



Miss Meilyn Ruiz and Bert Ivey

Miss Meilyn Ruiz To Marry Bert Ivey

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Ruiz of Scotch Plains have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Meilyn Ruiz, also of Scotch Plains, to Bert Ivey of Cincinnati, Ohio. He is the son of Drs. Tom and Marianne Ivey of Cincinnati.

A 1999 graduate of Villanova University in Villanova, Pa., the bride-elect is currently enrolled in the Physician Assistant Program at MCP Hahnemann University in Philadelphia.

Her fiancé graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1999 and is currently enrolled in the

African Violet Group To Meet on April 6

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Union County Chapter of the African Violet Society will meet at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, at the Scotch Plains Public Library, located at 1927 Bartle Avenue in Scotch Plains.

The program, entitled "Once Upon a Time," will include a slide show. All are welcome to attend.

Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, Tenn. The couple plans to be married in May.

Nicholas Anthony Welcomed By Walsweer Family

Regina and Jonathan Walsweer of Westfield have announced the birth of their son, Nicholas Anthony Walsweer, on Saturday, March 9, at 1:30 a.m. at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Nicholas weighed 8 pounds and 15 ounces and measured 21½ inches in length at birth. He joins his brother, William, age 21 months.

The baby's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Simone Muscarnera of Westfield.

His paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Daman of Mountaintop and Mrs. Jane Walsweer of Westfield.



MR. AND MRS. BRIAN CHARLES KOLACY (She is the former Miss Melanie Ann King)

Miss Melanie Ann King Weds Brian Charles Kolacy

Miss Melanie Ann King of Middletown, N.Y., the daughter of Mrs. Patricia Mosher and Mr. Dana King, also of Middletown, was married on Saturday, September 8, to Brian Charles Kolacy of Middletown, formerly of Westfield. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Newell Foster of Lincolnton, Me., also formerly of Westfield.

The early evening ceremony took place at the Inn at Central Valley in Central Valley, N.Y., with Judge Raymond Shoemaker officiating. The reception was also held at the Inn at Central Valley.

Escorted down the aisle by her father, the bride wore a short sleeved satin dress with a sweetheart neckline. The lace covered bodice was trimmed with seed pearls and crystals. Her cathedral length train was decorated with lace cutwork and the hem of the dress and train was edged with a border of scalloped lace.

The bride's elbow length veil of silk illusion was held in place by a coronet of seed pearls and crystals that she made herself. She carried a semi-cascade bouquet featuring stargazer lilies, coral and pink roses, delphiniums, lavender heather and English ivy.

Ms. Joselle Germano of Dover, N.H., was the maid of honor. The bridal attendants included Mrs. Brenda Fediuk of Rochester, N.Y., the stepsister of the bride, and Mrs. Catherine Becker of Richmond, Va., the sister of the bridegroom.

They each wore a sleeveless, floor-

length dress of seafoam green satin with a matching stole and carried bouquets similar to the one carried by the bride.

Jay Newell Foster, the stepfather of the bridegroom, was the best man. Serving as ushers were Andrew King of Middletown, N.Y., the brother of the bride; Stephen Becker of Richmond, Va., the brother-in-law of the bridegroom, and Rob Leventhal of New Rochelle, N.Y.

A 1991 graduate of Middletown High School, the bride received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Fla., and received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree from Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., in May of 2001. She currently practices at the Ani-Mall Pet Hospital in Middletown.

The bridegroom is a 1989 graduate of the Vail-Deane School in Mountaintop. He also attended Eckerd College, where he received his degree in Fine Arts. He is currently working as a network consultant.

The rehearsal dinner, hosted by the parents of the bridegroom, was held at the Silent Farm Inn in Goshen, N.Y.

Following a wedding trip to Disney World in Orlando, Fla., the couple resides in Middletown.

See it all on the Web!
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White House Floral Designer To Speak to Garden Clubs

WESTFIELD — Dan Firth, a Pennsylvania floral designer who has been on the White House Christmas design team, will speak at the annual joint meeting of Westfield's two garden clubs on Wednesday, April 10.

Members of the Rake and Hoe and the Garden Club of Westfield, and their guests, will meet at the Westfield Y at 1 p.m. The Y is located at 220 Clark Street.

Active in the floral industry for over 25 years, Mr. Firth has taught floral design and judged national competitions throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and South America.

He also worked on President Bush's inaugural, the Rotary International float for the Tournament of Roses Parade, the rededication of the Statue of Liberty, and the Philadelphia Flower Show.

Known for incorporating landscape design with floral arrangements, he will begin the program with a group of slides that demonstrate this concept.

Hostess chairwomen for the meeting will be Lecia DeHaven and Jennie Williams, assisted by Jean Sawtelle, Pat Volini, Peggy Norwine, Anne Morgan, Joan Murray, Barbara Sandford and Maretta Plant.

Members of the Garden Club of Westfield who will provide floral arrangements at the Westfield Me-

morial Library in April are Nancy Roff, Jean Partner-Jones, Rita Mahoney, Connie Muirhead and Joanne Sullebarger.

Farinelli to be Shown At Westfield Library

WESTFIELD — The next offering at the Westfield Memorial Library's Spring International Film Festival will be 1995's *Farinelli*, in French and Italian with subtitles. It is suitable for adult audiences.

Library cardholders may attend this free showing of the film on Wednesday, April 17, at 1 or 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the library, located at 550 East Broad Street.

The movie tells the story of Carlos Broschi, known as Farinelli, who was one of the most celebrated opera singers of mid-18th century Europe.

International films are offered as adult programs at the Westfield Memorial Library. Each month, a film from the Festival series is shown, with both an afternoon and evening viewing.

The final film of the International Spring Festival is *Genesis*, in Bambara and French, that will be shown on Wednesday, May 22. Tickets will be available two weeks prior to the event. For further information, please call (908) 789-4090.

Applications Being Accepted For Master Gardener Classes

WESTFIELD — The Master Gardener Training Program is now accepting applications for the Class of 2002-2003.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. until noon, beginning September 24 and running through May of next year.

Each week's program will feature a Rutgers Cooperative Extension faculty or staff member teaching a topic from their area of expertise.

Among the topics are "Flower Gardening," "Vegetable Gardening," "Fruit Growing," "Insects and Diseases," "Plant Pathology," "Basic Botany," "Integrated Pest Management," "Mosquito Control" and "Wildlife."

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certification credits may be offered for some lectures.

Once an individual becomes a Trained Master Gardener Volunteer, he or she may join one of various committees that provide educational services to Union County residents; volunteer at garden shows and fairs; or become a speaker on a particular topic.

Classes will be held in Rutgers Cooperative Extension's first floor auditorium, located at 300 North Avenue, East, in Westfield. Once accepted into the program, participants will be charged a fee for the cost of materials.

For more information or to obtain an application for this program, please call the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County's Agriculture Department at (908) 654-9854.

Two Local Geographic Bee Finalists to Test Their Skills

AREA — Westfield resident Daniel C. Shorrock and Berkeley Heights student Andrew M. Mathis will put their knowledge of geography to the test tomorrow, Friday, April 5, at the state-level competitions of the 2002 National Geographic Bee.

The contest, which is slated to be held at the Busch Campus Center of Rutgers State University in Piscataway, will start with a preliminary round at 9:30 a.m. and the final round will be held at 11:30 a.m.

Daniel is a seventh grader at Edison Intermediate School in Westfield. Andrew is an eighth grader at Columbia Middle School in Berkeley Heights.

The winner in each state will advance to the national finals in Wash-

ington on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 21 and 22, to vie for the National Geographic Bee crown.

The first prize is a \$25,000 college scholarship and a lifetime subscription to *National Geographic* magazine. The second and third place prizes are \$15,000 and \$10,000, respectively.

Friday's state Bee is the second level of the National Geographic Bee, which began last December with contests in nearly 18,000 U.S. schools. Each state winner will receive \$100 and other prizes, along with an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. with a teacher escort for the May finals, which will be hosted by Alex Trebek of ABC's "Jeopardy!" quiz show.

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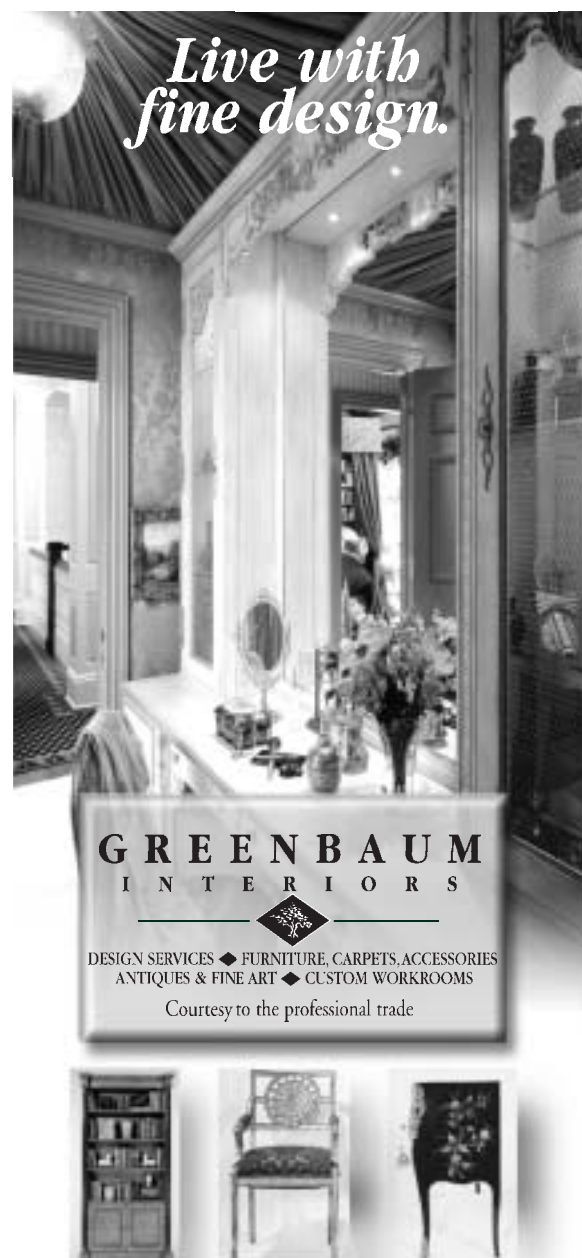
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