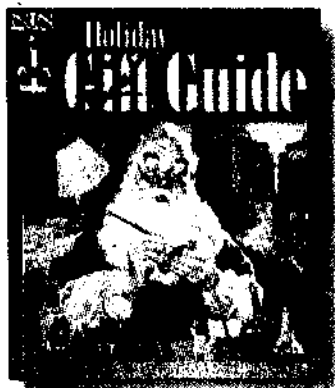


INSIDE



End of a season

Bearley quarterback Steve Washuta scrambled out of the pocket on this play, but the Bears were shut down by Boonton 14-7 in Friday's playoff contest. See full football playoff coverage on Page C-1.



Gift Guide inside

Start your holiday shopping early with the help of our special holiday Gift Guide inside today's issue.



Docs get younger all the time

Hillside Avenue School students recently learned about emergency room procedures. See full photo on Page B-6.

REMINDER

Worried about the train?

Kenilworth Mayor Michael Tiipodi will hold an open meeting of the Stop the Train Committee 10 a.m. Saturday at Boiough Hall on the Oulovani. Residents and officials from municipalities affected by the potential inactivation of the Railway Valley and Island railroads are invited.

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It's official: Mease wins election

By NICK VAMORE
THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — A Friday recount of the results from the Nov. 17 Township Committee election reaffirmed a Republican sweep. Republican candidates Ann Darby and Scott Mease, who led after the initial tallies, actually

widened their margins after absentee and provisional ballots were recounted and the voting machines rechecked. According to the final numbers, Mease defeated Democratic candidate George McDonough by 17 votes for the second open seat. McDonough had requested a recount because the vote had been

HO close; in the original balloting, he trailed Mease by 14 votes. He said he did not expect the original results to be overturned. "There was a difference of 0.11 of a 1 percent. Anyone who wouldn't want a recount would be crazy," he said. Mease said he was glad the recount confirmed the original out-

come. "I'm glad the recount went O.K. and was in our favor," he said. While the contest was close for the second seat, Darby finished well ahead of the field for the first spot. McDonough said there were eight absentee votes that were rejected, but he wouldn't contest them in court "because we would

still be short." The first-time candidate for office said he would not run again for Township Committee "because it takes up so much time." McDonough also said running as a Democrat makes it difficult to win in Cranford. (Continued on page A-2)

Township may charge for old improvements

By NICK VAMORE
THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — The Township Committee agreed last week to form an assessment commission to recommend whether the township should collect assessments for improvements made in the Special Improvement District over a decade ago. Commissioner Phil Morin said the committee must form a commission according to state law when deciding a course of action. "It's an important part of the process, whether we should forgive the assessments," he said. In a report given to the

Township Committee, Director of Finance Thomas Grady said the township incurred a total cost of \$63,640 for improvements to eight properties on North Avenue West and North Union Avenue in 1990. That cost does not include the price for installation of two Victorian lights on the property, which for technical reasons the township can not charge property owners. In his report, Grady said the township has two avenues it can explore. One would be to forgive the assessments, which have been already paid for by taxpayers. The committee recently

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GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Steppinglively

Second-grade students at Cranford's Brookside Place School treated visitors to a performance of Mexican folk art at a Nov. 13 assembly. The students are wearing homemade "ponchos" and performing a Mexican folk dance.

Jude offers dashing fashions, courteous service



Jude Zimmerman in her new women's clothing and accessories store, located on North Union Avenue in Cranford.

By WCKL-AMGRE
THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — Women in search of a local store where they can buy fashionable clothes have finally found their place. In September, Jude — located on North Union Avenue — opened without much fanfare, said owner and namesake Jude Zimmerman. "We had a very soft, quiet opening," she said. "No ads, no grand opening signs." But since its "quiet" opening, Zimmerman said word of the women's fashion store in downtown Cranford has spread throughout Union County and beyond. "We have people coming from Westfield, Scotch Plains, Maplewood and Summit," she said. Zimmerman has been working in the apparel business for 20 years, most recently as a senior vice-president of sales for Liz Claiborne. "I got out after Sept. 11. I'm a Cranford resident and wanted to be closer to my family and friends," she said. "I decided to invest in

myself and my town, as opposed to the stock market." Zimmerman said she feels her store fills a void in downtown Cranford, offering fashionable clothing to affluent women aged 30 and up. "I'm bringing fashion to Cranford. There's a real need here for Cranford customers," she said. "This was born out of my love for Cranford. I love this town." Business has been great in the more than two months the store has been open, Zimmerman said. "We're very happy with the traffic that's been coming in. Browsers are welcome. There's so much to see in the store, I'm not pushy," she said. "With the expertise I have in clothing, I can show things to a woman that she wouldn't necessarily pick for herself." Among the name brands available at Jude are Eileen Fisher, Lily Pulitzer, Sigrid Olsen and Karen Kane. "It's a store for everybody. You can find gowns from \$5 to \$300," she said. (Continued on page A-2)

What we are doing for Thanksgiving 2002

For some, Thanksgiving means giving to and helping others

By KELLY BELLOVUUTICH
STAFF WRITER

The cupboards are nearly bare at many area food banks as Thanksgiving approaches. The Samaritan Homeless Interim Program (SHIP) in Somerville has plans to have a Thanksgiving dinner, but according to Executive Director Tom O'Leary, food is limited. O'Leary said SHIP is in desperate need of turkeys, hams, stuffing and fresh potatoes. "Food donations are down," he said. "We have had a reduction in funding, and received no money from the state. We have lost about 18,000 to 25,000 meals in this quarter. It's severely affecting us." "We cut our Somerset stops in half," he said. This is the first time in 13 years we have had to cut anything. O'Leary said monetary donations will go to buy food for the

Thanksgiving dinner. Food and money can be sent to 67 W. 11th St., Somerville, NJ 08876. The situation is not quite so dire at Cranford Family (Jure, according to Director Kathy Willis. Willis said the pantry has faced a dry spell, but she expects donations to increase as the holidays get closer. "It is a little slow," she said. "I think that is because Thanksgiving is late, so people are not thinking about it. I feel we should be all right. People are very generous, and just need a reminder now and then." Phil Cox, vice president of FISH of the Duellen Area, said monetary donations are not a problem at the moment. "We are back on track," he said. "We are recovering well financially." However, FISH reports a decrease in food items like cereal (Continued on page A-2)



Ruth Ann Howley unpacks food items for Thanksgiving dinner at the Cranford Family Center.

Township may charge for improvements

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took such action regarding assessments on residential properties on Dorchester, Springfield and Rankin Avenues, forgoing nearly \$120,000 in the process.

"Those assessments were pretty old," Morin said. "There had been significant turnover in the neighborhood and we decided it wouldn't have been fair if we required the property owners that were now living there to pay the assessment."

The other option Grady offered — the one the committee chose — is to proceed with the process by forming an assessment commission, which will decide what each of the eight property owners should have to pay. The commission will hold a hearing at which the property owners can challenge their assigned share, Grady said.

The commission will make a recommendation about charges to the Township Committee, which could then act to confirm the assessments and establish a payment

schedule, Grady said.

All the collected revenue would become part of the general surplus, said Grady.

If the assessments are confirmed the four property owners who made an estimated prepayment on the charges would receive a credit. If they are not confirmed, those property owners will get a refund.

Morin said some property owners in the SID were assessed for improvements in 1990 and some were not.

"When assessments go out it's because there has been some public improvement that theoretically benefit the property owners," he said.

Township officials have said both the downtown and residential assessments simply slipped through the cracks, and no assessment commission was ever convened. Other assessments have been confirmed in the past decade.

Members of the Downtown Management Corporation have for several years urged the committee make a decision about charges for the downtown improvements.

Pair pulls elderly women from blazing automobile

By NICK D-AMORE
THE CHRONICLE

KENILWORTH — An elderly woman was rescued from a car fire by a pair of Good Samaritans outside her North 21st Street home Nov. 8.

Police said two neighbors, Elton Shields and Nancy Zimmerman, helped Mary Librizzi out of her burning vehicle.

"It was pretty intense," said Zimmerman.

Librizzi's vehicle had begun smoking as she drove home, police said, but Librizzi said she did not know her car was actually on fire until she was being pulled from the car.

"If it wasn't for my neighbor across the street, I wouldn't have known anything about it," she said.

Librizzi, 80, escaped unharmed and refused medical attention, police said.

"Her guardian angels were watching over her," said Zimmerman.

Zimmerman said she and another neighbor were in their backyards with their children when they heard a whining

sound. "At first we thought it was leaf blower," she said.

But when the neighbors investigated the sound, they saw Librizzi's car smoking in her driveway.

"We could see she was inside

"My only thought was to get her out of there. It all goes so fast, you don't think about much of anything. I just kept praying, 'If this car blows up, let us be out of the way before it does.'"

— Nancy Zimmerman

the car and that there were flames under the hood," said Zimmerman.

At that point, she said, Shields was running towards the car from the opposite side, and Shields' wife was dialing 911.

When Shields and Zimmerman reached the car, Librizzi did not realize the danger she was in.

"She wanted her walker and tapes. We just kept saying, 'Mary, you have to get out of the car.' Eventually, we got her down the driveway," Zimmerman said.

"My only thought was to get her out of there. It all goes so fast, you don't think about much of anything. I just kept praying, 'If this car blows up, let us be out of the way before it does,'" she said.

After Librizzi left the car and headed across the street, a tire blew and she became aware of the peril.

"It just went on fire, just like that," she said. "All I know, is that it's a terrible thing to happen like that," she said.

The Kenilworth Fire Department responded and doused the flames with a neighbor's garden hose before the fire worsened.

Zimmerman said she and her neighbors usually would not have been home during that time of the day.

"We were just in place by divine intervention," she said. "We saw something that had to be done and did it. You don't even think, that's how fast it happens."

Mease wins election

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"People will see this as sour grapes, but I'm a realist. This town is Republican and it's tough as a Democrat," he said.

McDonough said he is "concerned" about the committee staying "status quo." The Republican electoral victory preserves the party's 3-2 advantage on the committee. But Darby

and Mease have said repeatedly they will not be bound to prior positions of the local Republican party.

» McDonough said the recount process was not a total personal loss, however.

"It was a great exercise in civics. I took the kids with me. I have a background in political science, so I have an affinity for these things," he said.

Jude offers dashing fashions

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Zimmerman said customers have come into the store and commented that it should be located in Westfield, a notion she is seeking to dispel. "I want to make people aware that Cranford has taste, too," she said.

Zimmerman said she wants her spacious store to encourage

women to enjoy shopping again.

"The idea is for customers just to feel really good, a place where women can come in and enjoy themselves," she said. The store's tagline, in fact, is "A place to feel good about yourself."

"It's really about service, being courteous and educating women on what looks great on them," she said.

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Alternative holiday gifts are available at Westfield church

WESTFIELD — All are welcome to shop at the Holiday Alternative Gift Market at the First Congregational Church Nov. 24, following the Thanksgiving service.

The Alternative Gift Market provides gift-givers the opportunity to donate to a selection of local and international charity organizations. In return, contributors receive unique gift cards that can be given as gifts. Best of all, an "alternative gift" will support important humani-

tarian work long after the lights come down.

The Holiday Alternative Gift Market will help support the following agencies:

Bridges (Newark & New York): Makes monthly visits to Newark and New York to provide homeless individuals and families with food and clothing.

Cancer Care of New Jersey (various locations): Provides help and hope to cancer patients and their families by offering services such as coun-

seling, financial assistance, and seminars.

Doctors Without Borders (international): Delivers emergency medical aid to victims of armed conflict, epidemics; and natural and man-made disasters in over 80 countries.

Habitat for Humanity (Plainfield chapter): Builds affordable houses for residents of the Greater Plainfield area who are in need of decent housing, but who, though employed, cannot obtain a conventional mortgage.

Heifer International (international): Helps people become self-reliant and gives them hope for a life free from hunger by providing livestock (heifers, pigs, chickens, bees) and tools along with the training to use them.

Interfaith Council for the Homeless (Union County): Helps improve the quality of life for the homeless and those at risk of homelessness by offering emergency shelter, transitional housing, life skills development and education.

The First Congregational Church is located at 125 Elmer Street, Westfield. For more information, please contact the church office at (908) 233-2494.

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Downtown Cranford will be the scene for holiday events

CRANFORD — The downtown will be the site for many several coming holiday events in the coming weeks, beginning with the arrival of Santa Claus and the Christmas tree lighting Nov. 29.

That day will feature a full day of activities, beginning with tree decorating at 9 a.m. in Mayor's Park, at Springfield and North Union avenues. Children are invited to enjoy the petting zoo from 1-4 p.m., and the Cranford High School Madrigal Singers and Brass Ensemble will perform at the gazebo in the park at 5:30 p.m. Santa will arrive at 6 p.m., just before the tree lighting. For more information about Friday's events, call the Chamber of Commerce at (908) 272-6114.

On Nov. 30, the Fire Department and Downtown Management Corporation will conduct the annual "Toys for Tots" collection 10 a.m.-noon at the clock at Eastman Plaza. The Fire Department will have fire trucks on display, along with some special guests.

That weekend's events are the start to many holiday events. In another promotion, residents are invited to come downtown to enjoy the "I Spy Holiday Window Walk" from Dec. 7-21.

The windows of many businesses will be decorated for the holiday season, and there will be one item hidden in each display. Children aged 3-10 can pick up entry forms at any participating business and walk through downtown to try to match each store with its hidden item. Completed entry forms will be entered in a drawing for Cranford gift certificates. For more information about the contest, call the DMC office at (908) 709-7208.



Stand and salute

The Garwood VFW Ladies Auxiliary recently donated two American flags to the Garwood Public Schools. Judy Fumero, president of the Ladies Auxiliary, and Janice Shay, interim principal of the Lincoln Franklin School, hold one of the flags.

Briefs

Ceremony will honor fallen police officer

GARWOOD — Borough police will host a memorial ceremony 2 p.m. Sunday to honor Officer Thomas P. Houghton, who was killed in the line of duty Nov. 24, 1995.

The ceremony will take place in the municipal parking lot located at South Avenue and Center Street. All borough residents are invited to attend.

Teachers' fashion show will benefit scholarships

CRANFORD — Township teachers leave the classroom for the runway this weekend.

They will model fashions in a fashion show 7-9 p.m. tomorrow at Jude, U.N. Union Ave. Cost of \$20 includes a wine and cheese reception.

Advance tickets are available at the American Princess Salon on Alden Street and at Jude. Seating is limited. For more information, phone (908) 272-1209.

Proceeds support the Cranford Fund for Educational Excellence, which finances enrichment programs for township pupils.

County residents can dispose of unwanted ammunition next week

The Union County Police will give residents an opportunity to dispose of unwanted ammunition and fireworks 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 26 at their headquarters at 300 North Avenue East in

Westfield. Disposal will be free for county residents.

"Many residents have these potentially dangerous items in their homes and would like to dispose of them safely," said Freeholder Chairman Lewis Mingo, Jr. "Our County Police have developed this program to help make residents homes and communities safer."

The County Police will accept all fireworks and ammunition of up to .50-caliber. Unwanted ammunition and fireworks brought in by the public will be placed in a burn container at police headquarters and will be detonated later by police.

Fireworks and ammunition are considered hazardous materials and are not accepted as household waste or even hazardous waste. This is the only acceptable method for disposal of these items.

No guns will be accepted at this location.

It is particularly important to dispose of old fireworks, which are not regulated and have a propensity to become unstable. But even older ammunition can become unstable and dangerous.

The Union County Police Bomb Squad organized this collection as a service to the public, and will dispose of all the fireworks and ammunition the public brings. This is the first time the county has provided this service.

"This is not just for people who use firearms for target shooting or hunting," said Freeholder Chester Holmes, a former police officer. "Union County gets many calls from residents who come across these items when they clean out a home after the death of a loved one. Many people hang onto these items because they do not know how to dispose of them."

The Union County Police can also help residents ensure that war memorabilia such as grenades, shells and rockets are really inactive. The county police will come to residents' homes and inspect items using a portable x-ray machine.

For information about the ammunition and fireworks collection, or to have the county police look at memorabilia, please call the Union County Police at (908) 654-9800.

Cranford Police offer 'Home Deliveries'

CRANFORD — The Cranford Police Department is sponsoring its third annual "Home Deliveries" to young children throughout the town.

Santa will be making the deliveries to children age 10 and younger 2-6:30 p.m. Dec. 15 and 5:45-8:45 p.m. Dec. 16-18.

To participate, drop off a wrapped gift with the child's name, address and phone number to the Cranford Police Department between noon-8 p.m. Dec. 8-10.

For more information, contact the Crime Prevention Unit at (908) 709-3999.

Santa Claus suits available to residents

CRANFORD — Township residents can reserve a Santa suit for the holiday season free of charge through the Recreation & Parks Department.

To reserve a suit, send a letter with your name, address, phone number, date of use, and pick-up and drop-off time to the department at the Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. The suit consists of jacket, trousers, belt and black spats.

Interested residents are urged to reserve suits early. For more information, call the recreation department at (908) 709-7283.

Toy purchases can help kids' hospital

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Mountainside TWIG of the Children's Specialized Hospital Auxiliary will hold a fundraiser with the Zany Brainy Springfield store 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Nov. 30.

Ten percent of the store's total sales for the day will be donated to the Auxiliary. Located at 295 Route 22 East in Springfield, the store offers developmental, educational and fun toys and products for children. Shoppers must ask store personnel for a coupon prior to making a purchase so sales can benefit the Auxiliary. For more information, please call Zany Brainy at (973) 467-9444.

Costumes, customs discussed by GFWC

CRANFORD — The GFWC Village Improvement Association held its monthly meeting Nov. 12 at B.G. Fields in Westfield with Pres. Marjorie Bowman officiating.

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Honoring those who served

VFW Bay Leaf Post 687 members and World War II Veterans Bob Springsted, George Kondrasevic, Pat Gargano and Irv Madara stand before the World War I memorial in Garwood. The veterans, along with Ladies Auxiliary members Catherine Madara and Whelma Irby, celebrated Veterans Day by placing wreaths at several local memorials. The organizations are seeking new members to carry on their duties and honor veterans.

St. Michael's offers Advent Service

CRANFORD — Advent, the religious season that leads into Christmas, begins on Sunday, Dec. 1.

"Advent Vespers" are incorporated in a service with hymns 4 p.m. Dec. 1 at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church on Alden Street. This free program features the parish's Adult Choir and Youth Choir under the direction of Stephen Powers.

Among the motets for the Adult

Choir is "O, thou that tallest good tidings to Zion," from the oratorio "Messiah" by George Frederic Handel. Melissa Wilkison, soprano, is the soloist for the Handel work.

The Youth Choir also sings music for the season.

Powers, the parish's music director for 11 years, plays the Organ Concerto in A minor of Johann Sebastian Bach. The organist holds a degree from Westminster Choir College of

Rider University in Princeton.

Wilkison is joined by David Wallach, tenor, and other singers from St. Michael's parish for seasonal carols. Barbara Krause, soprano, sings "The Virgin's Slumber Song" by Max Reger and other carols.

For more information, phone Powers at (908) 276-0360. "Advent Vespers" is the first concert of 2002-03 sponsored by the Friends of Music at St. Michael's parish.

Lower tax on downtown, DMC tells the township

By MCKPAMORE
TICK CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — Members of the Downtown Management Corporation called on the township to reduce the Special Improvement District tax and urged the township to take on a more clearly defined role in downtown maintenance at a Nov. 12 Township Committee meeting.

The recommendations are the product of a series of DMC meetings throughout the year, and were included in a memo sent to the committee by DMC Director Kathleen Prunty.

"There were people who felt so strongly about the future of the downtown. These statements are meant to be strong, not as a criticism, but as points to serve as a conduit to make decisions in the future," Prunty told the committee.

Denis Dankosky, chairman of the DMC, said the two groups must do a better job of working together. "We would like to be able to put into force the things we think should be done. In the past, we've taken heat for things that haven't been done. A shared vision is needed, from the top on down," he said.

Dankosky said the SID tax should be lowered from 37 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation to 22 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Gary Goodman, a DMC member and downtown property owners, agreed the board would like to see

the elimination of \$100,000 in annual debt service payments reflected in the 2003 taxes.

In its memo, the DMC recommended that its focus "be adjusted to meet the current and future challenges of a business district that has changed in the 15 years since the SID was created."

"What needs to happen is a focus on parking as a priority, and the DMC has to be the driving force for that. That's one way that the SID tax could continue to bolster the downtown."

— Commissioner
Dan Aschenbach

The board also called on the township to "resume routine maintenance and associated costs," as well as including capital projects in the municipal budget.

Commissioner Phil Morin said the DMC's recommendations are important, but may be somewhat outdated.

"I think they generally made some important recommendations with how the DMC should be shaped in the future," he said. "However, the township has contributed significantly to maintenance of the downtown in the past

three years."

"It's a good document to use as a check of the relationship between the downtown and the township itself," he said.

Morin said there is still value to the SID tax, which was originally enacted to help pay for streetscape improvements, to "contribute to the improvement of the downtown."

Commissioner Dan Aschenbach agreed there should be more of a focused direction on the downtown.

"What needs to happen is a focus on parking as a priority, and the DMC has to be the driving force for that. That's one way that the SID tax could continue to bolster the downtown. Parking clearly needs to be in place, not only for the existing deficit, but for future development potential," he said.

Aschenbach said the tax should be "rolled back" if the committee cannot justify its purpose.

"But, clearly there are priorities that could be funded and that the township could develop," he said, citing building facades, marketing and parking.

"We could have a revolving fund to help upgrade building facades. Also, there could be a concerted marketing campaign that focuses on Cranford. The township has been a partner in every project that's gone on. Maybe there will be a cost for purchasing property to create parking, and the township could contribute a portion of that," said Aschenbach.

NOVEMBER
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American Education Week celebrates good news

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Education Association (NEA) has asked the country to use American Education Week, Nov. 17-23, to celebrate all the good news in our public schools and commit to working together to help all students achieve.

...This year's theme, "Making Public Schools Great for Every Child!", reflects the crucial need for cooperation and hard work among education staff, parents, and community members to provide all children with a quality education.

"Helping all students achieve is the goal of our work as parents, teachers, and public school employees," said NEA President Reg Weaver. "This is the time to remind ourselves that teaching and learning are a home and classroom team effort."

Weaver also recommended that despite these challenges, "Everyone who works hard to make public schools great ought to take a moment to honor their many successes." He offered recent examples of impressive achievements in learning, teaching, and parental involvement:

California public schoolers have made great strides on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The percentage of fourth graders scoring at the highest two levels in math increased 36 percent between 1996 and 2000, and the percentage of eighth graders, doing the same increased 50 percent between 1990 and 2000.

New Jersey ranks No. 1 in the nation in the percentage of public high schools (98 percent)

offering Advanced Placement (AP) courses. More than 7 out of 10 New Jersey students scored high enough on AP exams to earn college credit.

Parents in Kansas are getting more involved in their children's education. Fully 100 percent of fourth-grade parents in Kansas participate in parent-teacher conferences, and the state is tops in the nation in attendance among public school eighth graders.

NEA was one of the creators and original sponsors of AEW, which began in 1921 as a way to

"Helping all students achieve is the goal of our work as parents, teachers, and public school employees. This is the time to remind ourselves that teaching and learning are a home and classroom team effort."

build public support for our nation's schools.

Today, AEW is held annually the full week prior to Thanksgiving, and its sponsors are the U.S. Department of Education and twelve national

organizations including the NEA.

Also at the initiative of the NEA, each Wednesday since 1987 (Nov. 20 this year) has been set aside as a special day to honor education support professionals — administrative assistants, classroom aides, maintenance and cafeteria

workers, bus drivers, and others who provide invaluable services to schools.

"No matter what their job, all school professionals help students develop their minds and learn important life lessons," added Weaver.

Events and activities are being planned in schools around the country to emphasize this team effort. Students are exercising their creativity in poster contests and thank-you gifts to school staff. Parents are attending PTA dinners and visiting classrooms to talk with teachers, principals, and other school staff about how they can aid in their child's progress.

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Commentary

Please give the gift of life

You can give a little bit of yourself this holiday season and it may be the most valuable gift you will ever give.

During every holiday season there is a serious blood shortage at area hospitals. People who would normally give blood through programs at their places of employment or community organizations often become pre-occupied with the frantic pace of holiday activities so the regular appointment to donate blood gets lost in the shuffle.

However, though the amount of blood being donated decreases, the demand for blood doesn't change over the holidays! That's why it's important to find the time to donate blood, the gift of life.

The outpouring of blood donors after the Sept. 11 terrorist attack was overwhelming. Unfortunately, donated blood cannot be kept for longer than a few months and a fresh supply is needed. Many of those who donated blood after Sept. 11 probably did so for the first time in their lives; let's hope they remember how easy it was and they get into the habit of donating on a regular basis.

This year blood banks are facing a new challenge. On Oct. 31, the federal Food and Drug Administration implemented new guidelines that introduce new restrictions on who can donate blood. The guidelines were created in response to the theoretical risk of transmitting the human form of Mad Cow Disease by transfusion. Banned from donating blood are people who have visited or lived in the United Kingdom for three months or more between 1980 and 1996. Also banned are U.S. military personnel and their dependents who spent six months or more between 1980 and 1996 stationed at European bases.

"We are concerned about our ability to make up for the impending shortfall as local donations are not keeping pace with prior years and the demand for blood is rising due to an aging population and advances in medical treatment that require transfusion support," says John Giandelone, executive director of New Jersey Blood Services.

Local chapters of the American Red Cross are sponsoring blood drives and you can also make an appointment at area hospitals to give blood. Or you can call New Jersey Blood Services at (800) 933-2566.

•A single pint of blood can help to save the lives of at least three people.

What other gift are you giving this holiday season that will have as much impact?

The Chronicle is here for you

The following information should help you get your ideas and community news into *The Cranford Chronicle*:

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Send letters to the above address or fax number.

Correction

The Cranford Conservation Center will be open 9:30 a.m.-3:50 p.m. Nov. 30. Also, any used clothing and textiles must be taken to the center in Fanwood.

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Letters to the editor

What happened to Veterans Day?

To the Chronicle:

Where did all the Veterans Day celebrations go? Has the idea of a day to honor all veterans become extinct like the dinosaurs? Is it possible with the absolute lack of knowledge about our American history that some do not even know why the day should be celebrated? Then it is time for a history lesson.

Although the day began as Armistice Day in 1926 because World War I ended Nov. 11, 1918, change has to be made by some political body about almost everything. So it was with Armistice Day. A proclamation on June 1, 1954 changed the holiday's name to Veterans Day. Then in 1968 Congress changed the date to the fourth Monday in October, but many states objected to this move because October had no connection to the original holiday. Finally, on Jan. 1, 1978 it was declared the holiday would be observed on Nov. 11 in honor of veterans of all wars.

At that time parades were held in most towns and cities and people came from near and far for the celebrations. Yes, there are some areas in which these things continue, but far too often recent celebrations have had to be cancelled for lack of participation. Too often it is left to the veterans groups

themselves, along with perhaps the historical societies or a church or two, to hold any kind of remembrance of those who were willing to serve our country.

Now let us look at what happened in Cranford in 2002. First, Veterans Day is a national holiday and no flags were flown in our downtown area. Is it possible that everyone responsible just plain forgot?

Also, many homes did not have flags flying and have not done so since the large surge of patriotism that followed Sept. 11. How soon Americans forget, and the same old apathy takes over along with an attitude of "I don't care if it doesn't concern me."

Veterans do not need or want another monument or a parade but would like to have some recognition of the people who were willing to serve their country and allow the people of this country to enjoy their freedom and, hopefully, their safety.

In today's society, distracted as it appears to be, what future is there for the remembrance and observation of Veterans Day? Surely in the years to come the veterans will not be forgotten even if there are no celebrations. Surely we cannot forget all they did for every citizen in America.

MAVIS SERAFIN
Cranford

Winners look forward to service

To the Chronicle:

We would like to thank all those who worked so diligently on the Darby/Mease campaign and helped to make it a success. We are obviously pleased by the outcome of the election. However, we are even more pleased to have had so many friends and volunteers participate in our campaign since late March. While the list of names is too long to include as part of this letter, we are very grateful for all your hard work on our behalf and for your confidence in us as our candidates.

We also want to thank the many citizens of Cranford who took the time to share with us their views and suggestions for the town. Please continue to communicate your needs and ideas. While the campaign is over, we hope that our dialogue is just beginning.

There is much to be done in the months ahead. We must channel our energy and creativity for those tasks at hand. In the coming weeks, we will select a team of capable and dedicated residents to serve on the various boards and committees that serve the township. We are committed to finding the best people to fill these roles. Toward that end, we ask those with an interest in participating to contact us with your interest and qualifications.

We take seriously the responsibility that the voters of Cranford have bestowed upon us. We thank you for your support and promise to do our best to live up to your expectations.

ANN E. DARBY
W. SCOTT MEASE
Cranford

Independent seeks a running mate

To the Chronicle:

I want to thank everyone who supported me in my recent drive to become an independent councilman in Garwood. Although we lost, I believe we put up a valiant effort — one that has already taught us a lot for next year. Politically-experienced friends have told me that 574 votes for an independent candidate clearly shows that people are not satisfied with the status quo and are looking for a change. That change will come! I thank each and every one of you NM voters.

I thank my wife, Maria, and my children J'lic and Jenim for letting me go on these weekends of door-to-door campaigning and ielaud aciiuuu. I thank

Peggy Briggs (and you too, Ted) for agreeing to be my treasurer and teaching me about Garwood politics. I thank everyone who let me put a sign on your lawn, and I thank everyone who delivered flyers door-to-door for me.

I thank everyone for their kind words of encouragement during the campaign. If anyone still has a sign they want to get rid of, please call me and I will pick it up. And finally, I need a running mate for next year! If anybody knows a good candidate, let me know. Thank you.

BILL NIERSTEDT
Garwood

Democrats thank their supporters

To the Chronicle:

As your incumbent and recently-elected mayor and councilmen, we would like to thank you, the residents of the Borough of Garwood, for your continuing support and confidence in us.

Also, we thank everyone that worked so hard to accomplish this victory. The support demonstrated in this last election and through the years has inspired us to continue to work to improve our bor-

ough.

We appreciate all of your comments and suggestions. Please do not hesitate to contact us regarding any concern you may have. We can be reached at (908) 709-0710.

MAYOR MICHAEL CRINCOLI
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Garwood

Cranford shows veterans disrespect

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At home in the world and at home

Minutes after the train left Baltimore and began rattling over the rotting rails, my suitcase fell off the overhead rack and onto my head.

"Are you OK, Miss?" the conductor asked coming up the aisle behind me.

It was somewhere in the mid-1970s and, yes, my hair was girlishly long. But as soon as the conductor saw my chin's struggling stubble and heard a deliberately husky "fine" from my lips, he quickly returned the suitcase to the rack and hurried away without acknowledging the gender confusion. I was too woozy to acknowledge the pain and embarrassment; I had just pulled my first all-nighter to complete a paper and nothing made a difference because I was going home for Thanksgiving.

This had been the first time I had been away from Neshanic Station on my own and my soul ached for the comfort and safety of home. At college I was a rube of sorts — book smart and street stupid. Though I could discuss in depth the subtleties of James Joyce's *Dubliners*, I was a mute illiterate in more important matters, such as beer, pot and the Grateful Dead. The lessons I had learned on the streets of Neshanic Station were irrelevant and while I should have been angered, I was puzzled and disappointed. But in the college classroom I felt more at home; it was the sort of intellectual haven where I could seek shelter from everyday anxieties. The world inside the classroom was much bigger and friendlier than the other worlds of my life.

Back in my own bed, I slept the deep, calm sleep of an infant exhausted by crying. But when I woke up, I felt a strange unease, the same anxiety that used to fill me when I raised my hand in elementary school though I didn't know the answer. That unease faded into dread as I neared LaMonte Field in Bound Brook where the traditional Somerville and Bound Brook football game was being played. I should have been looking forward to seeing all my high school friends for the first time since the summer, but I wanted to turn around and go home.

The game was terrible. Bound Brook walloped my alma mater 22-8 and the only highlight was a snow flurry that swept down Watchung Mountain. I had very little to say to my high school classmates and I found myself not really all that interested in what they had to say. They seemed stuck in another time, like insects caught in amber. I was waiting for them to acknowledge life had changed or, at least, that we all had changed, but they were all like soldiers returning from a war who could not accept that their world had drastically changed. I grew so impatient that I actually started to concentrate on the football game, but I couldn't even get upset that the Patriots were being whipped. I wanted to leave, but I didn't want to go home. I didn't know where I wanted to go.

Because the role of melancholy brooder was the only one that seemed to fit, I spent a lot of time brooding that weekend. Eventually, like a devoted Joyce acolyte, I experienced an epiphany. I realized I could reconcile my self-made life with the duality of my experience. My life was not going to be a choice between different, divergent paths; it was going to be a journey down many different paths at the same time. And it would be my mission to find to discover how they would eventually converge. It was alright to be at home both in the world and at home. I didn't have to discard what I had learned on the streets of Neshanic Station in place of another set of knowledge. It was OK to find a confusing life that others truly not understand.

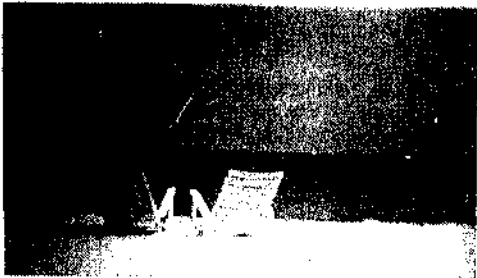
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F. Richard Honeywell; was Air Force officer

CRANFORD — Frederick Richard "Rick" Honeywell, 42, who held the highest rank for a noncommissioned officer in the Air Force, died Nov. 4, 2002 in Wilford Hall Air Force Medical Center at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

He was a chief master sergeant at his most recent posting at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas. Sgt. Honeywell, who was born in Bloomingdale, joined the Air Force at age 19 after graduating from Cranford High School. His Air Force career included the Persian Gulf War of 1990-91.

Sgt. Honeywell was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Surviving are his wife, Christina Bowers Honeywell; his mother, Loretta of Cranford; his father, Forest of Denver, Colo.; a daughter, Megan; a son, Daniel; two sisters, Michelle MacNamara and

Kathleen; three brothers, Forest, Patrick and Steven; and eight nieces and nephews.

A memorial Mass will be offered 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church on Alden Street. A reception at the Cranford Alliance Church hall on Retford Avenue follows the Mass.

Burial will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10 in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va. For directions, visit www.arlingtoncemetery.org.

Donations may be sent to International Myeloma Foundation, 12650 Riverside Drive, Suite 206, North Hollywood, CA 91607-3421 or Wilford Hall Air Force Medical Center, Attn: Chief Herman Hertog, 2200 Bergquist Drive, Lackland AFB, TX 78236.

Local arrangements are by the Dooley Funeral Home.

Daniel Swinton

CRANFORD — Daniel Swinton, 78, died Nov. 18, 2002 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He was born in Bayonne and had lived in Cranford since 1947.

Mr. Swinton retired in 1986 after 35 years as a mechanical engineer with Exxon Research and Engineering Co., based in Florham Park. His career included two years with Esso Engineering Ltd. in London, England; a year with Esso Europe, based in London; and a posting to Esso Standard S.A.F. in Paris, France. He also worked in the Middle East, Far East, Australia, northern Africa, South America, Canada and the Caribbean.

After leaving Exxon he became a consultant at the Bayway refinery in Linden, as well as venues in Italy and Curacao.

He held a bachelor's degree from Rutgers University and a master's degree in mechanical engineering from the Newark College of Engineering (now the New Jersey Institute of Technology). Mr. Swinton also attended The Citadel in Charleston, S.C., Clarkson College in Potsdam, N.Y., and Union County College.

Regina M. Luke

KENILWORTH — Regina M. Connors Luke, 78, died Nov. 16, 2002 at her home.

A native of Pittston, Pa., she lived in Newark and Irvington before moving to Kenilworth in 1979.

Mrs. Luke retired in 1992 after 25 years as a sales clerk at the McCrory variety store in Irvington.

Surviving are her husband, William E. Sr.; a son, William E.

Jr.; a daughter, Catherine Iden; a brother, John Connors; a sister, Molly Heffron; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Services were held yesterday at the Mastapeter Funeral Home, Roselle Park, followed by a funeral Mass at St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

Donations may be sent to Atlantic Home Care and Hospice in Millburn.

Armand J. Priff

KENILWORTH — Armand J. Priff, 97, died Nov. 16, 2002 at Union Hospital.

A native of Naples, Italy, he lived in Ikenilworth and Newark before moving to Linden in 1967.

Mr. Priff was once a tool and die maker with Bendix Aviation Corp. in Teterboro. He later owned the Progressive Tool and Engineering Co. in Linden from 1946 until his retirement in 1978.

His wife, Helen Schneider Priff, and a son, Armand J. Jr., are deceased.

Surviving are two sons, David and Steven W.; a brother, George; a sister, Edith Popyanopolos; and two grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday at the Mastapeter Funeral Home in Roselle Park. Entombment was in Hollywood Memorial Park mausoleum, Union.

Obituaries

M. Raleigh McCarroll; prominent Presbyterian

CRANFORD — M. Raleigh McCarroll, 81, a prominent Presbyterian official and a longtime security officer, died Nov. 15, 2002 at his home in Scotch Plains.

He was a past moderator and former vice moderator of the Synod of the Northeast within the Presbyterian Church (USA). Mr. McCarroll was a commissioner to the Synod of the Northeast as well as the General Assembly within his denomination. For many years he was on the judicatory council of the Elizabeth Presbytery.

At the Siloam-Hope Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth he was a ruling elder, deacon, trustee, financial secretary, treasurer and Sunday school teacher. He served on the board of the Elizabethport Presbyterian Center and Jefferson Park Day Care Center.

Mr. McCarroll was the chief of security at the former Raritan Valley Hospital in Green Brook and a sergeant on the Meadowlands Sports Complex security force. He retired in 1976 as a sergeant in the Union County sheriff's office.

The World War II Army soldier graduated from the Union County Police Chiefs Training Academy in 1954.

He graduated in 1947 from Lincoln University of Pennsylvania, which honored Mr. McCarroll on its Founder's Day in 1998. The university Alumni Association recognized him with its Alumni Award for 1982. Also at his alma mater the Omicron Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity named him its Omega Man of the Year for 1993.

He was a life member of the New Jersey Policemen's Benevolent Association; the New Jersey Retired Police and Firemen's Association; and the Lincoln University Alumni Association.

Mr. McCarroll was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., and lived in Elizabeth before moving to Scotch Plains.

Deceased are his wife, Bernice Petty McCarroll; a son, Keith R.; and a sister, Dolores Sampson.

Surviving are a sister, Vemell Oliver of New York City; and two brothers, Othello of Cranford and Rev. Bobby of Illinois.

Services were held Wednesday at the Siloam-Hope Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

Arrangements were by the Nesbitt Funeral Home in Elizabeth. Donations may be sent to the American Cancer Society.

Willard Decker Jr.

KENILWORTH — Willard J. Decker Jr., 59, died Nov. 13, 2002 at his home in Sayreville.

Born in Brooklyn, he was a son of the late Lillian Decker and Willard J. Decker Sr. Mr. Decker lived in Elizabeth, Kenilworth and Miami, Fla., before moving to Sayreville in 1996.

He was a sewing machine

mechanic for 20 years with Geri-Care Products Co. in Moonachie.

A brother, Donald, is deceased. Surviving are a sister, Susan L. Tunis; a brother, Kevin D.; and three nieces.

Services were held Tuesday at the Mastapeter Funeral Home in Roselle Park. Burial was in Howells Cemetery, Howells, N.Y.

Robert Henry Thill

CRANFORD — Robert Henry Thill, 80, died Nov. 15, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Mr. Thill was born in Chicago, Ill. He lived in Detroit, Mich., before moving to Cranford in 1952.

He spent 43 years with the Bell System and retired in 1983 as a public relations manager for AT&T Corp. Mr. Thill joined Western Electric in 1940; he moved to its Manhattan office in 1956 and was transferred to AT&T in 1964.

He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Detroit in 1952 and a master of business administration degree from New York University in 1958.

Mr. Thill was an active volunteer with the Electronic Information and Education Service of New Jersey. A voracious reader, he

enjoyed frequent afternoons and evenings at the theater.

As an Army Air Corps aviator in World War II he was a chief gunner aboard B-29 bombers with the 504th Bomb Group. Mr. Thill flew 22 wartime missions from Tinian Island to Japan.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Jane Toohey Thill; three daughters, Janet Hunter-Wilson of Somerset, Julie Mitchell of La Plata, Md., and Susan Okon of Monroe, Conn.; a son, Gary of Timonium, Md.; a sister, Margaret Houek; and eight grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was offered Monday at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Funeral Home.

Michael Ticki

KENILWORTH — Michael Ticki, 78, died Nov. 15, 2002 at his home.

Mr. Ticki was born in Ukraine. He lived in Austria, Brazil and Irvington before moving to Kenilworth in 1988.

He spent 32 years with the Universal Chain Co. of Maplewood and retired in 1995 as a warehouse operator. A member of the Bayern Verein of Newark and the Ukrainian National Association,

Mr. Ticki served in the Ukrainian army during World War II.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Maria; two daughters, Lucy Diaz and Irene Ehrmann; four grandchildren and a niece.

A funeral Mass was offered Monday at St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Newark, following services at the Union Funeral Home-Lytwyn & Lytwyn. Burial was in Hollywood Cemetery, Union.

Anthony G. Rossi

GARWOOD — Anthony G. Rossi, 78, died Nov. 14, 2002 at Clara Maass Medical Center in Belleville.

He was born in Newark and had lived in Garwood since 1955.

Mr. Rossi was a tool and die maker with Unisys Corp. and Anadigics in Warren prior to his 1989 retirement. He served in the Army in Africa, Italy and France during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Odette

Verhaegen Rossi; two sons, Anthony L. and Andre; a brother, Nicholas; two sisters, Theresa Ciccalese and Rosalie Lippolis; and a grandchild.

A funeral Mass was offered Saturday at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Funeral Home in Cranford. Donations may be sent to the American Lung Association.

Margaret Tomaio

GARWOOD — Margaret V. Klaus Tomaio, 93, died Nov. 16, 2002 at the Berkeley Heights Convalescent Center.

A native of Hungary, she settled in Garwood when she came to the United States in 1921.

Mrs. Tomaio retired in 1978 after 40 years with the Container Ring Corp. in Elizabeth.

Her husband, John, died in 1971.

Surviving are two sons, John P. of Pensacola, Fla., and Joseph M. of Garwood; a daughter, Barbara

Nicholson of Garwood; six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be offered 9:30 a.m. today at St. Ami & Roman Catholic Church, 3815 Second Ave. Burial will be in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Arrangements are by the Dooley Funeral Home in Cranford. Donations may be sent to the Garwood Volunteer Fire Department or Garwood First Aid Squad.

Joan Ann Mitchell

CRANFORD — Joan Ann Kaiser Mitchell, 72, died Nov. 15, 2002 at her home in Spring Lake Heights.

A native of Elizabeth, she lived in Cranford before moving to Spring Lake Heights in 1986.

Mrs. Mitchell was an accountant at the Fulton Restaurant in Rahway prior to her 1982 retirement. She was a leader with the Cub Scout pack at St. Gelieville Roman Catholic Church in Elizabeth.

Surviving are her husband,

John G.; a son, John; two daughters, Janet Gaven and Joanne Conklin; two brothers, Conrad Kaiser and Richard Kaiser; a sister, Anne Marie Nagele; and five grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was offered Monday at St. Rose Roman Catholic Church in Belmar.

Arrangements were by the O'Brien Funeral Home in Wall. Donations may be sent to American Cancer Society, 801 Broad St., Shrewsbury, NJ 07702.

Anna Mayer Schulz

CRANFORD — Anna Mayer Scholz, 93, died Nov. 13, 2002 in Summerville, S.C.

She was born July 11, 1909 in Yugoslavia, the daughter of the late John and Anna Getz Mayer. Mrs. Scholz was a homemaker and lived in Cranford before moving to Summerville.

Surviving are her husband, Peter S.; a son, Peter M. and wife Mary of Summerville; two grandsons, John of Summerville and

Steven of West Ashley, S.C.; and two great-grandsons, Michael and Andrew, both of Summerville.

A funeral Mass was offered Saturday at St. John the Beloved Roman Catholic Church, Summerville, of which Mrs. Scholz was a parishioner. Entombment was in the Dorchester Memory Gardens Mausoleum, Summerville.

Arrangements were by the James A. Dyal Funeral Home in Summerville.

Miller-Cory House offers holiday feast

Although not a legal holiday until the 20th century, Thanksgiving was a feast day in colonial times with a meal that was much the same: turkey, pumpkin, cranberries, potatoes, corn, apples.

This bill of fare is re-created at the Miller-Cory House Museum in Westfield for a "Thanksgiving Feast from the Hearth" 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24.

Janet and Judy Murphy, both of Kenilworth, are joined by Arlene Kendall to prepare the meal with recipes and cooking methods of 18th century America. Kathy Dowling speaks about table customs of early America.

As is customary on a museum Sunday, docents in period dress conduct guided tours of the dwelling with the last tour leaving 4 p.m. The museum is a farmstead built on what were the West Fields of Elizabethtown.

Admission is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students and free for children under 6. For more information, phone (908) 232-1776.

The Miller-Cory House Museum is at 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, where "Gingerbread Sunday" is Dec. 8. The museum will be closed Sunday, Dec. 1.

Auxiliary police seek to bolster their roster

CRANFORD — The Cranford Auxiliary Police is seeking candidates to join its force. This volunteer organization supplements the regular Police Department in times of emergencies and at various other town functions.

Individuals ages 18 and older are urged to apply. Candidates who are selected must attend training classes at the Auxiliary Police Academy in Scotch Plains.

Applications may be obtained from the Police Desk located in the Municipal Building at 8 Springfield Avenue in Cranford. The applications may also be downloaded from the website www.cranford.com/police by clicking on the forms button. This website also provides additional information on the Auxiliary Police.

For more information please contact Auxiliary Captain Ralph Gregson at (908) 276-8875 (evenings) or leave a voice message.

The filing deadline is November 30, 2002.

The first Cranford Auxiliary Police unit, consisting of 90 volunteers, was established in 1916.

Records of this unit could not be verified after World War I and it appears that the unit disbanded. It was reactivated in 1942, when another unit of 96 civilian volunteers was organized in response to the threats of World War II. The units continues to function today.

Today, the Auxiliary Police, led by Captain Ralph Gregson, has 16 officers who assist the regular police with routine town patrol on Thursday evenings, traffic control on Sundays at Saint Michael's and First Presbyterian churches and traffic and crowd control at the many functions in town.

Auxiliary officers ride along with regular police officers, assist at DWI checkpoints and are frequently used to assist the regular police during township emergencies such as snowstorms, floods, windstorms and other township and public functions.

The Auxiliary Police receive basic training at the Police Academy and are continually trained in basic first aid and CPR, as well as police procedures and other subjects of public health and safety.

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BESTBETS

Free concert In Bridgewater

BRIDGEWATER — Anna Maria Bottazzi performs a free concert 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22 at the Somerset County Library, Bridgewater.

Her program includes works of Johann Sebastian Bach, Ludwig von Beethoven, George Gershwin and Frederic Chopin, plus at least one other composer.

As a child protegee Bottazzi received her first piano lessons at age 2 from her mother in the Argentine capital Buenos Aires. She gave her first solo recital at age 4 and later earned a doctorate from the Juilliard School in Manhattan.

After a nearly fatal automobile accident left her with major head injuries, doctors told Bottazzi her she would not be able to play the piano again. She returned to Argentina and began a recuperation that took 13 years.

She returned to New York to play her first official recital in 1974. Two years later Bottazzi asked the audience in Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center to select her program from a list of 100 works — all of which she played from memory.

In addition to recitals, Bottazzi gives master classes and lectures around the world.

For more information, phone (908) 526-4016. The Somerset County Library is at 1 Vogt Drive, off North Bridge Street about a half-mile north of Route 22.

Siku is featured in library concert

PISCATAWAY — An Andean instrument, the Siku, classical guitar and grand piano will be the musical instruments being given a workout by a talented trio of musicians in A Musical Interlude, Sunday, Nov. 24. The free program will take place at Kennedy Library, 500 Hoes La., Piscataway, 2:30 pm.

The mostly classical program will feature Mike Kucsak playing classical and flamenco tunes on guitar, Dave Maylszko on piano, and Greg Ribot on Siku. The trio will combine their talents as well as show off their individual virtuosity in solo numbers.

The Siku, with its haunting and ethereal sound played by the multi talented Ribot will give audience members an especially enjoyable listening experience. The Siku is an Andean instrument which pre dates Columbus. While there are a number of variations to the instrument, it is basically a panpipe made up of thin canes.

To make certain there is something for everyone the trio will also add some non-classical numbers such as Maple Leaf Rag.

The free performance is sponsored by the Piscataway Cultural Arts Advisory Commission as one of its season programs. Reservations are not required. For information call (732) 563-4117 or (732) 562-2301.

Children's Chorus with N.J. Symphony

NEWARK — In the interregnum between Thanksgiving and Christmas, the Somerset Hills Children's Chorus goes "Home for the Holidays" with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra.

The all-child ensemble from Basking Ridge provides vocal accompaniment in two NJSO holiday concerts at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15.

The program includes "Dance of the Tumblers," from "The Snow Maiden" by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov; a "Christmas Festival" by Leroy Anderson; the overture to the "Hanukkah Festival"; "This Christmaatide"; "March of the Toys," from "Babes in Toyland" by Victor Herbert; and "The Twelve Gifts of Christmas."

Both ensembles will be led by Murk Laycock, music director of the Princeton Symphony Orchestra and assistant conductor of the NJSO, lit- also will lead the New Jersey Tai Kwonbbo in the performance.

Admission is \$5H \$1-L. For tickets visit directions, visit www.njsymphony.org or please call (800) ALL-GLAD.

Yes, you can go home again - if you're a singer

Pam Steinfeld returns to her hometown for Saturday concert

By JENNIFER McCANDLESS
PRIME TIME

WATCHUNG - Pam Steinfeld is returning to her hometown for her first performance in New Jersey since the debut of her CD, "Open Hands."

Steinfeld will be playing at the Watchung Arts Center on Saturday. Steinfeld, who grew up in Watchung and Westfield, said she is excited to be coming home for a performance because her family and friends will be in the audience.

"I really can't wait to see who shows up," Steinfeld said. "It was so exciting doing my first CD and it feels good to be coming home to perform in front of my friends and family."

Steinfeld said as a child, her parents signed her up for piano lessons and it sparked her musical interests: Steinfeld said one day, when she was 9 years old, she "just started writing lyrics and singing melodies."

As a student at Watchung Hills Regional High School, Steinfeld took choral and voice lessons and performed in a few talent shows. At Tufts University, Steinfeld said she mostly played for herself, doing occasional shows at a local coffeehouse. After graduating, Steinfeld worked in marketing, then went to law school and practiced for several years.

"Writing lyrics and music has just been something I've always done," Steinfeld said. "I've always played because I loved it and never thought this would be my career."

Steinfeld said she was working for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) when she was talked into submitting one of her songs for a song writing contest. The song gained an honorable mention and it made Steinfeld think about devoting more time to her music.

"It was like a little recognition for me and it inspired me," Steinfeld said. "I decided I wanted

to give my music my full attention and see what happened. I left the EPA for a while to see where my music would take me. It was a tough decision, but it has definitely worked out very well."

Steinfeld said she submitted her songs to several song writing contests and received several awards, including first place in the Mid-Atlantic Song Contest, and honors from the Great American Song Contest.

What inspired Steinfeld to release her first CD was entertainment lawyer Jay Rosenthal. Steinfeld said she was playing one of her songs for Rosenthal and after the song, he looked at her and said, "You know, it's time for you to do your own CD."

"I thought it was great advice and I went with it," Steinfeld said. "I was surprised when he (Rosenthal) told me I should do my own CD. I've been writing songs for so many years, you know. It was just something I always did and all

of a sudden, it was becoming my career."

Steinfeld, who not only wrote the songs for the CD and sings, also plays guitar and keyboard. Helping Steinfeld on the CD are drummer Robbie Magruder (from Maty Chapin Carpenter's band), bassist

Granger Helvey and guitarists Al Petteway and Paul Bell.

Steinfeld said it was great working with the musicians and hopes to collaborate with them again. "Open Hands" is a compilation of 12 songs that Steinfeld said explores a combination of moods.

"There's some up-tempo music that you can move to and there are some fun sing-along songs," Steinfeld said. "There are a few ballads that are expressive. It was just a lot of fun doing it (creating the CD)."

"Open Hands" was nominated for "Best Debut Recording" and "Best Recording-Contemporary Folk" by the Washington Area

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—Pam Steinfeld



Pam Steinfeld has gone from writing legal briefs to writing award-winning songs. She will be performing Saturday at the Watchung Arts Center.

Music Association. Steinfeld said her biggest thrill was the first time she heard one of her songs on the radio.

"I sent out a press release about my CD and one of my local radio stations said they would announce the release," Steinfeld said. "I was listening and they announced the release then said they were going to play one of the songs. I was listening and 'Sketching Marcia' came on. I was frozen. My husband and I were just so excited and we were laughing uncontrollably. One of my neighbors stopped by in the middle of the song because he heard it on the radio and wanted to tell me in case I hadn't heard. The three of us just sat there listening. It was so amazing."

Steinfeld said nine songs from the CD have been played on radio stations in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York, Virginia, Australia and Germany.

"It's gotten some good air play," Steinfeld said.

Steinfeld said creating the CD was a lot of fun, but she was not

completely comfortable with the idea of performing in more shows because she "had a bit of stage fright." Steinfeld said she became more at ease with every show and now looks forward to performing.

"Performing got to be fun the more I started relating to the audience," Steinfeld said. "Now I tell stories during the shows and really interact with my audiences. Since the release of my CD I have gotten more bookings and I have performances every week. I have cut back a little in the past two or three months and gotten back to my first love which is song writing."

Steinfeld said she plans to start working on her second CD in a couple years. Steinfeld said she plans to work with many of the musicians who contributed to her first CD. In the meantime, Steinfeld said she plans to do shows in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and "other eastern states."

More information about Steinfeld and a list of show dates can be found on her website, www.pamsteinfeld.com.

Veteran cast is featured in 'Pooh'

CRANFORD — Cranford resident Matthew Nazzaro, in his first directorship role, is leading a seasoned cast through the final weeks of rehearsal before The Children's Theatre production of "A Winnie-The-Pooh Christmas Tail" opens at the Cranford Dramatic Club (CDC) on Friday, Dec. 6.

Portraying the famous characters in this timeless "tail," in which Winnie-the Pooh and his friends help Eeyore have a very merry Christmas include; Ed Wittel, of Westfield as the Most Favorite Bear of All, Winnie-the-Pooh.

Wittel has been an active member of Cranford Dramatic Club for more than 12 years. He has performed in numerous shows at CDC. Some of his favorites include Mother Burnside in "Mame," The Minstrel in "Godspell," and 2nd Comic in "Sugar Babies." His first stage appearance was at the age of 10, when he sang at Carnegie Hall with the St. Paul's Choir of Men and Boys.

Playing the role of Pooh's small sidekick Piglet, is the lively Debra (Debby) Bassin of New York. She started taking dance classes at the age of 2 1/2, and made her first stage appearance at age three in a tap recital. Debby began drama by 6, and has been singing and dancing ever since. A few productions include Liat in "South Pacific" at CDC, "Annie Get Your Gun" at Theater Under the Stars, Chava in "Fiddler on the Roof" at Kean University, "L'il Abner" at Clarkstown Summer Theater Festival, and "Free to Be" at the University of Maryland. She has studied acting at HB Studio and TVI Studios, both in New York City, as well as in college. She dances at Broadway Dance Center in New York City and has taken vocal audition workshops with established Broadway actors. With the Maryland Chorus she toured Europe, and performed at the Handel Festivals in Halle, Germany, and Verdi's "Requiem" in Berlin and Paris.

As the bouncy, energetic, and happy Tigger is Carl Barber-Steele of Westfield. Barber-Steele has been performing for the last 30 years in several area theaters in addition to CDC, such as Westfield Community Players, Philathaiens, PIP, Circle Players, Villagers, Playhouse 22, Edison Valley, and Act One Players. He has worked professionally at Millbrook Playhouse, and even internationally with Showtours. "The stage has always been a part of my life." He has brought his talent to Children's Theatre productions at CDC before, including "Jack and the Beanstalk," "Snow White Goes West," and as Tigger in "Winnie-the-Pooh Christmas."

As the orderly take-charge and often irritated Rabbit, is Tiffany Wilson of Plainfield. Wilson began her theatrical experiences at Union Catholic Performing Arts Club in high school and Villanova Musical Theatre at college. Her first stage appearance was as a mouse in first grade, and she began dancing when she was only three years old. She has been seen on the Cranford Dramatic Club stage in "Godspell" and "South Pacific" where she also appeared with director, Matt Nazzaro, and choreographer, Jennifer Eisenberg.

Performing on Friday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7 at 1:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$H.0L. The theatre is located at 71 Wmams Avenue in Cranford, off Centennial Avenue just minutes from Exit 136 of the Garden State Parkway. For more information, call (908) 276-7611.

Community Band ready for the season

Students will join band for annual holiday concert in Westfield

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Community Band and the Edison Intermediate School Broadway Singers join in concert to present the Thirteenth Annual Holiday Concert, sponsored by the Westfield Recreation Department.

The concert will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 8 p.m. in the Edison Intermediate School auditorium, located at 800 Rahway Ave.

The Westfield Community Band, under the direction of Elias J. Zareva, is beginning its 91st season entertaining the Westfield community. To celebrate the season, the band will be performing a collection of old musical favorites in addition to contemporary arrangements of older historical music.

A featured selection for the evening includes "Emmanuel Variants," by Kobett Oster, which includes a variety of complex voicing of the ancient musi-

cal piece "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" through various rhythmic and harmonic developments of the piece.

The Westfield Community Band will also perform "Christmas Music for Winds,"

770 Westfield Community Band, under the direction of Elias J. Zareva, is beginning its 91st season entertaining the Westfield community.

arranged by John Cacavas, which features traditional carols such as "Adeste Fidelis," "Silent Night," and "Angels We Have Heard on High."

Additionally, the band will perform for the first time, "Shalom!" a suite of Israeli folk songs by Phillip Sparke.

Joining the band in concert will be the Edison Intermediate School Broadway Singers, directed by Kristine Smith.

Morasso. The Broadway Singers will perform a collection of holiday songs to celebrate the festive mood of the season.

The Broadway singers are an extra-curricular • choral

group that performs for a variety of area organizations, including Children's Specialized Hospital and local nursing homes.

Concluding the evening's concert, the Westfield Community Band will join the Edison Broadway Singers in performing "Snow!" featuring arrangements of "Frosty the Snowman," "Let it Snow!" and "Winter Wonderland." Finally,

the group will join together in the performance of Irving Berlin's classic, "White Christmas."

This event is free to the public, and refreshments will be served after the performance.

The Westfield Community Band is sponsored by the Westfield Recreation Department, Bruce Kaufman, director.

On Sunday, Dec. 1 at 5:00 pm the band's very own Holiday Brass can be found at the Westfield Train Station. The brass ensemble, comprised of members of the larger symphonic band, will perform favorite holiday carols to welcome Santa Claus to Westfield.

The Holiday Brass is comprised of the larger Westfield Community Band and members of the Holiday Brass may also be found performing in downtown Westfield throughout the holiday season.

For more information, call (908) 7H1M0H0.

Movie made at area college will be released on DVD

EDISON — "American Desi," the 2001 romantic comedy about South Asian students at an American college that was filmed at Middlesex County College, will be officially released in DVD format this week, along with a separate CD of the soundtrack.

It's writer/director Piyush Duiker Pandya and the Doep Kudare will be ill the College Center on Tuesday, Nov. 80, between 11 MID. mi 1 p.m. to

celebrate the release and talk about the making of the movie. They will sign autographs, answer questions and officially thank the staff and students for enabling the idea of "American Desi" to become a reality. The public is invited to attend.

The feature-length movie was made on a very small budget, consisting mainly of contribution! by family and friends. Uttafe hmuaya, a CNN movie

critic and co-producer along with his brother and Kadtare, contends that the film could not have been made without the cooperation of Middlesex County College. "Everyone was so accommodating and showed such interest in what we were doing," he said. "It was obvious that people want to share their pride in Middlesex County College." It has played through* out the world to great success. •Aurien PMT is ground-

breaking in that it is the first feature film to deal with Indian Americans in a 'normal setting,'" said Gitesh Paudya. "Young South Asians haven't been able to relate to Indians on the screen. Most of the time the characters are stereotyped as doctors, taxi driver*, convenience store owners or the slow immigrant guy. American Desi* changes that. It tells the story of a unique set of characters MM their culture from « dM0Uy

hip and youthful point of view."

The college itself is a significant part of the movie. Action unfolds on a college campus (called Middlesex College) and follows the exploits of Reshuan Kris, as he tries to fit into college life with his peers while attempting to reject his Indian heritage. Many buildings, slings and scenes of the campus are featured, along with the staff who dealt with the film.

Theater

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Brook Arts ("enter, 10 Hamilton St., Bound Brook (732) 469-7700; www.brookmrt.org")

"Children of a Lesser God," local production of stage/movie thriller. 8 p.m. Nov. 21-23. Admission \$15; discounts available.

CIRCLE PLAYERS

416 Victoria Ave., Piscataway (732) 968-7555

"Dancing at Lughnasa," local production of stage play/Meryl Streep movie. 8 p.m. Nov. 22, 23. Admission \$13 opening night, \$12 other evenings, \$11 matinee. Discounts available.

EDISON ARTS SOCIETY

Edison High School, Blvd. of the Eagles, Edison (908) 753-ARTS; www.edisonarts.org

"A Night of One Acts," six short plays with young actors. 7 p.m. Nov. 23. Admission \$7.

FORUM THEATRE

314 Main St., Metuchen (732) 548-0582; www.forumtheatrecompany.com

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to tine Forum," local production of Broadway/movie comedy. 8 p.m. Nov. 22, 23, 29, 30, Dec. 6, 7; 3 p.m. Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 8. Admission \$25; discounts available.

"A Winnie the Pooh Christmas Carol," or Dickens crosses A.A. Milne. To Dec. 29. Admission \$15; group rates available. Call for showtimes.

GEORGE STREET PLAYHOUSE

9 Livingston Ave. New Brunswick (732) 246-7717; www.georgestplayhouse.org

"Dirty Blonde," docu-comedy about Mae West. To Nov. 24. Admission \$50-\$26; discounts available. Call for showtimes.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COLLEGE

Route 514, Edison (732) 906-2589

"Broadway Bound," autobio-

graphical Neil Simon drama. 8 p.m. Nov. 22, 23; 2 p.m. Nov. 24. Adults \$7; students, seniors \$5.

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE

Brookside Dr., Millburn (973) 376-4343; www.papermill.org

"Annie," revival of Broadway/movie musical. To Dec. 8. Admission \$67-\$30; discounts available. Call for show schedule.

SOURLAND HELLS

ACTORS GUILD Orchard Hill School 244 Orchard Rd., Skillman (908) 904-0489

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," early Andrew Lloyd Webber musical. 7:30 p.m. Nov. 22, 23. Admission \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door; no phone orders.

STATE THEATRE

15 Livingston Ave. New Brunswick (877) STATE 11; www.statetheatrejnj.org

"Fosse," revue of Bob Fosse-inspired musicals. 8 p.m. Nov. 22; 3 and 8 p.m. Nov. 23. Admission \$50-\$22.

VILLAGERS THEATRE

475 DeMott Lane, Somerset (732) 873-2710

"Sweet Charity," local production of Broadway/movie musical. 8 p.m. Nov. 22, 23. Adults \$16; seniors, students \$14.

PHILIP J. LEVIN THEATER

Rutgers University George St., New Brunswick (732) 932-7511; mgsa.rutgers.edu

"The Laramie Project," based on the 1999 gay-related murder of Matthew Shepard. 8 p.m. Nov. 27-30, Dec. 3-7; 2 p.m. Dec. 1. Adults \$19; seniors, Rutgers alumni and employees \$17; students \$9.

Sky Shows

RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE Route 28, Branchburg (908) 231-8805; www.raritanval.edu/planetarium

"Autumn Skies," 2 and 7 p.m. Nov. 23. Admission \$4.50.

"Laser Lite," 3 and 8 p.m. Nov. 23. Admission \$5.

For Kids

TOM CHAPES 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24 State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick (877) STATE 11; www.statetheatrejnj.org

Erstwhile host of "National Geographic Explorer"; brother of the late Harry Chapin. Admission \$14, \$12.

THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

1 and 3:30 p.m. Dec. 1 Theatre at Raritan Valley Community College Route 28, Branchburg (908) 725-3420; www.raritanval.edu/theatre

Adapted from the story by C.S. Lewis. Admission \$9.

MEET THE PERCUSSION

2 and 3:15 p.m. Nov. 24 Suburban Community Music Center, 570 Springfield Ave., Murray Hill (908) 790-0700; www.scmcmusic.org

With Scott Simpson of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. Admission \$5.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24 Union County Arts Center 1601 Irving St., Rahway (732) 499-8226; www.uccac.org

Not quite Tchaikovsky, but a version from the 17th century by Charles Perreault. Admission \$10.

THE SNOW QUEEN

1 and 4 p.m. Dec. 1 State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick (877) STATE 11; www.statetheatrejnj.org

Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale told with puppets and live music. Admission \$14, \$12.

Concerts

ANNA MARIA BOTTAZZI 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22 Somerset County Library 1 Vogt Dr., Bridgewater (908) 526-4016

Argentine pianist performs works of J.S. Bach, Beethoven, Gershwin and other composers. Free admission.

BRATISLAVA CONSERVATORY CHAMBER CHOIR 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24 Kirkpatrick Chapel, Rutgers University, New Brunswick (732) 932-7511; mgsa.rutgers.edu

Slovak ensemble performs

with the Kirkpatrick Choir and Rutgers Glee Club. Free admission.

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8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23 Watchung Arts Center Watchung Circle, Watchung (908) 753-0190; www.watchungarts.org

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8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25 Kirkpatrick Chapel, Rutgers University, New Brunswick (732) 932-7511; mgsa.rutgers.edu

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8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23 Theatre at Raritan Valley Community College Route 28, Branchburg (908) 725-3420; www.raritanval.edu/theatre

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tive musical approach. Each member has an opportunity to solo throughout the performance; however, it's the ensemble singing that particularly stands out. A five-piece back-up band includes piano, guitar bass, drums and synthesizer and is said to have a solid, but restrained approach.

Written and conceived by Mr. Hawkins and directed by Thomas Nance, the program promises "a little bit of theatre, a little bit of old fashioned pulpit pounding and a whole lot of inspirational music."

Tickets for The Community Theatre presentation are \$28-42 and can be purchased online at www.communitytheatre.nj.com, on location at the Box Office, 100 South St. or by calling (973) 539-8008. Box office hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 6 p.m. This production is intended for all audiences.

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What's a good wine to have for your Thanksgiving dinner

(ABA) - You have the turkey, you have the yams and the stuffing. You've compiled all the ingredients you need for Grandma's special bean casserole. The pies are picked out. There's only one key ingredient missing from your recipe for the perfect Thanksgiving feast — wine. But, when it comes to purchasing wine for Thanksgiving, what grape goes best with your gobble?

Wine paring is not an exact science. While some wines go better with certain foods, it ultimately comes down to each person's individual tastes. When buying Thanksgiving wine, an excellent way to ensure each guest's preferences are satisfied is to cover your bases and purchase a red and a white wine. While the usual train of thought is to simply purchase a Chardonnay and a Merlot, there are several other wines that will make your holiday feast more

memorable.

If you have decided to serve veggies, cheeses, bread or shrimp cocktail as munchies to keep curious guests out of the kitchen, partner these appetizers with a crisp white wine. Luna di Luna's Sparkling Chardonnay/Pinot Grigio, a delicate, unique sparkling 60/40 blend of Chardonnay and Pinot Grigio, is made from select grapes that receive extra fermentation to ensure that the wine will keep its bubbles and not go flat in the glass. It is an effervescent bright straw yellow color, with aromas of peach and melon and a hint of oak making it perfect for shellfish, salads and light fare.

Should the centerpiece of your Thanksgiving dinner happen to be a succulent smoked ham or juicy prime rib, a gorgeous and delicious red wine to consider is Piccini Chianti Superiore, DOCG (\$9.99) the

world's highest-rated Superiore from Italy's foremost producer of Chianti. This dry red wine is made from the finest, specially selected Sangiovese grapes, and has a huge concentration of ripe, red fruit in the nose, spicy textures and a generous lingering finish that will mix beautifully with the scents of Thanksgiving cooking emanating from the kitchen.

Possibly the most appropriate accompaniment for that most traditional of Thanksgiving foods, oven-roasted turkey, is a delicately dry, full-bodied white wine that not only goes well with the bird itself, but also with potatoes, mixed vegetables,

cranberry sauce and stuffing. Pinot Grigio has become very popular during the last few years for its refreshing taste and ability to pair well with most foods. Ca' Montini L'Aristocratico Pinot Grigio (\$15.99) splashed onto the wine scene only two years ago and has since received rave reviews from the Beverage Tasting Institute, the Wine Taster's Guild and "The Wall Street Journal" for its quality and exquisite flavor. Presented in a statuesque, tapered pyramid bottle and individually wrapped in tissue, Ca' Montini uses only the best grapes from its Trentino, Italy, vineyards for its

Pinot Grigio. The resulting wine has crisp, complex flavors of apples and peaches with a rich body and persistent aftertaste sure to make it a Thanksgiving favorite.

Hopefully, these wine recommendations will help to make choosing the right wine for your holiday feast a bit easier. Whichever foods you decide to put on your Thanksgiving menu,

keep in mind that there is no absolute right or wrong when it comes to pairing wines and foods, only personal preference. However, some common rules of thumb when buying wine are: red wines typically go with red meat, white wines usually go with white meat and a 750-ml bottle produces approximately 5 glasses of wine, so be sure to buy enough for everyone.

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KENILWORTH

Three people were charged with drug possession Nov. 7 after being pulled over on Galloping Hill Road.

Andrew Gianetto, 18, of South Amboy; Kristi Weimer, 18, of North 16th Street in Kenilworth; and Anthony Mele, 21, of Sayreville were charged with possession of heroin after police pulled over their car at 9:40 p.m.

Upon stopping the car, officers saw a substance they believed to be heroin on the floorboard between the driver and passenger. A scouring pad and a glass pipe were also found next to Weimer, police said.

Police conducted a search of the three, and a bag of a substance believed to be heroin was found in Gianetto's sock.

Shaun Birmingham, 24, of Roselle Park and Frank Tarantino III, 27, of Roselle Park were charged Nov. 9 with shoplifting. 4th Tarantino was charged with unlawful possession of a hypodermic syringe.

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Police said an employee of the A&P Supermarket told an officer that Birmingham had shoplifted several items and then threw them in nearby bushes. The employee told police that Birmingham ran away after being confronted about paying for the items.

Police subsequently arrested Birmingham and Tarantino, who had allegedly continued shoplifting while Birmingham was being arrested. About \$388 worth of items was taken.

Police said Tarantino had a syringe on him without a prescription when he was arrested.

CANFORD

Timothy Pasanda, 46, of Clark was charged Nov. 13 with drunk driving.

Police had received calls about an erratic driver at the intersection of Raritan Avenue and Walnut Street. Police spotted Pasanda's 1990 Cadillac in the area and stopped him at 1:53 a.m.

He was charged with driving while intoxicated, careless driving, driving with a suspended license and possession of an open container of alcohol, and released on his own recognizance, police said.

GARWOOD

Annette Regeski, 52, of Kenilworth was charged with shoplifting from ShopRite Friday.

She was arrested at 2:41 p.m. after police responded to a call of her leaving the store without paying.

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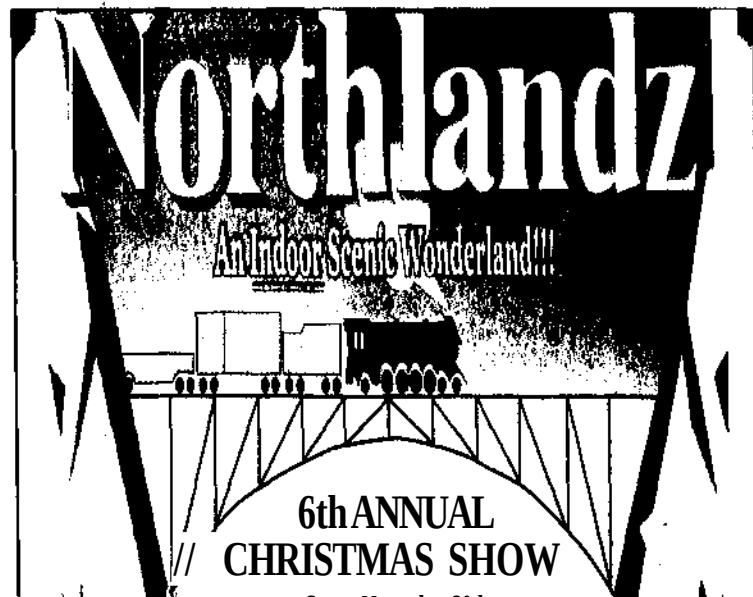
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Sports

Shabazz tops Cranford on pair of late TDs

By DANIEL MURPHY
THE CHRONICLE

NEWARK — For nearly 42 minutes Friday night the Cranford High football team had Shabazz on the ropes — but the Cougars couldn't deliver the knockout blow.

Instead it was the Bulldogs who came up with the winning two-punch combination in the final seven minutes to knock Cranford out of the state playoffs 14-6 before 1100 fans in Newark.

Shabazz scored two touchdowns in the final 6:21 to rally from a 6-0 deficit and advance into the North Jersey Section 2 Group 3 semifinals where it will host third-seeded Mount Olive tomorrow night. Phillipsburg,

which defeated top-seeded West Morris Central, will take on Jefferson in the other semifinal Saturday.

By taking an early lead Cranford had Shabazz reeling and had opportunities to deliver a knockout blow. But the Bulldogs made stands when they had to, then came to life with the game on the line.

"They're a good team and they're pretty resilient," said Cranford Head Coach Chris Hull. "I thought we had them."

It was a heartbreaking defeat for a Cranford club that was never expected to reach the playoffs, let alone be in a position to advance to the semifinals. But playoff victories are often based on playoff experience. With most

of the squad expected to be back next season the loss should become a building block for even more success.

"It's a step and a step you have to take," said Hull. "It's painful but the most important steps are usually the most painful. Hopefully the younger kids will learn from it and will have more experience."

The Cougars managed just 146 yards in total offense and only eight first downs but, as has been the case all year, the defense kept them in the game. Cranford held Amir Pinnix to 111 yards on 22 carries and limited Shabazz to 182 total yards and five first downs.

"We definitely played it on the side of caution," said Hull. "When we were up 6-0 we blocked and ran like we were trying to not make a mistake. It's a lesson we have to learn."

"They're a good team and a lot of people have had trouble moving the ball on them. They have 11 kids who can run and hit."

Cranford scored on its second possession of the game and clung to a 6-0 lead until midway through the fourth quarter. Neither squad could muster much offense and the game became a battle for field position. With the clock winding down and in desperate need of a spark Shabazz quarterback Temir Hill

rallied the Bulldogs.

Hill marched Shabazz 78 yards in seven plays, connecting with Glen Simpson for a 41 yard catch and run down to the Cranford 35 then escaping a sack and scrambling for 27 yards to the Cougars' 5-yard line. Pinnix scored on the next play, cutting off left guard to tie the game with 6:21 remaining. Cranford blocked the extra point attempt to preserve the tie.

From the time Cranford scored its lone touchdown until Shabazz tied the game the Cougars managed just 10 yards in total offense and only one first down. But with the ballgame on the line Cranford started marching again. In just six plays Cranford moved from its own 25

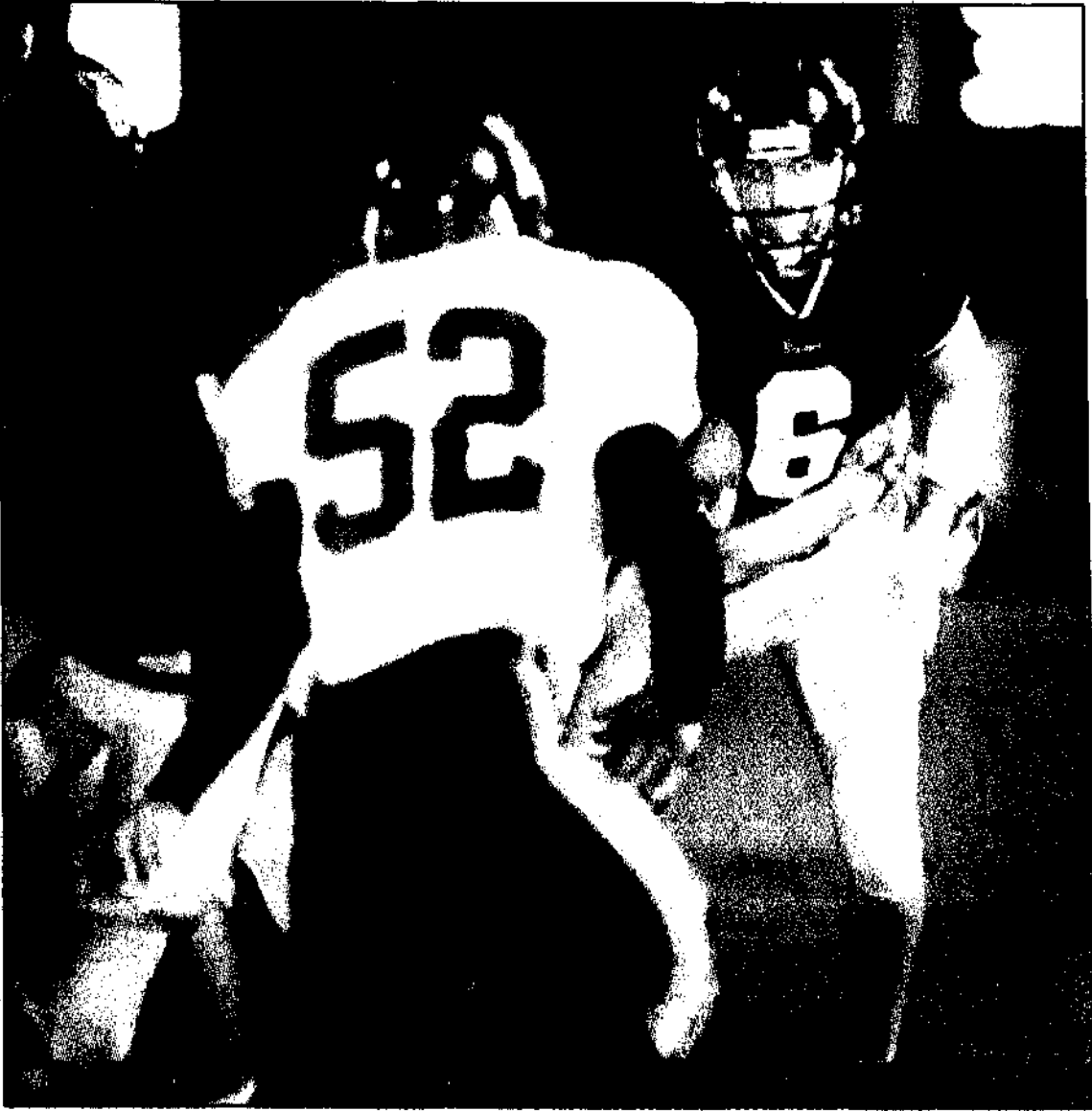
down to the Shabazz 40 with just over three minutes left and looked destined to regain the lead.

But then the unthinkable happened. Cranford fumbled a hand-off exchange and Shabazz's Moneace Lavoli scooped up the loose ball and galloped 60 yards for the go-ahead touchdown. Pinnix caught a pass for the two point conversion and Shabazz was suddenly ahead 14-6 with 3:15 left in the game.

"I was 100 percent confident we (were going to score)," said Hull. "But that's the breaks of the game. We're not into excuses around here."

The Cougars fumbled again on

(Continued on page C-2)



GEORGE PACCIELLO/THE CHRONICLE
The Boonton defense put the wraps on Steve Washuta and the Brearley offense Friday night, knocking the Bears out of the playoffs 14-7.

Boonton's Beiermeister beats Bears at own game

By DANIEL MURPHY
THE CHRONICLE

The Brearley High football played two months of undefeated football on the strength of a power, time consuming running game and stingy defense.

Friday it was beaten at its own game and handed its first loss of the season, falling to Boonton 14-7 in the first round of the North Jersey Section 2 Group 1 playoffs.

Boonton used the power running of fullback Bill Beiermeister, a ball control offense and a fierce defense to keep the wraps on Brearley running back Dan Zika and grab its first-ever playoff victory.

Zika was held to just 51 yards rushing and the Bears ran just 17 second half plays, only nine in the fourth quarter. Beiermeister rushed for 135 yards (117 in the second half) and two touchdowns.

"They kept the ball out of our hands," said Brearley Head Coach Scott Miller. "They had a solid offensive plan and played very good defense."

"We didn't have the ball enough to get into an offensive rhythm. All year we've been able to run the ball and control the clock. They did it better than us."

Boonton used its speedy corners

to take the edges away from the Bears, and its defensive linemen were able to clock up any holes in the middle, frustrating a Bears offense that entered the game averaging over 36 points per game.

After a scoreless first period Boonton used a little trickery to get on the board. Dave Nunez threw a 63 yard strike to Mickey Norton on a halfback option pass, than Beiermeister pounded it in from two yards out with 6:42 left in the second period. It was the first touchdown allowed by Brearley's defense since Newark Central scored a garbage time TD Oct. 5.

The Bears offense got going at the end of the third period, marching 71 yards in 12 plays, culminating in a one yard touchdown run by Zika on the third play of the fourth period, evening the game 7-7.

But the turnover bug hit in the fourth quarter as the Bears coughed it up twice. Boonton drove 65 yards in seven plays, scoring on a 35 yard rumble by Beiermeister, to take a 14-7 lead with 3:39 to play. On the Bears ensuing possession Zika was stripped off the ball, ending the Bears comeback hopes.

After breezing through the regular season Boonton was just the second close game Brearley was in all season, and the Bombers second quarter touchdown marked the first time the Bears had trailed all year. New Providence, who lost 39-0 in the first round, was the only other team to offer any resistance to the Bears.

"I think it was tough not being in a lot of tight games during season," said Miller. "The fact that we were not used to being in tight games may have hurt us."

Mendham ends Cougars' run in OT

The Cranford High boys soccer team magical final month came to a close with a disappointing overtime loss in the sectional semifinals Nov. 14.

Mendham knocked the Cougars out of the North Jersey Section 2 Group 3 championships with a 3-2 overtime victory.

Junior forward Eric Lewis scored the game winner on a header off a rebound live minutes into overtime to lift Mendham to the victory. Senior defender EJathan Furlong initiated the play when he fired a shot on goal from just outside the 18.

Joe Bulthaupt stored to give Cranford a 1-0 edge at halftime. Billy Anthes scored in the second half and the Cougars clung to a one goal lead. With two minutes remaining in regulation Furlong converted a penalty kick to force overtime.

CHOSH COUNTRY

Ed Clinton placed seventh at the (Irouj) * championships to earn a finish in the Meet of Champions, but the Cougars won't advance as a team.

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Clinton finished in lti:41, followed by Tom Flanagan in 17:07 (17th). Mike Bell finished 31st in 17:30; Briuii Zuravnsky was 34th in 17:40 and freshman Kevin Brown was 40th in 17:49 to round out Cranford's top five. Stave Swan was 44th in 17:50 and Brian Brown was 62nd in 18:13.

A very young girls squad took 18th in the group, led by Mullory Harliu, who finished 45th in 21:30, Freuhuaaw KrUten Ford

was next across for the Cougars in 22:41, freshman Shannon Kilelee was next in 23:11, senior Nicole Lordan finished in 23:57, freshman Nicole Cabrera crossed in 24:06, junior Katie Piwowaracyzk finished in 25:01

and junior Julia Doty finished in 25:14.

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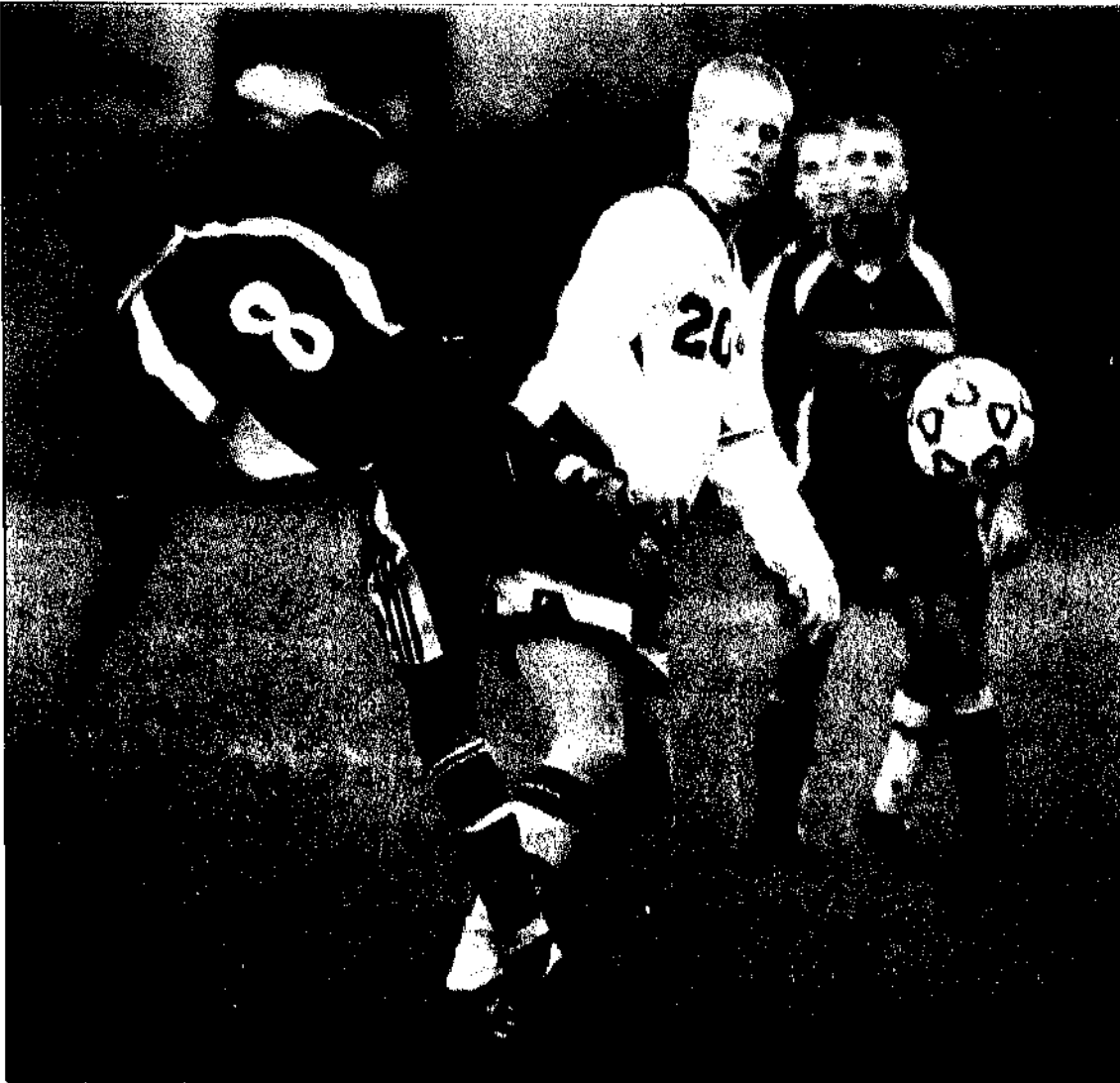
Cranford's Bridget Murphy finished eighth in the state all-around competition Saturday.

Murphy finished with a 36.65 total score, placing in the top-five

on two events. Jessica Tai of Holmdel was the all-around champion with a score of 37.825.

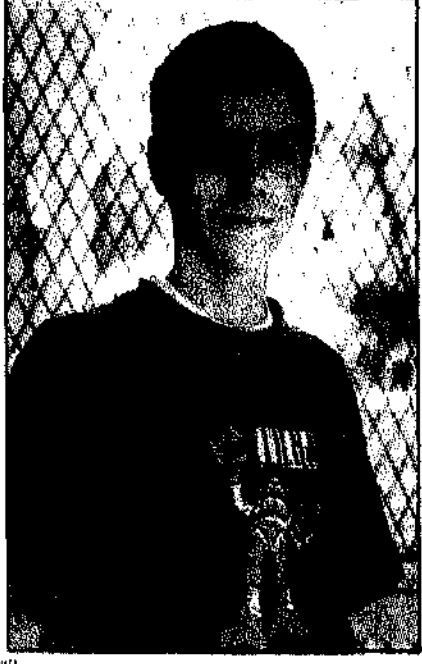
Murphy tied for second on the vault with a 9.525, her best score of the day. She also tied for fourth on the balance beam with a 9.3.

Red Bank Catholic won the team title with a 109.626.



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Ed Clinton qualified for the Meet of Champions by placing seventh in 16:41 at the Group 3 Cross Country Championships Saturday.

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HALL OF FAME

The Cranford Sports Hall of Fame will hold its fourth induction and dinner ceremony 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21 at the Gran Centurions in Clark.

Inductees to be honored include Bob Albertson, Ed Beadle, Guy Borges, Dennis Burke, Anthony DiGiovanni, Renee Dorfman, Stuart Ouffold, Norman Hobbie, Glenn Owens, Margaret Zoder and the 1985-86 Field Hockey Team.

To purchase tickets please contact Kitty White at (908) 561-7404 or (908) 709-6317. Tickets can be purchased at the Cranford Police Dept. or from any Hall of Fame Committee member. Tickets cost \$50.00 and must be purchased in advance.

TURKEY TOOT

In only 2 weeks the 19th annual Turkey Trot, presented by the Friends of Westfield Track & Field, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 30, at Tamaques Park in Westfield.

Entry forms are available at the Westfield Library (East Broad Street), the Westfield Recreation Association (located in the Town Municipal Building), the Westfield Y (Clark Street) and The Leader Store (East Broad Street at Prospect Street in Westfield). It is also possible to register over the Internet at www.ACTIVE.com.

The program for the day, regardless of weather, will feature the Police Fireman Relay, the Five-Mile Run and the One-Mile Fun Run. The Police Fireman Relay is set for 10:00 AM. The One-Mile Fun Run begins at 10:30 AM. Pre-entry for this race (before 20-Nov-2002) is \$10 (includes short-sleeve shirt); post-entry is \$12 (with shirt, while supplies last). Westfield youth (under 14) may enter this race for \$8. Awards will be given to the first 3 finishers (male and female).

The Five-Mile Run will go off at 11:00 AM. Pre-entry for this race (before 20-Nov-2002) is \$17 (includes long-sleeve shirt, extra shirts \$10 each); post-entry is \$20 (with shirt while supplies last). Awards will be given to the first 3 overall male and female finishers and to the top 3 finishers in all age-group divisions.

Registration and T-shirt pickup will begin at 9:00 AM at the park. Entrances to Tamaques Park are from Lamberts Mill Rd. or Dickson Drive (off Willow Grove Rd).

The Friends of Westfield Track & Field is an organization that supports the cross-country and the track and field programs at Westfield High School. For more information about the organization or the Turkey Trot, call Ray at (908)-245-9422 or Tom at (732)-381-3654.

ACF FOOTBALL

The Atlantic Coast Football League is holding registration for the winter men's 2002 season. The league is offering players 18 and over both flag and 2-hand touch football. In day, there will be an 8-on-8 two-count league and an 8-on-8 no-count league. In 2-hand touch there will be a 7-on-7 'A' league and a 6-on-6 'B' league. Both teams and individual players are welcome. Qualified referees are also being sought.

Games are played on local fields such as Warinanco Field in Elizabeth/Roselle. For further information visit the Football Page at www.onscore.com or call Mark at 1-877-ONSCORE.

CSCTHYOUTS

The Cranford Soccer Club, Westfield Soccer Association, and Scotch Plains-Fanwood Soccer Association are joining together again this year to sponsor U-16 and U-19 Travel teams for both boys and girls. Multiple teams will be formed at each level and teams will be formed based on player's ability and commitment levels. There are no residency requirements. Players born on or after 8/1/85 are eligible for the U-16 teams, players born on or after 8/1/82 are eligible for the U-19 teams. Tryouts will be held rain, snow or shine unless canceled at the field. Tryouts will be held Saturday, November 16th and Saturday November 23rd at Unami Park FioH #2 at the following times:

11/16, 23 U-16 Girls 1:00-2:30 PM
11/16, 23 U-19 Girls 2:45-4:15 PM
11/16, 23 U-16 Boys 1:00-2:30 PM
11/16, 23 U-19 Boys 2:45-4:15 PM

For more information, please contact Bob Cashill at (908) 755-9696 or robert.a.cashill@comcast.net. Anyone interested in playing who cannot make one of the tryouts must contact Bob Cashill to be considered for a team position. Individuals Interested in coaching or managing a team should also contact Bob.

SKATING CENTER OPEN

The Warinanco Ice Skating Center is open for the 2002-2003 season. Open hockey will be held Wednesdays from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Participants must be 18 years or older with proper identification. Helmets with cage and shield are required. Admission is \$7. Admission to the general sessions is \$5 for adults and \$4 for children (17 and under) and \$4.25 for senior citizens (62 and over with proper ID). Skate rentals are available for \$3. Discount cards are also on sale. Group and private lessons and hockey clinics are also available.

Skating sessions will be: Tuesdays 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m., Wednesdays 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Thursdays 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., 6 p.m.-8 p.m. (family session), 8:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.; Saturdays 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 1 p.m.-3 p.m., 8:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., Sundays 1 p.m.-3 p.m., 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.

The Warinanco Ice Skating Center is located off Thompson Ave. in Warinanco Park, Roselle. Park entrances are located on St. George's Ave., Thompson Ave. and Third Ave. For more information call (908) 298-7850.

WINTER GOLF

The change in the seasons brings about a change in the schedule of the three Union County golf courses. Eighteen regulation holes will continue to be available throughout the winter at Oak Ridge Golf Course in Clark, and 18 holes at Galloping Hill Golf Course will be operational, weather permitting. Determination of play will be made by the Supervising Greenskeeper of the course in question. Winter hours of operation at both courses, from Nov. 30-March 1 will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hours of operation during the month of Nov. will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends.

Ash Brook Golf Course in Scotch Plains and the front nine at Galloping Hill in Kenilworth will be closed for the winter season, according to Freeholder Chairman Lewis Mingo Jr. The closure for both will begin Dec. 23 and continue until March 1.

For further information about Union County's winter public golf schedule or identification card purchase contact the Department of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4900.

For the present the clinic will be at 11:30 a.m. For exact starting date, time and other information please call Bob or Joanne St. Amand at (908) 272-0399 or email to rp.sta@comcast.net

HALL OF FAME

The Oranford Sports Hall of Fame will hold its fourth induction and dinner ceremony 7 p.m. tonight at the Gran Centurions in Clark. 10 Cranford legends will be inducted, along with the 1985 field hockey team. Here is this years class:

BOB ALBERTSON

Albertson made his mark in both high school and college basketball. As a three-year letterman Albertson led the team in points per game for all three seasons. He set a record for Union County with 498 points, averaging 21.7 points per game. In 1953 Albertson was selected First Team All-Union County, Third Team All-State and First Team All-Group III. His senior year he served as co-captain on the varsity team.

Albertson went on to the U.S. Naval Academy where he played three years of varsity leading his team in free throw percentage and to victories over major opponents such as Duke and Georgetown. Albertson served as team captain and player-coach on nine Air Force teams, coached basketball at Vienna in Virginia and was the player-coach of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

EDWARD BEADLE

Beadle was a 1944 graduate of Cranford High School. He was a four sport athlete, lettering in football, basketball, baseball and track.

Beadle was a two-year varsity letterman in football, receiving All-State Honorable Mention in Group II as a running back in the fall of 1943. In baseball he played center-field, earning All County and All State Honors. Beadle earned track and field recognition when he became the 100 yard dash champion in both the county and state while a senior at CHS.

GUY BORGES

A three sport athlete at CHS Borges was a top-25 finisher in cross country in the state, led his basketball team in both assists and steals while achieving All County and All State honors and earned county honorable mention recognition in baseball in his senior year. Borges went on to make his mark in all three sports at Montclair State College, receiving honors in all three.

Borges is also known more (or his commitment to sport and the town of Cranford. He has demonstrated his dedication to Cranford sports by officiating in both basketball and softball, having worked for the Recreation Department for over 30 years, coaching baseball and softball, serving as Director of Men's Softball, and being an original member of the Hall of Fame Committee.

DENNIS BURKE

A 1965 graduate, Burke made his mark in baseball in Cranford and at the U.S. Naval

Academy. In both his junior and senior years at CHS, Burke received All Watchung and All Union County honors as a catcher. In 1975 he was named First Team Catcher All State, All Groups.

Burke went on to be a starting catcher for Navy for three years, from 1967-69.1 was at this time that Burke set a Navy record by throwing out 17 consecutive base stealers, while having a .250 career batting average. He was named All ECAC in 1967.

ANTHONY DIGIOVANNI

A graduate of CHS in 1994, DiGiovanni made his mark in track and field by naming 11 school records for winltnr and spring track combined from the 100 yard dash to the one-mile run. During his snior yonr at CHS, DiGiovanni earned All Slntr and All American honors as the third (astoln) in the nation in the 800 meters. Other accolades and achievements include being a three-time county champ, AAU Jr. Olympic champ, and a co-winner of the UCAC Scholar Athlete Award. DiGiovanni also earned three letters in football and was named to the Honorable Mention All Metro Team in 1992.

DiGiovanni went to the Wharton School of Business, earning All Ivy League status his junior year in track and field.

RENEE F. DORFMAN

Dorfman has left a legacy at CHS that will be very hard to match by any coach. Her field hockey teams have earned five Watchung Conference titles, 11 Union County titles, two sectional titles, one state Group I and II title and a trip to the state championship game. Many athletes over the years have received scholarships and played successfully at the college level.

Dorfman has had 28 out of 30 seasons with a winning record. She stands among few in the state having earned her 300th career win in 1998. Dorfman's overall coaching record stands at 322-12-65. She started the field hockey program in Cranford and was at its helm for the past 30 years.

STUART DUFFIELD

Duffield started in both football and basketball at CHS from 1942-45. He received All State honors in basketball and was elected captain of his high school basketball team and his college football team. "Bus" Duffield's exploits during his high school career have been described as impressive and dominating. He left high school during his senior year to serve his county until the war ended.

Duffield went on to Williams College, receiving the Belvedere Brooks Award for his play and leadership at that level.

NORMAN HOBBIE

A member of Bill Martin's "Dream Team" In 1983, Hobbie graduated CHS in 1973. He was a varsity starter in basketball from 1971-1973, earning All Watchung Conference, All County and All State honors his senior year. Hobbie finished his high school career with 1,248 points.

Hobbie won a four-year scholarship to

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GLENN OWF-INS

An outstanding hitntr and linrlnr, Owens was the starltnr shortstop for CHS from 1950-'52. His thnro yonr halting average was .300. Owens rnmnmvl All County and All State honors (luring Mir, high school career. Owens was also an outstanding soccer and ice hockey athltn at CHS. Ho played on (he first soccer team in 1949 and was selected to the All Stale Soccer loam while being cited as one of thn host goalios in the state in ice hockey.

Owens was offered a baseball scholarship to Ithaca College but signed with the Philadelphia Phillies as on of the "Bonus Babies." Owens Major League career was cut short after suffering an ankle injury.

MARGARET ZOELLER

An outstanding two sport athlete while at CHS Zoeller was named to the field hockey All Union County First Team in 1982 and '83, All State Group III First Team in '82 and '83 and All State All Groups First Team in 1982 and Second Team 1983. She was also the first CHS athlete named Star Ledge Athlete of the Week in 1982. She also played four years of varsity basketball. Zoeller served as co-captain of both the field hockey and basketball teams.

Zoeller went on to Widener College to play field hockey. She served as co-captain and was named the team's MVP. Zoeller was also selected to the MAC All Star Team in 1987 and the Philadelphia Association of Intercollegiate Athletics All Star Team.

1995 FIELD HOCKEY TEAM

The 1985 field hockey team was coached by Renee Dorfman and Kitty White. This outstanding group was Watchung Conference champs, Union County Champs, Group 3 Section II champs, State Championship runner ups and finished ranked ninth in New Jersey. Their final record was 17-2-4.

Sarah Harrington Lara Wicklem, Kathy Lucash were named to the All Union County First Team. Sonji Jenkins, Nancy Grupe and Kim Lelli were named to the All Union County Second Team. Lara Wicklem was named to the All State All Groups Third Team and All State Group 3 Second Team along with Kathy Lucash. Sarah Harrington, Lara Wicklem and Kathy Lucash were named to the North Jersey Field Hockey Coaches Association First Team.

Members: D. Dobbins, S. McMahon, M.B. Poppe, M. Faulkner, C. Canady, L. Marotta, M. Denice, K. Lucaan, J. Smith, C. Montross, H. Kiebler, J. Kaszaki, K. McGovern, G. Anderson, K. Lelli, L. Wicklem, N. Grupe, L. Grupe, S. Harrington, S. Jenkins, E. Parish, M. Pay, E. Bonner, G. Buohavoinac, C. Murphy, K. Downey, T. Muccia.

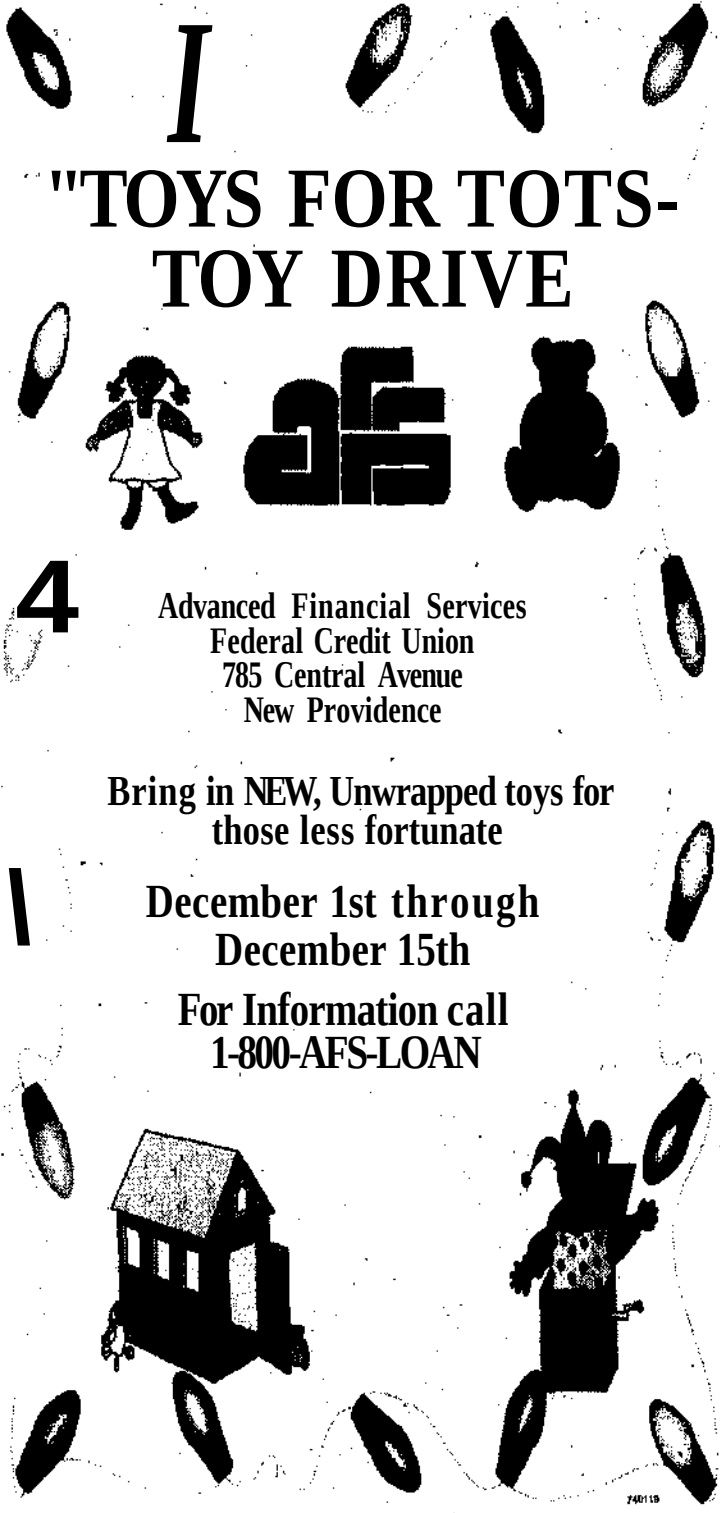
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Russ Harvey's third period goal lifted the Cranford Mite "B" hockey club to a 3-2 victory over Old Bridge Junior Knights, Sunday at Old Bridge Arena. The goal, Harvey's second of the game, gave Cranford its first win of the season in New Jersey Youth Hockey League play.

Harvey scored from the slot with 3:27 remaining on the clock on a centering pass by linemate Tommy Fitzgerald. Cranford right wing Michael Cieslak also drew an assist on the play.

Harvey and Fitzgerald teamed up to score Cranford's first goal of the game at 3:42 of the first period after Old Bridge opened the scoring just 22 seconds into the game. Kevin O'Brien notched Cranford's second goal at 6:33 of the second period assisted by Anthony Mandraccia.

The victory over Old Bridge-avenge'd a 3-0 loss to league powerhouse Ramapo Saints, Saturday at Warinanco Park. Cranford goaltender Theo Ballas turned in a standout performance allowing just three goals on 27 shots by undefeated Ramapo team.

In other league action, Cranford lost a hard-fought 4-3 decision against New Jersey Devils Youth and dropped a 5-1 decision to Pro Skate Stars. Kevin O'Brien paced the Cranford attack against the Devils with two goals while John Pijanowski scored once. Fitzgerald and Michael Fitzhenry each recorded one assist for Cranford. Fitzgerald tallied the Cranford lone goal in the loss to Pro Skate on a pass from Mandraccia.

Next action for Cranford is Saturday at Jersey City followed by a home contest Sunday against Bridgewater Bears, starting at 6:45 a.m. at Warinanco Park.

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their next possession but stopped Shabazz at the 2 yard line. Needing to go 98 yards in 36 seconds Cranford moved the ball out to its own 48 before a sack of quarterback Chris Drechsel ended the game.

Lester Manuyag led Cranford's offense with 110 yards on 15 carries. He scored the Cougars' lone touchdown on a 24 yard run up the middle, breaking tackles along the way, with 1:38 left in the first quarter.

With three minutes left in the first half Shabazz uncorked a bad Knap on a punt, giving Cranford possession at the 15 yard line and a golden opportunity to further demoralize an already shaken Shabazz squad. But the Cougars were unable to advance the ball, settling for a 14 yard field goal attempt which was blocked.

TEAM STATISTICS

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Real Estate

Fannie Mae looks to slow down serial borrowers

BY JAMES M. WOODARP
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Homeowners who refinance their homes and take cash out of the deal by boosting their mortgage loan balance by more than 20 percent are much more likely to default on the mortgage payments.

That's the conclusion of Fannie Mae, the nation's largest buyer of existing home mortgage loans, after an extensive study of refinance loans. As a result, Fannie Mae will insist that loans it purchases after Feb. 1 carry a surcharge of 0.75 percent if the balance of the new loan is more than 2 percent, or \$2,000 (whichever is less), over the balance of the loan being refinanced.

That adds up to a hefty

amount for the borrower. The rule will undoubtedly result in a strong deterrent to taking a large cash-out in future refinance loans.

Fannie Mae is worried about serial refinancing — homeowners who refinance several times in a single year, lured by the constant lowering of interest rates. They believe these loans will result in high default rates.

If the homeowner is refinancing a home-equity loan and a primary mortgage at the same time, with the idea of creating one low-interest primary loan, this will be considered a cash-out refinance transaction and will be subject to the new rule. Keep in mind you can still take out \$2,000 or less in

cash from a refinance loan and not pay the extra fee. The new rule only applies to mortgage loans to be sold to Fannie Mae, as many are.

gages (that are less than a year old).

The new requirements may be a tough pill to swallow for many homeowners. There has been a steady increase in owners who consolidate other debt into one home equity loan or by paying off other indebtedness with cash-out funds from a refinance loan. Also, with homes rising sharply in value in recent months, many families are electing to remodel their existing home rather than purchasing a new one. Funds to cover the cost of remodeling are often generated from a refinance or home equity loan.

The state of Utah has implemented a unique and effective system for generating affordable housing for its low-income families.

New homes are being built by state penitentiary inmates. The program, launched by the Utah Housing Corp., is a partnership with the Utah Correctional Industries and Salt Lake Community College.

The inmates build modular homes at the prison facility and transport them to a permanent site. The homes are sold to families earning less than 80 percent of the area's median income.

Inmates working in the program have associate degrees in building trades from the community college. The work they perform counts toward apprenticeship hours. Currently, about 40 inmates are actively participating in the program.

"It's a great learning

program," said Verlin Hatch, a spokesman for Utah Correctional Industries. "The inmates learn to become journeymen carpenters, contractors, the whole gamut."

The first two homes completed in the program will revitalize the neighborhood, according to Susan Herd, vice president of UHC. She expects the homes to appraise at a market value of about \$145,000. However, because of the savings on labor, the homes will be sold for about \$125,000.

For more information about the program, call the Utah Housing Corporation at (801) 521-6950.

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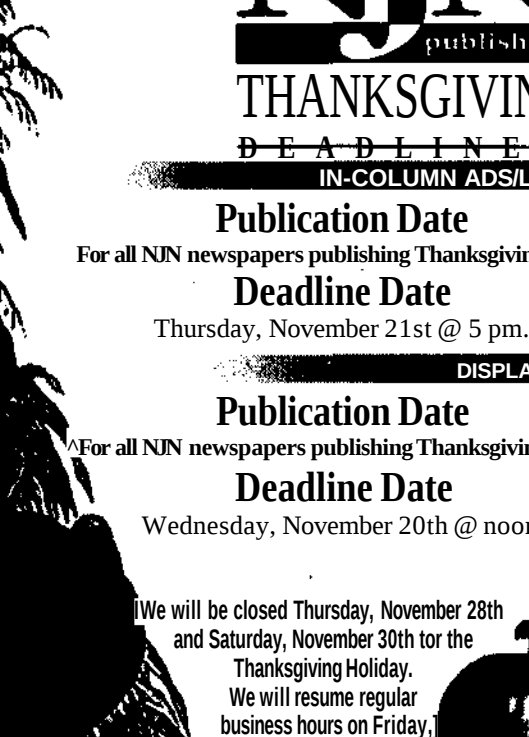
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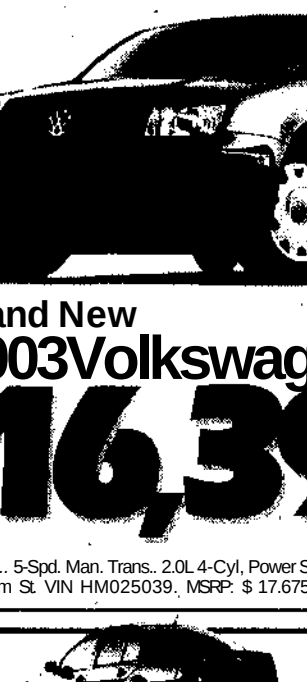
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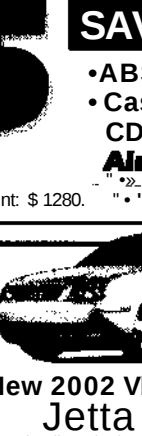
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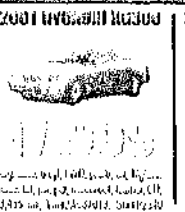
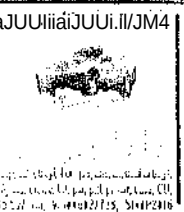
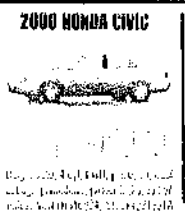
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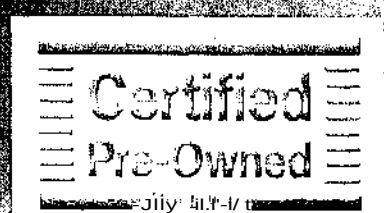
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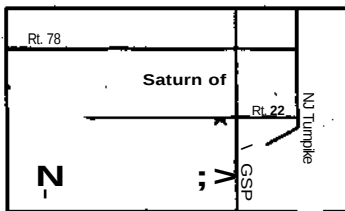
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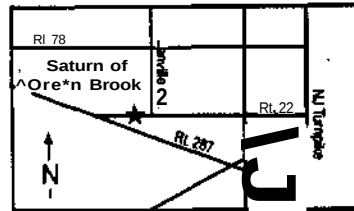


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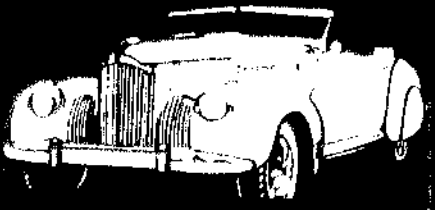


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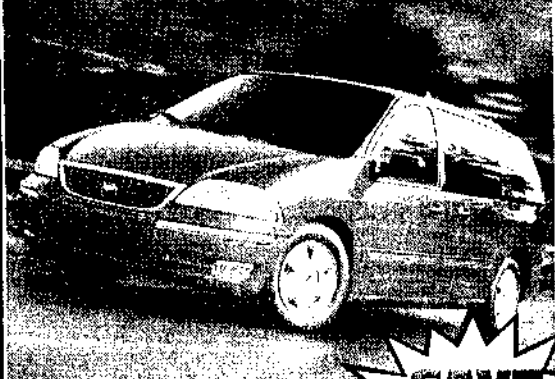
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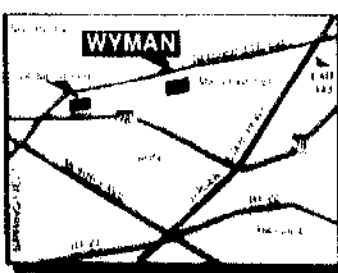
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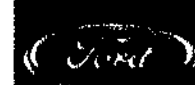
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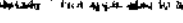
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