

Seat belts spare brave Coles kids

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Coles Elementary School students demonstrated cooperation and bravery when their school bus collided with a car Dec. 20.

"I want you to know how proud I am of the students and the way they handled themselves during this unfortunate accident," said school Principal Deborah J. Evans in a letter to parents the following day. "The children were commended by a police officer at the scene for wearing their seat belts, staying

in their seats and being very cooperative."

Evans encouraged parents to be sensitive to any child who may be affected by the event.

"In the next few weeks you may notice problems with concentration, excessive fears, clinging behavior, loss of interest in school or unusual irritability," said Evans. "Please allow your child to express his/her feelings to you."

A car being driven north by a pregnant New Providence woman veered into the southbound lane of the Martine Avenue Extension and collided

with the bus carrying 30 students.

Bus driver Maria Valle, 26, of Elizabeth, honked the bus' horn to warn the oncoming car. After the head-on crash, the bus pushed the car backward 70 feet. Both vehicles were towed.

No summons was issued, but the accident remains under investigation.

Neither the bus driver, nor any of the 30 children was hurt, though the children were shaken up. The children were taken to a nearby senior citizen complex to await another bus or their parents. Evans waited

with the children, comforting them.

The accident was the second incident with the bus this year along that stretch of Martine Avenue. The first incident was minor.

Kavita Mummaneni, 30, remained hospitalized Wednesday at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. She suffered severe leg and hip injuries, according to police. Her unborn baby could not be saved.

Mummaneni was flown to the hospital from a field behind the Southside fire station after

the 3:26 p.m. accident.

School personnel, including Assistant Superintendent Kathleen Regan and Evans rode the bus Friday with the children.

"The kids are OK," Evans said Friday. "We met with the kids today with counselors listening in. They're doing pretty good."

"We briefly discussed the accident and how fortunate the Coles community was that all our students were safe," Evans said. "The staff was ... alerted to look for any signs that a child might need support."



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dan Deserio's dunk helped spark Westfield to a 83-64 win over Cranford Friday. Story on Page C-1.

Around Town

UNICO donates toys and games

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Chapter of UNICO National has donated \$500 in games and toys to students at Kohler School and the Murray Hill Child Development Center.

The donation marks the 10th year UNICO has provided holiday cheer for youngsters in those organizations.

UNICO is open to anyone of Italian descent or his spouse. For more information, phone Charles Grillo at (908) 654-3717.

Westfield's TV36 gets \$10,000 grant

WESTFIELD — TV36, Westfield's community cable television channel, has received a grant of \$10,000 from The Westfield Foundation. The foundation, whose mission is to promote the betterment of the Westfield community and the enhancement of the quality of life for all of its citizens, has recognized the role of TV36 in presenting a valuable service.

With the addition of equipment to the Broadcast Center, TV36 has been able to expand its coverage of town events. The Bulletin Board offers specific information about coming events, as well as emergency information, including school closings.

Library closes early on Monday

SCOTCH PLAINS — Holiday hours have been announced for the Scotch Plains Public Library on Bartle Avenue.

The library will be open until 1 p.m. Monday, New Year's Eve. The library will be closed Tuesday, New Year's Day.

Featured in the display case is an American flag crocheted by Anne Smith of Scotch Plains. She began the project in 1996 but did not finish it until after Sept. 11.

Church members celebrate birthday

WESTFIELD — Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield held a birthday party for Jesus Dec. 9. Children made ornaments, played Pin the Star on the Creche, sang to Jesus, ate cake, and signed a banner-sized birthday card. Guests brought gifts of baby items for the Westfield Food Pantry. As part of the festivities, parents held a cookie exchange.

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GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Westfield fireman Lt. Roger Sawicki hands out an extra helping of holiday toys along with a box of groceries and a holiday turkey. Local 30 distributed more than 110 boxes of holiday goodies to local residents Saturday.

Westfield firefighters satisfy bigger need

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — A box with a turkey, canned goods and groceries from the firemen in Local 30 goes a long way toward a happy holiday for families in need.

Local 30 has held a food drive during the holiday season for the past six years. The effort, headed by fund chairman Lt. Roger Sawicki, distributed a holiday box to more than 110 families at the Westfield Fire Department Saturday.

Some of the food was donated by churches, community groups and synagogues in the area, but union members contributed the rest.

Lillian Corsi, director of human resources for the town, worked with Sawicki to develop a list of names of people who might be in need and welcome a gift.

This has been a year of generous giving, Sawicki said.

"In the past, local groups have contributed enough food for 40-45 families," he said. "This year we've received food for up to 65 families."

"It's pretty quiet here at the moment," said Sawicki, on Saturday, as he and his crew prepared to distribute boxes to arriving people. "We're on duty right now, but if we need to answer an alarm somebody will step up and keep the boxes flowing."

Other things besides food also went into the boxes. Toy dolls went into each box and, to a lesser extent, some toys donated to the drive were also being distributed. Fire Chief John Castellano, a strong supporter of the effort, donated a smoke detector for every box, Sawicki said.

Cranford follows lead of Westfield, OKs creche

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD — Members of the Township Committee announced a change of heart at Friday night's meeting and are now allowing a Nativity scene to be part of the holiday decorations in Mayor's Park.

The committee's earlier decision had been influenced at least in part by concerns about the legality of the proposed display, as the Supreme Court has previously ruled the crèche unconstitutional on public land.

But public support for the proposal, combined with an ambiguous legal precedent, led to the reversal. "Too many times we get too concerned about the political-correct storm troopers, and it's time we should make a stand," said Commissioner Phil Morin after the mayor's decision.

The Nativity scene, consisting of illuminated Joseph, Mary and Jesus figures in a small wooden structure backed by an American flag, was in place by the weekend. Funds and labor for the project were provided by the Knights

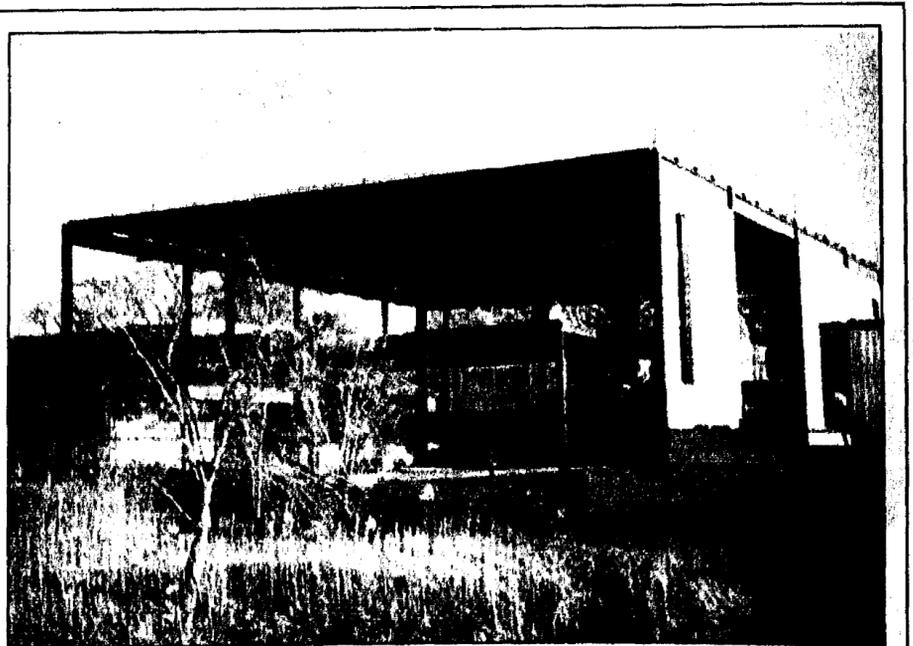
of Columbus. The illuminated crèche was first proposed Dec. 11 by Charles Higgins of the Knights of Columbus.

"We were hoping they would change their mind. We're very pleased to see it up," said Joe Nigro of the Knights, who spoke in support of the Nativity scene at the Dec. 11 meeting. "It's a pretty nice statement. Compared to the size of the tree, it really looks appropriate."

While the committee did give permission, Mayor George Jorn made clear that at this point it is only a one-year commitment. The committee plans to revisit the broader issue of holiday decorations next summer to develop a formal policy well in advance of the holidays.

Earlier this year, the committee granted a group of residents permission to erect a menorah in Mayor's Park. The request, which had been denied the two previous years, was opposed by a local rabbi on grounds of separation of church and state.

Municipalities across the state and the country have struggled (Continued on page A-2)



THOMAS SCOTT/THE RECORD-PRESS

Taking shape

A new multipurpose room at Park Middle School in Scotch Plains is nearly framed in. Students expect to move into renovated classrooms at the intermediate school after the New Year's holiday.

'Stop' means 'slow' to some

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — State officials have thrown drivers a curve on the Terrill Road jughandle at Route 22 west. They have replaced a yield for drivers merging onto Route 22 with a stop sign.

The power to change a yield sign to a stop and the reasoning behind it lies with the state Department of Transportation. They could not be reached for comment.

The sign change was made without fanfare about a month ago and has been ignored by many drivers who are accustomed to the yield sign. Others, however, are coming to a full stop.

Some drivers fear that the inconsistency is dangerous.

"A typical rear-end collision results when people slow up, start to go, then stop," said a spokesman for the Watching Police Department. "People behind follow and fail to stop with the front car."

Watching police say the number of rear-end collisions at the intersection are down year-over-year, but they didn't make statistics available for the period since the stop sign went up.

There were 42 accidents at that location in 2000 and 26 accidents in 2001, according to police reports.

While police say they are enforcing the full stop, they concede they are more concerned by drivers who speed and run the red light at the intersection.

School aid freeze unlikely to hurt much

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD PRESS

UNION COUNTY — A possible cut in state aid to local school districts could have an impact on area schools but would not cripple education programs, local superintendents said last week.

Due to a looming state budget crisis, Gov.-elect Jim McGreevey told an assembly of superintendents last week, state aid will likely not increase next year. McGreevey did not comment on the possibility of a decrease, but did not rule it out.

While part of the motivation for McGreevey's speech may have been political — "I think he wanted us to lobby the Legislature not to spend any more money," said Kenilworth superintendent Lloyd Leschuk — it also served warning that state dollars may be hard to come by next spring.

McGreevey's transition team has forecast a budget shortfall of \$1.9 billion next year and \$4.7 billion by 2003.

While suburban districts can weather a freeze or cut in state aid better than urban areas

because the aid represents a lower portion of their overall budgets, a cutback could affect some instructional programs, Cranford Schools Superintendent Lawrence Feinsod and Leschuk said.

"With a freeze in aid, the impact on us will be minimal," Feinsod said. And a 3 percent cut "is not going to have a dramatic effect," he said. But if the decrease approaches 10 percent, "then you're talking about \$200,000, and that would obviously have a more significant effect."

Cranford schools this year received \$2 million in aid as part of an overall budget of \$35.9 million.

Feinsod did not specify which instructional programs might be affected in the event of an aid decrease. He said that without any more direction from the state about aid figures, it is "much too premature" to discuss the impact on the municipal property tax levy.

Leschuk said the impact would likely be manageable in Kenilworth, as well.

"Because we have a good tax base in Kenilworth, we get very little funding from the state," he said. "We've already had to learn to live with almost no state aid" compared to communities with similar demographics.

State aid in 2000-2001 accounted for about 8 percent, or about \$1 million, of the Kenilworth schools' \$12.9 million budget.

In the event of a cut, the district could preserve existing educational programs by cutting back on non-instructional expenses, such as the planned move of district offices into a trailer, Leschuk said.

But an aid decrease "could limit what we expand to," Leschuk said. He mentioned a proposed sign language course as

one item that might no longer be feasible if aid is cut.

Both Feinsod and Leschuk stressed that whatever the decision on aid, the state make it soon, so local districts can plan their budget questions for the April 16 referendum.

But "my sense is that will not happen," said Feinsod. "I don't think we're going to know until late March."

Garwood superintendent William Murphy declined comment, saying he did not yet have sufficient information.

Any cutback in state aid would not affect the state's school construction bond initiative. Both Cranford and Garwood and seeking state funds for upcoming renovations and expansions of school facilities.

Temple's neighbors oppose parking plans

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — Residents have formed a group called UNITE (United Neighbors Investigating Temple Expansion) to fight Temple Emanu-El's intention to expand its parking lot.

UNITE alleges that the purchase of adjacent residential property by the temple will change the character of the neighborhood.

The temple is negotiating with land owner and developer Michael Mahoney. At issue with

the residents is the uncertainty of just what the temple plans to do with the property, said Second Ward Councilman Matt Albano.

At best, it would provide space for additional temple parking that could worsen a runoff problem, Albano said.

Residents are also concerned that if the temple acquires the residential property it could build a facility close to their homes.

The neighbors around the temple have circulated a petition that now has 75 signatures. UNITE plans to hire an attorney to represent its interests.

This is not the first time the neighborhood has been affected by work at the temple. Unfinished work on an earlier addition are allegedly in violation of a number of Planning Board resolutions.

The next meeting of UNITE is 7:30 p.m. Jan. 6 in the conference room of the Municipal Building.



What's Cookin'?

Mallory Cunningham, AJ Prusik and Ally Cerini show off a tray of gingerbread cookies they helped bake in their Pre-K Title 1 classes at Brunner School in Scotch Plains. The cookies were donated to the Interfaith Council in the hope that they would brighten the holiday season for less fortunate children and their families.

Edison School scores soar for 8th-graders

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — Edison Intermediate School students not only closed the scholastic achievement gap with Roosevelt Intermediate School, they bested their cross-town rivals in two of the three subject areas measured in the mandated eighth-grade tests.

The test, which was taken last spring by 331 students in both schools, covers three areas: language arts, mathematics and science. Each area is scored as partially proficient,

and advanced proficient and an overall score is used for comparison.

The 2001 overall scores at Edison were 98.6 in language arts, 95.4 in mathematics and 98.7 in science. The scores at Roosevelt were 97.8 in language arts, 94.4 in mathematics and 99.3 in science.

A student recognition program at Edison is credited with improving the students' test scores.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Margaret Dolan also reported that more of the eighth-graders scored at the advanced proficient level. The growth was especially notable at Edison, she said.

Cranford

(Continued from page A-1) this year with the issue of holiday displays. In neighboring Westfield, Mayor Gregory McDermott also allowed the display this year of a privately-owned manger on town land while calling for a formal policy next year.

In both Westfield and Cranford, the need for healing and togetherness in the wake of Sept. 11 was promoted as one reason why the Nativity scene should be permitted.

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Cranford Crossing finally a done deal

By GREG MARX
THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — The Township Committee approved a deal with Kushner Companies for development of Cranford Crossing Friday, unanimously adopting five redevelopment ordinances that pave the way for 50 apartments, 24,000-square-feet of retail space, and a 310-space parking deck at the downtown site.

The project will consist of one three-story building at the former "Roundbank" site, consisting of 11,000 square feet of retail space and 20 apartments. Across South Union Avenue in the "Blockbuster lot" will be a four-story building with 13,000 square feet for retail and 30 apartments. Behind that structure will be the parking deck, which will have direct access at the upper levels to the second building.

The buildings will have a brick face at the upper levels, with a composite stone face on the first floor.

Friday's marathon, five-hour meeting began with a touch of levity, as Santa Claus, a.k.a. police Officer Anthony Dobbins, burst into the room to remind the gathered residents and officials he would be making a list and checking it twice. "I just want everybody to know Santa is watching, so stay on your best behavior!" he said.

Santa's appearance drew laughs from the Township Committee and Kushner representatives, but grimaces from some residents. And those grimaces turned even more sour, as they expressed their displeasure with the project.

Residents' concerns included the cost and financing of the garage, the height of the buildings, the effect on the school system, the prospective retail tenants, the effect of construction, the date of the hearing and the motivation and attitude of the committee. But the main grievance, as it has been since Kushner's plan for an apartment-heavy complex became public last spring, was the residential density of the project.

"It's actually an apartment house," said Frank Krause to applause from the audience. "That is not in the best interest of the village atmosphere of Cranford. This is going to inflict a lot of collateral damage throughout the town."

"Cranford Crossing should be renamed the Cranford Housing Project," said Rita La Brutto. "In my opinion right now, the pendulum can swing one of two ways for Cranford. Your downtown can look very urban, or you can remain a nice suburban town ... I can't think of one suburban town that would make such a move (to approve the

Will the township commuters be left out in the cold?

CRANFORD — The township's pending agreement with Kushner Companies for development of Cranford Crossing has produced several thick documents, each full of physical and financial details about the project. But one detail yet to be worked out is how to replace the 92 spaces currently in the "Blockbuster lot" during construction.

Those spaces will be unavailable while Kushner builds a 310-space parking deck on the site, which should be completed within 18 months. But the problem may not be as bad as it first appears.

"I don't really feel we're losing 92 spaces," said Commissioner Phil Morin, because the shopper and inbound-commuter spaces in the lot are "sorely underutilized."

The lot draws heavy use, Morin said, only from outbound commuters and customers of the nearby restaurants.

To replace those spaces, said Morin and Mayor George Jorn, the committee is exploring the possibility of leasing unused private spaces in the area for public use. Funds for that purpose had been included in a previous municipal budget, but were not used when the deal with original developer First States Properties fell through.

"We'll have more than enough time to deal with that issue," said Jorn.

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"It's 10 pounds of stuff in a 5-pound sack," agreed Scott Mease.

But Dave Minno, Kushner's architect, said the density was a key component of the project. "The residential intensity is very important," he said. The added residents would bring life, security, and a new customer base to the downtown, he said.

Minno said very few families would live in the apartments, projected to cost \$2,000-\$2,200 per month for a two-bedroom unit. The residents are projected to be young couples and senior citizens, he said.

Committee members acknowledged some concerns about the project, but said the benefits outweighed those concerns.

"There are a lot of potential pitfalls, I don't disagree with that. But there are a lot of potential benefits that you're disregarding," said Commissioner Phil Morin. "...the idea that all these 'ifs' and 'buts' are going to come true is based on an underlying fear that's unfounded, and I think it's a fear of what 50 apartments is going to do to Cranford."

One misgiving expressed by the committee dealt with the tax abatement, or "payment in lieu of taxes" program. "The tax abatement makes me sick, quite frankly," said Commissioner Dan Aschenbach, chairman of the Finance Committee.

But Aschenbach also said repeatedly the project would not cost taxpayers money, because the added tax revenue from the project, plus the increased parking fees, plus the developer's commitment to pay the debt service on 35-80 of the parking spaces would nearly cover the

debt on the \$5.8 million bond ordinance.

The taxes on the improved property will be phased in through the first five years after construction, and all revenue in that period will go solely to the municipal budget, rather than being shared with the county and schools.

Under estimates prepared by Finance Officer Tom Grady, the township will realize \$1.1 million in additional tax revenue from the site in the first five years. After 10 years, the township will receive \$1.8 million, the school district \$1.7 million, the county \$529,000, and the downtown Special Improvement District \$500,000. Those estimates were based on a project cost of \$20 million and an assessed value of \$14 million.

The timing of the vote also drew fire from residents, but the commissioners allowed the vote to be put off until next year, the township might have been exposed to an arbitration hearing with original developer First States Properties.

But the project would also have then faced a vote from Commissioner-elect Barbara Bilger, who campaigned on a platform of returning the project to the original developer.

"I believe the public did speak when they elected Barbara Bilger," said Denise Addona. "She made it quite clear she was opposed to this project, and that's why she was elected."

Bilger could not be reached for comment.



Sending a message

A group of Westfield High School students under the direction of teacher Marilyn Schaeffner perform sensitivity skits for third-graders. Through the puppets, the troupe delivered messages about understanding disabilities and accepting differences in each other. Puppeteers Sara McGovern and Jeff Dresely direct the puppets while fellow students Mary Bogatko and Mike Sherry await their turn.

UNICO seeks essay entries for Grasso Literary Award

WESTFIELD — The local UNICO chapter is seeking entries for the Grasso Literary Award.

The purpose of this award is to recognize the writing of essays and short stories on the Italian-American experience. This could include personal recollections, thoughts on being an Italian-American or appreciation of one's own Italian heritage.

The award was named in honor of Ella T. Grasso, former governor of the State of Connecticut, who was born of Italian immigrants, educated at Mount Holyoke College (where she was a Phi Beta Kappa), and elected to two terms in the United States Congress. Three prizes will be awarded: first \$1,500; second, \$750; and third, \$500. Winners will be notified by June 15, 2002.

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The following rules apply: all entries must be original, unpublished essays or short stories of not less than 1,500 nor more than 2,000 words. Entries will be judged on the basis of creativity, originality, literary merit and suitability for publication. The topic must relate to the Italian-American experience. All entries

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Commentary

What we would like to see in 2002

Let's hope 2002 will be a better year than 2001. The events of Sept. 11 and a recession have certainly made 2001 one of the most difficult years in a long, long time. And it will take a long, long time to recover.

And though we may be pre-occupied with more global events, there are a number of issues on the local level that also deserve our attention in 2002.

This is what we would like to see in 2002:

More volunteers for emergency services. The tragic events of Sept. 11 showed that we should never taken for granted the everyday heroics of firefighters, police officers and EMS workers. Unlike New York City, many towns in Union County do not have paid firefighters or full-time rescue squad workers; the fire departments and rescue squads are staffed entirely by volunteers. There are several ways we can show appreciation for the unselfish work these volunteers perform 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. We can give generously whenever there's a fund drive. More importantly, we can also volunteer to serve. The fire companies and rescue squads are always in need of more volunteers; squads especially need more members to answer daytime calls. And while at times, it can be pretty challenging, volunteering may also be one of the most rewarding parts of your life. You too can be a local hero.

Reform of state and local government and schools. The talk of regionalization that sprung up in the last recession of the early 1990s disappeared with the economic good times as land values increased and revenue rolled into the state treasury. Now, with the state's economy feeling a bit sick and the state facing a budget gap, talk of regionalization is again bound to be heard. Do we really need more than 600 school superintendents in New Jersey? It's time for a fresh look at an old problem.

Property tax reform. Every year this is on our wish list. New Jersey's torturous property system needs a serious overhaul because it places an unfair burden on the middle class and the elderly. The complex system of rebates and refunds put together by the Whitman administration, which no one seems to understand, offered only the illusion of reform. With a new administration in Trenton, it may be a perfect time to tackle this issue that lingers on and on; we're not holding our breath, but we're not giving up either.

Auto insurance reform. This is another issue a new administration and Legislature should tackle in 2002. New Jersey residents are unfortunately accustomed to being gouged by auto insurance companies. Premiums keep on rising while the number of options available to drivers keeps on diminishing. What's going to happen to all those motorists who now have policies with State Farm? It's another chance for Jim McGreevey to create a legacy while he's governor.

Higher voter turnout. A democracy is only as strong as the people who participate in it. Turnout has continued to decline in both the school and general elections. Let's hope the renewed sense of patriotism and service created in the wake of Sept. 11 results in better participation in the democratic process.

The Record-Press is here for you

The following information should help you get your ideas and community news into *The Record-Press*:

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Letters to the editor

Term limits desperately needed

To The Record-Press:

When the founding fathers of this republic wrote and gave this nation the Constitution, (they) believed strongly in a citizen legislator. They believed that those who sought to represent the people of their community would do so for a limited period of time and then retire back to private life when his or her term ended. In the 20th century and in this time, we have digressed from that intent. Instead of public office being considered as a temporary service, it is now looked upon as being a career. This is troubling and this is why I believe legislation limiting the amount of time a representative can serve is desperately needed.

If term limits were passed at the local, state and federal level, this would insure:

* That there would be a citizen legislator at all times, responsive to the people.

* That there would be the flow of new ideas with regard to policy and politics.

* More voter participation by the public and an educated electorate.

* An end to the term "career politician."

It would also introduce more candidates who want to run for public office. When California passed term limits in the 1990s for the state Senate and Assembly, Doug Bandow of the Cato Institute noted that the total number of legislative candidates running was estimated to have risen by 50 percent after the law passed. There was also a decrease in the 90 percent ratio of incumbents getting re-elected.

Term limits are very much necessary. It would prevent an honest conscientious citizen from turning into a careerist and it would give more power to the people. I would strongly support limiting the term of a politician at eight or 12 years. Of course, to pass it would require a concerted effort by the people at the local, state and federal level. If people can come together on this issue, then I believe term limits can pass. If not, then people will be stuck again with the status quo and they'll complain even more.

ALEX PUGLIESE
Kenilworth

Westfield shows how much it cares

To The Record-Press:

In May our family was given the devastating news that our teenage daughter had cancer. While we worked through the anguish and fear, we felt the love and prayers of the community of Westfield carrying us through the trials of the moment.

Though we had been told that we would "feel the prayers," we had no idea of the power behind these words.

Over the year, there have been times when we have felt overwhelmed only to have the weight lifted by angelic hands. There were moments when our feet barely hit the pavement as they were carried along by the force of prayer. As we face the holidays, we wanted to thank all who have cared enough to pray for us. The prayers are felt and appreciated.

We also want to thank the many who have helped us along the way. To those of you who have cared for our younger children, no words can express our gratitude. We don't know what we would have done without you. To those who have fed and walked our dogs on our long days in the hospital, you gave us peace of mind that every member of our family was cared for. To those of you who arranged the blood drive or gave blood, you gave far more than you can comprehend. On those days when Angela received blood, there was tremendous comfort knowing that the blood had been given with love to her. To our nurse friends,

who came in the evenings to administer shots, you will never know how much your generosity of time and spirit was appreciated. You took away a worrisome fear we had. To those who telephoned, wrote cards, or dropped off little surprises, please know that each act of kindness had a direct impact on Angela's psyche. Conquering cancer has a large mental component; you were part of the healing process. To all of the Westfield teachers and administrators who have helped not only Angela but our whole family deal with this challenge, your support has played a large role in our ability to cope. To all of Angela's friends, thank you for sticking by her side. The doctors have told us time and again of the importance of peer support to Angela's healing. To the priests and our friends at St. Helen's, your love and support have given us spiritual blessings that have sustained us. To our special friend who put us in touch with the wonderful doctors at Sloan Kettering, we will never be able to thank you enough.

While we would never, ever choose this path, we do feel blessed. Cancer is an opportunity to grow, and grow we have. One way we have grown is that we have seen the best our world has to offer — in all of you. The community of Westfield has been extraordinary. We are so lucky to live in a town where so many people care. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The Ricci Family,
Westfield

All students should take final exams

To The Record-Press:

This letter concerns the issue of whether or not students with an A- or higher average should take the final test. I feel that anyone, no matter what his or her average is, should take the test.

One reason is that students who have to take the test will feel inferior and stupid. They would, possibly, be scoffed at. They would think that they have worked just as hard as the other student, sat in the same classes for just as long as the exempt student, but they have to take the test. Their self-esteem would go down.

Why should they feel special? Why should they be rewarded when I worked just as hard? These are questions that I'm sure students would ask themselves. What if a student were absent and that

brought down his/her grades? This would also discriminate against people who have a learning disability. This rule would make people feel really bad and that they're not good enough.

We know that when it comes time to apply to college, it's a hard time. Students who have to take the test might have less of an advantage. Colleges might only look at students who didn't take the test. Once again they would feel that all that hard work was for nothing.

I hope that I have convinced you that all students should take the test. I believe that all students should take the tests no matter what their averages.

Deanna Liotard
Cranford

Top students should be exempt

To The Record-Press:

I am a student in the eighth-grade at Hillside Avenue School. I am writing this letter concerning the principle of not taking the final exam if the student has an A- or higher as a final grade. This is a great idea. This can relieve stress, help students set goals and the students would be rewarded.

A good aspect of this issue is it can help students set goals. They might actually do all their homework and study for tests.

The students who make an effort should be

compensated. Every student wants to be rewarded and if they made this true for all schools than everyone has a chance, even the students who aren't the smartest in the class. They can try even harder than they already are.

In conclusion, this is a great idea. This should be the case in every school. People would work harder, set goals and even maybe get higher grades.

Kathryn Ramey,
Cranford

Jersey Boy



Mike Deak

Life should not return to normal

It's hard to believe it was just two years ago that the whole world partied at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve. Nothing can ever approach the magnitude of that celebration, yet this New Year's Eve will be more restrained than usual. I doubt Times Square will be packed with hundreds of thousands of people. More people will stay home on New Year's Eve, huddled before the hearth of the television, probably more somber and possibly more sober as they wait for a horrible year finally to end.

I don't know if we will ever fully comprehend the events of Sept. 11; there is no historical precedent in our country's history. And I don't think we have a clue about how we've been affected by it. There is a vague feeling, beyond words, that something isn't right. It's the feeling you get when you wake up in the morning and you don't know how you feel about that other person with you in the bed.

Americans are spectacularly resilient people. Knock us down and we come roaring back. Here in the metropolitan area, we are still living with tragedy every day. Whose eyes do not tear when you read those heart-breaking obituaries of the victims every day in *The Times*? And yet we are doing the best we can, with stiff upper lips, to carry on. Our leaders exhort us to spend, spend, spend so the economy recovers. And we are told to return our lives to normal.

But maybe we shouldn't return to normal.

There are some parts of our lives that will never be the same again. The increased security at airports will be a necessary hassle and it should be the federal government's responsibility to make sure there are no lapses, even as the months and years go by without another incident. I don't know if we should become accustomed to more government intrusion into our lives; as a civil libertarian, I am appalled by the steps the Justice Department but I have trouble balancing the moral equation between giving up some of our essential rights and possibly preventing another terrorist attack and saving thousands of lives. There are no simple answers; there are no right or wrong answers.

The attack made us reflect on many things. For many, the attack stirred patriotic feelings that were long dormant. Flags are everywhere and signs read "God bless America." Only a crass cynic would fail to be moved by these genuine demonstrations of patriotic fervor. Yet there is more to patriotism than displaying a flag; patriotism means you take an active role in your country, even if that means making a sacrifice. Would you gladly return your income tax rebate to the federal government if President Bush said more money was needed to continue the fight against terrorism? If you're under the age of 26, would you favor a return of the draft and serve in the armed forces if you received an induction letter? Would you advocate gas rationing so we can wean ourselves off dependence of Middle Eastern oil?

I was insulted the other day when my cable television provider, RCN, mailed me a compact disc of patriotic songs. Businesses who exploit the nation's renewed patriotism to boost their own image sicken me. Have we become a country so beholden to business interests that nothing is immune to commercialism? Will sports stadiums throughout the country continue to be named after corporations — the "heroes" of the last decade's economic success — or will they honor the true heroes of our times, like the firefighters, police officers and EMS workers?

It's time to re-examine the values by which we live our lives. Not those values we read in textbooks, but those values we practice everyday. It's time for us, as a country, to declare that we can be better than normal.

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The engagement of Maureen Elizabeth Zupkus and Jeffrey Simpson has been announced by her parents.

Zupkus-Simpson wedding in November

SCOTCH PLAINS — The engagement of Maureen Elizabeth Zupkus of Scotch Plains and Jeffrey Simpson of Belford has been announced by her parents, Mr. & Mrs. David McNelis of Scotch Plains.

The future bridegroom is the son of Joyce Simpson of Belford and John Simpson of Long Branch.

Miss Zupkus is an assistant

art director with Gallagher Advertising in Scotch Plains. She graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in 1996 and Rowan University in 2000.

Her fiancé, a Middletown Township employee, graduated from Middletown High School North in 1997.

A November wedding is planned.

Students take on the world economy

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Three Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School students are studying the economy with an emphasis on the global economy in light of Sept. 11, the recession and the threat of continued terrorism.

David Baumwoll, Adam Bendik and Michael Hughes are interviewing corporate executives from a variety of major companies for their DECA project.

On Dec. 17 they interviewed with four companies to kick off their study: J. P. Morgan, Pfizer, Credit Suisse and McKinsey & Co.

Networking and persistent calling opened the door to the corporate meetings, Bendik said.

"The interviews at J. P. Morgan and Credit Suisse were arranged by former Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School students who are now employed with the companies," said Adam.

After some tough going they finally connected with media relations spokespeople to arrange meetings with McKinsey and Pfizer.

Down the road they are looking to meet with Panasonic, Microsoft and some retail companies.

"This is an important and exciting experience for us," Bendik said. "We want to bring back what we learned to other students and business leaders in our community."

From the early meetings, Bendik said the group has found a corporate reluctance to fly and that this "fear factor" is resulting in a cutback in corporate traveling, not only in the United States but throughout the world. The group will look at this issue and others in more depth in the next couple of months.

The project is part of the students' effort to enter the project at a DECA Free Enterprise System state competition, in Cherry Hills, in early March.



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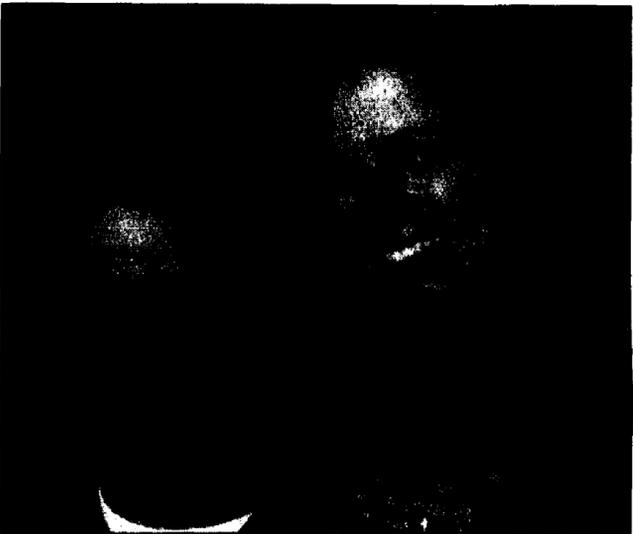
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Christa Elena Mele and Hank Rehner have announced their engagement.

Christa Mele planning November '02 nuptials

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Mele of New Providence announce the engagement of their daughter, Christa Elena of North Arlington, to Hank Rehner of Cranford, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Rehner of Westfield.

The future bride is a graduate of New Providence High School

and the University of Scranton. She is employed by Merck-Medco in Franklin Lakes. Her fiancé is a graduate of Westfield High School and Drexel University. He is employed by R.R. Bowker in New Providence.

The couple will be married in November 2002.

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Briefs

NJIT date auction raises funds for kids

Honor students at New Jersey Institute of Technology raised \$1,200 during a date auction, money they will donate to the infectious disease unit at St. Michael's Medical Center in Newark to help children with AIDS.

During the second annual auction, the students bid on dates with each other. The highest bid this year was \$340 from Roman Onik of Passaic for a date with Lisa Kardos of Cranford. Westfield student Meredith Doll also participated in the auction.

The students who organized the auction attend the Albert Dorman Honors College.

Grant to fund high-tech training

Detectives from the High Tech Task Force will use a \$45,000 federal grant to help train municipal police officers make better cases against Internet criminals.

The number of indictments and convictions of people who used computers to commit theft and fraud, lure children, distribute pornography and steal identities has increased steadily since the task force began working full time in January, said First Assistant Prosecutor James F. Keefe.

Bagger elected GOP deputy whip

Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger, R-District 22, has been elected Senate Deputy Republican Whip for 2002-03 legislative session. Bagger was elected to the Senate in November. He served the past 10 years in the New Jersey Assembly, including eight years in leadership roles such as majority conference leader and majority budget officer.



Happy holiday

Residents, business, community and school groups pitched in to make the holidays brighter for 81 needy families in Scotch Plains-Fanwood. The high school's DECA program sought to have the families adopted by sponsors who purchased gifts such as clothing, household goods and toys from the families' wish list. There were so many gifts that DECA had to use a large truck to transport the bags of gifts. Shown above are Santa, aka Josh Finkelstein, and a child from the Interfaith Council at a holiday party sponsored by DECA.

Commuters reconciled to transit fare increases

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD-PRESS

NEWARK — Cranford's rail passengers don't seem much to mind the proposed 10 percent New Jersey Transit fare increase. But Dec. 19, transportation reform advocates criticized the increase as placing an unfair burden on transit riders.

"The state should not ask transit riders to pay more without asking auto drivers to pay more," said Jennifer Jaroski of

the Tri-State Transportation Campaign. We need a balanced policy to address the state's under-investment in transportation, not a one-sided fix."

"We are appalled that NJ Transit want riders to pay higher fares for the same poor service they have now," said Curtis Fisher of the NJ Public Interest Research Group. "Serious problems, such as overcrowding, need to be addressed."

Advocates said subsidies to motorists, including E-Z Pass discounts, one of the nation's lowest gas taxes, and free parking at many destinations make transit subsidies pale in comparison.

Public hearings on the proposed increase will be held 8 p.m. Jan. 2 at six locations around with state, the nearest in Newark.

The increase is expected to raise an extra \$44 million, though the organization faces a projected \$3.1 million deficit over the next five years. Transit officials have said the hike will not solve service problems such as overcrowding.

Resident reports jewelry theft

WESTFIELD

Donna Perch, 46, of Carleton Road, was charged Dec. 18 on a warrant out of the Municipal Court of Westfield. Perch paid bail of \$50 and was released.

A Wallberg Avenue resident reported Dec. 18 the theft of a lawn ornament worth \$80.

A Glen Avenue resident reported Dec. 18 the theft of \$4,850 worth of jewelry.

Joy A. Weber, 37, of Hill Road, Scotch Plains, was charged Dec. 19 on warrants out of the Municipal Court of Westfield. Weber posted bail of \$180 and was released.

James D. Adams, 44, of West Dudley Street, was charged Dec. 19 with driving while intoxicated. Adams was also charged with refusing to submit to a breath test. Adams was released on his own recognizance.

Fredrica D. Ganes, 39, of Poplar Street, Roselle, was charged Dec. 20, on a warrant out of the Municipal Court of Roselle. Ganes posted bail of \$50 and was released.

A Carleton Road resident reported Dec. 20 that his garage was entered and a burgundy mountain bike, valued at \$800, was stolen.

The Westfield Board of Education reported Dec. 20 the theft of musical instruments valued at \$6,000 from a third-floor classroom at the Board Education Building located on Elm Street. The instruments included clarinets, an assortment of reeds and mouthpieces that were recently donated to the schools.

Renee Riley, 19, of Elm Street was charged Dec. 20 on a contempt of court warrant out of the Municipal Court of Westfield. Riley posted bail of \$96 and was released in her own recognizance.

Jonathan J. Singhbawa, 19, of North Scotch Plains Road, was charged Dec. 20 on a warrant out of the Union County Sheriff's Office. Singhbawa was turned over to the Union County Sheriff's Office on Dec. 20.

Related to the above arrest Singhbawa was additionally charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (believed to be marijuana under 50/grams).

Singhbawa was also charged on two warrants out of South Orange and Mountainside. Singhbawa was held in lieu of bail set at \$1,500.

Joseph A. Ponsoda, 51, of Phillips Lane, Watchung, was charged Dec. 21 with driving while intoxicated at North Avenue and

Police Log

Crossway Place. A summons was issued and Ponsoda was released on his own recognizance.

A Livingston Street resident reported Dec. 21 that someone entered an apartment and removed a wallet and radio.

A Canterbury Road resident reported Dec. 21 the theft of a black wallet.

A Faulkner Drive resident filed a report Dec. 22 of criminal mischief.

A resident reported Dec. 23 criminal mischief to a vehicle. The car while parked in Lot #5 had the tires slashed.

A Highland Avenue resident reported criminal mischief Dec. 23.

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A Hunter Avenue resident reported Dec. 17 the theft of a mountain bike from an open garage sometime overnight.

A 14-year-old Scotch Plains girl was charged Dec. 17 with shoplifting from the CVS Pharmacy on Park Avenue about 7:30 p.m. The girl was released to a parent.

Gerard Parks, 27, of Mountain Avenue, New Providence, was charged Dec. 18 with shoplifting merchandise from the CVS Pharmacy on Park Avenue about 2:15 p.m. Parks was released on a summons.

A Tussel Lane resident reported

Dec. 18 the theft of jewelry from the residence sometime during the past month. There was no sign of forced entry.

An Indian Run resident reported Dec. 20 that her identity was used in Connecticut fraudulently to withdraw \$4,000 cash over the past several days.

A Michael Lane resident reported Dec. 22 the theft of Christmas decorations. The items were later recovered after the investigation of a suspicious vehicle. Four female juveniles from Edison are believed to be involved. Complaints are pending.

A Mountainview Avenue resident reported Dec. 22 an unauthorized purchase made with her bank ATM card.

A West Broad Street residence reported Dec. 22 the theft of a Christmas ornament during the afternoon.

A resident of East Second Street reported Dec. 22 receiving harassing phone calls and mail.

A Sasafraass Court resident reported Dec. 22 the theft of a lawn projector during the evening.

A Manitou Way resident reported Dec. 22 that someone threw an egg at his residence overnight.

A Mountainside resident reported Dec. 23 that his vehicle was damaged while it was parked at a service station on Route 22 about 7 p.m.



Giddyap!

Kristyn Berger, 10, of Fanwood, won a first-place ribbon at the Watchung Stable 68th Annual Fall Troop Horse Show, a three-day event at the stable in Mountainside. Kristy, who is shown with her horse A.J., has only been riding for three months.

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by Jill Guzman

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Froma Bears Charles

SCOTCH PLAINS — Froma Bears Charles, 74, died Dec. 18, 2001 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. She had been a mathematics teacher at Plainfield High School for 27 years and an adjunct professor of mathematics at Kean University.

A native of New Brunswick, she lived in Plainfield before moving to Scotch Plains in 1986.

Mrs. Charles was valedictorian of her graduating class at New Brunswick High School. She earned a master's degree in Spanish, English and mathematics from the New Jersey College for Women (now Douglass College of Rutgers University).

For the past three years Mrs. Charles was a volunteer with Contact We Care, a telephone counseling agency based in

Fanwood. As a bicyclist and hiker she recently completed an expedition to the Costa Rica rain forest.

Surviving are a son, Dr. Richard of Denver; two daughters, Sandra Charles-Malul of Denver and Deborah of Springfield; and six grandchildren.

Her husband, Monroe M., died in 1983. Another son, David, died in 1985.

Services were held Dec. 20 at Higgins Home for Funerals, Watchung, with Rabbi Moshe Samber officiating. Burial was in Beth Israel Memorial Park, Woodbridge.

Donations may be sent to Herzl Theodor Jewish Day School, 2450 S. Wabash St., Denver, CO 80231.

Phyllis Gikow

SCOTCH PLAINS — Phyllis Gikow died Dec. 24, 2001 at her home. She had been a teacher for 27 years, most recently at the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan New Jersey in West Orange.

A native of New York City, Mrs. Gikow lived in Millburn before moving to Scotch Plains in 1996. She graduated from Hunter College of the City

University of New York.

Her husband, Samuel, is deceased.

Surviving are a son, Lewis; a daughter, Amy Milberger; a sister, Marjorie Hecht; and four grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday at the Menorah Chapels at Millburn, in Union. Burial was in Beth Israel Memorial Park, Woodbridge.

Lucian Johnson Sr.

SCOTCH PLAINS — Lucian Franklin Johnson Sr., 71, died Dec. 23, 2001 at his home. A master builder, he developed and built many homes in Scotch Plains and Fanwood during the 1960s and 1970s.

He was born in Williamsburg, Va., and lived in Scotch Plains for most of his life.

Mr. Johnson graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and attended Morris College for two years before being drafted into the Army for Korean War service as a medic. He received a decoration for bravery.

He served on the board of the Jerseyland Park Community Center in Scotch Plains. Mr. Johnson was a member of Stone Square Lodge 38, Free & Accepted Masons, in Plainfield;

the Plainfield Branch of the NAACP; and St. John's Baptist Church.

Surviving are two sons, Lucian Jr. and William, both of Plainfield; a daughter, Michele Johnson-Akbar, a brother, Bernard Jr., and two sisters, Bernice Phillips and Carol Silver, all of Scotch Plains; a close friend, Diana Mond; three brothers-in-law, three sisters-in-law and four grandchildren.

Deceased are his wife, Mae S.; and two other sisters, Mary Peterson and Lenore.

Visitation is 10 a.m. today at St. John's Baptist Church, 2387 Morse Ave., where services will follow at 11 a.m. with Rev. Kelmo Porter, pastor, officiating. Arrangements are by Plinton-Curry Funeral Home in Westfield.

Delphine Sicola

SCOTCH PLAINS — Delphine J. Lisk Sicola, 64, died Dec. 22, 2001 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. She once was the banquet coordinator at Snuffy's restaurant off Route 22.

She lived in her native Jersey City before moving to Scotch Plains in 1961.

Mrs. Sicola retired in 1997 after eight years as a data entry clerk and secretary with Asplundh Tree Expert Co. in

Scotch Plains. She attended St. Peter's College and in 1960 was crowned Miss Jersey City.

Her husband, Paul A., died in 1974.

Surviving are a daughter, Donna L. of Scotch Plains; and a son, Dr. Paul T. of Miami Beach, Fla., and Pontiac, Mich.

Services were held yesterday at Memorial Funeral Home, Fanwood, followed by a Mass at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church.

Painter plans demonstration

WESTFIELD — Annette Adrian Hanna, award-winning painter in pastels and oils, will give a demonstration of pastel figure painting at the Westfield Art Association's Jan. 13 meeting.

The meeting will be held in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building at 425 Broad St. from 2 to 4 p.m. The Community Room is wheelchair accessible.

Hanna studied privately with Burton Silverman and John Howard Sanden. She attended workshops in Massachusetts and Italy and also studied with Daniel Greene at the Art Students League in New York City. She received her bachelor of fine arts degree from Centenary College in Hackettstown.

She has shown in numerous solo and group exhibits in New Jersey, Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut and Zhejiang, China. Her awards ranged from portrait and figure awards in oil and pastel at the American Professional League in New Jersey and New York first prize for her entered portrait in the American Society

of Portrait Artists Festival in Montgomery, AL. She has won the Winsor Newton National Painting competition and has received many awards for her pastel works in other competitions in Connecticut, New York and New Jersey.

Hanna is the recipient of the Medal of Honor for her pastel work from the Catherine Lorillard Wolfe Club, the Grumbacher Gold Medal for Oils from the Hudson Valley Art Association and an Oils, Excellence in Painting award from the Navy Cooperation and Liaison Art Committee in New York.

She has been a featured artist in the American Artist Magazine, New York, Best of Pastels II, Rockport Massachusetts, Winsor Newton Art Materials Calendar, Secaucus, and How to Paint Portraits in Oil, a Walter Foster publication, Tustin California.

Hanna will do a pastel figure painting from a live, clothed model. The meeting is free and open to the public.

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Obituaries

Laurino Cicchino

WESTFIELD — Laurino Cicchino, 88, died Dec. 19, 2001 at his home. He had been with Ralph Barone & Sons Construction Co. of Kenilworth for 28 years, retiring in 1979 as a foreman.

Mr. Cicchino was born in Castelpetroso, Italy, and settled in Newark when he came to the United States in 1954. He lived in Union before moving to Westfield in 1975.

Surviving are his wife of 63

years, Gemma Vacca Cicchino; a daughter, Maria Vacca and husband Francesco, with whom Mr. Cicchino lived; three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mass was offered Saturday at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church, following services at Higgins & Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home. Entombment was in Hollywood Memorial Park mausoleum, Union.

Ellen Hochheiser

SCOTCH PLAINS — Ellen Hochheiser, 43, died Dec. 21, 2001 at Tucson (Ariz.) Medical Center. She had been for three years the manager of radioactive materials at the Radioactive Control Office of the University of Arizona, located in Tucson.

Dr. Hochheiser was born in Newark. She lived in Scotch Plains and Richland, Wash., before moving to Tucson in 1998.

She earned a doctorate in environmental science from the New Brunswick campus of

Rutgers University. Dr. Hochheiser held a bachelor's degree in biology from Reed College and was a member of the Health Physicists Association.

Her father, Stanley, is deceased.

Surviving are her mother, Elaine Spinrad Hochheiser; a brother, Sheldon; a sister, Lynne Groff; a niece and two nephews.

Services were held Monday at Menorah Chapels at Millburn, in Union.

Burial was in Mount Lebanon Cemetery, Iselin.

First female officer is truly Number 1

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD-PRESS

KENILWORTH — When new Kenilworth police officer Valerie Benkovich went off to the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains, Chief William Dowd told her to finish first in the class. So she did.

"The chief called me in the office and told me he wanted me to be Number One in the class, so that was a motivation," Benkovich said last week.

"I tell every recruit the same thing — she was the first one in 22 years to do it," said Dowd.

When the latest class of 37 recruits graduated the academy Dec. 4, Benkovich finished first overall, with an academic average of 98.2. She also finished first in the arrest, search and seizure category, and will be honored for her achievements Jan. 15 by the 200 Club.

While Benkovich is a new officer, she was not completely unfamiliar with police work when she went to Stamler. Before becoming the first female officer in the department's history, she worked for four years as a dispatcher for the Roselle Park police. "That actually helped me tremendously," she said.

Since she joined the force as a probationary officer Dec. 6, Benkovich said, she has tried to soak up some real-life police experience. "I just observe what's going on," she said.

Benkovich never expected being the first female on the force would make a difference in her experience, and so far it hasn't, she said.

"Everybody (on the force) so far has been very nice. They treat me like (her fellow probationary officer) Christopher Bryson," she said.

Richard Rodgers tribute planned for New Year's Eve

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Cooperative Theater (WYACT), a nonprofit teaching theater, and the Westfield Symphony Orchestra will present "Richard Rodgers: A Centennial Celebration of His Music," at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Presbyterian Church on 140 Mountain Ave.

The cooperative, run by artistic director Cynthia Meryl, trains young children in all aspects of theater. On New Year's Eve the troupe will perform numbers from "South Pacific," "Oklahoma," "The

Sound Of Music" as well as other numbers from the Rodgers songbook.

Proceeds from the sale of tickets, priced at \$10 for children and \$25 for adults, will go to benefit WYACT and Westfield's Sept. 11 United Fund Initiative.

Tickets are available at Dogpatch, 332 South Ave.; Mailboxes Etc., 231 North Ave., and through the Westfield Symphony Orchestra at 224 E. Broad St.

Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

Briefs

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McKinley Scouts help feed needy

WESTFIELD — Members of McKinley Cub Scout Pack 176 took part in the Boy Scout's annual Scouting For Food Good Turn Program. The scouts delivered specially marked, empty shopping bags to each household in the McKinley School area, then returned one week later to collect any bags that had been filled with donated food.

Nearly 200 filled bags were collected by the pack. These were donated to Holy Trinity, which houses Westfield's food pantry, for distribution to the needy during the holidays.

Fitness classes begin Wednesday

SCOTCH PLAINS — "Slenderizer for Ladies" is a women's fitness class sponsored by the Community School of Scotch Plains-Fanwood.

Classes run 7:15-8:15 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at Terrill Middle School on Terrill

Road beginning Jan. 2. Fee is \$65 for the series of 13 classes.

For registration, phone (908) 889-7718 or pick up a pink flier at the Fanwood Memorial Library and Scotch Plains Public Library.

Westfield lawyer addresses workshop

Brett R. Harris, a shareholder of the New Jersey law firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, spoke recently at the second annual Business Law Symposium sponsored by the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education.

Harris, a Westfield resident, served as the symposium workshop coordinator for the New Jersey State Bar Association's Internet and Computer Law Committee, one of the co-sponsors of the symposium. She also spoke in a workshop on the Legal and Business Perspectives on Negotiating Software License Agreements.

Harris has developed a specialized practice in computer-related law. She represents clients in technology fields including software developers, Internet website operators, online businesses, information technology consulting firms and outsourcing companies.

Holiday gift for seniors

WESTFIELD — This holiday season, Boy Scout Troop 673, Den 10, from Jefferson School, made bird feeders from pine cones, peanut butter, and birdseed. The boys hung the birdfeeders outside the Westfield Center-Genesis Eldercare to attract the birds for the elderly to watch.

Fine Art Club seeking members

WESTFIELD — The 4-H Fine Art and Performing Arts Club is open to all girls and boys in Grades 3-12.

If your child is interested in drawing, painting, dance, writing or theater, this is the club for her. Meetings are the second Saturday of every month in Westfield during the school year.

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Students help fellow students resolve classroom disputes

By GREG MARX
THE CHRONICLE

GARWOOD — Board of Education members know where they can go for help the next time they need to settle a sticky dispute — their students.

demonstrated their new peer mediation program.

In a role play, eighth-grader Jessica Lewis and seventh-grader Erin Madden each complained that the other had not done her share of the work on a recent class project.

"I was the brains — I had all the ideas" in class, said Jessica.

But Erin was unhappy that

Jessica had left her to do all the work over the weekend. "We got a C and I don't think that's good enough," she said.

But mediators Pat Hogan, an eighth-grader, and seventh-grader Brittany Smith stepped in to smooth the waters and reach a resolution. After a few minutes discussion, Jessica and Erin had agreed

they had each done less than their share, decided to ask the teacher for a second chance and committed not to do any more projects together, so as to preserve their friendship. They even signed a contract drawn up on the spot.

The demonstration drew praise from board members and parents in the audience.

"Maybe they can negotiate our upcoming contracts," suggested board member Vincent DeFilippo.

The program, organized by faculty members Patricia Stott, Karen Lukacovic and Nicole Allen, includes 12 students from grades six to eight. Supervisors tried to pick mediators from a cross-section of students, Stott said.

The mediators have yet to begin working with students, but have each received six hours of training from Arthur L. Johnson school psychologist Ellen Spingler. During training, the students learned how to set ground rules and conduct a mediation, and most importantly, the importance of keeping discussions confidential.

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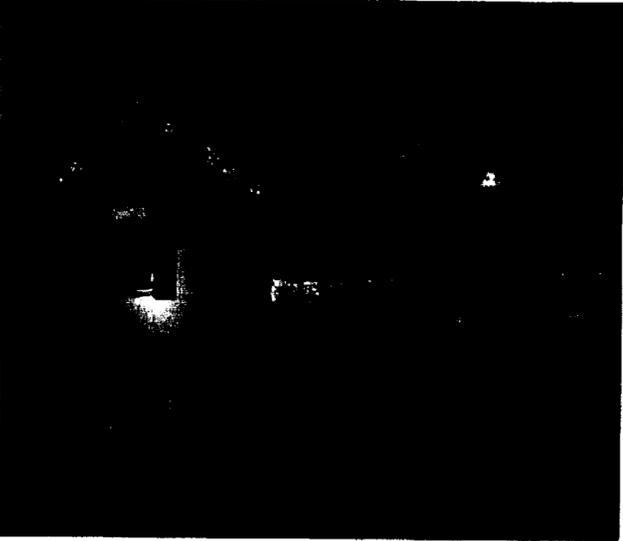
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Homeowners on 14th Street in Kenilworth welcomed the holiday with a brightly decorated home.



RON WALTERS/THE CHRONICLE

The Sanzo home on Munsee Drive in Cranford is one of the showplace homes in the township.



GREG MARX/THE CHRONICLE

A tree is adorned with large colorful balls at this home on Orange Avenue, Cranford.



GREG MARX/THE CHRONICLE

Lights strung along a fence on 17th Street in Kenilworth are an electrical luminaria.

Labyrinth helps some take stress out of the holidays

11-ringed pattern symbolizes a pilgrimage to Jerusalem

By GREG MARX
THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — The holiday season is the most stressful of the year for many people. So dozens of local residents took refuge from holiday stress Friday night at the First Presbyterian Church's "Labyrinth Walk for Advent and Winter Solstice."

The labyrinth, which has also been used at the township's Methodist Church, consists of an intricate, 11-ringed pattern painted on a canvas sheet and laid out on the floor. It is modeled on the thirteenth-century labyrinth in Chartres Cathedral.

At that time, walking the labyrinth symbolized the Christian pilgrimage to Jerusalem for parishioners who could not make the trip in person. But in its modern American renaissance, dating back 10 years, the labyrinth has become a therapeutic and spiritual tool in both Christian and non-denominational settings.

The labyrinth is different from a maze, because it has only one path to a center and contains no false turns. Participants, who slowly navigated the turns before stopping to meditate at the center and walking out again, said the experience delivers a sense of

serenity and balance.

"When you start walking the pathway, you have to concentrate on the different directions," said Cranford resident Paula Blanes. "It gets your mind off your problems. It's very therapeutic, very relaxing, a destressor... this is a great time of year to have this."

"For me, it helps fulfill a sense of my own spirituality," said Tony Carusone of Clark.

"It's a sacred geometry," said Virginia Waters, an elder at the church and head of its Social Awareness Adult Ministries Division. "It's the pattern itself that tends to have a clearing effect. And often people meditate better when they're moving."

Walking the labyrinth may not be for everyone, however. Carusone's daughter Nikki, 8, found her second trip "kind of boring."

Labyrinths have been put to a variety of special purposes, Waters said. A bereavement group at the church has used the labyrinth as a healing tool, and students with certain types of learning disabilities, such as attention-deficit disorder, have been found to benefit from its calming effects.

The First Presbyterian Church hopes to offer the indoor labyrinth about once a month in the future, she said, and to install a permanent out-



RON WALTERS/THE CHRONICLE

Virginia Waters meditates as she walks the labyrinth at First Presbyterian Church in Cranford last week.

door pattern.

Despite the labyrinth's Christian roots, Waters said, at least one local resident objected to its more New Age-elements.

After a newspaper notice neglected the Advent element of the event, the church received an anonymous telephone call and letter complain-

ing about the promotion of a pagan holiday.

"We're looking at winter solstice... as a metaphor for Advent," Waters said. "We don't

view it as pagan at all. It's the darkest time of the year, and we as Christians are preparing for the light of the birth of Christ."

BEST BETS THIS WEEK

Art Association sponsors bus trips

BEDMINSTER — The Somerset Art Association (SAA) has announced an exciting new bus trip program which will include lectures, transportation and fun. Though scheduled to begin in March, holiday gift subscriptions are currently available.

The first season will focus on Manhattan's Museum Mile District, a stretch along Fifth Avenue which boasts nine museums and other fine arts institutions. The museums along the mile are: El Museo del Barrio, Museum of the City of New York, International Center of Photography, Jewish Museum, Cooper-Hewitt National Museum of Design, National Academy Museum and School of Fine Arts, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Goeth House German Cultural Center.

The museum package includes a series of four bus trips, held on the second Wednesday of the month from March through June. Although admission to the museums is not included, a lecture and handouts en route highlighting exhibitions will be provided on the deluxe motor coach buses. You can also sit back, relax and watch an art video. Light refreshments will be available on the buses which will leave SAA promptly at 9 a.m. and drop participants off in front of the Metropolitan Museum of Art returning at 4 p.m.

The cost for a bus trip subscription is \$80. A \$5 discount is offered to SAA members. To order a subscription or a gift certificate call the SAA office at (908) 233-2345.

Winter festival in river towns

The sixth annual Lambertville-New Hope Winter Festival takes place Friday through Sunday, Feb. 1-3. This winter event brings the two Delaware River towns together for non-stop music and entertainment for everyone.

Weekend highlights include live ice carving demonstrations, the "Village Snowfolk" art competition, the "Riverhorse Chili Cook-Off," a parade and competition with three Philadelphia Mummers string bands, winter historic walking tours, a children's scavenger hunt, a 1-mile walk/run, winter tales, a puppet theater and more.

For an event guide, phone (215) 862-2974.

The festival begins 8 p.m. Feb. 1 with a live concert by New Age pianist Danny Wright at New Hope-Solebury High School. Wright has recorded over 20 albums since his career began over 20 years ago. Admission is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. VIP tickets — \$60 for adults, \$30 for children 18 and under — include a reception with the artist at the Inn at Lambertville Station 6 p.m. plus seating in the first eight rows.

Concert tickets are available at Dresswell's in Lambertville and Great Jones World in New Hope. For telephone reservations, contact Gabrielle at (215) 862-6411.



The Parsons Dance Company will be performing Jan. 11 at the State Theatre in New Brunswick.

Parsons Dance Company is coming to the State Theatre

NEW BRUNSWICK — On Jan. 11 at 8 p.m. the State Theatre will present the internationally acclaimed Parsons Dance Company.

Recognized as one of the hottest tickets in contemporary American dance, the Parsons Dance Company has thrilled audiences on six continents in over 1,000 performances. The evening's program will include works from its repertory of more than 50 pieces.

Guest choreographer Robert Battle is featured among the seven performance pieces. His work entitled "Mood Indigo" engages dancers in three duets and is accompanied with music composed by resident music director John Mackey.

Battle was a dancer with The Parsons Dance Company from 1994-2001. The program also features Elizabeth Koepen in the David Parsons signature piece called "Caught" that employs the use of strobe lights to suspend the dancer in mid-air. Other Parsons' choreography, known for its good humor and hallmark physicality, are "The Envelope, Kind of Blue" (with music by jazz great Miles Davis), "Sleep Study, and Closure." The evening will conclude with "Nascimento," a work commissioned by the Festival in the Sun at the University of Arizona and the first collaboration between David Parsons and jazz composer Milton Nascimento.

David Parsons, once the leading dancer with the Paul Taylor Dance Company, founded his own company in 1987 with the award winning Broadway lighting director Howell Brinkley. Since then, Parsons has created over 60 works for the company, along with choreographing works for the Paul Taylor Dance Company, American Ballet Theatre, New York City Ballet, Atlanta Ballet and the National Ballet of Canada. International companies who have performed Parsons's works include The Paris Opera Ballet,

Netherlands Dance Theatre, English National Ballet, and Batsheva Dance Company of Israel.

Parsons also choreographed and directed the dance elements for the biggest party in the world — Times Square 2000. This 24-hour celebration at the turn of the Millennium was seen by billions of people all over the globe.

The Parsons Dance Company is presented as part of the State Theatre's expanding dance offerings. In addition to a successful classical ballet series, the State Theatre has developed a contemporary series of dance that will expose their audience to highly accessible performances. Other dance offerings include the American Indian Dance Theatre, the Red Star Army Chorus & Dance Ensemble, and Purim with the Gyori National Ballet of Hungary.

"As programming grows at the State Theatre, dance, with its many forms and functions, will be among our priorities in programming initiatives," said State Theatre president and CEO.

Though, who has a background in dance, initiated the State Theatre's first contemporary dance series that includes this past November's Dance Theatre of Harlem, The Parsons Dance Company and Moxim in Orbit; the latter presented on Friday, April 12, at 8 p.m.

Tickets for The Parsons Dance Company are on sale now for \$32 (Premium Orchestra/Loge), \$28 (Orchestra/Front Balcony), \$25 (Rear Orchestra/Balcony), and \$20 (Gallery). The State Theatre Box Office is located at 15 Livingston Ave.

For telephone ticket orders, or information call (732)246-7469 or toll free (877) STATE-11 Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Wednesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Patrons may order tickets online at www.StateTheatreNJ.org.

Computer show returning to area

SOMERSET — MarketPro, the largest promoter of computer shows in the country, will be returning to the Garden State Exhibit Center.

The computer show will be held on Martin Luther King Day, Monday, Jan. 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Garden State Exhibit Center, 50 Atrium Drive.

The MarketPro computer show and sale provides consumers with savings up to 80 percent off retail prices on IBM and PC compatible equipment,

printers, Internet, scanners, modems, monitors, multimedia, drivers, cards, cables, connectors, software, CD-ROM drives, disks, supplies, and accessories.

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and distributors selling the latest products at better-than-retail prices. There will be more than 150 tables of vendor merchandise for the most up-to-date computer hardware, software, and peripherals. Vendors travel from all over the tri-state area to bring consumers state-of-the-art products at today's lowest prices.

Admission is \$7 for adults; children under 12 are free with adult.

For additional information, call (201)825-2229.

Blues master will perform in Watchung

WATCHUNG — The hear-a-flatpick-drop acoustic space of the Watchung Arts Center will be filled with the bluesy, growly, three-octave voice of Les Sampou on Jan. 12 at 8 p.m.

Sampou reaches deep into her soul for the kind of passionate folk-blues that hasn't been heard this side of Bonnie Raitt for far too long, and which has made her a favorite at all the major folk festivals including Philadelphia Folk Festival, Winnipeg Festival, Montreal Jazz Festival, Falcon Ridge in New York, Strawberry Festival in California, and Kerrville Folk Festival in Texas (where she won the coveted "New Folk Award" winning out of 686 contestants).

Sampou is based in Boston, where she began in the 1980s to master the blues guitar and to write the passionate folk-blues material that has now extended to four albums. Since that time, she has toured constantly, appearing in New Jersey at the Appel Farms Music Festival, the Minstrel Coffeehouse, and now at the Watchung Arts Center Folk Series.

Sampou's journey to music has been an interesting one. She grew up in small town, rural Massachusetts. College took her to the University of Colorado where she studied Italian, and later became involved in radio,

producing a documentary covering the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. She got an early taste of life on the road while traveling 20,000 miles across America, pursuing the people and places on both sides of the ERA debate.

Settling back in Massachusetts, she went to work for the state government, working her way up to a job offer as Assistant Press Secretary to the Secretary of State, a job she eventually turned down to begin pursuing a career in music.

In the words of one reviewer, Sampou "is able to command the stage as few acoustic solo performers can."

Her passionate singing and high-octane blues guitar playing should shake the walls of the Watchung Arts Center.

Opening for Sampou is Erik Balkey of Marlton, a modern-day troubadour whose nonstop touring and performing are captured in his widely-read online journal called the "Songwriters' Tour Guide." He conveys a vulnerability and optimism that transcend his songs and make his live performances stand out.

Reservations are advised, and may be made by calling (908)753-0190. The admission price is \$12, which includes home-baked desserts and coffee at intermission.

Christie mystery opens in Westfield

WESTFIELD — Director Gordon Wiener of Westfield Community Players (WCP), is in rehearsal for the Saturday, Jan. 5 opening of Agatha Christie's murder mystery, *The Unexpected Guest*.

The show continues Jan. 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. in the WCP theater at 1000 North Ave. West, Westfield. All tickets are \$12 and can be obtained at the box office or by calling (908)232-1221.

In this Christie thriller set in foggy San Francisco, a stranger enters a house to find a woman holding a gun, standing over her murdered husband. After observing her dazed condition and listening to an unconvincing confession, the unexpected guest offers to help. She accepts, and a story is concocted that blames the death on an unknown intruder. As the police investigate, clues point to a man who disappeared two years ago and a Pandora's box of love, suspicion and intrigue is opened to the damp night air.

The cast features Luci MacKenzie (Westfield) as the dazed wife Laura and Joe Zedeny (Plainsboro) as the shadowy, unexpected Michael Starkweather. Together the web of deceit is spun to hold off nurse Bennett, (Jackie Connors,

Westfield) and matriarch Mrs. Warwick (Jean Kuras, Glen Ridge).

Other cast members are Jan Warwick (Ryan Walsh, Edison), Butler Henry Angell (Lee Wittenbert, Newark), Detective O'Malley (Dennis Batish, Garwood), Lieutenant Thomas (Leon Acosta, Linden) and family friend Julian Farrar (John Schweska, Green Brook).

The stage manager is Maria Balboa, studying at Kean University. Opening night patrons are invited to stay after the curtain falls for the traditional WCP repast of coffee and dessert shared with the cast and crew.

WCP is offering three shows for the remainder of the season for only \$35. This provides theatergoers with a ticket for Agatha Christie's "Unexpected Guest" in January, the Jerry Herman musical "Jerry's Girls" in March and the Ray Cooney farce "It Runs in the Family" in May. Call the box office for season ticket information.

Funding has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Rainbow Experience will hold auditions for 'Once on This Island'

WESTFIELD — Rainbow Experience a community youth theater program in collaboration with The First Congregational Church of Westfield and United Church of Christ Congregational of Plainfield has announced auditions for its 2002 production of "Once on This Island" for youths, seventh grade and up (adults are also welcome).

This year's production of "Once on This Island" brings back the same cre-

ative team as last year's critically acclaimed production of "Godspell." Auditions for "Once on This Island" will begin on Jan. 11 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Congregational of Plainfield at 220 W. 7th Street (908-755-8658) and on Jan. 12 from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Westfield at 125 Elmer St. (908) 233-2494. Callbacks will be held on Jan. 14 at the Westfield

Church from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Be prepared to sing, dance, and read from the script and wear comfortable clothing to the audition.

"Once on this Island" is a musical with book and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens and music by Stephen Flaherty, the same team created "Ragtime."

"Once on this Island" is a tale of a peasant girl who has fallen in love with a boy in an upper class. This stage ver-

sion of "The Little Mermaid" is told around a fire by a group of Caribbean peasants as they wait out a terrible storm. As they story unfolds, classic dramatic themes are exposed including class distinction, children pursuing their dreams despite their parents wishes, death, promise, and the heart of the story unrequited love.

Rehearsals will run from January into March. The actual production will

be on March 9 and 10th and on March 16 and 17, 2002. The Rainbow Experience is intended to increase interaction between different groups of people in the areas. Rainbow experience is proud to announce their creative team including: Producer-Shayne Austin Miller, Director-Patti Murtha, Music Director-Albert Ganter, Stage Manger-Ruth Sykes and Choreographer-Sherri McLaughlin Ryan.

Make sure there is always room for dessert in the brand new year

As we begin the year 2002, I would like to take this opportunity during the holiday season to thank all of my fellow cooks and readers for their interest and kind remarks that I have received through faxes, telephone calls, letters to the editor and the people who have approached me personally. There will be many more delicious and interesting recipes that I will share with you in the coming year.

In the meantime, Felice L' Anno Nuovo Con Buon Salute.



(Happy New Year with Good Health).

There is always room for dessert. Especially after dinner,

the palate is looking to finish off the dinner. Fresh fruit, ice cream or cake has to be at the end of dining with a freshly brewed cup of coffee. This week's recipe, Torta al Rum Rapido (No Bake Rum Cake) is light and very cool to the palate. Be sure to buy the cookies that have the almond flavor and not the Anisette flavor because the anisette and the rum flavor will not blend well together. You will find this recipe very easy to prepare. NO BAKING! It will taste even better if prepared one

or two days before serving so as to really get firm and set.

If you have any questions, feel free to fax me at (908)272-2974.

In the meantime, Buon Appetito! Enjoy.

TORTA al RUM RAPIDO (NO BAKE RUM CAKE)

- 3 packages Stella D'oro Toasted Almond Biscuits
- 1 package Pistachio Instant Pudding
- 1 package Chocolate Pudding (instant)
- 4 ounces white rum

- 1 large Cool Whip
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup grated pistachio (white) nuts

Prepare the two instant puddings in separate bowls according to directions. Pour milk in a soup dish and mix with the rum. Take one biscuit at a time, just dip one side quickly into the milk mixture. Place in a pyrex pan 13 by 9 by 2 inches, milk side down until forming one layer trimming biscuits if necessary to fit. Spread the pistachio pudding over the

layer. Spread some Cool Whip over the pudding. Again, dip the next batch of biscuits in the milk mixture and make a second layer. Spread all the chocolate pudding over the biscuits again and the remainder of the Cool Whip. Sprinkle the Cool Whip topping with the ground pistachio nuts. Cover with Saran Wrap tight. Refrigerate. This recipe can be prepared one or two days before serving.

Ecco, tutto e pronto! Enjoy....

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POT NEEDS LID
Attractive widow woman is a pot without a lid. I would like to meet a romantic, sensitive, single man 65 to 75 with a sense of humor to share the joys of life. I like holding hands, walks, the beach, candlelight dinners. BOX 15008

READY FOR A REAL...
Man! 21 yr old single Latina, 5'7", 160 lbs, easy going, but tough. Looking for a fun, sweet, gentle Hispanic, white or black male, tall, 24 to 31, serious with a sense of humor, for friendship, possibly more. BOX 34060

BOOGIE NIGHTS
I am looking for a new hustle dance partner, age is not an major issue. I am in my 50's and am very glamorous, 5'4", blonde hair, size ten, I love dancing and am as good as my partner Bergen County. I dance sometimes 6 nights a week. BOX 13464

SOMETHING SPECIAL
Asian/Oriental gentleman is this up scale, business woman, down to earth, home body type, gourmet cook, best of qualities, excellent family background, non-demanding, talented, artist/ball room dancer. If you seek something different/wonderful, give her a call. BOX 13468

HAPPY NEW YEAR
Single female, in my 70's, looking to meet a charming gentleman, same age, who enjoys friendship, good company, dining, walking and traveling. Give me a call, you won't be sorry! BOX 14862

FRIENDS MAYBE MORE
66 yr old divorced white female, petite. Loves dancing, walking on the beach, long rides, animals. Looking for a friend and maybe more. BOX 38630

SENIOR COMPANION
Very attractive female, 5'5", 125 lbs, sincere and caring. Enjoys sports, dining out, dancing, movies and much more. Looking for gentlemen, 65-75. BOX 14642

WANT TO KNOW MORE?
Dark hair/eyes, 67, 5'2", petite, attractive, caring, loyal, honest, active, excellent health. Many interests, theater, traveling, movies, conversations. Seeks companionship of educated, family oriented, 65-75, divorced/widowed man, financially secure, non-smoker, non-drinker for long term relationship. BOX 41940

COFFEE NEEDS CREAM
53-yr-old, attractive female seeks white professional male who loves travel and humor, and wants to build a relationship with an African-American female. BOX 42582

ONLY THE BEST!!
Looking for accomplished Asian, 60 to 70, healthy and non-smoker, for a very upscale good looking Caucasian senior who is very accomplished and talented! If only the best will do and you are looking for the cream of the crop, this is where it has its roots. BOX 12197

JUST THE TWO OF US!
Single, full-figured, black female, 30. Seeking an Italian or Hispanic male, 25 to 35, who enjoys traveling, dining, walking and much more for friendship first, maybe something more. BOX 12980

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HAPPINESS AWAITS
Single white female, 5'7", trim, feminine, energetic. Enjoys golf, fishing, the beach, long walks, dancing, dining out. Seeks honest, sincere, energetic white gentleman, 50-60, who enjoys good conversation, has sense of humor, and has similar interests. BOX 12890

GOOD TIMES HERE
Mid thirties, blonde, blue eyes, petite female, enjoys outdoors, hiking, camping, cross country skiing, theater, museums, art shows. Seeks creative male, with good sense of humor, for all around fun. BOX 13485

TIME WE MEET
34 yr old single female. Enjoys poetry, reading. Very interested in finding the right man. Looking for a nice, romantic, sweet gentleman, who is respectful, kind and out there looking for someone just like me! BOX 13490

WINK, BLINK & THEN...
Call this witty, warm and winsome, well educated, less desiring tall, Jewish male, 54-63, who can listen, laugh and share a loving friendship filled with nurturing, banter, laughter and possibly the future. BOX 13510

WHITE FEMALE
Mid 50's, great looker, divorced, 5'1", 112 lbs, hard worker, enjoys all types of music, social drinker, loves to have a good time. Seeks that special guy for hugs and cuddles. We can eat home Italian meals, or dining out by candlelight. Start as friends, maybe long term relationship. BOX 13555

LOVE FOR LIFE!
54 yr old, white female, blonde hair, 5'7", attractive, seeks man 55 plus who's romantic, gentle, loves life and is seeking a long relationship with one very special lady in Union County. BOX 13880

YOUNG AT HEART
White widow, 70s, good shape, 5'3", blue eyes, 135 lbs, seeks white male, same age, who is fun-loving and healthy. BOX 13782

LOVE FOR LATINA
Petite 48 yr. old latin female, 105 lbs of love just waiting for you. Single, sincere, spontaneous, fun, and not hard to please, would appreciate someone under 50 with similar qualities. Non-smoker, Thanks. BOX 13685

WAITING FOR YOU
White widowed female, slim, pretty, professional, intelligent blonde, seeking an emotionally and financially secure, educated white male, 52 to 59, physically fit, non-smoker, social drinker, drug free. Enjoys classical music, smooth jazz, theater, beach, travel, and tender and more. BOX 13696

FINALLY READY
Petite, single, never married early 40's Hudson County woman seeking a gentleman 40 to 55 yrs old who is kind, moral, humorous, loves both God and life and wishes to share his joy, enthusiasm, laughter. I am financially secure, seeking a soul mate. BOX 13806

TWO HEARTS
North Bergen, 42 yr old fish-American, works in NYC, interested in meeting someone with a good sense of humor, enjoys movies and reading, single mom looking for a nice guy, attractive, 5'6", 135 lbs, blonde hair. Call me. BOX 13817

HOPE TO HEAR SOON
Female, 6'1", Portuguese, red head with brown eyes and a great smile, loves sports and anything once. Seeks male, 24 to 36, for dining, movies and lots of nightlife. BOX 13832

I'LL SHOWER YOU...
With love 35 yr old, Jewish female, slender, pretty, never married, 5'7", 125 lbs., long brown hair, green eyes and a nice figure. Seeks single white male, never married, 32 to 45, for a wonderful, happy, old fashioned relationship. Not religious and open to dating a Jewish or Christian male! BOX 41948

GOOD HEART AND MIND
I would like to meet an Asian senior, my son in law is East and I am intrigued with Asian culture. Upscale, healthy, good looking, self employed, 60 yrs old lady, a good cook, looking for someone to share a good calm simple life. BOX 13848

LET'S MEET SOON
I am a white female looking for a real nice gentleman 65-75. I have red hair, 120 lbs, 5'5", am attractive. Like dancing, dining out, sports, etc. Call me. BOX 14641

ZEST FOR LIFE!
Professional widow, young 60, 5'7", blonde, spontaneous. Seeks tall, fit, secure, romantic, professional gentleman, 50-60, who has a sense of humor, hoping for friendship leading to long term relationship. I like travel, walks, golf and tennis. BOX 14670

HAPPINESS AWAITS
Attractive female, 52", youthful, 65, active, excellent health, easy going, caring, honest. Enjoys theater, travel, movies, conversation. Seeks companionship of an educated, family oriented 55-70 yr old divorced or widowed man who is in good health, financially secure, non-smoker, non-drinker. BOX 14737

START AS FRIENDS
51 yr old divorced black female, professional. Enjoys life, laughing, reading, sports, dining out, the beach, quiet walks, antique stores, plays. Seeks a male who is a good communicator, emotionally stable with similar interests. Friendship first. BOX 14841

SEIZE THE MOMENT...
...then seize me: witty, warm, classically attractive professional desires romantic, educated, tall Jewish lad, 55 to 63. We can listen, laugh, and share nurturing and friendship with mutual appreciation, interests and life. Manhattan. BOX 29156

SEMI UGLY CROW
Hunchbacked, dimwitted, shuffles, squawks, stands 5'6" (wide), desperately seeks compassionate, kind, warm, educated, tall, white Jewish male, 54 to 63, with terrific sense of humor to listen, laugh, and share loving friendship. New York County. BOX 29168

A YEAR AND BONUS
Amusing, winsome and attractive, well educated lady, wishes to meet tall Jewish friend, 54 to 63, with whom to build a loving and supportive relationship, filled with communication, trust, integrity, much laughter, our interests and possibly the future. Essex County BOX 29200

ONE MAN WOMAN
Single white female, 63, affectionate, caring, faithful, full figured woman, in search of marriage minded, single or divorced, white male, for overruling love and happiness. BOX 29259

SEEKING A GENTLEMAN
Cultural, artistic, divorced Asian female, very romantic, attractive, healthy, youthful looking/minded. Enjoys travel, art, literature, music and poetry. Seeking calm, romantic, attractive, decent white man of wisdom, 38 to 47, 5'8" plus, medium build, for friendship first, possibly long term relationship. Bergen County. BOX 29281

FUN IS HEADING...
...your way with this attractive female, 43, energetic and adventurous with many interests. In search of a non-smoker, white gentleman, 43 to 50, with a neat appearance, nice looks and similar interests. BOX 33996

LOVE IN THESE TIMES
43-yr-old, 5', 100 lbs, professional, homeowner, Christian, enjoys rides, walks, conversation, laughter. Seeks a Christian man who is financially secure, 43 to 50, looking for a friend and more. BOX 34582

TALL AND ATTRACTIVE
36 yr old, green eyed, tall, voluptuous brunette female. I enjoy working out, music, comedy clubs, shooting pool, sports, and movies. Looking for a tall, spontaneous, single man with a good sense of humor. BOX 36287

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MEN SEEKING WOMEN

Call **1-900-378-9922**
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SOMETHING IN COMMON?
Retired white male, in my mid 50's, likes classical music, jazz, theater, dining out and more. Interested in dating a non-smoking female, social drinker, race and religion unimportant, with a great sense of humor! BOX 13048

HAPPY TRAILS
Retired white male, non-smoker, light social drinker, 5'10", 170 lbs, bald with white beard, like classical music, art, theater, long walks, cooking, humorous. Age and race are unimportant, looking for someone who could be a good friend to spend time with. BOX 14979

STARTING OVER
Divorced white male, 47, 5'7", looking to meet an attractive divorced white female who's shapely, attractive, for friendship at first and possible relationship later. BOX 14922

LOOK NO FURTHER
Extremely decent, compassionate, understanding, non-smoker non-drinker white male, 6'9", 185 lbs. Seeking special female 45 to 60 who's attractive, in good shape and enjoys hiking, dancing, weekend getaways. BOX 35199

FRIENDS FIRST
Single, white professional Jewish male, 29, 5'10", athletic fit, brown hair, hazel eyes, good looking and friendly. Enjoys movies, shopping, book stores, dinner, conversations, quiet evenings. In search of single white female, 21 to 35, with similar interests. Friendship first, with possible relationship. BOX 26522

MARRIAGE-MINDED
36 yr old, single white male, 5'9", 175 lbs, brown hair and eyes, non-smoker, from Westfield. Enjoys the outdoors, movies, dining, antiques, working out and quiet times. Seeking attractive, single or divorced, white female, 28 to 40, with similar interests for a long term relationship. BOX 37528

ENTIRELY YOURS
Tall, single white Jewish male, romantic. Enjoys variety of indoor and outdoor activities. Seeks single white Jewish female, 50-60, medium height, attractive, fun personality, free of dependents, for a good relationship. BOX 13461

LOTS TO CONSIDER
Hoping a petite, in shape, 28-34, non smoker/drinker, affectionate, family oriented lady is reading his ad is a 35, 5'9", 170 lb, handsome gentleman with brown hair, blue eyes, works out, muscular build, friendly, outgoing, romantic, sense of humor. Will share diversified activities with you. Just phone! BOX 10997

VERY PROMISING
Single white male, mid 40s, would like to meet single white female, 40-ish or younger, for friendship, dating and possible relationship. I enjoy good movies, sports, music, food, comedy and more. Please be honest, smart, down to earth and don't expect Tom Cruise. BOX 13482

ITALIAN STALLION
45 yr old divorced Italian male, no children, 5'11", Catholic, employed, light smoker/drinker, clean cut. Enjoys flea markets, comedy clubs, dancing, dining out, mountains, the beach. Seeks a team player, 38-48, 5'11"-6", white, Catholic, to share it all in a warm and wonderful relationship. BOX 13511

TIRED OF THE SCENE
41 yr old Italian male, 5'9", 185 lbs, athletic build, good sense of humor, professional fire fighter. Enjoys boating, fishing, travel, music reading. Looking for attractive woman who is in decent shape, nice personality, easygoing, for dating and possible relationship. BOX 13534

ONE WOMAN MAN
Italian white single male 38, 6'1", 225 lbs. Enjoys outdoors and indoor activities. Looking for special lady, 24-40, slim to medium build, to date for possible long term relationship. BOX 13569

LONER BY CHOICE
Single, 35, white male, 5'10", 170 lbs, handsome, loyal, low key, smoker, non-drinker, no drugs, reclusive type, contractor, child free, likes camping, rock and country concerts. Seeks child free woman, 18 to 40, maybe move out west, maybe not Warren County. BOX 27929

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Divorced white Italian male, 45, 6'1", Catholic, professional, no children, casual drinker, light smoker. Enjoys beaches, clubs, dancing, dining, movies, comedy clubs, flea markets. Seeks white female, 38 to 48, 5'11" to 6", Christian or Catholic. Children okay. BOX 37563

RECLUSIVE BY CHOICE
35 yr old, 5'10", 170 lb, single white male, contractor, handsome, low key, loyal with no children, loner, smoker and non-drinker. Likes camping, concerts, considering moving out west. Seeks child-free, independent woman, 18 to 40. BOX 40268

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LET'S BE TOGETHER
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BE MY COMPANION
56 yr old male, looking for a female, trim, good hearted, independent, age open, who's interested in a companionship. BOX 12564

TRY THIS OUT
Single 44 yr old, white male, 5'11", 190 lbs, EMT, seeks attractive women of any age and race. All calls answered. BOX 13794

NEW BEGINNINGS
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Very submissive white man, 47, 5'9", 160 lbs. Hoping to meet an African American Goddess, 45-65, who I can worship, obey and adore. BOX 14875

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Single white male 5'10", 170 lbs, 47 yrs, curly brown hair, down to earth, romantic, passionate. Seek single white female in reasonably good shape for friendship and more. I am a musician, like concerts and casinos. BOX 14889

I'M THE GUY FOR YOU
5'10", 200 lbs, blue eyes, Somerset County, single parent, truck driver, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, camping, the beach, flea markets, movies and dining out. If you would like to talk, give a call. BOX 14903

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 103 Edgewood Road from Carter E. Porter to William A. & Melina Thompson for \$367,900.
 11 Herning Ave. from Joseph T. & Catherine Scotti to James P. Burns III & Jennifer Burns for \$327,500.
 4 Lawn Terrace from Madeline E. Meier to Brian T. & Elizabeth McCarthy for \$189,000.
 52 Morse St. from Morton B. & Augusta Bershan to Charles R. Leeman Sr. & Mary Leeman for \$325,000.
 5B Parkway Village from Vincent & Theresa Dionisio to Thomas F. Leahy for \$162,000.
 28B Parkway Village from John & Jennifer Pino to Carmel Broderick for \$165,000.
 44 S. Union Ave. from Blanche Smith to Gelson Trust for \$49,500.

FANWOOD

2 Brohm Place from Louis R. & C. Cagnassola to Scott & Rachel Vierchilling for \$264,000.
 2074 Princeton Ave. from Satish K. & Suman Shoor to James F. & Lorri M. Anglin for \$340,000.
 32 Third St. from Thomas & Tina Nakonechny to Lynn A. Hyde for \$235,000.
 136 Tillotson Road from Joseph S. & Janice A. Farrell to William & Michelle Maurer for \$285,000.

GARWOOD

82 Second Ave. from John & Evelyn A. Sirak to Franciszek & Anna Augustyn for \$265,000.

KENILWORTH

603 Fairfield Ave. from Robert L. Singler to Brian Harms for \$170,000.
 571 Quinton Ave. from John R. & Helen Stern to Jose & Maria Santamaria for \$215,000.

SCOTCH PLAINS

1996 Church St. from Elizabeth C. Noz to Lawrence L. Darrow for \$243,500.
 2057 Elizabeth Ave. from Damian & Valerie Carey to Peter & Margaret Botney for \$350,000.
 1228 Hetfield Ave. from Gus P. & Joanne Saros to Robert Falzarano for \$327,500.
 2089 Jersey Ave. from Neil & Rachel Shinder to Michael J.J. & Tracie L. Witte for \$278,000.
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 2336 Seneca Road from Donald W. & Randy M. Knight to Margaret Chouinard for \$247,300.
 1 Wareham Court from Gleason Trust 2001 to Roslyn S. Slack for \$330,000.
 40 Winchester Drive from Stephen J. & Ann B.B. Squeri to Peter E. & Pamela C. Samitt for \$658,000.

WESTFIELD

313 Belmar Place from Helen W. Warren to Joseph & Michele Graham for \$275,000.
 712 Hyslip Ave. from Robert A. & Vicki A. Friedman to Daniel & Diane Sawicki for \$640,000.
 227 Prospect St. from John & Ermina Santaguida to Christopher & Gina Sdao for \$445,000.
 247 Prospect St. from Inez J. Vincentsen to Prospect Gardens L.L.C. for \$392,450.

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 259 Prospect St. from Joseph J. Goski to Kenneth J. Goski for \$150,000.
 679 Willow Grove Road from Peter Meyers to David R. & Suzanne K. Gasson for \$302,000.

BERKELEY HEIGHTS

39 Chestnut Hill Drive from Peter L. & Rosina B. Ruggiero to Giovanni & Cecilia Candeloro for \$590,000.
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On the upside, the weak economy is making mortgages easier to afford

BY JAMES M. WOODARD
 COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Like a strong foundation that holds up a house, today's historically low mort-

gage rates are holding up the home sales and refinance market. Those low rates are making it possible for an increasing number of prospective buyers to qualify for their needed mortgage loans.

It's also creating a boom in the home refinance market. And, considering the very low rate of inflation, those interest rates may drop even lower in coming months.

There has never been a better time to qualify for a mortgage, according to a report from the Meyers Group, a real estate research and consulting firm. For

the first time, today's borrowers can qualify for a mortgage equal to almost four times their income.

Over the last 30 years, the average mortgage qualification ratio has been three times income. During the 1980s, the average ratio was only 2.4 times income. Not since 1972 has a borrower been able to qualify for a mortgage equal to 3.5 times income.

A household with \$60,000 per year income can now typically afford to pay a \$1,500 per month mortgage payment. Today, that \$1,500 will pay the monthly payments of a \$237,000 fixed-rate, 30-year mortgage.

Just last year, that same household could only qualify for a \$203,000 mortgage. In 1982, it required \$60,000 per year income to qualify for only a \$111,000 mortgage. Those low, and still lowering, mortgage rates are allowing thousands of additional families to enjoy

the benefits of homeownership.

Consumer inflation (CPI) is remaining near historic lows, it was noted in the Meyers Group report. That will help the Federal Reserve push short-term rates even lower. The Fed's primary concern regarding dropping rates is fueling inflation. Thus their fears have so far been unfounded.

More good news for home buyers: the Federal Home Mortgage Corp. (Freddie Mac) a congressionally chartered company and a major buyer of existing mortgages, now plans to extend its lowest mortgage interest rate pricing to more home buyers — including those who may have blemishes on their credit records.

This will have a significant impact on the home selling market. It will make lower interest rates and fees available to about 250,000 more loan applicants over the next four years, it was estimated. And it will save a large sum of money for families who take advantage of these loans — thousands of dollars over the term of a mortgage loan.

These loans should be available by the time you read this. Check with your local mortgage lender for more information.

Q. To what extent has today's low mortgage rates affected home refinancing?

A. Refinancing of existing home mortgages has definitely reached the "boom" level. At this writing, refinancing activity represents 78.4 percent of total mortgage applications. That reflects an increase from 74.9 percent just a week earlier, and establishes a new record for the refinance share.

Q. How long will the recession impact the real estate market?

A. The economy is now heading into what is projected to be a mild and brief recessionary period that will be followed by a rebound in the second quarter of next year, according to economists at the National Association of Home Builders. "The economy is definitely continuing

to weaken in the final quarter of 2001," said NAIH chief economist David Seiders. "But assuming we have continued success of ongoing military endeavors and that no additional serious terrorist activity occurs in the U.S., we're projecting a significant improvement by the second quarter of 2002."

Q. Are condo sales on the rise?

A. Existing condominiums are becoming hot selling properties. In fact, condo sales climbed to a new record (nationally) during the third quarter of this year, according to a report from the National Association of Realtors. And sales are continuing to climb.

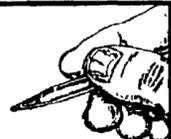
"This has been a truly remarkable condo market, fed by both first-time buyers as well as baby boomers seeking a simpler lifestyle," said David Lereah, NAR's chief economist. "Strong household formation and historically low interest rates have created the most favorable market in history for condos and co-op sales. However, we expect to come off these peak levels in the months ahead due to the slowing economy."

Condos are fulfilling a very important role in the overall housing market, it was noted by NAR President Martin Edwards. "Given the high desire of young people, minorities and immigrants to fulfill the American dream of homeownership, the lower cost of condos is the first step on the ladder of ownership for many first-time buyers, especially in the more expensive markets."

"This is really the beginning of building a family's nest egg, so it's vital to expand programs that assist lower-income buyers for those times in the future when affordability conditions will not be as favorable," he said.

Economist Lereah added this note: "The increase in the median condo price is not just a barometer of appreciation. We have to keep in mind that both inexpensive and luxury condos are selling well, and sales of upper-end units with lots of amenities are helping to skew the median price higher."

Thank you Jill Guzman



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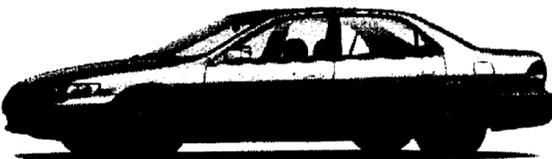


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Blue Devils can't keep pace with Cougars

By DAVID LAZARUS

RECORD-PRESS CORRESPONDENT

WESTFIELD — Twelve was the magic number for the Cranford High girls basketball team in its season opener at Westfield Friday night.

Twice in the second half, once in each quarter, the Cougars ran off 12 consecutive points to turn a two point halftime deficit into a one-sided 59-41 triumph, their fifth straight win over Westfield in the last three years in this intense rivalry.

The Devils dropped to 1-2, having defeated Highland Park the day before. Westfield took on North Brunswick in the St.

Peter's Holiday Tournament yesterday, with West Windsor battling St. Peter's of New Brunswick. The championship game is slated for 7 p.m. tonight, with the consolation game at 5:30 p.m.

The third quarter 12-0 barrage was led by sophomore guard Melissa Montalvo who sliced through openings in the Devils' defense to score 10 points in the quarter, helping to erase Westfield's last lead of the game 27-26.

"Our guards did a great job in the third quarter of not trying to force the ball inside too much", said Cranford coach Brian Chapman.

"In the second half our inside people were able to pass the ball back out to the guards after the defense collapsed on them", said Montalvo.

The Devils fought back with five points by Dana Passananti to cut the deficit to 42-35 after three and another Passananti basket got Westfield within 42-37 at the beginning of the fourth.

But Cranford put the hammer down during a second 12-0 run with Montalvo and Amanda Mitchell each contributing four points for a 54-37 lead with 2:50 left. Unable to score inside, Westfield was forced to shoot long shots, usually with a

Cranford defender nearby.

"In the second half they did a much better job of not giving Jackie (Cusimano) and Dana (Passananti) room" said Westfield Coach Joe Marino.

The Cougars had tremendous balance with four players scoring nine or more. Montalvo led with 14, Gillian Murray had 12, Sharon Majors and Mitchell each had 10. Cusimano's 16 points and Passananti's 14 accounted for all but 11 of Westfield's points.

The low total for Majors — one of the best front-court players in the county — was part of Marino's strategy.

"We tried to keep the ball

away from Majors and it worked in the first half", said Marino. "In the second half their guards found the openings and were able to drive to the basket and get us in foul trouble."

Cranford came out strong in the first quarter, powering to a 19-11 lead, punctuated by an 11-1 run to end the period. Westfield was hurt by turnovers and Cranford's Lauren O'Donnell who had five points off the bench to pace the run.

But the second quarter was a different story as Westfield's collapsing defense kept Cranford off the board until Majors scored at the 1:24 mark to cut the lead to 24-21. Until then the Devils,

powered by guards Cusimano and Passananti, had scored 13 straight points. Passananti had nine points, one on a three-pointer and the others on layups off pinpoint passes from Cusimano.

"Westfield really slowed us down with their zone in the second quarter but we made some adjustments at halftime", said Chapman.

Cranford (59)
Majors 4-0-2-10, Sands 3-0-0-6, Murray 4-0-4-12, Montalvo 5-0-4-14, O'Donnell 1-1-0-5, Heibart 1-0-0-2, Mitchell 4-0-2-10. Totals: 22-112-59.

Westfield (41)
Cusimano 1-3-5-16, McMahon 0-1-2-5, Infantino 2-0-1-5, Passananti 2-3-1-14, Hutchinson 0-0-1-1. Totals: 5-7-10-41.
Cranford 19 5 18 17-59
Westfield 11 15 9 6-41

Devils slam Cranford

Cook nets 33 as Westfield earns second victory

By DANIEL MURPHY

RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD — The Westfield High boys basketball team came into Friday night's Watchung Conference battle with Cranford looking to make a statement.

In front of a capacity crowd of close to 500 people the Blue Devils made their statement loud, and they made it clear — they're not the same ol' Blue Devils and will be a force to be reckoned with in the conference this season.

Highlighted by Jay Cook's career high 33 point effort, but sparked by an all around superb team performance, Westfield cruised to an 83-64 victory over Cranford, the Devils first in their last nine tries against the Cougars.

In the Watchung Conference opener for both teams, the Blue Devils were sharper and played a better overall team game, using an aggressive man-to-man defense to contest almost every Cranford shot and utilizing strong penetration and post play to open up Cook for uncontested layup after uncontested layup.

"My teammates were getting me great looks," said Cook. "I couldn't ask for better passing and better team work than that."

"It was huge for us. Right now we are really underrated. Nobody thinks we're going to do anything, just because of the past, we haven't been real great. Coming down here and making this statement maybe tells a couple of people we mean business."

As Westfield pulled away in the second half Cranford began to rely on one-one-one play and Jon Brown tried to shoot the Cougars back into the game, finishing with 25 points. Hanif Davis had 15 for Cranford, while Kasim Rajahn and Mike Richardson each scored seven. Eric Turner finished with 12 points, Louis Mercer had 11, Dan Deserio nine and Adam

Turner had eight for Westfield.

"We can play a lot better than that and we will," said Cranford Head Coach Tom Johnstone. "It's the first game of a long season. You're never as good as you think you are when you win or as bad as you think you are when you lose. They're not 30 points better than us. They're better than us, but not 30 points."

"Westfield played a tremendous game. It's wasn't just one or two guys, they had five guys playing well. We didn't play well for a reason — Westfield played very well."

Cranford started strong, forcing Westfield into turnovers and hitting the offensive glass to open up an 11-4 lead midway through the first quarter. But the Devils withstood the surge and drew to within 21-17 at the end of the period.

In the second quarter Westfield started to take control, finding easy looks under the hoop and turning up the defensive pressure as four straight points from Adam Turner gave the Devils their first lead 25-23 at the 5:42 mark.

Cranford drew even at 30-all on a dunk by Kasim Rajahn, but Westfield responded with a 13-6 run, highlighted by Deserio's breakaway dunk over Davis, for a 43-36 halftime lead.

Westfield seized control of the contest quickly in the third, using a 16-7 run and 11 straight points from Cook to grab a 56-43 lead with just under four minutes left in the period and led 63-48 heading into the fourth.

Cook continued to get easy looks and Eric Turner and Louis Mercer sliced up the Cougars' defense to go on a 14-3 run at the start of the fourth quarter and blow the game wide open.

The biggest difference was Westfield's ability to get easy looks inside, while the Cougars were forced to shoot a lot of contested jump shots. The pen-

etration of Mercer and Bobby Wilt, the post presence of Deserio and Adam Turner and the foul troubles of Davis and Rajahn enabled the Devils to dominate the paint and get to the free throw line, converting 23 free throws to just 11 by the Cougars.

"It's not that we're bigger and better (inside), but we played hard, got their two big men, Kasim and Hanif, in foul trouble," said Cook. "That helped us out having one of them out at a time. They're their two main rebounders and without them they lose a lot of rebounding inside and a lot of inside play"

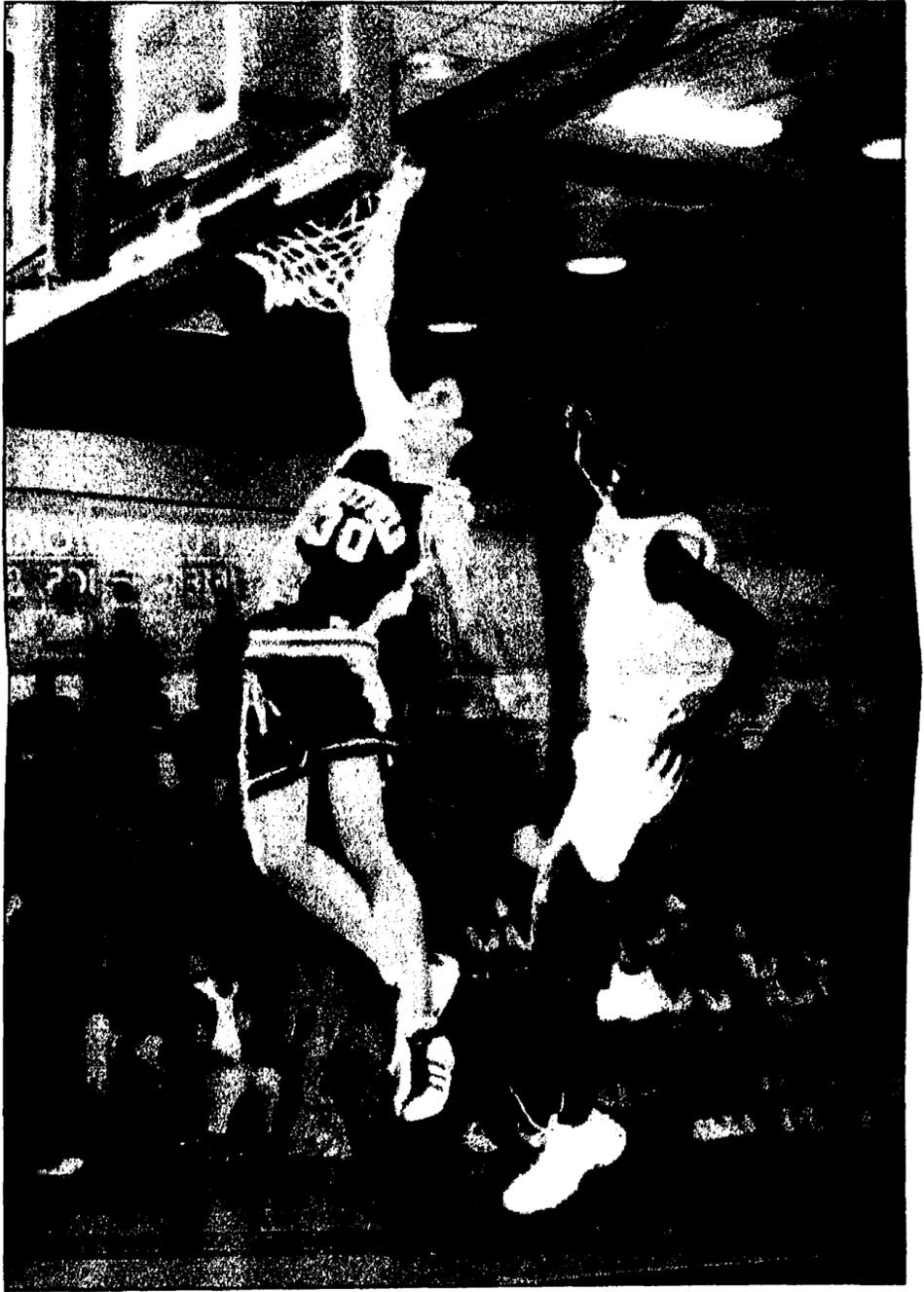
"We let them penetrate too much, they had too many easy looks, but they also shot the ball extremely well," said Johnstone. "Even when we did contest a shot they were knocking them down. They stepped up, they were focused."

"We knew it was going to be tough, they are no doubt a quality team and they really, really played well."

A rematch may not be far off, as both squads are competing in the Tri-County Tournament in Rahway and could potentially meet in the final this weekend. Cranford opened up play in the eight-team tournament Wednesday, taking on Union Catholic while Scotch Plains battled Rahway. The winners meet 8 p.m. tonight, with the loser squaring off at 5:30. Westfield took on North Brunswick and J.P. Stevens took on St. Peter's of New Brunswick yesterday. The winners on the Devils' side of the draw play 8 p.m. Saturday, with the consolation game at 6:30. The championship game will be 8 p.m. Sunday.

Westfield (83)
Shultz 0-0-0-0, E. Turner 2-2-2-12, Deserio 2-1-2-9, A. Turner 2-0-4-8, Wilt 1-0-1-3, Cook 12-0-9-33, McKeon 2-0-3-7, Mercer 3-1-2-11. Totals: 24-42-83.

Cranford (64)
Brown 7-3-2-25, Richardson 3-0-1-7, Rajahn 2-0-3-7, Haber 1-0-3-5, Davis 5-1-2-15, Drechsel 0-1-0-3, DeSimone 1-0-0-2. Totals: 19-5-11-64.
Westfield (2-0) 17 26 20 48-83
Cranford (0-1) 21 17 12 10-64



GEORGE PACCIELLO/RECORD-PRESS
Dan Deserio's breakaway dunk in the second quarter Friday night helped turn the momentum and propel the Blue Devils to an 83-64 win over rival Cranford.

Klimowicz leads Raiders' romp of Watchung Hills

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High girls basketball team continued to roll Friday, blowing out Watchung Hills 64-34.

Freshman Hillary Klimowicz scored 14 points, six in the first period when the Raiders opened up a 17-4 lead. Lindsay Pennella scored 12 points and Erin Gillooly had 10.

The Raiders took on Newton and North Warren played Vernon yesterday in the first round of the North Warren Tournament. The consolation game is scheduled for 3 p.m. today with the championship game slated for 7 p.m.

Gillooly, E. 5-0-0-10, LaForge 3-0-0-6, Pennella 5-0-2-12, Klimowicz 7-0-0-14, Burke 2-0-0-4, Gillooly, M. 0-2-0-6, Russell 4-0-0-8, Feeley 0-0-1-1, Coyle 1-0-1-3. Totals: 27-2-4-64.

Watchung Hills (34)
Hara 1-1-0-5, Hirle 3-0-1-7, Gryz 1-2-2-10, Erickson 1-0-2-4, D'Allesandro 1-0-0-2, Feldman 1-1-0-5, Wallace 0-0-1-1. Totals: 8-4-6-34.
Scotch Plains (3-0) 17 15 17 15-64
Watchung Hills (3-1) 4 10 13 7-34

WRESTLING
Scotch Plains won all three meets in its quad meet Saturday, defeating Plainfield 48-30, East Side 51-24 and Shabazz 48-21.

The Raiders will compete in the John Goles Tournament at

Warren Hills today, with first round action beginning at 9:45 a.m. and the final round slated for 5:15 p.m. Joining Scotch Plains are Delaware Valley, Edison, Jackson, Newton, Sparta, West Morris and Warren Hills.

Scotch Plains 39, Roselle Park 28 — The Raiders registered a huge early season victory Wednesday, knocking off county powerhouse Roselle Park 39-28.

103: D. Francavilla, S. def. Zangary, 4-0.
145: Garrison, R. pinned DeNichilo, 4-49.
152: Birko, R. def. Coyt, 8-4.
160: Bachi, S. def. Wright, 10-9.
171: Silver, S. def. B. Appello, 6-4.
189: Kachnowski, R. pinned Fabiano, 1-30.
215: M. Loomis, S. pinned Lott, 1-28.
HWT: Bouthliouous, R. def. A. Loomis, 7-1.

BOYS BASKETBALL
Scotch Plains rallied back from a four point halftime deficit Friday, closing to within one point with less than a minute remaining, but fell to Hillside 45-41.

Hillside's Quran Hall scored with 40 seconds left to give the Comets a 42-39 lead. Mike

HIGH SCHOOL WRAPUP

Brennan led the Raiders with 18 points.

Scotch Plains faced Rahway Wednesday in the first round of the Tri-County Tournament in Rahway. A win puts the Raiders into tonight's semifinal at 8 p.m., while a loss would have them playing at 5:30 p.m.

Montgomery 5-0-3-13, Williams 1-0-0-2, Bondi 1-0-1-3, Brennan 7-0-4-18, Hughes 1-0-1-3, Adams 1-0-0-2, Decataldo 0-0-0-0, Lockery 0-0-0-0, Adeyemo 0-0-0-0, Harrison 0-0-0-0. Totals: 16-0-9-41.

Hillside (45)
Garrett 3-0-0-6, West 2-4-2-18, theynya 0-0-0-0, Hall 3-0-2-8, Hill 0-0-0-0, Coles 0-1-0-3, Bolgrade 0-0-0-0, Carnay 1-1-0-5, Foruman 1-0-3-5, Charles 0-0-0-0, Coleman 0-0-0-0. Totals: 10-6-7-45.

Hillside (4-0) 5 19 11 10-45
Scotch Plains (1-2) 9 11 13 8-41
Scotch Plains 75, North Hunterdon 59 — The Raiders offense roared to life as three different players scored 17 points to lead Scotch Plains to a 75-59 victory over North Hunterdon Dec. 20.

The Raiders took an eight point edge into the half and blew the game open in the third period, stretching the lead to 18 points.

Scotch Plains (78)
Montgomery 3-1-5-14, Williams 7-0-4-18, Adams 0-1-0-3, Brennan 6-0-5-17, Hughes 2-0-0-4, Harrison 1-0-0-2, Bondi 5-1-4-17, Lockery 0-0-1-1. Totals: 24-3-19-78.

North Hunterdon (57)
Ricco 4-1-1-12, Irwin 3-1-0-9, Hegstrom 6-1-2-17, West 2-0-0-4, Noosen 1-0-0-2, Roznowski 5-0-1-11, Caporaso 0-0-2-2. Totals: 21-3-6-57.

Scotch Plains 19 8 22 27-76
North Hunterdon 13 8 12 24-57

SWIMMING

The Scotch Plains boys swim team cruised to a 106-64 victory over Elizabeth Friday, winning nine of the 11 events.

50 yard free: J. Sheffield, S. 25.73
100 free: Koval, E. 57.18
200 free: King, S. 2:12.17
500 free: Calella, S. 5:51.88
100 breast: Koval, E. 1:11.88
100 fly: B. Swenson, S. 1:04.27
100 back: M. Sheffield, S. 1:15.87
200 IM: Calella, S. 2:23.46
200 free relay: S. (M. Sheffield, King, Blauth, B. Swenson), 1:49.9
400 free relay: S. (S. Swenson, Bassman, Hoffer, H. Hauptman), 4:14.31
200 medley relay: S. (Blauth, S. Swenson, Miller, D. Hauptman), 2:01.81.

UNION CATHOLIC

Stephanie Green nailed two free throws with just 12 seconds remaining to the Union Catholic girls basketball team a 48-45 lead and the Vikings were able

hold on a 48-47 win over Ridge Friday.

Amy Snyder led the Vikings with 19 points and Green finished with 11. The Vikings took on Midwood (N.Y.) in the Elizabeth tournament yesterday while Elizabeth battled Hillside. The winners meet 3:30 p.m. today, with the consolation game at 2 p.m.

Union Catholic (49)
Johnson 4-0-1-9, Snyder 7-0-5-19, Rosado 1-0-1-3, Green 4-0-3-11, Huber 3-0-0-6, Farawell 0-0-0-0, Loeffler 0-0-0-0, Kelly 0-0-0-0, Morikowiz 0-0-0-0, Keller 0-0-0-0. Totals: 19-0-10-48.

Ridge (47)
Scribner 3-0-1-7, McHugh 3-0-0-2, Schwartz B-0-2-18, Rooney 0-1-2-5, Kelly 2-2-5-15, Whalen 0-0-0-0, Molster 0-0-0-0. Totals: 14-3-10-47.
Union Catholic 9 10 17 12-48
Ridge 9 16 8 14-47

WESTFIELD

Westfield defeated Ridge 58-16 Wednesday, registering seven pins in winning 11 of the weights.

The Devils host the Blue Devils Classic 10 a.m. today, with the final round slated to begin at 3 p.m. Joining Westfield are Colonia, Dover, Hanover Park, Howell, Morristown, Piscataway, Roselle Park and West Milford.

103: Monch, W. pinned Banner, 3:40
112: Kramer, W. dec. Perez 9-1.
119: DuCampo, W. pinned Zaborsky, 1:10
125: Kramer, W. dec. Devils, 3-2.
130: DeDuca, W. pinned Huff, 1:22
135: Kivitz, W. won by forfeit.
140: Powell, W. pinned Condon, 3:15.
145: Tomaso, W. pinned Sweeney, 1:33.
152: Zaborsky, R. pinned Johnson, 1:47.
160: Schwartz, H. dec. Abrileman, 14-2.
171: Gismond, W. dec. Runyon, 13-9.
189: Barbiero, W. pinned Grimm, 2:50.
215: Gismond, W. pinned Mainwiler, 3:04.
HWT: Howlett, H. won by forfeit.

ICE HOCKEY

Josh Newberg scored two goals and Greg Speir scored once to lift Westfield to a 3-1 win over East Side Dec. 20.

Mike Finne made 12 saves for the Devils.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Jackie Cusimano scored 19 points to lead Westfield past Highland Park 56-37 and to its first win of the season Dec. 20.

Ali McMahon added 13 points and five rebounds.

Westfield (56)
Cusimano 5-3-0-19, McMahon 4-1-2-13, Infantino 1-0-3-5, Passananti 2-2-1-11, Hutchinson 1-0-0-2, Rock 3-0-0-6. Totals: 16-6-6-56.
Highland Park (37)
MacIntyre 5-0-2-12, Paras 4-0-0-8, Walker 10-0-2, Lyons 1-0-0-2, LeSever 1-0-0-2, Thompson 0-0-1-1, Feinberg 3-0-4-10. Totals: 18-0-7-37.

Automotive/Classified

Auto dealer gives \$20,000 to support the cost of concert

EDISON — Rod Ryan, CEO and president of Ryan Automotive Limited, has donated \$20,000 to underwrite the cost of the Edison Arts Society's presentation of The Edison Symphony Orchestra's Holiday Concert, according to Angelo Orlando, President of the Edison Arts Society.

Mr. Ryan made a formal presentation of the check at a recent Press Conference in the Edison Municipal Building. Edison Mayor, George Spadaro and Mr. Orlando accepted the check on behalf of the Edison Arts Society.

The Edison Arts Society presented The Edison Symphony Orchestra's Holiday Concert Dec. 16 at the Middlesex County College Theatre.

The Edison Symphony Orchestra usually consists of all professionals, but for this event they have selected six, local student musicians at the all-state level to perform with them as a special feature of their Holiday Concert. Of the Orchestra's 44 professional musicians performing for this concert, approximately 25 are Middlesex County area residents.

Also representing the local community were the J.P. Stevens High School Chorus and The Edison High School Chorus, who sang a variety of Christmas favorites.

The Edison Arts Society is a community-based arts advocacy and performance/exhibit oriented, not-for-profit organization.

It was founded in February, 1998 by actress and avid arts enthusiast, Catherine Miller

Spadaro, wife of Edison Mayor, George Spadaro. Her mission was to bring together and organize the arts community of Edison for the purpose of cultural enrichment.

Since the Edison Arts Society's inception, citizens from all walks of life have come together to contribute to the establishment of eight working committees focusing on eight different disciplines of the arts: Theatre, Dance, Music, Visual Arts, Literature, Graphic Arts, Film & Video and Architecture/Interior/Landscape Design. They hope to eventually provide an Edison Arts Center to showcase the talents of professional and local artists and performers.

Rod Ryan owns and operates ten automobile dealership locations throughout New Jersey that include: Open Road Honda/Mazda/Isuzu, 50 Route 1 Edison; Brunswick Acura, 1041 Route 18, East Brunswick; Wayne Acura, Route 23 and Packanack Lake Road, Wayne; Open Road BMW, 731 Route 1, Edison; Open Road BMW's Certified Pre-Owned BMW Showroom, 540 Route 1, North, Edison; Morristown BMW, 170 Madison Ave., Morristown and Morristown BMW's Certified Pre-Owned BMW Showroom, 59 Bank St. in Morristown, which will share its facility with the new Morristown MINI dealership that is scheduled to open in March, 2002.

Ryan has a long history of supporting worthwhile endeavors in the communities in which he operates.

"It's important to me that we



Angelo Orlando, president of the Edison Arts Society and Edison Mayor George Spadaro accept a \$20,000 donation for the Society from Rod Ryan, CEO and president of Ryan Automotive Limited.

give something back to the communities that make the success of our dealerships possible," Ryan said. "I'm very glad we are able to support the Edison Symphony Orchestra's Holiday Concert. It's a very exciting program, made all the

more interesting because of all the local talent that will be performing."

Angelo Orlando is a retired automobile man who has known Ryan for more than 30 years and felt very comfortable in approaching him for support.

"When I explained to Mr. Ryan the need for underwriting the Holiday Concert," recalled Orlando, "he immediately recognized the value of the concert to the community and he simply asked, 'how much do you need?'"

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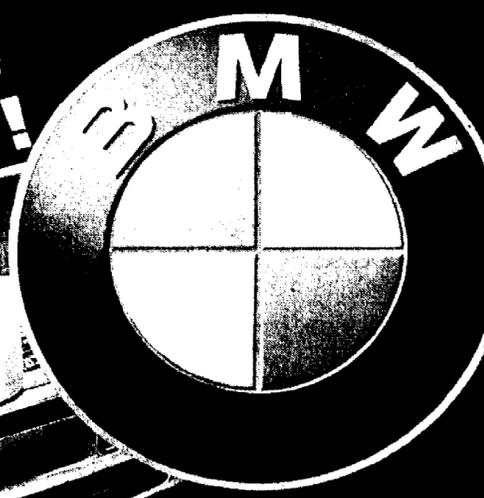
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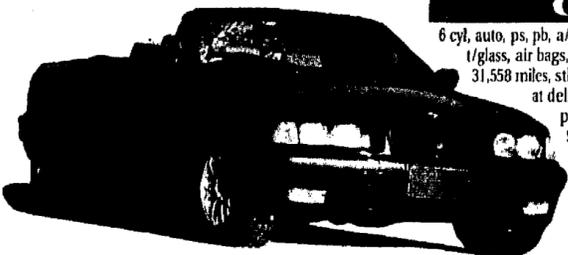
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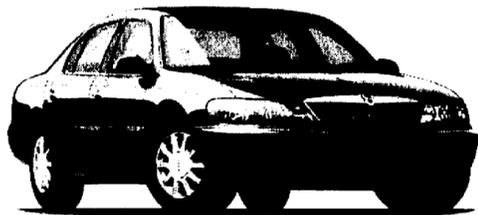


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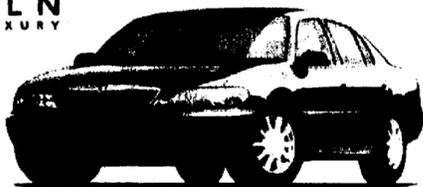
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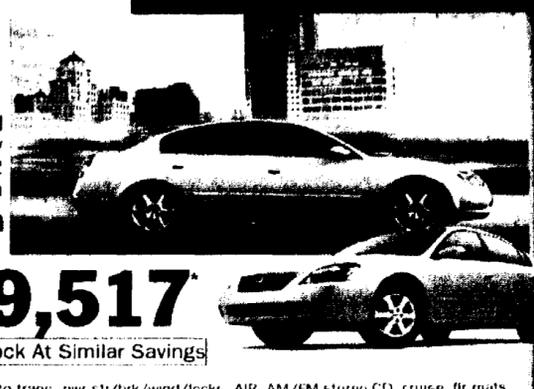
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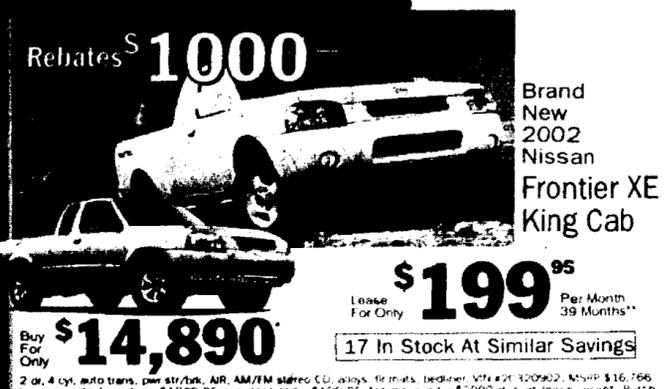
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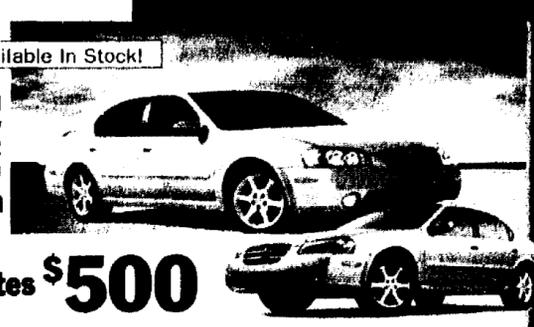
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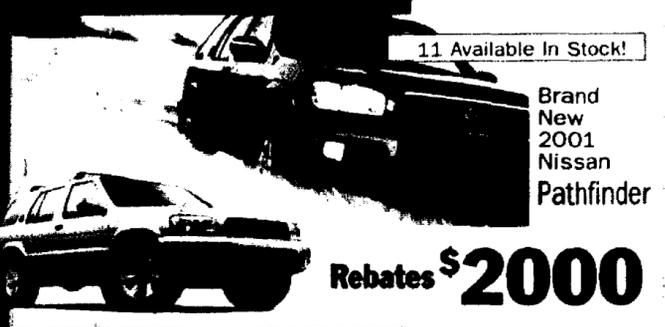


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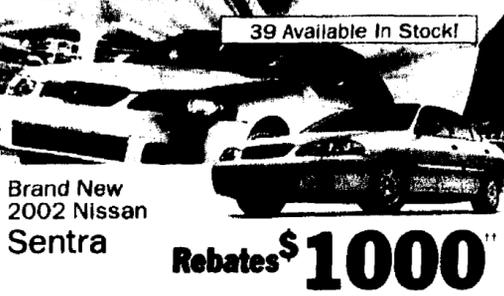
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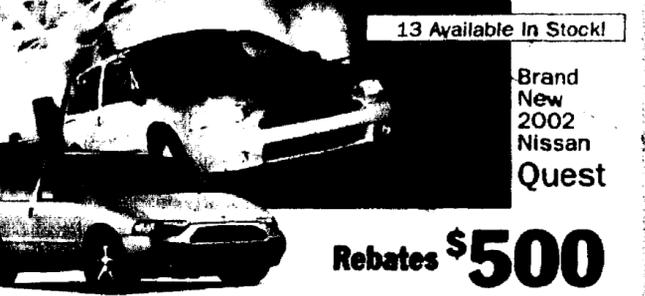
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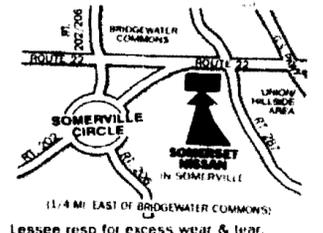


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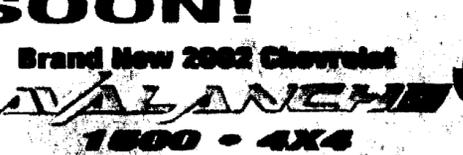
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