Briefs

Scouts to serve fish and chips

CRANFORD - Boy Scout Troop 75 will be hosting a Fish and Chips Dinner Friday, Feb. 12 at the Cranford United Methodist Church, 201 Lincoln Avenue

Seatings are 5:15, 6:30 and 7:15 p.m.; no reservations are needed. Cost is \$8.50 for adults and \$4.25 for children ages 4-10.

Takeout (either fish or chicken nuggets) is also available. Call Donna Pedde at 272-2862 to order tickets or for more information.

Township bus sets special trips

CRANFORD - The Recreation and Parks Department has announced that the township bus will make special trips to Bradlees and ShopRite on Tuesday and

again on Wednesday, Feb. 24. There will be regular pickups at senior housing. If you do not live in senior housing and need bus ser vice, call (908) 709-7283.

Regular afternoon bus service will not be provided Tuesday or Feb. 24.

Guiditta to hold office hours.

CRANFORD -Commiss ioner Nicholas A. Giuditta III will hold office hours 10 a.m.noon Saturday in Room 108 at the Municipal Building.

Library to close for Presidents Day

KENILWORTH - The Kenilworth Public Library will be closed Monday, Feb. 15 for Presidents Day. It will reopen 10 a.m. Tuesday,

Garwood program registration set

GARWOOD - Registration for the 1999-2000 Title I prekindergarten and kindergarten programs will be held at the Washington School 9-11 a.m. and 1-3

p.m. Feb. 17-19. Children reaching 4 years of age by Oct. 1, 1999 are eligible for assessment for the district's Title I prekindergarten program. In order to enter kindergarten, children must reach 5 years of age by Oct. 1, 1999.

Parents/guardians · must bring the following to regis-tration: an original birth certificate, the child's Social Security number, immunization records and proof of residency in Garwood.

'Relay for Life' kicks off Feb. 11

The American Cancer Society will begin its "Relay for Life" program with a kickoff event 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11 at the Tavern in the Park, 147 W. Westfield Ave., Roselle Park.

"Relay for Life" is a team event to fight cancer. Seating for the event is limited. For reservations, call

(908) 354-7373 by Wed-

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Thursday, February 4, 1999

Bernard Flashberg, Cranford's and Union County's Teacher of the Year, has a good grip on this memento as well as his goals for his students.

Educator has been shaping students' lives for 30 years

Flashberg named county's Teacher of the Year

By ALEC MOORE

CRANFORD - High school social studies teacher Bernard Flashberg speaks softly, but carries a big bat and has a big impact on his Flashberg was recently honored as the Union

County Teacher of the Year for the 1998-99 school year and as Cranford's Teacher of the Year for that same period.

Flashberg was somewhat surprised to receive the county-wide honor.

"It's really somewhat mind boggling," he said pointing out that there are a great number of exceptional teachers in Union County and that he considers it a great honor receive the award and distinctive title as teacher of the year. "In spite of all the other teachers in the

award," he said. As a teacher Flashberg is committed to helping his students to break the barriers of limitation that they may have imposed upon them-

selves. With 30 years of teaching experience

county, it's very gratifying to be given this

under his belt, Flashberg has plenty of spark asm about learning.

Flashberg, a resident of Union, graduated from Rutgers University with a bachelor of arts degree in history in 1969 and later earned a Master's Degree in education from Fairleigh Dickinson University.
Flashberg arrived at the Cranford school sys-

tem in 1969 as a social studies teacher at the Hillside Avenue School, which encompassed grades 7-10 at that time.

Four years later when the high school was expanded in 1973, Flashberg began teaching social studies there. He's been there ever since.

Flashberg has found that the most effective way to help students to achieve success in any given subject is to eliminate the intimidation factor and instill within the students a genuine appreciation of the subject, which leads to understanding.

One of the ways that Flashberg accomplishes this is through the utilization of a variety of (Continued on page A-2)

Police probe ends check cashing scam

alleged stolen check cashing conspiracy that stemmed from a case involving the theft of payroll checks from a Cranford business

The two men, Mack McLeod, 21, and Marvin McLeod, 22, were arrested during a 4 a.m. raid at the residence of the two brothers in the The raid was coordinated and car-that Hanley and Zsak were able to ried out by Detective Sergeant Francis Hanley and Detective Donald Zsak of the Cranford Police Department.

The raid on the McLeod brothers' residence was the direct result of an extensive investigation conducted by the Detective Bureau of the Cranford Police Department

numerous payroll checks from a temporary employment agency CRANFORD - Two men were , business located on South Avenue. arrested in the morning hours The Cranford police have identified Saturday in connection with an one of the three other men and have issued an active warrant for

Cranford Police Detective Lieutenant Stephen Wilde said the thieves involved in the theft of the stolen payroll checks were leaving a "paper trail" when they cashed, or attempt to cash, the stolen checks, Prince Street projects in Newark. and it was through this paper trail

> In addition to being charged with conspiracy to cash a stolen check, Marvin McLeod also faces charges stemming from a carjacking incident that he allegedly com-

locate and arrest the McLeod

Both Mack McLeod and Marvin headed by Hanley and Zsak.

The McLeod brothers, along with three other men, are allegedly following their arrest.

McLeod were transported to the county jail and held on \$5,000 bail following their arrest.

mitted in Newark.

Borough says 'thanks' for lighting the season

By MICHAEL CASEY

KENILWORTH -The council last week used the January thaw to thank a select group for having warmed the community spirits during the holiday season.

External home holiday decorating has apparently become a fashionable practice in the borough in far away look of red, green and recent years and the council white bulb configurations in his rewarded winning families in each eyes. district with a \$25 cash award for Ma

their efforts. Along with a Certificate of Appreciation to Michael Astone a local landscaping contractor for bringing the festive mood to Holiday Greeting Card. Borough Hall, the council honored the flickering lights in each district. The Holiday House Decorating Contest Winners were: District 1: Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Diamante: District 2: Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Vacarella: District 3: Mr. and Mrs. John Cantalupo; District 4: Mr. and

Mrs. Joseph Madden; District 5:

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Tomko: District 6: Mr. and Mrs. William Urban.

Mr. Madden said he had spent "seven or eight days stringing lights." His son Joey said he had "helped with the reindeer," mildly suggesting that it was, in fact, the strength of this year's family display. Mr. Madden said the "competition is getting fierce" with a not so white bulb configurations in his

Mayor Michael Tripodi and the council heartily thanked all the winners and suggested that a photo of Mr. Astone's efforts would be featured on this year's Mayoral

Kenilworth KLIPS: Petitions: Marian Ramondi asked the council to consider providing Senior Citizens Housing.

Communications: \$15,896.55 check from Comcast represents the franchise fee for the month of December, 1998.

House's exterior restoration done ahead of schedule

of the Cranford Historical Society's early completion by a number of factors, once again dressed in the green and red Crane-Phillips House Living Museum has been completed ahead of schedule. Cranford's only National Historic Site now looks outside exactly as it did in 1870, when Craneville was just becoming

Cranford. The work was the second phase of a four-step plan to completely restore the Museum, inside and out, to the way it looked in the late Victorian period of 1870-1900 when the Phillips family owned the house.

The outside work, expected to be com-

including a successful fund drive and a color scheme it wore in the Victorian Era. dry, mild fall. The exterior was finished by Jan. 1, 1999.

"The response to our 'new look' has Addie Vogel, co-chairwoman of the seeing it the way it was, but the way it Crane-Phillips House Committee. "Both was, was wrong." old and young alike seem to love the Victorian colors. In fact, a number of people have asked about the contractor. rather than new, Society members

White with green shutters through

CRANFORD - Exterior restoration pleted by mid-1999, was helped to an much of this century, the house is now ered by Historic Paint Expert Cynthia

"It was very important for us to been overwhelmingly positive," said Museum Historian. "People got used to

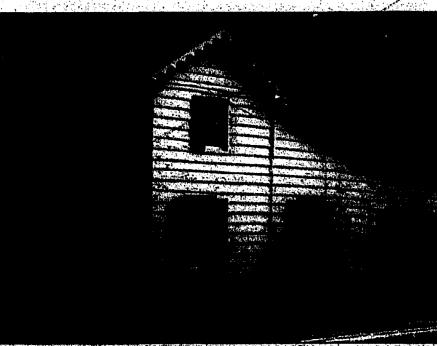
When someone occasionally remarks that they want the Museum to look old We're hoping this may even start a explain that it now looks even older than

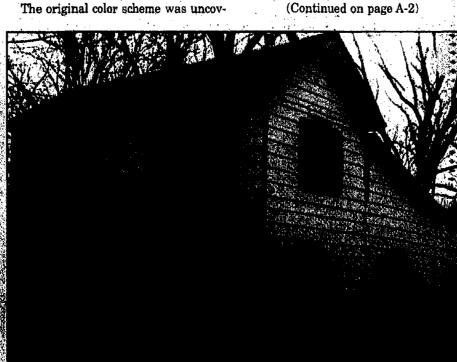
Hinson of Historic Preservation and Illumination, Inc. of Princeton.

"I didn't think the house was white, restore the house to the way it was but we were certainly lucky to find such meant to look," said Don Widdows, a wonderful color scheme," she stated.

Research by Ms. Hinson entailed taking paint chips from various places on the house and analyzing them in a laboratory setting with a special microscope. that allows one to see the many paint. layers and colors.

The little Victorian cottage was designed after the architectural style of





Before and after: Exterior renovations on the Crane-Phillips House Museum have returned the once white house, left, back to its original green and red color scheme, right.

House's exterior restoration is finished ahead of schedule

what we had to work with."

Andrew Jackson Downing, the man considered the first true 'American architect. Downing proposed using colors for home decoration that blended with nature, like the greens and red used on the Crane-Phillips

Ironically, he had a particular dislike for white houses and Crane-Phillips House was Green Thumb Garden Club of described them as "absolutely Funds for the second phase

ding process for contractors. of the complete overhaul came from a major direct mail fundraising campaign kicked Cranford's historic gem includ- raise additional funds to continoff last spring, Entitled "Help ed restoration on the front ue the project. A kitchen and Save Cranford's Past for the porch, windows and doors, gut- gardens home tour is scheduled Future," it raised more than ters and leaders, siding and for Sunday, May 2. Visitors will \$26,000 from local residents frim, chimney, window shutters, get to see a variety of different and businesses. The average front door and lastly surface kitchen and garden styles in response rate for direct mail preparation and painting. The, several homes around campaigns is about 1/2% to 1%. The Historical Society's fund Garcia and Son contracting of planned for June. drive got a response rate of Westfield. The chimney was Anyone who would like to more than 7%, a number that rebuilt by Regal Restoration of donate to the continuing most direct mail professionals Westfield. When damage restoration of the Cranewould envy. So far for the proved more extensive than Phillips House Living Museum entire project (Phase I: Stabilize Foundation, Phase II: rebuilt from the roof line up Youngs, Cranford Historical Exterior Restoration) the using special new brick Society, 38 Springfield Avenue, Society has raised more than designed to look antique. The next step in the project

\$44.000.). was incredible," said Bob

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reasonable with their bids," . 1896. Cost estimates for Phase said Loretta Widdows, co-chair- III could exceed \$150,000. woman of the Crane-Phillips

The last step on the plan is House Committee, "Our archi- Phase IV: Historic Landscape tect was instrumental in find- design. Downing-style cottage ing people who would work with gardens will be created around the house to complete the look The original four-step plan of an A. J. Downing Eclectic for the full restoration of the Revival Victorian cottage. The developed by Historic Architect Cranford has volunteered to be Herbert Githens. It was involved in this part of the pro-Githens who handled the bid- ject.

The actual work done on are planned for this year to bulk of this work was done by Cranford. Also, a golf outing is

first believed, the contractor can send donations to: Carolyn Cranford, NJ 07016. Matching gifts from employers are gratefully accepted.

The Crane-Phillips House Restoration, the most involved : Hoeffler, campaign chairman, and costly part of the project. Living Museum is open This will start with new electri- Sundays, 2-4 p.m. September thank everyone enough for cal, climate control and security through June. The Victoria their great generousity and systems. It will also include Shop, the Museum's gift shop, is commitment to preserving our repair of floors, walls and trim, open Thursday's, 6-8 p.m.and installation of interpretive Saturday and Sunday, 2-4 p.m. The amount raised proved to devices, period furnishings and The Museum is located at 124 be enough to finish the outside a period kitchen complete with Union Avenue North, in

> Health - February 18 March 18; Finance: Councilman Canta- Welfare Board Reorganization Payment of Bills and Fire: Councilman Don Rica Resolutions: The Treasurer hinted credited Chief Giordano and the that Christmas came early this volunteer fire department for their year (or late last year) for the attention to the 652 Monmouth owner of a Bloomingdale Avenue

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Flashberg named Teacher of the Year

(Continued from page A-1) teaching exercises and resources to help his students develop that genuine appreciation of the sub-

Flashberg indicated that if the students can identify with a particular period of history and recognize it as a real event that took place rather than as something that is only written about in history books then they will gain a greater sense of appreciation of those past events as something that helped to shape the world

around them today. For example, in teaching a new course about the Holocaust. Flashberg and his students held a bake sale for people who had helped Jews to escape persecution at the hands of the Nazis during the World War II.

Flashberg pointed out that teaching is a challenge; however, Health, Education and Welfare: increases in pay scale alignments despite the challenges that he Councilman Gregg David offers for Department of Public Works faces as a teacher he derives a

ing that his guidance is helping to shape the lives of young people and shatter the barriers of limitation and self-doubt that often inhibit students from reaching Flashberg's players — and their their full potential. parents — from the Orange

Flashberg's commitment to helping kids to excel has never been limited solely to his role as a teacher in the classroom. Throughout his teaching career he has always been involved in a wide range of extracurricular activities that range from the baseball diamond to the court-

As the advisor to Cranford High School's mock trial team, Flashberg's guidance helped CHS to capture 11 Union County mock trial championships over the past 15 years. In fact, Flashberg has even seen a number of his students who participated on the mock trial team go on to become

lawyers, including Cranford Deputy Mayor Philip Morin. Flashberg, who is an avid greater sense of reward in know-Yankees fan, was also the coach

of the Orange Avenue School baseball team, which he coached for 10 years beginning in the mid-'80s. In appreciation of his spirit, drive and encouragement.

Avenue School team awarded

him with a custom made baseball

bat with his name carved in it. Flashberg said that Cranford High School has always been exceptional thanks to the outstanding leadership of those principals he has worked with during his career at the school, Bob Sayfarth, Michael Blasucci and current principal Laura Cardine; he feels it is their commitment and dedication that made the school what it is.

Flashberg also pointed out that if there is anyone who truly deserves a commendation it is his wife Martha, for the patience and support that she has given him for the time that he has spent away from her while helping

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Lieutenant Charles Kardel and Patrolman Edward Davenport of

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makes for a 'super' birthday What sports enthusiast would not glow at the prospect of attending the 1999 Super Bowl in Miami? courage and hope because of his own personal battle with illness. In participate in basketball with some 1996 Craig contracted the restrictions.

Ron Komar and his 14-year-old Coxsackie virus, which can cause son, Craig, attended the sports arrhythmias and myocarditis, a extravaganza as a result of a fundheart condition resulting in cardiac raiser for the Center For Hope enlargement. If not detected early, Hospice. The winner received two this condition could become chronic tickets to the Super Bowl, round and lead to congestive heart failtrip airfare and four nights of first · ure. Fortunately for Craig and his family, this was not the case and he Craig's grandmother, Rose Polny is responding well to treatment.

although she was offered several thousand dollars for the prize, she 'Who buys a raffle chose to give them to Craig for his ticket thinking they're Although she is not a sports fan, aoina to win?' Polny purchased the raffle ticket in

class hotel accommodations.

of Cranford, won the tickets and

support of the Center for Hope

"I bought the ticket to help the

Hospice, but I didn't think I was

going to win," Polny said.
"Who buys a raffle ticket think-

ing they're going to win?" she

over the last two years.

By ALEC MOORE

CRANFORD - Four retiring

members of the Cranford Fire

Department (CFD) were honored

during last week's Township

Chief Leonard Dolan of the CFD

presented retirement awards to

retiring call (volunteer) firefighters

Don Ehrenbech, a 20-year veteran,

and Charles Innocenti, a 19-year

veteran, for their long and out-

standing record of volunteer ser-

Department and the community.

vice to the Cranford Fire

From the CFD's career division

Council Chambers at

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their service to the communit

— Rose Poinv

Polny of Craig's reaction when he ketball, soccer, cross-country and received the two tickets for his baseball. In the spring of 1997, under restrictions set forth by his Craig had thought his grand- cardiologist, Robert Manduley, mother was going to give the tick- M.D. of St. Peter's Hospital, and ets to one of her older grandchil- Victoria Vetter, M.D. of Children's Craig, not only because it was his was allowed to play on the birthday but because of the courage Readington Township all-star travand perseverance he has shown eling baseball team. To everyone's amazement, he hit three home

years," said Polny, who pointed out game. Throughout the 1997 and 1998 that Craig wanted his grandmothbut she suggested that his father sit on the bench in support of his next year's Super Bowl raffle, call award" from his traveling basket- (908) 487-0700. Young Craig, a resident of ball team in recognition of his atti-Readington Township, knows about tude and display of team spirit. article.

Editor's note: The follow- Dahlquist, who was unable to and Firefighters Richard Meier,

praised by Dolan for his commit- no pulse.

ing is a corrected version of a attend the awards ceremony due to Tim Dolan, Steven Cermak and

ment, fortitude and invaluable ser-

and humble man who was always

there for the firefighters if they

were in the hospital, during a time

of need or if they just needed some-

In addition to honoring the ser-

rice of Ehrenbrech, Innocenti,

Dahlquist to the Cranford Fire

Department, four firefighters and

two Police Officers were presented

with EMS Lifesaving Awards for

their successful efforts in saving

the life of a retired Cranford Fire

Department captain from the

Leonowicz, Ruegamer

one to talk to.

Craig and his father shared a unique experience in Miami.

opportunity is God's gift to Craig for all he has had to endure for the past few years," said Ron Komar before they left.

excitement, beginning with the experience, Commissioner's Party on Saturday evening, the official NFL tailgate party before the game and ending with the winner's party on Sunday evening with Tola Murphy-Baran and her family.

This marks the third consecutive year that Tola Murphy-Baran, vice-president for marketing and sales of NFL Enterprises, donated Since 1996, Craig's medical challenges imposed physical limitation for Hope Hospice in Linden. Ms. tions that have prevented him from Murphy's commitment to the mis-icipating—in—many—of—his—sion of hospice originated from her favorite sports activities. Prior to relationship with the late Father tickets; he didn't expect it," said his illness, Craig was active in bas- Charles Hudson, co-founder of the Center for Hope Hospice, and the death of her father.

The Center for Hope, after providing airfare and hotel accommodations to the winner, applies the remaining proceeds to caring fordren, but she chose to give them to Hospital in Philadelphia, Craig terminally ill individuals and their Girl Scouts The Center for Hope, a free-

zation, has been providing care for "This kid has had a rough two runs with 10 runs batted in one terminally ill individuals and their families since the late 1970s. If you would like to obtain inforer to go to the Super Bowl with him basketball seasons, he continued to mation about how to participate in

standing non-profit hospice organi-

would be a more suitable compan- team. He received the "spirit the Center for Hope Hospice at Alec Moore contributed to this

vice to the CFD and the communi- unit quickly assessed the situation. Over the course of the flight

ty during his 30 years of service. and began CPR and then utilized Russomano monitored the victim's

described Dahlquist as a selfless pulse and then breathing. The victoried the victim's prescribed med-

County Hospital by the Cranford

also received an EMS Lifesaving

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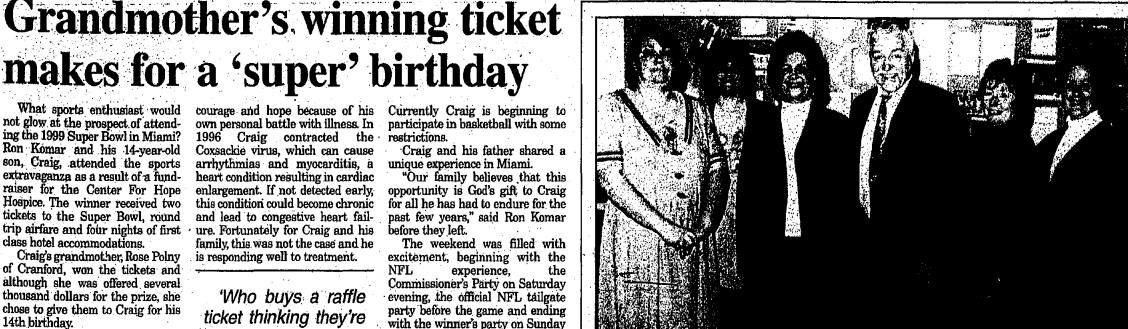
Captain Wesley Ditzel defibrilators to restore the victim's pulse and respiration and adminis-

Town honors firefighters, police for their efforts

story which appeared in last illness, was also honored with a and call firefighter James Pfieffer man was suffering from the early

week's newspaper. The retirement award for his 30 years arrived to the scene to find that the signs of a heart attack. He then Chronicle regrets the errors. of service to the CFD. Dahlquist victim was not breathing and had identified himself to the victim and

and



Countdown to curtain

Cranford Dramatic Club's President Bob Pells and the executive board, left to right, Marilyn Court, Liz Howard, Phyllis Barmak, Kate Slavin and Madge Wittel, are awaiting the club's upcoming productions. The comedy "Arsenic and Old Lace" runs Feb. 19-March 6 on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. The musical "Pippen" will run May 7-22 on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. For further information call (908) 276-

Tuskegee Airmen to speak at Cranford Library

CRANFORD - Three mem- with distinction in World War II, lated Army Air Corps base nearbers of the Tuskegee Airmen, an will speak 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. by. Army Air Corps unit that served 20 at the Cranford Public Library.

CRANFORD — The Cranford Jaycees are sponsoring a "Penny Challenge" this month to benefit

township Girl Scouts. Pennies can be denosited into the jar in the lobby of the Cranford firehouse 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

every Saturday this month. The Jaycees will match the first \$200. Proceeds will go toward twoway radios for safety during Girl

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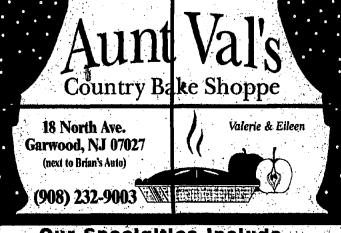
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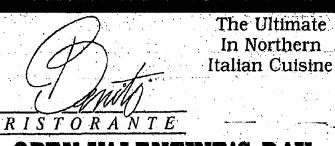
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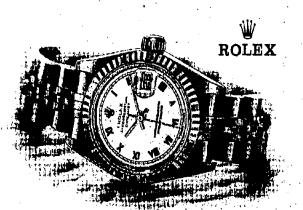
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Commentary

Schools should not be exempt from regionalization talks

In her annual budget address last week, Gov. Christine Todd Whitman issued a clarion call to state residents who are tired of paying the highest property taxes in the country. The governor urged residents to put pressure on their local officials to explore drastic measures, such as putting themselves out of jobs by merging municipalities.

Even before the governor delivered her address, municipal officials in five Somerset County towns - Bridgewater, Somerville, Raritan, Warren and Bound Brook - met informally to discuss the feasibility of a merger. While the creation of a "supertown" may not happen soon and there may be insurmountable problems, at least the officials are willing to explore the possibility and they should be applauded for that.

While merging municipalities and sharing services may

save some tax money, such actions do not affect the major part of the property tax bill - public education. That's why another-group of officials should start meeting and considering the possibility of merging - school board members. Municipal expenditures - police, street maintenance,

recreation, etc. — are only a small part of the overall property tax bill. In most municipalities school taxes account for more than half of the overall property tax bill. Unless something is done to change the funding or structure of public education, property taxes in New Jersey will remain dismally high.
That's why regionalization should at least be considered by

school districts throughout New Jersey. Merging school districts will not be a popular idea. Most residents like local control of schools, even though it's expensive. In some other states, for example, school districts are organized by counties; that's extremely unlikely to happen in New Jersey (could you imagine Livingston and Newark ever being in the the same school district?). But there are some combinations of small school districts that make sense and could result in savings and perhaps a higher quality of education.

The state Department of Education should offer financial incentives and guidance to encourage school districts to explore these alternatives.

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Letters to the editor

Letter of thanks triggers memories of family

Jan. 14). It hit home with me retired Cranford Police Capt. George Rosendale, were both dedi-

cated police officers. who loved dogs, served on father are well-remembered by Cranford's police force for 43 years many, and I am fortunate to be before retiring in 1966. Dad, an related to them. Irish- and German-American who

also likes canines, worked for the

I enjoyed reading "Giving before retiring in 1984. Dad and thanks to our local police" (letter, grandpa were always courteous to members of the public whom they because my father, retired State dealt with while they were officers. Police Lt. Clint McLoughlin, and When I was a young adult, dad and my late maternal grandfather, grandpa financed my college education and grandpa left me his lit tle ranch-style house, which I later sold to purchase a condo, when he Grandpa, a German-American died in 1985. My father and grand-

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Letters to the editor

Spay Day is an important reminder

math. It's a cold, hard fact that one unaltered cat programs and clinics and approximately 8,000 and her offspring can produce 420,000 kittens in veterinarians participating in this network.

One dog and her offspring can produce 67,000 years of age while female cats have delivered kit- animal in heat. Neutered cats live longer than wrong deeds in its effort to pre-

because there are not enough homes for them. shelters because they mate like rabbits: Although many companion animals find good

guardians and ultimately die after suffering from

encourages every humane American and animal over to take responsibility for having one animal provides peace of mind. neutered. You may contact the Doris Day Animal nvolve or get more information.

ride low-cost spaying and neutering. Their fee goal. includes rabies and distemper vaccinations: Or you can contact Spay/USA for a toll-free

One plus one equals 420,000? No, it's not new this procedure at (800) 248-SPAY. There are 900 It only takes one time for a pet to get out acci-

dentally and become pregnant. Besides preventing unwanted births, it is healthier for your pet There have been cats fathering litters at 20 and it alleviates the problem of dealing with an desires that society tolerate no tens at age 25. Because of this fact there are 6 to unneutered ones, sometimes as much as twice as serve order, then he must demon-8 million cats and dogs that are killed in shelters long as sexually active cats.

If you are going to get a new pet please try-a ance works. Admittedly, "zero tol-There are also a large number of bunnies in shelter instead of a pet store. You'll be saving a erance" does work in some cases

I also suggest getting the Home Again chip homes the sheer number of these animals out- inserted into your animal by your veterinarian. If weighs this possibility for far too many pets. your pet becomes lost and is brought to a shelter "one strike and you're out" stan-America's taxpayers bear the cost of picking up, or a veterinarian's office, all they have to do is housing and ultimately killing these homeless scan the animal to bring up the animal's identifianimals — as much as \$100 for each one in some cation number and your name and phone number. It could prevent you from having to post the Millions more cats and dogs never even make it "Missing Animal, Cash Reward" signs we see all to shelters. They are abandoned by their too many times. My shelter refugee indoor cat is spayed and has this identification chip because I know how terrible I would feel if she got lost and Feb. 23 is the fifth annual Spay Day. Spay Day I did not know what happened to her. It works similar to noting your children's fingerprints and

Altering our pets prevents the births of Foundation at (202) 546-1761, Ext. 29 or 31 to get unwanted puppies and kittens and thereby reduces suffering and death. Someday the routine If your own pet is not neutered please contact killing of millions of dogs and cats each year will ed his son than the athlete who People for Animals at (908) 964-6887. They pro- be a distant memory. Please help achieve this

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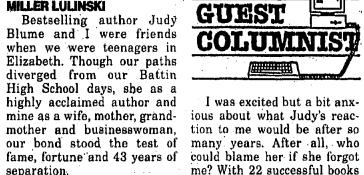
Friendship with bestselling author stands the test of 43 years separation

By LILA LIBBY **MILLER LULINSKI**

Bestselling author Judy Blume and I were friends when we were teenagers in Elizabeth. Though our paths diverged from our Battin High School days, she as a highly acclaimed author and mine as a wife, mother, grandmother and businesswoman,

While I was visiting my sis- under her belt, three beautiter and brother-in-law in Key ful homes, countless speaking Shirley noticed a newspaper blurb regarding a writer's seminar to be held in Key West, 100 miles away. Who was to be the keynote speaker? Judy! And during the one Sunday when I was to be in

I'd planned to see Key West eventually but wasn't sure if I could manage this brief visit. Should I drive 100 miles in the rain to chance meeting my former friend, now a famous internationally acclaimed warm friendship, doesn't fame, fortune and 43 years. Blume! separation change people? Would Judy recognize me, her. Except for Judy's trade- some things just never speak or snub me even unin- mark '56 ponytail, she looked



Largo, Fla., in early January, engagements and travel galore, she might forget me along with the rest of her Elizabeth friends, Class of '56. I decided (with my sister's prodding) to put it to the test. Shirley and Ira even brought along a camera in case Judy agreed to a snapshot.

We woke up to a rainy Sunday morning and almost chickened out. Finally, we hopped in Ira's '89 jalopy and headed for the three-hour where Judy was scheduled to author? Although I still cher- speak at noon. We were guidished warm memories of our ed to the room and there she was on stage, Judy Sussman

I could not take my eyes off exactly as I remembered heri

Here she was, the gal whose Sweet 16 (catered!) party I'd attended 45 years earlier in her paneled finished basement with my then-boyfriend Ira, now my beloved husband of four years. He and I remembered Judy's wonderful party with fond memories. I could not help reminiscing a bit with the woman seated

next to me in the library.

Finally, I got my nerve.

inched my way in the long line

of folks eager to meet with Judy. Yes! Yes! In three seconds flat Judy recognized me with her twinkly smile, outstretched hands and a wonderful hug. She deemed delighted to see me! Would she agree to a quick snapshot? With pleasure! Absolutely! As we chatted briefly she recalled the luggage we gave her for her Sweet 16th birthday. She said it lasted many years and likely stashed her clothing on many trips. Judy wrote me a lovely note and drive to the Key West library chatted warmly while ignoring the long line of autograph

And how was her talk? Pure Judy. Unpretentious, intelligent, emotional, funny and very sweet. Thankfully,

change. The writer lives in Cranford

Letters to the editor

Writer repeats: Zero tolerance is unjust

To The Chronicle: This letter responds to Mr. Kenneth Marken's letter to the Editor (Cranford Chronicle, Jan. 21, 1999), in which Mr. Marken argues that he did not "miss" the main point of my argument concerning zero tolerance. He has instead, he tells us, simply disagreed with it. Because I have perhaps offered more than just one "main point," I shall here restate as clearly as possible the point to which I referred in my Jan. 7, 1999 letter: that the and CHS administration have acted unjustly, unwisely, and inconsistently in creating a zero tolerance standard for Cranford student-athletes.

Mr. Marken's counter-example hardly demonstrates that a zero tolerance method works. What the example does show, consistent with my main point, is how badly the school board, the superintendent, and the CHS administration have carried out their role. Is smoking a cigarette really a worse crime than beating the hell out of someone? If a student can physically assault another tudent with relative impunity vis--vis the student who uses tobacco or alcohol, who is willing to say that those governing our schools are doing a good job? Mr. Marken, in all fairness,

wants to say that zero tolerance

provided a more severe punish-

ment for the athlete who assault-

puffed a cigarette or drank a

beer, and (3) argued persuasively

that punishments need not fit

the crimes they're meant to rem-

edy. Mr. Marken has done none of

these things; the closest he has

come is to assert that zero toler-

ance works. That is just not suffi-

- Behind this contention about

the injustice, inconsistency, and

impracticality of the zero toler

ance aspect of CHS's Athletic

Training Rules there lies, it is

true, a far more fundamental

argument about the nature of

political society. The argument

with which Mr. Marken disagrees

(and which I never accused him

of missing) is that government

ought to engage in making citi-

zens moral. I set this argument

aside in my previous response

because I felt it was out of place

in a local newspaper. But since

Mr. Marken wants to engage the

The belief that only families

and religious communities can

realistically provide moral educa-

tion proceeds from a mistaken,

though widely-accepted under-

standing of human nature and

consequently of politics. This

understanding consists almost

wholly in the idea that all men

and women are individual "gods."

standards unto themselves, and

therefore, not morally susceptible

to being judged by any other

standard. No person, according to

this conception, is much better or

much worse than another; we're

all basically selfish, rarely altru-

istic, and desirous only of contin-

ued life and, if we have life, of the

freedom to do what we wish with

that life. Least of all, therefore,

should society - comprised

merely of other individual gods

provide anything like moral

udgment (except where such

judgment is necessary to prevent

injury to an individual's pursuit

(Continued on page A-5)

issue, I shall here indulge him.

f tobacco, alcohol, and drugs is

the kind of social policy that suced, well understood, and enforced." It should be held up, according to him, as the prototype for all transgressions. Fair as social policy - murder, for instance, would seem to merit a

dard. But does it work with respect to teenagers who smoke sions? I doubt it, and nothing anvone has said at board meet convinces me otherwise. As such, Mr. Marken would actually be disagreeing with my main point if he (1) proved empirically that zero tolerance works (2) showed that the school board

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Writer repeats: Zero tolerance is unjust

(Continued from page A-4) between right and wrong? The of his own private good). No between right and wrong? The answer is society, for it is socitolerance, is bound to fail. general good is a possibility ety that must endure his antics Perhaps I have split some here, only numerous individual goods. Such a diversity of private

goods is not wrong or bad in and of itself. It becomes morally shouldn't society try to help questionable, however, once we this child while he can be after all. But the point remains recognize that the animating helped? Moral improvement regardless of the underlying principle of these different pur- cannot be left to choice, at least suits — "just leave me alone" — not entirely. does not leave any space in which to create a common good aid families, communities of that the policy fails to prevent or purpose. Otherwise stated, faith, and the like in the task of this understanding of human creating virtuous human and abuse among Cranford's nature as atomistic and neces- beings. This is a justifiable sarily self-centered is not at all objective for a government that natural. To assert the following understands man not as the distinction I have drawn—"If I don't want to become a philosophers from Hobbes to between discipline and self-dismorally better person, it's none Kant to John Rawls have mis-cipline is a useless one. of your business, just as it's understood him, but as he real- haven't written these letters to none of my business what you ly is: a being created by God, argue for the sake of argument and your family choose to do" ... intimately related to Him, and or because of some personal ignores that we are social, relatherefore intimately related to vendetta against those involved tional creatures who are depen- all fellow human beings. Under in creating zero tolerance. dent on our Creator and on each this more natural understandother. Man is not a standard ing of human nature, we cannot unto himself.

human nature, together with ness." ders, is known as liberalism (in not transcend their causes, but Marken, by contrast, views the the philosophical, and not mere-effects do change as their distinction as cumbersome and ly ideological, sense). Most underlying causes are changed. not at all important. This Americans, as Mr. Marken's let- To plead an inability to alter strikes me as somewhat odd, ter attests, instinctively agree those "causes" is a selfish considering his remarks about with this conception primarily response, one that differs less morality. I am left to wonder with this conception primarily response, one that differs less morality. I am left to wonder Regional High School senior because the United States is at than you might think from the what kind of truly God-centered. Stephen Catino. its core a liberal polity. Our officient immorality of those who curethics permits and even elecial "moral standards" are free-rently run this country. But I'm vates: the selfishness that dom, equality, and the pursuit not that naively optimistic. I inheres in only worrying about of happiness. Beyond the don't expect national politithe moral health of one's own notion of basic fairness these cians to teach our children family. standards imply, American soci- morality. ety posits no real "goal" that citizens should pursue. In other current president's persistent words, our government treats deceitfulness and equally perhuman beings as individual sistent libido? (The current gods, and tends to shy away saga — including the muted from telling anyone what to do response of the public — is

or not to do. When it does direct symptomatic, it should be citizens, it is usually for the noted, of the liberal antinomy I sake of "order" - our political have here discussed.) I do not, society maintains, for instance, however, consider it overly optione else's personal pursuit of

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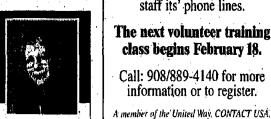
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stands such self-regulation. . front, since the remedy neces-This is a dangerous miscon- sarily involves moral education. ception. Now, I'm not saying that people cannot choose to regulate themselves by freely seeking help from others; on th contrary, many succeed in this endeavor through the aid of family and religious communi-

Too many people, however, don't seek to improve themselves and their own families some choose not to belong to a community of faith, and others choose not to raise their chil dren properly. The question then is this: who gets stuck with the check, so to speak, when a child is never or improperly taught the difference



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while he's still a child, and it is more hairs by separating my society that must eventually "main point" from my argument imprison him as an adult. So the next question is this: why moral education. The argu-

A true politics is meant to ing of human nature, we cannot because I know the distinction but view the moral health of our to be fundamentally true and Such an understanding of neighbors as partly "our busi-

In the end, failure to act in How could I, in light of the accordance with the distinction between mere discipline and self-discipline — or between a faulty liberal politics and a less self-centered, communitarian politics — will at best produce stifled chaos, not real order. In Mr. Marken's world, zero tolerance keeps the wolves at bay. I disagree, and Mr. Marken has that we must not disrupt any- mistic to think that local gov- failed to show that such disernment - including boards of agreement is unreasonable. But Garwood residents as a vital education, superintendents, even if zero tolerance could be policies are thus and township councils - can shown to preserve order, the meant to be limited in both and should promulgate laws more basic point is this: caged scope and intent. American that teach moral lessons. or not, they are still wolves and society prefers to think that Prevention of underage use of will never become sociable, men and women are quite capa- alcohol, tobacco, and drugs rep- well-meaning, and morally good ble of regulating themselves, resents a challenge that only human beings. however each individual under- "moral government" can con-

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Union County Freeholder Chairman Nicholas Scutari presents a resolution to Eagle Scout Stephen Catino of Garwood as his family, father John Catino Sr., mother Susan Lopez and sister Lauren Lopez, look on.

Repainting, restoration project helps Scout earn Eagle honor

exceedingly preferable in a per- By ALEC MOORE

GARWOOD - The fire box and efforts of Arthur L. Johnson

Catine, 18, undertook the ject to the community that is required of all candidates for the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank of the Boy Scouts of

Eagle Scout on Sunday, Nov. 22 of last year during a court of honor ceremony that was held at vice to his community." St. Ann's School in Garwood. fire box poles as his service pro-

ject after noticing that the poles emergency lifeline to the Fire "The poles around town were dingy and they needed painting so that they would be more

noticeable," said Stephen, who

restored the poles over a seven-

week period between October

Cranford and November with the assis-

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In addition to the resolution

awards of recognition for earning the rank of Eagle Scout from President Bill Clinton, Senate Garwood Mayor Michael Crincoli to the community and for the American Legion and the Sons of the American Legion. Catino has been involved in Scouting for more than six years and is currently the publication editor of The Feather, the Order Earning the rank of Eagle of the Arrow newsletter of Catino's Lodge, and serves his

Troop in the position of scribe.

varsity ice hockey and golf teams at Arthur L. Johnson he has performed a valuable ser-Regional High School and plans to attend Penn State University Catino received from Freeholder engineering.

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ding of Motoko Hanai of Chiba. Narita, Japan. They were married

Japan, and James Patrick Golden in a traditional Japanese ceremo-

The bride, the daughter of Toru Garden in Chiba. A second cere-

and Toshiko Hanai of Chiba, is a mony was held Nov. 28, 1998 at

former tour director for All the First Presbyterian Church of

Nippon Airlines World Tours Co. Cranford with Dr. Bruce Williams.

Miss Hanai received a degree in the pastor, officiating. Family and

English from Aoyama Gakuin friends attended receptions which

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bachelor's degree in economics ceremony was Sachiko Hanai of

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The future bridegroom is the A 1985 graduate of Cranford

Miss Gross is an attorney in University of Virginia and its

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Attorney for the Eastern An October wedding is

District of California, in planned in Pennsylvania.

ment of Andrea Gross and ated from Davidson College

Steven Herz has been and the University of Virginia

Andrea Gross, Steven Herz

engaged to marry in fall

announced by her parents, law school.

the office of the United States law school.

Lana' Voellinger and Malcolm

J. Gross of Allentown, Pa.

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ny Nov. 7, 1998 at the Hotel Sun

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 music for children with Jonathan Sprout. Westfield High School, 1 p.m. Admission \$6. Call (908) 232-3236, Ext. 210.

SUNDAY

Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, 9 a.m. Cost \$2; includes continental

MONDAY

eight-part program for women whose self-esteem may be affected by changes in their life. Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Healthcare, 505 South Ave. East, Cranford, 7 p.m. To register, call (908) 497-3921

TUESDAY

FEB. 9 "THE NATURAL WORLD -Around Us," program for Greater Watchung Nature Club. Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave., Scotch Plains, 8 p.m. Children Beth-El Mekor Chayim, 338 Walwelcome, Call (908) 232-3779. nut Ave., Cranford, 8 p.m. March 6.

COMING UP RELAY FOR LIFE — start of American Cancer Society fundraising program. Tavern in the Park,

147 W.Westfield Ave., Roselle Park, 7 p.m. Feb. 11. Reservations: Call required; call (908) 272-8989. (908) 354-7373 by Feb. 10. LOVE SONGS - with Robert Edwin, baritone, and Joseph Krupa, piano Calvary Lutheran Church, 108 Eastman St., Cranford, 8 om. Feb. 12. Adults \$10[,] senior citi

vations: Call (908) 276-2418. EAGLE WATCH - Greater Watchung Nature Club trip to Rio Reservoir (upstate New York). Meet at railroad station, South Avenue, Fanwood, 7:15 a.m. Feb. 14. Dress warmly: bring lunch, binoculars, scopes. Call (908) 232-3779.

BPW MEETING — and auction to benefit scholarship fund of Berkeley Heights-Clark-Westfield Business and Professional Women. Kenilworth Inn, Boulevard and South 31st Street, Kenilworth, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 16, Cost \$20, Reservations: (908) 687-5239.

FISH FRY - sponsored by Al- Palsy League, 61 Myrtle St., tar Rosary Society of St. Theresa's Cranford, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. April 17. Roman Catholic Church, 541 Tables \$25 each, Call (908) 709-Washington Ave., Kenilworth, 4:30- 1800, Ext. 114 or 103.

FEMALE - support group for to raise their children. Hanson House, 38 Springfield Ave., Cranford, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 17. Call (908) 272-2471 or (908) 862-7781. CPR CLASS - Red Cross course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Garwood First Aid Squad, Walnut and Second avenues, Gar-

dren \$5. Tickets: (908) 272-4444.

wood, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 20. Cost \$20. Registration: (908) 789-0300. TUSKEGEE AIRMEN — program with three veterans of the World War II Army Air Corps unit. Cranford Public Library, 224 Walnut Ave., Cranford, 1 p.m. Feb. 20. Call (908) 709-7272.

ATLANTIC CITY - trip sponsored by Cranford Honorary Policemen's Benevolent Association to Tropicana casino. Bus leaves from Centennial Avenue pool, Cranford. 10-a.m. Feb. 21. Cost \$20; patrons receive \$18 in coin and \$3 food voucher. Reservations: Call (908) 709-7283 or (908) 272-3074 by Feb. 16.

MOVIE NIGHT - for members of Interfaith Singles at First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, 6 p.m. Feb. 21. Call (908)

TRICKY TRAY - auction sponsored by PTA of Hillside Avenue School, Cranford, 8:15 p.m. Feb. 27. (Doors open 6:30 p.m.) Admission \$5; no one under 18 admitted. Tickets: (908) 272-1049. "A PRICE ABOVE RUBIES" 1998 motion picture introduced by Rabbi Azriel Fellner. Temple

Adults \$7.50: students free. Call "A PARENT'S GUIDE - to Surviving the Adolescent Years," seminar sponsored by Cranford Municipal Alliance. Roosevelt Intermediate School, Westfield, 7:30 p.m. March 10. Free. Registration

FIRST AID CLASSES Red Cross course in basic first aid. Garwood First Aid Squad, Walnut and Second avenues, Garwood, 7:30-9:30 p.m. March 12 plus 9 a.m. 4 p.m. March 13. zens and students \$7.50. Reser-Cost \$20. Registration: (908) 789-

> BEST CHEFS NIGHT fundraiser sponsored by Washington Rock Girl Scout Council. The Westwood, 438 North Flagler Beach, Fla. Ave., Garwood, 6 p.m. March 15. Cost \$30 in advance, \$40 at the door; business attire required; must be 18-over. Tickets: Call (908) 232-

WANTED

CRAFTERS - for spring craft fair sponsored by Cerebral

Workshop to introduce participants to yoga

of the continuing education workof Union County, 94 North Ave.

GARWOOD - There will be a ation, stress reduction and learnspecial "Introduction to Yoga" ing to live in the present 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26 as part moment.

Mode has raised funds for colshop series of Women for Women lege scholarships, children with cancer, the Mobile Meals program and an area YMCA. She Instructor Nicole Mode has been teaching since 1988 and has given many lectures and holds 22 yoga classes a week. The demonstrations. workshop is designed for those The free program is open to interested in learning more the public. For information, call about yoga as a means of relax- (908) 232-5787.

T.R. Livingstone of Cranford administrative assistant with

Jennifer Livingstone to wed Frank Gass Jr. in the fall CRANFORD - Mr. and Mrs. The future bride is an

have announced the engage- Paragon Toms River. He is the son of Mr. Department. and Mrs. Frank Gass of

ment of their daughter, Professionals in Cranford. The Jennifer Livingstone of future bridegroom is a fire-Cranford, to Frank Gass Jr. of fighter with the Elizabeth Fire

A September wedding is planned.

Her fiance is an attorney

with honors from the

with a practice in Sacramento.

James Mitchell of Fort Wayne, Ind. from Taylor University in Upland,

CRANFORD — Mr. and Mrs. Ind. Miss Dunkerton graduated Donald Dunkerton of Cranford from Cranford High School in have announced the engagement 1995. of their daughter, Laurie Dee

Dunkerton, to Ryan Keith receive a bachelor's degree in his-Mitchell, the son of Mr. and Mrs. tory in May, also from Taylor University. He graduated in 1995 The future bride is scheduled from Snider High School in Fort to receive a bachelor's degree in Wayne and will coach football at elementary education in May the university after graduation. A July wedding is planned.

Hometown people keep the Cranford Hotel thriving he is a high school student I use as serving great food and drink to is no date now for the completion,

Last Saturday I enjoyed a delightful meal at the Hotel in downtown Cranford. We went into the Cellar about 7:30 p.m. and it was crowded with families and couples, so we ventured upstairs to the Porch and main dining room, After a short wait we got a booth inside in the dining room.

Having been hungering for a good hamburger, we each ordered a hamburger with cheddar cheese. Did you know that the Hotel grinds its own hamburger meat each morning? Yes, they do, I got that right from owner Frank DiTullio. I wasn't sure it was Frank, as a watched a young man in his early 30s help clean a table and set it up, then talk to the waiters and waite resses hustling about. But he duced myself and I had guessed Cranford Connections

with us and I asked if I could write talk about his sister, Kim, who manages the place and Bob aging for five years, not himself. them and the great staff of young week." people I have working for me," he

really work hard and it helps keep a bigger percentage. the flow moving steadily."

about him in my column. He agreed Saturday is any indication, the replied. "Well, I was married last reluctantly and really wanted to Hotel is really doing a great job. April to Tia Manhardt, originally of Hasbrook, who has also been man-her," Frank continued. "Even since my parents have only grand-the Hotel; you won't be sorry. He said, "I couldn't do it without she still works many hours each little girl and then a boy who would

When I asked Frank how long knows." "Look there at Matt Macaluso; generations of DiTullios have been open porch on the that floor. There he ever saw a firefighter dressed kindness in your warm greeting."

a food handler," Frank said. "The Cranford. He said that originally but hopefully he'll know soon. food handlers do nothing but bring the place was know more for drink

If the crowd I saw there have a son to carry on and he though she has two boys at home, sons now, maybe I'd like to have a be Frank the fourth, then who er visit to the Cranford Firehouse

he had been working at the Hotel Continuing to talk about his firefighter guide this time. Each love to your children, to your wife or "Some are men looking to pick up he said that he'd been working in hopes and plans for the future, time we go, we learn something some money after their regular jobs. the restaurant business since he Frank let me in on the fact that he new Chris showed Connor his air Let no one ever come to you without looked the right age, as I knew he and some are mothers who want to was 12 years old. His grandfather is working with an architect to mask along with his hood that pro- leaving better and happier. Be the went to Cranford High School with pick some extra money in the started in 1946 followed by his expand the second floor into a facil- tects his ears and his helmet. With living expression of God's kindness: my oldest daughter. Sheri. I intro- evenings. Most of them have been father and now Frank has been the ity for banquets and such and also all that on he was really scary look- kindness in your face, kindness in with me a long time," he volunteered. owner for the last 11 years. Three for outside seasonal dining on the ing and he reminded Connor that if your eyes, kindness in your smile,

really are trying to get the family I asked if he hoped one day to trade to make it a place people will

want to bring the kids," said Frank. It is so good to see hometown people continuing to do business "My sister, Kim, is the backbone Ridge Street in Cranford, and we here in Cranford. Next time you of the place, I couldn't do it without haven't started a family yet and want a really good hamburger, try today, Feb. 4.

Connor. Tyler, and I made anoth- Mother Teresa: last week. Chris J. Vollero was our

"The new movie theater is really saw the fan that blows smoke out of the food out from the kitchen and than food, but now it's 60 percent bringing more people to town in the the buildings and Connor even got help clean the tables and carry food and 40 percent drink and evenings, so it is helping my busi- to hold the nozzle on the hose. dishes back to the kitchen. They Frank hopes to make the food even ness a lot, plus the fact that we Thanks so much, Chris, for the time and effort, and even the trip to the "potty," which was above and beyond the call of duty.

Happy Birthday to Joanne Hade, who celebrates her birthday Quote for the week is from

Spread love everywhere you go: first of all in your own house. Give husband, to a next door neighbor ...

Obituaries

Lloyd V. Grevious

his former wife, Linda, and three

Yvonne, all of Richmond, Va.;

three sons, Daniel of Santa Rosa.

Calif., David of Roselle and Dylan

of Richmond; two sisters, Beverly

and a brother, Herbert of

terday at the Third-Westminster

Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth

Burial was in Graceland Memorial

Arrangements were by the

Surviving are her husband of

Madison; two sisters, Jacqueline

Services were held yesterday

Schemly, and two granddaugh-

Services were held yesterday

ters, Nancy Schemly and Alyssa

Schemly, all of Wayne.

Park; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held ves-

of Newark and Janice of Roselle;

Washington, D.C.

Park, Kenilworth.

Grevious, 48, died Jan. 26, 1999 at his home in Sacramento, Calif. He had been a teacher in the Del Paso daughters, Arlene, Rosalind and school district in Sacramento for

Mr. Grevious was born in Brooklyn. He lived in Jamaica, Y, and Cranford before moving Sacramento in 1977. He earlier was a teacher in the

Plainfield and Newark school systems. Mr. Grevious received a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of California He was a member of Phi Beta

Sigma fraternity and the G.G. Woody Funeral Home in Westminster Presbyterian Roselle.

Carolee Paschon KENILWORTH - Carolee C. Helen's Roman Catholic Church

Paschon, 64, died Jan. 30, 1999 at in Westfield. Overlook Hospital in Summit. She was the 1980 champion of 42 years, David K.; two daughthe 9-Hole Women's Golfers ters, Cathy P. Daly of Westfield group at the Plainfield Country and Susan P. Alexander of Club in Edison. Madison; two sisters, Jacqueline A native of Roselle Park, she Aponte of Manchester, Conn.,

lived in Kenilworth before mov- and Jo Ann Weinert of Roselle ing to Westfield in 1970. Mrs. Paschon formerly was an officer of the Stonehenge Bowling at the Memorial Funeral Home League in Westfield. She was a Fanwood, followed by a funeral member of the Ladies Bridge Mass at St. Helen's Church. Group at the Plainfield Country Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Club and a parishioner of St. Westfield.

John H. Mellquist CRANFORD - John H. Club in Roselle Park and a mem-Mellquist, 89, died Jan. 31, 1999 ber of Calvary Lutheran Church. Surviving are his wife of 50

at the Cranford Health and Extended Care Center. He years, Elizabeth N.; a daughter, retired in 1974 after 40 years as Janis Schemly, a son-in-law, a switchman with New Jersey Peter Schemly, two grandsons, Bell Telephone Co. (now Bell Thomas Schemly and Douglas Atlantic-New Jersey). A native of Roselle Park, Mr. Mellquist served in the Army

during World War II and lived in Jersey City before moving to at the Gray Memorial Funeral Cranford in 1964. He was a past Home. Burial was in Graceland president of the Epworth Athletic Memorial Park, Kenilworth.

Alice Jean Paulsen CRANFORD - Alice Jean Surviving are a brother, Paulsen died Jan. 29, 1999 at the Frank P. Paulsen Jr.; a sister, Medical Center at Princeton. She Gertrude; and several nieces and

retired in 1987 after 48 years with the Rahway plant of Merck Roselle and lived in Cranford Green Park Cemetery, Morganbefore moving to Monroe in ville. is now Union County College. be made to American Cancer and many nieces and nephews.

Her husband, Harold, is Society, 3076 Princeton Pike,

Arnita Porter Hearns CRANFORD - Arnita D. Edward Sr.; a son, Edward Jr.;

Porter Hearns, 86, died Jan. 26, four daughters, Marie Hearns-

1999 at Elizabeth General Harmon, Arnita Garland, Mary

Medical Center. She had been a Porter and Patricia; a sister, Ruth

cable handler at the Elizabeth Shell; nine grandchildren, 23 plant of the Phelps Dodge Co. great-grandchildren and a great-Mrs. Hearns was born in Elizabeth and had lived for many the Nesbitt Funeral Home in years in Cranford. Leaf Memorial Park, Woodbridge.

Surviving are her husband.

Oliver W. Dicks

great-grandchild.

Services were held Friday at

Elizabeth. Burial was in Clover

Surviving is a brother, Lemuel

Services were held Saturday

Surviving are two sons, David

Cranford; three grandchildren

A funeral Mass will be cele-

and two great-grandchildren.

Michael's Church, 40 Alden St.

Memorial Gardens, Iselin.

Burial will be in Forest Lawn

Arrangements are by the

Atlantic Hospice, Attn: Patient

Care, 33 Bleeker St., Millburn,

CRANFORD - Oliver W. S.C., and lived in Cranford before Dicks, 94, died Jan. 25, 1999 at moving to Clermont in 1997. the Westminster Care Center in Clermont, Fla. He had been a of Perkasie, Pa. laborer for 25 years at the former Garwood plant of the United at the G.G. Woody Funeral Home States Gypsum Co. in Roselle. Burial was in Cemetery, Scotch Plains.

in Roselle. Burial was in Hillside

Peter W. Leslie CRANFORD - Peter W. Leslie, died in 1994. Leslie, 87, died Feb. 1, 1999 at his home. He once was an executive of Old Bridge and Donald of secretary with the International Nickel Co. He was born in Dundee,

Scotland, and lived in Canada brated 9:30 a.m. today at St. before moving to Cranford in International Nickel for 42 years and retired in 1976 from its Dooley Funeral Home. Memorial Manhattan offices. He was a contributions may be made to parishioner of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church. His wife, Anna Irene Pigaeu N.J. 07041.

Michael Hudak

Hudak, 79, died Feb. 2, 1999 at the Toms River. Father Hudson House in Elizabeth. He served in the Army Lescionski Hudak; two daughters, during World War II, fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was and Karen Kizelevich; two sisters. awarded a Purple Heart for Eva Kopcha and Ann Heruska; wounds suffered in combat. A native of Roselle Park, he lived in Kenilworth from 1949 row at the Mastapeter Funeral until he moved to Toms River in

25 years as a maintenance mechanic with the Accurate Bushing Co. of Garwood. He earli- Memorial Park. er worked for the Karaghuesen Rug Co, of Roselle Park for 20 today at the funeral home.

KENILWORTH - Michael a Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Surviving are his wife, Amelia

Rosemary Zavila Prokopowicz and seven grandchildren. Services will be 9 a.m. tomor-Home, 400 Faitoute Ave., Roselle Park. A funeral Mass will follow Mr. Hudak retired in 1985 after 10 a.m. at St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church, 541 Washington

Visitation is 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Memorial contributions may be He was a member of the made to Center for Hope Hospice, Disabled American Veterans and 176 Hussa St., Linden, N.J. 07036.

Ave. Burial will be in Graceland



Tyler McMahon of Cranford has the best seat in the house to see his first real fire engine, thanks to Cranford Firefighter Andy Stratton, who showed Tyler around the firehouse.

Police respond to complaints of neighbor's barking dog

notified police of a continually barking dog in the area of Summit Avenue and Faitoute Avenue on Jan. 23 around 6 p.m. Upon their arrival police located the dog and instructed the owner to take the dog inside, which the

Brian Matt of Garwood was dents, were arrested by

Long Island, N.Y. Miss Brosnan was born in Services were held yesterday

Mrs. Paulsen was born in Cranbury Burial was in Forest enjoyed gardening and following

1989. She graduated from what Memorial contributions may Donald F. of San Rafael, Calif.; Road, Plainfield, N.J. 07061

Stephen Dotsko

Extended Care Center. He had prior to his 1994 retirement. A native of Scranton, Pa., he

Cranford in 1996. Mr. Dotsko also was a voluntrustee of the PeopleCare Center in Bridgewater. He received a at the Dooley Funeral Home, 218

the 108th Artillery in north N.J. 07036.

Village, N.Y. Visitation is 5-7 p.m. today at

Edwin's program for the Brooklyn and had lived for more the Dooley Funeral Home, 218 ular and theater selections. Memorial contributions

be made to Muhlenberg Hospice St., Cranford.

tant with an office in Foreign Wars Post 6763, both in Hillsborough for many years South Plainfield, and B.P.O. Elks lived in South Plainfield and R. Whalen Dotsko; two daugh-

Services will be 10 a.m. today

from Rider College (now Rider Fairview Cemetery, Westfield. During World War II, Mr. be made to Center for Hope Dotsko served in the Army with Hospice, 176 Hussa St., Linden,

competition, 'Studio Night' Cranford/Millburn Camera Clubs will meet 7:30 p.m. Monday at the George Bauer Community Center, Taylor Park, Millburn. Members will bring their cameras for a "Studio Night" photography competition 7:30 p.m. Monday, talk on his horticultural innova-Feb. 22 at the George Bauer tions. Community Center. Competition will be in black-and-white prints, color prints and color slides, all open. For slides only, the assigned Scotch Plains Public Library, subject will be "Hair, Fur and Joel Morgovsky of the New Jersey Center in Mountainside, will Federation of Camera Clubs, himself a photography teacher.CRAN-FORD — The College Women's

Police log

allegedly driving with the head-

On Jan. 27 the boyfriend of a

Desir Pierre Louis

Royal Estates Tea Co., will speak the railroad station on South about the history and tasting of Avenue, Fanwood, or 8 a.m. at the

On Jan. 22 a North 17th Street resident notified police of a rock that had been thrown hrough the window of his home.

lights of his vehicle turned off. A Summit Avenue resident Michigan Avenue resident reported to police that he witnessed someone attempting to break into his girlfriend's vehicle.

Richard Holt, both Newark resi-

arrested and charged with DWI Kenilworth police on a warrant on Jan. 27 at 3 a.m. after being issued out of Newark.

Catherine Brosnan

CRANFORD - Catherine V. A funeral Mass will be cele Brosnan, 81, died Feb. 1, 1999 at brated 9:30 a.m. tomorrow at St. her home. During World War II Michael's Roman Catholic she built bombsights at the Church, 40 Alden St. Burial will Sperry Gyroscope Co. plant in be in St. John's Cemetery, Middle

at the A.S. Cole Funeral Home in than 30 years in Cranford. She North Ave. West. Surviving are a brother, Park Avenue and Randolph

CRANFORD - Stephen Africa and Italy. He was a life Dotsko. 76, died Feb. 1, 1999 at member of the South Plainfield the Cranford Health and Firemen's Exempt Association. He was a member of the Polish been a certified public accoun- National Home and Veterans of

Hillsborough before moving to ters, Rosemary Turunc and Carol teer fireman in South Plainfield sister. Anne: two grandchildren for many years and a former and three great-grandchildren.

University).

Edwin has gained international recognition as a singer, composer, Lodge 885 in Plainfield. Surviving are his wife, Hilda Theodore, John and William: a

bachelor's degree in accounting North Ave. West. Burial will be in Memorial contributions may

CRANFORD - The Calvary Bach cantatas in cathedrals and Concert Series will take special folk songs in Greenwich Village note of Valentine's Day with an coffeehouses, appeared in Carnegie evening of romantic love songs pre- Hall and Town Hall, recorded for sented by baritone Robert Edwin. Avant Garde and Fortress Records. He will be accompanied by Joseph and toured extensively throughout the United States and abroad.

His television and radio credits evening will include classical, pop- include several NBC Christmas specials, as well as commercials for The concert will be presented on Feb. 12 at 8 p.m. at Calvary dogs.

He is a past president of the The concert will be presented on everything from 1

New Jersey Chapter of the Tickets cost \$10 for adults and National Association of Teachers of \$7.50 for seniors, students with ID Singing (NATS) and writes a reguand children. Tickets may be pur- lar column called The Bach to Rock Connection for the NATS Journal

of Singing. Piano accompanist Joseph Krupa holds an M.A. degree in piano performance from the University of Calgary and a B.A.

teacher and writer. He has sung degree from Rutgers University."

Rudd elected emeritus trustee CRANFORD - Channing Cranford Centennial Celebration Rudd has been elected an emeri- in 1971. He also has been co-Whalen Murphy; three brothers, tus trustee of the Cranford chairman of the Cranford United Historical Society.

Fund and an elder of the First Presbyterian church.

The longtime Cranford resident was the society's president. Rudd was director of the from 1978-80 and a trustee of the Cranford Adult School, Cranford society for 25 years. Rudd was Youth Employment Service and honored as the township's Man of Cranford chapter of the American Red Cross. He was the A former president of the manager of the Cranford branch. Cranford Board of Education and of the former Suburban Trust Co. Cranford Chamber of Commerce, and the former First Fidelity

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Sale of 'gently used' items benefits Livingston Avenue PTA programs

. CRANFORD — Livingston Avenue School students had the opportunity to be entrepreneurs for the day as they sold their "gently used" items Saturday in the "Kids Kloset Rummage and

More than 30 student vendors and their families participated under the direction of the school's Parent Teacher Association. Bicycles, kitchen sets, dolls, inline skates and stuffed toys were among the items available.

bake sale included football-shape cakes for Super Bowl XXXIII and rom the bake sale will support

ense that these children may ets, the experience of this whole vent was worth millions." PTA Co-President Anne rancis said. Sue DeMaio, who participated

ing experience with my daughter.

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n the sale with her daughter

much money, but it was a bond-

Amanda, said, "We didn't make libraries of Livingston Avenue After the event, unsold items. were donated by the PTA to char-Ms. Francis echoed this senti-ment, saying, "You can just feel in Plainfield and Jersey City.

School and Walnut Avenue School, Games were collected for the school's lunchtime enrichment program. "What a wonderful way to end this event by giving the excess to worthy causes and bringing hap-

oiness to even more children." Co-President Janet Ozolnieks said. "We hope to make this an annual program from now on,"

Registration dates are set

Kenilworth Dr. Lloyd M. Leschuk, superintendent of Harding School, has requested that parents of children entering pre-kindergarten and kindergarten in September start immunization procedures for their children before registration day. Wednesday. March 3. In order to be eligible for prekindergarten, a child must be 4

1999. In order for a child to be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Parents must present a birth certificate, immunization records and a proof of residency (tax bill, utility bill, or car registration acceptable: driver's license will

years old on or before Oct. 1

not be accepted) when registering their son/daughter for school. Children must accompany their parents on registration day. For a package of registration material, call the school. For more information, call Frederick Rica, principal, at 276-5936.

Cranford Registration forms for new first grade students entering the school district for the first time in September 1999 are available in each elementary school office and may be picked up 8-11:45 a.m. or

Children are eligible for first grade admission in September if they are 6 years of age on or before Oct. 1, 1999.

Parents who currently have children in a Cranford Public School kindergarten class are not required to re-register their chil-

Registration of first grade children who are not currently in the school system for kindergarten will be conducted 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, March 2 and Thursday, March 4 at Hillside Avenue, Bloomindale, Walnut Avenue and Brookside

Campus notes

Heather S. Furstenburg of 672 Myrtle Ave., Garwood, was named to the dean's list for the fall 1998 semester at East Stroudsburg University in East Stroudsburg, Pa. She is a senior majoring in elementary educa-

Two area students achieved academic honors for the first trimester at the Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child, a college preparatory school in

Lauren Petrozziello, in the seventh grade, achieved first honors for having no grade lower than an A. Maureen Traynor, in the 10th grade, was named to the honor roll for having no grade

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Briefs

Hoops game to aid **Project Graduation**

Cranford High School senior class will be spon-soring a student vs. faculty basketball game 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26 in the Cranford High School gym. Refreshments will be sold during the game and a half time show will be

Tickets will be sold at the door for \$3 and all proceeds from the event will go towards supporting Project Graduation and senior class projects.

featured.

Scavenger hunt set for Computer Night

CRANFORD — Families from around the township are invited to go on a "scavenger hunt" as part of the next Family Computer Night.
This program will be 7-

8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24 in the computer laboratory at Hillside Avenue School. The "interactive evening" for children and their parents will utilize CD-ROM software and Internet sites.

Registration is required by Friday, Feb. 19. Forms are available at the Cranford Public Library, the Cranford Recreation and Parks Department and the main office of each Cranford public school.

Morin sets Saturday hours

CRANFORD - Deputy Mayor Philip Morin will hold open office hours 10 a.m.-noon Saturday in Room 108 of the Cranford Municipal Building Office hours are held one Saturday a month; no appointment is necessary.

FMBA to hold blood drive

CRANFORD Firemen's

Benevolent Association Local 37 will sponsor blood drive 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 at the firehouse, 7 Springfield Ave. The blood drive is being conducted by the North Jersey Blood Center to deal with shortages of blood Free T-shirts and cholesterol screenings will also be available.

For appointments and donor requirements, call (908) 709-7360.

Resident relates **'Lovestruck Memories** "Lovestruck Memories'

are stories of true romantic

encounters that led to last-This event for singles is

narrated by Fred Quinn of Cranford and will begin 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12 at the Stage House Inn, 366 Park Ave., Scotch Plains. Cost of \$40 includes dessert and port wine.

For more information, go to njpages.com/singles or call (908) 232-8827. "Lovestruck Memories" is sponsored by the Westfield-Connection.

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Of the \$160,000 appropriated 21 for the north side and June 18 Tuesday, Feb. 23.

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Joseph (Eddle Egan), at right, interprets the pharach's (Mark Harley) dream during a rehearsal for "Joseph and the Amazing

Hillside pupils set stage for 'Joseph'

Curtain rises on musical Feb. 19-20

By ALEC MOORE

CRANFORD - Students at the Hillside Avenue School will be presenting their rendition of the Broadway musical "Joseph and the Amazing Feb. 19 and 20 at 8 p.m. at

the Hillside Avenue School auditorium. "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' is a musical that you never get tired of," said Director and Hillside Avenue School music teacher Tom Pedas, who indicated there are a variety of singing and dancing numbers

throughout the show. "The irresistable musical of Joseph tells a story of hardship, faith, endurance, betrayal and forgiveness," said Pedas. "This is a great family show for all ages from the young on up to the very oldest of us. It has entertained and inspired audiences around the

"Joseph" tells the story of Joseph and his spiteful 11

music, calypso, ballads, rap and rock and roll music remi niscent of the 1950's. Fifty-five students will be

performing in the play with another 15 working behind the scenes, many of whom are in addition to being members of the the Hillside Avenue School chorus are also members of New Jersey's all-state

Pedas pointed out that the students involved in the production are an extremely versatile and well-rounded group of youngsters, some of whom gave up winter sports in order to be able to devote their time to the play's five-day-a-week rehearsal schedule. The leading role of Joseph

will be played by eighth grader Eddie Egan, a member of the school's chorus and the all-state chorus as well as vice-president of the student government and an athlete who competes in wrestling, football and baseball.

Egan desribed the experience of practicing to perform

Tax increase could be lower in 1999

By ALEC MOORE

approved, could cost the owner of \$18,779,640, which had an lean we are continuing the same a home assessed at \$210,000 an increase of 6 percent. erty taxes.

Nicholas Giuditta unveiled the township's proposed 1999 municipal budget during Tuesday night's Township Committee

introduced the 1999 municipal ty tax increase will mean that budget, was approved by the they will pay an additional \$1.49

Mayor Thomas Denny com- than the rate of inflation. mended Giuditta, Township Administrator John Laezza, Township Finance Director and

their efforts in developing this municipal personnel cutbacks year's municipal budget of while continuing to maintain the \$19,069,150 that reflects an same level of municipal services increase of 1.5 percent in spend- to the residents.

"Last year we had more challenges," Giuditta said of last year's municipal budget. "The tax adjustment at the time was 6 percent; it was a little higher than we wanted."

For the majority of Cranford homeowners (those assessed at' \$210,000) the 1.5 percent propera month, according to Giuditta, an increase that is slightly less

According to Giuditta, the 1999 budget will not eliminate

through the police and fire departments and

said Giuditta, who pointed out sent only 23 percent of residents property tax rate while the

budget will go toward the upgrading or maintenance of Department of Public Works to maintain the high level of public any municipal services to the res-safety and maintenance services

Board considers including week-long February break

February, that week would be

made up at the end of the school year, thereby making the last day

Dr. Renna also indicated that

During the township's annual

CRANFORD — Construction of school sometime in late June. of a new track, the appointment of a new Director of Curriculum and the board is looking into the feasi-Instruction and taking a week off bility of replacing the track at Director of Curriculum and in February were among the more Memorial Field that is utilized by Instruction for the school district prominent items discussed during both the high school and the pub effective Feb. 15-June 30. work session Monday at the Lincoln School on Monday night. After a number of faculty and

number of residents who make staff members at the Orange use-of the track expressed their Avenue School expressed interest concern over the track's aged and in taking a one-week break during less-than-ideal condition. February, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Emalene Renna is ined by architect specialists, it out such goals. sending out surveys to the par- was determined that any repairs ents of all students and to faculty made to the 30-year old track

thwarts break-in

Parkway resident (who wished not intention of being inconspicuous,

to be identified) witnessed a man his dog had other ideas and imme-

taking a one-week break in three years.

By ALEC MOORE

CRANFORD - A leisurely

vention of a crime in progress for

one Cranford man and his faithful

door of the home of one of his

THE CHRONICLE

to determine if they are in favor of would be very costly — half of such a plan for next year's school what it would cost to have a new track good for 25 years put in -**Good Samaritan**

man and his dog approaching,

"My first reaction was to try to

that I could call the police," said

quickly hid behind some shrubs in

the front of the house.

doctorate degree from Fordham

Instruction, Corriero will be Town Meeting last October, a responsible for leading the develsion of all instructional plans and materials within the schools and will work closely with teachers After having the track exam- and administrators in carrying

duties of his new position, Corriero will continue to serve as School. Corriero's salary will remain the same for the 1998-99

The burglar, upon seeing the get by without him seeing me so the unidentified man. Although 12:38 p.m. on Feb. 1, a Crane the man may have had every

Garwood council approves bonds for computer purchases, road work

some changes in the borough, as

Finance Department and Police online

appropriated for the computer will come from general improvement bonds or bond anticipation

The second bond ordinance will cover costs to resurface Maple Street between North and Fourth avenues. Also covered will be acquisition of materials, installa- have been repaired; others will be tion of a drainage system, replacement of curbs and "curb cuts" for

for the resurfacing, \$152,000 will for the south side be financed by general improve- The Recreation Commission ment bonds or bond anticipation announced that it has rented the

In other business, the Garwood pool in Cranford for Garwood resthe result of the governing body's Public Library has announced approval of two bond ordinances new patron services including the This is the fourth year the comavailability of a notary public and the receipt of a new computer authorizes the purchase of com- from the state of New Jersey. This the meeting, two Willow Avenue puters, software and related computer is primarily intended equipment for the offices of the for use by those looking for sive pigeon problem due to a resiborough clerk, tax collector, employment and is completely

> library. Concern had previously been agreed to contact the health offi-

expressed that the library was cer.

perceived as the Lincoln-Franklin Also, work on potholes has

Dates for the townwide garage The next regular meeting of

Centennial Avenue swimming idents to use 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

During the public portion of dent's alleged feeding of the birds. These residents stated not only is Signs also have been placed on this a nuisance but is also damthe Wilson Street side of the aging to the property and a library for passers-by who are not health issue. Apparently this sitfamiliar with the location of the untion was addressed previously , but has resurfaced. The council

Another resident reported what they feel may be a potential traffic hazard on North Avenue begun. Many borough streets outside Gold's Gym. This will be referred to the Police

sale have been announced: May the Borough Council will be

attempting to break into the side diately began barking at the bur-(Continued on page A-3) **BREAK-IN SUSPECT**

A DARE graduate

Fifth grader Bill Pariso reads his essay during DARE graduation ceremonies last Thursday at Brookside Place School. See next veek's Chronicle for more on the DARE graduation.