





### Computer courses are available

Four new computer courses, including two using recently-installed desktop publishing equipment, will be offered for non-credit during the spring semester by Union County College's Department of Continuing Education.

"Introduction to Paradox 3" offers training on a database that uses a technique to combine files so complex database searches may be specified by users with no programming experience.

Paradox 3 provides the opportunity for input and reporting from multiple databases. Participants will learn to build a database, design a data entry screen, input and revise data, and create a useful report including subtotals.

Participants may choose from two class sections: 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, or 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, both in Cranford.

The two new desktop publishing courses, "Introduction to PageMaker," and "Advanced PageMaker Macintosh" will make use of the college's recently-installed laboratory facility equipped with an Apple Macintosh network and scanner. Participants will learn to prepare newsletters, flyers, presentation-quality proposals, and camera-ready printing copy.

The beginning PageMaker class, which offers instruction on this desktop publishing software package, will be provided in four time slots for students' convenience. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 26; Monday, March 26, or Saturday, April 7.

Its advanced counterpart will be provided in three time slots. Hours are: 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 8 through April 5; Thursday, March 8 through April 5, or Thursday, April 19 through May 10.

Twenty other computer courses with 55 sections will be offered at the college for non-credit experience. Those interested in further information should call 709-7601.

### Scholarships are offered to Springfield students

The Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills will again offer its student scholarship program to area high school seniors who demonstrate a commitment to volunteerism.

As in the past, the Junior League will award \$1,000 scholarships to a maximum of five graduating seniors residing within Springfield, Millburn, Maplewood, Livingston, and the Oranges who have shown an interest in and dedication to community service.

Margo Ruddy, administrator of the student scholarship program, said she will be distributing application forms to area public and private schools and urging high school seniors residing in the Junior League service area to apply.

She added, however, that children of active and provisional members of the Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills are ineligible to apply.

Scholarship candidates will be evaluated on volunteer experience, understanding of community volunteer impact, achievement, leadership ability and scholarship need, among other criteria. Additional scholarship award information can be obtained by calling the League office at 379-9655.

The Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism and improving the community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

Pool job open  
The Springfield Recreation Department announced that it is seeking a pool manager with supervisory experience and proven leadership ability. A certified pool operator's certificate is a must. Salary commensurate with experience. Only qualified candidates need apply. Interested persons should send resumes to: Township Clerk, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, 07881.

### Springfield Leader

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**APPOINTMENT CONFIRMED** — Springfield resident William Clert, left, was recently appointed as a member of the Union County Utilities Authority, announced James Connelly Welsh, right, Union County Freeholder, Vice Chairman and freeholder liaison to the UCUA. Clert will serve a five-year term on the UCUA, which will expire on Feb. 1, 1995.

### people in service

Navy Ensign Charles C. Truncala, son of Joseph C. and Karen E. Truncala of Vista Way in Springfield, has been commissioned to his present rank upon graduation from Officer Candidate School.

OCS, located at the Naval Education and Training Center, Newport, R.I., is designed to prepare students to assume the duties and responsibilities of commissioned officers.

During the 16-week course, Truncala studied the principles of leadership, manpower management techniques, navigation and communications. He also studied Naval history, traditions and missions; the structure and organization of Naval commands; military courtesy; uniform regulations; seamanship; and the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

A 1984 graduate of Oratory Preparatory School, Summit, and a 1988 graduate of Seton Hall University, South Orange, with a Bachelor of Science degree, he joined the Navy in February 1989.

The CAP Laboratory Program is recognized by the Federal Government as being equal to or more stringent than the government's own inspection program.

On-site inspectors examine the records and quality control of the laboratory for the preceding two years, as well as the education and staff, adequacy of facilities, equipment, safety and management, to determine how well the laboratory is serving the patient.

The CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program was started in the early 1960s and is located in Northfield, Ill.

### Softball sign-up on tap

The Springfield Recreation Department will be holding registration for its girls' softball program, for girls in grades 3 through 8.

Registration will be held on Saturday, Feb. 24, from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School and Tuesday, Feb. 27, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Bailey Civic Center on Church Hill.

A registration fee of \$5 will be charged. Coaches for upper and lower leagues will be needed. For more information, one can contact the Recreation Department weekdays between the hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Pupils get preview

(Continued from Page 1) who are preparing for a major transition in their lives, and the freshmen themselves, many of whom are still adjusting to their new status as high school students.

"For many eighth graders, there's a certain fear and anxiety about going to high school," Long explained. "It's a big step, a big jump. We feel this program not only helps to ease the eighth graders, but also helps to allay their fears and anxieties about making this big transition."

Long added that the program gives freshmen "a chance to take responsibility on their own. It helps build leadership, and makes them feel important. It teaches them to say 'this is our school and this is what we do.'"

### Therapist aids families

(Continued from Page 1) When Matrick is not working at the Family Service and Child Guidance Center or at her private practice, she is involved with many professional affiliations.

Matrick is a member of the National Association of Social Workers, the New Jersey Association of Women Therapists, and serves on the board of the YWCA of Eastern Union County, as well as the board of the Association for the Advancement of Family Therapy in New Jersey.

### Lab gets accreditation

A two-year accreditation has been awarded to the laboratory at Overlook Hospital in Summit by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists (CAP).

The accreditation was based on results of a recent on-site inspection. Anthony Marchand, M.D., chief of pathology at Overlook, was congratulated for the "excellence of the services provided."

Overlook Hospital is one of more than 4,000 CAP-accredited laboratories nationwide.

### campus corner

Toby Grodner of Springfield, a graduate of Union County College, has earned a doctorate in education from Columbia University Teachers' College in New York.

Grodner prepared her dissertation on the topic, "Integrated Skills Reinforcement in Introduction to Business at Union County College." It included research and field work involving a group of students with whom she worked in a summer session course at UCC last year.

An assistant professor at UCC since 1984, Grodner previously taught marketing at Kean College of New Jersey in Union, and also taught business education at a Staten Island, N.Y., high school.

Grodner also holds a master's degree in education from Columbia University Teachers' College and a master's degree in business administration from Long Island University. She earned a bachelor's degree from New York University.

Her position at UCC involves work as coordinator of the master's program affiliated with the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Program, and she has served as past chairperson of the Counseling Committee, and currently is chairperson of the Academic Program, Teaching and Learning Task Force.

Krishnan Yalamanchi, M.D. of Mountaineers was recently elected to a fellowship in the American Academy of Pediatrics.

To qualify as a fellow of the Academy, a pediatrician must be certified as a fully-qualified specialist in the field of child health.

The American Academy of Pediatrics is an organization of 37,000 pediatricians dedicated to the health, safety and well-being of infants, children, adolescents and young adults.

### Filing deadline extended

The Board of Education of Union County Regional High School District 1 has announced that, due to the impending change in the date of the annual school election (to April 24), the deadline for filing a nominating petition to run for a seat on the board has been delayed until Thursday, March 1.

This revision in the school election timetable has been implemented in response to directives recently issued by the offices of Governor James Florio and Commissioner of Education Saul Cooperman.

The regional district includes Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield, David Brearley Regional High School in Kenilworth, Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark and Governor Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights.

Three seats on the nine-member regional board, one each from the communities of Kenilworth, Clark and Berkeley Heights, will be contested on School Election Day, Tuesday, April 24. Each of the candidates elected on that day will be chosen for a full, three-year term.

The Regional Board of Education seats to be contested this year are currently held by Frederick Sassi of Kenilworth, Howard Heller of Berkeley Heights and Melvin Altman of Clark. Heller has already decided not to seek re-election to a three-year term.

To be eligible to run for the Regional Board of Education, interested individuals must obtain a nominating petition in the office of the board secretary at Jonathan Dayton on Mountain Avenue in Springfield, on any school day between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The completed nominating petition must then be returned to the board secretary's office by 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 1.

Any candidate filing a nominating petition for Regional Board of Education membership must be a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, a registered voter in the regional district, and a resident of the municipality from which he/she is to be elected for at least one year preceding the date of the election.

For more information, one can call 376-6300, extension 328.

### Budget hearing is postponed

The Board of Education of Union County Regional High School District No. 1 has announced that the date of its regular monthly meeting and public hearing on the proposed tentative 1990/91 school budget has been changed from Tuesday, March 6, to Tuesday, April 3.

The public hearing on the tentative regional district budget will be conducted in the Instructional Media Center of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School on Westfield Avenue in Clark at 8 p.m.

The change of date for the regional district's public hearing has been implemented in response to directives recently issued by the offices of Governor James Florio and Commissioner of Education Saul Cooperman.

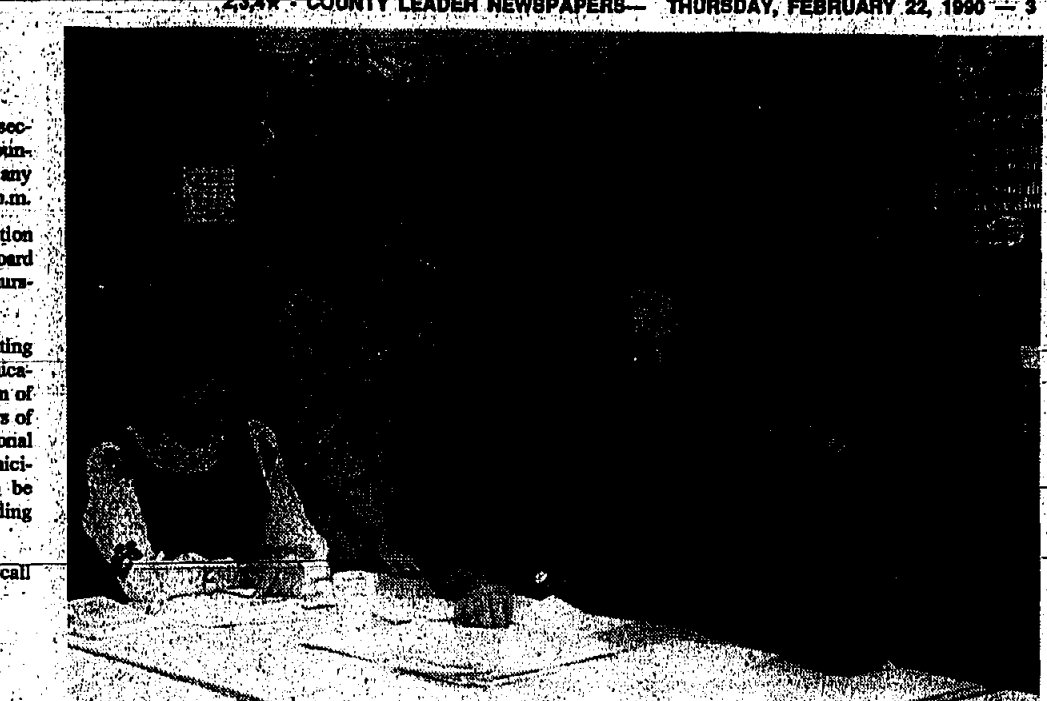
With the date of the annual school election scheduled to be delayed until Tuesday, April 24, it has become necessary to change the date on which the proposed regional district school budget can be reviewed and discussed.

All residents of the regional district communities of Springfield, Mountaineers, Kenilworth, Clark, Garwood and Berkeley Heights are invited to attend the Board of Education's regular monthly meeting and public hearing on April 3.

Questions concerning comments pertaining to the tentative proposed regional district school budget for 1990/91 may be aired at that time.

The Union County Regional Board of Education has proposed a tentative school budget of \$33.5 million for next school year. This figure represents an increase of zero dollars over the current regional district operating budget.

For more information, one can call 376-6300, extension 328.



**THE 'WRITE' STUFF** — The Writing Committee of Union County Regional High School District 1, which includes Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield and David Brearley Regional High School in Kenilworth, recently conducted a meeting to continue the task of developing a writing program for the regional district's new English curriculum, which will be implemented in September. Seated, from left, are English Department Supervisor Julia Latzer of Dayton, Kenneth Matfield of Governor Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights, and Steff Foss of Brearley. Standing, from left, are English teachers Carolyn Reed of Governor Livingston, Sarah Larson of Brearley, and Scott Shallcross of Governor Livingston.

### Council to convene

The Lay Advisory Council of the Union County Regional High School District 1 Adult Learning Center will conduct an open public meeting on Thursday, March 22, at 7 p.m. at David Brearley Regional High School on Monroe Avenue in Kenilworth.

The regional district includes Brearley, Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield, Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark and Governor Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights.

For additional information, one can contact Carole Beris at 272-4480.

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# OPINION

## Pay for lights

The state evidently believes in safety last. It has a great highway system which it spends millions annually to maintain and improve, yet it won't pay for the lighting needed to ensure the safety of those who use it.

To help balance the current state budget, the Department of Transportation has sliced in half the \$1.7 million earmarked for 311 municipalities that provide the lights for state-maintained roads within their boundaries. This means that Springfield, which is crossed by Interstate 78 and State Route 82, better known as Morris Avenue, may have to pay thousands of dollars from its own pocket to illuminate those roads. That's an extra expense the township can ill afford.

Assemblyman Neil Cohen, R-21, who represents Springfield in the state Legislature, recently introduced a bill that would restore the state's lighting reimbursement program to its former level.

It's unconscionable that the state would put the lives of its own citizens in jeopardy by refusing to illuminate its own highways. And leaving roads poorly lit won't help the budget much if the practice results in a spate of negligence lawsuits against the state filed by accident victims. The lighting reimbursement funds should be restored immediately.

### Think About It

## That white stuff 'snow fun at all

By JOHN TARTAGLINO

The phone just rang. I picked it up and it was my friend, Brian. He lives out in western Jersey at a place we like to call "Walter's Mountain."

"I just thought you'd be interested, it was snowing here a few minutes ago... and it was headed your way."

"Don't tell me those things! I hate snow."

He chuckled evilly.

"Hah-hah-hah. Snow."

OK, I admit it. I'm a snow-crunch. Mention snow, and some folks conjure up visions of slipping brantly by a warm fire as flakes fall gently onto the landscape.

Mention it to me, and all I can think of is standing knee-deep in cold stuff, waiting for the Triple-O to come and jump-start my car.

So I'm not an outdoorsman. Does that mean I can't be a good person? When did frostbite become the symbol of virtue?

My wife and I have the same argument every year.

"How can you hate snow?" Joanne will say. "It's so pretty."

"I don't care if it's pretty. I hate it. I hate to drive in it. I hate to shovel it. I hate when it blows in my face and makes my ears hurt. I just plain hate it."

"You just have no little kid in you," she accuses.

I have plenty of little kid in me. It's just that my little kid lives in Florida.

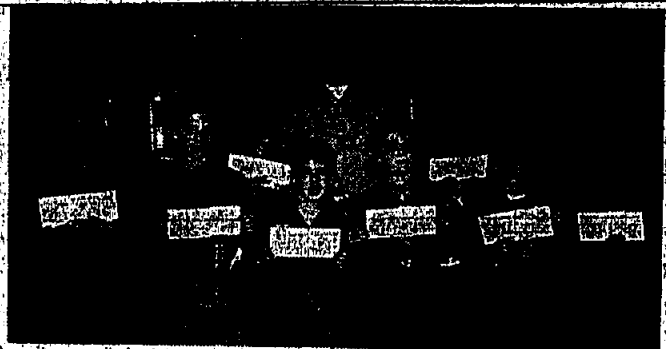
What I don't understand is just when snow reached partly with Mom and apple pie. People are absolutely horrified if I say I don't like it. They give me that look of disdain normally reserved for Congressmen and other lower forms of life.

They also turn into self-appointed ambassadors of slush, determined to help me overcome my falling.

"You should ski," they tell me. "If you went skiing, you'd love the snow."

They don't understand. I don't want to love it. I enjoy not liking it. I've never been able to convince myself that mush toes are fun, and I see no reason to try.

Why is it so damn important to everybody that I learn to love snow? Why can't people just let me wallow in my hatred, and leave it at that? What do they expect me to do?



**GIFT WINNERS** — Cub Scout Pack 73 of St. James Church in Springfield recently sold candy for a fundraiser, and the top sellers received Toys'R Us gift certificates. From left, front row, are Ryan Schwartzbard, Brian Cassini, Scott Kivowitz, Todd Walters, Chris Fisher and Michael Sharpe. From left, back row, are Christopher Carullo, fund-raiser chairperson Bert Downs and Terrence Franklin.



**ALL ABOUT ME** — Chris Behar, a fourth grader at James Caldwell School in Springfield, displays his poster he put together which tells the class in pictures what his role in life is all about. The project, in which students take turns putting posters about themselves together, is under the direction of class teacher Marcia Bright.



**SWEATSHIRT DAY** — It was Sweatshirt Day at Florence M. Gaudiner School in Springfield recently, and students and teachers wore shirts from some of their favorite colleges. From left are students Giuliana Pasquarilli, Michelle Saunders, Amy Lipman and Michelle Keller and teacher Allison Frawley.



**ORIENTATION** — Joy L'Caust, left, a freshman at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield, discusses extracurricular activities offered at her school during a recent orientation session for Springfield's eighth graders. Others from left are Michelle Naggar, Lyse Gaiser and Palm Karp, all students at Florence M. Gaudiner School.

### letters to the editor

#### Many aid disaster response work

It would be a wonderful life if we never had to experience a disaster. However, disasters do strike in our towns, in our cities and in countries all over the world. These disasters include catastrophic events such as earthquakes, major floods or devastating hurricanes. They also include less-publicized disasters which can be equally traumatic to those involved:

- A fire which makes your home uninhabitable, ruins all the clothing not on your back, and destroys your food supplies.
- A chemical spill or explosion which requires immediate evacuation of many homes, and establishment of a shelter facility with food and sleeping arrangements for an unknown period of time; or
- An airplane crash, a train wreck, severe wind or ice storms, or a fire in a hotel business area.

These disasters occur more frequently than you may realize.

Disaster response is one of the services that Congress has mandated the American Red Cross to provide.

The prime responsibility of the Red Cross is food, clothing and housing for any disaster victim. Related services include food and appropriate beverages to those working at the disaster site, and transportation as needed.

Recipients are never charged for these services and no money is provided to the Red Cross from any government source. This work is fully financed by contributions from the public.

The Summit Area Chapter of the American Red Cross serves Springfield, Summit, New Providence, Berkeley Heights, Gillette, Stirling and Millington. Contributions from the public in these communities make possible the provision of Red Cross services.

Many individuals contribute. However, the Summit Area Chapter of the American Red Cross depends on financial support from individuals and businesses in the communities served by this chapter.

Business organizations also contribute products and services when disasters strike.

A few examples:

- The chemical explosion in Berkeley Heights a couple of years ago required evacuation of more than 100 homes. A shelter was established at Governor Livingston High School to house and feed evacuated families. Large quantities of food were contributed, without charge, by markets, bakeries and restaurants in Berkeley Heights and the surrounding communities.
- The New Providence McDonald's Restaurant gives the Red Cross free food

and beverages needed at disaster sites. Recently, a serious fire in a clothing store on a humid night required firefighters from a number of surrounding communities. Although McDonald's closes at 11 p.m., at 10:45 p.m. that night the Red Cross requested 150 hamburgers and cold beverages for the firefighters. The McDonald's manager kept her staff overtime and provided more than requested — all at no cost.

• The Murray Hill Inn in New Providence makes rooms available to the Red Cross to house people burned out of their homes. In a recent case, the room was provided at a 50 percent discount. When the Inn has sufficient capacity available, they have offered to provide rooms at no cost.

On behalf of the disaster victims served, the Red Cross thanks these generous business organizations, and all of the other individuals and organizations who contribute to disaster response work.

**JOHN M. BROWN**  
Chairman  
Disaster Response Committee  
Summit Area Chapter  
American Red Cross

**Birthday photos concern PTA council**

The board of managers of the Union County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations has directed me to voice our concern about the new section you have incorporated in your newspaper.

We are referring to the section that enables parents to submit their children's pictures to the Springfield Leader regarding their birthdays. The concern is that too much information is being given out, such as the names of relatives, addresses, etc., and that it may influence abductions or advancements.

We have been preaching safety to the children and warning them not to give out their names or addresses to strangers. In your section, all the information is being given out to the general public. Since our primary concern is for the welfare and safety of the children in our care, we felt it was appropriate that we inform you of our concern.

**PAT FREY**  
President  
Union County Council  
of Parent-Teacher Associations

*Editor's Note: The Springfield Leader does not publish the addresses of the children pictured in our Birthday Party feature.*

### Guest Column

## Let's slam-dunk basketball jargon

By FRANK J. KORN

Generally speaking, there are only three things that I cannot abide: clichés, ballpoint pens, and people who put ice in their beer.

Ballpoint pens. The old-car-in-winter, are hard to start. They skip, stall, leak, scratch. They do not glide gracefully across the page like the oldtime fountain pens or the modern ballpens.

Putting ice in one's wine strikes me as being about as tasteless and sophisticated as your average duck. Whenever I see some dude engaging in this practice, I have to leave the room.

But I have come here today to speak about clichés — particularly, of the basketball variety.

It seems that many journalists simply cannot bring themselves to describe the action in a basketball game in conventional language.

No longer does a player, lunging too long in the foul lane, but rather, "in the paint," no more do shots bounce off the rim but rather, "they hit the rim." And there exist no longer any basketball teams. For no respectable announcer or color commentator would be caught dead using the word "team." That's for squares like me. These days there are only "clubs," as in, "Seton Hall has a young club this season." Or "squads," as in, "The Georgetown squad is deep."

Incidentally, "deep" means — for all you country bumpkins out there — that the team has many good players on the bench.

Though I won a varsity letter in the sport, *mirabile dictu*, back in high school days, half the time I don't

know what the heck those microphone jockeys are selling. It took me quite some time, for instance, to deduce that "the quarterback went down with that one" stands for "the point guard took a long shot."

Now don't get me wrong. I'm not opposed to figurative language. In truth, I thoroughly enjoy an occasional finely-drawn metaphor or a scintillating simile. But I stand with E.B. White who cautioned against the overuse of such rhetorical niceties.

Surely, there are wonderful things besides fiddles that are fit. How about "hit as a marathalon runner" for a change? And "fresh as this morning's newspaper" might be a welcome relief to "daisy."

Whatever TV or radio guy first exclaimed, "It's off the line," deserves our applause for his originality. But now the bloody phrase is so commonplace that at some point in the misty depths of the future — say, A.D. 2048 — some announcer somewhere is going to quickly sportspersonify "It's off the line" and fascinate his listeners. Of course, he'll also have every eye of his colleagues soon cooing at him.

Here are some other once-upon-a-time picturesque play-by-play observations that I would like to see disappear: "Pinpoint is still trying to get on the board." Translation? Pinpoint hasn't scored yet.

"Smith was good at blocking shots." Smith's good at blocking shots.

"Firing has been dismal at the series tonight." Firing, huh? Instead of, "His foul shots."

These days, when a player's stuck in

## Social Services Department keeps lobbying for new quarters

By SHARON CATES

Employees of the Union County Department of Social Services have been frustrated once again in their efforts at getting the county Board of Freeholders to fund a new facility to house the department.

For approximately a year and a half, the employees have been seeking to move out of an old, deteriorating building which one freeholder has compared to a "war zone."

Last month, employees of the department were informed that a decision regarding a move to another building was almost complete. County Manager Joseph A. Martin said, during the Jan. 23 freeholders' meeting, that two alternative sites had been

proposed. Martin said "the report was very clear. Anybody who thought it did not offer a recommendation must have read the report too quickly."

The Department of Social Services has been housed in its present facility at 80 Broad St., Elizabeth, for approximately 10 years.

The building has unbearable work conditions, according to Joan Hartsfield, president of Communications Workers of America Local 1080, the union representing the Social Services Department.

"Another ceiling fell down two weeks ago," Hartsfield stated. "As conditions worsen, people are increasingly at risk."

During past meetings, Hartsfield urged members of the freeholder board to lease the facility so that they could see the condition of the building firsthand.

Freeholder Walter McLeod recently visited the grounds and later stated that the building was a "war zone."

"There is no reason why people should have to work under those conditions," McLeod said. "It will be moved upon as soon as possible."

Freeholder Chairman Gerald Green, however, said that the board could not make a decision regarding a possible move during the Feb. 8 meeting. Green explained that the freeholders had just received Martin's report and that it was the first chance the

## Guide for car-fatality probes unveiled

By SHARON CATES

A guide specifying procedures Union County law enforcement officials should use at the scenes of fatal accidents was unveiled at a press conference in Elizabethtown last Thursday.

The policy booklet was compiled by Forensic Police Chief Anthony David J. Hancock, supervisor of the mobile fatality investigations, according to Robert O'Leary, public information officer for the county Prosecutor's Office.

"This is a complete, comprehensive guide that outlines what should be done at the scene of a fatal accident," O'Leary said. "The policy standardizes how a police officer should collect and preserve evidence which may be needed by the Prosecutor's Office at a later date."

This is the first standardized countywide policy, O'Leary added. "It should help prevent evidence from being lost or from not being preserved properly."

## County News

**Teen Caravan info session set**

Teen Caravan, a summer day-camp travel experience for teenagers in grades seven through nine, will hold an information session at the YM-YWHA of Union County, 25 Lenox Ave., on Sunday, Feb. 25, at 10 a.m.

The camp program runs Monday through Thursday for eight weeks, beginning June 27, and is limited to 15 registrants.

For more information, interested persons may call Jani Kovacs, camp director, at 289-8112.

**GED examination preparatory course set**

Union County College this semester will offer a preparatory course for those intending to take the General Education Development (GED) examination to receive a high school diploma.

Those interested in further information may call 709-7601.

**Author to discuss development of college**

In recognition of National Community College Month, historian Donald Raichle of Springfield will be guest speaker at a special meeting of the Union County College Alumni Association on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held in Dining Room No. 2 in the Norwegian Building on the Cranford campus.

Raichle is the author of "New Jersey's Union College," which he will discuss, tracing the development of the college from its beginnings.

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# Student Writes

a monthly page by and for the community's young people.

The material for this month's School Page was submitted by Kindergarten, first-, third- and fourth-grade students in Marilyn Schneider's art classes at Thomas L. Sandmeter School in Springfield.



Susan Kazemi, Grade 4, "Undersa Adventure."



Gregory Rhodes, Grade 4, "Exploring Undersa."



Lindsay Butler, Kindergarten, "Playing With My Friends."



Brian Kolubinsky, Grade 4, "The Kite Inventor."



George Moulded, Grade 3, "The Caverman And The Bear."



Amanda Segel, Grade 3, "Grandma's Birthday."

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## Dayton wrestlers lose title to Chiefs, 36-25

By MARK YABLONSKY  
 Unfortunately, the North Jersey Group 2, Section 2 championship that the Dayton High wrestling team had been seeking wasn't to be. Even though the Dawgs managed to defeat Rahway, 31-26, in the sectional semifinal last Wednesday, it was tough luck in Caldwell the following night, where the Chiefs emerged with a 36-25 win.

The Bulldogs, seeded third in the section, finished the dual-meet season at 12-2 in what was statistically their second-best year ever, next to last year's 13-2 mark — in which the Dawgs did not make the sectional playoff field. Prior to that, the best season in Iacono's 16-year tenure had been the 11-2 season of 1978-79, at which time no state sectional wrestling playoff system was in place.

Still, as head coach Rahway, last pointed out, beating Rahway, last year's sectional champion, is no small feat. Here's what happened.

Right off the bat, 103-pounder Dante Puro got the Dawgs off to a quick 6-0 advantage by pinning Scott Rayoak in 1:40, a win that was to be the first of five straight for the Dawgs. Following Chris Moreno's 16-4 win over Scott Goodstein at 130 pounds, Dayton held what seemed to be a comfortable 22-0 lead. In between, Jason Yee, Kevin Delaney and Peter Carpenter won their matches — with Delaney taking the 119-pound bout by way of a 15-0 technical fall over Adam Wick.

Rahway, however, rebounded to win six of the next seven matches to emerge with a 26-25 advantage with just one match to go — the heavy-weight bout between Scott Adderty and Daryl Pun-bell. And Adderty, with the spotlight and accompanying pressure clearly on him, pinned his opponent in 3:35 to send Dayton into

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 Rick Iacono

the final the following evening with Caldwell.  
 Credit must also go to Mike Masi, whose 9-2 win over Steve Reyes at 145 pounds represented the only Dayton-point during Rahway's 26-3 upset that nearly stole the sectional title from the Chiefs. Had Masi not won, Adderty's dramatic pin would have meant nothing.

Caldwell, the top seed, later lost to Delaware Valley in the Group 2 tournament on Saturday, before defeating Garfield in the consolation round. But the Chiefs won the sectional crown by winning four straight bouts in the crucial middle matches to break a 16-12 Dayton advantage, seizing a 33-16 lead just three matches from the end. Yee gave Dayton its first lead of the evening by pinning Chris Ericko at the 5:52 mark of the 112-pound match, thus erasing Caldwell's 3-0 advantage that came about when Puro lost, 7-4, to Blake Maffei. Kevin Delaney was pinned by Nick Piere, and at 125 pounds, Carpenter suffered a heartbreaking 7-5 loss to Bob Piere when the latter pulled off a two-point reverse just 13 seconds from the final buzzer.

But when Chris Moreno pinned Troy Choettin at 1:02 of the 130-pound bout, it was a 12-12 tie. John Maxenichuk, who had been pinned the night before by Rick Rivera of Rahway, rebounded for a convincing 9-1 decision over Caldwell's Pete Dixon to give the Dawgs their short-lived four-point lead. Following that, Dayton didn't get any more points until Mike Montanari decisioned Bob Kadjevic, 7-5, in the 171-pound bout.

Unfortunately, Kadjevic was the one who clinched the win for Caldwell, since Dayton could only have won by coming up with three pins — and the necessary 18 points with them. Following a defeat at 189 pounds, Scott Adderty pinned Paul Acquaro in 2:58 to forge the final 36-25 score.

Moreno, by the way, currently owns the team's best record at 22-1, having lost only to Glen Kurz of Westfield, 7-4, in the 130-pound title match at last week's Union County Tournament. And Adderty is now 18-2-1 with seven pins, his only two defeats coming at the hands of Millburn's Brian Steiner and Chris Ingrasola of Watchung Hills. The tie was by a 6-6 score against Ed Schion of Ridge.

Both Moreno and Adderty, among others, must certainly rate as favorites to do well enough in the District 10 tournament this weekend in Millburn to move on to Region 3 competition, beginning on Wednesday in Union. The top three wrestlers in each weight class will qualify for the regionals.

Unfortunately, senior Dan Murphy will not get that chance. The hard-working 152-pounder sustained a somewhat freakish knee injury just before his bout in the Caldwell match, and that will render him unable to wrestle any further this season. His absence also hurt Dayton's chances of defeating the Chiefs.

"We beat the defending section champ from last year," Iacono said, "and we wrestled well on Wednesday night. We just fell short."

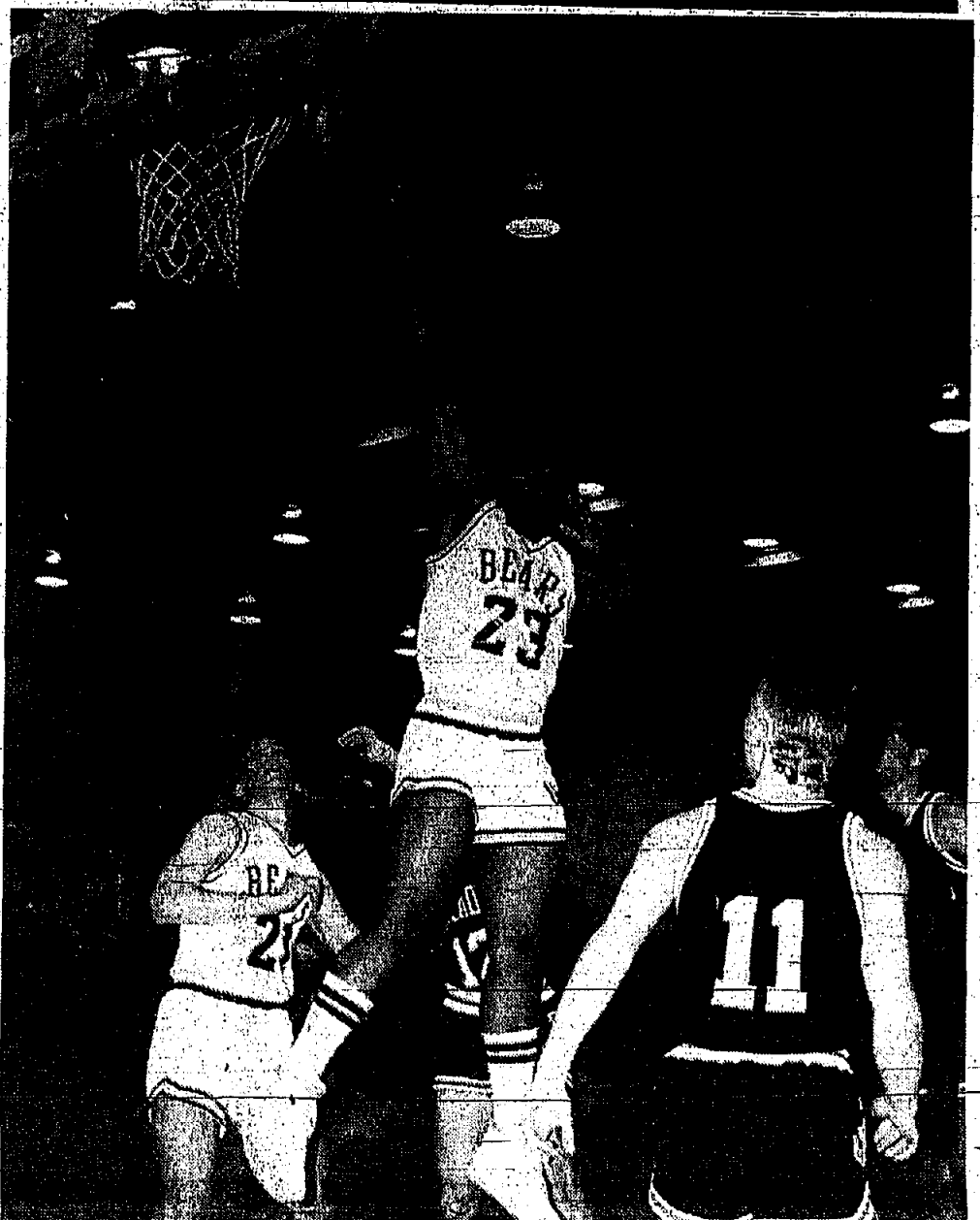


Photo by Peter Cianelli  
 SUPER STERLING — Brearley Regional swingman Sterling Williams goes in for an easy bucket en route to a sparkling 31-point effort in a 59-51 victory over Arthur L. Johnson of Clark last Friday in Kenilworth. Keith LeBlonde, left, watches Williams from the left, while Dan House, 11, watches for Johnson.

## Williams scores 49, as Bears take a split

By MARK YABLONSKY  
 Having already exceeded the 1,000-point plateau, Sterling Williams just keeps on rolling. In two more games this past week, the 6-1 senior swingman netted 49 points, as the Brearley Regional boys' basketball team settled for a 1-1 split.

With his team at 15-9 overall, Williams got 18 points during Brearley's 60-32 defeat to Linden in a first-round Union County Tournament game last Wednesday night in Clark, and then he netted 31 more to help the Bears defeat Arthur L. Johnson, 59-51, two nights later in Kenilworth.

Those latest feats now give Williams a total of 419 points for the year in all 24 of Brearley's games, good for a team-leading scoring average of 17.5. As of now, Williams, who has 1,083 points in 122 games, is the school's all-time leading scorer. Joan Harris, who left the Brearley girls' basketball program with a total of 1,205 points.

Linden, which faced Roselle in last night's UCT semifinal round, ended up winning by a commanding 28-point margin, but the game did not get out of hand until the second half. After a back-and-forth opening quarter, Williams hit his last shot of the period to give the Bears a 15-12 lead heading into the second stanza.

Once Sheldon Champagne snapped a 19-19 tie with a layup roughly halfway into the second period, though, the Tigers never trailed again. In the third quarter, Tariq Saunders netted six of Linden's 11 points as the Tigers

grabbed a 42-27 lead heading into the last quarter.

Against Johnson, Williams tallied 12 of his 31 points in the opening quarter when the Bears jumped in front by an 18-4 margin. Williams scored the first four points of the game, and ended up with six field goals in the period. Eleven of his points came in the second half, including nine in the fourth quarter.

The Bears, who qualified for the North Jersey, Group 2, Section 2 playoffs as the No. 8 seed, will face ninth-

seeded Roselle Park at home this Monday in the second game of a doubleheader, beginning at about 8 p.m. In the opener at 6:30, the girls' squad, also seeded eighth in sectional play, will face ninth-seeded Montclair.

Lakes for the night to advance to meet top-seeded New Providence this Wednesday, Feb. 28, in New Providence.

Should the boys' team emerge victorious against Park, Essex County Vocational Tech, of Newark, the section's No. 1 seed, will be waiting, also on Feb. 28.

Call in your high school sports scores each Monday to 686-7700.

## Bowlers busy

Beryl Roman's Dayton bowlers, currently in fourth place in the Mountain Valley Conference with a 31-25 record and a net total of 16,826 pins, will be quite busy this coming week.

This Saturday at 3:15 p.m., the Bulldogs will take part in the North Jersey, Group 2, Section 2 Tournament at Bell & Clair Lanes in Montclair. Then on Monday, Dayton will compete in the county tournament, slated to begin at 3:15 p.m. at Echo Bowling Lanes in Mountaintop.

Senior Mike De Christoforo owns a team-leading average of 172, with 217 being his highest score. Junior Lori Gluck has an average of 143, and sophomore Joe Maresca averages a 136.

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Sculptor Mel Edwards, to exhibit work at Montclair State College, through March 19, in Upper Montclair; 893-4333.

Westminster Gallery at Bloomfield College to feature painted sculpture of Charles Seales, through Feb. 27; 748-9000, ext. 416.

Works of Charles Chu and Wang Fangyu to be exhibited through Feb. 24 at Bishop Dougherty Student Center Art Gallery, Seton Hall University, South Orange Ave., South Orange; 378-9838.

James Howe Gallery, features selection of 33 works sculpture, paintings and decorative art amassed by civil rights leader Bayard Rustin at Kean College's Vaughn James Hall, Morris Avenue, Union, through Feb. 28; 527-2307.

Union Township Historical Society, at Caldwell Paragonz and Museum, Union, meets third Thursday of each month.



Music
The Letterman, to perform at Union County Arts Center, Main and Irving streets, Rahway, Feb. 25, 8 p.m.; 499-826.

Seton Hall Bishop Dougherty Student Center, to feature piano recital, Feb. 25, at 3 p.m., South Orange Avenue, South Orange; 761-9418.

Lottery
The following are the winning New Jersey Lottery numbers for the week of Feb. 11.

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Feb. 12—5, 9, 18, 27, 35, 36, bonus — 03633.
Feb. 15—14, 21, 22, 28, 29, 43; bonus — 62487.

Chesland Quartet, to perform at Montclair State College, through Feb. 25; 748-9000, ext. 416.

Union Music School, announces fall registration for 36th annual summer session, classes to run June 25—July 27, 9 a.m.—12:15 p.m. daily, this year's musical production will be "Oliver," Edward Klitzkus 851-6583.

New Jersey State Opera, 1020 Broad St., Newark, to present Puccini's opera "Madame Butterfly" at Symphony Hall, Newark, Feb. 25 at 6:30 p.m. and March 3 at 8 p.m.; 623-5737.

Mount Saint Dominic Academy Parents' Association, West Caldwell, to sponsor "A Night with Bobby Byrne" March 3 at 8:30 p.m.; 239-6061 or 473-2170.

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Candlelight Connections, for sophisticated singles aged 28-49, to hold Mari Gras dance party Feb. 25 from 7 to 11 p.m. at Northfield Restaurant, Livingston Traffic Circle, Livingston. Presents Jazz Night, every Sunday; Northfield's Restaurant, Livingston's Rt. 10 Traffic Circle; 992-0041.

Parents Without Partners, Watchung Hill Chapter to sponsor dance/social every second Monday of the month, orientation, 7:45 p.m.; dance, Thursdays 8:30 p.m.; L'Affaire, Route 22 East, Mountain-side; 527-0479, also to hold orientation for new members Feb. 23, 8 p.m. and members dance 8:30 p.m., at the Wilton, N. Washington Ave., Greenbrook; 968-8554.

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Jewish Family Service Agency of Central New Jersey, to hold "Wall Spots" meetings second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 8:15 p.m.

Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan New Jersey, 760 Northfield Ave., West Orange, to present "Hold Fast to Dreams" Feb. 22 at 2 p.m.; 736-3200.

The Montclair Art Museum, 3 South Mountain Ave., to present a lecture series entitled "2000 years of African American Art" Feb. 22 at 7 p.m.; 746-5555.

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Seton Hall—University, South Orange, to hold lectures on Feb. 23 at 1 p.m. in the student center, in conjunction with Black History Month.

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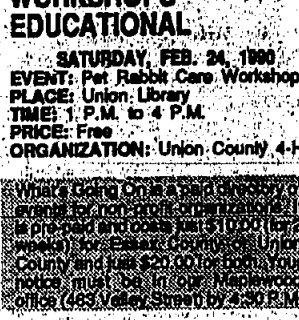
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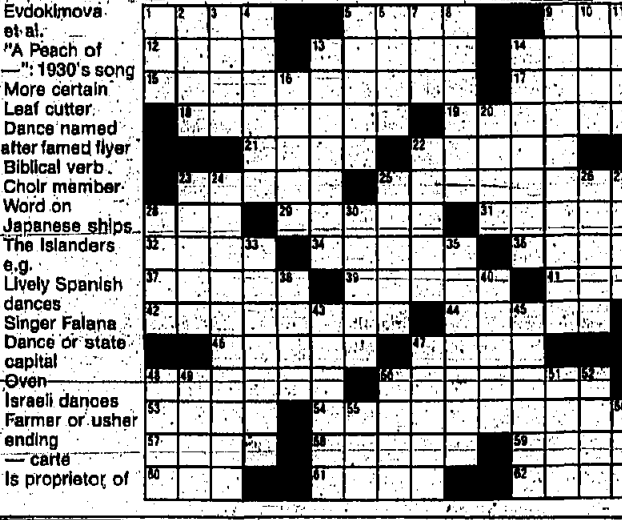
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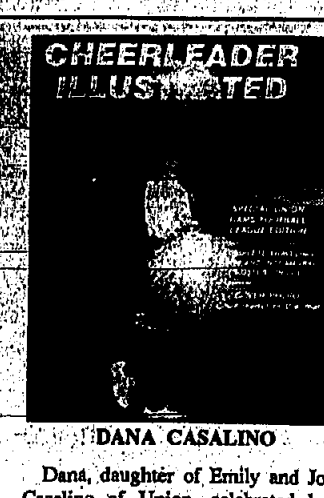
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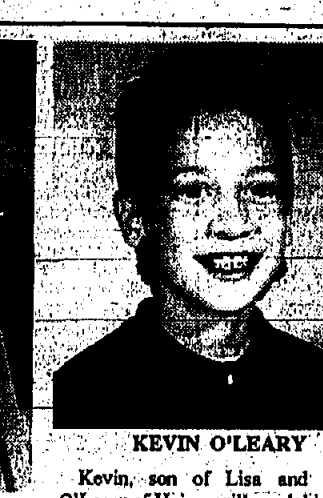
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## Wedding rings change with times

Without a doubt, the '80s changed the way we wed. And those trends are continuing into the '90s.

Weddings have become a personal statement about each couple, expressing their individuality.

Planning a perfect wedding begins with the engagement. Even the engagement ring has become a reflection of one's personal style.

No longer a simple solitaire, the traditional engagement ring is breaking all the rules and becoming as diverse as a Chinese menu.

Diamond engagement rings are still the popular choice of the majority of couples at the time of their engagement, but

many are selecting other alternatives.

Prince Charles presented Lady Diana Spencer with a magnificent blue sapphire surrounded by diamonds. His younger brother, Prince Andrew, did likewise and gave Sarah Ferguson a ruby.

Few people know that up until the 19th century, the diamond engagement ring was almost non-existent. Other gems or three-part rings called a "gimmal" ring were given. One was worn by the future bride, the other by her fiancée, and the third by a witness. All three rings were reunited at the wedding ceremony to comprise the bride's ring.

However, in 1477, the Archduke Maximilian of Austria placed a diamond, set in gold, onto the third finger of his fiancée's left hand to mark their engagement, and it was the beginning of a tradition.

Jewelry designer Tina Segal for H. Steppenjay in New Hyde Park, N.Y., believes shopping for an engagement ring should be one of the most exciting purchases a couple will ever make. Therefore, the couple should do their homework before making their purchase.

Segal states, "Diamonds can be confusing. It is vital to understand what constitutes a quality diamond, in order to get the best value for your money. Learn and understand the four C's of diamonds — carat, color, clarity and cut. Have a budget in mind — two months'

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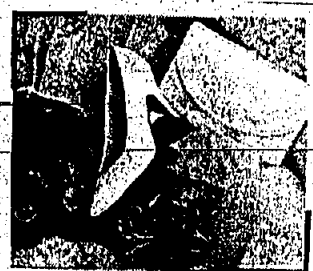
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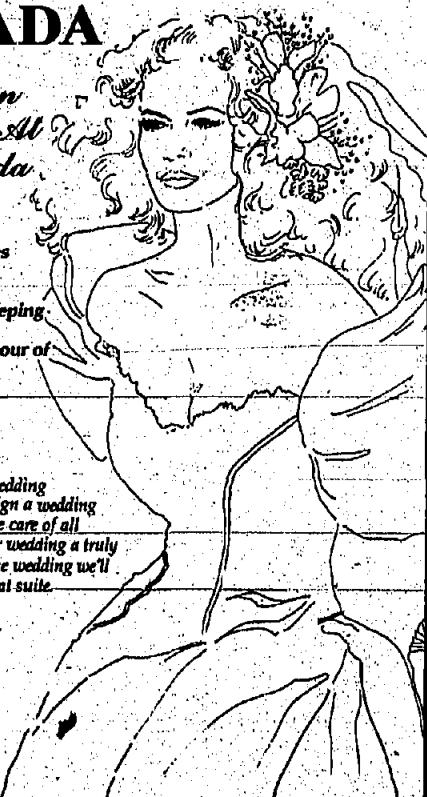
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## Brides, grooms are more mature than predecessors

When it comes to her wedding, the contemporary bride often mixes traditional and modern concepts that influence not only the ceremony and her gown, but also the wider arena of marriage and her relationships.

Brides today are older than they once were, but that does not rule out a large, traditional ceremony and a long white gown. However, it is also able to be married in a tailored suit.

The key to a successful wedding is deciding on one with which the bride and groom are comfortable. The new trend in weddings for the '90s must reflect the personality of the couple getting married.

The most important factor in '90s weddings is the freedom of expression to create your own unique ceremony and a reception that reflects your ideas.

Because today's bride is older, she often has an education and career experience behind her. Her tastes are more sophisticated and so are her expectations of her relationship with her spouse.

Not only does she value her marriage, but also the career that she has worked to obtain. Chances are she will strive to create a balance between the time she spends with her husband and the

time she allocates for her job. Time management is important to most young couples making the transition between single and married life.

Matrimony has experienced a resurgence in recent years, but it incorporates a new breed of togetherness. Women today enjoy more career freedom than their mothers, but also have rediscovered traditional ideas. Today's bride is likely to advocate equality, dual careers, and sharing the tasks of parenthood but have more traditional values as well.

With education and career freedom comes the fact that the bride

of today has done traveling outside her hometown. She may have gone away for college and then relocated to a city with career opportunities. This means it is less likely that the bride of the '90s will marry her high school sweetheart.

Therefore, chances are that the bride and groom are from different parts of the country. This leads to innovative ideas to get the friends and relatives from both sides to mix and mingle at different weekend events such as barbecues, picnics and cocktail parties.

## Bridal show March 3 at restaurant

Doug Wysocki, owner of Throckmorton's Bar and Grill, 932 South Ave. West, Westfield, has announced plans to sponsor a free bridal show at the restaurant on Saturday, March 3, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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The Lord West Collection and the latest designs by Pierre Cardin feature formal interpretations destined to be worn at elegant weddings, from celebrations, posh resorts and sophisticated social and business functions through summer '89.

The senior prom is where young Americans openly express their fashion awareness, often for the first time. The bright white tuxedo and matching trousers designed by Pierre Cardin in a shantung weave, worn with an eight-pleat red cummerbund and diamond shaped tie, is destined to be a standout.

By contrast, the unique black "Ce Soir," designed by Pierre Cardin for the young international market features a stand-up collar rolling softly to a notch lapel.

Everyone's favorite — a wing collar shirt by Pierre Cardin is worn with both formals.

A cummerbund or vest and tie are often selected to color coordinate with a date's prom dress.

Fair warning — this sometimes telegraphs that a twosome are more than just good friends. The fashion formal for summer

weddings is white with a subtle stripe. Find this in the Lord West Crown Collection to wear with matching or black trousers. Wing-collar shirts with diagonal stripings on the bosom are a fresh note, especially when worn with cummerbunds pleated on the diagonal.

For morning or early afternoon weddings, the textured-grey cutaway coat and double-breasted vest worn with striped trousers is a key selection from the Pierre Cardin Collection.

The designer specifies the correct accessories — a diamond-patterned ascot and a wing collar shirt.

When black is the choice for the groom and his men, select the new shantung-weave tuxedo with satin peak lapels by Pierre Cardin. The wing-collar shirt with wave-patterned bosom, diamond-shaped bow tie and eight-pleat cummerbund are optional choices from the designer's accessory collection.

## Check car before honeymoon

Before starting off on that long-awaited honeymoon, be sure that your car's engine is ready to handle the trip. Overheating of the engine can stop you short.

A common reason for overheating, says the Car Care Council, is a clogged radiator. Under normal conditions, the cooling system should be drained and the dirty coolant replaced every year or two as a preventive measure. This is the time to flush out the system with a good chemical cleaner.

According to the Car Care Council, overheating is often caused by low coolant level. Routine maintenance should include pressure testing to locate leaks and seepage.

Other causes of overheating include incorrect ignition timing, a slipping fan belt or other malfunctions in the fan mechanism, a faulty thermostat, a collapsed hose or a worn pressure cap.

If the engine is running hot, however, even a heavy-duty cleaner may not remove the accumulation of scale and rust in the radiator and engine block. That's when a professional job may be required. An experienced technician can usually determine whether or not the radiator core is plugged up without removing it from the car.

If it is necessary, the technician may recommend special procedures to remove the blockage. In more severe cases of clogging or deterioration, replacement of the core may be necessary.

Short of such measures, a reverse flushing process, either by a professional or by a do-it-yourselfer using a simple reverse-flushing kit, may correct the overheating trouble.

When replacing antifreeze/coolant, be sure to use the type of product specified for your particular car and dilute it in the correct proportion (50-50 is the correct mixture for most cars.) Check the vehicle owner's manual and the information provided on the container.

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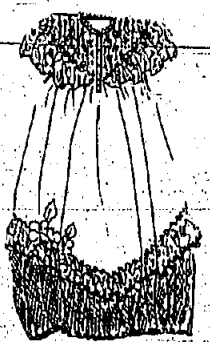
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### Skin care benefits brides, everyone.

Beauty today knows no age barriers. But women at different stages of life do need to take specific steps to ensure the best possible care for skin, especially as we move into the colder months.

For teenage skin, a foundation that's oil and water based is recommended, as teen skin tends to produce more oils—this combination means makeup is lighter while providing superior coverage, and can help cover the acne so common to younger skin. A good foundation to try: Covermark Foundation Makeup, which works with Covermark Finishing Powder for a perfect finish that blocks out the dirt and bacteria that can lead to acne.

Many people think mature skin begins at age 35—but it's simply not true. In our mid-twenties, skin is already changing, and we have to replenish the oils our skin no longer produces so rapidly. Women this age should use Lydia O'Leary Toner with Resorcinol, a gentle toner with a Vitamin A derivative that rejuvenates skin cells quickly, for a smoother complexion.

Senior women, remember one word: Moisturize! Around-the-clock moisturizing with a rich product is very important, as are moisture-rich products such as Covermark, that minimize crow's feet, age spots, worry lines and broken capillaries.

Whether you're a teenager, a young adult, or a senior citizen, you're concerned about the best possible skin care—and you deserve the confidence of lovely, radiant skin at any age. It's never too late—or too early—to give your complexion tender loving care!

## Let a pro plan wedding

When we need to do something right, we call on a professional. We may enjoy crunching numbers, but we have an accountant check the taxes to make sure they're correct.

So, too, with weddings. When it comes to planning a wedding, many Americans now turn to a professional—the bridal consultant—to help make it turn out right. With tight budgets and more expensive weddings, it also is a sound financial move.

Families are changing, too, and the traditional wedding planners—the bride and her mother—often are working and have little spare time for the details involved in planning a proper wedding.

Both bride and bridegroom are older and often are well-established in careers. They have little planning time, and a more defined outlook on life and the way they want their wedding to be.

They also, in many cases, are more accustomed to dealing with professionals in various fields—people who can help them accomplish their tasks properly.

Enter the bridal consultant, who can save money, time and effort. As a professional, the consultant knows what needs to be done and how to do it best—within the budget.

Many bridal consultants charge 10 to 15 percent of the cost of the wedding. Flat fees and hourly or daily rates also are acceptable.

The key is that this is not an added expense, but a way to save money. The consultant, even after her fee, probably will be able to coordinate a better wedding—because of her contacts—than if the bride had spent the full amount herself on the wedding.

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The ancient Romans were the first civilization to use finger rings as a sign of betrothal and marriage. Solitaire rings were popular as were bands of "opus interrasile"—the Romans' technique of open-work chiseled from sheet gold (much like contemporary "filigree" designs) and—ring—similar to today's popular "sterling" ring with stones set all around a simple band.

However, it was not until 1477, when the Archduke Maximilian of Austria gave a diamond ring to Princess Mary of Burgundy, that the tradition of the diamond engagement ring began.

The reason a woman wears it on the third finger of her left hand is traced back to the early Egyptians, who believed that the vein amoris (vein of love) ran directly from the heart to the top of third finger, left hand.

The Greeks believed the fire in a diamond reflected the constant flame of love. The name "diamond" comes from the Greek word "adamas" meaning "unconquerable." Is it any wonder that the diamond has come to symbolize the eternity of love?

This year, brides and grooms will spend over \$1 billion on engagement and wedding rings. And because the diamond engagement ring is usually the first piece of diamond jewelry a woman owns, it is important to solicit the assistance of an expert—your local jeweler—to counsel you about the qualities that should be considered when purchasing such a gift.

Diamond cuts as well as ring styles have changed throughout the years since Maximilian made his presentation.

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Styling changes have been subtle and gradual. In colonial days, it was a diamond hoop called the "keeper ring," because it was worn over the wedding band, acting as its "keeper."

The next style was the cluster ring, designed like an old-fashioned bouquet with a rose (of rose-cut diamonds) in the center.

The Victorian rings were more ornate, sometimes using black enamel with gold in the diamond settings.

Then came the princess ring, with three to five diamonds in a row across the finger. This was popular for many years until the turn of the century and the introduction of the solitaire setting.

Whether you select a round or one of the "fancy" cuts, such as marquise or pear shapes, you should have your jeweler explain the importance of the "four C's" which determine the quality of the gem: carat, color, clarity and cut.

• Carat: Refers to the weight, and therefore the size, of the gem. One carat is divided into 100 points, so that a diamond of 150 points weighs 1.5 carats.

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## Engagement ring remains durable tradition

Since the turn of the century, the solitaire diamond ring has been the American engagement symbol.

Even today, as many traditions are toppling, the diamond ring tradition is stronger than ever. Where did it begin and how did it evolve?

Jewelers of America, Inc., the national organization dedicated to consumer information and education about fine jewelry, offers the following historical notes about the engagement ring:

The ancient Romans were the first civilization to use finger rings as a sign of betrothal and marriage. Solitaire rings were popular as were bands of "opus interrasile"—the Romans' technique of open-work chiseled from sheet gold (much like contemporary "filigree" designs) and—ring—similar to today's popular "sterling" ring with stones set all around a simple band.

However, it was not until 1477, when the Archduke Maximilian of Austria gave a diamond ring to Princess Mary of Burgundy, that the tradition of the diamond engagement ring began.

The reason a woman wears it on the third finger of her left hand is traced back to the early Egyptians, who believed that the vein amoris (vein of love) ran directly from the heart to the top of third finger, left hand.

The Greeks believed the fire in a diamond reflected the constant flame of love. The name "diamond" comes from the Greek word "adamas" meaning "unconquerable." Is it any wonder that the diamond has come to symbolize the eternity of love?

This year, brides and grooms will spend over \$1 billion on engagement and wedding rings. And because the diamond engagement ring is usually the first piece of diamond jewelry a woman owns, it is important to solicit the assistance of an expert—your local jeweler—to counsel you about the qualities that should be considered when purchasing such a gift.

Diamond cuts as well as ring styles have changed throughout the years since Maximilian made his presentation.

Before the invention of the diamond saw in 1910, diamonds were polished to give them their shine. When the saw was used to break up the crystal, experts

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Today, lasers enable diamonds to be cut not only as rounds, marquises, pears, ovals and rectangular shapes, but also to be fashioned into such unique designs as horse heads, stars, and initials.

Styling changes have been subtle and gradual. In colonial days, it was a diamond hoop called the "keeper ring," because it was worn over the wedding band, acting as its "keeper."

The next style was the cluster ring, designed like an old-fashioned bouquet with a rose (of rose-cut diamonds) in the center.

The Victorian rings were more ornate, sometimes using black enamel with gold in the diamond settings.

Then came the princess ring, with three to five diamonds in a row across the finger. This was popular for many years until the turn of the century and the introduction of the solitaire setting.

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Today, we still search for them, study them, and collect them. And, according to Jewelers of America, the national association of 12,000 retail jewelers across the United States, although lifestyles, goals, and values have changed, the symbol of love attached to a gemstone has never changed. Today's couples still express their sentiments with jewelry... the universal symbol of love. When did it all begin? Before written history. Yet, some of the traditions and folklore that existed before man could read or write have endured through the centuries. In fact, even today, gemstones are often selected on the basis of long ago conceived folklore.

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### Brides should never forget their hair

At a time when more and more brides have full-time careers, it's easy for a woman to overlook a simple detail, like her hair.

With lunchtime and after-work hours spent rushing from dress fittings to showers to meetings with caterers and florists, it almost takes a superwoman to do it all.

"There are so many details involved in planning a wedding that even the most organized bride might overlook her hair, particularly if she's trying to keep her career on track while planning the event of a lifetime," says Xenon, international creative director for the Helene Curtis Professional Division.

According to Xenon, it's easy to have a wedding hairstyle that is as radiant as your smile and as flattering as your dress — if you can count on the skills of a professional hairstylist.

"Today's working woman, more often than not, counts on a professional hairstylist to give her a look that is polished and professional," he says. "It only makes sense to leave the worry over your wedding hairstyle to the person who keeps you looking great every other day of the year."

Xenon offers these suggestions to help you look your beautiful best on the big day:

• Consult with your stylist soon after you've set the date. You will want to discuss hairstyle options, including whether or not you want to grow your hair out.

• Your stylist may be at the church, or wherever you plan to dress for the wedding, to style your hair. Ask well in advance, so that he or she can arrange his or her schedule. And see about having your stylist do your bridesmaids' hair as well. There may be a fee, but the finished results will be well worth it.

• Consider a perm, three to four weeks in advance, to give your hair the body and support it needs to look its best throughout all of the wedding festivities.

Today's new perm formulations leave hair in top condition, so there's no need to worry about frizz or too-tight curl, and nothing makes hair even easier to style than a good professional perm.

• Begin using a moisturizing hair care line, such as Attractions Cologenic Moisturizing System, which is available through professional salons. A moisturizing hair care system, like Attractions, will help

strengthen and revitalize the hair. The added shine you'll have will really show in your wedding pictures.

• If your stylist will not be assisting you on the day of the wedding, take time to rehearse your bridal style with your stylist the week before so you'll know exactly how to do it on the day of the wedding.

Practicing your bridal style will give you added confidence. After all, you shouldn't have a care in the world on such a special day — especially not how your hair's going to look.

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## Gear showers to bride's personality

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These festive parties are always special; food and decorations are prepared with care, and good friends and relatives look forward to an afternoon of traditional gift-giving.

Everyone waits curiously to see what is inside all the pastel paper and bows. For most guests, this is also a time of great anxiety as they wonder if they've chosen the right gift.

Naturally, every one of the bride's friends and relatives wants to give a shower gift that will be remembered long after the thank-you notes have been sent out.

Following are a few tips from Jacqueline Greenwood, bridal program manager at Black & Decker, on how to select a shower gift that will be used and treasured for years to come:

• First and foremost, check the bridal registry at local stores. Listed here are gifts that the bride has indicated she wants and needs; one can't go wrong giving a gift from this list.

When giving a gift from the registry, make sure to purchase it at the store where the registry is, so that it will be crossed off and no one will duplicate the gift.

• If getting a gift from the registry seems too impersonal and routine, go ahead and get creative. At a bridal shower it is fine to give a gift just to the bride and not to the couple.

Good friends of the bride should think of special times/hobbies shared together and work from that — something from the past that she can take with her into the future.

Roommates in college? Get a college memento — perhaps a framed photograph or painting of the campus.

Was morning coffee at work always something the two of you shared? A thermal carafe coffeemaker makes an excellent gift. A thermal carafe can keep coffee hot for up to eight hours!

Think of things that are in every household — things that someone just starting out might not have but will need. A spice rack filled with a variety of spices for the bride-to-be who likes to cook. Or choose an iron — a necessity in any home.

Kitchen appliances are always something a new bride can use. There are so many appliances on the market today, selecting one for a gift is almost as fun as receiving it.

When buying appliances, think small. They shouldn't clutter up the new bride's small kitchen. The appliances should be easy-to-store or compact enough to fit on the counter.

Another space-saving idea is to give appliances that mount on the wall or under the kitchen cabinets. This way they are easily accessible and present no storage problem.

To make any appliance a more personal gift, create a theme basket for the bride. Using the appliance as the main gift, fill a basket with things that complement its function and the bride's personality.

Does she love picnicking? Give her a cordless blender in a basket with wine glasses, colorful cloth napkins and a drink recipe book. Is the bride a movie buff? Try a corn popper — along with a jar of colored popcorn and a membership to the local video rental store in her new neighborhood.

These personal baskets will

show the bride that some careful thought went into her gift.

• Some showers will have a gift theme — something for every room in the house, a honeymoon shower or a lingerie party.

Although the theme party gifts tend to be humorous and the atmosphere more relaxed, don't forget that the bride's relatives and neighbors, young and old, will be present. Be creative.

Most of all, look for a gift that will be useful and appreciated. Many brides end up with gifts that sit unopened in the closet for years.

That is not to say the gift must be so practical that it is no fun to give. With a combination of creativity and common sense, the gift you select will be a special one.



**ELEGANCE** — This satin gown with beaded Venise lace features a Sabrina neckline and hand-beaded leg-o-mutton sleeves according to the After Six Bridal Collection dress. The groom wears the gray Vanguard tuxedo from the After Six Couture Collection. It features a tone-on-tone weave complemented by peak lapels matching a satin-pleated cummerbund and bow tie.



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## Gifts of silver convey special message

The byword for weddings today is traditional, as wedding-goers around the country are attending more formal, elegant gatherings.

From the ceremony and wedding finery to the flowers and gifts for the bride, groom and wedding party, everything follows the current trend to lavish, individualized weddings.

And a key ingredient in any traditional wedding is the bridal party — those old and new friends, family and loved ones that help make a most important day perfect.

Say special thanks to the bridesmaids and ushers with a lasting gift that shows heartfelt appreciation and will always be treasured. Select something personal for each individual.

In fact, according to Bride's magazine, personalized gifts are the most popular presents for attendants today. "A personalized gift shows that you have put a great deal of thought into the selection of a gift," says Jo-Ann

Bloomberg, an associate editor of Bride's. "It should have special meaning based on experiences shared."

One of the longtime favorites for any special wedding party is a lasting gift of silver. "The ideal moment for the wedding attendants is something that is permanent and lasting, with intrinsic value, such as sterling silver," says Gerald J. Monaghan, president of the Association of Bridal Consultants.

"Silver jewelry or jewelry-related gifts are always remembered by the recipient long after the wedding day."

And, according to the Silver Information Center, there is an ever-widening assortment of

affordably priced shining silver gifts from which to choose. Many of them can even be engraved or personalized with initials and wedding dates.

Traditionally, each bridesmaid receives an identical gift, as do the ushers, and honor attendants are usually acknowledged with something a little more special. But, tradition can be broken and each attendant given a personal gift chosen especially for him or her.

If you're looking for a truly memorable gift, consider these sentimental ideas.

• For Him: Give a man in the forefront of fashion silver cuff links for his French cuff shirts, a handsome sterling belt buckle, a

money clip or key ring. For the man who likes to be pampered, a sleek silver razor is a good gift suggestion.

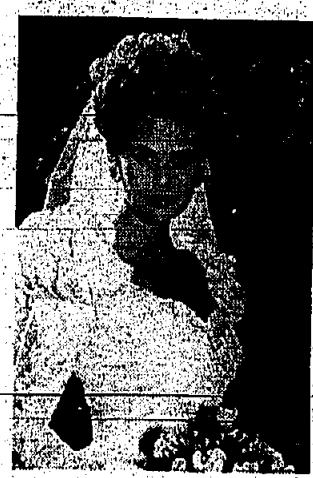
• For Her: Romance is in the air, so gift bridesmaids with elegant silver makeup brushes, compacts or perfume flacons to grace a vanity or tuck into a purse; silver barrettes to wear on the wedding day; a dainty pin or a bookmark tucked into a pocket datebook to help remember those special pre-wedding dates.

So, remember, take time to choose a meaningful, lasting gift of sterling silver — it carries a very special message.



**ORNATE** — Her form-fitting gown from the After Six Bridal Collection features a hand-beaded Alencon lace bodice with bow detail on long sleeves.

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**SOPHISTICATED** — Her matte satin, hand-beaded Alencon lace gown with pouff sleeves, bow detail and fitted bodice is from the After Six Bridal Collection.



**TRADITIONAL** — Christian Dior's black Diamond tuxedo — with matching satin lapel vest features an all-over diamond jacquard pattern. Accessories include a white double-wing collar shirt and black duo-tone bow tie.

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**ENCHANTING** — The bride's shantung-weave gown from the After Six Bridal Collection has an off-the-shoulder portrait neckline, long fitted sleeves and a pleated circular skirt with a 'waterfall' effect on the semi-cathedral train. The groom's tux is the Paragon by Christian Dior. It features tone-on-tone striping and here it's worn with a matching vest and bow tie.

### Don't get stuck with non-stick pans

When it comes to buying non-stick frying pans, one good rule to follow is don't get stuck.

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