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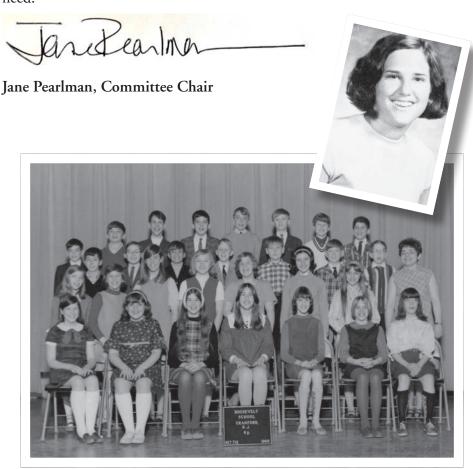
Welcome to the Cranford High School - Class of 1974 - 50th Reunion!

Thank you for coming this evening. Our shared past is a firm foundation for enduring friendships. The Reunion Committee has worked energetically for the past two years to help ensure a special and memorable celebration.

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Jan. 4 - In his first confirmed attack, serial killer Ted Bundy breaks into the apartment of Karen Sparks, an 18-yearold student at the University of Washington, Sparks survives the assault.

Feb. 4 - Newspaper heiress Patty Hearst is kidnapped from her Berkeley apartment by the Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA), Possibly brainwashed, she later assists her captors in criminal acts.

Aug. 9 - Ahead of his impending impeachment following the Watergate scandal, Richard Nixon becomes the

> first person to resign as president of the United States. He is later pardoned by Gerald Ford.



3.2-million-year-old Australopithecus afarensis partial skeleton is discovered in Hadar, Ethiopia, and named after the Beatles song "Lucy in the Sky With Diamonds."

Gold (1 oz.)

U.S. president: Richard Nixon (resigned Aug. 9)

Gerald R. Ford

(sworn in Aug. 9) U.S. vice president:

Gerald Ford (became president Aug. 9)

Nelson A. Rockefeller (swom in Dec. 19)



US Approx. 213.9 million

\$183.85

World Approx. 4 billion

The Oscar, and Grammy-winning ballad "The Way We Were" becomes Barbra Streisand's first No. 1 hit.

Using rope-a dope tactics, Muhammad Ali knocks out undefeated heavyweight boxing champion, George Foreman in the eighth round of the Rumble in the Jungle.

My, my! The Swedish band ABBA wins the 19th Eurovision Song Contest with their hit "Waterloo,"

Stephen King publishes his debut novel, Carrie, about a bullied 16-year-old girl with telekinetic powers.

Wearing his star-spangled jumpsuit, daredevil Evel Knievel attempts to jump across Idaho's Snake River Canyon in a "Skycycle." He winds up crashing and

Dec. 17

Sarah Paulson

breaking his nose.

Born This Year

Feb. 16 Mahershala Ali

Jan. 24 Ed Helms



April 28 Penélope Cruz

June 22 Donald Faison

> June 23 Joel Edgerton





Aug. 20

Amy Adams



Dec. 24 Ryan Seacrest









CLASS OF '74 ATTENDEES

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Dave Stehlin and Heather Stehlin

Robin Roman Stork and Greg Stork

Doug VonBulow

Bernie Wagenblast*

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Sherry Jackson Williams

*Reunion Committee Member

Note: This list was current as of 9/16/24. We apologize for any errors or omissions.

All in the Family (CBS) Sanford and Son (NBC) Chico and the Man (NBC) The Jeffersons (CBS) M*A*S*H(CBS) Rhoda (CBS) GoodTimes (CBS) The Waltons (CBS)

Maude (CBS) Hawaii Five-O (CBS) September 1974-April 1975 TV season

OSCAR WINNERS

Best Picture - The Godfather Part II

Best Actor - Art Carney, Harry and Tonto

Best Actress - Ellen Burstyn, Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore

Best Supporting Actor - Robert De Niro, The Godfather Part II

Best Supporting Actress - Ingrid Bergman, Murder on the Orient Express

Best Director - Francis Ford Coppola, The Godfather Part II

*Awarded in 1975 for movies released in 1974

"Bennie and the Jets" - Elton John

"The Way We Were" -Barbra Streisand

"Seasons in the Sun" - Terry Jacks

"Love's Theme" - Love Unlimited Orchestra

"Come and Get Your Love" - Redbone

"Dancing Machine" - The Jackson 5

"The Loco-Motion" - Grand Funk Railroad

"The Streak" - Ray Stevens

NEW PRODUCTS







TELEVISION Series

Jan. 15 - Happy Days - ABC (1974-84)

Jan. 18 - The Six Million Dollar Man - ABC (1974-78)

Feb. 8 - Good Times - CBS (1974-79)

Sept. 7 - Land of the Lost - NBC (1974-77)

Sept. 9 - Rhoda - CBS (1974-

Sept. 11 - Little House on the Prairie - NBC (1974-83)

Sept. 13 - Chico and the Man - NBC (1974-78) Sept. 13 - Police Woman - NBC

(1974-78)Sept. 13 - The Rockford Files NBC (1974-80)

Jan. 11 - Room 222 - ABC (premiered 1969)

Feb. 8 - The Secret Storm - CBS (premiered 1954)

March 6 - The Sonny and Cher Comedy Hour-CBS (premiered

> March 8 - The Brady Bunch -ABC (premiered 1969)

March 18 - Here's Lucy -CBS (premiered 1968)

March 23 - The Partridge

Family - ABC (premiered 1970)

April 5 - The Dean Martin Show-NBC (premiered 1965)

AR Movies







The Towering Inferno



The Longest Yard

POPULAR TOYS

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DIED This Year April 24 - Bud Abbott (b. 1895)

April 30 - Agnes Moorehead (b. 1900) May 24 - Duke Ellington (b. 1899) July 29 - Cass Elliot (b. 1941)



In Memoriam



Kenneth Avery



Tracey Bauknight



Pam Bebkowicz



Catherine Behlert



Gino Berardinelli



Patricia Berl



Elizabeth Bernard



Peter Billias



Terry Biunno



Brian Bowdish



Robert Callaghan



Paul Canevari



Robert Carsey



Mildred Christman



Kathy Clark



Lisa Cohen



Janice Conklin



Stan "Tab" Currie



Dennis DeJianne



Marisa "Reese" Della Serra



Chris DeLorenzo



Dorothy Demsey



Ebbie Eggleston



Jim Ellis



Elaine Evancew



Kenneth Ewing



Susan Fecho



Jerry Fensterman



Margaret Peggy Fus



Sterling Hearns



Brian Jenkins



Pamela Jones



Danny Kane



Allen Keith Kelsey



Barbara Kempf



Paul Kimlicka

In Memoriam



Richard Kramkowski



William Martinez



James Noel McCoy



Sharon McGarry



Robert McMahon



Thea Michals



Gary Murray



Genevieve Newcomb



Gary Newhard



Donna Nowakowski



Tom Paterno



Alvin Porter



Michael Potts



Jerry Rodd



Louis Rotola



Lin Salerno



James Sarnowski



Don Serventi



Patrick Sharkey



Charles Speer



Joseph Testa



Sheila Victorin



Donna Vreeland



Richard "Rick" Ward



Bill Willoughby



Edward Wrege



Susan Yacker

"There are no goodbyes for us.

Wherever you are, you will

always be in my heart."

~ Mahatma Gandhi

BILLBOARD'S TOP MU

Top 20 Albums

- 1. Goodbye Yellow Brick Road -Elton John
- 2. John Denver's Greatest Hits -John Denver
- 3. Band on the Run Paul McCartney & Wings
- 4. Innervisions Stevie Wonder
- 5. You Don't Mess Around With Jim - Jim Croce
- 6. American Graffiti Soundtrack -Various Artists
- 7. Imagination Gladys Knight & the Pips
- 8. Behind Closed Doors -Charlie Rich
- 9. The Sting Soundtrack -Marvin Hamlisch
- 10. Tres Hombres ZZ Top
- 11. Dark Side of the Moon -Pink Floyd
- 12. Bachman-Turner Overdrive II -Bachman-Turner Overdrive
- 13. Court & Spark Joni Mitchell



Top 50 Singles

- 1. Barbra Streisand The Way
- 2. Terry Jacks Seasons in the Sun
- 3. Love Unlimited Orchestra -Love's Theme
- 4. Redbone Come and Get Your Love
- 5. The Jackson 5 Dancing Machine 6. Grand Funk Railroad -

The Loco-Motion

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- 14. The Stylistics You Make Me Feel Brand New
- 15. Al Wilson Show and Tell
- Jim Stafford Spiders and Snakes
- David Essex Rock On

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18. John Denver - Sup My Shoulders 19. Blue Mag 20. Blue \$ CRANE SCHOOL C Recorded: SIDE 1

SIC OF 1974



- 33. Cher Dark Lady
 - aht & the Pips

- The Carpenters Top of the World
- 40. Steve Miller Band The Joker
- 41. Gladys Knight & the Pips I've Got to Use My **Imagination**
- 42. Three Dog Night The Show Must Go On
- The Hues Corporation **Rock the Boat**
- 44. Brownsville Station -Smokin' in the Boys Room
- 45. Stevie Wonder Living for the City
- 46. Dionne Warwick & the Spinners - Then Came You
- 47. Paper Lace The Night Chicago Died
 - Marvin Hamlisch The Entertainer
 - BA Waterloo

Hollies - The Air That

Music News ...

- Greenwich Village's legendary The Bottom Line opens its doors.
- The Captain marries Tennille, and soul legend Barry White and his Love Unlimited singer Glodean James tie the knot, while Cher files for divorce from Sonny Bono after a decade of marriage. Sty Stone of Sly & the Family Stone weds actress/model Kathy Silva mid-performance at Madison Square Garden.
- Yes sells out two dates at Madison Square Garden without ever advertising the shows.
- John Lennon and Harry Nilsson (below) get kicked out of Los Angeles' Troubadour nightclub for heckling comedy act the Smothers Brothers



- Queen plays its first North American concert, opening for Mott the Hoople in Denver.
- Among the bands that formed in 1974 are .38 Special, Blondie, Cheap Trick, Jimmy Buffet's Coral Reefer Band, the Fabulous Thunderbirds, Firefall, Mannheim Steamroller and Squeeze.
- Van Halen and the Ramones each perform for the first time.
- Mama Cass Elliot dies of a heart attack in her sleep at age 32 after two weeks of solo shows in July at London's Palladium. A still-popular rumor that Elliot choked to death on a ham sandwich was started by her own manager Allan Carr, who suspecting something more unsavory and wanting to save his star's reputation — fed the rumor to Elliot's friend, Hollywood Reporter columnist Sue Cameron, who published it even though she doubted its truth.

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May 30, 1974...













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CRANFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Commencement 1974

Cranford Memorial Field

June Nineteenth

Six-thirty O'Clock

Graduation Day

Page 2 CRANFORD (N.J.) CITIZEN AND CHRONICLE Thursday, June 13, 1974

Cranford High to graduate 500

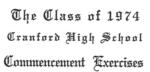
or the graduating class at ranford High School will be lednesday at 6:30 p.m. at femorial Field. There are 500 indidates for diplomas.

pr. Charles Post, principal, present the class to Dr. usa Segal, superintendent schools. Diplomas will be conferred by Thomas White Jr., president of the Board of Education.

the weather be inclement that evening too, the exercises will be held in two parts in the behalf of two parts in the common whose last names beginned to the common whose names beginned to the common with M mough Z will take place at 20 miles are scheduled next neck for the senior class week for the senior class.







Cranford Memorial Field Mednesday Evening, June the Nineteenth

Six thirty o'clock

Admit One





Program

PROCESSIONAL Trumpet Voluntary Henry Purcell			
SALUTE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA			
"THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER"			
INVOCATION THE REVEREND GEORGE WHITE			
"THE BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC" arranged by Peter J. Wilhousky CHOIR			
CLASS PRESIDENT MISS KATHLEEN BLOOD			
PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS OF 1974 TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS			
Dr. Charles Post Principal			
PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION			
Dr. Joshua Segal Superintendent			
CONFERRING OF THE DIPLOMAS			
Mr. THOMAS WHITE President of the Board of Education			
"AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL" Samuel A. Ward			
BENEDICTION THE REVEREND GEORGE WHITE			
RECESSIONAL Triumphal March from "Aida" Giuseppi Verdi			
(It is requested that the audience remain seated during the Processional and Recessional and that the audience refrain from applauding until the exercises are finished.)			

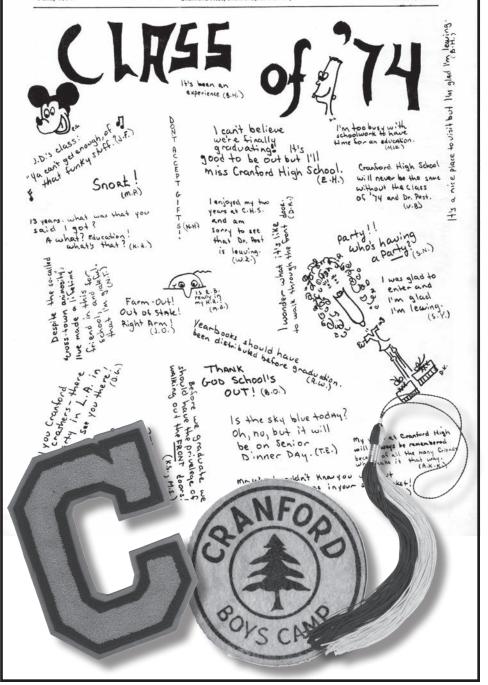
JAMES LENNY, Choir Director and Organist

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SAYS HIGH SCHOOL OFFICIAL WAS 'DREAMING' Cranford top cop denies 'drug bug' plan

Cranford PTA Backs Drug Tipoff At H.S.

Cranford Drug Probe?

Principal's Tipoff Disputed By Chief

CRANFORD — High School Post interrupted morning "I can do nohing rincipal Charles W. Post classes to announce over the student quoted Post poped off students Tuesday to public address system that he no Investigation into alleged had information police were currently trafficking in the school about to launch a probe of drug the benchmark in Planton the unique in the achieval constitutions. officing in the school bound to make a possibly using Ham Cougars clip Westfield 59-53;

Cranford High, **Principal Says**

Police Will Bug

lose to Roselle Catholic 72-55

Varsity bowling

4th quarter rally falls short as cagers bow to E.Orange

Hockey Club action

Westfield, Hillside clip Cougars late in games



Cagers ready to open season next Friday

The Cranford High School varsity basketball team is preparing for another season. The first game will be played next Friday. Dec. 14 at St. Mary's at 8 p.m. Returning from last year's season.



Grapplers boost record to 4 wins

rewarded

Clippers

Cagers beat Roselle Catholic to enter finals for UCT title

CBBL meeting

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Post's Resignation

Great Loss to Cranford High

By Amy Levin

The Board of Education officially accepted without comment the resigna tion of Dr. Charles Post, as principal of our High School on April 16th. It has been learned that Dr. Post has resigned

personal reasons.

The Principal became the subject of over our school public address system on February 12, 1974, that surveillance devices might be installed in the school to crack-down on drug dealers. This statement by Dr. Post, however, was in accordance with a policy on student rights and responsibilities adopted earlier by the Board of Education.

"I have no comment whatsoever", was Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Joshua Segal's statement when asked if a connection existed between Dr. Post's resignation and the "bugging" incident. Thomas White Jr., Board President, also refused to comment on the resignation, stating that it was in accordance with "Board Policy" and also with Dr. Post's wishes.

The Board was criticized at the last public meeting by several citizens and

C.H.S. students. Former Board member Dr. Harry Dougherty commented that 'the Board should be open enough to speak to the public and say something that makes sense. In my mind the that makes sense. In my mind the Board's silence creates all kinds of fantasies, some of which I'm sure are not true. The student Council expressed their gratitude to Dr. Post for his handling of the surveillance issue and upholding of the student rights policy. Dr. Post began his most successful

career after graduating from Ryder Col-lege in 1949. He continued his education, obtaining a Master of Arts degree from Rutgers University, a specialist in education degree from Rutgers and a Doctor of Education degree from

Doctor of Educ Temple University.

Dr. Post joined the Cranford School system as a business education teacher. He furthered his career in Cranford when he was appointed as a guidance counselor, nine years later in 1958. He was named vice-principal of the high school in 1960 and principal on March 16, 1966. The resignation of Dr. Post will go into effect June 30, 1974.

The Spotlight staff would like to dedicate the May issue of the newspaper to Dr. Charles Post.

This tribute is in grateful appreciation for his progressive curricula, responsive administration, and true concern for all students

Board News

By Gary Hausman

The resignation of Dr. Charles Post, principal of Cranford High School, was announced at the Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, April 23. The resignation will take effect on June 30. The only reason given for the resigna-tion was that Dr. Post is leaving for "personal reasons."

Several citizens criticized the Board for not paying tribute to Dr. Post's many years of service in Cranford's public schools. Amy Levin, vicepublic schools. Amy Levin, vice-president of the Student-Council at the High School, and Janice Kuperschmidt, student representative to the Board of Education, both expressed appreciation for Dr. Post's performance during his eight years as principal of the High School.

Ann Hogan asked if the silence of the Board on the issue of the "bugging" of the High School connoted disapproval of Dr. Post's announcement to the students of the possibility of such "bug-ging", made in compliance with a stu-dents' rights policy. Mr. White replied that the answer to this question would be "continued silence."

A slide presentation concerning the Botter decision was shown at the board meeting. This decision, made by the New Jersey Supreme Court, has ruled that the present system of funding for schools is unconstitutional in that it fails to provide a "thorough and effi-cient" education for every public school student, due to disparities in community wealth. Under the present system of funding, the amount of money paid annually per student can differ by as much as 600 dollars from one commu-

other. The court has ruled Legislature has until December,





The One-to-One basketball game held recently raised close to th for mental institutions across the state.

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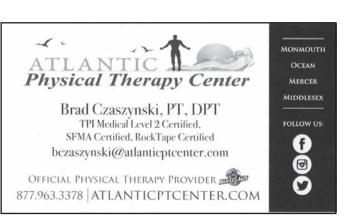


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COUNT THE MEMORIES.

Michael Lerner

A Tribute To the Class of '74

Looking back 50 years from shore, Congrats to the Cougars of '74! Some of you I know since eight, Some from Hillside, That was great.

For others, two years on West End Place,

It seems a blur, that time and space.

But here we are now, looking back,
I have all these friends,
I do not lack,
For memories of simpler days,
simpler times,
simpler ways,

To pass through our youth we did together,

Those halcyon days we'll have forever.

David Greenberg

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