

Cranford

Jasper Threatt, 18, of Newark, and two 16-year-old juveniles from Newark were charged Friday with theft of a motor vehicle, possession of burglary tools and possession of a weapon (believed to be a foot-long knife with brass knuckles attached).

One of the juveniles was also charged with eluding.

Officers responded to an 11:07 p.m. call from a resident reporting a suspicious occupied vehicle parked in the middle of the road, with its lights off, in the area of Cayuga Road and Munsee Drive.

While officers were en route to the scene, the resident called again to report that one occupant had left the car and walked up a neighbor's driveway, police said.

When officers arrived, they observed a theft of a motor vehicle in progress in a Cayuga Road driveway, according to police reports.

The juvenile observed in the act fled the scene when he saw officers approaching the car, police said.

Twenty minutes later, that juvenile was apprehended on the Garden State Parkway, according to police reports.

The other juvenile and Threatt were found in Threatt's car and apprehended, police said.

A half-block away from the scene, officers found another car that had been stolen from a nearby driveway, police said.

He was released on his own recognizance pending a court appearance, police said.

The car had an ignition kill

Police log

handed over at 1:20 a.m. Saturday into the custody of the Irvington Police Department, according to police reports.

Threatt and the two juveniles have not been charged with an additional theft of motor vehicle, but the investigation is still pending, police said.

Ryan Helmstetter, 18, of Cranford, and Michael Bryer, 18, of Cranford, were charged Sept. 5 with criminal mischief and disorderly conduct.

Officers responded to a report of criminal mischief on Union Avenue at 2:07 a.m.

Investigation revealed the suspects were traveling northbound entering properties, grabbing flower pots and smashing them in the street, according to police reports.

The suspects were apprehended on North Avenue and Lincoln Avenue, police said.

He was stopped at approximately 1 a.m. on South Avenue, according to police reports.

She was released on her own recognizance pending a court appearance, police said.

Michael Stonaker, 40, of Millburn, was charged Friday with driving with a suspended license and failing to turn.

Stonaker was stopped at 9:10 p.m. on South Avenue, according to police reports.

Jacob Bennett, 21, of Westfield, was charged Friday with driving while on the revoked list, no proof of insurance, driving with fictitious plates, driving an unregistered vehicle, failing to wear a seat belt and driving with a loud muffler.

Bennett was stopped on Willow Avenue at approximately 12:40 a.m., according to police reports.

He was released on his own recognizance pending a court appearance, police said.

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switch and was left abandoned on Munsee Drive, according to police reports.

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Ruthie Currie, 40, of Plainfield, was charged Monday with speeding, failing to exhibit documents driving without a front license plate, no proof of insurance, driving with an obstructed view and possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle.

Currie was stopped at approximately 1 a.m. on South Avenue, according to police reports.

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Required permits now available for 'bulky' clean-up program

CRANFORD — Residents who want to participate in Cranford's clean-up program for bulky household waste are now able to pre-register and purchase a permit.

The blue brochures regarding the program should be available soon, via mail.

A \$60 permit is required for residents to dispose of up to 750 pounds of bulky waste at the curbside.

More than one permit can be purchased.

Permits will be sold only at the Cranford Municipal Building, in Room 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and tomorrow, Monday through Sept. 22 and Sept. 23, 25-27.

Permits will also be sold from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 23.

A \$15 late fee will be levied for permits bought after this schedule.

Additional hours are:

* For Districts 2, 3 and 4 only — Oct. 2-4

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* District 1 (Southwest), pickup Oct. 2-4

* District 2 (Southeast), pickup Oct. 9-11

* District 3 (Northwest), pickup Oct. 16-18

* District 4 (Northeast), pickup Oct. 23-25

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Unwanted books should be bundled and tied into brown paper bags and set out at curbside on recycling days.

Clean used clothing, towels and sheets can be recycled at

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Practicing their social skills

Connelly, Ferguson clash over the future of Social Security

By DARIA MEOLI

THE CHRONICLE

BOUND BROOK — The future of Social Security is not only one of this election's hottest topics, but one of its most evident paradoxes. In the high-profile Congressional race in the 7th Dist., the candidates are divided on the party line.

"(Ferguson) wants to let people invest part of their Social Security in the stock market. Well, I don't know about you, but I don't want my retirement based in the stock market," said Marianne Connelly, 7th Dist. congressional candidate.

Connelly says she supports the preservation of the current Social Security system while Republican Mike Ferguson favors reform.

Connally spoke to roughly 113 people gathered for a meeting of the Bound Brook Seniors on Sept. 6. Senior's officer and former Bound Brook Mayor Martin Cilly invited both 7th Dist. candidates to speak on senior citizen issues, but while a few young African-American and Hispanic women showed up to pass around Ferguson campaign literature, the candidate himself did not attend.

According to Ferguson campaign manager Annie Mayol, Ferguson's campaign was trying to set up a date to visit the Bound Brook Seniors, but Sept. 6 was not arranged.

"This is a really critical race that is coming up this year," Connally told those in attendance.

Connally, Ferguson also spoke out against Ferguson's support of independent candidate George W. Bush's plan to privatize Social Security.

"I also think we should use their Social Security to expand Medicare to include prescription drugs for senior citizens," Connally said, adding her belief that Social Security benefits shouldn't change and the retirement age should not change.

Connally told the seniors that Ferguson thinks money could be taken out of Social Security to cover the investing. According to the plan, Bush supports, that is not possible without either increasing the retirement age, reducing the Social Security benefits, or increasing the pay-out, she said.

This week, Ferguson said using the budget surplus for Social Security would be his number-one priority if he emerges victorious in November. He also said he supports the option for workers to invest their Social Security.

Ferguson noted that "politicians have been taking money out and putting IOUs in."

According to the Republican candidate, this practice is a byproduct of the deficit and the budget surplus should be used to pay it back.

"I think it is important for seniors for the candidates to speak about Social Security and prescription drugs," noted another audience member.

"The seniors are the ones going out more to vote. We are on a fixed income," he said.

Security benefits "It is not responsible to scare seniors with this issue," he said.

— Mike Ferguson

7th District congressional candidate

Several audience members appeared to appreciate Connally's visit. "I like the Social Security right off," said one woman to the former senator. "I want to hear the former senator speak."

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"The seniors are the ones going out more to vote. We are on a fixed income," he said.



Pet Of The Week

Two great tastes that go great together

Your dentist might not like it, but Carmel and Twizzler — an adorable pair of 8-week-old kittens — are all ready to become your personal sweeties. The candy cuties have had all their kitten shots and would love to find a home where they could stay together. To meet them or any of their furry friends also awaiting adoption, visit the Clark-based animal placement and rescue organization Noah's Ark on the World Wide Web at www.noahsark.petfinder.org, or call the nonprofit agency at (732) 615-1633.

On the air, all the time

NJN stresses educational programming with 24-hour effort

By DARIA MEOLI

THE CHRONICLE

Taking a cue from the neighboring metros that never sleep, New Jersey's own NJN Public Television now broadcasts 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The station changed from its 18-hour-per-day format Aug. 28, utilizing state funds to cover the costs of extended programming hours. The state Senate State Appropriations Committee granted \$290,000 for the new staff, electricity and transmission programming content and general operation expenses created by the six-hour increase.

According to NJN spokeswoman Bonnie Weyl, NJN is also using its own resources to pay for the longer hours.

The late-hour programming probably will not have commercial sponsorship. "It is more promotional spots of other educational opportunities than anything else," Weyl noted.

The additional programming

will include encore presentations of NJN and PBS documentaries, dramas, live performances and nature programs. However, the bulk of the new time is indeed dedicated to educational programming.

"That means we will be able to shift our schedule and increase our educational programming to include more hours of children's programming during the day (and) more hours of distance learning for adults such as college telecourses, GED courses and ESL courses (in the wee hours)," said NJN Executive Director Elizabeth Christopherson.

The six-hour increase, from 4 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., is geared exclusively toward college students, the state's station broadcasts telecourses that are part of a broader distance learning degree program.

Four-year schools participating in this program include the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark, Seton Hall University in Lodi and Thomas Edison State College in Trenton. The telecourses are a cooperative effort of both NJN and the Public Broadcasting System.

Between 5:30 a.m. and 6 a.m., the network has scheduled "GED on TV." The program was developed based on recommendations of the Governor's Task Force on Adult Literacy and the New Jersey Department of Education.

The purpose of the show is to educate foreign-born citizens or high school graduates with inadequate skills.

The show will also prepare high school dropouts for the GED test. "GED on TV" airs on the weekends as well, and the show can be viewed in both Spanish and English.

NJN will also broadcast professional development programs and the 25-part series "Workplace Essential Skills" during the predawn hours. In fact, part of the reason the network decided to go 24-sevens was it now has more new programming than there are hours in a day. "We're like a library that has more books than its shelves can hold," Christopherson said.

Kenilworth council, schools come together

By DARIA MEOLI

THE CHRONICLE

The Kenilworth Board of Education and the Kenilworth Borough Council are expected to meet Wednesday to discuss shared services.

Sharing services is nothing new to the two governing bodies. In fact, the school board and the council have been meeting every year for a while now, seeking opportunities to cut costs by sharing the burden

Cable-access TV, school safety to be focus of borough's annual shared services meeting

of equipment purchases, subcontracted workers and things of that nature.

"We like to meet annually to bring the council up to date and answer any questions they have," said Board of Education Business Administrator Vincent Gonnella.

A mutually funded television studio will be at the top of this

state kicked off in 1998 to encourage municipal agencies and school boards to seek shared services opportunities.

The Kenilworth TV station would be the town's first and would allow town council and school officials to broadcast Borough Council and Board of Education meetings, community events, a current events calendar and school-based athletic and entertainment efforts.

It would also allow Kenilworth to stop borrowing use of a neighboring cable-access studio. "Right now, we use the one in Roselle Park," Gonnella noted. "We could (also) use it to announce school closings."

A community-access channel would do as much for educational purposes in Kenilworth as it would for community broadcast, according to Mayor Michael Traldi. "I want to see the school have a broadcasting program," the mayor said. "I'd like to see the kids have a TV studio. Eventually, when they are ready, they'd come out to tape the council meetings. The joint venture together is to benefit the kids."

Gonnella said the school

board also plans to discuss with council members' safety issues at the Harding School. "We'd like to see the 25-mile-per-hour speed limit (around the school) maintained," with greater enforcement, the school bus administrator said.

The school board and the borough currently use several shared services. The borough's Recreation Department uses many of the school athletics fields for activities, while the schools use the borough's street-sweeping and garbage and recycling collection resources. "It saves money and the Department of Public Works is better equipped to efficient do that work," Tripodi said.

Hearing set for today on Crossing complaint

First States hopes to force Cranford into arbitration

By DARIA MEOLI

THE CHRONICLE

DiGiovanni and Alderice filed their lawsuit, which is aimed at stopping the downtown development in its tracks. While the suit has only slowed Cranford Crossing so far, its impact is already considerable, according to First States attorney Bob White.

As time passes, it has gained more clout on this project. White said in the lawsuit, the original suit has thrown into question the viability of this project.

The First States complaint was filed as an attempt to legally force the township into an arbitration scenario. According to the original agreement between Cranford and First States, any monetary damage resulting from Cranford's breach of contract would be arbitrated by an independent arbitrator and the DiGiovanni/Alderice lawsuit stalled the downtown redevelopment effort, ancillary costs are beginning to build.

According to an employee in Beglin's chambers at Union County Superior Court in Elizabeth, "It is certainly going to be a while" before Beglin issues a written decision on the original lawsuit. The spokesperson said DiGiovanni and Alderice have been awaiting the decision and would issue written copies of his decision whenever it is reached.

Attorney Ed McNameen and Scotland was intricately involved with the development of the Cranford Crossing project, expressed doubts about Span's ability to reach a conclusion on the Cranford Crossing project before Beglin weighs in on the DiGiovanni/Alderice lawsuit.

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Cutting the mustard

What's a barbecue without some ketchup, mustard and relish? Face it, condiments bring it all together, a fact not lost on the myriad seniors who turned out Saturday for the Garwood Lions Club's senior picnic, held at the Little League complex in Garwood. Right at the end of the chow line were the topers, ready to turn a plain old burger or dog into a true late-summer treat.

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Commentary

Have we learned the lessons of Floyd?

A year ago, parts of New Jersey were wrecked by Tropical Storm Floyd.

No one will ever forget those dramatic pictures of floodwaters overwhelming Bound Brook, Manville and other towns, including some in Union County. No one will ever forget the massive cleanup effort that followed in the wake of the storm, and the tears of the people who lost their homes and their belongings in the deluge. And no one will ever forget the tremendous and heartwarming outpouring of aid and nationwide support for the victims of Floyd.

And now, 12 months later, every time the sky turns dark or the Weather Channel reports a tropical disturbance, everyone prays a cloudburst will not inundate the area or another hurricane will not ravage our hometowns. People pray because not much has been done to avoid another disaster.

As a stalled thunderstorm just two weeks ago showed in Garwood, Westfield, Scotch Plains and other communities, the possibility of another disaster is continually lurking. And though in the wake of Floyd municipalities have learned several important lessons and have improved how they respond to these emergencies, it may be only a matter of time before another massive flood brings a fresh wave of destruction to New Jersey.

More work needs to be done throughout the Green Brook basin, from the top of the Watchung ridge to the Raritan River. And while residents and businesses in the valley worry every time the sky turns dark with storm clouds, building still continues at a rapid pace along Route 22 and in the Watchung ridge. The water from the top of the ridges has to go somewhere, as the flash flood showed a few weeks ago.

We may never know for sure how much the rapid rate of development throughout New Jersey contributed to the horrors of the Floyd flood. The storm was truly a monumental meteorological event and flooding would have occurred even without the developments throughout the area. But the question remains whether the flooding was worsened by the amount of land that has been covered with an impermeable surface.

It's time for the state to take a wider look at the impact of development. We all know traffic has gotten worse; just take a look at the fatalities on Route 22 and what chaos results after a single accident on any state road. But we don't know how all that construction in the past three decades has affected our environment. We need to realize that regulating and controlling growth goes beyond municipal and even county borders; planning must be done along political boundaries, but along guidelines that make sense for the entire area.

The state has already divided New Jersey for tourism purposes. Why can't it divide New Jersey for planning purposes?

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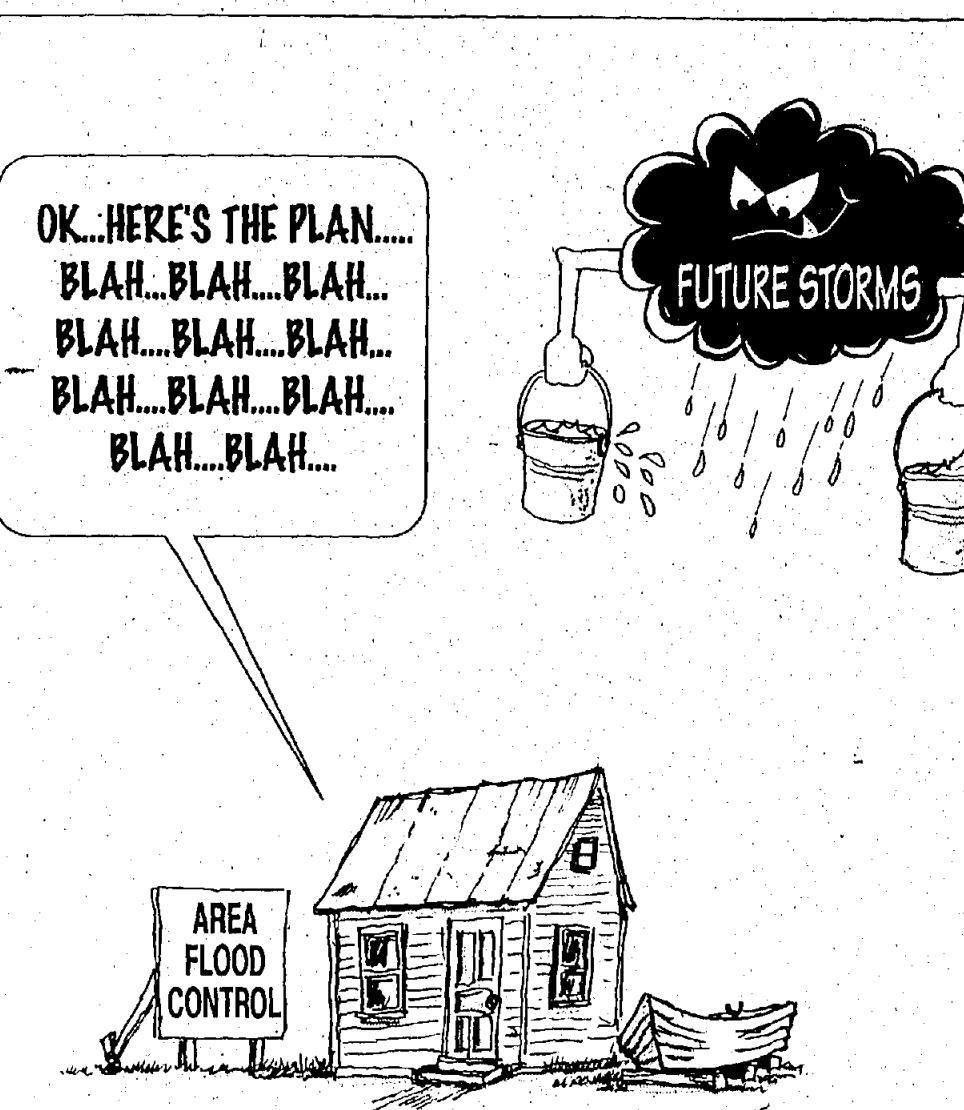
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Letters to the editor

Grateful for the angels of the world

To The Chronicle:

Many times during our 28-year stay in Cranford, we have been witness to the graces we have received due to the kindness, promptness and efficiency of the Cranford Police, rescue squad and dispatchers. This enabled my late husband's continuation of life after many, many close calls due to heart problems.

The angels we encounter now choose sometimes to be anonymous to us, but are continually there to guide and nurture us. We come face to face with other angels from my Cranford United Methodist Church who daily bring nourishment to us. Their angels include Fritz's Pork Store in Union, Johnnie's Barber Shop on Centennial Avenue and Cranwood Electrical (Supply Co.) in Garwood.

We never were, nor would we, be a family who requests anything. We don't have to. You see, the angels know our needs. Therefore, we are blessed!

We try not to name our angels because surely we would leave many names and not know scores of others.

God's angels have always been our home and our love. Everything we need is right here in Cranford; our church, family, fine dining, community plays and entertainment.

We would like to thank all the angels who cross our path. We believe in prayer and positive thinking. Therefore, the only thing I ask is that all who would say a prayer for my son Forrest to please do so.

Thank you angels for your unselfish love.

FLO JONES
Cranford

More letters, Page A-7

The frightening ease of 'secret crime'

By THOMAS V. MANAHAN

In September 1998 the Union County prosecutor's office sponsored a symposium on identity theft in order to address increasing concern about a type of criminal activity often referred to as an epidemic. In the two years since that symposium took place, New Jersey has become a national leader in terms of remedial legislation by making the theft of one's identity, without more, a crime. Unfortunately, this legislation has not significantly diminished an epidemic about which the general public is very much unaware.

Among the reasons for the rampant nature of identity theft, or "secret crime" as it is referred to internationally, is the ease with which criminals can obtain information used to commit the crime, particularly Social Security numbers. Social Security numbers are being utilized in a manner not prescribed by the Social Security Act. They are used for identification and account numbers by insurance companies, universities, cable television companies, the military, banks and many others. In some states the Social Security number is the driver's license number. The prevalence and availability of these critical identifying numbers work to assist thieves who will go so far as to sift through trash outside businesses and residences in the hope of finding unshielded documents containing important information. Equally troubling is the number of dishonest employees in the workplace by accessing personnel files or by accessing credit reporting databases, commonly available in automobile dealers, Realtors'

The Internet has become popular resource for identity thieves as well. On the Internet there are Web sites that will sell Social Security numbers, in some instances for as little as \$20. This information is usually found in records called "credit headers," sold by credit reporting agencies to information brokers. At present there

are few legal restrictions on this type of sale.

In a study by the General Accounting Office it was found that approximately 500,000 "identity thefts" occur each year. The unfortunate victims of this crime must deal with collection agencies; face threats of lawsuits and garnished wages; and spend a great deal of time dealing with credit companies trying to undo the harm that has been done. For some, the nightmare of being victimized in this manner continues for several years. In a survey conducted by a California public interest group, it was determined that the average amount of time spent by victims to regain their financial health was 175 hours.

In order to increase awareness of identity theft, the Union County prosecutor's office has two pamphlets available to the public, "How to Avoid Becoming a Victim of Identity Theft" and "What to Do in the Event that You Become a Victim of Identity Theft." One of the recommendations contained in these pamphlets is to check one's credit report periodically, which will enable one to detect whether he may have become a victim and hopefully minimize the impact of the crime. New Jersey is among 20 states that have laws that mandate the provision of one free copy of your credit report each year.

While no one is immune from having his identity stolen, consumer awareness combined with law enforcement vigilance and appropriate legislation will greatly assist in combatting this multifaceted crime.

The writer is the Union County prosecutor.

Guest commentary

offices, banks and other businesses that approve loans.

Another problem area involves instant credit opportunities. Due to increased competition, some credit grantors send several preapproved offers of credit per week. It was recently reported in a major publication that credit issuers in one year mailed 3.4 billion preapproved offers of credit to consumers.

The New Jersey Turnpike doesn't freak you out at night, and you're used to its "smell." You know that the toll road to the shore is "The Parkway," and not "The Garden State Highway." Even your school made good Italian subs.

You remember the song from the Palisades Park commercials.

You know that a WaWa is a convenience store. At least three people in your family still love Bruce Springsteen.

You know that the state isn't one big oil refinery. You know that the state isn't all farmland.

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At least one major highway is under construction at all times.

You know how to properly negotiate a Circle.

You knew that the last question had to do with driving.

You know that "Acme" is an actuarial store, not just a Warner Bros. creation.

You only go to New York City for day trips.

You address people as "you's guys."

In the 80's you wore your hair REALLY high.

You know that people from the 20's area code are "a little different."

The Jets/Giants game has started right at your school, or local bar.

You live within 20 minutes of at least three different malls.

You can see the New York City skyline from some part of your town.

You know where Jimmy Hoffa is buried.

You've been hurt at Action Park but keep on going on the rides.

You've gotten on the wrong highway trying to get out of Woodbridge Center Mall.

You've eaten a Boardwalk cheesesteak with vinegar fries.

You think there's nothing wrong with eating a sausage and pepper sandwich that's been in the sun for three hours.

You have a favorite Atlantic City casino.

You start planning for Memorial Day weekend in February.

And finally....You've never pumped your own gas.

Letters to the editor

'Freeloaders' starting to make sense

To The Chronicle:

I cringe when I hear the cruel term of "freeloaders" as used in reference to our county freeholders. However, based upon the amount of exposure from the newsprint media this year, I'm starting to understand that term of county "freeloaders." Luckily, not all local papers print the myriad of freeholder press pictures and to them I say thanks.

It's bad enough that the freeholders and county manager had capriciously spent \$1 billion of the taxpayers' money over the past three years and the voters stopped the congressional aspirations of our spendthrift County Manager (Michael) Lapolla.

From what I see in the local newspaper, what the freeholders must do all day is just drive around (or are they driven in a limousine?) to various charitable, sports, municipal and other social functions to enjoy the day out and get their picture taken. Do they do anything but schmooze? The biggest abusers appear to be Alex Mirabella, the vice chairman; Daniel Sullivan, the chairman; and Chester Holmes. I see pictures of these guys next to pie eating contest winners, horses, Boy Scouts, rock stars (and) playgrounds. One must wonder if the county takes the taxpayers' money and makes sure it is wastefully involved in every minute cultural, social, construction and educational aspect of the county. That way they can guarantee their invitation to every event, get their picture taken and maybe get a piece of cake, too. They have a county "Employee of the Month" award. Sure enough, there's Chairman Sullivan grinning and

hogging the poor guy's limelight. Did Sullivan ask if he could be in the fellow's picture? The same goes for Holmes and an Eagle Scout, and Mirabella and a horse (although the horse probably couldn't say no). Or a combination of the three. How rude of them. Sometimes they are actually in front of the person they are honoring.

Spendingthrift Lapolla got the message to leave our tax money alone. Now in the November elections, let's send a message to the freeholders who rudely abuse our trust and tax money. No more spending our tax money for their own personal photo opportunities. Freeholders Mirabella, Holmes and Scanlon are up for election. I say dismiss them, whether they are photogenic or not. We need to vote in the three Republican candidates to stop this freeholder nonsense.

In fact, do we actually need nine freeholders? What our county should have is only four freeholders comprised of two Republicans and two Democrats. We should divide our county into two sectors, east and west, and each sector elects one Republican and one Democrat to best represent that sector. Also, elect one at-large member. This would create a balanced government. As for those photo opportunities the freeholders muscle and buy their way into? Maybe have a Miss Union County (or also a Mr. Union County) to go around presenting resolutions and awards. That should leave plenty of time for what the freeholders are actually elected to do: Work for the residents of Union County.

BRUCE PATERSON
Garwood

Shame on GOP for 'sacrificial lamb'

To The Chronicle:

The sacrificial lamb has been slaughtered on the alter of politics.

It appears that Ms. McDermott will no longer be the Republican candidate running for a seat on the Township Committee in the upcoming election. Shamus on the Republican Election Committee, whose job it was to select a candidate to represent them. To their surprise and dismay, all those that they asked to fill that position refused the honor. I know of five prominent Republicans in town who refused the offer.

Enter deception. A name had to be submitted to the County Election Board. The name was running out.

Enter the sacrificial lamb: Ms. McDermott was to be given the honor of being the sacrificial lamb (I would hope with her knowledge). We the

citizens of Cranford were duped into believing she was to be the candidate of choice. The Republican Committee will be quick to point out that this type of conduct is part of politics, and I am sure they will come up with a pip of an excuse for Ms. McDermott's pulling out. It is oftentimes said that the words "honor," "character" and "integrity" are seldom heard in the halls of Congress. I suspect we can now add Cranford to the list.

If you condone chicanery and deception then by all means, on Election Day, pull the Republican lever. If not, there are other choices.

TONY MACK
Cranford

The author is an independent candidate for the Cranford Township Committee.

Independent Mack: 'Let's get it on!'

To The Chronicle:

Let's get it on! Township Committee candidate

YONIE MACK
Cranford

gests a format whereby an independent panel made up of newspaper reporters who cover Cranford, question the candidates on a televised forum and let the public decide. TV 35 has already agreed to television this type of debate.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mack at (908) 276-3918. He awaits your response.

JERRY DOBBINS
Cranford

The writer is the campaign manager for Independent Township Committee candidate Tony Mack.

Hospital should change its name

To The Chronicle:

It was a great food drive because we received

all new items for our shelves, especially after

that had been depleted over the summer months.

Letters to the editor

Thank you for Fresh Air coverage

To The Chronicle:
Thank you for the coverage you gave The Fresh Air Fund this season by featuring The Fund's local Friendly Town in the *Cranford Chronicle*. The exposure provides a tremendous help to our ongoing efforts to encourage more volunteer host families in your community to open their homes to disadvantaged youngsters from New York City. We are grateful for your help in sharing the

wonderful, heartwarming experiences of The Fresh Air host families with your readers. On behalf of The Fresh Air Fund, our local volunteers in your community and the thousands of city children who benefit from Fresh Air programs, thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

JENNY MORGENTHAU
Executive Director,
The Fresh Air Fund

Funny bunny thankful for bake sale

To The Chronicle:
I want to write to say a special thank you to Mrs. Lennon and all her kindergarten pupils and parents. I'm sorry it is so late but with the library move and everything, life has not been easy for a bunny.

Last year, they worked together to run a bake sale for me and my pet friends at the Cranford Public Library.

They raised a great deal of money for our food, necessities and some pet books for our collection.

It was especially helpful this summer when I had to visit Dr. Zucker for medicine for a cold in my eye.

Once again I want to say thank you to all my special friends at Brookside Place School — and to invite them to come and visit me at my new temporary quarters at the Community Center.

Hope to see you soon.

MARSHMALLOW
(with the help of my human friends)
Cranford Public Library

Contact We Care still seeks volunteers for suicide-prevention training courses

WESTFIELD — Contact We Care, the Union County-based suicide prevention telephone hotline, is recruiting volunteers to staff its phone line.

Each class runs from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and will be held at the First Baptist Church, located on Elm Street in Westfield.

For 25 years, Contact We Care, Inc., has recruited,

trained and supervised adult volunteers to offer the gift of listening to callers in need. Callers to the hotline are often in pain, loneliness and stress, and they get help doing just that.

Callers are dealing with traumas such as relationship problems, depression, alcoholism, thoughts of suicide or a loved one's death and they need to know someone cares.

Like the hotline callers, Contact We Care's volunteers

come from all walks of life.

Volunteers must attend the agency's 50 hours of training class, where they learn how to actively listen and deal with a broad range of human needs.

Volunteers must approach their work in an open and non-judgmental way.

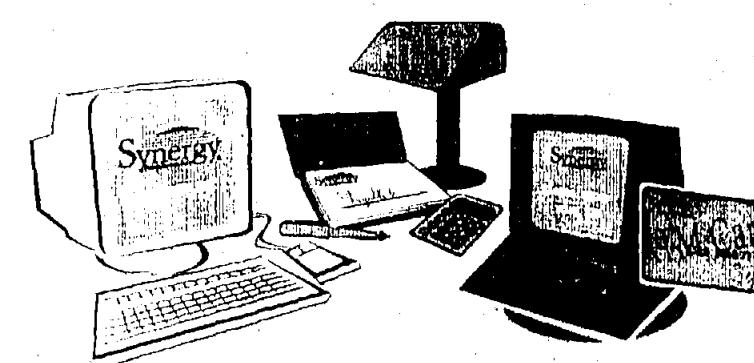
For more information about the training course kicking off Sept. 25, call Contact We Care at (908) 889-4140.

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Rahway lights fuse to Fire, Life Safety Expo

RAHWAY — In honor of National Fire Prevention Week, the Merck/Linden Rahway Life Safety Partnership will host the third-annual Fire and Life Safety Expo Sept. 24.

The event is free to the public and will be held from noon to 4 p.m. in the Merck and Co., Inc. parking lot at the intersection of Route 1 and Scott Avenue in Rahway.

Union County Freeholder Linda Stender, Linden Mayor John Gregor, and Rahway Mayor James Kennedy are expected to be on-hand to help kick off the expo at noon. Past projects sponsored by the partnership include donating fire-safety learning centers to the Linden and Rahway public libraries and sponsoring last year's Inaugural Community Fire and Life Safety Expo, which drew more than 1,200 people.

Admission and all activities are free.

Proceeds from food and vendor sales will benefit fire- and life-safety programs in Union County.

For more information, call (732) 594-4893.

Noah's Ark seeks prize donors for annual 'dog walk-a-thon'

CLARK — Noah's Ark Animal Placement and Rescue is seeking prize donations for its fifth-annual "dog walk-a-thon," which is scheduled to take place Sept. 23.

The event is slated to be held in Rahway Park. The scheduled rain date is Sept. 24.

In the past, donations of prizes have included television sets, animal portraits and gift certificates for local restaurants.

The event will include contests for prizes, including best dog trick, best pet costume and owner/pet look-alike contest.

Each canine participant will receive a goody bag. Non-pet owners are welcome to attend.

In addition to the festivities, several cats, kittens and

dogs will be available for adoption.

Noah's Ark is a non-profit, all-volunteer foster care organization dedicated to the health and welfare of animals who love them. Adoptable, healthy animals are never euthanized to make room for new ones at Noah's Ark, which is based in Clark, because all adoptable animals live in foster homes until they find permanent homes.

Visit the Noah's Ark World Wide Web site at www.noahsark.petfind.org or call (732) 815-1633 for more information.

For more information on making a prize donation, call (732) 815-1633 and selection option 6.

Union County Literacy Volunteers seek members for board of directors

The Literacy Volunteers of America, Union County Affiliate, is soliciting new members for the board of directors. The board makes the major decisions on how best the Literacy Volunteers can serve county residents.

Literacy Volunteers provide free tutoring in literacy and in English as a Second Language to adults. Training is done one-to-one or in small groups. For more information, call (908) 518-0600.

Westfield army hosts Amish quilt, craft sale

WESTFIELD — An Amish quilt and craft sale will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 23 at the Westfield Armory, located at 500 Rahway Avenue.

The sale will feature a large selection of more than 250 quilts (for twin, full, queen and king-size beds), more than 500 wall hangings (small quilts used like artwork on a wall), pillows, dolls, artwork, toys, furniture, rugs, books and much more from the Amish and other craftspeople of Lancaster County, Pa.

Amish Country Quilts & Crafts is a cottage type industry formed by Jane Benton 13 years ago to hold quilt sales around the country.

She visits the Lancaster County farms of her Amish friends and neighbors to collect their handmade items to take to the sales. In the past 13 years, Benton has held well received sales in Rochester, White Plains and Stony Brook, N.Y.; Annadale, Va.; Phoenix, Ariz.; Lowell, Mass.; Raleigh, N.C.; Austin, Texas; Seattle and Spokane, Wash.; Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Hayward & Roseville, Calif.

This will be the second sale in Westfield. There is no admission charge.

HINT: When prospective buyers look at an empty house, they often imagine their furniture will take up more space than it actually will. Sellers can reassure them by leaving some furniture and window treatments behind.

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Roselle library pitches children's programs

ROSELLE PARK — After a break in the schedule due to changes in staff, the Roselle Park Public Library is offering programs for children again this fall.

Althour first-come, first-serve preference is given to the Roselle residents, the programs are open to children from throughout the Union County area.

Under the leadership of Pamela Novick, the library's new children's assistant, a variety of activities will be offered for a variety of ages.

Beginning in October, "Stories for Wee Sprouts" will be held on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. The half-hour program, designed for children ages 3-5, will feature stories and pup-

petry. Also starting in October is a more involved program for children ages 3-5. "Kinderkid Story

Shop" will be conducted on Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. In addition to stories and puppetry, a related craft will be offered each week.

Other monthly offerings will be announced later.

Older children will want to sign up for "Hodge Podge Lodge" on Thursdays in October. The program is scheduled to run from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Geared to children ages 6-10, this after-school program will have a variety of activities from music to multimedia.

Pre-registration is required

for all of these programs, as seating is limited.

Novick is also part of a music quartet which performs Celtic and other ethnic offering.

The Roselle Park Public Library is also offering a series of Saturday programs. On Sept. 23 at 11:30 a.m., Lara Gonzalez will represent Earth Meets Our Feet. Hands Meet the Drum. Gonzalez, who has

studied African drum and dance for more than a decade, will help children explore

Cranford's Cub Scout Pack 178 opens registration

CRANFORD — Cub Scout Pack 178, based out of St. Michael's School in the township, has scheduled registration for new Scouts.

The pack registration is sched-

uled to begin at 7 p.m. Friday in the auditorium of the St. Michael's School, located at 100 Alden St. in Cranford. All boys

currently attending the first through fifth grades are welcome to join the pack.

The registration fee is \$20 per Scout.

Feds pop Internet porn cop

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Unit.

The final charges against Kane have not yet been determined, officials said. The Port Authority will appear in front of a Grand Jury, but a date for that hearing was not available by press time.

The Northeast Regional Child Exploitation Task Force and detectives from the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office are assigned to stake out the Internet for offenders.

"This is what we do, everyday," said Forrest. "People serve as decoys. In the old days, we used to go out on the streets as decoys. Now we go

on-line."

Forrest went on to explain that officers go online at various days and times. They enter chat rooms, community bulletin boards and Websites posed as minors and start communicating as if they were a child — home from school sick, doing homework or just doing a little surfing before bed.

Although offenders use screen names, their real identity is not difficult to obtain, officials said, although the Child Exploitation Task Force must obtain necessary court papers before Internet servers will release personal information about alleged offenders.

According to Carroll, undercover investigators identify the individuals as children in order to collect evidence of considered entrapment or targeting. "It is the predators who are out there targeting children of a tender age," she said.

"Regrettably, they are preyed upon by people," Forrest said.

"There are agents always on-line," noted Agent Sandra Carroll of the Child Exploitation Task Force. "That is all this task force

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Community Life

Starting from scratch

Young Cranford artist hopes to create a future for himself with 'scratchboard' creations

By DARIA MEOLI
THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — Move over, young artist — Cranford has a young artist making an impression of his own.

Cranford resident and School of Visual Arts student Evan Marx is starting to make a name for himself in the art world. Working in the unusual medium known as scratchboard, Marx creates portraits with haunting realism. Although he does commissioned work, the series he has spent the most of his time on revolves around head shots of aged men and women.

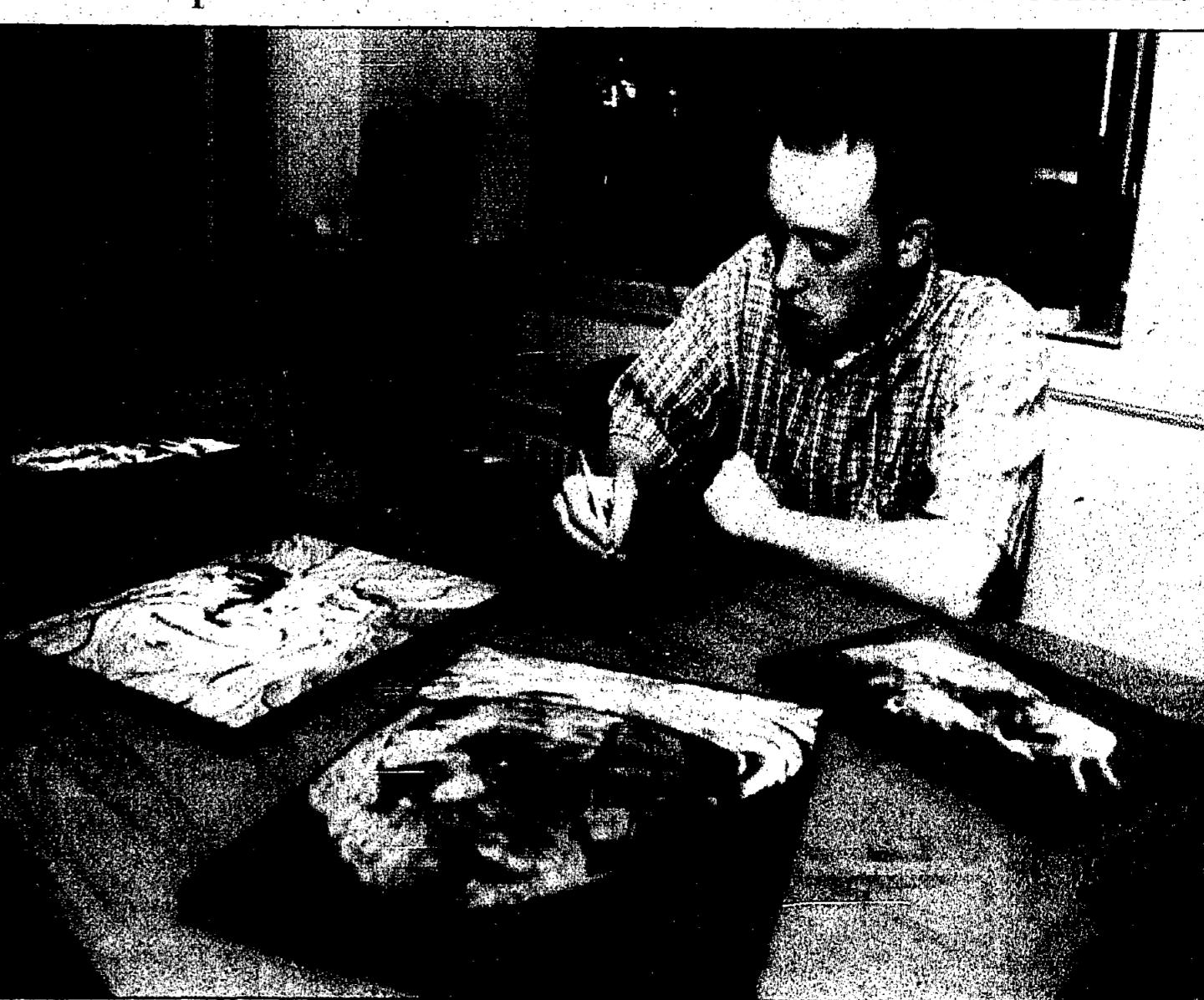
"I do portraits of older men and women because of the intricacy of their faces," said Marx. "Doing a baby just would not look right on scratchboard."

Marx finds his models in National Geographic magazines or in newspapers. His series includes a rugged old cowboy, a sun-drenched sheik, an androgynous old woman, an African guerilla soldier, John Glenn before his last space mission and Marx's own take on the "Old Man and the Sea."

Marx also works from photographs. As he did with two recently commissioned portraits, "The eyes are the most important thing on them," he said of the scratchboard portraits. "It's where they are looking, where they are looking. When people look at them, it really leaves an impression. You can't really tell what they are thinking. It isn't obvious if they are sad or are happy."

Scratchboard is white paper coated with black ink. Lines are made by lightly scratching in short strokes with an exacto knife or a linoleum cutter. Marx, who compared the medium to wood carving, said working with scratchboard is very detailed and the images are based on thin lines.

According to Marx, the process of completing one of these pieces is long and grueling. "Some of the portraits probably have over 2000 strokes," he said, noting he spends between 15 and 25



NICOLE DIMELLA/THE CHRONICLE
Cranford artist Evan Marx (above, hard at work) specializes in one of the more rare forms of art — "scratchboard," wherein he creates intricate black-and-white images on white paper coated with black ink. Working mainly from photographs, and with a steady hand, Marx scratches the images into the blackness (below, middle), resulting in such detailed works as his "Cowboy" (below, left) and his "Homeless Man" (below, right).

his interest in art at a young age and was a member of the Art Partners program in Cranford. Art Partners is for elementary school children who exhibit talent in art, and the program gave Marx additional art lessons and brought him to galleries after school.

The artist rediscovered scratchboard for an art assignment at Cranford High School. Before his junior year of high school, Marx spent a month at the Maryland Institute College of the Arts to work on his skills. He graduated from CHS in 1997.

Although Marx works in many other mediums, he returned to scratchboard last semester at SVA, where he is majoring in graphic design/advertising.

Marx said he believed he made the right decision with his major. "I just don't want to be a struggling artist," he said. "That's the last thing I want. I want a job in graphic design/advertising, but I would love to be famous for the scratchboard."

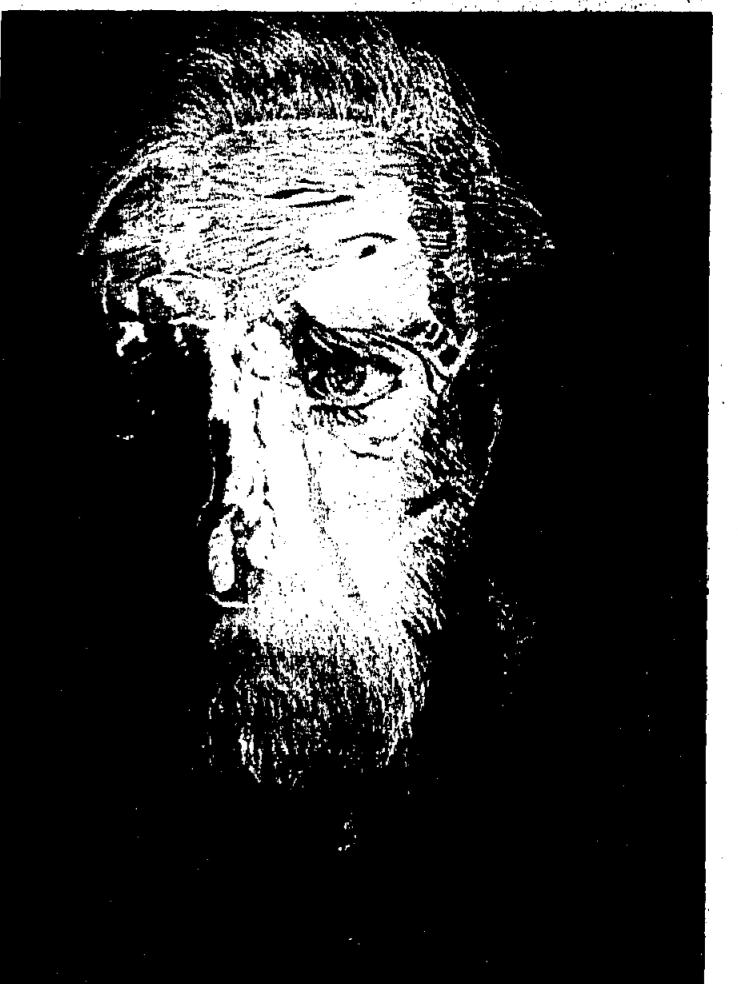
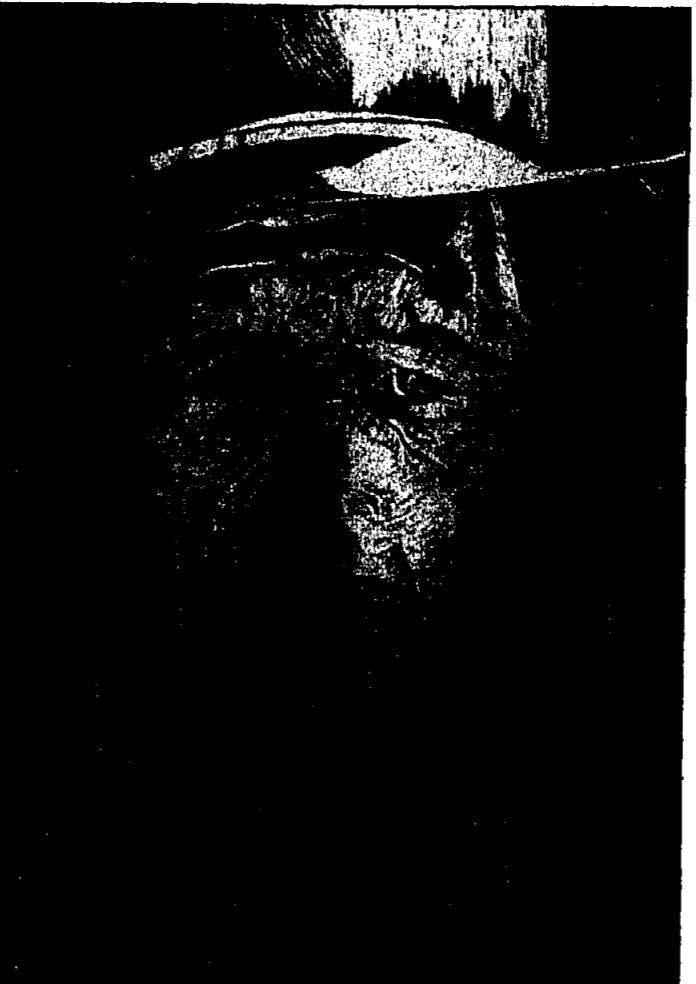
The ideal post-school plan, Marx said, would be to grab a couple of his classmates and start his own graphic design/advertising firm, or at least be a partner in one.

While he appears to have no delusions about the life of a young artist and will pursue his graphic design/advertising career, Marx said he knows art is in his blood. "I had this teacher last year who said the only thing he would say was 'write down your ideas on a piece of paper,'" he said. "Every week, we'd bring them on a board. The professor would take the bad ideas, rip them down and throw them away. Every single week of the 15 weeks, mine was one of about three or four that was left up there."

For now, Marx is open for business. He has set up a Web site at <http://www.hometown.net/edog95> and also has a post office box in Cranford: PO Box 1629, Cranford, NJ 07016.

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Rutgers co-op schedules Master Gardener series

WESTFIELD — The Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County invite

— from seasoned planters to green-thumbed greenhorns — to attend free lectures on various gardening topics to be presented during the 2000 Fall Speaker's Series.

Visitors will be able to learn valuable information and get tips on all favorite garden subjects.

All lectures in the series are scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. and will be held at the Union County Administration Building Auditorium, located at 300 North Ave. in Westfield.

Experience magnificent color and joy with "Bulb Gardening" on Sept. 27, and reap years of plea-

County grant allows Kenilworth singer to entertain seniors

KENILWORTH — Ilene Baranik has received a grant from the Union County Division of Cultural Affairs to

provide a means of healthy eating. Individuals can learn to protect themselves and family from "Ticks and Lyme Disease" on Oct. 26, and on Nov. 9 can learn "Everything they

need to know about "Composting."

Visitors will get tips on making a terrarium that will bring years of pleasure in the "Horticultural Therapy and Terrariums" class on Nov. 30, and can experience the joy of making gifts with the "Preserving Herbs for Crafts and Holiday Gifts" class on Dec. 12.

Registration closes one week prior to the first class. The cost is \$30 per participant. Registration is \$30 per participant. Registration closes one week prior to the first class. The cost is \$30 per participant.

Baranik has performed extensively as a vocalist, accompanying herself on guitar. She has also played with a number of ensembles, including the Caroline Doctorow Band (daughter of author E. L. Doctorow) as the opening act

for Eddie Rabbit, Pete Seger, Damian Boucher, Lew Gelfond, and Ralph Litwin, to name a few.

The Kenilworth resident has been scheduled to perform at these nursing homes throughout the remainder of the year.

September: Genesis Elder Care, Saturday at 3 p.m.; Cranford Hall, Sept. 23, 2 p.m.; and Plaza Nursing and Convalescent Center, Sept. 30, 1:15 p.m.

The public is invited to attend each performance.

Area Red Cross chapter offers baby-sitting course

WESTFIELD — The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering a training course in baby-sitting.

Children must participate in both sessions to qualify for certification. The cost is \$30 per participant. For additional information, call (908) 232-7090. To register, come to 321 Elm St. in Westfield.

Each child is required to bring a doll equal to the size of a Cabbage Patch doll. Children must participate in both sessions to qualify for certification. The cost is \$30 per participant. For additional information, call (908) 232-7090. To register, come to 321 Elm St. in Westfield.

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709-7208 or (908) 272-6114.FRIDAY
SEPT. 15NIGHT SKY — plus Bruce
Partridge on "Photographing
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Theater, Union County
College, 1033 Springfield Ave.,
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276-STAR.SATURDAY
SEPT. 16JERSEY JAZZ BY THE
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art exhibit, and "Kids
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SEPT. 17GRIEVING RECOVERY —
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SEPT. 18TRAIN LINE — Raritan
Valley Rail Coalition meeting
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'Free a Weed/Plant a Plant' effortCRANFORD — The Union
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Freeholders is encouraging the
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9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 23.Scheduled to participate are
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Conservation Action
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murder trial transcript
BY THOMAS SCOTT
THE CHRONICLEWESTFIELD — The murder
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23. Cost \$23. Reservations: Call (908)
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276-STAR.BARBERSHOP HARMONY — annual joint concert
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Community Players. Club theater, 75 Wihans Ave.,
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Tickets: Call (908) 659-5189.

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Open house introduces youngsters to music school

WESTFIELD — Mary Ann Hall's Music for Children, celebrating its third successful year in the Westfield area, is hosting a special public open house.

During the event, parents and children can sample a music class and parents can speak to faculty members about the unique program and the philosophies of giving children a well-rounded musical education.

The open house will take place from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Greek Orthodox Church in Westfield.

Space at the open house is limited. RSVP to Nanci Gruskin at (908) 232-4881.

"It is quite exciting to see parents realizing the role a musical education takes in the overall development of their child," said Gruskin, Music for Children's New Jersey director. "They understand that music plays a crucial role in the process of wiring a young child's brain and they understand it's important to start exposing them at an early age. It has been thoroughly documented that children receive regular music training demonstrate better motor skills, math ability and reading perfor-

mance than those who don't. "We offer a very comprehensive program for children aged 10 months to 8 years where children learn important musical concepts like rhythm, harmony, form, chords etc. through the game of musical play," she added. "This means that every class has a theme, all these concepts are approached through real life and having fun."

All Music For Children educators must be highly trained musicians as live music is featured in the class. Children in the Westfield program will be exposed to classical and jazz piano, clarinet and guitar.

"Our program is progressive and grows and develops with the child, so what we do at each age is appropriate," Gruskin said. "The program builds sequentially throughout the eight years. The goal of the program is for children to have internalized 95 percent of the important musical concepts they will need to go on in music after they leave our program after eight years."

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Cranford residents named to board of First Occupational Center of N.J.

CRANFORD — Township resident Gary J. Jayne has been elected to the Board of Directors of the First Occupational Center of New Jersey.

Announcement of the election was made recently by Rico J. Meola, president and chief executive officer, of OCNJ.

The First Occupational Center of New Jersey is the state's oldest and largest not-for-profit vocational, educational and job-placement

agency.

Jayne is general manager of Rental America, Inc. in Carteret and is a graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University.

He and his wife, Sharon, reside in Cranford.

The First Occupational Center of New Jersey, headquartered in Orange, uses an entrepreneurial approach to help disabled and disadvantaged people move from dependence to independence through employment.

TRAFFIC along Elm, Quimby, Prospect and E. Broad streets in Westfield will be detoured for the day.

The day's entertainment will

include a swing band, a children's storyteller at 11:30 a.m.

and puppets and magic at 2:30 p.m. The stage area will be at the corner of Elm and E. Broad streets.

The N.J. Workshop for the Arts, located on E. Broad Street, will present instrumental musical entertainment in the afternoon.

Al Madison of Scotch Plains, a blues singer, will perform at 11 a.m. The Front Porch Swing Band, also of Scotch Plains, will provide contemporary music from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Food will be served by more than 15 FestiFall vendors.

Local restaurants Ferraro's,

China Light, Liu's and Cosimo's

Pizza will serve up their specialties.

Other items on the menu

include Greek foods, tomato

bruschetta, Passarelli's Italian

hot dogs, butterfly fries, barbecued ribs and chicken.

Dessert treats include fresh

fruit smoothies, deep-fried

Oreo cookies, zeppoles, ice

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Franklin Stevens makes wall

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"We're inviting everyone to

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Rolling along with easy eggplant

Melanzana rollatine imbotito

(Rolled stuffed eggplant)

"Basic marinara sauce"
1 medium eggplant, sliced thin lengthwise
1 pound ricotta cheese
8 ounces mozzarella cheese, cut into quarter-inch cubes
2 tablespoons parmesan cheese, grated
1/4 teaspoon ground white pepper
1 cup flour
3 eggs
1 tablespoon flat parsley, minced

Eggplant is a very versatile vegetable. It can be prepared in many ways and it's always delicious! Usually, the preparation is not complicated, and the outcome is almost always successful.

This week's recipe, *melanzana rollatine imbotito* (stuffed rolled eggplant), is not difficult at all. We'll use our "basic marinara sauce" again and the actual rolling of the eggplant is so simple you'll be impressed with your culinary talents.

This recipe can be used as an appetizer or alongside some spaghetti, or even as a main entree with a vegetable on the side.

Remember, it's always good to keep some of the basic marinara sauce in the freezer!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me by fax at (908)



Circle Players to raise curtain on Bard barbs

PISCATAWAY — The Circle Players, a Piscataway-based acting troupe, is jumping into its new season with both feet.

The group announced recently the opening play of their new millennium season — "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)," by Adam Long, Daniel Singer and Jess Windfeld.

The Circle Players production will be directed by Amy Kaled of Franklin Park and will star her husband, Mark Kaled, also of Franklin Park, Wayne Harris of South River and Rick Holloway of Roselle.

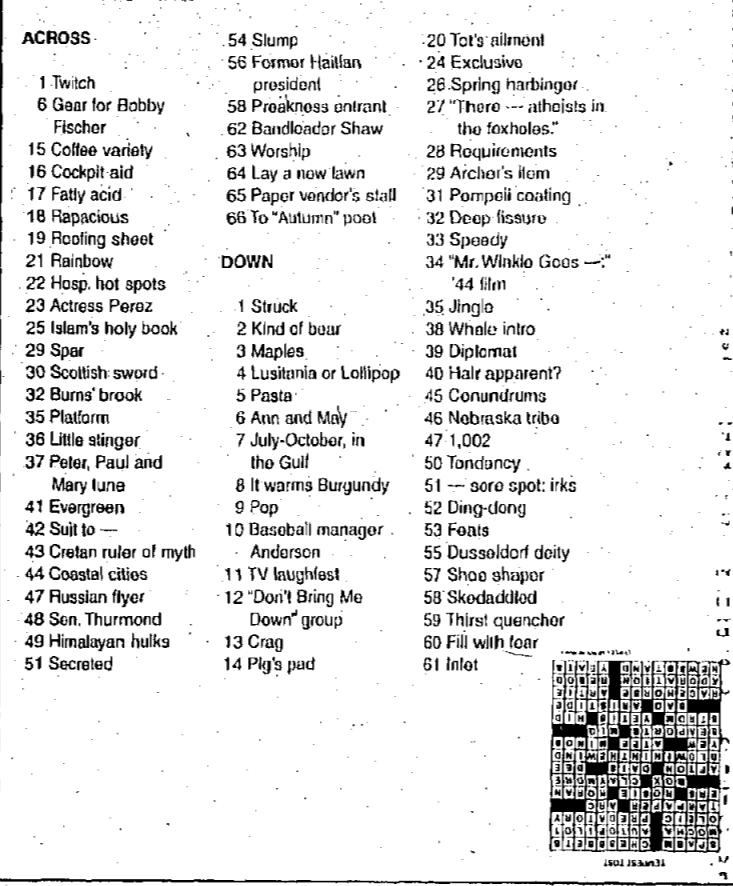
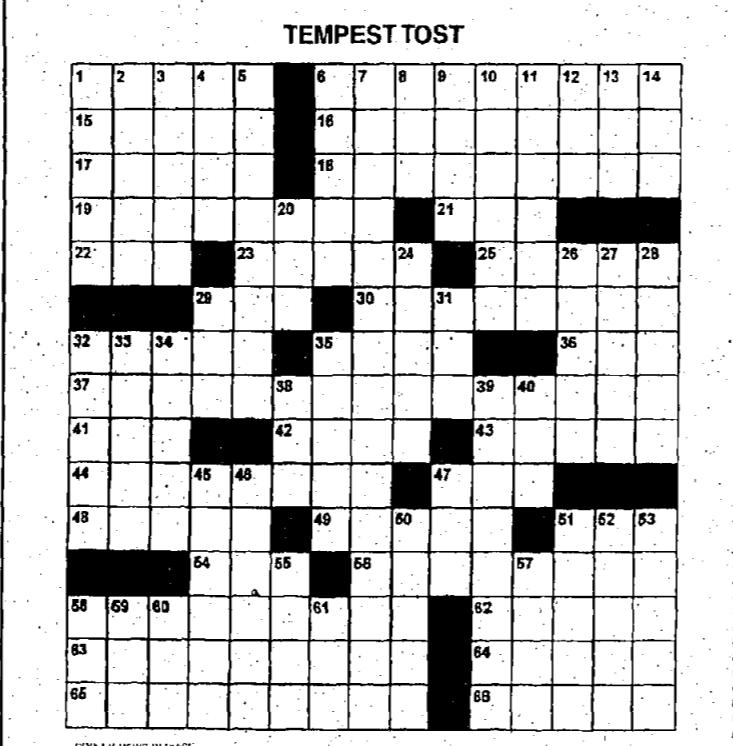
All the world's a stage in this multi-layered, though a veritable circus of Shakespeare's works, including "Romance," "Juliet," "Titus Andronicus," "Othello," "Julius Caesar," "Macbeth" and "Hamlet" — which will be performed twice, the last time back-to-back.

Lunacy and laughter is guaranteed in this daffy display of silly swordplay dangerously and daringly combined with witty wordplay.

The cult comedy will be staged at the Circle Playhouse, located at #16 Victoria Avenue in Piscataway. Performances will be held Friday and Saturday evenings this week through Oct. 7, with the curtain rising at 8 p.m. There is also a Sunday matinee scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. Sept. 24.

Tickets for Friday's opening night and reception are \$13 apiece; tickets for all other evening shows cost \$12 apiece. Tickets for the Sept. 24 matinee cost \$11 (with a \$1 discount for seniors and with proper identification).

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Your horoscope guide, Sept. 18 - Sept. 24

By WANDA PERRY
COLEY NEWS SERVICE

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Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Money or possessions are your biggest issues this week. Come to terms with your current financial status and acknowledge your limitations.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Balance and compromise are your key words for this forecast period. Practice a less than satisfactory task from the past. Bite the bullet and totally apply yourself to this time.

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Gemini (May 21 - June 21): Watch out for Cupid's arrow this week. Don't let a sudden attraction or temptation of the heart undermine an otherwise stable relationship.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): It's easy to make new friends at a club or group gathering. Reach out and be the ball rolling with an open hand, warm smile and kind word.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Do your best to insure a win-win outcome in a business dispute. Meet face-to-

face with an authority figure and hash-out your differences.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Friends can be very persuasive when lobbying for a pet project. Lend a sympathetic ear, but think about what is best for you.

Pisces Feb. 19 - March 20): Handle other people's money or joint affairs with extra special care this week. An untimely mistake or misunderstanding could be very costly.

TAURUS' WEEK'S BIRTH-DAYS: Be prepared for the new and exciting opportunities that are likely to cross your path during the coming year. Unusual and offbeat experiences will set the stage for romantic or social interactions with people from different walks of life. Open your heart and mind to the possibilities.

LIBRA'S WEEK'S BIRTH-DAYS: The performance kicks off the 10th anniversary of the Arbor Chamber Music Society and opens the 2000-2001 "Space Odyssey" season for the Westfield Symphony Orchestra, conducted by maestro David Wroe.

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New Releases

"Bring it On" — Kirsten Dunst, the first teen actress worthy of taking the crown from *Alicia Silverstone* in "Clueless," plays Torrance, newly elected team captain of Rancho Carne High's cheerleading squad, the Toros. As she's getting ready to take the team to the national championships for the sixth year in a row, Torrance realizes her San Diego group's routines are actually stolen from the Clovers, a sassy squad from East Compton. The team tries to scramble together a new routine with the help of a dictatorial choreographer. When that doesn't work, the guys and girls must work together and find another way to give East Compton High some real competition. Cast: Kirsten Dunst, Eliza Dushku, Jesse Bradford, Gabrielle Union. Rated PG-13. 3 stars.

Recent releases

"The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle" — One more拜拜 yet bone-tired regurgite of nostalgic showbiz mania, with a few good winks and nips of comedy about the old R&B TV show. They are still cute 'toons, nicely voiced, but the jokes stacked around them are clearly include Janeane Garofalo, Rene Russo, Billy Crystal, Whoopi Goldberg, Jason Alexander, Jonathan Winters, Piper Perabo and Robert De Niro performing with brutally blunt whimsy as Fearless Leader, barking "Are you talking to me?" in a Mr. German accent. Kenneth Lonergan wrote with tedious fondness. Des McAnuff directed as if energy were life and doldrums were death. 93 minutes. Rated PG. 1 star.

"The Cell" — Tarsem Singh, his mind still on videos and commercials, directed this fiercely over-styled horror fantasia as if each shot were a career move. It's a grimly banal vision about a nice therapist (Jennifer Lopez) who mind-trips into the nightmares of a psychotic killer (Vincent D'Onofrio) who leaves women to drown in special cage while he hangs himself from hooks and chases a biome. In 1986, Disney had another comedy of old hands, "Tough Guys." This new *Viagra* Express is something better made, not quite as corny, but is another treadmill of types. Mob comedy is getting stale, and this one is very sub-

"Coyote Ugly" — Pert little blessings at all. Kim Basinger, lovely but lost here, is the psychiatrist whose husband is a sweet, healing saint covered by the devil, or by his leading suit (Rufus Sewell), who for other "coyotes" serve drinks, jigs, get wet, let lewd but avoid sex. The film, Jerry Bruckheimer's duds about dreamers in the vein of "Flashdance" and "Cocktail," is erotically neutered, and the squeamish should stay away. The hero feels guilty about old killings, but cracks a bit when someone cracks cool about shooting prisoners. 168 minutes. Rated R. 2 stars.

"Godzilla 2000" — Amusing retro-camp revivalism. Old Scaly is back, still breathing fire, smashing scale model cities and fending off a space creep by sticking his lizard head down the critter's throat (oh, the shared breath!). The attempt to make it hip for today's crowd (mostly kids and teens) by using cheap epithets is lame, not made funnier by the bad dubbing, and the movie gets off to a slow start. But the Japanese know there's gold in this kitch, and they will do to bring out the fool's gold. 91 minutes. Rated PG. 2 1/2 stars.

"Hollow Man" — Nope, there are no invisible stars in this rating. In fact, "Hollow Man" very nearly earns a "dog" designation, and not just because an actual dog is brutally slaughtered. Director Paul Verhoeven ("Showgirls," "RoboCop," "Starship Troopers") takes a good premise - invisibility - and wastes it on what is lit-

er.

"The Replacements" — Were there no replacements for this idiotic script? Gene Hackman, letting a straw hat do his acting, is the revived "legendary" coach who recruits a bunch of jokers, slobs and athletes to his team. Seeking a tall, white male, who's honest, sincere, and more. Seeking a single male, who's non-smoker with similar interests. BOX 11045

"The Patriot" — Mel Gibson stands tall for all of us in the American Revolution, where only he can show the South Carolina Yanks (hardly any have Southern accents)

the more than a slasher flick. Kevin Bacon is the increasingly mad scientist who vanishes and then wrecks juvenile havoc; Elisabeth Shue is his ex-girl pal turned tormentor. He is not just invisible but invincible, even a flame-thrower barely slows him. (New parlor game: 450 degrees of Kevin Bacon!) The special effects are incredible; too bad the script has disappeared, too. 114 minutes. Rated R. 1 star.

"The Original Kings of Comedy" — Steve Harvey, D.L. Hughley, Cedric "The Entertainer" and Bernie Mac extend their mirth to movie houses with the help of director Spike Lee's "The Original Kings of Comedy." Lee's film delivers a behind-the-scenes look during February in Charlotte, N.C. He sets the stage for each king to tell his tales of race, music, sex and, most of all, love. This isn't humor as hard-edged as Richard Pryor, Chris Rock or even Eddie Murphy. It focuses more on family, church, raising kids, marriage, how white folks react to situations as compared to blacks. Beneath the laughs, there's a warmth of shared experience, of life the way it's lived mainly in big cities, of staying one step ahead of the creditors, of surviving indignities with dignity. Cast: Steve Harvey, D.L. Hughley, Bernie Mac. Running time: 1 hour, 57 minutes. Rated R. 3 1/2 stars.

"The Patriot" —

Very altitudo, energetic, black female, who enjoys dancing, socializing, and much more. Seeking a single white male, 32 to 42, for fun times and maybe more. BOX 4033

"Desires of the Heart" — 49 yr old, divorced white professional female of three, fl, non-smoker, who enjoys sports, dancing, the outdoors, reading and much more. Seeking a single white male, 32 to 42, for fun times and maybe more. BOX 11046

"UPSCALE LADY" —

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"LET'S MEET"

Single white, professional female, 28, enjoys nature, hiking, traveling, theater, music and more. Seeking a single male, 30 to 40, who enjoys a happy life. BOX 16178

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35 yr old, old fashioned, divorced male, 5'6", non-smoker, no children, occasional drinker. Enjoying beach, fishing, quiet times and roller skating. Looking for a nice female, with no children, no tattoos, with similar interests, for long term relationship. She would be warm and wonderful for both of us. BOX 12407

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Cougars almost pull off upset bid

ROUNDUP

The Cranford High boys soccer team came into this season hoping a talented, but inexperienced group could come together in time to surprise some of the Union County and state powers. If Monday is any indication, the Cougars are much closer to the top of the county than they expected to be at this point.

Cranford dropped a disappointing 1-0 decision to Scotch Plains in overtime Monday, but the game should prove to be a valuable building block for the Cougars. Scotch Plains is

loaded with experienced talent, is considered one of the favorites to win the Group 3 crown this season, and is being touted by some as the best public school team in the state.

Cranford Head Coach Jeff Doherty said the Cougars would be looking to play a defensive minded game, keeping the score low and hoping to pull out some 1-0, 2-1 victories, and on Monday the Cougars executed the game plan to near perfection. Scotch Plains managed only eight shots on goal and Keith Shaw was there to stop all of them, until the Raiders put home the game winner six minutes into the first overtime session.

Scotch Plains senior and top offensive threat Mike Zotti banged home the goal to give the Raiders their second win of the year and drop the Cougars to 0-2.

Cranford took on another county rival yesterday when they hosted Westfield and will square off against defending Group 1 champ New Providence at Orange Ave. School 4 p.m. tomorrow.

Piscataway 3, Cranford 0. The Cougars dropped their first game of the season to Piscataway 3-0 at home Friday.

The Cougars mustered only three shots on goal, while allowing Piscataway's Keith Wiley to score twice and add an assist.

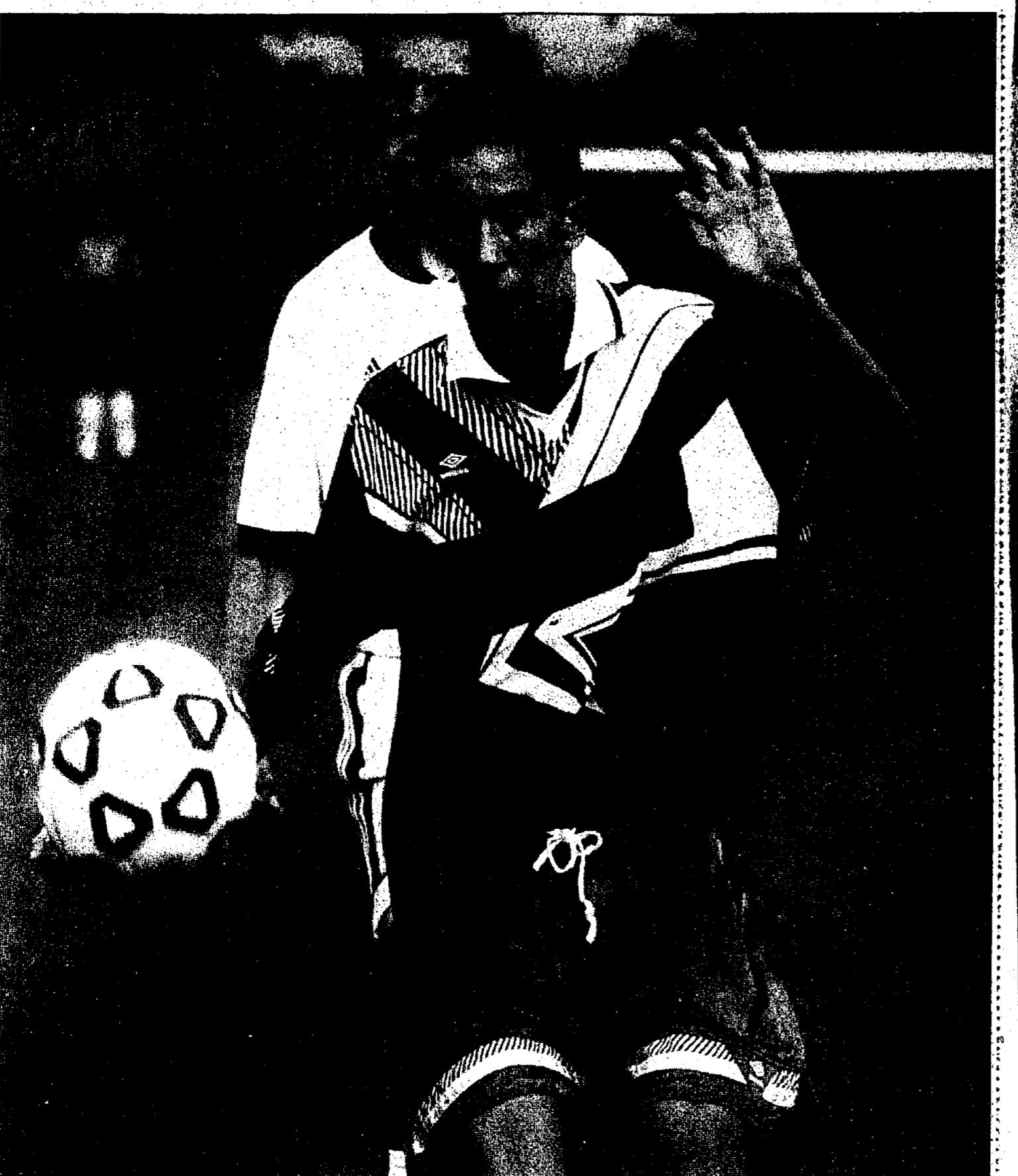
TENNIS

Cranford fell to West Essex in the season opener Tuesday 4-1. Stephanie Clay served the Cougars long enough to three set victory at first doubles.

Stephanie Clay, C. dot. Jon Eisenberg 4-6, 7-6 (12-10), 2-6 (7-0), Jon North W. dot. Robin Eisert 6-2, 6-1, Jamie Grouberg, W. dot. Sarah Folger, 6-4, 6-0.

Doubles: Jon Barto and Leigh Arapog, W. dot. Rachel Ramsey and Jackie Palluccio, 6-1, 6-2; Linda Grouberg and Caitlyn Markow, W. dot. Cindy Mingo and Debra Sekino, 6-3, 6-0.

Andrea Tobon and Sergio D'Andrea each knocked home a pair of goals to lead the Bears 1-0 who will travel to New Providence (2-0) today.



LARRY MURPHY/CHRONICLE CORRESPONDENT
Matin McPherson and the Cranford boys soccer team dropped their first two games of the season, but nearly upset top ranked Scotch Plains-Fanwood on the road Monday, falling 1-0 in overtime.

Cougars still trying to put pieces together

By DANIEL MURPHY

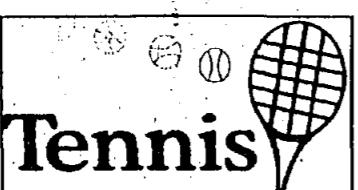
THE CHRONICLE

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Chevy is going back to the SSR of the '40s, '50s

By MARK MAYNARD
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Chevrolet has announced that it will build the SSR pickup, a concept design reminiscent of the fat-fendered and bullet-faced Chevy and GMC pickups of the late '40s and early '50s.

Built from a new truck platform, the V-8-powered and rear-wheel drive SSR or Super Sport Roadster, is a convertible sports pickup truck with a two-piece retractable hardtop and lockable cover over the 4.7-foot bed.

Leather seats, five-spoke alloy wheels and performance tires are part of the package. Temperature, audio and navigation controls will be concealed behind a dashboard-mounted panel door.

It is due in showrooms in 2002. Pricing has not been decided.

NEIMAN MARCUS T-BIRD

It has been a long time coming, but Ford has finally finished the finished 2002 Thunderbird.

Dealers are not taking orders yet, but enthusiasts can order a special-edition model through the Neiman Marcus Christmas Book. Two hundred of them are up for grabs beginning Sept. 25.

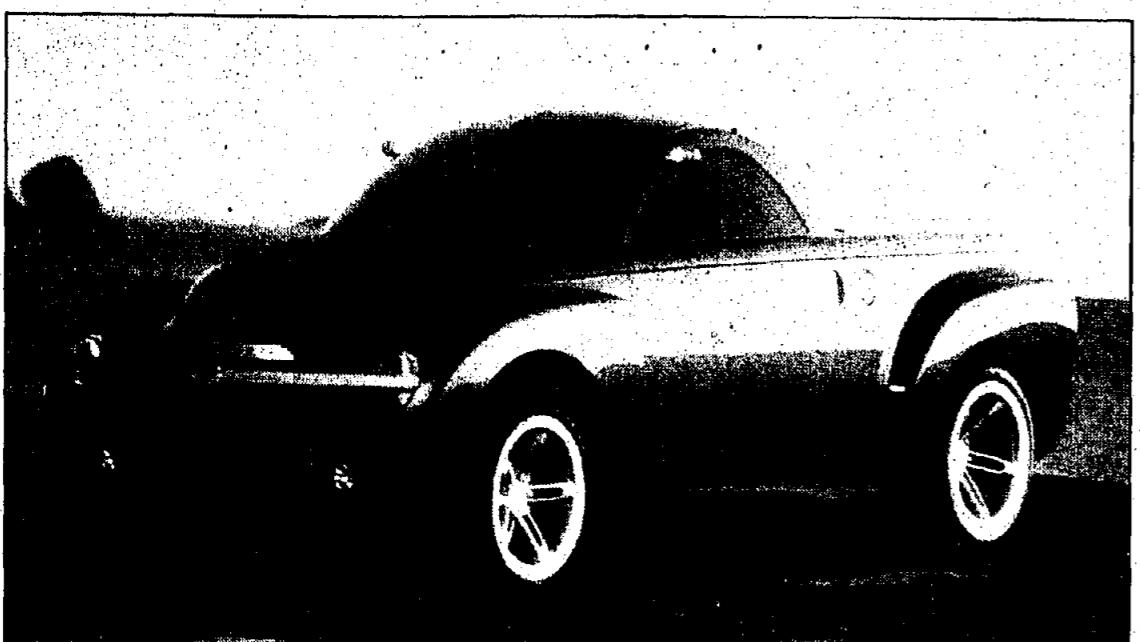
For a catalog price of \$41,995, the Neiman Marcus Thunderbird has several one-of-a-kind touches.

Painted black with a removable silver top, the chrome 17-inch wheel design carries over to the wraparound windshield header. The top's port hole windows are etched with the Thunderbird insignia.

Inside, the black-and-silver theme is picked up in the steering wheel and shift knob and the seats have a silver leather insert surrounded by black leather.

The Thunderbird badge is embossed on the back of the headrest. The vinyl lower door panel is silver to match the aluminum molding and inserts on the padded instrument panel.

Neiman Marcus logos are on the instrument panel and floor mats. For collectability, the vehicle identification is unique for the



\$25 for nonmembers until Sept. 5. After that, the cost will be \$300-\$40.

Reproduction window stickers for the same years also are available. Prices range from \$25 to \$32 depending on the Corvette model year and member status.

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Porsche Club presents Concours d'Elegance

The Northern New Jersey Region, Porsche Club of America, is presenting the seventh annual invitational Ryland Inn Concours d'Elegance on the grounds of the Whitehouse Inn Sunday, Sept. 17.

"We were the first year that the event is attracting 'affectionate' cars," Chairman Steve Zito said. "We have spent the last six months marketing this event at big-name events such as the Greenwich Concours and the first invitational Hamptons Concours, which was sponsored by Jerry Seinfeld."

Ryland Inn Concours is expected to draw "a few thousand cars that most of us have seen pictures of, but never been in front of," Zeh said.

The multi-day event is not limited to "super clean" and "show only" Porsches. The concours committee has gotten commitments on several world-class Ferraris and Lamborghinis. There is no age restriction on any of the marques.

This year's Ryland Inn event "will have far more for the spectators to see and do than in past years," according to committee member Ben Rasmussen.

"It is our hope that it will have the feel of a classic family-oriented event. The 40s with the entire family got dressed up and had a day together socializing with each other as well as with good friends," he said.

CORVETTE DOCUMENTATION

Corvette aficionados can now buy copies of build sheets on cars produced at the Bowling Green Assembly Plant from 1981 to 2000. These documents have never before been available and contain details on original factory options

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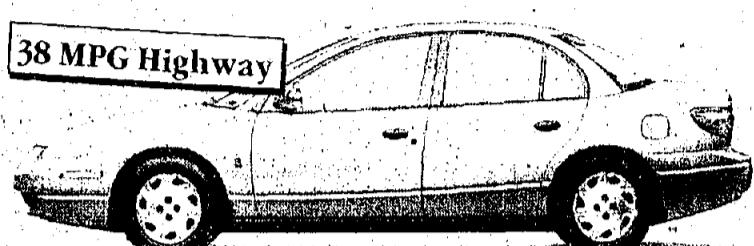
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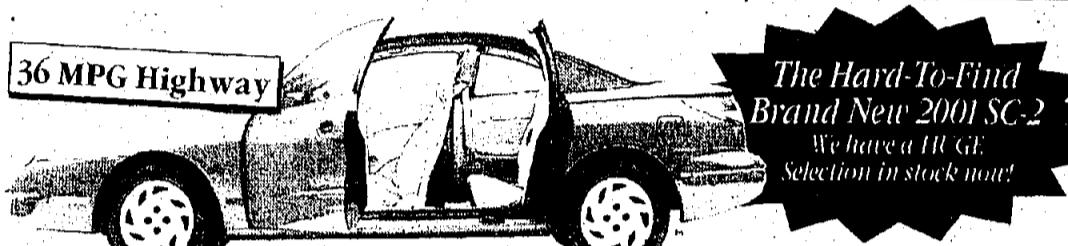
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