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Around Town



Tourney warmup

Hanif Davis scored 26 points in Cranford's win over Bridgewater Feb. 14. Cranford will host Scotch Plains in the first round of state tournament play Tuesday. See story on C-1.

Funds available for new sidewalks

CRANFORD — The Office of Community Development is seeking applicants for its sidewalk replacement program.

Funds from a Community Development Block Grant cover 70 percent of the cost for replacing deteriorated sidewalks and driveway aprons. Homeowners pay the balance.

Income limits, set by the federal government, are \$36,750 for a one-person household up to \$69,300 for a family of eight or more.

Funds will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, phone Elizabeth Zamorski at (908) 709-7294 or visit the Office of Community Development at 29 South Ave. West.

Parent training workshops beginning

CRANFORD — The Cranford Municipal Alliance sponsors two parent training workshops that begin next week.

The STEP (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting) program begins Tuesday night. An advanced program, "Children: The Challenge," begins Thursday morning, Feb. 28.

Both programs run for eight weeks. Fee is \$25 with a workbook at additional cost. Seating is limited. For registration, phone Karen Murphy at (908) 276-8091.



New duties

Kenilworth Police Chief William Dowd dons another hat and reads to children during story hour Saturday at the public library. See Page B-1.

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Police bust teen booze party

IS students arrested

By GREG MARX
THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — Sixteen local teenagers and young adults, including 12 Cranford High School students, were arrested Feb. 14 at a local home for underage possession and consumption of alcohol.

Police responded to the house at 9 Norman Place at 11:13 p.m. after receiving a call from a neighbor about a loud party. Once at the scene, a police spokesman said, officers observed about 50-60 young people consuming alcohol inside the house and on the porch.

The teenagers were scattered throughout the house when police entered, and about 40 left on foot. But police arrested Andrew Johnson, 18, the host of the party; and Cranford residents James Baker, 18; William Bennet, 18; Mazhar Elwardany, 18; Joseph Caravela, 18; James Seeman, 19; and Sam Warrington, 19, and charged them with underage possession or consumption of alcohol on private property.

Also arrested were Daniel Hemenway, 19, of Linden; Gregory Brown Jr., 20, of Scotch Plains; and seven Cranford juveniles, three 17-year-old boys, three 16-year-old boys, and one 17-year-old girl. They were all arrested on the same charge.



The home at 9 Norman Place where police found a large number of teenagers and young adults drinking while the home owners were on vacation. NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Brown was also charged with resisting arrest when he left

after turning over his driver's license to police.

The Cranford First Aid Squad responded to the scene to treat one of the arrested juveniles, who was intoxicated to the point of illness, police said.

An adult relative responding to the scene refused further medical treatment for the juvenile.

The other juveniles were also turned over to adult guardians.

The arrests marked the first use of a municipal ordinance adopted Feb. 27, 2001, allowing police to enter private property if there is a reasonable suspicion of

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Pedestrian-friendly plazas called the key to downtown

By GREG MARX
THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — The township should pursue downtown development that stabilizes the tax base while creating a more pedestrian-friendly environment, a planning consultant told the Downtown Management Corp. this week.

Former township and DMC employee Christopher Pye presented a draft copy of the Downtown Vision Plan to the board at its Monday meeting. Based on consultants' analyses and resident surveys and funded by a Smart Growth Grant from the Department of Community Affairs, the report makes four principal recommendations: that the township improve public spaces, target areas for new development, manage downtown parking and simplify its zoning

regulations.

Among public spaces, the report cites Post Office Plaza and the railroad station plaza as prime candidates for improvement. Both sites, Pye said, can be "greened" by installing more shade trees and even public fountains. Along with the clock tower plaza, he said, the improved spaces could provide anchors at either end of North Avenue and help create a more pedestrian-friendly "boulevard" atmosphere.

Pictures of improved public plazas were among the most popular images in a resident survey, Pye said, while sites emphasizing automobile use, such as the current intersection of North and Springfield avenues, were among the lowest-rated images.

While the township should "open up" its downtown plazas, Pye said, it should seek to build up underutilized downtown lots.

The plan recommends the township emphasize development that converts existing one-story buildings into two- and three-story multi-use buildings, along the lines of the coming Cranford Crossings development.

Were such development to take place at four cluster areas in the downtown — along North and South avenues west of the train station, in the Miln Street parking lot, and at Springfield and North avenues — the tax revenues could stabilize the tax base over a six-year period, Pye said.

But in one important way, the development proposed in the report varies from the Crossings project. One of the controversial elements of that project was the replacement of office with residential space; the report recommends "redevelopment plans..."

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3 face weapon, drug distribution counts

By GREG MARX
THE CHRONICLE

KENILWORTH — Police arrested three borough residents last week on drug distribution and weapons charges.

Joseph Rufalo, 46, his wife Laurel, 45, and her brother Eric Schering, 34, were arrested at about 6:45 a.m. Friday when borough police raided their 425 Coolidge Drive residence.

After arresting the sleeping suspects, officers led by Capt. Scott Phillips recovered a "substantial" amount of marijuana and cocaine, along with materials to package the drugs, police said.

Also seized were numerous weapons, including a loaded shotgun kept next to the bed of one suspect; a handgun with an altered serial number; an undisclosed amount of cash; and a vehicle allegedly used to transport the drugs.

The three were charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, possession of marijuana and cocaine with intent to distribute in a school zone, possession of weapons during a controlled dangerous substance offense, possession of a defaced firearm, and possession of narcotic paraphernalia.

Police Chief William Dowd called the arrests "extremely significant" because the house, allegedly the site of drug sales, is

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Cranford teenagers make their case

By GREG MARX
THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — If Tony Spiliotopoulos ever does get in real trouble with the law, at least he'll be prepared.

For the third straight year Cranford High School is playing the defendant in the school's mock trial team. This year, he is Pat Petrecca, a reformed ex-con who stands accused of attempting to run another vehicle off the highway in a fit of road rage, and killing an innocent woman and her two children in the process.

On a recent Tuesday evening, Tony and his teammates — prosecuting attorneys Alison Wischusen and Kaitlyn Boyle; prosecution witnesses Patrick Bither (shaggy-haired State Trooper Sam Stone), Beth Casciano (Petrecca's turncoat friend Ronnie Romer) and Mark Harley (expert witness Kelly Kendall); defense attorneys Kate Planer and Josh Lasky; and

defense witnesses Nick Zmijewski (Lee Lenape, a Good Samaritan eyewitness seeking to clear Petrecca of blame) and Sara Mados (expert Chris Crandon) — practiced their litigating skills before Judge James Bell in Cranford's Municipal Court.

With limited forensic evidence, both sides sought to undermine the credibility of the witnesses. Wischusen and Boyle painted a picture of Petrecca as a "vengeful rage" and "reckless disregard for human life," and Wischusen even baited the suspect into a heated debate about just how fast is too fast when driving on I-295.

Lasky and Planer, meanwhile, attacked Stone as "a corrupt cop" and Romer as a "convicted liar and criminal."

When the dust settled, a jury of four students returned a "not guilty" verdict — though Bell voiced the thoughts of many observers when he said the evi-

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Kaitlyn Boyle argues the case for the prosecution at a Cranford High School mock trial practice session. GEORGE PACIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Planned new health rules could prove to be costly

By GREG MARX
THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — Proposed stricter standards for local boards of health could put an additional financial burden on municipalities, Health Officer Warren Hehl said recently.

The State Department of Health has proposed new standards for local boards that include retaining the services of a variety of medical and health professionals, Hehl said.

Under the proposal, local health boards would be required to have available an epidemiologist, an information technology specialist, a public health planner, a public health nursing director, a director of health education, and a medical director.

All are positions which require certification. Hehl said he may qualify as a public health planner, but the township does not currently employ individuals certified for the other positions.

Should the new standards take effect, Hehl said, a shared-services arrangement with other municipalities would "probably be the simplest approach."

Other options, he said, include paying qualified professionals a retainer, or more drastically, eliminating local health departments and establishing a regional or county department. A regional organization could better afford to pay the professionals, but such a move would eliminate local jurisdiction and might make same-day response to many health complaints less likely, Hehl said.

Hiring the officials full-time on a municipal level could cause a doubling or tripling of the Health Department's \$180,000 budget for day-to-day expenses, Hehl said.

That approach seems unlikely both because of the financial burden and because the township does not regularly require the specialists' services.

"In 10-12 years in Cranford, have I had a need for immediate

use of an epidemiologist? Once, maybe..." Hehl said. "(And) I don't need a public health planner on a daily basis."

The proposed standards have gone through a public comment period, and the comments are now being reviewed, Hehl said. A final decision on the standards could come within a few months or be put off until next year.

The new standards, which will be enforced by the Public Health Council, will likely be phased in over four years.

The move comes because state officials "want to revamp the public health system," Hehl said.

"Bioterrorism hit local and state officials out of the blue," he said; the new standards are part of an effort to make health and public safety operations more efficient.



Hold on to your hat!

Mrs. Benoit's afternoon kindergarten class at Bloomingdale Avenue School celebrated Summer Day as part of its study of the seasons. The theme of this year's event was the Fourth of July. In the photo above, Emily Roman stops to have her picture taken during the Uncle Sam relay race.

Weapon counts

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only a short distance from Harding School and a park.

There is no evidence of sales to juveniles from the house, said Lt. Richard Dopf.

Asked whether the raid targeted an isolated offender or is part of a broader investigation, Dopf declined comment. He also declined to specify the amount of drugs recovered or the time spent on the investigation, though he said the investigation, led by Det. Timothy Dowd, was "lengthy."

The Ruffalos and Schnering were taken to Union County Jail and held in lieu of \$100,000 bail. As of Monday, Laurel Ruffalo was out on bail, police said.

The Ruffalos have been listed at the Coolidge Drive residence since 1996. Contacted this week, a neighbor said she did not know the couple well but had never suspected illegal activity.

Garwood needs school candidate

GARWOOD — With the filing deadline rapidly approaching, the Garwood Board of Education has only two contestants for three open seats in the spring election.

Current members Richard Emmons, Karen Rusin and Georgia MacIndoe have all decided not to run. Two residents have filed nominating petitions, said Business Administrator Barbara

Carino, but three seats will be open in the election.

The deadline for petitions is Feb. 25. But, Carino said, because the April 16 election date will be postponed, the filing deadline may be extended as well.

Should no other candidates file a nominating petition, the third seat would be filled through a write-in candidate or a person appointed by the board.

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unsupervised underage drinking.

The ordinance, similar to others passed in Kenilworth and Garwood, drew reproach in some quarters. The criticism prompted Police Chief Harry Wilde to make a speech at a Township Committee meeting in which he defended his force and called on parents to take a more active stand against teen drinking.

The ordinance allows for a fine of \$250 and a six-month suspension of driving privileges. Dan Aschenbach was the only committee member to vote against it, saying at the time, "I'm just not sure this is the right approach."

The arrests also come just

weeks after a group of high school student leaders protested what they call the school's "zero tolerance" policy toward student offenses away from school property.

Current school policy calls for a student to be warned for a first offense, then removed from a leadership position in a co-curricular activity following a second offense. Athletes are removed from a team currently in season after the first offense.

A group of student leaders objected to the policy at a recent Board of Education meeting, saying the school should not discipline students for actions not committed on school property. A com-

mittee of students, staff, parents and administrators has since been formed to evaluate the policy.

Superintendent Lawrence Feinsod said he did not believe the arrests would influence the committee. "Whether these arrests occurred or not, the committee will come up with appropriate recommendations," he said.

In the meantime, existing disciplinary policies will be enforced, he said.

Tony Spiliotopolous, senior class president, said he was unsure how the arrests would affect discussions. But he argued the school should not take disciplinary action before a determination

of guilt has been made.

Spiliotopolous said he steered well clear of the party, suspecting it would be broken up by police. "Thursday, everybody (in school) was talking about it," he said. Another student said the party had been planned to last the entire four-day weekend, while the host student's parents were out of the state on vacation.

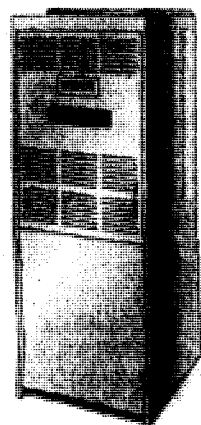
As for the 40-odd students at the party who were not arrested, Feinsod said they could be subject to school discipline, but "the evidence (of alcohol consumption) would have to be extremely credible. The odds are that's not going to happen."

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encourage office use over residential" to avoid the service demands of residential use.

Both the public space and development recommendations are designed to emphasize pedestrian traffic. The same logic informed the parking recommendations, Pye said.

Long-term parking should be encouraged on outlying residential streets to alleviate the parking shortage and create pedestrian traffic, and any future long-term facilities should be at least 1,000 feet from the train station, Pye said.

Also, he said, rates for short- and long-term parking should be

raised. And in a suggestion likely to prove unpopular, the report recommends the township "increase enforcement activities" to prevent meter-feeding.

Shoppers and storeowners alike have complained about the lack of short-term parking, the and aggressiveness of parking officers. But the report's parking consultant concluded that while a commuter parking shortage exists, there is adequate short-term parking in the downtown.

Finally, the plan recommends that five of the seven downtown zones be consolidated into one Central Business District. The change would eliminate confusion and allow the greater flexibility to respond to market conditions, Pye said.

The DMC had little discussion on the report, but some board members did express concerns

about the recommendations. Chairman Tom Shaw asked whether intense multi-story development was consistent with the township's objectives.

And Paul LaCorte objected to the use of residential streets for parking. "I think you're looking for a headache," he said. "I would rather the parking problems be solved within the central business district."

The DMC will discuss the plan at future meetings, and the Township Committee will receive the document when a final draft is prepared.

The report consists only of recommendations, and its findings have no authority. But township officials have recently delayed some decisions, especially about parking, in the expectation that some recommendations would be implemented.

Teenagers make their case

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dence provided by the State Bar Foundation was "a little slanted toward the defense."

But in a mock trial, the verdict holds little importance. More significant is how the students argued the case, and the skills they gain in the process.

"It's a real activity — the rules that apply here are very much the ones that apply in the real world," said Lasky.

"It teaches you to speak really

well on your feet," agreed Planer, who may pursue a legal career in child advocacy. "...And it's fun to argue."

"It kind of combines a little bit of acting with the law," said Wischusen.

Bell, who presides regularly over the practice sessions, called the group "impressive... one of the better teams that I've seen!"

Bell praised both the lawyers and witnesses, and said Spiliotopolous, as Petrecca, was "very cocky. He fit the role of a former convict very, very well."

The judge did point out some areas for improvement, which the contestants seem to have taken to heart. The county champ two years ago, Cranford High has advanced through the county quarterfinals and semifinals, and takes on Linden for the county championship Wednesday. The trial begins at 5 p.m. at the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth.

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Spring vote still planned

GARWOOD — The Board of Education is still aiming for a spring vote on its latest referendum, Superintendent William Murphy said this week. But without any information from the state about financial assistance, there is little the board can do.

The ad hoc Committee for the Referendum had planned to make a public presentation on the proposal March 4, but that meeting has been postponed. "There's no point in us meeting... until we have figures (from the state)," Murphy said.

The district had hoped to hold the vote during the April 16 school board elections. That date has been pushed back because of the delay in information from the state, but no new date has been set. The district still hopes to hold the vote with the spring elections, whenever they are scheduled, Murphy said.



Hot off the press!

The Kenilworth Public Library Pre-Teen and Teen Advisory Council has published its first newsletter designed especially for those aged 10 to 15. The newsletter contains top ten lists for books, CDs, videos and DVDs and word search puzzles and book and video reviews. Members of the council, from left, are Theresa Rodriques, Mikael Davis, Samantha Ries, Brittany Patterson, Kim Schielke, Kevin McCarthy, Raquel Rodriques and Ephraim Davis.

Blimpie, Citgo hearing continues Monday night

By GREG MARK
THE CHRONICLE

Cranford — The zoning board will continue hearing the application for a controversial North Avenue gas station and fast-food restaurant Monday night.

The application, filed by 120 North Avenue Corp., seeks to open a Citgo gas station and Blimpie's restaurant at the address. The site has been the location of several gas stations since the 1950s; it has been vacant since a Texaco station went out of business in 1996.

The restaurant is a principal permitted use in the zone, and the zoning board has previously established the gas station, a

non-conforming use, will be allowed to continue, said Zoning Officer Judith Brown.

But the developer for the site is seeking numerous variances to erect a canopy and kiosk for the gas station, place a sign on the canopy and a pylon sign and parking spaces closer to the property line than the ordinance allows, and use concrete rather than Belgian block curbing.

The application has drawn resistance from some residents, spearheaded by Frank Krause, who owns and operates a dental practice in a neighboring office building. In a letter to local newspapers, Krause said the proposed facility would be "a traffic nightmare and an eyesore," as well as an environmental safety hazard.

"(The) kiosk, lighting and building structure... are at odds with the Victorian theme of the (downtown)," Krause wrote.

Some of Krause's concerns have been echoed by the police department. Lt. John Baer, head of the Traffic Bureau, noted in a memo that the site — at North and Orchard avenues — already present safety concerns because of heavy volume, a bus stop and a nearby bank.

From January 1997 to September 2001, Baer reported, there were 25 accidents at the site. He also raised concerns about parking and gasoline delivery.

But the environmental concerns caused by abandoned gas tanks have been satisfied, according to the state Department of Environmental Protection. "No further action is necessary for... remediation," a DEP official wrote in a November 2001 letter.

The owners of the property also owe about \$54,000 in unpaid property taxes. Brown said the application can be heard with the money outstanding, and the board can stipulate in its ruling the money be paid before construction begins.

Several other residents have echoed Krause's concerns in letters in the township. But the project has also drawn residents' support. "(The site) will look a lot better than it does now," following construction, wrote one man.

Hearings on the application began in September, but were put off during the holiday season. A final decision from the board is unlikely at Monday's meeting, Brown said.

Schools' air quality poses no health risk

By GREG MARK
THE CHRONICLE

GARWOOD — Air quality at the borough's schools can be improved, but poses no immediate health risk to staff or students, an environmental specialist told the Board of Education Monday.

"No emergency situation was found at any of the sites," the Cherry Hill firm AET Environmental Inc. reported. "In general the indoor environmental quality in the study areas of the Franklin, Lincoln and Washington schools... is acceptable, yet could be improved."

The board hired the firm to study microbiological contamination arising from water seepage in the school buildings. AET tested the buildings Nov. 8 for endotoxins, fungi and bacteria.

While the firm emphasized in its report that current conditions pose no hazard, it did cite several areas of mold and fungus growth.

The firm found most problems at the Franklin School, which experiences water seepage through the boiler room floor, classroom unit ventilators, and exterior walls.

"Cracks and missing plaster have severely deteriorated the integrity of the building envelope," AET reported. "It is critical to repair the deficiencies in the building's envelope prior to any

remedial action."

The water seepage has resulted in wood rot in a classroom floor, and "active bacteria growth" in at least one classroom, the report said.

Remedial action, the report said, should include the removal of carpet from all the classrooms as soon as possible. Prior to removal, antimicrobial treatments can be applied to the carpets.

Board members said the carpets were treated over the four-day Presidents' Day weekend. Removal of carpets will not be

possible until the summer, members said.

Other problem sites included the principal's office at Lincoln School, which is experiencing fungi growth from an undetermined source, and an underground tunnel between the Lincoln and Franklin schools which experiences standing water and visible mold growth. The firm recommended further study of those areas and the Franklin School classrooms.

Other recommendations for improvement included increasing the efficiency of ventilation fil-

ters, periodically using of a HEPA vacuum to trap air-borne particles, and appointing Indoor Air Quality Managers from current employees to log any future complaints.

Superintendent William Murphy attributed the problems to weather conditions and the age of the buildings.

Voters have three times rejected a referendum to replace the existing schools with a new building; the district will seek approval later this year on a referendum to renovate the existing schools.

Big budget cuts planned at Johnson

GARWOOD — The Clark Board of Education is considering cuts to a host of elective activities and support programs to meet a budget crisis, Garwood Board of Education member Linda Zultank told the borough's board Monday.

The Clark board is considering cutbacks in athletics programs, field trips, SAT preparation courses, and the guidance department at Arthur L. Johnson High School, Zultank said.

Also likely to be cut back are physical education, home economics, auto mechanics, industrial arts and marketing educa-

tion classes.

Garwood sends its high school students to Johnson.

The cuts have been proposed in response to a serious budget crunch, said Zultank. Garwood's liaison to the Clark board. In addition to the tight times faced by every school board this year, Clark must repay a \$552,000 loan to the state.

"They're really in a bad situation," she said. "They don't have the money."

Zultank said she did not yet

have details on how each department would be affected, and how much each cut would save.

Board member Richard Emmons suggested the Garwood board send a letter opposing the proposed cutbacks, but Superintendent William Murphy discouraged such a move unless it was accompanied by a solution to the problem.

The Clark board next meets 7:30 p.m. Feb. 26. Garwood residents can speak to the board on any high school matter.

Garwood school names 2nd period top pupils

GARWOOD — Lincoln School has issued its honor roll for the second marking period of the 2001-02 school year.

Named to the honor society:

Grade 8A — Jenna Nierstedt.

Grade 7J — Erin Madden.

Grade 6H — Samuel Kwon.

Grade 6O — Zoei Mensching and Shannon Syciarz.

Grade 6C — Leah Cocco, Alex Siletti and Juliet Vinegra.

Grade 4E — Justin Greet and Bernadette Lago.

Grade 4S — Michael Boan, Megan Fiasconaro, Stephanie Lewis and Jessica Rustin.

Named to the honor roll:

Grade 8A — Marina Lokshina, Matthew Rusin, Allison Severage, Catherine Sinnicke, Meredith Spera, Sean Stachowiak and Sara Todisco.

Grade 8B — Anthony Del Conte, Allison DiGiacomo, Robert Dunn, Timothy Felice, Sarah Frazier, Christopher Greet, Erik Kelmartin, Patrick Kelmartin, Jessica Lewis and David Mensching.

Grade 7D — Brian Czapl, Kevin Emmons and Amy Kipnis.

Grade 7J — Stacey Legg, Christopher McCarrick, Devin McNelis, Emily Naples, Jason Nardone, Anthony Priore, Marissa Rusin, Brittany Smith, Natalie Stevens and Ashley Zultank.

Grade 6H — Steven Cancelliere, Ann Marie Carlucci, Andrew Chu, Brian Emmons, Melanie Farnsworth, Daniel Fiasconaro, Kimberly Hildebrandt, Meghan Howlett and Tara Kruper.

Grade 6O — James Matheson, Sean McDonnell, John Murphy, Steven Myers, Jake Parrot, Marlee Steiginga, Matthew Weissner, Nicholas Wilson and Kristen Yaquinta.

Grade 5A — Anna Adamovitch, Rebecca Bartolick, Michael Buska, Lauren Czapl, Emily Lubin, Dylan Maley and Nicole Nardone.

Grade 5C — Le-Quan Askew, Andrew Chu, Kelly Greene, Daniel May, Matthew Morelli, Kyle Edward Toth and Kaitlyn

Grade 4E — Haley Baker,

Brianna Barbey, Carley Bollard, Jacob Dadia, Kevin LaBarge, Nicole Lodato, Steven Menakis, Kaitlyn Pickett and Roger Tenore.

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Cranford seventh-graders Dana DeChiaro and Peter Collier performed with the American Choral Directors Association All Eastern Children's Honor Choir in Pittsburgh Saturday.

7th-graders perform with prestigious chorus

CRANFORD — Peter Collier and Dana DeChiaro, both seventh-grade students at Hillside Avenue School, performed Saturday with the American Choral Directors Association All Eastern Children's Honor Choir at the Eastern Division Biennial Convention in Pittsburgh.

The two are members of the Hillside Avenue School Chorus, under the direction Tom Pedas, and have been chosen as members of the all state Elementary Honor Choir in the past. Both have also had featured roles in the musicals at

Hillside Avenue School and are active in the peer program. Peter also plays with the school band, sings with the Celebration Singers, and has been in musicals with the Cranford Dramatic Club and the Cranford Repertory Theatre. Dana is an avid dancer.

In Pittsburgh, the two rehearsed with students from other states and performed in the closing concert of the conference at the Heinz Concert Hall, home of the Pittsburgh Symphony, for more than 2,000 choral directors and parents.

Harding teachers want to stop K-2 field trips

By KIMBERLY MERZ
CHRONICLE CORRESPONDENT

KENILWORTH — Harding School teachers would like to eliminate field trips for students in Grades K-2, Principal Fred Rica told the Board of Education Monday night. But board members were wary of the change, and said parents should have a say in the decision.

Rica came to the board seeking permission to send a letter to parents expressing teachers' concerns about traveling off school grounds with young students.

"The primary grade teachers came to me with some concerns about the field trips, concerns about the transportation and the trips themselves. In response to that we drafted a letter to get some suggestions, input, ideas from par-

ents," said Rica, who wants to replace field trips with activities such as special assemblies, or short trips near the school. Currently, the children travel as far as Point Pleasant.

"If you run into an unexpected (transportation) delay, it ruins your whole day," Rica said.

"The teachers of kindergarten, first and second grade students are very concerned about the safety and well-being of their students," the letter reads, in part. "We question the advisability of taking younger children away from the security of the school, in order to take them on a class trip. Due to recent events and heightened concern for safety, we feel that the children's needs would be better served by forgoing trips at this time. We are investigating the possibility of special programs at the

school. Such a program would provide the children with many of the same educational benefits as trips."

But many board members questioned whether parents shared those reservations about sending their children on field trips, and said the letter should be revised to solicit responses from parents who may object to the loss of field trips.

Board President George Schlenker suggested that a list of possible trip destinations be included in the letter.

Following the Sept. 11 attacks, Superintendent Lloyd Leschuk told the board that unlike other districts, Kenilworth would not curtail its field trips. "I remember you saying that you would not allow terrorists to shut it down," board Member Cathy Cohen reminded Leschuk.



The Rev. Carol A. Lindsay, new Calvary Lutheran pastor

Calvary gets new pastor

CRANFORD — The Rev. Carol A. Lindsay will be installed as the new pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church at 10 a.m. Sunday, March 3.

Bishop C. Roy Riley of the New Jersey Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will officiate at the service in the church at 108 Eastman St.

The Rev. Susan A. Miller, as assistant to the bishop and a resident of Summit, will preach.

Music will be provided by the Calvary Choir, the adult and teen hand-bell choirs, the youth musical team and the Children's Choir.

Lindsay began her call at Calvary in early January. Before that she served as long-term interim pastor in Clifton, Carteret and Plainfield and for a short period served on the bishop's staff coordinating stewardship activities for the state. She also has held other pastoral roles in New Jersey, Holland, Switzerland and Missouri.

For this Sunday only, Calvary will hold no Sunday School classes and there will be only one worship service.

The church is a congregation of the New Jersey Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, serving the Cranford-Westfield area and surrounding communities for 73 years.

College addresses ethnic hate

CRANFORD — Union County College has scheduled a number of events this week with the theme

"Overcoming Hatred/Creating Community."

All events are free and open to the public. The schedule:

Tuesday — "The Diary of Clara Kramer," Roy W. Smith Theater, Cranford campus, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday — "Understanding U.S.-Middle East Relations and the Islamic Faith," Roy W. Smith Theater, Cranford campus, 11 a.m. "Address Unknown," Elizabeth campus, 7 p.m. Discussion related to "Address Unknown," Roy W. Smith Theater, Cranford campus, 9 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 28 — "And Then They Came for Me," Roy W. Smith Theater, Cranford campus, noon and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are required.

For tickets and full program information, phone (908) 709-7505.

In addition, an exhibit in the Tomasulo Art Gallery on the Cranford campus includes photographs related to the events of Sept. 11. The exhibit may be seen 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, 1-6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday.

Briefs

'Guys and Dolls' set next weekend

CRANFORD — "Guys and Dolls" is the winter musical for Orange Avenue School.

Showtimes are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 1-2 plus 5 p.m. Sunday, March 3. The post-World War II musical is presented by a cast of 67 middle school students.

Admission is \$5. Advance tickets are available at the Orange Avenue School office and Cindi's Book Barn. For more information, phone (908) 709-6257.

Cranford Crossing plan to get hearing before Planning Board

By GREG MARX

THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — The Cranford Crossings project takes its next step Wednesday, when applicant Cranford Building Associates, LLC make its first appearance before the Planning Board.

The firm, a subsidiary of Florham Park developer Kushner Companies, will seek a minor resubdivision and preliminary site plan approval for the parking garage, retail space and apartments planned for the site at South, South Union, and Walnut avenues.

"It is clearly not pedestrian friendly. The design does not provide ample footage for the anticipated foot traffic."

-Lt John Baer

The application process should be straightforward, because the Redevelopment Plan passed by the Township Committee was amended late last year to be consistent with the Kushner proposal. But some township agencies have raised questions about the design of the project.

One unresolved issue is the conversion of South Union Avenue into a two-way street. Currently, only south-bound traffic is allowed on the street. Though township officials expect the state Department of Transportation to authorize the change, the township has yet to receive final word. Lt. John Baer of the police department's Traffic Bureau called the change "crucial" to the project in a recent memo.

The project design calls for two lanes of south-bound traffic on the street, widening into three at the intersection with South Avenue, and one lane of north-bound traffic, which would be directed into the parking garage. A concrete island would separate north-bound and south-bound traffic.

Baer cited other traffic concerns along South Union Avenue in the same memo. The loading dock for the site will be behind the building in the current Blockbuster lot; Baer questioned whether a sufficient turning radius will exist on the street to allow large trucks on the site.

And while the project design calls for over 13 feet of sidewalk space along Walnut Avenue, the sidewalk narrows to less than

seven feet along South Union Avenue. "It is clearly not pedestrian friendly," Baer wrote. "The design does not provide ample footage for the anticipated foot traffic."

One way to increase sidewalk space along South Avenue, said Zoning Officer Judith Mazur-Brown, would be to eliminate a service alley between the Cranford Hotel and the Kushner building that will stand on the former "Round Bank" site. The township's Development Review Committee, on which Brown sits, feels the alley is unnecessary, she said, and its elimination would allow the developer to move the building away from the street.

Other questions of the DRC include the number and position of barrier-free parking spaces and the way that trash and recycling will be removed from apartments, Brown said.

The DRC, which includes Township Engineer Jeff Sias and Construction Official Richard Belluscio, also recommended the parking garage be set back five feet from the NJ Transit property line — it is currently on the line — and that more greenery be added to the site, Brown said.

When completed, Cranford Crossings will have 50 apartments, 22,000 square feet of retail space and a 310-space parking garage over two buildings at the site.

The project was approved by the Township Committee in last-minute December deal, following months of negotiation and vocal protests by some residents.

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Cranford squad prepares to bill for ambulance rides

By GREG MARX
THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — For nearly 50 years, the Cranford First Aid Squad has provided emergency medical treatment to residents free of charge. Pressured by budget constraints, the squad may decide soon to begin billing, but the change will focus on insurance companies rather than residents, squad officer Matt Nazzaro said this week.

The squad will likely begin

third-party billing of insurance carriers within a few months, Nazzaro said. But the charges will apply only to calls which require ambulance transport, and the squad will not aggressively pursue charges denied by carriers.

"It's not going to be billing people — it's billing insurance companies," Nazzaro said. "We were looking for something that would be beneficial to the squad and the township. Third-party billing may be our best option."

Should a bill be denied by a carrier or a person be uninsured, Nazzaro said, the squad will make an initial request to the resident, but "we won't be chasing down people who are unable to pay it."

The only other effect for residents should be whatever co-payment is required by the insurance company, Nazzaro said.

The change is necessary because the volunteer squad can no longer raise enough in donations to cover expenses, he said.

Faced with a volunteer shortage, the squad began hiring EMT professionals for daytime shifts several years ago. Operating expenses now approach \$250,000 annually, but last year residential donations totaled \$90,000, while business contributions numbered only \$6,000.

"Our fund drive just wasn't as successful last year because of Sept. 11," Nazzaro said.

The township provides the squad with free gasoline and \$10,000 annually, but does not

purchase equipment such as ambulances. The squad, which handles over 2,000 calls per year, is an autonomous agency and can make the change without township approval.

No charges have been set, but preliminary numbers are \$275 per call, with lower rates possible for Medicare and Medicaid members, Nazzaro said. The expected revenues should allow the squad to meet expenses, and any excess funds will be invested in training or capital programs such as new equipment or the eventual move to a new building, Nazzaro said.

He said the squad was initially "apprehensive" about the change. New Jersey is one of the last states in which free emergency medical services are offered, he said.

But "the policy of billing is becoming very popular. It's the only way for squads to survive," he said. "But we will always be there. That's our promise to the township."

Board, teachers are still talking

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — In an effort to try to break the contract stalemate, talks continued Wednesday night between the Board of Education and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Education Association in a second meeting with the state fact finder.

The fact finder has met once with each side to gather as much information as possible. It is hoped that he will "create a package we can live with," said teachers' union President Edward Leonard on Monday.

Board of Education President Donald Sheldon also wants closure. The first two meetings with the fact finder are mediation sessions that he expects will lead to a settlement.

The teachers' union planned to forgo their attendance at the regular meeting of the Board of Education on Thursday night. The also plan to circulate a brochure to parents presenting their case.

"We have not seen any movement," said Leonard of the teacher attendance at past meetings of the Board of Education, "Our requests have fallen on deaf ears. This is the first time negotiations have been held without any interruption of school. You would think that would help," said Leonard. "Our backs are against the rope. We have low morale and people are looking for other jobs."

Leonard said he feared that if a contract could not be agreed on that the board would impose a contract on the teachers.

"Ultimately if all steps in the negotiation process don't work, the board certainly does have a right to impose a contract," said Sheldon, who noted there were only a handful of cases where that has occurred. "Though that is not what we want to do and out of context to where the board is."

A stumbling block in the negotiation has been giving equal health benefits to new teachers and longer-tenured teachers. The board is pushing reductions in health benefits for starting teachers.

As to how far apart that leaves the two parties in actual dollars, Leonard said, "the board won't tell us, they don't give us any figures."



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Gift exchange

Leigh Esposito checks out a book at the Mothers & More book and gadget swap held recently at Hanson House in Cranford. The idea behind the swap was to trade holiday gifts for more desirable items.

Westfield students continue marking Black History month

WESTFIELD — Students in the Westfield Public Schools are reminded of the contributions of African-Americans and the challenges they have faced during the month of February, when Black History is celebrated.

Westfield High School hosted its 12th annual Black History Celebration and Dinner on Thursday in Cafeteria B. The theme was Major Eras of Change, which was portrayed through skits, music and poetry. In addition, former WHS graduates were honored, and through a partnership with a Newark high school, a choir sang.

Edison Intermediate School kicked off the first week of Black History Month with a guest appearance by Ramona Gray, the African-American woman who was in the first "Survivor" TV show. Her inspirational anecdotes were especially appropriate to the student body whose theme for Black History Month is "I'm A Survivor."

Edison students will also be treated to a performance by an African American dance group this month.

From 7-10 p.m. Friday night, Edison Intermediate School will present an evening program open to the public that will consist of youth choirs, poetry readings, creative dancing, skits and a special presentation of the "Legend of Sojourner Truth."

Westfield's elementary schools are also conducting special events and activities to commemorate Black History Month.

At Jefferson School, for example, students today will welcome Dan Gutman, author of both biographical and fictional accounts of Jackie Robinson. Some classes studied the positive effect that African-Americans had on the country through jazz. Other students watched and discussed a video on the younger years of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Wilson School third-grade students are scheduled to see a performance of the Freedom Train, a story about the Underground Railroad, at the Morristown Theatre. Also, first-grade students teamed up with their fourth-grade buddies to make paper bag displays of famous African-Americans.

A variety of artwork and projects commemorating Black History Month continues to be produced and studied by students throughout the Westfield Public School district.

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Town tax may rise 4% in Scotch Plains

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Township residents could be facing a 4 percent increase in the municipal portion of their property tax this year.

But it could have been worse. If all municipal departments received all that they asked for, the municipal tax hike would have been 8 percent higher.

Township officials cut budget requests by nearly \$750,000, but that still represents a 2.36 percent increase in municipal spending.

The total recommended appropriation for 2002 is \$18,045,552, an increase of \$417,426, over the 2001 appropriation of \$17,628,126.

At least 1 percent of the increase is due to the length of service pension perk offered to volunteer fireman and emergency medical technicians that was approved in a referendum last year.

The 4 percent municipal tax increase is contingent on the unlikely scenario of unchanged revenues. Township Manager Thomas Atkins, said that revenues have fallen because interest income on invested monies has fallen.

A total of \$743,037 in budget cuts was spread out among township departments: \$187,000 for four full-time firefighter/EMT positions; \$84,000 for two new police officers; \$75,000 in general operating expenses and new equipment; \$158,325 from the Parks and Recreation operating expenses

for general equipment and improvements; and \$80,712 for the Public Library for a new position and reduction in book requests.

Negotiations will also affect the budget. The township is in the final year of a four-year contract with the Scotch Plains Public Works/Recreation Association and the township is presently in collective bargaining with PBA Local 87.

Health insurance is still a "nightmare," Atkins said. A change to Oxford will save taxpayers a few hundred thousand dollars in 2002, but the township will still have to make a supplemental payment of \$211,000 to Bergen Medical Health Insurance Fund to be released from that contract.

The streets and roads budget will be financed in March or April through a capital ordinance. There will be a \$1 million to \$1.5 million road plan over the next five to six years.

There will be no pension contributions once again in 2002 to the overfunded Police and Fireman retirement system.

An emergency appropriation of \$62,000 is required to pay for auditing and legal work done last year due to the embezzlement by the former township treasurer. An appropriation for additional legal and auditing expenses will also have to be made this year.

House-to-house recycling and the residential spring cleanup program add about \$400,000 to the budget, but Atkins recommends that the programs be maintained.

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Commentary

Waking up from complacency

The chickens are coming home to roost and the cows are coming home — if there are any chickens or cows left in New Jersey.

The state's current (and probably future) fiscal crisis has revealed just how badly New Jersey has been mis-governed by both political parties over the past two decades. Much of the problem can be traced to the malignant dependence on property taxes to fund public education and other functions of local government.

How many of us remember that when the state income tax was introduced a quarter century ago we were promised lower property taxes because the state was going to pick up at least 40 percent of the tab?

For a variety of reasons, that promise was never fulfilled, even as the cost of providing public education escalated with higher teaching salaries and layers and layers of state mandates. But nobody cared because in the last two decades, with the exception of the deep recession around 1990, New Jersey enjoyed unprecedented prosperity. You could overlook the basic flaws in the financial management of the state because the money just continued to pile up. Officials at all levels of government, from the local municipal building to the Statehouse, became complacent. And the state, particularly during the Whitman administration, was able to use that money to plug the holes of inequity in the property tax system. Can anyone outside of Trenton explain how all the property tax rebates work?

But now the money has stopped coming into Trenton. And there are signs it's going to be an awfully slow recovery. Plus, as Gov. James E. McGreevey is discovering, the mess may be worse than anyone can imagine. His budget message last week called for austerity and pain; his next message should be about the need for reform.

McGreevey's task is to educate the public about why the state's fiscal policies — and perhaps even the way government is organized at all levels — needs a radical overhaul. McGreevey has to explain how the property tax system has led to sprawl overtaking the state's precious farmland.

He has to explain why the reliance on property taxes causes an endless pursuit of ratables that affects the quality of life and causes traffic jams on country roads where once the only disruption were cows crossing to their pasture.

He has to explain why it makes no sense to have more than 600 school districts in a state where there may be too many municipalities (566).

He has to explain why it is more important to change the property tax system than worry about the tolls on the Garden State Parkway.

McGreevey had no time to offer a comprehensive reform package; the timeline for the state budget gave the governor no other choice than to offer a patchwork of solutions that will only be good for the coming fiscal year.

But he has the time to start explaining to the people why basic changes are needed. That campaign may be McGreevey's toughest.

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Letters to the editor

Goose droppings are a nuisance

To The Chronicle:

I totally agree with Angela and Peter Lisciotto concerning the goose problem. It is impossible to spread a blanket in Nomahegan Park and it is even difficult at times to walk the paths in the park without stepping in goose dung. I walk past Sperry Park every day

on my way to the train station and constantly have to dodge goose droppings. Their numbers are expanding and every year they move farther up the hill. I am concerned and feel something should be done.

MARY J. WILFORD
Cranford

It's time to rethink flood control

To The Chronicle:

Well, it looks like Cranford is going to get the kind of flood control that it really wants. The present estimate has gone up to \$9.5 million and we don't quite have the drawings for the initial phases of the project down yet. In fact, the lawsuits haven't even started yet. It's an easy bet that we'll be at \$12 million before a single tractor breaks ground for Phase I. Following that will be the usual cost overruns and things that just weren't figured on when the planning was done (see Community Center/library). The state money is gone now and it won't be back. The county money is tenuous and could evaporate just as easily. I commend Commissioner Morin for having the courage to publicly suggest that the property owners who benefit from this project might consider taking on a disproportionate responsibility for the spiraling costs associated with it.

Naturally, the remark drew an immediate, collective gasp and a hush from an audience overwhelm-

ingly representative of people who got a deal on property located in an area of town that has been historically notorious for its tendency to flood. If the project must proceed (and it should not), there is merit to the idea that at least some (most) of the financing should be arranged through a neighborhood association-type plan or a "flood tax" on properties located within the target protection area. After all, this is a very expensive project for all of Cranford's taxpayers to enhance the real estate values of only a small fraction of Cranford's homeowners. This project is headed for certain disaster. The rest of Cranford better open their mouths or they'll be kicking themselves in the backside later. The brotherhood of civil engineers has made it clear that once this thing is under way it will be difficult to justify stopping in midstream. There are smarter, more practical and less expensive ways to deal with this problem. They just aren't being considered.

JAMES LODERSTEDT
Cranford

Allow the driveway construction

To The Chronicle:

The issue of 480 Washington Ave. being a three-family dwelling has been proven and agreed upon that, in fact, it has been a three-family unit all along.

Now an issue has been made of the driveway. The volunteer fire chief contends the driveway would prohibit fire trucks from safely entering and exiting the firehouse. But he fails to acknowledge the other two existing driveways in front of the firehouse.

The firehouse is going to be considerably larger. Therefore, the parking lot beside the firehouse will no longer exist. According to town ordinance 197-86, one parking space per 500 square footage of gross square footage of floor area is required. The firehouse doesn't comply with the town ordinance now. When construction is finished, they will no longer have adequate parking. Obviously they will be parking on the street. Does this mean they will park in the yellow zone? This most certainly will

be an unsafe environment for all.

The Puglieses' driveway provides a place for tenants to park off the street. How can this be unsafe? It will free up on-street parking for whoever needs it.

Just like the three-family status, the Puglieses were given permission to construct the driveway and the rescinding of that permission was followed by the volunteer fire chief's voicing his opposition.

The truth be told, the volunteer fire chief just has a problem with the Pugliese family having a driveway where he doesn't want it. There is no safety issue. He also doesn't like it that they have proven many, many times it is and always was a three-family. In this case, though, there aren't any ordinances to be followed. There is no town ordinance stating this driveway cannot be constructed where the Puglieses wish to construct it.

ELIZABETH DeSANTIS
Kenilworth

Generous gifts made holiday happy

To The Chronicle:

The Kenilworth Welfare Department would like to offer our sincere thanks to the people, agencies and corporations that gave so generously to the needy people in our community this holiday season. We were able to service over 30 families. This would not be possible without your loving support.

I also wish to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who helped with the Salvation Army kettle, especially the Kenilworth senior citizens. Without them we could not do this activity. Thank you to the A&P management who let us

stand at the store between Thanksgiving and Christmas to collect money and for those who gave. God bless all of you.

A special thanks to some Schering-Plough Corp. employees; Schering-Plough Corp.; Harding School PTO; St. Theresa's Social Concerns; Elks of Union; Rotary Club of Kenilworth; Salvation Army; American Legion Post 470, Kenilworth; American Legion Ladies Auxiliary; CKI, Union; A. Robbins Foundation; Dr. Klugman; Cybercorp.

PAULETTE DROGON
Director, Kenilworth Welfare Department

Good neighbors make a difference

To the Chronicle:

Many of us Cranford residents are blessed by God with good neighbors and former neighbors.

My former neighbors, Jim and Ethel Brady, have enriched my life with their kindness and knowledge.

I'm proud of the fact that the Brady family is Irish and Germanic, like I am, and that we share a

love of animals.

Ethel and Jim have provided me with good advice during times when I was insecure. I'm grateful to God to live in a wonderful town like Cranford, and to have good friends like the Bradys, who are intelligent, thoughtful people.

Martha McLoughlin,
Cranford

Jersey Boy

Mike Deak

There's no right to be eccentric

A quarter century ago, when I was a pimply nerd slithering through the halls of Somerville High School, my driver education teacher — the legendary Boomy Malekoff — guaranteed there would be one question on the New Jersey Driver's Exam and by golly, he was right. A driver's license, Mr. Malekoff said, was a *privilege*, not a right. You had to first earn that privilege by passing the written and driving tests and you kept that privilege by maintaining a good driving record. Mr. Malekoff had drummed it into our heads so well that it has never escaped me. It is perhaps the most useful bit of knowledge I learned in those four never-ending years.

That same philosophy should also apply to character quirks; in another time, they were called eccentricities. People do not have the right to be eccentric; they have to earn the privilege.

I'm losing my tolerance for people who believe it is their inalienable right to flaunt their character quirks and expect everyone else to accept them. I suspect this loss of patience is the first sign of creeping old fogeyism, but I'm getting tired of people who demand the rest of the world condone their behaviors and attitudes without question. This is why I shed no tears when the self-indulgent characters on *Seinfeld* went into video purgatory.

Not long ago, eccentrics kept their quirks to themselves. Strange behaviors were reserved for the home and restricted from public display. There were always a few people in every neighborhood and family who danced in their own private conga line, but they never sought to impose their oddities on anyone else. They were content to keep their peccadilloes private, whether it was playing Twister with goats or performing the flatulent version of "The Flight of the Bumblebee." No one cared as long as the kookiness remained respectfully private, nobody got hurt and property values didn't go down.

But times have changed. In a land of abundance where most of us don't have to struggle with the demands of everyday life, we have the luxury of self-indulgence. Because we don't have to worry about where the next meal is coming from, we are free to seek happiness in the ethereal fulfillment of the self's desires. It is the fault of the Baby Boomer generation who rebelled against The Establishment so we could do on our thing. (How grossly quaint those phrases now sound!) What started as a need for creative self-expression has mutated into the selfish expression of an encapsulated self. The prevailing attitude is: "That's the way I am and I'm not going to change. And I don't care whether you like it or not. Accept me for what I am."

Eccentrics now leave no room for compromise. That's still OK in private life, but now employers are expected to make concessions to their workers' character quirks that were unthinkable not so long ago. Managers have now become enablers of bizarre behavior; if you look around your workplace, I'm sure you can find examples.

It's fine to be eccentric, but don't expect me not to pass judgment if you subject me to your eccentricity. Your behavior can be either cute, endearing, tolerable, annoying or destructive. It would help, of course, if you earned the privilege to be eccentric; brilliant performance on the job usually leads to a certain tolerance of the odd. And just as bad motorists can expect their driving privileges to be revoked, so too can those overbearing eccentrics who want the world to change can expect less and less sympathy from their friends, neighbors and co-workers.

I do have a live-and-let-live attitude. If you want to be strange and difficult, that's all right, but don't impose that behavior on me. Perhaps that's the biggest reason why I now believe that dull is beautiful.

Couple sings praises about rewards of Contact work

SCOTCH PLAINS — Gene and Joanne Bloomwell are an ordinary couple with an extraordinary mission.

Married 42 years, the Middlesex County residents are both volunteers for Contact We Care, a 24-hour crisis intervention telephone helpline reaching out to New Jersey residents in need of help. The Bloomwells share a passion for life, and a passion for serving humanity. They are committed to giving back to the community, and express this by stepping out of their own comfort zone to bring hope, comfort and dignity to people struggling with difficult circumstances.

Joanne, a retired banking executive, was the first to join Contact. She became aware of Contact USA when they lived in Virginia. Shortly after the couple relocated to New Jersey in 1969, a guest speaker from Contact made a presentation at their church. Joanne immediately registered for the volunteer training program, and it wasn't long after that she became an active volunteer.

"The training is the best," she says. "It is intense, practical, and prepares you well to deal with all kinds of life situa-

What you can do
The next volunteer training class meets Thursdays through May 10, at temple Emanu-El in Westfield. For more information or to register for the class, call: (908) 490-1480.

tions." In addition to spending time on the hotline, Joanne also served as training director for five years. "I find the rewards to be intangible" she says. "The experience has broadened my outlook and makes me grateful for what I have."

Because of a hectic corporate schedule, Gene did not become a volunteer until after his retirement in 1993. Little did he know that his career as a management development trainer for a leading New Jersey pharmaceutical company would be ideal preparation for his role at Contact. "My first project was to revise the training manuals, as well as to provide input to the Recruitment Training Committee" Gene remembers.

In addition to working on the hotline, he is also a volunteer trainer and speaker.

The Bloomwells are among the more than 100 trained volunteers who staff the crisis hotline. These phone lines have become the lifeline for thousands of New Jersey residents who are victims of loneliness and despair. When vulnerable people need to talk — when they need to know someone is listening — Contact volunteers provide hope and a caring voice on the other end of the phone. "For us, this is more than a social service — it is a ministry to people in need. Our rationale for doing this is to carry out Jesus' mandate to 'Love Thy Neighbor,'" Gene said.

Not only do Contact volunteers answer calls, they also make daily outbound calls as part of Contact's Care Ring outreach program for homebound, socially isolated elderly, and disabled residents. In this free-of-charge program, highly trained volunteers make daily calls to check on the person's well-being and let them know that someone cares.

"Loneliness is the root cause of many of the more than 14,000 calls handled by

Contact volunteers, and Care Ring is a great way to address that problem head on. Our homebound clients express their appreciation regularly for the daily contact provided by the Care Ring Program," Gene said.

Contact volunteers are trained before staffing the phones. They receive more than 50 hours of professional training in active listening skills,

including 12 hours of internship before going solo on the crisis hotline. They learn how to listen non-judgmentally and emphatically as they interact with callers in need of comfort and reassurance. Once trained, volunteers must commit to two 4-hour shifts per month, and can select the schedule that best fits their needs. "What I like best is the flexibility of the schedules," Joanne said. "Even

with my other activities, it isn't difficult to donate eight hours of my time each month to help someone in need."

If you would like to become a Contact We Care volunteer, or know someone who is homebound and in need of the Care Ring service, please call (908) 490-1480.

CONTACT We Care serves Union, Middlesex, Somerset and Essex counties.

Church outreach encourages children to help other children

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Working with the children at the Ozanam Family Center in Edison has been an eye-opening experience for youth volunteers from St. Helen's Catholic Church. But mostly, it's just a lot of fun.

The volunteer work emphasizes helping others through community service and sharing the gifts volunteers have with those less advantaged.

Patti Gardner, the director of youth ministry, has been the driving force behind the program for the past four years. Every Tuesday afternoon over the course of the year, a van full of volunteers from grades 9-12 departs from the St. Helen's parking and heads over to Ozanam Family Center, located on Truman Drive in Edison.

The involvement of the volunteers with program varies from newcomers to veterans. On Tuesday there were seven volunteers from the church: Cathryn Brucia, Caitlin Stanley, Eileen Gessner, Megan O'Shea

and Ashley Alverness, Tess Griffin and Mike Krieger.

"I've been coming since the eighth grade," said Tess Griffin. "It's a lot of fun."

"I've been two times," said Megan O'Shea, who noted that school commitments had limited her volunteer opportunities.

The Ozanam Family Center is a shelter for about 90 people, of which about half are children.

"The focus of the volunteers is on the children," said Patti Gardner. "We're primarily there for the kids, from the babies to teenagers. They have real needs."

The volunteers' van full of school supplies, toys, and games is often greeted by the kids who can't wait for Tuesday afternoons.

"Parents at the center are often involved with their own problems," said Ozanam Supervisor Connie Karli. "So there's no enrichment for the kids."

"But Patti knows how to motivate and has done a phenomenal job with the volun-

teers," she continued. "We trust them with the kids, and that helps us turn to other areas."

Activities at the center include painting and crafts, reading, helping kids with homework, or using the computer room. The computer room is the jewel of the center and a vital resource for the residents.

With eight terminals and two young explorer stations for young kids, not only does the room provide an outlet for the children, it also gives parents a means of seeking work opportunities on the Internet.

The funds for the computer room, \$20,000, were raised by the youth volunteers through a Sleep Out for Homeless fundraiser. The volunteers also throw holiday parties for the kids at St. Helen's and organize summer trips to playgrounds, parks, the zoo, and the beach, as well as the movies and the Rain Forest Café at the Menlo Park Mall.

"Without the kids we couldn't do a lot of things, like overnights," said Karli. "They give extra us extra support."

4 suspects face drug charges in separate Cranford arrests

CRANFORD

Four individuals were arrested on drug possession charges in separate incidents since last weekend.

Emil Kuriata, 22, of Springfield, was charged Tuesday with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (believed to be marijuana) and possession of narcotic paraphernalia. Kuriata was stopped on Centennial Avenue at 12:35 a.m. because his vehicle had a taillight out. He was also charged with operating a vehicle with fictitious plates and operating an unregistered vehicle.

Jesse Graham Jr., 31, of Roselle was charged Monday with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (believed to be marijuana) and possession of narcotic paraphernalia. Graham was stopped on Raritan Road at 9:34 p.m. because his vehicle had a taillight out.

John Fiorenza, 40, of Clark was charged Saturday with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (believed to be marijuana) and possession of narcotic paraphernalia. Fiorenza was stopped at 7:04 p.m. at Centennial Avenue and Hayes Street because of a malfunctioning headlight. He was also charged with failure to maintain lamps.

And Jackie Johnson, 49, of Roselle was charged Friday with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (believed to be marijuana), possession of narcotic paraphernalia and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle. Johnson was stopped at 2:16 p.m. at Raritan Road and Coleman Avenue for a seatbelt inspection.

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Springfield resident Jeffvory Alexander was charged Feb. 10 with driving while intoxicated. Alexander was arrested on the Boulevard at Dorset Drive at 12:25 p.m. He was taken to police headquarters and released on his own recognizance five hours later.

An employee of a Lafayette Place business reported an attempted burglary at the company building. The suspected attempt took place the night of Feb. 8.

A Lee Terrace resident reported Feb. 11 less than \$200 had been stolen from her wallet during the previous night by a personal acquaintance.

Police are investigating an alleged cell phone fraud. A Belle Mead resident alleged Feb. 11 that a Kenilworth man had made more than \$1,000 worth of phone calls from his cell phone.

A Pembroke Drive woman reported Feb. 11 her Wal-Mart card had been fraudulently used in two different Georgia stores to make purchases totaling over \$1,500.

Subsequent investigation revealed the borough woman is one of many victims targeted by an ongoing Miami-based scam. The information was turned over to the Secret Service, which is conducting the investigation.

Police Log

A North 21st Street resident reported Feb. 12 a BB pellet had been shot through the front window of his house during the previous night.

A North 15th Street resident reported Feb. 12 his bicycle has been stolen the previous day.

Several individuals were charged with motor vehicle offenses.

Union resident Herman Kennon was charged Feb. 11 with operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Kennon was stopped at 11:08 a.m. on the entrance ramp to the Garden State Parkway.

And Jose Hernandez of Elizabeth was charged Feb. 14 with driving with a suspended license. Hernandez was stopped at 2:46 p.m. at 1700 Galloping Hill Road, and was issued a summons and released. **KENILWORTH**

James Aikens of Irvington was charged Monday with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (believed to be marijuana), credit card theft, and providing false information.

Aikens was stopped on the Boulevard at South 31st Street at 11:24 a.m. He was found to have fraudulent credit cards, and a driver's license with the same personal information as the cards.

He was also charged with driving with a suspended license, operating an unregistered vehicle, and operating an uninsured vehicle.

Aikens was taken to the Union County Jail that evening in lieu of \$5,000 bail.

Two Elizabeth residents were arrested Saturday on shoplifting charges.

William Stanley and Kimberly Anderson were charged with shoplifting after they were arrested in the parking lot of the Boulevard A&P at 10:57 a.m.

Stanley was subsequently charged with possession of narcotic paraphernalia.

Both suspects were taken to the Union County Jail that afternoon.

Cranford resident Adina Fruchtmann was charged Feb. 14 with disorderly behavior after police responded to a complaint at the Dunkin' Donuts at 534 Boulevard.

Fruchtmann was released on her own recognizance that afternoon.

A Newark man reported Saturday the passenger sideview mirror on his car had been stolen while the car was at a local impound lot.

A North 20th Street resident reported Saturday a suspect had entered his garage and stolen a bicycle belonging to his father. The bicycle was valued at more than \$200.

Dwayne Sharpe of Roselle Park was charged Sunday with driving with a suspended license. Sharpe was stopped on the Boulevard at 8:55 p.m. and taken to headquarters on outstanding Elizabeth motor vehicle warrants totaling \$2,274. Sharpe was released on bail that night.

And John Holder of Bradley Beach was charged Feb. 14 with driving with a suspended license. Holder was stopped at 11:39 p.m. on the Garden State Parkway entrance ramp. He was later taken to Neptune on an outstanding criminal warrant.

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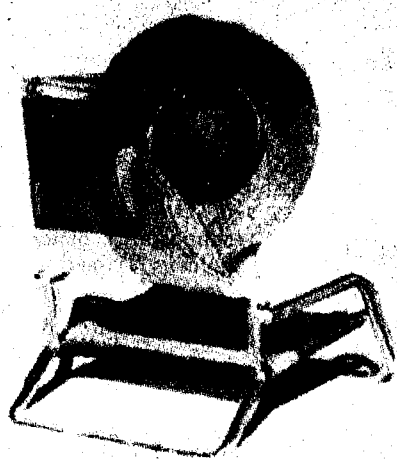
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Community Life

Briefs

Best Friend shop holding clearance

GARWOOD — The Best Friend Second Chance Shop is holding a clearance sale — because it's moving out at the end of the month.

The thrift shop at 109 Center St. has all its merchandise on sale at 25-75 percent off through Thursday, Feb. 28. Sale hours are 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Donations will be accepted after Friday, March 1 in the thrift shop's new location at 1750 E. Second St., Scotch Plains. Needed especially are collectibles, antiques, jewelry, small furniture, china, silver and unused gifts, plus new clothes with the tags still on.

In addition, a "Craft Corner" will be set up in the Scotch Plains location. Craftsmen and craftswomen can donate their original goods for sale and receive special recognition.

For more information, phone (908) 233-9041 or (732) 388-8930. Thrift shop proceeds benefit homeless, rescued pets awaiting adoption.

Day of Prayer service next Friday

CRANFORD — Church Women United of Cranford hold their annual World Day of Prayer 10 a.m. Friday, March 1 at First Baptist Church, 100 High St.

This year's service is prepared by Church Women United of Romania. A social hour at 9:30 a.m. precedes the service.

For more information, phone Ursula Vogel at (908) 276-9440. The public is invited.

Democrats seeking potential candidates

CRANFORD — The Democratic Municipal Committee has begun a search for potential Township Committee candidates.

All registered Democrats are eligible for the screening process. If you are a registered Democrat and wish to be considered, phone municipal Democratic Chairman Carolyn Vollero at (908) 276-4542.

Lenten service at 4 p.m. Sunday

CRANFORD — An "Evening Prayer Service" 4 p.m. Sunday marks the second Sunday of Lent at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, 40 Alden St.

Music is by the parish's Adult Choir and Youth Choir under the direction of Stephen Powers. Vocal works include the 23rd Psalm, arranged by John Rutter; "O for a Closer Walk," based on a Scottish psalter by Charles Stanford; and "Let Us Love in Deed and Truth," adapted by Larry King from 1 John.

A vocal recital with members of the Adult Choir follows the service. Melissa Wilkison, soprano, and David Wallach, tenor, will sing excerpts from "Messiah" by George Frederic Handel and "Requiem" by Gabriel Faure. Ginger Burd and Barbara Krause, soprano, will sing "Pie Jesu" from "Requiem" by Andrew Lloyd Webber. Krause also will sing "Domine Deus" from "Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi.

Admission is free to members of all faiths. For more information, phone Powers at (908) 276-0360. New singers are welcome to join the Adult Choir, especially basses.

K of C planning communion breakfast

GARWOOD — Monsignor John M. Walsh Council 5437, Knights of Columbus, holds its annual communion Mass and breakfast on Sunday, March 10.

The breakfast is in the Knights' hall on South Avenue and follows the 8 a.m. Mass at St. Anne's Church on Second Avenue. Rev. Thomas Arminio, pastor of St. Anne's Church, is the guest speaker.

Cost is \$8 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12. For tickets, phone (908) 789-9809 after 4 p.m. No tickets will be sold at the door.

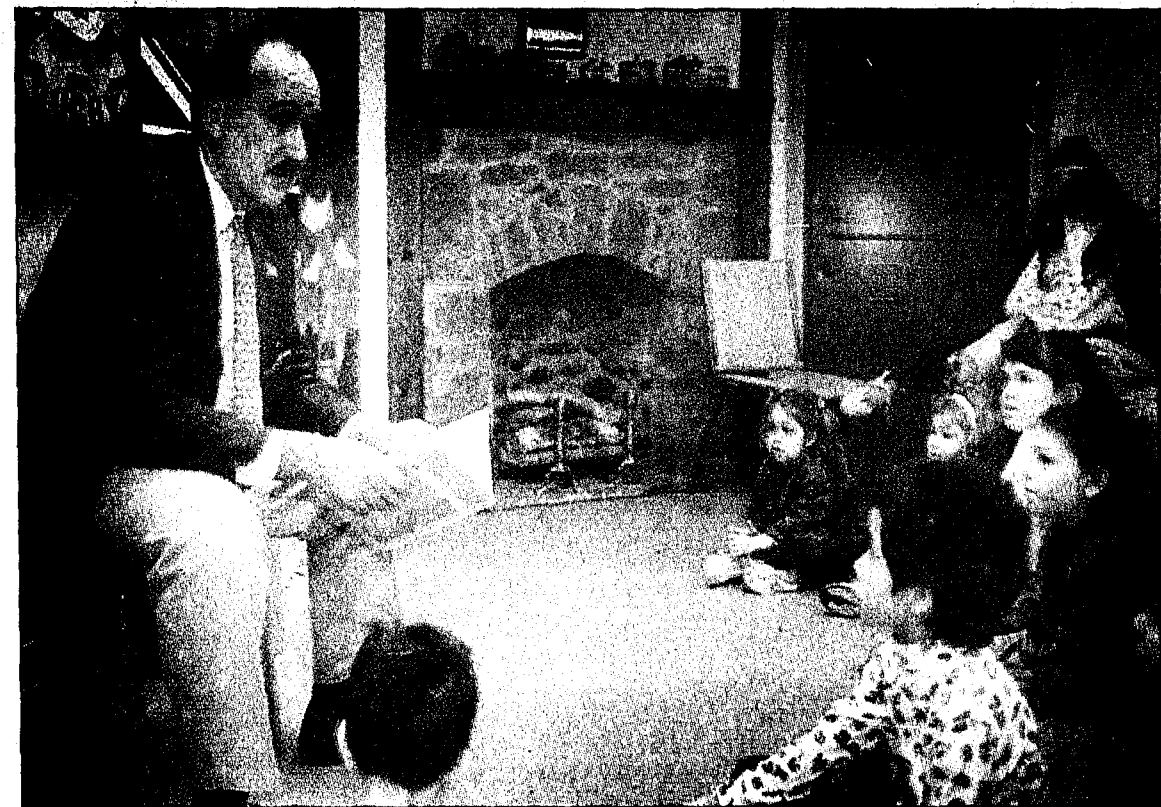


Read all about it

GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Above, Assistant Librarian Naomi Desiderio and Director Carol Lombardo show off the stocked new shelves at the Garwood Library during an open house Saturday. The library had been closed for renovations and the installation of new shelves. To the right, the latest releases have a place of their own in the newly renovated Garwood Public Library.



Chief doesn't cop out



Kenilworth Police Chief William Dowd reads to children during story hour Saturday at the public library

Borough takes on the NFL

By GREG MARX
THE CHRONICLE

KENILWORTH — Stephen Baker was known as the "Touchdown Maker" when he played wide receiver for the 1990 Super Bowl champion New York Giants. This week, borough residents hope he and other current and former NFL players can score a touchdown for David Brearley High School's Project Graduation and the Municipal Drug Alliance.

Baker and his former Giants teammate Lee Rouson are two of several NFL players who will suit up at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Brearley gym for the borough's first Benefit Basketball Game. The football players will face a host of Kenilworth all-star teams, including the David Brearley High School Student All-Stars, the St. Theresa's "Ain't Gotta Prayer" All-Stars, and teams from the police, fire, and rescue squads and the David Brearley faculty.

"The inaugural basketball game will be a definite benefit to our community," said Mayor Michael Tripodi. "And more importantly, it conveys an anti-drug and alcohol message to our children."

The NFL players were also scheduled to visit local schools this week to speak to students about building self-esteem and the importance of staying away from drugs, Tripodi said.

Proceeds from ticket sales will be shared between Project Graduation and a charity chosen by the football players, Tripodi said.

The night, co-sponsored by the Kenilworth Knights of Columbus and St. Theresa's Home School Association, will also feature many other activities, including door prizes, a 50-50 raffle, and a \$10,000 half-court shot contest. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

And the Municipal Drug Alliance is sponsoring a sports memorabilia silent auction, featuring items autographed by members of the New Jersey Nets, New York Jets, New Jersey Devils, Philadelphia Eagles, Philadelphia Flyers and Baltimore Ravens.

Several collectibles from the Topps Trading Card Company, including an autographed Jerry Rice Football Card, will also be on the auction block.

Advance tickets are \$6 for students and senior citizens and \$8 for adults. They may be purchased at Penny Lane on North 20th Street, and PerQup on the Boulevard and the Harding, David Brearley, and St. Theresa's schools.

Tickets will also be available at the door for \$8 students and seniors and \$10 adults.

For more information, call Denise Cantaloupo at (908) 245-8151 or Madonna Bogus at (908) 931-0295.

The NFL team roster is tentative and subject to change.



A taste of diversity

GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Above, the Cranford Jazz Band provides the music at the achievement program at Lincoln School's multicultural day Feb. 14. To the left, students participating in the Cranford Achievement Program at Lincoln School are able to sample a large selection of ethnic food at their Multicultural Day festivities on Feb. 14.

Joseph E. McMahon; school board president.

CRANFORD — Joseph E. McMahon, 73, died Feb. 13 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. A Mass was held at St. Helen's Parish in Westfield Tuesday.

Surviving are his wife, Irene Hartman McMahon; a son, Joseph of Cranford; three daughters, Karen DiGiovanni and Kathleen, both of Cranford, and Suzanne of Washington, D.C.; two sisters, Janet Jablon of Linden and Ann Queenan of Bayonne; and nine grandchildren, Ryan, Daniel, Connor, Tyler and Kelly McMahon, and Matthew, Ana, Thomas and Grace DiGiovanni.

Mr. McMahon graduated from St. Peter's Prep and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from St. Peter's College in 1950. He was active in the alumni associ-

ations of both schools.

Mr. McMahon was a first lieutenant in the Army during the Korean War. He later worked for Prudential Insurance Company for 37 years before retiring in 1990 as group claims director.

He was a past-president of the Garwood Board of Education and a member of the Garwood Knights of Columbus and the Cursillo Reunion Group at St. Helen's Church. He was also an active member of the St. Helen's Community in Westfield for over 20 years.

Mr. McMahon was born and raised in Bayonne and lived in Garwood before moving to Cranford in 1974. Contributions in his memory may be sent to St. Peter's Prep, 144 Grand St., Jersey City, NJ 07302.

Paul C. Ten Eyck

KENILWORTH — Paul C. Ten Eyck, 78, died Feb. 12, 2002 at the East Orange campus of the Veterans Affairs New Jersey Healthcare System. He retired in 1986 after 10 years as the manager of a Hostess thrift store in Roselle.

Mr. Ten Eyck was born in Elizabeth and had lived in Kenilworth since 1962. He was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon and two Bronze Stars for his Army service in Italy during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Bridget F. Philippi Ten Eyck; four sons, Paul M., Ramon P., Frank M. and James W.; a brother, Franklyn; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at Mastapeter Funeral Home, Roselle Park, followed by a Mass at St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Graceland Memorial Park.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Veterans Affairs hospital in East Orange.

Anne Lee Calhoun

CRANFORD — Anne M. Lee Calhoun, 80, died Feb. 15, 2002 at Morristown Memorial Hospital. She worked part-time for the past 18 years as a library technician with New Jersey SHARE in Scotch Plains.

She was born in Brooklyn and had lived in Cranford since 1969.

Mrs. Calhoun was a bridge player and from 1972-83 a teacher at St. Michael's School. She earned a degree in business in 1942 from St. Joseph's College in Brooklyn.

She was a member of the

Nomahegan Swim Club in Westfield.

Her husband, Walter R., died in 1988.

Surviving are two sons, Peter and Paul; two daughters, Joan Miller and Barbara; a brother, Thomas F. Lee Jr.; and four grandchildren.

Mass was offered Tuesday at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield, with arrangements by Dooley Funeral Home.

Donations may be sent to the American Heart Association or Deborah Hospital Foundation.

Kenneth Van Blarcom

CRANFORD — Kenneth A. Van Blarcom, 51, died Feb. 15, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. He retired in 1998 after 18 years as a fireman with the Westfield Fire Department.

A native of Rahway, he lived in Westfield before moving to Cranford in 1997.

Mr. Van Blarcom earlier was a licensed respiratory therapist on the staffs of Overlook Hospital, JFK Medical Center in Edison and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. He received an associate's degree from Union

County College.

He was a member of Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association Local 30 in Westfield.

Surviving are his wife, Kathleen B. Walsh Van Blarcom; two brothers, Donald Kliesch of Westfield and James G. of Middlesex; two sisters, Joan Powell of Garwood and Kathy Ann Martinetti of Oxford; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held Tuesday at Gray Funeral Home in Westfield. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

Obituaries

Margaret Hartie

KENILWORTH — Margaret E. Baer Hartie, 82, died Feb. 11, 2002 at Old Bridge Manor. A native of Newark, she lived in Union before moving to Kenilworth in 1949.

Mrs. Hartie was a bingo worker for Thursday afternoon bingo games at St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church.

Deceased are her husband,

William; two brothers, Johna Baer and Frank Baer; and a sister, Doris Dimmick.

Surviving are a sister, Rose Marie Hnatuk; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Saturday at McCracken Funeral Home, Union, followed by a Mass at St. Theresa's Church. Burial was in Hollywood Memorial Park, Union.

June Hoffman

CRANFORD — June Bennett Hoffman, 91, died Feb. 16, 2002 at her home in Lakewood. She retired in 1975 after 25 years as a secretary at the former Murray Hill offices of Allstate Insurance Co.

Mrs. Hoffman was born in Newark. She lived in Garwood, Union and Cranford before moving

to Lakewood in 1993.

Services were held yesterday at Higgins & Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home in Westfield. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

Donations may be sent to June Hoffman Foundation, P.O. Box 2535, Westfield, NJ 07091.

Benjamin Rastelli Jr.

KENILWORTH — Benjamin Rastelli Jr., 73, died Feb. 15, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. He had been a welder for 28 years with the former Hyatt Bearing Division of General Motors Corp. in Clark.

He was born in Brooklyn and lived in Roselle Park before moving to Kenilworth in 1930.

Mr. Rastelli was a custodian at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights after Hyatt Bearing closed. He also worked at Galloping Hill Golf Course in

Union.

He served in the Army during World War II and the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife, Marion Bezdziecki Rastelli; a son, Gary; a daughter, Debi Thielling; a sister, Anna Schroeder; and four grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday at Mastapeter Funeral Home, Roselle Park, followed by a Mass at St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Graceland Memorial Park.

Florence Segebade

CRANFORD — Florence E. Segebade, 88, died Feb. 14, 2002 at Genesis ElderCare-Lacey Center in Forked River. A native of Irvington, she lived in Cranford before moving to Forked River more than two years ago.

Her husband, George, is deceased.

Mrs. Segebade is survived by two sons, Bernard R. and

George L.; a daughter, Melda Schwalbach; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held Tuesday at Gray Memorial Funeral Home. Burial was in Graceland Memorial Park, Kenilworth.

Memorial donations may be made to Cure Autism Now Foundation, 5455 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036.

Philip L. Bloom

CRANFORD — Philip L. Bloom, 87, died Feb. 18, 2002 at his home. He had been a bookkeeper with a number of New Jersey companies prior to his 1977 retirement.

A native of Holborn, England, Mr. Bloom came to the United States at age 3 and lived in Newark before moving to Cranford in 1956. He was a member of the Cranford Senior Citizens Monday Club and a

parishioner of St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church in Garwood.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Florence Kane Bloom; a daughter, Lois Skubish of Westfield; and three grandchildren.

Mass will be offered at 9:30 this morning at St. Anne's Church, 325 Second Ave., Garwood. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield. Arrangements are by Dooley Funeral Home.

Edward Nowakowski

CRANFORD — Edward J. Nowakowski, 78, died Feb. 16, 2002 at Union Hospital. He retired in 1982 after 24 years as a dispatcher at the Newark plant of the Sherwin-Williams Co.

A native of Newark, Mr. Nowakowski served in the Army during World War II and had lived in Cranford since 1962.

Surviving are his wife, Stella Tavaska Nowakowski; two

daughters, Helen Paul and Jane Capuan; a sister, Nellie Binkowski; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be 8:45 this morning at Mastapeter Funeral Home, 400 Faltoute Ave., Roselle Park. Mass will follow at 10 a.m. at St. Casimir's Roman Catholic Church in Newark. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington.

John R. Montag

CRANFORD — John Richard Montag, 85, died Feb. 16, 2002 at Francis E. Parker Memorial Home in Piscataway. He retired in 1982 after 22 years as a machinist with the former Hyatt Bearing Division of General Motors Corp. in Clark.

He was born in Roselle and lived in Cranford before moving to Westfield in 1960.

Mr. Montag was in charge of medical supplies in British Columbia, Canada, while serving in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of the Westfield Historical Society and the American Association of Retired Persons

chapter in Westfield.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Elizabeth Wegelin Montag; a son, Richard Christopher Montag; two daughters, Marianne Stanley and Nancy; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church on Springfield Avenue.

Arrangements are by Gray Funeral Home in Westfield. Memorial donations may be sent to Alzheimer's Association, Greater Northeast Chapter, 400 Morris Ave., Suite 251, Denville, NJ 07834-1365.

Betty Hanson Murray; artist and draftsman

CRANFORD — Betty Hanson Murray, 86, an artist and draftsman who won many awards for her Impressionist paintings, died Friday at her home in Chatham.

She studied at the New York School of Fine Arts and from 1978-94 was chairman of the Chatham Community Art Show. Mrs. Murray was a member of the Drew Art Association in Madison, the Millburn-Short Hills Art Association, the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit, the Women's Club of Chatham and the New York Ski Club.

As a draftsman Mrs. Murray contributed designs for munitions used by the U.S. military in World War II and guided missiles in the 1960s. She worked for Public Service Electric & Gas Co. in Newark, the Picatinny

Arsenal in Rockaway Township and Allied Chemical Co. in Morristown. She retired in 1964 as a drafting supervisor with Boland & Boyce in Madison.

Mrs. Murray was born in Newark. She lived in Millburn, Cranford, Irvington and Pine Brook before moving to Chatham in 1960.

Surviving are her husband, George R.; a sister, Francis Wyglendowski of Palm Desert, Calif.; a brother, Marcus Hanson of Lyons; and eight nieces and nephews.

Visitation is 2-5 p.m. tomorrow at the Wm. A. Bradley & Son Funeral Home, 345 Main St., Chatham, where a memorial service will follow 5 p.m.

Memorial donations may be sent to Chatham Emergency Squad, Passaic Avenue, Chatham, NJ 07928.

Annette O'Malley

KENILWORTH — Annette L. Kellerman O'Malley, 82, died Feb. 18, 2002 at Union Hospital. She had been a bookkeeper with the Consolidated Fence Co. of Kenilworth prior to her retirement.

Mrs. O'Malley was born in Scranton, Pa., and lived in Newark before moving to Kenilworth in 1960. She was a member of Court St. Theresa, Catholic Daughters of the Americas; the Kenilworth Senior Citizens Club; the AARP; the Ladies Auxiliary to Elks Lodge

1583, in Union; and the Altar Rosary Society at St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church.

Her husband, Thomas P., and a son, Thomas M., are deceased.

Surviving is a son, William.

Services will be 9 a.m. tomorrow at Mastapeter Funeral Home, 400 Faltoute Ave., Roselle Park. Mass will follow at 10 a.m. at St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church, 541 Washington Ave. Burial will be in Graceland Memorial Park.

Visitation is 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Rufus Chapman

CRANFORD — Rufus "Jack" Chapman, 76, died Feb. 16, 2002 at Union Hospital. He retired in 1990 after 26 years as a bus driver with the Drogen Bus Co. of Bayonne.

A native of Twiggs County, Ga., Mr. Chapman lived in Jersey City and Bayonne before moving to Cranford in 1972. He was a past-president of a union local in Bayonne.

Surviving are his wife, Cornelia; a son, Christopher; a daughter, Laura; a sister, Nancy Hughes; and three grandchildren.

Visitation is 7-9 p.m. tonight at Friendship Baptist Church, 22-24 W. 20th St., Bayonne, where services will be at noon tomorrow. Burial will be in Hollywood Memorial Park, Union.

Arrangements are by G.G. Woody Funeral Home in Roselle.

Philomena Facchini

CRANFORD — Philomena M. Vernaci Facchini, 68, died Feb. 18, 2002 at her home. A native of Brooklyn, she lived in Hoboken and Union City before moving to Cranford in 1986.

Mrs. Facchini was a homemaker and a parishioner of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church.

Surviving are her husband of 41 years, Mauro; a daughter, Catherine Meyers of Cranford; a son, Vincent of Clark; and three

sisters, Antoinette DeFilippis, Rosalie Vernaci and Ema Kelley.

Visitation is 8:30 this morning at Dooley Funeral Home, 215 North Ave. West. Mass will be offered at 9:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Church on Alden Street. Entombment will be in the Holy Cross Chapel Mausoleum, North Arlington.

Memorial donations may be sent to Center for Hope Hospice, 176 Husa St., Linden, NJ 07036.

Briefs

Library offering a taste of joe

KENILWORTH — The Kenilworth Public Library is serving some "Java Jive" 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28 with Lesley Dimor, owner of the Per Q Up coffee bar on the Boulevard.

She will conduct a "cupping" ceremony much similar to a wine tasting. According to Dimor, the "cupping" technique allows people to appreciate coffee in much the same way a wine connoisseur would sample wine.

Dimor graduated from the Culinary Institute of America and was a restaurant chef in the Southeast before opening Per Q Up two years ago.

Admission is free. Seating is limited and registration is required; phone (908) 276-2451 or visit the library at 548 Boulevard.

'Labyrinth Walk' slated March 3

CRANFORD — The First Presbyterian Church on Springfield Avenue is sponsor-

ing a "Labyrinth Walk" 1 p.m. Sunday, March 3.

The 11-ring pattern is painted on a canvas and based on a labyrinth that appeared in a 13th century cathedral in Chartres. In those days "walking the labyrinth" symbolized a pilgrimage to Jerusalem for those who could not go on such a trip.

For more information, phone (908) 276-8440. The public is invited.

Lawmakers plan office open house

Legislators from the 21st District are holding an open house 2-4 p.m. Sunday to open their new district office to the public at 203 Elm St., Westfield.

Sen. Richard Bagger, Assemblymen Thomas Kean Jr. and Eric Munoz represent the 21st District, which includes Cranford and Garwood. All three legislators and their staffs are scheduled to attend.

Bagger and Kean will be based out of the Westfield office while Munoz will have his main office in Summit.

For more information, phone (908) 232-3673. Refreshments will be served.

Village group holds its party

CRANFORD — The GFWC Village Improvement Association held its valentine party at The Westwood in Garwood with President Marge Bowman officiating.

Cranford High School senior Lindsay Della Serra spoke about what she did at the Girls' Citizenship Institute, held at Douglass College of Rutgers University in New Brunswick. Dolores Clarke sang with piano accompaniment by Mark Italiano.

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Thursday Club

The Cranford Senior Citizens Thursday Club meets 1 p.m. at the Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. Activities:

Feb. 21 — Trivia game.

Feb. 28 — Dennis Lysaght.

Trips sponsored by the Thursday Club:

Tuesday, Feb. 26 — Atlantic City (Caesars). Phone (908) 276-8593.

April 26-May 5 — New Orleans and Biloxi, Miss. Cost is \$1,197 per person, double occupancy. For full details, phone (908) 272-5375.

Members celebrating birthdays are Betty Butler, Ann Fairchild, Marian Clay, Mary Zavila, Rosalie Bagenski, Fran Baker, Mary Occi, Eileen Smith, Arleen Walsh and Marge Daly.

Celebrating an anniversary are Nancy and Bill Babos, 59 years.

Friday Club

Trips sponsored by the Cranford Senior Citizens Friday Club:

Wednesday, March 13 and April 10 — Atlantic City. Cost is \$15. The bus leaves the Centennial Avenue pool at noon.

Friday, March 15 — St. Patrick's Day festival at Woodloch Pines. Cost of \$46 includes a buffet luncheon and show. The bus leaves the Centennial Avenue pool 9 a.m. and returns 6:30 p.m.

May 20-24 — Virginia Beach, Norfolk and Williamsburg, Va.

For reservations, phone (908) 276-2849.

Monday Club

The Cranford Senior Citizens Monday Club will have a social Feb. 25.

Officers for 2002 are Barbara Pawlick, president; Alice Mueller, first vice president; Leonora West, second vice pres-

ident; Mary Soehnlein, secretary; Mary Sicko, treasurer; Helen Augustine, financial secretary; Ronnie Thompson, trustee, 3 years; Margaret Coates, trustee, 2 years; and Rita Eilbacher, trustee, 1 year.

Wednesday Club

The Cranford Senior Citizens Wednesday Club is sponsoring Atlantic City trips Monday, March 11 and April 8 to the Showboat. Cost is \$15; you will receive \$13 in coin. The bus leaves Meeker Avenue 11 a.m. For reservations, phone Grace Vondrak at (908) 497-0349. Outsiders are welcome on trips.

Seniors Fellowship

The fellowship holds its regular monthly meeting 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21 at the Grace & Peace Fellowship Church, 950 Raritan Road. Guest speaker is Rev. Dean Gavarais, executive director of Gateway Pregnancy Centers in Elizabeth and Irvington. The public is invited.

Membership is open to all over age 55. Meetings conclude by 3 p.m. For more information, visit www.graceandpeace.net or

phone (908) 276-8740.

AARP Chapter 4269

The chapter meets 9:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22 at Lincoln Avenue School in Cranford. Rev. Elijah Holmes is the guest speaker with a Black History Month program.

Trips sponsored by the AARP chapter:

Wednesday, Feb. 27 — Atlantic City (Showboat). Cost is \$14; you will receive \$15 in coin. The bus leaves the Centennial Avenue pool 8:45 a.m. Phone Michael Doncrank at (908) 486-6679. Other Atlantic City trips are scheduled March 27, April 24 and May 22.

May 3 — Carnevale at Platzl Brauhaus in Pomona, N.Y. Cost of \$54 includes dinner and show. Phone Mike Finnigan at (908) 276-0814.

June 4 — "Yankee Doodle Dandies" at The Tides. Cost of \$54 includes lunch and show. Phone Michael Doncrank at (908) 486-6679.

June 12 — Foxwoods casino. Cost is \$25; you will receive a \$10 voucher. The bus leaves the Centennial Avenue pool 8:30 a.m. Phone Michael Doncrank at (908) 486-6679.



Natasha Frazier and Cranford High School graduate James Holland plan to marry in November.

Frazier-Holland nuptials planned for this November

James Holland of Rahway announces his engagement to Natasha Frazier of Norristown, Pa.

James Holland is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Holland of Fredricksburg, Va. Natasha Frazier is the daughter of former heavyweight champion "Smokin Joe Frazier" and Ms. Florence Smith Frazier of Philadelphia.

The future bride is a graduate

of Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School. She is employed as an administrative associate with Joe Frazier's Gym of Philadelphia.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Cranford High School, class of 1989. He is employed with Prudential Mutual Funds, Woodbridge, as an administrative associate.

The couple are to be married in November of this year.

Women's Club has busy February

CRANFORD — "Who Gets Grandma's Treasures" was the question Dr. Karen Ensle answered at the Feb. 6 business meeting of the GFWC Wednesday Morning Club. The meeting took place at 10 a.m. at the Cranford Community Center on Walnut Avenue.

Dr. Ensle is a family and consumer sciences educator and County Extension department head of Union County.

Department Meetings: Members of the Music/Drama Department met at the Cranford Dramatic Club building on Winans Avenue Feb. 7 to see the final dress

rehearsal of "I Hate Hamlet."

Dot Baldwin and Dot Woglum of the Public Affairs Department continued to lead the discussion of the problems that exist among American Indians when members met at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the home of Fran Huckel.

Arlene Walsh hosted members of the Literature Department.

"Early Valentines" was the topic that Edith Coogan and Charlotte Swinton addressed when the Antiques Department met at 1 p.m. Monday in the Hanson House.

Women interested in joining the Wednesday Morning Club can call Barbara Hammerl at 272-4867.

This week

FRIDAY

FEB. 22

"I HATE HAMLET" — winter show of Cranford Dramatic Club, 78 Winans Ave., Cranford, 8 p.m. Feb. 22, 23. \$15. Tickets: (908) 276-7611.

SATURDAY

FEB. 23

ALL-STAR HOOPS — Kenilworth All-Stars vs. NFL players. David Brearley Middle-High School, 401 Monroe Ave., Kenilworth, 7 p.m. Adults \$8/advance, \$10/door; students, seniors \$6/advance, \$8/door. (908) 245-8151 or (908) 931-0295.

SUNDAY

FEB. 24

PURIM CARNIVAL — marking Jewish holiday. Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim, 338 Walnut Ave., Cranford, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (908) 276-9231.

AUDITIONS — for spring musical "South Pacific." Cranford Dramatic Club, 78 Winans Ave., Cranford; children 2 p.m., adults 7 p.m. (908) 276-7611.

OPEN HOUSE — for 21st District legislators (Cranford, Garwood). District office, 203 Elm St., Westfield, 2-4 p.m. (908) 232-3673.

EVENING PRAYER — service in song for Lent. St. Michael's Church, 40 Alden St., Cranford, 4 p.m. (908) 276-0360.

SPAGHETTI DINNER — annual event for Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 335. VFW hall, 479 South Ave. East, Cranford, 4-7 p.m. Adults \$8; 5-under \$4. Tickets: (908) 232-5351.

MONDAY

FEB. 25

MEGILLAH — annual reading marking Jewish holiday of Purim. Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim, 338 Walnut Ave., Cranford, 6:15 p.m. (908) 276-9231.

COMPETITION — of Cranford-Millburn Camera Club. George Bauer Community Center, Taylor Park, Millburn, 7:30 p.m. Requirements: (908) 272-1434.

TUESDAY

FEB. 26

PURIM DINNER — at Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim, 338 Walnut Ave., Cranford, 5:15 p.m. Families \$36; adults \$18; over 5 \$8. Reservations: (908) 276-9231.

Floraphile Club hears about orchids

CRANFORD — The Floraphile Garden Club held a dessert and business meeting Monday at the home of Peg Campbell.

Miriam Moody presented a video on "The Mystery of Orchids." President Betty Duckworth presided over the meeting with Betty Hicks as co-hostess.

'GUYS AND DOLLS' — winter musical of Orange Avenue School, Cranford, 8 p.m. March 1, 2; 5 p.m. March 3. \$5. Tickets: (908) 709-6257.

SUNDAY

MARCH 3

LABYRINTH — religious-themed walk. First Presbyterian Church, 11 Springfield Ave., Cranford, 1 p.m. March 3, April 14, May 5, June 2. (908) 276-8440.

COMING UP

SAFE BOATING — course at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, 6-9 p.m. March 5, 6. Registration: (908) 709-7601.

JAZZ BAND — from David Brearley High School. Kenilworth Public Library, 548 Boulevard, Kenilworth, 7 p.m. March 8. Free. (908) 276-2451.

'AMERICAN MARKET-PLACE' — fundraiser for 9/11

families. Cranford High School, 201 West End Place, Cranford, 2-5 p.m. March 10. (908) 709-6278.

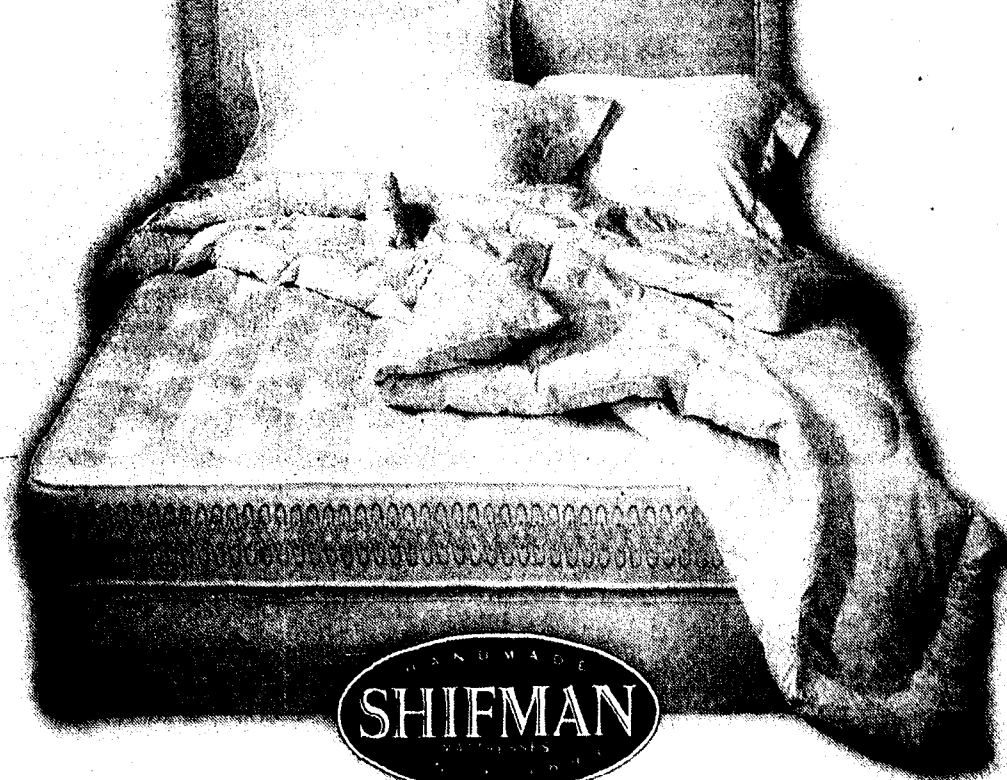
COMMUNION MASS — and breakfast for Knights of Columbus Council 5437. Mass at St. Anne's Church, 325 Second Ave., Garwood, 8 a.m. March 10; breakfast follows at council hall, 37 South Ave., Garwood. Breakfast \$8/adults, \$3.50/under 12. Tickets: (908) 789-9809.

'LADIES NIGHT OUT' — benefit for Project Home (Cranford). Costa's Ristorante, 120 Chestnut St., Roselle Park, 7-10 p.m. March 12. \$30. Tickets: (908) 276-3530.

ONE-MAN SHOW — "Kiddush: The Ultimate Battlefield" by Marc Weiner. Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim, 338 Walnut Ave., Cranford, 8 p.m. March 16. Adults \$15/advance, \$18/door; students \$10/advance, \$13/door. Tickets: (908) 276-9231.

ONE-MAN SHOW — with Michael Fowlin. Cranford High School, 201 West End Place, Cranford, 7 p.m. March 20. Free. (908) 709-6272.

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Enrichment Center ready to start spring session of classes

WESTFIELD — The Enrichment Center, a full-service tutoring and enrichment company, is located at 424 Central Ave.

The modern, handicapped-accessible building is air-conditioned and has ample free onsite parking. All of the teachers at The Enrichment Center are state certified and experienced. Private sessions are always available; the small group classes have a maximum enrollment of eight students.

The Enrichment Center is open seven days a week to provide parents and children with the maximum in flexibility. Programs are

offered for children in kindergarten through grade 12; a new program for 4-year-olds is being offered this winter and spring.

The Enrichment Center offers supplemental education for everyone; there are classes for the student who needs remediation, for the student who is gifted, and for the high school students who needs help with the PSAT, SAT I, and SAT II.

Classes are offered for elementary and middle school students once a week for nine weeks. Classes for the spring session begin on March 24 and run

through June 9. This is the first time The Enrichment Center is offering a second session during the winter/spring term. Classes are offered seven days a week to accommodate everyone's schedule. The hand-on approach used by the state certified teachers at The Enrichment Center ensures that children will be excited, challenged, and motivated. Classes are offered for basic level students and gifted students on the elementary and middle school level.

Specialty classes being offered are Study Skills/Test Taking Skills, Story Time Live, French, Spanish, and GEPA and ESPA Reviews. A new program called Hocus Pocus For Homework is also being offered: this is a supervised homework hour with a state certified elementary school teacher who is able to help students.

The Enrichment Center is offering another new program for Pre-Schoolers who are 4-years old. These children may take advantage of science, math, reading, language and other fun educational classes. The times are during the day, after school, and week-

High School students may choose from an array of PSAT, SAT, and SAT II classes. Students in grades nine-12 may attend as the classes are divided into levels. Many freshman and sophomores attend for verbal only classes. All the teachers are state certified and experienced in their fields. The SAT program is unique in that students may only attend for math or verbal; most do choose to do both. Students come for one hour at a time, to allow for maximum learning and schedule flexibility. The Enrichment Center offers the smallest classes in the area for SAT review, with a maximum of eight students in a class. Students pay as they attend to help parents with budgeting. Real College Board materials are used. Students learn educational techniques and skills, as well as the strategies needed to take the test. There are new Junior Only review sections for the March, May, and June test dates. This is a new option The Enrichment Center offers. The classes are preset for seven weeks to enable those students with more limited time to take an intensive class. SAT II

review classes are in place for the June test date. Students may also study for the SAT I and SAT II privately.

A special one-on-one program called SOS (Student Overall Support) is also offered. Designed for any student, this program helps with study and organizational skills, taking the conflict surrounding education and grades out of the home. Students in grades one-12 are availing themselves of this program.

Educational testing is also offered for parents who are concerned that their children may have a problem in school. LDT/C's perform and evaluate the tests, then report to the parents only. The Enrichment Center can help parents choose the best way to approach any possible problems. A new offering is to have children tested by a school psychologist to determine IQ and decide if the child's needs are being met.

Home schooled children can also be aided at The Enrichment Center. Many times parents are just out of their league in certain areas: reading, science and math.

State certified, experienced teachers can help in a one on one or small group setting.

Call The Enrichment Center today to speak with Elaine Sigal, owner and director, who can best guide parents into choosing appropriate classes for their children. Sibling discounts are offered. Register soon to avoid being disappointed. Call (908) 654-0110 today for a free in-depth brochure. The new web site has all of the class and center information. Go to WWW.TheEnrichmentCenter.net

Meditation, yoga can help your health

WESTFIELD — If you're suffering from high blood pressure, general or situational anxiety, panic disorders, ulcers, depression, headaches, muscle spasms, chronic pain in the jaws, neck or back, insomnia or cardiac neuroses, ask your doctor about the benefits of meditation.

Many doctors today are recommending meditation as a healing mechanism in conjunction with the traditional medicine for anxiety and pain management.

Here is how it works: The deep breathing and total relaxation stimulates the "meditative response" (as opposed to the "fight-or-flight" response) that lowers blood pressure, heart rate, rate of respiration, thereby allowing the body to release endorphins which further enhance relaxation.

Breathing techniques and visualizations also help to take your mind away from the pain or cause of anxiety by focusing inward, making the body feel safe and comfortable.

Stilling the mind, the body reacts by feeling comfortable, safe and relaxed, and healing can take place.

In addition, the quiet atmosphere (away from all of daily stresses), and the relaxing or inspiring music, will be to act as cues of relaxation, allowing one to become more aware of the causes of stress (and pain) and learn to avoid and control them.

Meditation classes are held on Thursday evenings at 8, along with a new morning class forming on Wednesdays at 10, at the Westfield Yoga and Wellness Center, at their new expanded location at 250 South Ave. in Fanwood, at the intersection of Martine and South Avenues, five minutes from the center of Westfield.

The cost is \$12 per class or six classes for \$54. Call the Center at (908) 322-8181 if interested in attending.

Banking group has new name

CRANFORD — New Jersey League members have approved a name change to their trade association that will now be known as the New Jersey League of Community Bankers.

The New Jersey League, formerly known as New Jersey League Community & Savings Bankers, is a trade organization representing community banks throughout New Jersey and offers its members educational, research, communications, government relations, and group health insurance services.

The industry has a long history, dating back to 1839, of serving New Jersey's residents and communities. The League, along with its predecessor organizations, has been serving the banking industry for 94 years.

League Chairman Katherine J. Lisenko, president and CEO of Metuchen Savings Bank, noted that "the new name better reflects the evolving role of the industry, with many of our members having removed the word 'savings' from their names and many that continue to include it offer a wide array of financial services to their communities."

League President Samuel J. Damiano, added, "while names may change over the years, other things don't change - our members' commitment to their customers and communities and the League's commitment to provide them the support and resources to do this."

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Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$ 4,809,726.81
U.S. Government Securities	338,224,281.75
Other Bonds	105,318,108.54
Stock	19,656,184.46
Real Estate Mortgage Loans, Net	162,211,917.34
Collateral Loans	2,061,226.57
Other Loans	91,400,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	563,637.41
Banking Premises	1,554,473.87
Interest Accrued on Investments	8,059,242.87
Other Assets	1,287,951.50
	\$ 735,146,750.42

LIABILITIES

Due Depositors	\$ 586,566,087.99
Official Checks Outstanding	269,917.27
Mortgages Escrow Account	299,780.68
Other Liabilities	4,127,032.99
Surplus and Reserves	143,883,911.49
	\$ 735,146,750.42

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Simple Gifts at Somerset library

BRIDGEWATER — The Somerset County/Bridgewater Library will be hosting a free concert featuring Simple Gifts, a three-woman band that performs on thirteen different instruments, on Fri., March 1 at 8:30 p.m. Children ages 7 and older and their parents are invited to a music workshop at 8 p.m. and are invited to stay after for their performance at the library. The Library is located at 1 Vogt Drive. Local musicians are also invited to stay after the concert for a "jam session" with the members of Simple Gifts. The group features Rachel Hall, Karen Hirshon, and Linda Littleton. The group originates from central Pennsylvania but has performed at arts centers and festivals in the metropolitan and Atlantic region.

The Somerset County/Bridgewater Library is located at 1 Vogt Drive.

For more information about the concert, contact the library at (908)526-4016, Ext. 119.

Annual doll, teddy bear show

BRIDGEWATER — The 22nd Annual Doll and Teddy Bear Show will be held Saturday at the Somerset County 4-H Center, 310 Milltown Road, three miles west of Somerville off Route 202.

The time is 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$3.50 per person.

The Somerset County 4-H Exchange Club sponsors the event, has again signed many dealers from around the tri-state area as well as the East Coast. Dealers will sell a variety of dolls and teddy bears to include antiques, modern collectibles, reproductions, and doll accessories.

Expert doll appraiser Liz Pierce will be on hand again this year to appraise your precious dolls and let you know the value and history behind the doll. The charge for her service will be \$5 per doll.

There will also be a judged exhibit of dolls and teddy bears. Anyone may enter; the fee is \$2 per entry. There are many categories with rosettes awarded to the best entry in each.

For more information, call Deb Metting at (609)466-8005. On the day of the show call (908)526-8242.

New Jersey Flower Show coming to area

FRANKLIN — The 36th Annual New Jersey Flower and Patio Show, Thursday, Feb. 21 - Sunday, Feb. 24 at the Garden State Exhibit Center.

Show hours are 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., Thursday through Saturday and 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Sunday.

The show will feature life-sized gardens with this year's theme, "Small Wonders: Making Small Spaces Great." In addition to innovative garden designs and ideas for patios, porches and smaller yards, exhibitors will display the latest horticultural and agricultural products and services.

For more information on show attendance or exhibiting call (800)215-1700.

Hispanic theatre will present play in Newark

NEWARK — Teatro Si, New Jersey's premiere Hispanic arts theater company located at Newark Symphony Hall, will present "Viva Venezuela! An Evening of Theater and Music," an event which includes the theatrical presentation of Encuentro En El Parque Peligroso, a production by the Scaramouches Teatro de Venezuela.

This drama tells the story of a chance meeting of two people late at night in a dangerous city park. Their encounter leads them each to an inner self exploration and an awakening to the realities of life. The surprise ending will stun the audience. Don't miss this poignant play. It will be presented in Spanish.

The second part of the evening is a life concert by Café Con Pan, which brings the Afro-Caribbean sounds from the shores of Venezuela. They will have audience members dancing in the aisles. The event will take place Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18.

Teatro Si will also present Bohemia Canto-Musica-Poesia, an evening in celebration of the music and poetry of Latin America. The theater space will be converted into a typical cantina setting to transport the audience to somewhere in Latin America. The performers, presenting in both English and Spanish, will offer a glimpse of the vast richness and diversity that encompasses Hispanic artistic culture. Share in this experience on April 6 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the production are \$15.

Purchase tickets for Teatro Si events at the Newark Symphony Hall box office, TicketMaster outlets, and online at www.ticketmaster.com. Presented in association with Newark Symphony Hall. For more information and group discount sales call Teatro Si at (908) 301-9496.



Barbara Laustsen presents her monotype print to be include in the memorial.

Printmaking Council expands effort to create Sept. 11 memorial

BRANCHBURG — The Printmaking Council of New Jersey has expanded the September 11th Memorial Print Collaborative. Additional dates have been added to accommodate the enthusiastic response from the community.

The project is a response to the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001. The memorial will display more than 200 prints contributed by the community and placed at the PCNJ facility, within view of North Branch Station, a New Jersey Transit commuter rail station.

Old Bridge School District, a community that has suffered many losses from the tragedy, is excited to participate in the project. Old Bridge High School East and West as well as Jonas Salk Middle School will have four workshops creating a total of 80-100 pieces to contribute to the memorial.

The Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless will also have a workshop at their program center. Participating children will contribute approximately 20 pieces.

Added workshops for adults at the Printmaking Council will be held Thursday, March 21. All sessions will be from 10 am to 4pm.

Actors needed for Simon play

The Somerset Valley Players have put out a casting call for their production of the Neil Simon comedy "California Suite."

Auditions are 7:30 p.m. Sunday and Monday, Feb. 24-25 in the theater on Anawell Road (Route 514), Hillsborough. Five men and five women, all ages 30-50, are needed.

For more information, phone director Mike Shuller at (908) 281-4281. Performances are scheduled May 10-26.



Nanci Hersh and Ahni Kruger provide a print demonstration to the workshop participants.

The public is invited to participate in the creation of this memorial by attending any of several workshops PCNJ will host over the next three months. Several PCNJ art teachers and an art therapist will help facilitate the collaboration. Artists of all skill levels, including novices, are encouraged to attend.

Workshops for children, aged 5 to 16, will be divided into two age groups, and will be held Saturday, March 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All workshops are free and open to public. All costs related to the project come from a grant, awarded by the Geraldine R.

Dodge Foundation of Morristown.

The artwork will utilize waterproof inks and be printed on Tyvek, a waterproof paper. It will be placed on the outside of the Printmaking Council building near the train station where it will be seen daily by hundreds of New Jersey rail commuters.

The format of the finished piece will reflect an image of the former World Trade Centers' twin towers, with many individual works of art enclosed within the image of the buildings.

For more information, contact the Printmaking Council of New Jersey at (908) 725-2110, or visit the web site at www.printnj.org.

Annual Bach festival is returning this weekend

WESTFIELD — The acclaimed Westfield Bach Festival returns for its second season. Following up on last year's success, the festival Committee has planned a three-day event celebrating the works of J.S. Bach, to be held at various Westfield churches during the last weekend of February.

The opening program, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22, will be a semi-staged English production of Bach's humorous Coffee Cantata and Peasant Cantata. The presentation will be in the Parish Hall of St Paul's Episcopal Church, and feature table-side seating and coffee and pastries.

At 11 a.m. Feb. 23, there will be a symposium on the symbolism in Bach's music and at 2 p.m. that afternoon, the popular Organ Marathon returns for three hours of non-stop playing. Both Saturday events will be held at the Congregational Church.

The gala closing concert, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 24, will feature the Westfield Bach Festival Chorus, soloists and orchestra, and will be preceded at 6:30 p.m. by a pre-concert lecture on the music to be heard. Philip Dietterich, the popular former director of the Westfield Oratorio Society, is returning to conduct this Festival performances,

which will take place at the Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity.

Tickets for the Coffeehouse Cantatas and the organ marathon will be \$20 (general admission), \$15 (senior), and \$10 (student) and for the Westfield Bach Festival Gala Concert will be \$30 (general admission), \$40 (senior), and \$25 (student). The symposium on Saturday morning is free of charge and the pre-concert lecture before the gala concert (6:30 p.m. on Sunday) is free for those purchasing gala concert tickets.

Series and individual concert tickets will be available at the participating churches: the First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer St., the First United Methodist Church, 1 East Broad St., St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 414 East Broad St., the Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity, 315 First St., and the Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave. In addition, series tickets may be purchased at Betty Gallagher Antiques, 266 East Broad St., The Classic Basket, 411 South Ave., Lancaster Ltd., 76 Elm St., and Periwinkle's, 9 Elm St.

The Westfield Bach Festival is made possible in part by a generous grant from the Westfield Foundation.

Vo-Tech pupils will present salute to Rogers

BRIDGEWATER — Students in the Performing Arts Program at Somerset County Vocational and Technical High School (SCVTHS) will join in the national celebration of the 100th anniversary of one of the nation's greatest composers, Richard Rodgers, in their presentation of "Richard Rodgers: A Centennial Celebration Of His Music."

Performances of this musical revue are scheduled for Friday and Saturday March 8 and 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the SCVTHS auditorium, North Bridge Street and Vogt Drive. A dessert and theatre package at 6:30 p.m. is available for \$12. Reservations are required. Show tickets only are (\$8) and may be purchased by calling the box office: (908) 526-8900, Ext. 7125.

Richard Rodgers' career spanned 63 years in which time he composed 44 Broadway musicals, nine original movie musicals, two documentary orchestral scores, a ballet, and published over 900 songs. He won 34 Tony Awards, 15 Academy Awards, two Pulitzer prizes, two Emmys and two Grammys.

In 1920 Rodgers began a 24-year collaboration with lyricist Lorenz Hart, setting new standards for wit, sophistication and innovation. The result was an astonishing array of musical comedies that included: "On Your Toes" (1936), "Babes in Arms" (1937), "I Married an Angel" (1938), and "Pal Joey" (1940). Rodgers and Hart songs that have become standards of the American musical repertoire include: "My Funny Valentine," "This Can't Be Love," and "Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered," songs featured in the SCVTHS Revue.

When Richard Rodgers joined forces with the librettist/lyricist Oscar Hammerstein II, they introduced a new genre called "musical

play," resulting in such gems as: "Oklahoma!" (1943), "Carousel" (1945), "South Pacific" (1949), "The King and I" (1951), "Flower Drum Song" (1958), and "The Sound of Music" (1959). The numerous Rodgers & Hammerstein classic songs featured in the Revue include: "Some Enchanted Evening," "Gonna Wash That Man Right Out-A My Hair," "I'm In Love With A Wonderful Guy," "You'll Never Walk Alone," "Bali Ha'i," "Oh What a Beautiful Morning," "The Surrey With the Fringe on Top," and "It Might As Well Be Spring."

Cynthia Meryl, Musical Theatre Instructor at SCVTHS and director/choreographer of the production said, "It is amazing that so many musical theatre students today have never heard of Richard Rodgers or any of his collaborators."

Meryl's objective is not only to introduce her students to the genius of this great American composer, but also to make the students aware that the themes of Richard Rodgers' works reflect the dreams and conflicts of the nation and world.

For example, she said, "Carousel" deals with domestic violence and the strength of women to

overcome adversity. "Oklahoma!" is about Americans hoping that their territory will become a state; "The Sound of Music" demonstrates the Austrians' reactions to the Nazis coming into power; "South Pacific" is about racial prejudice.

The songs and dances will be accompanied by a multimedia presentation of photos from original Richard Rodgers productions, courtesy of the Rodgers and Hammerstein Theatre Library.

For more information, call Sheila Buttermore, coordinator of performing arts, at (908) 526-8900, Ext. 7277



Nicole Signorella and Alexis Slade, Theatre Arts students at Somerset County Vocational & Technical H.S. rehearse for the "Richard Rodgers Revue: A Centennial Celebration" which will be held on March 8 and 9.

Musical composition will debut at Holocaust conference

UNION — The 32nd Annual Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches, hosted by Kean University, will feature an awards presentation and musical premiere on March 3, from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Wilkins Theatre, 1000 Morris Ave. The public is invited to attend. There is no admission fee. General admission applies.

To add an artistic dimension to the program titled "A Small Light in the Darkness," honoring the rescuers to the Holocaust, the organizers of the conference commissioned Dr. Matthew Halper of the Kean University Department of Music to compose a work for violin and piano titled "Metamorphoses on Hatikvah (The Hope)."

Halper's accomplishments as a composer are numerous and include performances and prizes for such noteworthy ensembles and organizations as the American Composers Orchestra, the 20th Century Consort of Washington, D.C. and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

"Metamorphoses on Hatikvah is a musical meditation and fantasy on the well-known Hebrew melody Hatikvah," Halper explained. "It can be described as a darkly optimistic work — a tribute to those who perished, those who persevered and those who were a small light in the darkness."

The featured performers are vio-

linist Sharon Roffman of Bergen County, and pianist Allison Brewster Franzetti, a Kean University Affiliate Artist.

Roffman made her symphony debut in 1996 as soloist with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra (NJSO) under the baton of Music Director Zdenek Macal, having captured the top prize in the NJSO's 1995 Young Artists Audition. She has appeared as soloist with orchestras across the United States and has performed in chamber music concerts with Itzhak Perlman to benefit the Perlman Music Program and with Jaime Laredo in Carnegie Hall as a member of the New York String Seminar. She has twice been featured on WQXR-New York's Young Artist Showcase and has been a guest on the Today Show.

Brewster Franzetti has received international acclaim for her recordings and performances of a wide-ranging repertoire. Her awards include a First Prize from the Paderewski Foundation, and her latest CD, The Unknown Piazzolla, was a featured selection of the Columbia House Classical Music Review. She accompanied her husband Carlos Franzetti on the CD Tango Fatal, which won a Latin Grammy in the Best Tango Album Category in October 2001. She was appointed Affiliate Artist in Chamber Music at Kean University in 2001.

Real Estate

Having a reverse mortgage can be both good and bad

BY JAMES M. WOODARD
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The reverse mortgage is becoming the love-hate loan instrument in this year's real estate market.

A reverse mortgage is primarily designed for senior homeowners (age 62 or older) who have acquired a substantial equity in their home. It's a special type of mortgage loan that lets the homeowner convert home equity into cash. Instead of homeowners making mortgage payments to the lender each month, the lender sends them a check (in most cases).

Actually, the loan can be paid to the homeowner in a lump sum, in a stream of payments, or line of credit. Most seniors like the idea of receiving the loan funds in monthly payments, with an arrangement (often involving an annuity) that allows the payments to continue until the last spouse dies or the house is sold or the owner moves out. At that time, the house is sold and the loan plus interest and other costs are repaid.

In some cases, the agreement calls

for the lender to receive a specified proportion of the property's appreciation in value when sold, as well as interest being charged. The appreciation is the difference between the appraised value at the time the reverse mortgage was contracted and the final sales price. The lender's share is typically 20 percent to 50 percent of the appreciated amount.

There in lies the rub. In some cases, due to the owners' death or new situations arising, the house is sold a few months or a year or two after the contract is signed. And the homeowner (or estate) must pay thousands or even tens of thousands of dollars for the short-term loan because of rapidly appreciating value.

More and more of these horror cases are surfacing and being publicized. This motivates seniors to take a closer look at reverse mortgages before signing for one, which is really a good thing.

On the other hand, many seniors praise their reverse mortgage for providing them with the extra monthly income needed to makes ends meet. Often those Social Security and pension payments just can't pay all the bills.

The added income flow from a reverse mortgage makes up the difference.

The most popular type of reverse mortgage is federally insured and offered through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

A HUD report states: "Our plan can give older Americans greater financial security. Many seniors use the funds to supplement social security, meet unexpected medical expenses or make home improvements."

To be eligible for a HUD reverse mortgage, the homeowner must be 62 years of age or older and have a very low outstanding mortgage balance, or own the home free and clear. Also, the homeowners must meet with a representative of a HUD-approved counseling agency to be sure they understand what a HUD reverse mortgage will mean for them.

The most appealing aspect of this loan is that it doesn't become due until the home is sold, or is no longer the original owner's primary residence or the owners die. They cannot be forced to sell their home to pay off the mortgage loan even if the loan balance grows to

exceed the value of the property. HUD's Federal Housing Administration guarantees that the owner will receive all payments due to them.

For more information on these special mortgage loans, phone (800) 217-6970.

Q. Where are mortgage interest rates headed this year?

A. Conventional home mortgage rates are having their ups and downs like temperature readings on a thermometer this winter. A couple of weeks ago, they had risen to a bit over 7 percent. At this writing, they have dropped to below 7 percent again. And the number of mortgage applications continues to rise.

The Meyers Group, a noted real estate research and consulting firm, made this prediction about the upcoming mortgage market:

"Looking ahead, we can expect mortgage rates to seesaw between current levels and slightly over 7 percent. That's a very comfortable range for most home buyers. With very little

threat of inflation as the economy struggles to recover, there is a good chance the Fed will cut interest rates further to stimulate market and economic activity."

The Meyers Group also had good news for home builders.

"Despite deepening employment losses, home builders received a boost in January from increased sales and buyer traffic at new home projects," the report stated. "Supported by low mortgage rates, mild weather conditions and rising consumer sentiment, single-family home construction continues to improve to pre-Sept. 11 levels."

"Pent-up demand and low inventory in locales where employment growth remains positive should allow most home builders to maneuver through the next half year or so without encountering significant difficulty. However, further declines in the national demand-supply and employment ratios indicate home sales will continue at a moderate pace over the short term, while home price appreciation (increases) show a slowing trend."

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Real estate agents can help you make more money

When it comes to large financial transactions such as the purchase and sale of stocks, dealing with tax matters and the law, most people use a professional to provide expertise and guide them through the process. While selling one's home should be no exception, a small percentage of homeowners try to sell their homes without the help of a professional.

According to the National

Association of Realtors 2000 Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers, the national trend shows fewer people trying to sell their homes on their own. The number of houses for sale by owner (FSBO) fell from 18 percent in 1997 to 15 percent in 2000. The study also showed that typical FSBO homes sell for less money than comparable homes sold with an Agent's help, which challenges the driving force behind the decision to sell one's home without an Agent in the first place —

to save money. According to the NAR study, the typical FSBO home sold for \$113,000 compared to \$129,900 for a home sold by an agent.

The decline in FSBOs is likely due to the fact that selling a home today is a complicated process and involves much more than sticking a sign in your yard and waiting for a buyer. Some of the biggest challenges facing FSBO homeowners include setting the proper price, understanding and preparing paperwork (e.g., disclosure of lead-based paint) and attracting potential buyers. Their houses can

only be shown when the homeowner is home (which may not be convenient for buyers) and mistakes can cost the homeowner money that they were trying to save. In fact, many FSBO homeowners eventually turn to an agent for assistance when their home does not sell.

Real estate agents have an expertise in marketing that can help sell a home for more money and in less time. An agent's job involves conducting a Competitive Market Analysis and accurately pricing a house, determining whether or not a Buyer is qualified, creating and paying for advertising, understanding and applying the maze of real estate regulations, negotiating with Buyers, preparing a real estate contract, and coordinating the details of a closing. Agents can also recommend repairs or cosmetic work that will significantly enhance

the salability of a home.

Increasing a home's exposure to other real estate Agents and the public using the local multiple listing system, newspaper advertising, the Internet, direct mail advertising and open houses is also part of an agent's role.

"Our sellers generally get more for their home than they expected because of the competition we create that can result in multiple offers," according to Bobbett Jascor, Realtor Associate, ERA Sunday Realty Group. An agent's contacts with previous clients, referrals, friends, family and personal contacts contribute to 82 percent of real estate sales, reported an NAR study.

"Sellers who work with full service agents know the value of a dollar, and know that it is worth every penny to pay for the services that they receive," added Jascor.

For more information on selling a home, consumers can contact their local ERA office which can be found using the ERA website at www.ERA.com. ERA is a global leader in the residential real estate industry with nearly 30 years of experience in developing consumer-oriented products and services.

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Sports

A District 11 repeat is within Cougars' grasp

WESTFIELD — All the appetizers have been cleared from the table and tonight the local high school wrestling squads will begin with the main course of the season as the state individual wrestling tournament kicks off at 32 different sites across the state.

While this emphasis at this point in the season is on individual accomplishments, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood and Cranford High wrestling teams will try parlay individual success into the District 11 team championship.

Cranford and Scotch Plains dual in the District 11 championships, beginning 6 p.m. tonight in Westfield. Action resumes with the semifinals 10 a.m. tomorrow, with consolation slated for 1 p.m. and the finals slated to begin at 3 p.m.

Both the Raiders and Cougars hope a bevy of individual gold will result in a team championship, with Cranford the defending champ and Scotch Plains looking for its first district team title since winning District 20 in 1978.

Cranford is led by senior 215-pounder Greg Donofrio, who is looking to begin his quest for a state championship with his third-

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straight District 11 title. Donofrio should cruise through the field in similar fashion to his Union Count Tournament victory, where he registered four pins in an average of 34 seconds.

Pat Daly should enter as the top seed at 135, seeking his first district title after two years as a runner-up. Brendan Small is a defending champ, winning at 140 last season, but will need to step up his game to win the 152-pound crown this weekend. His weight is balanced, and anyone of four wrestlers could win.

Tom Murray, who won a UCT title at 112, should place and has a shot at winning a title as well. His toughest competition will come from Stephen Mineo of Scotch Plains. Steve Carbone (heavyweight) took second in the UCT, falling to Joe Giacobbe of Rahway

in the final by fall, and should see Giacobbe again in the final.

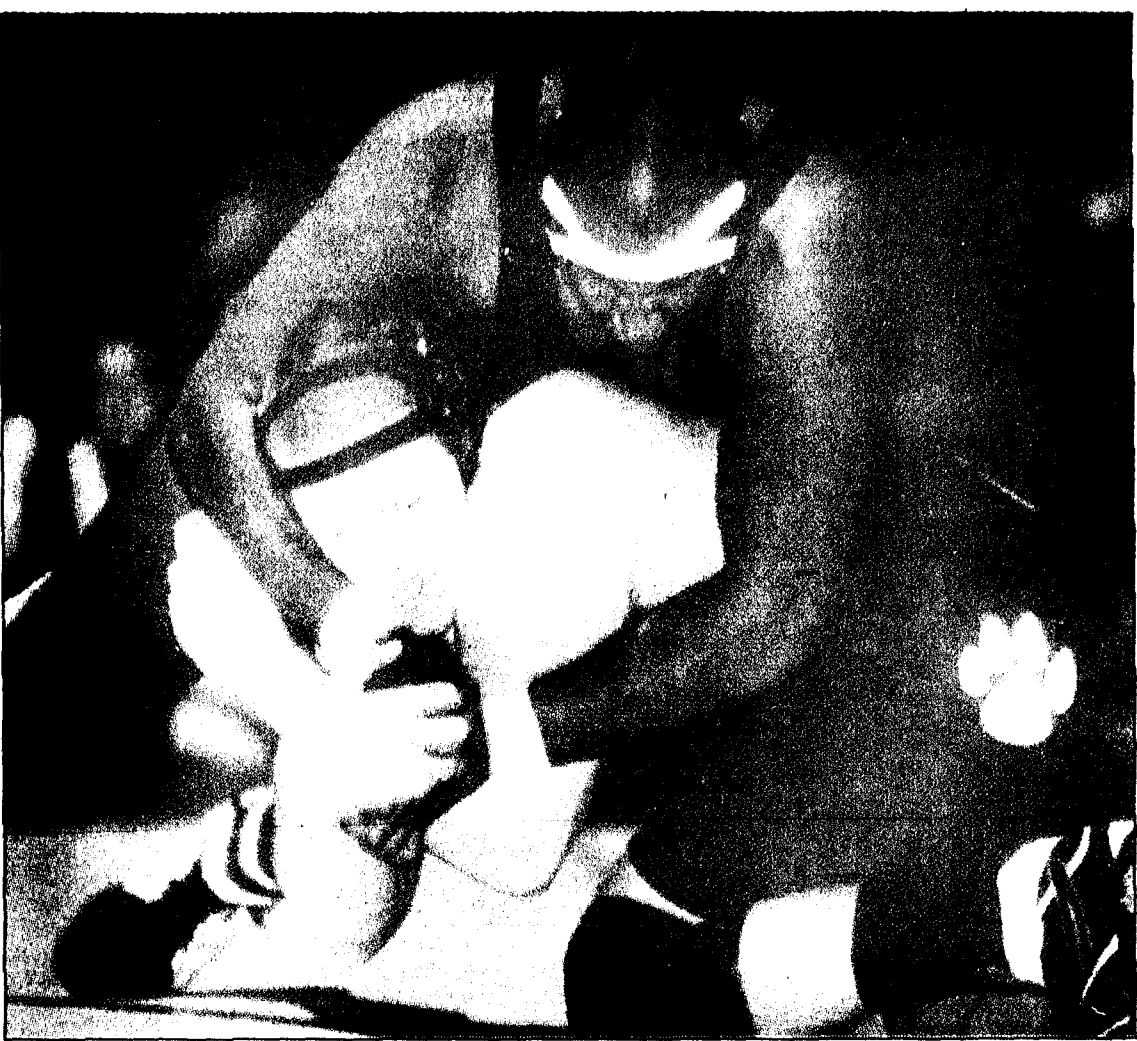
The 171-pound field is also pretty wide open and Josh Harris has a very strong chance at placing, and if he puts things together could walk out a champion. Nick Seeman placed last season and can do it again this year at 112.

Derek Francavilla (103 pounds) Lucas Francavilla (140) and Matt DeNichilo (145) are each favorites to repeat as champs for the Raiders.

"We're ready to go," said Scotch Plains Head Coach Dave Bello. "We're going after the title. I think we have a really, really good shot at it."

Scotch Plains will need to advance at least seven wrestlers to the Region 3 tournament to win the team title, and will need several wrestlers other than the Big-3 to step up.

"Where we're good we're real good, and we'll have to take advantage of that," said Bello. "But we're weak in other areas. Cranford is a little deeper than us. We could lose seven guys the first night, but most of their guys will advance and score some points for them."



Steve Carbone will be looking to pin down a top-three finish while the Cranford wrestling team shoots to repeat as District 11 champs.

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Serracino leads Bears into D-10

By DANIEL MURPHY
THE CHRONICLE

MILLBURN — The team title may be out of reach, but this portion of the season is more about individual accomplishment, and the Brearley High wrestling team hopes to have plenty to feel good about come Saturday night.

Roselle Park and Seton Hall Prep will battle for the top two spots in the team race in the District 10 Tournament, and the Bears hope to move enough wrestlers on to the Region 3 tournament to challenge for third.

Action begins 5 p.m. tomorrow night at Millburn High School and resumes with semifinal action 10 a.m. Saturday. The

finals are slated to begin between 2 and 3 p.m.

A strong team finish will be a bonus for the Bears as Head Coach Brian Luciani is hoping to at least seven wrestlers grab top-three finishes and advance on to the region tournament.

"I'd be disappointed with anything less than seven," said Luciani. "If we wrestle well we can take between seven and 10."

"I think the kids have been wrestling very well and we've gotten all the kinks out. Everybody's healthy and feeling good — no bumps, no bruises, no pulls."

Wrestling



Leading the way for Brearley will be defending 130 pound champ Stefano Serracino and 160-pound

130 from 125, where he won the Union County Tournament.

Ryan Yospin (112) and Mark Yospin (119) should receive a top three seed. Ryan Sherman (152) and Matt Russo (215) are the other two Bears with the best opportunity to place.

Ryan McMenamin (145), Mike Guenther (heavyweight) Dan Kahoonei (171) and Joe Rodriguez (125) all figure strongly into the mix, but will need good tournaments to place and move on.

Union County champ Dan Zika, who should both enter as the top seed.

Serracino could receive the second seed and have a battle on his hands for the title if Roselle Park's Dan Appello moves up to



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Stephano Serracino, Brearley's all-time winningest wrestler, is looking to capture his second District 10 title.

Cougars start with familiar foe

Face Scotch Plains for fourth time in first round of state touney

By DANIEL MURPHY
THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — The eight-nine game is usually the most competitive first round matchup, but the meeting between the Cranford and Scotch Plains-Fanwood High boys basketball teams in the North Jersey Section 2 Group 3 tournament could be the best matchup of the whole tournament.

Eighth-seeded Cranford will host ninth-seeded Scotch Plains 7 p.m. Tuesday, the fourth meeting between the two Watchung Conference rivals this season.

Cranford has taken two of the first three meetings — eking out a three point win in the Tri-County Tournament semifinals in December, and blowing out the Raiders in Scotch Plains by 31 points Feb. 5. Scotch Plains earned a 51-50 victory Jan. 8 in Cranford when point guard Anwar Montgomery scored on a backdoor layup with 10 seconds left.

With the sectional field devoid of any of the conference heavyweights the Cougars and Raiders are accustomed to battling both teams are confident the winner can make a run to the sectional championship game, despite having to take on top-seeded West Morris Mendham in the second round Feb. 28. Fifth-seeded Warren Hills and fourth-seeded Weequahic meet on the bottom half of the draw Feb. 28, with West Side and Jefferson holding the two and three seeds on the other side of the bracket. Cranford has a 5-1 record against non-conference opponents, while Scotch Plains has a 4-3 mark.

"All year our goal was to make the state tournament," said Scotch Plains Head Coach Dan Dougherty. "I kept telling the kids 'nobody in our section plays a schedule like us,' there's just one team who does and that's who we play."

"The conference Cranford and Scotch Plains plays in is a lot tougher than the bracket in front of

us," said Cranford Head Coach Tom Johnstone. "There's no Lindens, Elizabeths or East Sides."

But Johnstone was quick to point out you can't make a run without taking the first step. Cranford and Scotch Plains are as familiar with each other as any two teams in the state and whoever can execute better and avoid costly turnovers will come out on top.

"These are two tested teams who have gone through the wars," said Johnstone. "Unfortunately we're still punching at each other. The team whose players step up is going to win."

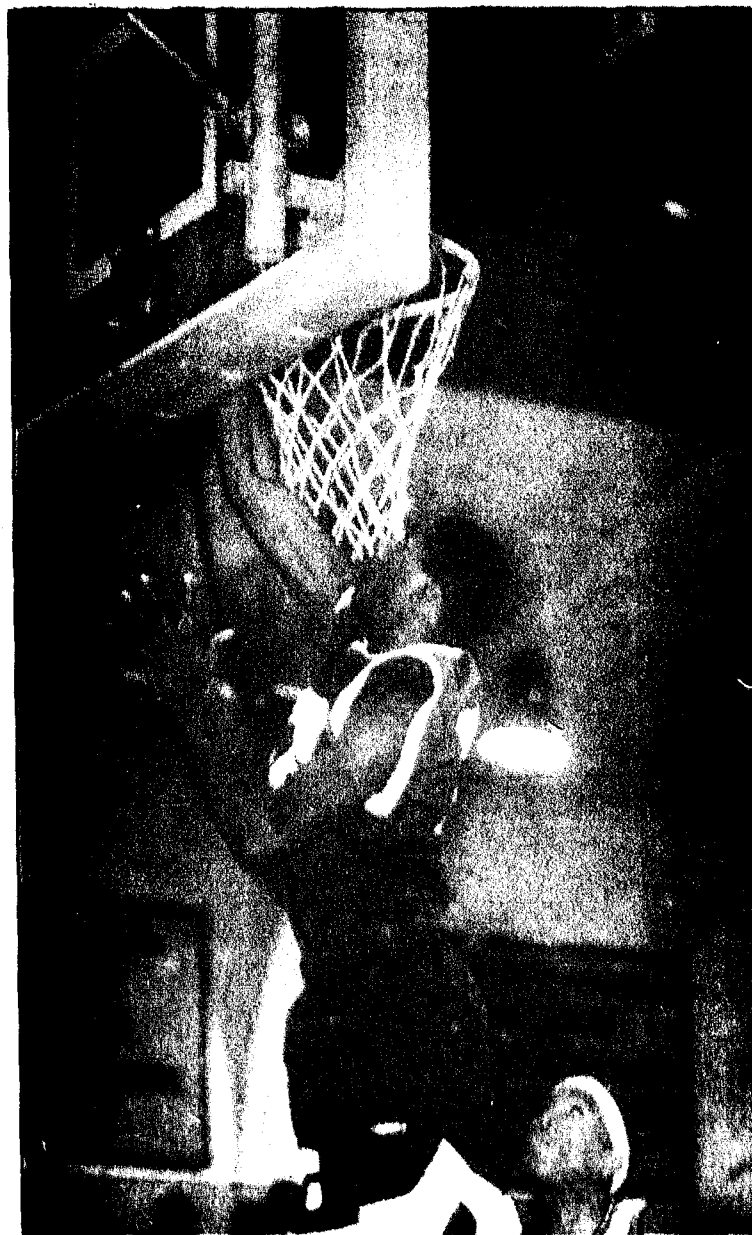
While it can't be dismissed entirely, the most recent game isn't indicative of the how these teams matchup. Scotch Plains' leading scorer and point guard Anwar Montgomery sat out the contest with the flu, and his presence was sorely missed during the third quarter when Scotch Plains turned the ball over repeatedly and looked hesitant in its offense, sparking a 20-2 run by the Cougars.

The two games where both clubs were at full strength were decided by a combined four points and the game winning basket was scored in the final minute in both contests, meaning every possession Tuesday will be critical. Cranford has the edge in the intangible department, holding home court advantage and returning four key contributors (three starters) from last year's sectional-runner up team, while the Raiders are making their first appearance in the state tournament in four years. Mike Brennan is the only Raider with state tournament experience, playing in one game as a sophomore with Cranford.

But other than the intangibles, you'd be hard pressed to find a distinct advantage for either club. Both backcourts possess top caliber scorers and good ball handlers, and both frontcourts possess some size and athleticism, as well as the ability to score inside and

out. The keys for Scotch Plains will be to defend the three-point line and avoid turning the ball over. Cranford needs to shoot well, find inside scoring and control the

glass. But unless one team has an off-night, a possible run to the sectional championship game will come down to the final two minutes when somebody will have to make a big shot.



Harif Davis scored 26 points in Cranford's win over Bridgewater-Raritan, and will need to come up big inside again when the Cougars host Scotch Plains in the state tournament.

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By **MANNY LUFTGLASS**
CHRONICLE CORRESPONDENT

So a funny thing happened to me on the way to Pompeii and Capri! I had this here thing called a heart attack! Note — a word to the wise now — don't do the same thing, OK?

I always take a six-piece pack rod with me wherever I go while on vacation, but I never got to take it out of the container. A nice guy at the Italian Embassy gave me a few ideas and I hoped to catch a few fish between climbing hills and looking at art work and old buildings. Well, NOT!

Rather than boring you with gory details, the bottom line is the spectacular doctor I found in Rome nursed me through the most frightening experience of my life and I celebrated my 66th birthday with wires and tubes galore sticking out of me from a variety of points.

The doctor helped me recover sufficiently so I could make what he labeled an "emergency evacuation," and here is where one could say I didn't get the

kind of care most of us would expect from our fellow Americans.

The trip was arranged for me and Karen through a company called ABC and regardless of my many attempts, and even though the attack took place in August, I still haven't gotten dollar one back from them on the lost tour money.

And now we find Aetna/US Healthcare, the insurance provider I had in conjunction with Medicare. I laid out nearly \$13,000 because they didn't handle the claim correctly and all I got back was a little over \$5,000!

This is the same company that threw out so many of us senior citizens as of Jan. 1 so not only did they dump me, but they also dumped on me as well.

What does this have to do with a fishing column? Well, I had the rod with me, didn't I? However, if you take a trip with Club ABC, you'd better not

count on them for much, and for sure, if Aetna/US Healthcare is your carrier, you may have to wait more than three months before you get any money back, and as in my case, only get about 40 percent of it!

And how is my health now, you ask? Honestly, damned good! I just may wait a while before I go out of the country on another vacation, and I guess I will buy trip insurance.

Fishing, you ask? Hell, for February, it cannot be any better. Yes, we certainly need rain (or that nasty white stuff) because the horrible drought continues, but fish are biting everywhere you drop a line.

Trout are in all the rivers and streams and because the water is not bitter cold, they are actively feeding on bait as well as flies. I heard about a three-angler catch of 60 trout one day early this month at the Ken Lockwood Gorge section of the South Branch of the Raritan River. This was all on artificials, too, by the way.

Since last we met I fished a few times in fresh water here in the Garden State and again, in February! Sitting on a bucket next to the Delaware River near Byram is a pleasant thing to do when fish are biting and your car isn't too far away in case you really get cold, and I did that.

On Feb. 2 I had five good clear strikes while using baby nightcrawlers and nailed four

of the five. I never found lip on one and two of the others got off halfway to the shore. But two did count and while not the ultimate in fishing excitement, hey, a fish is a fish, especially in February. (You old readers must remember that nearly every year I start a column with the words "I Hate February"). Well, this time, I only dislike it a lot.

The two fish were channel catfish and between them, they probably went a total of five pounds. Hey, they bent the pole, got my attention, and it beats being wired to a machine that makes very scary beeps and blips with hardly a soul able to talk English to you!

On Feb. 6 I fished at Round Valley Reservoir with my friend Ron Bern and while we didn't repeat the incredibly wonderful fishing we experienced two weeks earlier when we caught 42 lake trout, we still had eight lakers and four Kamloops rainbow trout.

Two days later, we did better, catching three fat Kamloops rainbows, 18 lakers to 25 inches and a very unexpected 3-pound chain pickerel way, way offshore.

But truth be known, I would rather fish at this time of the year in Florida, and I did that for six days at the very end of January. Two days in a row I got "spooled" (all my line taken off my reel in very unfriendly blasts of fish energy), with the line being broken each time.

I did nail a variety of bottom fish, though, and of primary importance, I was fishing in a T-shirt. Poking around for a while in the golf course pond was fun, too, with a new in-line spinner called a "Double-Loon" I was trying out. It worked great, producing a mess of largemouth bass to four pounds as well as, honest, an alligator that chased one of my bass and scared me, lots!

'Scuze me, gone fishin'.

Feintheil helps Bison take second in league

Bucknell University freshman Jackie Feintheil, a Cranford High graduate, helped the Bison's women's swimming and diving team to a second place finish at the Patriot League Championships Feb. 14-16 at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

Feintheil competed in three events, and broke one school

record. She helped the 800 free relay team win the silver with a new school record time of 7:41.16. She also placed fifth in the 1,650 freestyle in 17:33.35, the fifth-fastest time ever at BU, and took eighth in the 500 free in 5:08.67.

Feintheil swam the third fastest time (5:01.56) in school history in the 500 free in the preliminaries.

Cougars fall in conference semis

HIGH SCHOOL WRAP

The Cranford High Ice Hockey team fell in the semifinals of the Central Conference White Division tournament Tuesday, losing 5-2 to Bernards.

Chris DellaSerra and Joe Conte scored for Cranford (12-8-3) to hold the Cougars enter the third period tied 2-2. But Bernards Tom Tracy exploded for three straight goals to eliminate Cranford.

Cranford 3, Wayne Valley 2 — The Cougars defeated Wayne Valley in the first round of the Central Conference White Division tournament 3-2 Monday.

Joe Conte picked up two goals and Mike DiGiovanni added one goal for the Cougars. Conte scored the game winner off a feed from Ryan Ahern with 4:29 left in the third.

The Cougars have earned the 29th seed in the state public school tournament and will host rival Johnson in the first round.

Westfield 3, Cranford 2 — Westfield finished on top on the scoreboard, but everyone was winners Feb. 13 when Cranford and Westfield staged a highly

successful benefit game for the two town's 9/11 funds, raising over \$4,500 in ticket, T-shirt and raffle sales. Kurt Sigmund gave Cranford a 1-0 lead with 7:28 left in the first period, before Westfield rallied for three straight goals. Chris Ozolnieks scored with 5:59 remaining to pull Cranford within 3-2.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Brearley rallied back from a two-point deficit through three quarters to defeat Roselle Park 52-47 Friday. Yvana Ellison scored seven of her 13 points and Melissa Kovacs added six of her 11 in the fourth quarter to spark the Bears (9-12) comeback.

Brearley will take on University Tuesday in the first round of the North Jersey Section 2 Group 1 tournament.

BREARLEY SCORING

Silivowski 2-0-2-6, Kovacs 4-0-3-11, Sues 1-1-5-10, Ellison 5-0-3-13, Kelly 3-0-0-6, Shields 1-0-0-2, Totals: 18-1-13-52.
Brearley 14 12 9 17 - 52
Roselle Park 8 12 17 10 - 47

SPORTSCENE

DINNER MOVED

The Cranford High School Winter Sports Awards Night, originally scheduled for Feb. 28, has been moved to March 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the school's gym. All are invited to attend.

MACCABI TEAMS

The JCC of Central New Jersey Delegation has limited openings for Jewish athletes, ages 13-16, interested in playing girls' soccer or boys' basketball. The delegation will compete in the 20th anniversary of the JCC Maccabi Games, scheduled for Aug. 18-23 in Springfield, Mass.

Deadline for enrollment is Feb. 28. Please contact Rebecca Rice or Lisa Bieber at 908-889-8800 to learn more about the games or receive sponsorship information.

HOOPS CAMPS

The Kevin Boyle Basketball Camp 2002 will be held at A.L. Johnson High School in Clark.

The camp is for boy and girls ages 7-16 and runs from June 24-28, July 15-19, Aug. 5-9 and Aug. 12-16. The camp is from 9-3 p.m. with early drop off at 7:30 a.m. available. Session five to the camp will be held Aug. 19-23 at the RexPlex in Elizabeth, Exit 13A next to IKEA, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Call Kelly Boyle (732) 574-9733.

HOOPS TOURNEY/LEAGUES

The Center Circle indoor sports complex in Rahway is now accepting team registration for league and tournament play in its upcoming spring, summer and fall recreational youth and adult basketball programs. The spring program begins April 1, and arena time will be reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis. All interested parties should contact Bryan Heasman by calling 732-396-9100 ext. 204 or access the company's web site at www.thecentercircle.com.

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Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Meeting of Members of Synergy, MHC
Place: Synergy Federal Savings Bank
310 North Avenue East, Cranford, NJ 07016
Date: February 26, 2002
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Matters To Be Considered:
1. Election of Directors
2. Report of Financial Condition of Synergy, MHC
3. Future Look at Direction of Synergy, MHC
CC55 2T 2/14/21/02

LEGAL NOTICE
Pursuant to state law, a sale will be held at U-Store-It
365, 601 South Avenue, Cranford, NJ, 0325/02 at 9:00
a.m.
The following goods will be sold:
Space Number: 2140
Steven Torgeson
One St. Thomas Walk
16-01 Wilmer House
Singapore 238096
Other Misc Items, 14 Boxes, 2 Chest, 1 Large Crate, 4
Chests, 3 Containers, 1 Bed Head Board, 1 Seal
#0178062
Space Number: 2208
Thomas Fortune
C/O Jacqueline St. Clair
84 Liberty Lane
Somerville, NJ 08876
1 Seal #0221065, 1 Other Misc Items
Space Number: 4122
Lido Price
58 Johnson Ave
Cranford, NJ 07016
4 Bags, 1 Boxes, 1 Fan, 3 Cabinets, 1 Manican, 1 Wall
Unit, 1 Portable TV, 1 Seal #0178074
Space Number: 4101
Shell Thomas
230 Hillcrest Terr
Roselle, NJ 07063
2 Bags, 8 Bed Head Board, 1 Table Lamp, 1 Sultcase, 1
China Cabinet, 3 Fans, 1 Computer, 1 Bed, 1 Other Misc
Items, 1 Seal #0178064
Space Number: 2109
Rodolf Langheinrich
112 East Fourth St.
Roselle, NJ 07204
1 Seal #0178497, 1 Other Misc Items
Space Number: 2336
Nadine Cook
234 Walnut Street
Ap't #14
Roselle, NJ 07203
1 Other Misc Items, 1 Stove, 1 Seal #0178083, 3 Boxes
Space Number: 215
John Schedin
415 E. 1st Ave
Roselle, NJ 07203
2 Lamps, 1 Vacuum, 1 Shelf, 1 Water Bed, 1 Other Misc
Items, 1 Seal #0178075
Space Number: 448
Loretta Gilroy
1032 St. George Ave
PO Box 214
Flaherty, NJ 07065
1 Seal #017619, 1 Other Misc Items, 43 Boxes, 1
Ironing Board, 1 Entertainment Center, 1 Love Seat,
Sofa, 1 File Cabinet
Space Number: 2125
Erika Jamerson
1294 Sheffer Avenue
Roselle, NJ 07203
10 Bags, 4 Dresser, 2 Table Lamps, 1 Heater, 1 Air
Conditioner, 2 End Tables, 1 Mattress, 1 Box Spring, 4
Chairs, 1 Vacuum Cleaner
Space Number: 1046
Jasmine Scott
54 Sunhwa-Dong Apt. #303
Chung-Ku, Iejeon
South Korea 301-050
1 Fax Machine, 1 Lamp, 1 Seal #0178076, 8 Bags, 1 Misc
Items, 2 Model TV, 1 Boxes
\$73.44
CC57 2T 2/14/21/02

LEGAL NOTICE
Pursuant to state law, a sale will be held at U-Store-It
312, 1951 E. Linden Avenue, Linden, NJ, on 03/07/02 at
10:00 AM.
The following goods will be sold:
Space Number: 9026
Darcella Dickerson
1 Bags, 1 Upholstered Chair
Space Number: 845
Joseph Billantes
1 Toys, 1 Other Misc Items, 2 Tire Rims, 1 Collectables
Space Number: 410
Suzanne Ambiance & Medical Qdch Inc
1 Desk, 1 Computer Monitor, 1 Copy Machine, 1 Fax, 1
File Cabinet
Space Number: 2406
Gladys Clark
1 Sofa, 1 Macroware, 1 Toys, 1 Upholstered Chair
Space Number: 401
Barbara A. Klatz
1 Book Case, 1 Kitchen Chair, 1 Upholstered Chair, 1
Lighting, 1 Clothing Closet, 1 Mirrors
Space Number: 8046
Joranne Shurtluff
1 Bed Frame, 1 Bed Mattress, 1 Clothing, 1 Dresser
Space Number: 103
Diana Cyril
1 Book Case, 1 Table Lamp, 1 Sofa, 1 Satellite Tuner
Space Number: 639
Mfonkwa Nafu
1 Artwork, 1 Sculptures, 1 Statues, 1 Wood Items
Space Number: 1003
Linda L. L. L.
1 Bags, 1 Boxes, 1 Other Misc Items
Space Number: 7018
Linda L. L. L.
1 Bags, 1 Boxes, 1 Other Misc Items, 1 Table,
1 Bed
Space Number: 6217
Linda L. L. L.
1 Bed Head Board, 1 Boxes, 1

Refrigerator
Space Number: 8110
Jermaine Foster
1 Bags, 1 Books, 1 Boxes
Space Number: 644
Rosevelt Joseph
1 Upholstered Chair, 1 Sofa, 1 Wall Unit
Space Number: 520
Janica Sanders
1 Air Conditioner, 1 Bags, 1 Bed Mattress, 1 Chest of
Drawers, 1 Clothing, 1 Clothing Closet, 1 Fan, 1 Toys, 1
Wheel Chair
CC58 2T 2/14/21/02

LEGAL NOTICE
SHERIFF SALE
SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH 756415
DIVISION: CHANCERY COUNTY: UNION
DOCKET NO. F84601
PLAINTIFF: WELLS FARGO BANK MINNESOTA
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
DEFENDANT: CAROL HELLE, ET AL
WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: DECEMBER 05, 2001
SALE DATE: WEDNESDAY THE 20TH DAY OF MARCH
A.D. 2002
The property to be sold is located in the TOWNSHIP OF
CRANFORD, NJ 07016, County of Union and State of
New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 23 ORATON DRIVE, CRANFORD,
NJ 07016.
Tax Lot No. 23 in Block No. 623
Dimension of Lot: approximately 60.00 feet wide by
121.22 feet long.
Nearest Cross Street: Iroquois Road
Situated at a point on the westerly side of Oraton
Drive distance approximately 104.06 feet northery from
its intersection with the northerly side of Iroquois
Road.

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ATTORNEY: FEIN SUCH KAHN & SHEPARD, P.C.
SUITE 201
7 CENTURY DRIVE
PARSHIPANY, NJ 07054
SHERIFF: RALPH FRODO
FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.
ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY SIX THOUSAND SEVEN-
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BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH
KENILWORTH, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 2002-01
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 41 OF THE
CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH
STATEMENT
Take notice that the above Ordinance was passed on the
final reading after public hearing at a regular meeting of
the Governing Body of the Borough of Kenilworth on the
13th day of February, 2002.
HEDY LIPKE, BOROUGH CLERK
BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH
CC66 1T 2/21/02

LEGAL NOTICE
BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH
KENILWORTH, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 2002-02
AND ORDINANCE AMENDING
ORDINANCE NO. 2001-18 PROVIDING FOR
COMPENSATION FOR BOROUGH EMPLOYEES OF
THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH
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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING
GREEN ACRES LOCAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CANOE
CLUB AND HANSON PARK
Cranford Township Committee will conduct a Public
Hearing at the Official Meeting on Tuesday, February 26,
2002, at 8:30 pm at the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield
Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey, concerning application for
funding through the Green Acres Local Assistance
Program. The purpose of the loan for outdoor recrea-
tion development at the Canoe Club and Hanson Park,
Roselle Hellenbrecht, Township Clerk
CC67 1T 2/21/02

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION NO. 2002-96
WHEREAS, the Director of Finance has certified to the
availability of funds which is on file in the office of the
Township Clerk; and
WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Township Committee
of the Township of Cranford that there exists a need to
engage an expert for professional land surveying ser-
vices; and
WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A.
40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that a resolution of the gov-
erning body authorizing the award of contracts for
"Professional Services" without competitive bids must be
publicly advertised.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Township
Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey as
follows:
1. The Mayor and Township Clerk of the Township of
Cranford be, and hereby are, authorized and directed to
execute an agreement with Martin F. Tirella, School
DePalma, Inc., PO Box 800, 200 State Highway Nine,
Manalapan, New Jersey for said services provided in cal-

endar year 2002;
2. Martin F. Tirella shall receive fees not to exceed
\$1,500.00;
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as
"Professional Services" under the provisions of the Local
Public Contracts Law because the professional services
contemplated are of such a nature that they do not lend
themselves to competitive bidding; and
4. A copy of this resolution shall be published as required
by law within ten (10) days of its adoption.
Certified to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the
Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a
meeting held February 12, 2002.
Tara Rowley
Deputy Township Clerk
CC68 1T 2/21/02

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE
KENILWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 11, 2002 at 6:30 pm Personnel Committee
March 25, 2002 at 7:00 pm Special Board Meeting
April 8, 2002 at 6:30 pm Special Board Meeting
BOARD OF EDUCATION CONFERENCE ROOM
DAVID BREARLEY MS/HS
MONROE AVENUE
KENILWORTH, NEW JERSEY
Purpose: To meet in closed executive session to discuss
matters of personnel involving the annual evaluation of
the Chief School Administrator.
Vincent A. Gonnella
Secretary to the Board
\$6.67
CC70 1T 2/21/02

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Automotive/Classified

Kawasaki's 'Mean Streak': when less is more

BY JERRY GARRETT
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

In the "Year of the Power Cruiser" the best one might just be the one with the least power.

The Power Cruiser is the latest trend in motorcycling, as new models push the envelope in a class heretofore known for offering an array of overweight, overpriced, under-performing fashion statements.

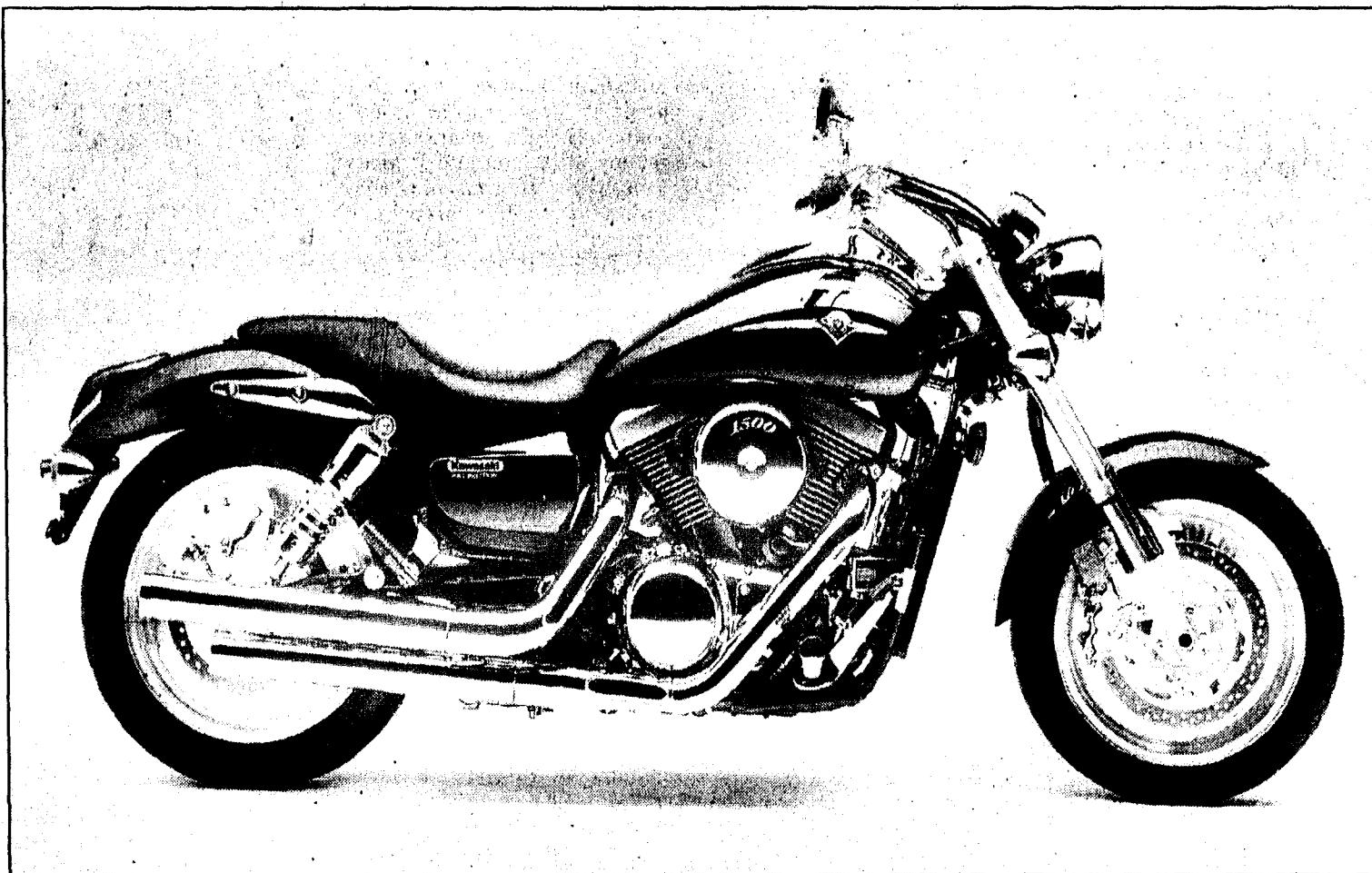
Honda's new 1800cc VTX has taken overkill to new heights, and overwhelmed almost everyone. But there are worthy models debuting from Yamaha, Kawasaki and Harley-Davidson — with more, hot eye candy due soon from the rest of the competition.

The Mean Streak from Kawasaki, for example, combines competent handling and excellent braking (previously scarce attributes in this class), with cutting edge style and groundbreaking (literally) performance.

Not that rational considerations such as price have ever mattered in the cruiser class, but when H-D's revolutionary V-Rod lists at \$16,999 — opportunistic dealers are extorting premiums of \$10,000 to \$15,000 over the manufacturer's suggested retail price — the Kawasaki's price of \$10,999 is worth at least down-shifting into second to look at as you rumble past a dealer's lot.

"Mean Streak" isn't, really. It's a very nice bike, being marketed as a bad boy.

It's built on the Vulcan Classic FI platform. The heart of the matter is the



Kawasaki's Mean Streak sure can be nice.

venerable 50-degree, 1470cc Twin that's been around since 1987.

But it's got some new wrinkles and tweaks to boost performance: increased throttle body diameter in the twin-throat injection, bigger four-valve heads, larger "nail-head" valves, increased camshaft lift and duration and greater diameter header pipes.

All that hot rodding adds eight more ponies to the standard 56 horsepower motor and an extra foot-

pound of torque. It now revs 300 rpm higher, to 6,200, with no bottom-end loss.

Sixty-four horses might not sound like much next to the VTX's 89, but the Mean Streak is only pushing about 599 pounds, compared to 754 for the hulking VTX.

Focus groups told Kawasaki any more horsepower would be overkill. Maybe so.

A redone transmission is also a factor in the Mean Streak's smooth power application, with closer ratios in

the lower gears, increased gear width and better friction management in the clutch.

The Mean Streak's quarter-mile time of 13.5 seconds is more than a full second quicker than the Vulcan. OK, so the VTX does it in just 12.1 seconds! But the Kawasaki can stop a whole lot faster — just 114 feet from 60 mph.

The 12.6-inch front discs — off the ZX-9R — are "the best ever stuck on the front of a cruiser," say Cycle

World's conservative editors. Don't forget the 11.8-inch twin-piston rear caliper disc, which helped elicit the ultimate compliment from Motorcycle Online's testers: "Best brakes of any cruiser ever produced."

The Mean Streak inherits its impeccable road manners and competent, well-damped handling from the Vulcan. That, combined with a longer wheelbase, standard radial tires (an industry first), a low seat and comfortable riding position, helps make the Mean Streak as easy to ride as any cruiser we've tested.

Other pluses: A high-quality 43 mm inverted cartridge front fork, handsome styling with cool paint and an extra helping of chrome; much improved ground clearance (over the Vulcan).

Gripes: All in the nit-pick category. Rear view mirrors that were a little too closely spaced to see around our brawny, manly size shoulders; turn signals from a bygone era; a somewhat slack shaft drive; and a rear seat in name only.

For the price, though, you can hardly go wrong.

2002 Kawasaki Vulcan 1500 Mean Streak

Engine: 1470-cc, 4-stroke, 50-degree, V-Twin, SOHC, liquid cooled

Horsepower: 64.3 at 5,600 rpm

Torque: 74.3 foot-pounds at 2,900 rpm

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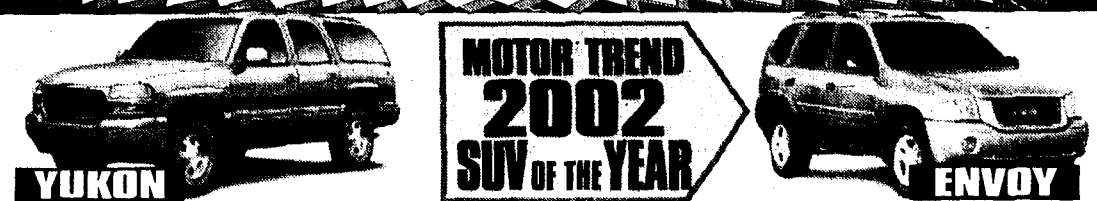
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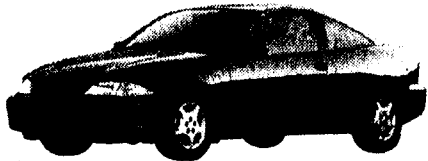
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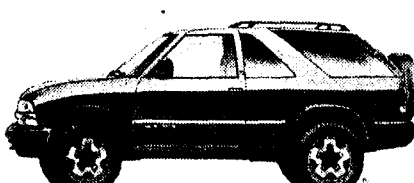
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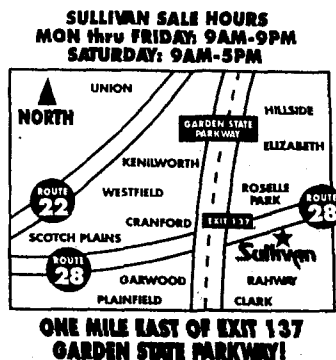
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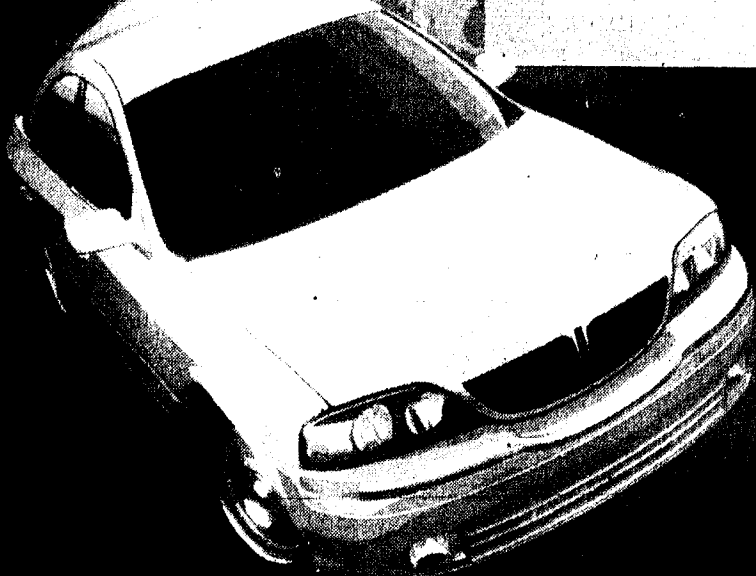
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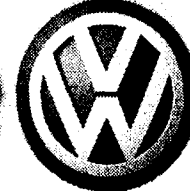
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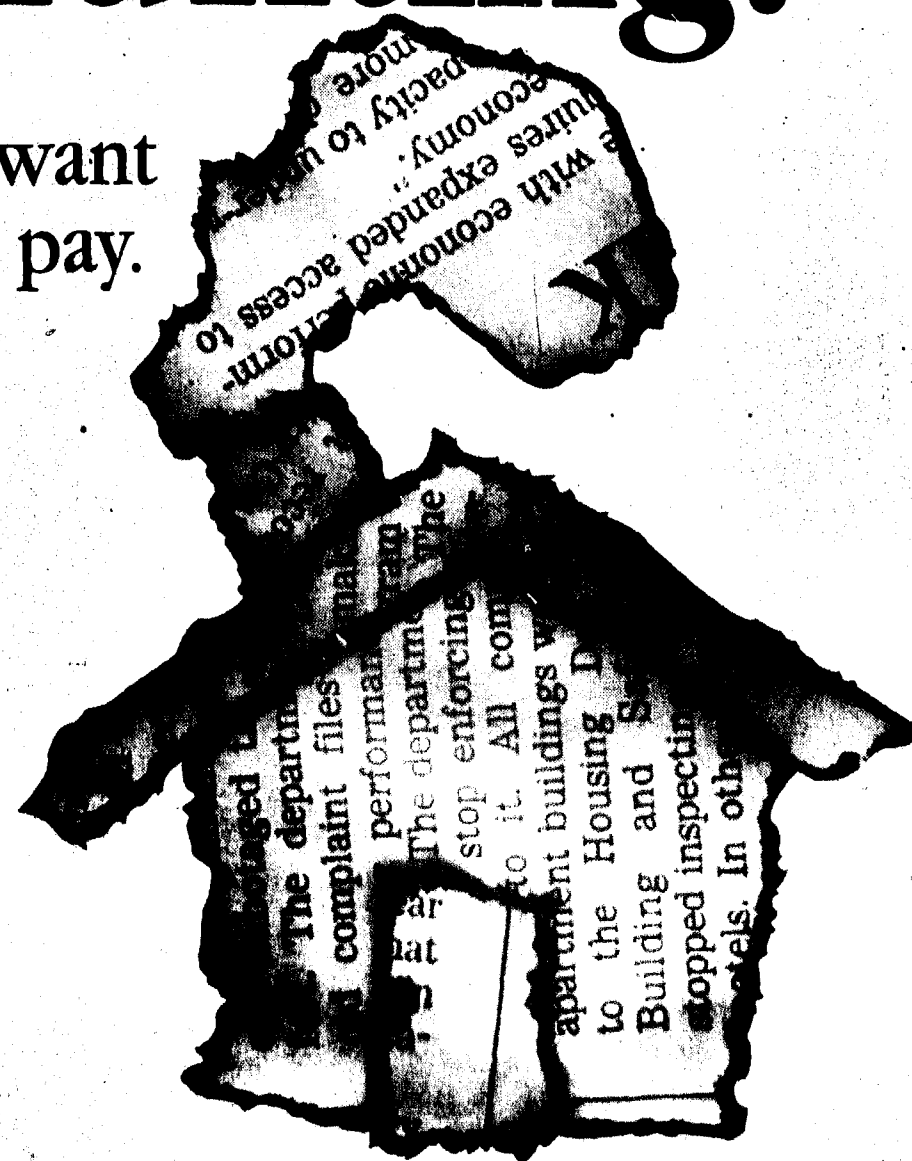
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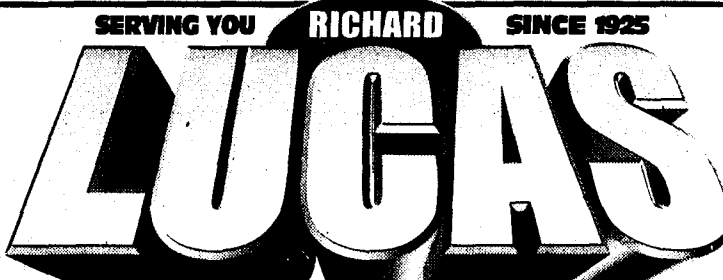
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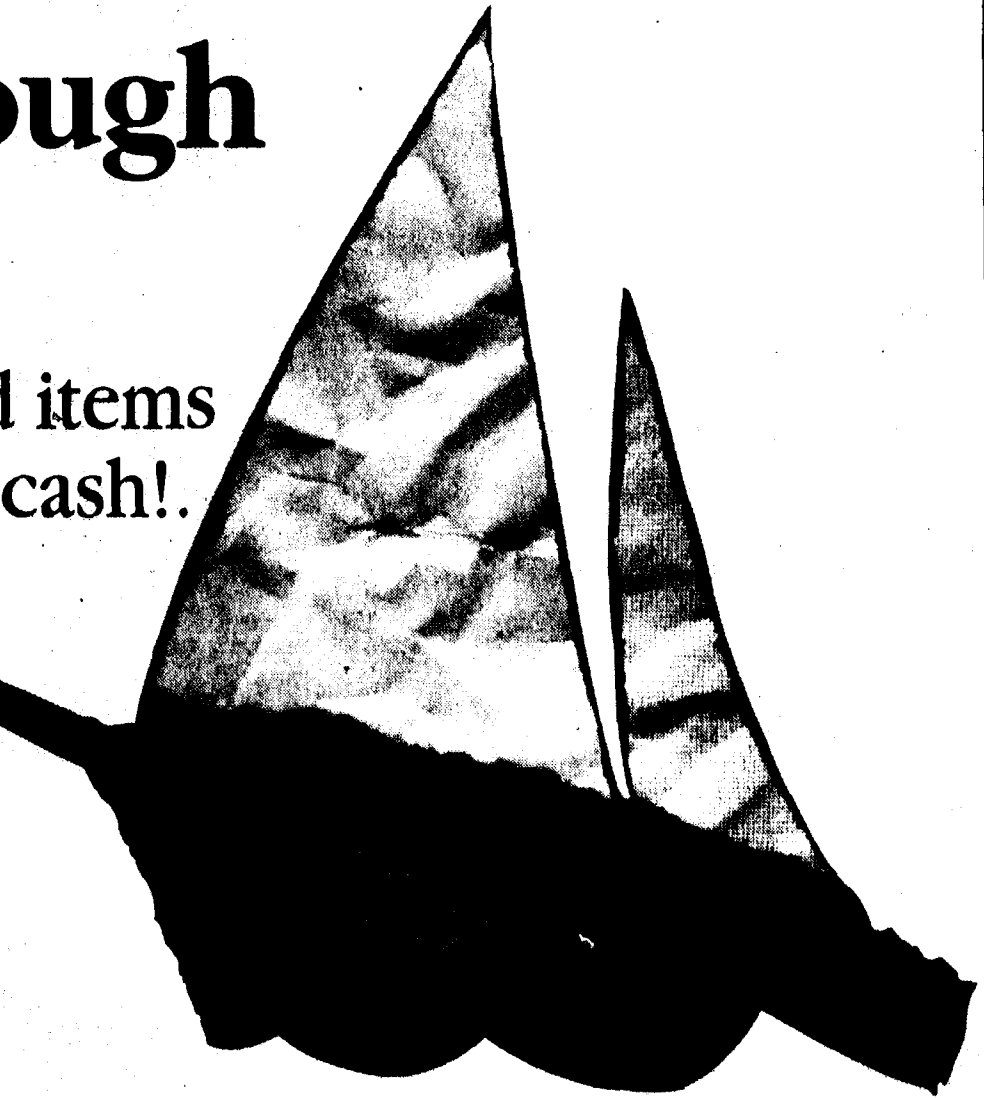
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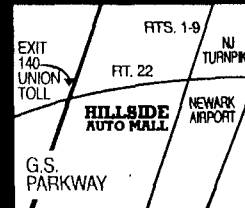
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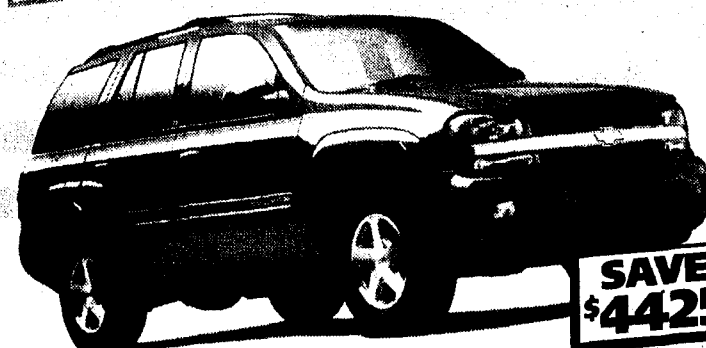
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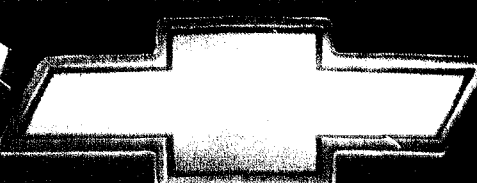
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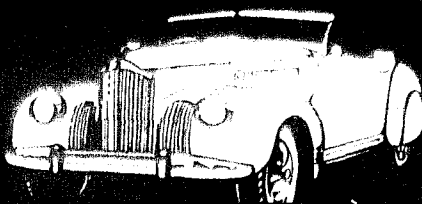
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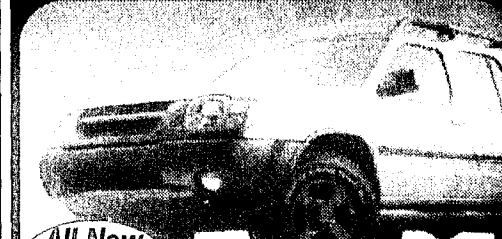
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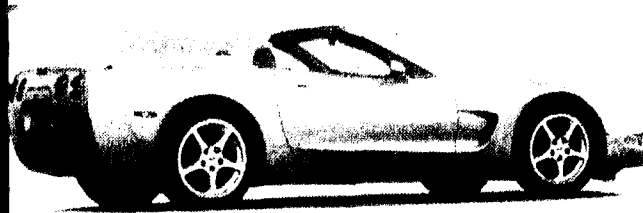
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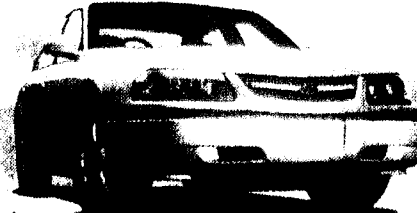


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Lease
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36 Mos.
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Lease
Per Mo.
36 Mos.
\$20,728
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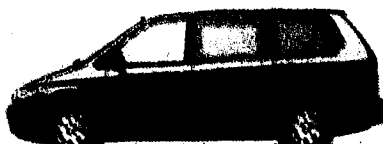


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