

Police

Gas station attendant is victim of flim-flam stunt

A Plainfield man was charged with stealing \$50 from an attendant in a flim-flam at the Exxon station on West Seventh Street on Dec. 19.

Police said Kent Hopson, 41, along with two others, returned to the station shortly after they had purchased gasoline for a 1979 Pontiac. Hopson told the attendant that he had been given \$60 for the gasoline. The attendant was told he was given \$60, originally and owed them \$50. The attendant then took a \$50 bill from his pocket to show them what they paid with for the gasoline.

Hopson grabbed the money and ran north on Clinton Avenue and on into Plainfield, police said.

The attendant then gave police the license plate number where authorities were able to locate Hopson's address. He was later picked up at his home and brought to headquarters where he was identified in a police line-up.

Olga Maria Ortiz, 32, of Plainfield Avenue, was arrested Dec. 23 for shoplifting at Caldor in Hadley Center.

Police say Ms. Ortiz was arrested after a security officer spotted her allegedly placing clothing and bathroom supplies into a shopping bag.

A Neptune man was arrested for driving while intoxicated early Saturday morning.

Thomas Kurnik's, 40, 1985 Saab was pulled over on Hamilton Bou-

levard where he was issued a summons and released to a relative.

Jose Hernandez of Plainfield was arrested for refusing a breathalyzer test and for driving while intoxicated on the night of Dec. 28.

The 21-year-old man refused the breath test and didn't respond to questioning. The incident took place on Oak Tree Avenue and Hernandez was also issued summonses for careless driving, driving without a license and insurance and for failure to wear a seat belt. He was released to a friend.

A Bridgewater man, who picked up two hitchhikers, had his 1990 Pontiac Bonneville stolen after he stopped his car on Lake Street in the South Plainfield High School parking lot on Dec. 23 to go to the bathroom.

Police said the victim gave two separate accounts of the incident. First he stated that he picked up a man, allegedly named "Jamar," on Route 202 in Flemington. The suspect indicated he wanted to go to Somerville, but had to stop in South Plainfield to pick up his

brother.

The second version had the man picking up Jamar in Flemington, only to find the suspect's brother in Somerville. The suspect yelled to summon his brother, he then got into the car and the pair directed the driver to go to South Plainfield.

The driver of the car admitted he was intoxicated, to which he was transported to Police Headquarters and was released to his wife. The car is still missing. The man's wallet, containing \$80, was also stolen in the theft.

Two large windows at AKA, Inc. on Hamilton Boulevard were damaged between 9 p.m. on Dec. 28 and 1 p.m. on Dec. 29.

An unknown suspect used a pellet or B.B. gun to shoot at the windows, shattering one while putting a hole through the other. No evidence was recovered at the scene and the estimated value of the windows is \$700.

Police are investigating an incident of vandalism at Oak Tree Associates on Dec. 24. The Oak Tree Avenue business was sprayed

with graffiti on the side and rear walls.

A Freehold woman reported a Lord & Taylor bag containing a cardboard box located in the trunk of her 1986 Hyundai Excel was stolen on Dec. 23.

The box contained men's and boys clothing, a picture frame and a science kit and book. She last saw the items while she was at work on Corporate Boulevard. She made another stop before returning home, where she discovered the box was missing.

There was no evidence of a forced entry.

A 39-year-old Union man reported his 1986 Oldsmobile Cutlass Ciera was stolen in front of a Kenny Avenue home on the night of Dec. 28.

According to police, the man was loading gifts into his idling car, when he went inside the home to bring out more presents. When he returned the car was gone.

Police reported a 1981 Ford Escort, belonging to a Cranbury man, was stolen from the rear of the

United Cinema at the Middlesex Mall on Dec. 28.

A 22-year-old Piscataway man reported a blue nylon bag containing clothes, including a two-piece gray suit stolen from his 1989 Acura Integra.

The car was parked in front of Consumers department store at the Middlesex Mall on Dec. 26 when the victim found his driver side window smashed. Upon further examination, he discovered the bag missing from behind the driver's seat.

The back left window of a 1989 Ford Escort, belonging to a Maple Avenue woman, was reported smashed on Dec. 29. The incident

occurred in front of her home, apparently done with a blunt object.

A case of criminal mischief occurred over the weekend of Dec. 20-23.

New Pak, a Montrose Avenue company, reported one of its trucks had damage done to its left and right front fenders, where chunks were torn out. There was also a report of a small dent in the left side of the body.

An electric radio antenna was ripped off of a 1978 Lincoln owned by a Pine Street man. The man reported the incident happened in his driveway on Dec. 26.

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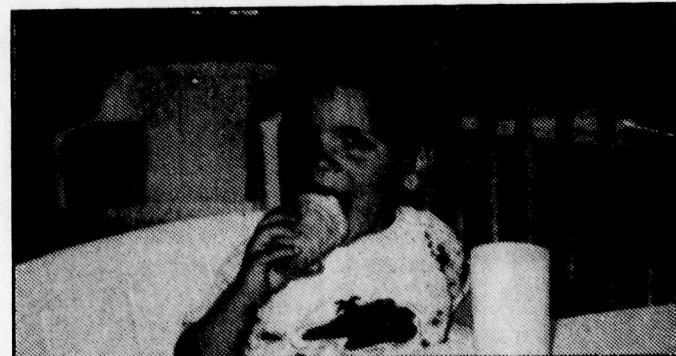
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Briefs

Computer bid approved by school board

The Board of Education approved a low bid of \$7,999 by Computer Systems & Methods of Somerville to provide the administrative offices with a new computer system.

The board first advertised for bids in November and announced the results in the Board Office on Dec. 6.

New home economics course supported

A new home economics course entitled, "Home and Interior Design Technology" will be offered to high school students during the 1992-93 school year.

The class is designed to meet individual and family needs in today's society. Recommended by Assistant Superintendent Dr. Lillian DeSimon, high school principal Dr. Le Roy Seitz and Assistant Principal Anthony Massaro, the new course will replace "Sewing for the Home."

Board OKs changes to three courses

Modifications in the curriculum guides for applied arts courses were approved.

The courses modified were: Fashion I — "Design and Construction," where students will study textiles and design principles, as well as explore careers in the fashion industry. Fashion II — "Construction and Merchandising," will focus on merchandising aspect of the industry. Students in this course will apply advanced design principles and construction techniques. The last class, "Independent Living" is designed to prepare students to make satisfying, independent and productive life choices.

Platforms removed to stop skateboarders

The plan to remove the brick and concrete platforms in front of exits 2 and 13 at the high school on Lake Street was approved at the board's Dec. 17 meeting.

Under the plan, the brick planters will be removed and replaced by cement. The planters have been a spot frequented by skateboarders who have been partially responsible for many of the cap stones coming loose and for the deterioration of the planters.

Lordina Builders, Inc., of Davis Street, will perform the construction. The total project will cost \$1,800.

Part-time secretary position approved

The Board of Education approved creating the position of a part-time secretary for its transportation office.

The secretary will work six hours a day, five days a week, for the remainder of the school year. The duties include routine paperwork and handling of telephone calls, so the transportation supervisor will have the necessary time to computerize the department for the next school year.

PTSO gives school play equipment

New playground equipment has been donated and installed by the John F. Kennedy School's PTSO.

Among the new equipment is a new balance beam, parallel bars and a "Challenger Playscape." The PTSO spent over \$4000 for the gifts to the students.

Computer donated to Franklin School

The Franklin School also received some gifts, from its own PTA.

An Apple IIGS Computer with an image writer, plants, furniture, pedestal fans and a Sharp 25-inch screen television were purchased by the PTA and donated to the elementary school.

Kindergarten signups to begin May 4

The Board of Education will conduct kindergarten registration and screening at the Administration Building, Cromwell Place, on May 4-8, 1992.

Children born on or before Oct. 1, 1987 are eligible for the 1992-93 school year. Parents are urged to call 754-4620, extensions 228, 390 and 391 between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. to schedule an appointment.

Host families sought for French students

Fifteen students from a small private school in Nice, France are coming to South Plainfield for a two-week visit, but they need places to stay during their visit.

Families interested in hosting a student should call Annemarie Stoeckel at 769-5751.

All of the students are proficient in English and are between 15 and 19-years-old. Host families will have the opportunity to review student biographies to find one with similar interests and background.

Applications accepted for parade concessions

Beginning Jan. 1, applications will be accepted for food and beverage concessions at the 1992 Labor Day celebration in Veterans Memorial Park.

Concessions are awarded to community organizations on a first-come, first-served basis. Concessions are available each year and a group must reapply each year.

Any group that wants to sell refreshments following the Labor Day parade must submit a written request by first class mail to the

South Plainfield Public Celebrations Committee.

Applications can be postmarked no earlier than Jan. 1, 1992. No hand-delivered or Express Mail applications will be accepted.

To avoid duplication and provide more variety, food and beverage items will be awarded to the first group that requests them.

The date of each request will be determined by the postmark on the envelope. In the event more than one request for the same food

or beverage item is postmarked the same day, a random drawing will determine who will be awarded that concession.

All groups that submit applications will receive confirmation or denial in writing.

Anyone who is granted a concession that requires a special license, permit, and/or insurance must submit proof of each to the Public Celebrations Committee no later than May 1, 1992.

Anyone who is granted a conces-

sion and later finds not enough people will be available to operate that concession must notify the Public Celebrations Committee by May 1, 1992, in order for another group to operate the concession.

Applications are restricted to South Plainfield civic and service organizations. The Public Celebrations Committee reserves the right to allow other concessions.

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Psychics say life will get better or worse

By PAULA V. INGRASSIA
THE REPORTER

The recession will ease up, the unemployment rate will decrease, and sports records will be broken.

Those are just a few of the predictions received when we asked local spiritualists and astrologers to look into their crystal balls at the upcoming year.

"It's going to be a very good year," said Mrs. Young of Advice by Mrs. Young, Edison. "I see the recession is going to ease up — about 50 percent better. The job situation is going to get better. I see positive things. That's the most important thing right now — the financial situation of the country."

However, Ann Zinn of Metuchen said the economy would take a downturn before the country recovers from the recession.

"The recession will get worse before it gets better. But I don't feel that it's getting worse now," she said.

Ms. Zinn said the upcoming winter would be mild, but warm climates would be hit by cooler weather while cold climates would become warmer.

"I don't feel we're going to have too bad a winter. If we get three good snows, that's the most we'll get," she said. "I do pick up in February sometime there will be parts of the world which will get weather you would not expect."

The recent resignation of Russian President Mikhail Gorbachev will cause relations with the United States to become less friendly, Ms. Zinn predicted.

"We are going to lose all the power we had in Russia, because he is resigning. Someone will be taking his place that we will not be very happy about. I do feel that it

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will cause some complications for us with the Russians," she said. "He changed a lot of things in Russia. I do foresee that (his resignation) to be a problem. I don't see that as a big problem right now."

Astrologist Judith Aurora Ryan of Edison, consulted her charts to give more specific predictions.

"I do feel that the recession will let up the second quarter of 1992," Ms. Ryan said. "But when you get into 1993 — this is Indian picnic compared to 1993 through 1995. I hope I'm wrong about the economy."

However, monetary policies passed by the Federal Reserve Board should have a rebounding effect on the economy, she added.

Ms. Ryan predicted changes in leadership in Greece, France, Israel, Cuba, Great Britain and Argentina.

"I think the Labor Party may wind up getting into power in Great Britain," she added.

The stress that has caused President George Bush's health problems in the past will continue, she said.

"Neptune is going to oppose George Bush's Venus and square his moon," Ms. Ryan said. "This is going to show infection or a susceptibility where his health is concerned. I think there's something there that's sort of difficult for them to diagnose. He could also be misled more easily by other people or he could be misleading to others."

From March until January 1993,

Adult School sign-up opens

Brochures have been mailed to all area residents for the 1992 winter semester of the South Plainfield Adult School.

Anyone who did not receive a brochure, which contains the Adult School, Saturday Scene, Adult Trip Program and Adult High School classes, may obtain a brochure by contacting the Adult School at 754-4620, Ext. 213, 214 or 215.

Registration for all programs may be made in person 8 a.m.-4 p.m. daily at the Adult School office in the Administration Building on Cromwell Place. Registrations may be made by phone using Master Card or Visa. Mail registrations will be accepted through Jan. 22.

Three special in-person registration days will take place Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, Jan. 14 and 15, in the main office of South Plainfield High School and 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Jan. 18.

'Play and Learn' registration under way

Registration is under way for the winter session of the Recreation Department's "Play and Learn" program for children 1-4 years old.

The programs are: Creepers/Walkers (12-36 months), 9:15 a.m.; Walkers (12-24 months), 10 a.m. Mondays; Runners (24-36 months), 10:45 a.m.; Tumblers (36 months - 4 years), 11:30 a.m. Fee is \$25. Program is held at the PAL Building, 1250 Maple Ave.

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said.

Wages will increase, but inflation will rise as well, she said. A problem with oil embargoes will also emerge, Ms. Ryan said.

Despite all the bad news, some athletes will reach new heights this year, she said.

"A lot of sports records are going to be broken this year, especially during the Olympics," Ms. Ryan said.

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"The Continental Capitals of Europe" tour, which is scheduled to leave from Newark Airport on May 4, will visit France, Holland, Belgium, and Luxembourg. Arrangements have been made to visit some of Europe's most interesting cities, including Paris, Brussels, Bruges, The Hague and Amsterdam.

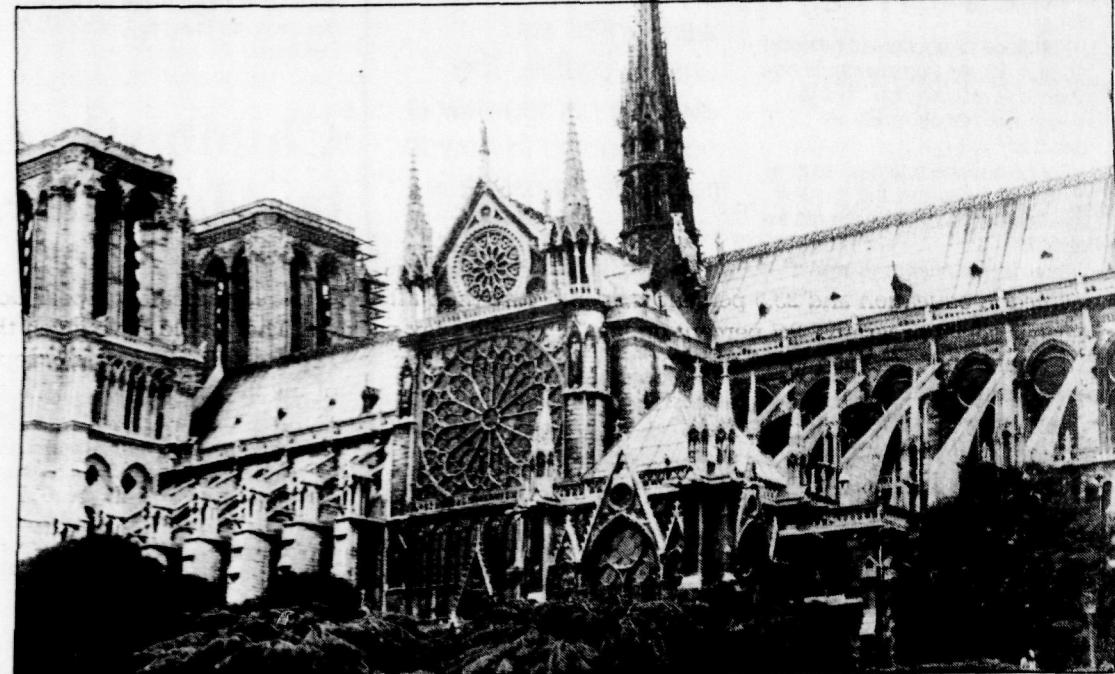
The trip follows a popular itinerary at an unruled pace, featuring extended stays in Brussels and Paris. Tour Coordinator Steve Neuschulz said, "Many of our previous European tour participants commented that they would like a little bit more time to linger and explore on their own. Our itinerary was developed with this consideration in mind, as well as the desire to visit varied destinations."

Traveling west via the famous champagne cellars of Espenay, the tour will overnight in the tiny Grand Duchy's capital of Luxembourg. Continuing onto Brussels, proud capital of Belgium and the European Common Market, the itinerary includes visits to St. Michael's Cathedral, the famous Mannekin Pis and the ornate Baroque Guild Halls of Grand Place.

While traveling through Belgium the group will also visit Bruges, one of Europe's most beautifully preserved medieval masterpieces. Upon entering Holland, our readers-turned-adventurers will continue to The Hague, seat of the Dutch government and the International Court of Justice.

The last stop on the tour will be the 700-year-old capital of Amsterdam, laced with the very same canals depicted in the works of Rembrandt.

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Booze blues

Who is liable when a guest drinks too much?

By ELIZABETH APONE

THE REPORTER

Spreading too much holiday cheer with alcoholic beverages can be hazardous to a bar owner, less hazardous but still risky to a homeowner.

Two years ago legislation modified the liability of a homeowner whose guests leave intoxicated and injure themselves or others, but homeowners can still be subject to civil suits.

Previously, the person who became drunk could sue as well as any secondary person they injure as a result of intoxication.

Now, only secondary victims injured in accidents where the drinker drove a engine-powered vehicle (car, boat, truck, etc.) can sue the homeowner, unless the drunken driver was a minor.

According to Edison Attorney Robert Levinson, if the drunken driver is a minor, that minor can still sue in a civil suit against the homeowner. A criminal charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor can also be filed.

Any secondary victim can file a civil suit against the homeowner, but to win he or she must prove that the drunken driver was "visible intoxicated" when allowed to leave, with witnesses from the social gathering describing the visible intoxication.

For blood alcohol levels between .10 and .15, the homeowner is now given "the presumption" that the person was not obviously intoxicated.

For homeowners to pay, according to new legislation, the drunken driver's blood alcohol level must exceed .15.

According to Attorney Dominic Cerninario of Highland Park, "there was a short period of time when lawsuits happened frequently." Now it is more difficult to win a case against homeowners.

"Unless the homeowner is actively serving, pushing, alcohol on visibly intoxicated guests, they cannot be held liable in a civil suit," Mr. Cerninario said, and the act of pushing alcohol is difficult to prove. The original laws that held homeowners liable for the actions of their intoxicated guests were modified for a number of reasons.

"It got to the point where everybody was afraid to have people in their house," said Mr. Cerninario.

"Protecting society is important but the laws were unfair and unenforceable. The average homeowner is not schooled in how to tell when someone is intoxicated or how many drinks it takes."

action by homeowners.

"Homeowners are more conscious civility, criminally and morally of their responsibility," Mr. Cerninario said.

While the liability of the homeowner has decreased, bar owners and others who sell alcohol do not receive the homeowners' "limitation of presumption" under the .15 blood alcohol level.

According to Mr. Levinson, bars can be sued by secondary victims in civil court for serving the visibly and apparently intoxicated at a blood level of .10. If it can be proven the patron was visibly drunk at a level below .10, the bar can still lose the suit.

"I had a case once where witnesses saw a bar patron lay down a \$10 bill and get served until the 10 ran out. The patron practically needed a seat belt to stay on the bar stool and he was still served. The chances of winning those cases are very good," said Mr. Levinson.

Like homeowners, bars can no longer be sued by the drunken patrons, only by the secondary victims.

On a state level, bars can receive

'Protecting society is important but the laws were unfair and unenforceable. The average homeowner is not schooled in how to tell when someone is intoxicated or how many drinks it takes'

a suspended license or have it revoked permanently for serving the visibly intoxicated, regardless of whether there is a secondary victim.

For a license to be suspended, the number of prior offenses and any aggravating or mitigating circumstances are considered.

"First offense of serving a visibly intoxicated person is generally a 15-day suspension," said Wesley Geiselman, executive assistant at the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABC).

Local bar owners discussed their regular drinking policy with special consideration given during the holiday season.

"We give our bartenders full responsibility. We let the bartender be judge," said Patrick McLaughlin, manager of Villa Piancone Restaurant and Lounge on Hamilton Boulevard.

In addition to providing coffee or taking the keys of intoxicated patrons, Mr. McLaughlin said another responsible party is sought out to take the person home.

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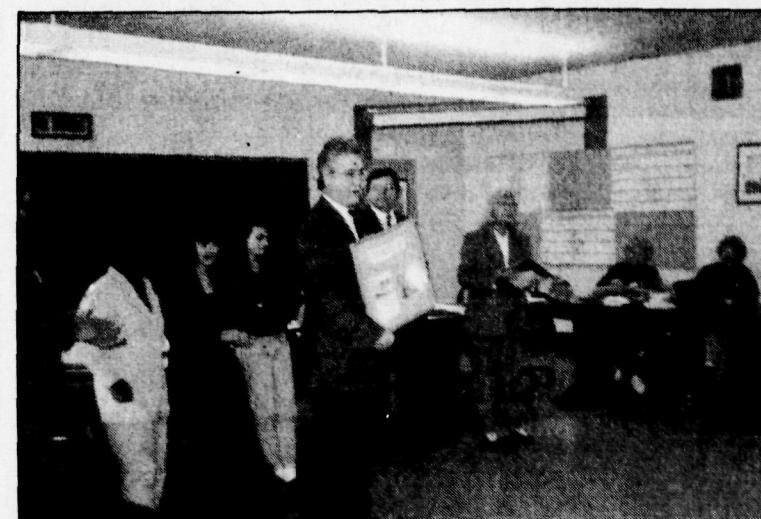
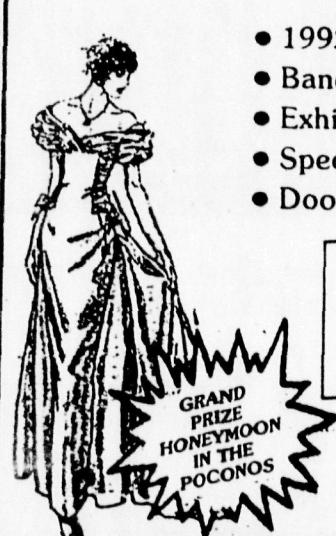
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High school Principal Dr. LeRoy Seitz holds a Northeast Regional Postal Bulletin during a recent presentation. Behind him are Future Business Leaders of America students; David Basile, officer in charge; Eleanor Maisel, teacher.

Students help seniors with mailing labels

Senior citizens who requested mailing labels through the South Plainfield Student-Senior Label Program got their wish in time for the Christmas holiday.

The labels were presented at the monthly senior citizen meeting at South Plainfield High School on Dec. 6. The students who worked on the program are from the Future Business Leaders of America. They, in conjunction with the seniors and David Basile, the officer in charge from the Post Office, initiated the label program which was deemed a "success" by all those involved.

For their part in the program, the seniors were presented with a rose stamp lapel pin to wear as a remembrance of the occasion. The students received postal automation lapel pins.

Basile gave the school a gift in the form of a framed article and picture from the Northeast Regional Postal Bulletin that carried the story of the project. Dr. Le Roy Seitz, principal of the high school said the gift would be displayed in the lobby of the school. Basile also read a letter from Congressman Dick Zimmer which commended all those involved in the program.

Childbirth classes planned by Muhlenberg Hospital

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Obituary

Frank A. Fisher, 68

Was treasurer of senior citizens club

Frank A. Fisher, 68, treasurer of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens Club, died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 1991, at home.

Following 9 a.m. services Saturday at McCriskin Funeral Home, 2425 Plainfield Ave., a 9:45 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at Sacred Heart Church. Interment will be in Resurrection Cemetery, Piscataway.

Born in Newark, Mr. Fisher had lived in Hillside for 25 years before moving to South Plainfield 38 years ago.

Before his retirement in 1988, he was employed as a bank auditor for the Midlantic National Bank for 47 years.

Mr. Fisher was an active member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens Club, where he organized many of the club's activities, and was presently serving as the club's treasurer.

He was a member of the 25 Year Club of Midlantic National Bank.

Mr. Fisher had served in the U.S. Army during World War II and had been a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

His wife, Irene J. Fisher, died in November 1983.

Surviving are his daughter, Teresa L. Fitzsimmons of South Plainfield; two sons, Thomas A. of Cranbury and Chris F. of Flemington; a sister, Betty Nancy of Port Richie, Fla., and six grandchildren.

Alexander Syntscha, 75

Retired baker born in Ukraine

Alexander Syntscha, 75, a baker until his retirement in 1981, died Dec. 24, 1991 at his home.

He had been employed by the Chock Full O'Nuts company for 30 years at its Secaucus bakery.

Mr. Syntscha, who was born in Ukraine, emigrated to the United States in 1950 and lived in Newark before moving to South Plainfield in 1961. He was a member of Local 50 of the Bakery, Confectionary & Tobacco Workers International Union, East Brunswick.

He was a parishioner of St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, South Bound Brook.

Surviving are his wife, Marta Barbara Syntscha; a son, Walter M. Syntscha Sr. of Green Brook; a daughter, Anna Garfield of South Plainfield; and five grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at the James W. Conroy Funeral Home, followed by a Divine Liturgy at St. Andrew's Church. Burial was in St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Cemetery, South Bound Brook.

Using time wisely



Linda Goetz, of South Plainfield, relaxes while she donates blood at the annual Christmas Eve blood drive at Holy Cross Episcopal Church in North Plainfield. JOHN KEATING/THE REPORTER

Adult School will feature Slimnastics class

The South Plainfield Adult School will feature a High Energy and Slimnastics program during its winter semester.

Susan Dezmin, the instructor, is a lifelong fitness enthusiast and mother of three active boys. Ms. Dezmin emphasizes that exercise

relieves stress, builds confidence and revitalizes mind and body.

The High Energy class is designed to work students from head to toe. It is an intense workout that starts with a warm-up and then continues with exercises that strengthen, tone and develop flex-

ibility.

The Slimnastics class is similar, but is done at a slower pace without the aerobics.

The classes meet twice weekly. For more information, call 754-4620, Ext. 213, 214, 215.

Opticians move to borough

Saft Opticians will be moving to a new location at 1901 Park Ave. in South Plainfield.

After serving the residents of Plainfield for 52 years, Saft will close its doors on Dec. 28. It will re-open at the new locale on Jan. 2.

"Our new location is easily accessible with plenty of parking and will give us a fresh new look," said Tom Bright, president of Saft Opticians.

Saft Opticians originally opened in 1939 by Louis E. Saft and has become well known in Central Jersey for quality eye wear and friendly service.

VFW breakfast Sunday

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Memorial Post 6763, will hold a pancake breakfast 8 a.m.-noon Sunday at the post, 155 Front St.

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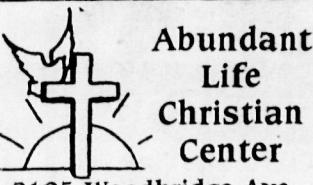
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Sports

Tiger wrestlers 3rd overall in holiday tourney

By SCOTT ZUCKER

THE REPORTER

South Plainfield High School wrestling Coach Mike Buggey had reason to be concerned entering the season.

The Tigers were coming off a somewhat disappointing 9-7-1 season and lost their four best wrestlers to graduation. With Keith McCann, the state champion at 135 pounds, and three others gone,

Buggey will depend on his young stars to fill out a balanced attack.

"They are four of the best wrestler in the area," said Buggey. "But we are more talented overall. They are going to lose some early and continue to develop."

South Plainfield wrestled in the Top of the East Tournament Friday and placed six winners in the qualifying section. The Tigers finished with the third highest point total in the tournament.

"They've proven that they are ready for the competition," said Buggey. "For freshman and sophomores to go out and do as well as they did is a good sign. We were thrown into the fire."

Among those young wrestlers thrown into the fire was freshman Jason Cannon. Cannon had the best showing in the tournament for the Tigers. He scored two pins until he ran into Travis Ciriaco of St. Mark's of Delaware in the fi-

nals. Ciriaco pinned Cannon at 4:55.

Adam Kaplan, Joe Siddons, Mike Toci, Jim Geis and J.C. Cannon all won three and lost one match in the tournament for runnerup honors. Kaplan, a freshman, had a strong run at 119 before losing to St. Mark's Sheldon Thomas. Thomas is a three-time Delaware state champ.

At 135, sophomore Siddons defeated Tom Stober of Voohees.

Toci, one of only two seniors starting for South Plainfield, lost his first match before running for three straight victories by scores of 20-10, 20-5 and 11-5. Jim Geis, a junior, notched three straight before being pinned by Randolph's Tim Hakin at 180. Hakin won the 160 championship.

Finally, Cannon, a senior, ran up a 3-1 record at 189. Cannon lost a 9-4 decision to John Ziomba of St. Mark's. Ziomba won the tourna-

ment championship and is ranked fourth in the state. For the second straight week, junior Kent Vesce did a solid job filling in. Vesce, a junior, notched a 2-2 record filling in for Carl Borre at 171. Last week, Vesce reached the finals while subbing for J.C. Cannon at 189.

"Our seniors are doing a nice providing leadership," said Buggey. "Last year was a little bit of an off-year; hopefully they'll be hungry and ready to step up."

High stepping



SHARON WILSON/THE REPORTER
The South Plainfield cheerleaders won the Cheerleading Trophy as the best cheerleaders at the Bound Brook Booster Basketball Classic last weekend in Bound Brook.

S. Plainfield takes 'must-win' game

Jones, Stokes lift Tigers past Voorhees in Bound Brook tourney

By NORB GARRETT
THE REPORTER

They were just three games into the 1991-92 high school boys basketball season, but the South Plainfield Tigers knew they faced a must-win situation when they took to the floor against Voorhees in the Bound Brook Booster Basketball Classic Saturday afternoon.

Still stinging from its disappointing first-round 71-58 loss to Somerville, a game which saw the Tigers toss away a 48-45 lead entering the fourth quarter, the Tigers raged into the consolation-round game and scored a much-needed 49-40 win over Voorhees (1-3) to improve to 2-1.

"We definitely needed this win," said guard Darrec Jones, who contributed a solid 12 point, two steal and two assist effort in the win. "We need to pick it up. We're real confident; we're going to shock a lot of teams this year."

"We should have won against Somerville; we're better than that. We need to get to 3-1, not 2-2, oth-

erwise we wouldn't get that much respect."

The Tigers charged out to an 8-0 lead and harassed the Vikings into eight first-quarter turnovers and a miserable 1-for-10 shooting from the floor. So tenacious were the Tigers, that Voorhees didn't score until Matt Jerkovich's soft 7-foot jumper swished with 1:23 remaining in the first quarter. The quarter belonged to Tigers forward Damon Smith, who scored four points and two rebounds.

Voorhees tried to rally to start the second, drawing to 8-6, but the Tigers stretched their lead back to eight thanks to 58-percent shooting and a supercharged Damon Franklin. Franklin, the sixth man, scored seven of his 11 points in the quarter and ripped down three assists to help offset a sloppy frame for both teams, who committed 12 turnovers combined.

Just when it seemed that Tigers Head Coach Jeff Lubreski's squad had the game back under control, the Vikings stormed back. A 10-5 run, sparked by Wayne Buckley's seven points, including a three-

pointer, drew the Vikings to 29-26 with 1:41 to play in the third quarter. But Buckley's enthusiasm got the best of him, as he was slapped with a technical foul for arguing a call, and Jones converted one of two free throws. Less than a minute later, Voorhees Coach Al Stumpf earned a T himself, and Jones again scored once out of two tries. Despite the technicals, the Tigers didn't capitalize, turning the ball over twice, allowing Voorhees' Shawn Hotchkiss to score at the buzzer to pull the Vikings to 31-28. The Tigers hit just 2 of 13 shots in the third.

A foul on Karim Stokes (12 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 blocked shot) put Voorhees' Bill Franz at the line to start the fourth quarter, and the junior delivered with a pair of free throws, drawing Voorhees to 31-30. But just when shades of the Somerville game started flashing back, the veteran Tigers team pulled away. Stokes scored on two quick layups after Daryl Scott hit a free throw, then Stokes stole the ball and fed Jones for an easy layup to pull back

ahead, 38-30.

After a Voorhees basket, the Tigers pressure defense forced another Vikings turnover (22 for the game), and Jones lofted a three-pointer, his second trey of the game. Stokes showed his senior leadership by scoring twice more, once off a slicing drive, to help lift the Tigers to their important victory.

"We wanted this one," said Lubreski, who saw eight players score for the Tigers. "We wanted to take it to them. That was our theme tonight. We're going to be at a disadvantage height-wise, so we try to make teams play the full court."

BOUND BROOK CLASSIC Boys Consolation

SOUTH PLAINFIELD (49)
Darrec Jones 4-2-12, Karim Stokes 6-0-12,
Damon Franklin 5-1-11, Damon Smith 3-1-7,
Kashawn Simmons 1-0-2, Ron Oranchak 1-0-2,
Ryan English 1-0-2, Daryl Scott 0-1-1. Totals
21-5-49.
VOORHEES (40)
Buckley 3-5-12, Hostler 3-5-11, Franz 3-2-8,
Jerkovich 2-1-5, Hotchkiss 2-0-4. Totals 13-13-40.
3-point goals: SP - D. Jones 2, V - Buckley 1.
So. Plainfield 8 16 7 18 - 49
Voorhees 2 14 12 12 - 40

Lady Tigers rally falls short against Voorhees

By NORB GARRETT

THE REPORTER

If there was one thing the South Plainfield girls basketball team didn't need was more bad news.

After losing sophomore standout guard Christine Curtin to injury possibly for the season prior to competing in the Bound Brook Boosters Basketball Classic and dropping their opening-round game 51-28 to undefeated Somerville (now 4-0), the Lady Tigers unfortunately ran into a red-hot Voorhees senior guard, who made life miserable. The senior, Chris Quinn, lit up the scoreboard for 23 points while adding seven steals, 12 rebounds and two assists, and helped Voorhees (2-2) stave off a furious fourth-quarter Tiger rally for a 40-32 consolation-round victory.

The loss evened the Tigers' season mark at 2-2.

With Curtin out, Tigers Head Coach Bill Schulte put the scoring responsibilities in the able hands of

junior co-captain Missy Ferguson, who responded with a terrific tournament. In the opener against Somerville, Ferguson scored 15 of the Tigers' 28 points. Against Voorhees in the consolation game, Ferguson scored a team-high nine points, but was restricted greatly after picking up her third personal foul with 4:49 remaining in the half. She returned midway through the third quarter only to foul out in the fourth.

But the real factor in the outcome of the game was Voorhees' sole senior, Quinn. The 5-foot-10 co-captain dominated the game, and more importantly the first quarter, scoring three of Voorhees' first four baskets, making three steals and adding a rebound and an assist in the game's first five minutes. Quinn finished the quarter with 10 points, five steals, three rebounds and two assists to lift the Lady Vikings to a 18-8 lead, her last points coming at the buzzer.

Despite Quinn's play, South Plainfield showed its aggressive style of play by pressuring Voohees.

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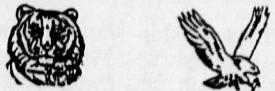
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BOYS HOOPS PREVIEW



So. Plainfield at J.P. Stevens

Date: Thurs., Jan. 9

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: J.P. Stevens Gym in Edison

The Tigers (1-3):

Last Week: Lost to Somerville 71-56, defeated Voorhees 49-40.

The Tigers got two big games from Karim Stokes in the Bound Brook Tournament. Stokes had 12 points and 15 rebounds against Voorhees and 21 points against Bound Brook.

The Hawks (1-3): Last Week: Lost to Roselle Catholic 68-53 and Union Catholic 53.

The Hawks got behind in the second quarter against Roselle Park and never recovered. Adam Hreha had 12 points against the Panthers. The game against Union Catholic went down to the wire with Stevens losing in the closing seconds.

Injuries:

Tigers: None to report.

Hawks: None to report.

The Skinny:

South Plainfield is adjusting well to a smaller lineup. Guard Darrel Jones had 12 against Voorhees. He and backcourt mate Kashawn Simmons have to step up, because Stokes can't do it all by himself. Stevens had a tough time at the Tri-County Tournament. The Hawks get their scoring from Hreha and Shaw Chapman, who had 11 against the Vikings. They will need more balanced scoring.

Lady Tigers rally against Voorhees

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 rhees' point guard Erin Eacovale into five first-half turnovers. Senior co-captain Tajuana Thompson and Alison Capozzi relentlessly chased after every loose ball, and sophomore Selena Rivera came off the bench to score four tough second-quarter points.

Unfortunately for the Tigers, the swarming defensive pressure put Ferguson on the bench with three fouls and just three first half points.

"That didn't help," said coach Schulte, "but she was hustling, they all were. We need to find a way to get Missy the ball where she can score. That's the bottom line."

Quinn hit another buzzer beater to close the half, 27-16.

Both teams played a sloppy third quarter which featured a total of 14 turnovers. At one point both teams turned the ball over back and forth twice. Ferguson re-entered the contest with 4:51 remaining in the third, but Quinn again stole headlines by scoring five points and snaring two tough defensive rebounds in traffic.

But Ferguson and the Tigers would have their time in the lime-

light. Ferguson opened the final quarter with two quick layups, one off a beautiful cross-court bounce pass by Thompson, and added a steal and a forced turnover to pull the Lady Tigers to within 10 at 35-25. After a Voorhees time out, Ferguson picked up her fourth foul, but remained in the game, and scored again, gathering in a missed shot then laying the ball up. Rivera enjoyed her finest minutes on varsity, fighting for a pair of rebounds, then swatting away a Voorhees shot. Ferguson rewarded her for her efforts by assisting on Rivera's layup with 5:09 to play, pulling South Plainfield to 35-29.

Needing a basket desperately, the Lady Vikings looked to their senior for leadership and got it, as Quinn fought for an offensive rebound and dropped the short jumper. But Thompson answered with a three-point play after being fouled, and the Tigers drew to the closest they'd been since the opening tipoff at 37-32.

"I knew we had the tendency to come back," said Ferguson, who fouled out with 1:48 to play, trailing 37-32. "It's in us. Every year we have a good defensive team."

With the game on the line, the

Lady Tigers were forced to foul to get the ball back, but fouled Quinn each time, and she scored three points, hitting the front end of one-and-one opportunities, ending the game, 40-32.

"There's no quitting with this team, that's for sure," said Schulte. "But they have to have that urgency from the beginning."

The Lady Tigers no doubt missed Curtin, but when Schulte needed someone to step forward and meet the challenge, Selena Rivera delivered. The sophomore finished with a career-high eight points and team-high five rebounds and two blocked shots.

"I just tried to play good defense and not get into foul trouble," said the 5-8 center. "I wanted to help out and score some points."

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Girls Consolation

VOORHEES (40)

Quinn 10-3-23, Eacovale 3-0-6, Sepe 2-1-5, Maxer 2-0-4, Miller 1-0-2, Totals 18-4-40.

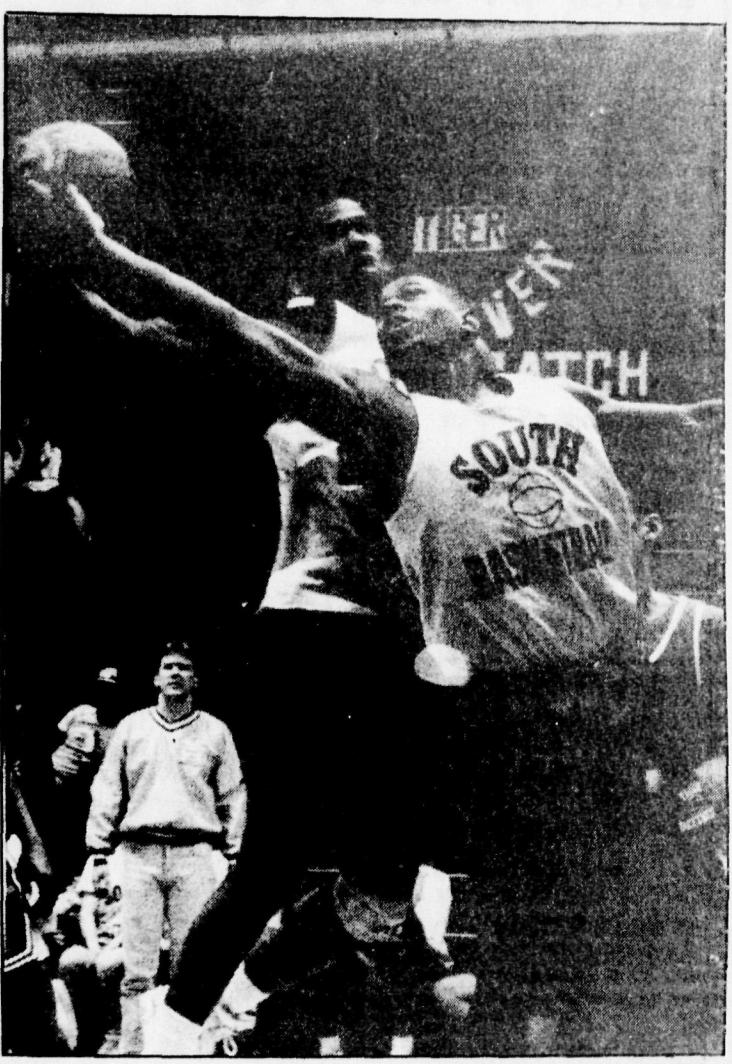
SOUTH PLAINFIELD (32)

Missy Ferguson 4-1-9, Selene Rivera 3-2-8, Christine Laanui 2-2-6, Linda Palmer 2-0-4, Tajuana Thompson 1-1-3, Alison Capozzi 1-0-2, Totals 13-6-32.

Voorhees 18 9 8 5 — 40

So. Plainfield 8 8 5 11 — 32

Playing tough



SHARON WILSON/THE REPORTER

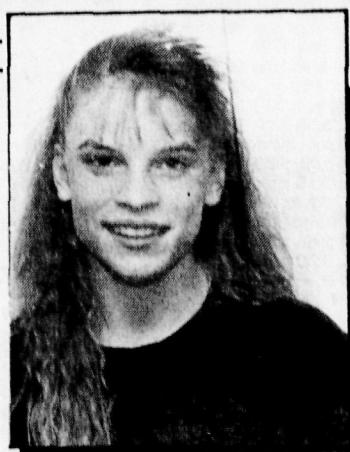
The South Plainfield boys basketball team rebounded from a tough opening-round loss to Somerville to take third place in the Bound Brook Booster Basketball Classic last weekend. The consolation victory improves the Tigers to 2-1.

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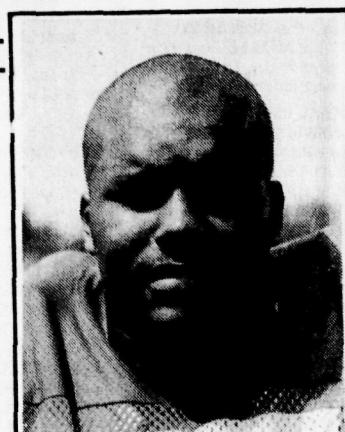
MISSY FERGUSON

Missy, a junior co-captain on the South Plainfield girls basketball team, led the team in scoring in both of their games in the Bound Brook tournament. She scored 15 points against Somerville, then tallied nine against Voorhees.

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ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

(as picked by the sports staff of Forbes Newspapers)



Albert Jackson
Edison High School

Albert, a 6-3, 265-pound two-way lineman, completed an outstanding season by leading the Eagle football team to playoff victories over Matawan and Middletown South. The efforts of the highly-recruited college prospect helped Edison complete its first unbeaten, untied season (11-0) and win its first Central Jersey Group IV championship since 1976.

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does not just impact on the taxpayer who has just bought a home and is living on a fixed income," he said.

The future holds many endeavors for both Mr. Tobias and Mrs. Neher, but for right now the important thing is rest.

"I'm going to vegetate for a while," Mrs. Neher said and Mr. Tobias agrees. He will take about a month off before re-evaluating his plans, which may include a run for public office.

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Split council

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The next area of disagreement was over the appointment of John Maley, of Bordentown, as borough auditor. Mr. Gallagher said the council had an opportunity to save money by shopping around for a "cheaper" auditor than Mr. Maley.

According to Borough Clerk James Eckert, Mr. Maley will be paid \$38,000 a year — \$20,000 to audit the borough budget, \$16,000 to audit the sewer utility and \$2,000 to audit the swimming pool utility. The fee for the latter two audits comes from the utilities' budgets, Mr. Eckert said, adding that Mr. Maley also serves as a consultant on the borough budget at no extra fee.

Mayor Michael Woskey said that Mr. Maley has done "an outstanding job" for the borough in the past and will not receive higher fees in 1992.

The two parties then clashed over the appointments to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

To the Planning Board Mayor Woskey appointed former council member Michael DeNardo as a Class IV Member, Henry Grabarz as an Alternate I member, and Donald Mazzeo as an Alternate II member.

Mayor Woskey also had to break a 3-3 tie on these council appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment: Phil Terranova and former councilman Donald Acrin as full members and Susan Krystopik and Ray Capua as alternates.

Mr. Pulomena criticized the transfer of Mr. Mazzeo and Mr. Capua from full memberships on the boards to alternates as a "perfect example of how qualified individuals wanting to dedicate their time and expertise to the borough are turned away in favor of political appointments."

"This is one reason we don't get more people volunteering their services," he continued.

But Mayor Woskey defended the appointments, saying that all board members who wanted to be re-appointed were re-appointed. The mayor said that Mr. Mazzeo had expressed a concern that business commitments may prevent him from giving as much time as he has in the past to the board.

Mr. Pulomena said the "demotion" of Mr. Capua, who had served five years on the zoning board was vice chairman in 1991, was a "disservice." Though Republican Borough Councilman Willard Carey had given Mr. Pulomena a list of appointments on Dec. 22, the Democrats were never given a chance to discuss the moves, Mr. Pulomena said.

"The Democrats never had any input," Mr. Pulomena said. "You sent the wrong message."

Democrats unveil

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resource leveling," Mr. Pulomena said.

The councilman said that the borough can no longer assume a "business as usual" attitude and continue to believe that there is an "unlimited supply of tax dollars."

Mr. Pulomena added that he hoped both Republicans and Democrats will "join together for the common good." He warned members of both parties to cast aside partisan politics.

"It has been said 'When a pig becomes a hog it gets slaughtered.' Take heed Republicans and Democrats," he said.

Tousman will head Edison council

By PAULA V. INGRASSIA
THE REPORTER

EDISON — Although several officials spoke of rising above party politics, partisanship reared its head at Wednesday's reorganization meeting of the Township Council.

Democratic Councilmen George Asprocolas, Michael DeMatteo and Thomas McGotty supported Republican councilwoman Jane Tousman for council president.

Although Republican Councilman David Papi had the support of fellow Republican councilmen James Kennedy and Robert Engel, he lost his bid for president.

Ms. Tousman assured the crowd of about 200 people that she would remain a loyal member of the Republican Party.

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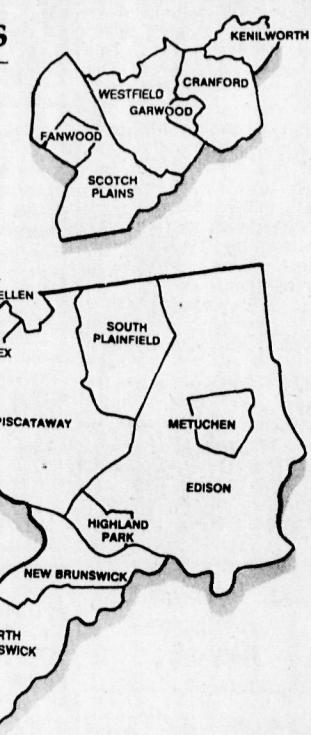
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Automotive Guide

Buick's soundly engineered LeSabre for '92

By BILL RUSS

FORBES NEWSPAPERS

The 1992 LeSabre is the newest model out of Buick's garage. It takes up in styling, performance and quality where the larger and more luxurious 1991 Park Avenue left off and is a major portion of Buick's attempt to replicate its past glories through the use of the latest in design, engineering and pro-

duction techniques. The LeSabre (Buick's full-size family sedan and largest selling nameplate), has been redesigned for 1992, and is assembled in the Buick City (MI) plant.

This plant was recently redesigned and reorganized to insure that Buick maintains its reputation for quality. For the past two years the LeSabre has been America's number one domestically produced

automobile in quality, according to J.D. Powers pollsters, and Buick claims that the 1992 model continues in this direction.

This newest LeSabre continues a tradition that goes back about 30 years. The tradition is one of being a luxurious, full-size, six-passenger sedan with performance and power. I evaluated the LeSabre Limited Sedan with the Grand Touring Package in my home test

area as well as in several other locations and came away from the drive with these conclusions:

APPEARANCE: From its low and wide vertical bar grille to its slightly sloped rear deck and low lift-over trunk, the 1992 LeSabre features the new well-rounded look of the '90's. It is slightly larger in all dimensions than its predecessor and is somewhat sleeker, with a coefficient of drag of .32. Being a

traditional 4-door family sedan, it eschews the "black-out" look and features bright trim highlights around the front and side windows, the wheel wells, the bumpers and side rub strips. All glass is almost flush.

COMFORT: The Limited has the top trim level in the LeSabre line, and when fitted with Prestige Option Package and leather trim it is replete with most of Buick's comfort and convenience items; power everything in the way of windows, mirrors, locks and front seat con-

trols. The upgrade sound system has excellent sensitivity and sound, and the climate system has separate controls for the driver and front passenger. With the split bench front seat, it can seat six, but it is configured for four. The recessed instrument panel has easy to read analog gauges.

ROADABILITY: When the optional Grand Touring Package is installed in the Limited LeSabre, the car really becomes a Touring Sedan. In addition to stiffer springs and shock valving, larger 16-inch alloy wheels and Goodyear Eagle GA P215/60R16 tires are used for a slightly firmer and more adhesive ride. Anti-lock brakes are standard, but the system continues to utilize drum brakes in the rear. Wind, road and engine noises are well-insulated from the passenger compartment. All things considered, this LeSabre rides very well regardless of the road surface or weather condition.

PERFORMANCE: For the latest G.M. 3800, the V-6 has been slightly modified to increase the horsepower without affecting fuel economy. Also on the positive side is the latest Hydra-matic four speed with electronic controls which are tied in with the engine management system to develop shifting patterns based on the owner's driving habits. Power and performance are more than adequate for most driving.

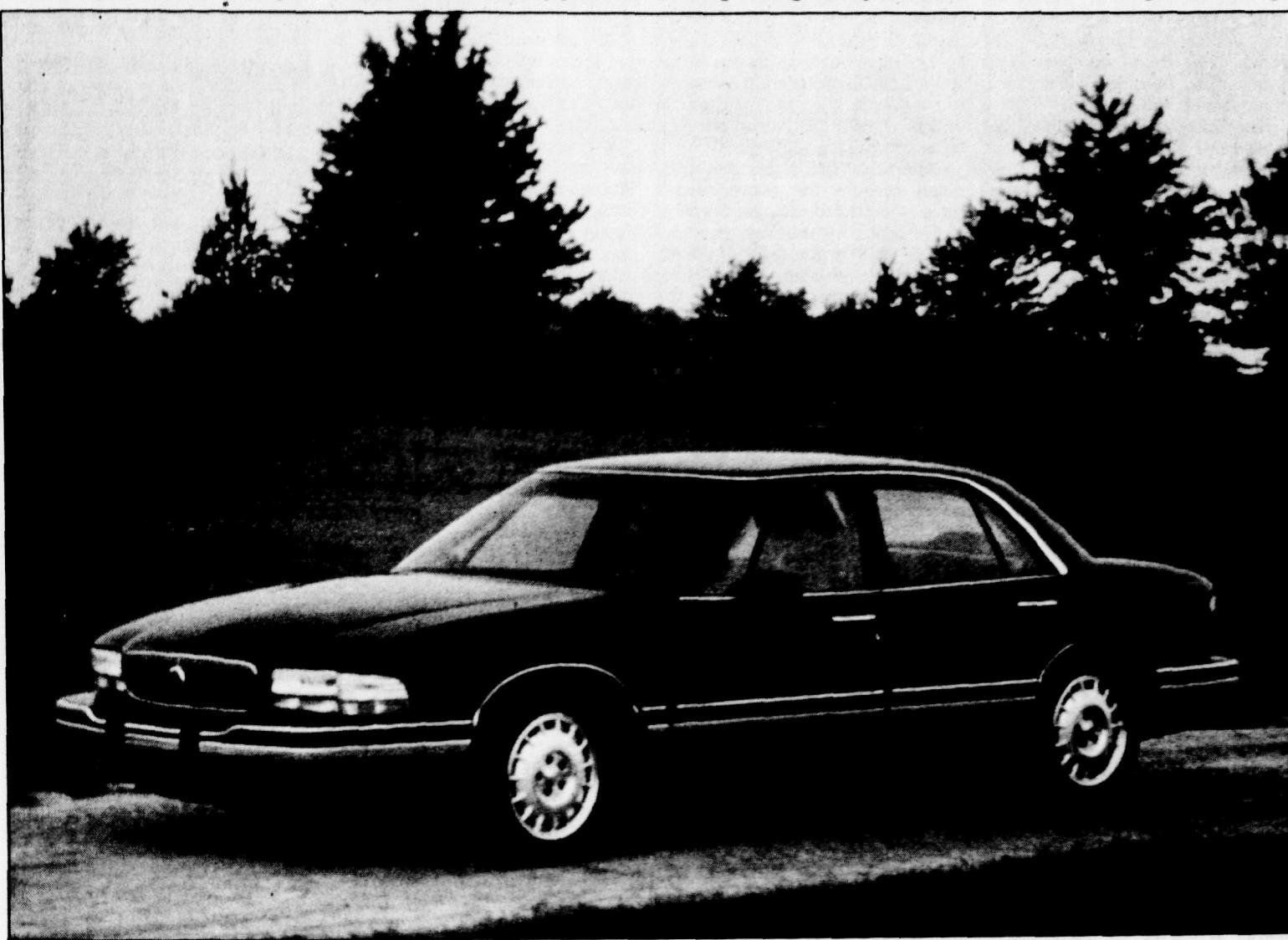
SUGGESTIONS: Increase glass area on each side view mirror.

ECONOMY: EPA averages are 18 city/28 highway. In town driving I averaged 19.1 mpg, and while touring I managed 25.7 mpg.

CONCLUSION: The new LeSabre is well styled, soundly engineered and fitted with some of the latest developments in comfort and convenience. It is a model that concisely reflects Buick's endeavor to reestablish its motto of the '30's which proudly stated that "When better cars are built, Buick will build them."

PRICE AS TESTED: \$25,397 with almost all the bells and whistles.

BASE PRICE: \$20,775 with the well-equipped base Limited package.



The new Buick LeSabre is well-styled, soundly engineered and fitted with some of the latest developments in comfort and convenience.

TEST DRIVE: 1992 BUICK LESABRE LIMITED

Specifications

Base price - \$20,775
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Engine type - V-6, ohv push-rod, mfi
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Torque (lb/ft) - 220 at 3200 rpm
Wheelbase/length - 111 inches/200 inches
Transmission - 4-speed auto w/od
Curb weight - 3400 lbs.
Pounds/H.P. - 20
Fuel capacity - 17 gal.
Fuel requirement - unleaded regular
Tires - Goodyear Eagle GA P215/60R16
Brakes - disc/drum
Drive train - front engine/ front drive
Performance - 0-60 mph - 10.1 sec., 1/4 mile (E.T.) - 17.7 sec.
EPA economy, mpg city/ highway/observed - 18/28/ 19.1
Drag coefficient (Cd) - .32

Automotive Q&A

By BOB HAGIN

FORBES NEWSPAPERS

Q: My car is a 1988 Nissan Sentra XE and it has a problem in that there is a liquid that seems to evaporate. The radiator is fine but to the left of the radiator are two containers. The little one is for windshield wiper fluid — and the other is the one that I keep putting a mixture of half Prestone and half water into. I do it at least every three to five days. I have had the radiator pressure tested, a new radiator cap installed, the radiator removed and flushed and I replaced the oil pressure sending unit. The spark plugs and wires are OK. I check the ground under the car every morning as I park in the garage every night. The temperature gauge needle goes to just under the H mark for Hot. Am I worrying for nothing or what?

M.A.
Holly Ridge, NC

A: I hope that your mechanic changed the coolant thermostat, too. The little container that loses fluid is the cooling system overflow or "catch" can. It's attached to the radiator by a flexible tube and when the fluid in the system expands, it pushes the overflow into the container. As the engine cools down, the coolant is pulled back into the system to keep it full. It should only lose a minuscule amount of fluid over the period of a year. Filling it every couple of days indicates that you've got a problem, maybe a big one since the coolant temperature always reads on the hot side. Those cars are famous (or maybe notorious would be a better word) for blowing head gaskets and they've even been known to crack cylinder heads when they get too hot. If a pressure test of the cooling system (not just the radiator itself) doesn't show a pressure loss, better have your mechanic do a dye check of the coolant itself to check for the presence of carbon monoxide in the fluid. If the head gasket has a leak, it's possible that a small amount of the fluid is being pulled into the combustion chambers while the car is running and is being blown out the tail pipe as a vapor.

Q: I'm thinking about selling my 1977 Porsche 911 which I drive every day to work — a distance of about 30 miles one way. The car is getting up in mileage and when anything goes wrong, the prices of parts and service is incredible. I like exotic cars and I've found a Ferrari 308 that's relatively cheap and am thinking about buying it to replace the Porsche. It's low mileage and would no doubt increase in value.

R.C.
Alamo, CA

A: Ferrari parts are also on the expensive side and if I owned one, driving it in everyday commuter traffic would take lots more courage than I've got. Daily parking in a company parking lot would give me ulcers, too. On the other hand, the exotic car market is so depressed right now that cars like the 308 are selling for lots less than they were and it's a crap-shoot as to whether or not it will increase in value in the near future. But what a conversation piece to show off in your garage, especially if the car is red!

Q: I just bought a 1991 Honda Accord DX. The manual



recommends the use of 5W/30 oil. Is this necessary in the summer? I shall use it in the winter. In the summer is it OK to use three quarts of 5W/30 oil and use one quart of 30W? Can I mix major brands of oil, say Pennzoil with Valvoline, Conoco or Amoco? Can I use a blend of 10W/30 and 10W/40 in the summer? I have a very large stock of oil of the above brands and weights and hate to throw it out.

F.D.
Colorado Springs, CO

A: No one has ever proven to me that there's a whole lot of difference between oil brands as long as the API applications specifications listed on the can are the same. Service application SG means the same in all brands. Service SA, for instance, means that it has no applications factors other than the fact that it's oil. None of the mixes you list will hurt a car but the owner has to watch that it doesn't void one of the warranties.

Q: I bought a 1979 Ford Explorer truck with 90,000 miles on it. It has an automatic transmission, power brakes and steering. There is a noticeable vibration when idling in all gears except Park and Neutral but goes away when the engine is speeded up. I have had experience in working engines and drive trains. I have taken it to four or five qualified mechanics and to an automatic transmission specialist. I talked to its service manager and he wasn't sure what the problem is. I've changed the motor mounts,

spark plugs and wires, intake manifold gasket and checked the torque converter bolts for tightness. I checked the compression, rebuilt the carburetor, changed the idle speed (going from very low to very high) and reset the timing.

J.S.
Lagrange, IN

A: Always get a history on a vehicle you buy used. Maybe the former owner can tell you if the automatic transmission had been replaced or overhauled and/or when the problem started. It pretty well has to be from the torque converter drive plate back but for a quickie test, take off the ancillary unit drive belt and run the engine in Park for a few minutes. It could possibly be the front vibration damper or one of the driven accessories but I think you'll need to go into the transmission and drive plate to find it and that's expensive exploratory surgery.

Q: Many years ago I lived in Japan and I noticed that most cars — and especially taxicabs — had two mirrors mounted up front. They were roughly between the front wheel and the headlight, one on the right and one on the left, mounted either on the hood of the car or immediately beside it. These mirrors completely solved the blind spot problem. The driver can change lanes without having to glance sideways. All he or she has to do is look in those mirrors. I am not sure if in such cases a rear view mirror, mounted in the customary spot inside the car, is redundant.

dant. During a recent trip to New Zealand, I again noticed many cars with such mirrors mounted up front. I have never seen this in the US. Why are cars over here going without such helpful mirrors? Is there some kind of law against them? I'm sure that many Americans traveling abroad must have seen such mirrors. Why hasn't the idea caught on in America?

H.P.
Eugene, OR

A: I think that the reason that those fender or hood-mounted rear view mirrors never caught on in this country is that they are probably the ugliest automotive accessory ever devised. Even the Japanese drivers hate the looks of them and the only reason that they are installed on new vehicles there is that it's a national law. Recently I read in Auto Week that the law is going to be changed (maybe it has been already), much to the relief of the Japanese auto industry. There they're referred to as bug antennae, I'm told.

Q: I have an '82 Ford Escort with the 1.6 liter engine, automatic transmission and 85,000 miles. When the gas gets below a half, the gas gauge will drop to either empty or indicate a quarter of a tank. When I put in \$3 worth of gas, the gauge again works OK. Also when I start up the engine in the morning, it hammers loudly until the oil pressure builds up. The car has 85,000 miles on it.

B.S.
Richmond, CA

A: I'd be more worried about the hammering in the morning than the gas gauge. The oil filter is draining off over night and each time the bearings pound, you're probably losing a thousand miles of engine life. Change the filter to an original equipment unit to see if the pounding subsides. I think that the gas gauge problem is in the fuel level sending unit in the gas tank. Take off the wire lead at the sender and check the gauge with the ignition on and then ground it. If the gauge reads full and then empty, the problem is the sender.

Q: I purchased a 1991 Chevrolet Caprice LTZ with a 305 V8 engine. As you know these engines have historically taken five quarts of oil with the filter capacity included. The owner's manual still indicates this is my case. In changing the oil, however, I found that five quarts puts the oil level way above the indicated "Full" mark on the dip stick. A comparison check of the dip stick in my car with that of other Caprice cars on the dealer's lot shows that they are all marked the same way. The dealer's lube men says that they solve this problem by putting in 4.5 quarts of oil. My garage man says to forget the dip stick, put in five quarts and run a larger filter. Are all these dip sticks marked incorrectly? If so, there must be a great number of 1991 Chevrolet Caprice's running about at least a half-quart low on oil as I was.

G.B.
Spencerport, KY

A: When an engine is designed, the engineers calculate the amount of oil that it will take to keep the engine parts operating at the right temperature as well as lubricated. It's (Please turn to page 8)

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probably something of a rule of thumb but if the amount of oil is less than originally specified, it could lead to engine parts overheating. The oil sump (pan) has a predetermined highmark above the oil pump pickup tube at which the engine oil level is supposed to be maintained but since the pan isn't transparent, a dip stick has to be used to make sure that level is right. The stick on some cars has to run through a guide tube stuck into the block itself and if the guide tube is pressed in too far or either of them are made wrong, you get a false reading. I'd drain the oil, replace the filter and oil with five quarts, run the engine, let it cool down and then remark the stick with a new Fullmark.

Q: What gas do I use in my car; unleaded regular or unleaded supreme? It is a 1983 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme V6. On regular unleaded fuel the engine pings at the slightest juggling. I find that some brands of gas do better

than others but the ping isn't eliminated. When I put the unleaded supreme in the tank, there is no ping at all. A barnyardmechanic I know says to stick with factory specs and tolerate the ping.

**K.H.
Citrus Heights, CA**

A: Personally I don't like to let a car ping. I can picture a small bit of aluminum being blown from the top of each of the pistons with each ping. Since the car is now eight years old (only slightly more than the national average), there's several other items that could cause your car to ping. Improper operation of the ignition advance system could be one and a mechanic can check this out easily. Another is an excessive buildup of carbon in the combustion chamber which can be removed pretty easily by shooting a commercially-prepared or homemade (water and brake fluid) carbon remover through the intake system. Some other problems may be the wrong heat range spark plug, a vacuum

leak that leans out the fuel/air mixture or an incorrect fuel/air mixing in a faulty or an internally dirty carburetor that also leans out the mixture. As a vehicle ages, it requires more maintenance than a new car, not less.

C: I just got a recall notice regarding my 186 Mercury Sable to have the front brake rotors replaced. The car has a lot of miles on it and the brakes seem to work fine. Is it legal to simply ignore the notice and not take the car in?

**K.K.
Boston, MA**

A: Only about half of the cars needing recall work get taken in. The rotor material used on a quarter of a million 186-187 Ford Tauruses' and Mercury Sables gets eaten up by the road salt used in road ice control. Ford dealers get paid by the factory for doing the job (although its paid labor rate isn't what you'd pay for the job) and it gives you a chance to get other things like the axle CV joint boots checked out or even a new set of brakes installed for just the cost of the pads.

Changes sought in governing the business of racing

By TONY SAKKIS

FORBES NEWSPAPERS

The noise emanating from pit lanes at the last few CART Indy Car races was not exactly promising for America's premier open-wheeled racing series. The rumblings were that the sanctioning body CART (Championship Auto Racing Teams) would close its administrative doors and the series would be governed by an all-new body.

Led by the Indianapolis Motor Speedway's Tony George, the viability of a series which is governed by the team owners has recently been challenged. The Indiana

napolis Motor Speedway has long been the Jewel of the CART Championship season, but the Speedway race is not even on the list of CART sanctioned events. Instead the race is run under the auspices of USAC (United States Auto Club). CART and USAC have long since been separated and the rift is deep.

The Indy Car series, under USAC, has been a sham: there was no seriesother than the 500 itself. A group of rogue team owners created CART in 1980 to promote something other than an autocratic rule in the series that was then run by a group of old-fashioned old men. The series was run all on ovals and the CART pioneers, who

included Roger Penske and Pat Patrick, promoted new races at road courses as opposed to oval tracks. Now there are more road courses than ovals and the series is going strong. Well, sort of.

The Speedway has still mandated rules for the running of the biggest race of the season. Actually, the Speedway doesn't mandate anything, but the race, which is still run under USAC rules, is run with different rules for the construction of the cars. It seems in the past few years the old fogies at USAC have gotten progressively wiser and are now in favor of technical advances that are better for the series than those of CART's

governing board. CART, you understand, is run ostensibly by the teams themselves. That means that of the 24 teams that are in the run-for-pay plan, there are only a few high dollar operations that can afford to take the steps into the future, technologically.

Essentially, the series has stagnated because the poorer teams have stonewalled change. Some of that change, by the way, is manifesting itself in the form of safety.

One of the reasons the Porsche

Indy Car program was cut at the end of 1990 was because the sanctioning body didn't allow carbon fiber construction of the cars. Porsche brought out its car and the

sanctioning body flatly rejected it saying it was unfair technology that would launch the costs of racing into outer space and keep the guys who invested in the CART Indy Car franchises out of the winner's circle. In fact, they were probably right. Porsche was in a position to buy a CART Indy Car Championship. But at the same time, the future of open-wheeled racing is in carbon fiber construction. It is lighter, stronger, and safer for the driver. And as the speeds creep up the driver's life is more and more on the line. The little guys certainly care about their hot-shoes, but they are much more willing to allow them to risk

their lives. If the sanctioning body doesn't step in and do something for the racers, nobody will. When the sanctioning body is in charge of competing for the money, there is a definite conflict of interest there. So Tony George has proposed a new plan where a six-man board — made of several team owners (including Roger Penske, Rick Galles and one unnamed owner), a Pittsburgh Plate Glass (PPG) representative (the series sponsor), Goodyear's Leo Mehl, and a Motor Speedway steward — would begin to govern the business of racing. The plan was voted down.

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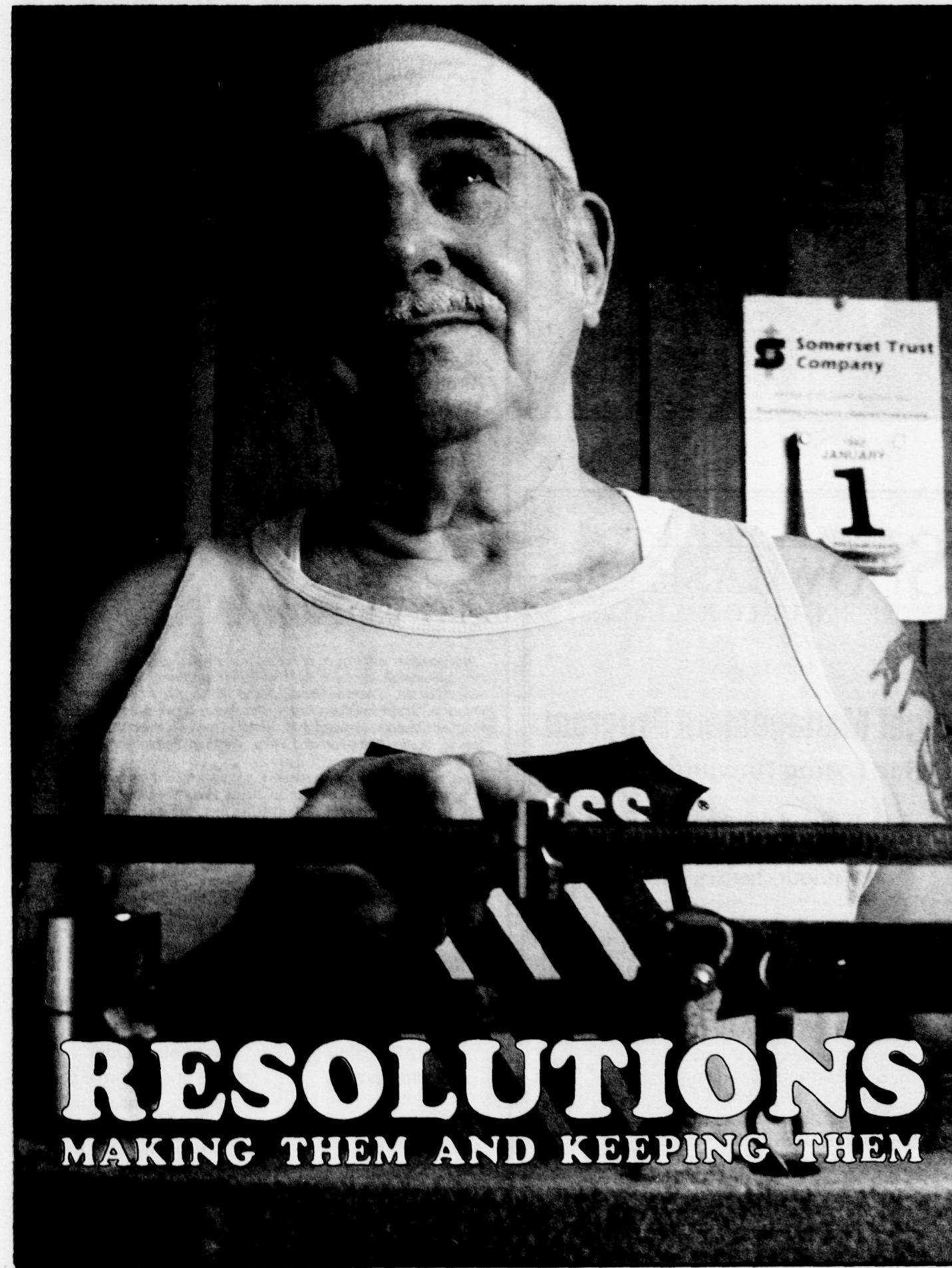
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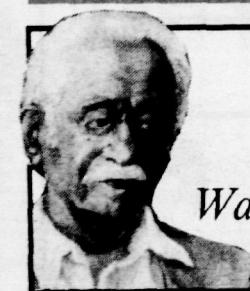
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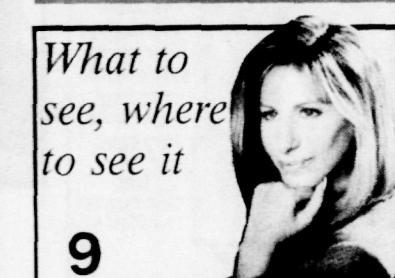
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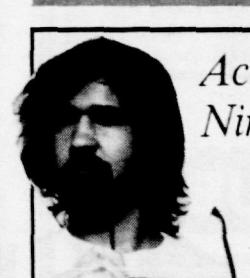
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TAURUS (April 20-May 18) Just as there is an ebb and flow to the tides, you will accommodate yourself after midweek. Lasso in the object of your desire by the weekend, when you decide to head for the hills, happy as a clam.

GEMINI (May 21-June 18) Let your imagination lead you as the week begins, though expect to visit some strange places and meet some new faces. Your penchant for excitement wears down by the weekend. You'll look like you're making up for lost time this weekend with a mad flurry of activity, parties, etc.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You know how you get with those baleful eyes of yours gazing into another's! Well, you're at it again and big time this week. One to one exchanges are your meat and potatoes. Over the weekend, you clean up your act.

LEO (July 23-August 22) Partying and good times are on the agenda this week. But associates eventually dig you up and demand your presence. After all, it's more fun with you around. Intensity becomes the rule by the weekend...yes, you may get what you want. Take off this weekend to play out your fantasies.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22) You need (and must) play out your efficient side until midweek when you need (and must) play out your fun, sensual side. Plan on play through early next week. Make a date for the longest (nearly) romp in your agenda. Some people have all the luck.

PISCES (February 19-March 20) Say little about recent goings-on. When you decide to cast your vote midweek, others are floored. Use your magic now to maximize your desires. Everything and everyone (nearly that is) falls into place. Watch those indulgences this weekend.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22) You're kidding no one, Libra. We know you're not working, but flirting, this week. Forget the weekend when you're up to your old tricks again. Social flurries dominate.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21) Accept what is because you can't change it anyway. You finally get to go about with your own life by midweek. A flirtation intensifies; a romance blooms, and a relationship renews. Maybe not all at once, but you get the gist. Nurture others this weekend and get some rest.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21) Talk all you want, but actions are what count. Don't defend someone who no longer deserves your protection. Though you may have the moxie until the weekend, opportunity may still knock. How this manifests itself is up to you, Sag. You're calling the shots now.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19) You may be shocked and depressed by some of your own financial damage. By midweek, you regain your balance. Hang out with friends. Smiles lead to introductions; talks lead to get-togethers, and get-togethers lead to — oh well you know. Enjoy a cozy weekend snuggled in.

ACQUARIUS (January 20-February 18) You zoom onto the scene this week and little can stop you — mainly because you're so unaware of all the different forces around you. Reality bugs you down midweek. There is no squelching you in the long run, because by the weekend, you are out and about again, ah, life!

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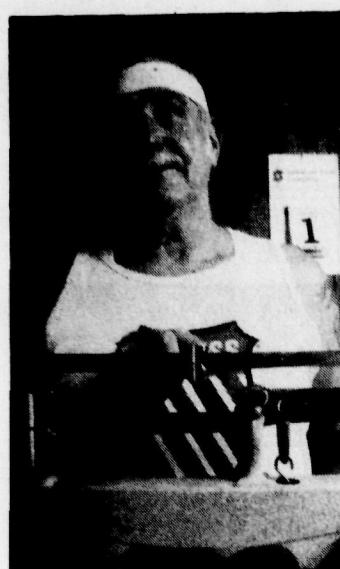
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New Year's Resolutions

by JANIS RISCH

Invariably, sometime between 11:37 p.m. and the slow descent at midnight of the ball at Times Square on Dec. 31, someone in your company sidles up to you and asks, "So, What are your New Year's resolutions?"

As William Hone said in his *Every-Day Book*, "The man who does not at least propose to himself to be better this day than he was the last, must either be very good or very bad indeed."

Without even knowing William Hone, you know this to be true, and as you can't expect people to believe you need no improvement, you feel obliged to offer up a resolution to prove, at least, that you aren't very bad.

So you nobly vow to improve yourself through exercise, diet, or study; by developing the virtues of patience or humor, or to become more generous or giving of yourself.

Sometimes, we realize in that last half hour that another year is slipping away, that we are only a year older and not a year wiser, and we vow to change our lives dramatically: buy a house, get married, get divorced, wrangle a promotion, change careers, go back to school, move to the country, move to the city, build a log cabin, give away our worldly possessions to travel around the world.

The impulse to turn oneself into a better specimen of a human being develops almost as soon as a person begins to be conscious of there being a self.

For example, second graders in Mrs. Dominguez's class at Bound Brook's Lafayette School made the following resolutions for 1992: Alejandro Montoya said he would be good to people and help everyone not to fight. Ricardo Salva said he would be good to his family. Emilio Campos vowed to study English and speak it well. Marcos Montoya resolved to get 100 percent on tests, not to fight, to be good to his family and Jesus, and to help everyone.

Patricia Hernandez resolved for her brother to be good, which is a different kind of a resolution, actually more like a wish.

The problem with resolutions is that they have a half life of about one minute, or the length of time it takes to state the resolution. Toxic waste, unfortunately, lingers longer than good intentions. The failure rate of resolutions forces us to confront the primary law of entropy: that it is the nature of things to fall apart and decay, that chaos is more habit-forming than control.

Knowing this dismal reality, some people foreswear making resolutions, and are glad to glibly spout this philosophy to those who do the sidling.

Resolutionary responsibilities

If New Years came and went and you are still straddling the fence considering what approach to adopt, consider the following:

A. In the big scheme of things, January 1 is a relatively contemporary date for celebrating the new year.

The Romans, in 153 B.C. were the first to use Jan. 1 as the beginning of the year, when Julius Ceasar revised the calendar to start with January, a month named after Janus, the god of all beginnings. Before that, March 25, the vernal equinox, was the date. January 1 was a peculiar time to begin a new year in that no agricultural or seasonal significance was attached to it. Instead, it was a civil date, the day after elections when the consuls assumed their new positions.

Probably because of the agricultural or seasonal insignificance of the date, New Years celebrations eventually reverted to March 25. Until the 16th century, the New Year began in the spring, on Annunciation, and was celebrated with an eight-day festival ending April 1, when gifts were exchanged. In the 16th century, under the influence Pope Gregory XIII, European countries started adopting January 1 as the beginning of the year. However, many people refused to give up the custom they loved, and they were called, you guessed it, April fools.

So you see that it is really only in the last four hundred years that Jan. 1 has had widespread acceptance as a New Years. It might not be too late to change it back to another time. Who knows, if we re-associate New Years with agriculture, it could simplify the process of making resolutions. We will remember that you basically reap what you sow, barring unforeseen circumstances such as drought, floods or pests.

B. Perhaps resolutions are an imposter New Year tradition deserving our suspicion. Documentation of the origins of resolution making doesn't seem to exist as it does for other customs. For instance, the noisemaking horns, rattles and blow-outs at the stroke of midnight was meant to banish evil spirits, and the custom of drinking to oblivion may have evolved from a pagan rite of personally reenacting the chaos that reigned before God ordered the universe.



Long before Christmas became associated with gift-giving, New Years Day was a time for exchanging gifts. In Rome, the custom developed of presenting gifts to the emperor, and later, English royalty adopted the custom of coercing gifts from their subjects.

In order to have a clean slate on which to start the New Year, another custom encouraged people to make certain that they had no outstanding debts and that all borrowed objects were returned.

C. Here is another reason to put off making resolutions: it is what the professionals advise.

"New Years is an artificial deadline," said Bill Stover, coordinator of clinical services with Family Counseling Services of Somerset County. "People feel obliged to make a resolution because of the season, but that doesn't mean that they are ready at that time to make the necessary changes."

"You must have the mindset that you are ready to make changes. If your life is very complicated, if you are going through a divorce or big changes at work, Januray may not be the best time," agreed Marie Walt, community nutritionist at Somerset Medical Center.

But if, as the clock tolled the end of 1991, you made bold promises in a public sort of a way and want to live up to them, and want to beat the odds, here is the expert's prescription for success.

According to psychotherapist Barbara Ronca, of Counseling and Therapy Services in Bridgewater, people resist change because it is stressful. Ms. Ronca compares habits to a pair of old shoes.

"You've worn them out and need to get new ones," she said. "But the old ones are comfortable, even though your feet are hanging out. When you get the new shoes, they are tight and uncomfortable at first, but eventually they reach a comfortable level."

According to Mr. Stover, the biggest obstacle to trying on those new shoes, or sticking to your resolution, is the urge for immediate gratification. At any given moment, you will desire much more to stuff your face than to diet, to sit on the couch and watch television and postpone any number of projects that you swore to take on.

"You have to strive to reach a balance between what you want right away what you want later on," he said.

Resolutionary realism

The strategy is to set realistic goals, look at the entire process, and break it down into very small steps.

For instance, if you have been sedentary for five years, it is not realistic to believe that you can look like Arnold Schwarzenegger by July; or if you are a chocoholic that you will never touch chocolate again; that you will go from reading nothing to reading (Please turn to page 4)

—Their resolutions are idle declarations, just pure garbage'

—Dr. Arnold Lazarus
Rutgers professor

New Year's

around the world and at home



By JANIS RISCH
WeekendPlus Writer
Some resolutions offered by people who live and work in the area:

■ "At my age I don't make resolutions anymore," said Edna Addis, 86, of Middlesex. "I just thank God for every day I am alive."

■ "I go on a diet every New Years," said Florence Defino, 76, of Middlesex. "It lasts about a week and that's it. I also resolve to stay away from the Atlantic City casinos. That lasts until the next senior citizen-sponsored trip comes up."



■ "I am pregnant and due the beginning of the year," said Caroline Lester of North Plainfield. "So, my resolution is to lose the weight soon afterward. Easier said than done."

■ A couple of years ago I made a resolution to give up smoking," said Peter Allen, of Somerville. "It lasted a month. This year, it will probably be to save money. No more buying CDs, tape cleaners, neat new shirts, just picking up a pizza. I'm going to see how much money I can save."

■ Linda Convey, of Westfield: doesn't make new year's resolution, because she makes changes in her life all year long. I think it

needs to be an ongoing thing," she said. She often confides her goals to her daughter, Courtney Barra, who helps her mother out.

■ "I don't make them," said Courtney Barra, a fitness instructor. "I see that people never keep them. In the first two weeks of January, everyone is pretty gung-ho, and after that, it drops dramatically." Of course, as she exercises for her living, Courtney doesn't have to make two of the most common resolutions: lose weight and begin and exercise program.

■ "Time management," said Janet Boni of Morristown. "If I can just get a grip on schedules and organize my life, I can get on with the serious business of figuring out the meaning of life."

■ "My resolution is to lighten up," said Bob Boni, who is entering his second year of retirement. "My goal is to look at life in a carefree manner, the way carefree people do. By the way, you've just set us back with your questions, you know."

■ "To be more patient, to be more understanding, and to have compassion, and to listen," said Estelle Polinske, of Manville. "That's very important. Most people aren't listening. That's what I would like most of all. I think it would make me happier and more peaceful."

■ "I really want to join a spa and take time to exercise, so that I will have more energy," said Kathy Young, of Somerset. "I have to find the time for it. You feel better when you get regular exercise." Kathy's other goal is to spend more time with her husband. She doesn't think the two goals will conflict, because she can kill two birds with one stone, so to speak, by joining her husband who works out already at Jack LaLanne.

■ Ted Petriach, of Somerset, began a goal two years ago to become financially independent by the time he is 45 so he can retire. He has ten years to accomplish the goal. His first step was to buy a house and get out of debt. This year, his goal is to invest in mutual funds.

New Year's Traditions around the world

Asampling of some of the many other New Year's traditions celebrated in other countries:

■ At the Iroquois Midwinter Ceremony in January, members of the Iroquois False Face Society put on masks to become the curing spirits of the tribe, and visit Iroquois homes. They throw open the door and rub their rattles on its frame. They gather ashes from the kitchen fire and scatter them for everyone's health. If sick people are in the crowd, they blow ashes directly onto the parts of the body that are ailing them.

■ A huge dragon, the symbol of good luck, leads the Chinese New Year procession in February. Made of bamboo and covered in paper or silk, more than 50 people may support it underneath, making it weave and wind through the streets. In Chinese homes, families



hang red scrolls printed with wishes for good luck and prosperity, and children receive coins inside little red packets.

■ The Tibetan New Year, Losar, is celebrated in February. On the eve of the holiday, families prepare a special dumpling soup. The dumplings contain omens for the new year. A pebble, for instance, promises life as durable as a diamond, cayenne pepper predicts a temperamental personality. Two days after Losar, people take down the

numerous prayer flags that fly above their homes and raise new ones which, as they flap in the wind carry prayers to the gods.

■ The Ibo people of Nigeria celebrate the end of the year in March, by making as much noise as possible to show their grief as the old year leaves. When the sounds fade away, everyone rushes outside and welcomes the New Year with applause.

■ Noruz, Iran's New Year, is celebrated March 21. Two weeks before that date, families place seeds in bowls of water so there will be green shoots for the first day of spring. They clean their homes thoroughly, and on the eve of the last Wednesday of the year everyone in the family jumps over a small bonfire, to leave behind the sorrows of the old year. The family also spreads a cloth on the floor, and places on it seven objects which represent happiness: sprouted seeds, hyacinth, sweet wheat pudding, vinegar, sumac, apples, and olives.

Expert resolutionary analysis

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50 novels this year; or that you can completely change your diet overnight.

But you can say you will begin a particular exercise program, that you will limit the amount of chocolate, that you will set aside one hour a week to read a novel, or that you will eliminate doughnuts for breakfast this week, and add vegetables to your dinner next week.

According to Dr. Arnold Lazarus, a distinguished professor of psychology at Rutgers University, there are two kinds of people who make resolutions, those who mean those who don't.

Pre-contemplative people are ones who haven't even thought through what it would mean to make the change.

"Their resolutions are idle declarations, just pure garbage," said Dr. Lazarus.

But an action-oriented person has thought the resolution through and has a concrete plan how to reach the goal.

"Their resolution will work, unless their pledge is unreachable," said Dr. Lazarus.

Lazarus said that a "perfectly good resolution would be to try to get yourself to the point of readiness."

But take hope from the experts.

Walt's resolution is to slow down, not be in such a hurry, realize she can do things a little bit more slowly. Come to think of it, that was her same resolution last year.

"I am still working on it," she said. "It is just like dieting."

Stover doesn't have any particular New Year's resolution, but he joined a gym a couple of months ago because they were offering a good price.

"Sometimes I go, and sometimes I go to the couch. No one is perfect."

Dr. Lazarus has no resolution either.

"I am too pre-contemplative at this point to make any resolutions for 1992."

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Jan. 12. Includes an
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den" (see Kid Stuff).

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Weekend, Jan. 18,
19.

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Decorative Arts," ongoing.
• Ink drawings by Allan Rohan Crite w/
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1993.

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One of the many works of art by Suzy Kitman of New York City going on display at the second Young Artist's Exhibition, which opens Saturday at the Watchung Arts Center.

EVENTS

Pictures at an exhibition Watchung Center features new artists

By KATHY HALL
WeekendPlus Writer

The next Picasso or Rembrandt could be discovered this weekend — by you, if you attend the opening of the Young Artists Exhibition at the Watchung Arts Center.

The show features five young painters from New Jersey and New York, and works will be for sale.

"It's not what you'd expect," claims guest curator Judy O'Donnell, who coordinated the event. "The contrast is really what's interesting. I think people are expecting some really odd, cutting edge work, and we do have some of that, but we also have some more traditional artists. I think it's showing that we have a lot of young artists who are very different in their styles."

The artists featured are Brian Ferriso from Morristown, Barbara Jenny from South Orange, Suzy Kitman from New York City, Elizabeth Mesa from West New York and Fausto Sevila from Elizabeth.

"Fausto's work is pretty odd," said Ms. O'Donnell. "It's very wild, very different, involving images of internal organs, but it's really interesting."

She described Ms. Jenny's work as "all-encompassing." The Dartmouth alumna is currently setting up her three-dimensional display of an archaeological dig along one of the walls — a 14-foot exhibit that reaches out at least two feet along the floor.

"It's exactly like you were walking into a dig," said Ms. O'Donnell.

Elizabeth Mesa, whose work has previously been exhibited in Brooklyn, Newark, Montclair, Passaic and Hoboken, works in what Ms. O'Donnell calls "modern figurative," and has been featured in a show spotlighting art of Latin American women.

A more traditional style can be found in pieces by Mr. Ferriso and Ms. Kitman. A latter-day Impressionist, Mr. Ferriso's work is "very soft" in contrast to the rest of the exhibit, as the artist is a student of the Old Masters color theories.

Ms. Kitman is the quintessential portrait artist within the group, according to Ms. O'Donnell. Most recently, her work was featured in a three-woman show called "Explorations," in New York. More of her work can be found at the A.J. Lederman gallery in Hoboken.

"I don't think anyone will walk out of there and say, 'Well, that was nice,'" Ms. O'Donnell said, laughing. "I think people will really love it or hate it, or love part of it and hate part of it, but that's great."

The exhibit opens Saturday with a public reception from 7 to 10 p.m.



"Olmec Head," from a collection by artist Elizabeth Mesa, one of the five up-and-coming talents featured at the second Young Artist's Exhibition opening Saturday at the Watchung Arts Center.

Refreshments will be offered, and the artists will be present to meet with visitors and discuss their work. A second reception will be held on Sunday, Jan. 5, from 2 to 5 p.m.

The work will be displayed until Feb. 2, weekdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday exhibitions will feature some kind of entertainment, and special viewings may be arranged.

More new artists needed

The Watchung Arts Center is also sponsoring a contest open to all New Jersey artists more than 18 years old. Artists may submit up to three works that have been executed within the last two years and have not been exhibited in the arts center before.

The show is called "12x12" and each piece may not be larger than a 12-inch square, including frame, and must be ready to hang. The entry fee is \$15, and the center will deduct a commission on any work sold during the exhibition.

WATCHUNG ARTS CENTER Watchung Circle at 18 Stirling Road (accessible by Routes 22 and 78). For more information, call 753-0190.

Mark your calendar

Corporate Collection

"Corporations Collect: I," the first in a series of corporate exhibitions planned by the Morris Museum, is scheduled to open on Saturday, Jan. 4 with a reception from 6-9 p.m.

The exhibition, a reflection of the museum's commitment to present an overview of current art activity in New Jersey, will continue through March 13.

A selection of well-known artists represented include: a 15th Century Florentine painting in the manner of Sandro Botticelli, Roy DeForest, Richard Haas, William Wegman and Kay WalkingStick.

Asian art course at RVCC

Registration opens on Jan. 3 for a course on Asian Art being offered to the general public by Raritan Valley Community College in North Branch.

The non-credit course, taught by noted instructor Helen Asquino Fazio, will survey the history of art from the neolithic period up to the modern period. Sculpture, architecture, paintings and print making from India, Nepal, Tibet, China, Cambodia, Vietnam and Japan will be discussed.

"Students will be asked to consider the arts in Asia as the very telling records of the history of philosophy, politics, technology and the aesthetics in the Far East," said Associate Professor of Humanities Paul Lorenzi.

Registration closes on Jan. 9. Classes will be offered and classes on Wednesdays from 7:45 to 10:25 p.m. beginning Jan. 15.

The Raritan Valley Community College, serving the residents of Hunterdon and Somerset counties, is located on Rt. 28 and Lamington Rd. in the North Branch section of Somerset County. For more information, call (908)-218-8869.

Happenings

CAFE JUDAICA
Conservative Temple and Center
201 South Third Ave.
Highland Park

(908) 545-6482
■Exhibition and reception with creators of Judaic art. 8-11 p.m. Jan. 11. Admission \$10.
DISABLING IMAGES/

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Ramada Renaissance Hotel
Route 18, East Brunswick
(908) 846-2895
■How society views disabled

people in the way they are portrayed, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Jan. 18. Interpreted in sign language. Free admission; reservations required.

GARDEN STATE STAMP SHOW
Wayne Manor
Route 23, Wayne
(908) 247-1093

■18th annual statewide stamp collectibles show, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Jan. 3, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 4, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Jan. 5. Adults \$2, children

under 12 free.
SUMMER CAMP FAIR
Sheraton at Woodbridge Place
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Not Led Zeppelin, but an incredible simulation. Physical Graffiti will perform their all-Zeppelin show live at Club Bene on Saturday, Jan. 4. For more information, call (908)-727-3000.

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• Shelter, Bouncing Souls, Jan. 5.

• 7 Seconds, Jan. 19.

CLUB BENE

Route 35, Sayreville
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• Physical Graffiti, Jan. 4.

• Outlaws, Jan. 10.

• Larry Seth (Elvis tribute), Jan. 11.

• Richard Elliot, Jan. 17.

• Loudon Wainwright III, Jan. 18.

• Steve Forbert, Jan. 24 (tickets for Dec. 13 will be honored).

• Johnny Maestro & The Brooklyn Bridge, Jan. 25.

• Bob Nelson, Feb. 1.

COCKTAILS

51 Main St., South River

(908) 257-8325

• Orange Man, Jan. 3.

• Backstreets, Jan. 4.

• Bums in the Park, Jan. 10.

• The Nerds, Jan. 16.

CORNERSTONE

25 New St., Metuchen

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CORNER TAVERN

113 Somerset St.

New Brunswick

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Spook Handy Show, Tuesdays.

D.J. dance party, Thursdays.

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124 Church St.

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Reggae night, Tuesdays.

• Love Shack" dance party, Thursdays.

THE COVE

108 Chestnut St., Roselle

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Dave LaRue, Mondays.

Open coffeehouse, Tuesdays.

• J.C. Thunder, Steel Daze, Vir-

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• Bareass Canaries, The Knowbodys, Delayed Green, Jan. 4.

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• Wipattraction, China White,

Nar, Jan. 24.

• The Night, Boom Chasers,

Vague Nation, Ing, Jan. 10.

• Sweet Lizard Illit, Like a

Chain, The Reverbs, Jan. 17.

• Spin Doctors, World Within,

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• Jack Destiny, Jennifer Ber-

etta, Jan. 8.

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• Bums in the Park, Jan. 29.

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• Swervediver, Jan. 25.

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DINING

More than just pizza

Ferraro's offers a full selection of Italian delights

By MICKI PUSINELLI
Culinary Correspondent

It seems like every other week I'm writing about another Italian restaurant. Lately it has been about pizzerias that also serve Italian food. This week's article is just the opposite. It's about an Italian restaurant that also serves pizza.

Joe Bonfantino, owner of **Ferraro's** in Somerville, is back in the town in which he first started. As a youngster, Joe worked for his father in downtown Somerville making pizza. From there he made stops at Ferraro's in Westfield and at his father's pizzeria in Belmar.

Not content with just making pizza, he opened his first Italian restaurant last summer in Belmar. After a successful venture there, he assumed ownership of Ferraro's in Somerville.

The original Ferraro's in Somerville never got off the ground. After extensive remodeling last summer, the restaurant closed after being open for only a few weeks.

Under Joe's ownership, the new Ferraro's is flourishing. We ate there last Saturday with another couple and, if the number of customers there that night is any indication, I would say that Ferraro's is finally here to stay.

The interior is plain, simple and clean with beige wallpaper, Formica table tops and Christmas paper place mats. It has small tables in the entrance way and a waiting area for people ordering pizza to go. A wall divider separates that area from the main dining room. Ferraro's doesn't have a liquor license but you can bring your own wine or beer.

The dining room has tables of four on both sides of the room and two tables of six in the front. All of the tables were occupied that Saturday night and people were waiting to be seated. If you decided to go there on a weekend, I suggest you make reservations.

Ferraro's menu has nine cold appetizers (\$4.95-\$8.95) and 10 hot ones (\$1.95-\$11.95 for a hot antipasto for two). There are three soups and 10 salads (\$1.95-\$5.95 for Caesar salad for two).

Entrees include seven veal (\$9.50-\$10.95), 12 chicken (\$7.95-\$10.95), 15 seafood (\$9.95-\$11.95) and 24 pasta dishes (\$5.50-\$9.95). In addition, there are several nightly specials of both appetizers and entrees. All of the entrees are served with a choice of salad or the pasta of the day.

Our waiter, Nunzio, who was excellent, brought over a bread basket consisting of Foraccia (Italian bread with rosemary, scallions and garlic), garlic twists and Panella (round, crusty Italian bread). It was all made in-house and delicious.

Nunzio proceeds to tell us the nightly specials and in great detail. It



Ferraro's, located on West Main St. in Somerville, offers casual dining and great Italian food.

also seemed as if he did the cooking as well.

For appetizers, we shared orders of fried calamari (\$5.25) and mozzarella en carozza (\$4.95). The calamari was crisp and plentiful. We requested the mozzarella en carozza with anchovies, so it was served in a delicious anchovy paste.

Two of us shared a Caesar salad for two (\$5.95). The salad was made in the kitchen, probably because of the size of the restaurant, but it was good.

For entrees, three of us ordered from the specials of the night and one from the regular menu. Our choices were veal, pasta and two seafood items. The creativity of the kitchen was really highlighted in the nightly specials.

One companion ordered the linguine malafemmina (lobster, clams, shrimp and scallops served on a bed of linguini in a white sauce). The seafood was fresh and their taste not covered up by the light sauce.

The other special, veal Sorrentino (veal, eggplant, mozzarella cheese and prosciutto) was served in a light pink sauce. The veal was tender, you could cut it with your fork and the sauce was extremely light.

My choice of the night was rigatoni vodka (\$7.95). This is becoming my favorite pasta dish. I've ordered it in several restaurants and Ferraro's version was just as good.

Two of us had dessert. Most of the cake desserts are purchased from "Confectioneries by John" in Middlesex. If you never had any of John's cakes, I suggest you try one. They are delicious.

Ferraro's may be new in Somerville, but it is acting like a seasoned veteran in the highly competitive restaurant business. Good food, good service with excellent prices will do it all the time.

FERRARO'S, 18 West Main St., Somerville. (908) 707-0029.

This column is meant to inform readers of dining opportunities in the area. It is not a review.

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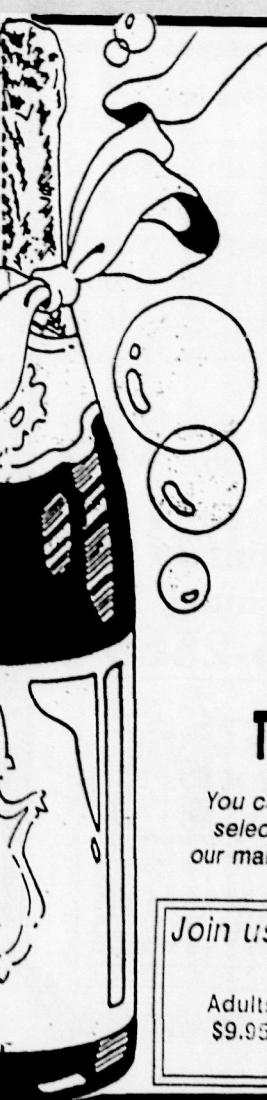
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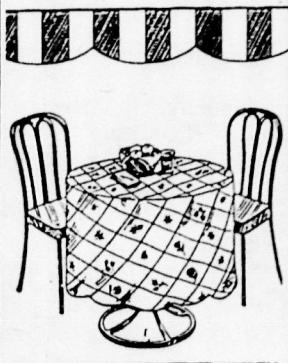
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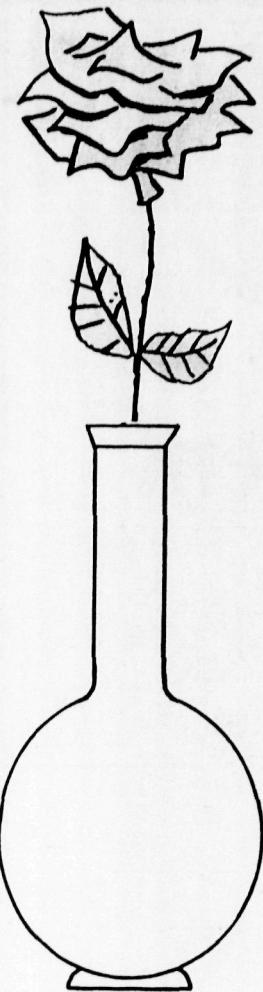
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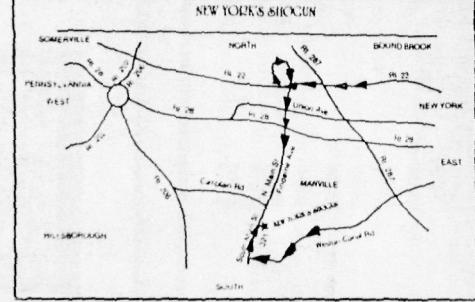
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