

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.

The car had an ignition kill switch and was left abandoned on Munsee Drive, according to police reports.

Police log

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

Officers responded to a report of criminal mischief on South 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.

Corey Lewis, of Newark, was charged Friday with driving with a suspended license.

He was also charged on numerous outstanding warrants.

Lewis was stopped on the Garden State Parkway North entrance at approximately 4 p.m., according to police reports.

He was released on his own recognizance on the Kenilworth charges, but was

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

Garwood

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.

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.

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.

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 have already arrived, or will arrive soon, via U.S. 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 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and tomorrow, Monday through Sept. 22 and Sept. 25-27.

Permits will also be sold from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 28. 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

* For Districts 3 and 4 only — Oct. 10-11
* For District 4 only, Oct. 16-18.

Cash or checks will be accepted. Permits will not be sold once the cleanup has begun, and no refunds will be given.

All pickups will be made by district according to a schedule beginning Oct. 2:

* 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.

Items such as appliances, furniture, carpeting, lawn mowers, toys and tools will be collected.

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

Clean used clothing, towels and sheets can be recycled at the Fanwood Recycling Center, located on North Avenue in Fanwood, on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Unacceptable materials include, but are not limited to, regular household garbage, contractor generated construction debris, yard waste, chemicals and hazardous waste, medical waste, auto batteries and concrete.

Residents who participate in the pick-up will be required to display a permit placard in their front window and a sticker on the most prominent item at the curb.

Only those materials with the proper permits displayed will be collected and removed by the township's contractor.

Random inspections will be conducted by the township to insure compliance with regulations and prevent illegal dumping.

For more information, residents can call (908) 709-7299.

Public library offers 'NovelList' approach to finding the book, author of your choice

CRANFORD — Thanks to funding provided by the New Jersey State Library, the Cranford Public Library now has access to NovelList, an electronic resource for fiction readers.

NovelList enables readers to use a favorite author or title as a means of locating other authors and titles of interest. Readers can enter words that describe the contents of a book they would like to read, and NovelList retrieves titles that contain these words in the book's subject heading fields.

Users can search by genre and can also browse the 1,200 theme-oriented book lists, 150 award lists and 1,000 fiction-related sites on the World Wide Web.

NovelList contains materials for all ages — including picture books, children's "chapter" books, young adult titles and books for adult readers.

All in all, the database contains 90,000 titles and more than 41,000 titles with annotations, reviews or summaries.

Updated quarterly, NovelList adds approximately 10,000 titles per year. NovelList can be accessed from the library's public Internet computers. In addition, library cardholders with Internet access can access NovelList from their home computers.

To do so, go to the library's home page at <http://www.cranford.com/library> and click on the words

"click here," which appear two lines below the word "NovelList." Next, click on "start" and the library card number will be requested. Enter the library card number and click on "submit."

Patrons wishing to apply for a library card can apply at the library's main desk. Cranford residents, and anyone who works full-time in Cranford or goes to school full-time in the township, are eligible to receive a card.

The library is located in temporary quarters at the Cranford Community Center, located at 220 Walnut Ave. in Cranford.

For more information about NovelList or details on applying for a library card, call the library at (908) 709-7272.

Union County chambers of commerce team up for fourth-annual 'Business After Hours Expo'

UNION — The fourth-annual Business After Hours Networking Expo is scheduled to take place Nov. 1 at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County. The club is located inside the Zimmerman Community Center, located at 1060 Jeanette Ave. in Union.

The expo is scheduled to run from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. This four-chamber event is an opportunity for companies to make new business contacts and promote products and services.

Attendees are asked to bring business cards, wear name tags and bring something to give away, such as brochures, pads and promotional items.

Numerous door prizes, donated by many companies in the area, will be distributed during the evening.

The expo will again feature the Travel Center for information on vacations, resorts, airlines and cruises.

The big hit of last year's expo, the free food court, will feature a variety of foods prepared by local restaurants.

Everyone is invited to sample the food prepared by Cranford's Gourmet Deli & Big Sky, Elizabeth's Red Parrot Cafe, Elizabeth's Winfield Scott Ballroom and Elizabeth's Restaurant.

Also expected to dish it out are Hillside's Liberty Cafe, Hillside's Lyons Manor, Union's Costa del Sol, Union's Jambalaya restaurant and the Union Dunkin' Donuts.

This event is co-hosted by the Cranford, Greater Elizabeth, Hillside and Union Township chambers of commerce.

Major sponsors are Summit Insurance Advisors in Cranford, the Elizabeth Development Corporation in Elizabeth, Summit Bank in Hillside, Verizon and the Union County Boys & Girls Clubs.

Admission is free. Complimentary VIP passes are available by calling the Union Township Chamber of Commerce at (908) 688-2777.

Businesses wishing to exhibit should contact their local chamber of commerce.

One does not have to be a member of the chamber to exhibit at, or attend, the event. Full and half-table opportunities are available, as well as electricity.

Payment can be charged to MasterCard or Visa.

For more information on the Business After Hours Networking Expo, call Bob Hoeltzer, Cranford Chamber of Commerce, at (908) 272-6114.

You can also call Gordon Haas, Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce, at (908) 961-5130 or Jim Brody, Union Township Chamber of Commerce, at (908) 688-2777.

Officials flood Trenton in search of funds

By DARIA MEOLI

THE CHRONICLE

TRENTON — A year after Tropical Storm Floyd left the township in a state of emergency — and about a week after a freak thunderstorm dumped up to four inches of rain on some regional towns — the state Assembly's Emergency Management Agency is holding a hearing this week to allow municipal officials to give updates on local flood conditions.

Officials from the Department of Environmental Protection, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the state Emergency Management Agency, the state Department of Transportation and the United States Small Business Association were on hand Monday to testify before the Appropriations Committee about the resources needed to improve flood control efforts in the region.

Cranford Mayor Phil Morin testified at Monday's hearing, held a week before Assembly members officially reconvene from recess. The purpose of the hearing was to keep government focus on flood

Cranford, state, federal officials testify about need for flood mitigation efforts

relief," said Morin, adding the hearing also allowed the Appropriations Committee to get a handle on flood relief expenditures.

During his testimony, Morin called the committee's attention to the Orchard Street Brook project.

The township has targeted that area for flood control efforts, but the plan and improvement project is being held up while township officials await a fresh water wetlands permit from the state Department of Environmental Protection.

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Cranford mayor

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. "The permit has been languishing at the DEP for over six months," Morin said.

Permit delays are status quo at the DEP, according to spokesman Rob Schmitt. "That is standard operating procedure," Schmitt said. "Some permits take six weeks, some permits take a year. It depends on the individual project."

Schmitt added that any number of snags could arise during the permit process, noting the granting of permits

could be delayed by engineering problems or geological studies.

While Cranford has the money in hand to begin the project, it cannot proceed without the DEP permit. Schmitt noted there is no connecting agency between the DEP and the state agencies that actually award grants.

"Basically, you have to be responsible for your own project," he said.

The DEP is aware that many municipalities are under a time crunch to get projects moving before their grants expire, Schmitt added.

"It can be an issue, and we try to be accommodating," he said. "I think the best process is when the municipal, county and state agencies work together. Also, municipalities can apply to the DEP in advance — as soon as they find out they will be receiving grant money."

Republican Assemblyman and Appropriations Committee member Richard Baggar, who has championed flood control efforts in Cranford, said this week he would commit to find-

ing out the status of the fresh water wetlands permit.

Cranford is not only waiting for a DEP permit for the Orchard Street Brook Project. Other flood control projects are still making their way through the state approval process. The township is currently awaiting approval of a \$3.25 million flood control grant, which was unanimously passed the General Assembly on June 29.

The bill has moved on to the Senate Environment Committee, and when the State Senate reconvenes today, the bill is scheduled to be heard during the first session.

If the Senate Environment Committee approves the flood bill, it will then move on to the Senate Appropriations Committee and the General Senate. If approved, it will be passed on to Gov. Whitman.

The grant money included in the bill would pay for construction of a pumping station to convey storm water into the Rahway River, improvements to express and local sewers; development of wetlands delineation data; and improvements to existing dikes along the river.

Labor Dept. tabs Cranford resident for assistant commissioner position

CRANFORD — Township resident Matthew P. McDermott has been named assistant commissioner for administration and finance at the New Jersey Labor Department.

McDermott is responsible for the Divisions of Budget and Accounting, Information Technology and Human

Resources and Labor Relations. He also is in charge of facilities management.

He was previously director of the Division of Employment and Training at the Labor Department, assistant director of the Division of Business Services and administrator of the Office of Customized Training.

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New fellowship invites folks to renew their spiritual life

CRANFORD — The Trinity Pentecostal Holiness Fellowship offers individuals an opportunity to renew their spiritual life as they plan their

fall schedule. All are welcome and encouraged to attend revival services scheduled to run Wednesday at Sept. 22, at 7:30 p.m. each night, in VFW Post 335 of Cranford.

National Evangelist David Mann from California is scheduled to preach the old-fashioned Gospel, with his family ministering in song. The Sept. 22 service will have a special youth emphasis.

These services mark the start of the relocated, regular Wednesday night service at the VFW Hall on South Avenue East, according to Pastor Frank Sforza.

The Trinity Pentecostal Holiness Fellowship is a newly established body of believers in the Cranford area that emphasizes an age-integrated, whole-family approach to ministry.

For more information, call the church at (908) 276-6244. The church is an affiliate of the Pentecostal Ministerial Association of America.

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Kids' safety, health takes center stage

CLARK — Chiropractic offices nationwide will participate Sept. 23 in Kids Day American/International, a day of awareness about environmental awareness day.

In recognition of the Children's Specialized Hospital of Mountsinide, the Lubrano Family Chiropractic Center will sponsor the event in Clark from noon to 3 p.m.

The Lubrano event is slated to take place at the Clark Rescue Squad, located at 875 Resque Road in Clark.

Lubrano will provide essential information on crime prevention, child safety and environmental awareness. As part of the day free photo ID cards will be given to all children who attend.

The Union County Sheriff's Department will also be on hand to fingerprint all children present, while a local dentist will check each child for distinctive dental markings that will then be placed on the kids' ID cards. The Union County K-9 Unit will also give a demonstration.

Lubrano will also offer free spinal exams and scoliosis screenings, as well as information on disease prevention and health promotion.

There will be a special appearance by Sparky the Fire Dog and The Good Neighbor. The Fire Department and Rescue Squad will provide safety tips and allow children to tour their vehicles. DARE and the A.H. Club are also expected to participate, as is the USA Karate School, which will be hand with demonstrations throughout the day.

Free balloons, snacks, giveaways, and prize drawings will occur every half hour.

For more information, call the Lubrano Family Chiropractic Center at (732) 381-1622.

Vendors still sought for town-wide sale

CRANFORD — If you're thinking of having a garage sale, you might want to consider hitching your wagon to the Cranford Town-Wide Garage Sale.

Scheduled for Oct. 7 and sponsored by Project Home of Cranford, the sale will include several homes around town. Registration materials are now available for pick-up at Cranford Family Care, located at 61 Myrtle St. For registration or to find out where to get a map of participating homes, call the Project Home hotline at (908) 709-4107.

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Practicing their social skills

Connolly, Ferguson clash over the future of Social Security

By DARRIA 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-stakes race in the 7th District, the candidates are following the party line. Democrat Maryanne Connolly says she supports the preservation of the current Social Security system, while Republican Mike Ferguson favors reform.

Connolly spoke to roughly 113 people gathered for a meeting of the Bound Brook Seniors on Sept. 6. Senior officer and former Bound Brook Mayor Frank 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," Connolly told those in attendance

Sept. 6. "Not only do we have a president, but we have a senate and several congressional seats up. But I really look at this as a race that could make a difference in all our futures."

Connolly said she believes the current federal budget surplus is a "unique opportunity" and should be used to strengthen the Social Security program "so that in the year 2035, when your children or grandchildren are ready to retire, Social Security will be there for them."

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

Several audience members appeared to appreciate Connolly's visit. "I like the Social Security right off," said one woman who came to hear the former Fanwood mayor speak.

"I think it is important for the seniors for the candidates to speak about Social Security and prescription drugs," another audience member said. "The seniors are the ones going out more to vote. We have the ones on a fixed income."

Connolly also spoke out against Ferguson's support of presidential candidate George W. Bush's plan to privatize Social Security.

"He wants to let people invest part of their Social Security in the stock market," she said. "Well, I don't know about you, but I don't want my retirement based in the stock market. The stock market goes up, the stock market goes down."

Connolly 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 tax," she said.

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

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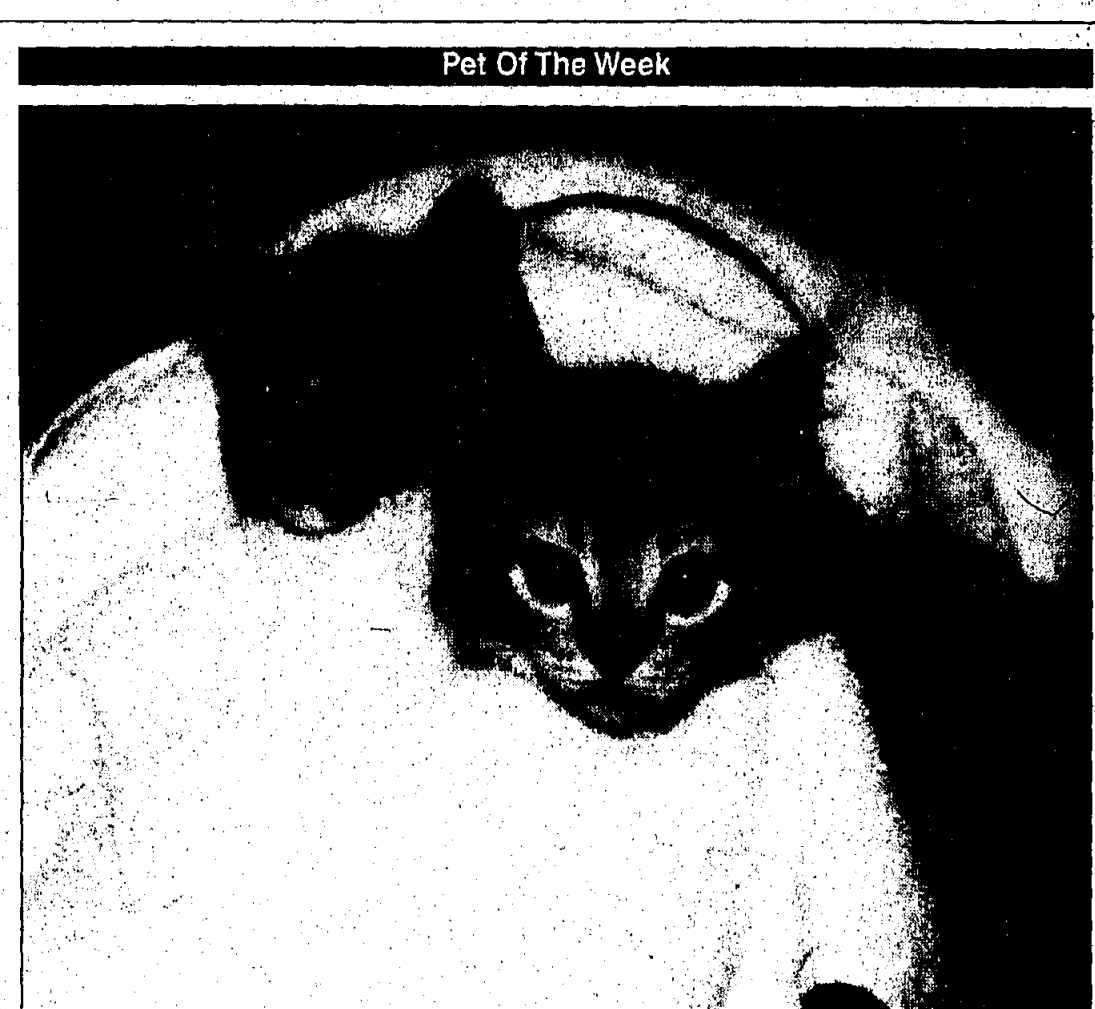
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Pet Of The Week

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 DARRIA MEOLI

THE CHRONICLE

Taking a cue from the neighboring metropolis that never sleeps, 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's Appropriations Committee granted the station \$290,000 for the staff, electricity, program transmission, programming content and general operation expenses covered by the six-hour increase. According to NJN spokeswoman Ronnie Weyl, NJN is also using its own resources to pay for the longer hours.

The late-hour programming probably will not have commercial sponsorship. "That 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 other 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 evenings), said NJN Executive Director Elizabeth Christopherson. "There will be more workforce development programs," she said.

NJN will be broadcasting various instructional programs from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. These programs are geared toward school librarians and teachers of kindergarten to 12th grade students. NJN hopes teachers will videotape programs to show their classes.

Many of the late, late shows,

according to NJN, will focus on those who cannot maintain a regular upper-education schedule. "Some of the programming reaches out to people who are unable to participate in a traditional classroom because of health issues, child and elder care responsibilities or lack of transportation," said Weyl.

While conventional college students are making a run for Dunkin' Donuts to get caffeinated for a library exam session, NJN's distance learning students will be able to pair a fresh cup from the Mr. Coffee in their kitchens. Programming from 4 a.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, Felician College 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 pre-dawn hours. In fact, part of the reason the network decided to go 24-seven 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 DARRIA MEOLI

THE CHRONICLE

KENILWORTH — 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

year's discussion list. There is a \$30,000 grant proposal pending approval from the Department of Community Affairs to be used for the creation of a Kenilworth-only cable-access television channel. The two bodies applied for the grant jointly through the Regional Efficiency Development Initiative program, which the

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 municipal 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 have 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 schools as it would for community broadcasting, according to Mayor Michael Tripodi. "I want to see the school have a broad-casting program," the mayor said. "I'd like to see the kids have a TV studio. Eventually, when they were ready, they'd come out to tape the council meetings. The joint venture together is to

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 ridges. 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 impervious 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 this 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 not 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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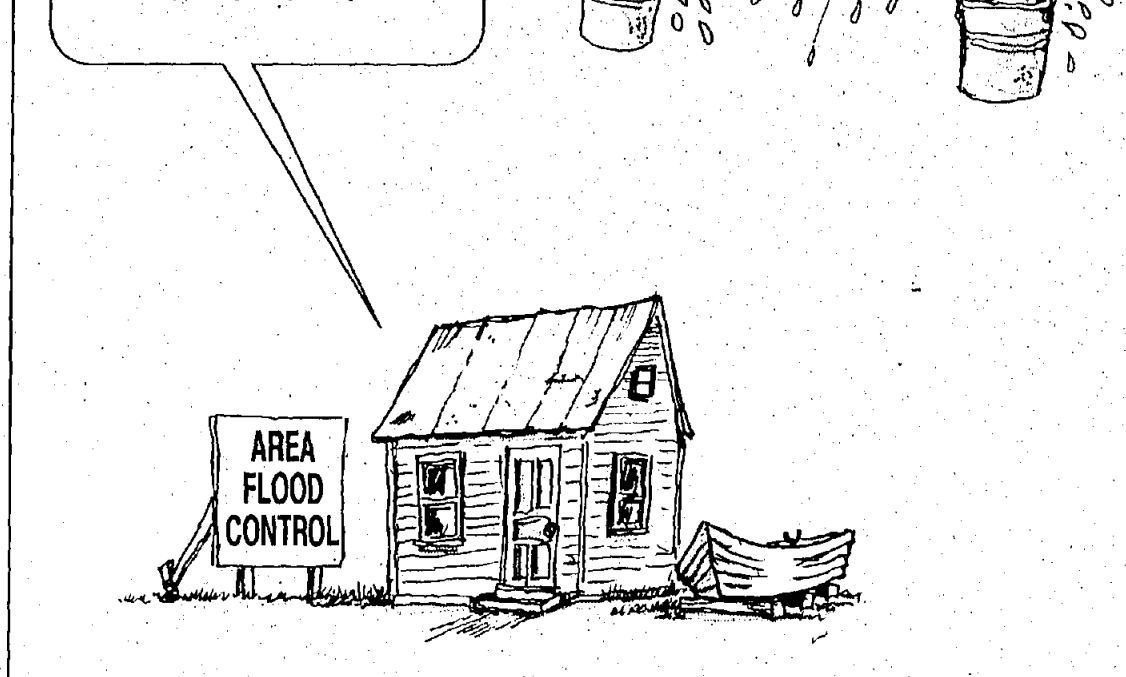
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Letters to the editor

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 continuance 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. This support comes now for my son who has been battling brain tumors for two years.

Our path takes us to a professional and humanitarian Dr. Maryanne Del Negro, chiropractor practicing here in Cranford, who restores our faith in why doctors become doctors after all. We can attest to her angelic qualities and professionalism. We only hope Dr. Del Negro is mutually blessed as she gives of herself.

Our journey has encompassed angels from the (First) Presbyterian Church in Cranford as well as the Grace Lutheran Church in Union. We receive prayers and support from all races, religions and

nationalities, as well as support from other local communities. Among our angels we count the Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association Inc., Order of the Eastern Star of New Jersey, for their generosity. Other angels include Fritz's Pork Store in Union, Johnnie's Barber Shop on Centennial Avenue and Cranford 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 our many names and not know scores of others.

Cranford has 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

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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 rampantness of identity theft, or "secret crime" as it is referred to internationally, is the ease with which criminals can obtain information needed 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 as far as to sift through trash outside businesses and residences in the hope of finding unshredded documents containing important personal information. Equally troubling is the number of dishonest employees who obtain privileged information in the workplace by accessing personnel files or by accessing credit reporting databases, commonly available in automobile dealers, Realtors'

offices, banks and other businesses that approve loans. Another problem area involves instant credit opportunities. Due to increased competition, some credit guarantors 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 identity thief who retrieves these offers from mailboxes or the trash (which the envelope often unopened) fills out the credit application utilizing the victim's name and identifying information but has the credit card mailed to another address. Due to the prevalence of this type of theft, most credit card issuers have now taken steps to confirm a change of address upon receiving an application. It is a law that requires that this be done.

Identity thieves usually do not act alone. Frequently they are part of an organized crime ring. These groups will seek employment in companies that will allow them access to employee information.

The Internet has become a popular resource for identity thieves as well. On the Internet there are Web sites that will sell individual 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 500,000-700,000 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 six 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 combating this multifaceted crime.

The writer is the Union County prosecutor.

Jersey Boy

Mike Deak

What makes New Jersey New Jersey

Thanks to e-mail, sometimes I don't have to write a column.

Most of this column came earlier this year from an acquaintance in the newspaper business and I'm sure many other people in New Jersey have read this as well. Such is the nature of e-mail; I often get the same jokes sent to me by two or three different correspondents who don't know each other. If television makes us all residents of the global village, then e-mail makes us all residents of the same electronic zip code.

You know you're from New Jersey if...

You know that the only people who call it "Joisey" are from New York or Texas.

You don't think of citrus when people mention "The Oranges." You know that it's called "Great Adventure," not "Six Flags."

You've ordered a hard roll with butter for breakfast.

You know what town Jon Bon Jovi is from?

You hate New York drivers.

You hate Pennsylvania drivers.

You've known the way to Seside Heights since you were 7.

You've eaten at a diner, when you were stoned or drunk, at 3 a.m.

You've made up to your spouse or lover at diner at 3 a.m.

Whenever you park, there's a Camaro within three spots of you.

You remember "Two Guys" department stores.

And you remember the urban legend that "E.J. Korvetes," actually stood for "Elton Jewish Korean War Vets" because you had a friend who actually saw the stock certificate.

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

You know that the state isn't all farmland.

At least three people in your family still love Bruce Springsteen.

The New Jersey Turnpike doesn't freak you out at night, and you're used to its "small."

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 what a "jug handle" is.

You know that a WaWa is a convenience store.

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

You know how to properly negotiate a Circle.

You know that the last question had to do with driving a car.

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

You only go to New York City for dry days.

You address people as "you's guys."

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

You know that people from the 201 area code are "a little different."

The Jets/Giants game has started fights 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 newspaper media this year, I'm starting to understand that term of county "freeloaders." Luckily, not all local papers print the myriad of freeloader 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 have nothing major to show for it. Because of this fact, 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 father'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. Spendthrift 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 freeloader 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 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

Family Care thanks Scouts for effort

To The Chronicle:

Cranford Family Care wishes to commend and thank Meredith Krauter for the food drive she organized and ran at the local Pathmark (in Garwood). Meredith chose Cranford Family Care as her project for the Silver Award for (Girl Scouts) Troop 168. Her brother David Krauter got his Eagle Scout award last year by collecting school supplies for Cranford Family Care. These two youngsters are very committed to the field of social service and we are the beneficiaries of their outstanding service to the community.

Meredith and the members of her troop handed out fliers at the supermarket to customers as they entered the store and were there when they came out with their donations. The girls sorted, bagged and delivered the food and paper goods to Cranford Family Care that day. The food drive lasted four days; the girls also collected \$49.02.

It was a great food drive because we received all new items for our shelves, especially after they had been depleted over the summer months. Meredith's attitude every day was cheerful and contagious. She had a smile on her face even after long hours in the heat. She just beamed every time she told us she had more for us in the car.

What a pleasure it was to work with her. We at Cranford Family Care wish to acknowledge her and the troop for their efforts. While other young people were at the store or the pool, Meredith was concerned for the needs of families that were facing hardship and she wanted to do something about it.

Thank you Meredith for a job well done!
KATHY WILLIS
Executive Director,
Cranford Family Care

Shame on GOP for 'sacrificial lamb'

To The Chronicle:

The sacrificial lamb has been slaughtered on the altar 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. Shame 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. Time 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 oft times 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 Tony Mack invites his fellow candidates vying for a seat on the Cranford Township Committee to an open and honest debate.

He proposes a debate which solicits unheard answers from the candidates, a debate which demonstrates the candidates' ability to think on their feet and exercise good judgment.

Too often, the citizens of Cranford are exposed to phony debate formats which focus almost exclusively on the ability of party regulars to lead the audience with friendly questions.

Enough with these childish games! Mack sug-

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 televise 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:

All of us who reside in Cranford are familiar with "Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside. Upon learning that some of the patients are adults between 18-21, I wonder if the hospital has considered alternative names, like "Children's and Young Adults' Specialized Hospital" or "Young People's Specialized Hospital."

When I was a young woman of 21 and a teaching assistant in Dr. Barbara Engler's psychology class at Union County College, as well as a student at the college, I felt flattered when people acknowledged my adult status and felt insulted if an occasional fellow groupie failed to claim me as someone who had joined his or her ranks.

A 21-year-old woman, who is half my age, has more in common with me socially, cognitively, physically and emotionally than she has with a 3-year-old child who is only one-seventh her age. I admire Children's Specialized Hospital and its staff for the services which it provides to disabled children and young adults.

I also admire the young patients for being courageous enough to cope with life, despite their physical challenges, and hope that I don't offend anyone by suggesting alternative names, out of respect for the hospital's adult patients over 18.

MARTHA MCGOUGH/LIN
Cranford

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Health & Fitness

Area nutritionists lead fight against Syndrome X

SCOTCH PLAINS — Barbara Potashkin and Associates, well-known nutritionists in the Scotch Plains community, are introducing a new program called Excell.

Excell, designed to help reduce many medical conditions associated with Syndrome X.

It is estimated that possibly 25 percent of the population is at risk for Syndrome X, a series of risk factors which can indicate possible heart disease or diabetes.

Syndrome X is also known as dysglycemia or insulin resistance.

It is caused by too much insulin resistance by the pancreas in response to specific and/or too many carbohydrates. It is not

accessibility to family and friends during treatment.

Survey results revealed a high percentage of patients would return to Overlook for treatment and would recommend the hospital to a friend or relative.

"We are proud of this important achievement," said David Freed, president of Overlook Hospital. "Our Emergency Department is dedicated to meeting the personal needs of our patients. We provide patients with as much timely information as possible regarding all aspects of their treatment."

Summit — Overlook Hospital's Emergency Department ranked in the 100th percentile for patient satisfaction in a survey conducted by Press, Ganey & Associates, which compared hundreds of hospitals across the country during the last quarter of 1999.

Despite a steady increase in patient volume, Overlook's Emergency Department ranked highest for patient satisfaction based on factors such as courteous and attentive nurses, consistent and prompt treatment information from attending physicians and

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Foods are emphasized that produce a lower insulin response or

glycemic index response and that improve one's body's ability to utilize and improve its insulin in a manner which helps to normalize blood sugars and the lipid profile.

The dietary portion of the program is a well-balanced diet that can be used for long term maintenance and better health.

"A full kit of materials is included as well, always with a nutrition consultation," Potashkin said. "We want to help each person individually, and have designed this program to achieve maximum results, and as with any medical symptoms — it is important to first consult your physician."

To feel better, have vitality and be able to lose weight, call (908) 789-5300 to schedule an opportunity to learn more about Excell.

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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 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 lines.
The next volunteer training class is scheduled to be held Monday evenings from Sept. 25 through Dec. 11.

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 want to relieve their 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's 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.

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 Gregorio and Rahway Mayor James Kennedy are expected to be on-hand to help kick off the expo at noon. They will lead the way to an afternoon of games, rides, displays and demonstrations, all geared toward increasing fire- and life-safety awareness among residents of Union County communities.

Included this year are a display of new and antique fire trucks, a home hazardous materials demonstration and the Fire Fightin' Family Photo, where families will have the chance to don fire-fighting gear and have their picture taken.
For children, activities will

include The Fire Safety House, a smoke-filled trailer which children can crawl through to simulate escaping a fire.

The expo is sponsored through a cooperative effort between the Merck Fire Department, the Linden Fire Department and the Rahway Fire Department. The three organizations compose the Merck/Linden/Rahway Life Safety Partnership, which is dedicated to protecting life through the promotion of fire and life safety education. 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.

Briefs

Individual Investors set Garwood discussion

GARWOOD — The New Jersey Chapter of the American Association of Individual Investors has scheduled its next meeting.

The meeting is slated to be held Tuesday at the Westwood in Garwood.
Scheduled to begin at 6 p.m., the meeting will explore the topic "What Happened, What Next?"

To register for the meeting or for more information on the American Association of Individual Investors or the New Jersey Chapter, call (908) 276-7337.

African Violet Society sets Sept. 21 meeting

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Union County Chapter of The African Violet Society is scheduled to meet Sept. 21.

The meeting, slated to begin at 1 p.m., will be held at the Scotch Plains Library, located at 1927 Bartle Ave. in Scotch Plains.

Growing tips will be discussed.
Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Presbyterian church offers Christian growth

WESTFIELD — The next term of adult education on Sunday mornings at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield will offer new opportunities for Christian growth.

The programs, slated to run each Sunday from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., are scheduled to begin Sept. 24 and continue through Oct. 29.

"Working the Word" is a how-to course in the application of the Bible to contemporary life. It will be taught by Glenda Hodges, a candidate for ministry in the Philadelphia Presbytery. The class will meet in the church's Lounge Annex.

"Bible Skills" will show how to be more at ease with the Bible. It will be taught by Dr. William Ross Forbes, senior pastor in the church library.

"The Triangle Class" will study the Old Testament. The Rev. Victoria Ney, associate pastor for Parish Nurture, will lead a discussion on the Ten Commandments. This class meets in the church's Christian Lounge.

"The Quakers Bible Study Class," led by its members, will continue the study of the Book of Acts that began last spring. This group meets in the Lower Room of the church's Parish House.

Westfield armory 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 Ave.

The sale will feature a large selection of more than 260 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 June 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.; Annandale, 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.

PTA contest will draw on local artists to help beautify Cranford board game

CRANFORD — If art is in your blood, pull out your sketch pad and pencil for an entry into the Sketch a Cranford landmark contest.

The Bloomingdale Avenue School Parent-Teacher Association is looking for sketches of a Cranford Township landmark for a recently announced adaptation of the popular "Monopoly" board game, called "Cranfordopoly."

In "Cranfordopoly," local businesses take the place of Atlantic City streets made famous by the original game's playing board.

To beautify the center of the board and enhance the Cranford theme, the winning sketches to be used for the purpose intended.

Each entry should be signed by the artist and dated and all entrants must permit their sketches to be used for the purpose intended.

Entries become the property of the Bloomingdale Avenue School PTA and will not be returned.

The judges' decision is final. Deadline for entries is Sept. 21. The winner's name will be announced at a future PTA meeting.

For complete details, call (908) 497-0221.

Briefs

Floraphile Garden Club is ready to kick off 50th Cranford season

CRANFORD — The Floraphile Garden Club will preside over Monday's meeting, during which Civic Chairman Jacky Ellis will discuss plans for planting daffodils at the Cranford First Aid Squad building.

On display Monday will be special certificates awarded during the Garden Club of New Jersey meeting in June.

Four certificates were given to Betty Brubaker, Shu Popper, Terry Hume and Miriam Moody, all founding members of the Floraphile Garden Club.

The fifth certificate is for the club's continued civic involvement.

Temple sisterhood hosts first meeting of the year

CRANFORD — The Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El Meior Chayim, located at 338 Walnut Ave., will hold its first meeting for the year 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Members will stage a hat fashion show with hats provided by the Nobby Shop of Linden.

Co-Vice Presidents Beverly Koh and Elaine Myers are in charge of the program. Co-Presidents Grete Polonitz and Mollie Sperling will conduct a short business meeting.

Open for High Holy Days shopping will be the Judaica Shop under Chairman Harriet Scheiner, assisted by Delores Sheps, Annette Diamond, Fran Farber and Marilyn Kaback.

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Let's Talk
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by Jill Guzman

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It sometimes happens that sellers are forced to vacate their homes prior to sale. This leaves their agents with the task of selling an empty house, which often shows every nail hole and other cosmetic defect. Floors may show carpet wear or wood flooring may reveal faded areas around the places where area rugs once stood. Sellers can make an empty house work to their advantage by having walls painted and floors refinished. When doing so sellers should be careful to select neutral colors, or even white primer, that prospective buyers will find acceptable. Buyers may then be attracted to the fact that they have very little freshening up to do in order to get the house ready for occupancy.

If you must relocate before your home sells, consider contracting for lawn maintenance (and security) in your absence. Your home has only one opportunity to make a first impression, and an unkempt lawn diminishes its visual appeal. Your real estate professional's dutiful attention to your property will be invaluable in your absence. If you are considering listing a property, please phone JILL GUZMAN REALTY. Our success stories are never ending! Look for our homes daily on cable channel 20!

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Million Mom March message carries in through foundation

Union County chapter sets organizational, membership meetings

WESTFIELD — The Union County Chapter of the Million Mom March Foundation (in formation) is holding organizational membership meetings in Westfield and Summit.

Anyone interested in working toward reducing the toll of gun violence in today's society, particularly among youth, is urged to learn about the chapter and take the opportunity to join and sign up for working committees.

Many counties in New Jersey have, or are currently forming, chapters as part of the transformation "from a march to a movement."

The Million Mom March Foundation, established after the historic May 14 Mother's Day march on Washington, D.C., has created a system of local chapter development nationwide similar to MADD (Mother's Against Drunk Driving).

The Million Mom March Foundation will focus on education and advocacy with a primary policy goal of establishing a system of licensing and registration for all handguns.

The group is working for safer communities by calling for strict oversight of the gun industry and responsible limits on gun access and use. The Westfield is scheduled

to be held in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building, located on East Broad Street, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Call Rosemarie at (908) 232-4679 for more information.

The Summit meeting is scheduled to be held in the Summit Municipal Building, located at 512 Springfield Ave., in the Whitman Community Room at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 3. Call Denise at (978) 379-6864 for more information.

If you're interested in joining the Union County chapter but cannot make either meeting, call Julia at (908) 389-1970 and a chapter application and information will be mailed to you.

Book store hosts kids' events, 'educators night'

SPRINGFIELD — Children's events have been planned for the month at the Barnes & Noble book store.

The store, located at 240 Route 22 West in Springfield, will host a "Tales for Tots Preschool Storytime" every Tuesday and Thursday at 11 a.m.

At 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, a

musical performance will be given by Candy Nelson. At 10 a.m. Sept. 23, a craft hour will be conducted for children ages 5 to 12.

Barnes & Noble is a part of the Professional Development Provider System for the State of New Jersey Department of Education.

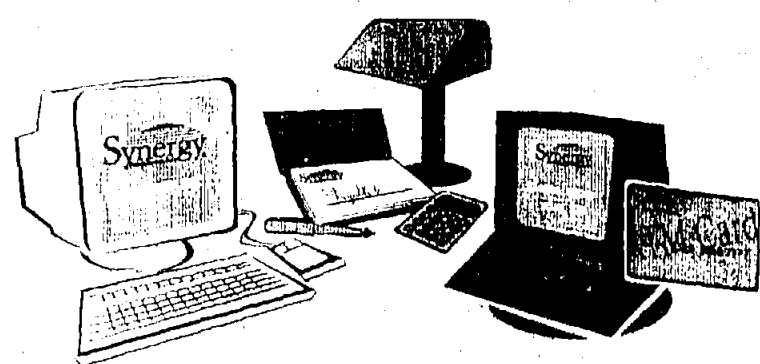
Starting this month, educa-

tional personnel are required to complete 100 hours of Professional Development every five years.

Educators who are interested in receiving information about "educators night" scheduled for October, can call (973) 376-6561 and leave name, mailing address and e-mail address, if applicable.

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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.

Although first-come, first-serve preference is given to 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 Sprigues" will be held on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. The half-hour program, designed for children ages 3-5, will feature stories and puppetry.

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.

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.

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

rhythm, movement, language and imagination. Weather permitting, the program will take place on the library lawn.

Other monthly offerings will be announced later.

Novick joined the library staff in mid-July. A native of Colombia, she is a graduate of the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University and has also studied in Ireland and France. She teaches guitar and has been a storyteller, puppeteer and art therapist.

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

The Roselle Park Public Library is located at the corner of Chestnut Street and West Fourth Avenue in Roselle Park.

For more information about these or other library programs, call (908) 245-5809 and speak with Novick.

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 scheduled 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 cop 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 on duty at various days and times. They enter chat rooms, community bulletin boards and Websites, posing 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.

"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

does."

According to Carroll, undercover investigators identifying themselves as children in order to collect evidence is not considered entrapment or targeting. "It is the predators who are out there targeting children of a tender age," she said.

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.

Cox completes all-female Kenilworth ticket

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Rica, the Republican Committee chairman and nine-year veteran of the Borough Council, dropped out of the race last month. Despite the relatively late change in the GOP ticket, the former candidate said he believes both Republican candidates are up to the challenge. "I think she (Cox) is a great addition to the ticket," Rica said.

Cox, who has been a resident of Kenilworth for 20 years, said she is running for office in "a wonderful town."

"I grew up in Newark," she said. "When I came to Kenilworth, I was so happy. It's a town where you know the people as you walk down the street. When I go to the deli, they all know my name. I like

that."

Since moving to Kenilworth, Cox has logged time as the borough's director of recreation. She was responsible for developing the department's annual budget — and making sure the department stuck to it.

She currently is employed as a director of operations for the \$85 million company General Office Environments. Prior to that, she was a team leader for operations, which she said also helped her gain experience with budgets.

Cox said she believes the current administration is moving in the right direction.

"There was a time when the town seemed stagnant," she said. "Now we've gotten things moving, and I'd like to be a part of that."

Cox noted she was especially pleased with the current council's efforts toward increasing county and state grant money.

Cox is already imbibed with the campaign spirit. "Borough Republicans usually get real involved with Oktoberfest," she said. "It will be different being on the other side of things this year. I won't be blowing up the balloons for once."

For the first time in the history of the borough, residents will be selecting two Borough Council members from a choice of four women. The new-local GOP ticket of Flamingo and Cox is squaring off with Democrats Madonna Bugas and incumbent Carmella Colosimo in the two-seat race.

"May the best women win," Rica said.

Cranford GOP picks new candidate

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McDermott.

"It was with great regret," she said. "I really wanted to do this. I had some great ideas about economic development and flood control."

McDermott said she decided to withdraw to be fair to the campaign and the community. McDermott recently accepted a promotion at the NJ Transit Authority that will keep her on-call 24 hours a day. She also is the mother of a young child and has a husband working at the state Department of Labor while attending graduate school. "It's a tough decision you have to make," she said.

Weisgerber said she was flattered when she was nominated by the Republican Committee. "I'm excited and enthusiastic," she said.

Weisgerber said she had been asked to run previously, but with a young daughter of her own and a husband who travels often, "the prospect seemed daunting." However, Weisgerber said she feels it is important to serve the community. "Cranford is a great town to get back into things," she said.

Although she has never before run for elected office, Weisgerber has been a member of the Cranford Planning Board, an officer of the Cranford Volunteer Council, a Sunday school teacher at the

First Presbyterian Church of Cranford, a member of the Bloomingdale Avenue School Parent-Teacher Association and a member of the Junior League.

The new candidate is no stranger to the Cranford Republicans. Her father, William Meyer, was a township commissioner for two terms in the late 1960s and early 1970s, and her mother Hattie was a Republican Committee district leader for close to 50 years.

Weisgerber said she is as familiar with current Cranford politics as she is with the history of Cranford politics. "I am very much behind the current Republican administration," she said.

While the Cranford Republicans are finalizing their change of candidates with the Union County Clerk's office, Cranford's two other candidates are busy campaigning and nailing together their platform planks.

Democratic candidate and former Cranford Mayor Daniel Aschenbach has established a detailed proposal for a 10-point downtown improvement plan. "There is a general frustration by all three candidates and questions posed by reporters familiar with Cranford. It would be very much the same way they do national debates," Mack is so down on the League of Women Voters' debates, in fact, that he plans to keep away — and keep his backers away — if and when the big-party candidates square off.

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Other goals Aschenbach has a Township Committee member are the creation of a comprehensive parking plan and a refinancing of the Cranford Community Center. "I'm urging the township to change the financial strategy with regards to the Community Center," he said, noting the term of the loan on the Community Center should be extended. "While short-term loans are lower now, they could go up at any time. It's like buying a house on a six-month mortgage."

Independent candidate Tony Mack, meanwhile, has renewed his call for a three-candidate debate. Mack has challenged his opponents to a debate on TV-35, adding that League of Women Voters debates — which have already been scheduled for the Cranford candidates — are not effective in getting down to the issues.

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Community Life

Starting from scratch

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

By DARIA MECOLI
THE CHRONICLE

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

Cranford 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 headshots 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."

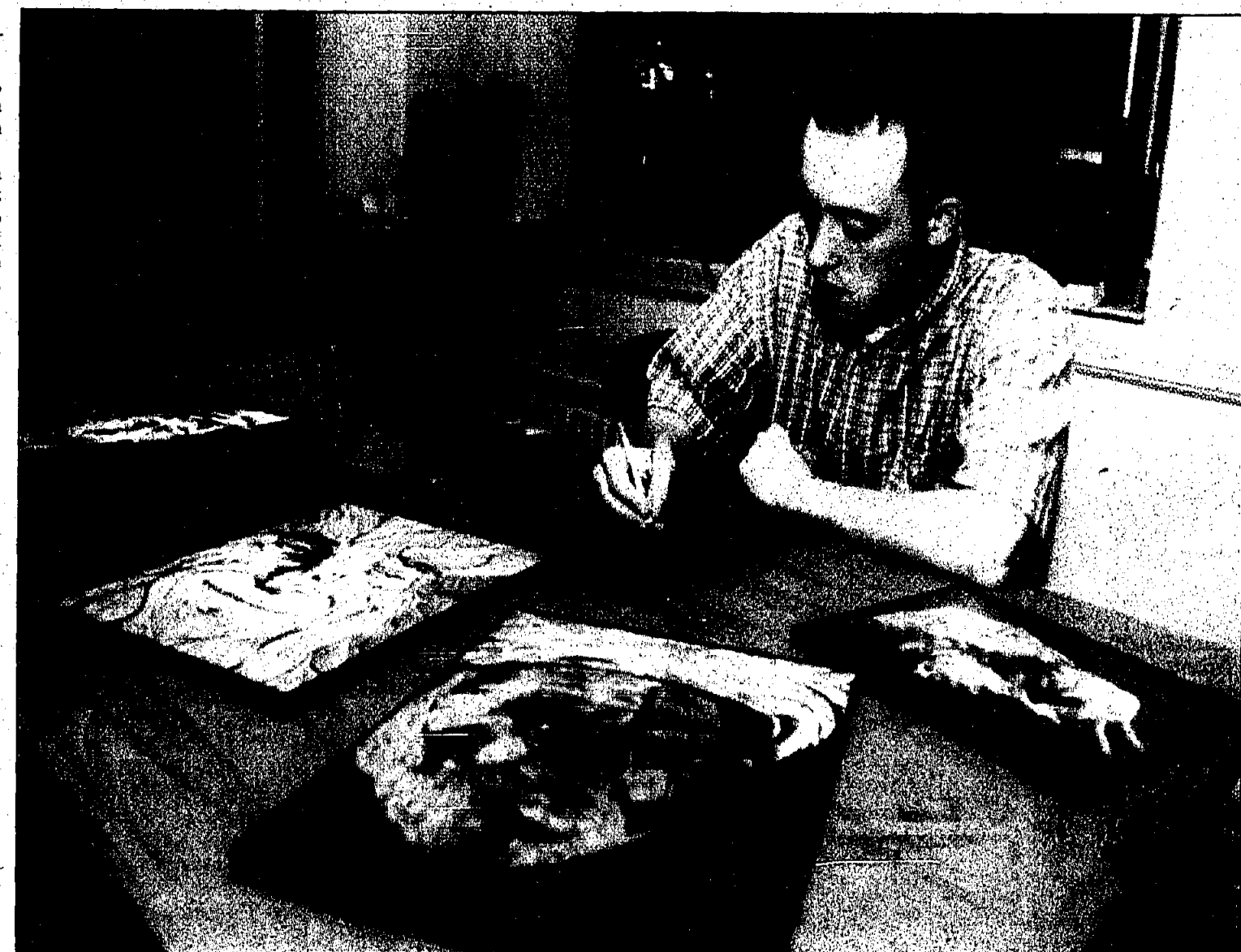
Marx finds his models in National Geographic magazines or in newspapers. His series includes a rugged old cowboy, a sun-drenched sheik, an androgynous old woman, an African guerilla soldier, John Glenn before his last space mission and Marx's own take on the "Old Man and the Sea."

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, how 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 they 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, 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).

hours on each piece.

"The work is black and white. The final product resembles a photo negative with the light defining the image and shades of dark coloring them in. Shape is achieved by shadowing and texture is created by the direction and frequency of the lines scratched in."

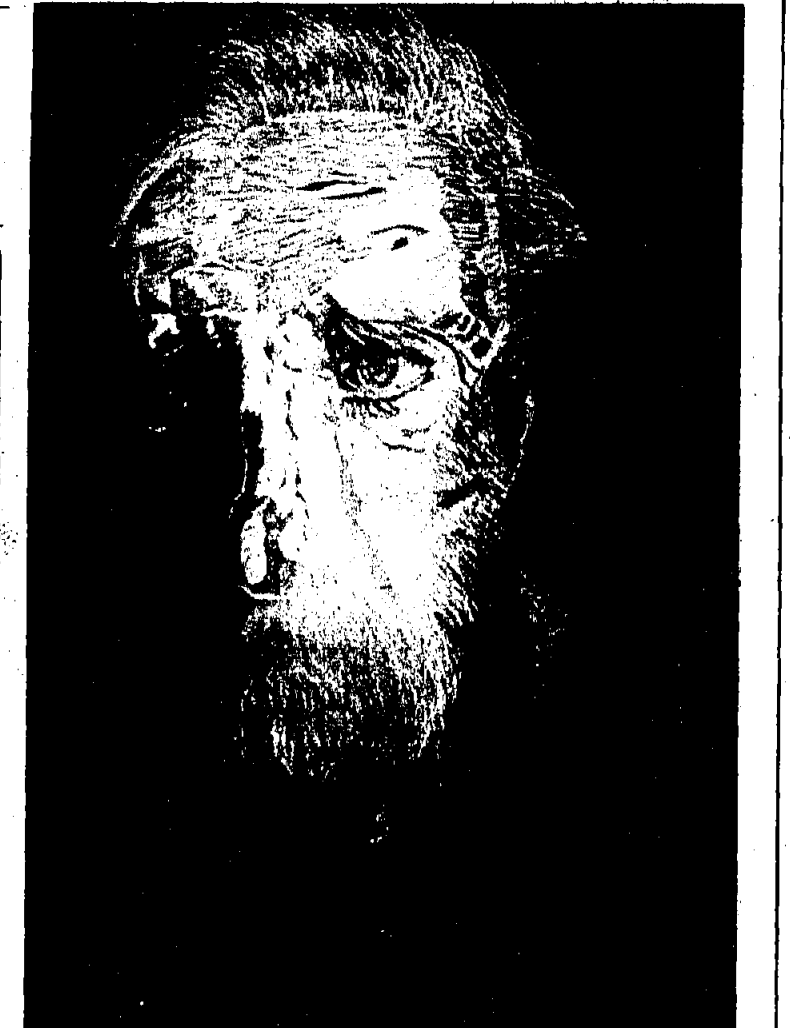
Marx said he first worked in the medium in his Cranford elementary school when his class covered construction paper with black crayon scribbles and scratched out pictures. Marx realized

ter and the only thing he would say was "write down your ideas on a piece of paper," he said. "Every week, we'd bring them in and hang them up 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 World Wide Web site at <http://hometown.aol.com/edog95> and also has a post office box in Cranford: PO Box 1629, Cranford, NJ 07016.

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Cranford artist



Rutgers co-op schedules Master Gardener series

WESTFIELD — The Rutgers Cooperative Extension's Master Gardeners of Union County invite you — from seasoned planters to green thumbed gardeners — 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. East in Westfield.

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

County grant allows Kenilworth singer to entertain seniors

KENILWORTH — Ilene 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, Dumay Bouchier, 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

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.

The child care course — designed for participants ages 11 to 13 — is scheduled to run from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 22 and

from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 23.

On Sept. 23, the class will break at noon for a half-hour lunch. Registration for the class is on a first-come, first-served basis.

The cost is \$30 per participant. Registration closes one week prior to training. Class is limited to 10 children.

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.

For additional information, call (908) 232-7090. To register, come to 321 Elm St. in Westfield.

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SEPT. 14

OUTDOOR MUSIC — Gospel Shepherds, vocal group, Gazebo, North Union Avenue, Cranford, 7:15 p.m. (rain site: Springfield Avenue firehouse). Free. Call (908) 709-7208 or (908) 272-6114.

FRIDAY

SEPT. 15

NIGHT SKY — plus Bruce Partridge on "Photographing the Big Bang." Roy W. Smith Theater, Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, 8:30 p.m. Visit www.asterism.org or call (908) 276-STAR.

SATURDAY

SEPT. 16

VERSEY JAZZ BY THE LAKE — all-day jazz concert, art exhibit and "Kids Kingdom." Nomahegan Park, Cranford, 12:30 p.m. Sept. 16, 17. Free. Call (908) 436-2900.

SUNDAY

SEPT. 17

GRIEF RECOVERY — first of six-part series on "Healing the Grieving Heart." First Presbyterian Church, 11 Springfield Ave., Cranford, 7 p.m. Call (908) 276-8440.

MONDAY

SEPT. 18

TRAIN LINE — Raritan Valley Rail Coalition meeting with Jeffrey Warsh, NJ Transit executive director. Municipal Building, 425 E. Broad St., Westfield, 8 a.m. E-mail rvrc@co.somerset.nj.us or call (908) 231-7000, Ext. 7239.

COMING UP

FALL CONFERENCE — for Region III, North American Conference of

Separated and Divorced Catholics. St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, 2032 Westfield Ave., Scotch Plains, 8 a.m. Sept. 23. Cost \$25 before Sept. 15, \$35 after. Registration: Call (908) 686-1728.

GREEN THUMB — Garden Club bus trip to New York Botanical Garden. Bus leaves Cranford 9 a.m. Sept. 23. Cost \$23. Reservations: Call (908) 276-5077.

"THE ADVOCATE" — staged reading, adapted from the novel by Bill Meade. Roy W. Smith Theater, Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, 8 p.m. Sept. 23. Adults \$5; seniors free. Tickets: Call (908) 659-5189.

BARBERSHOP HARMONY — annual joint concert of the Cranford Dramatic Club and Westfield Community Players. Club theater, 78 Winans Ave., Cranford, 8 p.m. Sept. 25. Cost \$12. Tickets: Call (908) 276-7611 or (908) 239-1231.

PORCH PARTY — for those interested in College Women's Club of Cranford. 219 Central Ave., Cranford, 8 p.m. Sept. 25. Call (908) 276-3738.

READERS' FORUM — discussion of "The Poisonwood Bible" by Barbara Kingsolver. Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., Cranford, 7 p.m. Oct. 2. Call (908) 709-7272.

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10 YEARS ON — reunion for Cranford High School Class of 1990. The Westwood, 438 North Ave., Garwood, 8 p.m. Nov. 25. E-mail sl22@earthlink.net or call (908) 688-1190.

READERS' FORUM — discussion of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" by J.K. Rowling. Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., Cranford, 7 p.m. Dec. 4. Call (908) 709-7272.

Volunteers sought for county's 'Free a Weed/Plant a Plant' effort

CRANFORD — The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is encouraging the public to "Free a Weed/Plant a Plant" along the Highway River 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 23.

Scheduled to participate are the Cranford League of Women Voters, Public Works Department, Urban Conservation Action Partnership, Union County Parks and Recreation Department, scouts, community groups and other volunteers. Planting will take place, rain or shine, along a section of county park land, the Highway River Parkway, located on

Springfield Avenue adjacent to the Hanson House and across the river from the Cranford Canoe Club.

Volunteers are needed to remove exotic or invasive plants; plant native trees and shrubs; and spread wood chips. Bring work gloves, shovels and rakes if you have them. Some tools will be provided.

In addition, community groups are being sought to "adopt" the plantings along the river and agree to weed and water the sites as needed.

For volunteer registration, call (908) 527-4231.

Blast from the past

Union prosecutor unearths 112-year-old murder trial transcript

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE CHRONICLE

WESTFIELD — The murder of Edward L. Miller, whose body was found on July 15, 1888 in a wooded area at the end of a wagon path not far from today's Mountain and Lawrence avenues, was never solved.

But the original, type-written transcript of the trial of the man accused of a then-prevalent crime, a murder, was recently found in the basement of the Union County Prosecutor's Office.

"Sergeant Rebecca Weston found the transcript, a torn envelope in an old file cabinet located in a corner area of storage known as the sub-basement," said Assistant Prosecutor Robert O'Leary.

Weston, who called the transcript "the oldest court document we've come across," notified her superiors, placed the transcript in a storage box and had a summer intern carefully photocopy each page.

Union County Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan decided not to return the transcript to storage, and felt residents deserved to have the transcript because of its historical significance to the area, according to O'Leary.

Don Mokrauer, president of the Westfield Historical Society, received the cloth-bound, handwritten and typed transcript from Manahan in a quiet Sept. 6 ceremony.

Mokrauer said he intends to display the document in the society's museum and archives room, located on the second floor of the Westfield Municipal Building.

"We don't want to handle the document," said Stanley Lipson, Historical Society curator. "We will utilize the copy of the (photocopy) the intern from the prosecutor's office made for research purposes."

"We thought it prudent not to handle the original anymore than necessary, until we can determine how best to preserve and display the transcript," Lipson added.

Nobody outside the Union County Prosecutor's Office has had an opportunity to read or study the entire document, Lipson noted. But according to O'Leary, the

trial transcript gives readers a terrific look at a Union County where cows grazed on farms and today's super-highways were little more than horse-wagon paths — although many of the old streets that still exist today are referenced in the transcript.

"Most descriptions of what early (Union County) was like come from surviving seniors or someone's grandchild, who tend to have a somewhat hazy recollection of people, places or things," Lipson said. "What is so incredible about this transcript, by comparison, is it is an official account ... of local citizens giving firsthand accounts of the activities of town citizens and detailed property descriptions."

According to O'Leary, the transcripts tell the story of defendant Frederick Baldwin, who was exonerated of murder charges following Miller's 1888 murder. The all-male jury delivered the not-guilty verdict after informing court officers they did not wish to retire for deliberations. "The murder trial took all of four or five days to a week," O'Leary said.

Although the trial was brief, the transcript is involved enough to serve as a makeshift, century-old town forum. "Many Westfield residents testified during the course of the trial," O'Leary noted, "including an alibi witness who placed the defendant ... on Elm Street at the time of the murder."

It was also an interesting trial from a legal standpoint, the assistant prosecutor said. "There were lengthy direct and cross examinations before a trial, with four judges presiding," O'Leary said. "In fact, one judge's portrait still hangs in the Union County Prosecutor's Office."

The transcript depicts not only daily life but the legal process of the time. "It describes how the prosecutor took a train to Elizabeth to interview detectives, how he then proceeded by horseback to Westfield and had the body transported by horse cart to the coroner's office in Plainville," O'Leary said. "It was also interesting to note the changes in forensics and the use of science to come up with evidence."

A copy of the 112-year-old transcript will be made available for the Union County Bar Association at its special centennial celebration later this year, O'Leary said.

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Kenilworth Senior Citizens Club

The club held its monthly membership meeting Sept. 6 with 140 in attendance. Kenilworth historian Robert Woods spoke on the borough's history going back to before 1900. Fran Day showed historical slides.

RSVP hours volunteered in June, July and August were 239 making, packing and delivering "baby hats", 128 1/2 at Overlook Hospital; 92 1/2 at Children's Specialized Hospital; 36 at David Brearley Middle/High School and Harding School.

Carol Ambis, Florence Burns, Frances Duffy, Mary Dumblea, Evelyn Horning and Stella Raskinski spent 709 hours from January through August volunteering at the Cranford Health and Extended Care Center.

Membership is open to all Kenilworth seniors, visit the Senior Citizens Center at 548 Boulevard or call (908) 272-7743. Upcoming events:

Friday, Sept. 15 — Bingo, 1 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 16 — Health fair at Schering-Plough Corp., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Transportation will be available from the Senior Center starting 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 19 — Birthday party for August and September birthdays, 1 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 21 — Field Day at Wood playground, 10 a.m. Food, beverages, entertainment and games available. Sign up with Minnie Leikauska.

Wednesday, Sept. 27 — Dance class with Mary Russo resumes, 1 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 6 — Bingo, 1 p.m.

Thursday Club

The Cranford Senior Citizens Thursday Club meets 1 p.m. at the new Community Center on Walnut Avenue. Programs:

Sept. 14 — Michael Ferguson, Republican candidate for Congress.

Sept. 21 — James LaCorte, Union County surrogate.

Sept. 28 — Speaker from SAGE on elder care.

Oct. 5 — Business meeting.

The Thursday Club is planning an Atlantic City trip Tuesday, Sept. 26 to the Showboat. Call Kathy at (908) 276-8593.

Members celebrating September birthdays are Bill Arthur, Nancy Babos, Gladys Bordonaro, Rose Estwanick, Betty Gurski, Mary Hanak, Connie Hansen, Sonny Hoolko, Marie Knoeller, Shirley Mason, Jim Walsh and Jay Zimmerman.

Wedding anniversaries are Louise and Anthony Mazzeo, 60 years; Annette and Bill Arthur, 57 years; Ann and Joe Donnelly, 52 years; Anna and Ray Grimes, 51 years; Kitty and Leo Schultz, 51 years.

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Fernanda Meeks

CRANFORD — Fernanda A. Meeks, 86, died Sept. 10 at Trinitas Hospital in Elizabeth.

She was born in Ostend, Germany, and lived in Cranford for more than 40 years before moving to Manalapan.

She retired in the late 1970s after 17 years as a bookkeeper with Goldberg's Men's Shop in Cranford.

She once was a Sunday school teacher at the Cranford United Methodist Church.

For more than 50 years, she was a member of Azure Chapter 88, Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are a son, Ronald A. of Cranford; grandson Andrew J. and granddaughter Rachel V. and Alyssa B., all at home.

Her husband, A. Kenneth, died in 1998. Another son, Kenneth William, died in 1986.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Saturday at the Cranford United Methodist Church, 201 Lincoln Ave. East.

Arrangements are by the Gray Memorial Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be sent to the Cranford United Methodist Church.

Fredrick A. Bliss

CRANFORD — Fredrick Allen Bliss, 92, died Sept. 10 at the Cranford Health and Extended Care Center.

He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and lived in Woodcliff Lake before moving in 1985 to Hilsdale, N.H.

He joined Brook Press in 1958 and was a shipping foreman when he retired in 1973.

He also was a member of the Hilsdale Senior Citizens Club and an active bowler.

Surviving are his wife, Theresa Kubica Bliss, he is survived by sons Fredrick A. Jr. of Hackensack and Bruce W. of Knoxville, brother Charles Brummer of Washington Township; brother Wilber of Barre, Vt.; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation is 9 a.m. Saturday at the Gray Memorial Funeral Home, 12 Springfield Ave., where services will follow at 9:45 a.m. Burial will be in George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus.

He also was a member of the Hilsdale Senior Citizens Club and an active bowler.

Surviving are his wife, Kathleen Cain Readie; sons Christopher, Kevin and Keith; daughter Colleen R.; twin brother Charles, 1951. He lived in Cranford before moving to Hopewell in 1985.

He served in the U.S. Army Reserve during peacetime.

He had been a union printer through an amalgamated lithographers of America Local 1 in New York City.

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Obituaries

Wesley N. Philo
Former Cranford mayor, clerk

CRANFORD — Wesley Noxon Philo, 81, mayor of this municipality in 1966 and the township clerk from 1967-83, died Sept. 6 at Union Hospital.

He joined the Township Committee in 1961 and was appointed mayor during his final year on the governing body. Mr. Philo was a past president of the Cranford Liegard Guild and president master gardener with Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County. He also was a member of the Cranford Horticulture Committee and the advisory committee for the Cranford Municipal Pool.

A retired field engineer, Mr. Philo was with Esso Chemical Co. (now Exxon Chemical Co.) at its Linden plant from 1946-80. For 10 years he was an industry representative to the New Jersey Boiler and Pressure Vessel Commission. He earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the Newark College of Engineering (now the New Jersey Institute of Technology) in 1940.

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Barbara Donofrio

CRANFORD — Barbara A. Peterpaul Donofrio, 43, died Sept. 8 at Trinitas Hospital in Elizabeth.

She was born in Newark and lived in Hillsdale before moving to Cranford in 1987.

She was a member of the Cranford Police Athletic League, Cranford Parents Around Wrestling and the Cranford Judo Club.

Predeceased by sister Valerie Peterpaul, she is survived by husband John; parents Frank and Dorothy Peterpaul; sons John Jr., Gregory and Anthony; daughter Valerie; and sister Katherine Stack.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, 2032 Westfield Ave., Cranford. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Funeral Home.

Mary Martinho

GARWOOD — Mary Martinho, 93, died Sept. 11 at Genesis ElderCare-Westfield Center.

She was born in Portugal and settled in Rhode Island when she came to the United States in 1914. She lived in Garwood since 1978.

Surviving are son Antonio Figueiredo; daughter Julia Vieira; five grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Eleanor Ides Clift

KENILWORTH — Eleanor Ides Clift, 88, died Sept. 7 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

She was born in Elizabeth and lived in Kenilworth since 1930.

She had been a school crossing guard in Kenilworth for 17 years and an assembler with Weston Instruments in Newark for 35 years before then.

She was a member of the Kenilworth Senior Citizens Club, the Ladies Auxiliary to American Legion Post 470 and the Kenilworth Volunteer Fire Department.

Predeceased by her husband, John, she is survived by son Russell and sister Betty Schneider.

Services were held Monday at the Mastapeter Funeral Home, Roselle Park, followed by a funeral Mass at St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church, 2032 Westfield Ave., Cranford.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Kenilworth Volunteer Fire Department.

Elsie Friedman Lox

CRANFORD — Elsie F. Friedman Lox, 89, died Sept. 9 at the Daughters of Israel Geriatric Center in West Orange.

A native of Newark, she lived in Springfield and Cranford before moving to West Orange.

She worked for the Embassy Tire Co. in Edison prior to her 1985 retirement.

She was a member of the Jewish Community Center of Summit, the Springfield Chapter of Hadassah and the Sister, Kony, Polio Foundation in Newark.

Predeceased by her husband, Aaron "Archie," she is survived by son Allen; daughter Miriam; sister Dorothy Weinberg; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday at the Menorah Chapels at Millburn, in Union. Burial was in King Solomon Cemetery, Clifton.

Pasquale Iuliano

SCOTCH PLAINS — Paul F. Ferraro, 77, died Aug. 25 at RiverRidge Center in Kennebunk, Maine.

He was born in Scotch Plains and lived in Scotch Plains since 1969.

He had been for 10 years a butcher at the ShopRite supermarket in Livingston.

He was a member of the North Plainfield Italian-American Club for more than 20 years, 12 of them as a trustee.

He loved making homemade wine and would pass his recipe to his family.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Joann Iuliano; sons Philip and Michael; daughters Caroline I. Grill and Joanne, sisters Rose Podelski, Marge DeMoo, Anna Owens and Gina; and five grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 5 at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, following services at the Rossi Funeral Home. Entombment was in the Good Shepherd Chapel Mausoleum at St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Vestment Fund at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, 2032 Westfield Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076, or to the Myeloma Foundation, 12650 Riverside Drive, North Hollywood, CA 91607.

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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 Grace Orthodox Church in Westfield.

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

It is quite exciting to see parents realizing the role a good musical education takes in the overall development of their child," said Gruskian, 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 who 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 their sense of fantasy 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 level with the child is always age appropriate," Gruskian 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 eight years."

The program progresses this way:

At the toddler level (10-22

months), children share the pleasures of making music with a parent. They learn to internalized rhythm and have many experiences with different kinds of musical instruments throughout the class as well as going down to the station.

The 2-year-old level builds upon the previous year by introducing rhythm reading through a playful approach. Children engage in more independent musical play, new themes and rituals.

At 3 years of age, instruments are interwoven throughout the class as well as stories through music. Children are introduced to new rhythms, rhythm games and begin some piano play in preparation for the 4-year-old level.

The 4-year-old level builds upon the previous year by introducing the concept of harmony in music as well as more advanced rhythm games. In addition, children begin piano exposure the second half of the year.

At 5 years old, children continue to expand on their innate musical abilities and expand and develop the experiences that were shared at the 4-year-old

level. The new experiences include solo singing, melodic reading, chords and continuation of the piano with Harry the Hippo and Friends.

At the 6- and 7-year-old levels, children continue to explore the elements of music through singing, instrumental exploration, dramatic play, ear-training, games and rhythm games. The new experiences include weekly experiences on both the piano and soprano recorder.

At 7 and 8 years of age, students reprise the piano, recorder and advanced rhythm games learned in the previous year. The second half of the year, they learn production of a special "Weird of Oz" performance that features Munchkins using musical concepts they learned in Music For Children, like playing recorders and reading rhythms. Due to the nature of this performance, this level is only for children that have been enrolled in Music for Children at least one year.

For more information on both weekly and weekend music classes, call Gruskian at (908) 232-4881.

The program progresses this way:

Missionary, author to speak at annual communion event

WESTFIELD — Lorna Kelly will be the scheduled guest speaker at the Holy Trinity-St. Helen Rosary Altar Society's annual communion breakfast.

The yearly event is scheduled to take place Oct. 15, after Holy Trinity's 9 a.m. Mass.

The communion breakfast will be at The Westwood, located on North Avenue in Garwood.

Kelly — an auctioneer, missionary and author — will speak from her heart about her trips to

India and Cairo, where she worked as a volunteer helping the poor and dying with the Missionaries of Charity.

She met and corresponded with Mother Teresa and served as a witness at her beatification.

Kelly will have copies of her book for sale, and will personally autograph them.

For information, reservations and tickets, call Rose Russo at (908) 232-9047. All women are welcome to attend.

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 Rocco J. Meola, president and chief executive officer of OCNJ.

The First Occupational Center of New Jersey is the state's oldest and largest non-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.

Make a difference in someone's life!

Offer the gift of listening & make miracles happen.

CONTACT™
We Care, Inc.

CONTACT We Care, the 24 hour telephone hotline and crisis intervention service, urgently needs volunteers to staff its phone lines.

The next volunteer training class begins September 25.

Call: 908/889-4140 for more information or to register.

A member of the United Way, CONTACT USA, and Life Line International

AARP schedules '55 Alive' course for senior drivers

WESTFIELD — The AARP has scheduled a "55 Alive" defensive driving course.

The course is slated to be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 21 and 28.

It is scheduled to take place at the Westfield Y, located at 220 Clark St. in Westfield.

All who complete the course are eligible for a 5 percent discount on their automobile insurance premium for three years.

In addition, 2 points will be taken off participants' driving record, if applicable.

AARP membership is not necessary to take the course.

Cost is \$10. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required. To register or for more information, call (888) 227-7669.

Library offers plenty of electronic goodies

SPRINGFIELD — Students going back to school will find many electronic resources at the Springfield Public Library.

All of the following services at the library, located at 66 Mountain Ave. in Springfield, are free.

The General Reference Center provides 24-hour access to an integrated set of general interest sources: magazines, newspaper articles, children's magazines, almanacs, encyclopedias, dictionaries, reference books and more.

In all, the center contains more than 400 full-text articles specifically selected for public libraries.

In the Electric Library, information is available on over 6 million, 100-percent full-text documents from six different media sources. The sources, which are updated daily, include: magazines and scholarly journals, newspaper and wire news, TV and radio transcripts, photographs and maps, children's publications, reference and historical sources, and articles from multicultural publications.

EBSCO, made possible in part by the NJ State Library, provides full text for 1,830 periodicals covering nearly all subjects including general reference, business and health.

Informel is a library service

designed to meet the needs of the growing Hispanic population. Created exclusively for Spanish-speaking users, this reference tool provides indexing, images and full text of popular Hispanic magazines.

Reference USA is a business resource providing access to information on all U.S. companies.

Facts.com delivers the complete Facts On File World News Digest, 80,000 full-text articles, dating back to January 1980 and updated every week.

Facts.com also includes more than 1,000 special overview articles, historic documents, maps, photos, country profiles and biographies designed to augment its news coverage.

Novelist, made possible in part by the New Jersey State Library, is a readers' advisory database of over 73,000 fiction titles, which matches readers with authors or with books of interest ranging from children's picture books to best-selling novels.

Encyclopedia Britannica Online provides fast, easy access to text and illustrations from the Encyclopedia Britannica, as well as other information sources on the Internet.

For more information on the electronic resources available at the Springfield Public Library, call (973) 376-4930.

Town's popular FestiFall gears up for annual visit

WESTFIELD — The 11th annual FestiFall of Arts and Crafts comes to town Sept. 24.

This Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event will fill the downtown streets with music, crafts and children's activities.

Admission to FestiFall is free.

The event now ranks as one of New Jersey's most popular festivals. More than 250 exhibits of quality crafts, art, local businesses and children's activities will highlight FestiFall.

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.

At 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 Parvati's, China Light, Liu's and Cosmo'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 Oreos, cookies, zeppoles, ice cream, homemade fudge and Pennsylvania Dutch funnel cakes.

Exhibitors travel from all over the Eastern U.S. to participate in FestiFall's vast marketplace of fine arts and crafts.

Shoppers may peruse beautiful creations of jewelry, unique clothing, dolls and toys, stained glass, wood carving, pottery, original furniture and home and garden accessories.

Hand-knitted clothing, scarves, and table-runners are the creations of Eve Limon's From Ewe to You. Children's clothes are the specialty of Pip Squeaks.

Other unusual crafts will include folk art paintings, antiques, jewelry collage, fan antique beads and findings, bonsai and decoupage eggs in dozens of themes.

The Pine Baron will sell sandblasted decorative garden stones and primitive wood garden accessories. Sculptor Franklin Stevens makes wall hangings from welded nails.

Gunilla Hatch designs rack vases and candleholders of natural stone.

Several fine artists will display and sell their original watercolors, oil paintings and photography at FestiFall.

Photographer Duncan Hall will display and sell his framed images from select English gardens and travel scenes.

Lithographer and batik artists, A. and E. Goldfarb, will also be among the exhibitors. Potter Debra Betancourt will display her decorative pottery.

Pony rides and a petting zoo will be located in the parking area of PNC Bank at North and E. Broad streets.

A moonwalk, temporary tattoos and face-painting will be in the lineup of activities. FestiFall will include many local non-profit and service organizations which use the event for community visibility and fund-raising.

Admission and parking are free.

"We're inviting everyone to come downtown to enjoy a great day of family fun," said Debbie Schmidt of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

FestiFall hours will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Elm, E. Broad, Prospect and Quimby streets.

For more information, call the event's promoter, The Advertising Alliance, at (908) 996-3036 or the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce at (908) 233-3021.

The rain date is Oct. 1.

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BEST BETS

Westfield's Mostly Music kids of 2000-01 season

WESTFIELD — Mostly Music is scheduled to begin its 2000-01 season this weekend.

The concert is expected to include the Divertimenti for String Trio, K.563, by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and the Octet for Strings by Felix Mendelssohn.

The concert is scheduled to begin 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Temple Emanuel-El, located at 756 E. Broad St. in Westfield.

Musicians are Ami Kavafian, Pamela Frank, Alexander Simionescu and Carmi Zori. Violin; Cynthia Phelps and Nakatual Ngunyama, viola; Carter Brey and Ronald Thomas, cello.

Admission is \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$13 for students.

For more information, call (973) 782-0108.

JCC of CNJ schedules sixth tennis, golf event

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey has scheduled its sixth-annual Golf and Tennis Open.

The event is scheduled for Oct. 16 at the Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club in Scotch Plains.

Golf entry of \$275 includes greens fees, cart, lunch, snacks, favors, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and prizes.

Tennis entry of \$150 includes tennis, lunch, cocktails, favors, hors d'oeuvres and dinner.

For tennis and lunch only, cost is \$60.

Non-players are also welcome, at \$100, for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and dinner.

Proceeds benefit the Scotch Plains-based JCC.

For registration, call (908) 689-8800 by Oct. 2.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

Harvard professor eyes Big Bang photography

CRANFORD — Amateur Astronomers Inc. will conduct its monthly business meeting 8 p.m. Friday in the Roy W. Smith Theater, on the Springfield Avenue campus of Union County College.

Christine Glazer of Cranford, the speaker for Sunday's program, became interested in the particular mode of education while studying for her master's degree from New York University.

As usual, costumed decks will guide visitors through the 1740 farmhouse and answer questions about life in early America.

The last tour is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m.

Kathy Dowling and Norman Calka will prepare recipes over the open hearth as the museum does every Sunday it is open.

Admission is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students and free for children under 6.

For more information, call (908) 232-1776.

The Miller-Cory House Museum is located at 614 Mountain Ave. in Westfield.

Evelyn Kennedy of Westfield is scheduled to demonstrate the art of quilting in a special Sept. 24 program.

The performance is scheduled to take place at the Duke Island Park band shell, located on Old York Road in Bridgewater.

The free concert, postponed in August because of rain, is expected to begin at 5 p.m.

The concert was originally scheduled as part of the 21st Annual Classic Car Show, which was also canceled in August due to inclement weather. Due to other commitments, the car show will not take place.

After 35 years, the Passions still have incredible vocals, singing hits such as "Gloria," "This is My Love" and "Just to be With You."

The Passions mix love songs with nostalgia and a hilarious medley of comedy routines.

Joey Dee and the Starlighters will take the stage with their multi-million seller "Peppermint Twist," followed by the hits that turned them into stardom — including "Shout," "Mashed Potatoes" and "What Kind of Love is This."

The new millennium sound for Joey Dee and the Starlighters also incorporates comedy and a little dance.

Visitors are asked to bring lawn chairs and blankets for their comfort.

For information on the event, call the Somerset County Park Commission at (908) 526-5650.

Individuals with a hearing impairment may call TDD (908) 526-4762.

In the event of inclement weather on the day of the show, call the commission's Concert/Activity Hotline at (908) 722-1914.

Information on this and all other Park Commission facilities, programs and activities may be found at www.park.co.somerset.nj.us on the World Wide Web.

Author Mesce to stage reading of WWII novel 'The Advocate'

CRANFORD — "The Theater Project at Union County College will sponsor a staged reading of 'The Advocate,' adapted from the recently published novel by Bill Mesce.

The reading is scheduled to begin 8 p.m. Sept. 23 in the Roy W. Smith Theater, located on the college's main campus at 1033 Springfield Ave. in Cranford. Mesce will read excerpts from "The Advocate" and incorporate scenes that were composed for the stage based on an

early draft of the book. "The Advocate" is the story of a World War II aviator who shoots down one of his own men on the way back from a raid off the coast of England. The pilot returns to base as if nothing happened, but during the investigation the lead character uncovers a military secret.

Admission is \$5 for adults and free for seniors. Reservations are recommended; call (908) 659-5189 for reservations or more information.

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prime time!

Annual Harvest Festival coming to Union County

Demos, games, rides, food and more part of 19th-annual event

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has scheduled its 19th annual Harvest Festival.

The festival is scheduled to take place 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 24 at the Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside.

Demonstrations of Colonial and indigenous skills will be featured, including butter churning, canoe building, tin piercing, basket weaving, bee keeping, cabinet building and jewelry making.

Crafters on site specialize in gunsmithing, making soap, sewing lace, carpentry, quilting, weaving, sawing logs and splitting shingles.

Children can visit the craft tent to make their own wild-flower garlands, beeswax candles, whirlybirds or bear claw necklaces. Kids can have their faces painted Lenape-style, play Colonial games, take a pony ride, visit the petting zoo, walk

through a maze of hay or build a scarecrow.

Also on the program are Ray Solimmo, juggler and unicycle rider, Kenneth Little Hawk, Native American storyteller, Debra Kirkland, African American storyteller, the Red Hawk Dancers, performers of indigenous social dances; and Kurt Gallagher, leader of an old-style sing-along.

For more information, call (908) 789-3670 or (908) 527-4900.

To get to the Harvest Festival from Route 22, take the New Providence Road joghandle in Mountainside and follow the Trailside signs.

Parking is available at Trailside and the Watchung Stables; a free shuttle bus will ferry visitors from the stables to Trailside.

Admission is \$3 for adults and

An easel-eye view of the whole world

UCC hosts exhibit by globe-trotting artist Hella Bailin

CRANFORD — Hella Bailin has traveled across the United States twice, and around the world, during her lifetime.

The artist has spent time in Europe, Turkey, Israel, India, Mexico and, most recently, China. Bailin began painting at age 5 in her native Germany and hasn't stopped.

A retrospective of her work opens this month in the Tomasulo Gallery, on the main campus of Union County College in Cranford.

The public is invited to meet her at a reception scheduled for 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sept. 22.

The exhibit is expected to run through Oct. 26.

Bailin attended the Roimann School of Art Academy in Berlin, Germany, until it was closed down early in the Nazi era. Because she could not attend school or get a job in her native land, she contacted an uncle who helped her get to America with just over \$7 in her pocket. She completed her post-graduate studies at the Newark School of Fine and Industrial Art.

After coming to America she began illustrating children's books on her own and for a number of publishers. In 1959 she visited a friend who worked as a dentist in Haiti with the Salvation Army.

During her travels, Bailin would sketch the people and places she saw, then after returning to the States paint the scene based on her

sketches. She has said sketches were more useful than photographs because she could take in the whole situation as she sketched.

"I am considered an expressionist painter (yet) enjoy working in all media," said Bailin, who has lived in Union County since 1984.

"Influenced by my surroundings," she said, "I draw most of the subject matter from humankind, conveying their moods, feelings and anxieties to the viewer without prejudice or sentimentality, portraying people of all ranks and ages in their everyday environment, depicting their activities at work and play."

"My contribution could be the considerations of capturing the fleeting moments of people and sharing these pictorial documents of our times," she added.

Along with her painting, sketching and travel, Bailin has spent many hours teaching art to children and adults throughout New Jersey. She was invited in 1988 to exhibit her work in a one-woman show in the rotunda of the State House in Trenton. Her works also have been exhibited in museums and galleries from Massachusetts to Washington, D.C.

In addition, Bailin once had a studio on the Greek island of Hydra.

The Tomasulo Gallery is on the first floor of the MacKay Library on the UCC campus, located at 1033 Springfield Ave. in Cranford.

Gallery hours are 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Saturday; and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

For more information, call (908) 708-7155.

Pop groups team up for rain-delayed show

Joey Dee's Starlighters join with The Passions for Duke Island concert

BRIDGEWATER — The delayed joint performance of The Passions and Joey Dee and the Starlighters, originally scheduled for August, is slated to take place this weekend.

The free concert, postponed in August because of rain, is expected to begin at 5 p.m.

The concert was originally scheduled as part of the 21st Annual Classic Car Show, which was also canceled in August due to inclement weather. Due to other commitments, the car show will not take place.

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Rolling along with easy eggplant

Melanzana rollatini imbottito

(Rolled stuffed eggplant)

- 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 salt
- 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 so 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 rollatini imbottito* (stuffed rolled eggplant), is not difficult at all. We will 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 entrée 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)

272-2974.

In the meantime, *buon appetito!* Enjoy!

Rinse the eggplant, but do not peel its skin before you slice it lengthwise — this will hold your slices together better. Cut the ends off the eggplant and discard, then slice the vegetable lengthwise and thin. Beat two eggs in a bowl, then coat each eggplant slice with egg and flour.

Sauté each slice until golden in color, then drain each slice on a paper towel (a brown paper bag also works well). When all your slices are sautéed, set them aside while you prepare the filling.

In a large bowl, place the ricotta, mozzarella, grated cheese, salt, pepper, one egg and parsley. Mix together until completely mixed.

Take one slice of eggplant, fill



by Susan Mauriello

ing you lengthwise, and place a hefty tablespoon of filling about 1/3 of the way down from the top of the slice. Before you roll any slices, prepare all slices in this manner.

When filling has been placed on each slice, start rolling each slice from the top down until you can tuck the top of the eggplant under the filling.

Four some of your marinara sauce in a large casserole, coating the bottom evenly. Place each eggplant roll in the casserole, next to each other but not too close, since there will be some expanding during cooking. When all of the rolls are in place, top with remaining sauce.

Bake at 325 degrees, uncovered, for 20 minutes. Turn off the oven and let the eggplant sit for an additional five minutes.

When serving, lift each roll gently from the casserole. Additional sauce and grated cheese can be added to taste.

Ecco, tutto è pronto!

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 Winfield.

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

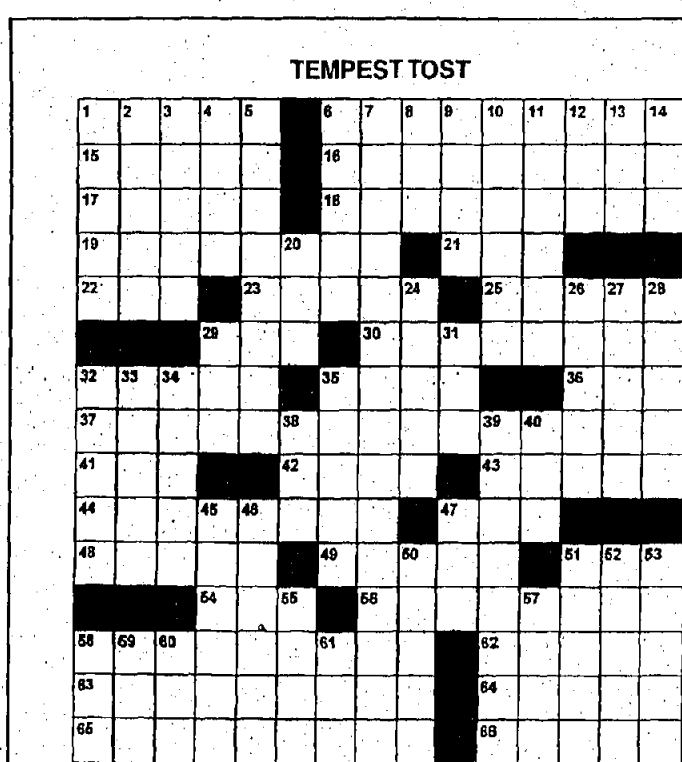
All the world's a stage in this madcap romp through a veritable circus of Shakespeare's works including "Romeo and Juliet," "Titus Andronicus," "Othello," "Julius Caesar," "MacBeth" and "Hamlet" — which will be performed twice, the last time backwards!

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

The cult comedy will be staged at the Circle Playhouse, located at 416 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).

Seating is limited and reservations are encouraged. For reservations or more information, call (732) 968-7555.



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- 6 Gear for Bobby Fischer
- 15 Colde variety
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- 17 Fatty acid
- 18 Rhapsodic
- 19 Rousing shout
- 21 Raincoat
- 22 Hoag hot spots
- 23 Actress Pleaze
- 24 Actress Pleaze
- 25 Isabella holy book
- 26 Spur
- 27 Scottish sword
- 28 Burned brows
- 29 Platform
- 30 Little singer
- 31 Peter, Paul and Mary tune
- 32 Evergreen
- 33 Salt
- 34 Olean ruler of myth
- 40 Coastal cities
- 41 Russian flyer
- 42 Son of Thor
- 43 Himalayan hulks
- 51 Scorecard

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- 2 Kind of beer
- 3 Maple
- 4 Lullaby or lullapop
- 5 Frase
- 6 Ann and May
- 7 July-Claudio, in the Gulf
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- 9 Pop
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- 11 TV laughfest
- 12 Don't bring me
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- 59 Third chamber
- 60 Fill with fear
- 61 Inlet

Your horoscope guide, Sept. 18 - Sept. 24

By WANDA PERRY
COFFEY NEWS SERVICE

Aries (March 21 - April 19): The full Moon this week highlights personal opportunities that will be supported by relationships. Strike a deal with the highest bidding party.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20): You'll feel the pressure to go back and redo or complete a less than satisfactory task from the past. Bite the bullet and totally apply yourself this time.

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.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Don't do or say anything condescending or negative to a loved one and upset the apple cart on the domestic scene. Work to keep the peace.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22): It's OK to share your philosophical or political views and opinions with close friends and associates, but avoid try-

ing to indoctrinate their thoughts.

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 true and fair form of give-and-take in your close personal relationships.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Avoid excess in areas of food and drink or the pursuit of bad habits. Make adjustments in your routine or diet that would support a healthier lifestyle.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): It's easy to make new friends at a club or group gathering. Reach out and get the ball rolling with an open heart, 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 your support 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.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS: 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 and be willing to make the changes that are asked of you without putting up too much of a fight. Communicate power and find personal fulfillment in a creative project.

Library Friends help answer silk flower questions

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Friends of the Scotch Plains Public Library will host a free session on arranging silk flowers and plants this Saturday.

The event is scheduled to run 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the library, located at 1927 Bartle Ave. in Scotch Plains. All area residents are invited to attend.

Conducting the lecture and demonstration will be Nancy Connor of Nancy Connor Design. A North Plainfield resident, Connor is a professional designer of floral arrangements for home, office, institutions and commercial establishments.

Connor — who has lectured, given demonstrations and con-

ducted frequent classes in the area — said Saturday's talk and demonstration will focus on choosing the right flowers, greens, colors, heights and styles for creating attractive arrangements.

Connor's arrangements have been placed in institutions, business lobbies, decorator showrooms and private homes. Her annual Christmas home-showers event attracts more than a hundred visitors each year.

"The Friends of the Scotch Plains Library is pleased to present this program for all area residents," said Ted Czarnowski, president of the Friends. "This is the first of several programs we have

planned for 2000-2001."

Anyone wishing to become a member of the Friends of the Scotch Plains Public Library can pick up an application at the library, located at 1927 Bartle Ave. in Scotch Plains.

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Combined groups set 'Triple Concerto'

RAHWAY — For the first time in their combined histories, the Westfield Symphony Orchestra and the Arbor Chamber Music Society are about to team up.

The two groups will join forces to perform Beethoven's "Triple Concerto." This inaugural concert is also slated to feature composer John Williams' "Suite from 'Star Wars'" and Gustav Holst's "The Planets."

The event is scheduled to take place Oct. 7, beginning at 8 p.m. inside the Union County Arts Center, located at 1601 Irving St. in Rahway.

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.

The Westfield Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1983 and offered four concerts in its inaugural subscription season. The orchestra's season quickly grew to five subscription concerts, and after the orchestra performed two sold-out concerts at Carnegie Hall in New York City, it was named a Distinguished Arts Organization by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

"We are very excited for this partnership," said Alan Moore, executive director of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra. "This area is very rich in the arts. We are the number-two orchestra in the state and this collaboration is in keeping with the orchestra's goal of bringing the highest-quality music to as many central New Jerseyans as possible."

The Arbor Chamber Music Society was founded in 1991 by pianist Lenore Fishman Davis with the goal of bringing the highest artistic level of chamber music performances to New Jersey audiences and cultivating a greater appreciation for the broad and inspiring chamber music repertoire. The society has achieved considerable acclaim for its dynamic performances and enriching pre-concert discussions.

"This concert will be the first of many collaborations both in performance and in educational outreach," Davis said. "As two of the area's most renowned arts organizations, we're thrilled to be offering the community exciting and rewarding events."

Ticket prices are \$25 to \$40 and can be obtained by calling (732) 499-8226, or the Westfield Symphony Orchestra offices at (908) 232-9400.

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Union's sizzling Silk City will be cooking at County Arts Center

RAHWAY — The popular Union County-based string trio Silk City has set a date at the Union County Arts Center.

The concert is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. Sept. 23.

Though the group has previously performed at the Arts Center, this will be the first time audience members will be able to take home a slice of this group's musical heaven. Silk City will be premiering their freshly cut debut CD, "Time," released on

Sliced Bread Records. Fans are urged to come by their copies while they're hot — Silk City is really "cooking" the day this album was baked.

The ingredients in Silk City's winning recipe are mandolinist Harry Mitterhoff, vocalist/guitarist Danny Weiss and bassist Larry Cohen. The group first rose as nationally recognized performers and recording artists via their long-term simmering stint as the zesty members of the Tony

Trischka's sparkling Skyline band.

"Time," the group's first recording as a trio, showcases their individual and combined vocal and instrumental virtuosity and wizardry. Mitterhoff's reed-like mandolin style, Weiss's soulful vocals and galloping guitar playing and Cohen's legendary bass bravado blend in an impeccably savory musical stew that is both buoyant and lifting, as well as dripping with the moody irony of the Appalachian and Celtic traditions.

"Time," like the group's four recordings with Skyline, is not for the musically light-stomached. It tastefully spins through a tilt-a-whirl of American and international styles. It includes the favorite flavorings of bluegrass, classical music, swing, string band and international ethnic music.

The rollicking recording features striking originals, a sentimental crowd-pleaser from the 1980s and one piece by Charles Ives that well-aged fans might recall as the spine-tingling theme from the Alfred Hitchcock TV series. The group serves up this stylistic gumbo with an apparent effortless aplomb and

uniform artistry that is the result of their many years touring, performing, recording and generally jamming together to create this most appealing meld.

Silk City is delighted to rise to the occasion and appear at the arts center for this highly awaited record release party. The group has enjoyed a warm relationship with this venerable venue, which virtually has become Silk City's homemade musical kitchen in New Jersey.

Mitterhoff, Weiss and Cohen will perform works from "Time," as well as past palatably pleasing favorites. Group members will be on hand to stir things up both during the intermission and after the show, autographing their new CDs.

So come get cooking at the arts center and take home a small slice of musical heaven besides! One word of caution though — As Silk City features local performers, it is expected to draw a voracious audience. Reservations are strongly recommended for this performance.

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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 Carme 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.

"The Crew" — Burt Reynolds, 64, costars with Seymour Cassel, 65, and Don Hedaya, 60, and Richard Dreyfuss, who is only 52 but often seems the oldest. They play retired hoods, New Jersey "wiseguys" who have been a criminal "crew" since youth. Now they live wearily in a decaying hotel in Miami Beach, unhappy that tanned, buffed yuppies are rehabbing the neighborhood. To keep their rent from going up, they contrive a murder on the premises. Some of the guys are wickedly wise again, flashing new clothes and chasing a bimbo. Back in 1986, Disney had another comedy of old hoods, "Tough Guys." This one's a little more serious. You may find yourself pulled into mobist pasties despite snickers. With Elaine Stritch, who does

stale, and this one is very sub-Scorsese, sub-Sopranos. Cast: Reynolds, Dunst, Hedaya, Seymour Cassel, Jennifer Tilly, Laine Kazan, Miguel Sandoval. Running time: 1 hour, 39 minutes. Rated PG-13, 2 stars.

Recent releases

"The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle" — One more peppy yet bone-tired regurgitation of nostalgic show-biz mummia, 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 creaking. Includes Janine 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 Laika accent. Kenneth Lonergan wrote with tedious fondness. Des McAnuff directed as if energy were style and doodads were ideas. 93 minutes. Rated PG, 1 star.

"Austin in New York" — Handicapped engaging slap, an old-style romance and weeper about an aging womanizer (Richard Gere, at times acting beyond his hair) who finds love with a doomed, sick girl (Jennifer Lopez) who has cancer. It's a grimly flamboyant "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 a special cage while he hangs himself from hooks and screams. Greenpeace is swaggingly stylized, but with more realistic cuts to the latest victim cringing, begging, crying. The "saving" clue seems based on dull police work, unrelated to the scenic hell trips. 107 minutes. Rated R, 1 1/2 stars.

Films in Focus

"Coyote Ugly" — Pert little Piper Perabo is meant to be the shy, sexy daughter of huge John Goodman (a fat joke used for fast food plugs). Her tiny, would-be musical talent is supposed to wow the screaming, boozed customers at a Manhattan bar where she and other "coyotes" serve drinks, jiggle, get wet, act lewd but avoid sex. The film, a Jerry Bruckheimer dodo about dreamers in the vein of "Flashdance" and "Cocktail," is erotically neutered, with Perabo's smile its only voltage. 94 minutes. Rated PG-13, 1 1/2 stars.

"Godzilla 2000" — Amusing rat-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 their gold in lived mainly in big cities, of staying one step ahead of the quarterback Kenny Reeves scoring the big touchdown for his guys and Gipper Hackman. Meanwhile, scale pounds us senseless, along with cheap gags, commentary "humor" from Pat Summerville and John Madden and a feeble romance between Reeves and cheerleader Brooke Langton. The movie is like a half-time event for nothing. 114 minutes. Rated PG-13, 1 star.

"The Replacements" — Were there no replacements for this idiotic script? Gene Hackman, letting a straw hat do his acting in the revived "Flashdance," which he recasts a bunch of jokers, stabs and athletic castoffs, when the Washington Sentinels go on strike (no chance of calling this "The Scabs"). They screw Judd Hirsch, who wins, and there is the inevitable climax of staying one step ahead of the creditors, of surviving indignities with dignity. Cast: Steve Harvey, D.L. Hughley, Cedric the Entertainer, Bernie Mac. Running time: 1 hour, 57 minutes. Rated R, 3 1/2 stars.

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"The Original Kings of Comedy" — Steve Harvey, D.L. Hughley, Cedric the Entertainer and Bernie Mac extend their monarchy 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 two raucous shows last February in Charlotte, N.C., also known as the "Queen City." 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 Eddie Murphy. It focuses more on family, church, raising kids, marriage, how white folks react to a situation 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, Cedric the Entertainer, Bernie Mac. Running time: 1 hour, 57 minutes. Rated R, 3 1/2 stars.

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"Space Cowboys" — Clint Eastwood directed, produced and stars as the coolest of the old jet jockeys called back long after retirement, to help NASA save a failing Russian satellite with a mystery payload. Clint (70) is a very suave coot, the dialog crackles, some corny bits are funny, and space looks great (so does the Earth below). Donald Sutherland (66) flashes unaged hipness, James Garner (72) has fun with his flared, red-bellied, and Tommy Lee Jones (just 53) takes acting honors as the sparkplug of the old thrill riders. Helping out are Marcia Gay Harden, James Cromwell, William Devane. This is way above "Grumpier Old Men" and far less solemn than most space epics. 125 minutes. Rated PG-13, 3 1/2 stars.

"Thomas and the Magic Railroad" — Thomas is a small train from the Island of Sodor, who tries to be useful to his friends when the diesel engines come around making threats about taking over the island. Thomas has a lot of train friends, like Toby and Percy. He's also friends with the live-action Mr. Conductor (Alec Baldwin), his miniature boss from the human city, Shining Time, who travels hundreds of miles to work with the help of his magic gold dust. Well, Mr. C's gold dust is running out. The diesel engines are getting meaner by the sunsets. And it seems as if the only thing that will bring peace back to the Island of Sodor is a mysterious steam engine named Lady. Cast: Alec Baldwin, Paty Castaldi, Didi Conn, Maria Wilson, Thomas the Tank Engine. Diesel 10. Running time: 89 minutes. Rated G, 2 1/2 stars.

"What Lies Beneath" — There is nothing beneath; because the story is surface junk. Michelle Pfeiffer does her glowing best to put something into the role of Claire, a nice housewife who thinks her new neighbor is being murdered, but she fancies a ghost in the house, then seems to merge with the ghost, then realizes her stolid husband (Harrison Ford) had a lethal past affair and now wants to murder her. Robert Zemeckis directed, moving from insidious evil, guessiveness into flashy, brutal brutality that finally seems like comedy. When will Pfeiffer stop being wasted on expensive trips like this? Running time: Two hours. Rated PG-13, 2 stars.

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'Celebrate the Century Express' schedules Hoboken whistle stop

WESTFIELD — Postmaster Ken Brown has announced that the Postal Service's award-winning Celebrate the Century Express educational train is making a whistle stop in Hoboken on Saturday to participate in New Jersey Transit's "Try Transit" Hoboken Terminal Festival.

"The specially outfitted four-car train is a colorful, traveling history museum honoring the people, events and issues that helped shape our nation over the past 100 years," said Brown.

The public is invited to tour the train free of charge from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Although the Hoboken Terminal Festival is a one-day event, the public can also go through the rolling museum from noon to 5 p.m.

Monday, the Celebrate the Century Express comprises an Amtrak diesel locomotive, a modern exhibit car featuring multimedia displays, a fully restored Railway Post Office (RPO) car, an historic railroad business car, and a baggage car. The celebrated rolling museum recently received an award from the U.S. Secretary of Transportation as part of the Design for Transportation National Awards 2000 and a Train Award of Excellence from the Transportation Marketing and Communications Association.

A total of 200,000 students, history buffs and interested individuals have toured the train on its previous whistle stops in Arkansas, Texas, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas,

Missouri, Iowa and Illinois. "I encourage everyone to visit the Celebrate the Century Express while it is at the NJ Transit Hoboken Terminal," said Brown.

The Hoboken Terminal dates from the same period as Grand Central Terminal in New York City.

The newly renovated Hoboken Terminal is a landmark beaux-arts structure on the National Register of Historic Places. Its site, directly on the New Jersey shore on the Hudson River, offers sweeping river vistas and a dramatic view of New York City.

For additional information and to view an image of the train, visit www.usps.coctc.org on the Internet to view the postal World Wide Web site.

Yoga veteran hosts question-and-answer event

WESTFIELD — Nicole Mode, founder of Nicole's Yoga Center in Garwood, is scheduled to host a question-and-answer discussion about yoga.

Mode's discussion is slated to begin at 7 p.m. Sept. 22 at Book Lovers Outlet, located at 301 South Ave. East in Westfield.

Mode will explain why yoga is considered a field of health and why she is dedicated to teaching it uniquely. Yoga is an ancient tradition geared toward self-development, an important element in personal growth and transformation, and Mode will explain the pure form of yoga and its many facets.

This chat will provide an opportunity to learn about this ancient wisdom and tradition and how it can be beneficial to modern life.

Mode has been teaching yoga for more than 44 years, and in the spring of 1998, she opened her own school. It teaches more than 20 classes per week and has more than 300 students. Mode has many diplomas and certifications including education, gymnastics, yoga therapist, and weight control. She has also been featured on local radio and television.

For more information on the discussion, please call (908) 789-2998.

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Sports

Strong Cougar effort can't overcome Devils

By DANIEL MURPHY
THE CHRONICLE

UNION — The Cranford High football team put up a strong fight against Westfield in the season opener Friday night, but couldn't overcome key mistakes, the passing of Ryan MacDonald and the speed of Terence Jenkins, falling to the Blue Devils 21-6.

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be aware enough to know when we're in a position to make those plays."

"I thought we came out good," said senior tailback Bob Verhoeven. "I think we did pretty good, we just didn't win."

The two squads battled to a standstill in the first quarter, with neither defense yielding much ground, but Westfield broke through in the second stanza when Jenkins sparked an eight-play, 62-yard drive with three sweeps around the right end of the Cranford line, gaining 36 of his game-high 74 yards and a scoring on a two-yard scamper to give Westfield a 6-0 lead.

Cranford had some chances late in the second quarter but couldn't capitalize. After Westfield scored, the Cougars were able to march into Blue Devil territory, and seemed to have the Blue Devils on their heels. But a motion penalty helped stall the drive and forced the Cougars to punt. After the Cougars held Westfield in check and forced them to punt from deep in their own territory, Cranford was in position to begin their drive in Westfield territory. But a muffed punt gave possession back to the Blue Devils and they took advantage

when MacDonald hooked up with wide receiver Jay Cook on two long passes, the final being a 26-yard touchdown pass, to secure a 14-0 lead heading into the half.

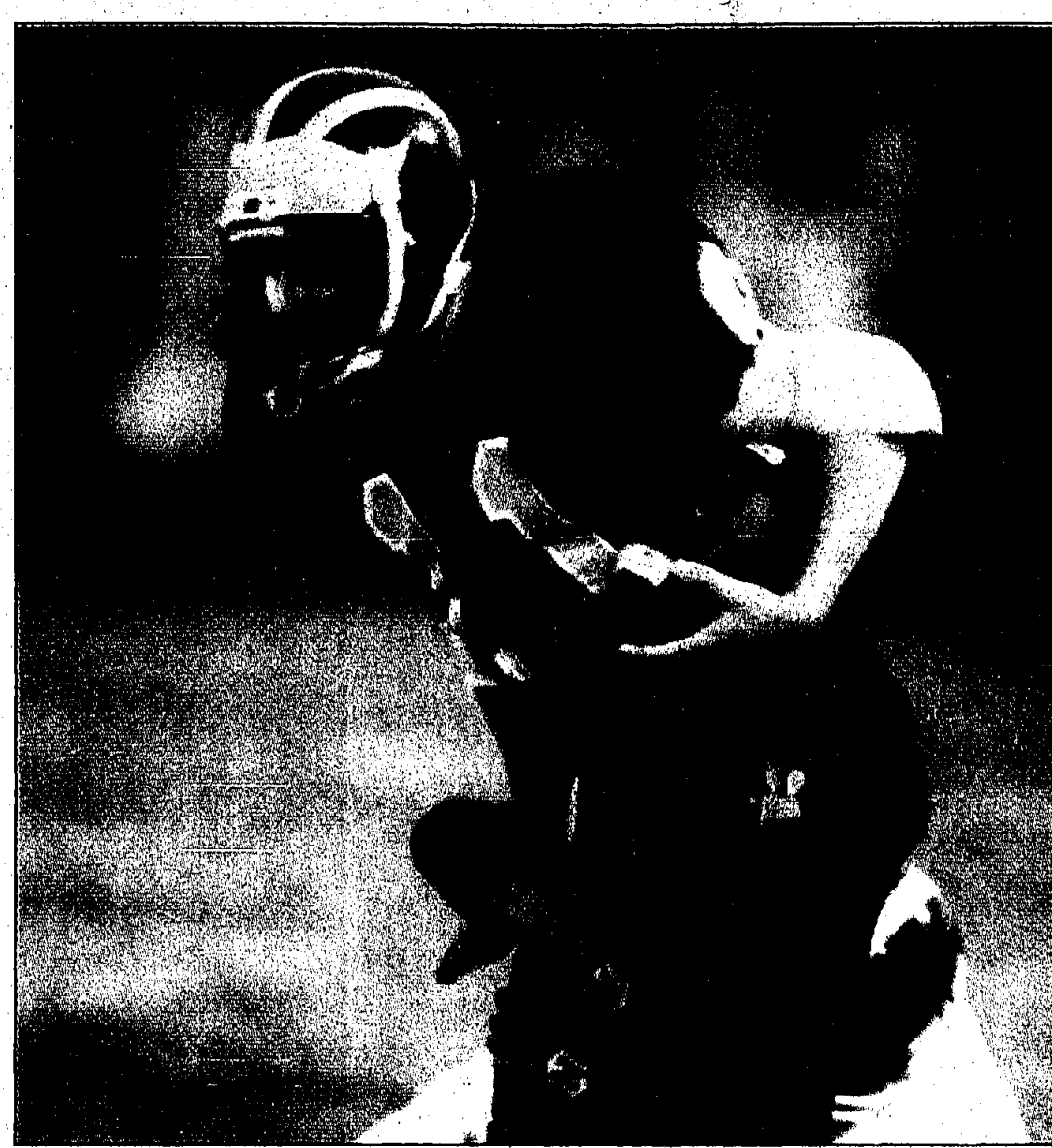
"I thought in the second when we were down 6-0 we were moving the ball well on the ground," said Hull. "If we could have scored their we could be up 7-6 going into the half. Instead we were down 14-0 and had to regroup at halftime. It took a lot of wind out of our sails."

In the second half, Jenkins walked in virtually untouched for another touchdown around the right side to give the Blue Devils a 21-0 advantage with 48 seconds left in the third quarter.

Cranford continued to battle, scoring with three minutes left in the fourth quarter on a Stark one-yard rumble to cut the lead to 21-6, then recovered an on-side kick at the Westfield 33-yard line. But the drive quickly stalled and Westfield was able to run out the clock for the victory.

The Cougars will now set their sites on Scotch Plains, who fell to Shabazz Friday night 28-14. The Raiders will look to attack through the air, a stark contrast to the style they played a year ago when a strong offensive line paved the way for 2,000 yard rushing by Brian Schiller.

Scotch Plains will look to run the ball out of their I-formation, but will put the ball up more than in the past, and a lot more than Westfield in the opener. Brian Schiller was nine for 23 for 140 yards and a touchdown



Cranford's Mike Carbone tries to break a tackle in the Cougars' 21-6 loss to Westfield Friday. Cranford will travel to Scotch Plains 1:30 p.m. Saturday and will count on its running game to control the ball.

against talented and stingy Shabazz defense and will be hoping to be much more efficient Saturday.

"Scotch Plains has some excellent people at the skill positions," said Hull. "We have to hold onto

the ball, keep our drives going and look to punch it in once we cross the 50."

"We've got a nickel package that we haven't shown yet that were going to use, and we're going to try to get after their

quarterback a little bit." "They have some fast kids, but I think we can beat them up front," said Verhoeven. "Hopefully the line can play well again and we'll see what happens."

Cougars ready to run down elusive championships

By DANIEL MURPHY
THE CHRONICLE

Cross Country is a sport that requires long, fast strides and this year the Cranford High boys team believes it is ready to take the next step in its quest for a state sectional and group title.

When the Cougars begin their season this afternoon in a four-way meet at Warrinanco Park in Howell, they will do so with high expectations after three successful seasons last year and a very productive summer.

The boys squad returns three extremely talented seniors that will head a team looking to continue to dominate the conference and county, and capture the North Jersey Section 2

Group 3 and Group 3 titles that narrowly avoided them last season.

Seniors Frank Dabrosky, Brian Styler and Chris Bingham will lead the squad. Dabrosky was last year's county champion. Styler had a very impressive spring track season, and Bingham came on late after missing most of last year's cross country season due to injury.

Junior K.C. Brown joins the team after being a heavy contributor last year to form a formidable four-man duo up front for the Cougars.

The real challenge facing Cranford right now is finding a fifth man to run with the top four. Head Coach Ray White sees potential in four sophomores and is hoping at least one will emerge to sure up the top

five. Brian Zuravsky, Ed Clinton, Steve Swan and Tom Flannigan are all competing for the final spot, and White is anxious to see them perform in today's four-way meet with Union, Plainfield and Linden.

"They're all about the same level," said White of the four sophomores. "It should be interesting to see which one is going to be a number one. My guess right now would be Brian Styler coming off of spring track. But the other three have really worked hard."

White is hoping not only will the top four form a strong pack up front, but that one will

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emerge as a true front runner, but not a true front runner of the season. Cougars

depended on a pack to win races. Despite strong teams in Scotch Plains and Westfield, White sees the battle for top spot amongst the Cougars as their biggest test of the season.

"We need a front runner," said White. "If they battle with each other for the top spot we'll be much better. That could be our toughest competition of the year, locally."

The first major test of the season would have come this weekend at the St. Dominic's

Invitational in Jersey City. But White cut the meet out of this year's schedule, partly because the Cougars still need some work, and partly because he wants to keep them fresh for the much more important races at the end of the season.

"We're not quite ready yet, we still have some work to do," he said. "We need to work out some more. Also, last year we felt we were one meet shy. At the Meet of Champions we kind of ran out of steam. So we're going to run one or two less meets so that we'll be stronger in November when the championship season rolls around."

The girls team has less experience, but does have a clear cut top five. Kate Swan and Asia Lee will lead the team and bring the most experience to the table. Following behind them will be a trio of sophomores, Samantha Dango, Jessica Barr and Sara Maier.

But the Cougars also have some depth that could emerge as the season wears on. Beth Arcieri has impressed the coaches already, and Liz Osabin and Jess Behrens could step up to make contributions.

They will get a chance to see where they stand right away Thursday. Westfield is the clear-cut favorite to win the county for the ninth straight year and should challenge the top teams from Group 4. The battle for second place in the county could come down to Cranford and Union. The Farmers feature one of the top runners in the area in Christina Morgado and will be a tough team to beat.

Curtin looking to conquer Crusaders in Bears' debut

By DANIEL MURPHY
THE CHRONICLE

KENILWORTH — The Brearley High football team will finally begin its first season under new head coach Dave Curtin Saturday afternoon when they host conference foe Bound Brook, and the Bears are looking to get started.

Brearley struggled in its final scrimmage of the preseason Saturday, but Curtin is confident the Bears will put up a better showing against Bound Brook as they become more familiar with the offense in the final week before the opener.

"We didn't look to good in the scrimmage," said Curtin. "But we played good defense. The offense was a little stale. They are good athletes and they're able to make plays on defense. They're still trying to get a handle on the offense. We'll do the best we can."

Defensively the Bears will come out against the Crusaders in their standard 4-3 alignment and will be looking to contain Bound Brook senior quarterback Mike Kleba. Bound Brook likes to roll him out of the pocket with a pass-run option and the Bears hope to keep him inside the tackles Saturday afternoon.

"They like to throw it," said

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Curtin. "They give him the option to throw it or run with it. We need to keep him in the pocket. He's like a running back once he pulls it down."

Kleba's favorite target seems to be his tight end and the Bears will need to take him away while containing Kleba to be successful defensively.

Offensively they will need to block nose tackle Chris Knapp. Knapp is a big, athletic body up front for Bound Brook and eats up a lot of space in the middle. Brearley will try to keep the Crusader defense off balance and guessing with several different looks and formations.

"Offensively we'll show some different packages," said Curtin. "We'll go with some split backs, I-formation, we'll spread them out, go with a wishbone, or use a power-I. Of course we'll always keep some things in our back pocket that we can go to if the other stuff isn't working."

Even though this is the first game of the season, the Bears didn't begin focusing on Bound

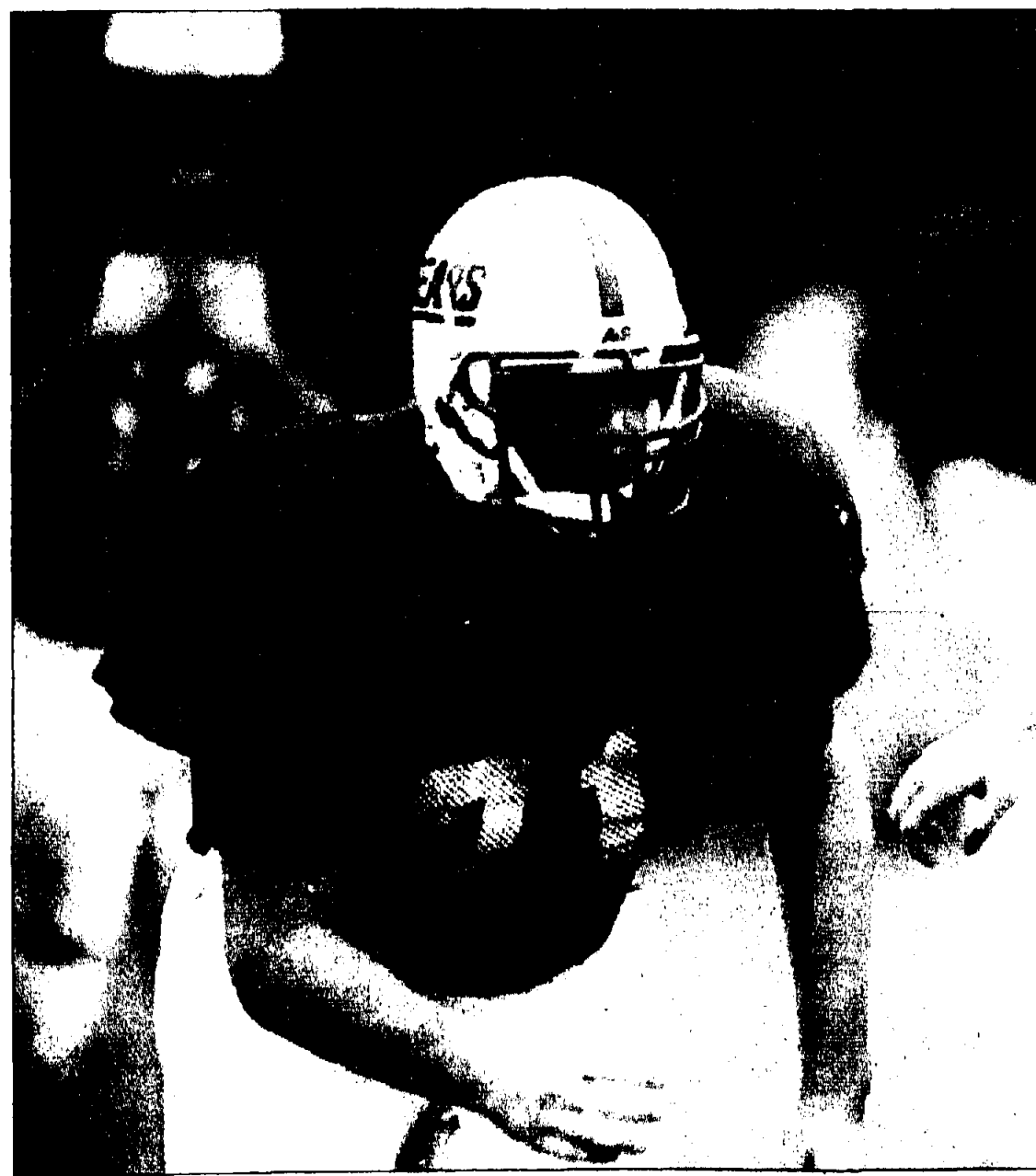
Brook until Monday. Curtin was looking to establish a regular week to week routine, and didn't want to build up the game too much, too soon.

"We didn't talk about it until Monday, otherwise you get too hyped up," he said. "We're just trying to get better each day."

But Curtin is emphasizing the importance of opening day and looking for a strong performance from his team, one that will set the tempo for the rest of the year. The first game of the season is when opposing coaches learn the most about each other's teams, and weaknesses will be talked about and exploited. Curtin reinforced the New England Patriots' inability to protect their quarterback the first game of the season, and how every team will now rush him relentlessly for the rest of the season.

"We want to set the tone early and establish ourselves as a team that won't back down and will be resilient," he said. "I'd like to see us come out and run everything with precision. We want to be tough, keep fighting. It's a long season, but the first game is very important to establish yourself."

The Bears hope to establish themselves as a force to be reckoned with in the Mountain Valley Conference this fall.



Linemen Chris Tyne and the Bears are anxious to get the season started and will be looking to knock off Bound Brook 1 p.m. Saturday at home.

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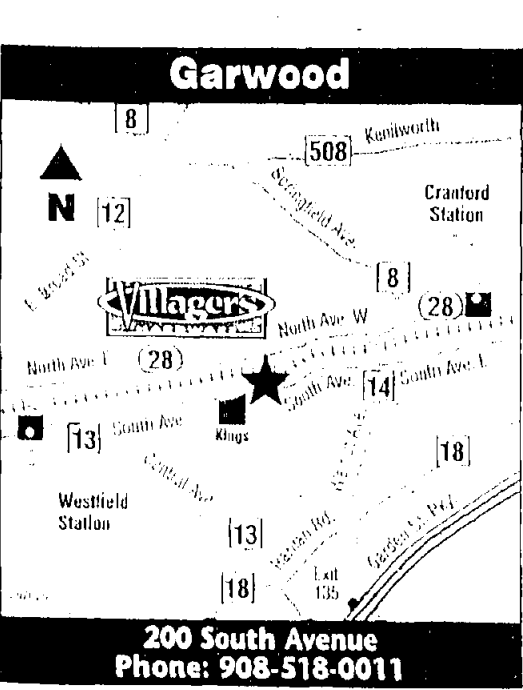
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Cougars almost pull off upset bid

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 Deberry 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.

GIRLS SOCCER

Cranford kicked off its season in impressive fashion Monday, defeating Scotch Plains 7-1 in Cranford.

Junior Gillian Murray posted the hat trick, and added an assist and junior Katie Sands, returning from a knee injury, scored twice and added an assist for the Cougars.

VOLLEYBALL

Cranford started its season off in impressive fashion, cruising past Bishop Abr 15-13, 15-10 Monday.

Katie Baran led the Cougar offense with eight kills and Dani Resesque showed off her powerful serve, scoring 10 service points on the day. Jill Hayeck led the defense with five blocks and Laura Trajer set up the offense with 14 assists.

The Cougars met county rival Westfield yesterday and will travel to Cliffside Park tomorrow.

TENNIS

Cranford fell to West Essex in the season opener Tuesday 4-1. Stephanie Clay scored the Cougars lone point with a three set victory at first doubles.

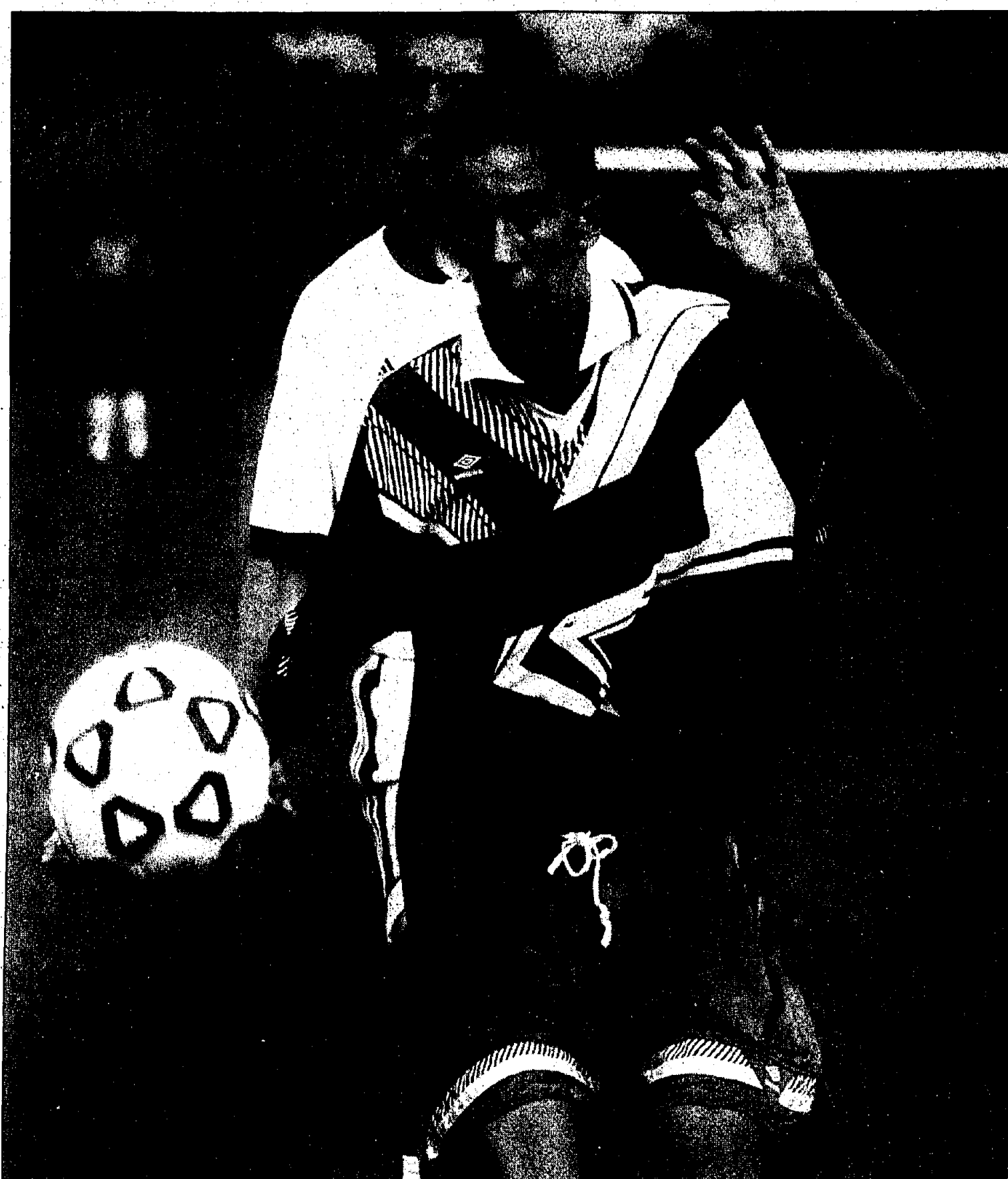
Shelby Stephenson Clay, C. dot Jan Eschenberg 4-6, 7-6 (2-40), 7-6 (2-5), Jan North W. dot Robin Eisert 6-2, 6-1, Janne Gronberg, W. dot Sarah Folger, 4-6, 6-2, 6-0.

Doubles: Jan Bara and Leigh Aragona, W. dot Rachel Ramsey and Jackie Pollock, 6-1, 6-2; Lacey Gronberg and Caitlyn Markes, W. dot Cathy Margal and Bella Sorkin, 6-3, 6-0.

BREARLEY

The Brearley High boys soccer team opened their season in impressive fashion, dismantling conference rival Manville 6-1 Tuesday.

Andres 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.



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

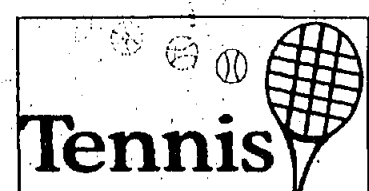
By DANIEL MURPHY
THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD—There are a lot of question marks surrounding the Cranford High girls tennis team as it begins its season, mainly who is going to play.

The Cougars were routed in their opening match of the season Tuesday, falling to West Essex 4-1, and first year head coach Vinnie LaSalle is still trying to figure out who his starting lineup is going to be.

"We're trying to stay positive," LaSalle said Tuesday night. "We have a lot of strong girls on the team this year and they're all fighting for various positions. I haven't been able to make a decision on who our starting seven are going to be yet."

The Cougars had only been in practice for four days before opening the season Tuesday and haven't been able to figure out where everybody fits in just yet. The top two singles players are set with junior Stephanie Clay, who scored Cranford's lone point Tuesday, returning at first singles and senior JoAnn Eisert coming back as the Cougars second singles player.



But the rest is up in the air. LaSalle has a combination of eight juniors and seniors battling for the remaining five spots, but hopes to have a decision made soon.

"Nobody is stepping forward," he said. "On any given day anybody can beat anybody else. We have five different spots to fill and it's a matter of who can step up."

"Hopefully by the end of this week we can have it all set. We have our first home match (tomorrow) against Westfield and it's going to be difficult to have the lineup keep changing. Hopefully in the next few days we can figure it all out."

While the competition in practice can sometimes be a good thing, LaSalle would rather have his lineup set and some consistency amongst the team from match to match. "It's a little bit of a two fold thing," he said. "It gives you some good options—you can go a lot of different ways. But it hurts us because nobody knows where they are going to play match to match."

Once the lineup is set, LaSalle is looking to improve on last year's team record, qualify for the state tournament and post strong performances in the county and state individual tournaments. "We're just looking to improve and have a lot of fun while improving," he said. "We just want to do the best we can in the conference, see if we can get some people in the state tournament and hopefully go on from there."

Garcia lifts Patriots past second-place Surf

Recently-acquired Omar Garcia, sporting a .222 batting average, smacked a run-scoring pinch-hit single in the 10th

inning Tuesday night to give the Somerset Patriots a 6-5 triumph over the Atlantic City Surf as 4049 fans looked on at

Commerce Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater.

The victory gave the Pats a 29-28 second-half season record and increased their lead over second-place AC to 3.5 games in the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball's South Division. The season ends Sept. 25 and the playoffs follow.

With the score knotted at 5-5, the Pats' Jose Viera walked in the 10th, moved to third on Greg Blosser's single and came home on Garcia's two-out hit.

Blosser went 3 for 4 including his 16th home run of the season, which ties the team record set last year by Lipso Nava, and drove in two runs. Kevin Dattola had three hits, an RBI and stole three bases. Randy Brown went 2 for 3 including a double and Billy Hall swiped two more bases, giving him 96 for the year.

Bridgeport 5, Patriots 3.—A ninth-inning error by Somerset first baseman Viera led to the game's final two runs Sunday as the Bridgeport Bluefish trimmed the home team at Commerce Bank Ballpark.

With the score knotted at 3-3, Viera booted a one-out grounder near the foul line to allow a runner to reach base and the Blues then went on to produce two runs on a pair of hits and a groundout against relief pitcher Darin Winston.

Nava doubled twice and had three of the Patriots' seven hits against four Bridgeport hurlers before leaving the lineup

because of a sore hamstring.

Jeff Anderson led a sacrifice fly ball and singled in a sixth-inning run and Hall smacked a run-scoring hit in the fourth and stole his 94th base of the year.

Patriots 9, Bridgeport 5.—Hall hit his sixth homer, a three-run shot with two out, during Somerset's four-run rally in the second stanza. Warner's homer (No. 7) with one aboard stalked the Pats to an 8-3 cushion with two out in the sixth.

Anderson had two hits and two RBIs and starter Ray Davis (11-11) pitched six innings, allowing seven hits and three runs (all earned), to earn the triumph.

Bridgeport 5, Patriots 3.—RBI singles by Victor Rosario and the Jenkins in the eighth inning snapped a 3-all tie for the Blues Friday night as 5279 fans looked on at Commerce Bank Ballpark.

Viera had two hits, including a two-run double during a three-run rally in the sixth

inning when Somerset pulled into a 3-3 tie, and Nava and Dattola also had two hits apiece. Hall singled to start the sixth and stole a base.

Reliever John Briscoe, who allowed two hits and two earned runs in one inning, took the loss. Justin Jensen started, permitting six hits and three runs (two earned) in 6 1/3 innings.

Long Island 5, Patriots 4.—Facing a 5-0 deficit Thursday, the Pats pushed across four runs in the fifth but couldn't get any closer to the Ducks (36-17) in Central Islip, N.Y. Viera, Nava and Jeff Anderson had two hits each and Carlos Pagan ripped a two-run double.

Long Island 4, Patriots 3.—The Ducks scored in the fifth to snap a 3-all deadlock and held on to edge the Pats Sept. 6 in front of 6024 fans in Central Islip. Wayne Hoy (5-6) gave up six hits, three walks and four runs (three earned) pitching the first 4 2/3 innings and took the loss. Dattola and Blosser had two hits each for Somerset.

PATS SIGN WOODSON.—The Patriots acquired right-handed pitcher Kerry Woodson from the Nashua Pride last week, completing an earlier trade in which Somerset sent left-hander Julio Heredia to the Pride for future considerations. Woodson, who once played for the Seattle Mariners, was 4-5 for Nashua, starting 16 games and pitching 83 innings.

SPORTSCENE

REGISTRATION.—The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department will begin registration for all programs Monday, Sept. 11 in the community center. Registration for street hockey, rec basketball and kiddie and pee wee kapers programs are in progress now. Hours to register are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and nights Monday through Thursday 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 11. No Friday evenings. Please check your brochure for programs, sites, and times. Cranford residents only. For more information call 709-7283.

STREET HOCKEY.—The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department and the New Jersey Devils will sponsor a street hockey league beginning Saturday Sept. 16 at 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and ending Nov. 4 at Orange Ave. School Gym.

This will be an eight week program. Athletic footwear will be used for the league. Registration is in progress at the community center daily. Hours to register will be Mon-Fri 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Mon-Thurs nights 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 5.

Don't delay, there is limited space available. We are looking for adult coaches to assist in the Street Devils program. If you are interested in coaching a team please notify this office by calling 709-7283. Ages for the league are 6-16. Teams will be of similar age. All the N.J. Street Devils program will provide equipment. Cranford residents only. For more information call the Cranford Recreation and Parks Department at 709-7283.

ROLLER HOCKEY.—The Center Circle is now processing both individual and team registration for its upcoming roller hockey season which starts Sept. 5. Leagues for players ages 8 to adult are available. Call (732) 396-9100 for more information, or access the company's website at www.thecentercircle.com.

Hockey clinics for beginners ages six and up are also offered and reservations are subject to availability.

LACROSSE.—The Center Circle is also now accepting both individual and team registration for its indoor lacrosse season. Men and boys should contact Steve Munita at (973) 401-0785 and women and girls should contact Kim Flynn at (973) 984-8857. Or you can visit the center circle website at www.thecentercircle.com.



Patriots Manager Sparky Lyle has his team 3.5 games ahead of Atlantic City in the race for the South Division second half crown.

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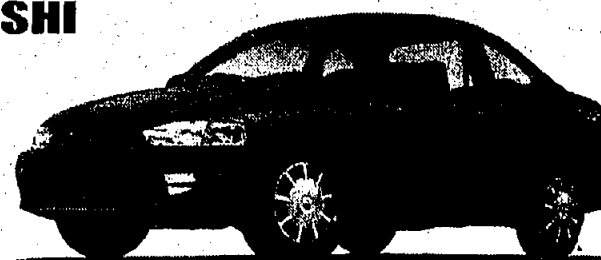


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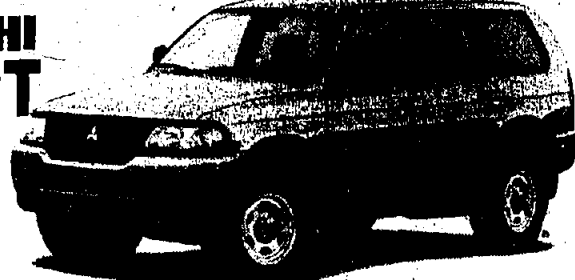
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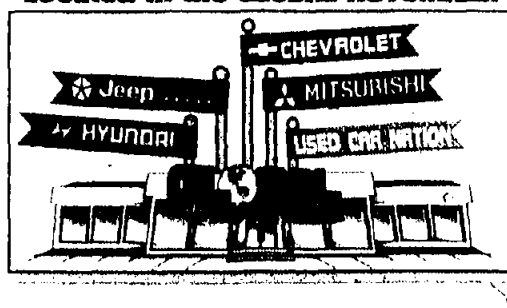
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