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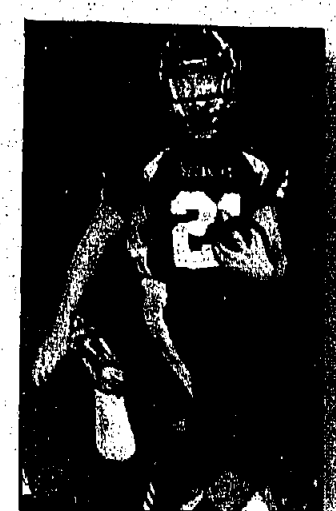
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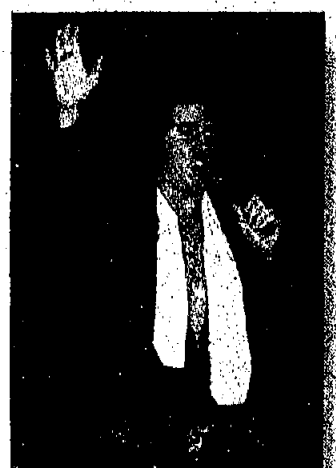
Bears devour Bound Brook

The Bound Brook High School football team had an easy time with Bound Brook Friday night. Nine different Bears scored on the way to a 66-6 win over the Crusaders. For the story see Sports, Page C-1.



Quite a chaperone

Garwood fourth-grader Ryan Tombs didn't just get help from crossing guards on his walk to school Oct. 6. He was also accompanied by Col. Rick Fuentes of the state police, himself a borough resident. For the story, see Page A-3.



When the King comes to town

A benefit event for the Cranford PBA Saturday night featured a performance by Elvis tribute artist Doug Church. For pictures from the show, see Page B-1.

REMINDER

Cougars march in 'spirit parade'

Cranford High School will mark the end of its "Spirit Week" and get ready for the football game against Westfield with a parade Friday evening. Marchers will depart from Lincoln School at 6 p.m. and head down to Memorial Field. Centennial Avenue will be closed to traffic from 6-6:30 p.m.

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President's sister brings campaign to town

By GREG MARX
THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — Local residents got a taste of the presidential campaign Wednesday morning when Doro Bush Koch, the sister of President George W. Bush, paid a brief visit to the senior housing complex on Lincoln Avenue.

Speaking to boost enthusiasm and turnout among Bush supporters rather than to convince undecided voters, Koch briefly addressed the more than 50 seniors in attendance before moving on to shake hands and speak to residents individually.

She emphasized her brother's efforts in the war on terror. "The president is committed to seeing each and every terrorist in behind bars, and that we are safe in our country," she said.

Koch, 13 years younger than the president, said she and the other "not famous" Bush siblings are all hitting the trail in battleground states — a category in which, significantly, the campaign now includes New Jersey. "The fact that I'm here means we have a great chance of winning here in New Jersey," she said.

Koch's appearance in Cranford was one of three on the day, with trips also planned in Clifton and Liberty Corner. Earlier in the week, Vice President Dick Cheney addressed a campaign rally in Medford.

The state has gone decisively for the Democratic nominee in each of the last three presidential elections, and

Al Gore defeated Bush in the state by 16 points in 2000. But a slew of recent polls has shown a competitive race, with Bush even leading in some cases.

There seemed to be few undecided voters in the audience. Cranford's Ann Weisberger summed up the prevailing sentiment among Bush supporters, saying "I love what Bush is doing. He's an honest man. I have faith in him."

Jerry Farley of Clark said he supported the president's actions to combat terrorism, and criticized Democratic nominee John Kerry for his "dip-flopper, wishy-washy ways."

Even the president's supporters in the audience seemed less than enthusiastic about the prescription drug benefit Bush and Republicans in



KEVIN PAPA/CORRESPONDENT
Doro Bush Koch, sister of president George W. Bush, made a campaign visit to Cranford on her brother's behalf Wednesday.

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KEVIN PAPA/CORRESPONDENT

Nice work, but can he shoot?

Magician and juggler James Rana entertains the crowd at Kenilworth's Octoberfest, held along the Boulevard last Saturday. Proceeds from the annual event, sponsored by the Pride in Kenilworth committee, help to fund the Fourth of July fireworks celebration. The day also included a petting zoo, kiddie rides, demonstrations by martial arts students and more.

Board, teachers assail new law

By GREG MARX
THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — In a special meeting Monday night, the Board of Education and members of the Cranford Education Association reiterated their opposition to a new state law that imposes stricter spending caps on school districts.

The board had already passed a resolution urging the Legislature to repeal the law, which was adopted July 1 as part of the state's annual budget package. Monday's special hearing gave board members a chance to restate their opposition and also provided a forum for a modest bit of political theater by the teachers' association. In response to urging by CEA President Dennis Connolly, the board passed a resolution that they are not in support of the law.

The new law lowers the existing spending cap to an annual

increase of 2.5 percent, gives additional oversight authority to the county superintendent and restricts the amount of surplus local entities can maintain, among other changes.

After a few months of relative calm following its passage over the summer, the measure has met furious resistance from local school boards, who say the restrictions will make it unfeasible for them to maintain the same level of service and will lead to higher tax increases in the case of emergencies by removing the safety cushion afforded by a larger surplus.

Many of the most expensive parts of a school district budget, such as teacher salaries and insurance costs, rise by much more than 2.5 percent annually, though the state does adjust the spending cap to reflect some of those circumstances.

The measure has also met opposition from municipalities, who are also now under tighter spending caps, though to a lesser degree.

"This law alters school district financial practices by taking away authority that rested with local boards of education," Superintendent Lawrence Feinsod said at the meeting. He went on to call the law "poor public policy" that would have a "drastic negative impact" on district practices and, ultimately, on students.

Robert Carfagno, the board's business administrator, said just how the state will apply the new law remains up in the air. The measure was passed through the Legislature with a minimal amount of discussion, and the Department of Education has yet to draft new guidelines on how district's should implement the new rules, he said.

Though the odds are against a repeal, Feinsod said he was encouraged by recent developments in Trenton. The fact that John Adler, a South Jersey Democrat, has introduced a bill that would allow districts to use

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Vaccine shortage sends local residents scrambling for shots

By LAUREN TRAINOR
THE CHRONICLE

GARWOOD — Rich Sulzer walked the parking lot of the North Avenue Shoprite 30 times Friday Shopping in to the store occasionally for water and huggies, the Scotch Plains resident set up camp outside the supermarket to wait four hours to receive a coveted shot of flu vaccine. Though the clinic did not open until 10 a.m., arriving at 9:45 didn't assure Sulzer of an easy day.

"When I got here, it was unbelievable," he said. "It was a mob, and I just got in at 10:15. Only 200 hundred doses were available at the clinic."

Two young mothers from Cranford had been waiting since 9:30 a.m. Donna Benes entertained her 2-year-old son as she waited for her number to be called, along with her pregnant friend Tracy Labombarda. They passed the day by making lots of trips to their cars and snacking.

The extraordinary demand was created by the announcement that nearly half of the 100 million doses of flu vaccine planned for distribution in the United States this season will be unavailable, after problems were discovered at the British plant of the pharmaceutical firm Chiron. Chiron is one of only two firms that supply the vaccine; the other is Aventis Pasteur.

Because flu vaccine takes months to prepare, the announcement left many distributors without any vaccine at all — the state, which orders the vaccine for many local boards of health, had placed its order with Chiron — and others with much less than expected. The Scotch Plains and Westfield regional boards of health have had to cancel their flu clinics; Maxim Health Services, which adminis-

Cranford clinic will take place as scheduled

Despite the vaccine shortage, the Cranford Board of Health's annual influenza immunization clinic will be held 3:30-6:30 p.m. Monday in the Lincoln School gymnasium, off of Thomas Street. Residents who are Medicare eligible are required to bring their Medicare Cards to the clinic, since the township has been designated as a Medicare provider. There will be no charge for the flu shot.

The flu immunization is recommended for those persons over 65 years old, those with chronic heart or lung problems, kidney disease, cystic fibrosis, diabetes, anemia, or severe asthma. In addition, people with immunological disorders or certain types of cancers that lower the body's normal resistance to infection are urged to get the immunization.

Residents 9 years of age and older can be immunized; parental permission is required for residents under 19 years of age.

Persons who are ill and have a fever should delay vaccination until the fever and other temporary symptoms have gone. In addition, people who are allergic to eggs should not be given the flu shot.

In order to aid in the administration of the vaccine and the orderly running of this clinic, residents are encouraged to wear loose-fitting clothing.

Health Officer Warren Hohl said he anticipates 600 to 700 residents will receive the vaccine at the clinic. As it has in the past, the township placed its order through Aventis, rather than Chiron. "I guess we guessed well this year," Hohl said.

For more information, contact the Health Department at (908) 709-7238.

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Cranford chef finding the recipe for success

By LAUREN TRAINOR
THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — Jorge Colazzo is leading a food revolution, albeit one in which many of his accomplices are unaware that they are part of any movement at all.

Biting into a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, a typical third grader won't note the heartiness of the whole wheat bread he's holding between his fingers, and a high school student might not realize that the burger he is eating has less fat, more protein.

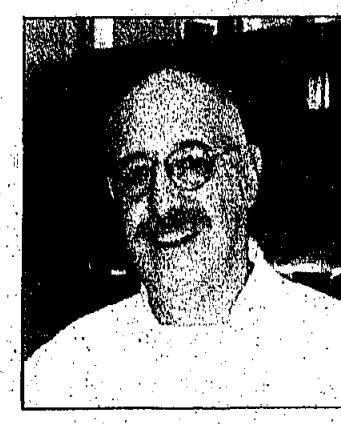
But the new executive chef of the New York City public school system hopes they will notice the increased appeal of his menu choices, and that there will be enough improvement to the look, taste, and variety of the food to entice the students to forgo fast food and stick to the school

lunch. Introducing meals like Southwest roasted tofu with braised beans; a turkey, apple, and curry salad wrap; and whole wheat crust French bread pizzas to the menu of city schools has proved to be a laborious project, but Colazzo, a Cranford native and resident, has the determination, energy, and experience. He has spent years leading corporate and school dining initiatives, spending time as a chef at the Helmsley Palace, where he roasted a fresh turkey every day just in case Leona got a hankering for a turkey sandwich.

Most of the kids are still talking the reformulated pizza, he said, though he noted that on the day one school introduced the roasted tofu, they went through 1½ cases of the stuff.

But despite his enthusiasm, Colazzo faces some real challenges: besides the social stigma of the school cafeteria as at best, uncool, and at worst, "welfare food," he sometimes has to contend with apathetic administrators, unimpeachable or limited facilities, and staff members who are not properly trained. He also must entice students to stay in school and eat as the choices of neighborhood food spots stack up against him.

While students across America don't often term cante-



JORGE COLAZZO

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Plans to upgrade Centennial advance

By LAUREN TRAINOR
THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — Plans to refurbish the Centennial Avenue business district were presented to the Township Committee by Dan Dowd of the landscape architecture firm Baretto/Dowd at the committee's Tuesday meeting.

The \$493,000 improvements would include demolishing, removing and replacing the entire existing pavement and curbing and replacing it with new sidewalks and curbs.

Under the proposal, trees would be placed at regular intervals along the west side of Centennial Avenue to create an alternating tree pattern with the existing trees on the east side of the street.

Lighting would be upgraded to match the Victorian scheme

currently in place in the downtown shopping district, and benches would adorn the sidewalks, which would be patterned in random two-foot by three-foot rectangles instead of the traditional five-foot squares. Planters and brick pavers would also be added to the area.

The committee still hopes that the county will provide resources for some of the project, and that property owners will contribute 50 percent of the project. Various federal and state grants are also expected to offset the costs.

As part of its capital budget, the committee included funding that would cover slightly more than half of the recent estimate, said Commissioner Dan Aschenbach, who has been the leading advocate for the project.

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Cranford chef finding the recipe for success

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ria food 'cool' in a place as diverse as New York City, cafeteria food might not even be relevant. Before Colazzo was hired, he said, the system used to dictate that every school in all five boroughs must serve a particular dish on a particular day.

But, Colazzo said, that approach completely ignored the demographics of a city where more than 50 percent of the population is not white. While a school in Queens might more successfully sell pasta, he said, a school in Brooklyn might do better serving rice and beans.

The top-heavy approach to school menus is not the most financially viable method of structuring the system, Colazzo said. Students won't buy lunches that aren't appealing to them, and in a city known as the melting pot of the United States, success is often predicated on the recognition of its cultural diversity. In this vein, Colazzo is hiring a regional chef for each borough, and managers of each school choose from a number of daily dishes.

When Colazzo served as the executive chef at the New York office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, one of the country's largest, and most recognized law firms, he introduced that and other ethnic foods that were just coming into vogue.

"What they wanted from us was that we match the service they'd find on the streets," he said. "We made a lot of beautiful things — it

was very nice."

But what was encouraged in the corporate world in the early 1980s has taken much longer to catch on in New York's public school system. The bureaucracy was and still is somewhat stifling, he said. Sending out bids for everything takes forever, and the school system faces a public war of corruption, making transparency an important, and time-consuming goal.

Colazzo most recently encountered this when he tried to order plastic salad containers that would help salads seem more appealing, as part of an attempt to get away from the traditional flat tray or what he calls "prison style" dining. The relatively simple order was far from easy to fill. "It took me 2½ months to get black, shiny salad bar bowls," he said.

But the challenge only strengthened Colazzo's desire to counter the behemoth system's old, heavy-handed approach to cafeteria food with a little *personality* of his own.

"It's been a real battle to turn that culture around," said Colazzo. "It caused a lot of paralysis — people were waiting to be told what to do."

But Colazzo has also found that sympathy for his position has come from unexpected places — the students themselves. For example, children growing up today are more nutritionally aware than previous generations, he said. Today, a person talking about South Beach is not necessarily referring to a recent family vacation destination, just as

water cooler talk about The Zone is no longer relegated to a rebash of last night's basketball or football game.

And although people sometimes try to convince Colazzo that children don't enjoy eating green foods, he has found that isn't entirely accurate. Depending on a child's ethnicity, Colazzo said, a student might be used to seeing green parsley, basil, cilantro, or peppers in his or her lunch.

Then, there is the clout that comes with representing a school system that serves approximately 860,000 meals every day.

"We've got a lot of purchasing power," he said of his and his colleagues' frequent discussions with food retailers. "We've got leverage — they're very happy to meet with me."

Colazzo, who moved to the United States when he was nine, uses this influence to negotiate nutritious and ethnically relevant food choices for schools in different neighborhoods. A similar dish from one food supplier, he said, can be spiked or prepared slightly differently to reflect the preference of a majority of that school's students.

Still, it is hard to compete with brand names that are advertised seemingly everywhere. So, Colazzo is launching an initiative to market the food that the cafeterias are selling, not only to students but to parents.

"All these companies are very willing to help us with marketing," he said.

Board assails new law

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funds to provide busing on hazardous routes "may be a signal there is a willingness on the part of legislators to take another look at this law," he said.

"I'm not overly encouraged, but I have a little bit of hope that I didn't have three weeks ago," he added.

Though the bill was supported by state Democrats, it got support from Republican Tom Kean Jr., Cranford's representative in the state Senate. Kean said this week he would be willing to take another look at parts of the bill, especially considering the speed at which it was passed, but he continues to "think the intent of the law" was solid.

While the bill was making its way through the Legislature, Kean said, he was pushing a similar measure to create spending caps at the state level, which failed. The Legislature had shown "the height of hypocrisy" by failing to enact spending caps on itself, he said — but that didn't invalidate the new caps at the local level.

"We've got so many people in these towns that are getting killed by property taxes," he said. "My hope is that the end result of the law will be lower property taxes."

Kean said he does not believe the law will force districts to put off needed maintenance or other projects, as some critics have charged. And he said he is preparing to introduce a bill designed to relieve some of the "red tape" districts have to deal with, which could lower costs by making the regulatory process smoother.

Cranford's other state legislators, Jon Bramnick and Eric Munoz, voted against the bill in the General Assembly.

President's sister pays visit to Cranford

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Congress added to the Medicare program last year. But, said Farley, "He gave it a good shake-up. At least he did something."

While support for Bush was evident in the room, not everyone was convinced. "I'd like to hear that they're ending the war," said Rose Gilstrap of Cranford, an undecided

voter who was concerned her two grandsons would be subject to a draft if America's military activity isn't curtailed.

And some in the audience were more emphatic in their support for Kerry. No matter who comes to town to campaign for Bush, said one resident, "Nobody's going to change our mind. He's killing the seniors."

But perhaps the best news for the president came from another voter who described himself as a registered Democrat, but said she is voting for Bush due to his position on terrorism. Her conviction, she said, had been bolstered by listening to Koch.

"It was just nice seeing her, meeting her," she said. "This is the highlight of our day."

Shortage sends residents scrambling

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tered the clinic at ShopRite and had dozens more scheduled throughout the area, has cancelled all clinics after Saturday and will only immunize "high-risk" patients.

Cranford residents are fortunate: The township's health department ordered through Aventis, and Monday's clinic will proceed as scheduled (see related story).

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced Tuesday 22 million doses will be redirected to nursing homes, hospitals and doctor's offices; it was not immediately clear how the announcement would affect New Jersey. Because of the shortage, health officials are asking those who do not fall into "high-risk" categories to forgo getting the vaccine.

Though news on the issue continues to develop, the warning signs were clear by last Friday. Many of those in line had come to ShopRite after their doctors told them they would not be providing flu shots in their offices this year.

Others, who normally count on municipal programs, decided to get the vaccine at the earliest opportunity.

"I think because there's a danger that there's not going to be a flu shot, that's why there's so much congestion," said Lorraine Chamberlain of Elizabethtown.

Westfield resident Robert Clovers, 72, showed up early in the morning, said the line, and went home. He was not able to spend all day waiting in line for the flu vaccine, but said that it was so important he came back, hoping that he

would be fortunate.

"I hope they get to me," he said. "I'm number eight on the next line of people over 200."

Clovers is considered at risk because of his age. The CDC recommends that people aged 65 and older, pregnant women, young babies, those with chronic lung or heart disease, those in frequent contact with high-risk populations get the vaccine.

Although Clovers has not gotten the flu any time recently, he doesn't want to tempt fate. "I think it's just a chance," he said. "I always get the shot anyway to prevent it."

Luis Villarin and his wife Carmina agreed that prevention was more important than convenience, and took the day in stride. "You never know what's going to happen with the shortage," he said.

"When we had the shortage two years ago, I had to go to CVS in Garwood, and we had to wait two hours," Carmina added. The two Westfield residents first went to the Senior Citizen Center in their town and were faced with signs stating that the center would not sponsor flu shots this year.

Some residents waited on line because their doctors explicitly told them to, or because their health history required it.

"I'd definitely like to get it, because I've had two bouts with cancer, and I don't want to fool around with that," said Westfield resident Catherine Felton. "You never thought of it years ago, but today it's a different story."

According to an employee, 500 doses of the vaccine were ordered for Friday's clinic, though only 200 were received. Each person was given a number as he or she registered; those who didn't respond to their number lost their place in line. At one point, the line director pulled the crowd to see if the vaccine would object to two men on oxygen tanks and two cancer patients eating the line. The crowd acquiesced.

By 2 p.m. Friday, the time the clinic was supposed to close, the nurse staffing the clinic had only injected 167 people. The staff kept going — down the list and on to a wait list of 25.

"It's such a shame that we got into this predicament," said another employee. "These people's own physicians don't even have enough, I've heard them say."

For up-to-date information on the situation, contact the state Department of Health and Human Services toll-free at (800) 234-0064 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The Township Committee is expected to approve the initial plans and move into the design phase of the project at its Oct. 28 meeting. Aschenbach said a spring 2005 date for the start of construction is feasible.

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on the committee.

Commissioners are considering reallocation of parking in the area in the future, though that won't occur only after the initial streetscape design is completed.

A presentation will be made to business owners in the district, and each will describe the new proposal will be on display at the municipal parking lot near the Butcher Block from 9-11 a.m. Oct. 23.

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Briefs

Parenting forum at Orange Avenue

CRANFORD — The school district will offer a forum for parents of middle school students Monday night.

The program, open to parents of children in Grades 6-8, will focus on strategies for improving communication skills, evaluating risk factors, strengthening building blocks for healthy development, solving family conflicts and building a child's "emotional bank account."

This forum will be held 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday in the library of Orange Avenue School.

Interested parents should register by sending name, address, child's school and class, phone number, e-mail address and the number of attendees to Annamaria Francis, Cranford High School, 201 West End Place, or emailing the information to francisa@cranford-schools.org.

For more information, call (908) 709-8879.

St. Paul's to hold pet blessing Sunday

GARWOOD — At 3 p.m. Sunday, the Rev. Kenneth Hess will officiate at a service for the blessing of the animals at St. Paul's United Church of Christ.

Members of the public and the congregation are invited to bring their pets. There will be singing (howling), prayers and blessing of the "family members."

St. Paul's is located at the corner of Myrtle Avenue and Center Street.

Recreation Dept. celebrates 40 years

CRANFORD — The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department is celebrating its 40th anniversary of meeting the recreational needs for Cranford residents.

To mark the occasion, the department will throw a party for the community 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. The festivities will include a face painter, clown and balloon sculptor, a demonstration by Mad Science Workshop at 11:30 a.m., a Tai Chi demonstration at 1 p.m. and a Karate Self Defense demonstration at 2 p.m.

There will also be a pair of one-hour shows by "The Lizard Guy" at noon and 1:30 p.m., and the "fun bus" will be parked in the rear lot of the Community Center from 11-1:30 a.m. for children to partake in various activities.

Historic military vehicles will also be at the site, and a cake-cutting ceremony will be at 12:30.

For more information, call the Cranford Recreation and Parks Department at (908) 709-7283.

Bake sale planned at St. Anne's Church

GARWOOD — St. Anne's Rosary Altar Society will hold its annual autumn bake sale Saturday and Sunday in the lower church after all Masses.

Baked goods will be accepted 2-5:30 p.m. Saturday in the lower church. Chairpersons Bertha Dec and Anna Guerriero will accept any donations if members are unable to bake. All Rosarians are encouraged to participate.

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Fourth-grader Ryan Tombs is flanked by Garwood Mayor Dennis McCarthy and Col. Rick Fuentes of the New Jersey State Police.

In Garwood, a walk to remember

By LAUREN TRAINER

THE CHRONICLE

GARWOOD — His friends may not have admitted to being jealous, but fourth-grader Ryan Tombs still thought his walk to school the morning of Oct. 6 was pretty cool.

In June, Ryan learned from his father that Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police, Col. Rick Fuentes, grew up in Garwood. He wrote a letter asking Fuentes if he would return to his hometown to take part in Walk to School Day, figuring he would never hear back.

But two days before the borough participated in the international event, which encourages parents and other mentors to walk to school with students, Fuentes called Ryan's house and said he would be coming to visit. Fuentes drove up that morning in a DARE car, another officer and his personal secretary in tow, and goodies for Ryan

and his younger brother, including DARE bags, mugs, pens and an emergency kit. Ryan presented him with a Garwood Centennial yearbook.

Ryan was in awe of the most famous person he's ever met, and took to heart his advice about listening to crossing guards, not cutting through lawns and crossing streets carefully. It was hard for the other children in the neighborhood not to notice the fully uniformed and decorated officer.

"It was like the pied piper — about 40 kids followed him to school," said Ryan.

After walking the same route he remembered as a child — Fuentes grew up only about a block away from Ryan's home — he spoke about safety to all of the students in the district at an assembly.

But it was the time walking with Fuentes and learning about the changes that had taken place along the route that Ryan will remember most.

"We talked the whole way," he said.

Funds redirected to new projects

By LAUREN TRAINER

THE CHRONICLE

KENILWORTH — The Borough Council allocated approximately \$54,000 to address projects in the borough at a special meeting Oct. 6, the bulk of which will buy equipment for the Department of Public Works.

The council agreed last week to spend approximately \$40,000 on a wood chipper and jackhammer

compressor for the department. Council members also agreed to spend \$10,000 for new windows at the Board of Health building and \$4,000 to pay for the installation of a new clock outside the municipal building.

Borough officials also agreed to install a roof for the cabana at the Ninth Street Park and improve the streetscape between 20th and 21st streets, although estimated costs for those items were not immediately available.

The money comes from the closing out of past ordinances the borough has already completed and paid for, said the borough's chief finance officer, Dianne Marus.

Carrying out an ordinance often costs less money than is appropriated, she said, and after an audit of the borough's finances is complete and all accounts closed, borough officials may allocate the remaining money to other projects.

Other suggestions discussed at the special meeting included hiring an architect to begin preliminary plans to renovate and expand Borough Hall, and renovations and equipment for the fire house.

Schadewald appointed to Board of Education

By LAUREN TRAINER

THE CHRONICLE

GARWOOD — In a 7-1 vote, the Board of Education selected Tracey R. Schadewald to become the newest member of the school board.

Schadewald will fill a vacancy created when Christina Ariemma, also the borough clerk, recently submitted her resignation from the board. Following Ariemma's resignation, the board asked interested members of public to come forward and apply to fill the vacancy.

The lone dissenting vote was cast by Linda Koenig; neither Schadewald nor Koenig could be reached for comment after the meeting.

Schadewald will be sworn in at the Oct. 18 regular meeting. At that meeting, the school board will also discuss the results of the most recent elementary and middle school standardized test scores.

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Committee weighs truck restrictions on two local streets

By LAUREN TRAINER

THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — Local officials are considering prohibiting all but the lightest trucks on Chester Lang Drive, which sometimes serves as an easy short cut between Walnut Avenue and Lexington Avenue.

A preliminary proposal discussed at Tuesday's council meeting call for a four-ton weight limit to be placed over the entire length of Chester Lang Place and Lexington Avenue.

The proposal was recommended by the police department in response to multiple complaints by residents, according to a letter from Police Chief Eric Mason.

If the ordinance is passed by the Township Committee, it would be forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for approval.

At the meeting, residents voiced concerns about safety and noise problems the trucks pose to the neighborhood.

"During the night, sometimes some of the vibrations from the big trucks set off the alarm and the police come. It's very disturbing, so I would be very happy if they restricted it to light traffic."

— Carol Brandes

hours, but this has become more of a 24-hour operation," he said. "I don't think stopping the trucks from driving on the street would address the real issue."

Rich Cicalese and Don Dreyer park their trucks at the Reel-Strong truck parking lot near Lexington Avenue. Cicalese has been parking at the railroad location since the 1970s, and Dreyer since 1956. They were assured by the Township Committee that trucks using the facility would be exempt from the rule, as would trucks making deliveries to neighborhood residents.

School buses would also be allowed to use the street.

Milt Fox, who has lived on Chester Lang Place for 50 years, said that drivers like Dreyer and Cicalese are not the problem.

"They come through at a slower speed than 90 percent of the cars," he said. But, he added, there are other drivers who cut through the area to get to Walnut Street from Kings Supermarket, in Garwood, ignoring the no-truck designations on feeder streets in Garwood.

According to a memo by Sgt. Joseph Van Bergen, the trucks are also using the street to avoid the intersection of Baritan Road and Walnut Avenue, effectively avoiding traffic lights and congestion, but bothering residents.

Fox was concerned about safety in a neighborhood with many young children.

"I don't have any children, they're all grown," said Fox. "But I have grandchildren."

"I used to be trucks cutting through during normal business hours."

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Police Log

CRANFORD — Richard Noble, 23, of Cranford, was arrested at 12:53 a.m. Oct. 6 after police officers investigated his motor vehicle, which was parked at the Mobile gas station at the corner of North Avenue and Carpenter Place.

He was subsequently charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Phillip Swann, 40, of Manasquan, was arrested at 2 a.m. Oct. 7 after he was observed driving erratically on Centennial Avenue.

He was charged with driving while intoxicated, careless driving, and failure to wear his seat belt.

Kester Panditz, 25, of East Orange, was arrested at 1:09 a.m. Monday after his vehicle was observed speeding down North Avenue.

Officers pursued him onto the Garden State Parkway northbound and pulled him over near Exit 138 in Kenilworth.

He was charged with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and speeding.

KENILWORTH

Police are investigating the attempted burglary of a vending

machine at the Shell Station at the corner of the Boulevard and 31st Street at about 5 p.m. Oct. 7.

Police were called after two males were observed exiting a black Toyota SUV and attempting to break into the vending machine with a crowbar to steal its cash.

The suspects fled the scene before they could successfully steal any money, but the vending machine sustained significant damage, police said.

A resident of the 100 block of South 23rd Street reported that her house was the scene of an attempted burglary and an assault at 5:15 p.m. Saturday.

The homeowner confronted the burglar as he entered the house through the front door, police said, where he struck her in the face and then fled on foot. Nothing was taken from the home.

The homeowner was taken to a nearby hospital, where she was treated for face and hand injuries and released.

Police described the suspect as a white or Hispanic male, approximately 20 years old, who was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt and dark blue jeans. Anyone with information about the case is urged to call the Kenilworth Police Department at (908) 276-1700.



Fall production at Orange Ave. has 'Midsummer' feel

Did Shrek run away from Hollywood? Nope, that's a transformed character in William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, which will take the stage at Cranford's Orange Avenue School 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday Oct. Will he stay that way? Who transformed him, and why? For those answers and a night of fun, head out to the school over the weekend to see the fall production. All seats are reserved and cost \$6. For more information, call (908) 709-6257. Shown in the picture at right are cast members Alito Intaglietta, Chris Camarero (in mask), Kristen Freeman, Katrina Courtneyman and Sara Dankosky.

Astronomy group will meet Friday at UCC

CRANFORD — Amateur Astronomers, Inc. will conduct its monthly membership meeting 8 p.m. Friday in the lecture hall of the Nomahegan Building at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave.

Immediately following the business meeting, at approx-

mately 9 p.m., the club will present a free public lecture titled "Chandra's X-Ray View of Supernovae Remnants," given by Dr. John Hughes, a professor of physics and astronomy at Rutgers University.

He will discuss NASA's Chandra X-ray observatory, which is designed to observe rays from high-energy regions of the universe, and will present its scientific findings and results, gleaned from the examination of more than one million stars.

Following the lecture, guests will be invited to the William Miller Sperry Observatory, located nearby on campus, and will have the opportunity to speak with club members and tour the facility, refreshments

will be served. Weather permitting, a celestial viewing focusing on the Andromeda Galaxy and the double star Albireo, in the constellation Cygnus, will be conducted using the club's two large telescopes. Free parking is provided at the college campus.

In addition to monthly meetings held the third Friday of the month from September through May, the club holds free, informal public meetings on the remaining Fridays at the Sperry Observatory. A 7:30 p.m. program for younger audiences touches on topics such as the solar system and constellations; to make arrangements for a group of young people to attend, e-mail bigdoy1@netzero.com.

At 8:30 p.m., programs for the general public address topics

such as "Astronomy Software" and "Planets Found Outside the Solar System." Weather permitting, there are celestial viewings throughout the evening.

For more information on the organization, call (908) 276-STAR or visit www.asterism.org.

Leaf pick-up will begin on November 1

CRANFORD — The Department of Public Works has announced that leaf collection will begin Nov. 1 in all sections of the township. Leaves will be picked up continuously until completion in all neighborhoods.

Leaves will be picked up at the curb line in the street; absolutely no bagged leaves will be accepted, according to the department.

No leaves should be placed within 10 feet of catch basins, to comply with new stormwater regulations issued by the state Department of Environmental Protection.

The department has asked residents to comply with the following rules:

- Do not rake leaves into the street prior to Oct. 29;
- Do not park on leaves, as doing so may cause a fire;
- Do not block street sewers.

Instead, leave space along the curb line for water to flow freely; do not call for pick-up after leaves on your street have been collected. The schedule cannot be adjusted.

Make sure that leaf piles are free of sticks, rocks, stumps, grass, shrubs, paper and litter, as these types of material can damage machinery and workers.

The final collection is scheduled to begin on or about Dec. 6, though factors such as weather and equipment breakdown can affect the schedule unexpectedly.

Residents placing leaves in the street after final pick-up are subject to fines in accordance with township ordinances.

The Conservation Center on Birchwood Avenue will be open for leaf drop-off 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays and 9:30 a.m.-3:50 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. In December, the center is open Fridays and Saturdays.

Proof of residency is needed, but a yard waste permit is not required to dispose of leaves only. The center will be closed Nov. 25-26.

Drive safely in Cranford

CRANFORD — The police department will be conducting a drunk-driving checkpoint within the township from 9 p.m. Friday to 3 a.m. Saturday. Police did not reveal the location of the checkpoint.

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Briefs

Temple group to hear presentation on heading

CRANFORD — The next meeting of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth El Mezor Chayim will be held 8 p.m. Tuesday at the temple, 338 Walnut Ave. The program will be The Beading Mouse, presented by beader Ida Northcott.

Northcott teaches beading at the Rahway Recreation Center. She makes items such as eye glass holders, bracelets and necklaces that incorporate intricate design patterns. She will demonstrate how to make beaded items and will bring some of her creations. The cost for participants is \$5.

The program will be introduced by Hope Saez, program vice president. President Lenore Klein will preside at a short business meeting.

Refreshments will be served by Hospitality Chairpersons Joan Finkelstein and Greta Polonitz. Harriet Scheiner, Judaica Shop chairperson, will have the shop open for business.

For information, call the temple at (908) 276-9231 during business hours.

Newcomer Club welcomes new members

WESTFIELD — The Newcomer's Club of Westfield invites women who are interested in meeting new friends and getting more involved in the community, to one of its prospective member coffees at a member's home at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Prospective members will have the opportunity to meet current members and learn about the activities that the club sponsors. If interested in attending this event or for information about the club, call Meghan Walsh at (908) 232-8021 or Michelle Hahayeb at (908) 233-7228.

The Newcomer's Club is a social organization, founded in 1944 for women over the age of 21 who are new to Westfield or surrounding communities, or established residents who have experienced a change in lifestyle such as a birth, adoption of a baby, a marriage, a job change, or a move within the town.

Garden club to learn about colonial herbs

CRANFORD — Colonial herb garden will be the topic of a presentation by Christine Glazer to members of the Florophile Garden Club of Cranford and guests at 1 p.m. Monday at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.

Glazer, a recognized expert on life during Colonial times who holds a master's degree in museum studies and performance art, will delineate the elements of such gardens, identify the plants and explain the uses of herbs in Colonial times as well as in current usage. Glazer is a trustee and past president of the Cranford Historical Society.

Jane Nicholson, co-president, will preside at the business meeting and will outline the club's new membership drive. The club is looking for persons interested in environmental and beautification issues as well as gardening and flower arranging.

Meetings are held on 1-3 p.m. the third Monday of the month, ending in time for parents to pick up children. Interested persons are invited to attend the October meeting or call the membership chairman, Helen van Gelder, at (908) 276-9639.

Nancy Christensen, Vice and Means chairman, will give details of the club's annual sale of fresh pecans. Due to bad weather, the crop this year has not been as plentiful, but the club hopes to fill requests in time for the holidays. For information, call (908) 276-0163.

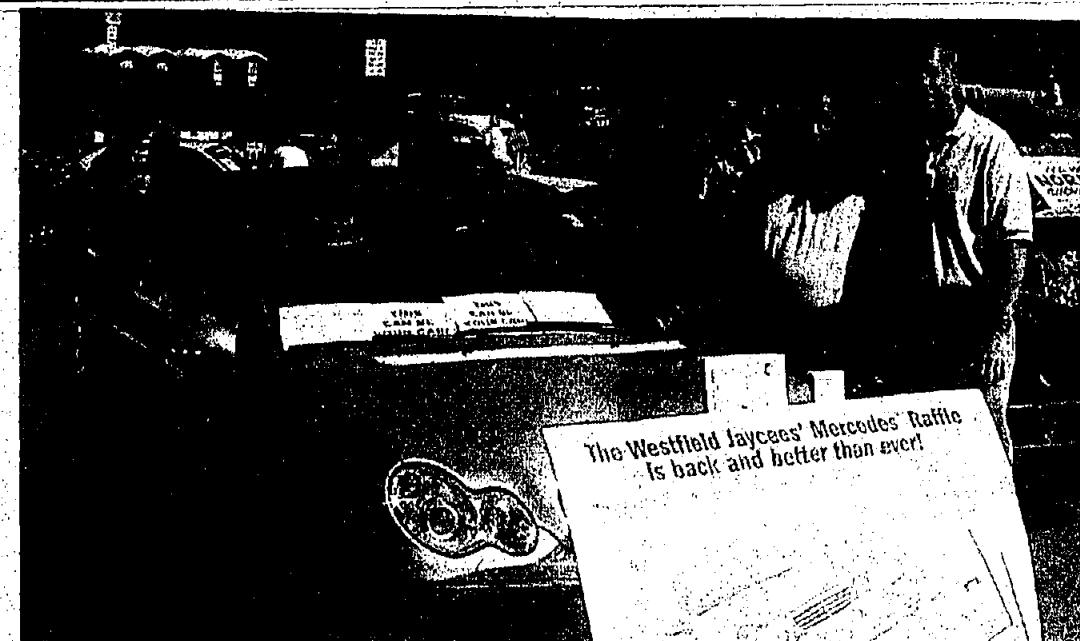
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Last chance to get in on Mercedes raffle

Tickets for the Westfield Jaycees and CONTACT We Care Mercedes raffle are still available, but time is running out for those looking to win the silver C230 Sports Sedan being offered by Interac Mercedes Benz of Newton. The Jaycees and CONTACT, the 24-hour crisis hotline, are selling a limited issue of 400 tickets, each of which admits two people to the Oct. 23 dinner dance. The event will take place 7:30 p.m.-midnight at Temple Emanuel in Westfield. Tickets are \$185 each and are tax deductible. CONTACT We Care and event Chairmen Jeff Strrat and CONTACT Executive Director David Owens are pictured here at the recent Westfield Auto Show with the event's top prize. For information, call Owens at (908) 301-1899 or Strrat at (908) 654-0433.

County spends \$8M to preserve land

In a joint venture, Union County and the Township of Berkeley Heights have partnered to preserve 17 acres of land off Snyder Avenue from development, for a purchase price of \$13 million.

According to Berkeley Heights Mayor Michael Chait, the property at one time was slated for a development of 269 residential units, but will now remain largely in a natural state while.

Township Commissioner David Cohen added that the property, a former industrial site which is currently contaminated and vacant, would be cleaned up and brought back to productive usage.

The acquisition is one of the largest pieces of open space still available in Union County, and the largest in Berkeley Heights.

Approximately \$8 million of the \$13 million purchase price is being paid for by the Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic

Preservation Trust Fund, and \$5 million is being paid for by the township.

Under the agreement, Berkeley Heights will retain four acres for a senior citizen center, and the county will begin to develop plans for playing fields and a recreation area. The township will be responsible for the maintenance of the playing fields and recreation area on the county portion of the property.

The Snyder Avenue property currently contains two vacant industrial buildings, which housed Shaw Plastics and the former Bay Oil Service/Daily Fuels facility. Part of the property is contaminated by asbestos and oil. As a condition of sale, the current owner of the property has agreed to clean up the property.

The property is bordered on the east by Snyder Avenue, on the north by single family dwellings, on the east by a township-owned Green

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Temple program for disabled kids is now in second year

WESTFIELD — Temple Emanuel-El is now in its second year of providing a Sunday school program specifically designed for children with a determination of autism, as well as related developmental disabilities, such as PDD-NOS and Aspergers Syndrome.

Tamara Ruben, director of education, credits a team of concerned parents as the inspiration behind the program known as Ma'ayan, which is Hebrew for "natural spring." This core group of parents felt there were limited opportunities for their children to share in the rituals and traditions of Jewish life.

Laura Weitzman, director of special education in Warren, was the educational consultant for the pilot project.

Douglas B. Sagal, senior rabbi at Emanuel-El, committed to serving the whole family, and strives to make Emanuel-El a welcoming entry into the Jewish community for all individuals and families regardless of abilities or disabilities.

Early in her career, Ruben was particularly inspired by the parsha Kedoshim from Leviticus, which states one should not place stumbling blocks before the blind. Ruben interprets that to mean everyone deserves a learning opportunity.

Her goals for the second year remain consistent with the program's overall concept. "It's not that we started the second year

with a new goal, but now we are approaching Bar Mitzvah age," she said. The first Ma'ayan Bar Mitzvah is scheduled for June 2005.

Any Baruch, a special education teacher, uses a variety of methods to help her students establish Jewish identities. With assistance from two classroom aides, Baruch teaches the Ma'ayan class, which meets every other Sunday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Music, art, and stories are incorporated in the curriculum.

There is a formal application process to enter the program, which includes a conversation with the secular schoolteacher, a review of each child's Individual Education Plan (IEP), and a personal interview with the classroom teacher.

An unplanned but valuable component part of the program has been the camaraderie and support for and by the Ma'ayan parents. Parents meet informally over coffee in downtown Westfield while the class is in session.

Parent and Scotch Plains resident Joanne Bartosik says she looks forward to the company of the other parents. "We have formed our own little support group, and have developed strong bonds way beyond the boundaries of the Ma'ayan program," she said.

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Eleanor began to work with Johnny and his parents. She gently massaged and stretched his neck and taught his parents specific positioning techniques to encourage better movement. Johnny gradually tolerated more time on his tummy, which helped strengthen his neck muscles. Soon he was able to hold his head up and turn it to both sides. His parents were relieved that the problem was resolved.

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Commentary

Make them work for your vote

In the next two-and-a-half weeks before the Nov. 2 election, chances are you will be receiving some literature, either in the mail or stuck in your front door, from your local political candidates. If you're lucky, you may also have an opportunity to talk to candidates as they canvass your neighborhood and seek votes door by door.

Most of the literature will promise the same things — lower taxes and better services. Despite the fact that these promises are often (though not always) incompatible, they constitute the platform of approximately 98 percent of local candidates.

If a candidate admits taxes are likely to rise, that person deserves your vote just for having the courage to tell the truth.

Local property taxes are likely to increase as the state continues to place more mandates on municipalities and counties without giving them any more money. The most a candidate can realistically promise is a flat tax rate, hoping that rising property values, new development and some good fortune with respect to grants can generate more tax revenue to cover the higher costs.

If a candidate comes to your door and makes a promise about taxes, ask the candidate specifically how this will be done. Inquire about what budget items can be cut and what programs can be scaled down or eliminated.

Most candidates spout fancy rhetoric about fiscal restraint and budget discipline, but it's hard work to balance the equation between keeping taxes as low as possible while maintaining the same level of services. And as studies have repeatedly shown, the prospect of cutting spending by eliminating government waste is an illusion. If all this waste does exist in government, no one's yet figured out a way to get it to the Dumpster.

And be wary of candidates' promises that they can bring more rainwater into the municipality as a way to lower taxes. While Union County is in something of a secondary building boom, government cannot control the private sector, which ultimately makes the investment.

The best a governing official can do is to create an atmosphere which can improve the atmosphere for development by tweaking zoning regulations. As experience in Cranford, Westfield and Fanwood has shown, that also is a delicate balancing act that is far easily promised, than delivered.

When a candidate comes to your door asking for your vote, do not slam the door in that person's face. Instead, allow at least a few minutes so you can give your opinion about what is going on in your hometown. And don't be afraid to ask the difficult questions that have difficult answers. Challenge the candidates. Make them think.

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Letters to the editor

Aschenbach endorses party-mates

To The Chronicle:

I offer a strong endorsement for George Jern and George McDonough for Cranford Township Committee. Both are very capable and experienced citizens who I believe will work to find consensus on the issues facing Cranford.

Jern is conservative on spending issues and he always makes sure taxpayers are always a consideration. That will be important in 2005. He has proven his mettle in stopping the taxpayer guarantee of Cranford Crossing. He has been responsive on many public safety issues as Commissioner for Public Safety.

McDonough will bring new ideas on energy conservation, historic preservation and the use of web technology to improve the local government. George owns his own business and understands financial assessment and how to review budgets. He has served as a voice of reason on the planning board. This strength will be important as issues such as the Riverfront Redevelopment Project come before us.

I also wanted to mention that the Democratic candidates are not. Neither of this year's Republican candidates for office, in my opinion, have been active in community issues. I think citizens need such experience first, before they serve. Both Republican candidates

are also lawyers who were selected to run as candidates by another lawyer. The last time two Republican lawyers served on the Township Committee, they brought us a no-penalty Cranford Community Center contract and a guarantee for a private development project. We can't afford this again!

Cranford has been making slow but steady progress on a number of important public issues: both Cranford Crossing and the flood control project will soon begin the implementation stage; the Centennial Avenue Business District improvement project construction is about to get started; the work on two of Cranford's three central parks will begin soon; the Riverfront and South Avenue Corridor, which may make significant changes to parts of Cranford, will be up for zoning and planning review. The 2005 budget requires a Township Committee to take a serious and tough look at local government spending.

I believe both George McDonough and George Jern would work well on the Township Committee to move Cranford forward and make our community a better place.

DAN ASCHENBACH

The author, a Democrat, is a current member of the Township Committee.

Ferguson on wrong side of drug bill

To The Chronicle:

According to an August 2004 report by Public Campaign, Rep. Mike Ferguson is the country's top recipient of pharmaceutical company campaign money in the US House of Representatives. As of June, his "lifetime" figure was \$371,817; it is likely over \$400,000 by now.

Ferguson is not the only politician who reaps drug company payoffs. During the past 10 years, congressional Republicans have received nearly \$70 million. Between 1992 and 2002, pharmaceutical corporations have increased campaign contributions to Republicans by 594 percent. The 220 House members who voted for the 2003 Medicare bill received an average of \$37,616 from 1999-2003, while the 215 members who voted against the bill received an average of \$11,308.

Why is the \$534 billion Medicare prescription drug plan wrong for America? It is filled with handouts to drug makers, and it provides inadequate benefits to patients. The bill prohibits Medicare, the largest bulk purchaser of drugs, from negotiating lower bulk prices (which can be 50 percent less) with drug companies. The bill also prevents importation of drugs from Canada and the European Union. Imported drugs are at least 40 percent less expensive than drugs purchased through senior citizen discount cards. Dr. Peter Roaf of Pfizer said that importation "has been proven to be safe in Europe" and "the safety issue is a made-

up story."

According to Families USA, a nonpartisan consumer advocacy group, "the new Medicare drug law is a financial disaster for the average senior and for younger taxpayers...the benefit for seniors is woefully inadequate...and drug companies will be laughing all the way to the bank."

The prescription drug industry does not need more help. It already enjoys one of the highest profit margins among all American industries, and drug prices are rising at three times the rate of inflation. The pharmaceutical industry's 14 percent profit margin is more than twice as large as those of the automotive, computer, and telecommunication industries. Drug companies also receive huge federal tax breaks.

Ferguson did not just vote for the flawed and costly drug bill, he also "worked to convince fellow representatives wavering on the industry-backed Medicare prescription drug benefit law that the proposal was good for America" (Public Campaign report).

Ferguson is, in effect, a lobbyist and servant of the multi-billion dollar drug industry. Ferguson's constituents are not the people of the Seventh District. His real constituents and masters are Schering-Plough, Johnson & Johnson, Merck, Pfizer, Ely Lilly, Novartis, Roche Group and Wyeth.

JOHN CANTILLI

Cranford

Jaycees, Knights support the troops

To The Chronicle:

Once again, the Cranford Jaycees and the Cranford Knights of Columbus are involved in an effort to support our troops who are stationed overseas. We intend to support them as we have in the past by providing them with items that may help them be more comfortable while they serve our country.

These troops are members of the National Guard, Reserves or full-time military personnel. They have answered the call to serve while putting aside careers and family. As we enjoy the Cranford community, our troops are in harm's way as they serve our country.

Our drive is asking for donations of items like bug spray, toiletries, snacks and other small personal items. We also need packaging supplies like boxes and tape as well as money to pay for postage.

A new feature to our drive is the sale of magnetic yellow ribbons. The yellow ribbon has come to represent support for our troops as well as our desire for them to come home safe. These magnetic ribbons easily attach to your car trunk or rear bumper. We will offer them for sale at several local businesses.

Additionally, they will be offered for sale at several community events in the upcoming weeks. The

cost per ribbon is five dollars, and all proceeds from the sale of these ribbons will go towards the purchase of supplies for our troops or the cost of postage to ship these supplies.

Although the purpose of the sale of the magnetic ribbons is to help offset the cost of postage and purchase supplies, there is a secondary goal. Wouldn't it be great if at every turn in Cranford you would see a yellow ribbon? This should serve as a reminder of what we enjoy as a resident of Cranford and also remind us of the effort of the men and women who serve in the armed forces.

Donations can be dropped off at the Cranford Firehouse at 7 Springfield Ave from now until Nov. 12. On Nov. 13, we will have a drive at Saint Michael's Church from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The following week we will start shipping these items to our troops. You can read full details of our drive at www.CranfordTroops.com.

If you know of a Cranford resident who is overseas and would like to hear from us or if you have any questions, you can call (908) 276-4738 or send an e-mail to Mdingel@comcast.net.

Thank you for your support.

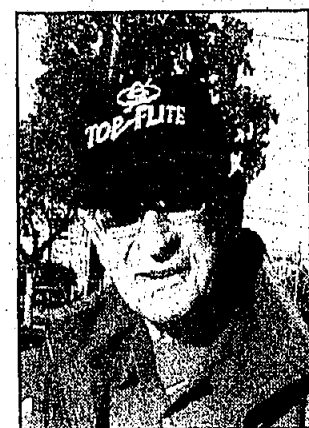
MARK DINGELSTEDT

Cranford Council #6226, Knights of Columbus

WILL THE DEBATES HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE RESULT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION?



MADLINE FORSTER
Scotch Plains
I think people have already made up their minds about it.



JOE STOH
Cranford
I don't know, I didn't watch them.



JESSICA KOWALSKI
Cranford
Yes, it's an important year, so I think a lot of people's opinions are going to form on how well the debates go.



JERRY ASHFIELD
Cranford
It proves to me how dumb these politicians are. A debate is when you exchange ideas; all these politicians are doing is making little speeches.



JIM TROISI
Cranford
To some extent, yeah, because I think that the appearance of the candidates, and the way politicians present themselves on TV has become more important than what is in the newspapers or on the radio — perception is reality.

Letters to the editor

Garwood Dems answer opponents

To The Chronicle:

In 2004, the Democratic candidates for Borough Council have rarely felt the need to respond to letters to the editor, believing that the residents of Garwood know the facts or could find the answers to their questions by coming to the source. This year, however, that is not the case. Rumor, innuendo and half-truths have circulated for some time now and the letters to the editor are only fanning the flames with vitriolic rhetoric and malicious slander.

Firstly, when anyone is quoted, the whole sentence should be cited, not merely half of it. Mr. Lombardo's sentence in the original story was "Thank God there are no real issues — we're trying to continue the level of services in town." To eliminate the last part of the sentence changes the whole complexion of the comment. The Democratic council members realize that there are real issues of concern among the residents of the borough and have worked hard to address them. Council meetings are public forums, and members of the public are encouraged to attend them to voice their opinions, express their concerns and get the answers to the questions they seek. Relying on biased handouts, flyers and newsletters for information leaves a lot to be desired. Residents are urged to come to the meetings or visit with us on Mayor's Saturday.

Twice now, the Republican candidates have used analogies of "stepping up to the plate" and "pitching in Game 7 of the World Series." The business of running our borough is neither a game nor a pastime. It is a serious and demanding task. Although it is technically a part-time position, the time required is considerable and taken very seriously by all

the members of the council. By the way, a 6 percent increase sounds like a lot, but 6 percent of \$1,900 is not very much. Do the math — figure out the hourly wage!

To the issues and claims of "broken promises": If the Republican candidates had attended the council meeting of Sept. 28, they would know that the council approved the purchase of fire equipment and has begun the process of purchasing a new truck for the fire department.

The senior/youth center continues to be a priority for us and a serious source of concern. We have no control over the dollar amount of the bids being submitted, nor over the rising cost of construction. If the Republican candidates have a plan to construct this facility with no additional tax burden, we would be very interested to hear about it. The current council continues to explore different options to finance the center.

We agree that bulk waste is a problem in town and have already addressed the matter at a recent council meeting. The frequency of collection is not the issue — the amount of bulk waste that the residents discard is.

Statistics show that Garwood discards more bulk waste annually than the towns of Clark, Kenilworth, New Providence and Fanwood. Guidelines are being revised for the collection of bulk, and residents will be receiving a DPW newsletter in the very near future detailing the changes. We will continue to monitor bulk waste deposits closely, document continued large bulk deposits and empower the DPW to enforce the ordinance. Again, this is an item that surfaced at a council meeting.

As far as the claim that county

and municipal taxes are killing our wallets, please review your tax bill. There is a breakdown of how much is generated by the county, the municipality and the school board. Unfortunately, we have no control over the municipal tax increases generated by state-mandated programs and post-9/11 insurance increases. While we have tried to hold the line as best as we can, the tax burden created by the Board of Education continues to rise annually. We pay 100 percent of the taxes, too, and we feel the same pinch.

The residents of Garwood are the checks and balances for the council. All of your meetings are public, and we invite as much public participation as possible. We do not get the newspaper coverage that larger towns command, but perhaps we should so that more residents can make informed opinions about what is going on in our town — then again, the coverage would be the observations of a specific reporter. We urge Garwood's citizens to come forward. The minutes of the council meetings are public record and can be viewed by any resident. To clarify any misinterpretation of the facts, we urge concerned residents to ask questions at the source. The residents that our counterparts claim are "shocked, amazed and disappointed" are encouraged to come to the council meetings or Mayor's Saturday. Our doors of communication have always been open, and we will attempt to dispel your fears by offering sound, valid, documented and fiscally responsible answers.

THOMAS ENGLESE
CHARLES P. LOMBARDO
The authors, current members of the Borough Council, are the Democratic candidates in the Nov. 2 general election.

Keep center off-limits to development

To The Chronicle:

The Township of Cranford, poised to spend over \$10 million on projects to convert its river into a dedicated storm sewer, has decided to consider construction of cell phone towers on one of its last vestiges of "preserved" land, the Conservation Center.

One has to surmise that this deal was already in the works when the Township Committee recently balked at designating the Conservation Center property, one of its largest plots of undeveloped land, as an area formally protected from development. If not, it is a striking coincidence.

A majority of Cranford commissioners confuse preserved land with areas like the lifeless strip of grass that runs under electric

power transmission lines. This tower would come in addition to the "temporary" tower presently situated along side of the Garden State Parkway in Cranford. There's small consolation in the fact that cell phone towers in Cranford are not going up as fast as our big trees are being cut down.

A precedent to allow construction of any type on undeveloped township-owned property is disturbing, at best. There is no way to prevent development of private property in Cranford, and zoning and environmental restrictions are routinely waived or ignored by the planning and zoning boards. If undeveloped

township property is so easily let go, the only open land left in town will be a few small manicured parks and county property consisting largely of a couple of parks and a narrow strip of trees along the Rahway River. Even the county's meager buffer along the river is being threatened by township-promoted ratables development such as the Riverfront project.

Once the land is released to development it is gone for good. There is precious little of it left now. There are a few things more important to the future of Cranford than ratables.

JAMES LODERSTEDT
Cranford

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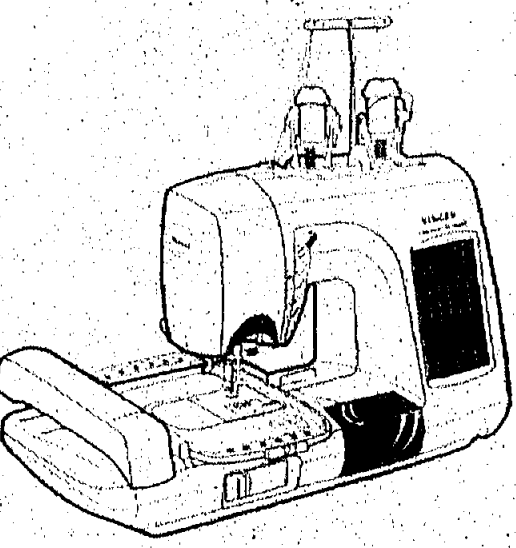
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Diversity needed on freeholder board

To The Chronicle:

In 2004, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will spend nearly \$365 million tax dollars. As a candidate for this county-wide office, I have found that few people actually understand the full scope and power of this "invisible layer of government."

As I have traveled around Union County, many people have asked "What is a freeholder?" A freeholder is a layer of government that provides a large and ever-increasing tax burden (nearly 20 percent of your annual property taxes, depending on your community) to the residents of Union County.

The duties of a freeholder include preparing and adopting the county budget, authorizing expenditures and bonds, appointing county officials and members to boards, commissions and authorities and supervising the administration of

county government. Simply put, a freeholder is similar to a town councilman, however, at a county level. I support a proposition that I feel will make Union County government a better and more visible asset for the taxpayers. We should amend the County Charter and divide the County into three representative "districts" of equal population.

One of the main reasons that this layer of government is largely invisible is because of the structure of representation. Unlike the use of districts for many state and federal offices, each of the nine freeholders are elected by the entire county. All nine freeholders are responsible for representing the competing interests of each of the 21 municipalities that make up Union County.

In theory, you could have all nine freeholders from one town,

and presently only a few towns are actually represented. The freeholder board thus lacks focus and accountability to Union County's half-million people. Under my plan, each district would be represented by three freeholders, providing an opportunity to residents for more focused representation.

I hope that on Nov. 2, you will support me and my running mates, Joe Renna, Patricia Quatrochi and Bruce Peterson for Union County Freeholder. As always, we invite your comments and questions and encourage you to contact our team at (908) 758-0200 or e-mail us at chairman@unioncounty-gov.org.

FRANK ARENA

Westfield
The author is a Republican candidate for freeholder in the Nov. 2 election.

School board seeks to re-invent itself

To The Chronicle:

These past several months have been very challenging for both our town and its school district. As local residents are aware, the 2004-2005 school budget deficit has led to a good deal of debate, anxiety and acrimony. Passions have run high on both sides of the issue and, while passion isn't necessarily a bad thing, it has led to less than positive reactions. In light of this, we, the members of the Kenilworth Board of Education, have taken a step back to

assess the ramifications of the outcome as well as how to improve our performance and our communication skills with the community.

We, with help from New Jersey School Boards Association, have recently conducted an in-depth self-evaluation. We've taken a hard look at our governance responsibilities and our efforts to be effective and have come up with an improvement plan that focuses on self-reflection and analysis of critical issues culminating in a series of workshops that

examine focus, effective governance, climate and accountability. We believe that these actions will lead to a better understanding of the community's needs and wishes and, ultimately, a stronger school district.

We urge residents to attend board meetings and support the ongoing efforts of the administration and teaching staff to improve student achievement.

The members of the
Kenilworth Board of Education

Criticisms on new law unwarranted

To The Chronicle:

This letter is in response to a recent letter by Keith Sluka deriding a new Garwood law limiting the size of homes.

How tragic and short-sighted of you, Mr. Sluka, that you neglected doing your homework in which you would have learned you were purchasing a home in a "little town with a big heart." Have you been forced to live on a street near a dilapidated house? If so, call me. I must have missed it. Yes, we have modest homes, some of which need updating, but no, they are not dilapidated.

You think in terms of large impressive homes, whereas there are many who think beyond those features. Our children play with neighborhood friends, attend our churches and public school without the added stress of living in a mansion and having to keep up with whomer.

I would like to know the last time a house in Garwood sold for \$125,000. Our homes may be old, however, they are neat, mostly landscaped, and we take pride in what you imply are unimpressive homes.

I fully understand your point

concerning taxes, revenue, etc. But certainly you could have taken a "softer" approach instead of having people think we are uncaring, needy and second-class citizens.

I'm sorry for you, Mr. Sluka — you are obviously unhappy and grossly dissatisfied with your surroundings. I hope your next location will be more to your liking, but just make sure it has a "big heart."

It sounds like you are on the move — let me be the first to offer you \$125,000 for your home.

MARY GUARE

Garwood

Another changed needed in borough

To The Chronicle:

On Jan. 1, 2004, a new administration took control of the Borough of Kenilworth, and a number of disturbing developments followed.

After receiving almost \$10,000 in campaign contributions from the Township of Union's Democrat machine, the new administration unveiled a plan to pay Union \$135,000 over four years for the use of their zoning officer.

A new borough engineer was hired and paid more than \$100,000 before a financial arrangement was finalized, and the council has yet to adopt a resolution approving the

arrangement.

The cost of doing business with the Planning Board has increased dramatically to cover engineering fees.

Tens of thousands of dollars were paid to the new engineer to "assess" capital projects, which they then underbid by more than \$300,000. Road projects, delayed until the fall of 2004, cost the taxpayer almost \$200,000 more than expected.

Projects approved by the former administration for completion in the spring of 2004 were unnecessarily delayed, costing thousands of addi-

tional tax dollars.

Although publicly promising that the roads would be repaired in order of need, the street of a political crony was paved, skipping 10 streets rated as more in need of repair.

This week

THURSDAY

OCT. 14

CANDIDATES FORUM — featuring candidates for Cranford Township Committee, hosted by the Cranford League of Women Voters and Cranford Jaycees, 8 p.m. At the municipal building, 7 Springfield Ave. and open to the public.

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING — at St. Anne's Church in Garwood. Featuring installation of new members, 7:30 p.m. in the lower church.

BOOSTER CLUB MEETING — for the David Brearley High School athletic program, 7 p.m. High school cafeteria, 401 Monroe Avenue.

THURSDAY

OCT. 14

Edgar Allen Poe, presented by members of the Hudson Shakespeare Company, 7:30 p.m. Kenilworth Public Library, 548 Boulevard. Free, but space is limited. (908) 276-2451.

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER — annual event presented by Cranford Boy Scout Troop 75. Seatings at 5, 6:15 and 7 p.m. Cranford United Methodist Church, 201 Lincoln Ave. Ext. \$8, \$5 for kids ages 4-10. (908) 272-0589.

'A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM' — middle school production of Shakespeare's play 8 p.m. Orange Avenue School, Cranford. Additional shows 8 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday \$6. (908) 709-6267.

FRIDAY

OCT. 15

GARDEN CLUB BUS TOUR — the Green Thumb Garden Club takes its ninth annual tour to Wayville in the Hudson Valley. Bus leaves 10 a.m. from the Orange Avenue Pool. To reserve a seat, call (908) 276-5077.

GRUESOME, GORY, GROTESQUE — the stories of

SATURDAY

OCT. 16

PANCAKE BREAKFAST — to raise funds for the families of deployed soldiers of the 250th Signal Battalion, based in the Westfield Armory 7 a.m.-noon. At the Armory, 500 Highway Ave., Westfield \$6. To volunteer, call (732) 499-5666.

COLUMBUS DAY DANCE — sponsored by the Cranford Knights of Columbus. St. Michael's School gym, Alden Street, Cranford. \$25.

TUESDAY

OCT. 19

COLLEGE TUITION WORKSHOP — get some tips on how to plan for higher education from Sean Duffy, accountant and financial planner, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. Free, but register at (908) 490-1875.

BEATLEMANIA REVISITED — a performance by the Mahoney Bros. Band, to raise funds for the David Brearley athletic department, 7:30 p.m. David Brearley High School auditorium, 401 Monroe Ave., Kenilworth. \$10. (908) 931-9636, ext. 317 or 327.

FOUR CENTURIES IN A WEEKEND — annual self-guided tour of the county's historic sites, including the Crane-Phillips House in Cranford and Nitschke House in Kenilworth. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; continues noon-5 p.m. Saturday. (908) 568-2550.

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION — Cranford Recreation and Parks Department throws a party to mark its 40th year. 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. Featuring a variety of family entertainment. (908) 709-7283.

AUTUMN RAKE SALE — presented by the St. Anne's Rosary Altar Society in the lower church after all Masses through Sunday.

SUNDAY

OCT. 17

XENON — a return performance by the local hard rock band, whose members hail from Cranford and Kenilworth. The Crossroads, South Avenue, Garwood. \$10. (908) 232-5666.

WEDNESDAY

OCT. 20

PRIDE IN CRANFORD AWARDS DINNER — presented by the Cranford Chamber of Commerce, 6-9:30 p.m. Galloping Hill Inn, 325 Chestnut St., Cranford. (908) 272-6114 or (908) 272-8425.

PHILANTHROPIC TEA — featuring New Jersey trivia, at a meeting of the Wednesday Morning Club, 1 p.m. First Presbyterian Church of Cranford, Springfield and North Union avenues. (908) 272-6243.

FREELANDER CANDIDATES FORUM — the candidates for county office square off, 7:30 p.m. Cranford municipal building, 8 Springfield Ave. Open to the public.

THURSDAY

OCT. 21

BOOK SALE — books for adults and children, as well as tapes, videos and CDs. 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; continues 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 22-23. Cellar room of Cranford Public Library, 224 Walnut Ave. Donations accepted through Oct. 18.

CRUISE TALK — information about a seven-day cruise to the Western Caribbean; a portion of proceeds will benefit the Kenilworth Historical Society, 7 p.m. Kenilworth Senior Center, 526 Boulevard. (908) 272-7575.

SATURDAY

OCT. 23

TOWNWIDE LITTER PICK-UP DAY — in Cranford, sponsored by the Clean Communities Committee. 10 a.m.-noon; volunteers should sign up by Oct. 8. To register, call the coordinator at (908) 709-7289.

KAHAWY RIVER CLEAN-UP — volunteers set out at five locations to remove trash from the river. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. For information, call (908) 272-7534.

HARVEST FESTIVAL — inaugural event for kids ages 10-14, encouraging them to make positive decisions. 4-5 p.m. Oct. 27. Kenilworth Public Library, 548 Boulevard. (908) 276-2451.

RED RIBBON DRUG

AWAWARENESS DAY — commemorating the lives of those lost fighting drug abuse, featuring wide array of kids' entertainment. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nomahagan Park, Cranford. (732) 381-4100.

GARAGE SALE — annual fundraiser for the Cranford Historical Society, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 23, continues Oct. 24. Hanson House, 38 Springfield Ave. Donations of items will be accepted at the Hanson House 9:30 a.m.-noon Oct. 21-23 and 7-9:30 p.m. Oct. 22. For more or to volunteer, (908) 272-1620.

SUNDAY

OCT. 24

TRICK-OR-TREAT GIFT AUCTION — third annual event to benefit the Cerebral Palsy League. Donations are now being accepted; call Melissa Taveras at (908) 709-1800, ext. 115.

RUMMAGE SALE — annual event of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El Meior Chayim, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the temple, 338 Walnut Ave. (908) 276-9231.

COMING UP

BULLYING AND GANGS — a program for kids ages 10-14, encouraging them to make positive decisions. 4-5 p.m. Oct. 27. Kenilworth Public Library, 548 Boulevard. (908) 276-2451.

Community Life

Briefs

Get tips on how to pay for college tuition

CRANFORD — A free workshop on how to plan for college tuition for a child or grandchild will be held Tuesday at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.

The speaker will be Sean Duffy, a certified accountant and financial planner. This workshop is designed for those whose children are attending college in three or more years. Topics to be covered include financial aid formulas, the advantages and disadvantages of various savings vehicles and strategies to maximize financial aid.

The seminar runs from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Admission is free but seating will be limited; call (908) 490-1875 to reserve a seat.

Craft show planned at Senior Center

KENILWORTH — The Kenilworth Senior Citizens Club will hold a craft show featuring holiday items 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 20 at the Kenilworth Senior Center, 526 Boulevard.

Refreshments will be supplied by the Senior Center to vendors and other participating individuals and organizations. The cost is \$10 per table.

Admission to the craft show is free. A bake sale and raffle will also be held. Lunch will be available. For information and/or to reserve tables, call (908) 241-0703 or (908) 245-0861.

Jumble Store seeks donated winter coats

CRANFORD — The Jumble Store is currently seeking donations of winter coats, jackets and other cold-weather items for its annual Veterans Day Coat Sale.

Donations may be brought to the Jumble Store, located at 110 Walnut Ave., any time during store hours. All donations are tax-deductible.

The Jumble Store is a thrift and consignment shop wholly owned and operated by the Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield. The store carries a wide variety of high-quality new or gently used household items and clothing for the entire family.

Profits generated by the Jumble Store help fund JLEP's charitable projects. The Jumble Store is open weekdays 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (Thursday until 8 p.m.) and Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Volunteers sought to clean up the river

CRANFORD — From 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 23, the public is invited to join forces with the Cranford River Maintenance Committee to clean up the Rahway River.

Every year a growing number of citizens gather at various points on the river and work together to remove litter. From both the riverbanks and in boats, volunteers collect a wide variety of discarded trash that has found its way into this treasured waterway.

Kids are invited, but adult supervision is required for children under age 12.

Some of the locations for the clean-up include Droscher's Mill and the woods adjacent to, and upstream from Mill, the Hanson House, at 38 Springfield Ave., and Kenilworth Blvd. at the Rahway River Bridge.

For more information call Wally Shackell at (908) 272-7534.



Elvis is in the building, to benefit PBA



The King was alive and rocking and rolling Saturday night in Kenilworth, as Elvis tribute artist Doug Church — he prefers not to be known as an impersonator — performed at the Veterans Center on South 21st Street, with proceeds benefiting the Cranford PBA Local 52. At top, "Elvis" slings his towel around fan Bella Forman, in town from Langhorne, Pa. Bottom left, the King points to the sky. Bottom right, PBA President Switek presents a PBA Silver Card designating lifetime membership to Jerry Dobbins, who helped organize the event.

Travel through time with county's '4 Centuries event'

Local residents can travel back into Union County's past as 23 historic sites open their doors during "Four Centuries in a Weekend: A Journey through Union County's History."

This annual, free Heritage Festival will take place throughout the county 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

Five thematic clusters describing major changes in Union County from Colonial times until the early 1920s offer visitors insight into 400 years of county history. Because buildings changed to meet developing needs and styles, some sites appear in more than one cluster.

The two-day format gives visitors the opportunity to travel at their own pace to a variety of sites.

If the early aristocratic way of life interests you, venture to Liberty Hall in Union and the Belcher-Ogden Mansion and Boxwood Hall in Elizabeth to view collections of fine American antiques and the charming personal effects of the County's founders.

For those nostalgic for life on the old farmstead, visit authentic 18th-century farmhouses including the Carter House in Summit, the Salt Box Museum in New Providence, the Woodruff House/Eaton Store Museum in Hillsdale, and the Miller-Cory House in Westfield.

Revolutionary War history buffs can return to the frontlines by visiting the Drake House Museum in Plainfield, the Osborn Cannonball House in Scotch Plains, the Abraham Clark House in Roselle, the Cannon Ball House in Springfield, and the Caldwell Parsonage in Union.

If business, industry, trade and the county's development interest you, be sure to visit the Roselle Park Museum, the Merchants and Drapers Tavern in Rahway, the Deserret Village of Felville in Berkeley Heights, and the Oswald J. Nitschke House in Kenilworth.

To learn about the county's transformation during the Victorian era, visit Twin Maples and the Reeves Reed Arboretum in Summit, the Deacon Andrew

Hettfield House in Mountainside, the Littell-Lord Farmstead in Berkeley Heights or the Crane-Phillips House in Cranford.

Large Union County maps posted at each site as well as driving directions to the various locations are provided by the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club.

Free event booklets are available for this self-guided cultural tourism journey. The booklet gives brief descriptions of the sites as well as an illustrated map with all the stops marked.

To obtain a free copy of the booklet and map, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at (908) 558-2550 weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.; NJ River Users dial 711.

The event is a recipient of the New Jersey Governor's Heritage Tourism Award and a 2004 Certificate of Commendation from the American Association for State and Local History.

Inspired by her love of children, she gives back to her community

By LAUREN TRAINER
THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — Rosemary Cartwright loves to volunteer. And as one of five recipients of the Cranford Chamber of Commerce's Pride in Cranford Community Service Award, she now holds an official place among Cranford's most dedicated community members.

Over the years, she has coached girls' soccer, boys' soccer, and girls' basketball. "When they needed volunteers, I was there," Cartwright said.

She's taught CCD at St. Michael's for over a decade. "It was for the children. Anything that will benefit children, I will find the time," she said.

She was on the planning committee for a community-wide weapon of mass destruction drill. "You make time for it if it's something you want to do," she shrugged.

Cartwright has also been a Girl Scout Leader. More than 13 years ago, she pledged to lead the same group of girls as they've earned various patches and awards, and she's stuck with them. "You can do it as long as you want," she told them. "I'll stick with you as long as you want. I'll be here with you."

"The troop has come so far, they have only one more award to earn — the Gold Award, the Girl Scout equivalent to the Boy Scout's Eagle Award."

"I'll definitely stay involved with Girl Scouts until they get their Gold Award. I made a promise to my girls when they were younger, and I'll stay with them until the end. Well, a couple more years, anyway," she said. "It's important to see girls get ahead. It's so important that girls know that they can do whatever they want to do."

When her employer of 22 years, Eastern Airlines, went out of business, Cartwright realized that what she really wanted was to spend more time with her children. She took a job as a lunch aide at local schools while her daughter was a student. She's also been a dispatcher for the Cranford Police Department for close to 5 years.

"I like to help. It's something that I'm good at, and it's close to home," she said about her sometimes hectic workweek. "It's good to be part of your own community, and to help your own community."

Cartwright's involvement with the youth of Cranford stems directly from the love she feels for her own children, she said. She sees herself as a community member young people can rely on and come to as a mentor.

"In this day and age, the teenagers need to know there's an adult they can go to that they trust — that's very important," she said. She described her close relationship with her own children, and also with their friends.

"They know if they need someone to talk to, I'm there," she said. "You have to be there for the kids."

"I had children later on, and I never wanted them to think that I wouldn't be a part of their lives," she said. "You can't always count on someone else to take care of your kids, you have to be involved."

Giving up personal time for the benefit of youth seems to be a family trait — Cartwright noted that her sister runs a chapter of the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

"We have good hearts from my mom," she said. "She gave us that love for children."

Cartwright has plenty of love to go around. She also works with senior citizens as a seven-year member of the Cranford Municipal Alliance, has been active in her children's PTA organizations, and for more than 10 years has been a safety chairperson for the township's Child Shield Program.

Cartwright is no longer as involved as she used to be with the PTA, and she resigned from the Child Shield Program's chairmanship position program three years ago. As her children get older, she said, she is letting go piece by piece to allow parents with still young children to take the lead.

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"When my daughter goes to college, I guess I'll be able to stop, unless someone else needs me," she said. "If someone else needs me to do something, I'll be there."

And the other winners are...

In addition to Rosemary Cartwright, individual Community Service Award will be presented to Kim and Frank DiTullo, for many years of support to Cranford residents and organizations; Donna Vaupel, for her dedication to the gifted and talented children of Cranford and her volunteerism at TV-35; Edie Lantz, for more than 30 years of volunteerism to the community and her church; and Ron Brown, one of the original members of TV-35, who is also involved with Cranford Family Care, Habitat for Humanity, and many other organizations.

The following organizations have also been honored with Community Service Awards: Azure Lodge 129, the Cranford Baseball and Softball League, Cranford Clergy Council, the Municipal Alliance, and the Cranford High School Ice Hockey Association.

In addition, the Community Development Award, presented to businesses that have developed or renovated their exterior commercial property within the last two years consistent with Cranford's heritage, will go to Antonio's, The Little Gym, and the Cranford Palsy League.

The awards will be presented at the Cranford Chamber of Commerce's 44th Pride in Cranford dinner at the Galloping Hill Inn, 325 Chestnut St., Union from 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday.

For reservations to attend the event, call the Cranford Chamber office at (908) 272-6114. The cost is \$35 per person.

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Library will host talk about cancer prevention

SCOTCH PLAINS — At 7 p.m. Wednesday, Scotch Plains Public Library will present LaVonne J. Patti of The Regional Cancer Center of Solaris Health Systems, who will speak on the prevention and treatment of breast cancer.

Patti is breast health educator, breast center nurse, and community outreach coordinator at The Regional Cancer Center. She has more than 11 years of experience

in hematology, oncology, and hospice nursing and has wide-ranging affiliations within her profession.

Patti will talk about early warning signs and the latest treatment of breast cancer. The program will include a short video and teaching models, and will allow for one-on-one instruction during the question and answer period. A special hand-out package will be available for all attendees.

This presentation, which marks National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, is the second in a series of medical lectures co-sponsored by Scotch Plains Public Library and Solaris Health Systems. Admission is free and no pre-registration is required.

Scotch Plains Library is located at 1927 Bartle Ave. For further information and directions, call (908) 322-5007.

The next lecture in this series, "Coping with Loss at the Holidays," will be presented at 7 p.m. Nov. 17.

Nurses' talk set for Oct. 25

SCOTCH PLAINS — LEARN, the League for Educational Advancement for Registered Nurses, will offer a program titled "Domestic Violence: Is It Really Worth Screaming For?" 7:45 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Parish House of All Saints Church, 659 Park Ave. The speaker will be Kathleen E. Zovosky of Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.

The program's goal is to educate and inform nurses about the importance of performing screening for domestic violence. The talk will discuss epidemiology related to domestic violence and review screening tools to help identify victims.

LEARN is a non-profit professional organization for registered nurses in New Jersey that offers eight programs in an academic year on current nursing topics. This program has been approved for 2.4 continuing education contact hours.

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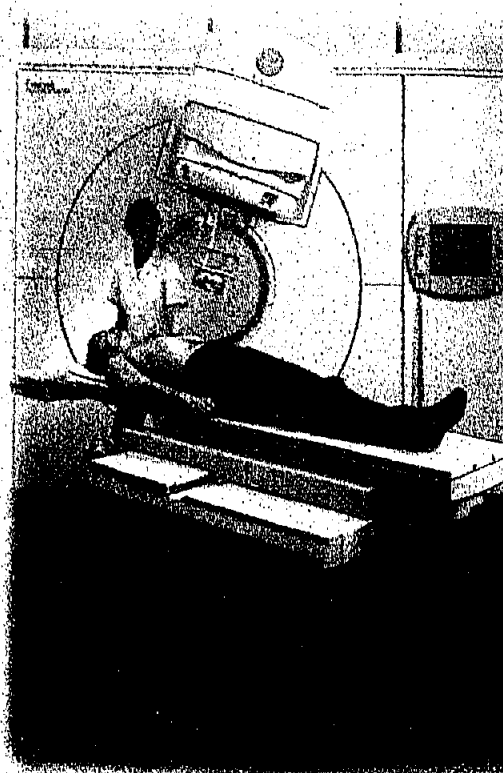
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Conference focuses on nexus of arts and health

"If I ever need psychiatric help," famed cellist Yo-Yo Ma once said to a concert audience at the Harvard Club in New York, "Rick's the one." Ma was speaking about Dr. Richard Kogan, a friend of the cellist who makes up one-third of an informal musical trio that has performed together since the members' undergraduate days.

Kogan, a pianist and psychiatrist, will be featured at an interactive day-long conference in Elizabeth for mental health and social service providers, educators, caregivers, and artists.

"Music and the Mind: An Arts & Well-Being Initiative" will take place 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Oct. 22 at the Wyndham Hotel, 1000 Spring St. (Route 1), Elizabeth. The event is sponsored by the Mental Health Association of Union County, the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, and the Union County Board of Freeholders.

Pre-registration is required. Students should send a copy of their school I.D. and pay \$45 per person, which includes Continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and all materials. Registration for non-students is \$65 until Oct. 21. Registration on the day of the conference is \$75.

"Leaders from Artspisness, Music for All Seasons, and the

New Jersey Interprofessional Orchestra will demonstrate ways to use music as a wellness tool," said Freeholder Vice Chairman Rick Proctor. "When words fail, music communicates."

The morning keynote presenter is Kathleen Gaffney, winner of the first U.S. Department of Education John Stanford Artistic Merit Award. She is a respected leader in the field of arts education. A co-founder of Artspisness, an arts-in-education organization that ignites creativity and accelerates learning, Gaffney is speaks nationally on the role of arts and healing, multiple intelligences, and differentiated learning.

The afternoon keynote presenter, Kogan, has a distinguished career as both a psychiatrist and concert pianist. He has been praised for his "exquisite, eloquent and compelling playing" by the *New York Times*. The *Boston Globe* wrote, "Kogan has somehow managed to excel at the world's two most demanding professions."

Kogan has been a frequent chamber music collaborator with Yo-Yo Ma. His lecture/performance will explore how the relationship between the medical and psychiatric issues of George Gershwin influenced his creative output.

The conference features five workshop sessions: "Music and Aging," "Music Healing Trauma," "Music Reaching Special Needs Children," "Music and Schools," and "Music Enhancing Counseling."

There also will be a panel discussion, "Vision of the Future," with experts about programs in music and healing moderated by Robert Perry of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. The panelists are: Michael J. Bzdek, director of corporate contributions at Johnson & Johnson; Nancy Marie Brice, executive director of the Mental Health Association of Union County; Daniela Mendelsohn, executive director of Artworks, the Naomi Colahan Foundation; and Robert Morrison, founder and chairman of the Music for All Foundation.

Networking opportunities will allow participants to share information with peers in the field of arts and health. Attendees are encouraged to bring flyers and brochures to share at the resource table.

To request a brochure or get more information, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at (908) 568-2550; NJ Relay users dial 711. The e-mail address is culturalh@ucnj.org. Assistance services are available on request.



Dr. Richard Kogan, a collaborator of the cellist Yo-Yo Ma, will be the keynote speaker at an upcoming conference on the arts and well-being.

New opera debuts in Plainfield

The world premiere of *The Discontented Housewife*, by New Jersey composer James Holland, will be presented by the New Jersey Concert Opera at 3 p.m. Oct. 24 at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, 716 Watchung Ave., Plainfield.

The concert is the first of the 2004-2005 Crescent Concert Series. It will also include the one-act opera *Stur Angelica* by Giacomo Puccini.

It was in June 2004 that the New Jersey Concert Opera expressed interest in Holland's one-act operatic farce, *The Discontented Housewife*, according to Olive Lynch, founder of the group. Clararuth O'Connell, McGrath was chosen to premiere the leading role of Margaret, the oppressed housewife, and baritone Charles Schneider was cast in the role of Harold, her overbearing husband.

"*The Discontented Housewife* is total mayhem between two people whose worlds are very small," says Holland. "What else does one do when taken for granted in a relationship that has grown routine? It's a battle of the sexes, he said—'It's more like power, domination and the pure thrill of ordering others around.'"

Composer James Nathaniel Holland, a resident of Bloomfield, originally hails from rural Indiana. At age 10, Holland composed his first musical piece, and at age 11, he was published in a regional literary journal, beginning a life-long love affair with music and the arts.

After attending the Interlochen National Music Camp in Michigan, Holland entered DePauw University's music program. There he performed, wrote, directed, and produced works for piano, choir, voice, and the stage. In 1986, his first musical play was selected for main stage production at DePauw. His studies concluded with music instruction in Vienna and Indiana University.

After his formal education, he went on to perform in two off Broadway productions in New York. Then it was off to Los Angeles to pursue a film career, then Miami and back to L.A. Eventually he went as far as Haiti, where he became enchanted with Haitian music and culture.

At other times he was a lounge singer, a professional choral conductor, a soloist, an actor, and at the other end of the spectrum, a fundraiser, refugee volunteer, and Peace Corps trainee.

"No matter what I was doing then, composition was always in the picture. This was a time of exploration for me."

In 2002, Holland was one of the first composers selected to participate in an innovative project sponsored by the American Music Center, New MusicLab. This new website is a virtual online library where the general public can peruse the works of contemporary composers such as Holland.

In May 2004 a collection of his "Shakespeare Sonnets" for baritone was featured at the New Jersey Gay Men's Chorus fundraising extravaganza at the George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick.

Planting his feet in the New York City area for now, Holland spends his time busily writing new operas, recording his music with notable artists, and writing incidental music for theatrical productions, produced here and in other cities. He has just completed his second full-length work, "Menkara," an opera buffa about a woman who falls madly in love with a statue at the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The second work to be presented on the Oct. 24 program will be Puccini's "Stur Angelica," a tragic tale of a noblewoman sent to a convent after bearing an illegitimate son, who, hearing that he has died, commits suicide. The featured artist will be Plainfield soprano Sheila Jackson.

Jackson studied at The Curtis Institute with Todd Duncan, the original Porgy in Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*. She has appeared with the Houston Grand Opera and New York City Opera. Recently, she was a guest artist for the United Nations and performed with jazz artists Barry Harris and Philip Bingham at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. Jackson just finished a tour and recording session in California.

Tickets are \$15 (\$10 for seniors and \$5 for students) and may be purchased at the door. There is ample parking adjacent to the church. The Sanctuary is handicapped-accessible. For concert information, call the Crescent Avenue Church office at (908) 766-2468 daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

At a new exhibit at Diversity, artists take to the water

Diversity Art Gallery in Clark presents a new exhibit, "Water Escapes," with a welcome reception from 1-4 p.m. Oct. 24 from 1-4 p.m.

"Water Escapes" presents artists who seek to visually portray the beauty of water environments and how people enjoy water's tranquility. More than 60 artworks are featured in the exhibit.

"Water Escapes" is artist Burton W. Longenbach's fourth exhibit at Diversity Art Gallery— he was previously shown for "Watercolor Styles," "Flora & Fauna" and "Vacation Dreams." Longenbach, a Clark resident, has undertaken a full painting schedule and professional exhibition participation since 1989. He has been the recipient of more than 100 awards and commendations, including the Nunnie Waga Memorial Best in Show Award, Kaynes Memorial Award, Charles Austin Memorial Award, Gibbons Memorial Award, and Artists Magazine Award. Longenbach is a member of the N.A. Watercolor Society, Philadelphia Watercolor Society, Hudson Valley Art

Association, Westfield Art Association and the Millburn Short Hills Arts Center, among others.

Artist Ray Sternesky, being shown for the third time at Diversity, maintains studios in Asbury Park and Englewood. He is trained in both advertising and fine art, having studied at the Brooklyn Museum School of Art, Salmagundi Club in New York City and the Ridgewood Barn Art in Ridgewood. He focuses on watercolors and light in his current paintings.

Sternesky has won several "Best in Show" for his works, one of which has been published in the Bergen Record Travel Section. Sternesky has given the rights to the Asbury Historical Society for the use of his painting of the Asbury Carousel for fund-raising purposes. His work now concentrates on the Jersey Shore, where he currently resides.

Ralph Garofalo, who is new to Diversity Art Gallery, is originally from the Brooklyn area and now paints in his Warren studio. Garofalo's talent was discovered when he was a young child and he



"Side by Side," by Burton Longenbach of Clark.

begin sketching his grandfather's navy stories from the 1890s. With his talent recognized at an early age, he received mentoring throughout his school years, which led to a decision to become an artist. He began studies at Education Alliance for Artists in Manhattan, and continued at the Art Students League of NY, where he served as assistant of the instructor and commissioner of art for New York City.

Garofalo has more than 40 years experience as an artist, and frequently travels throughout Italy and France researching potential painting scenes and studying the works of the old masters.

Jan Bogdanis is a photographer from Colorado. His interest in the medium began when he was 14 years old; his education in art

came from home through his father, an able instructor, Jan later graduated from Clark University at Worcester, Mass. He likes to focus his work within Railway Park, where he is able to capture many inspiring subjects. "Water Escapes" will run through Dec. 26. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated. Regular gallery hours are Sundays from 1-3 p.m., with special tours for individuals, schools and organizations also available by appointment.

Diversity Art Gallery is located on the Clark circle off Exit 135 of Garden State Parkway. The address is 4 Valley Rd., Clark. Call (732) 574-1479, email diversityart@aol.com or visit www.diversityart.com for more information.

Encaustic painting workshop will be offered at the Arts Guild

Students can now register for two upcoming workshops in encaustic painting at the Rahway Arts Guild taught by Westfield artist Frances Azza. Encaustic painting makes use of a "paint" made by mixing color pigments with molten beeswax. This medium is gaining great interest among artists and is often the method of choice for such notable artists as Jasper Johns, whose early works were almost exclusively created with encaustic techniques.

Encaustic means "burning in" and refers to the use of a paint made from pigments mixed with molten wax that dates back to the ancient Greeks and Egyptians. The pigment can be applied with brushes and many other traditional painting tools and is then fused with heat or "burned in" to form a lasting picture or image. Beautiful naturalistic



KATHY GRIFFIN

K. Griffin to perform in Rahway

Self-proclaimed D-list celebrity Kathy Griffin takes the stage at the Union County Arts Center at 8 p.m. Nov. 6.

The straightforward comedian, best known for her role as Vicki on the show "Suddenly Susan," will share her views on celebrity life and culture in her one-woman stand-up act.

Griffin can currently be seen on television playing for her favorite charity on the show "Celebrity Poker." Opening the Nov. 6 show will be Sue Costello of NBC's "Last Comic Standing."

Tickets for the show are \$35 or \$28, and may be purchased by phone at (732) 499-8226, online by visiting the website at www.UCAArts.org or in person at the box office located at 1601 Irving St. in Rahway.

Group discounts are available, as is handicapped-accessible seating. The Union County Arts Center is a not-for-profit organization that is dedicated to presenting quality performances. Major support for the Arts Center and the program comes from the City of Rahway, Monck & Co., the County of Union Board of Chosen Freeholders, RSI, and Liberty Bank.

Metro Rhythm Chorus, an award-winning female a cappella chorus, is holding its second annual "Your Community Holiday Show" at 4 p.m. Nov. 28. All women who like to sing are welcome to join rehearsals now underway at Bates Hall, First Presbyterian Church, corner of Springfield and North Union Avenues in Cranford. Participants will sing in the holiday portion of the show. For more information, contact Bea at (732) 249-0019 or beahve@aol.com or Donna at (732) 730-1992 or DOB480@hotmail.com.

Taste of the Towns headed to Pantagis Renaissance

Taste of the Towns 2004, a gourmet extravaganza, will be held 5-8:30 p.m. Monday at Pantagis Renaissance, located on Route 22 East in Scotch Plains.

The event is a unique dining experience that provides an ethnically diverse display of gourmet dishes from some of the area's finest chefs and restaurants, alongside a wide

variety of fine wines and desserts.

Proceeds from the event provide scholarships and grants to area charities. The event is sponsored by The Rotary Club of Elizabeth.

Tickets are \$40 for an advance purchase or \$50 at the door. For more information or tickets, visit www.elizabethrotary.org or call Ken Richoux at

(908) 352-7300.

There will be a 50/50 raffle with first prize being 75 percent of the prize pool, second prize 15 percent, and third prize 10 percent. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10.

Taste of the Towns 2004 will feature Café Vivace of Plainfield; McLean's of Springfield; Ragini of Mountainide; Sandy Spector Caterer of Plainfield; Abre's Coffee Roastery of Westfield; Allied Beverage Group, Inc.; Andreotti Winery; Assaggi Di

Roma; Beana's Mexican of Rahway and Bella Palermo Pastry Shop, Elizabeth. Also participating are Café Paris, Garlic Rose and Corvantes of Scotch Plains; Pecos Grill of Garwood; Piece of Cake of Rahway; Pinho Bakery of Roselle; Red Parrot Caffe of Elizabeth; 640 Club Bar & Restaurant of Elizabeth; Spanish Pavilion; Trader Joe's of Westfield; Twinnings Tea; Union County Vo-Tech High School in Scotch Plains; United Liquors; and The Wine Library of Springfield.

Jaquin's of Clark; the Linden Pastry Shop; Los Faroles of Elizabeth; Morris Thai Cuisine of Union; Nuts 'n' Plenty of Scotch Plains; Pecos Grill of Garwood; Piece of Cake of Rahway; Pinho Bakery of Roselle; Red Parrot Caffe of Elizabeth; 640 Club Bar & Restaurant of Elizabeth; Spanish Pavilion; Trader Joe's of Westfield; Twinnings Tea; Union County Vo-Tech High School in Scotch Plains; United Liquors; and The Wine Library of Springfield.

Show gives new life to 'Creature'

Looking for a unique entertainment experience? Put on some retro 3-D spectacles and sit back for a screening with *Creature from the Black Lagoon* with accompaniment by The Jazz Passengers, to be presented 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Kean University's Wilkins Theatre, located at 1000 Morris Ave. in Union.

The Jazz Passengers take on this 1954 creature feature classic, radio-style. For this production, the artists are killing the sound and providing live music, sound effects and dialogue, as the film rolls on the big screen above. Centering on an expedition in a remote part of the Amazon River, *Creature from the Black Lagoon* takes viewers on a journey with a team of scientists who run afoul of

a prehistoric monster. They capture the beast, but it escapes and then returns to haunt its former tormentors, claiming lives as well as a captive of its own.

The Jazz Passengers, with support from a commission from Celebrate Brooklyn, have created an entirely new soundtrack from beginning to end, infusing the original plot of the film with new life. The admission price includes the 3-D specs.

The Jazz Passengers were founded in 1987 by sax improviser Roy Nathanson and trombonist Curtis Powells, who toured together extensively in John Lurie's seminal band The Lounge Lizards. These founding members now head a group that reflects their strong affinity in their Brooklyn roots.

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The group has also done orchestral arrangements of their work for the BBC Concert Orchestra and the Buffalo Philharmonic.

Relying on the arranging of vibraphonist Bill Ware, their composing talents are in clear evidence in the *Creature from the Black Lagoon* project.

Tickets are \$15 for the public; \$13 for senior citizens; and \$10 for children. For further information, to order tickets, or to request a brochure, call the Wilkins Theatre Box Office at (908) 737-SHOW (7469).

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Helicopters headed to Orange Ave., Harding

A military helicopter will be flying in to local schools to spread a message of drug awareness, as the Union County Coalition for the Prevention of Substance Abuse and the NJ Army & Air National Guard have collaborated to present The National Guard Drug Awareness Fly-In Program.

The NJ National Guard Drug Awareness Fly-In Program is a component of the Red Ribbon Drug Awareness Event, taking place Oct. 23. The NJ National Guard will be landing its helicopter and driving its vehicles through communities in Union County during the previous week. There are six schools participating in the Fly-In Program this year.

The helicopter will land at Harding School in Kenilworth at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 21 and at Orange Avenue School in Cranford at 10 a.m. Oct. 22; the chopper will also

visit schools in Springfield, Roselle and Linden.

The final landing of the week will be at 11 a.m. Oct. 23 at the sixth annual Union County Red Ribbon Drug Awareness Event, which will take place 10 a.m.-4 p.m. that day in Netherland Park in Cranford. This free family day of activities includes pony rides, moonwalk, talent show, petting zoo, and other exhibits and events.

For additional information on the Fly-In events or Red Ribbon Day, contact the Union County Coalition at (732) 381-4100. The Union County Coalition is an autonomous arm of Prevention Links, a private, non-profit agency which takes a leadership role in the prevention of alcohol, tobacco, drug abuse and other related issues throughout Union County. For more, visit www.preventionlinks.org.

Wed. Morning Club to play New Jersey trivia

CRANFORD — President Sandi Pells will preside at the first philanthropic tea for the 2004-05 season of the Wednesday Morning Club this Wednesday. The group will meet at the First Presbyterian Church at 1 p.m.

Professor William E. Dunscombe, entomologist and chairman of the biology department at Union County College, will speak to members and their guests on New Jersey Trivia. Dunscombe is an expert on bugs and also the originator of the trivia program, which has been presented to numerous groups over the last three years.

Questions about the state flower, bird, insect and more will be answered at the presentation.

Then, at 10 a.m. Oct. 26, the Applied Arts/Home Life Department will meet at the Community Center.

Cora Polz will provide instruction for covering coffee tins for the Cookie Candy Day club project held later in the season. Co-hostesses for this meeting will be Doris Taber and Florence Paredes.

The Fine Arts Department will meet at 1 p.m. Oct. 28 at the home of Meg Lynes. Dot Wogton will lead a discussion on "Scultures We Have Seen."

Local women interested in joining the club should contact Marie Mastorakis at (908) 272-6243 for more information. New members are welcome, and members are encouraged to bring a friend.

Senior discounts for arts programs at Kean

As part of Kean University's Senior Night Out program, free tickets to several of the performing arts events held at the university's theatres are available to seniors through local senior citizen centers.

"Senior citizens are very important to our communities," said Kean President David Wood. "As a leader in education, it is imperative that Kean University uses its resources to include them in the wonderful cultural offerings on this campus."

He added that, while planning this new program, Kean polled seniors living locally to find out what kinds of outings they would enjoy. The overwhelming response was for performing arts.

"We have great programming that we can share with our seniors. I know this plan will be especially beneficial for those living on a fixed income, who might otherwise not

be able to see events of this caliber as much as they would like," said Parah.

To request Senior Night Out tickets, contact a local senior citizens center. For more information, call Marge Devaney of Kean University at (908) 737-6019.

Upcoming Senior Night Out shows include: the film *Creature from the Black Lagoon* with accompaniment from The Jazz Passengers, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Wilkins Theatre; the play *Accidental Death of an Anarchist*, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 21-23 and 3 p.m. Oct. 24; David Ives' play *All in the Timing* in the Murphy-Dunn Theatre, 10 a.m. Oct. 22; Israeli singer Chava Alberstein in Wilkins Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 27; Melba Moore in concert in the Wilkins Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 28; and jazz saxophonist Andy Fusco, 8 p.m. Nov. 22.

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Thursday Club

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

Oct. 14 — Chiropactor Andrea Sciarillo will address the club.

Oct. 21 — Bingo.

Oct. 28 — Halloween party. Club members are asked to bring donations for Cranford Family Care.

Trips sponsored by the Thursday Club (the public is welcome):

Oct. 21-26 — Deluxe motorcoach trip to Bar Harbor, Maine, \$727 per person, double occupancy. For more information, call (908) 272-5375.

Friday Club

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

Oct. 15 — A talk on "Truth and Fiction about Slot Machines" by Arthur Bilonker.

Oct. 22 — Social/bingo.

Oct. 29 — Halloween social.

Trips sponsored by the Friday Club:

Nov. 20 — to Atlantic City.

\$18, leave from Hillside Avenue School parking lot at noon. An additional trip is planned Dec. 8.

Dec. 14 — to the Lili Langry Christmas show. Trip leaves 9 a.m., returns 6 p.m. \$63 fee includes show admission and a meal.

May 25-26, 2005 — to Lancaster and Dutch Country, Pa. \$178 double, \$206 single. Includes one breakfast, one dinner and a trip to the Sight and Sound Theatre to the new show, "Ruth." Also a guided tour of Amish country, Lands Valley and a museum.

Sept. 19-23, 2005 — to Niagara Falls and Toronto. \$410 double, \$515 single. Includes guided tours of the falls and the city, a cruise on the Maid of the Mist, trip to Casino Niagara, four breakfasts and four dinners.

For reservations or additional information, call Helen at (908) 276-2849.

Wednesday Club

The Cranford Senior Citizens Wednesday Club meets 1 p.m. at the Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. Trips planned by the club include:

Nov. 8 — to the Showboat Casino in Atlantic City, leaving from 40 Meeker Ave. at 11 a.m. The cost is \$16. An additional trip is scheduled Dec. 6. The public is welcome.

For information and reservations, call Arleen at (908) 272-5441.

Cranford Recreation and Parks Department

Senior movies will be

shown in the audio-visual room of the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., during the month of October. Movies begin promptly at 11:10 a.m.

Oct. 18 — "Raising Helen" (119 min.): This romantic comedy stars Kate Hudson as a character with a successful fashion career and a decadent Manhattan lifestyle. Everything changes in her life when she becomes the guardian of three young children. Trying to juggle it all, she realizes she must make a life-changing decision.

Senior movies will not be screened in November and will resume in December.

Kenilworth Senior Citizens Club

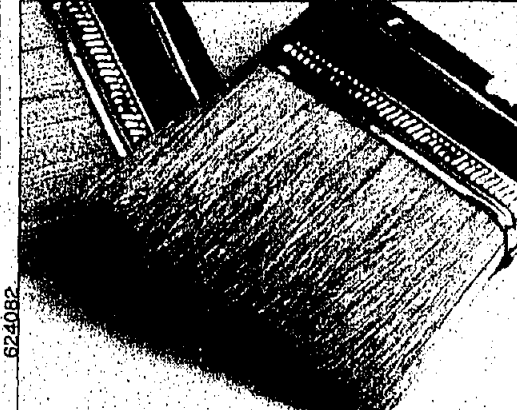
At the October club meet-

ing, Charles Vitale made a presentation to Joanne Fields and her husband Adrian for her service in driving the senior van for 18 years. In the future, Fields will drive only as a substitute.

Also at the meeting, the candidate for Borough Council — Republicans Kathi Flamingo and Michael Batkiw and Democrats Peter Corvelli and Robert Taylor Jr. — spoke about their records and platforms.

The monthly birthday party will take place Oct. 19. A flu clinic is scheduled 9 a.m.-noon Nov. 10 at the senior center; those seeking shots should bring their Medicare cards.

The club's craft show will be held Nov. 30. Admission is free; for more information call (908) 241-0703.



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Elizabeth Smialowicz

KENILWORTH — Elizabeth A. Ondrasky, 57, died Oct. 9, 2004 at Raritan Regional Medical Center, Old Bridge Division.

Mrs. Smialowicz was born in Newark. She lived in Kenilworth, Rahway and High Bridge before moving to East Brunswick in 1999. She retired in 1986 as a secretary with the Clinton Township school system. Mrs. Smialowicz earlier was the secretary to the Hunterdon County superintendent of schools.

A Girl Scout leader in Kenilworth, Mrs. Smialowicz was a volunteer with the Deborah Heart and Lung Center in Browns Mills. She was a member of Spruce Run

Lutheran Church in Glen Gardner and the Ladies Auxiliary to the High Bridge Fire Department.

Her husband of 51 years, Walter, died in 1992.

Surviving are two sons, Walter and wife Carole of Piscataway and Douglas and wife Colleen of Hazlet; a daughter, Jean Wentz and husband Ronald of East Brunswick; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday at the Brunswick Memorial Home in East Brunswick. Burial was in Hollywood Memorial Park, Union.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Reformed Church of New Jersey, 1900 Route 18, Old Bridge, NJ 08857.

Ann Schloff Maurer

CRANFORD — Ann Schloff Maurer died Oct. 11, 2004 at St. Michael's Medical Center in Newark.

Born in Fairview, she lived in Maplewood and Cranford before moving to Linden in 1994.

Mrs. Maurer retired in 1982 as a bookkeeper with the American Heart Association in

Elizabeth. She graduated from the Drake Secretarial School of Business in Union.

Her husband, George, is deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Harmon Gary Maurer and Robert; and four grandchildren.

Private arrangements were by the Monarch Chapels at Millburn, in Union.

Joseph Lopata

KENILWORTH — Joseph Lopata, 68, died Oct. 3, 2004 at Trinity Hospital in Elizabeth.

Born in Poland, he lived in Maplewood before moving to Kenilworth in 1993.

Mr. Lopata was a bartender at Mazur's Tavern in Irvington. At one time he was a tool and die maker.

His first wife, Maria, died in 1991.

Surviving are his second wife,

Izabela; two sons, Joseph and Robert; three daughters, Jolanta Kocinski, Anna and Christina; a brother, Emil; two sisters, Margaret Bandura and Mary Acosta; five grandchildren and four nieces.

A funeral Mass was held Friday at Sacred Heart Church, Union Catholic Church, Irvington, following services at the Parkway Wozniak Memorial Home in Clark. Burial was in Hollywood Memorial Park, Union.

Gertrude Sadowski

CRANFORD — Gertrude M. Bozza Sadowski, 57, died Oct. 9, 2004 at the Haven Hospice of JFK Medical Center in Edison.

She was born in Jersey City and had lived in Cranford since 1972.

Mrs. Sadowski was from 1992-94 a medical secretary to Elizabeth physician Francisco Miranda. She also was from 1981-92 the secretary to the administrator of the Union County Medical Society in Mountainside.

She was a member of Luna de Luna, a wine appreciation society in Cranford.

Surviving are her husband of

36 years, Bernard J.; her parents, James and Gertrude Kane Bozza; two sons, Brian T. and Steven E.; a brother, Dominick Bozza; two sisters, Laurie and Janusz; and Kathleen Verdore, a grandchild, four nieces and five nephews.

A funeral Mass was held yesterday at St. Joseph the Carpenter Roman Catholic Church, Roseland, following services at the Kowalski Funeral Home in Linden. Burial was in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Linden.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Haven Hospice, JFK Medical Center, 66 James St., Edison, NJ 08820.

Obituaries

Lawrence Flanagan; naval officer, VFW commander

CRANFORD — Lawrence "Skip" Flanagan, 87, a retired naval officer and Veterans of Foreign Wars commander, died Saturday at the Willow Crossing Health and Rehabilitation Center in Columbus, Ind.

He was aboard the USS Helena at the time of the 1941 attack that prompted the U.S. entry into World War II. The Helena was rebuilt and returned to battle in the Pacific, eventually becoming the first ship to receive a Navy Unit Commendation. Mr. Flanagan was stationed aboard the Helena and other ships in the war.

From 1955-58 he was posted to the U.S. naval mission in Venezuela as an instructor in steam propulsion at the Venezuelan naval academy. He held the rank of senior chief machinist's mate on his retirement from the Navy in 1960.

Mr. Flanagan was the last Pearl Harbor survivor at Capt. Newell Rodney Fiske Post 335 of the VFW. He was a past commander and life member of the VFW post, whose members include his son, Lawrence Jr., and a grandson, Lawrence George. The naval officer also was a past exalted ruler of Elks Lodge 2006, a life member of American

Legion Post 328 in Clark and a life member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

In civilian life Mr. Flanagan spent 20 years with Bell Labs and retired in 1982 as a shift supervisor in its operations department in Murray Hill. He was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

Mr. Flanagan was born in Elizabeth and lived in Union before moving to Cranford in 1958. He had resided since 2002 in Columbus, Ind.

Deceased are his first wife, Mary Backer Flanagan, to whom Mr. Flanagan was married 40 years; and his second wife, Ann Backstetter Flanagan, to whom he was married 17 years.

Other survivors include a daughter, Pat Turner, two other grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, step-nieces, step-nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, step-grandnieces and step-grandnephews.

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

Arrangements were by the Dooley Funeral Home.

George Cuozzo

CRANFORD — George W. Cuozzo, 87, died Oct. 9, 2004 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

He was born in Nanticoke, Pa., and had lived in Cranford since 1956.

Mr. Cuozzo retired in 1986 after 20 years as an owner of the Reynolds Plumbing Co. in Cranford. He was a member of Capt. Newell Rodney Fiske Post 335, Veterans of Foreign Wars;

Services were held yesterday at the Dooley Funeral Home.

Mary M. Vance

CRANFORD — Mary Mahalson Vance, 106, died Oct. 7, 2004 at the Delaire Nursing & Convalescent Center in Linden.

Born Oct. 3, 1898 in Bayonne, she lived in Cranford before moving to Linden in 1994.

Mrs. Vance participated in fundraising and other community projects at St. John Catholic Church in Bayonne.

She also was a volunteer for the

parish's bingo games.

Her husband, Peter, is deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Beatrice Hollister Cuozzo; two daughters, Barbara Jeanston and Christine; and a grandchild.

Services were held Monday at the George J. Koch Funeral Home, Bayonne, followed by a Mass in St. John Catholic Church in Bayonne.

Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Rose Margaret Gatto

CRANFORD — Rose Margaret Pace Gatto, 82, died Oct. 6, 2004 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

She was born in Elizabeth and had lived in Cranford since 1954.

Mrs. Gatto retired in 1987 after 22 years as a waitress at the Coach and Four restaurant in Cranford. She was a member of the Elizabeth Retired Men and Ladies Club and the senior citizens group at St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church, also in Elizabeth.

A brother, Joseph Pace, is deceased.

Surviving are her husband, Joseph Paul, a son, Joseph A.; a daughter, Cecilia Greco; four sisters, Mary Signorelli, Sadie Philipone, Josephine Signorelli and Frances Colchie; and seven grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at the Petrucci Funeral Home, Elizabeth, followed by a funeral Mass at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church. Entombment was in the Rosedale Mausoleum, Linden.

Ruth M. Jackson

CRANFORD — Ruth M. Jackson, 86, died Oct. 4, 2004 at the Cornell Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Union.

Mrs. Jackson was born in Logan Store, N.C. She lived in Cranford and Rio Rancho, N.M., before returning to Cranford.

She was active in Telephone Outreach to Shut-In Seniors and the Nursing Home Bible Fellowship at the Community Christian Church in Rio Rancho.

Arrangements were by the G.G. Woody Funeral Home in Roselle.

Martin Duffy Sr.

KENILWORTH — Martin J. Duffy Sr., 67, died Oct. 11, 2004 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Jersey City, he lived in Winfield Park before moving to Kenilworth in 1964.

Mr. Duffy retired in 1999 after 30 years as a production control worker with Harvard Industries in Union. He coached Little League baseball and Pop Warner football in Kenilworth.

He was in the Army National Guard from 1960-64.

Surviving are his wife, Gerorgette Straub Duffy; two sons, Martin J. Jr. and Michael; a daughter, Lisa Davidson; a brother, Joseph; two sisters, Patricia Crawford and Veronica; and three grandchildren.

Visitation is 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today at the Mastapeter Funeral Home, 400 Fairview Ave., Roselle Park, where services will be 11 a.m. tomorrow.

Burial will be in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Mary Hudecek

Mary E. Hudecek, 94, died Oct. 1, 2004 in Los Altos, Calif.

Mrs. Hudecek was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and lived in Scott Plains for 20 years before moving in 1976 to Fort Lincley.

She had resided in Los Altos since 1995.

She retired in 1976 from the electronics division of Lockheed Corp. in Watchung. Mrs. Hudecek

was secretary of the Jasmine Lakes Civic Association in Port Richey and president of its Ladies Auxiliary.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary Ann Nishi; a son, John Nagel; three sisters, Josephine Metzler, Stella Gardner and Frances Taylor; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Survivor K. Mehra, 63, died Oct. 9, 2004 at his home in Westfield.

Mr. Mehra was born in India. He lived in England, Indiana, Scotch Plains and Watchung before moving to Westfield in 2002.

He retired in 1997 after 20 years as the proprietor of Newmans Sportswear in Manhattan.

Surviving are his wife of 34 years, Rita Virman Mehra; three sons, Virek of Newton, Mass., Rajiv of Baltimore, Md., and Anand of San Diego, Calif.; and two grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday at the Dooley Funeral Home.

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Real Estate

Hoferkamp: Real estate market remains strong

The New Jersey residential real estate market is still strong and will remain so for the remainder of the year, says Pat Hoferkamp, president and chief operating officer of Burgdorf ERA.

Some consumers have expressed concern that the housing market is "softening," and they point to homes that stay on the market for a long duration.

But according to Hoferkamp, "If a house is on the market for a long period of time, it is because it was not properly positioned in the market. The seller may therefore have to reposition it in order to appeal to buyers."

"After all, it is ultimately the buyers who determine the price of the property based on perception of value. In today's market, there is a definite gap between sellers' expectation of price and the buyers' willingness to pay that price," Hoferkamp says.

Hoferkamp points out that there are several types of real estate markets: a sellers' market, where there is not enough inventory and too many buyers; a buyers' market, which has too few buyers and plenty of inventory; and a normal, balanced market, which features an equal number of buyers and sellers.

"We are still in a sellers' market, because there is a great demand for housing due to migration from New York to New Jersey, immigration, and Baby Boomers purchasing second homes," according to Hoferkamp.

Some consumers also wonder whether they should wait to purchase a home. Hoferkamp counsels, "Real estate has consistently proven to be a reliable means of generating wealth, with home buyers frequently earning huge returns on their investments. It is always a good time to buy."

"Historically, real estate is the best investment because property values reliably increase over time. Interest rates are still at a historic low, and more people than ever have been wise to take advantage of this opportunity. Real estate is what makes this country strong. It is what drives our economy — owning a home is the American dream."

Founded in 1958, Burgdorf ERA is the top producing ERA real estate firm in dollar volume nationally, with 16 offices and over 700 sales associates in New Jersey.

The ERA real estate network includes more than 29,100 brokers and sales associates throughout the United States and 30 other countries and territories. Each office is independently owned and operated except offices owned and operated by NRT Incorporated.

ERA agents attend Tech Tour Sept. 30

More than 150 ERA agents, brokers and managers from offices throughout New Jersey learned about the latest and most innovative technology tools for the real estate industry at the company's third annual Tech Tour held on Sept. 30 at the Victorian Manor in Edison.

Dave Konvinsky, ERA regional vice-president, began by highlighting the latest technology developed by ERA for its agents and consumers. The agenda included several presentations on Internet-based technology and two environmental issues, water and tank-testing.

According to Suzanne Krouse, manager of ERA Gallo & DeCroce, and education chairperson for the ERA Brokers of New Jersey, "With Internet use growing, we have to change our mindset about how we communicate with consumers. People who use the Internet to search for a home expect us to communicate via e-mail. ERA's technology tools help our agents at attract leads and keep clients coming back for our services."

Since its launch in early 2004, MyERA.com has been helping buyers launch the time needed for a home search by saving search criteria and listings, and then emailing new listings that match a buyer's preferences.

MyERA.com also includes useful tools such as "Create a Room" and "My Virtual Assistant." "Create a Room" is an interactive tool used to construct a room layout and then help plan the space for decorating, moving and more. With "My Virtual Assistant," consumers can track and record activities such as inspections, title searches, utility "ons and offs" and more.

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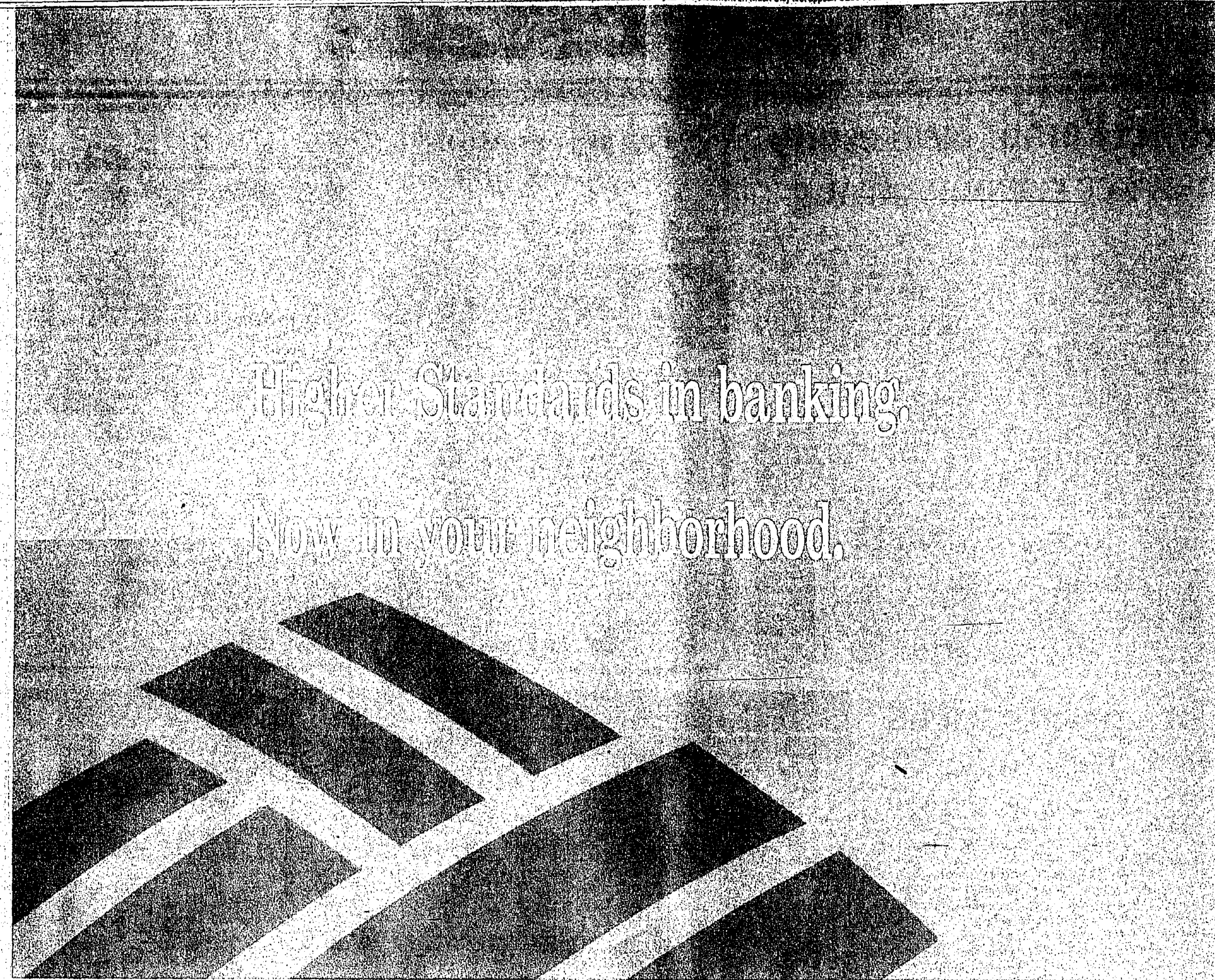
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Sports

Cougars beat Hills, get No. 2 UCT seed

By CHAD HEMENWAY

THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — Heading into the Union County tournament this weekend, it is important to arrive with momentum.

Monday afternoon in Cranford, the lady Cougars proved they could come back from behind on their way to notching a 2-1 win against the Hillsborough Raiders (8-4-2).

Head coach Jodie Davis said the team didn't play up to par Monday, allowing their opponents more scoring chances than the Cougars normally permit and not cashing in on numerous chances of their own. Still, a win is a win.

"This wasn't our best game,"

Davis said Monday. "We didn't play up to our potential but I've told the girls there are going to be good days and bad days and I think a sign of a good team is being able to get a win out of the bad days."

Cranford (8-1-1) earned a No. 2 ranking in the Union County Tournament this weekend. The Cougars will take on No. 7 Summit in Cranford.

"They are ranked seven because their record isn't that great but that's because they play really good teams on their schedule like West Essex," said Davis. "We expect a good game from them."

Oak Knoll (11-0) sits atop the pack at No. 1 followed by

Cranford, Johnson, Kent Place, Roselle Park, Westfield and Summit. Eighth-ranked Union faced off against No. 9 Gov. Livingston for the right to play Oak Knoll. Cranford's last UCT championship was in 1993.

The Cougars have earned a spot at No. 20 in the state's Top 20 and sit at No. 2 in Union County, behind Oak Knoll — the only team to have beaten Cranford this year.

Monday it was Hillsborough who put the pressure on early by mounting an offensive attack that resulted in a goal at 17:43. But the Cougars would wake up and apply pressure of their own, keeping the ball on the Raiders' side of the 50 yard line.

Cranford earned numerous penalty corners but shots and centering passes by team captain Alana Buonaguro and Sarah Gardner went for naught.

Time wound down on the first half but Cranford was to get one more chance. A free hit from the circle was driven to the center. Junior Erin Polito controlled the ball and passed it to Buonaguro, who quickly pushed it by Hillsborough's goalie for the equalizer with 3:40 to go before the half.

The lady Cougars dominated in the second half as tempers flared on both sides. Players were pushed for pushes, blocking and advancing but, strangely enough, Cranford would score the win-

ning goal short-handed after Molly Folger, who played aggressively, was yellow-carded for pushing.

Team captain Ashley Rey sent a drive down the field from her defensive left back position. Buonaguro attempted to control the ball and score. She couldn't get a handle on the ball but the play did result in a penalty corner for Cranford. Kate McKeever inserted the ball to Jenny Bayak, who shoved a quick pass to captain Jillian Berkowitz and she slapped a shot in the cage for what would stand as the winning goal.

With the win, the Lady Cougars already have one more win than they had all of last sea-

son, a 7-8-3 campaign. Goalkeeper and captain Theresa Meise had another impressive game though her streak of seven shutouts was stopped. Meise collected six saves, including some kick saves that cleared the ball far from circle to thwart offensive advances by the Raiders.

"She's been playing awesome," Davis said of Meise. "She has really dominated back there and makes it extremely hard for other teams to score."

Sweeper Alyse Augustine, another team captain, and right back Dana Welch kept Hillsborough out of the goal as the Raiders tried some last ditch efforts at the game's end.

Bears bounce the Brook, 66-6, Russo has 3 scores

By CHAD HEMENWAY

THE CHRONICLE

KENILWORTH — When you beat a team 66-6 as the Bears did to the Crusaders of Bound Brook Friday night, it's not necessarily a time to puff out one's chest and celebrate.

The Bears improved to 4-1 on the year and are clearly headed toward postseason play. So the game versus Bound Brook, a school with tremendously young, undeveloped talent, was treated more like a chance to practice fundamentals and get better than if it were a match-up against more traditional conference foes.

"Our kids understood that we were the better team," said head coach Scott Miller. "I think Bound Brook has some talent but they are very young. We just wanted to use the game to improve what we do and execute better."

"This wasn't a win where we go and really pat each other on the back," he added. "The kids should feel good because we executed well, but it's not a time to celebrate like we accomplished anything just yet."

Bound Brook (1-4) received the ball to open the game and started from its own 16 yard line. Their first play was flagged for a holding penalty. Crusader QB John Jannuzzi then went back in the shotgun but the ball was snapped out of the end zone for a safety.

Brearley received the subsequent free kick and sophomore returner John Delman caught it at his own 24 and brought it up to the Crusader 39 yard line. On the next play, quarterback Vinny

Russo kept an option and sprinted practically untouched for the touchdown to increase Brearley's lead 9-0 after just two minutes of play.

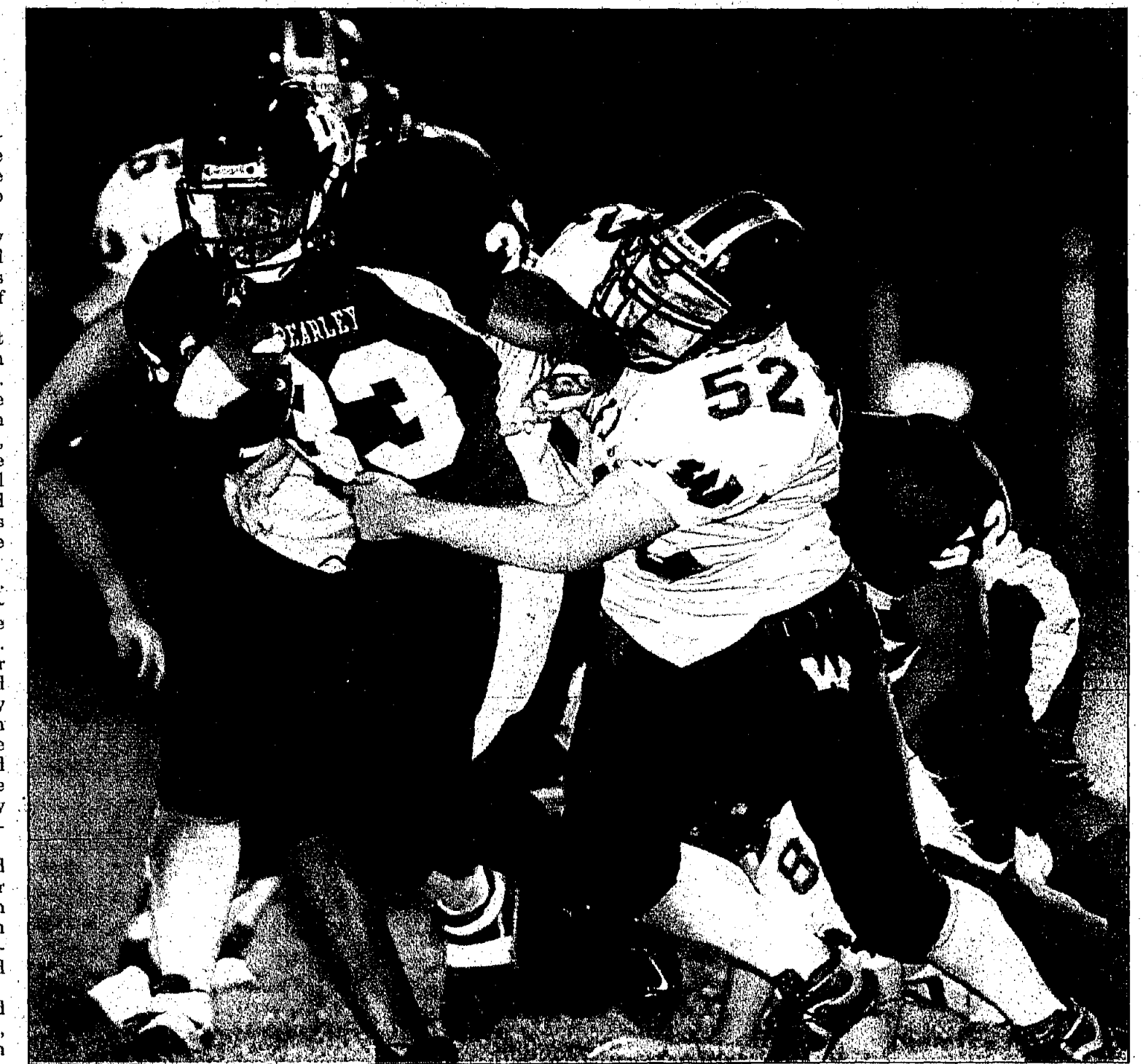
The Bears' defense, led by linebacker Jake Floyd and defensive tackle Chris Banknight, got the Crusaders off the field in just three plays.

Three plays later Russo hit senior tight end Kevin Rodriguez for an 18-yard score. Bound Brook did return the ensuing kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown to narrow the lead, 16-6, but less than a minute after that, Brearley had the ball back and Russo completed another touchdown pass, this time a 17-yarder to sophomore tight end Eric Schindler.

The rout was officially on. With a little more than six minutes to go in the first stanza, the Bears were leading 23-6. Brearley scored on all six of their first half possessions and added a 67-yard interception return by junior safety Jeff Feder. Seven different Bears scored in the first half alone and they would add two more touchdowns in the second half — a 1-yard run by junior Zach Silverman and 53-yard run by junior Jajili Lynn.

In the first half, Russo would keep another option 56 yards for a touchdown. Russo finished with 112 yards on the ground on only 3 carries. He also went 4-for-4 passing for 116 yards and two touchdowns.

Junior back Rob Shippey had 89 yards on just two carries, including a 56-yard touchdown just before the first half ended. Rosales contributed a 54-yard scoring run and Floyd added a 19-yarder in the first half.



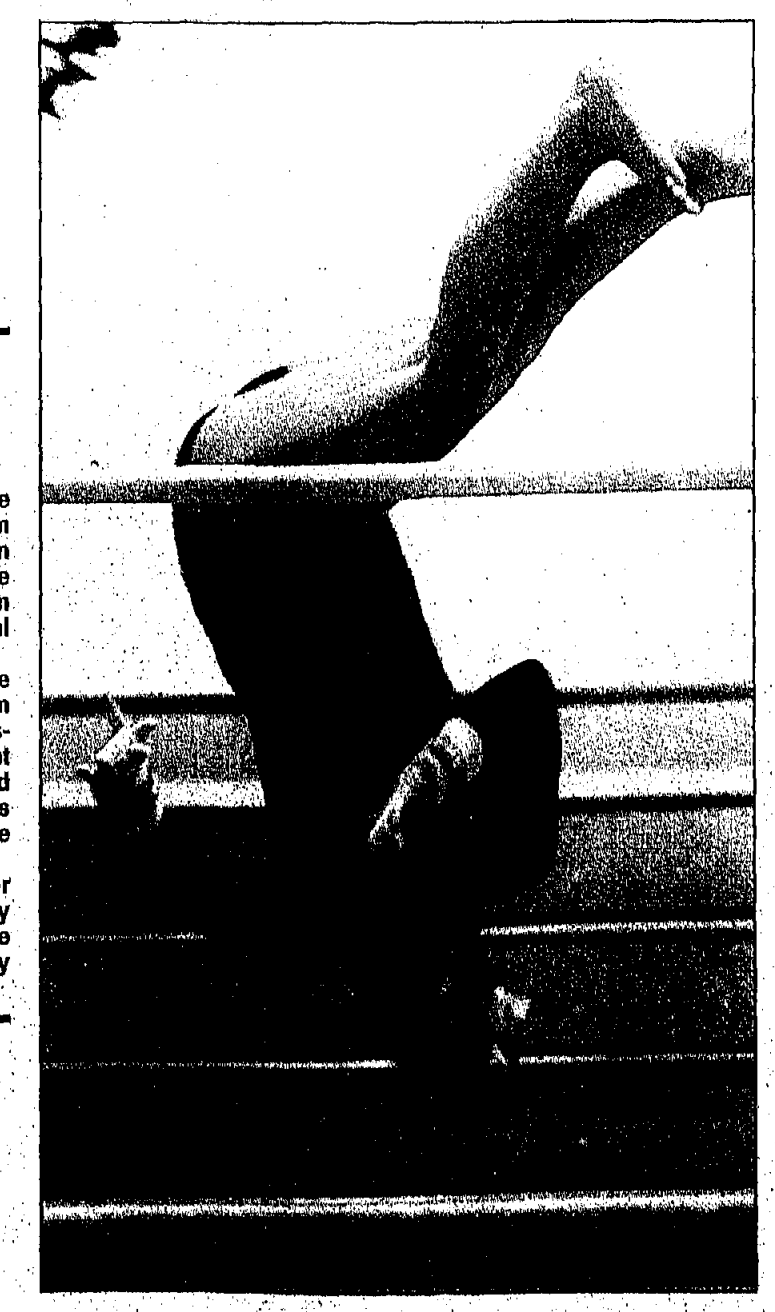
Rob Shippey, here against Wallkill Valley, breaks away from tacklers. Shippey had 89 yards on two carries, including a 56-yard TD in the Bears' efficient 66-6 win over Bound Brook Friday night.

HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCT. 14
Boys soccer: Cranford at Newark Central, 4
Cranford at Kearny, 4
Girls soccer: Cranford vs. Mount St. Mary, 4
Girls tennis: Cranford vs. Irvington, 4
Gymnastics: Cranford vs. Union Catholic/Dayton, 4:30
FRIDAY, OCT. 15
Football: Cranford vs. Westfield, 7
Cranford at Marlboro, 7
Boys soccer: Cranford at Roselle Park, 4
Girls soccer: Cranford vs. J.P. Stevens, 4
Cranford at Roselle Park, 4
Girls tennis: Cranford at Scotch Plains, 4
Volleyball: Cranford at Plainfield, 4
SATURDAY, OCT. 16
Boys soccer: Cranford vs. River Day, 10 a.m.
SUNDAY, OCT. 17
Boys soccer: Cranford vs. Plainfield, 4
Girls soccer: Cranford at Plainfield, 4
Cranford vs. Dayton, 4
Girls tennis: Cranford vs. Roselle, 4
Volleyball: Cranford at Elizabethtown, 4
TUESDAY, OCT. 18
Girls tennis: Cranford vs. Metuchen, 4
Boys soccer: Cranford vs. Newark Tech, 4
Girls soccer: Cranford vs. Marlboro, 4
Cross Country: Cranford vs. Elizabethtown, 4
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20
Boys soccer: Cranford vs. Scotch Plains, 4
Cranford vs. Baldwin, 4
Girls soccer: Cranford at Scotch Plains, 4
Volleyball: Cranford at Westfield, 4

The Flying Floyd

Amanda Floyd of the Cranford gymnastics team looks to find the ground on her dismount from the uneven bars Friday night in Cranford at the fourth annual Cougar Invitational. The Cougars, however, were not able to capture the team title this year. Scotch Plains-Fanwood (100.4) edged out Dayton-Brearley (100.0) and Westfield (97.85). Westfield's Claire MacDonald won the individual all-around. Cranford will get another chance when the Lady Cougars regroup to compete in the Union County Tournament on Oct. 22.



Bears lose to Canucks, 2-1 but continue improvement

By CHAD HEMENWAY

THE CHRONICLE

KENILWORTH — The Brearley boys' soccer team suffered a setback Tuesday night under the lights at Ward Field by dropping a hard-fought 2-1 decision to North Plainfield.

At 2-5-2, the Bears have a lot of work to do if they intend on

"Our goal is to play our style of soccer and let the chips fall where they may," McGowan said. "Today they didn't fall our way but I'm very happy with the way we played."

The Canucks got off to a quick start when Castro slipped a ball, by goalkeeper Tim Hoagland less than three minutes into the opening half. Hoagland, however, had an outstanding match making some very impressive saves from point-blank range. He had 29 saves in total.

"He's been phenomenal," McGowan said of Hoagland. "It's a shame we couldn't get a win for him but he played tremendously."

The Bears did not get down on themselves after the opening goal and continued to push the ball downfield, forcing a controversial call in the Canucks' zone. Matthew Felner was taken down inside the box as he got off a shot. The ball went in the net but the referee blew the whistle, discounting a goal McGowan said should have stood. Then during the penalty shot, Felner scored again but the goalie was whistled for moving too soon. Felner's redo was saved and the score stood 1-0 though it seemed Brearley had scored twice.

Chris Moreno scored a penalty shot as the first half neared an end to tie the score. Eric Dustin, David Montero, Nick Zalutko and Michael Ribeiro were tested often but starred on defense.

Boys Soccer

qualifying for the state tournament. They need to be at least .500 by season's end with seven games remaining, starting with Newark Central today in Newark.

But head coach Vinny McGowan isn't concerned with the stakes. He is concentrating on his team's improvement every match and he was proud of the way his squad played Tuesday night against the Canucks (8-4).

"We played a heck of a lot better today against probably the best team we've played all year," McGowan said. "We really hung in there. We kept our heads up and played well. It took a great shot to beat us tonight."

That great shot came from Carlos Castro, his second goal of the game, with about 2:35 remaining in regulation.

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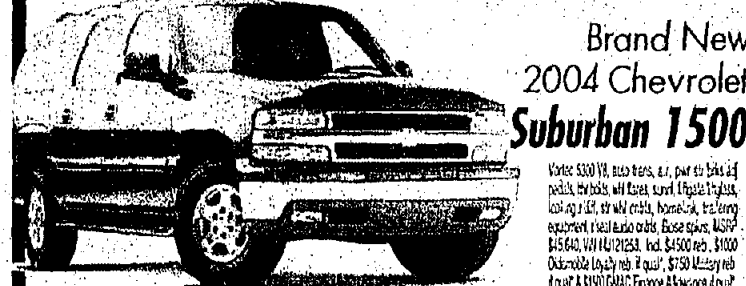
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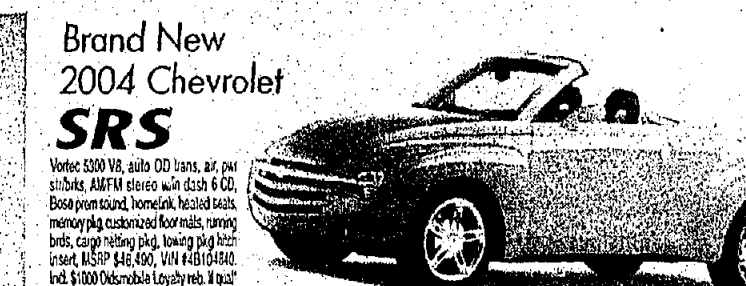
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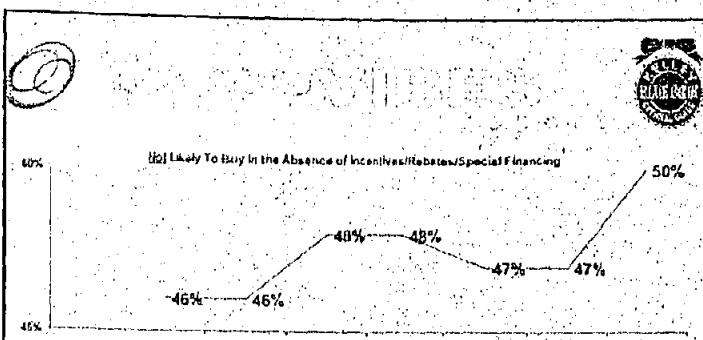
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Buyers still rely on incentives

PRNewswire — AutoVIBES, a monthly automotive study from Harris Interactive and Kelley Blue Book Marketing Research tracking consumer views on new vehicle nameplates and timely automotive topics, revealed that as manufacturers vehicle incentives continue to rise to their highest levels, so have the car-buying public's dependency on them.

Exactly half of U.S. adults in the market to buy or lease a new car within the next 12 months say that they are not likely to purchase a new car in the absence of incentives, rebates or special financing.

Nearly 40 percent are heavily dependent on incentives," said Charlie Vogelheim, executive editor and vehicle expert at Kelley Blue Book. "Both of these measures are at their highest levels ever. Whether it's gas prices or just the desire to go 'green' SUV sales have fallen off. That being said, manufacturers are implementing frighteningly large incentives on this vehicle segment as they are the last bastion of profitability."

Incentives are an integral part of the process now and

Auto group offers promotions



PHOTO COURTESY OF RYAN AUTOMOTIVE, L.L.C.
Rod Ryan, president and chief executive officer of Ryan Automotive, L.L.C. in Edison, recently announced new corporate-level promotions of three long-time company employees. John Leiser, left, is now vice-president of corporate operations, Robert Forcini, center, has been named vice-president of operations for the BMW/Mini division and Martin Gross, right, is the full-time chief financial officer of the company.

Ryan Automotive announces corporate-level changes

EDISON — Rod Ryan, president and chief executive officer of Ryan Automotive L.L.C., has announced the promotions of two Ryan Automotive general managers, each to the position of corporate vice president.

John Leiser, formerly general manager of Morristown BMW, Morristown BMW Certified Pre-Owned in Edison, has been promoted to vice president of operations for the BMW/Mini Division. He will oversee operations at Open Road BMW, Morristown BMW, Morristown Mini and Denville BMW.

Forcini has been a member of the Ryan Automotive group for 23 years. After graduating from Rutgers University in 1981 he joined Ryan Automotive in motorcycle sales at Open Road Honda, moving to Honda new vehicle sales and then to new

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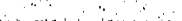


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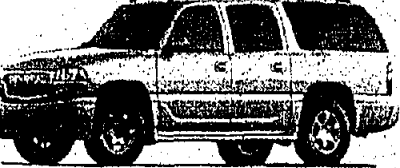


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Drechsel stars in Cougar win

Cougars quarterback Chris Drechsel was involved in three second half touchdowns Friday night to lead Cranford over rival Westfield, 30-7.



Good breakfast, for a good cause

Above, Susan Plink and her son Drew share some pancakes and a good laugh at the pancake breakfast fundraiser held Saturday at the National Guard Armory on Highway Avenue in Westfield. At right, Carmen Piazza, a commander American Legion, made the trip from Lawrence to share his pancake recipe. Proceeds from the event will benefit a support group dedicated to the families of the members of the 250th Signal Battalion, which is based at the armory and is now deployed overseas.



JOHN FEICORRESPONDENT

Construction could start next month on Cranford Crossing

Verizon cables
appear to be only
outstanding issue

By GREG MARX

THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — Work on the long-delayed Cranford Crossing redevelopment project could begin by the middle of next month, local officials said this week.

Cranford Building Associates, the subsidiary of developer Kushner Companies that is handling the project, on Oct. 13 gave the township the required 30-day notice that it plans to begin construction in the municipal parking lot outside the Blockbuster video store on South Avenue. The company has also posted the required performance bond, and the township has issued the necessary construction permits.

The one remaining sticking point, local officials said after meeting with representatives

from CBA Tuesday morning, is whether the demolition and excavation can take place while a network of cables belonging to Verizon that runs beneath the property is relocated.

Verizon was not present at Tuesday's meeting, but the two companies are in discussions to address the issue, township officials said.

Assuming the cables do not present an obstacle, CBA is "very anxious to go," said Kathleen Miller Prunty, director of the Downtown Management Corporation, who sat in on Tuesday's meeting. "It really comes down to CBA and Verizon."

The project has been stalled in recent years, due to haggling over contracts, environmental contamination, the ongoing scandals involving developer Charles Kushner and the withdrawal of the first designated developer. And several local representatives had grumbled earlier this year about what they saw as foot-

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Townhouses sought along Miln Street

By GREG MARX

THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — A local developer has filed an application to construct six townhouses on Miln Street, near the corner of Springfield Avenue.

Viacent, a subsidiary of Cranford KVA Associates filed the application for the property, which is adjacent to the Cranes Manor condominiums and two doors down from St. Michael's School.

Currently, the property is a three-story house, now used as an attorney's office and apartments, along with several detached garages.

The property is large and unusually deep — at 100 feet wide along the curb, it stretches back for nearly 300 feet. The developer proposes to take advantage of that size by building one stretch of four attached townhouses oriented perpendicular to the street, facing the rear of the Cranes Manor property. Two more townhouses in the rear of the property would face the street.

According to documents filed with the Zoning Office, the townhouses would be two stories and about 30 feet tall, matching the limit for the zone. They would contain three bedrooms and about 2,100 square feet of living space.

Townhouses are a conditional use in that area of the township, meaning they must be allowed if certain conditions are met. But the application as currently constituted

ed requests variances from several of those conditions, mostly due to the project's density.

The township's permitted density for townhouses is one unit per 5,000 square feet, the same as for single-family homes in many neighborhoods. The project proposes a slightly greater density of one unit per approximately 4,800 square feet.

The application proposes that 50 percent of the lot be made impervious surface. That is at the level the township permits, but would be an increase from the current status of the property. The proposal also calls for the removal of 34 trees currently located on the property.

The application is scheduled to be examined by the township's Development Review Committee tomorrow. Should the developer choose to proceed from that point, the project would likely be scheduled on the Planning Board's agenda, said Zoning Officer Ron Meeks.

In related news, the appeal of the Board of Adjustment's rejection of the Twin Oaks townhouse project was argued in Superior Court last week, Meeks said.

Following the rejection, the developer in that case obtained Planning Board approval for a less dense project of 26 units along Meeker Avenue and Hale and Heinrich streets. But the developer has continued with the appeal of the ruling on the preferred project. A decision is likely within the coming weeks.

Candidates square off in debate

By LAUREN TRAINOR

THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — Local candidates faced off Oct. 14 in a debate sponsored by the League of Women Voters and the Cranford Jaycees, answering questions posed by members of the audience and stating their claim to a seat on the Township Committee.

Each of the candidates — Republicans Bob Donovan and Michael Plink and Democrats George Jora and George McDonough — said that keeping taxes low was his greatest concern.

Donovan, running for municipal office for the first time, said his priority would first be to pressure the county to curb spending, hoping to eventually phase out the Open Space, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund tax and other programs that for which Cranford residents pay a disproportionate share. He would also seek mutual aid opportunities, including exploring charging other municipalities for the use

of local fire services during mutual aid responses.

His running mate Plink advocated a full review of the annual budget, examining each line item and tracking patterns to determine where money can be saved. He said he would freeze any hir-

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ing for township positions until taxes are lowered and would form a citizen's committee to deal with what services Cranford gets from the county for the money its residents contribute.

Plink said he would also pursue interlocal agreements in an

effort to raise revenue and lessen Cranford's tax burden.

Jora, the only incumbent in the race, also advocated pursuing interlocal agreements, such as one between Elizabeth and Linden for animal control services that are currently being provided by the Associated Humane Societies but may be discontinued next year.

He said he would increase fees for planning and zoning board applications, and proposed partnering with the Board of Education to share the cost of common purchases. Jora added that he would place a high premium on energy conservation as a cost-saving measure, and said that as a Democrat, he would be more likely to successfully pursue grants from the county, which is controlled by an all-Democrat freeholder board.

Jora pointed to future ratables that will be brought to the township as a result of the township's Crossing and Riverfront redevelopment.

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Detective wins scholarship

Cranford Detective Patrick Fay was recently presented with the John H. Starnier Memorial Scholarship. Fay is currently in graduate school and plans to attend law school. See the story on Page A-3.

REMINDER

Book sale at the library

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library book and audio-video sale begins 11 a.m.-8 p.m. today and continues 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The sale will take place in the cellar of the library, 224 Walnut Ave.

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Town gives out nearly 1K flu shots

By GREG MARX

THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — The township administered nearly 1,000 doses of the vaccine at a clinic held Monday at Lincoln School, Health Officer Warren Hehl said.

Though the township appeared to have only about 850 doses of the vaccine, the medical staff was able to squeeze out 948 inoculations, Hehl said. Only a handful of eligible people were turned away, according to another health department employee.

The extraordinary demand was created by the national shortage of the vaccine, created when about 46 million doses manufactured in England by the Chiron Corp. were deemed not fit for distribution.

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JOHN FEICORRESPONDENT

The ride of her life

Rachel Newman of Cranford is behind the wheel of an Army Jeep and ready to roll, while her younger sister Rebecca is still checking out the equipment. Rachel and Rebecca found the Jeep at the Cranford Community Center, where the Recreation and Parks Department was celebrating its 40th anniversary with a full schedule of family entertainment Saturday.

Township considers ways to curb home size

By GREG MARX

THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — The township is considering a measure that aims to curb the construction of "McMansions" by imposing neighborhood standards on new developments.

At its Oct. 12 meeting, the Township Committee discussed a draft resolution asking the Planning Board to take up the issue of "monster homes," which, the resolution states, "in addition to impacting on the light, air and open space of their neighbors, also create an adverse visual environment."

The resolution, which is expected to be adopted at next Tuesday's township meeting, asks the Planning Board to recommend whether residential zoning regulations should be amended to provide for maximum floor-area ratios and habit-

able floor area caps.

The move was prompted, said Commissioner Dan Aschenbach, by complaints from residents in several neighborhoods about large homes that have been recently constructed.

"Generally, there's been a concern that there are a few houses that have been constructed (legally) that are several times the size of neighboring homes," Aschenbach said.

He mentioned one such home near Garden Street and Cranford Avenue, and another on Lincoln Avenue. Similar situations have also occurred on Dennen Road and Dietz Street.

With home values continuing to rise in the region, there is tremendous incentive for developers to get into the market. But the cost of land is so great, according to people with knowl-

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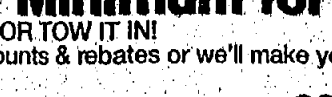
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