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Briefs

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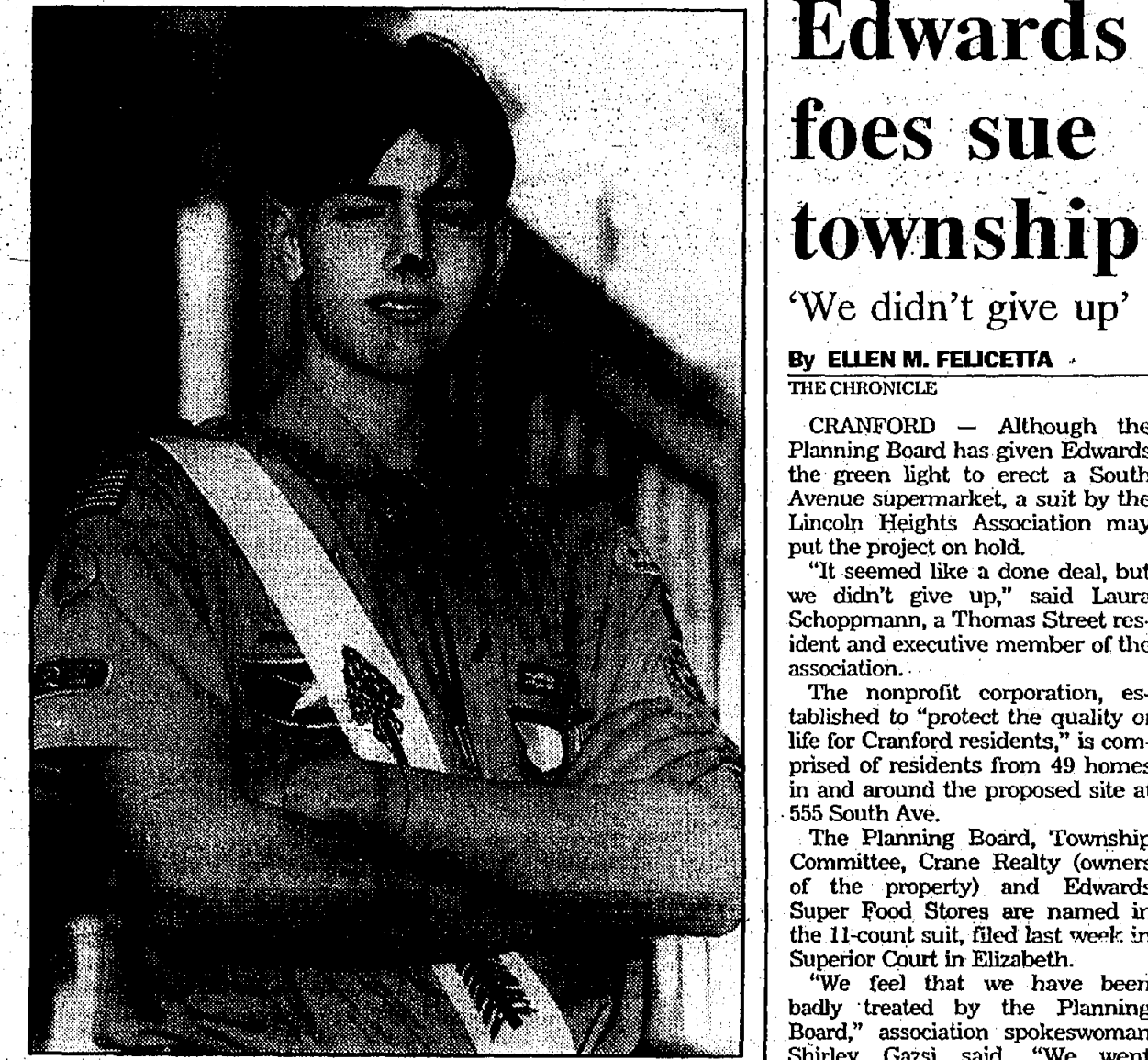
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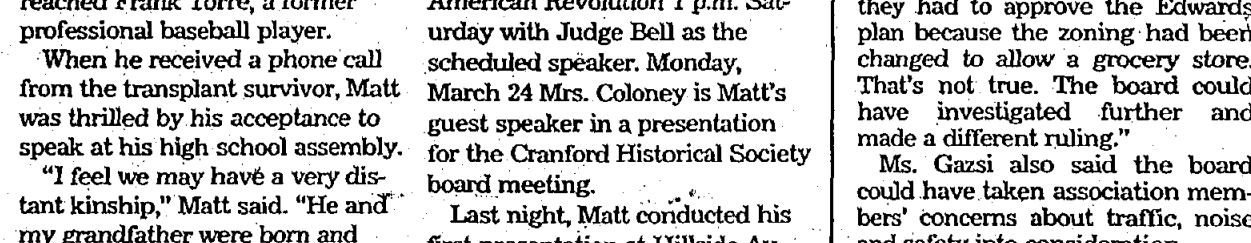
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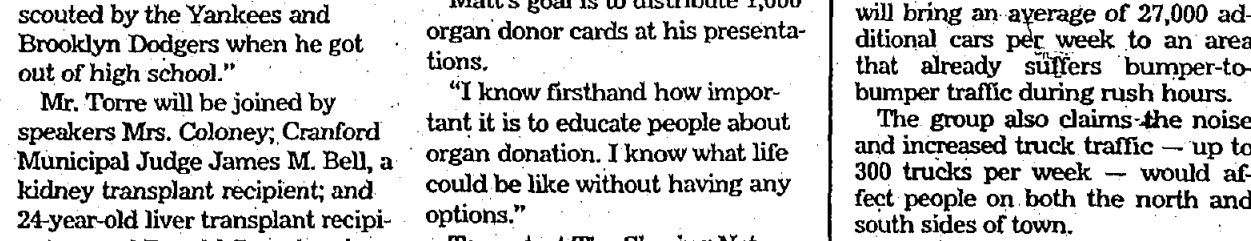
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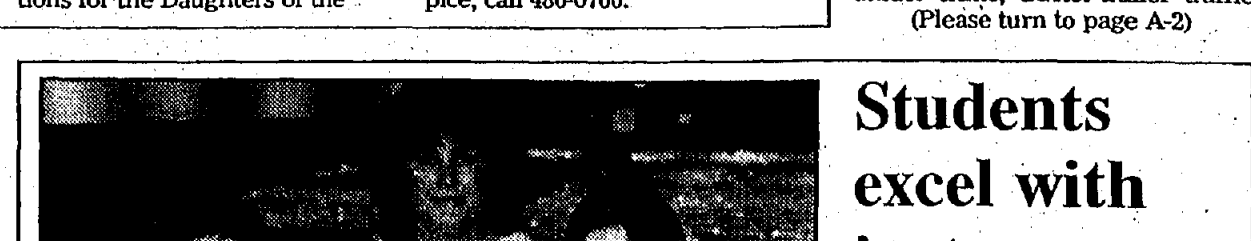
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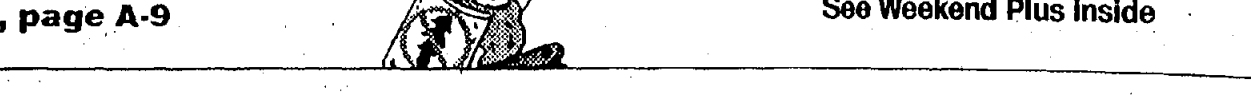
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Students

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(Continued from page A-1) at odd hours and harm the quality of life in a residential neighborhood. Township Attorney Al Stender, who has received a copy of the complaint, reserved comment pending review of the document.

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Famed choir to appear at church

Cranford — The Lyncoming College Choir, conducted by Dr. Fred Thayer, will appear at Cranford United Methodist Church Sunday, Feb. 23.



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Commentary

Keep ISTEA intact

New Jersey must fight to keep transportation funding program

It's no secret New Jersey has some of the worst roads in America. That's why it's important the state get its fair share of transportation funding.

The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, commonly known as ISTEA and pronounced like the beverage, is due to expire at the end of September without congressional renewal. The act gives New Jersey close to \$1 billion a year for its mass transit and highways. The funding formula is based on need. Now, other states, namely fast-growing ones in the Southeast and West, want a bigger slice of the ISTEA pie.

Gov. Christine Todd Whitman has argued New Jersey's aging infrastructure and heavily traveled roads are reasons why the government should fund ISTEA.

We agree with the governor. New Jersey is so dependent on its mass transit and roads that it's unfathomable how the government could consider taking away or reducing funding.

New Jersey has the distinction of ranking near the bottom when it comes to the return on dollars sent to Washington. Maybe New Jersey doesn't need help in certain areas like less affluent states like Louisiana or Alabama, but it does need all the help it can get when it comes to transportation funding.

Other Northeast states are on New Jersey's side in the fight to save ISTEA funds. They also want it to continue. Surveys of truckers have repeatedly pointed to New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania as having the poorest roads in the United States.

New Jersey would be crippled if mass transit and its roads collapsed any further. The government should ensure this doesn't happen by keeping the ISTEA funding formula intact.

Valentine's Day history

The images of Valentine's Day are wacky: some chubby, mischievous baby flies around shooting people with arrows dipped in a love potion. It's even wackier when you consider Cupid's dysfunctional family background.

Cupid was an illegitimate son and sheltered mama's boy of Venus, a promiscuous goddess who not only fooled around with other gods but mortals as well. Venus's unhappiness stemmed from her forced marriage to the ugly and deformed god Vulcan. Cupid's father, Mercury, was the god of commerce and messenger for Zeus, so he was never around.

Valentine's Day itself likely originated from an ancient belief that birds (particularly lovebirds) began to mate in mid-February. Feb. 14 was also a designated feast day (until 1969 when it was dropped from the Roman Catholic calendar) to honor two Christian saints, one named St. Valentine, who were martyred by the Roman Emperor Claudius II Gothicus.

The reason St. Valentine had his head lopped off was because he married young couples against the orders of Claudius. The emperor believed married soldiers weren't as efficient as single ones. On top of all that, in ancient Rome Feb. 15 was a fertility festival in honor of the pastoral god Lupercus.

Through the years it all got tangled — Cupid, bird ecology, the beheaded saint — and continues in the commercial conglomerate it is today. More than 1 billion Valentine cards will be delivered in the United States in 1997. That's \$320 million for the postal service and a whole lot more for Hallmark.

Much like love itself, Valentine's Day is complicated and confusing, but never boring.

The newspaper is here for you

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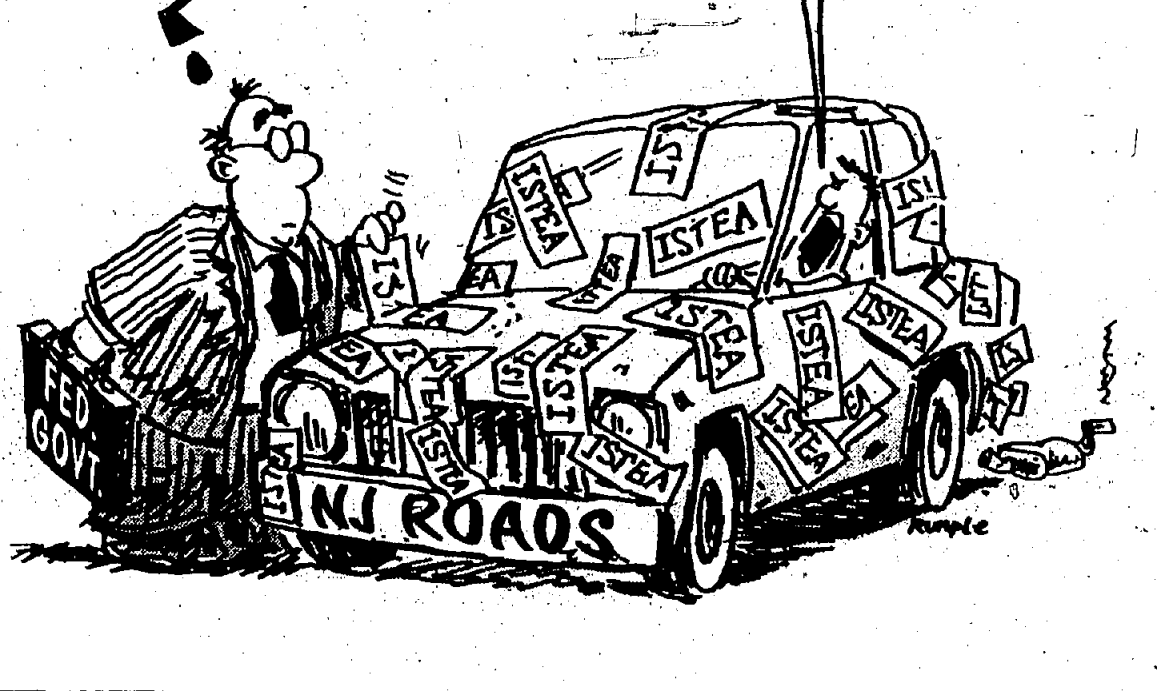
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Flights of fancy

Animals face their own 'rat race'



Letters to the editor

Thanks for house tour help

To The Chronicle:

As chairwomen of this year's Cranford Junior Women's Club house tour, we would like to publicly recognize the efforts of the many individuals and organizations who assisted in the year-long effort culminating Dec. 8, 1996, in our "Home for the Holidays" house tour.

We would like to thank several local merchants for their gracious and enthusiastic support. Our thanks go out to the Cranford Book-Store, Crisanti Shoes, Geiger's Fine Women's Apparel, Linda's Book Exchange, The Arrangement, Creations by Liz, Cranford Florist, The Enchanted Garden, Rokosmier Flower Shop, Scarlet Begonias, Victoria Florist and Williams Nursery.

We would also like to thank the Green Thumb Garden Club for hosting the Holiday Boutique at the Cranford Historical Society's Hanson House on the day of the tour. Many people enjoyed browsing the wonderful crafts, holiday greens and decorations.

Local volunteer organizations were integral to the success of this year's tour. Thanks to all the Village Improvement Association, Project Home of Cranford and Cranford Cares for Kids volunteers who generously gave of their time to help out the day of the tour.

The true success of the tour goes to the homeowners who so graciously opened their homes to our guests. We would like to sincerely thank the Pazio, Ganser, Mattis and Ruffetto families for their continued patience and understanding throughout the many months of preparation for this event. By opening their homes and hearts, they have truly provided shelter for those in need.

A special thanks also goes out to Kathy and Chris Reidy, who hosted the first hospitality house. This proved to be a welcome addition with people stopping in for refreshments and fine crafts, as well as to enjoy their beautiful home.

Thanks would not be complete without mention of the outstanding efforts of the members of the Cranford Junior Women's Club. Their unflagging and enthusiastic support was critical to the success of our major fund-raiser. Throughout the year these women demonstrate a strong generosity of spirit. It is a group we are proud to be part of.

The generosity and cooperation of all involved demonstrated that Cranford is a community with a strong sense of commitment to its residents. This commitment will be reflected in the over \$8,000 donation that the Cranford Junior Women's Club will distribute among Project Home of Cranford, Cranford Cares for Kids and our scholarship fund.

Congratulations to all for a very successful event!

LYNDA FEUER
NANCY MIKI
Co-chairwomen
1996 House Tour

Make Project Graduation a success

To The Chronicle:

Each year for the past eight years, the Cranford High School PTA and the senior parents have sponsored Project Graduation, a drive and alcohol-free party for the seniors on the night of graduation.

We are very proud that each year the party has been a huge success in providing a safe and controlled environment for the kids to celebrate. Plans are now under way for Project Graduation 1997.

We know it seems a bit early, but a great deal of time and preparation is necessary to organize an event of this size. The success of this project can be directly attributed to the many volunteers and generous people who contribute to this worthwhile cause.

We ask that you join us this year in helping to make this evening a success for the Class of 1997. A donation of merchandise, cash or a gift certificate would be greatly appreciated.

All contributors will be mentioned the night of the party. As in the past, we intend to purchase Cranford Downtown Management gift certificates with a significant promotion of the monetary donations, thereby ensuring that your donation will be returned to the town.

If you would like to help us with a cash donation, please send a check payable to Cranford High School PTA, Cranford, N.J. 07016. If you would like to donate merchandise, please contact Tricia at 272-8317 or Lynn at 276-8686 and we will arrange for a pickup.

We look forward to providing a safe, fun evening for the graduates and hope that you will assist us in achieving this goal.

TRICIA FURINO
LYNDA FEUER
Donation chairwomen

Good riddance to young drivers of the '90s

To The Chronicle:

"This is the '90s." Yes, that's all we get to hear from the youngsters of today. "This is the '90s," so accept our ways.

Well, let me tell you one thing, this may be the '90s but they do not have to do 90 in their sports cars and out of others off and through red lights, nearly causing accidents.

They don't have to show off in their fancy sport cars and how many miles an hour they can go. We know, for our lives are at stake when they're driving.

Oh yes, another thing they may think is that they are being smart in giving you the finger when things go wrong. That is the only sign language they know how to do.

Good luck, young driver of the '90s. The next time you cut me off, I hope that no other one is in your path to get injured. You and your smart ale driving won't get you anywhere.

I am praying for you that your warped mind behind that wheel gets straightened out someday. Maybe you don't care about your life, but think of others. It's a sad world and I'm surprised at the young girl drivers I always thought it was the boys who were worse drivers. I've changed my mind on that. It's the girls who cut you off.

Well, all that I can say is "happy landing" and hope to see you finish up the '90s.

DORIS K. FINCK
Kenilworth

Granddaughter grateful for George Rosendale

To The Chronicle:

Many local residents have fond memories of my late maternal grandfather, George Rosendale, who served as captain of the Cranford Police Department.

A master mason of Azure Lodge and a member of Cranford United Methodist Church, grandpa took a warm, personal interest in the people whom he served.

Having learned the values of gallantry, cleanliness and common sense from his parents, Henry Rosendale and Anna Maria Baumann, grandpa was

as methodical and courtly in his personal life as he was in his professional life.

My grandfather loved dogs, nature programs on television and National Geographic magazine. He kept a rooster over my head during the years when I attended Union County College and Kean College.

I am grateful to grandpa, as well as to God, that my little dog Connie and I have a rooster over our heads now, and several Cranfordies are grateful to my grandfather for being their friend and confidante while he was Cranford's police captain in the 1960s.

MARTHA McLOUGHLIN
Cranford

Animals face their own 'rat race'

It's tough being a rodent.

First you had that guy who coshed a rat over the head with a shovel. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals freaked out.

Recently, a lady from North Plainfield was nailed for accidentally (and there's the key word, folks) leaving two squirrels in a trap, where they starved to death.

It was sad, but I'm sure she meant no harm, even though the SPCA made her look like the poster child for America's Most Wanted.

Where is the SPCA when your neighbor's dog is left outside to bark his head off in sub-zero weather, or locked in the car in the summer?

And why are there weekend pit bull fights in various locations in Central Jersey?

I guess it's easier to make an example of senior citizens who try to rid their homes of vermin than it is to approach a bunch of drunk-on-Jobilly who probably have a bundle of cash riding on their dog's ability to rip out another dog's guts.

Since the SPCA adores rodents, they should really take a look at Groundhog Day. A group of seedy-looking journalists, pompous public officials and frenzied onlookers descend upon the critter's burrow and drag him, blinking and confused, into the cold dawn light.

He's disoriented, frightened, and looking for a hole to crawl into and a hot dog, and the crowd cheers. And these clowns think he's running from his shadow?

Then the poor little fellow gets blamed if there's another six weeks in winter. It's Feb. 2, for crying out loud; there's supposed to be another six weeks of winter!

Ever since I moved to New Jersey, a co-worker has teased me about how nutty Long Islanders are. Usually I am loyal to the place I was called home, but I had to agree with him Sunday.

"Malverne Mel," Long Islanders answer to "Pumpkin Patch," was pulled kicking and screaming from his hair at the zoo, only to be reimposed in the bus and run.

(I admit Long Islanders can be pretty scary at 6 a.m. Many's the time I've crawled back into bed after seeing the traffic on the Long Island Expressway.)

"Malverne Mel has seen his shadow," the mayor yelled triumphantly, and everybody cheered wildly.

Has anybody died these folks into the fact that seeing his shadow is not cause for rejoicing? I remember celebrating February birthdays are Andrew Markowich and Lucy Sanguliano.

To join the club, call Tom Leahy at 276-6484.

Senior news

Cranford

The Monday Senior Citizens Club will celebrate birthdays for January, February and March for the following people on Feb. 24: Helen Augustine, Margaret Ayre, Mary Burkowski, Margaret Coates, Anthony DiVencenzo, Frank Grace, Edith Harselman, Maricene Kolb, Betty Lawson, Irene Massia, Florence Milkiewicz, Alice Moffitt, Florence Polak, Mary Porta, Ronnie Thompson, Irene Tomasko, Claire VonGelder, Lee West and Elaine Yochim.

Hostesses will be Barbara Pavlick and Mary Soehnlein.

The Tuesday Senior Citizens Club's Atlantic City casino trips are set for Wednesday and Wednesday, March 19. Call Marge at 851-2848 or Joann at 276-4134.

The Wednesday Senior Citizens Club is planning some trips: Resorts Casino, Atlantic City — Monday and Tuesday, March 10, 11; Caribbean fly-cruise vacation — April 12-19. Non-stop flight to Florida, airport/transfer transfers, cruise fare, and entertainment aboard the Celebrity Maureen Century. Ports of call include San Juan, St. Thomas, St. Maarten and Nassau. Fares begin at \$1,099 per person, plus port taxes.

Spring trip to the Catskills — May 19-23. Includes five days, four nights at the Fallview Hotel, Elterville, N.Y. The rate of \$289 includes transportation, three meals daily, entertainment nightly, dancing, swimming, ice rink, gym and spa.

For more information, call Nat Amsterdam at 276-6178 or Harmon Elston at 276-2948.

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The Friday Senior Citizens Club has announced its calendar of events for February.

Friday, Valentine's Day party; Feb. 21, Bingo, and Feb. 28, social.

Trips to Atlantic City are scheduled for today and Wednesday, March 12. The bus will leave from Centennial Pool parking lot at noon.

On March 17 (St. Patrick's Day), a trip to the Brownstone is planned. Included is a family style Irish luncheon and shows. The cost is \$46 per person.

Future trips are Gettysburg, Pa., and Hershey, Pa., for two nights and three days, June 24-26. Oct. 14-17, there will be a trip to Vermont.

For more information on all trips, call 276-2949.

Community life

Second Cranford quilt planned by Ellen Hess

By ELLEN M. FELICETTA
THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — The overwhelming response to the 125th Anniversary Quilt has prompted the creation of a "Cranford Quilt 2."

The new design will be created under the direction of resident Ellen Hess, the director of the original work. A professional textile designer, fiber artist and adjunct professor at New York's Fashion Institute of Technology, Ms. Hess received the go-ahead from Mayor J. Robert Hoefler.

"Due to the size restrictions, the first quilt could contain only 42 quilt blocks. Many important local groups and individuals missed the opportunity to participate," Ms. Hess said.

The Cranford Fire Department, first aid squad and TV 35 were among the many unable to memorialize their logos on the historic anniversary quilt.

The sister quilt will be created with identical dimensions — 42 10-inch squares — and it will hang along with the original quilt work in the township municipal building.

"Even though we're not restricted by time as we were with the anniversary quilt, people should get their designs in early. I need to approve the designs and, if needed, work with the creators to modify them," Ms. Hess said.

The work will be fashioned in blue, like the first work, Ms. Hess said. Day Glo and fluorescent colors are restricted.

To offer a diverse cross section of Cranford life, Ms. Hess encourages individual residents to participate in the making of the new quilt.

"Private residents can capture glimpses of daily life in Cranford, like children playing hopscotch on the street. These scenes will give the quilt a true feeling of community," she said.

For a copy of instructions for submission of a quilt block design, groups and individuals must send a stamped, addressed envelope to "Cranford Quilt 2" in care of the Cranford Historical Society, The Hanson House, 38 Springfield Ave., Cranford, N.J. 07016.

Designs will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. The first 42 designs that are accepted and completed by the deadline will be in the quilt on the anniversary. All participation will be done by mail only.

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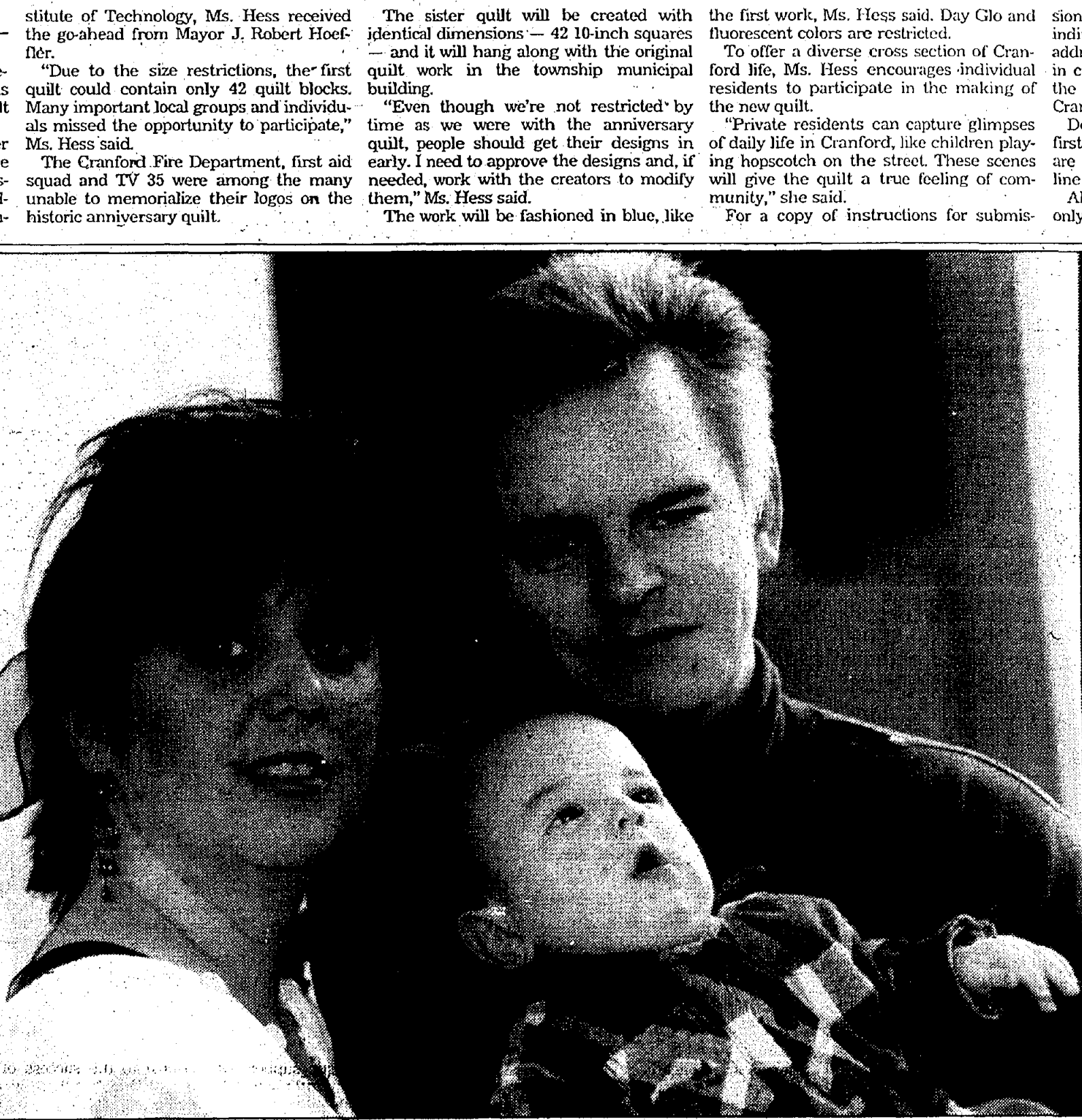
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Former Cranford resident Donna (Prendergest) Farnon, her husband Max and son Alex now live in England.

Couple finds it's a small world

By ELLEN M. FELICETTA
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CRANFORD — When a former Cranford resident and a vacationing Englishman met by chance in New York, little did they know that fate would not only join the two in marriage, but ultimately bond their homeland towns.

It was about two years ago when Donna (Prendergest) Farnon met her husband Max by chance at a New York restaurant.

Swapping addresses, the two began corresponding by fax and phone and within weeks Mr. Farnon returned to the States. It didn't take much time for the couple to realize this was the "real thing," and shortly after they were engaged.

"I suppose it was like love at first sight," Mr. Farnon said.

Hit hard by Cupid's arrow, Mr. Farnon, a Knutsford, England, native was also taken by his intended's hometown.

"I couldn't believe it. Cranford is the namesake of Elizabeth Gaskell's book based on Knutsford," he said.

Now married and living in Britain, the couple share their joy with their 8-month-old son Alex and hope to widen their circle by "twinning" the two hometowns.

Knutsford is a historic old Cheshire town which marked its charter in 1292. Today, the town remains a thriving shopping center with a range of specialty shops amidst a quaint, cobblestone background.

The town holds an important place in the history and architectural heritage of Cheshire and has been judged an "outstanding area of conservation."

Personalized bricks to aid police centennial

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CRANFORD — Residents will be able to leave their mark on Cranford with a personally engraved brick in Mayor's Park on Springfield Avenue.

The fund-raising project, commemorating the police department's centennial, will weave an intricate design of red bricks inscribed with a personal message in bold black lettering.

Hoping to include as many residents as possible, project Chairman Jerry Dobbins said the cost of the bricks will be kept low.

"Westfield did the same thing and charged \$50 a brick. We're doing it for \$35," Mr. Dobbins said. The cost includes two lines, 14 characters per line, on the bricks.

Mr. Dobbins said there are about 100 residents who have already expressed interest in the project.

"This is the perfect way to commemorate graduations, birthdays, clubs, organizations or memorialize a deceased loved one," Mr. Dobbins said.

For more information, call police at 272-2222.

The project will officially kick off Friday night at the police department's Centennial Anniversary Valentine's Day Dance at the Westwood in Cranford.

Proceeds from all fund-raising events will help support the upcoming centennial festivities, including a parade. Mr. Dobbins said.

For more information, call police at 272-2222.

Each Wednesday, Feb. 19 through March 19, the church will hold a Service of Morning Prayer, or Matins, at 11 a.m. Included each week will be a different Bible study.

The topics will include Feb. 19, "Understanding Hebrew Poetry"; Feb. 26, "Looking at the Parables"; March 5, "Who Do You Say That I Am?"; March 12, "The Lord's Supper"; and March 19, "Seeing the Restoration."

A family theater event will be presented 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28 by the Covenant Players, a professional Christian acting troupe. Refreshments will follow. The fun will be aimed at all ages, and children are welcome.

A Lenten musical program will be presented by the Calvary choir at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 14. Refreshments will be served and all are invited.

Calvary's usual Sunday schedule will continue during Lent. Worship services are held 8:30 and 11 a.m. with Holy Communion offered each week at the later service and at the early service, Feb. 16, March 2 and March 16. Sunday Church School and Adult Forum are held 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Computer makes alphabet come alive for youngster

Rhondi Solomon tells me she brings her 4-year-old daughter Iana and 6-year-old son Adam to the library about twice a month or more. Iana loves the books and she especially loves the computer. In the children's room, when I was there she was playing a game called Rabbit Reader One. This is a game she seems to really enjoy.

A word with "say the first letter" is shown at the top of the screen, then the other words come out of a tunnel starting with different letters but the majority with R. Iana would then choose whether to save the word if it started with R or dump it in the trash can if it didn't.

At 4, she seemed to have a pretty good handle on recognizing the different letters of the alphabet.

Rhondi told me she has always read to Iana and she has picked up so many things.

Her latest is that she wants to go digging for fossils. Not an easy thing to do in this area. Rhondi said seeing them at the Nature Center in the Watchung wasn't what Iana wanted to do. She wanted to dig for fossils.

There is a wonderful special program in the Feb. 3 issue of Time magazine titled "Fertile Minds."

The article explains the development of our brain.

"From birth, a baby's brain cells proliferate wildly, making connections that may shape a lifetime of experiences. The first three years are critical," the article reads.

As I've read in several other articles recently, it is stated learning a second language should be done in elementary school if not before. That remedial education may be more effective at the age of 3 or 4 than at 9 or 10.

Like Rhondi and a lot of other parents in Cranford, you don't have to wait until the children can read to take them to the library.

The rabbit and the fish are a real thrill for the youngest of children. There are puppets and tapes along with books and best of all the computer. See you there.

Brian Maloney recently returned home following a completion of Army basic training and schooling in South Carolina. In a class of 75, Brian was one of five honor graduates. This is highest average in physical training, school and Army procedure. He now serves in the National Guard in Morrisstown.

Brian has also become engaged to Sharon King of Clark. Sharon attends Bloomfield College, taking prechiropractic classes. The wedding won't be for a couple of years, but congratulations on the completion of your basic training and your engagement.

Happy Valentine's Day! February has just started, but it will be over before we know it. It's time to start those seeds for early spring planting or start forcing fragrant bulbs or hyacinths. Think spring!

Also, enjoy your Presidents Day weekend and plan something special.

You know the cartoons or funny sayings that used to be passed around the office. Well, the fax machine now makes things easier to pass around. Here's one I thought I would pass along. It's called "Why Ask Why?"

Why isn't phonetic spelled the way it sounds?

Why are there interstate highways in Hawaii?

Why are there flotation devices under plane seats instead of parachutes?

Why do you need a driver's license to buy liquor when you can't drink and drive?

Why are cigarettes sold in gas stations when smoking is prohibited there?

Why have you ever imagined a world with no hypothetical situations?

If nothing ever sticks to Teflon, how does Teflon stick to the pan?

If you tied buttered toast to the back of a cat and dropped it from a height, what would happen?

If you're in a vehicle going the speed of light, what happens when you turn on the headlights?

Why do they put Braille dots on the keypad of the driveup ATM?

Why do we drive on the parkway and park on the driveway?

Why is it that when you transport something by car, it's called a shipment, but when you transport something by ship it's called cargo?

You know that little industrial title black box that is used on planes, why can't they make the whole plane out of the same substance?

Why is it that when you're driving and looking for an address, you turn down the volume of the radio?

Lenten season to begin

CRANFORD — The Lenten season begins at First Presbyterian Church 8 tonight with an Ash Wednesday Communion service conducted by Dr. Bruce Williams.

Dr. Williams will preach on the topic "What Shall I Do with Jesus?" The Choir Chorus will also sing two anthems: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" by Dorsey and "On Eagle's Wings," arranged by Wagner.

Wednesday, Feb. 19, the Division of Adult Education will host a Wednesday Night Lenten Series featuring Rev. Joseph Fowler. Rev. Fowler will be the featured speaker with programs offered Feb. 28 and March 5, 12 and 19. The series will begin 7:30 p.m. in the youth center. Refreshments will be served. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The Adult Forum, which is also sponsored by the Division of Adult Education, will also feature a Lenten theme over the next few weeks. This Sunday at 11:15 a.m., following the 10 a.m. worship service, Rev. Martha Campbell will present a Lenten Family Workshop. Soup and sandwiches will be served Sunday, Feb. 23. Ruth Pringle will host the presentation of "Jesus: Holy Child."

For more information, call 276-8440. The church is on Springfield Avenue.

Calvary Lutheran Church, 108 Eastman St., will observe Lent with a series of midweek morning services and with two special family events. The public is invited to all services and activities.

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Jodi Ann Duallo, 26

Manicurist; an alumna of CHS

CRANFORD — Jodi Ann Guerin Duallo, 26, died Feb. 8, 1997 at her home in Linden. She had been self-employed as a manicurist in Union County.

Mrs. Duallo was born in Newark. She graduated from Cranford High School in 1988 and lived in Cranford before moving to Linden in 1995.

She was a parishioner of St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church in Cranford.

Surviving are her husband, Ricardo of Linden; two daughters, Devon Ann and Lola Marie, both at home; her parents, Robert A. Guerin and Diane E. Kuster Guerin, and her grandmother, Gladys Guerin, all of Cranford.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 9:30 a.m. tomorrow at St. Anne's Church, 355 Second Ave., Cranford. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

Visitation is 6-9 p.m. today at the Dooley Funeral Home, 218 North Ave. West.

Helen P. Popaca, 87

Most recently a Cranford resident

CRANFORD — Helen P. Popaca, 87, died Feb. 6, 1997 at the Cranford Health and Extended Care Center. A native of Binghamton, N.Y., she lived in East Orange and Hillsdale before moving to Cranford in 1995.

Her husband, William, is deceased.

Mrs. Popaca is survived by a son, William C.; a daughter, Ann Beams; and four grandchildren.

Raymond L. Walsh, 73

Machinist; an Army veteran

KENILWORTH — Services were held for Raymond Lawrence Walsh, 73, who died Jan. 17, 1997 at Richland Memorial Hospital in Columbia, S.C. He served in the Army and had been a machinist prior to his retirement.

Mr. Walsh was born in Cranford. He lived in Kenilworth; Westfield; Berkeley Heights; and most recently in Immo, S.C.

He worked for Allied Chemical Co. at its Elizabeth plant and also at the Bayway Refinery in Linden when it was owned by Exxon Corp. Mr. Walsh was a member of Capt. Newell Rodney Pickle Post 335, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in Cranford, and the American Legion post in Cranford.

Surviving are his wife, Martha Walsh of Immo; a son, Patrick; Patrick of Cranford; a daughter, Gail Neuman of Point Pleasant Beach; and six grandchildren.

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Obituaries

Margaret Gordon, 74

Longtime area supermarket employee

CRANFORD — Margaret Gordon, 74, died Feb. 4, 1997 at her home. She had been employed for 20 years at the Pathmark supermarket on South Avenue.

Mrs. Gordon was born in Jamaica, N.Y. She lived in Jersey City and Cranford before moving to Cranford in 1966.

For 16 years she was a member of United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1282 in Clifton.

Surviving are her husband, John A.; three sons, John A. and Thomas A., both of Westfield; and William A. of Toms River; two daughters, Rita G. Venus of Sparta and Barbara Gladis of Frenchtown; nine grandchildren; a great-grandchild; two brothers, Christopher Cooney of Warren and George Cooney of Staten Island; and two sisters, Mary Kestler of Scotch Plains and Rita Fitzgerald of Roms.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Monday at St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church in Elizabeth, Entombment was in the Good Shepherd Chapel Mausoleum at St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Mary M. Tomasso, 72

Owned business with her husband

CRANFORD — Mary M. Tomasso, 72, died Feb. 6, 1997 at her home. She and her husband of 50 years, Alfred J., owned the Alto-Pallet Co. of Cranford from 1965-85.

Mrs. Tomasso was born in Elizabeth and lived in Roselle before moving to Cranford in 1967.

Also surviving are a daughter, Elizabeth, 50, of Cranford; a son, Thomas, 48, of Cranford; and two sisters, Tessa Siano and Esther Russo.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Monday at St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church in Elizabeth. Entombment was in the Good Shepherd Chapel Mausoleum at St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Center for Hope Hospital, 170 Hussa St., Linden, N.J. 07036.

Ida Segal, 88

Bayonne native; recently of township

CRANFORD — Ida Segal, 88, died Feb. 10, 1997 at the Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice in Edison. She was born in Bayonne and lived in that city before moving to Cranford three months ago.

Her husband, Sidney, is deceased.

Mrs. Segal is survived by a daughter, Mona Hollander of Cranford; and a grandchild.

Graveside services were held Wednesday at Baron Hirsch Cemetery in Slatis Island. Arrangements were by Kreitzman's Memorial Home in Elizabeth.

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Elderly need to take caution during winter

Because older adults are more at risk when winter strikes, Union County is advising them to take precautions during the cold weather with simple steps that could save their lives.

"Many senior-citizens' deaths from the cold weather could be avoided," said Freeholder Walter D. McNulty Jr., liaison to the Advisory Council on Aging. "If they take the crucial steps to protect themselves from the ravages of winter, Union County is ready to provide elderly and those who look after them with information and other assistance in order to make sure that they have a safe and healthy winter."

Susan Chasnoff, director of the Union County Division on Aging, said seniors must guard against hypothermia (low body temperature), be prepared with everything they need in the "winter" transfer, and work properly.

"Older adults, particularly the frail, are most susceptible to hypothermia, which is caused by the body losing heat faster than it can be replaced. If body temperature drops below 95 degrees, the heart slows and weakness and confusion may ensue. The condition can be fatal," she said.

The best cure for hypothermia, Ms. Chasnoff said, is prevention. Seniors should:

- Dress warmly. Wear loose-fitting, light-weight clothing in layers. If hands and feet get cold, use gloves, socks and boots should be worn — even indoors.
- Keep extra blankets and hot water bottles on hand.
- Never use an oven as a heater. Cook or bake something instead. The activity will provide warmth.
- Eat healthy, hot meals.
- Contact someone or have someone call or visit daily.
- Ms. Chasnoff said a properly operating home heating system also is important to prevent hypothermia.
- "Many older adults spend a bitter winter in homes and apartments with inadequate heat," she said. "Sometimes there is no heat at all."
- Ms. Chasnoff said simple precautions can make a difference, and advised the elderly to:
 - Have heating systems checked and serviced. Those who live in apartments should speak with the landlord or organize fellow tenants to make sure the system is working properly.
 - Call the local public utility company for repairs or emergency response.



JOHN E. MCNUITY
John McNulty
co-authors paper

CRANFORD — John E. McNulty, a 1989 graduate of Cranford High School, co-authored a paper published in the December 1996 issue of the American Political Science Review.

The article was titled "Partisan Effects of Voter Turnout in Senatorial and Congressional Elections" and the piece was co-authored by Mr. McNulty's former professor, Jack Nagel of the political science department at the University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. McNulty graduated from the university in 1993 and is employed as a financial analyst for the Franklin Mint in Franklin Center, Pa. He lives in West Chester, Pa. Mr. McNulty is the son of Susan McNulty of Cranford and John McNulty of Los Gatos, Calif.

Campus notes

Thirteen Union County College students have been inducted into the Omicron Beta Chapter of Tau Alpha Pi, a national honor society for engineering and engineering technologies students.

Criteria for induction include a minimum of 3.40 grade-point average out of a possible 4.00.

Local student inductees and their respective programs of study are:

- Cranford, Isabel Silva, engineering/architecture; Cranford, Nicholas Alfano, civil/construction engineering technology; and Kenilworth, Dogenes Urbe, electro-mechanical technology.

Danielle F. Colchner of Cranford was named to the 1996 fall semester dean's list at the School of Education and Human Development at the State University of New York at Binghamton.

Michele A. Foster of Westfield has been named to the dean's list at Colby (Maine) College.

Mrs. Foster is the daughter of Jay Foster of Westfield and Elaine Foster of Cranford. Her major is sociology and will graduate in 1999.

Debra Carl of Cranford graduated Jan. 5, 1997, from Muhlenberg School of Nursing, Plainfield, and Union County College, Cranford, with a degree in science (R.N. nurse).

Mrs. Carl is the daughter of Angela Carl of Cranford and Alfred Carl of Westfield.

Brian D'Amico, son of Frank and Barbara D'Amico, was named to the dean's list at Penn State University for the fall 1996 semester. He is a freshman majoring in computer science. He is a 1996 graduate of Cranford High School.

Jonathan S. Goodgold of Cranford was recognized for outstanding academic achievement for the 1996 fall semester at Hargraves College of Arts and Sciences at Binghamton (N.Y.) University.

State grants earmarked for litter control

State grants total to \$665,970 will be awarded to 21 Union County municipalities for local litter control projects under the state Department of Environmental Protection's Clean Communities program.

In addition, Union County will receive \$31,165 in Clean Communities funds, bringing the county-wide grant total to \$597,128.

The following are the grants awarded: Cranford, \$27,875; Gar-

Jewish Family Service has been there to help

CRANFORD — These days there are many reasons why more people than ever before are seeking professional help to resolve important issues that confront them in their daily lives.

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A question asked at the agency is "How does one obtain therapy at JFS?"

Nancy Robbins, clinical director at JFS, said it only takes a phone call to facilitate the process.

"But," she said, "the first step of picking up the phone and saying 'I need help' is often the hardest."

Once the initial contact is made, Susan Markowitz, intake coordinator, sets up an appointment and meets with the client, couple or family. Mrs. Markowitz evaluates the problem and establishes financial arrangements for the treatment.

Then a therapist, who is devoted, compatible with the client and the problem, is assigned to the case.

"The first step in an effective treatment plan is for the therapist and the client to draw up an informal plan of commitment to the process."

It is not an easy decision to seek therapy, but with the proper professional guidance, problems that seem unresolvable can be managed effectively. At JFS, help is available. It all begins with a phone call to any one of three locations: Elizabeth, 283-8375; Fairwood, 889-1849; or Warren, 226-0727.

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MR. and MRS. JOHN MCINTYRE

Christine Welsh becomes the wife of John McIntyre

Christine Marie Welsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh H. Welsh of Cranford, was married Oct. 12, 1996, to John Patrick McIntyre, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin McIntyre of Cranford. The bride was given in marriage by her father during a nuptial Mass at St. Michael's Church in Cranford. The bride's uncle, Msgr. Aloysius J. Welsh, and Rev. Lawrence Cull, pastor, officiated. Peggy Hak and Cynthia Roka, soloists, and Alan Weakland, violinist, provided music. Readers were Cathy Queenan of Cranford and Patricia Landau of Springfield, Mo. The bride wore her mother's wedding gown and carried a bouquet of ivory and peach roses with cascading ivy. Her headpiece, designed to match her gown, consisted of a crown with embroidered lace and pearls, and a cathedral-length veil. From Labbate of Cranford was a ring of honor. She wore a sleeveless black satin floor-length gown and carried a single-long-stemmed rose with babies breath, fern and an ivory satin ribbon. Bridesmaids, attired the same as the maid of honor, were Victoria Knight, Susan Mark, Karrie Novobilski, Amy Solecki; and the bride's sisters, Erin Welsh and Laura Welsh. All are from Cranford. Christopher Exposito of Cranford was best man. Ushers were Robert Ambrozio of Cranford, Vinnie Carnevale of Middlesex, Jeffrey Santos of Clark and the bridegroom's brothers, Brian McIntyre and Michael McIntyre, both of Cranford. A reception was held at the Madison Hotel in Morrisstown. The bridal wedding party arrived in two 18-passenger limousines. The bride graduated from Cranford High School and is employed by Revlon Research Center in Edison. The bridegroom, also a graduate of Cranford High School, is employed by Biach Industries in Cranford. The couple spent their two-week honeymoon in Hawaii.

Births

A daughter, Katie Sara, was born to Cynthia Dawley-Gallagher and Walter Gallagher of Cranford Jan. 7, 1997, at JFK Hospital in Edison. She joins brother Jake William, 2. Katie Sara was 10 pounds, 4 ounces at birth. She was 21 1/2 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Joseph and Gloria Dawley of Cranford. Paternal grandparents are Walter and Judy Gallagher of Cranford.

A daughter, Amanda Brooke, was born to Bill and Stephanie Pridden of Collins, Miss., at 6:12 p.m. Nov. 15, 1996, in Jackson, Miss. She was 2 pounds, 12 ounces at birth. She was 16 1/2 inches long. Stephanie Pridden is a 1983 graduate of Cranford High School. Maternal grandparents are Jim and Sherry Lange of Cranford. Paternal grandparents are Harvey and Floy Pridden of Collins, Miss.

A daughter, Dallas Marie, was born to Michael and Dawn Cronin-Geoghegan of Cranford Dec. 15, 1996, at Overlook Hospital, Summit. She was 7 pounds at birth and was 19 1/2 inches long. She joins twin boys Dillon and Devin, who will celebrate their 4th birthdays Feb. 17. Paternal grandparents are Lois and Morgan Geoghegan of Roselle Park.

A daughter, Mary Katherine, was born to former Cranford resident Darren and Susanne Daley Jan. 24, 1997, in Fayetteville, N.C. She was 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 inches long. She has brown hair, blue eyes and resembles her father. Maternal grandparents is Marlon Dellbar of Boone, N.C. Paternal grandparents are Angie and Ronald Daley of Cranford.

A son, Daniel Brant, was born to James and Tracy Dittnick Eltringham of Roselle (formerly of Cranford) Nov. 13, 1996, at JFK Hospital, Edison. He weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces at birth and was 21 1/2 inches long. He joins brother William, 3. Maternal grandparents are the late Isabel and George W. Dittnick. Paternal grandparents are Brant Eltringham and Anne and George Reagan, all of Cranford.

Center for Hope Hospice sets annual Charity Ball for Feb. 22

The Center for Hope Hospice will host its 11th annual Charity Ball Saturday, Feb. 22 at the St. Elizabeth School Auditorium in Linden. There will be a buffet-style dinner and a band will encourage all who attend to dance throughout the night. Other surprises include raffles. The price is \$25 per person. The evening will begin 7:30 p.m. and will conclude about midnight.

St. Elizabeth Hospital Celebrates American Heart Month. "Get In On The Action!" Join Rehab Center & Get One Month Free! St. Elizabeth Hospital's Health and Rehabilitation Center are joining with the American Heart Association to encourage everyone to "Get In On The Action!" and Make Physical Activity a Part of Your Daily Life. During the Month of February join the Health and Rehabilitation Center for Three Months and Get the Fourth Month Free! A Members Only Reduced Body Fat Contest Will be Held During the Last Week of February with Prizes for Members Losing the Highest Percentage of Body Fat! Call Now to Register! (908) 527-5650 225 Williamson Street Elizabeth, NJ 07207 (In The Medical Office Building) The Health & Rehabilitation Center - offering a full range of fitness, therapeutic exercise and wellness programs in an environment in which to attain optimal health regardless of any limiting medical conditions. The Heart Center - offering an interdisciplinary approach to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of heart disease.



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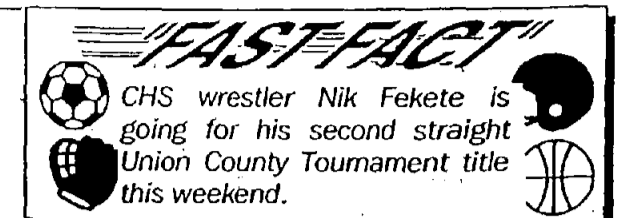
Christine Dermody becomes wife of James Jachimiak

Christine Mary Dermody, daughter of Patrick T. and Karen Dermody of Cranford, was married Sept. 21, 1996, to James Jachimiak. He is the son of Christine and Thomas Jachimiak of Swanton, Ohio. The bride was given in marriage by her father during a ceremony at First Presbyterian Church in Cranford. Rev. Dr. Bruce Williams officiated. A reception was held at the Echo Lake Country Club, followed by a party at the bride's parents home. Diane Gallarati was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Susan Morgenthien, Mylinda Bowser, and the bridegroom's sister, Shelly Hanson. The bridegroom is a graduate of the Ego School and Franklin and Marshall College. She is employed as a business manager at the Boardwalk at Disney World in Orlando, Fla. The bridegroom is a graduate of Anthony Wayne High School and Bowling Green University. He is also employed at Disney World, as a manager at Port Orleans. The couple honeymooned at Kona Village and Maui, Hawaii. They live in Winter Garden, Fla. Sandra Vitale to marry Gary Skwarek. Sandra and Patricia Vitale of Kenilworth have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Kathleen Vitale, to Gary Skwarek, son of Joseph and Barbara Skwarek of Rome, N.Y. The future bride graduated from Iona Hall T. University with a bachelor's degree in marketing. She is manager of Marketing Services Corporation with Schering-Plough HealthCare Products. Her fiancé is a graduate of the Rochester Institute of Technology, where he earned a bachelor's degree in packaging science. He is a packaging engineer with Avon Products in New York. The couple will be married in June.

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Sports



You said it: 'I expect them to get right after us.' CHS girls basketball Head Coach Gene Melleno on his opponent from Westfield (story below)

SIDELINES

LL registration

The Kenilworth Little League will accept registrations for the 1997 season 9 a.m.-noon Saturday at the recreation center. Fees are \$25 for T-ball and \$40 for Little League. A late fee of \$50 will apply to all registrations received after March 1. Parents must present copy of their child's birth certificate when registering.

Pump it up

The Cranford Pool and Fitness Center on Centennial Avenue is holding exercise classes Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Body Shaping, a dynamic conditioning class that targets all major muscle groups, meets 7:05-7:50 and Step on Up, an action-packed workout combining both high- and low-intensity patterns, meets 7:55-8:40. For information call 709-7260.

Best footwork

Cranford High girls soccer Head Coach Marc Best is running a Fast Footwork Soccer Clinic for girls under-12 and under-10 at the Cranford High upper gym. The under-10 girls meet noon-1:30 p.m. while the under-12 girls meet 1:30-3 for the next two Saturdays. Registration costs \$30. Players should bring sneakers, shin guards and a ball. For information, call Skip Murray at 276-1368.

County kickers

The Cranford Soccer Club is considering participating in a Union County league for 14- to 16-year-old boys and girls. Some of the towns already in the league are Clark, Westfield, Rahway and Plainfield. For information, call Joe Kuczynski at 276-1810.

CBSL clinic

The Cranford Diamonds of the CBSL are sponsoring a fastpitch softball clinic during the winter and spring seasons. The clinic is for girls ages 7-18. Beginners, intermediate and advanced level players are welcome at the clinics, which are held 10 a.m. Saturdays at the Orange Avenue School gym, unless the school is closed or other events are scheduled. For information, call Bob or Joanne St. Amant at 272-0399.

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Cranford confronts Westfield zone

Nobody likes a mismatch, so this one should be a keeper. The Cranford and Westfield high school girls basketball teams have engaged in more than few tight dust-ups the past few years, and when the two squads clash tomorrow at Westfield the intensity should be high. "They, it's a rivalry, and we beat them in our gym earlier in the year and I'm sure they'd like to get us in their place," said Cranford Head Coach Gene Melleno, referring to Cranford's 42-29 win over the Lady Devils. "I expect them to get right after us."

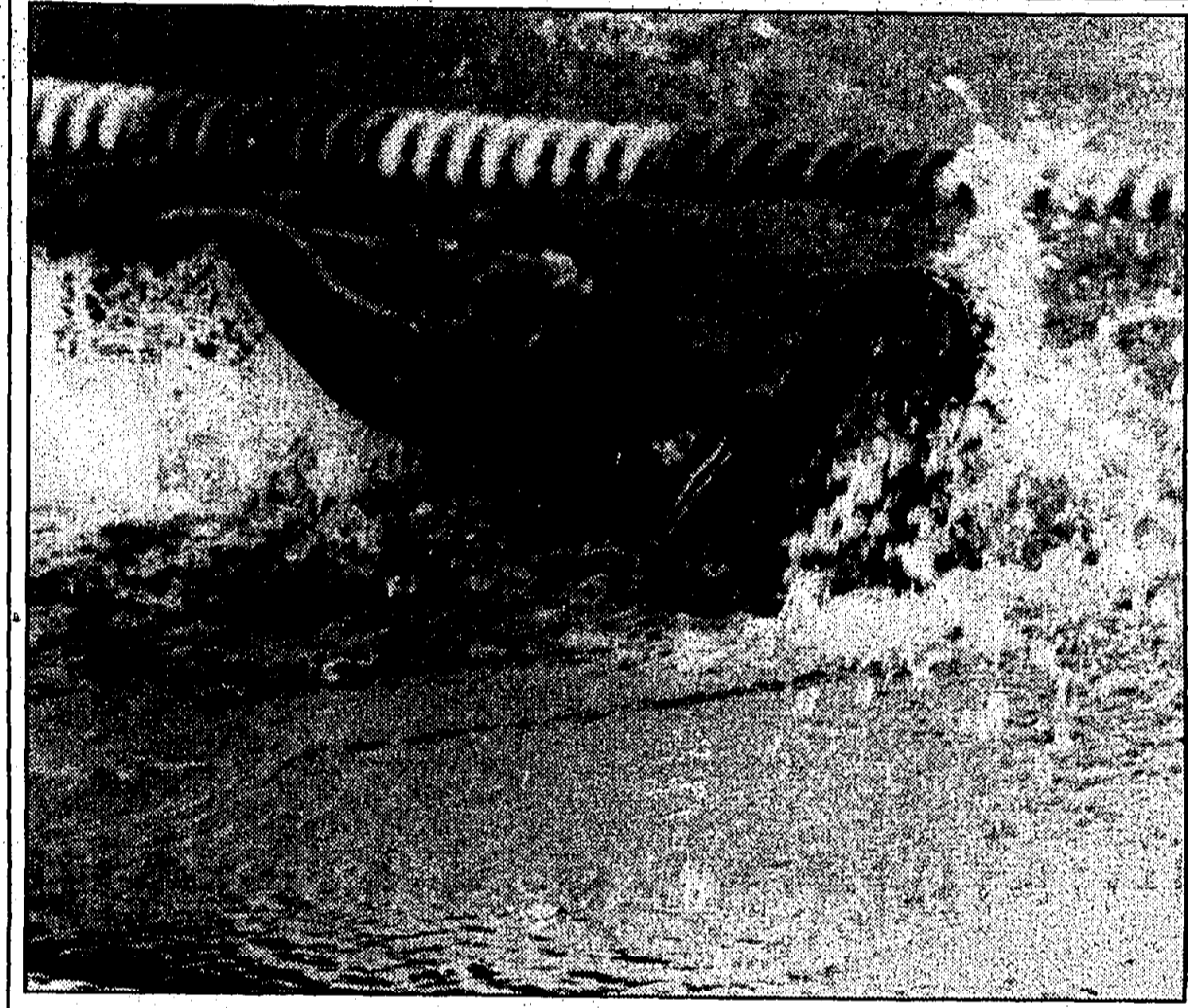
Both squads are sporting similar records, with Cranford 11-6, while Westfield boasts a 10-7 mark, and with the Union County Tournament scheduled to get underway next week, the opportunity to test their skills against a quality opponent is welcome. "We're very similar talent-wise, so it should be a good matchup for us with the counties right around the corner," said Melleno. "We know they'll come to play, and we better be ready."

SCOUTING REPORT HIGH SCHOOL PREVIEW Girls Basketball Cranford at Westfield Thursday, 4 p.m.

What has put Cranford on a higher-level recently, has been the improved performances of the rest of the squad, with guards Jen Sands and Kelly Farrell and forwards Erika Quintana and Jackie Sabo finding the scoring touch.

Young guards Megan Zambell (sophomore) and Eileen Garity (junior) have also been top contributors to Cranford's success. "What's the biggest plus at this point is that it's not just Abby doing the scoring for us, everybody is starting to chip in offensively," said Melleno. "If teams use the box-and-one on Abby, we have to players to make them pay for it."

Westfield has been having great success playing a tight zone defense of late, while Cranford has been utilizing both a big and small lineup with good results. "We're playing well defensively, with our zone holding up pretty well," said Kemps. "On offense I think we need to be a little more patient and run the offense instead of just freelaunching."



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Making a winning splash Catherine Dill of Brookside School takes first place in the Tournament of Champions 25-year freestyle at the Cranford Pool Saturday.

County tourney arrives as districts loom

UNION COUNTY WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Forgive local high school wrestling coaches from sounding a bit schizophrenic, but the Union County Tournament is upon us. On the one hand the county tourney, to be held Friday and Saturday at the Dunn Center in Elizabeth, is a big meet with a golden opportunity for top grapplers to secure county crowns. Get a head start on the state sectional next week, followed by the district and regional championships the following week, the county soiree can be a distraction. "The way I look at it is the county championships are a nice warmup for the districts," said Cranford Head Coach Mike Kivetz. "Winning the county title is a great thing for a kid, no doubt. But the district and regional are the real deal."

Table with 4 columns: Weight Class, Forbes Area Wrestlers, Wrestler to Watch, 1996 Winners. Rows include 103, 112, 119, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 152, 160, 171, 189, 215, 275.

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