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FAMILY PROJECT Aaron Werschulz and his father, Art, knead dough in a challah workshop at Temple Beth-El while, below, Erica Platt works with mother Karen on the project. See story and picture on Page A-5.



Split board to send Heller to national school assembly

By ROSALIE GROSS

Ellen Heller will be the first Cranford school board president in more than 10 years to attend the convention of the National School Boards Association. However, winning board approval for the \$1,600 trip was not an easy task.

The board voted 5-3 Monday to authorize the expenditure while Heller was home ill. The convention will be held April 20 to 24 in New Orleans.

Board members debated the merits of sending Heller to the national convention. Loretta Smith said the agenda included "lots of self-improvement workshops and only a few on topics we need" such as curriculum. She said similar workshops are presented at less cost to the board at the New Jersey School Boards Association convention annually. She said the \$1,600 cost "could be spent where it could serve students more directly" such as workshops for staff in critical thinking, academic or athletic areas.

Edna Silvey countered that sending a local representative to a national convention was "long overdue." She said she "has never been to a conference that I haven't come away with something valuable."

James Van Horn said the board's approval of "this type of trip sends the wrong message to the community."

When reached Tuesday, Heller said she is "very excited" about going to the convention. She said more than 600 school board members from New Jersey's more than 600 districts attend the national convention each year. She said the sessions would afford her "an opportunity to interfere with colleagues from across the nation, see how others solve problems we're facing, gain fresh insight from sessions dealing with a number of different areas and hear speakers from beyond New Jersey."

Heller said 108 seminars are scheduled on topics such as budget formulation, collective bargaining, decreasing class size within budget and making sure principals are educational leaders.

Voting in favor of sending Heller to the convention were Patti Martinelli, Dee Sugalski, Paviak, Silvey and Robert Sinitch, who presided at the meeting in Heller's absence. Voting up were Richard Nicholas, Smith and Van Horn.

Planner advises 'down-zoning' for southwest corner of town

By CHERYL MOULTON

The Hudson Partnership at Tuesday's Township Committee meeting recommended "down-zoning" for land in Cranford's southwest corner. After hearing about the impact of potential development under present zoning, Mayor Ed Force instructed the planning firm to draw up a model ordinance for review.

Stanley C. Slachetka of the Hudson Partnership indicated specifically that development of the Hartz and Hyatt-Clark sites under the existing ROL-1 zoning could increase traffic volumes on Walnut Avenue and Raritan Road "to such an extent that failure of the existing intersection of these two roads would occur." Slachetka outlined the impact of development or redevelopment of the Hartz property and of the Hyatt-Clark site, as well as the result of other potential development scenarios under existing zoning. Citing "serious adverse impacts" on adjacent residential areas which could result in the "virtual shutdown of a critical gateway into the township," he said it would be "an opportune time for these uses to be considered by the township for deletion from permitted use."

Additional meetings to be announced

Schedule of meetings

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 7:30 p.m., Municipal Building Room 108
Township Committee workshop meeting to review Hudson Partnership evaluation

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 8 p.m., Municipal Building Room 108
Planning Board review of evaluation

Thursday, Feb. 15, 8 p.m., Municipal Building Room 107
Public forum with Township Committee and Hudson Partnership representative fielding questions

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Preliminary budget 'gruesome'

By CHERYL MOULTON

Governing elders last week began the first round of department cutbacks in an attempt to rein in the 1990 municipal budget, which if not brought under control could have Cranford residents paying a hefty hike in taxes.

Township administrator Edward Murphy crowned this year's preliminary spending plan "the most gruesome in eight years." Expanding on the possible 11-percent, or \$1.5-million, increase over the 1989 budget, Murphy listed several reasons why taxes could increase as much as \$350 a year for the average homeowner with a house assessed at \$209,000. "The numbers coming in are horrendous," he said.

"We have seen dramatic increases in the library and recreation department budgets due to state-mandated requirements. The recreation department was hit hard by the minimum wage increase, shooting that budget up 16.6 percent."

Finance director Tom Grady said the township is required by the state to increase the library budget by 15 percent annually or one-third of a mil or one-third of all the real property in town, which includes residential, commercial etc. According to Grady one-third mil would amount to \$835,000, so the town uses the 15-percent option, which is less.

Fire Chief William Brown heard bad news at the budget slashing meeting. Brown requested five new positions be filled within the fire department, four new firefighters and a deputy chief. Governing elders squashed Brown's hopes for the firefighters, but the deputy chief addition remained in the air until Brown returns at a later date. A request for a rescue truck at \$20,000 also was denied.

Police chief Robert Guertin came back before the board and was hailed by Murphy for not only staying within his budget for the last three years but also for having returned unused budget monies to surplus. He lauded the police budget as "in very good shape."

Guertin appeared before the governing body to report on bids he received for police cars he requested last month. According to Guertin, the bidding worked to the township's advantage in that the bids came in \$800 per car under the state bid. He reported the new vehicles would be delivered by May.

Penny Brome, representing the library, appeared for the second time and was asked by elders to bring back at a later date the original approved 1989 budget amount since only the 1989 budget after transfers was reflected.

On the 1990 library budget Brinkerhoff told Brome, "There is no question about the service the library provides; but something has to give after all we're getting a new parking lot. We have to get off the taxpayers' back a little."

The second round of budget slashes was slated for last night when recreation, engineering and department of public works, recycling, building and zoning were to come before town elders.

Two more declare candidacies

One-year school board incumbent Henry Paviak and previous candidate Len Chandros announced their intention this week to seek three-year terms in the Board of Education election April 3.

This brings to four the number of declared candidates for the three seats to be filled in the spring election. All three incumbents are seeking re-election. Nine-year veteran Patti Martinelli and three-year member James Van Horn announced their candidacies last week.

Prospective candidates have until 4 p.m. Feb. 8 to file nominating petitions, which are available from the board secretary's office at Lincoln School.

Paviak, who was elected last April to complete a one-year unexpired term, said he is running again "to insure that our schools continue to meet the needs of all our children. I will also strive to have the district run as efficiently as possible and provide the best possible environment for learning. Our children are our future and they must be given the tools to meet the challenge of an ever-changing and increasingly competitive society and world."

A resident of Cranford since 1983, Paviak serves on the school board's finance and ad hoc curriculum committees. He is a member of the Youth Advisory Council. He received a bachelor's degree in economics from Rutgers University in 1973 and also holds a certificate in systems analysis from the New School for Social Research in New York City.

Employed since 1979 by Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield in New York City, he is chief applications specialist in the information systems development department. He and his wife, Patricia, reside at 19 Berkeley Pl. and are the parents of two, Jessica, 8, a second grader at Brookside School, and Andrew, 4.

Chandros, who ran unsuccessfully for the board in 1985 and last year, said, "I ran a close fourth last year. I built an obligation of trust that I will see our children get the best possible education that I feel is their right. I have found support for my ideas from all specialized groups: students, parents, teachers, administrators and senior citizens." He added, "I have the honor of our sports programs and academics. I don't like waiting to see things take shape in two or three years. Our children should have 'now' opportunities."

Chandros, a Cranford resident for 14 years, graduated from Brooklyn Technical High School and served four years in the Air Force as an electronics technician. He completed a two-year course at the College of the City of New York and had been the owner of a Cranford portrait and photography studio from 1971 to 1980.

He is employed as a postal distribution and window clerk at Kenilworth Post Office. He formerly headed the retail division of the Chamber of Commerce and was chairman of the football program committee of the Cranford Boosters Club. He and his wife, Libby, reside at 201 High St. and are the parents of three, Sara, a freshman at Brandeis University; Mark, a freshman at Cranford High School; and Joshua, a second grader at Walnut School.



SINGING OUT: Members of the Region II Chorus rehearse under the baton of conductor Allen Crowell at Cranford High School where the singers will give a concert Sunday afternoon. Story is on Page A-10.

Fire chief maintains need for deputy for training

By CHERYL MOULTON
Cranford Fire Chief William Brown barely survived the Township Committee's first round of budget slashes in his pursuit of a deputy chief.

Admitting to town elders his request for additional men was "unrealistic," Brown went on to explain, "I believe there is only one avenue I have to let you know what the needs are of the department, and my priority would be the deputy chief." He again told the governing body of the firefighters' need for organized in-house training, indicating present training is run on a "hit or miss basis, more miss than hit."

This statement brought questions from Committee members about proper training of the firefighters. Brown told the governing body no records have been kept on in-house training, with no proof available in case a firefighter is hurt and a lawsuit is brought about. "The level of training depends on the captain a fireman trains under. Some are good and some are not. Some can teach and some cannot."

Taking umbrage with Brown's statement that no records have been kept, Commissioner Vince Brinkerhoff said, "With all due respect, I'm not trying to contradict you but Chief Dolan (now retired) said there are records, but if there are not, maybe he is wrong."

Brown told Brinkerhoff the department does keep merit incentive records, but to date have not and do not keep comprehensive individual firefighter records of training, or a breakdown for each individual. To this Brinkerhoff said, "The fire department has the best building, equipment and firefighters, but we are not taking care of the men."

Brown then explained, "I'm not going to say all the firefighters are trained well."

Mayor Ed Force suggested utilizing platoon captains for training. "The captain should be responsible for training his men, and keeping up

Zoning board denies variance for North Ave. conversion

By IRVING DICKMAN

An application for a variance that would convert a residence into a business office was one of the two requests denied by the Zoning Board of Adjustment at its meeting Monday night. The plea was rejected when other board members agreed with Geraldine Mattson that granting the variance "would change the character of the neighborhood," even though the applicant's attorney contended that the house "can no longer be used as a residence" because of heavy traffic on the street where the building is situated.

Noting that the home at 248 North Ave. is in an R-3 area, zoned for one- or two-family residences, Mattson said that granting the variance would in effect be "spot zoning," and added that "in the master plan this area has remained a residential zone through the years. It was the intent of the plan to keep it that way."

An additional reason for the rejection was that the property shares a driveway with the house next door to it, and that the zoning board "might put ourselves in jeopardy if we zone half the driveway

for commercial use, while the other half remains residential."

Earlier Joseph Pijanowski of Hampton Court, who owns the two-family residence at 246 which shares the driveway, said that while he was neither for nor against the application, "down the line I might also want a similar use-variance," adding, "If you do for one, how can you not do for another?"

The rejected application was made by John Mangano, who proposed to use the home for his title search and insurance business. Mangano, who currently has his office in Westfield, was represented by local attorney James M. Burke, who argued that the house has been on the market since last April, and that the lack of buyers would be a hardship on the current owners living in California.

Board chairman Richard Johnston pointed out that the length of time was not unusual in these days of "a depressed market for homes," and added that he didn't agree that the house is no longer suitable for residential purposes.

Board member Boris Bergen added, "Applicants do have the additional recourse of going to the Township Committee, and asking for a zoning change."

The second application rejected was by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Salay Jr. to construct an addition at the rear of their home at 126 Besler Ave. The two-story addition, which would include two bedrooms, a family room, a bath and would extend the existing kitchen, required a variance because it would extend too close to the rear property line. The request was opposed by Martha Hamm of 128 Besler, who argued that the addition would greatly reduce the sunlight on her house and leave her backyard "dark all the time."

The zoning board ultimately rejected the request for the necessary variance because it felt that there were other options available to the Salays. "There are a lot of solutions other than the one asked for," said board member Roman Chapelsky, a licensed architect. These include "sho-

tening the addition to obviate the need for a variance, and putting the structure at the side of house rather than the rear." Board vice chairman Robert Biach agreed that "obviously there are other reasonable alternatives available," and Johnston pointed out that the board "can grant a variance only if there are very specific hardships involved," which do not exist in this instance.

The single application which was approved involved the construction of an attached garage by Anthony Genova at 20 Dorchester Ave. Genova, whose family now owns four cars and a van, testified that he wanted to provide a two-car garage and a driveway for off-the-street parking. The variance was required because the property borders on an unimproved street, variously known as Cain Drive or Hendrix Street.

In other business, the board accepted site plans and granted final approval for a frozen yogurt store and a dry-cleaning business, both to be included in the new mini-mall at 6-20 South Avenue W.

'Our Town' becomes personalized

After reading Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," students in Eileen Dachnowicz's sophomore English class at Cranford High School decided to research their own town.

The class divided into five groups, each assigned to research a different historical period from Indian days to the present. One group made a video

tape of historic Cranford sites, another presented a newscast based on stories in back issues of the Chronicle. Members of the Cranford Historical Society as well as other residents were interviewed.

The class is planning to present a capsize version of its programs to the New Jersey history class.

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*Helen Aggar was the winner of the quilt in Cranford Parent Teacher Council's recent raffle.

*The Rev. Douglas Miller, as pastor of Cranford United Methodist Church, participated in the Martin Luther King ceremony at this church.

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UNSEASONABLE: Friday's unseasonably warm temperatures in the 60s were perfect for workers John Ornowski and Steve Budge to spruce up Cortina Restaurant while Ed Scanlon, 3, of Windsor Place enjoyed an ice cream cone from Sweet Dreams.



Chief Guertin proposes parking reconfiguration

By CHERYL MOULTON
Another reconfiguration of downtown parking has been proposed by Police Chief Robert Guertin after careful evaluation of September's plan revealed adjustments were needed.

Guertin suggested to that the Township Committee consider his proposed reconfiguration of downtown retail meters and nine-hour permit spaces. Explaining the township has provided an increase of 192 parking spaces to satisfy said they inbound and retail shopper parking, as well as new lot construction and reconfiguration, a new permit program, fees, enforcement program and supporting ordinances, he stressed the importance evaluation has played in maintaining excellent parking facilities for everyone.

Since last September, he said, an aggressive evaluation of parking demands was made. Several meetings were held to listen and respond to parkers' concerns. In light of this, Guertin proposed to the Township Committee an adjustment in parking spaces, with no negative impact on any of the three user demands. The Downtown Management Corporation (DMC) unanimously approved the reconfiguration on Dec. 18.

Included in reconfiguration were: the transfer of 13 nine-hour meters from Warner Plaza (North Avenue) to Municipal Lot 2 (S. Union Avenue). These nine-hour meters will replace 13 nine-hour permit stalls, which are underused in Lot 2, resulting in no loss in nine-hour meters.

The 13 permit spaces from Lot 2 will be re-allocated to Lot 1, eight spaces, and Lot 7, six spaces, which will result in no loss of nine-hour permit spaces. Guertin said this would address the recent concerns over insufficient nine-hour permits to accommodate employees in the North Avenue-N. Union block and the postal employees. Guertin said they received many complaints when the 15 spaces were removed from Lot 1.

Also proposed was the transfer of retail parking spaces removed from Lot 1 and Lot 7 to Warner Plaza.

Guertin anticipated the changes could be made with a minimum of in-

Plan board prioritizes 75 capital improvement projects

By CHERYL MOULTON

Cranford Planning Board members last week prioritized 75 capital improvement projects, putting 13 into the "urgent" category before sending the list to the Township Committee for its vote.

The assigned department requests into one of four categories—urgent, necessary, desirable and unclassified. According to finance director Tom Grady, \$270,000 is available in cash funds for capital improvement expenditures. There are two ways the township can fund projects: absolute cash or putting down a certain amount of money (usually 5%) and borrowing the rest.

The township has utilized a process called bond sale which is similar to a mortgage. A bank loans the town money at a fixed rate, 8% short term loan, and the interest is paid by the town. Last year the township spent \$1.2 million on capital projects, \$568,000 of which was borrowed under the bond system. Grady estimated the township will spend at least \$1.2 million this year.

Lexington Avenue reconstruction and Warner Plaza revitalization were placed at the top of the list, due to partial state funding received by the township. More modest requests comprised the bulk of the top 13, except for a new item—a \$340,000 air-conditioning system for the Municipal Building. The original request from the buildings and grounds department for \$300,000 worth of air-conditioning repairs developed into a complete new system estimated at \$340,000 after board members decided fixing the 25-year-old system was a waste of money. Mayor Ed Force reminded board members of the lack of air conditioning last August and September during the unrelenting heat. Board members, after discussion, decided a new system was needed, but research into exactly what the cost would be was warranted.

Also tabbed "urgent" were a photo

copy for the police department at \$7,700, a new sound and recording system for Rooms 107 and 108 in the Municipal Building at a cost of \$9,832, waterproofing of the exterior of the Community Center at \$31,000; window replacement at the Community Center at \$51,621; devices to find a downed firefighter at \$5,000, new traffic controllers at \$52,000, a blue print copier for the engineering department at \$7,500, and asbestos removal for the buildings and grounds department at \$10,000.

A new water tower for the library air-conditioner also was put in the urgent category, which brought about a discussion over the potential use of the Municipal Building's water tower, should the township get a new air-conditioning system. Board members decided to determine if the water tower would fit the needs of the library.

The second tier of projects were ranked "necessary" by the Planning Board. Topping the list in that category was the township's 50-50 sidewalk plan at \$25,000. Much discussion was generated on the merits of the program, with some board members voicing their objection to paying half the cost of improvements to property owned by residents. Ventilation of the Public Works roundhouse, no final dollar amount available, resurfacing of Williams, Quine (\$56,000) and Henrich streets (\$50,000) also were rated in the second category.

Another project rating "necessary" was a rescue truck for the fire department at an estimated cost of \$150,000. Force told board members that while at the League of Municipalities convention in Atlantic City he saw exhibit by a firm that could supply a complete, custom-made rescue truck for under \$100,000. Board members felt serious inquiry should be done before purchase of a rescue truck. Chairman Henry Dreyer said it was the board's duty to not just allocate requests into slots, but to determine if adequate research and

pricing had been done prior to submission of capital projects.

Also rated "necessary" were inside lighting for the Municipal Building at a cost of \$15,000, \$20,000 worth of improvements to the Municipal Building entrance, a pick-up truck for the police department to be used for line printing and barrier hauling, at a cost of \$11,500. The current truck is 15 years old.

Those projects in the third category, "desirable," included \$220,000 for automation of the library, \$320,000 for the Myrtle Street jughandle; \$300,000 for the reconstruction of Chestnut Street, and \$150,000 for parking of Chestnut Street. Other "desirable" projects included a \$20,000 squad van for the fire department and \$3,500 worth of repairs to the clay tennis courts.

Projects finishing in the "unclassified" category were new garages for the Community Center at \$165,000, renovation of Sherman Park at \$423,650, a new parking lot for the Community Center at \$100,000, a library reference station ventilation of the department at \$6,000, and library book security at \$17,700.

Also in the fourth category were road improvements to Vargas Place at \$12,500, Orchard Street resurfacing, no amount available, outside lighting for the Municipal Building at \$10,000, roof and gutter repairs there at \$6,000, and a new firehouse roof. Both roof requests were put in the "unclassified" position due to a lack of information.

The Township Committee will review the prioritized projects at the first workshop meeting in February.

Women invited to enter area Miss America Pageant

Applications are available for the Miss Union County Pageant, which is a preliminary event to the Miss America Pageant.

"Now is the time to decide for any young woman in the Union County area who qualifies," said Ruth Miller of Cranford, pageant chairman. The pageant will be held April 21 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Union County College.

Miller is asking civic and social organizations in the area to sponsor candidates and she called for individual young women to submit their names as entries.

Applications can be obtained by writing: Miss Union County Scholarship Pageant, P.O. Box 715, Cranford, N.J. 07016, 276-6821.

Contestants must be between the ages of 17 and 26 and must be a high school graduate by Labor Day.

Talent will be considered in the judging and Miller said women need not be trained in a specific field, but could consider a "talent unrealized."

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Commentary

Chance to serve and save

The Feb. 8 deadline for filing to run in April's school elections is fast approaching. Already four Cranford residents have filed in that community-incumbents Patti Martinelli, Henry Pavlak and James Van Horn as well as Len Chandros in his third try for a Board of Education seat. Three three-year terms will be available.

However, no one has declared his or her candidacy in Garwood or Kenilworth. Both boroughs will have to fill four seats—one one-year unexpired term each as well as three three-year terms apiece.

In Garwood incumbent Peter Perperas is not running while fellow board members Nancy Danchetz and Stephen LeFebvre are undecided. In Kenilworth Debra Fennes has opted not to run and JoAnn Dillon and Fred Plummer remain undecided.

Now is the time for residents willing and able to serve their community to step forward. New ideas are needed to insure quality education within the means of taxpayers.

Especially during the current municipal budget preparations we are aware how much government and its services cost. School expenses comprise the lion's share of homeowner's property taxes. Serving on the Board of Education can give taxpayers a direct input on school spending plans.

Prospective candidates have until 4 p.m. Feb. 8 to file nominating petitions for the April 3 election.

Mother hears Air Force son stationed in Panama is okay

By ELIZABETH FROST

"Hi, Mom. It's me, Jon." It was my son's standard greeting but it had been so long since I'd heard it, the words were music to my ears.

A month to the day since the Panama invasion, my first question naturally was: "Are you all right?" "Sure I am," he said. "I got your letter and the clipping, and Mom, you shouldn't have been so worried. I've been kind of busy."

"The war," as he put it, had fouled up their schedules on the flight lines. He's been working 12-hour days or nights—as the case may be. On Christmas Eve, his shift had ended at 7 a.m. and by the time he felt like calling home, all the lines on base were tied up. There are no pay phones and service men were not allowed to go into Panama City, except on buses or a bike.

"What did you think about the article?" I asked hesitantly, remembering his modesty.

"It was all right," he replied but I could tell he was grinning. His main objection was that I had given him an Army rank. "It's staff sergeant in the Air Force," he told me.

Sorry, "bout that, Jon. And I didn't even know he's now an E-5, not that I understand those ratings. He admitted he was glad I felt the way I do about the U.S. intervention.

He said there had been rumors about something big about to happen before the invasion but there was no specific information. And he added, it's been a "worse hassle" since then, with so many troops coming in so fast. He was happy that some of them could return to the States and his own stay may be shortened a few months.

Some men may be allowed to have their families come down if they have to stay longer but he doesn't think it will be easy for them.

When I asked about his living conditions, Jon said they were better now than when he arrived. The first week his group was on field rations and they were shuttled from temporary quarters to his work station. At least he didn't have to live in a tent or a school although many others did. He's just been moved into off-base housing with three other men and for the first time has easy access to a telephone.

The weather in Panama? They're now in their "dry season" with temperatures ranging from 85 to 90 degrees every day. It's also very humid, he said, "just like New Jersey summers." I could almost see him, sweating profusely, as usual.

While he never saw Noriega, even when the general was flown out of the country, he said everyone felt relieved when he was gone. But even now they don't make a difference. The Panama Defense Forces "guys" are still around and they're always on alert.

Even after a lengthy conversation, I still had a lot of questions which he promised to answer by mail. But now I can emphatically say, "Relief is only a phone call away."

Planner advises rezoning

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Finding the potential for a "serious problem which should be immediately addressed by the township," he stressed that Walnut Avenue and Raritan Road are under the jurisdiction of the county which has no plans for widening them in the area. Also residential development precludes expansion of the road system.

In addition, certain uses which are permitted in the Harts-Hyatt area are not compatible with adjacent single-family residences. The evaluation also concluded no significant retail development should occur because the location of a major retail center outside the central business district is contrary to the intent of Cranford's master plan, which calls for the continued protection and enhancement of the downtown, and retail use would generate noise, lights and traffic in the evenings and on weekends when the surrounding residential areas would be most sensitive to such impacts.

Finally, while residential use, Slachetka said, would be the lowest generator of traffic, there are "serious practical difficulties to implementing such a development option."

Specifically cited was the location of the existing 350,000-square-foot building on the former Beecham site as increasing significantly the land reuse costs under any residential redevelopment option.

Prior to the evaluation by Slachetka, Force told the audience of 75 there would be no public input after the presentation, saying it would be disservice to everyone concerned, until the Township Committee had a chance to review the evaluation, and decide if it would be sent to the Planning Board for review. He thanked the Residents Against the Mall (RAM) for coming to the meeting, as well as members of the Cranford Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment. He also said copies of the evaluation, prepared by the firm at the direction of the township, would be available at the Municipal Building for anyone interested.

After the presentation, Force, with the concurrence of fellow elders, asked Slachetka to prepare a model ordinance for review by the governing body.

Calendar of meetings

Thursday, Feb. 1
8 p.m. Kenilworth Planning Board, Borough Hall

Monday, Feb. 5
8:35 p.m. Cranford Board of Adjustment, Municipal Building

Tuesday, Feb. 6
7:30 p.m. Cranford Township Committee workshop, Municipal Building

8 p.m. Garwood Board of Adjustment, Borough Hall

Wednesday, Feb. 7
7:30 p.m. Kenilworth Board of Education budget meeting, Harding School

8 p.m. Cranford Planning Board, Municipal Building

Monday, Feb. 12



Viewpoint

High-handed attitude

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express myself on a few points. As has been reported, I have submitted my resignation as mayor of Kenilworth effective Feb. 1 due to my continuing health problems. I regret having to do this; however, it is a decision I had to make because I must consider my health my No. 1 priority.

Let me set a few points straight. During my illness Councilmembers Joseph Rego, Dennis Schultz and Tony Montuori kept in close contact with me. They all visited me in the hospital, telephoned me and sent me get well cards. The three obstructionists on the council Al Testa, Gene Pepe and Gregg David never contacted me, visited me, called to see how I was or even sent a get well card. All they did was complain that I did not call them.

It seems to me that communication is a two-way street, and when someone is hospitalized, as I was for 98 days, one usually doesn't make a list of people he or she should call to ask how they are doing. The people on the outside should contact the hospitalized person to find out how he is doing. The warped and distorted ideas that these men have are totally illogical and off the wall.

Their high-handed and arrogant attitude was shown on New Year's Day when they summarily dismissed David Wright as superintendent of public works and left him unemployed.

Joseph A. Benintente
Mayor of Kenilworth

'That's politics'

To the Editor:

Isn't it curious that Kenilworth Councilman Joe Rego cries "politics" only when it suits his convenience. Has he forgotten that prior to the 1987 primary elections, he approached a Democratic committee member asking to run on the Democratic ticket? As then Democratic Committee chairman, I introduced Rego as our candidate at a Democratic Club meeting held at Ange and Min's Restaurant.

The following Thursday, I was astounded to read in the local weeklies that Rego had switched parties and was running as a Republican. He didn't even give us the courtesy of a phone call. We had to learn about it from the newspapers. Does Rego still truly talk politics?

Insofar as his assignment to the Department of Public Works, Rego should act like a man and do the job he was elected to do. I'm permitted to say that because I once was where Rego finds himself today. On Jan. 1,

1985, after completing the previous year as police commissioner, the new Republican-Republican-controlled Council without any consultation told me that DPW would be my committee.

As a four-year Council veteran, I had hoped to have some input in committee selection, but was given no consideration. The big difference is that unlike Rego, I didn't go crying to the press and the public but accepted the portfolio, fully aware that with a 5-1 majority it wasn't going to be an easy job. Also, I gave the people of Kenilworth my best efforts, considering the obstacles placed in my path by the opposition. Rego can check it out with his cohorts, Joe Benintente and Tony Montuori. As a matter of fact, it was Montuori who very arrogantly said, "Hey, what do you want Baldacchini, that's politics?"

Phyllis Baldacchini
8 Red Oak Lane
Kenilworth

Blinded by ambition

To the Editor:

I am responding to Peter Genova's stand on the New Jersey Assembly's Aircraft Noise Control Act. This is truly a case of a politician blinded by his own ambition.

About two years ago, Mr. Genova pledged his support to Cranford's Stop the Noise Committee. First, he attended meetings that held in the town hall. Second, he spoke or made his presence known at every meeting. Third, he arranged a meeting with the committee and Gov. Kean.

However, this meeting did not accomplish any of its established goals. The most important of which was the reduction of aircraft noise created by the Expanded East Coast Plan. Stop the Noise members expressed their concerns and suggestions to Kean but there was little follow-up by the governor and his staff. I am sure that Kean was probably more preoccupied thinking about his next "New Jersey & You" commercial.

Nevertheless, the committee has always received the strong, loyal support of Assemblywoman Maureen Ogden. On the other hand, Mr. Genova has appeared to have filled the stereotype of another elected official who let down his constituents in a time of need.

Donna J. Shuell
101 Elmora Ave.

Paucity of flags

To the Editor:

I am upset every year on the day reserved for expressing respect to the late Dr. Martin Luther King when I note the paucity of American flags hanging from American homes. It is always interesting to note that the very same people who wouldn't miss putting out the flag on other national holidays seem to "forget" this national holiday.

America stands for freedom of choice, and I do not intend to impose my personal, or Congress', view regarding the importance of Dr. King's life upon American society and values, nor do I wish to make any accusations as to why people choose not to fly their flags. I only wish they would.

Bill Nierstedt
320 Hickory Ave.
Garwood

Cranford's finest

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to commend one of Cranford's police officers for his keen sense of awareness. On Jan. 6 while on patrol, Officer Frank Hanley observed that my car was missing from its usual parking space behind my building. Knowing that at that time of the day I am usually at work, Officer Hanley came to investigate the situation. His discovery that the car was missing alerted us to the fact that our car had been stolen.

Officer Hanley's handling of the situation was outstanding. His professional keen sense of detail and knowledge of the people and businesses on his beat should be commended. Officer Hanley really is one of "Cranford's finest."

Joan Hayeck
Owner, Hayeck's Fine Foods
515 Centennial Ave.



BREAD BAKING: Oran Lipsky helps son Eli combine challah ingredients in Sunday's youth group program at Temple Beth-El.

Jewish youth and parents bake bread at temple

"Every child should experience the smell of a fresh challah (holiday bread) baking in their own home," said home economist Diane Miller as she began the Temple Beth-El youth club program Sunday.

Miller, director of food services for the Township Board of Education, has been teaching food and nutrition classes throughout the state for the past 20 years. The challah maven, as she introduced herself, explained that challah is the traditional bread served at Sabbath and holiday meals.

At Temple Beth-El, youth members in grades 3 to 6 joined their parents for a "hands-on" experience of making challah in a bag.

A three-step process is used when making challah, she explained. First, dough is made and allowed to rise. Then the dough is shaped into a braid and allowed to rise again. Finally, the challah is ready to be baked. "Anise homemade loaf is as special an unit as any bread that makes it, and the most impor-

tant ingredient is love," said Miller. Each child and parent brought home dough to braid and bake so that the aroma of a fresh baked challah would permeate their homes.

Today even though challah can be purchased at the local bakery, many are discovering the joy of making it at home. "There is much pleasure and satisfaction in working with the dough and shaping it yourself," Miller said, as parents and children experienced during Sunday's program.

The youth club is open to Jewish children in grades 3 to 6. For more information call Charna Lavikoff, 276-6549.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Cranford Library is celebrating Black History Month during January. Biographies of black Americans can be found on display in the children's department and in the main reading room.

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Elderly couple's housing dilemma still is not resolved

By CHERYL MOULTON

The scenario reads like the plot from a soap opera—only the characters are real and the clock continues to tick for the elderly couple facing eviction from the town-owned home that soon will be demolished, making way for the second senior citizen housing complex.

Eleventh hour efforts to help Helen and Herman Sommerlad, who are in their 80s, secure entrance into the Edward Gill senior housing complex continue despite the fickle outlook of securing a waiver from HUD (Housing and Urban Development) permitting that move.

The issue surfaced last fall when the proposed second senior housing complex received Planning Board approval and state funding approval needed to proceed. The second complex will be built on property located on Lincoln Avenue and Meeker Street, abutting the first senior center.

The Sommerlads, who have lived in the township-owned building for 11 years, were notified in October that they had one month to leave their home.

This came on the heels of the Cranford housing board's receiving the go ahead on the second complex. Due to funding hitches, it was anticipated by the housing board 10 percent of the funding, or \$700,000, would have to be spent by the end of 1989 in order to not lose the tax credit funding approval from the state, which funded nearly one-half of the proposed \$7-million project.

In that context, an eviction notice was issued to the Sommerlads, indicating they would have to be out before the end of the year.

As fall turned into winter, the housing board raced against time in an effort to get into the ground before the end of the year, until a gimmick of sorts was utilized to allow the funding restrictions to be bypassed. With this last-minute move in progress, the Sommerlads were notified of a time extension on their eviction.

In December it was learned the eviction notice was served on the Sommerlads in order to qualify them for eligibility into the first senior housing complex. According to Cranford township administrator Edward Murphy, regulations from Housing and Urban Development (HUD), un-

der which the first senior housing complex, set income limits for eligibility. The Sommerlads' income was slightly above the maximum permitted. If, however, according to HUD, senior citizens are evicted, then they immediately qualify for a waiver.

Finding a way around HUD's complicated 206 funding program has continued to be a problem for those trying to help the elderly couple. Doug Nordstrom, Republican municipal chairman and former Township Committee member as well as liaison to the Cranford Housing Board, was and continues to be an active part of seeing the second senior complex come to fruition. He contends everyone is working feverishly to get a waiver from HUD for the Sommerlads, however, one roadblock after another has been encountered.

With construction due to begin in March, Nordstrom anticipates the house in which the Sommerlads reside will have to be vacated by the end of February. According to Mrs. Sommerlad, they have notice to be out by the end of January.

Nordstrom, frustrated by the complications he has come up against, enlisted the help of Republican Congressman Matthew Rinaldo's office in Washington, D.C. Louise Maus, chief case worker for Rinaldo, said on Monday the case is complicated due to many factors. From what has been able to determine, the original line of jurisdiction started not with HUD, but with the Department of Community Affairs, which reverts to the original funding of the first senior housing complex. Section 8 subsidy funding under HUD, the DCA denied the waiver, as has HUD in Newark. Under HUD regulations, seniors must qualify at the time of entrance into a HUD-funded complex.

The Sommerlads' income, said Maus, is \$1,400 over the maximum income allowed for subsidized housing entry. She has not, however, been deterred by the negative turn of events, and is anticipating a meeting in the next few days with HUD Central in Washington. Maus did say the Sommerlads do not meet any of HUD's six technical reasons for a waiver.

Maus considers the problem "not resolved yet" and is hopeful for more information within the next few days.

Meanwhile back at Lincoln Avenue, the Sommerlads are living day to day, wondering where they will go and when. Mrs. Sommerlad recently had surgery for a tumor on her arm. That and her husband's heart condition have prevented an intensive search for another apartment, which must be on the first floor due to Mr. Sommerlad's illness. When they moved from Jersey City 11 years ago, she fell in love with Cranford and feels it would "break her heart" to leave the town. "Will we be out on the street, two old people?" she questions.

Dog licenses due for renewal

Township dog licenses are due for renewal by Jan. 31 or a late fee of \$1 will be charged. License fee is \$10 for dogs not neutered, \$7 for those neutered.

Residents may mail in a check for the proper amount with a copy of last year's receipt, a self-addressed stamped envelope and proof of rabies shot and neutering to the Township of Cranford, 8 Springfield Ave., Cranford 07016, or renew in person at Municipal Hall this Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon or weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

ENVIRONMENT TIP

Americans, with only 5 to 6 percent of the world's population, own and drive about 5 percent of the world's cars. The emissions from these cars are a significant contributor of hazardous ozone levels in the earth's atmosphere, especially in urban areas, and to global warming (the greenhouse effect) and acid rain.

Drive your car only when absolutely necessary; and when you do, remember that the 55 mph speed limit was set to give maximum engine efficiency, and as a result, the lowest possible emissions; use public transportation whenever you can, join a car pool and to from work; for shorter distances, ride a bicycle or walk. It'll be good for your health and the environment too.

Parents want school closed for safety on Election Day

By ROSALIE GROSS

Parents of Cranford elementary pupils have begun circulating a petition calling for public schools to be closed on Election Day that involve presidential and gubernatorial balloting.

Carolyn Chelland of Morse Street asked the Board of Education to consider approving a policy to close schools on major Election Days. She said the increased traffic poses a security problem as children dash between parked and moving cars. She also said the influx of persons in the school buildings creates a security problem that the schools are not equipped to handle.

The petition, said Chelland, has just been started and already has gained nearly 100 signatures. She said it is being distributed to PTA housing leagues and through town.

She suggested the board could reduce the number of "snow days" from three to two to accommodate an Election Day school closing.

Chelland said that at Livingston School voters were found "roaming the halls," in the PTA kitchen and in the lavatories. She said the problem is "indicative of all the schools."

Michael Napolitano, principal at Livingston, said schools expect a more relaxed security situation on Election Day. On all other days, visitors to the schools must sign in at the office. Napolitano said voters may begin looking at school projects displayed in the hallways and continuing viewing them until they find themselves at the end of a hall.

Board vice president Robert Sinterich, who was presiding in Ellen Heller's absence, said the board will consider the request when reviewing the calendar for the 1990-91 school year.

Oil-price jump fueled by cold, or greed?

Heating oil prices up 20% in last 9 days

Heating oil prices hit 5-year high in biggest surge of the decade

Heating-oil price probe

Senator: Increase is 'shocking'

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LIVING BIOGRAPHIES: Presenting biography book reports dressed as famous persons from history are members of Pamela Fisezi's reading class at Harding School, from left, Jessica Parciak as Annie Oakley, Nadia Petropoulos as Amelia Earhart, Brian Van Buskirk as Jim Brown and Stacey Raimond as Florence Nightingale.

County schools chief closes tape case file

By JOANNE McFADDEN

The decision by Vito Gagliardi, Union County superintendent of schools, not to pursue the case of the seven missing tape recordings of confidential Kenilworth Board of Education meetings was disclosed in a Jan. 12 letter to board president Carmine Rossetti.

In the letter, Gagliardi stated, "The remediation of any actions must ultimately be addressed by the Kenilworth Board of Education and plans have been developed to initiate corrective action. I do not feel that further intervention by the Department of Education will provide any new information. In fact, further disruption in my opinion, will not be in the best interest of the students or community of Kenilworth."

The letter was a summary of a meeting Jan. 9 between Gagliardi, Rossetti and Kenilworth school superintendent Anthony Richel. According to Gagliardi, he suggested that Rossetti take a poll of the board members to decide if public discussion of the Nov. 28 prosecutor's report regarding the investigation should be continued. "Public discussion of the report will be decided by consensus of the Board of Education," the letter reads.

Reached by telephone Monday, Rossetti said that the letter had not yet been distributed to the board. "I will share the contents of the letter with the board at the next meeting (Feb. 12) and we will discuss it then," he said.

In the letter, Gagliardi acknowledged Rossetti's arrangement with the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSEA) for a series of in-service meetings "beginning in March."

Rossetti confirmed the arrangement. "We agreed that Carole Lar-

Brent David would be next in line as chief if Council strictly adheres to borough code

By PETER WAMSTEKER

If the borough code governing police department promotions is strictly interpreted by Borough Council before Feb. 1, then the next chief of police will be Capt. Brent David.

Borough attorney Brad Bury, reading from the code Tuesday, said that no one is eligible for a promotion without having first served in the next lower rank. In the case of the chief's position, the only eligible candidates would be Capt. Brent David and Donald Tison.

The ordinance stresses, however, that the "promotion to superior rank from the department shall be made with due regard to the length of service of the person to be promoted and his merit. Preference will be given to whomever has served the longest with the department."

David is a 28-year veteran on the force and has been captain since 1982. He is the brother of Chief Charles David, who is retiring Feb. 1, father of patrolman Mark David and the uncle of finance commissioner Gregg David.

Tison, who has served 26 years with the department, was promoted to captain in June 1988.

The issue about who would replace the current chief was raised Tuesday by Republican Councilman Joseph Rego when he asked acting mayor

Gene Pepe why only two candidates were being considered.

Pepe sent a letter Jan. 18 to Rego telling him that he received and was currently reviewing two resumes submitted by members of the department with regard to the vacancy. Pepe made the decision to review only two candidates based on the ordinance but offered to let Rego make his own nominations for the position. Rego, a retired police lieutenant, declined.

As acting mayor, Pepe, a Democrat, will nominate a candidate and the Borough Council, with a 5-1 Democratic majority, will either accept or reject the nomination. Rego is the lone Republican on the Council.

In other police related matters, the Council failed to appoint a second candidate "to the police academy, which begins classes Feb. 2 in Scotch Plains. While most councilmen would not comment on the reasons they declined to make the appointment, police commissioner Jeff Corcione emphasized that the two remaining candidates were not "outright rejected."

The decision to hire two additional patrolmen was made in September after patrolman Joseph Spisello left the department to move to Florida. Another vacancy was expected after Chief David announced his plans to

Borough briefs Drivers told to avoid muddy area

In response to numerous complaints recently about dirt and mud in roadways near the Schering-Plough construction site on Fairview Avenue, police have advised residents to avoid the area until the department has had an opportunity to talk with the corporation's representatives.

Recently heavy rains and snow have created muddy conditions that have been made worse by trucks leaving the site near 31st Street and Summer.

Captain Brent David said Tuesday that members of the police and borough engineer Mike Disko will talk with Schering representatives and construction workers this week to resolve the problem.

Clean Communities grant

Residents can look forward to a cleaner community since the borough received a Clean Communities Program Grant Tuesday from the state.

The \$10,000 grant was awarded for the purpose of keeping the town clean and provides funding for education programs, signs, pamphlets and part-time workers during the summer, according to public works superintendent Frank Plummer.

Plummer was designated Clean Communities coordinator Tuesday by the Borough Council and will be responsible for enforcing the grant's requirements that litter baskets be placed every quarter mile in the borough.

Art lessons for children

The Kenilworth recreation department will sponsor an eight-week art program for pupils in grades 2 through 7 beginning Feb. 3.

Registration will be held Saturday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the basement of the public library. Instructor Janet M. Murphy will teach a one-hour session for beginners and one hour for advanced pupils. A graduate of the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, she has been an instructor for several years.

Birthday party for seniors

Eleven members of the Kenilworth Senior Citizens Club were honored for their January birthdays at the monthly party Jan. 18. They are John Bondurich, Walter Caldwell, Betty Curran, W. Frances Duffy, Catherine Keogh, Mary Lohman, Frances Murphy, Wanda Peterson, Josephine Torretti, Joe Tripodi and Walter Urban.

Sheriff's officers Lisa Carvalho and Pat Engle brought several dogs from the canine division and demonstrated their use for sniffing drugs and tracking suspects.

Reservations for a Feb. 1 trip to the Ice Capades at the Meadowlands may be made with Ann Sabolchick, 276-9434, on Tuesdays and Fridays at the center, 272-7443.

Borough Council open house

An open house will be held the first Saturday of every month between 10 a.m. and noon in Borough Hall for residents who are unable to attend Borough Council workshops and meetings during the week.

At least two members from the governing body will be available on a rotating basis to answer questions, offer advice on where to go for help and to be of general service to the community.

Board of Health officers

Dr. Edmund A. Johnkins was elected president of Kenilworth Board of Health at its reorganization meeting Jan. 18. Mildred A. Galasso was elected vice president.

Johnkins appointed Galasso finance chairman, Michael Vitale food and drugs chairman, Charles Scheuermann sanitation chairman and LeRoy Meyer industrial chairman. Cathy Filippone was named school nurse for St. Theresa's School and Dr. Jaya Satwalekar school physician. Muriel H. Galati was appointed secretary to the Board of Health, deputy registrar and notary public.

Portraits taken as fund-raiser

The senior class at David Brearley High School, in conjunction with Martino Studio, is selling 8-by-10-inch portraits at \$9.95 as a fund-raiser. The offer will last through Jan. 31. Call the school, 272-7500, for information. The portraits can be given as gifts.

Valentine candy counting contest

Kenilworth Public Library will have a Valentine candy counting contest from Feb. 1 to 13. Children 4 to 7 years of age may guess the contents of one jar and children 8 to 12 will have their own jar. The winner will get the candy and the jar.

Card party

David Brearley High School PTA will sponsor its annual card party Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Proceeds will be used for scholarships for graduating seniors and \$500 will be donated to the handicapped special services fund.

Admission is \$4 and participants are asked to bring their own cards. The public is welcome and the event will be held even if it snows.

SPECTRUM

Katcher-Unger marriage takes place at Atrium West

Amy Sue Unger, daughter of Enid and Richard Unger of Iselin, was married Nov. 12 to Ronald Saul Katcher, son of Lillian Katcher of Cranford and the late Sam Katcher.

Rabbi Milton Kula performed the ceremony at The Atrium West in West Orange.

Randi Garber was matron of honor and Carol Zakow was bridesmaid. Edward Garber was best man and ushers were Lawrence Zakow and Andrew Waldman.

Mrs. Katcher is a graduate of John F. Kennedy High School, Iselin, and Phi Theta Kappa graduate of Middlesex County College, Edison, where she received degrees in both special and radiography education. She is a registered radiological technologist with Roosevelt Hospital, Edison.

Mr. Katcher is a graduate of Cranford High School and Rutgers University, where he received a bachelor's degree in accounting. He is studying at Fairleigh Dickinson University for a master's degree in taxation. He is employed by RTK Corp., New Providence, as an accounting supervisor.

Following a honeymoon in Spain, the couple is residing in Iselin.

Mary Beth Gurski becomes engaged

The engagement of Mary Beth Gurski of New York City to Mark William McDonough, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. McDonough of Allentown, Pa., was announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Gurski, formerly of Cranford.

The bride-elect graduated from Cranford High School and as valedictorian from Fordham University. She is enrolled in a master's degree program at Columbia University. Her fiancé graduated from Christian Brothers Academy, Lincroft, and Fordham University. He will graduate in May from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, Philadelphia.

Tammy Reo to wed David Schmidt

Tammy Reo, daughter of Samuel and Theresa Reo of Kenilworth, is engaged to David Schmidt, son of Salvatore and Betty Scavone of Sayreville.

The couple will be married in August.

Miss Reo is a graduate of David Brearley High School and Douglass College. She is an elementary school teacher and is studying for a master's degree at Kean College. Her fiancé, a graduate of Sayreville Memorial High School, is a member of the New Jersey Police Academy at Sea Girt, is a police officer.

Juniors welcome new members

The Cranford Junior Woman's Club, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, began the new year with the annual new members dinner. New members are Janice Bottino, Laura Gardner, Laurie Lubin and Elaine Puma.

Club members are completing plans for several activities in the coming months. The fifth annual spelling bee will be held Jan. 30 at Cranford Library. Completed registration forms, available at the library, are due by tomorrow to 34 Concord St. Cranford librarians will serve as judges.

VIA to hold planning meeting

Members of the Village Improvement Association will meet Feb. 5 at 8 a.m. at the home of Jo D'Arcangelo to discuss final plans for the club year. Terri Abraham and Marie Neward will be co-hostesses.

Mrs. Abraham, Jeanette Callanan, Jacky Ellis and Marie Leaghey will assist the Junior Woman's Club blood drive Feb. 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Center.

The VIA's nominating committee, Mrs. Callanan, Mrs. D'Arcangelo, Mrs. Leaghey and Clara Venturi, will meet Feb. 1 at Mrs. Ellis' home to begin forming a new executive board for the club year starting Sept. 1.

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Rabbino-D'Apuzzo engagement told

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D'Apuzzo of Oakwood, Staten Island, announce the engagement of their daughter, Deborah Ann, to Douglas Leigh Rabbino, son of Lois Rabbino of Cranford and the late Ez Perry Rabbino.

Miss D'Apuzzo, an alumna of St. Joseph's-High School and St. John's University, recently accepted a position as assistant to the director of administration for Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, a law firm in Manhattan. Miss D'Apuzzo was formerly manager of personnel and administrative services for Public Securities Association, an international trade association based in New York.

Mr. Rabbino, 1977 graduate of Cranford High School, received a bachelor's degree from Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa. He is vice president with Group Plan Consultants, a corporate benefits consulting firm in Manhattan.

Hansel-Van der Kuil betrothal told

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Van der Kuil of Ymuiden, Netherlands, announce the engagement of their daughter, Saskia, to Charles Francis Hansel III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Francis Hansel Jr. of Cranford.

The future bride, an alumna of Herring Swell Manor School, Suffolk, England, and George Washington University, Washington, D.C., is fashion coordinator for Boston Proper Catalogue.

Mr. Hansel is an alumnus of Berwick Academy, North Berwick, Maine, and Franklin Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa. He is affiliated with the investment banking firm of

Births

Richard and Nanette Salls of 10 Oneida Pl. announce the birth of their second child, Michael Christopher, at Rahway Hospital Jan. 6. He joins a brother, Richard Jr. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Vissokas, Parsippany, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Salls, Union.

Andrew Ciencin was born Dec. 24 at Overlook Hospital to Marybeth and Tim Ciencin of 369 S. Union Ave. He has a brother, Brian, 3½.

A son, Kyle Richard, was born Jan. 8 to Penny and Richard Wagenblast of Big Bear City, Calif. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bernard A. Wagenblast of Cranford and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reigel of Big Bear City, Calif. Maternal great-grandmother is Blanche Lines of Redlands, Calif.

Kathy and Marshall Silverman of Cranbury announce the birth of Alexander Perry Dec. 30 at St. Barnabas Medical Center. He joins a brother, Zachary Paul, 23 months. Grandparents are Bernard and Robert Silverman of Cranford and Robert and Nancy Brooks in Maine.

Women to work on art project

Members of the applied arts department of Wednesday Morning Club will decorate Shaker boxes at a meeting at 8 a.m. Feb. 1 at the Community Center. Doreen Livingston and Mary Spicer are hostesses.

Vice president Helena Macklin, Irma Mirante, Mary Hackett, Luda Spokoguy and Catherine Portier will attend a Feb. 1 brunch at L'Affaire sponsored by the sixth district of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs to benefit a maintenance project for state headquarters in New Brunswick.

Chinese auction

Mother Seton Regional High School will sponsor a Chinese auction Feb. 2 starting at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium, Valley Road, Clark. Admission is \$3 and advanced sale tickets at \$2 may be purchased at the school office.

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Lisa Marie Ryan is betrothed

Mr. and Mrs. Liam J. Ryan of Cranford announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Marie, to Glenn Scott Durant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Durant of Scotch Plains.

Miss Ryan graduated in 1982 from Mount Saint Mary Academy, Washington, and in 1986 from Fairleigh Dickinson University. She is employed by Chubb and Son, Princeton, as a human resource representative.

Mr. Durant graduated in 1982 from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and in 1988 from DeVry Technical Institute. He is employed by Cardkey Systems, Teaneck, as a field engineer. A June wedding is planned.

Spinning demo at Miller-Cory House

Miller-Cory House volunteer Mary Jane Allen will demonstrate how thread was made from spinning in Colonial times at Sunday's open house from 2 to 4 p.m. at the historic estate at 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield.

A demonstration of butter churning also will be given. Chris Glazer of Cranford will be among the costumed doctants conducting tours of the pre-Revolutionary house. The museum shop also will be open.

Baseball cards

A baseball card and comic book show will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Kenilworth Holiday Inn. More than 50 tables of merchandise will be featured.

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Harding grads equal or above peers in district

By JOANNE McFADDEN

Harding School graduates are working at or above their ability at Brearley High School, according to principal Fred Rica. On Monday, Rica presented to the school board's education committee a review of the TASK achievement test administered to Brearley freshmen in September. "Our kids are doing well there and they should be congratulated," he said.

In the school ability subset, which is an intelligence test, 92 percent of Brearley students scored average or above average as compared to the regional high school district average of 95 percent. The regional high school district average is determined from scores from Arthur Johnson, David Brearley, Governor Livingston, and Jonathan Dayton high schools.

In a comparison of scores to ability, 84 percent of Brearley students were working at their ability compared to the district average of 79. Brearley had the lowest percentage

of students working below their potential, 15 percent, reported Rica. "All other schools had a larger percentage of under-achievers," said Rica. "On the profile of how well our students are doing, they are doing very well," he added.

The district average of students scoring at or above average in reading comprehension was 92 percent, reading vocabulary 95 percent and spelling 86 percent. Brearley students scored 88 percent, 91 percent and 72 percent, respectively.

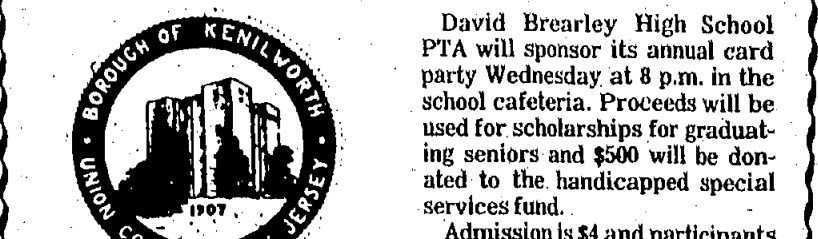
In English, 91 percent of Brearley students scored average or above average compared to the 93 percent district average. In math, the district average was 92 percent at or above average; Brearley's percentage was 88.

"We have a larger number in the higher ranges when we compare the students' ability to the scores obtained," said Rica. "Our kids are not sitting back and wasting their abilities; they are pushing ahead," he added.

A Kenilworth man indicted Jan. 16 by a Union County grand jury for attempted murder is being held at the Union County Jail in Elizabeth in lieu of posting \$45,000 bail pending trial.

Rick Zamora of Kenilworth was charged Nov. 28 with robbery, possession of an illegal weapon, aggravated assault and the attempted murder of Thomas McKenna, 24, of Cranford near N. 21st Street.

According to police, Zamora and McKenna left the Three Brothers Tavern at around 7 p.m. Nov. 28 after Zamora offered the victim a ride. Before leaving, Zamora allegedly pulled a knife, demanded money and began stabbing McKenna. McKenna



Obituaries

Margaret Tarakajian

Margaret Dorian Tarakajian, 68, sister of Ira Dorian Tarakajian, died Jan. 7 in Hackensack Medical Center.

Born in Norristown, Pa., she lived in Cranford before moving to Hackensack in 1946.

Mrs. Tarakajian had been a chemist with the Exxon Corp., Linden, three years before leaving in 1946. She was a 1943 graduate of Douglass College.

She was a member of the Douglass Alumni Council, the Women's Club of Hackensack, the Pioneers Chapter 127 Order of the Eastern Star, the

Nathan Palevsky

Former Cranford resident Nathan Palevsky, 89, died Saturday in Elizabeth General Hospital.

Born in Newark, Mr. Palevsky had lived in Cranford for 12 years before moving to Elizabeth nearly two years ago. He was a member of the Golden Group of Temple Beth-El.

Mr. Palevsky retired from the restaurant business 25 years ago.

His wife, the former Ruth Kreitz-

Eleanor Crane

Graveside services are set for 11 a.m. today at Fairview Cemetery, Westfield, for Cranford native Eleanor J. Crane, 80, who died Monday in JFK Hospital, West Palm Beach, Fla.

Born in Cranford, Miss Crane moved to West Palm Beach in 1965. She was a member of Cranford United Methodist Church where

Graveside services were by Dooley Funeral Home.

Catherine Casale

Catherine Healey Casale of Cranford died Saturday at Overlook Hospital after a long illness.

Before retiring in 1984, Mrs. Casale had been a waitress at the Cranford Diner for 40 years.

She was a member of the Cranford Senior Citizens Club and the American Association of Retired Persons.

Born in Manchester, N.H., she had lived in Cranford for 50 years.

Her first husband, Ernest Lyons, died in 1953. Her second husband, Charles, died in 1968. Surviving are two sons, Ronald Lyons of Garwood and Robert Lyons of Cranford; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Dooley Funeral Home.

Project Home

raises \$4,750

Project Home raised over \$4,750 during 1989 to provide temporary financial assistance to help pay rent or security deposits for Cranford families in need, according to Edith Coogan, president.

Contributions were raised from local organizations: Church Women United, Clergy Council, Junior Woman's Club, Rotary Club and Village Improvement Association and individuals. Donations have been presented to Sylvia Sidoti, director of Cranford Family Care Association, who works closely with Project Home.

According to Sidoti, seven families facing housing emergencies were assisted last year. "Most Cranford residents don't think about homelessness, but a major illness, inadequate medical insurance or alcoholism could cause it," said Coogan.

Anyone wishing to become a member of Project Home may send a tax-deductible donation of \$5 to Project Home, P.O. Box 724, Cranford.

CATHEDRAL CONCERT

Haig Mardrossian, director of music at Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington, Va., will perform a program of French music on the newly restored Schantz organ at Newark's Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 7 p.m. Jan. 28. Call 484-4900.

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE

The public notice was published on and passed on the 21st day of January 1990 and shall be taken up for consideration by the Board of Aldermen on the 21st day of February 1990.

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Anna Garramone

Anna Moretti Garramone, 94, died at Cranford on Jan. 16 in Mountain-side Hospital, Montclair, after a long illness.

Mrs. Garramone had been a supervisor with the Internal Revenue Service of Newark for 20 years before retiring 24 years ago. During World War I she worked as a bookkeeper with the Brooklyn Navy Yard. During World War II she was a supervisor with the Office of Dependency Benefits of Newark.

She was a Red Cross volunteer worker and a member of the National Association of Internal Revenue Employees.

Born in Newark, she lived in Rose-

Mariangela Milazzo

Mariangela Pipitone Milazzo, 91, of Cranford died Jan. 21 in Birchwood Nursing Home, Edison, after a brief illness.

Mrs. Milazzo was a parishioner of St. Michael Church and a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Society in Brooklynn and Cranford. Born in Camporeale, Italy, she settled in Brooklynn in 1923 and moved to Cranford 50 years ago.

Her husband, Joseph, died in 1987.

Surviving are three daughters, Fara DeRose, Sara Pollera and Mary Marlowe, all of South Plainfield; two sons, Salvatore G. of Glastonbury, Conn., and Erasmo of Cranford; a sister, Josephine Bonura of Florida; 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was offered yesterday at St. Michael Church. Arrangements were by Dooley Funeral Home.

Services were held Tuesday at Menorah Chapels at Millburn, Union.

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Sophie Mazur

Sophie Richman Mazur, mother of Cranford resident Ronald Mazur, died Saturday in Greynolds Manor Nursing Home, North Miami Beach, Fla.

Mrs. Mazur had been co-owner with her late husband, Alex, of Mazur's Confectionery, Newark, for many years before her retirement.

Born in Newark, she had lived in

Eleanor Watkins

Eleanor McCabe Watkins, 80, of Cranford died Jan. 16 in Mountain-side Hospital, Montclair, after a long illness.

Following her graduation from Bellevue School of Nursing in 1930, Mrs. Watkins worked as a nurse for Bellevue Hospital, New York City, and in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Born in Gary, Ind., she grew up in

William Seibert

Germany, he lived in Newark before moving to Kenilworth 47 years ago.

Surviving are his wife, the former Margaret Most; two sons, Brett and William C., both of Kenilworth; two sons, Helena Mayer in Germany and David Brokatzky of Edison; and three grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at Mastapeter Suburban, Roselle Park.

Vincent Foti

Vincent J. Foti, 74, of Kenilworth, died Jan. 16 at Irvington General Hospital after a brief illness.

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USDA Choice Beef **\$3.99**

Shell Steak 1 lb. (6 to a pkg.)

Shell Steak (Singles) 1 lb. \$4.49

Boneless Shell Steak Trimmed

Tail Removed (6 to a pkg.) 1 lb. \$4.99

Boneless Shell Steaks

(Singles) 1 lb. \$5.49

Fresh Maple Leaf **79¢**

Ducks 1 lb. With Orange Sauce

USDA Choice

Ground Beef **\$1.79**

Patties 1 lb. Fat Content Not To Exceed 20%

Ground Beef Patties Fat Content

Not To Exceed 15% 1 lb. \$2.69

Ground Beef Patties Fat Content

Not To Exceed 10% 1 lb. \$2.99

Kings Select Veal Loin or Rib

Veal Chops 1 lb. \$8.99

Kings Semi-Boneless **\$1.99**

Smoked Ham 1 lb. Shank Half, No Water Added

Butt Half Ham 1 lb. \$2.19

Boneless Half Ham 1 lb. \$3.39

The Turkey Store

Ground Turkey 1 lb. \$2.49

Breast Slices 1 lb. \$4.49

Breast Roast 1 lb. \$3.49

Sloppy Joe Mix 1 lb. \$1.79

Taco & Nacho Filling 1 lb. \$1.79

Maverick Natural Ground Beef

Fat Content Not To Exceed 9% 1 lb. \$3.49

Coronado Fully Cooked

Spiral-Sliced Ham 1 lb. \$3.69

Perdue Done It! **\$2.99**

Fully Cooked

Nuggets 12 oz. pkg. \$2.59

Tenders 12 oz. pkg. \$2.59

Hot Wings, Barbecue Wings and

Teriyaki Wings 12 oz. \$1.99

Perdue Done It! Fully Cooked

Whole Chicken 1 lb. \$2.19

Chicken Breast 1 lb. \$3.99

Freirich

Smoked Butts 1 lb. \$2.69

Corned Beef Brisket 1 lb. \$2.89

Smoked Tongue 1 lb. \$2.89

Cooked Tongue 1 lb. \$3.89

Shofar Kosher

Beef Cocktail Franks 8 oz. \$1.79

Beef Franks 12 oz. pkg. \$1.99

Salami Chubs 12 oz. pkg. \$2.29

Hormel Microwave

Bacon 12 oz. pkg. \$2.89

Low-Salt Bacon 12 oz. \$2.89

Weaver's Crisp Lite

Fried Chicken 18 oz. pkg. \$3.59

Breast Fillets 9 oz. \$3.29

Breast Tenders 9 oz. \$3.29

Kahn's

Smoked Sliced Bacon 1 lb. \$1.99

Jumbo Beef Franks 1 lb. \$1.99

Hormel Cure #1 Half Ham 1 lb. \$3.79

DELI CORNER

Kings Store-Made

Baked Turkey **\$6.99**

Breast 1 lb.

Hebrew National Frankfurters or

Knockwurst 12 oz. \$2.99

Kings Home-Style

Potato Salad 1 lb. \$2.49

Boar's Head

Lo-Salt Bologna 1 lb. \$3.99

Land O Lakes

American Cheese 1 lb. \$3.99

St Michael Quiche

FARMER'S CORNER

Imported from Peru or Mexico

Long Green **\$2.99**

Asparagus 1 lb.

From California

Fresh Broccoli 1 lb. \$1.29

Salad Spinach 6 oz. \$1.29

From Mexico

Fresh Kibbis Pickles 1 lb. \$1.99

Cherry Tomatoes 1 pt. \$1.49

Brock's Brand

Celery Sticks 8 oz. pkg. \$1.99

Carrot Sticks 8 oz. pkg. \$1.99

Broccoli Florets 7 oz. pkg. \$1.29

Cauliflower Florets 8 oz. pkg. \$1.29

Coin-Cut Carrots 8 oz. pkg. \$1.29

Northwest

Pears 1 lb. \$1.99

Anjou, Bosc or Comice

From Chile

Red Flame, Black or White

Thompson Seedless Grapes 1 lb. \$1.99

Large Juicy Peaches, Plums

or Nectarines 1 lb. \$1.29

Homa Brand California Red or

Natural Pistachios 2 lb. bag \$2.99

Roasted Peanuts In Shell 1 lb. \$1.29

From Israel Sharon Fruit 1 lb. \$1.89

From Mexico or Guatemala

Fresh Sno Peas 1 lb. \$1.99

Foxy Brand

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Fresh North Atlantic **\$4.99**

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White Shrimp Prev. Froz. 36-40 ct. per lb. 5 lb. bag \$24.95

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Little Neck Clams 1 doz. \$5.49

Chopped Raw Clams 5 doz. \$2.99

Kings **\$14.99**

Shrimp Ring 1 lb.

Complete with Cocktail Sauce

17 oz. c. Cooked and Cleaned.

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Newman's Roadside

Lemonade 1/2 gal. **99¢**

Minute Maid

Grapefruit Juice 1/2 gal. \$2.29

Tropicana

Orange Fruit Juice 32 oz. \$1.49

Orange

Pineapple Juice 34 oz. \$1.99

Axelrod

Sour Cream 1 pt. **99¢**

Whitney's Yogurt 6 oz. 2/1.19

Breakstone

Cottage Cheese 24 oz. \$2.19

Philadelphia 8 oz. **99¢**

Cream Cheese 6 1/2 oz. \$1.59

Velveta 2 lb. \$5.99

Shredded Cheeses 8 oz. \$1.99

Cheez Whiz 8 oz. \$1.99

Cracker Barrel Cheddar Cheeses

Sharp or Extra Sharp 10 oz. \$1.99

Ball's Corn Tortilla 7 oz. \$1.99

Vic's Pickles 1 qt. \$1.99

Sau Sea Cocktail Sauce 8 oz. \$1.19

Parkay Margarine 1 lb. qtrs. \$1.99

FREEZER CORNER

Ore-Ida

Cob Corn 4 ears **\$1.19**

Birds Eye Cob Corn 4 ears \$1.99

Minute Maid

Orange Juice 16 oz. \$1.99

Ore-Ida

Deep Fries 24 oz. **99¢**

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Lasagna Primavera or Cannelloni

Florentine 11 oz. \$1.69

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Sandwich Steaks 14 oz. \$2.99

Ego Homestyle

Waffles 16 1/2 oz. \$1.99

Sealest

Ice Cream 1/2 gal. **\$2.49**

Frozen Yogurt 1 qt. \$1.99

Klondike Ice Cream

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Jell-O Pudding Pops 21 oz. \$2.99

Elan Frozen Yogurt 1 pt. \$1.69

Superpretzel Pretzels 13 oz. \$1.69

Budget Gourmet

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Kraft Velveta

Shells Dinner 12 oz. pkg. \$1.39

Kraft Deluxe Macaroni &

Cheese Dinner 14 oz. pkg. \$1.39

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Texas Chili 4 oz. pkg. \$1.19

Progresso

Spaghetti Sauce **99¢**

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Progresso Sauce Red or White

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Ronzoni Shells #22 or

Elbow Macaroni #35 1 lb. box \$1.99

Progresso Red Kidney Beans

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Bread Crumbs **99¢**

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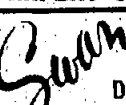
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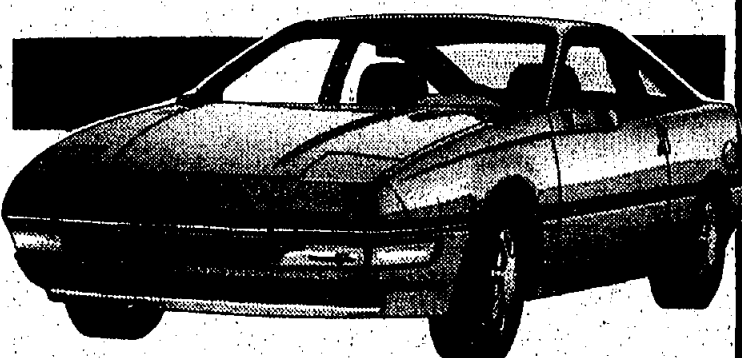
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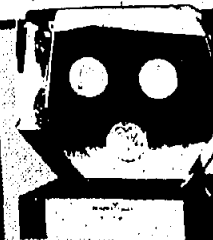


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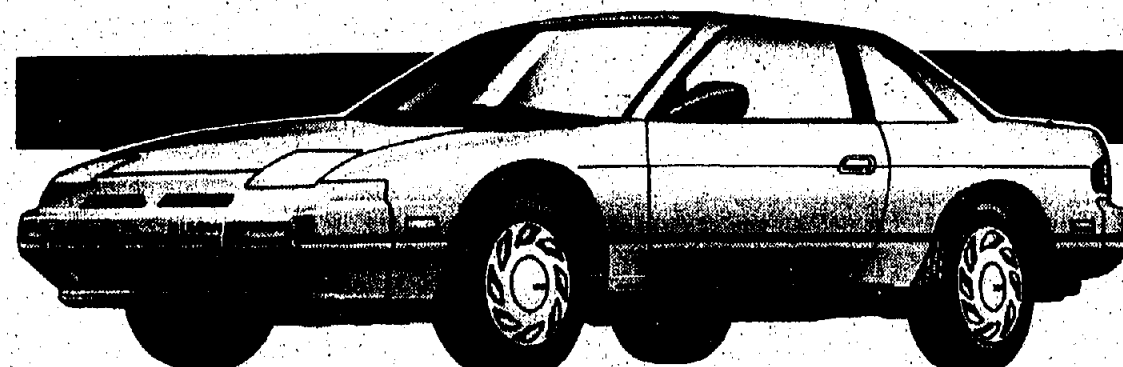
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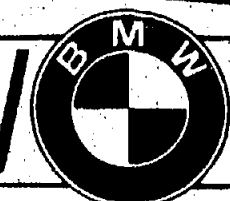


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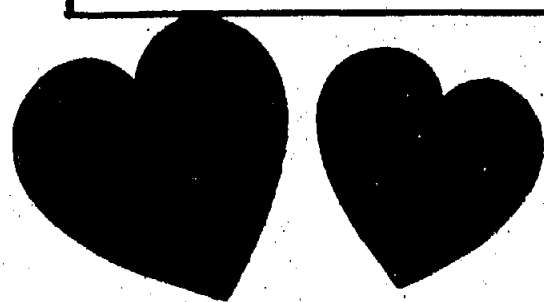


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For Clyde and Edith McClintock, a wedding at the end of 1989 was the start of a young and vibrant marriage in spite of the difference in their ages....she's 54, he's 81...the brief time they have known each other....four months....and the fact each had been married before....she's widowed, he's divorced. The full story of how they met, their courtship, love and wedding is inside.

Young at Heart

For Colleen and Ray Mamone, meeting when she was 17 and he was a year older was definitely not love at first sight. He kind of liked her, she says she hated him. How they overcame the hurdles, realized they were in love, how he proposed and all about their wedding day is all included in a happy story about young love inside this issue.



Love came gradually but will stay forever

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what we did, but it was my brother's birthday."

They went out "off and on" for a few months after that, both still also dating others. Yet, Colleen mused, "something always pulled us back together. If he went out with somebody, I'd find out; then I'd want him to go out with me."

Ray recalls that Colleen "was the first woman who showed an interest in paying attention to the little things for me. She didn't expect to be on the receiving end of everything all the time. She'd buy me little gifts just for the fun of it. I felt I wasn't getting taken advantage of."

Ray had come off another romance feeling bitter and used. He had been dating a woman for some time and had given her expensive presents. Then one day she told him it was over, she just wanted to be friends. "I kept asking her why, what happened," he recalls, adding "heck, I wanted to know for the next time." But he never got an answer, and it was with a bit of trepidation that he started to date Colleen. He openly admits, "I was scared, it bothered me. I wasn't sure I wanted to get serious again."

But when Colleen gave him a gold cross "just because she wanted to," Ray said "things looked different; things got better. She was giving ME something just because she wanted to."

Neither can remember precisely when they began talking about marriage, but both remember how they felt. Colleen kept thinking of her mother's sad experience; Ray, who works in the family auto service business, wanted "somebody like my mother; somebody just as good and just as nice."

Without any formal engagement or proposal, both started saving money. Security is important to both Ray and Colleen, and weekly, they would deposit large amounts of savings into their separate bank accounts. They Please turn to page 3



RAY MAMONE

Love, she said, came gradually and she isn't exactly sure when she knew that "Ray was it."

She did know, however, that she was afraid of marriage. Her own parents had been divorced when Colleen was young, and she had seen her mother struggle to bring up three children all by herself. "I remember my mother being alone so much," she recalls sadly, "and I didn't want that to happen to me."

BY MURIEL J. SMITH
Someplace between "hating him...he rubbed me the wrong way" and "the most perfect day of my entire life" on Oct. 15, Colleen J. Travis of Neshanic Station fell in love with Raymond F. Mamone Jr. of Somerville.

It was more distinct for Ray. He knew a month after he first started dating Colleen that he was in love with her and wanted to spend the rest of his life with her.

The young couple...she's 24, he's a year older...first met at a mutual friend's home when Colleen was 17. Colleen was dating another guy at the time, but came to the party with a group of girl friends. Ray was also dating, but came with a group of his friends.

Colleen laughs when she thinks about it now, but recalls "I hated him. I don't know what it was about him, but he just rubbed me the wrong way when I met him." In fact, she said, "I tried to fix him up with my cousin, I thought maybe they would get along."

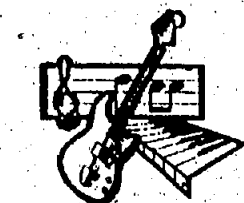
During the next couple of months, Colleen and Ray kept "seeing each other around" frequently at Colonial Park in Millstone, and in other places where young folks congregate. During one conversation, Colleen casually asked Ray to stop in at her graduation party. He did. Four months later, they were "actively going out. I can remember," Colleen giggles, "our first date was Sept. 16, 1983. I don't remember where we went or

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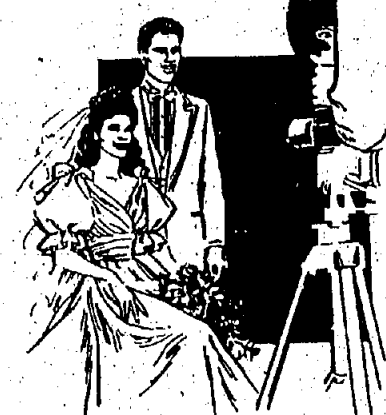
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stopped going out, preferring to take walks, meet with friends, or go for drives and save the money.

They did take vacations together, and Colleen says their trips to Florida have been memorable and exciting. So much so that when they went on their honeymoon, they enjoyed Aruba but felt they had to spend some time in Orlando as well, recalling other happy times they had been there.

Colleen describes Ray as a thoughtful person, with "the nicest blue eyes you can look at," but laughs his proposal was anything but romantic. She recalls it vividly.

"It was Valentine's Day, 1988," she relates. "I was feeling disappointed because I had been with Ray that day and he didn't even give me a Valentine's present. We got in his truck and went to the shop (Ray's Auto Body) to feed the dogs. We were sitting in the garage and he turned to me and said, 'will you be my Valentine for the rest of my life?' and gave me a gorgeous pear shaped diamond with little diamonds all around it. I said yes right away, I wanted it."

They went back to Ray's house where his parents helped them celebrate at a dinner, expressing their pleasure at their son's choice. Colleen's mother, who, like Ray's parents, knew about the ring and proposal before Colleen, was just as pleased. "She thinks Ray is marvelous," Colleen explains, adding, "and she's right."

Both wanted the security of owning their own home and began to save even more earnestly then before. Colleen, who works for an accounting firm, was putting in long days because "it was tax season, and you just work and work then." They were able to put a down payment on a new townhouse in The Glens in Hillsborough, and owned it nearly a year before they were married, making mortgage payments and watching the construction crews put the

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COLLEEN MAMONE

In May, 1988, they started planning their wedding, and that led to Colleen's only disappointment. "If I had to give any advice to a new bride, it would be 'plan, plan, plan, and don't settle for anything less than you really want.'" The couple wanted to marry in September, but "had to settle for Oct. 15, because that was the first day we could get a place for the reception."

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Colleen relied on her mother for most of the help in planning the wedding. "My mother is one of eight children," she explains, "and she could give me a lot of help. I'm also very close to all of my cousins, and I knew I wanted them to be in the wedding."

Her mom went with her to select her wedding dress, Colleen continued, and "we got a traditional gown with a cathedral train and a fingertip veil." She selected light blue satin for her sister, Marie, who was her maid of honor, and royal blue for her four cousins, Ray's sister and his niece who were all in the wedding party. Ray, Colleen's brother, Jim who was best man, three more cousins, Ray's brother-in-law and nephew, all of whom were in the wedding party, wore tuxedos.

The blue shades were selected because "they looked sharp," Colleen said, adding, "besides, Ray is good with color and he loved it."

The wedding day was "perfect, it couldn't have been better. The sky was bright blue, the sun was shining, it was 80 degrees. All those disasters I had heard about other weddings just didn't happen. Mine couldn't have been better." The wedding was at Holy Trinity Church and the reception was at Jasper's Restaurant in Hillsborough, and "that couldn't have been more perfect."

Both agree they want two children, the first in about two or three years, the second about two to three years later. "We want to spend time together first; we want to devote

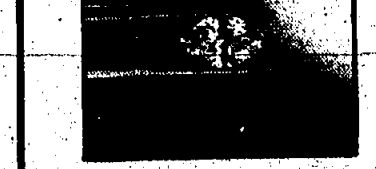
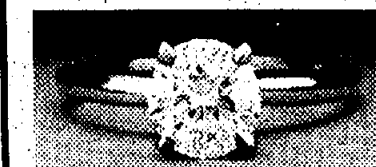
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ourselves to each other totally before we devote so much of ourselves to our children."

Both believe in working hard, and dedicating their work time totally to their professions. Colleen is understanding when Ray puts in 12 or 14 hours days... "it's a family business and you have to work hard to make it work right..." and Ray knows that in tax season there will be many nights Colleen won't be home until late. "That's the way it is," he shrugs matter-of-factly, "you can't do anything about it."

Both readily agree they've had arguments and disagreements, but say "it's always over silly little stuff." Ray said he hates to argue, but would rather discuss something than have Colleen simply clam up and not talk about it.

He chuckles remembering some of the arguments they've had. "When I realized how silly they were, we finally had an agreement. Any time we'd have something to fight about, instead, we'd just stamp our feet like little kids. Pretty soon we'd both be laughing and hugging and forget whatever it was we were fighting about." It works, too, Ray said, because "we don't even stamp our feet anymore."

Both are certain "this is it," and they couldn't imagine not spending the rest of their lives together, but

"Any time we had something to fight about, we'd stamp our feet like little kids. Pretty soon we'd both be laughing and hugging...."

neither knows exactly why. Colleen says she loves Ray because "he's Ray, that's all; he's got a great sense of humor, he's a hard worker, we have everything in common, I just love everything about him."

Ray says he loves Colleen because

"she's so caring and lovable; she's like a teddy bear. She's got the nicest smile, and the softest brown eyes. And when she wants something, she's got this way like a baby where she can stick out her bottom lip. Then I'll do whatever she wants. It's all fun."



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There's need for communication in marriage, but is it all healthy?

BY CYNTHIA S. SMITH

Every marriage manual and self-help book on marriage stresses the vital need for "communication" between husband and wife. Don't seethe, don't build resentments — speak up, let each other know what's bugging you. But those books were written before the current era of the communication explosion.

Nobody keeps anything to himself any more; it's simply not fashionable. Remember the good old days when you asked someone "how are you?" and could expect an answer concerning the state of his or her health? Today you get the condition

of his or her psyche in full, painfully personal and usually boring detail. Everyone's an armchair psychiatrist, and introspection, psyche-searching and talking about it are the style.

In a marriage, this can be death. You are together a lot — days, hours, months, years. If you develop the habit of evaluating your emotional reaction to every move the other person makes, if you indulge yourself in the habit of discussing each other's annoying traits, you'll drive yourselves crazy and create a wedge that could become immovable.

This is a case of "less is more." What starts out as "communication" becomes confrontation, and relationships cannot survive too many of those. I am not suggesting that you act like the couple in the Dorothy Parker story whose divorce shocked their friends because they seemed like such a happy couple who never fought. What actually happened was their lack of conversation resulted in boring each other to death. But, the current tendency to tell each other how you feel about everything puts a heavy burden on a marriage.

Of course, certain things your mate does will be irksome. Before you reg-

ister your complaint, evaluate the importance of the issue — to your spouse and to you. Is this behavior pattern or habit something that is really important to him or her? And how seriously are you hurt by it? If it is something that wounds you so deeply that continuation could have a corrosive effect on your relationship, then by all means discuss it. But, if it is just annoying, creating borderline bother, don't mention it — let it go.

Some people come to a marriage with the idea they must strip their

spouses down and expose every aspect of heart, soul and psyche in order to achieve full intimacy. But must you really know exactly how a machine works before you enjoy working with it? Every person needs a little privacy of spirit, some more than others. Respect that need and your marriage will be the richer for it.

Editor's Note: Cynthia S. Smith is the author of "The Seven Levels of Marriage: Expectation vs. Reality" (Ivy Books).

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8. Both bride and groom give their attendants some lasting memento of the occasion. While these gifts are often silver or gold, a gift of crystal is an excellent idea.

Lasting marriage in age of divorce

The baby boom generation, unique in many ways, also claims this distinction: It is the first to have come of age at a time when one out of two marriages in this country ended in divorce — an all-time high. Today, the children of the "Age of Divorce" are themselves of marrying age. Surprisingly, they are traditional, optimistic, and marrying in record numbers, according to *Bride's* magazine.

It's no longer chic to bad-mouth marriage. Today, people speak approvingly about commitment and fidelity.

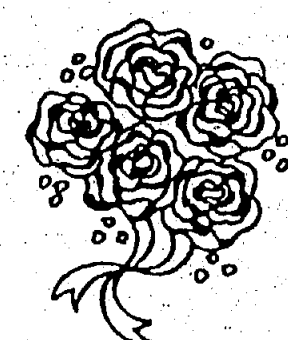
Characteristic of many couples marrying today is their renewed sense of commitment and determination to make their marriage work because the memory and possibility of divorce is never far away. Children of divorce are more aware of the problems of marriage, and they often try harder to avoid these problems.

Of course, some scars remain. "Divorce has colored our attitude toward marriage," says Art Carey, author of the *Bride's* article, "Some of us have embraced marriage too impetuously, hoping to escape our pasts by creating the kind of 'perfect' relationship our parents never had. Others, frightened by the fragility of marriage, and skeptical about the possibility of a lasting, happy marriage, have avoided marriage, and anything approaching it."

Need for intimacy
Still, nine out of ten young adults will marry at least once during their lifetime, predicts Andrew Cherlin, author of *Marriage, Divorce, Remarriage*. "People have a deep-seated need for the kind of secure, long-term, intimate relationship that marriage promises."

A time of adjustment
Finally, as a by-product of the age of divorce, marriage today has

become much more flexible. The modern definition of marriage embraces not only the traditional husband/wife roles, but also marriages in which both partners work, marriages in which there are no children, and marriages in which the father stays home to care for the children. Couples today feel free to form creative partnerships, based on love and friendship, that can be molded and shaped to meet their needs.



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Age and previous marriages can't obstruct love

BY MURIEL J. SMITH

There's something about an older man that has a particular appeal for Edith McClintock. And her husband of less than a month, Clyde, is quite happy about it.

At age 16, Edith met and married a man 29 years her senior. They were married for 36 years and had 12 children. Her husband died in 1986 at 81 years of age, and Edith continued living in the family home in Monmouth County with several of her children.

He's considerate;

he worries if I don't feel well;

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weekend?" Clyde retorted with a chuckle, "well, that's up to your mother."

Edith said she didn't lose any time telling him it was fine, "and so he came down the next weekend, too. Pretty soon I told him just weekends weren't enough, we'd have to see each other more often."

So it wasn't long after that that Edith moved in with Clyde in his Cranford apartment. They enjoy each other's company and have a lot in common, she explains. Clyde at 81 is actually four years younger than her first husband would be if he were still living. Edith is a young 54, looking forward to her 55th birthday in March.

Edith said Clyde's friendliness was what first attracted her to him. Besides, she laughs, "he's neat looking." The pair hit it off well right from the start, enjoy walks together, dinners out and going to the theater.

Clyde didn't actually propose, he laughs, "but she kind of knew." The fact is, Edith continued, "I probably told him we were going to get married."

"I love him," the new bride said, "he's considerate, he worries if I don't feel well, he's very nice about everything."

Clyde is active in his church, so when they realized they really wanted to marry, they knew it would be at Trinity Episcopal Church where Clyde is the head usher, helps with the collections and in general does whatever he can around the church. Both his friends at church and his fellow Masons in the Cranford Lodge where he is a member "felt good about my getting married. Everybody felt good about it, especially me," he confides with a deep, hearty laugh.

Clyde said what he loves best about

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EDITH MCCLINTOCK

But, as Edith says, "no matter how many children you have, no matter how many people you have around you, there is nothing that can compensate for the companionship of a man you love."

When Edith learned a friend at a Parents Without Partners meeting had a friend in Union County who is 81, divorced from his wife, and also eager for companionship, Edith expressed some interest. Since she did not have a telephone, she suggested her friend give her the gentleman's name.

So it was that Edith made the first call and Clyde and Edith met over the telephone. He asked her out for dinner, then drove the 35 miles to pick her up in Middletown and take her to a nice restaurant there.

After dinner...Edith relates all the events with enthusiasm...they took a walk on the Boardwalk in Keansburg, stopped at her daughter's home to visit, then went back to Edith's home to meet her youngest son.

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A Second Start

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Edith is "her love" for me. She is a lovely lady and we just love each other."

A retired Railway Express worker and pier guard at the docks in Brooklyn and New York, Clyde had been married for 31 years in the early 1960s and had three children. He said he first learned there was trouble with the marriage when he received a letter from his wife's lawyer saying she wanted a divorce.

"Those were hard times in the '60s," he said, "and I was working two jobs and not home a lot. I couldn't be. Well, when I got that letter, I decided that was the end. I never went back again." He said in the 25 years since then he "didn't give a care" to his wife and didn't take any action after their separation until their divorce.

In the years between the '60s and now, Clyde said he has "dated quite a few ladies, but none like this lovely lady."

The couple wanted to vacation together, so in mid-December, they booked a cruise and sailed from San Juan to St. Thomas, St. Martin, Martinique, Curacao, then through the Panama Canal to Acapulco. They went through the Canal only days before it was closed because of the American invasion seeking out Manuel Noreiga, but that didn't phase Clyde one bit. "Ah, it was nothing," he laughs. "It was only closed for a couple of days. And the Americans were the ones who closed it, so we knew we were safe."

No matter how many children you have, no matter how many people you have around you, there is nothing that can compensate for the companionship of a man you love.

Two Love Stories

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An interesting fact to remember is that the best diamonds are colorless. All these guidelines will help you in your decision when you are faced with a vast array of rings from which to choose.

However, stone, style and setting are yours to determine, according to your own idea of what makes up the perfect ring for you.

Edith's best friend, the friend who managed her introduction to Clyde, and her daughter were in the wedding party when the couple married. Please turn to page 9

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A Second Start

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Dec. 30, ten days after returning from their cruise. "We just took our honeymoon before the wedding, that's all," Edith laughs.

because she is so happy. She also thinks "my first husband would be so pleased. He would like me to be happy. We had a good marriage together and I know he would not want to see me lonely."

Clyde doesn't look at his octogenarian status as a detriment to the marriage. "Look," he explains with intense good humor, "why be old? I'm going to be around as long as the Man upstairs lets me be around, and he's been very good to me so far. I'm going to enjoy life, and so long as Edith wants to enjoy it with me, all the better."

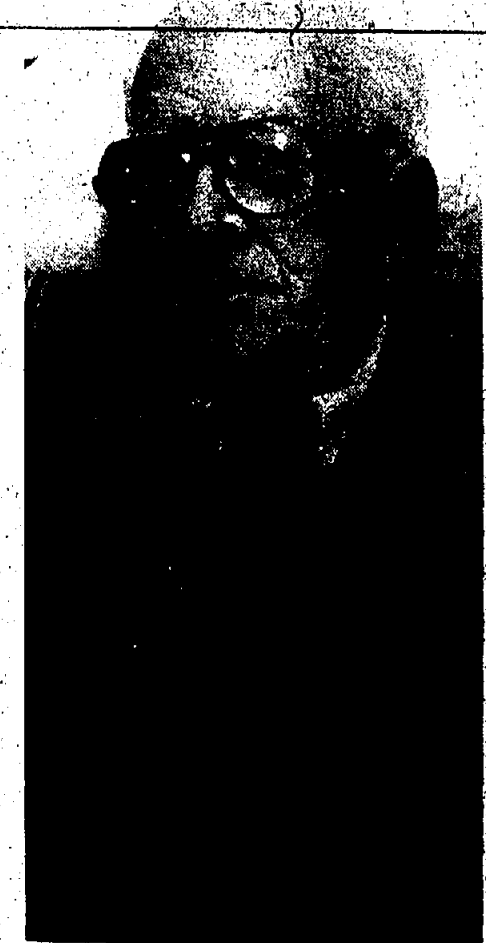
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CLYDE MCCLINTOCK

The wedding was at Trinity Church, and Edith wore a full length ivory gown with a headpiece of silk flowers. She carried a bouquet of white roses and baby's breath, and her son preserved the entire ceremony on video tape as a gift to the couple. After the wedding, the couple hosted a catered reception in the church meeting room.

Edith said all of her children and her 26 grandchildren are delighted about her marriage and happy

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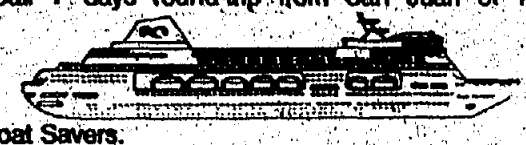
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They are looking for quality and value when they make their diamond engagement ring purchase — especially since this is usually the first major diamond purchase the couple makes. When these couples walk into a jewelry store, 67 percent of all women and 50 percent of all men have no preconceived idea of what they are going to spend on a diamond engagement ring.

Jewelers of America (JA), the national organization dedicated to consumer education and information about fine jewelry, states that although 75 percent of all couples shop together, the man and woman perceive the purchase of the diamond engagement ring differently.

The man strongly believes in the tradition of the diamond engagement ring and the importance of the quality of the stone. It is the one aspect of the wedding process over which he has control!

For the woman, the ring is just one aspect of the wedding process. She is concerned with the size and shape of the stone as a function of style, but is also worried about their budget. The symbolism of the diamond engagement ring is implicit, but she tends to downplay the importance of size and price while he is ready to spend more for the best he can give her.

In view of these facts, to determine what you can best afford, a wise reminder is the two months' salary guideline. Research shows this allows a couple to buy the best quality diamond they can afford without breaking their budget.

Diamonds are not inexpensive, but remember that while most purchases depreciate over the years, the diamond lasts long after the honeymoon and champagne are over. And, if you appreciate quality and look for it in everything you do, you'll want a diamond that is symbolic of the quality of your love.

Once you've decided on a budget of two months' salary, quality should be your first consideration. In order to understand quality in diamonds, you must understand the four Cs: Cut, Color, Clarity and Carat-weight.

Cut: Diamonds are cut into a number of shapes, depending on the nature of the rough stone. A well-cut diamond is better able to handle light, creating more scintillation and sparkle.

Color: Diamonds are found with a range of colors; however, the best color for a diamond is no color. It is a totally colorless diamond that allows white light to pass through it and be

dispersed as rainbows of color.

Clarity: Most diamonds contain very natural birthmarks known as inclusions. However, the fewer and smaller the inclusions, the less likely it is they will interfere with the passage of light through the diamond, and the more beautiful the diamond will be.

Carat-weight: This is the weight of a diamond measured in carats. One carat is divided into 100 points, so a

diamond of 75 points weighs .75 carats.

Jewelers of America suggests you ask your local jeweler to show you a selection of quality diamond engagement rings. You'll find a ring that's perfect for you and that fits your two months' salary budget. For more information about diamonds and other gemstones, write to JA for a free series of brochures: JA, 1271 Sixth Ave., New York, NY 10020.

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As times change, so do bridal styles of the '90s

The brides of the '90s are not as traditional as those of the past. Because more women are getting married after they have established careers and independence, their ideas about their weddings are very different from those of brides of past decades.

Today's bride and groom are more apt to pay for their own wedding. The days of the mother of the bride making all the arrangements, the father of the bride paying all the bills, and the groom representing only the figure on top of the wedding cake, are long gone.

Modern brides are professional women, marrying at an older age, after they have established their careers and therefore, they are more able to afford the high costs a wedding can incur. Today, decisions, expenses and choices are shared between the bride and groom.

A personal touch
Another difference between the brides of yesterday and those of today is their choice of ceremony. Fewer brides opt for the traditional ceremony; instead, they plan a more personal touch. Many brides and grooms write their own vows or choose a different type of ceremony, such as the candle lighting ceremony to represent the union of the two families.

The modern wedding may also differ in its music. The traditional choice of "Here Comes the Bride" is no longer the popular favorite; many brides have chosen softer melodies from current music or Broadway themes for use as their entrance song. The use of a singer before the start of the ceremony has also become very popular, adding a more personal touch to the joyous event.

Colorful difference
The styles and colors that today's brides choose reflect the most obvious change from previous years. Gone are the pastel and earthy tones and flowing styles that were the craze during the '80s — the '90s bring form-fitting gowns with more vibrant colors to the scene and into today's wedding party.

More shades of iridescent blue, red and purple can be seen in the current collections by designers. One recent addition to the color of bridesmaid's gowns is black. Black-and-white weddings, as well as all white (or "snowball") weddings, have become very popular in the past year.

The look of accessories is also changing as we head into the '90s. Glamour and detail have taken over where dainty and delicate left off. The modern bride can look forward to plenty of lace and pearls adorning her stockings and veil as well as sequins and rhinestones in her jewelry.

The new designs in wedding bands hold more gems and detail than the unadorned traditional solid band that has been worn in the past. The latest in wedding bands for women is

engagement ring, and usually holds clusters of diamonds or other precious gems. This new style is becoming increasingly popular with the modern bride and is even being purchased as a wedding gift from the groom to the bride.

Grooms get involved
More grooms are being involved in all aspects of wedding planning, including the selection of the bride's gown. Many brides are now asking their fiances to accompany them when they go to choose their gown — the age-old superstition of bad luck coming upon a bride who has been

seen in her gown by her groom is no longer a worry for the bride of the '90s.

Another change in the wedding ceremony is the honor of escorting the bride down the aisle. Because many brides come from broken homes where there are two sets of parents, a problem has arisen as to who will escort the bride to the altar. Many brides today have chosen to walk down the aisle by themselves or with the groom.

There are many differences that can be seen between the modern day

bride and those who came before her, but no one knows what is in store for the bride of the year 2000. Perhaps we will return to the old ways and values. Hopefully, each year will bring a new and interesting addition.

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There are more weddings than ever before, according to the Association of Bridal Consultants. Approximately 2.5 million couples were married in 1988.

Preparing for your wedding day takes months of planning — from the ceremony and reception to the long-awaited honeymoon. This also holds true for looking your best on your wedding day.

"If brides want to look their best they will need to plan ahead, from taking care of their skin to testing their makeup," explains Linda Harris, vice president of product development for L'Oreal Cosmetics.

The experts at L'Oreal offer the following skin care regimen and makeup tips to ensure every bride will look her best.

The first step begins with radiant, healthy skin, which does not happen overnight. The months leading up to your wedding day are a good time to start taking care of your skin for the big day and for the rest of your life.

Skincare regimen

When you wake up in the morning, cleanse your skin thoroughly with a gentle, but effective, cleanser to remove any dirt particles that have accumulated during the night.

If you have oily skin, use a cleansing gel; for dry skin, use a cleansing cream. Brides with normal skin can

use either. Bar soaps, Harris explains, can be harsh and strip the skin of its natural oils, leaving the skin very dry.

Then, apply a good moisturizer under your foundation. For winter, use a heavier, more emollient moisturizer to combat dryness. In the spring and summer months, you may prefer a lighter or oil-free moisturizer.

If your honeymoon plans call for a warm climate, be sure to use a lighter moisturizer with sunscreens. You'll also want to take moisturizer on the plane with you to replenish your skin.

Harris suggests using the high performance and affordably-priced Plenitude line of cleansing, moisturizing and special care products, available in tubes, great for honeymoon travel, and jars, for at-home use.

France's number one skincare collection, Plenitude, was recently introduced into the United States at drugstores nationwide, conveniently located for the bride-to-be.

Makeup tips

Now that the skin is cleansed and moisturized, your face is properly prepared for makeup application. L'Oreal suggests practice makeup sessions months before the wedding day and experimentation with different makeup colors depending on the season of your wedding.

One easy and cost-free way is to use "testers" at the local drugstore. This will guarantee that on your special day, and for the cherished and everlasting wedding photographs and/or video, your makeup will look perfect.

First, apply a foundation under your makeup the same shade as your natural skin tone. L'Oreal's Mattique Illuminating Matte Makeup offers a less "made up" look while allowing the natural glow of your skin to show through.

To help makeup appear fresh all day and stay on longer, apply a light dusting of loose powder to your face. Then, apply a blush to your cheekbones in an upward, sweeping motion, and to your forehead, chin, and the tip of your nose.

For those emotional, teary-eyed moments, waterproof mascara will come in handy. For eye shadow, select colors that will define your eyes, but will appear soft-looking in photographs. Apply a soft smudgeable, and easy-to-use eyeliner pencil. Then, blend the eye shadow and pencil together with your finger for a subtle look.

Finally, the lips. Apply a light powder under your lipstick to prevent cracking and to ensure the lipstick lasts longer. Then apply your

lipstick. For an extra shine, add a light coat of gloss to your lips.

Beautiful nails

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Now that you've prepared your skin and tested your makeup, you're ready to be a beautiful, radiant bride. Most of all, have fun and enjoy your very special day.

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