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Maura Gillooly had seven points for Scotch Plains-Fanwood as the Raiders defeated Cranford 63-39 is the season opener Friday. See story on Page C-1.



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Celebrating Kwanzaa

Children in the after-school program at the Westfield Community Center light candles in a Kwanzaa celebration Dec. 18. The program serves elementary age children whose parents are working or are in school and includes a homework service, cultural enrichment and recreation.

Board rejects parking plan Town would have shared cost

By KEVIN B. HOWELL THE RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD - The Town Council and the Board of Education will have to continue looking for parking alternatives. for high school students, as a plan to add 150 parking spaces at the National Guard Armory was rejected by the board at its Dec. 17 meeting.

Board members said they were apprehensive about paying for half of a \$120,000 sharedservices project on property they do not own. The board voted 6-3 to decline the offer proposed by the Town Council and a liaison committee made up of council and board members.

The project would have provided 150 spaces along Codding Road to ease parking problems at the high school. The town and the school district would have split the costs, with a potential contribution from the armory. The lat could have been completed by September 2003.

The Town Council had supported the proposal at its Dec. 10 meeting.

The issue has been up for discussion for about a year, as residents near the high school have complained about students parking along neighborhood streets. The liaison committee discussed a parking lot at the armory in the spring, but according to Board President and Committee Chairperson Arlene Gardner, some board members felt high school parking should take a back seat to ongoing school construction.

At its last meeting, though it rejected the town's proposal, the full board did agree there is a parking problem. According to enrollment figures, there are 250 additional students at the high (Continued on page A-2)

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This Fanwood home was one of many across the area illuminated for the holiday season. For more pictures, see Page B-1.



New knitting store fits into fabric of Westfield

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The phrase "easy money" may not be the best way to describe Susan Cahn and Harriet Shafran's business venture, considering the hard work they put into it. However, few businesses get up and running as quickly as Knit-a-Bit has in downtown Westfield.

When an upstairs suite on Elm Street became available in October, Cahn jumped on the opportunity to start the knitting business she had always wanted. Within 48 hours, she and Shafran, next-door neighbors in Scotch Plains, formed a limited liability company. They moved their business into the suite in less than month and have been open

Cahn, who has been knitting for 20 years, said the shop is a dream come true. She first got the idea when someone saw her wearing a homemade sweater and expressed interest in buying one. Cahn started selling her own apparel from home, quit her job in retail

"Knitting is a very therapeutic hobby. Once you get started,... vou're hooked."

— Susan Cahn of Knit-a-Bit

and waited for an opportunity to open a store.

Shafran, also a long-time knitter, got

The room is decorated with homemade apparel, as well as old and new knitting and crochet books and maga-



Joe Fans of the Central Avenue Exxon station in Westfield recently showed Franklin School students how to use a digital camera. For the full photo, see Page A-5.

REMINDER

Happy holiday

The staff of the Record-Press wishes our readers and their families a happy and safe holiday. Remember. reader submissions for next week's issue should be received by Dec. 26.

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since Dec. 5.

"We opened the day of the snow storm and had four people come in," Cahn said. "Before we opened people came in and were thrilled to see (a knitting business). It's a long-awaited niche in Westfield."

store space in Westfield. Cahn came to her with her idea that night, and the two became business partners.

The store is filled with various colors and textures of yarn including fluff, cottons, hand-dyed cotton, ribbons, silks,

involved just after Cahn discovered the zines. They sell and order books for customers and also offer knitting kits, which have already sold out twice. 'We're having a blast," Shafran said,

material blends, eyelash novelties, cash-

mere and wools. The owners have mate-

rial delivered daily from 20 different

So far, the women say, customers are

responding well to their venture. They

have knitting classes scheduled for next

year, with people already signed up;

classes are also planned for a local Girl

Cahn, and Shafran say they made

their store a homely and inviting place

so people will feel welcome to relax. They

set up the room themselves with furni-

ture purchased from Ikea, and Cahn

brought two living room chairs from her

Scout troop and other children.

home to add to the décor.

yarn manufacturers.

as she sat at a knitting table laughing over lunch. "It's so nice to meet so many (Continued on page A-2)



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Harriet Shafran, left, and Susan Cahn, co-owners of Knit-a-Bit in Westfield.



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Jeff Serdinsky, center, with students Zack Skolnick, Robert Desiato, Sharon Serdinsky and Samantha Gryzwacz in the studio of Martial Arts America.

At local martial arts school, fighting is a family affair

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS - Martial arts are in Jeff Serdinsky's blood. He grew up attending his uncle's martial arts school and was teaching others by age 12. Now a fifth-degree black belt at 37, Serdinsky runs the largest school in the United States Taekwondo Federation.

With more than 700 students in his Martial Arts America school in Scotch Plains, Serdinsky is training national and international champions.

At the Taekwondo Winter National Tournament in Arkansas Dec. 6-8, Serdinsky's students took home 18 trophies, as 12 of the 13 students who competed claimed first place in their division. In addition, Serdinsky won the National Business Excellence award for dedication to the art of Taekwondo.

"It's awesome," Serdinsky said of his students' performance at the tournament. "I've been doing this all my life, and it's neat to have these kids and grow up with them. I've had some of them for 10 to 12 years. Now some of them are black belts. I consider them all my kids.

In addition to the first place finishes, Sharon Serdinsky, Samantha Grzywacz and Sarasijhaa Desikan won overall national championships, in which winners compile points from tournaments throughout the year and the top four point earners in each division fight for the title.

Sharon, Jeff's wife, and Grzywacz are Scotch Plains residents. Sharon is the head teacher at the school, while Grzywacz is the senior assistant instructor. Both women are third-degree

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Subdivision wins board approval

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

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FANWOOD --- Despite objections from neighbors, the Planning Board by a 5-4 vote approved a minor subdivision that will allow a new home on St. John's Place.

The lot to be subdivided is at 81 Woodland Avenue; the approval will allow Toby Two Realty to build a new home at the end of St. John's Place, to the rear of the existing house.

Though the applicant sought a variance for a front yard setback, the main issue in the hearing was fire safety. Fire Chief Rick Regenthal said the narrowness of St. John's Place might make the house difficult to access in the event of a fire. The application was approved on several conditions, including widening of the road and the addition of a fire hydrant on the street.

"From a personal perspective I'm opposed to subdivisions like this," said board member John Deitch. "The concerns of the fire chief are also concerns of mine. Since the chief approves of it with the widening of the road, I am compelled to vote in favor of it."

Beard members and residents opposed to the application also were concerned the home would change the character of the neighborhood.

"We are not opposed to new construction per se, the issue is where and how it is done," said resident Joe Jacoby. "I realize you have to work within the parameters of the law, but we shouldn't grant variances based on financial gain."

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The complaint states that the company, located at 576 North Ave., failed to meet scheduled delivery dates, neglected to provide consumers with written notices informing them it could not meet the promised delivery date, improperly denied refunds and failed to respond to reports of defective merchandise. The alleged activities are in violation of the state's Consumer Fraud Act and a prior consent order the company had with the state.

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Parking plan is rejected by Westfield board

(Continued from page A-1) school this year and there will be 150 more next year. By 2010, the district anticipates 600 more students as well as additional staff.

'This is not a problem that's going away. It's going to get worse," said Gardner, who voted in favor of

the proposal. "It's not just a high school problem. It's fairly close to the train station and it's in an older area with tightly-packed houses."

Gardner said other options were discussed in the committee meetings, including areas near Edison School, but committee members were not receptive. One area discussed was a grass area between the Edison lot and private property; however, the space would yield only 70 spaces at the same cost as

the armory project, Gardner said. Gardner said after construction of an addition at the high school is

complete there should be about 20 more spaces available on Trinity Place. But that won't be a significant improvement, she said.

Board members Kimberly Rhodes and William Ziff cast the other two votes in favor of the armory proposal.

At martial arts school, fighting is a family affair

(Continued from page A-1) black belts and also teach at the Jewish Community Center in Scotch Plains, where Grzywacz is head instructor at Serdinsky's satellite school.

Sharon has won seven national championships and Grzywacz, 17, has won eight and a world championship.

Though the Serdinsky's st majority of students are

between 6 and 12, they range in age from 4 to 67; about 180 are black belts. At the World Championships last July, four of his students brought home 13 medals, including Kate Judd, an instructor from assistant Westfield. Three of his world champions have made the U.S. Junior Team.

"The students train very hard," Serdinsky said. "They train six days a week and attend special competition classes. It's very rigorous. They put in five hours a day for six days, much like the training of a figure skater or gymnast.

Though competitions are a big part of the school. Serdinsky said they are not mandatory, but rather a personal choice. Each student sets goals to train hard, he said. If students choose to compete, they enter a local tournament and depending how they do, they set goals for larger tour-

naments, he said. "I'm just blessed," Serdinsky aid of his school's success. "When I was a kid, I said I wanted to be a martial arts instructor. This is what I want to do. I'm living a dream come true. I'm happy to be here and I love it. With all that, you can't fail."

Furniture company faces state lawsuit

(Continued from page A-1) In June, Windsor Furniture

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was gutted by a fire that was investigated by Westfield Police and the Union County Arson Squad. Prior to the fire, the county Division of Consumer Affairs said 11 complaints had been lodged against the company in both Garwood and Westfield.

plaints have been filed with the Westfield Police Department. After the fire in June, Phillip Vitale, Windsor Furniture owner, denied foul play and said he should be able to meet most of the store's orders.

"Our action seeks to have

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there daily to handle business matters. They keep the door open

"We are also seeking to have it pay in full the previously suspended \$50,500 penalty for violating its earlier consent order

tion to all consumers affected by

their unlawful activities," said

Reni Erdos, director of the state

Division of Consumer Affairs.

New knitting store fits into fabric of Westfield

ing for people."

Knitting is a very therapeutic hobby," Cahn added. "Once you get started, you're hooked."

The only drawback to making a cherished hobby into a business, they said, is that they have no time to knit themselves.



A Boynton Avenue resident reported that someone made unauthorized purchases at the Watchung Kohl's using her Kohl's store credit card Dec. 17. The fraudulent purchases totaled

An Englecroft Road resident reported a case of identity theft



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Since then, numerous com-

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Briefs

Westfield Chamber decorates South Avenue

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce received a grant from the Westfield Foundation enabling the Chamber to purchase 12 new holiday wreaths for the town's Holiday Lights program. The wreaths have been hung in business areas on South Avenue east of Central Avenue and west of the Westfield circle. The holiday decorations add a festive atmosphere to the business areas on South Avenue that have had no decorations the past

few years. "We felt that this was an important project, and we are very grateful to the Westfield Foundation for their generous support," said Debbie Schmidt, Executive Director of the Chamber. For more information about this project, please contact the Westfield Chamber at 908-233-3021.

Board meeting changed to Jan. 14

WESTFIELD - The next Westfield Board of Education meeting, originally scheduled for Jan. 7, will be held Jan. 14.

The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. at 302 Elm Street and will include a discussion of the 2003-04 school budget. A complete agenda will be available online at westfieldnj.com or in the Board Secretary's office at 302 Elm Street Jan. 13.

Westfield Church plans **Christmas** Eve service

WESTFIELD — The First Congregational Church invites visitors of all ages to attend services Tuesday in the sanctuary at 125 Elmer Street in Westfield.

At 5 p.m., the Church School will present its annual Nativity pageant. Children are invited to put on a shepherd or angel costume and join in the procession.

A traditional candlelight service of lessons and carols will be held at 10 p.m., with music by Mendelssohn, Holst, Adam, Handel and Rutter.

For further information, please call the church office at (908) 233-2494.

Learn about owls at Trailside Center

MOUNTAINSIDE — Families can learn about the different species of owls that reside in the Watchung Reservation with the "Owl Prowl" program 6:30-8 p.m. Jan. 7 at Trailside Nature & Science Center.

Participants will listen to owl

WESTFIELD - Members of elementary, intermediate and this year's theme because of the the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. high school students are available Association of Westfield hope to in the schools.

Under the direction of teacher Tara Pankiewitz, students participate in gym class in the newly con-structed multi-purpose room at McGinn School in Scotch Plains. As part of the district's building

initiative, all elementary schools have received new multi-purpose rooms; the last, at Brunner

King essay contest in Westfield

A new place to run around

School, is nearing completion now.

for the 2002 contest is "Love."

The contest is open to all stu-

private schools. Members of the

contest committee will collect the

essays, poems and artwork from

the schools on Jan. 9. The prizes for the best essays, poetry and

artwork will be awarded at the

annual Dr. Martin Luther King

Jr. commemorative service, to be

held at the Presbyterian Church

notified by the committee the

week prior to the service.

Students will base their essay,

poem or artwork on passages

from King's 1964 speech deliv-

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All prize recipients will be

of Westfield 1 p.m. Jan. 20.

encourage students to focus on Prizes for the contest range King's principles by sponsoring from a computer and printer for their annual essay contest, which the first place winner at the high for the second year will also school level to savings bonds in \$50, \$100, \$200, \$300 and \$500 include poetry and art. The theme denominations at the various grade levels and categories. dents in the Westfield public and

Contest committee members include Donnell Carr, Patricia Faggins, LeVar Harris and Elizabeth Wolf. "We chose love as

Fibromyalgia?

Clark, NJ - A new, free 16 page report has been published that reveals the "Untold Story" behind Fibromyalgia pain. Fibromyalgia misdiagnosis and mistreatment is rampant and may lead to countless years of unnecessary suffering. This free report reveals a natural, drugless procedure that is giving new hope to these patients with miraculous results for many. If you suffer from fibromyalgia you need this no B.S., no gimmicks free report that is giving hope to fibromyalgia sufferers everywhere. To order your copy of this free report, call toll free 1-800-278-5388 (24 hr. recorded message)

Board seeks help with maintenance

By KEVIN B. HOWELL THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The Board of Education is looking for the other organizations that use its fields to help improve the deteriorating condition of the recreational spaces.

At the board's Dec. 17 meeting, the board heard what president Arlene Gardner called its first good report on field usage. According to Gardner, the fields are overused and not given sufficient time for rest and repair.

The report, presented by vice president Anne Riegel, showed that of the estimated 15,208 hours the fields were in use this year, 54 percent were by entities other than the school district.

Various town athletic leagues accounted for the majority of the use, making up 38 percent of the registered applicants. School physical education classes were next with 32 percent.

Gardner said the fields take a substantial beating in the fall with football and soccer games, which combine with rainfall to devastate the fields. The board hopes to form agreements with organizations that use the fields along the lines of the recent proposal by the Y's Men's Club, which agreed to help repair the Elm Street field it uses for the Christmas tree sale.

Town leagues currently do not pay usage fees or provide restoration for the fields, according to the report.

Town budget gets a boost

SCOTCH PLAINS --- The Township Council added almost \$271,000 to the township's capital surplus at its last meeting of the year, adopting a resolution to cancel several capital ordinance unexpended balances from prior years.

The Township had funds left over from various projects from 1995 to 2000, including improvements to a sewer pumping station, the Cannonball House, delivery of energy to the library, Raritan Road and the reconstruction of the Hetfield Avenue bridge.

Amounts ranged from as little as \$32.50 from the Cannonball House to as much as \$166,680.51 from the pumping station. The money placed in the surplus could be used as revenue to help with next year's budget, or it could be dedicated to the 5 percent down payment on future capital projects, according Town Manager Tom Atkins.









GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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ed Ms. Wolf. "In his Nobel Prize

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calls, view a slide show and take a hike to known owl prowling grounds. The program is \$5 per person and pre-registration is required.

Emergency medical training at UCC

CRANFORD — Union County College is holding classes this winter for CPR and training emergency medical technicians.

Both classes are on the college's Plainfield campus at 232 E. Second St.

"CPR for the Professional Rescuer" is covered 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11. Nurses, EMTs and lifeguards are welcome to take this course. No prior experience or training in CPR is required. Fee is \$70.

А four-month class "Emergency Medical Technician" training begins Feb. 8. This is an official U.S. Department of Transportation course for emergency care and transportation of sick and disabled people. Students must hold CPR certification for basic life support. Fee is \$550.

For full information and registration, phone (908) 709-7600.

County clerk's annex closes early for holidays

WESTFIELD - The Union County Clerk's Westfield Annex will close 4 p.m. Dec. 24 for the Christmas holiday and reopen 8 a.m. Dec. 26. The annex will also close 4 p.m. Dec. 31 and reopen 8 a.m. Jan. 2.



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For help devising a progressive regimen of exercise to increase flexibility and range of motion compromised by arthritis, or for rehabilitation after surgery or an injury, ask your referring physician if you would benefit from physical therapy. For information about referral requirement, insurance, and appointment availability, phone BELL REHABILITA-TION & SPORTS MIDICINE at (908) 272-5955. We are conveniently located at 777 Walnut Ave., Cranford. Most private insurances are accepted. Auto Insurance Claims are our specialty, and we will submit your bills for compensation. No faults & Medicare.

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By KEVIN B. HOWELL

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SCOTCH PLAINS - The Township Council passed a resolution last week to purchase public works equipment though its shared-services agreement with Fanwood and the school district.

The three entities will jointly purchase equipment including a tractor, a top dresser and reseder and a vacuum for \$75,000. The township and school district will each pay 40 percent of the cost, or \$30,000 each. Fanwood will pay the remaining 20 percent at \$15,000.

This week

According to Town Manager Tom Atkins, the equipment is mainly for maintenance of the Park Middle School fields which will be built with a county Field of Dreams grant. The plan includes baseball, soccer and football fields to accommodate school teams and Fanwood and Scotch Plains athletic leagues.

Atkins said the municipal public works department may use the equipment as well.

The Fanwood Borough Council and the Board of Education previously approved the purchase Atkins said.



CPR CLASS — "CPR for the Professional Rescuer." Union County College, 232 E. Second St., Plainfield, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Jan. 11. \$70. Registration: (908) 709-7600.

OPEN HOUSE - for paramedic courses of Union County College, 232 E. Second St., Plainfield, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Jan. 11. (908) 412-3571 or (908) 709-7518.

INDIGENOUS - "Native American Wood Carvings." Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 2-4 p.m. Jan. 12. Adults \$2; students 50 cents; under 6 free. (908) 232-

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"Leeches, Lamb's Ears and Other Folk Cures." Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 2-4 p.m. Jan. 26. Adults \$2; students 50 cents;

A high-tech gift from the Tiger

Joe Faris, proprietor of the Exxon gas station and Tiger Mart on Central Avenue in Westfield, shows Franklin School Principal Mary Fleck and kindergarten students how to use a digital camera. The camera and an accompanying printer were purchased through a \$500 grant from the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Program.



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CRANFORD --- Union County College has scheduled the following open houses:

Tuesday, Jan. 7 - Spring 2003 semester. Main campus, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, 3-7 p.m. Visit/www.ucc.edu//recruitment or phone (908) 709-7518.

Saturday, Jan. 11 ---Paramedic program, Plainfield campus, 232 E. Front St., 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Coordinators from participating hospitals are scheduled to attend. Phone (908) 412-3571 or (908) 709-7518.

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required: (908) 232-7090.

BABYSITTER — training for boys and girls 11-15. American Red Cross, 321 Elm St., Westfield, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Dec. 30; 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Jan. 11. Registration required: (908) 232-7090.

TUESDAY **DEC. 31**

20th CENTURY MUSIC --"Puttin' on the Ritz" with the Westfield Symphony Orchestra and WYACT. Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 7:30 p.m. Adults \$25; under 14 \$12. Tickets: (908) 232-9400.

SATURDAY **JAN.** 4

WINTER MUSICAL - "And the World Goes 'Round." Westfield Community Players. 1000 North Ave. West, Westfield, 8 p.m. Jan. 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, \$15. Tickets: (908) 232-1221.

Coming up

Brahms concert of First Oratorio Singers. First United Methodist Church, 1 E. Broad St., Westfield, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 6. (908) 233-4211.

semester of Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, 3-7 p.m. Jan. 7. (908) 709-7518 www.ucc.edu/recruitment.

Welcome Club, 7 p.m. Jan. 7. Directions: (908) 317-5812 or (908) 301-1923.

MINISERIES — on Jewish philosophers. Temple Emanu-El, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29. \$5. (908) 232-6770.

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Commentary

What we would like to see in 2003

As the New Year approaches, and we begin to think about resolutions for 2003, we can only hope that Gov. James E. McGreevey and the Legislature are being similarly reflective.

Unfortunately, because of the glacial pace of change in New Jersey, any New Year's Resolutions our state politicians do make will likely be little changed from previous years. Here are some perennial problems that need a solution next year:

Property taxes. For all the ink spilled and words wasted on this topic over the decades, there has been precious little progress. And as federal and state budgets contract in a weak economy, municipalities and school districts will need to rely even more on the local tax base. A constitutional convention, though it could have negative, unintended consequences, is needed to break though the logjam.

Auto insurance. The state requires that every driver carry insurance, but many either cannot obtain it or must pay usurious rates. While this situation is caused in part by traffic congestion and high density, a regulatory system that discourages or prevents discount insurance providers from operating in the state doesn't help.

Mount Laurel housing. A well-intended state Supreme Court ruling has created a system that is cynically manipulated by developers; worse, the affordable housing guidelines have become so complex that many municipal officials and employees, the people who must comply with them, do not fully understand them. Municipalities that attempt to comply face lawsuits when the state's regulatory agency, the Council on Affordable Housing, does not process paperwork fast enough. Other townships decide the safest way to stay out of the courtroom is to do nothing at all. The system must be adjusted to reward, not punish, attempts to comply with the spirit of the original ruling.

Public transportation. Competition for dollars is fierce in a tight state budget, but more resources must be dedicated to our commuter trains, buses and light rail lines. Press reports indicated one recent month was among the worst in NJ Transit's history for on-time performance, a result that will certainly not attract new passengers. As the state's population continues to grow, public transit will be vital to keeping the air breathable and the roads safe.

Education. It's time for the state to finally recognize its obligation to fully fund its mandates. Surveys have shown that New Jerseyans are willing to pay more income tax if the revenue would be used to guarantee the education that our children deserve.

Deer. There are more deer in this state than when it was first colonized by Europeans. It's time for the state to take a more active role in deer management. While municipalities like Watchung Borough and Peapack-Gladstone struggle with exploding deer populations, other areas have yet to take on the issue on a local level. What the state needs to recognize is that this is not a local issue, but a regional one. The overpopulation of deer needs to be addressed statewide in order for any control measures to be effective. What good does it do for Watchung to hold a hunt when new herds can move in from adjoining areas?



Central Jersey experienced its biggest snowstorm on Christmas Day 1946, when more than two feet of snow fell.

Letters to the editor

Action needed to curb gun violence

To the Record-Press:

As a nation, we have much work to do to combatthe gun violence that plagues our country.

Guns remain the second leading cause of injuryrelated deaths in the United States, second only to auto accidents.

In 1999, 366 people died from firearm-related injuries in New Jersey – a statistic that is profound for those of us touched by gun violence.

To effectively eliminate senseless gun violence from creeping into our neighborhoods, common-sense legislation that protects our families from the dangers of firearms must be enacted.

For example, the gun show loophole must be closed. Nearly half of the guns purchased at gun shows are sold without background checks.

New Jersey has some of the nation's strongest gunlaws, but what can we do when 80 percent of the gunsused by criminals in New Jersey are purchased outside the state, many from gun shows? A nationalmandate is needed.

Moreover, to help reduce interstate gun trafficking, I have sponsored legislation to prohibit bulk purchases of nandguns, preventing would-be traffickers from purchasing more than one handgun during a 30-day period. A similar measure has worked in Virginia on a state level, and can work on a national level. Also, in an effort to help fight crime, I have sponsored the Ballistics Law Assistance and Safety Technology (BLAST) Act to help investigators and prosecutors solve gun crimes by providing a scientific link between crime guns and their owners. In the same fashion that fingerprints are unique to one individual, discharged bullets and shell casings from a firearm are distinct. This legislation would create a computer database of the digital images of bullets and shell casings and make them available to police agencies nationwide. Police could then compare the images against the bullets and shell casings found at crime scenes in the same way that the FBI can compare human fingerprints found at a crime scene with a database.

Appallingly, American taxpayers have spent millions of dollars to restore gun privileges to thousands of convicted felons, a heinous act that must be stopped. Although Congress has eliminated funding for the guns for felons program in recent years, the Supreme Court opted to hear a case that could jeopardize recent efforts to ensure that convicted felons no longer have access to guns by giving federal judges the power to rearm those felons, regardless of the Congressional funding ban.

I can't stress this enough. We must keep guns out of the hands of convicted felons and shut down the guns for felons program. No one convicted of a violent crime should have the right to bear arms. Such action lacks common sense,

But most importantly, legislation requiring gun manufacturers to create personalized handguns must be passed. It is time to ensure that the person who purchases a gun is the only one who can use the weapon. And it is time to ensure that the gun is registered and the person who bought the gun is licensed.

Childproof handguns would go a long way toward



Jersey Boy

My favorite part of Christmas is the last few seconds of Christmas Eve before falling asleep.

It's the one night of the year when the worries of your world do not intrude into the nether land of consciousness like mocking, evil jack-in-the-boxes. Your mind is serene, as clear and still as the frigid night on the other side of the window. You slip effortlessly into the comfortable and warm darkness of a sleep that hearkens back to childhood tranquility. And though you may have stayed up late assembling toys, going to midnight Mass or lining your gullet with eggnog, you wake up on Christmas morning fully refreshed and ready for the never-ending and amazing joy of Christmas morning.

Those first moments of Christmas morning are special too. They are quiet, as if the whole planet has entered a state of hushed reverence. Unlike all the other mornings of the year, you don't automatically smack the snooze button on the alarm or groan in dread anticipation of the day; ahead. No matter how old you may be, when you wake up on Christmas morning you still find that innocent energy of childhood to leap out of bed and rush to the Christmas tree to see how Santa Claus has rewarded all the good little boys and girls.

These are the moments of a unique communion with the universe. Unlike every other day of the year - save for Thanksgiving ---you know you are not alone what you are experiencing. Those who celebrate Christmas share the bond of forgetting, for a few hours at least, the obligations of a reality that has little use for the magic of the holiday. For a few hours at. least, you live in world of perfect tion, even if Aunt Martha gave you a pair of socks with Scooly-Doo's. face just above the ankle. Of course by about 11 a.m. the magic begins to fade. The first signis the twinge of sadness when you perform the sanitation detail of gathering all the wildly flung wrapping paper and filling a boring, antiseptic garbage bag. It's the ini-tial harbinger that Christmas is vanishing and that it's going to be another 364 days before you have the chance to experience those special moments before you fall asleep

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These are just some of the steps that can be taken to help rid our nation of gun violence. They are all measures that are within arm's reach, measures that can see the light of day if we continue our fight for safety.

We all want and deserve safe and secure neighborhoods. We all want to see our children grow up free from the threat of violence. I believe reducing the availability of guns in our society would go a long way toward helping protect our families from senseless violence.

As parents, as sisters, as brothers we must be relentless in our fight for our children's safety.

> JON S. CORZINE United States Senator New Jersey

Make a difference at the check-out

To the Record-Press:

After reading about the rising need for food assistance at emergency pantries throughout our state this fall, I became a Check-Out Hunger volunteer.

Check-Out Hunger is an easy way for all of us to help low-income people right here in New Jersey who are struggling to pay for housing, healthcare and feed their families. From now until the end of the year, at most supermarkets in the state, shoppers can make a \$1, \$3, or \$5 donation at the checkout aisle and feel comfortable knowing that 100 per-

cent of their donation will really go to the Community FoodBank of New Jersey to help feed hungry people. Every dollar donated to the FoodBank represents \$10 worth of food distributed to people in need.

The next time you go shopping for groceries, please take a moment to help someone in need and Check-Out Hunger. It's easy and it really does make a difference.

LIZ SLOTE Bernardsville

What is the worst holiday gift you have ever received?



ELYSE MacKENZIE Cranford I never got a bad gift.



CATHY O'BRIEN Cranford My husband bought me a very gaudy royal blue robe and black watch plaid slippers one year. There were the most horrendous-looking things.



FLORA ATTARDI Cranford I can honestly say I've never gotten a bad Christmas present. on Christmas Eve. (All holiday sleep is not unlike. The stuffed stomach nap on Christmas afternoon is generally disturbed by the grinding of digestion. The sleep on New Year's Eve has the jagged, confused images seen in Champagne bubbles. And the sleep of Christmas night is tainted by exhaustion and the unspoken worry that in the morning, it's back to a relatively normal routine with all the nagging obligations and worries that had been erased the previous night.)

Those last moments of Christmas Eve are so peaceful because it is the one time of the year when faith can arrive uninterrupted. The anticipation of the inexplicable joy of Christmas allows us to suspend everything we have learned since childhood about the corruption of the world. Cynicism and suspicion are banished; fear takes a sabbatical. We return to a pristine consciousness where the miracles of the Christmas story cease to be fanciful and entertaining metaphors and instead become wondrous acts of truth. The secular is pushed aside by the sacred, as a faith without words fills the vacuum whose emptiness looms like a stalker in the background of our everyday lives.

It's not a religious feeling in those last seconds of consciousness; it's a sense of existence that transcends all altars because it lifts us to another plane where you can eat sugarplums forever without getting a cavity and a single reindeer with a shiny red nose can bring happiness to the world.

It is the one moment when the flood of faith washes away the dirt of reality and raises your soul to a contented level where a better world could be achieved if only you believed.

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James Douglas Bruce

SCOTCH PLAINS - James aglas Bruce, 6, died Dec. 19. 2 at Columbia-Presbyterian dical Center in Manhattan. He was born in Livingston and ed in Scotch Plains for most of life.

James was attending Grade 1 Brunner School in Scotch ains. He was a Cub Scout and a mber of the Boy's Club at the odside Chapel in Fanwood. Surviving are his parents,

Laura; his grandmother, Mary, and his grandfather. Daniel Cheyne, both of Scotland.

Services were scheduled Monday, Dec. 23 at the Woodside Chapel.

Arrangements were by the Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood. Donations may be sent to Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence to Road, Mountainside, NJ 07092.

music composition, piano and

organ performance at the Hartford

School of Music in Hartford, Conn.

She gave recitals as a concert

pianist in Scotch Plains, Westfield

Her husband, Robert, is

Surviving are two sons, Lamont

R. of Silver Spring, Md., and Robert H. of Springfield, Mass.; two sisters,

Miriam Wood and Anne Darnell,

both of Buffalo, N.Y.; a grandson,

Lamont J., and a granddaughter,

and 28 nieces and nephews.

Colonial Home in Plainfield.

Jehovah's Witnesses.

great-grandchildren.

Plainfield.

Mrs. Williams was a former mem-

ber of the Calvary Baptist Church

in Plainfield. She most recently

attended a Kingdom Hall of

Surviving are a daughter,

Patricia Franklin Darrell of Scotch

Plains; a grandson, Charles

Darrell III of Los Angeles, Calif.;

two granddaughters, Beth Ann

Darrell of Greensboro, N.C., and

Nichole Gipson of Union; and two

the Judkins Colonial Home in

Services were held Saturday at

and Plainfield.

deceased.

Ruth Womack Gonzalez

SCOTCH PLAINS - Ruth E. omack Gonzalez, 81, died Dec. 17, at Parkview Specialty spital in Springfield, Mass.

A native of Charlotte urthouse, Va., she lived in Scotch uns from 1926 until she moved 1981 to Springfield, Mass.

Mrs. Gonzalez was a basketball indout at Scotch Plains-Fanwood gh School and learned to play inis at the Shady Rest Country b. She played an exhibition tenmatch against Althea Gibson, a men's tennis star of the 1930s d the best-known African nerican tennis player of the peri-

After graduating from SPFHS 1939 Mrs. Gonzalez studied

Nancy B. Williams

WESTFIELD Nancy eatrice Williams, 84, died Dec. 2002 at Muhlenberg Regional edical Center in Plainfield.

She lived in Scotch Plains and estfield before returning to her tive Plainfield in 1940.

Mrs. Williams was a licensed ractical nurse at Muhlenberg egional Medical Center from 62-80. She became a private uty nurse after leaving the lainfield hospital's staff.

A member of the National ouncil of Negro Women and the lainfield Senior Citizens Club,

Albert S. Dula

SCOTCH PLAINS - Albert S. ula, 75, died Dec. 18, 2002 at forristown Memorial Hospital. He was born in Wilkes-Barre, a., and lived in Forest Hills, ueens, before moving to Scotch

lains in 1967. Mr. Dula retired in 1989 after 3 years as a ship manager with Maritime Overseas Corp. in New Jork City. He earlier spent 25 ears with Atlantic Richfield Corp. He earned a degree in business

from Pace University in Manhattan. Mr. Dula served in the

WESTFIELD --- E. Harriet Lee, 94, died Dec. 19, 2002 at the home of her son, Walter James of Keswick, Va.

and lived in the town all her life.

Allan and Patricia; a sister,

Obituaries

Sonia Reagan

SCOTCH PLAINS - Sonia W. Warnetzka Reagan died Dec. 19. 2002 at her home.

A native of Newark, she lived in Maplewood before moving to Scotch Plains in 1951. Mrs. Reagan was an antiques dealer for more than 40 years.

She owned The Curiosity Shop, first for 20 years in Westfield and more recently from her home.

Herman DePass

WESTFIELD --- Services have been held for Herman A. DePass, 96, who died Dec. 19, 2002 at the Laurelwood Rehabilitation & Skilled Nursing Center in Ridgefield, Conn.

Mr. DePass was born in Jamaica. He lived in New York City, Irvington, Westfield and Toms River before moving in 1997 to Ridgefield, Conn.

He retired in 1966 as a sheet metal worker associated with Sheet Metal Workers Local 22 in

Cranford, A songwriter and composer, Mr. DePass played saxophone, drums, guitar, piano and organ.

She also was a Girl Scout and

Surviving are her husband of 58 years, Thomas J.; a son, Michael D.; a daughter, Daria J.;

a sister, Jeanette Renz; and a

Services were held Sunday at

the Rossi Funeral Home, Burial

was in Forest Hills Cemetery,

Boy Scout volunteer.

Jamaica Plain, Mass.

grandchild.

Surviving are a son, Gerald and wife Nina of Ridgefield, Conn.; a granddaughter, Debra DePass Jones and husband Kevin of Stamford, Conn.; and several nieces and nephews.

Donations may be sent to Caregivers of Central Ocean County, 145 Anchor Ave., Beachwood, NJ 08722.

Park School names honor roll students

SCOTCH PLAINS - Park Middle School has issued its honor roll for the first marking period of the 2002-03 school year.

Named to the distinguished honor roll with A's in all subjects:

Grade 8 --- Alison Baier, Kristen Barry, Amanda Bobyack, Kendall Boyda, Allison Brown, Cathleen Carr, Nikolai Chowdhury, Karina DeMair, Daisy Fung, Leticia Guido, Matthew Huether, Katherine Lauricella, Kristen Mandalla, Stacey Marr, Andrea Rosko, Sean Scott, Stacey Tanguy and Caleb Zimmerman.

Grade 7 — Courtney Adamczyk, Izabela Blach, Ryan Bridge, Katelyn Cavanagh, Bridget Cornwell, Rebecca Fox, Nicholas Fung, Jacob Lavenhar, Alexa Lindenberg, Ming Lu, Elizabeth Minski, Emily Nering, Neil Pratt, Lindsay Traiman, Samantha Traiman, Vivian Wong and Danielle Wood.

Grade 6 Kerilyn Bartley, Christopher Bauer, Kristin Betau, Terry Bustos, Caitlin Campbell, Zin Cao, Michelle Carroll, Gillian Clark, Michelle Conway, Thomas Cristiani, Nicole DeSando, Josef Ellis, Michael Ferrara, Nathan Ghabour, Kelly Henderson, Cody Kalebota, Kristina Kalkstein, Emily Katz, Allison Killeen, Courtney Kolb, Timothy Kolb, Courtney Kolterjahn, Jonathan Kosenick, Karthik Krishna Kumar, Thomas Leong, Roger Liu, Sean Lockier, Kayla McAlindin, Jenna McGarry, Liana Messina, Jordan Metsky. Kaitlyn Mills, Nicole Mineo, Lester Nare, Saxony Nielsen, Erin O'Brien, Anne O'Halloran, Petros

Sarah Schaible, Alessandra Scott, Kimberly Shelus, Jessica Slegowski, Kevin Spaeth, Christian Speck, Sara Stanton Blake Van Buskirk, Brittney Veeck, Todd Wiener, Eric Williams and Rachel Young. Named to the honor roll:

Grade 8 --- John Acito, Lauryn Adams, Yeershati Ahati, Kimberlee Appezzato, Meridith Arlington, Brittany Barnett, Joseph Bianco, Sarah Boruch, Gregory Brand, Colin Campbell, Ana Castillo, Ashley Castore, Michelle Chan, Quian Chen, Jenna Delle Donne, Lucas Saenz DeViteri, Laurel Devlin, Annie Dong, Jessica Estriplet, Linda Evins, Kelly Frazee, Stephanie Fredas, Kristina Friday, Kirstan Fuller, Matthew Gigiel, Hilary Graffox, Andrew Haggan, Ibrahim Helm, Ashley Jacobi, Steven Jacobus, Brett Catherine Kaiserman, Jones, Shirley Kim, Maggie Kosiciolek, Rachel Levy, Daniel Long, Brooke Lubin, Christopher Luby, Andrew Lyons, Lauren Mains, Amanda Makowski, Patrick McGuiness. Lauren Messina, Patrick Mineo, Martin Njoroge, Jonathan Parisi, Tiffany Pasko, Thomas Pennella, Adam Perez, Christopher Pflaum, Rudyard Plesmid, Jeffrey Pober, Portia Price, Jessica Reddington, David Regg, Christopher Rodriguez, Heather Rodriguez, Janae Rogers, Alana Rosato, Melissa Rupnarain, Alexander Russo, James Sensor, Ryan Sharkey, Derek Simmons, Andre-Smith, James Spaeth, Katherine Stamler, Vincent Vicari, Erin Voelker, Lashani Watson, Tiffany

Grace Caserta

SCOTCH PLAINS - Grace Caserta, 88, died Dec. 20, 2002 at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights. Mrs. Caserta was born in

Summit and had lived in Scotch Plains since 1955.

Her husband, Joseph, died Feb. 12.2002.

Surviving are a son, Joseph R. of Covington, La.; a daughter, Nancy A. Siegriest of Shawnee, Okla.; two brothers, Phil Cianciulli of Summitand Mike Cianciulli of Scotch Plains; two sisters, Mary Cianciulli of Summit and Louise Netek of Fort Worth, Texas; three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Services were scheduled Monday, Dec. 23 at the Memorial Funeral Home, Fanwood, followed by a funeral Mass at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

Donations may be sent to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 815, Elizabeth, NJ 07207.

Campus notes

Two area students recently spent their fall semesters overseas through Syracuse University's Division of International Programs Abroad.

Kathryn Bartholomew of Westfield traveled to London for study. Kathryn is a junior majoring in newspaper journalism at Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications. Each year the London program enrolls more or Mandarin Chinese,

Kristen Conlan, Lauren Cutrone,

John DeMaio, Patrick Doliber,

than 600 students, who study fine arts, international business, drama or public communications. And Lauren Bouffard of Scotch Plains participated in the school's Hong Kong program. Lauren is a sophomore majoring in economics at Davidson College. The approximately 50 students in the Hong Kong program study international business, economics, political science

Joseph Dunn, Marcus Dyson, Joseph Ellis, Nicole Fusco, Helene Gebler, Stephanie Christina Halma, Goines, Lindsay Hauptman, Melissa Helock, Kenneth Hessemer, Thomas Holt, William Hubbard, Jessica Impellizzeri, Alec Jacobs, Alyssa Karis, Steven Klehm, Samantha Knierim, Allison Kodan, Kristen Lambertsen, Caitlin Leist, Marc L'Heureux, Mary MacDonald, Valerie Madison, Brianne Brianne Mahoney, Kathryn McManigal, Nicholas Murray, Taylor Paraboschi, Brandon Reddington, Margaret Reilly, Alice Ren, Caitlin Ridge, Maria Pia Rivero, Hillary Roberts, Travis Rosado, Mare Rosenberg, Rebecca Salman. Jessica Santos, Michael Scannell, Daniel Schwahl, Brian Sensor, Adam Silverman, Alex Soloway, Katlyn Soriano, Kendra Spady, Tyler Stanek, James Strobel, Melissa Swanton, Kristen Thompson, Janelle Vander Wiel, Anthony Vecchione, Andy Wang and Justin Wheeler.

Whitney Adams, Antonio Albano, Tiara Barthe, Kristyn Berger, Christian Berk, Vincent Bianco, Arielle Brown, Ryan Brown, William Buckland, Michael Bumiller, Michael Buro, Christina Capece, Donald Cejovic, Jenna Cepparulo, Kimberly Chacon, Elaine Chan, Nicholas Dailey, Tyler Della Badia, Joseph DelPrete, Antonio DiNizo, John Domanski, Valerie Eaton, Alexander Ebeling, Brian Flood, Olivia Francavilla, David Gigiel, Matthew Graziano, Colin Grimm, Alison Haggan, Timothy Hauser, Paul Kropowski, Erika Kuck, Christopher Lestarchick, Rebecca Lipke, Bernadett Lopez, Valerie Luby, Matthew McQuoid, Daniel Michalak, Darwin Nitro, Mary Kate O'Connell, Nicole Perro, Andrew Pansulla, Jamie Pietrucha, Chantel Quesada, Jamie Thomas Reade, Mark Reafree, Paris Riley, Charles Ringel, Philip Rivera, Christine Rocha, Donald Rosello, Lawrence Saraceno, Samantha Schuster, Ryan Scully, Danielle Sette, Evan Silverman, Samuel Stamler and Sarah Yi.

Grade 6 - Alison Acevedo,

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E. Harriet Lee

Riding and Driving Club, the American Horse Association and the South Dennis Historical Society. Her husband, Walter John, died

Mrs. Lee was born in Westfield

Army Air Corps during World War

and a nephew, Richard Franchak, are deceased.

Manuel Ovando; and many nieces,

Services were held Saturday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in

П.

Surviving are a sister, Anna Manila; a longtime companion,

Arrangements were by the

nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

A companion, Donald Tennant,

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LvaNisha R., both of Gaithersburg, Md.; three great-grandchildren; Services were scheduled Monday, Dec. 23 at the Judkins

She was a past president of the Overlook Twig organization at Overlook Hospital in Summit, of which she was a member for more than 40 years. Mrs. Lee graduated from the Katharine Gibbs School in 1928.

She was a member of the Echo Lake Country Club, the Watchung

Also surviving is a brother, Robert F. of Whitehouse Station. Services were scheduled Monday, Dec. 23 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, of which Mrs. Lee was a parishioner. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Gray Funeral Home.

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Community Life

Houses offer a blazing display of holiday spirit



PHOTOS BY GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Above, the Sands house on Munsee Drive in Cranford is one of the brightest in the county every year. Right, a house on North Glenwood Road in Fanwood is also lit up for the holiday season.



Annual displays draw visitors By NICK D'AMORE

THE RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD --- Around the holidays, Munsee Drive becomes a must-see street for friends and neighbors of Bill and Carol Sands. Carol estimated they probably have around 50,000 lights on their house this year.

"Our neighbors get a lot of pleasure out of it. We get a lot of people driving by," she said.

She said they began their big, bright tradition modestly about 20 years ago.

We just had a set of Santas, some reindeers, snow people and lights. Then we moved to more stationary items on the lawn, like angles and sleds. Then, we worked up to the mechanical items," she said.

This year, the first night it was set up in all its glory, an early snowstorm hit.

'We had to uncover some of the balls and sweep the snow off the roof, but everything else looked nice with the snow for the first time," she said.

Sands said every year her family tries to do something different with their holiday decorating.

"We're always trying to think of a different theme, something to add. I know Bill wants a train next year and maybe a nativity scene," she said.





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A real estate professional since 1985, Connolly has consistently been a top producer receiving numerous awards. She was a member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors (NJAR) Million Dollar Club from 1988-2001 and achieved the Silver Award in 1992, 1998, 1999 and 2001. Pat has also attained the Burgdorff ERA Awards for Leader Circle 2002 and is a member of the 1999-2000 President's Elite for a total production of more than \$8 million.

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Vice President and Manager, Judith A. Sagan stated, "We are delighted with Pat's accomplishment. She is consistently a top producer for the company and provides the superior client service that Burgdorff ERA Realtors demands.

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Record Press



Maura Gillooly scored seven points as the Scotch Plains girls basketball team cruised past Cranford 63-39 Friday.

Klimowicz, Burke lead **Raiders past Cranford**

By DAVID LAZARUS

CHRONICLE CORRESPONDENT

CRANFORD --- Before Friday's season opener at Cranford, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High girls basketball Head Coach Brian Homm worried about his talented teams' one potential Achilles heal, depth.

As it turned out, Homm's bench almost logged as much time as his starters when the Raiders rode a 30-2 run in the second and third quarters to turn a tight game into an easy 63-39 victory.

The Raiders' super freshman trio of a year ago, center Hillary Klimowicz, point guard Jenny Burke and forward Maura Gillooly picked up where they left off combining for 35 points, 17 by Klimowicz. The trio had 13 first quarter points as the Raiders cruised to a 17-8 lead but Cranford's Lauren O'Donnell hit a three pointer early in the second quarter to cut the lead to 17-11.

It was at that point that the play of two of those "people" Homm was referring to, substitutes Elizabeth DeCataldo, a sophomore guard and Chanelle Freeman, a 6 foot 2 junior forward, combined with much improved 5-11 junior forward Jen **Russell and Klimowicz to break** the game open.



After Klimowicz hit two fou shots to make it 19-11, Russell converted an offensive rebound and a fast break layup to open the lead to 12. Cranford's Amanda Mitchell hit a jumper to make it 23-13 with five minutes left in the half but that was the Cougar's last points for more than a quar-

DeCataldo scored five quick points on a three pointer and layup off a feed from Russell, then Klimowicz added a three-point play and Freeman took a nice pass from Klimowicz to make it 35-13 at the half.

"It was close for a while but we really stepped it up on defense in the second quarter", said Homm.

The Cougars, with only one player over 5-10, had difficulty competing with the Raiders' huge height advantage.

"They are not only tall but they are very talented," said Cranford coach Brian Chapman.

The Raiders' ended any hopes of a Cranford comeback by run-

ning off 12 more points to start the third quarter. Lindsay Pennella, the team's only senior, sandwiched two jumpers around baskets by Klimowicz and Burke and then the two super-subs, DeCataldo and Freeman, added baskets for a 47-13 advantage before Homm cleared his bench.

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Homm was clearly pleased with the play of his three "new" players.

"Elizabeth is a player that has to come in and give us a lift," said Homm. "Freeman and Russell are key players to help us with our inside game.

With all the double teams that Hillary is going to see this year, they need to step up" said Homm of Russell, who was little used a year ago and Freeman who did not play at all.

Russell wound up with 10 points, Freeman had five points and 10 rebounds and DeCataldo had seven points.

"I'm looking to pass the ball when they double me", said Klimowicz who had five assists.

Almost lost in the inside barrage was a flawless performance by Burke who had six assists and several steals to go along with 11 points. O'Donnell led Cranford with 11 points, including three from behind the arc.

Cocozziello's 21 not enough to hold off Shabazz

The Westfield High boys basketball team fell to Shabazz in the season opener 55-48 Friday night.

Westfield held a one-point lead at the half, but Shabazz outscored the Blue Devils 17-10 in the third quarter to pull away. Jan Cocozziello led Westfield with 21 points.

WESTFIELD (48)

E. Hayes 2-1-2-9, Cocozziello 7-2-1-21, Wilt 4-0-0-8, A. Hayes 3-0-2-8, Gallagher 1-0-0-2. Tolnis: 17-3-5-48, SHABAZZ (55)

Martin 5-1-1-14, Hoggard 3-0-0-6, Willis 2-0-0-4, Williams 3-1-3-12, Wells 3-0-6-12, Pearson 1-0-3-5, Hurt 1-0-0-2. Totals: 19-2-13-

Shabazz (1-0) 9 8 17 21 - 56 Westfield (0-1) 6 10 10 20 - 48 GIRLS BASKETBALL

Matee Ajavon led Shabazz with 16 points and Carrie Rock led the Blue Devils with eight points. WESTFIELD (21) Bock 4-0-8, Rosen 1-0-0-2, Shariff 1-0-1-

3, O'Neil 2-0-2-6, Pena 0-0-0-0, Judd 0-0-0-0, Church 0-0-0-0, Sinnenber 1-0-0-2, Totals: 9-0-3-21.

SHABAZZ (65) Ajavon 5-2-0-16, Zackery 5-0-2-12, Sims 0-1-2-5, Shondaree Gordon 1-1-0-5, Porter 2-0-0-4, Days 2-0-0-4, Harris 1-0-0-2, Evans 3-1-2-11, Shayla Gordon 1-0-0-2, Getter 1-0-0-2, Rainey 1-0-0-2, Totals: 22-5-6-65. Shabazz (1-0) 10 21 22 12 - 65 Westfield (0-1) 4 4 4 9 - 21

WRESTLING The Westfield High wrestling

team easily won its season opener over East Side, cruising to a 72-9 victory. East Side forfeited eight weight clas 103: Mench, W, won by forfeit. 112: S. Kramer, W, pinned Ferrer, 3:50 119: Hewit, W, won by forfeit. 125: Markowski, W, won by forfeit.

130: DeCampo, W. won by forfeit. 135: J. Kramer, W

by forfeit. 140: Powell, W, won by lorfeit. 145: DelDuca, W p. Sadam, 3:17. 152: McDonald, W, won by forfeit. 160: Lewis, W, won by forfeit. 171: Arbitsman, W pinned Jaime, 1:51 180: Johnson, W, pinned Carlos, 5:00 215: Camua, E, dec. McCabe, 11-4. HWT: Otto, E, won by forfelt.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Westfield improved to 5-0 with another easy victory, defeating Union 104-66 Thursday. 50-yard free: Galante, U, 28.40 100 free: Wislon, W, 1:01.1

200 free: Dombrowski, U. 2:21. 500 free: Winchester, W, 6:17.09 100 fly: Dickson, W, 1:19 100 fly: Dickson, W, 1:05.27 100 beck: Fallon, W, 1:08.7 200 Mi: Delafeunte, W, 2:27.0 100 breast: Mserole, W. 1:19.07 ite, W, 2:27.00

WRAPUP

2:12.00)

(Argonza, Dombrowski, Galante, Cuccinell)

200 mediay relay:

Westfield 122, Plainfield 47 Westfield took first in nine of the 11 events to top Plainfield 112: 12 Critics to cop 111 122-47 Dec. 17. 50-yard free: Howard, P. 28.2 100 free: Molson, W. 1:09.91 200 free: Wilson, W. 2:16.7 500 free: Simaika, W. 5:42.46 100 breed: O'Rourke, W. 1:22.85 100 breed: O'Rourke, W. 1:22.85 100 Hy: Layton, W, 1:06.76 100 back: Trimble, W, 1:12.64 200 HM: Trimble, W, 2:38.74 200 free rolay: W (Clark, Winshester, Lo, Vanlosky), 1:58.09

Vaniosky, 1:58.09
400 tree relay: W (Goodman, Tarnofsky, Dickson, Hefferman), 4:15.36
200 mediay relay: P (Hoard, Jack, Shelton, Valentine), 2:14.81

to power its way past Union 117-53 and capture its fifth win of the season.

50 yard from: Sobala, W, 25.36 100 from: Kolenut, W, 56.22 200 free: Daurio, W, 2:02.00 500 free: Shen, W, 5:28.55 100 breast: Heinen, W, 1:10.13 100 fly: Bartholomew, W, 57.70 100 back: Koval, W, 1:04.10 200 IM: Heinen, W, 2:10.92

200 free relay: W (Sobala, Cuba, Catill, Murray) 1:45.19 400 free relay: Union, 4:12.8

200 medley relay: W (Chiosa, Coppa, Chabanov, Prunest), 1:50:41 Westfield 110, Plainfield 60

- The Devils cruised to a 110-60

rout of Plainfield Dec. 17. 50-yard free: Timberlake, P, 23.15 100 mee: Bartholomew, W, 50.46 200 free: Williams, P, 1:53.16 500 free: Hobson, W, 5:47.60 100 breast: Daurio, W. 1:07.19 100 fly: Williams, P, 56.43 100 beck: Heinen, W, 1:02.81 200 HI: Chabanov, W, 2:12.31

200 free relay: W (Shoonfeld, Chabanov, atthews, Kolonul), 1:39.71 400 free relay: P (Timberlake, Sanders,

Hickman, Williams), 352.78 200 mediay relay: W (Coppa, Shen,

Bartholimow, Chiesea), 1:50.22.

SCOTCH PLAINS

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High wrestling team topped Kearny 47-21 in the season opener Friday night in Scotch Plains. 140: Santingo, K, p. Strong, 1:04. 145: Arnos, K, dec. Cho, :34 152: Nudeli, S. dec. Wright, 11-9. 160: Brichi, S. Topshiv, :55 171: Silbor, S, won by forfeit.

189: Plummer, dec. Fabiano, 8-7. 215: Abbol, K, pinned Giannacl, 2:48. HWT: Matt Loomis, S, dec. Manley 3-2. 103: Floisner, S, dec. Osborne 6-2. 112: Forrara, S, doc. Roselle, 11-1.

Shabazz, one of the top teams in the state, handed Westfield a 65-21 defeat in the season opener for both squads Friday.

200 free relay: W (Barnes, Selert, Fowler Simaika), 1:51.81 400 free relay: W (Goodman, Heffernan, Barnes, Wilson), 4:11.41

BOYS SWIMMING Westfield won 10 of 11 events

119: Mineo, S, pinned Toledo 1:11 125: Frankavilla, S, Dec. McDonnell 17-9 130: Farrante, S, pinned Theodoupulous, 3:44

135: Connolly, S, pinned Aroya: 25.



GEORGE PACCIELLO/THE RECORD-PRESS Scotch Plains freshman Lance Thomas scored 15 points in his first varsity game, but the Raiders fell to Cranford 74-60.

Cougars depth too much for understaffed Raiders

By DANIEL MURPHY

THE CHRONICLE

PLAINS SCOTCH Unleashing wave after wave of defensive pressure the Cranford High boys basketball team raced past Scotch Plains-Fanwood in the season opener, capturing a 74-60 victory.

Cranford forced 48 minutes of 90-foot basketball and while Scotch Plains was more than willing to answer the full court challenge, it couldn't match Cranford's depth and sustain that level of play for the entire game. Cranford shuffled 11 players into the game while Scotch Plains, who was without both backup guards due to suspension, played just seven, with the starting backcourt playing the entire 48 minutes.

We played a good game, we just ran up and down the court," said sophomore Terrence Grier, who made his varsity debut with 22 points. "That's our style of play. They started coming back but then we just buried them."

Both teams played through first game jitters in the first quarter as Cranford grabbed a 13-4 edge. Scotch Plains rallied back in the second quarter, tying the game midway through the frame and trailed by just five points at the break.

But in the third quarter Cranford took control, using a 17-2 run over the first four minutes to take a 50-33 lead with 4:12 remaining in the period. Scotch Plains battled back, cutting the lead to nine points early in the fourth quarter but Cranford responded with an 11-5 spurt to grab a 68-53 lead with 2:42 left.

with 23 points, 18 in the second half and Grier added 22 points. Scotch Plains was led by Sean Fuller with 20 points and freshman Lance Thomas with 15.

Cranford takes on Morristown-Beard today before competing in the Rahway Holiday Tournament over the weekend. Scotch Plains hosts South Brunswick today and will face Millburn in the Union Catholic Tournament 6:30 Friday. with the final round Saturday.

"You don't want to lose, but can I walk away saying I was happy with them and the effort? Yeah, we played hard and we'll correct what we need to correct," said Scotch Plains Head Coach Dan Dougherty. "We're young and talented, and they're young and talented. These are going to be good games for years. We played well together. Games with (Cranford) are always going to be sloppy, especially the first game of the year."

Both squads experienced the first game jitters that are typical for young teams. Cranford turned the ball over on six of its first eight possessions, but Scotch Plains was unable to score until Scott Moynihan made the second of two free throws with 4:10 left in the quarter. Cranford led 13-4 at the end of the frame, but Scotch Plains roared right back in the second quarter.

The Raiders defense stiffened and the frustrated Cougars quickly put Scotch Plains into the bonus, sending them to the free throw line nine times in the first four minutes of the quarter. Sean Fuller scored eight points and Lance Thomas had three as the Raiders rallied to tie the score 18-18.

But the Cougars had the Brian Zurvansky led Cranford answer. Dave Drechsel knocked

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down a three and Terrence Grier added six more points, four on breakaway dunks and Chris Drechsel knocked down a three with 12 seconds left in the frame to extend the Cougars to a 33-28 halftime cushion.

The third quarter is where the game got away from the Raiders. Lakeem Lockery scored on the opening possession but the Cougars quickly forced a helterskelter game to pull away Back-toback baskets by Justin Haber, who did a tremendous job in the paint all day for Cranford, ignited a 17-4 run that put the Cougars ahead 50-32 with 4:12 left in the quarter. Last season Cranford headed into Scotch Plains and used a 20-2 run over the final four minutes of the third to blow open a two-point game and cruise to 31 point victory.

The scene was eerily similar Friday, but the Raiders didn't pack it in, closing the quarter with an 8-3 spurt to stay within striking distance at 55-43. Scotch Plains then cut the deficit to nine points early in the fourth, but Zurvansky scored seven straight points in an 11-5 run as Cranford pulled away.

"We made them play our style of game instead of us playing theirs," said Zuravnsky. "We just kept making them run up and down the court. We don't go five or six, guys, we go eight, nine, 10, 11, 12. We can just keep coming at them and keep coming at them, where teams that don't have that bench and don't have that depth aren't going to be able to run up and down the court with us.

"Now that we got off on the right foot, our confidence is even stronger. We're looking to keep winning and do what we do best, run the ball up and down the court."

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Make sure your car is ready for the holiday trip

(ARA) - Don't let a highway breakdown ruin your trip to Grandma's house this holiday season.

Be prepared, to help increase your chances of arriving on time and safe and sound.

Unlike summer breakdowns, a mechanical failure in the winter can be deadly in harsh weather. Preventive maintenance is a must. Even if your winters are normally mild, a well maintained vehicle is more enjoyable to drive, will last longer, and should command a higher resale price.

Here's advice from the professionals at the nonprofit National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence. Some of the following tips can be performed by any weekend warrior; others require the skilled hands of an auto technician.

Read your owner's manual and follow the manufacturer's recommended service schedules.

Engine Performance – Get engine driveability problems (hard starts, rough idling, stalling, diminished power, etc.) corrected at a good repair shop. Cold weather makes existing problems worse. Replace dirty filters (air, fuel, PCV, etc.).

Fuel — Put a bottle of fuel de-icer in your tank once a month to help keep moisture from freezing in the fuel line. Note that a gas tank that is kept filled helps keep moisture from forming.

Oil — Change your oil and oil filter as specified in your manual — more often (every 3,000 miles or so) if your driving is mostly stop-and-go or consists of frequent short trips. In cold climates, you'll need winter grade oil.

Cooling System — The cooling system should be flushed and refilled as recommended. The level, condition, and concentration of the coolant should be checked periodically. (A 50/50 mix of anti-freeze and water is usually recommended.) Never remove the radiator cap until the engine has thoroughly cooled! The tightness and condition of drive belts, clamps, and hoses should be checked by a pro.

Windshield Wipers — Replace old blades. If your climate is harsh, purchase rubberclad (winter) blades to fight ice build-up. Stock up on windshield washer solvent — you'll be surprised how much you use. Carry an ice-scraper.

Heater/Defroster — The heater and defroster must be in good working condition for passenger comfort and driver visibility.

Battery — The only accurate way to detect a weak battery is with professional equipment. Routine care: Scrape away corrosion from posts and cable connections; clean all surfaces; retighten all connections. Avoid contact with corrosive deposits and battery acid. Wear eye protection and rubber gloves. If battery caps are removable, check fluid level monthly. Note that removal of cables can cause damage or loss of data/codes on some newer vehicles, so be sure to check your manual.

Lights — Inspect all lights and bulbs; replace burned out



It is important to have your car get a complete checkup before embarking on a winter trip.

bulbs; periodically clean road grime from all leases. To prevent scratching, never use a dry rag.

Exhaust System — Your vehicle should be placed on a lift and the exhaust system examined for leaks. The trunk and floorboards should be inspected for small holes. Exhaust fumes can be deadly.

Tires — Worn tires will be of little use in winter weather. Examine tires for remaining tread life, uneven wearing, and cupping; check the sidewalls for cuts and nicks. Check tire pressure once a month. Let the tires "cool down" before checking the pressure. Rotate as recommended. Don't forget your spare, and be sure the jack is in good condition. Emergencies — Carry gloves, boots, blankets, flares, a small shovel, sand or kitty litter, tire chains, a flashlight, and a cell phone. Put a few "high-energy" snacks in your glove box.

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Car-buying tips for newlyweds

(ARA) - If men are from Mars and women are from Venus, how can they come together to buy a car?

With some men preferring sports bars to intimate restaurants, while their partners opt for "chick flicks" over "Die Another Day," it isn't difficult to see how men and women can be orbiting in different directions when it comes to car selection.

"Men and women look at cars in totally different ways," says John Davis, host and executive producer of MotorWeek, the award-winning PBS weekly automotive magazine show. "Women tend to consider the practical aspects of a car, while men are inclined to think of a vehicle as an extension of their personalities."

When women shop for cars they look at things such as maneuverability and step-in height, how sharp the door edges are and the texture of the seat fabric. "Women want to know how convenient a door will be for loading groceries or kids, and how easy it is to get into the back seat and quell a riot," says Davis. Even small details such as whether a driver can operate small control buttons with long fingernails are an issue for many women consumers.

Men, on the other hand, want to know how a car will drive, what options are available and how well a vehicle's image reflects their own. Theirs is a more emotional, gut-level decision.

So how can people with such different perspectives come together to make a purchase that pleases both? Davis suggests some ways for couples to successfully navigate the car-buying process.

∞ First, have a good idea of what you both want before you go in to talk to a dealer. Take time to discuss what's important to each of you and decide together what features are necessary and fit your price range. If you have a local auto show, visit it and try out all the prospects to narrow your search.

∞ Let the salesperson sell you. Ask a lot of questions. "They should work to sell you," says Davis.

⁶⁹ If there is any disagreement, excuse yourselves to talk privately. One person may not recognize the risk of a higher price, or may really want the extended warranty. These are topics that may not come up until you are working with the salesperson. Davis advises couples: "Don't discuss it in public; go home and work it out."

∞ Anything they give you to sign, make sure the numbers add up. This is where couples can help each other. In many cases, women are the ones who read the small print, while men tend to dwell on big picture items like warranties and service requirements.

∞ Be patient. Make sure you have talked over any concerns and that all of your questions have been answered. Allow time for both of you to test drive the vehicle. Davis recommends visiting dealers during the week, when salespeople are less busy and can give you their full attention. ないのではないである。このでは、「ない」のでは、「ない」のないでは、

If couples discuss their preferences in advance, take the time to gather all the necessary information, and make the decision together, the odds are pretty good that everybody will be happy on the drive home.

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