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Cranford High School's winter concert, featuring the school's orchestra and choir, will take place at 8 p.m. next Thursday. Page B-6.

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### Church fair

Funds raised by Cranford United Methodist Church Sunday will be donated to Heifer Project International, a non-profit agency that provides livestock to needy farmers. Page B-5.

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### Mail slots

Press releases, letters to the editor, classified ads and payments may be delivered to the Chronicle through mail slots located at the side of each office door.

### Paper drive

Boy Scout Troop 178 of St. Michael's School will conduct its monthly paper and aluminum can collection Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Conservation Center. Newspaper must be tied. The recyclables will be collected at the trucks not the dumpsters.

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HOLIDAY SCENES: The William Sanzo residence at 35 Munroe Dr. displays a wonderful of lighted holiday scenes including the above snowman family and seven-foot reindeer below.



## Bassano, Hardwick are pessimistic about amending QEA funding law

By Rosalie Gross

State legislators told a combined meeting of the Cranford Board of Education and Township Committee last Thursday that their only hope of making changes to the Quality Education Act (QEA) of 1990 is to convince Gov. Florio that his new school funding bill will mean political suicide.

Sen. Louis Bassano and Assemblyman Chuck Hardwick were invited to the second joint meeting of the school and municipal governing bodies to comment on the impact of the QEA. The Republican lawmakers were pessimistic about changing the law that shifts state aid from suburban school

districts to urban schools over the next five years. Cranford schools expect to lose \$1.47 million in state aid by 1995-96 and will have to pay \$4 million in Social Security and pension benefits by then. The QEA has shifted these costs from the state to local school districts.

Bassano, calling Florio the "most strong-headed" of the four governors he has worked with, said he plans to hold a hearing in January on the QEA. He said hearings will be held throughout the state to gather testimony from school officials and citizens on the impact of the law and proposed changes. "I hope the governor

hears what people are saying," Bassano said.

The senator said that after hearings are held, legislation would be drafted to amend the QEA.

Bassano has not yet chosen a date for the local hearing, but said it probably would be held in Kenilworth. The borough, he said, is an example of a community that is not affluent, but will lose all its aid in five years.

Hardwick, who ran in the gubernatorial primary last year, said any change "has to be in the heart and mind of Florio. If he doesn't make changes, he will be a one-time change. He will be a one-time change." (Please turn to page A-15)

## Neighboring residents object to ball league's lights at Adams Avenue

By Cheryl Moulton

It remains anyone's ball game in the Cranford Baseball League (CBL) vs. residents' contest regarding the proposed 40-foot lights at Adams Avenue baseball fields. The matter will continue at Wednesday's Planning Board meeting.

Nov. 28, at CBL's last appearance and second hearing before the Planning Board, neighborhood residents came to object while CBL supporters stood by 10 deep at the doorway of Room 108 of the Municipal Building. Objecting residents spoke out against the lights, indicating they have endured loudspeaker noise, parking problems and litter on their properties during baseball seasons.

CBL representatives, however, cited Memorial Field as an example of the proposed lighting at the

Adams Avenue fields, assuring the board the 14 light poles would not impact the residents. Those living within close proximity of the fields have claimed Memorial Field is not a fair duplication of Adams Avenue playing fields, and object to the league's using it as an example. They maintain the lights, regardless of a strict 9 p.m. turn off time, will disturb their quality of life.

Albert Stender, attorney for CBL, emphasized the closest proposed light pole would be 310 feet from a resident's property, a measurement determined by CBL president Kurt Petschow. He also said the league had consented to eliminating the use of loudspeakers at the games.

Chris Chapman, a resident of Buchanan Street adjacent to Memorial Field, said the lights would be a nuisance. (Please turn to page A-15)

## Attorney suggests town be exempt from LDO

By Cheryl Moulton

If the township attorney has anything to do with it, Cranford will not be subject to its own zoning and development laws, saving the township from further "tempests in a teapot."

The Township Committee, seemingly in agreement with Taylor, Tuesday passed a resolution requesting Planning Board review and recommendation of the proposed amendment to the Land Development Ordinance (LDO). Taylor's recommendation came on the heels of the recent selective application of the LDO by Mayor Ed Force in approving the reconstruction of the Adams Avenue baseball field parking lot, without site plan approval from the Planning Board, or proper notification to fellow governing body members. Force, who indicated at the time he did not believe the township should be above its own laws, said he would condone changing the LDO. Taylor himself

used as an example the "unpleasant application to construct the compacter at the Conservation Center." Taylor said the ensuing lawsuit caused the township delay additional "needless expenses as well as some vilification from a small vocal segment of the public."

According to Taylor, Cranford is "the only municipality" who "subjects themselves to this kind of abuse," indicating he had "been trying for years to get the governing body to change the law," but had never been able to get "more than two members to agree with me." Taylor maintains "an earlier Township Committee, in its infinite wisdom, saw fit to explicitly enact a LDO (Land Development Ordinance) in which it subjected itself to meet all of the requirements contained therein."

While Taylor, township attorney for nine years, says his reasoning is based on the fact the township is based on the fact the township

## Festivities to continue

"Home for the Holidays" festivities will continue tonight with Santa Claus strolling the downtown area. Freshly popped corn and roasted chestnuts will be handed out by members of the Chamber of Commerce.

Shuttle buses will be available today and tomorrow to bring workers from the business park downtown during their lunch hour. Many stores will be open Sunday.

Beginning Saturday all downtown parking meters will be bagged, allowing shoppers free parking during the last 10 shopping days. Santa will show up again from 1 to 3 p.m.

Last week's celebrations were very successful, according to downtown manager Maria Person, who helped roast chestnuts for shoppers at Thursday's open house. Citing the success of the event, Chamber president Paul LaCorte said: "It was really crowded for about an hour."

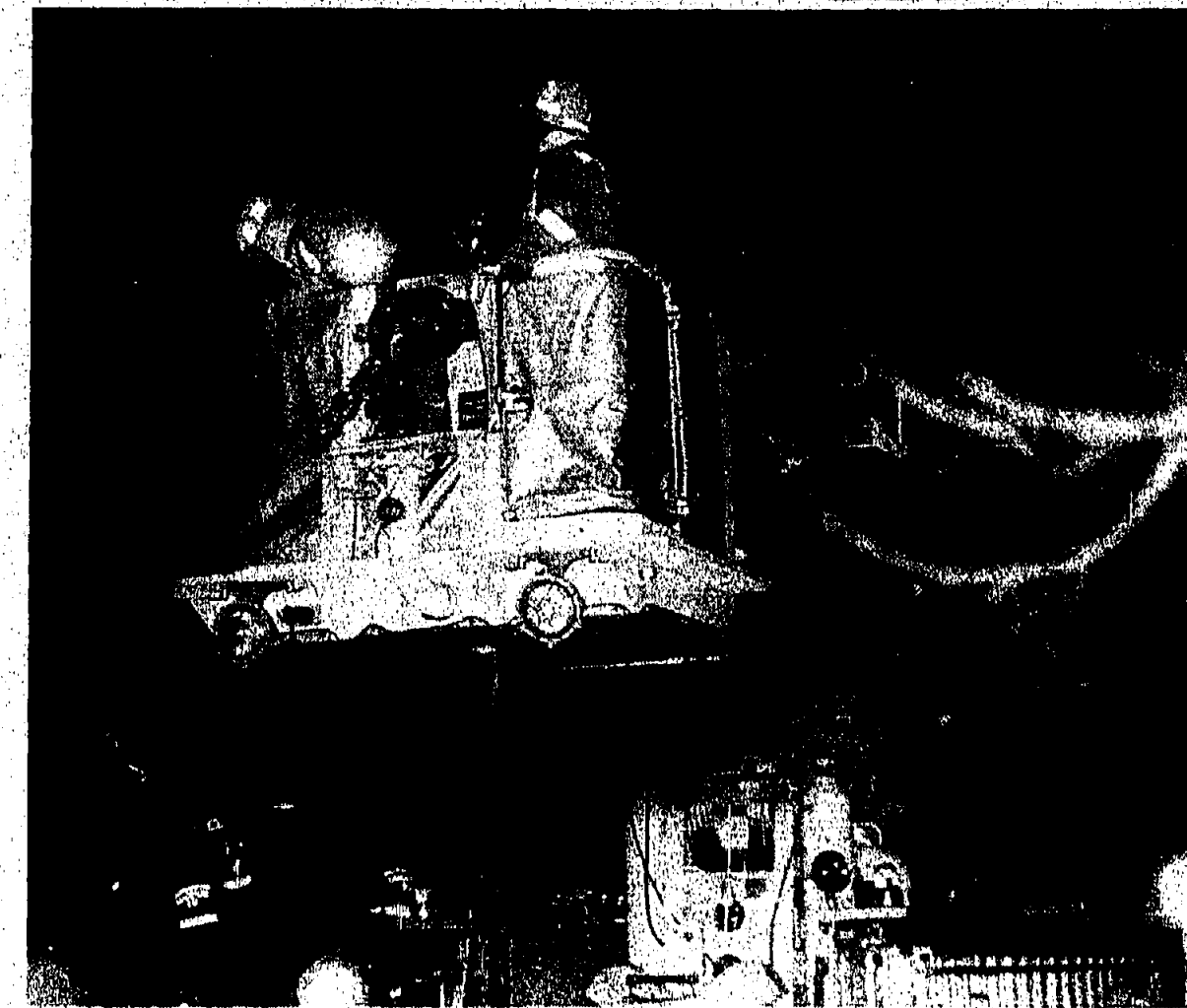
## Town hires consultant on insurance

By Cheryl Moulton

The township has hired a consultant to remedy the ailing township health insurance plan destined for a 65 percent increase in 1991.

After taking a hard look at the prospect of a \$385,000 rise in insurance premiums, the Township Committee agreed to hire the consulting firm of Shiklar Associates of Morristown to analyze the current plan and to make recommendations on cutting costs. The choice came after the governing body interviewed several consultants, opting to hire Shiklar, a firm that has been in business for nine years. Although the firm's past experience is with school boards, it began working with municipalities within the past year. Committee members agreed the township would not expend more than \$15,000 to analyze and assess the current insurance plan, stressing they did not want to see employee benefits cut.

Township employees, faced with the fact they "are sicker than the national average," according to township administrator Edward Murphy, were uneasy over what



MUTUAL AID: Clark firefighters ride to the third floor roof of Meeker-Sharkey's Commerce Drive office building to extinguish a fire which burned for more than two hours Monday night. Westfield, Linden, Roselle and Garwood fire departments also provided mutual aid.

## Accidental office fire costs millions

Union County Arson Squad investigators yesterday said the fire which severely damaged a Commerce Drive office building and its contents Monday night was accidental.

Capt. John Langan, commander of the Arson Squad said that the fire was accidental and that no evidence of criminal activity was discovered.

But fire officials were still unable to determine the cause of the fire which was reported at 5:57 p.m. in a third floor office of Meeker-Sharkey Associates, 21 Commerce Drive. Employees who saw the fire reported it to police before managing to escape from the building by the time firemen arrived, said officials.

The blaze burned for more than two hours in a building which houses an insurance company and financial services department. Firemen brought the fire under control in approximately 90 minutes but not before the blaze sent three Cranford firefighters to area hospitals with minor injuries.

Lt. Thomas Hart, who strained his back, along with firefighter Timothy Dyes, who sprained his

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## Anger resurfaces at school board over its attorney's bills

By Rosalie Gross

Board of Education members clashed again Monday when board member James Van Horn attempted to discuss further discrepancies he said he has found in invoices submitted over the last three years by the board's law firm, Weinberg and Kaplow of Springfield.

President Ellen Heller, halted Van Horn's comments, saying the board had decided last month when he raised a similar issue that it would be discussed in private as an employee matter.

At the Nov. 19 meeting, Van Horn questioned several aspects of the law firm's \$36,350 bill for the first nine months of the year. These included an overcharge of \$477 resulting from billing errors for which the firm will provide credit. A majority of the board had voted to discuss the matter in closed session.

At this week's meeting, Van Horn said he has continued to review Weinberg and Kaplow's bills from December 1987 to the present and came up with an additional \$1,245 in overcharges. At that point, Heller stopped his statement and said the board would discuss it in private. Van Horn countered that public bills "can't legally be discussed in private."

Board attorney Irwin Weinberg said the Open Public Meeting Act "prohibits" a public discussion of employee matters. He also had cited employee-client privileges at the November meeting. Van Horn persisted in asking Weinberg to cite a specific statute that permits discussions of public invoices in private.

"I'm not on the witness stand," replied Weinberg, "and you're not my prosecutor." The attorney said he would provide answers at the next board meeting.

Board member Patti Martelli interjected, "We have become an embarrassment to the public." She said the board had decided that "terms and conditions" of a person's employment are a private session matter.

Dee Sugalski produced a prepared attack on Van Horn that she had written for the board's closed session later, but decided to read at that point. She criticized him for "arbitrarily deciding to go public" in revealing his earlier complaints about Weinberg. She said the board had decided to

give the "same courtesy of privacy to its lawyer as to other personnel." She said all board members are at fault for allowing Van Horn to continue "pointing fingers and eternally grandstanding." She said the board's priority is education and it has "no time for this sort of nonsense." She said Van Horn should "be made to cease and desist or be asked to step down."

When Van Horn again insisted that Weinberg's bills be discussed in public, Heller ruled him out of order and continued the meeting. The matter was not discussed in the board's closed session, according to business administrator Jeanette Nixon. Van Horn said Tuesday that he did not bring it up in closed session because "it



**PROFS HONORED:** Peter Hrycak of Cranford, left, receives congratulations for teaching 25 years at New Jersey Institute of Technology from university president Saul Fenster. Associate professor Joseph Kopf of Cranford was cited for 15 years.

### CPA promotions

Christopher Newman of Cranford has been promoted to the level of semi-senior at Mortenson and Associates, a certified public accounting firm in Cranford and Easton.

The company also has announced the promotions of Ron Ruggieri and Eric Davis to the position of manager.

was a violation of the Sunshine Law to discuss it in private."

Van Horn said Tuesday that the \$1,245 he contends Weinberg overbilled, \$967.50 stems from an "incorrect rate" of \$110 an hour instead of \$100 an hour on a Dec. 15, 1987 invoice for 86.75 hours of work. Other errors, he said, are \$22.50 for 16.5 hours billed at \$125 instead of \$120 on Dec. 15, 1987, \$45 for charging \$125 an hour instead of \$110 on April 4, 1988, and \$250 for overbilling by two hours May 8, 1989.

He said that he would send a memo to the schools superintendent and business administrator asking them to "pursue reimbursement."

Asked to respond to Sugalski's comments, Van Horn said Tuesday, "When a public official stands up and speaks out for what he believes is right and in the best interest of the community, he will have his detractors. I've lived with detractors for three and a half years and the fact that these people oppose what I try to accomplish will not stop me from speaking up when I feel the board and community is being wronged." He said he "respects" Dee's right to speak out on her own and criticize me. "The public will make the decision on who's right on these issues."

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When questioned by the Chronicle about the bills, Weinberg's partner, Richard Kaplow, said Tuesday of the \$967.50 overcharge that "there appears an honest mistake was made in an overlap between a rate change. There was some confusion in our office about the effective date of the rate change." Kaplow said the amount will be credited on the firm's next bill. He said the \$45 overcharge had been corrected previously by former business administrator Fred More.

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FOR THE TROOPS: Members of Girls Scout Troop 35 from Orange Avenue School tie yellow ribbons around trees at Municipal Building in honor of U.S. forces in Persian Gulf.

## Township seeking donations for new senior citizens bus

The township has sent out a letter to various businesses and commercial establishments to appeal for their help in raising funds for a new senior citizens bus.

According to Township Committeeman Dan Aschenbach, more than \$5,000 has been raised in the quest to purchase the bus which will cost approximately \$35,000. The township currently has two buses, but one is nearing the end of its useful life and "for safety reasons we need to purchase a replacement," according to Aschenbach.

Many of the seniors who ride the buses are unable to drive, are frail or handicapped, and rely heavily on the buses to get to church, the store or just to visit a friend. The bus service is the responsibility of the parks and recreation department and has a daily schedule of stops, logging in some 100 miles per day.

Aschenbach and Frank D'Antonio, director of parks and recreation, ask residents, local proprietors and commercial establishments to send their donations to the Township of Cranford Senior Citizen Bus Trust Fund, 8 Springfield Ave., Cranford 07016. For more information call D'Antonio at 709-7283.

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## School board to decide whether to keep medical lab class

By Rosalie Gross

At Monday's school board meeting members heard conflicting opinions from staff members on the usefulness of retaining the medical laboratory techniques (MLT) course next year. A recommendation to drop the 18-year-old course at Cranford High School was included in an administrators' proposal to add two science courses while dropping two others.

The two courses proposed for next fall are basic biology and introduction to technology. In order to accommodate these, the MLT and project physics courses were proposed for deletion. A presentation describing the new courses and reasons for dropping the MLT and project physics was made to the board by principal Robert Seyfarth, science chairman Fred D'Antonio and industrial arts chairman Jay Smith. Their recommendation was supported by curriculum supervisor Francis Linder, science chairman Fred D'Antonio and school superintendent Robert Paul. The school board is scheduled to vote Monday on the recommendation.

In an unusual move, MLT teacher Robert Babetski was asked to join the panel of administrators to present his opposition to the deletion of the course. The exchange of opinion between Babetski and his supervisors often was spirited and several board members indicated they would favor keeping the course.

D'Antonio said the changes are part of a three-year revision to the science curriculum that started this school year. He said the proposed basic biology course would be offered to 10th graders who are taking the new earth science course this year. This will fulfill the two-year science requirement for students who are not planning to attend college. Honors and college prep biology will continue to be offered.

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robotics. Smith said the course would involve research, writing and reading.

In recommending the termination of the MLT course, Seyfarth said in a memo that the impact of computerization has "radically altered" the way tests are conducted and the district cannot afford the equipment to teach the course using today's technology. D'Antonio said there are no up-to-date text books available and only Cranford and Bridgewater-Raritan high schools offer an MLT course in New Jersey. He said students no longer are enrolling in two- and four-year post high school MLT programs because of a fear of AIDS and that the CHS course does not even provide students with entry-level skills.

Babetski, who teaches MLT to 84 students in grades 10 to 12, countered that automated equipment has been used since the 1960s and that there is a scarcity of workers in health-related fields. "This is a good basic foundation course," he said, adding, "I developed the course in 1972 and the need is greater today."

Student liaison Kerry Williams said that not only is the course

taken by students interested in a health field career, but it is an option for seniors who don't want to take an advanced placement course. She is enrolled this year. D'Antonio said there will be "plenty of options" when more course changes are made next year.

Board member Robert Sintich, who is an assistant dean for Union County College's cooperative nursing program with Elizabeth General Medical Center, said he recently chaired a health task force that examined "the low numbers in the field." He said he had "not heard anything (at the meeting) that changes my mind."

Board member Henry Pavlak said there is a great demand for workers skilled in MLT and he is "not convinced to eliminate" the course. Loreta Smith added that an enrollment of 64 "tells me a lot of students like that class."

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**JAWS OF LIFE AND HELPING HANDS**  
Bilateral Femur Fractures  
Feature Patient: Bette DeAngelis

**BACKGROUND:** Bette is a highly motivated young mother whose life was tragically interrupted when she was involved in a head-on auto accident in April of this year. The Jaws Of Life were needed to extricate her from the car in which she was pinned to allow transport to the hospital. Multiple devastating injuries were assessed and surgical intervention was required for fractures (to both legs). When Bette was released from the hospital she was homebound in a wheelchair, being unable to stand or place any weight on her legs.

**SUCCESS STORY:** After communication with Bette's rehabilitation nurse, who had been assigned by her insurance company, treatment was initiated at Advanced Physical Therapy Associates in Cranford with physical therapist David Van Brunt. Weekly home visits were arranged in conjunction with direct office visits until Bette was able to be fully treated on an out-patient basis.

A rehabilitation program was set up to address needs of movement and strength, anticipating orthopedic progression. When Bette's doctor finally said, "You can now stand on your legs," she was ready and able. Bette displays good self-motivation with a touch of humor, helping her more easily to handle life's dilemmas. She continues to work hard in her rehabilitation, in order to return to her normal, active lifestyle.

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A-6 CRANFORD CHRONICLE

Thursday, December 13, 1990



DECK THE HALLS: Senior Citizens Club members Mary Tripodi and Jeanne Hryniewicz place ornaments on the Christmas tree at the seniors' center.

## School board taking negotiations position to fact finder and public

The school board this week affirmed that it would not meet face-to-face again with negotiators for the Kenilworth Education Association in an effort to resolve the contract impasse, but would spend up to \$500 to take its case to the public via paid advertising in the Chronicle and a daily newspaper.

The board voted after a closed session Monday to purchase ads at a cost not to exceed \$500 to state its position in negotiations. Board attorney and negotiator Jim Granello said yesterday that a press release and advertisement is expected to be ready by tomorrow. He said the board will not meet again as requested by the KEA, but will wait for a meeting with state-appointed fact finder Joe Weisblatt, a labor relations specialist. Granello said no date has been set for a fact finding session. He said the board will publish newspaper ads "to make sure their message comes across the way we want."

Howard Toplansky, president of the KEA, said the board, in advertising its position in newspapers, is "abrogating its responsibility to negotiate and relying on the public to negotiate in its place." He said the board is "creating a bad situation" by refusing to return to the bargaining table.

The contract talks had gone to a mediator, who was unable to get the two sides to agree, and then direct negotiations resumed Nov. 5. Both sides reported progress, but the board has declined the KEA's request to return to direct bargaining.

Toplansky said the two sides are one percentage point apart. "Reasonable minds are able to resolve this small difference," he said. The board's last offer before the Nov. 5 meeting had been 7 percent for three years. Toplansky said the one percentage point difference in salaries for 50 teachers covered by the contract would amount to \$20,000. "Fact finding alone will cost more than that," he said.

Granello confirmed that the two sides are a point apart for the first year of a settlement, but "the difference is it would be compounded over three years. Development of a salary guide is the major issue," he said.

Toplansky said the board had "previously declared an impasse when none actually existed and now it seeks fact finding in the face of the association's request for further bargaining." He anticipated that the board would spend "six figures in attorney fees on subsequent legal entanglements in order to deprive its own employees of small amounts of money." He added, "The association is ready and willing to meet and negotiate at any time to reach a proper settlement. We have built in enough movement to make a deal."

## Planners approve steel firm's expansion

By Peter Wamsteker

The Planning Board last Thursday unanimously approved with several conditions the preliminary site plan application of a N. Michigan Avenue business which wants to expand its office and storage facilities.

Board members also unanimously approved two subdivision applications and postponed the hearing of a S. 31st Street business until January.

In approving the plan of Safway Steel Products, 530 N. Michigan Ave., the board required the company to pave its parking lot, provide an adequate drainage system, provide buffers in the form of trees or shrubs and to provide adequate lighting, all subject to approval by the borough engineer. Approval was given without objection from the public.

Safway, with headquarters in Milwaukee, Wis., leases approximately 5,400 square feet of space from Jacobson Manufacturing Co., 1 Mark Rd. The steel company plans to rent scaffolding and other equipment to contractors such as window washers. No manufacturing will take place at the site, according to company representatives. Some repair work will take place inside an already existing building.

The company intends to house a regional sales representative and administrative support staff of no more than four employees in the office portion. The company also

plans to store inventory consisting mainly of aluminum beams inside the building and provide repairs to electrical motors inside the compound. Some stacking will occur in the rear yard, according to the application.

Board members will permit the owner of property at 20 N. 19th St. to subdivide a portion of the lot to pave a driveway.

Without objection from the public, the board unanimously approved the application of the estate of Emma Von Borstel and its executrix, Gloria Friezer of 218 N. 19th St.

Friezer will subdivide two adjacent lots with a total of 7,500 square feet by subtracting 10 square feet from one lot and adding it to the other for the purpose of paving a driveway on her property.

The property is under contract to Friezer's daughter, Linda Morgan, who will now assume a 6,500-square-foot lot upon completion of the sale.

An application to increase the size of a 2,500-square-foot lot on Maplewood Avenue was unanimously approved by the board over objections of a Maplewood Avenue resident.

Board members will permit Christopher and Anne Marie Duda of 348 Maplewood Ave. to increase the size of their lot by purchasing a portion of property at 732 Paloutte Ave. belonging to Helen Koz. The 2,500-square-foot

property belonging to the Dudas is located in a residential zone and is vacant.

Although the application states that no plans have been made to develop the site, Maplewood Avenue resident Rudy Skoczinski, 353 Maplewood Ave., a neighbor, told the board he was in favor of the application because it would improve the appearance of the neighborhood.

"I've said this before on another occasion but the board can only deal with the facts, not opinion. I know it sounds harsh but the board must conform with the law," Conrad replied.

Robert Fitzpatrick, 353 Maplewood Ave., a neighbor, told the board he was in favor of the application because it would improve the appearance of the neighborhood.

"I'm absolutely in favor of this application. We should help those who want to improve," he said.

The application of Joseph Neri, who has a business at 151 S. 31st St., was postponed to January at the request of his attorney, James Conlon of Union.

Neri, owner of La Auto Body, was granted preliminary site plan approval to build an office and garage on S. 31st St. but final approval was not obtained. His most recent site plan application shows several changes but is incomplete, according to board members. He will also be required to serve notice to all property owners within 200 feet of the site before the board hears the application.



PBA KUDOS: Patrolmen's Benevolent Association silver card recipients at this year's recent dinner-dinner-dinner are Sgt. Lawrence Slickle, left, and honorary recipient Paul Cacicado, a local businessman. Both are cited for service to the force.

## PBA-Council negotiations get started for '91 contract

By Peter Wamsteker

PBA Local 135 representatives were slated to meet last night with the Borough Council public safety committee to begin preliminary contract discussions before the existing contract expires at the end of this month.

So far the committee has met with PBA negotiating representatives Scott Phillips, Henry Moll, William O'Malley and Capt. William Dowd on one occasion to discuss among other things salaries, benefits and the length of the contract term, according to police commissioner Jeffrey Corcione.

"The negotiations have been good," he said. "We have met with PBA representatives to determine what they want and we have given them the Council's position. Right now they are taking the package back to the union for their input. We should get their response on Wednesday."

While both sides are reluctant to discuss specific contract terms, representatives are saying that negotiations are preliminary and amicable.

One issue which Council must resolve before approving the contract involves establishing testing standards which will be conditional for future promotions. The old testing requirement was eliminated last May after Sgt. Michael Ciravolo, Lt. Harold Scheidegger, Capt. William Dowd and Chief Brent David received their promotions.

Corcione has said the issue is a "touchy one" but something he believes both sides will be able to work out amicably. The idea until

## Mandatory cat licenses to go on sale Jan. 10

Borough Council Tuesday unanimously approved an ordinance which will require cat owners to obtain an annual license and registration tag for their pet from the borough clerk starting Jan. 10 or otherwise face fines between \$25 and \$50.

Cat owners have 90 days from that date to register their pet. A fee of 50 cents will be charged for delinquent registration. License fees will be \$5.00 for each unneutered cat and \$2.50 for each neutered cat.

Introduced at the Nov. 17 Council meeting in response to a growing threat of rabies which is moving eastward across the state, the ordinance has been considered by councilmen since early September. Cats will have to be "immunized against rabies."

Councilmen also unanimously approved an amendment to an ordinance governing the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority. The amendment permits the construction of official, sanitary and borough engineer to conduct inspections of sanitary sewers. Under the old ordinance only representatives of RVSA were permitted to conduct inspections.

The amendment also prohibits

toxic waste from infiltrating the sewer system and expands the powers of inspectors to make inquiries into the nature and origin of the discharged products.

In action, two amendments to the parking ordinance were unanimously approved. Council's action will extend a parking prohibition on the north side of Monroe Avenue from 14th to 18th streets to both sides of Monroe Avenue from N. 14th Street to Michigan Avenue at any time.

Under the other amendment, a provision which prohibits parking on both sides of Michigan Avenue was repealed and in its place a provision was made to prohibit parking on the west side of Michigan Avenue from 4 a.m. to 7 p.m. between Washington Avenue and Via Vitale.

Council's approval of this amendment was made over the protest of N. Michigan Avenue resident Catherine Ford, who asked first why the amendment was necessary and then wanted to know if it would affect truck drivers who make deliveries to homes along the restricted area.

Public safety chairman Jeffrey Corcione explained that the amendment had always been in

existence but that the proper signs were not in place.

Borough attorney Bradford Bury told Ford that a provision exists under the parking ordinance which allows limited parking for the purpose of dropping off and picking up items.

In other Council business, a closed session meeting of the governing body will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 1 reorganization meeting slated for 1 p.m. in Borough Hall.

## Borough briefs

### Pupils support the troops

Harding School pupils are supporting American troops in the Persian Gulf by writing letters and sending gifts.

Pupils in Patrick Matone's eighth grade have written letters to soldiers. Several have received replies and have started a pen-pal relationship. They include Peter Pascarella, Karen Mack, Lisa Tortorello, Nicole Colkey, Andrew Fletcher, Nashed Weston, Julia Cameron, Carl Severini, Billy Ravaoli, John Valtolano and Maudie La Beet.

Children in Dobra Brunetta, Alice Holler, Sally Stevenson and Jennifer Trodden's classes wrote letters and made cards and drawings for the troops. In addition, one pupil donated writing paper, tapes and personal toiletries to be sent.

### K of C Christmas party

Knights of Columbus Council 4186 will hold its annual Christmas party Dec. 22 at 8 p.m. at council hall, 191 Market St. There will be a buffet dinner and music by Cisco's D.J. Tickets at \$17.50 per person may be ordered from Pat Leary, 241-4061, or Bill Shanahan, 738-5386.

### Entertainment books available

Entertainment '91 discount coupon books may still be ordered from Kenilworth Art Association. Fifty percent discounts are offered on restaurants and entertainment. The books cost \$35 and may be ordered from Rose Emmert, 276-5422.

### Ellis Island

Friends of the Kenilworth Library will sponsor a trip to Ellis Island April 3. Information is available from Ann Dyer, 709-0038, or president Robin Koerner, 276-4435.

## Residents advised to secure homes against daylight entry

Police are asking borough residents to be aware of two con artists who have made attempts in recent weeks to enter homes and steal property. In one instance cash and jewelry were stolen from a Boulevard home while the owner was outside raking leaves.

The most recent incident occurred between 11 a.m. and noon Nov. 30 at a S. Michigan Avenue residence, according to Chief Brent David. The suspects, described only as two white females in their late teens to early 20s, approached the homeowner, Martha Young, and attempted to gain entry by asking for a pencil and paper.

Police said the girls disappeared after Young's daughter appeared at the front door. The girls were

## Two drivers guilty of drunk driving

During recent Municipal Court hearings before Judge Aldan Markson, two men were found guilty in separate incidences of driving while intoxicated.

Richard G. Bostedor, 36, of Rahway pleaded guilty and was fined a total of \$645. He was sentenced to serve 48 hours in the intoxicated drivers recovery center and his driver's license was revoked for two years.

Bostedor was arrested at 9:08 a.m. Oct. 16 on the Boulevard and N. 31st Street by officer Douglas Lamont.

Samuel Cahn, 57, of Edison pleaded not guilty to driving while intoxicated and refusing to take a breath test but was found guilty and fined a total of \$495. He was sentenced to serve 12 hours in the intoxicated drivers recovery center and his license was revoked for 12 months.

Cahn was arrested at 4:46 p.m. Aug. 13 on the Garden State Parkway south lane.

## McCrea re-elected president of Kenilworth seniors club

Martin McCrea was re-elected president of the Kenilworth Senior Citizens Club for a second year at this month's meeting.

Other officers elected for 1991 are vice president Charles Vitale, second vice president Frank Rasinski, recording secretary Raymond Grunwald, corresponding secretary Ruth Masullo, treasurer Flo Tuozzolo, assistant treasurer Mary Labrizzi, sergeant-at-arms Amy Lontino and trustee Joe Matturo.

The David Brearley High School orchestra directed by Paul Haase performed holiday music at the Dec. 9 meeting. Mayor Joe Rego addressed the club, saying he will attend meetings and keep the seniors informed of Borough Council actions.

Nutrition lunches will continue through the holidays except Dec. 24. The voluntary donation of \$1 will be raised to \$150 starting Jan. 1.

Members who volunteered: a total of 86 hours in November at Cranford Health and Extended Care Center are Helena Brunski, Florence Burns, Julia Caforia, Mary Dulemba, Lena Frandano, Peggy Mulligan and Stella Rasinski. Prizes were donated by Nancy Ciano, Mrs. Dulemba, Minnie Kern, Ann LaCosta, Ann Lontino, Ruth Masullo, Agnes McGeehan, Lillian Pilat, Zorabelli McKinnie, Mary Frisco, Mrs. Rasinski and Margaret Tobey.

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Five high school students from Garwood are listed in the 1990 edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students." They are Kelly Bergin, Patrick Knierim, James Sheehan, Steven Gaeta and Jason Kresge. Selection is based on academics, school activities, athletics or community service.

Freelholder Walter Boright, who is Garwood schools superintendent, spoke at the awards ceremony along with Superior Court Judge Rudolph Hawkins Jr. and Judge Joseph E. Leidelein of the juvenile court.

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## Hundreds tour four 'homes for holidays'

Nearly 400 guests visited four Cranford homes on Sunday's "Home for the Holidays" tour sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club.

Featured houses included the Prawdka home at 215 Orchard St., the Dreyer home at 18 Doering Way, the Goodfellow residence at 28 Central Ave. and the Daily home at 320 N. Union Ave. The Historical Society's Crane-Phillips house also was part of the tour.

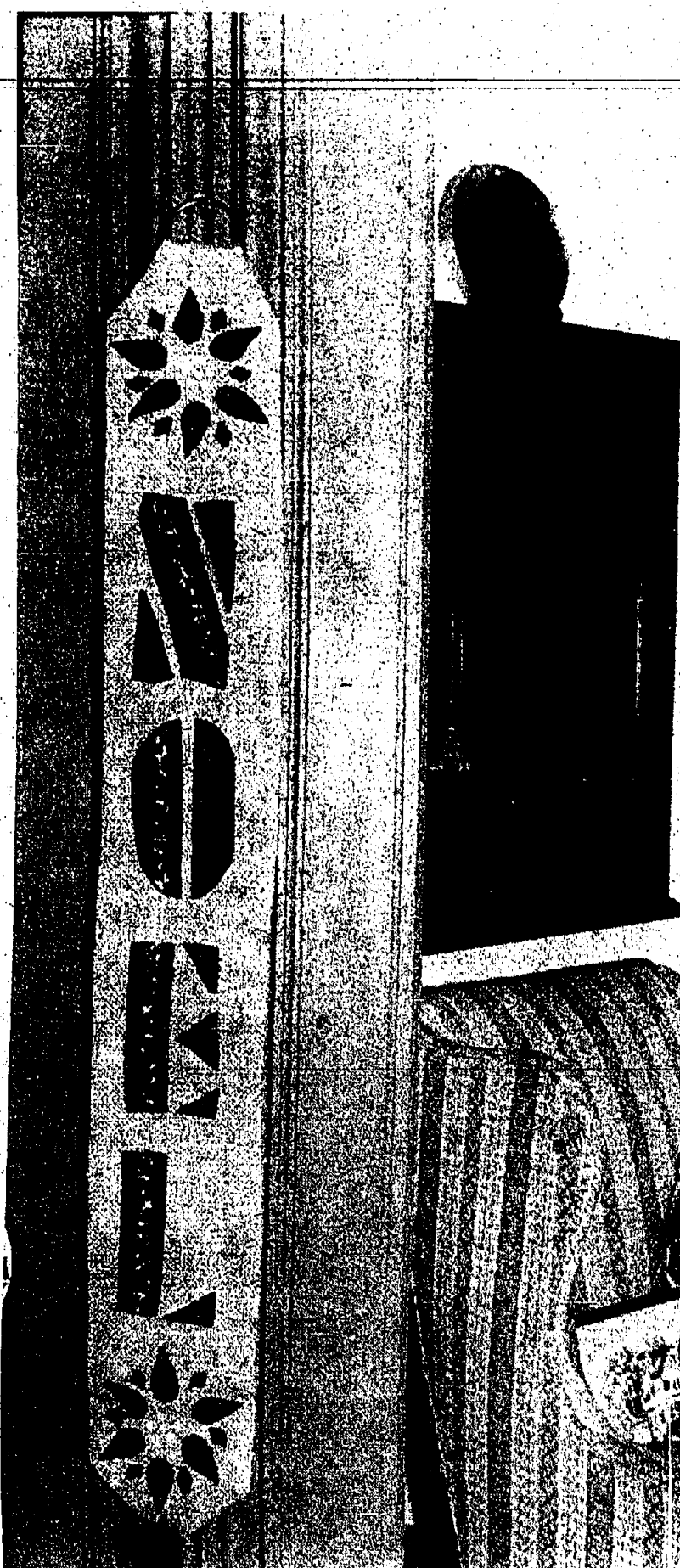
The event raised almost \$4,600 for Project Home, an agency which helps residents facing housing crises. Some 250 volunteers assisted with the project.

The Junior Woman's Club, organized in 1949, is a community service organization composed of women 18 to 40. Its purpose is to give aid to local and state charities and to promote improvement in the community.

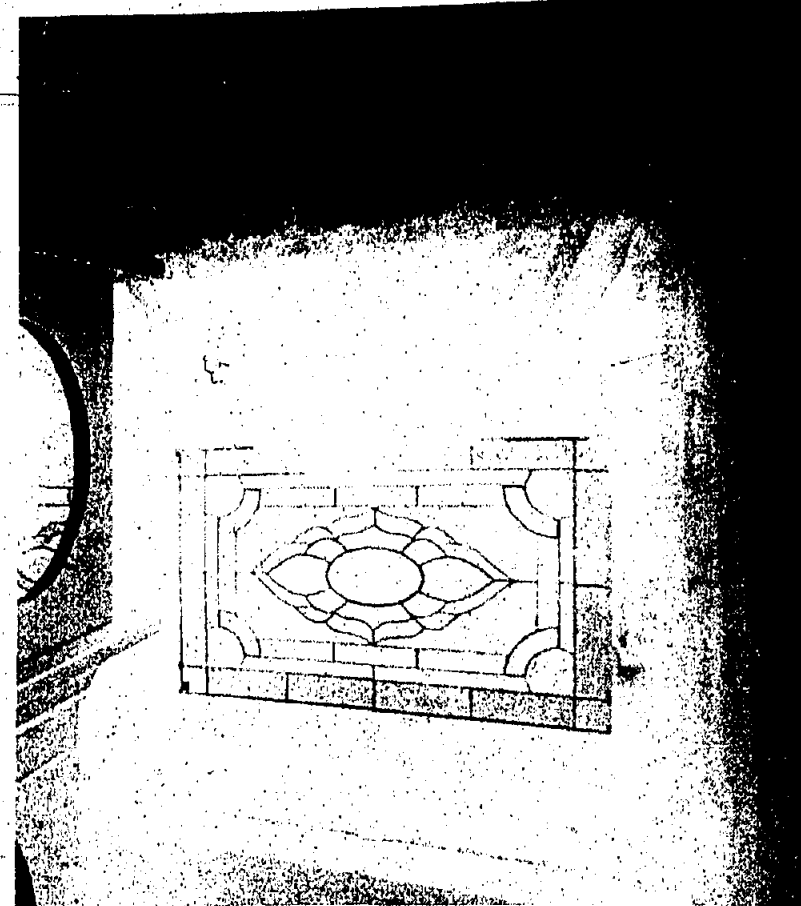


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**SLEIGH BELLS RING:** This antique sled, one of many pieces handed down from generation to generation, sits on the front porch of the 100-year-old Goodfellow home at 28 Central Ave.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS:** A holiday banner greets guests on the porch of the 100-year-old Goodfellow home.



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**COLONIAL DECOR:** John and Carolann Salinardo admire the country kitchen at the four square Daily family home built in 1833 at 320 N. Union Ave.



**PERSPECTIVE:** Carol Sharp relates history of Goodfellow home in front of 1890 fireplace. The house was built with Civil War pension monies by Mary Goodfellow's great-grandmother.

## College students earn academic recognition

Susan Holmes of Cranford has been named copy editor of the *Susquehanna University* newspaper, *The Crusader*. She is a senior English major and is active in Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, English and French clubs. She is secretary of Sigma Tau Delta English honor society and is the daughter of Sue H. Holmes, 201 Locust Dr.

Debra Lynn Schmidt, daughter of Robert and Janet Schmidt of Glenwood Road, has earned high honors at Skidmore College.

Mary Ann Ballman of Cranford has been awarded a bachelor's degree in business administration from Thomas Edison State College.

Jennifer Krut of 217 Spruce Ave., Garwood, has been accepted to the honor society at Long Island University, Southampton. She is one of 95 freshmen invited to join the society based on her high school records and SAT scores. Krut will receive a scholarship over four years and is eligible to take courses designed for honors students.

Joann Elmiger of Cranford has been named to the dean's list at Rosemont (Pa.) College.

Christopher Keller, a hotel and restaurant management major at Johnson and Wales University, Providence, R.I., has been named to the Silver Key honor society. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keller of 28 Lenhorne Dr. The society recognizes sopho-

mores who maintain a grade point average of 3.4 or more in their freshman year.

Sandra H. Klein of 36 Canterbury Pl. has been named to the dean's list for the summer quarter at Northeastern University.

Christopher DiCapua of Cranford has been accepted into the honors program at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison. Students who are selected are linked with a faculty mentor who guides independent research and study.

Richard T. Bolanowski of Cranford was master of ceremonies at the recent fifth annual POW-MIA vigil run at Lehigh University. He is completing his senior year at Muhlenberg College as a math major.

He is cadet recruiting officer at Lehigh and captain of the POW-MIA briefing team. Bolanowski has received the American Veterans Award and Retired Officers Association Award, which recognizes the most outstanding cadet in each unit who shows exceptional potential for military leadership.

Cranford residents named to the National Dean's List include: Michele Amstutz, Michael Cavalla and Theresa Kurek, all at Bloomfield College; Diane Lenhoff, Webster College; Mitchell Malberg, Emory University; Aaron Mercado, Drexel University; Michael Mohr, John Jay College; and Richard Tomlinson, Middlesex County College.

## Art scholarship endowed for summer college class

A scholarship for a Cranford High School art student has been endowed by the estate of the late Henriette Mahoney Palmer, a longtime Cranford resident who died in 1988.

The trust will enable a CHS junior or senior to attend the summer high school art program at Massachusetts College of Art. Mrs. Palmer was a 1932 graduate of the college. The program offers an intensive four-week studio session from mid-July to mid-August.

Classes are taught by college faculty and include two- and three-dimensional foundation studio work plus electives in oil painting,

raku ceramics, fashion and fibers, and computer graphics. The Massachusetts College of Art Foundation will select the student based on the recommendation of the CHS faculty.

Mrs. Palmer was a watercolorist who lived in Cranford for more than 35 years. She and her husband, the late Walter Palmer, had lived on an estate on the site of Temple Beth-El and then moved to Denman Road.

The gift of \$2,888, supplemented by the college foundation, will begin with a principal of \$3,000. Interest money will be used for the scholarship.

## Forms available for Rotary grant

Rotary Club of Cranford will award college scholarships again to two Cranford residents who will graduate from high school in the spring.

Cranford Scholarship Clearing House will assist the club in collecting applications, which must be submitted by March 15.

Forms are at Cranford Library or at the Cranford High School guidance office. Selection is based on academic and extracurricular achievement, community service and work experience.

The club also will present its annual leadership award to a graduating senior. For more information call Thomas Dooley Jr., 278-8300, during business hours.

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Mr. Cicchetto and Miss Rappoccio

## Donna M. Rappoccio to wed Mr. Cicchetto

Dominick and Carol Rappoccio of 20 Adams Ave. announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna Marie, to Patrick Cicchetto of Roselle Park. He is the son of Theresa Cicchetto of Roselle Park and the late John H. Cicchetto.

The bride-elect graduated from Cranford High School in 1982 and received a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1988 from Montclair State College. She is employed by General Medical Corp., Edison, in the rebate-contract department.

Her fiancé graduated from Roselle Park High School and served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army. He is employed by the Door Store as a sales representative.

## Joan Allen married to E. Robert Levy at Grand Summit

Wedding vows were exchanged Nov. 24 by Joan D. Allen of Cranford and E. Robert Levy at the Grand Summit Hotel where a reception followed.

The bride is employed by New Jersey Bell as an advertising consultant. The bridegroom, an attorney with the firm of Levy and Lybeck, Union, is a director of the Mortgage Bankers Association of New Jersey.

Annette Bayer served as matron of honor. The bride's daughter, Dana Allen, was maid of honor and the bridegroom's daughter, Marci Levy, was the bridesmaid. Kenneth Levy served as best man for his brother. Ushers were Kenneth Allen and Scott Levy, sons of the bride couple who went to Acapulco for a honeymoon.

## Birth

Michael and Mary Mulvaney of Brick Town are the parents of their first child, Nicole Marie, born Nov. 24 at Point Pleasant Hospital. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mulvaney of Cranford and Mr. and Mrs. James Blumensteel of Brick Town.

## Social news

The deadline for wedding and engagement announcements is 5 p.m. Friday. An article may be submitted to the Chronicle either by mailing it to P.O. Box 628 Cranford, or dropping it off at the office at 102 Walnut Ave. Forms are available upon request.

Black and white photographs are preferred, but good quality color pictures are acceptable. There is no charge for publishing announcements or pictures.

Birth announcements may be telephoned to the office, 276-6000.

## Colonial holiday celebration ahead

Holiday traditions practiced by New Jersey's first families will be highlighted at the Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Christine Glazer of Cranford and other docents in period dress will explain English, Dutch, German and Swedish customs while guiding visitors through the 1740 farmhouse.

This will be the last opportunity for holiday shopping in the museum shop which is stocked with gift items and books on early America. The museum will be closed the remainder of the year and reopens Jan. 6 when winter crafts will be featured.

## Troupe entertains needy children

All Children's Theater presentation of "Kids on Tour" was the entertainment feature at a holiday party for Cranford children of limited income families Saturday at the Municipal Building.

Santa presented each child with a gift of clothing and a toy.

Sponsored by College Women's Club of Cranford, the annual party was chaired by Noel Fitzgerald and Lois Mariano. Members who participated are Elizabeth Bel-



Photo by Ivan Saperstein

**MISSION OF GOOD WILL:** Wednesday Morning Club members, from left, Margaret Coo, president Cora Foltz and Shu Foppert deliver food and children's clothing made by members to Municipal Building for distribution to clients of Cranford Family Care Association.

## WMC schedules presentation on museum's Christmas tree

"Christmas Greche," the story of the Metropolitan Museum of Art Christmas tree, will be the program at the philanthropic tea of the Wednesday Morning Club at 1 p.m. Dec. 19 in Calvary Lutheran Church, Helen Weitzel, a graduate of Glassboro College and Kean College and a teacher in the Berkeley Heights school system, will illustrate her talk with color slides.

Program consultant is Doris Taber. Tea chairman is Mary Northrup, assisted by Dorothy Baldwin, Elizabeth Brewster, Blanche Creighton, Marjorie Huston, Christine Nelson, Mabel Orr, Shirley Rattery, Joan Ruopp, Bernice Sarnowski, Charlotte Swinton, Barbara Walker and Eleanor Woods. Serving at the tea tables will be Amelia Rankel, Helen Markowitz, Peg Ruff and Agnes Zebrowski.

Members of the American home life department have produced for distribution through Cranford Family Care Association a variety of children's garments and infant receiving blankets. Packaged foods have also been contributed by all club members in memory of their late president, Helena Macklin.

The club has "adopted" a resident of the Vineland Developmental Center and for Christmas will send her greeting cards, a handmade sweater and toiletries. She will be remembered on other holidays and her birthday.

The literature department den, Betty Bergen, Elizabeth Shannon of South River, Dorothy Koehler, Joan Kraw, Jane Kuehne, Rosemary Reilly and Norma Wagner.

Santa was portrayed by Barney Kramer of Parsippany. All Children's Theater, directed by Alex Kramer of Parsippany, donated its services. Material also was supplied by Bergen Camera and General Motors Corp.

## HAS band to play at AARP meeting

Hillside Avenue School band directed by Thomas Sicola will perform Christmas and Hanukkah music at a meeting of the Cranford chapter of American Association of Retired Persons at 10 a.m. Dec. 21 at Lincoln School.

Members and guests are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the Cranford Family Care Association food pantry.

AARP will sponsor a trip Jan. 11 to Taj Mahal in Atlantic City. The cost is \$11 with \$12.50 returned in coin, a \$5 food coupon and \$5 deferred coupon. Call Mike Finnegan 276-1881.

## Dancers to appear at Hanukkah party

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El will hold its annual Hanukkah party Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the temple auditorium.

After the candle lighting ceremony, there will be a dance program by Kelly Vuyovich and Denise Michaels of the Fred Astaire Dance Studio. A group lesson will follow the performance and partners are welcome, but not necessary.

Vuyovich and Michaels ranked second in theatre arts and American Latin dance for the Astaire studios. They own a studio at 501 Boulevard, Kenilworth, where they teach social dancing from be-

ginners to competitive. All temple members are invited. Refreshments will be served and the temple gift shop will be open. Gail Salomon and Barbara Lenk, program vice presidents, are in charge of the program.

## La Leche League

The Westfield A.M. La Leche League will meet Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., to discuss "At Home With Your New Baby." Call 233-2198 or 332-8732.

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TRIMMING THE TREE: Harold Hildebrandt reaches the top spot on the Christmas tree at Cranford Library.



DECORATING, NATURALLY: Louise Swackhamer of Crane's Ford Gardeners affixes decorations made by club members from natural materials to Christmas tree at library. Ornaments, made from pine cones, teasel and corn cobs, will be on display until Jan. 3.

## UCC employee 'decks the halls' with original creations

Some surprise Christmas decorations are in store this season at Union County College's Macdonald Hall, where Bonnie Bendlin of Cranford occupies a second-floor office.

They might be wreaths, or beads of crystal forming "icicles," or even some cross-stitch pillow ornaments offering an early American look to an otherwise ordinary tree. She might even bake and decorate her favorite gingerbread house, complete with va-

nilla icing and sugar wafers filling in as roof eaves. Bendlin, personnel department assistant/records manager, creates Christmas decorations that reflect items the quality of which easily could be found in an historic craft shop. Conceding that she's not innately creative, she does admit to having a facility with handiwork.

"It's therapy," she says of her 10-plus years of effort. "It keeps me cool, calm and collected."

### Floraphiles' holiday party is on tap

Floraphile Garden Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday for a Christmas party and gift exchange. Hostess Audrey Weber will lead a carol singing at the piano. Steve Orr is co-hostess.

Miriam Moody led a committee of Mrs. Orr, Dot Gross, Betty Hicks and Mary Nevalis in planning and creating a dining room table ar-

rangement for the Pawdzik home on Sunday's house tour sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club. Floral arrangements were placed in the Cranford Library last month by Edith Marek, Mrs. Weber and president Betty Hicks. The club's next meeting is Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Betty Brubaker.

### Part of UCC's new commons opens

A portion of Union County College's new \$6-million commons building opened for use this week. The commons area is being used temporarily as a dining room while the existing dining room and kitchen in the Nomahegan Building are renovated. Students also have access to a portion of the new serving area.

The entire project, including an

expanded book store, is scheduled for completion before the start of the spring semester Jan. 15. The new commons has been under construction since September 1989 and was delayed for seven weeks by a labor dispute. The college is financing the project through a bond issue of \$6.8 million sold by the N.J. Educational Facilities Authority.

### CHS '71 grads plan June reunion

Cranford High School class of 1971 will have a 20-year reunion June 1 at L'Audette, Mountainside. Persons interested in attending should send their name and address to CHS Class '71 Reunion Committee, 43 Brookdale Pl., Cranford.

### 10-yr reunion

The class officers of Cranford High School class of 1981 are planning a 10-year reunion Nov. 29, 1991 at the Westwood. Graduates or those who know of their whereabouts are asked to send names and addresses to the CHS class of 1981, 256 Palesky St., Rahway, N.J. 07065.

### Calendars on sale

In honor of its centennial anniversary, Children's Specialized Hospital is selling 1991 calendars that incorporate photographs of hospital services with large spaces for the dates. The calendars cost \$10 and may be ordered by calling 233-3720, ext. 310.

While browsing in craft stores, Bendlin gets ideas for her own work. She always adapts her own concepts to each piece. Nothing is ever copied. Her ideas also come from magazines or items she notices in her daily routine.

Her pound cake gingerbread house is covered with sugar wafers for the roof, chocolate-covered graham crackers for windows and doors, and gum drops to dress up the top.

Quilted ball ornaments seen in craft shows are altered with Bendlin's adding some braiding to provide a more finished quality. Thirteen years ago, when she first started the hobby, she attempted to do her entire Christmas tree in hand-made ornaments. Preparations got off without a hitch, but when it came time to hang them,

### Holiday dance social at center Friday

The Cranford social dancing class will sponsor a holiday dance social for Cranford residents tomorrow at 1 p.m. at the Community Center. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served. Singles and couples are welcome. The dance will feature music of the '40s and '50s with mixers and a dance lesson for those who request it. For further information call 276-9149 or 709-7283.

### Hospital dedicates child birth center

Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center dedicated its child birth center Dec. 7 in the new Dr. Thomas S.P. Fitch Memorial Pavilion. The center is slated to begin operation this week.

The center was made possible through a \$2 million gift from the Muhlenberg Auxiliary. It features 14 private and eight semi-private postpartum rooms, ultrasound and fetal monitoring equipment, combined labor, delivery and recovery suites for a more comfortable and private birth experience.

### Doll house winner

Kathleen O'Donnell of Cranford won the Victorian doll house in the raffle held Sunday in conjunction with the Junior Woman's Club "Home for the Holidays" house tour. Alexandra Hallenbrecht and Emily Alpert, also of Cranford, won Chamber of Commerce stockings.

### Gingerbread kits

Gingerbread house kits may be ordered from Cranford Junior Woman's Club by calling 276-2118. The cost is \$12, which includes base, house, candy and directions for icing and assembly.

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## Seventy-eight pupils named to St. Michael's honor roll

Seventy-eight pupils at St. Michael's School have achieved first quarter honors. They are:

First honors: grade 8, Jason Cordeiro, Bridget Garity, Kathleen McGrath, Dierdre Oxx; grade 7, Tamsen de Raat, Jason Bueneventura, Heather Jenkins; grade 6, Melanie Chu, Lauralyn Krieks; grade 5, Rui Fernandes, Sannitha Scutieri; grade 4, Michael De la Torre, Carmine De Nicola Jr.; grade 3, Kim Castellano, Nila Colaco, Margaret Cunningham, Susan Foster, Brian Kovolsky, Ryan McGlynn, Ann Patrone.

Second honors: grade 8, Christine Baumann, Cedric Foster, Jennifer Labonte, Patricia Maurer, Erin O'Brien, Brian Wilson, Luke Hannon; grade 7, Sweta Patel, Adrienne Petrina, Jacqueline Schmidt, Meghan Kavala; grade 6, Colleen Carney, Kerianne McGuire, Cheryl O'Donnell, Sheila Oxx; grade 5, Rebecca Dolan, Matthew Evans, Steven Gachko, Jenny Jediny, Daniel Mahoney, Joseph McComb, Kathleen McGrath.

Grade 4, Robert Bland, Keeja Dobson, Terence Donovan, Kevin Fontana, Elizabeth Gallagher, Nicholas Jenkins, Kimberly Kierstead, Dawn Lanz, Noreen Mahoney, Jessica Marino, Dustin Moniz, Melissa Scotti, Edwin Velajo; grade 3, John Ardules, Katie Carney, Ginger Clapps, John Curry, Nina DeMoya, Peter Epple, Patrick Gailliot, Kathryn Harlow, Adam Herits, Nadya Ibarra, Jake Milonas, Michaela Oxx, Michelle Scutieri.

Honorable mention: grade 8, Annette Sedano; grade 7, Kathryn Provod; grade 6, Kevin Douglass; grade 5, Monica Cullen, Quicha McCrea; grade 4, Olga Cotos, Cheryl Kennedy, William Provod; grade 3, Kim Phirrmann and Brianna Redd.

### HAS investors are picking winners

While many investors are wary of the stock market these days, seventh and eighth graders at Hillside Avenue School seem to know how to pick the winners. They are participating in the N.J. Council on Economic Education stock market club. Pupils received a "balance" of \$100,000 to invest in various stock exchanges. One of three Hillside teams, the one led by Chris Lowe, is ranked sixth out of 318 teams statewide.

Other club members are David DeVito, Justin Ondrey, Paul Goncalves, Scott Ruzak, C.J. Kroyer, Mike Margitich, Chris Louie, Robert Catalano, Joseph LaBracio, Rebekah Meyers, Tyrone Clark, Damian Knop, Danny DiFabio, David Litten, Steve Pakton and Eugene Kobitska.

HAS investors recommend IBM and Hillenbrand.

### Geologist to discuss solar exploration

Jayne Aubele, a planetary geologist at Brown University, will speak about her work on a joint solar system exploration program with the Soviet Union at 8 p.m. Dec. 14 at Union County College. The presentation, sponsored by Amateur Astronomers Inc., based at the college's Sperry Observatory, will be held in the Roy W. Smith Theater on the Cranford campus.

Aubele will discuss some planetary mapping she has prepared for the joint effort with the Soviet Union, detailing Earth's relationship with Mars and Venus. She also will show similarities that Earth has to Mars. Her program will conclude with comments on both nations' space efforts.

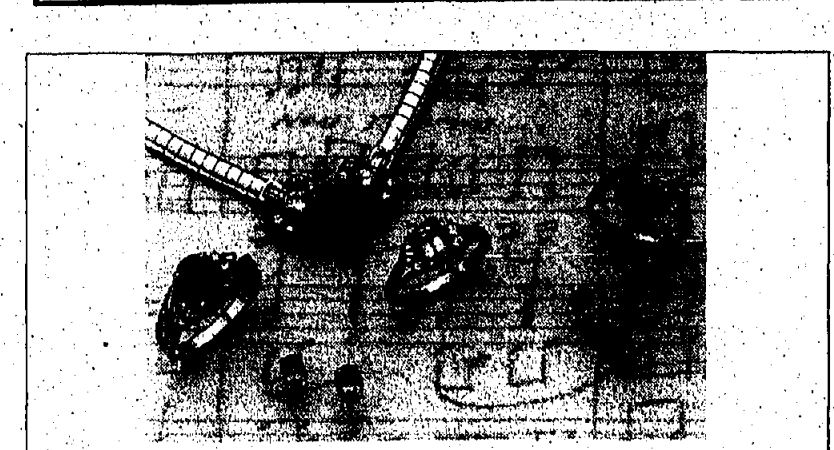
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## 106 township high school students named to 'Who's Who'

One hundred six high school students from Cranford have been listed in the annual edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

Selection is based on academic achievement and leadership in school activities, athletics or community service.

Cranford students are: Kenneth Alexo, William Anderson, Michael Andrew, Kristen Baldoni, Charles Baldwin, Daniela Barbosa, Arthur Batista, Jennifer Bobrowski, Kimberly Brunner, Cynthia Burd, David Burg, Kelly Byrne, Michele Charney, Jayali Chowdhury, Laurie Colarusso, Thomas Coleman, Renee Dale, Edward Davenport.

Christopher Davis, Gretchen DeRaaf, Nicole DeMarco, Maggie Demcsak, Stephanie Dixon, Jennifer Kain, James Korye Jr., Deborah King, Emily Kokie, Padmini Korde, Gail Kresko, James Kyle, Melissa Layton, Michelle Lindemann, Michael Littell, Curt Loxley, Ken Majors, Donald McGuire, Allison McKay, Allison Mehner, Yuri Mekhanik, Michelle Merola, Franco Montalto.

Scott Mullen, Lisa Nazzaro, Sharon O'Neill, Jeanine Ondrof, Elizabeth Parks, Adelle Par-

sons, Andrew Patton, Peter Perillo, Deborah Peta, Christine Pipchick, Kelly Quigley, Christine Rae, Christine Readdy, Karen Reszetylo, Jennifer Reynolds, Karen Richmond, Maria Jose Riera, Pepilo Riera, Michael Ruml, Leonardo Rinaldi, Ann Rivera, Sandra Rodriguez, Matthew Ruple, Nicole Saladino.

George Schmidt, Pema Shakappa, Ella Sheshady, Allan Slavik, Chelsea Slickman, Therese Spricio, Shana Stein, Ryan Stempniewicz, Sarah Storz, Megan Thee, Mariene Toth, Carolynne Toy, Joseph Van Bergen, Joanna Vita, Debra Wallin, Chris Weschick, David Westhoven, Stephen Westhoven, Pamela Whitefield, Kerry Williams, Geoffrey Worthington, Eugenia Xaroulakos, Lisa Yeung and Carole Zahumeny.

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EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR: Judge Mazzy Jazur of the Cranford Police Department receives an award as this year's township Employee of the Year from deputy mayor Vince Brinkerhoff at Friday's town Christmas party at the VFW Hall.

## Judge penalizes seven for DWI, three for other offenses

During recent Municipal Court hearings Judge James Bell penalized seven men who pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Matthew Heyns, 32, of Westfield was fined a total of \$1,145 and Peter Ciccone, 29, of Clark was fined a total of \$605. Each man's driver's license was revoked for two years and each was sentenced to 48 hours in the Intoxicated Driver's Recovery Center (IDRC) and to perform 30 days' community service. Heyns was arrested Sept. 5 by officer Craig Marino. Ciccone was arrested Aug. 25 by officer Anthony Dobbin.

Thomas Epple, 40, of Cranford was fined a total of \$315. His driver's license was revoked for six months and he was assigned

12 hours in the IDRC. Epple was arrested Sept. 13 by officer Frank Hanley.

Victor Gomez, 36, of Paterson was fined a total of \$495. His driver's license was revoked for six months. Gomez was arrested Dec. 2 by officer Peter Graczyk.

Joseph Silencieux, 42, of Elizabeth and David Cook, 18, of Westfield were fined a total of \$385 apiece for separate instances of DWI.

Silencieux lost his driver's license for six months; Cook for eight months. Officer Donald Zsak was the arresting officer for each last month.

Andrew Ruscansky, 21, of Winfield was fined a total of \$350. He was arrested Oct. 17 by Dobbin.

## Police step up surveillance to thwart decoration thefts

"We have this problem every year," said Lt. William O'Donnell Monday, referring to the thefts of Christmas lighting and decorations in the township.

Recent thefts of Christmas decorations from homes on Reford Avenue and Omaha Drive have caused the crime prevention unit to increase surveillance in the southern portion of the township, he said.

Persons found with stolen lighting and decorations face being charged with theft of property, the seriousness of which will depend on the value of the items.

It also appears that thefts of Christmas items are not confined only to area homes.

A shopping cart filled with Christmas decorations was reported stolen Sunday from a South Avenue E. business, according to police.

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## Leather coat and two videos reported stolen in last week

In separate incidents a leather coat and two videos were reported stolen last week, said police.

A college student reported her leather coat worth \$300, was stolen Saturday at her place of employment on Myrtle Street. The victim, identified as Lina Lombardo of Kean College's Rogers Hall, told police her black leather coat was stolen while she was working at Macy's Credit Services, 61 Myrtle Ave. Investigators said the theft occurred sometime between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. There are no suspects or witnesses.

Two videos worth approximately

\$50 were reported stolen Dec. 4 from a South Avenue business.

Store manager Frank Ferruccio told police he saw an elderly male leaving Blockbuster Video at 6:30 p.m. with two copies of a movie titled "Total Recall." The suspect apparently had been in the store for 20 minutes and had asked Ferruccio questions about the movie and the price of the videos shortly before he left the store, said police.

The manager became aware of the theft after the suspect triggered the security alarm, police said. Authorities searched the area but were unable to locate him, said Lt. William O'Donnell.

## Candy is stolen at Hillside School

Eight boxes of candy worth approximately \$60 were reported stolen Dec. 2 from Hillside Avenue School, police said.

Entry was gained after a rear window leading to Classroom 34 was broken. The suspect took an assortment of mixed nuts and chocolate which were to be sold as part of a fund-raising drive, said Lt. William O'Donnell.

Also stolen were two nylon "fanny packs" which are commonly used to carry small items.

The break-in was discovered at 4 p.m. by officer Donald Zsak. He said the theft occurred sometime between Nov. 30 and Dec. 2.

No evidence was recovered and there are no suspects or witnesses, said police.

## Town raises dog fees but limit remains

## Office fire

The township will take a larger bite out of dog owners' wallets next year when the increase in dog licensing fees, but residents who lease a three-dog per household limit can rest easy, it will remain at a three per person, per household limit.

The new amendment, turns over dog licensing to the police department, and increases the fee for neutered dogs to \$3 and for non-neutered dogs to \$11, with January designated as the annual month for renewal. This year's fee is \$7 and \$10. A late charge of \$1 per month will be charged to those residents who fail to register by Jan. 31.

The new ordinance, delayed this fall because residents objected to a three-per-household limitation, was revised and formally adopted Nov. 27.

Meanwhile the Township Committee introduced the proposed cat licensing ordinance Tuesday, which passed on first reading. On Dec. 26, the final reading and public hearing will take place, with the governing body taking formal action.

## Pupils win prizes for drug posters

Three fifth graders at Orange Avenue School have received awards in the county's 11th annual drug poster contest.

Heather Simpson won first place in the most meaningful category and Kim Hribar won third place. Vicki Hynes placed second in the best design category.

The contest is sponsored by the Union County Narcotic Advisory Board. Awards were presented recently in a ceremony in Judge Edward Beglin's chamber at Union County Courthouse, Elizabeth.

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MRS. FISH: Holding daughter "Tuna Fish" is Debbie Sandler, a marine biologist who tours the country as Mrs. Fish teaching elementary school children about the marine world.

## Couple of marine biologists champion the environment

In elementary schools across the country, Cranford High School graduate Debbie Sandler is better known as Mrs. Fish, champion of the marine environment.

When not touring the Sandlers hold summer "Fish Camp" near their Portland, Maine, home or teach their methods to aquarist staffs. Additionally, they recently celebrated the birth of their daughter, Coral, whom they have nicknamed "Baby Tuna."

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hall, now of Westfield, Mrs. Sandler was trained as an elementary school teacher at Beloit College and the University of Vermont and eventually received a graduate degree in marine biology.

An article featuring the "fishes" can be found in the November issue of Woman's Day magazine.

## Attorney suggests exemption

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is unlike "any other property owner," since it makes the law, and can change the law, and all acts of a municipality must serve a public purpose, he does not have an actual law to support his claim. He did, however, consult with former Judge Milton A. Feller, who according to Taylor is "one of the leading jurists on zoning law in New Jersey." Feller was of the opinion "a municipality is not subject to its own local zoning ordinance," but he did not know of a reported case to support this.

Taylor also believes "it is wrong for the township to apply for permission to develop township property from a board to which it appointed all of the members."

Taylor said he has seen the township "expend needless time and expense by preparing and presenting applications before the Planning Board as well as needless embarrassment of the local newspapers' printing stories of 'alleged' development in violation of

## Hartz detailing Walnut site plan before Planning Board

By Cheryl Moulton

Hartz Mountain Industries is appearing before the Planning Board in a continuing series of meetings to present its complete site plan to redevelop the 31-acre former Beecham site located on Walnut Avenue.

The intricate and often technical proposed site plan now undergoing scrutiny by the Planning Board ultimately will determine if the state developer has complied the township's new ordinance down-zoning the community's southwest quadrant. The restrictive features of the ordinance do not allow development without traffic reduction measures to counteract the impact of additional traffic volume to the area.

Hartz is seeking to construct a 75,000-square-foot building and a "speculative" 50,000-square-foot building adjacent to the existing 350,000-square-foot building which fronts on Walnut Avenue. The redevelopment will bring 800 new employees to the site within five years.

Prior to formal site plan application Hartz attorney David Hughes said the proposed development would double taxes currently generated by the site. In

1990 the tax revenues for the 31-acre site amounted to \$298,000. With the proposed development the township would realize \$478,000, a difference of \$206,000.

The current hearings, which began Nov. 7, have focused on landscaping, parking, exterior lighting and traffic improvements. The company will undertake in order to comply with the new ordinance, has voiced a desire to be sensitive to the wishes of the residents living near the site.

While an informal review on Sept. 19 revealed the application would not require variances, it was noted several exceptions or waivers would be required for parking space size and lighting pole height. Of paramount importance to the township and residents was the future traffic impact to the area from additional employees to the site within five years.

The ordinance requires a "solid screen of vegetation growth" within the permitted three-year time lapse allowed for growth of the trees and other plantings. He also said if the trees initially planted too close together the results will be similar to what is now occurring on the site, an overgrowth and choking of the trees and plants. Mayor Ed Force, who sits on the Planning Board, suggested a two-year review of the landscaping might be needed in order to see if the screen developments according to ordinance requirements.

Proposed lighting of the site will require an exception or waiver, since Hartz has requested 22-foot poles, and the ordinance limits lighting poles to 16 feet. Although the board questioned Hayes' expertise in lighting, he indicated lighting has become a design element on the majority of Hartz projects, and he had handled the lighting connected with those projects. Asked how long he had been working with lighting, Hayes said, "20 years." The proposed lighting plan, brought about concern from board members, requesting Hartz to further illustrate the plan at the next meeting.

## Neighbors object to lights

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quality of life or that of his neighbors." According to Chapman, who is a Cranford police officer and a PAL football coach, there have been "no negative effects from the lights."

Board members and residents of the Adams Avenue area were invited to view Memorial Field lights several weeks ago as an example. Board member John Duryee said, "There was a definite glare in the eye when you drove down Buchanan Street toward the field when the lights are on."

Jeff Magletta, a lighting expert appearing for CBL, said a viewer over the lights would cut down on the glare, but he maintained it "was a matter of opinion." When asked by Duryee if 10 percent of the light behind the pole would be eliminated, Magletta said, "No," and indicated the visitor "should not stop the light from bouncing off the field to the sky."

When the subject of the parking area was broached by Duryee, Rappaport, of 20 Adams Ave., Stender objected, "It is not a part of this proposal."

Chairman Henry Dreyer indicated if work were going to continue on the parking area, a site plan would have to be filed. Stender assured Dreyer one would be forthcoming once the project is approved.

The issue of the parking area became a point of contention when it was discovered at the first meeting on the lights application, Mayor Ed Force had authorized the township Department of Public Works (DPW) to reconstruct the parking lot bordering town fields without the knowledge of Township Committee members, or compliance to the town Land Development Ordinance (LDO).

Rappaport also objected to the use of Memorial Field as a comparison, stressing the houses there are "further away from the actual impact of the lights," and the area is surrounded by the township swim complex and an industrial area, with few residential homes directly involved, unlike the Adams Avenue neighborhood.

Thomas Conway of 102 Adams Ave. asked if the 9 p.m. cutoff time for use of the lights would be written in stone.

Dreyer said, "If the application were passed it would be made a condition of the resolution."

In response Conway asked, "In the middle of an inning, bases

## Insurance

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morial Field, said the lights there "have not adversely affected his avenue the township would take in 1991 in order to reduce the prospective increase. Governing body members previously had discussed the alternative of sharing premium costs with employees, but he said the deductible, and dropping some benefits, but felt they did not have the expertise to understand the problems. Instead, he opted instead for a consultant."

In October Murphy told governing body members, claims to Mutual of Omaha, the township insurance carrier, had run 50 percent higher than the industry standard. He explained 1990 had been a bad year with four very severe weather illnesses, "occurring to township employees or retirees. Currently township employees reap the benefits of insurance without sharing the cost of premiums. Murphy indicated health care benefits are the No. 1 item potential employees look for when choosing a job.

According to Murphy, the consulting firm will examine the 65 percent increase in premiums, including auditing past claims, negotiating with Mutual of Omaha to lower the premiums, and look at all large claims to make sure there are no mistakes on the part of the hospital or insurance company.

If no solution is found, then the township may have to change carriers. Three years ago, after complaints from employees over Blue Cross-Blue Shield, the township changed carriers, signing with Mutual of Omaha.

The resolution appropriating the funds states competitive bidding was not necessary under the "professional services" provision in the local public contracts law because the services "are of such a nature that it does not lend itself to competitive bidding."

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## Jews celebrate Hanukkah with parties

Congregants of Temple Beth-El will celebrate the Jewish Festival of Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, with a party at their synagogue on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 11:15 a.m. The celebration will be held in the Synagogue, 1115 East Main St., and will include a menorah lighting, a song, and a reading of the story of Hanukkah.

Known as the Festival of Lights, Hanukkah celebrates the victory of Jewish men over the Syrians in 165 B.C. who had taken away freedom of worship, and had imposed the laws of the Syrian king on the Jews. The Jews succeeded in driving the Syrians from the land and from the temple.

When the Maccabees went to cleanse and rededicate the temple they found enough oil to light the temple's seven-branched candelabrum for only one day. But tradition says this oil continued to burn for eight days—hence the eight-day duration of the holiday today, and the nine-branched Hanukkah menorah (Hanukkah), one branch or candle for each day of the holiday and the ninth as a reminder of the miracle.

Many Jewish families today celebrate not only by lighting the candles of the holiday but by placing an electric Hanukkah menorah in their windows, increasing the number of lights each day until all are lit on the eighth day. The holiday also includes foods prepared in oil as well as joyful songs, games and gifts.



FESTIVAL LIGHTS: Aviva Cohen, 6, admires Temple Beth-El's Hanukkah, the nine-branched candelabrum which celebrates Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights.

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## Choir at Alliance to present 'The Word' Sunday evening

The sanctuary choir of Cranford Alliance Church will present a musical rendition of "The Word" on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. The musical is a production of "The Word" by Claire Cavanaugh and John Pettit, will be directed by Ruth King.

The songs and narrative of "The Word" are a collection of the birth of Christ, from the Nativity to the Resurrection. The musical will be presented by the Cranford Alliance Church choir, which is made up of members of the church and the community. The musical is a production of "The Word" by Claire Cavanaugh and John Pettit, will be directed by Ruth King.

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## Obituaries

## Donald Billiar, professor

A memorial service will be held Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. in the Nomahegan Building's main lecture hall at Union County College for Donald Billiar, 60, senior professor and former English department chairman, who died last Thursday at his home in Jersey City after a long illness.

In addition to teaching, Dr. Billiar served on the executive committee which prepared reports for the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. He also served on the executive committee for the college's 1985-90 master plan. When Union County College and Union County Technical Institute merged in 1982 to form Union County College, he served as chairman of the transitional faculty executive committee.

Dr. Billiar was also on the College Entrance Examination Board, a member of its English advisory committee.

In 1984 Dr. Billiar received a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities for a college teacher and a mid-career fellowship from Princeton University and the N.J. Consortium on the Community College.

Prior to joining the faculty of Union College, he taught at the University of Michigan, Butler University, Indianapolis, the University of Illinois and the University of Montreal.

A graduate of Doane College, Crete, Neb., Dr. Billiar received his master's degree from the University of Nebraska and a doctorate from the University of Michigan. He did post-doctoral work at Brown University, Providence, R.I. and Ohio State University.

Born in Nebraska, he had lived in Jersey City since 1972.

His wife, Mary Lou of Lincoln, Neb., survives.

## Florence Myers

Florence Belling Myers, 87, of Cranford died Saturday in Ashbrook Nursing Home, Scotch Plains.

Born in East Orange, Mrs. Myers lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Cranford three years ago. She was a member of Maplewood Bible Chapel and had been a volunteer at Overlook Hospital, Summit, for many years.

Her husband Curtis, died in March. Surviving are two daughters, Carolyn Melhorer of Westfield and Ann Schuttenberg of North Olmsted, Ohio; a son, Charles of Lake City, Fla.; a sister, Lois Robinson of St. Petersburg, Fla.; 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

## Maxwell Spiro

Services were held Tuesday at Smith and Smith, Suburban, Springfield. Memorial contributions may be made to C.M.M.I., P.O. Box 13, Spring Lake 07762.

Maxwell Spiro, 97, of Cranford died Saturday at Orleans (Mass.) Convalescent Home.

Mr. Spiro owned Globe Sanitary Products Co. and Maxwell Spiro Co., both of Jersey City. He was a captain in the U.S. Army during World War I and in the National Guard during World War II. He was a past president of the Sanitary Institute of America and a past commander of the Hoffman Lodge, No. 10, Jewish War Veterans, Jersey City.

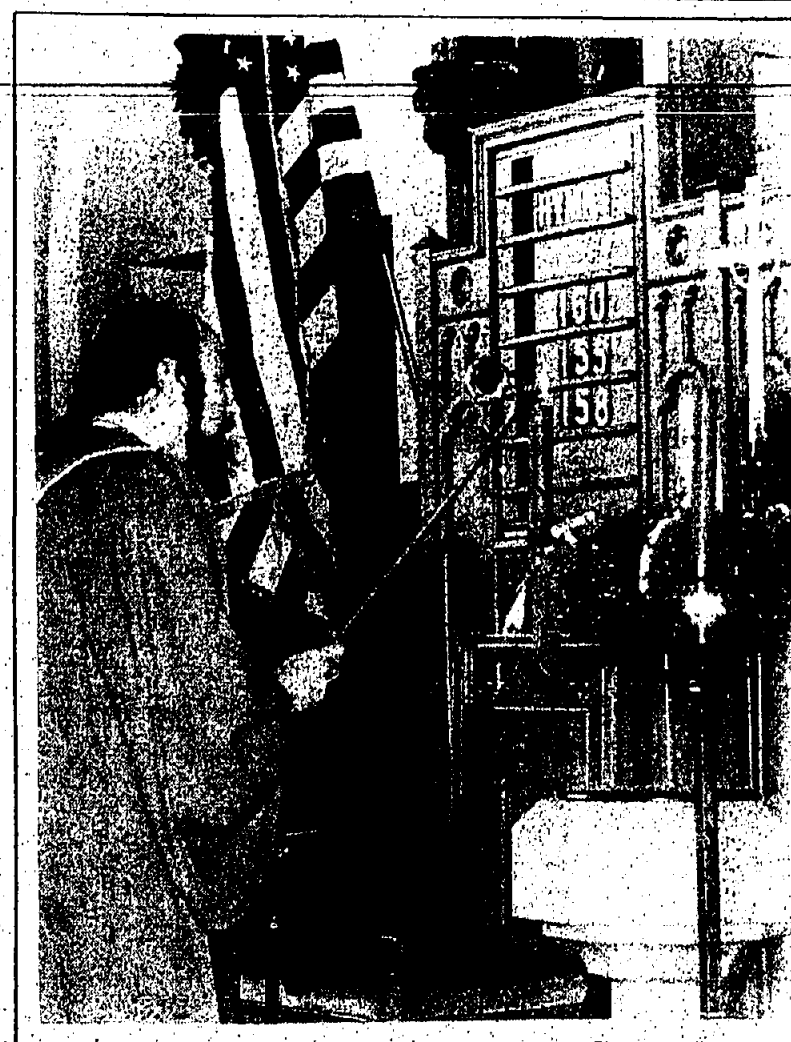
Mr. Spiro, who received an engineering degree in 1915 from Cooper Union, New York City, was the designer of the floodlight towers of both the George Washington Bridge and the Pulaski Bridge.

He also designed the Veterans Memorial Parks in Jersey City and Surfside, Fla.

Born in New York City, Mr. Spiro had lived in Jersey City for 20 years and Surfside for 25 years ago.

His wife, the former Helen Miller, died in 1988. Surviving are two sons, Richard and Donald; a brother, Morris; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Wren and Wren of Jersey City.



ADVENT CANDLE: John Oeder lights the Advent candle during Sunday services at First Presbyterian Church in anticipation of Christmas.

## Capuchin Fathers to speak at St. Anne's parish mission

Capuchin Fathers will speak at Masses this weekend as part of a parish mission at the Church of St. Anne. Especially invited are Catholics who have not been practicing their faith, "those who perhaps are angry, in pain, lonely, frustrated."

The Capuchin Fathers are members of the branch of the Franciscan order founded by St. Francis of Assisi in 1209. Known for their parish missions, the Capuchins work with the poor and the homeless.

The mission schedule will begin Wednesday. A closing Mass with a vesper service Monday followed by a conference titled "Why Am I Catholic?" Holy hour with benediction and a conference on Catholic morality will take place Tuesday. A Penance service and conference on "The Sacrament of Reconciliation" will be given Wednesday. A closing Mass with an extended homily on "Mary and the Eucharist" will be offered next Thursday.

Mission services will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be followed by confession, the Rosary and music. Coffee and cake will be served in the school cafeteria.

The Rev. Ed Swierzbinski, pastor, will assist with services. The public is welcome.

## December... A Month of Celebration



## "The Word" Became Flesh and Dwell Among Us A Christmas Cantata By Our Sanctuary Choir

The Sanctuary Choir under the direction of Ruth King, will sing this dramatic Cantata.

Sunday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m.

## Christmas Eve Service

Join with us for this traditional Candlelight Service of carols and scripture and special music!

7:00 p.m.

## Sermon Titles For Advent

Sundays at 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

December 16: "Season's Greeting to the Troubled" Luke 1:26-38

December 23: "Season's Greetings to the World" Luke 2:8-14

Cranford Alliance Church 7 Cherry Street Cranford, N.J. 276-1617

## Shoppers buy \$1,800 worth of farm animals for project

When more than 300 adults and children of Cranford United Methodist Church finished their holiday shopping Sunday, they had bought nearly \$1,800 worth of pigs, cows, goats, sheep, chicks, rabbits and fish for their loved ones.

The animal purchases were actually donations to the Heifer Project International (HPI), an ecumenical, non-profit agency which provides livestock to needy farmers and cooperatives in the United States and abroad.

The public is invited to join the fund-raising effort by purchasing a share (any part of the anatomy can be designated) or whole animal before Saturday when the campaign ends. Call the church office at 276-0688 for information. Free gift certificates and cards explaining the gift can be personalized.

The seven animal booths at the fair were sponsored by individual Sunday school classes and the missions commissions of the church. A good natured competition developed between the youth during the fair as each class tried to sell more of their animals. Erica Curran and Tony Romeo kept the rivalry going by announcing certain gifts such as a portion of a goat in someone's honor.

Preliminary counts indicate that the hottest ticket item this holiday season was sheep. Mr. and Mrs. John Kopf bought a whole sheep for a friend who collects sheep memorabilia. "We wouldn't ordinarily spend this much money on a single gift, but we figured that the money was doing double duty via HPI," explained Mr. Kopf. The Kopfs also bought a trio of rabbits for their nephew who was killed at age 19. "He was a real animal lover and always had pets so a living memorial seemed to be a fitting gift," he added.

Perhaps the second most favored animal at the fair was the chick which was sold by the pre-kindergarten class. The youngsters at the booth hawked success stories involving their feathered friends and HPI recipients in Stockton, Calif. In this agricultural region of the Golden State, 25 percent of the farms are bankrupt. Farmworkers, many of them refugees, have few job alternatives. Heifer Project International is working with farm cooperatives and youth organizations over a five-year period. Twenty-five ducks and 800 hens have been sent to the farmers via the Metro Ministry of the San Joaquin Valley.

While not the biggest earner, the pig was certainly one of the most talked about animals at the event. It is unclear whether the pig was popular because of its value to HPI recipients or because of the symbolism attached by church members who bought a share of the swine.

Visitors to the pig booth learned some hog trivia from third and fourth graders who were aggressively touting their animal. According to HPI, a good quality hog of any breed, weighing three pounds at birth will reach market weight of 200 pounds at 6 months. HPI has sent pigs to Honduras where they eat rejected bananas, to Dominican Republic where they eat damaged yams, and to many other places where grass and even garbage are on their menu. Income from the sale of one short (male pig) can double the annual salary of an Ecuadorian farmer. No wonder that a Caribbean island once adopted the hog as a symbol of progress.

The unusual fair was part of the Methodist church's alternate Christmas program. In addition to gifts/donations to the Heifer Project, the congregation has purchased gifts for 171 adults and children. The youth are from families being assisted by the Cranford Family Care Association and the adults are clients of the Union County Psychiatric Clinic.

Five cards representing adult males from the Psychiatric Clinic are still available from the church's "giving tree." Anyone who wishes to purchase a gift for one or more of these adults is asked to contact the church office immediately. The gifts will be collected Sunday. "Many of these adults from the clinic have no one and even the smallest gift says that someone acknowledges their existence and that they are not forgotten people in our community," said the Rev. Doug Miller, church pastor.

## Osceola worship last one at Brewer

The Rev. S. Timothy Pretz, pastor of Osceola Presbyterian Church, will preach at Sunday's 10 a.m. worship service at Clark's Brewer Municipal Building, "Christmas and Change" is the sermon topic.

In observance of the season of Advent, the third candle in the Advent wreath will be lit during the service by the board of deacons. Following the service, Sunday's service will be the last one offered in the municipal building since an arsonist's torch destroyed the church more than two years ago. Services will begin at 10 a.m. Dec. 23 at the newly constructed church at 1879 Raritan Rd., Clark.

HOSPITAL AIDED Ladies Philanthropic Society of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church has donated \$1,500 to Children's Specialized Hospital funds to proceeds of a recent raffle.

October 24th a new study will begin after Bible Study "Being a Christian in a Non-Christian World" taken from the Book of James

Thursday - 10:00 AM Bible Study 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Pastor Ralph P. Acerno

First Unitarian Society of Plainfield Unitarian Universalist

724 Park Ave., Plainfield, NJ 07060

Reverend Margaret Campbell Gross

Church School and Child Care, 10:30 AM

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 7:00 PM - Family Service

December 25, 10:00 AM - Communion

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## Union County Religious Directory

<b>SCOTCH PLAINS CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b> 1800 Raritan Rd., Scotch Plains (By Union Co. College) <b>889-1690</b> Minister Doug McCulley Sunday School 9:45 A.M. Sunday Worship 11:00 A.M.	<b>GRACE &amp; PEACE FELLOWSHIP</b> 950 RARITAN ROAD CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY 07016 (201) 276-8740 Pastors: Doug & Virginia Kauder Sunday - 10:00 A.M. Worship Wednesday - 7:30 P.M. Teaching	<b>St. Paul's United Church of Christ</b> 213 Center St. Cranford <b>789-1285</b> Rev. Doug Lovejoy-Carter Pastor Worship and Sunday School 9:30 A.M. Child Care Available
<b>Willow Grove Presbyterian Church</b> 1961 Raritan Rd. Scotch Plains 232-5678 9:00 AM - Sunday School for All Ages 10:00 AM - Coffee and Fellowship 10:30 AM - Worship Services Nursery and Child Care Provided Wednesday - 9:00 PM Choir Rehearsal October 24th a new study will begin after Bible Study "Being a Christian in a Non-Christian World" taken from the Book of James Thursday - 10:00 AM Bible Study 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Pastor Ralph P. Acerno	<b>Raritan Road Baptist Church</b> 611 Raritan Road, Cranford (Adjacent to the Days Inn) <b>272-7088</b> Pastor Steve Nash Sunday Service Sunday School - 9:40 A.M. Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M. Wed. Evening Bible Study - 7 P.M. We are in Fellowship with the Christian Church in America.	<b>First Baptist Church</b> 170 Elm Street Westfield, New Jersey 07090 233-2278 Church School 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Dr. Robert L. Harvey, Pastor
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## Cranford classical guitarist to perform at noon recital



NICHOLAS GOLUSES will be featured at noon concert Wednesday at a church in Westfield.

## Book reviewer presents suggestions for holiday gift giving

By Irma S. Mirante  
Chronicle associate

The actress Ruth Gordon wrote, "What's your rule for purchasing a present? Mine is: Would I like it? Who knows what anyone else likes, but I'll like it, that at least is something."

Because I agree with Miss Gordon's sentiments, I am listing some books that I plan to give for the holidays and/or hope to receive.

**Fiction:** This year there are some splendid books to own so that they can be enjoyed in a leisurely fashion. "Possession—A Romance" by A.S. Byatt, winner of the prestigious 1990 Booker Prize, can be experienced on many levels—a Victorian and a modern love story, a mystery, a view of contemporary academic life and an emphasis on language and good reading.

"The Plains of Passage" by Jean M. Auel is the fourth in the Earth Children series. The reader follows the detailed and exciting adventures of Ayla and Jonidal across Ice Age Europe. "My Son's Story" by Nadine Gordimer is set in modern-day South Africa. This is the story of a black political leader whose son discovers a secret that could destroy his father's career. It is about strife between races and generations by an author who has been nominated for the Nobel Prize.

"The First Man in Rome" by Colleen McCullough is the fascinating account of the rivalry of two men who want to become consul of the Roman republic in 110 B.C. "Rabbit at Rest" by John Updike is the fourth and final novel about Harry "Rabbit" Angstrom that concludes the fourth decade of American life as this great writer sees it. Michael Crichton's latest novel, "Jurassic Park," is a thriller that combines genetic engineering with paleontology when a modern scientist brings some prehistoric animals to life. About people: "Royal Sisters—Queen Elizabeth II, Princess Margaret" by Anne Edwards is a classic tale of sibling rivalry and birth order as it affects royalty with much previously unpublished material. "Any" completed by Ava Gardner just before her recent death tells of her life from a small North Carolina town to Hollywood, Spain and London with her special candor and wit.

"The Sun in the Morning—My Early Years in India and England" by M.M. Kaye is a loving memory of India and its people just before and after World War I by the author of "The Far Pavilions." "In All His Glory: The Life of William S. Paley—The Legendary Tycoon and His Brilliant Circle" by Sally Bedell Smith is about the man who built CBS from a small radio network into one of the world's great conglomerates with interesting insights into his business decisions that affected all our lives. His private life was filled with high social living, good food, art collections and all the well-known people of his time.

"Holding on to the Air" by Suzanne Farrell is the life of the prima ballerina for whom Balanchine choreographed and then banished from the company when she married. In "Freedom in Exile: The Autobiography of the Dalai Lama," the Nobel Prize winner writes of his concern for peace, freedom for Tibet, non-violence and the environment.

**Food:** "The Frugal Gourmet Cooks Your Immigrant Heritage" by Jeff Smith is particularly timely with the reopening of Ellis Island. It includes the heritage of 38 different immigrant groups and has details of recipes impossible to follow on television. "Epiphany—A Year of Delight" by Evan Jones is a biography of James Beard that tells of the life of the delightful, generous man who most influenced American cooking in this century. As a bonus, it includes some recipes from his cookbooks, columns and classes.

**Miscellany:** "A Life on the Road" by Charles Kuralt is a memoir of his southern boyhood, his reporting years and the over 25 years spent roaming America for CBS. It is filled with the charm, humor and insight that this man is admired for. "Et Cetera, Et Cetera" by Lewis Thomas is for the lover of words and wordplay. The brief and clever essays should appeal to many readers. "There's a Country in My Cellar" by Russell Baker is a collection of almost 250 of his columns with new introductions and some postscripts. It is great to reread some favorite columns and to discover ones that the reader might have missed.

**History:** "The Civil War" by

Geoffrey C. Ward with Ric and Ken Burns tells in words and pictures the war from Ft. Sumter to Appomattox, as seen on the much-heralded PBS documentary. "The Polk Conspiracy: Murder and Coverup in the Case of CBS Correspondent George Polk" by Kati Marton shows by investigative reporting her theory of who killed the young reporter in 1943, why he was murdered and gives a very readable history of Greek politics after World War II.

**Mystery:** "Longshot" by Dick Francis is one of his best stories, filled with horses, danger, great riding and marvelous characterizations. "Rumpole at La Carte" by John Mortimer is a collection of eight stories in which the beloved barrister investigates suspected murder, strikes, a plot to ruin a fashionable restaurant and the right of a citizen to remain silent.

"The Players Come Again" by Amanda Cross—Rebecca Kate Fansler, an English professor, in a literate, entertaining mystery. This is the 11th mystery written under this nom de plume by pro-

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First Congregational Church

125 Elmer St. Westfield, will present the final concert in its series of mid-day musicals Wednesday at noon. Guitarist Nicholas Goluses will be the featured performer, accompanied by organist Barbara Thomson. Both are Cranford residents.

Goluses holds the Andres Segovia faculty chair at Manhattan School of Music, New York, where he is chairman of the guitar department and where he earned a doctorate in musical arts. He has received the Pablo Casals Award for musical accomplishment and human endeavor, and recently was named artist-in-residence at University of Denver. His teachers have included Manuel Barrueco and Segovia.

Goluses has appeared as a soloist throughout North America, South America, Europe and Asia. He has given world premiere performances of several works with Manhattan Symphony and New York Philharmonic.

His summer schedule included recitals and master classes at festivals in Geneva, Boston, Toronto, Aspen and New Brunswick. He toured Korea in September, gave a solo recital in New York's Merkin Hall in November and performed in chamber music concerts with the American String Quartet.

The guitarist often programs all-

Beck recitals and currently is recording the Sonatas for Un-

accompanied Violin, the subject of his doctoral dissertation. His manuscript, "The History and Literature of Plucked Instruments," is used in conservatories and colleges throughout the world. He is a frequent contributor to leading journals including "Guitar Review" and "Soundboard."

Thomson has concentrated extensively in the United States and Europe, and has been critically acclaimed for her technique, musicianship and ability to communicate. She was a guest soloist at the 1980 national convention of the American Society of University Composers, Memphis; the Festival Maria Schutz, Austria, and the Cathedral of Notre Dame, Paris. She was a finalist in the prestigious International Congress of Organists playing competition and has recorded for Voice of America, Radio Bremen (Germany), Vermont Public Television and Spectrum Records.

Thomson is organist and music director of First Congregational Church of Westfield, organist of Temple B'nai Abraham, Livingston, and Voorhees Chapel at Rutgers University.

A soup and sandwich luncheon will be available at a minimal cost following the concert. Babysitting will be provided free from noon to 1:30 p.m.

**FESTIVAL OF CAROLS**  
The Cantoris Choir of men and boys will sing a festival of lessons and carols at 4 p.m. Sunday at Grace Church, W. Seventh Street and Cleveland Avenue, Plainfield. Call 756-1520.

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This column is devoted to sharing with you, our readers, the different ways of doing things, delicious cuisine in our area.

  
**CAFE ON THE SQUARE**  
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In the past, hotel restaurants were (1) over priced, (2) over decorated and (3) over rated. Their customers were businessmen staying at the hotel who ate there because it was convenient. Few people from the area ever visited their restaurants.

While we still have plenty of them around, some hotels have made a concerted effort to serve the local population. One restaurant that is doing just that is CAFE on the Square in the Clarion Hotel in Edison.

Their restaurant is located in the front of the hotel, not in some large, cold interior room. The front of the restaurant is a pleasant greenhouse with hanging plants and a beautiful view of the night sky.

The interior is nicely done in peach tones, walls and table cloths, with a plush seat along one wall. Mirrored walls on each and make the room seem larger than it really is. The table setting is beautiful china and silk flowers. Background music is provided by a pianist who plays and sings old standards. It really is a pleasant setting.

Friday nights at the CAFE on the Square is an ALL YOU CAN EAT Italian seafood buffet for \$16.95. The only other choice is a fixed price menu for \$20.95 per person.

Before I describe the buffet, let me tell you about the fixed price menu. This consisted of a choice of soup du jour (creamy beef barley), fresh fruit or fettuccini Alfredo, a greer, garden salad, ricotta and butter. Entrée selections were: Stuffed mountain chicken, sole fra diavolo, surf and turf or veal castle. Vegetables and a choice of rice or potato accompanied your entrée. Coffee and your choice of dessert from a display tray are also included.

Three of us chose the Italian/seafood buffet while the other selected the fixed price menu. Our neighbor chose the veal castle, which was milk fed veal sautéed with artichokes, pimientos, olives and mushrooms and finished with a white wine sauce. She remarked that the veal was very tender while the sauce was delightfully tasty.

There were four sections to the buffet. The first section has its own chef who prepares your choice of pasta (fettuccini, spaghetti or angel hair) with an Alfredo sauce or marinara. The second section is your salads consisting of a raisin carrot salad, cole slaw, potato salad, antipasto, pasta or fresh garden greens.

The third section is your hot dishes of chicken amaretto, eggplant, parmigiana, shrimp and scallops, pomodoro and veal marsala. The fourth, and last section, is of course your desserts. The choices that night were carrot cake, pumpkin pie, strawberry amaretto cake, apple pie, chocolate truffle cake and cannoli's.

Between the three of us, we tried a little bit of everything. I liked the fettuccini Alfredo the best, my husband the eggplant and the veal marsala, while our neighbor's choice was the shrimp and scallops. That's what is nice about a buffet. You're bound to please everyone with the wide selection of choices.

For desserts we tried the strawberry amaretto cake, and cannoli, and the delicious dark chocolate truffle cake.

When we were getting ready to leave around 9:00 P.M., we noticed that the dining room was filled and people were waiting to get in. I would say that this was an indication of how well the CAFE on the Square is doing in enticing the people in the area to dine there.

Hours of Operation: Breakfast 7:00-11:00 A.M., Lunch Monday-Friday 11:30-2:00, Dinner Monday-Saturday 5:30-10:00, Available for special parties.

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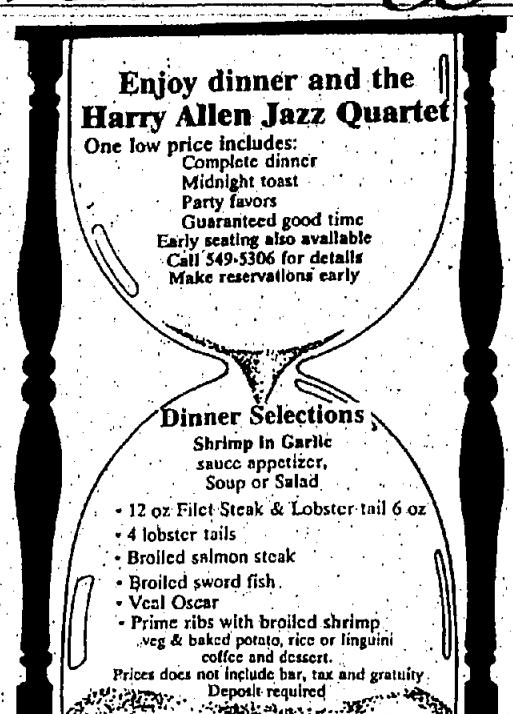
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Today's personal computers, according to the Electronic Industries Association (EIA), can be purchased for less than \$300, though prices run up to \$2,000, depending on the functional capabilities, memory, power and accessories included. Five million personal computers were sold in 1989, according to EIA, and projections are even higher for 1990.

Among the tasks a personal computer can perform in a home office are financial planning, record keeping and word processing.

And, with the addition of an add-on device called a modem, a home office can be connected with outside data banks that offer a vast array of information.

There is a wide variety of computer software available that can be utilized in a home office, from word processing software to financial programs that can track office expenditures and project future profits. There are also software programs available that can keep track of mailing lists and inventories.

In addition to modems, there are many computer accessories available to enhance and extend the life of your personal computer, including additional disc drives for added storage, printers, plotters for graphics and charts, light pens for drawing directly on the computer screen, and special computer furniture designed to fit into your home office decor.

If your needs do not necessitate the purchase of a personal computer, you may do better with either a dedicated word processor or typewriter. The latest typewriter models offer advanced office-machine features at affordable prices, such as word processing functions, liquid-crystal displays and spell-checking features. The new word processors offer more functions than regular typewriters and are easier to use than computers.

You can keep in touch with your boss at the office or with clients and customers at other locations by using a fax machine. Fax machines offer a variety of useful

features, including contrast control for clear, easy-to-read copies, and redialing

use functions, especially handy when you're trying to fax a document to a party whose line is busy. Most of the latest fax machines are compact and lightweight, yet accept full-size documents and transmit at very high speeds.

There has been a lot said about the paperless office, but it remains true that most people want to keep paper copies of important documents in their files. Today's personal copiers offer convenience, easy installation and low maintenance requirements. EIA estimates that 600,000 personal copiers will be installed in home office environments by the end of this year.

More than 29 million telephones were purchased by consumers last year. The type of telephone you purchase will depend both on your needs and your price range. You can expect to spend as little as \$25 for a basic touch-tone or rotary dial model or as much as several hundred dollars for deluxe microprocessor-controlled telephones that offer such features as automatic dialing of stored numbers, hands-free operation, coded screening of incoming calls for privacy, and a digital display of numbers called, time, and the timing of call length.

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But despite all the enticing goodies on display, it is possible to enjoy those merry holiday functions without over-indulging, health experts say.

Charles Sekeres, president of Physicians Weight Loss Centers, offers dieters these suggestions for surviving the holiday entertainment season: Come with a partner, preferably thin, who will remind you what not to eat. Avoid alcohol, which is loaded with calories.

Stick to flavored water, seltzer or tonic water. Steer clear of salted nuts, breads, pastries and anything oily. Eat raw vegetables, especially celery and carrot sticks, but without the dip. If you eat shrimp, use lemon juice instead of seafood sauce. Don't stand near the food table. Out of sight is out of mind. Mingle with other guests instead. Carry a napkin and glass at all times, to keep your hands full. Wear tight-fitting clothes that will show off any weight gain, and warn you if you're overeating. Reward your restraint after the party. Get yourself a gift, or go to the movies. You deserve it. Remember that holidays are a time for happy memories, not for later regrets about adding unwanted pounds.

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## 'Met' offers top exhibits for holiday

Are you planning a trip into New York City this holiday season to see the Christmas tree at Rockefeller Plaza? Well, take a slight detour uptown to make it an extra special day and visit The Metropolitan Museum of Art. This winter, the museum is hosting several exciting exhibits for all ages.

If Mexico sparks some interest for you, then see "Mexico: Splendor of Thirty Centuries," showing until January 13, 1991. This exhibit begins with the pre-Columbian era and goes through to the 20th century with everything from intricately scaled ornaments of jade and gold to the works of muralists Jose Clemente Orzoco and Diego Rivera.

If "Italian Renaissance Frames," through January 6, 1991, sounds more your style, visit the museum's unrivaled collection of frames produced in Italy during the 14th through the 17th centuries. The pieces selected demonstrate the unsurpassed workmanship that the Renaissance woodcarvers have become famous for.

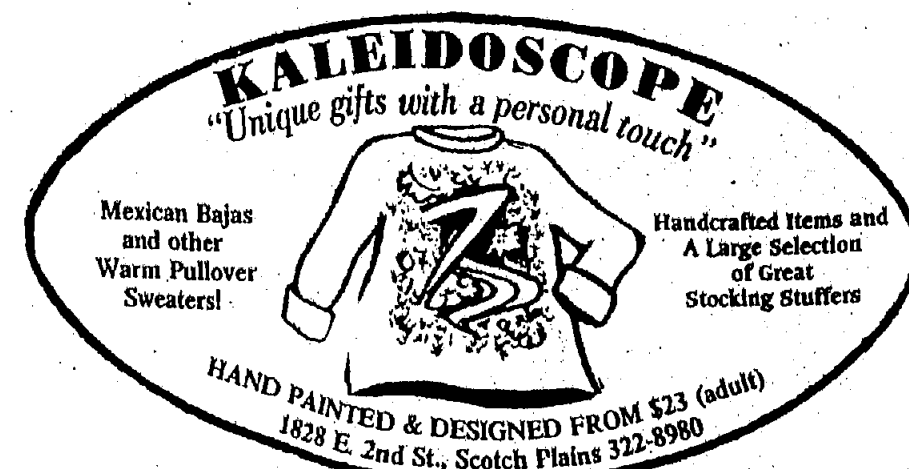
Do Greek and Roman antiquities have that special quality that you find extraordinary? Then the "Glories of the Past: Ancient Art from the Shelby White and Leon Levy Collection," showing through January 27, 1991, is guaranteed to please. The exhibition surveys the major cultures of the Mediterranean world as it existed between 5000 B.C. and 800 A.D. As well as Greek and Roman busts, metalwork and jewelry, the exhibit features works from as far west as Ireland and eastward to China.



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To get the most out of your picture-taking, Ricoh, one of the leading camera manufacturers in the world, has some special hints:

Don't get bogged down in equipment! The easiest camera to use is an auto-focus, auto-everything compact with a zoom lens. There's no hassle or fussing with lenses and flash attachments. Simply drop in the film and the camera loads itself, advances and re-winds. It also focuses automatically and has a pop-up flash for dim lighting situations.

Have plenty of film! There's nothing worse than running out of film on a holiday. It's almost impossible to find a store open that day.

Keep your camera ready! This seems almost too obvious to mention, but the best photos are often the ones that are most spontaneous. And if your camera is in the kitchen, when you've seen a terrific photo possibility in the living room, you've missed an opportunity.

Enjoy the advantages of a zoom lens. A zoom lens lets you adjust the picture from wide angle for group photos, to telephoto, which brings a distant subject closer or picks out one particular subject. With it, you can shoot the scene just the way you want it.

Use the telephoto to take portraits. When photographing children playing with a new toy, use the zoom to get a close-up, rather than moving yourself closer to them and possibly disturbing them. You'll end up with a better, more spontaneous picture.

When taking photos of the kids opening their presents, get down to their level. When children are playing on the floor, taking pictures from an

adult's perspective makes them look as if they've been photographed from a bird's eye view. Getting down where the action is makes them look more natural.

If your subject is illuminated from behind, use a fill-in flash. And if you're too far away from your subject for the flash, its backlight compensation balances the light in the picture. Use the self-timer to include yourself in the photo. Family photos are best if they show the whole family, and that in-

cludes you! Use the self-timer, and you've got plenty of time (about 10 seconds) to join the group in the photo.

It's also a good idea to use a mini-tripod (a great stocking stuffer) or a beanbag to stabilize the camera.

Don't wait too long to snap a group photo. If you're taking a posed group picture, have people line up, compose your shot, say "smile" and do a fast one-two-three count so they don't look frozen in place. The key here is not to fuss too long.

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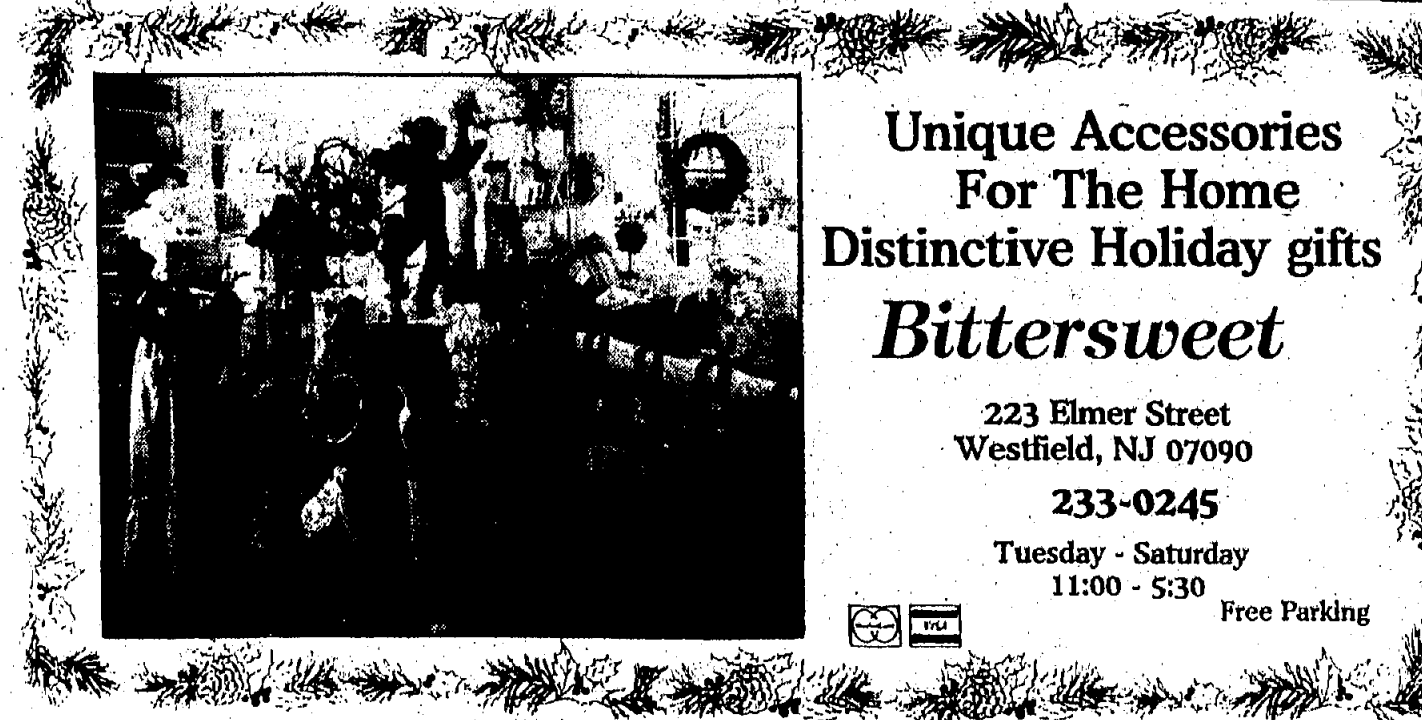
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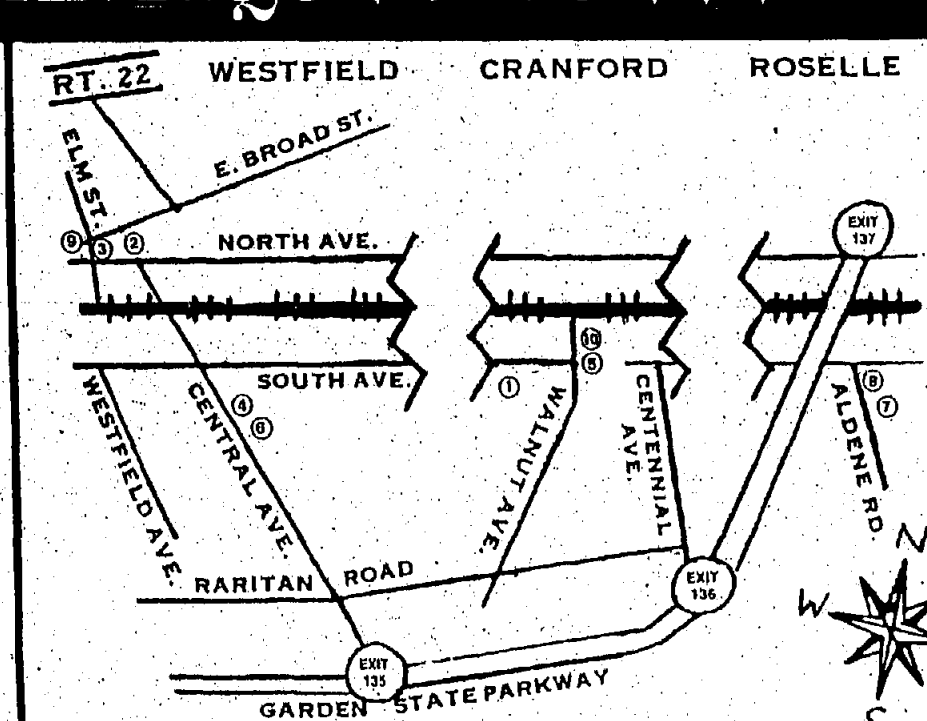
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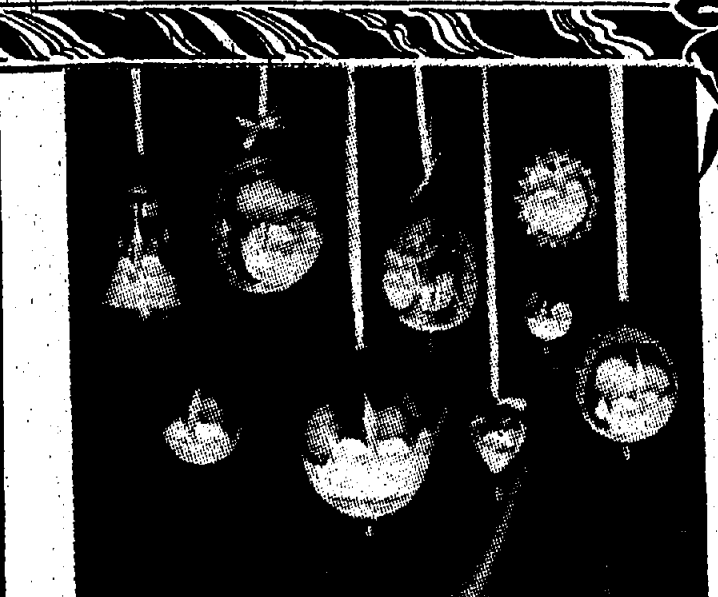
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Sophisticated new systems permit gameplay so different and challenging, even adults want in on the fun.

The new generation of video games looks and sounds great, and they are capable of more sophisticated, involving gameplay than ever, light years ahead of 8-bit systems popularized in the '80s.

It is now possible to have the equivalent of a \$2,000 video game arcade in your home for under \$200!

"There are four things to look for in a video game system today," says Al Nilsen, marketing director for Sega of America, makers of the acclaimed, state-of-the-art Genesis 16-bit system. Consumers should be aware of the new technology available. Sixteen-bit systems are more advanced, with a lot more to offer for everyone.

According to Nilsen, the quality of the graphics is a second factor in choosing a game system. Genesis has been acclaimed by every major video game publication as having games with the best graphics. A great example is the new Disney game, Mickey Mouse in The Castle of Illusion, with animation that is like watching and playing a classic cartoon!

A third factor to listen for is the quality of sound in video games. Genesis offers true hi-fi stereo sound, adding exciting new dimensions to gameplay.

It's a big step, like stereo records were to mono, says Nilsen. Over sixty percent of Genesis buyers have traded up; they see and hear the difference.

Diversity of games is a fourth point to look for, more than sheer quantity, Nilsen says.

Games should be offered in a wide range of categories, from arcade hits to puzzles and role play. Themes vary from sports action to fantasy, making gift choices ultra simple; just pick the game that best matches a person's hobby or interest!

For sports fans, the trend in the '90s is toward games designed by the athletes themselves.

Sega has an exclusive line-up of games by today's hottest celebrities including football MVP Joe Montana, world Heavyweight Boxing Champion James Buster Douglas and basketball's Coach of the Year Pat Riley.

Arnold Palmer's Golf and Tommy Lasorda's Baseball have both received awards and accolades and were two of last year's most popular hits.

Currently, more than 50 great Genesis games are available including those made by noted third-party developers such as Electronic Arts, Activision and Tengen.

Sega is known for the hottest arcade games and some of the latest titles demonstrate this reputation more clearly than ever; hits like Super Monaco GP and Afterburner are top 10 arcade hits now available only for Genesis.

The box office smash hit of the 1990s, Dick Tracy, and the now-classic Ghostbusters, are both out in new and improved 16-bit versions only for the Sega Genesis. The latest challenging puzzle games are Col-

umns and Zoom. Mega-star turns super-hero.

This year, Sega has pioneered an exciting new category, music video games! Entertainment legend Michael Jackson has worked with Sega to produce the cutting edge Modwalker game!

In the game, Mr. Big has captured the good kids of the world and it is up to Michael to save them. Michael uses special powers and awesome dance steps to conquer evil.

Michael Jackson, a real-life video game fan, personally supervised the making of this game, from start to finish. It features synthesized versions of Michael's hits and his voice throughout.

A gift alternative for first-time video game families and the cost-conscious consumer is Sega's value-leader, the Master System II. The Master System II is the most economical 8-bit system available, offering high quality video game adventure at an all-time low cost, says Nilsen. The Master System II retails for under \$60 and includes a free \$29.00 value game.

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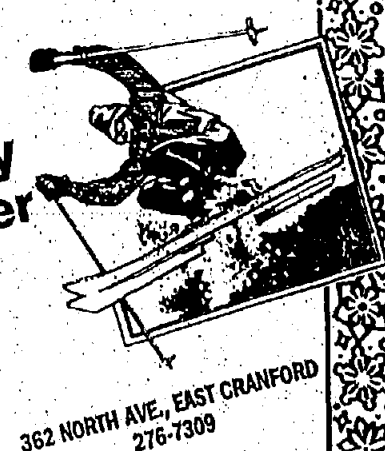
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For Holiday '90, fashion experts agree that the color of choice is rich, deep and lustrous navy blue, which is becoming just as important as black for truly elegant evening wear. Navy is the color that stands for everything that's classic, timeless and traditional, just like the holidays themselves!

Here are some fun and sparkling ways to get into the fashion spirit of the holidays, courtesy of Navy, the fragrance by Cover Girl.

• Be a little traditional: Christmas and Hanukkah are the warmest family times of the year. For these memorable festivities, why not wear one of the beautiful new navy velvet dresses? Hint: it's the perfect canvas for that exquisite string of pearls you just know is nestled under the tree...

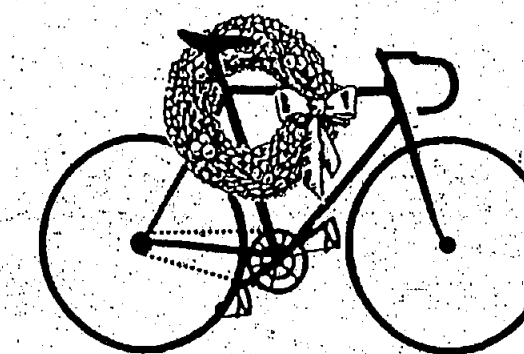
• Be a little daring: New Years Eve parties are the best time to show off your fabulous sense of style. That sensational new navy sequined bustier will win plenty of admiring glances, and you'll really bring out your spirit of adventure with a splash of fragrance on strategic pulse points.

• Be a little caring: Remember that holiday time is the season of giving to others! Share the joy with the classic gift of fragrance. In fact, many fragrances come in sets which are just right for stocking-stuffing or under the tree - Cover Girl's Navy gift set features cologne and perfume, both in elegant gold and navy flacons beautiful enough to add just the right touch of fashionable flair to your gift giving.



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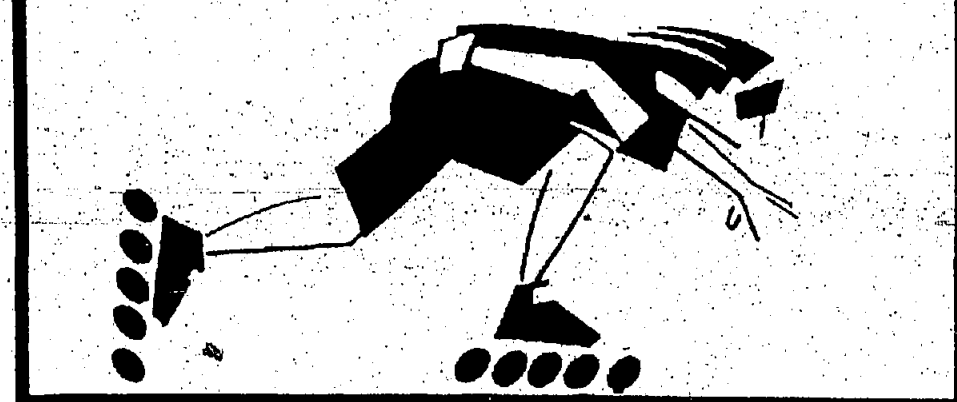
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## Think efficiency in buying gifts for top executives

There are pocket-sized solutions to executive gift dilemmas. These products, to help the professional execute business more efficiently in 1991, offered by Texas Instruments. The TI Thesaurus/Spell-Checker is perfect for anyone who needs to communicate effectively and provides a thesaurus function that returns more than 500,000 synonyms. The TI Financial Investment Analyst performs multiple functions ranging from amortization to depreciation and statistics. The TI-3200 Dialer is a thoughtful gift for the busy executive or the busy housewife who lives on the phone and by the clock, and features a directory that stores up to 400 names, addresses, telephone and credit card numbers. As the holidays approach, one of the most ticklish areas of holiday gift giving is found in the office. Certainly, when selecting a present for a colleague or valued associate, one wants to make a favorable impression without being too personal. The question of what gifts to select invites tremendous anxiety even among people accustomed to making executive decisions every day. How much should one spend? How personal should a gift be? Must I purchase a different gift for every coworker?

These and other questions render executive gift-giving a very delicate business. Here are a few important tenets to follow to make selection easier and less anxiety-provoking. If you're the boss, keep gifts and bonuses separate. One is an expression of good will, the other a recognition of merit. Never skimp on quality. You'll make a much more favorable impression with a gift that lasts. Finally, make sure your gift cards are personalized. A thoughtful note will mean so much more than a simple pre-printed Happy Holidays.

Once you've mastered the basics, there's an entire array of exciting and appropriate gifts from which to choose this season. Consider a gift of the 90s, one that helps an executive execute daily business more efficiently. The power of comprehensive resource books and sophisticated scientific and mathematical functions are available in portable, professional tools, perfect for tucking into briefcases or even pockets. Texas Instruments offers a variety of efficient gift options for the workplace and beyond, and even makes shopping easier by making all products available to time-conscious Santas who phone 1-800-548-9347, Ext. 44. A secretary or boss who is a

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Gifts that make a task easier are always appreciated. Bob Cratchit might have had a merrier holiday had Scrooge given him something to make number crunching a cinch. A good choice for the numbers person in your office is a high-powered desktop calculator. TI's 5128 Paper-Free Printer enables you to double-check work without generating endless paper. Its unique four-line display scrolls to review calculations, and individual entries can be corrected or changed without having to recalculate the entire entry, saving lots of time for holiday festivities.

An excellent choice for money-mavens or Wall Street wizards is the Financial Investment Analyst, a specially-designed calculator with a multi-line display that shows all variables at a glance, making it easy to check results, compare options or correct entries. The FIA allows Wall Street wizards to compute time-value-of-money, amortization, cash flow, bonds, depreciation and statistics.

Office gadgets with special features can be most exciting. Electronic notebooks complete with calendars, memo files, address books or reminder alarms will suit any busy colleague. A true friend for the executive who lives on the phone is Texas Instruments' new TI-3200 Dialer that stores up to 400 names, addresses and phone numbers and automatically dials programmed numbers into any telephone. It also functions as an alarm clock scheduler and calculator to keep your favorite businessperson one step ahead of the competition.

Before you rush out to buy, remember to make sure the company allows office gifts. And always trust your instincts. If you're not absolutely certain a gift is right, don't buy it.



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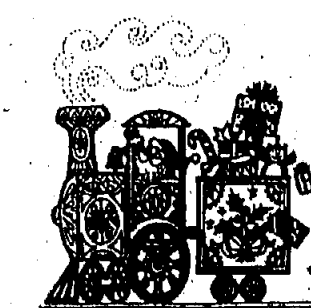
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4-1/2 oz. confectioner's sugar, sifted

1. Melt the chocolate on very low flame with the milk and cognac. Add the vanilla, butter, egg yolks, heavy cream, cocoa powder and sugar. Mix thoroughly. Allow the resulting paste to sit in the refrigerator for several hours.  
2. Remove from refrigerator and, with a spoon and the palm of your hand, roll the chilled mixture into one-inch balls. Roll the balls in the cocoa powder to coat thoroughly.  
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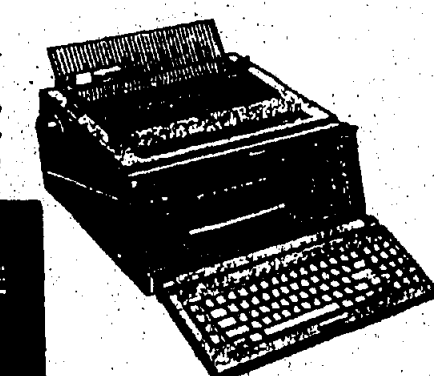
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## 'Tis the season to buy and to understand VCRs

The holiday season is an excellent time to purchase a new VCR. Of course, if you've never owned a VCR, it's also a great time to purchase your first unit.

If you're looking for a gift that your entire family can enjoy at any time in the privacy of your own home, the VCR is a good choice. Kids can watch their favorite cartoons and educational programs, teenagers can rock to their favorite singers in concert, and adults can watch the latest hit movies. More and more of these video programs are available for rental or purchase at popular prices at your local video rental store.

The first major new in-home program source for the television receiver since the introduction of cable TV was the videocassette recorder, says Gary J. Shapiro, vice president of the Electronic Industries Association's Consumer Electronics Group (EIA).

Shapiro points out that nearly 70 percent of all households in the United States that have a television set also have at least one VCR. More and more people are buying additional VCRs as replacement units or to watch pre-recorded movies in additional rooms of their houses, he says.

The following tips will help you to make the right VCR purchase this holiday season:

• Ask yourself why you are buying a VCR. It is important to determine whether you are buying a VCR to tape television programs for later viewing (also called time shifting) or to watch pre-recorded cassettes, such as the latest hit movies. If your answer is time

shifting, you'll want to buy a fully-programmable unit that is easy to operate (most VCRs fit into this category, but vary in ease-of-use and in the number of different events and days ahead you can program). If your answer is watching pre-recorded cassettes, programming capabilities may not be an important issue, although picture and audio quality are.

• Choose the right features for you. There are a plethora of attractive features available on today's VCRs, but not all of these features are right for you. The most commonly found (and most inexpensive) feature, according to EIA, is HQ, which stands for, and delivers, high quality by improv-

ing the processed signal on VHS VCRs for sharper, cleaner-looking images. Digital features, which EIA says may or may not improve the quality of the VCR's playback image, include picture-in-picture, which allows you to watch more than one source on your TV at a time. For example, you may want to check on the score of a ballgame while you're watching a movie. Picture-in-picture allows you to put the ballgame in a small corner of the screen while you continue to enjoy the movie. Other digital effects available include reverse play, freeze frame, and super slow motion.

• Look for a VCR with cable compatibility if you subscribe to cable television. Not all VCRs can receive cable channels; if you buy a VCR that can only receive the standard channels 2 through 13, you will not be able to record cable television programs. In ad-

dition to a cable-compatible VCR, you will need a channel tuner/signal converter box (your cable service may or may not require this).

• Consider purchasing a hi-fi VCR for playing back prerecorded movies, concerts and other programs recorded in hi-fi stereo. Many popular movies and concerts available on videotape were recorded in hi-fi stereo, providing exciting audio reproduction. Many of these programs were also recorded in Dolby surround sound, adding a unique three-dimensional experience that requires two additional speakers.

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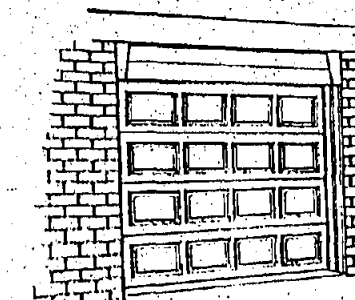
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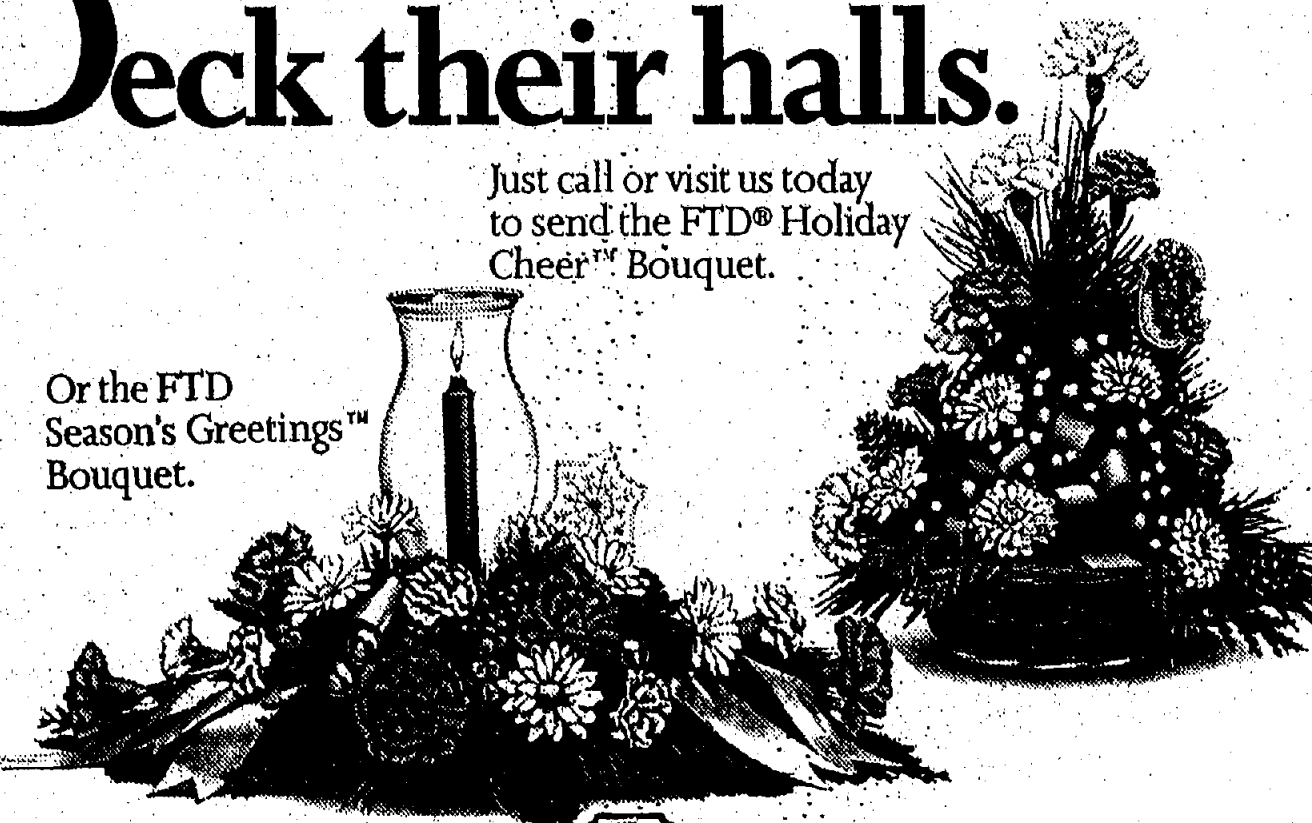


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## Holiday cooking with blue cheese

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Recipes for special meals

great for entertaining or for a special meal at home with the family. And preparations won't take the whole day; results: just taste as though they did!

### CHICKEN BLUE

Maytag Dairy Farms' version of the classic Chicken Cordon Bleu developed by Linda Campbell is a perfect luncheon or light dinner entrée served with salad and bread. The strong flavors of Blue Cheese, garlic and spinach combine for a very satisfying taste and, while not exactly a diet dish, it is reasonably low

in fat and sodium.  
6 boneless skinless chicken breast halves  
1 10-oz. package frozen chopped spinach  
1 clove garlic  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
2 oz. Maytag Blue Cheese 1-1/2 cups rice, cooked according to package directions  
Dried parsley  
Ground pepper  
Dry bread crumbs  
Soy sauce

Thaw spinach and squeeze nearly dry, cook rice, flatten chicken breasts between two sheets of waxed paper. Heat oil in non-stick skillet and add crushed garlic clove, spinach, and blue cheese. Season with pepper to taste. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until well mixed and cheese is melted (2-3 min.). Divide spinach mixture among chicken pieces, folding chicken around filling, tucking ends under. Season cooked rice with chopped parsley and place in oiled oven-proof dish. Place chicken rolls seam-side down on rice. Brush tops of chicken lightly with soy sauce, sprinkle with bread crumbs, cover dish with foil, and bake at 375 degrees F for 20-25 minutes, until chicken is tender. Serves 6.

### BLUE CHEESE STUFFED PORK CHOPS

This recipe is used by the Pork Producers Association as part of their promotion of the Iowa Chop. The dish is unique and easy to prepare. Begin with an Iowa Chop a loin chop 1-1/2 to 2 inches thick cut a pocket and stuff in another good Iowa product, blue cheese. You can't go wrong with a combination like that!

6 thick pork loin chops, with pockets cut  
3 tablespoons butter  
1 teaspoon minced onion  
1/4 cup finely sliced mushrooms  
1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese (about 3 oz.)  
1/4 cup fine dry bread crumbs  
Dash salt

Melt butter in skillet, add onion and mushrooms, cook 5 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in blue cheese, bread crumbs and salt. Stuff pockets with mixture. Secure with picks. Bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour.

### BLUE SATIN SOUP

Also developed by Linda Campbell, Blue Satin Soup is a wonderful blue cheese soup



A delight to both cooks and diners is a creamy, blue-veined round of blue cheese.

with a little crunch. It was first served at a Taste of Iowa food show in Davenport and later at a Governors' Conference in Des Moines. The recipe is simple enough for a beginner and sufficiently elegant to begin a formal dinner party. Served with a green salad and hot rolls, it makes a hearty meal. The recipe serves three to four for a main course and six to eight as a starter.

4 tablespoons butter  
1/2 cup flour  
4 oz. blue cheese  
1 cup light cream  
1/4 cup each finely minced green onion, green pepper and celery  
1 can chicken broth (14 oz.)  
1 cup milk  
2 oz. dry sherry  
Freshly ground pepper

Melt butter in heavy saucepan, add vegetables and sauté very slowly until slightly soft but not brown. Add flour, stir and cook over low heat a few minutes until flour is cooked but not brown. Add warm chicken broth, stirring constantly to prevent lumps, and simmer two minutes. Add crumbled blue cheese and stir until smooth. Add cream and milk and heat to serving temperature. (Do not boil.) Add sherry, freshly ground pepper to taste, and serve garnished with sour cream, chives or croutons.

In spite of all the wonderful things blue cheese does to foods, don't forget the best way to eat cheese — a morsel at a time, in your fingers. Think of the simplicity of blue cheese packed into a celery stick, the elegance of a slab of blue on a perfectly grilled beef filet (flamed with brandy if you insist on gliding the lily), or a burger with blue cheese on top. But, best of all is a crumb of blue cheese in your fingers — sans cracker or fruit — just the good taste of an elegant cheese.

## A secret ingredient in holiday baking

During the holidays, frazzled celebrants often work around the clock wrapping gifts, decorating trees and entertaining guests. And while lack of available time can be stressful, when it comes to holiday baking, a missing recipe ingredient can be enough to send even the most prepared hostess over the edge.

It's Aunt Jemima Pancake Syrup, an everyday kitchen staple with a warm, maple flavor. While many holiday dessert recipes call for corn syrup as a sweetening ingredient, Aunt Jemima Syrup is being used more and more as a tastier alternative.

Unlike a bottle of corn syrup, which is used just for baking, pancake syrup is poured throughout the year on foods like waffles, french toast, even ice cream, cereal, puddings and pies. Because pancake syrup is readily available in most households, it can help reduce trips to the grocery store during the holidays when time is limited.

For people who love the taste of Aunt Jemima Syrup and are looking for some quick, easy holiday recipes, The Quaker Oats Company is offering a free recipe booklet featuring 10 tempting holiday treats that use Aunt Jemima Syrup instead of corn syrup. Recipes in the booklet include Easy Maple Sticky Buns, Chewy Pecan Toffee Bars and Praline Pumpkin Pie, each sure to make holiday celebrations special.

Following are two of the recipes included in the booklet that are sure to shorten holiday hassles.

### Drizzled Vermont Cheesecake

Cream cheese and ricotta cheese provide a creamy backdrop to showcase the flavor and color of Aunt Jemima Syrup. The syrup drizzle adds a lovely lattice finish to this culinary masterpiece.

### CRUST

1-3/4 cups graham cracker crumbs  
1/3 cup (5 1/2 tablespoons) margarine, softened  
1/3 cup semi-sweet chocolate pieces, melted

### FILLING

2 8-oz. packages cream cheese, softened  
1 15-oz. carton ricotta cheese  
1/4 cup sugar  
3 eggs  
1/2 cup Aunt Jemima Syrup, any flavor  
1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla

### DRIZZLE

1/4 cup Aunt Jemima Syrup, any flavor  
1 tablespoon margarine  
1 tablespoon sugar

Heat oven to 350F. Combine crust ingredients; mix well. Press into bottom of 9-inch spring form pan. Beat cream cheese, ricotta cheese, and sugar at medium speed of electric mixer until fluffy. Add eggs, syrup and vanilla, mixing well. Pour into prepared crust. Bake at 350F for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 300F, continue baking 45 minutes or until center appears set. Cool completely.

### FILLING

3/4 cup Aunt Jemima Syrup, any flavor  
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
1/3 cup (5-1/3 tablespoons) margarine  
1/4 cup heavy cream  
2 cups coarsely chopped pecans  
1 teaspoon vanilla

### PECAN TOFFEE BARS

Good of pecan pie-like flavor in an easy-to-make bar. Serve these rich, chewy toffee-flavored bars as a holiday treat or a satisfying snack.

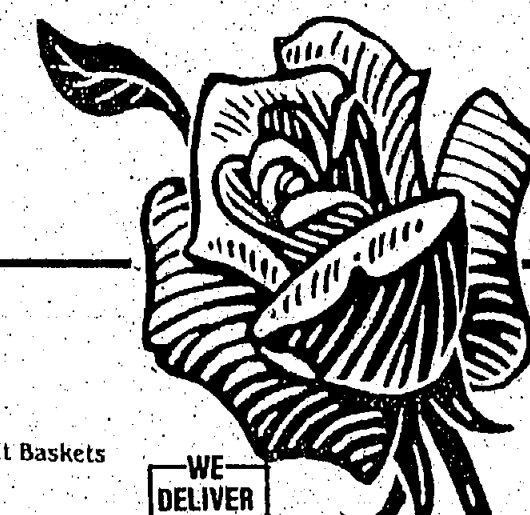
### CRUST

2/3 cup (1-1/4 sticks) margarine, softened  
1/3 cup Aunt Jemima Syrup, any flavor  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)

### FILLING

3/4 cup Aunt Jemima Syrup, any flavor  
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
1/3 cup (5-1/3 tablespoons) margarine  
1/4 cup heavy cream  
2 cups coarsely chopped pecans  
1 teaspoon vanilla

Heat oven to 375F. Lightly grease 13 x 9-inch baking pan. Combine crust ingredients; mix well. Pat evenly into prepared pan. Bring syrup, brown sugar and margarine to boil. Add cream; return to boil for 2 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in pecans and vanilla. Spread evenly over prepared crust. Bake 23 to 25 minutes or until browned and bubbly. Cool completely; cut into bars. Store loosely covered. Yield: 3 dozen.



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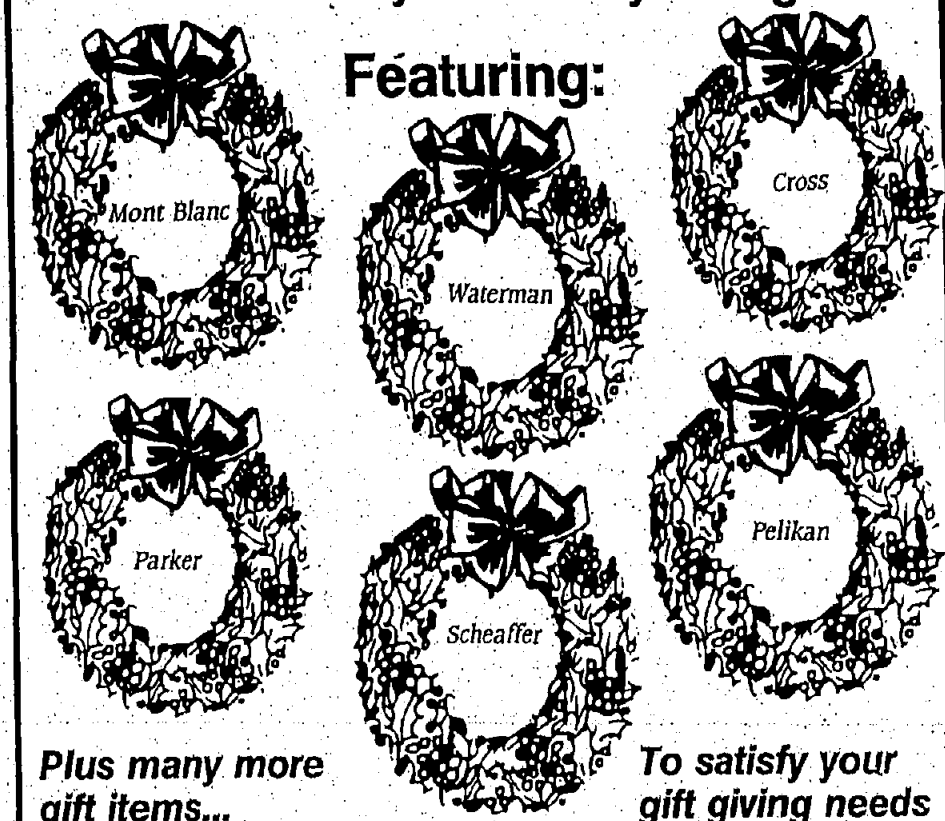
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Shimmering star cookies packed as a gift in Rubbermaid's Servin Saver food containers make a thoughtful present for the holidays.

If you're on a budget this holiday season, you're probably trying to think of small, inexpensive gifts for many of the people on your list: friends, coworkers, nieces and nephews, babysitters, partygivers, and so on. Even if you can only spend a few dollars on each person, you don't have to give cheap novelty gifts which are good for a few moments' amusement.

With a little imagination, you can come up with gifts that will really be used and reused. If you package your presents in reusable containers, you give two gifts in one. Rubbermaid's see-through Servin Saver storage containers come in many sizes and shapes to hold food or almost any other item you can imagine. Tight-sealing lids help keep freshness in. The containers also are environmentally friendly since they eliminate the need for disposable wraps.

When the contents are used up, the container can be used over and over again. Storage containers come in handy for keeping holiday leftovers fresh. They're great throughout the year for taking home-made lunches to school or the office (a real money-saver). And they're essential for keeping things organized including needles and thread, ribbons and bows, pens and pencils, and coupons are just some of the things that can be kept neat and organized in their own container.

Here are some ideas for filling gift containers:

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Finally, personal computer technology has been applied to everyday family tasks like planning meals, cataloging valuables and collections, itemizing expenses, calculating interest rates and loan payments, and even organizing messages and family meddles.

The new Tandy 1000 RL home computer, available at Radio Shack stores nationwide, is one of the hottest gifts on Santa's Christmas wish list.

The majority of American homes are without a computer. Why? Computers have been too expensive, difficult to use and designed primarily for office-type work.

The 1000 RL is different. Its unique home management programs and simple features have prompted some reviewers to term the 1000 RL as more of a home appliance than a PC. In fact, its approach to the home has earned it the Good Housekeeping Seal.

Yet, make no mistake: The 1000 RL is a no-compromise PC, capable of running popular business, personal, education and entertainment software.

The RL comes with 24 built-in programs that are truly useful to the home user and can be performed at the simple push of a button. These home applications include:

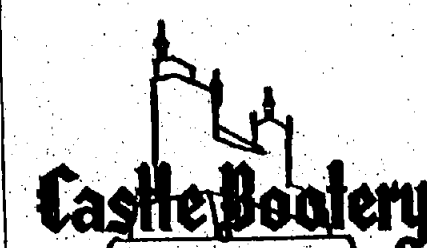
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## Cookies... (Continued from page 20)

**SHIMMERING STARS**

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1 tablespoon baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/3 cup milk  
1 tablespoon vanilla extract  
2 teaspoons grated fresh lemon rind  
Decorations: colored crystal sugars (red and green)

Cream butter, sugar and eggs until light. Stir together flour, baking powder and salt; stir vanilla and lemon rind into milk. By hand, stir dry ingredients alternately with milk into butter mixture, beginning and ending with flour. Chill at least 1 hour or refrigerate overnight. Heat oven to 400°F; lightly butter 2 baking sheets. Roll dough 1/8-inch thick onto lightly-floured cloth. Using a 2- or 1-inch star-shaped cookie cutter, cut into stars. Using spatula, place on prepared baking sheets. Sprinkle with red or green-crystal sugars. Bake for about 7 to 9 minutes or until very lightly browned underneath and on edges. Let stand on cookie sheet 1 minute; using spatula remove to racks to cool. Store in tight-sealing plastic food containers. For gift-giving, decorate container with festive ribbons. Makes about 12 dozen 2-inch or about 15 dozen 1-inch star cookies.

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## Experts offer advice on new, small camcorders

If you've decided to purchase a new camcorder this holiday season, you'll no doubt have many questions.

It would help if you had the answers to those questions before you went to buy your new camcorder. The following, from the Electronic Industries Association (EIA), will go a long way toward helping you make the right camcorder purchase this holiday season.

• What are some of the first things you should do before deciding on a particular camcorder model? Many retailers have different camcorder models hooked up to televisions and monitors in their stores. EIA recommends that you try a number of camcorder models and view the results. This is important because each camcorder has its own individual handling and operating characteristics.

• What features should you look for? If you're planning to use your camcorder outdoors, make sure the model you purchase is equipped with in-camera playback through the electronic viewfinder (most of today's camcorder models are equipped to do this). This is important because, if you've just shot a scene that doesn't look quite right when you play it back through the viewfinder, you can re-shoot it immediately.

• Are there any other features to look for? Of course. For example, camcorders equipped with autofocus will automatically adjust the camcorder lens setting to any particular distance. All you need to do is point the camcorder at any desired subject, either close-up or at a distance, and let the cam-

corner do the rest. When you play back the tape, everything will be in focus.

• What does a camcorder's lux level refer to? Lux refers to how sensitive a camcorder is to light. The lower the lux level, the more you will be able to use your camcorder in low light situations without having to set up extra camcorder lights. Lux levels vary depending on where you are shooting a particular scene (for example, the lux level will be lower for a scene in which the only light is the light coming from candles lit on a birthday cake than a scene in which all the lights in a room are turned on). EIA recommends purchasing a camcorder with a lux rating of 10 or less.

• Which camcorder lens features are important? EIA suggests that consumers check out a camcorder's zoom lens. Zoom lenses let you zero in on a scene and back away from it, without actually moving yourself. High speed shutter is also important. This feature allows you to record scenes with plenty of action and movement without the usual blurring that results from the use of a regular shutter. Also check out CCD lenses. CCD, or charge coupled devices, use integrated circuits rather than pick-up tubes, so they can't be burned out by shooting directly into the sun. This is an important consideration if you plan to do a lot of shooting outdoors.

• Is it important to care for your camcorder? Of course. Some valuable tips: Don't drop or bump your unit. Keep the camcorder lens covered when the unit is not in use, and keep the unit away from damp or extremely cold areas.

• Which camcorder format should you purchase? First, it is important to know what camcorder formats are available: 8mm, VHS-C, full-size VHS (the same as your home VHS unit), and full-size Beta. Both full-size VHS and full-size Beta use standardized tapes, while the compact formats, 8mm and VHS-C, use specially-designed minicassettes that are about the same size as standard audio cassettes. None of these four tapes are interchangeable, and, in general, 8mm and VHS-C camcorders are much smaller and lighter than full-size VHS and Beta units.

• Can you play back 8mm or VHS-C tapes on your home VCR? Full-size VHS tapes can be played back on home VHS units because both full-size VHS camcorders and VHS home units use the same size cassettes. 8mm camcorder tapes can only be played back on an 8mm VCR or, of course, through the 8mm camcorder, hooked up to a television or monitor. Beta tapes can only be played back on Beta VCRs. VHS-C tapes can be played back on standard VHS VCRs with the use of an adaptor (and, like 8mm tapes, by hooking up the VHS-C camcorder to a television or monitor).

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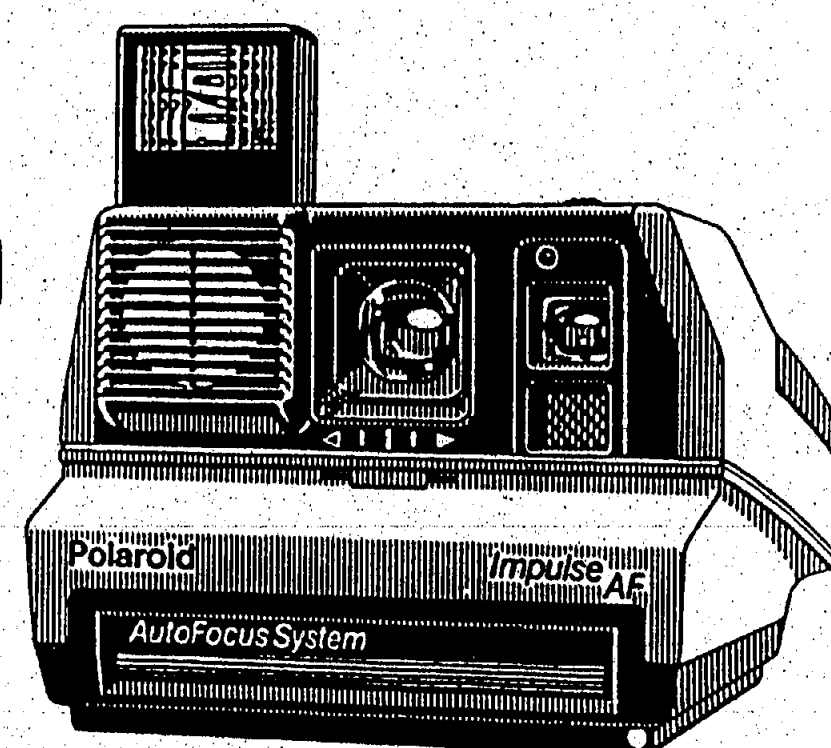


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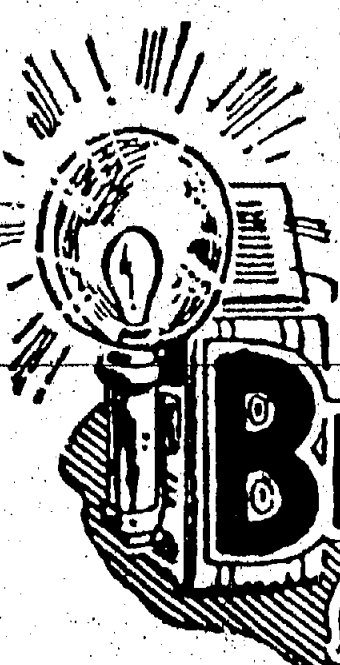
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