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We want our own
UCUA audit is not good enough for Elizabeth and others; they want their own. Page B1.

Fashion and fun
This week's supplement outlines today's trends in nuptial bliss.

What's in a name?
One Union native has taken a new name to help his pursuit of celluloid stardom. Page B4.

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Community Update

Seats available
The deadline for filing nomination petitions to run for positions on the Board of Education is 4 p.m. Monday. The election is scheduled for April 16.

Heartbeaver CPR
An adult and pediatric Heartbeaver CPR course offered by the Springfield Community Conference Group and Newark Beth Israel Medical Center will be held at the Cranford Middle School March 20 and 27 from 7:10 p.m. Participants must be 18 years of age or older. The cost is \$25 per person. For more information, call the Board of Education at 374-1025 ext. 212 or 213 by March 1.

Project Graduation
Jonathan Dayton Regional High School announced an art project this Friday to benefit Project Graduation, an alcohol and drug-free party for graduating seniors. A presentation will be held from 7-8 p.m., after which the auction will be held. Admission is \$10 per person, \$15 per couple. For tickets and more information, call 370-9437.

Inviting 'Rumors'
The Department of Parks & Recreation is sponsoring a Saturday tip to the Garden State Art Center for dinner and Neil Simon's "Rumors" at the Robert Meiner Reception Center. The tip will leave Sarah Bayley Civic Center at 5 p.m. and return at 11 p.m. and costs \$38.50 per person, including roundtrip transportation, dinner theater and gratuity. For reservations or information, call the Department at 912-2227 or 912-2228.

Youth employment
The Youth Employment Service (Y.E.S.) has expanded its program to include Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights. The program is designed to match students looking for employment with available jobs in the area. If you are interested in hiring students (14-21 years of age for child care, yard work, office help, etc.), please call Debbie Stern at 508-9245.

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Lawyers examine expert testimony

By Kathryn Fitzgerald
Witnesses for Stop & Shop were put to the test before the Board of Adjustment Thursday, as objecting attorneys were able to challenge their direct testimony.

Architect Ken Narva and Frank Milero stood before the board to testify that Stop & Shop's plans for the site at the intersection of Route 22 and 27 from 7:10 p.m. Participants must be 18 years of age or older. The cost is \$25 per person. For more information, call the Board of Education at 374-1025 ext. 212 or 213 by March 1.

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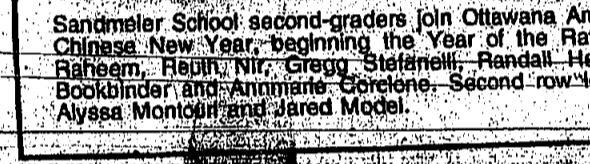
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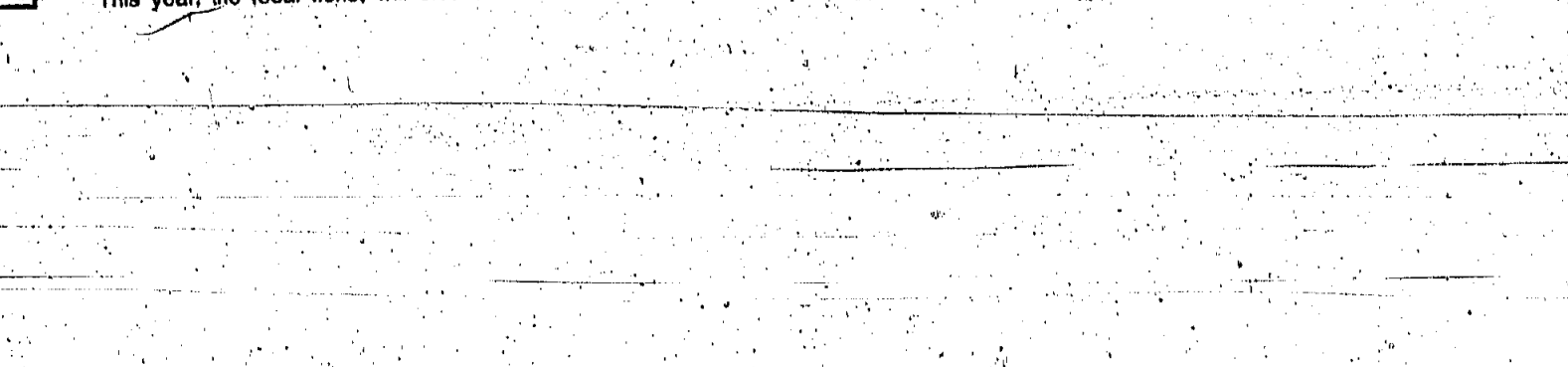
Regional board reviews budget as deadline looms

By Blaine Dilport
The Union County Regional Board of Education held a conference meeting Tuesday to discuss several issues relating to the district, the most important of which was the 1996-97 school budget.

Several ideas were offered, including cutting the budget, or creating more revenue for the district, including reducing the teaching and guidance staff size, and cutting back on other items that addressed the issue of increasing revenue. The board indicated that since the budget had been voted down for the past several years, the board needed to pay special attention to lowering the budget significantly from what it proposed so far.

Springfield flora joins annual garden show

By Blaine Dilport
The Garden Show Committee will be able to witness Springfield talent this March, when Jimmy Hsieh of Summit Plants and Flowers joins the 30th Annual New Jersey Flower and Garden Show.



Jimmy Hsieh's dinosaur-themed garden display will be featured at the Garden Show. This year, the local florist will create an indoor rain forest entry for the show.

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Washington letter predated famous Battle of Springfield

The Springfield Historical Society will display a letter written by George Washington before the Battle of Springfield during the Revolutionary War.

The letter will be on display Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cannon Ball House, 126 Morris Ave. Free guided tours will also be available at this time.

Janice Bongiovanni, Springfield Historical Society president, stated, "This is a rare opportunity to view this interesting document, and we encourage residents and non-residents to stop by and see it."

The letter, normally kept in a bank safety deposit box, was received by Washington and not by a scribe as was usually his custom during warfare. It is dated June 18, 1780 just a few days before the Battle of Springfield on June 23, 1780.

Carnival planned for temple

One who came all to Temple Beth Ahm's Purim Carnival on Sunday from 12:30 p.m. Tickets are four for \$1 and the carnival includes great games, pin art, sand art, pinball, food, and a moonwalk. Temple Beth Ahm is located at 60 Temple Dr. in Springfield.

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A stitch in time



Dorian Scott, above left, Jason Weiss, Michael Sharpe, Ryan Farrell and Richard Curran show off their sewing talents as they display their projects. Golow, Robert Kurzner displays the University of Michigan bag he created while Zachary Goldberg and Alan Gohn work on the sewing machine and sargar. These students and others shine in the sewing lab of the home economics program at Gaudinier Middle School.



WABC's Bob Grant talks for a cure

WABC talk show personality Bob Grant will again hold court in Woodbridge's famed Red Diner on March 2 from 2 to 5 p.m.

The occasion is the annual WABC Cure-A-Thon to benefit the Leukemia Society of America. The show includes WABC's Cure-A-Thon, which begins Feb. 29 at 10 p.m. and runs through the evening of March 1 from 2 to 5 p.m.

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- The Civic Calendar is prepared each week by the Springfield Leader and Mountain Echo. It is a listing of government meetings that are open to the public.
- Monday**
 - The Springfield Township Committee will hold its executive session at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building Planning Board room.
- Tuesday**
 - The Springfield Township Committee will hold its executive session at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building Planning Board room with its regular meeting following at 8 p.m. in the Council Room.
- Feb. 20**
 - The Union County Coalition for the Prevention of Substance Abuse will hold its "Marketing Your Alliance" program at Union Hospital Community Center, located at 2343 Morris Avenue in Union, from 8 a.m. through noon.
- March 4**
 - The Springfield Township Committee will hold its workshop meeting at 8 p.m. in the Planning Board Room of the Municipal Building.
- March 6**
 - The Springfield Planning Board will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.
- March 11**
 - The Springfield Township Committee will hold its executive session at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building Planning Board room.
- March 12**
 - The Springfield Township Committee will hold its executive session at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building Planning Board room with its regular meeting following at 8 p.m. in the Council Room.
- March 14**
 - The Mountainside Recreation Commission will meet at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building.
- March 18**
 - The Springfield Environment Commission will meet at 8 p.m. in the Planning Board Room of the Municipal Building.
- March 19**
 - The Mountainside Borough Council will hold its regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Borough Hall Council Chamber.
- March 25**
 - The Springfield Township Committee will hold its executive session at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building Planning Board room.

Hospital displays students' artwork

Artwork created by students from the Westfield Public Schools is currently on display at Children's Specialist Hospital.

The students, ranging from kindergarten through high school, are provided with opportunities for creative endeavors. The school's art educators teach their concepts of media, technique, process, evaluation and self-critique as well as a basic understanding of exemplary works of art from a variety of cultures and historical periods.

Future journalists visit Dayton seminar

On Thursday, I was invited to the Regional Journalism Day at Jonathan Dayton High School as part of a day-long seminar for journalists-in-training from the region's high schools.

The program included many speakers covering a wide range of topics that pertained to journalists. The day started with a talk on sports-writing by Bill Daugherty of WFAN sports radio and J.R. Parachini of Worrall Community Newspapers. The talk went well and the students had a lot of questions for the speaker. Bill Daugherty wanted to make sure that he dove home the point that it takes more than knowledge of sports or journalism to make it as a journalist. "I was trying to impart to them that education is transferable. Because you want to be a certain kind of reporter or a certain kind of writer down there that you should forget about all of the other things. You should learn as much as you can in as many ways as you can because education is transferable. You will need knowledge in many areas to be successful in journalism," Daugherty said later.

The program continued with Mark Goodman, the executive director of the Student Press Law Center in Arlington Va. He spoke on defending journalistic freedom in the next millennium. The Student Press Law Center is a non-profit organization that is available to high school and college newspapers to give legal advice. He spoke on issues of censorship and libel as well as copyright infringement. Censorship seemed to be a big issue with the students whom had questions about school officials censoring items in the school newspapers. Goodman pointed out that school newspapers have the same rights as other newspapers and cited many cases where school newspapers have gone to court to fight for the right to print stories deemed to be important to the community.

Reporter's Notebook

By Brian Dilipoff
Staff Writer

Their audience despite the objection of school officials.

The discussion then turned to Luther Thurmond of The Courier News and myself to speak on the topic of how to get people to answer your questions when they do not want to.



Students Adam Lieb, left, Joe Gervasio and Amy Becker discuss journalism with Mark Goodman, executive director of the Student Press Law Center in Arlington, Va. Bill Daugherty of WFAN radio and J.R. Parachini, sports editor of Worrall Community Newspapers, were also present at the seminar.

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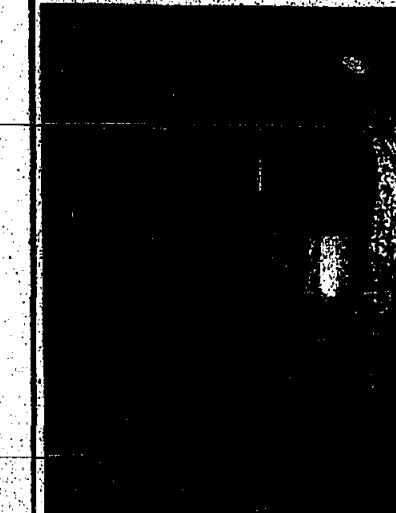
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Special services also will be held on Monday, Thursday, and Friday at 10 a.m. Good Friday, noon and 8 p.m., and Easter eve, 7 p.m. There will be a children's service on Good Friday at 9:30 a.m.

Every Wednesday during Lent, there will be noon and 7 p.m. services. The following topics will be considered:
• Wednesday: '30 Pieces of Silver: The Teacher Unleashed'
• March 6: 'The Arrest: The Kiss and the Sweat'

Festival displays artwork of area teens

Creativity is in the air as the 1996 Local Teen Arts Festival approaches. More than 400 Summit High School and Morris School students, along with students from six other schools in the community will come to support the festival, which is held in the school's art gallery.

AT THE LIBRARY

New arrivals at the Summit Free Public Library include 'The Cat Who Said Cheese' by Dennis Hamilton, 'The House of the Spirits' by Isabel Allende, 'Blood & Rubies' by Jayne Kennedy, 'A Thousand Splendid Suns' by Khaled Hosseini, and 'The Last Thing He Told Me' by Lisa Thompson.

Lent services

St. John's Lutheran Church, 387 Springfield Ave., Summit, is immersed in Lent. The many scheduled services during Lent, Holy Week, and the festival and season of Easter will trace Christ's journey to Jerusalem, his death, and his resurrection.

Cross: The Weeping Women of Jerusalem

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Dancing feet

The Summit YWCA's free and open to the community dance workshop on Saturday has been changed from Dynamic Dance Dances to Latin Jazz with Lita Martinez. One of the performers who is to appear suffered an injury. The free workshop will take place from 2-3:30 p.m. in the YWCA auditorium.

Ballroom event

The Summit Folk Dancers will hold a 'George Washington Ball' on Saturday, Feb. 24, at the corner of Morris Avenue and Maple Street in Summit. The event is open to all ages and is free of charge.

Family-play

Summit Child Care Centers, Inc. will sponsor a special community presentation by the Shouting Flyers. The troupe is a nationally acclaimed folk dance group.

Worship Calendar

- CLINTON HILL BAPTIST CHURCH: 2100 Clinton Hill, 10:30 AM.
ANTHONY BAPTIST CHURCH: 600 S. Springfield, 10:30 AM.
EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH: 2100 Clinton Hill, 10:30 AM.
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SPORTS

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- 1. Elizabeth (16-2)
2. Union Catholic (13-1)
3. Raleigh (12-3)
4. Scotch Plains (11-6)
5. Hillside (12-4)
6. Gov. Livingston (10-5)
7. Plainfield (10-7)
8. Nightingale (11-4)

Kent Place captures state crown

All-stars Uhrah, Makoc end 5-year title drought

By Michael Ziegler, Assistant Sports Editor

The Kent Place School varsity volleyball team defeated its long-standing rival Lawrenceville to win the Prep A State Championship, 10-3, on Feb. 21.

Girls' Volleyball

Campora, a veteran who coaches the St. Thomas Aquinas College volleyball team in the Washington State, said that the team had a difficult time coping with the loss of its star player.



Junior Katie Uhrah (left) and senior co-captain Tracy Makoc of Kent Place School are seen in action during the state championship match.

PRELIMINARY ROUND

- Union Catholic (13-1)
Summit (11-6)
Morris (10-5)
Raleigh (12-3)

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60th boys' basketball UCT

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2. Elizabeth (16-2)
3. Linden (14-2)
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Year of adversity finally over

Summit seniors set examples for future standouts; injury-plagued season helps young players develop

By Michael Ziegler, Assistant Sports Editor

When teams have to endure a year of adversity, it usually proves disruptive. The fact that the Summit High School boys' basketball team had to undergo three coaching philosophy changes realized how difficult a season it was for coach Mackey.

Wins in final two matches have Dayton future bright

H.S. Wrestling

Vince DeCiccio at 145, John Zika at 152, Joe Rizzo at 189 and Scott Reino at heavyweight.

Boys' Basketball

Not once did Summit have its full complement of players. It either they were out with injury or with illness.

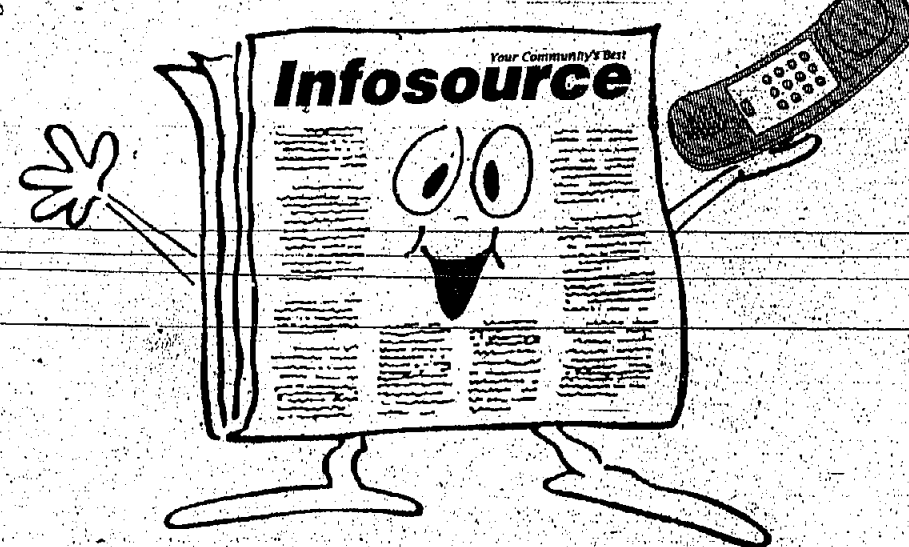
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County seat

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assault, 23,720 cases, 23 involving assault weapons, and unlawful possession, 7,050 cases, 70 involving assault weapons.
Also, the note asks, "Could you list all the 'criminal acts' that can be attributed to militias in the past 250 years? If you can't list any, Mr. Lapolla, then why, in the name of common sense, are you and others involved in law enforcement so opposed to militias?"
The militia, according to Dick-ey's remarks in the newsletter, began as the result of a Dec. 17, 1994, meeting in South Jersey and has gained some media attention. But, where is the militia going from here? And what, if any, impact will it have on Union County? I guess we'll have to wait for the next newsletter to find out.

Bollwage wants own audit of UCUA

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The UCUA "quietly asked" the state Department of Environmental Protection to authorize a rate increase of \$83.10 in order to disperse a lawsuit, they agreed with the municipalities to what the rate would be for 1996 and four months later, "turned around and asked for a higher increase. Just because Jeff Callahan says something, doesn't necessarily make it true."
In addition, Bollwage said that a letter will be sent within the next couple of weeks informing the UCUA that an independent auditor will be hired to perform a more in-depth examination of the UCUA's records. Officials currently are reviewing two possible candidates and a determination will be made shortly.
According to Bollwage, the auditor's cost will be split between the municipalities of Elizabeth, Linden, Fairwood, Kenilworth, Hillside and Roselle. However, Westfield already has agreed to fund the audit. The audit is expected to begin in July of 1996.
Bollwage said that the UCUA's records are a record of taxpayers are going to pay for the next 30 years," he said.
In response to Callahan's remarks that the increased tipping fees should not come as a surprise to anyone, Bollwage said, "Callahan doesn't speak the truth. He speaks with a forked tongue."
According to Bollwage, the UCUA agreed with Union County municipalities to a tipping fee of \$76.12 per ton. But later in Novem-

Information available on flooding

The recent blizzard and subsequent heavy rains have caused water damage to many homes in the area, and information about controlling that damage is available from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
"Information is available about controlling water damage from roof leaks to floods," said Union County Floodplain Vice Chairman Hank Kurz, liaison to the Union County Emergency Management Council.
In addition to property damage, water in homes can prove to be an ideal place for microorganisms like molds, viruses and bacteria to reproduce, causing allergic reactions, toxic effects, and even infectious diseases, according to Kurz. People with asthma or other lung diseases are particularly susceptible.
"The EPA recommends removing all wet materials and starting the drying process as quickly as possible to eliminate breeding grounds for the microorganisms," said County Manager Ann Barn.
For a copy of the EPA's Facts sheet, "Food Cleanup: Avoiding Indoor Air Quality Problems," call the EPA Indoor Air Quality Information hotline at (800) 424-6315.
For a copy of the Federal Emergency Management Agency booklet, "Repairing Your Flooded Home," call FEMA at (202) 544-6400, or contact your local chapter of the American Red Cross. In the New York-New Jersey Metropolitan area, call the American Red Cross at (212) 874-2279.

Juvenile weapons offenses up

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only a statewide trend, but some of the national drug use among the young that had tapered off until 1994."
Brinton, president of the state juvenile officers association, said he is concerned about the connection between drugs and violence. "This is especially true with heroin, which is making a comeback in the Jersey area," he said.
"Also, marijuana is back."
Clark Police Sgt. Robert Sirocki, president of the Union County juvenile officers association, said he is encouraged that the courts are starting to take parents to task when juveniles continue to be locked up for the same offenses.
"Finally people are realizing that the schools, the courts and police can't do it all when it comes to helping kids at risk of delinquency," he said. "The juvenile officers are very grateful that we have the prosecutor's office to help us bring these issues to the public forum."

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According to Rooney, who has operated the business for the past 20 years, the customer receives the best possible service at a reasonable price.
At Speedy Car Wash, an exterior wash goes for about \$2 less than the average car wash, a competitive price in a business where customers can be charged \$7 simply for an exterior wash, not to mention amenities such as hot wax.
Rooney, though, at his totally "brushless" operation, providing more than just a lower price, while providing personalized service in what can be a very impersonal, high volume business.
In addition, the Speedy Car Wash offers free, self-service mat washing equipment, something many other car washes dispense only for an extra charge. Speedy also offers coin-operated, self-service vacuum cleaners.
At Speedy Car Wash, Rooney's employees take time to wash off excess dirt from every vehicle before it even enters the conveyor - and the workers must greet each customer courteously because it is their job to do so.
When the car wash is not operating, Rooney is still busy keeping all equipment in working order.
"We've really done a lot of maintenance on our equipment," he said.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Coming home

By Bas Smith Staff Writer
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Chestnut is scene of Elvis sighting

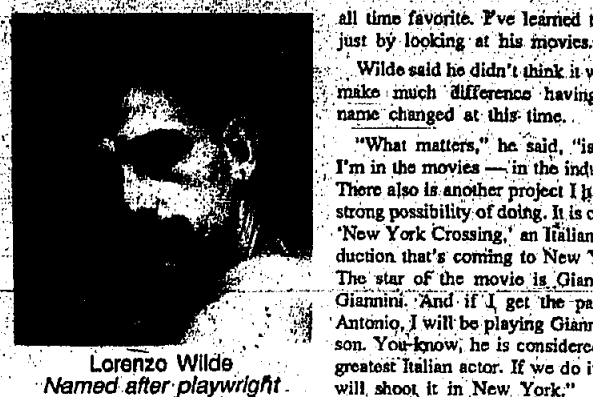
Praise the Lord and pass the peanut butter and banana sandwiches, Elvis is back.
Well maybe not the King incarnate, but a passable Elvis impersonator named Rommie Lee Steele, who shook up the Chestnut Tavern in Union Saturday night.

Steele's performance touched on several phases of Presley's career. Dressed in a black leather motorcycle outfit — reminiscent of the suit Presley wore during his NBC-TV comeback concert in 1968 — Steele took to the floor and belted out "See See Rider" and "Burning Love" as strobe-lights flooded the room.

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From around Europe, an actor returns to Union

By Bas Smith Staff Writer
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Lorenzo Wildo Named after playwright

He was 22 when he ceased using his name. Born in Newark, Wildo spent his childhood in Union, where he attended public schools. At age 10, he knew he wanted to be an actor and appeared in school plays.

Wildo met his wife in Italy when he was working on a documentary being shot in the hills. "I was back to Rome to edit it and in that time period, I met my future wife. She's a doctor of statistics," he grinned. "She's the brain in the family."

Wildo mentioned working with William in "Unknown Soldier." "I want to play a character called Jimmy Drake. It will be shot in Detroit, and it's about a bunch of Irish-Italians, most of them working in the garment industry."

Calvary to hold 'dueling keyboards' concert on Sunday

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Theater View

The powerhouse performance of the evening belongs to Kimberly Bibben, Lady in Pink, who dazzles as costume designer, makes the audience weep for the woman Crystal

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Sculptor puts steel and lace against the wall

Eselli Lackey of Hoboken, an artist who adds a touch of stretch lace to her steel wall sculptures, has her works on display in a solo exhibition at Union County College's Crawford Campus.

Summit resident's paintings exhibited in freeholder room

Summit resident Valerie Larke will exhibit her work in the Union County Freeholders meeting room, located in the Union County Administration Building in Elizabethtown.

County claims artist as one of its own

Berardo Teheran is an artist who has made the City of Elizabeth his home. Teheran is an artist of paintings and sculptures — all with unique influences.



Larke's paintings deal with subjects of industrial sites still in use, and within 45 minutes of her home. Using form, color and contrast, Larke's work addresses the intriguing aspects of mystery of what the objects are and do.

"What do I influence his work, modeled after some of his own pieces. It is a trip to look at a young man through Lima, Peru, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Guyana, Ecuador and Santiago, Chile, as well as living in the Campi Indians on the Pena Brindis hotel at La Bodegas and the Cholos in Choco, Colombia.

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From 'Cassanova' to vests, tuxedos reflect '90s styles

By Bernard Davis Jr., Staff Writer

The traditional wedding tuxedo is now beginning to reflect the "anything goes" fashion trends of the '90s, according to area formal wear purveyors.

That is not to say that the refined, traditional tuxedo is on its way out. However, fashion designers have succeeded in retaining the dignified look, which has defined evening tuxedos and morning suits worn at weddings and formal events for more than a century, while adding a distinctive '90s appeal.

Accessories are the word in tuxedo fashion these days. Vests, small band ties, as well as waist-long ties are among the new popular items. Merchants said these items are quickly becoming as widely accepted as the traditional bowtie and cummerbund.

"The tuxedos themselves have not changed much from year to year, but the accessories are always changing," said David Steele, owner of David's Formal Wear in Springfield. "The vest, which began to come into fashion last year, is the first widely accepted replacement for the traditional cummerbund and tie. I would say that 80 percent of our business now wears the vest."

"This is the newest, trendiest tuxedo season we have seen in a long time," said Tony Marc Foskoy, business administrator for Danic Tuxedos in Linden.

"Basically people are wearing the traditional black suits, but this year we have three times the demand for designer vests which add more of a '90s flair to the tuxedo." The mandarin collar shirt, which actually has no collar, is often worn with a jacket that has no lapels and that is buttoned at the top and left open at the bottom.

"The full-back high-cut vest with mandarin collar shirt, not worn with a bow tie, is another item that's really happening," Steele said.

"This is a new, hot look worn with high-neck vests," Foskoy said. "They are very different than other years, and they look nicer than the traditional suits." A black onyx band tie, which wraps around the neck and is studded with sapphires, is often used as a replacement for the bowtie, she said.

"This is the first year we have had the mandarin in rentals and I think they will really fly, once people see them this spring," Foskoy said.

The age-old morning coat is still a popular item worn at daytime weddings. Now, instead of just the traditional charcoal gray, it is available in a black cut-away coat with black pants, accompanied by fashion vests and ascots, Steele said.

"This gives people getting married in the morning a different choice if they don't prefer the Edwardian or Victorian English look."

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Tuxedo trends reflect '90s styles

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of the gray suit with striped pants and vests, he added. Another item new on the market this year comes from Oscar De LaRenta. The "Dimension" tie features a satin lapel on top of another wool lapel, to create what Steele described as "a fully-three-dimensional look that is worn with both single and double-breasted jackets."

John DiSarro, owner of Moonlight Tuxedos in Linden, carries a product similar to the "Dimension," called the "Cassanova" by Tuxocco.

"It's more of a fancy shirt or a halter collar, made of a satin fabric which hangs down to the waist," DiSarro said.

Cartoon character accessories are also available for a more radical departure from the traditional cummerbund and bowtie. Bugs, Taz and Sylvester are among the favorites for Looney Tunes fans, and Mickey accessories are available for the full grown, formally dressed Mouseketeer.

"This is a new era in tuxedo fashion," Foskoy said. "I think people will look back and say that was the '90s look just as we now look back on the distinctive tuxedos of the '70s."

Prices for tuxedo rentals range from \$50-\$95 per day, depending on the style. They include all items except shoes, which can be rented for \$10-\$15. Expenses for designer vests cost \$10-15 extra.

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Salon helps new brides prepare for the big day

By Melodie Warner, Staff Writer

In movies and on television, brides preparing themselves for their wedding run into problems with either styling their hair or applying cosmetics.

For brides-to-be who fear Murphy's Law, Yolonda's Creative Concepts in Union Hill, N.J., can help with their wedding day make-over.

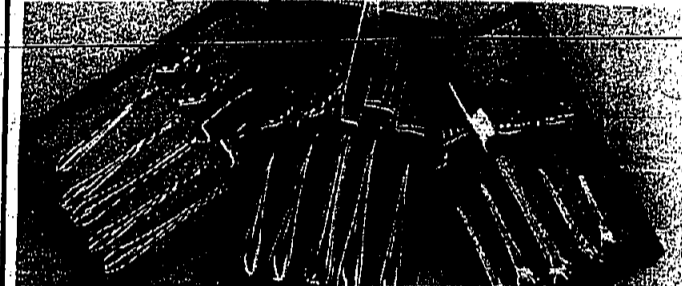
The beauticians provide a full service salon, and specialize in more than hair-coloring and perms. To start, Yolonda's prepares by performing a trial run of the bride's hairstyle and make-up. The amount of time needed to accustom the bride is calculated during the initial make-over, to determine the time needed on the Big Day.

"We do a tryout first, so the bride knows before what she needs to have done," salon owner Yolonda Foli explained. "We work with her."

The staff at Yolonda's helps the bride select a hairstyle that will highlight her facial features and complement the bridal headpiece. "We are understanding when it comes to formal hairstyles, and we pride ourselves to be specialists in that area. We are always ahead of what's in," Foli added.

She is a member of the New Jersey Educational Committee for Hairstylists, and twice a year she previews forthcoming styles. A new hairstyle for the spring/

Cutting edge



Modern lifestyles may be more casual, and tableware should reflect a relaxed view of dining and entertaining — but not at the cost of elegance. With few adjustments, traditional tableware in conservative styles can set the stage for a festive luncheon or an intimate candlelight dinner.

Making arrangements Picking the right flowers can make the mood on wedding day

For the bride and groom, choosing the right flowers can be an important element in creating a beautiful wedding. Here are the latest trends in flower designs:

- **Look** — Think soft, natural, relaxed, beautiful. The look should be more, with wavy arrangements of single or multi-colored flowers.
- **Colors** — Earth-based greens and blues reflecting sky, space, sea, land and mineral appeal to consumers' tastes for the environment. Basil, butterbean and olive brown are classic colors. Red and yellow are hot "warm-riding" colors.
- **Decor** — Most people decorate with flowers to create a festive atmosphere — for parties, personal pleasure or weddings. No matter what the occasion, there are many styles, from metal baskets of blooming plants for an informal look to dramatic tropical arrangements for formal flair.



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Having an affair? Receptions depend on prepared hosts, quality caterers

By Blaine Dilport, Staff Writer

By all accounts, a wedding is a landmark in life, and since it's hard to dispute the importance of the reception, the quality of the food is crucial to the affair's success.

Before researching banquet halls or caterers, one should have ideas of what foods should be served and in what setting. Customers should be prepared to articulate their wants, needs and budget in order to allow the caterer to offer suggestions.

"When you come to a caterer or banquet hall, depending on the size of the hall, most caterers are looking for a guarantee for the room on that day. Both families should sit down and come up with a complete guest list, keeping in mind that some invitations are sent out of respect, and the people will probably not attend," said Tom Bremer, a wedding consultant for Smully's Panagis Renaissance in Scotch Plains. "Usually they can figure 10 percent of the people will respond 'no' to the invite. They should try to come as close to the actual number of people who are actually going to attend, so they do not get hurt when signing a contract."

In order to have a fabulous meal, you first have to find a great catering service. Most caterers are known either through advertising or word-of-mouth recommendations. Check with others, who recently have had a wedding, to get an idea of both a caterer's performance and the event's success. Also, ask the caterer for references. The decision should be as important as choosing a doctor or lawyer.

A lot of the decision concerning a caterer is based on budgeting. Caterers can provide great meals and efficient service within a variety of price ranges.

Some consumers keep down costs by planning the wedding for the slow season — January or February — when many banquet halls offer reduced rates.

Others reserve facilities for mornings and afternoons, allowing the caterer to serve less expensive light brunches or lunches. If the affair must be in the evening, less expensive dinners may be served.

Because serving spirits often drives up costs, it is worth considering offering an open bar; some banquet halls will provide an open bar serving beer and wine. Another option is to arrange keeping the open bar

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Planning nuptials? Bring in the professionals

By Christopher Toohy
Staff Writer

Throughout life, situations arise that require assistance from hired professionals. A doctor welcomes you to the world at birth; teachers provide an education; accountants handle your taxes; and a funeral director sees to it you rest in peace.

But somewhere in the middle of all that, most people fall in love and decide to get married. But if you feel planning a wedding is beyond your threshold of pain, professional help again is available: Enter the wedding consultant.

For many, the wedding consultant is a blessing. Planning a wedding can be a long

and difficult process that demands more time and effort than most people can spare. From ordering the invitations to locking the honeymoon, the scope of the consultant's responsibilities are determined by his or her employer. Locating an appropriate reception hall, supervising wedding rehearsals and hiring florists, photographers, caterers and entertainers all fall under the umbrella of the wedding consultant.

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For example, many times, customers will want a certain arrangement of different colored flowers. Shop owner Erin Byrne handles those arrangements.

Exceptional Events, along with an assortment of dishes, sandwiches, napkins, and invitations, also carries billboards for all occasions. Consultants range in experience, just as they range in cost. Some have been in the business for many years and are members of the Association of Bridal Consultants; others are newcomers to the scene. When looking for a consultant, keep in mind that lack of experience may not mean lack of creativity or professionalism.

Byrne, who is in her late 20s, has been involved with catering for most of her life, and intends to continue for many years to come. She opened her first shop in Cranford in 1994. A year later, she moved Exception-

al Events to its current location, on North Union Avenue.

However, be advised that hiring a wedding consultant may preserve your sanity, it also may cause a sizable dent in your wallet. Consultants vary not only in how much they charge, but how they charge.

Many charge a percentage of all wedding costs incurred, usually 15 percent. Some charge a flat fee as a daily rate, about \$50. Others charge at an hourly rate, ranging between \$25-\$50, with May, June and December being the busiest months of the year.

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Gowns for brides, maids show new styles

This season's bridal collections offer a wide range of styles. From unadorned rich satin gowns, to dresses covered in glittery beads, there is a dress for every bride's wedding-day fantasy, plus flattering selections for bridesmaids and ushers.

Glamour gowns

Slim silhouettes and clean lines are the important details of this season's glamorous gowns. Sleeveless dresses accented with gloves recall the timeless elegance of Grace Kelly and Audrey Hepburn.

Real style for bridesmaids

Simply, elegance and glamour are the buzzwords for bridesmaids' dresses today. Dresses flatter a variety of figure-types,

Slim silhouettes and clean lines are the important details of this season's glamorous gowns, and simplicity, elegance and glamour are the buzzwords for bridesmaids' dresses.

Retro men's wear

Cary Grant, Douglas Fairbanks Jr., the Duke of Windsor — men's wear flashes back to classic movie-star style with structured tuxedos.

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Brodnick created On Call to establish himself in the industry as a photographer for other studios. An investment built, he realized that true satisfaction would only come to both him and his clients, by dealing directly with them.

"One of the biggest frustrations of shooting for other studios was trying to explain to brides why the photographer who was promised to them was not going to show up," Brodnick said. "Many studios use this bait-and-switch tactic on unknowing clients just to secure the contract. They figure it's too late for the bride and groom to do anything the day of the wedding."

"My reward comes at the end of the day, when the bride and groom say goodbye and tell me what a pleasure it was to work with me, and that they were really glad that I was their photographer."

On Call offers a variety of wedding packages at competitive and affordable prices. But you get a lot more with On Call: You not only get spectacular photographs of your special day, but an education also.

"My primary concern is making sure wedding couples know what is going to happen on their big day," he added. "I've had too many brides tell me they didn't realize how the day was going to happen — and all because no one took the time to sit down and tell them."

Brodnick reviews schedules, time allocations, weather options, family communication, and even offers a check-list of "secrets" he's learned. On Call is a studio geared for weddings and does everything to make ensure a hassle-free day.

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For every special bride, there's a custom gown

By Melodie Warner
Staff Writer

Of all the work that goes into planning for a wedding, selecting a wedding dress and having it tailored to perfection can become a stressful challenge.

If you want a wedding gown with a personality and life of its own, have your dress custom-designed by Carol Baron, whose specialty, she said, is "anything the bride wants."

Baron is a fashion design graduate from the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York. She started making formal dresses for friends in her spare time. Ten years ago she began her business of making custom dresses and now serves the entire metropolitan area.

For Baron, making a custom designed dress involves more than taking measurements. Before creating a wedding gown, she consults with the bride to discuss design ideas. Based on those ideas, she makes a sketch and later creates a pattern.

"Each one is so special and unique, there usually isn't a pattern," Baron said. "I'll find out about her lifestyle and help her design a dress. If the bride doesn't know exactly what she wants, I'll help her decide. We look at fabric samples, and decide on details, such as trains, the headpiece and veil."

After the consultation, Baron and the

bride move one step closer to the realization of her dream dress by shopping for fabrics and lace.

Baron prefers to shop in New York's textile district on 40th Street, which provides a variety to choose from.

"There's just one fabric store after another. There may be 15 stores on one block, so if you don't find it at one place, you just go to another," she added.

The variety of materials includes satin, tulle, crepe, silk, and polyesters. And for fine finishing, brides can choose from re-embrided lace to chantilly laces from France.

Brides will have an original gown filled with a sentimental and unique history, in addition to the fond memories of the wedding day.

Brides can work their dream dress into a realistic budget by having their bridal gown custom-made. Baron's prices are based on the selected fabrics and the time to perfect the detailing.

The price range varies depending on the design, but it is comparable to retail bridal shops. To meet a client's budget, Baron explained, more expensive materials such as silk and lesser expensive polyesters can be combined to create a dress that is still exquisite.

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ing food for guests with special needs, Bremer said.

"We run into a lot of this type of request today. We can easily prepare pasta or a broiled flounder for those who have health concerns," he added. "We try to accommodate the guests' needs. On average, in a wedding with around 150 guests, there may be four or five such requests — which is not a problem."

Caterers also can be helpful in suggesting a band or disc jockey for the entertainment. Since caterers have a lot of experience with receptions, they have seen many bands and disc jockeys in action. As far as costs are concerned, a band charges much more than a disc jockey, so consider the matter before deciding.

A wedding can be a success or a failure based on the performance of the caterer. The

best advice is to do homework before signing a contract. Once the planning is done, put it out of your mind. You will have plenty more to deal with without agonizing over the reception — let the caterer do that.

For every special bride, there's a custom gown

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"If someone wants a fine quality dress, it will probably be less than what the same quality dress will cost in the store," she added. "They can have exactly what they wanted and no one else will have a dress like it. All of their dreams forever can go into that dress."

In addition to wedding gowns, Baron designs formal gowns for bridesmaids, mothers of the wedding couple — or to sum it up, "anything formal and anything beautiful," she said.

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