment and hold it fixed forever. Videos, on the other hand, capture the movement and energy of the event in a way no other system devised by man can.

Both have their advantages and disadvantages, and many couples choose to use both. If you're on a tight budget, however, it's best to decide which is more important.

Would you rather have a beautiful album of professional photos and a grainy video of Grandma doing the frog with Uncle Roy? Or does the idea of a professionally edited video with credits, titles, background music and special effects and some photos shot by the best man's work buddy seem more appealing?

Whatever your choice, it's best to consider the pros and cons of each format before making your decision.

Permanence. The most important consideration, besides price, is how long the photos or video will last. Color photos begin to fade after 10 to 15 years.

The negatives, however, can be used again (if you remember to get them from the photographer), and black-and-white photos can be made from color negatives to ensure that your photos last forever.

Videotape is in a state of flux as far as format. Videos taped now may be as obsolete in the future as 8-track tapes are today. Currently, the VHS system is slowly losing

ground to the 8mm format. Who Also, videotape deteriorates every time it is played. It may not be so noticeable at first, but after 100 plays the quality is seriously deficient. Another consideration — what happens if your recorder eats your master tape? What are you going to do? Reshoot the whole wedding?

Coverage. Selecting who gets his picture taken and what events get documented is an important aspect of both video and still photography. Each has particular advantages.

Still photos, for example, are

good for formal poses — such as groupings of the wedding party and family — and have the advantage that individual shots can be ordered by the people involved.

Videos are better for telling a story. Many couples have their videos edited so that they begin with baby pictures of the bride and groom, following them through school and up to the engagement.

Then the live-action footage begins with the rehearsal dinner and takes them through wedding preparations, ceremony and reception. Many even shoot footage of their honeymoon and have that edited

in. So the possibilities of creating a document are many.

Convenience. This category probably is the deciding factor for most couples as to which format takes precedence.

Still photos have the advantage here because it is easier to pull out an album and have guests ooh and ahh rather than have them sit through an hours-long video.

Also, for those moments you just want to remind yourself, photos are easier. However, videos do have an advantage in that they offer multiple images to spark memories — and isn't memories

what this is all about?

Most photographers get hired by word of mouth, and this is still the best way to find the perfect person to shoot your wedding.

You shouldn't, however, settle for the first shutterbug that comes along. There are a number of questions that need to be settled before you sign on the dotted line.

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Customs still find their way into today's weddings

By Allison Ashton
Copley News Service

These days, as any caterer will tell you, a mood of "anything goes" prevails at most weddings.

The adherence to conservative traditional guidelines has been replaced with an independent spirit, personalization and flexibility," says Cole Lalli, editor-in-chief of *Modern Bride*.

Many old customs, however, still persist, and more couples want to incorporate those customs into their own weddings. Following is a rundown of favorite customs, vows and music.

Why does a man present his betrothed with a wedding ring? Why take a honeymoon?

Most wedding customs date back to ancient times. In Rome, for example, the engagement ring was a form of collateral. Viking groomsmen helped the groom kidnap his bride from a rival clan.

Grain, as used in wedding cakes, and rice, which is tossed at the couple, both symbolize fertility. English architect Christopher Wren created the first tiered cake, modeled after St. Bride's Church in London, for his daughter's wedding.

Nuptial getaway cars festooned with tin cans and other noisemakers hark back to the belief that noise wards off evil spirits. Shoes tied to wedding vehicles recall the Anglo-Saxon symbol of shoes as property — when the father of the bride gave the groom one of her shoes.

Ethnic traditions include a German wedding reception custom in which the bride and groom are presented two glasses of champagne and a key on a tray. According to *Bride's* magazine, the first to drain his glass and pick up the key will "wear the pants" in the marriage.

Other odd bridal traditions, according to *Bride's*:

Before the 18th century, Mexican couples shaved their heads to show they were prepared for the responsibilities of marriage.

In ancient Persia, a bride was sent to her husband on horseback, draped in red veils, while her bridesmaids held up a mirror — her last opportunity to see herself as a virgin.

In days of yore, an English bride's property, as well as her debts, automatically belonged to her husband. Thus, brides wore a plain white shift to show they were penniless and free from debt.

What do you promise your spouse-to-be? Love, honor and fidelity are standard favorites.

The vows offered by the clergyman or judge officiating the wedding are certainly special, but the ceremony can also offer you the opportunity to express your love and commitment in your own way, in the presence of friends and family.

You can read a passage from the Bible or select a romantic poem that expresses your sentiments.

"With These Words I Thee Wed" by Barbara Eklof (Bob Adams, Inc) offers a selection of vows that

include special promises for reaffirmation ceremonies, second weddings and holiday weddings, such as Christmas or Valentine's Day.

Another option is to write your own vows. It's a challenging, rewarding task that Eklof suggests a couple should approach as a joint effort.

"It may stimulate the important premarital discussions that most experts advise any couple to have before coming together as husband and wife," she says.

The Bard once noted that music is the food of love. Perhaps that's why it's such an integral part of the wedding ceremony and reception.

For the ceremony, the kind of music you select is up to you. For the reception, bandleaders and disk jockeys recommend, opt for a selection that will please guests young and old.

The current trend toward elegant, traditional weddings calls for more classical music, one bandleader told *Bride's* magazine.

Traditional music for ceremonies includes Handel's "Water Music," Mendelssohn's Wedding March from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" (popularly known as "Here Comes the Bride") and the "Bridal Chorus" from Wagner's opera "Lohengrin." Other classical favorites include Pachelbel's "Canon in D Minor" and Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons."

Also consider sentimental favorites for the ceremony. One bride wanted to march down the aisle to a Randy Travis tune.

For the reception, ask for a selection of tunes, ranging from Cole Porter and Big Band songs to rock 'n' roll favorites. Popular reception sounds, according to *Bride's* are "I Heard It Through the Grapevine," "Money, Money," "Twist and Shout" and "La Bamba."

Ethnic dances, such as the hora at a Jewish wedding or the Italian tarantella, are also popular.

Give the band or disc jockey a list of songs you would like to hear (avoid making last-minute changes — they may not be able to locate the music in time). Let the performers know if they need to dress formally or informally.



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Trends help to personalize your wedding for today

By Debra Lee Baldwin
Copley News Service

We all know what a traditional wedding looks like: bride in white, with a long flowing train; groom in tuxedo; flowers at the altar and bouquets of roses and carnations.

But not all weddings fit the same mold. Remember the '60s, with barefoot brides and grooms in blue jeans?

Despite the fact that certain aspects of a wedding are nearly always the same, trends definitely come and go.

We asked bridal consultants and experts from coast to coast what they're seeing "out there on the front lines," and their responses, in general, indicated:

- A return to tradition and romance — but at the same time, a strong tendency to personalize the ceremony.
- Bigger, more lavish weddings — and longer engagements because of time needed for planning.
- More mature brides making the decisions (instead of moms).
- More second weddings and reaffirmations.
- Shared expenses. Since brides and grooms are often working professionals, they are more likely to pay for the event — or share expenses with parents.
- Although white and ivory are still most preferred for bridal wear, colors are popping up in profusion — particularly in attendants' wear and decorations. Vivid brights and black-and-white are common.

While your wedding is still in the dreaming and planning stages, consider these "trendy" ideas — you may find them perfect or reject them. In any case, they are not requirements, only suggestions.

Caterers report that clients want lighter fare — chicken, veal or lamb instead of roast beef — as a first course at the reception.

Cucumber sandwiches and lily bitty hors d'oeuvres are passe. The demand is more for "comfort food, recognizable foods," according to a *Bride's* magazine article quoting Abigail Kirsch of Culinary Productions in New York. "They want a meal everyone can enjoy, real food, not cutes food."

The way people eat at receptions is changing, too. Instead of seating guests at tables where they chat with only a few others, the trend is toward mingling while you munch.

"Instead of one long buffet table with one long line, there are several smaller tables each with a different course or fare," says *Modern Bride* magazine. "It provides variety and eliminates the waiting."

"Groom's cakes are really big," says Washington, D.C., bridal consultant Regan Botts. "The groom's cake is usually chocolate or the favorite flavor of the groom. It looks like a smaller version of the wedding cake, and pieces of it are boxed so guests can take them home."

"I'm doing a lot of 'storybook weddings, fantasy weddings," says

bridal consultant Lynn Jeter of Beverly Hills, Calif. "I've never arranged for so many horse-drawn carriages as I have this past year."

"Elegance is making a dramatic comeback," agrees Barbara Tober, editor-in-chief of *Bride's* magazine. "Couples are rediscovering big-band music and dancing cheek-to-cheek."

Reception halls are dressed up in style, in white with touches of green and gold; guests are pampered with champagne while they wait in the receiving line; strolling violinists play classical melodies. Wedding cake by candlelight brings the evening to a close.

Unusual sites create romance. Hotels, family homes, country

barns and colleges all have potential, but gaining in popularity are luxury yachts and dream estates.

These last are large homes available for rent, and they're perfect for parties. Most are owner-occupied; the owners vacate the premises during your special event. The settings can be stunning: mansions in Victorian, art deco, Southwest and other styles, with gorgeous grounds. Many larger cities have businesses that specialize in estates for special-occasion rental; if not, your Chamber of Commerce may have information.

Remember when Blake and Krystal Carrington reaffirmed their marriage vows on "Dynasty"? They reflected a new trend. Most reaffirmations coincide

with a milestone occasion or anniversary, says *Bride's* magazine. (Krystal preceded a risky operation.)

The ceremony is often performed in a backyard or hotel, by a judge or clergy member. "People feel there's a story to be told," Jeter explained to *Bride's*. "They usually write their own vows, and may have their children escort them; their grandchildren tell anecdotes."

Krystal walked down a hallway lined with guests who each held a white rose and a candle. As she collected her bouquet, she also

received their blessings. "I want tonight to be a celebration of all the shared moments of our lives... a marriage of all of us," she said.

A currently popular way for brides and grooms to express their individuality is in the selection of flowers for their weddings.

As an alternative to corsages for the wedding party, each member may hold a long-stemmed rose combined with baby's breath. It's a nice change from "wearing floral bouquets."

"Something on the chest," says Botts. "It's not expensive at all — and it's very elegant."

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Those guests who do not want to give the typical bridal registry selection of assorted place settings, china and crystal, should consider some of the suggestions offered by Ann Lawrence, designer and purveyor of antique linens and faxes.

Most people are comfortable with the familiar and tend to stick with the same gift over and over. It means so much more to the recipient when the guest selects something a little different or unusual.

"I feel that the quality and type of gift is a real reflection on the giver, so it is important to personally choose something," Lawrence said. Create an individual type of gift — perhaps one centered around a particular theme.

Some ideas to win the hearts of the bride and groom — *Romantic Weekends*, a set of colored Venetian cordial glasses and decanter; *White Nights*, a basket filled with a white Brussels lace bed cover, sheets and pillow cases; *Tea for Two*, a teapot and tea caddy; *My favorite Things*, a wicker hamper filled with an assortment of dishes, glasses and linens; or *Sweet Dreams*, his and hers silk robes and dressing gowns.

For those who know the couple well, then consider their lifestyle and select a gift accordingly. For the contemporary couple who love to entertain, a selection of Majolica luncheon plates or serving

pieces is best. Traditionalists might enjoy a cashmere paisley throw, a bamboo rocker or toilet tray made into a small side table. Perhaps they like old-fashioned things — items such as linen tablecloths, a pair of continental-size linen pillow shams with lace trim or a set of six matching Irish linen damask handtowels are a few of Lawrence's favorites. A garden settee or a wicker loveseat could capture the romantic and practical side of the outdoor enthusiast.

Some unwritten rules that are helpful to remember when giving a gift: even though many etiquette experts say guests have a year to send a gift, Lawrence feels that is too long. Three-to-six months seems to be appropriate.

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Today's brides depart from the traditional

The brides of the '90s are not as traditional as those of the past. Because more women are getting married after they have established careers and independence, their ideas about weddings are very different from those of brides of past decades.

Today's bride and groom are more apt to pay for their own wedding than before. The days of the mother of the bride making all of the arrangements, the father of the bride paying all of the bills, and the groom representing only the figure on top of the wedding cake are long gone.

Modern brides are professional women, marrying at an older age, after they have established their careers. Therefore they are more able to afford the higher prices that a wedding can incur. Today, decisions, expenses and choices are shared between the bride and the groom.

Another difference between the brides of yesterday and those of today is in their choices of ceremony. Fewer brides are choosing the traditional ceremony; instead they opt for a more personal touch. Many brides and grooms write their own vows or choose a different type of ceremony, such as the candle-lighting ceremony, which represents the union of two families.

The modern wedding may also differ in its music. The traditional choice of "Here Comes the Bride" is no longer the popular favorite; many brides and grooms choose softer melodies from current music or Broadway themes for use as the entrance song. The use of a singer before the start of the ceremony has also become very

popular, adding a more personal touch to the event.

The styles and colors that today's brides choose reflect the most obvious change from previous years. Gone are the pastel and earthy tones and flowing styles that were the craze during the 1980s — the '90s bring form-fitting gowns with more vibrant colors onto the scene and into today's wedding parties.

More shades of iridescent blue, red and purple can be seen in the current designer col-

lections. One recent addition to the color of bridesmaids' dresses is black. Black-and-white weddings — as well as all-white, or "snowball" weddings — have become very popular in the past year.

The look of accessories is also changing — we head into the 1990s. Glamour and detail have taken over where dainty and delicate left off. The modern bride can look forward to plenty of lace and pearls adorning her stockings and veil as

well as sequins and rhinestones in her jewelry.

The new designs in wedding bands hold more gems and detail than the unadorned traditional solid band that has been worn in the past. The latest trend in wedding bands for women is the ring guard that wraps around the engagement ring and usually holds clusters of diamonds or other precious gems. This new style is becoming increasingly popular with the modern bride and is even

being purchased as a wedding gift from the groom to the bride.

More grooms are also becoming involved in all aspects of planning, including the selection of the bride's gown. Many brides are now asking their fiancés to accompany them when they go to choose the gown. The age-old superstition of bad luck coming upon the bride who has been seen in her gown by her groom is no longer a worry in the '90s.

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Wedding cake should be the centerpiece

By Laurie McCaughin
Copley News Service

There are many joyous moments during the wedding day — moments that remain vivid in the weeks and years to follow. Surely one such moment is when the newly wedded couple holds the single silver knife in midair before finally cutting into the cake for the first time. This is a moment that has been shared by many couples throughout the ages.

Today, however, there are more choices available to the bride and groom regarding wedding cakes than ever before. If the traditional white cake bores the bride or if the groom has a passion for pralines — so be it! Make that moment especially yours by choosing a cake that's just right for you.

In addition, today's wedding cakes can be adorned with you in mind as well. This can be accomplished in a variety of ways by using hand-crafted porcelain figures, intricate icing sculptures or even jewels. The idea is to tell a story about the couple or their wedding by using personalized cake ornaments.

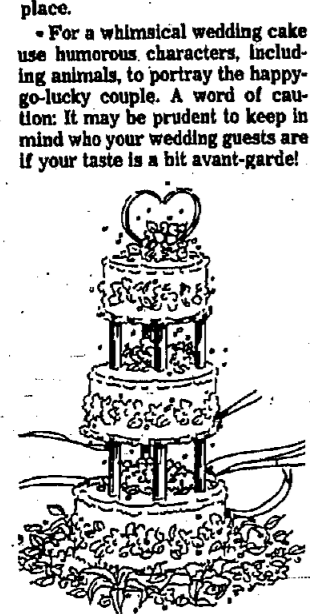
Here are several suggestions to start you thinking about your wedding cake:

- Graceful birds in white, pastel or gold indicating your love of beauty and freedom.
- Lacy old world fans or an elaborate parasol with strings of cascading pearls — what a delightful way to carry on a Victorian or Edwardian theme.

- Sparkling music boxes or harps of gold supporting the delicate flowers you both admire.
- Symbols of good luck — unicorns prancing in white and gold splendor.

- Express a shared interest by using candied or porcelain figures. Love ballooning? Think of the fun you and your decorator will have concocting that colorful display!
- Re-create the place in which you first fell in love, or the location of the wedding or even where the glorious honeymoon is to take place.

- For a whimsical wedding cake use humorous characters, including animals, to portray the happy-go-lucky couple. A word of caution: It may be prudent to keep in mind who your wedding guests are if your taste is a bit avant-garde!



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A trend toward more weddings in autumn

Once upon a time almost every girl wanted a spring wedding. Being a June bride was the ultimate romantic fantasy. Today, however, the picture of wedding perfection has changed from pastel-colored blossoms to the scarlet hues of autumn leaves — fall has become as popular as spring for the bridal industry.

According to Vin Cresci, Director of Operations for Dante Tuxedos, "we've noticed a definite trend towards more and more fall weddings. In fact, our spring and fall sales figures would be closely balanced if we didn't have an enormous amount of prom rentals in the spring."

Recent statistics show the biggest months for New Jersey weddings last year were May and September, with 16.3 percent occurring in May and 16.5 being held in September. That slight autumn edge had increased dramatically from 1990, with September dominating 17.1 percent of the year's wedding bookings as compared to June's 13.1.

Why the seasonal shift? Cresci says the change is due partly to changing demographics. "Couples are generally waiting longer to get married. The average bride is around 25 and the groom is about 27 years old. Both usually have established careers and are more independent. They not only make their own arrangements; they usually pay for at least part of the wedding themselves. So, they look for the best value."

Dante Company Controller Donna Colonna agrees that value is the key word. Today's two-income couples may earn more than their partners did, but in many cases, they're working harder to maintain the middle class lifestyle their parents usually provided on one income. Since these couples also want the finer things in life, they've become more sophisticated shoppers, demanding the most for their money.

Budget-minded brides and grooms-to-be discovered they could save money by scheduling the wedding of their dreams during the season that wasn't part of their original fantasy — the fall, when catered halls, airlines, hotels, cruise lines, etc. traditionally offered discounted prices. In addition to saving money, engaged couples generally received better service by planning a fall wedding. Says Cresci, "when florists, travel agents and caterers are less pressured, they'll spend more time with you. This increased personal attention allows better planning which results in a better wedding."

Colonna says that so many couples have taken advantage of these incentives in recent years that "what was once considered off-peak has become a boom season. 'If you told me five

years ago that September would eclipse June as the year's biggest wedding month, I would've been very skeptical. But it happened!"

Cresci and Colonna say that engaged couples should reserve their reception halls earlier to ensure availability and should note that discounts may not be as substantial due to the laws of supply and demand. But they quickly add that good values and personalized service can still be found. Cresci says that despite the increased amount of honeymoon travel plans being made in the autumn, "you're still avoiding the summer vacation crunch between May and Labor Day, when most people

Colonna says that when it comes to formal wear, "it's still less hectic to try on tuxedos and gowns once the spring wedding and prom season are over. In addition, Dante usually has a late summer/early autumn sale that gives the groom and his attendants the perfect opportunity to own rather than rent their formal wear."

Another autumn advantage is a generous holiday schedule with Labor Day, Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur in September and Columbus Day in early October. Cresci notes, "you have a lot of extended weekends that make it convenient for family and friends to travel and get together."

Donna Colonna has another explanation. "Believe it or not, the weather has a lot to do with it. For the last several years, spring weather has been unpredictable at best, while the fall has been pleasant well into October."

Although the spring and fall have become equally important to the formal wear industry, there are some stylistic differences. Colonna explains, "during the spring and summer, almost 30 percent of all grooms wear

white tie and tails. The fall shows a marked increase in classic black, with a slight increase in daytime formal wear, such as grey cutaways and strollers. One reason being that after Labor Day, white formal wear is considered out of season." Cresci adds, "and because the fall marks the end of daylight savings time, weddings may be scheduled earlier in the day to ensure enough sunlight to take outdoor pictures."

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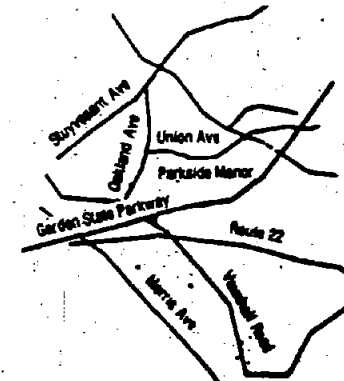
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