









# Commentary

## Remembering September 11th

To the incredible tragedy and outrage of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, a tiny injustice was added by a quirk of timing. The attacks, of course, occurred on Sept. 11, 2001 — meaning the anniversary will always fall just after Labor Day, just as the political campaign season is getting under way.

It is natural and right that our elected officials will talk about Sept. 11 — they would be derelict not to. But to any politician prone to wrapping himself in the flag — that is, most of them — the temptation to associate oneself, usually undeservedly, with the heroism demonstrated on that day can be great. Combined with the pressure of the campaign season, it can be overwhelming.

The result is a steady stream of political banalities that serves to obscure the meaning of what happened that day rather than amplify it, a string of homilies on the American spirit combined with the mantra, "9/11 changed everything." Members of both political parties have contributed to this phenomenon, but it was perhaps most clearly demonstrated at the recent Republican National Convention in New York City, when some speakers seemed almost wistful for that day and the weeks that followed.

Perhaps it rings false when many politicians talk about Sept. 11 because there is no way for them — or this page, for that matter — to articulate what Americans, and residents of this area in particular, already know: while 9/11 did in fact "change everything," that change was felt more keenly by some. And there should be no way to co-opt the emotional power of their grief for any political purpose or campaign, no matter how well-intentioned.

That day should be remembered not through the elaborate spectacle of political theater, but by way of reflection about the lives that were cut short, the families that were torn apart, and the extraordinary, community-based efforts, some of which are still ongoing, to come to their aid.

A number of low-key remembrance services in the area this weekend recognize that what is needed, more than political rhetoric, is a solemn moment to pause as a community to recognize the losses suffered and sacrifices made, to express gratitude for what we still have, and to ask what more we can do to help those in need.

Americans don't need lectures or speeches about the "American spirit," after all. They're too busy demonstrating it.



Jersey Boy

Mike Deak

## Getting inside the hamster cage

No matter how much I make my brain grunt, I can not conjure any pleasant memories of high school.

It was not the fault of Somerville High School. It was (and is) a great school offering a fine education. It was my fault that those four years were (and are) a vacuum. I never grasped the concept of "high school" and I never quite figured out what my role should be. It didn't help that I was a lumpy-looking, fanny-sounding nerd with too much book smarts and no street smarts. Sure, in the long run I ended up going to a great college and having a semi-respectable job, but I didn't have what is commonly considered the fun of the high school experience. It just was not meant for me.

I think I realized that early on in my high school days, back in the fall of 1970. Just a few weeks after school started, my teeth were liberated from braces and I was picked to serve on something called the Student Grievance Committee on the basis of an essay I had written (a portent for the future when everything good in my life came from my writing ability). But I still couldn't find a comfortable job, but I didn't have what is commonly considered the fun of the high school experience. It just was not meant for me.

I guess that was the reason why I wanted to go to the first football game between Somerville and Immaculata at Brooks Field on Oct. 23, 1970. It was three days short of my 14th birthday. Going to a football game was part of the high school experience; it was a hole in the hamster cage. (It would be easy — at least in teenage time — before I realized the football game was not as important as what happened after the game. I really was a slow learner.)

But it wasn't easy going to a game. I lived in Neshanic Station in the remote southeast corner of Branchburg where you could still hear roosters announce the dawn, so you had to get a parent to make the 20-minute drive, then have the parent either hang around or time a return for the end of the game ("Here's a dime. Call at the end of the third quarter.") So I remember waiting in the frosty penumbra of the streetlight at the corner for Barry Totten (sorry for dragging you into this column, Barry) and his father to pick me up for the drive to the bright lights of Brooks Field.

We knew this was going to be a big game — we even had a pep rally in the gym that afternoon — and there was a deep disdain between students of both schools. I don't know whether the source of that disdain was anything more meaningful than the natural adolescent tendency for artificial rivalry. Or it might have been an unspoken, undefined tension rising from the crazy political currents of the time — the conservative Immaculata versus the liberal Somerville. All I know was that we wanted to destroy Immaculata.

Not surprisingly I remember little of the game, except that Somerville, with one of its best teams in years, had an easy time with Billy Sotter — also from Neshanic Station! — and Dale Robinson running all over the Spartans. I remember having trouble finding my new friend Somerville friends in the towering crowd and having trouble making eye contact with the girls who faintly stared my blood. I felt overwhelmed and slightly lost and when the game was over, I still felt like an outsider because I wasn't walking home like everyone else, but was being driven back to the dark and empty bondocks.

Yet that game remains one of the less unpleasant memories of high school. After all, thrashing Immaculata was always a good feeling, and I do remember thinking, "This is what high school is all about!"

That evening also turned out, through the perspective of decades since, to be a turning point. I realized I would never be the jigsaw piece that completes the picture and that I was always going to be an outsider — a trait, like my writing ability, essential to be a successful journalist — yet, after these years, I still yearn to be in cage with all the happy hamsters.

## Letters to the editor

### Jorn, McDonough bring key skills

To The Chronicle:

As much of the nation's attention is focused on the Presidential campaign, we cannot forget about our local races.

Both George Jorn and George McDonough are excellent candidates who, if elected, will bring a wealth of experience, knowledge and dedication to the Cranford Township Committee.

Jorn's tenure as a former mayor and member of the Township Committee for six years cannot be matched. His recent effort to get a traffic light at South Union and Lincoln Avenues is just one example that demonstrates his concern. And his work with others to untangle the Denny/Morin Cranford Crossing mess without leaving taxpayers open to the liability of an inexperienced developer is commendable.

George McDonough understands public administration. He used to teach it at Rutgers. On the Cranford Planning Board, he's been an advocate for appropriate development who knows the issues and seeks solutions that will contribute more than just tax dollars to Cranford. He's a small businessman who understands what is needed to survive in this economy and is willing to "think outside of the box."

While there is a lot at stake on the national level, the local Township Committee makes important appointments and fills vacancies on the planning and zoning boards. It's a job that requires the kind of experience and dedication both Jorn and McDonough have.

ANDY LANSEY  
Cranford

### Opponent: Freeholders abuse office

To The Chronicle:

I read Kurt Mueller's Aug. 26 letter to the editor that appeared in your paper with great interest. It seemed that Mr. Mueller felt the "free" concert, paid for by taxpayer dollars, was more of a political convention for the Democratic candidates for the Union County Board of Freeholders.

I, a candidate for freeholder on the Republican ticket, attended that concert and agree with Mr. Mueller's assessment.

I also attended the "free" concert in the public park the following week. I came prepared to hand out my palm card just as they did the week before, but I was told by a county official who organized the event that I was not allowed to pass out my literature. I was then escorted from the audience.

The issue of tax dollars being used in campaigns is an obvious offense that is easily masked through the guise of public information and special events. The nine-member Union County freeholder board is made up entirely of Democrats. Their department is nothing less than a campaign headquarters and their war chest is the county coffers.

Using public resources for political gain is outrageous enough. Denying a citizen his free speech rights at a public event in a public park is outright unconstitutional.

There is no balance of power in Union County, and the elected officials are running shipwreck on the public trust.

JOE RENNA  
Cranford

## SATURDAY IS THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEPT. 11 ATTACKS. HOW HAS THAT DAY CHANGED YOUR LIFE?



**JULIUS CARALLO**  
Roselle

People are not going on vacation because of the stress level of traveling and the fear factor of September 11. Personally, I'm nervous about traveling into the city.



**MAUREEN HANSON**  
works in Cranford

Since Sept. 11 the economy has not been the same — we're more cautious with everything, right down to the amount of money we're spending.



**LAURIE CHARKOWSKY**  
Cranford

You don't feel that safety net anymore, and there is a lot of fear and insecurity about the world. You think twice about traveling...and I think Sept. 11 has affected the economy. The terrorists did what they set out to do.



**RAY BRUBIESCA**  
Cranford

My life has changed a lot. When I board a plane, I look at the next guy a little harder than I used to. Before, I would get on the plane and just fall asleep.



**GARY NAGAN**  
Fairwood

I would say there has been no real change (in my life).



**HERB WAY**  
Scotch Plains

Our government has become totally paranoid and there has been a wholesale attack on our First Amendment rights. This kind of behavior dishonors the people who died on Sept. 11 when (the government) makes you live in fear, the terrorists have won.

## Police Log

**CRANFORD**  
An unknown suspect burglarized the Krauszer's convenience store on South Avenue Sunday. When police arrived at 5:14 a.m., they discovered that the front glass door to the store had been completely broken out and \$350 had been taken from the register.

After reviewing the police video, officers identified the suspect as a black male who was dressed all in black, in his late teens or early twenties. Police identified his getaway car as a gold two-door late 1980s model Oldsmobile Cutlass or Chevy Monte Carlo.

Anyone with information about the burglary is urged to call Lt. Steven Wilde at (908) 272-2922.

Anthony Perez, 35, of Brooklyn, was arrested on drug possession charges after police stopped him for making an improper U-turn on Centennial Avenue at 12:29 a.m. Monday.

He was subsequently charged with possession of cocaine.

A 15-year-old juvenile from Plainfield was arrested after police stopped his vehicle on North Avenue for failing to keep right.

He was subsequently charged with driving while intoxicated and driving without a license.

Two juveniles from Newark were arrested Friday after a Park Avenue resident saw them in a neighbor's garage at about 2:54 p.m.

The resident chased the teens, ages 14 and 16, as they bicycled down the street, detaining one. Police caught up with the other juvenile two blocks away. Both were both charged with criminal trespassing.

**KENILWORTH**  
A Union resident reported his vehicle was broken into while it was parked at the Capri Institute on North Michigan Avenue at 12:23 p.m. Aug. 31. He reported that more than \$200 of items were taken.

Michael Henshaw and Donna Catalano, both of Roselle Park, were arrested Aug. 31 at about 3:10 p.m. after police were called to the A&F Supermarket on the report of shoplifters that store employees had apprehended the suspected shoplifters in the parking lot.

Catalano's bail was set at \$2,500 and Henshaw's at \$3,000. They were both transported to the Union County Jail.

**GARWOOD**  
Celmon Cutliff, 44, of Orange was charged with shoplifting after police responded to Pathmark at 2:45 p.m. Tuesday. Store employees detained him, allegedly while he was in possession of \$369 worth of stolen merchandise. He was released pending municipal court action.

## Meyers and Benz join UCC board

CRANFORD — At the final meeting of the 2003-2004 academic year, held in June, the Union County College Alumni Association inducted its new officers and board members.

Catherine M. Meyers '98 of Cranford was named the new president. Nancy Benz '73, also of Cranford, is first vice president, and Gina Caivano '91, of Roselle Park, is second vice president.

Other officers who were appointed include Suzanne Covino '88 of Westfield, treasurer; Gail Ann Dennman '70 of Cranford, corresponding secretary; and Linda Kurilla '89 of Union, recording secretary.

Karen Edwards '84, a resident of Scotch Plains, became a trustee. For more information on the Alumni Association or to learn how to join, contact Sue Marchelitis at (908) 709-7505.

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Volunteers in the Union County nutrition program at the Cranford-Lincoln Senior Apartments include, from left: (back row) Bob Lunsden, Rafael Matos, Doris Lieb, Dorothy Poemner, Joe Yorey and Rose Koundouridis; (front row) Grace Vella, Millie Messersmith and Joe Schellenberg.

## Nutrition program now 10 years old

CRANFORD — The 10th anniversary of the Union County nutrition program at the Cranford-Lincoln Senior Apartments was recently celebrated with fanfare and excitement.

Entertainment was provided by The Happy Tones, and the many volunteers who assist in the program were recognized.

For the last decade, Union County seniors have been invited to Cranford-Lincoln to enjoy

lunch and camaraderie on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The suggested donation is \$1.50 for a full course meal, and reservations can be made by calling (908) 931-0104 one week in advance. Following each meal, there is always some kind of activity or program.

For information on obtaining an apartment at Cranford Senior Housing, call (908) 272-9180. Applications for the Edward K. Gill Apartments will be available in October.

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## Camera club opens its fall season on Monday

CRANFORD — The Cranford Milburn Camera Club kicks off a new season next week, and invites new members to join.

Since 1948, the club has been bringing people together to share their passion and creativity with one another, from the semi-professional photographer to the serious amateur to those just looking for good, sound photo advice.

"Our members range from novice to award-winning photographers," said club President Dave DesRochers. "Some members have been photographing for decades while others started only recently. Regardless of your level of expertise, I believe anyone interested in photography would enjoy meeting us."

"I joined three years ago and have learned more from our members than from any photography course I've taken at local schools."

Members meet twice a month from September to May. The first meeting of the month, held in Cranford, focuses on learning the art of photography. Recent programs have included Understanding Adobe Photoshop, Low Light Photography and the Art of Seeing. This year, the club is planning a few programs that will be of interest to the digital photographer.

A special treat occurs when members give their own presenta-

tions. Past President Ben Venezo's "Desert Dreams" showed stunning shots of his numerous trips to the Southwest. Terry Boyer's "Along the Great Divide" revealed the beauty and majesty of the Rocky Mountains. Members are happy to reveal the techniques used to capture these inspiring images.

"These are not your typical vacation slide shows," said Vice President Jim Kirkakis, who has done shows on the Hidden Long Island and Four Seasons in Central Park.

At the second meeting of the month, members gather in Milburn for the monthly slide and print competition. Most serious amateurs find slides offer the best color saturation and sharpness, so most entries are in slide format. Digital photographers are encouraged to enter prints produced commercially or on their home printer. New Jersey Camera Club Federation judges critique each photo, often giving suggestions on how a photo can be improved. Awards are presented for each competition, and points accumulated throughout the year will determine the club's top photographers.

The kick-off meeting will be held in the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. at 7:30 p.m. Monday. For more information, visit the web site at [www.cmcameraclub.org](http://www.cmcameraclub.org).

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## This week

THURSDAY  
SEPT. 9

**SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND HEALING** — to mark the third anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Sponsored by the Cranford Clergy Council, 7 p.m. at the Cranford World Trade Center Memorial, North Union and Springfield avenues.

SATURDAY  
SEPT. 11

**FALL FISHING DERBY** — for People with Disabilities; an annual event sponsored by The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Newark Boat and Pkwy. Club, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Echo Lake Park, Mountainside/Westfield border. Register at (908) 527-4096.

**SENIOR CITIZENS PICNIC** — presented by the Garwood Lions Club, Noon. The Garwood Baseball League Complex, end of Myrtle Avenue. Free. (908) 654-4977.

SUNDAY  
SEPT. 12

**STREET FAIR** — and Kids Festival and Car Show, eighth annual event hosted by the Garwood Chamber of Commerce. Crafters and vendors now being sought, call (908) 789-1600 or fax (908) 654-1150.

**FAMILY FUN DAY** — hosted by Cranford Alliance Church and the Cranford Child Care Center. At the church parking lot, corner of Retford Avenue and Cherry Street. Noon-4 p.m. (908) 276-1617.

MONDAY  
SEPT. 13

**GOLF OUTING** — 18th annual event to benefit the Linden-based Center for Hope Hospice & Palliative Care. Roselle Golf Club \$150 for the full day, \$60 for dinner only. (732) 244-1044.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF OUTING** — sponsored by the Council 6226 of Cranford, 1 p.m. High Bridge Hill Country Club, High Bridge. \$125 per golfer. (908) 276-6189 or (908) 709-1550.

TUESDAY  
SEPT. 14

**"LARRY'S PARTY"** — book club discussion at the Kenilworth Public Library, 545 Boulevard. 7:15

p.m. Pre-registration recommended at (908) 276-2451.

WEDNESDAY  
SEPT. 15

**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION** — on issues facing modern moms, hosted by Mothers & More, 7:30 p.m. Westfield YMCA, 220 Clark St. (908) 789-8626 or (908) 889-2286.

THURSDAY  
SEPT. 16

**AUTUMN SUNDAY WREATH** — a workshop at Crafty Kitchen/Ben Franklin Crafts in Garwood. 6:30-8 p.m. Advance registration required; call (908) 789-0217 to register or for more details.

FRIDAY  
SEPT. 17

**POW/MIA REMEMBRANCE DAY** — a ceremony sponsored by the county Board of Freeholders, 11:15 a.m. Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad St., Elizabeth. Open to the public. (908) 527-4100.

**PIZZA AND SWIMMING** — an event for single-parent families at the Westfield YMCA. 6:30-8:30 p.m. 220 Clark St., Westfield. \$5. (908) 233-2700. ext. 233.

SATURDAY  
SEPT. 18

**BUS TRIP TO MYSTIC** — sponsored by the Kenilworth Historical Society, to raise funds for the "Restore the House Campaign." \$43. (908) 276-0546.

**HEALTH FAIR** — offering free immunizations at blood tests to Kenilworth residents, plus prostate tests for a fee. Schering-Plough Campus, 2000 Galloping Hill Rd., Kenilworth. 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

**KIDS KINGDOM** — the "Traveling Jubilee" returns to Union County, bringing downy jugs, jigs, pony rides and more. Noon-6 p.m. Nomahegan Park, Cranford. Free admission. (908) 436-2900.

SUNDAY  
SEPT. 19

**RALLY DAY** — and the opening of a new Sunday School at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 213 Center St., Garwood. (908) 789-1285.

**COMING UP** — "EMPIRE FALLS" — a book discussion group at the Cranford Library, 7 p.m. at the library, 224 Walnut Ave. (908) 708-7272.

**GOLF CLASSIC FALL SPECIAL** — 10th annual event to benefit the Church of St. Joseph the Carpenter at the Roselle Golf Club. Sept. 20. \$150 per person. Registration line is Sept. 7. (908) 241-1550.

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**"LADIES: A CONJECTURE OF PERSONALITIES"** — a discussion of the book on America's First Ladies by author Heather Schwartz Foster. Hosted by the Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El. Meckler Chayim. 8 p.m. Sept. 21. 338 Walnut Ave., Cranford. (908) 276-9231.

**"GUERRILLA MARKETING: THE 7-SENTENCE MARKET-ING PLAN"** — workshop presented by the Small Business Development Center of Kean University. 9 a.m.-noon Sept. 22. Kenilworth Veterans Center, 300 South 21st St. \$25. (908) 737-6550.

**TOWN-WIDE LITTER PICK-UP DAY** — in Cranford, sponsored by the Clean Communities Committee. 9 a.m.-noon Sept. 23. Volunteers should sign up by Oct. 8. To register, call the coordinator at (908) 769-7293.

**TRICKY TRAY GIFT AUCTION** — third annual event to benefit the Cerebral Palsy League. Oct. 24. Donations are now being accepted; call Melissa Thorsen at (908) 769-1800, ext. 115.

**ONE-DAY PILGRIMAGE** — to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Oct. 30. Sponsored by St. Anne's Church, Garwood. \$30 per person includes box meal and bus transportation. (908) 754-7422 or (908) 754-7826 or e-mail

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**ART EXHIBITION/AUCTION** — and wine and cheese reception featuring Italian artist Guido Borelli. Caluso. A benefit program for the Kenilworth Historical Society's "Restore the House" campaign. 7 p.m. Oct. 1. Schering-Plough complex, 2000 Galloping Hill Road, Kenilworth.

**OCTOBERFEST** — seventh annual event in Kenilworth. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 10. Along the Boulevard between 18th and 23rd streets. (908) 276-3371.

**PRIDE IN CRANFORD AWARDS DINNER** — presented by the Cranford Chamber of Commerce. 6:30-9 p.m. Oct. 20. Galloping Hill Inn, 325 Chestnut St., Cranford. (908) 272-6114 or (908) 272-8425.

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## Community Life

## Briefs

## Seniors invited to join Choral Singers group

**CRANFORD** — The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department invites Cranford seniors to the Choral Singers group that meets at the Cranford Community Center on Thursdays from 9:30-11 a.m.

The group is under the direction of an accomplished leader who guides the group with piano accompaniment through classic songs, as well as the more popular tunes. Often a drum player looks out to get the group in the mood. At times the group goes "on the road" and performs at various local events.

Group practice will begin today. Call the Recreation and Parks Department at (908) 759-7283 for additional information or to sign up for the class.

## Lions Club to host picnic for seniors

**GARWOOD** — The Garwood Lions Club is busy making preparations for the senior citizens picnic which the organization hosts annually each Saturday after Labor Day. The picnic will take place Saturday, rain or shine, starting at noon at the Lions Pavilion located in the Garwood Baseball League Complex at the end of Myrtle Avenue. Admission is free and open to all seniors in the borough.

The club will serve a full "old-fashioned" picnic menu of hot dogs, burgers, homemade clam chowder, corn on the cob, cake and coffee, beer on tap and soft drinks. A live band will be on hand to provide music for dancing, and a 50/50 raffle will be held.

The event will also include a raffle of prizes. The picnic is a tradition of the club, and the Lions Club is proud to host this event. For additional information about the picnic or membership in Lions International, call Secretary Peggy Briggs at (908) 654-4977.

## Lacrosse team plans car wash fundraiser

**CRANFORD** — The Cranford Girls Lacrosse Association will hold a car wash fundraiser 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 25 at Brian's Auto Body on North Avenue, across from Prosty Freeze. The charge will be \$5 per car and \$8 per van.

## Vendors sought for Christmas Craft Fair

**CRANFORD** — The Ministry of Motherhood (MOM) group of St. Michael's Church is looking for high-quality crafters and vendors to participate in its First Annual Christmas Craft Fair 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20.

The fair will be held in the St. Michael's school cafeteria, located at 100 Alden St. Many local crafters will be in attendance, and a huge sale and a visit from Santa are some of the events planned for the day.

The deadline for applications is Oct. 15. Contact Celeste Kirkakis at (908) 931-9723 for information or an application. The group requests no "fee market-type" items.

## Family Fun Day at Cranford Alliance

**CRANFORD** — Members of the Cranford Alliance Church and the staff and parents of the Cranford Child Care Center will host a Family Fun Day from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday in the church parking lot at the corner of Retford Ave. and Cherry Street.

Along with the International Sports Moon Bounce and Dinosaur Dig, children can also try their hand at a variety of games and crafts. Pony rides with complimentary photos will be available.

All activities are free of charge. Cotton candy, popcorn, snow cones, hamburgers, hot dogs and pizza will be offered for a nominal fee.

Event coordinator, Debbie Santee, said, "As a mother of young children, I am always looking for family activities that are packed with fun at a minimal cost. Months of planning have gone into this event, and I'm sure it will be something everyone will enjoy."

For more information, call the church office at (908) 276-1817 weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

## Hollywood comes to Cranford this weekend

By LAUREN TRAINER  
THE CHRONICLE

**CRANFORD** — For decades, star-struck hopefuls from across the country have flocked to Hollywood to make their name.

But apparently it just a stage in Los Angeles also but a bit of suburbia that holds some allure for Columbia Pictures, as camera crews will roll into the township for two days this weekend to film scenes for an upcoming comedy starring Ashton Kutcher and Bernie Mac.

The stars themselves will also be on hand, filming scenes at Eastman Plaza and other locations around town Saturday and Sunday. Descending upon the town will be only key personnel, and

producer Jenne Topping, so weekend strollers should expect only enough Hollywood glitz to liven up their weekend a little bit.

According to Carol McConaughy, spokesperson for the still-untilled picture, the crews will be filming exterior scenes and aerial shots of the town. They will also be filming key scenes between Kutcher and Mac — one in which Kutcher's character meets an attractive young woman, and another in which Mac convinces Kutcher to give his relationship with his daughter another try.

Topping said that Cranford was chosen because of its small-town beauty and real-life proximity to New York. Kutcher plays a New York stockbroker, so the

train station will come in handy as well. Although the film has not yet been named, it was inspired by 1967's "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" which starred Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn, and Sydney Poitier as Hepburn's romantic interest. The current project, whose working title is "The Dinner Party," reverses the racial dynamic, and features Kutcher as the boyfriend of Mac's black daughter.

"It's sort of the inverse," Topping said. "This weekend's activities will be far from the first time Cranford has been the subject for the big screen. Zach Braff's project 'Garden State,' now showing in theaters, spent some time filming at a house in the township. And several downtown locations made the

final cut of Julianne Moore's recent drama 'Far From Heaven.'"

The upcoming film was Mac's brainchild. After filming "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle" with Topping, he suggested they remake the controversial love story. It has been in production since early June, said McConaughy, with an anticipated release in spring or summer 2005.

The film is directed by Kevin Rodney Sullivan, who also directed "Barbershop 1" and "How Stella Got Her Groove Back." It also stars Judith Scott as Mac's wife, Mac's daughter will be played by Zoe Saldana, who has also starred in "Crossroads" with Britney Spears and "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl."

## Ice cream social at Crane-Phillips House this Sunday

**CRANFORD** — An old-fashioned Victorian Ice Cream Social will open the season at the Cranford Historical Society's Crane-Phillips House Museum 2-4 p.m. Sunday. The program coincides with Grandparents Day, and children of all ages are encouraged to come and bring their grandparents and the entire family for a treat.

Vanilla, chocolate and strawberry ice cream will be served along with baked treats and old-fashioned nut lemonade and iced tea. Costumed doctores will be on hand to give tours of the little cottage and tell visitors about life for a modest family in the Victorian era.

Visitors will also see exhibits about the Phillips family, 19th-century kitchens and the restoration project on the National Register site. The kitchen exhibit in particular gives an important view into the next portion of work to be done on Cranford's American Treasure.

The ongoing restoration project on the Crane-Phillips House is set to continue after an abbreviated fall season. Work to restore the interior of the building to the way it would have appeared in the late 19th-century will continue largely

because of a major grant from Union County by way of its Preservation Trust Fund.

The next part of the project will include moving all support services out of the historic portion of the building into the modern addition built in 1983, creating a late 19th-century kitchen, the heart of the interior restoration, and refitting and redecorating work to accurately reflect the way the charming Victorian cottage would have looked when Henry and Cecilia Phillips lived there.

This step will include installation of period wallpaper, windows and floor treatments and more period furniture, furnishings and artifacts to reflect life in the post-Civil War era.

The museum will close after Union County's annual Four Centuries in a Weekend program Oct. 16 and 17. Packing will start immediately afterwards.

Anyone interested in helping clean, wrap and pack is invited to call Steve and Nancy Price at (908) 497-0791.

The Crane-Phillips House Museum is located at 124 North Union Ave., adjacent to the municipal building.

## Forum begins Sept. 20

**CRANFORD** — "The Readers' Forum," the book discussion group of the Cranford Public Library, will begin its 12th year with a discussion of *Empire Falls* by Richard Russo at 7 p.m. Sept. 20.

Subsequent titles and dates are: *Treasure of Venus* by Shirley Hazzard, Oct. 18; *The All-Time Tracks and Adventures of Lidie Newton* by Jane Smiley, Nov. 15; *Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri, Dec. 13; *The Master Butcher's Singing Club* by Louise Erdrich, Jan. 10, 2005; *Pickup by Nadine Gordimer*, Feb. 14, 2005; *All the Names* by Jose Saramago, March 14, 2005; *A*

*Fine Balance* by Robinowitz Mistry, April 18, 2005; and *Summer of Awareness* by Elizabeth Suszynski, May 16, 2005.

New members are welcome at any time. Sessions start at 7 p.m. and are held in the library's Fridlington Room.

For more information, call the library Reference Department at (908) 769-7272 or e-mail the library at library@cranfordnj.org. The forum schedule can also be found by visiting the library's web page at cranford.com/library and clicking on "Events and Programs."

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## Many activities planned for Assisted Living Week

**PANWOOD** — National Assisted Living Week takes place Sept. 12-18, and The Chelsea at Panwood has planned entertainment and themed events, which are free and open to the public. Visitors are welcome all week.

On Sept. 13 there will be a book signing at 2 p.m. with Donald Weir, author of *The Older I Get... Lighter Verse from a Senior Perspective*. Weir will read excerpts of his poetry about growing old with grace and humor. At 7 p.m. that night, Dr. Joel Simpson will discuss the evolution of jazz through live performances and recordings.

A hearing aid workshop is planned for 10 a.m. Sept. 14 with Erich H. Golden, hearing aid specialist with the Westfield Hearing Aid Center.

Tai Chi will be taught at 11 a.m. Sept. 15, and an Indian heritage workshop will be conducted at 2 p.m. that day focusing on understanding Indian Stereotypes, an interactive program with costumes and instruments.

At 10 a.m. Sept. 16, a "Tea from Many Lands" lecture and tea party will be hosted by Judith Krul-Russ, food historian and tea specialist. Take a trip around the world to discover various tea customs and rituals.

**SPORTS MEDICINE**

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**PRESCRIPTION FOR ARTHRITIC KNEES**

In light of the facts that side effects often limit the use of drug therapy and surgical intervention may be ineffective for mild-to-moderate knee arthritis, the best course of action may be diet and exercise. The Arthritis, Diet, and Activity Promotion Trial (ADAPT), which involved 316 overweight adults with knee arthritis, showed that a combination of diet and exercise is better than either alone at achieving functional improvements in overweight adults with arthritis. The exercise program involved three weekly hour-long sessions that focused on aerobic and resistance training. The diet program was instituted with the goal of maintaining an average 5% weight loss during an 18-month period.

P.S. Both weight loss and strength training help reduce stress on knee joints.

## Open house planned at Ladies Workout Express

**GARWOOD** — Ladies Workout Express, located in Garwood Plaza, invites women from the community to join in celebrating its anniversary. The first open house for the public will be held 3-6 p.m. Sept. 18 and 19. Visitors will have an opportunity to meet the staff and Pilates instructors and win free membership or manicures, receive a free skin care analysis, enjoy healthy food and snacks, get a free spinal screening.

Other prizes include free tanning packages from Garwood's Hollywood Tan.

This event is the last opportunity to sign up with no sign-up fee. Memberships are guaranteed for as low as \$29.95 per month.

Ladies Workout Express of Garwood offers 30-minute circuit training and classes to women only, featuring a full 24-station circuit and 10 different levels of resistance on each piece of equipment.

Cardio activities are enhanced with more calorie burn by interval training with steps and weights, burning as much as 600 to 900 calories throughout the day because of the elevated metabolism.

Members never plateau with LWE, because there are four different workouts that are alternated to keep those muscles guessing.

Ladies Workout Express offers Pilates class once a week on Tuesday evenings from 8 to 9 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Tuesday (with Pilates class 9-9 p.m.) and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

**'Learn' about communicable diseases**

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — LEARN, the League for the Educational Advancement of Registered Nurses will present "Changes in the Prevention of Childhood Communicable Diseases," at 7:45 p.m. Sept. 27 at All Saints Church, 559 Park Ave.

Speaker Marie Kassai, an infection control professional since 1961, is certified by the N.J. Department of Health and Senior Services as an HIV Counselor as well as an infection control. She is a consultant to several agencies and institutions.

LEARN, a not-for-profit professional organization for NJ Registered Nurses, provides eight educational programs on current nursing topics during the academic year. Each offering is approved for continuing education contact hours by the New Jersey State Nurses Association. For more information, is call (908) 272-7239 or (908) 754-0493.

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# Real Estate

## Burgdoff ERA's annual charity gala scheduled for Oct. 21

Burgdoff ERA is currently preparing for its third annual charity event, "Sharing Hope: Exceeding Expectations of New Jersey's Children," benefiting Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Jersey and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Jersey. The black-tie fundraising affair will be held on Oct. 21, at the Venetian located at 546 River Dr. in Garfield. Tickets to the gala are \$65.

"It is a gratifying experience to make a difference in others' lives. And although our sales associates individually volunteer in their respective communities, each year collectively the company supports these two charitable organizations through Sharing Hope," said Pat Hefkamp, president and chief operating officer of Burgdoff ERA.

The Sharing Hope festivities begin at 6:30 p.m., starting with a cocktail hour that includes delicious hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction, followed by dinner with an array of fine desserts. A variety of musical entertainment will

accompany the entire evening. Last year more than \$100,000 was raised at the silent auction, with all the proceeds going toward New Jersey organizations that help children.

"The impact from our fundraising efforts has been both rewarding and inspiring. We read letters from children whose wishes have been granted, and meet volunteers who support and show compassion for children who go through unfortunate circumstances in the legal system."

"It is our responsibility and honor as members of the New Jersey community to share hope with others," said Hefkamp.

Visit your nearest Burgdoff ERA branch office to purchase tickets. Branch offices will also accept gift donations for the Sharing Hope silent auction.

To locate a branch office address or telephone number, visit the Burgdoff ERA web site at [www.burgdoff.com](http://www.burgdoff.com) or contact Mary Joanne Dolahan, marketing administrator/events coordinator,

at (973) 240-5627.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants wishes to children who have a diagnosed illness considered to be life-threatening. A wish is only limited by the child's imagination, says the Foundation, and includes the immediate family living in the same home. Wishes can vary widely — from a specially arranged breakfast with Pooh at Disney World or swimming with the dolphins off the coast of Kona, Hawaii, to meeting a favorite athlete for whom they allow the child and immediate

family a short respite from long hospital visits and difficult treatments.

CASA of New Jersey, Inc., is part of a nationwide, nonprofit CASA network of more than 70,000 volunteers. CASA of New Jersey works to ensure that the state's abused and neglected children in out-of-home placement — some 12,000 each year — can find permanent homes in safe and nurturing environments. Local CASA programs recruit, screen, train and supervise community volunteers appointed by Family Court judges to advocate on

behalf of individual children in foster care, group homes or residential treatment facilities.

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## Improving your home? Keep health in mind

(ARA) — Improvement projects and maintenance activities are part of a homeowner's everyday life. Whether it is a kitchen remodel, a quick application of paint or the installation of new carpet, home improvement tasks primarily focus on aesthetics. Few of us stop to think about the effects spraying up the house may have on our health, and why would we?

It may surprise you to learn that many home repair and remodeling materials can contain hazardous ingredients. That's because new paint or carpet may contain chemicals that have the potential to make you and your family ill. However, by knowing what these chemicals are and how to avoid them, you might be able to improve your health while improving your home.

"Potentially harmful chemicals often times come in the form of VOCs, or volatile organic compounds," says Dr. Kelly Reynolds, an environmental science researcher and public health educator at the University of Arizona. "VOCs are a class of carbon-based chemicals that can be found in the water and air. They rapidly evaporate, and when airborne, combine with one another to create new chemical compounds that have the potential to cause a number of health issues."

According to The American Lung Association, VOCs can cause respiratory, skin and eye irritations; headaches; nausea and even muscle weakness. That's important to remember when you consider that most Americans spend at least 80 percent of their time indoors and that VOCs are typically 10 times higher indoors than outdoors. According to the

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, when VOCs are ingested, as via drinking water, they can cause problems with the liver, kidneys and nervous and reproductive systems, as well as increase your risk of cancer.

**Paint:** When you paint, indoor VOCs can increase even more dramatically. In order to avoid this when shopping for paint, avoid alkyl, oil-based paint. Instead, look for latex, water-based paints marked "low-VOC." Currently, more than 25 brands of low-VOC paints are on the market, and most of the major paint manufacturers have product lines that are "zero-VOC" or "low-VOC." They cost the same as their conventional counterparts and are just as durable.

**Carpet:** Carpet is not necessarily the best choice, health-wise, when it comes to flooring. Wall-to-wall carpeting can harbor dust, dirt, bacteria and mold. And some types of carpet can also emit VOCs and other toxic chemicals. Consider alternatives to carpet such as wood flooring, bamboo, natural linoleum, tile, cork and concrete. Also, try using area rugs. They can create the same "homey" feeling that carpet does, but are much easier to air out and clean.

**Particulateboard:** Used in cabinetry, shelving, countertops, doors and even furniture, particulateboard is one of the staples of home construction and renovation. What can make it unhealthy is the addition of urea formaldehyde resins, a type of harmful VOC. Most types of interior-grade plywood contain urea formaldehyde; however, exterior-grade plywood contains a far less toxic substance. You can easily substitute exterior-grade plywood for interior-grade plywood.

wood for interior-grade when completing interior projects. Or you can purchase particulateboard and fiberboard that doesn't contain urea formaldehyde.

**Ventilation:** Beyond VOCs found in some products, the build up of fungi, mold and bacteria can also negatively affect indoor air quality. Once mold appears, spores may be easily released throughout the house, and can be inhaled. For those who are allergic, inhaling even a small amount can cause headaches, irritation of the eyes and nose, sneezing, skin rash and nausea. Over time, exposure to fungi may cause increasing sensitivity in some individuals. To prevent such irritation, make sure you have adequate ventilation in all rooms. Home air purifiers can be helpful, but work remove all of the pollutants typically found in a home. Rooms that are prone to moisture, including baths, kitchens and laundry areas, should have ventilation fans. Installing a whole-house fan is a great way to increase ventilation throughout the house. Whatever you take, always ensure your heating, ventilation and cooling systems are routinely maintained.

**Drinking water:** When remodeling the kitchen, many people's thoughts on water end with installing a new faucet, decorative faucet. But water can also be a conduit of harmful contaminants. An estimated seven million people become sick each year in the United States from disease-causing microbes in water. Consider installing a water treatment system that can remove VOCs, as well as bacteria, viruses and cysts.

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# Sports

## Cougars charge ahead

After the best football season in decades, Cranford's squad isn't looking back

By CHAD HEMENWAY  
THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — Last year was a season of milestones for Cranford football.

The Cougars clawed their way to an 8-3 record in 2003, including a win in the playoffs before a heart-breaking, late-game sectional semifinal loss to Rutherford.

But the road to improve on the Cougars' best season in more than 30 years will be a rough one.

Cranford meets Mountain Valley Conference foe Hillsdale Friday night before embarking on a brutal inter-conference schedule with no breaks. Linden, Shabazz and Scotch Plains-Panworld follow — not to mention Plainfield and Irvington right at the playoff qualification deadline.

"We beat Linden on the last play of the game last year — the first time we beat them since the early 1980s," said head coach Chris Hull. "We beat Westfield in Westfield for the first time since the 1950s."

Scotch Plains has become the class of the league, and our games with Shabazz have turned out to be a great rivalry we look forward to because we just line up and go after each other."

Hull remains confident in the leadership of his current seniors, who have the experience of 2003 behind them.

"No, we can't afford to stumble coming out

of the gates, but our kids know that and they have a sense of urgency and desire," said Hull. "There's a quiet confidence about this team. They never get too rattled because they've been there before. One thing about this team — they're all gamers and they want to play."

— Chris Hull  
head coach

works hard, and Lester has explosive speed that can burst through the line."

"Leadership isn't a problem," Hull added. "There aren't too many cliques."

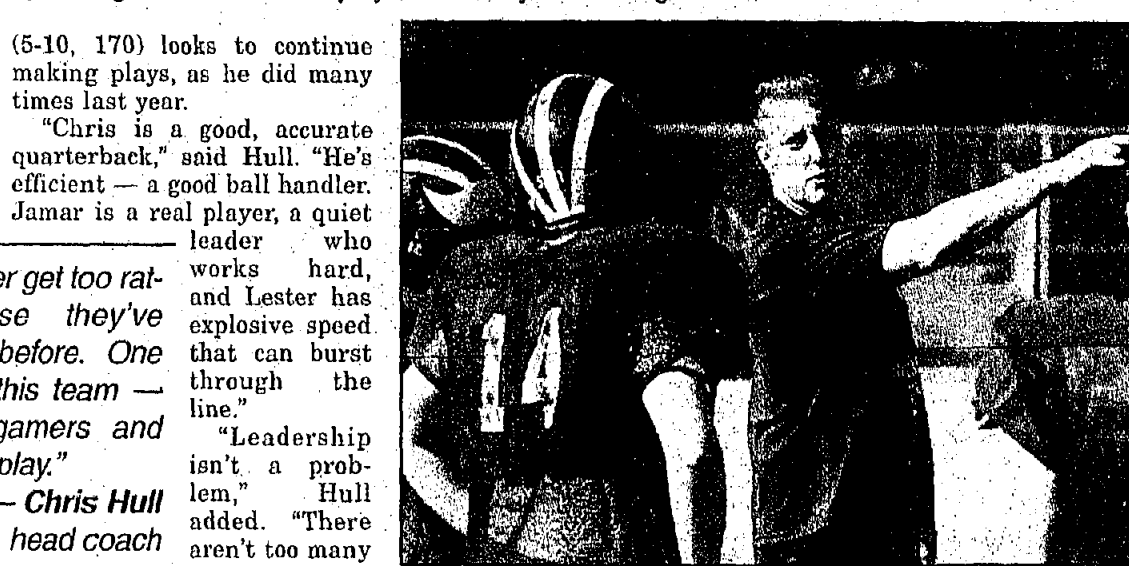
have 18 seniors and whether they start or not, they all lead."

Junior running back Chris Brown is back to share the ball carrying duties as well. Drechsel and Ingram are team captains.

If there is a weakness, it's the Cougars' relatively inexperienced offensive and defensive lines. Tight end Steve Caprio (6-2, 210) and center Dan Lester Manuyag (5-9, 185), a three-year starter, are back as ward off the opposition and



Offensive lineman Steve Coda is working hard during a practice drill, getting ready for Friday's season opener against Hillsdale. Line play will be a key to the Cougars' fortunes this season.



Cranford football coach Chris Hull directs his players at practice.

roaming the secondary.

Caprio will fill the role of linebacker — and maybe more importantly for the Cougars, who lost sure-footed Brian Giannecchini to the University of Rhode Island, kicker.

"Brian" kicked a few into the end zone during practice," Hull said. "He's been hitting extra points consistently as well, and even a couple of 50-yarders."

And Manuyag and Brown look for big hits at linebacker as well, with Drechsel and Ingram

## This year, Bears plan to make deep playoff run

By CHAD HEMENWAY  
THE CHRONICLE

KENILWORTH — In just his third year as head football coach of the Bears, Scott Miller is looking to guide his team to its third straight playoff berth.

The difference is that this year, Miller and his experienced, senior-heavy Bearcats are seeking to make some noise once they reach the Central section, Group 1 playoffs. The past two years, Bearcats have suffered first round playoff losses to Bonton and perennial rivals New Providence.

"We've been focused throughout the summer," said Miller. "We have a lot of seniors on this team who have been with me already for two years — kids that have seen first-hand what it takes. We expect to be in the playoffs, but we won't be satisfied with that."

Bearcats have changed three schools on its schedule from last year in an effort to be tested during the season before the playoffs arrive. Metuchen (2-8 last year), Roselle (1-9) and Butler (10-2) were removed in favor of JFK Islip, Johnson and Wallkill Valley — all Group 2 schools. In fact, five of the Bears' nine games are against Group 2 opponents.

"Hopefully this schedule will allow our program to move forward," Miller said. "We scheduled some quality bigger teams who will really challenge us, because I think the reason we haven't been ready for the playoffs is because we haven't been truly tested during the regular season."

Team captain, quarterback Vinnie Russo, is expected to play a large role in assuring the Bears reach the playoffs again. A starter last year at the position, Russo's improved decision-making skills and accurate arm will be counted on to run the Bears' Multiple option offensive attack.

Anthony Green (5-9, 220) joins Vanderzee and Floyd to make up last year and this year's great job, senior Darron King, who decided not to play football this year. Junior fullback Jake Floyd (5-10, 200), a hard runner and excellent blocker, will look for running lanes between offensive senior linemen Damien Goldrick (6-0, 230), Manny Lewis (5-10, 225) and team captain Drew Vanderzee (5-10, 220).

Receiving the ball for Bearcats will be the Bears' third captain, Nick Mascaro (6-0, 195), Ryan Hoag (5-9, 170) and sophomore John Delman (5-10, 180). Senior tight end Kevin Rodriguez (6-1, 210) will share time with sophomore Eric Schindler (6-3, 190).

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Thursday, September 16, 2004

## Driver apprehended after failing to appear

led to Williamson's death, Lt. Steve Wilde said following its investigation the police department is "viewing the incident as a horrible, tragic accident."

According to the accident report, Pineda's van struck the rear tire of the bicycle while traveling north on Lincoln Avenue, about 10 feet north of South Union. The impact turned the bike into the van, and Williamson was pulled under the vehicle and dragged for nearly 50 feet before being released. The van traveled

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Chris Brown and his teammates couldn't be stopped as Cranford opened its football season on the right note Friday, downing Hillside by a 42-8 margin. See the story in Sports, Page C-1.

Instructor Lisa Bonney led a survival-skills workshop at the Watchung Reservation Sunday, imparting tips on what to do if you ever find yourself lost in the woods. See the story on Page B-1.

## Some concern about special ed. students

By GREG MARY

**THE CHRONICLE**

**CRANFORD** — Local students continued to do well on state standardized tests in the 2003-2004 school year. The performance on the 11th-grade High School Proficiency Assessment especially good, assistant superintendent Joseph Corriero reported to the Board of Education Monday.

On the HSPA, 89 percent of all 11th-graders, including 89 percent of special education students, were deemed "proficient" or better in Language Arts/Literacy, Corriero said. 39 percent of all students scored "advanced proficient," the highest level.

"I call mine as welcome news to local educators, who have made boosting math scores a priority," he said. "However Cranford's results are not though poor, Superintendent Lawrence Feinsold acknowledged after the meeting, "We've had some math scores that have been less than average."

The HSPA results put Cranford ahead of other schools in its District Factor Group (DFG), a classification based on a community's socioeconomic markers, in every category. The results represent improvement from 2001-2002 results, though district officials cautioned against making year-to-year comparisons.

On the Grade Eight

On the HSPA Math test, 95 percent of all students and 89 percent of special education students were proficient, with 40 percent scoring advanced proficient.

and 50 percent proficient in

**LAUREN TRAINOR**

**CRANFORD** — Cranford crossing has been dealt another series of setbacks recently, though it is unclear whether any of the developments will delay the project beyond its anticipated groundbreaking.

Most surprising to local officials was the discovery of approximately 1,200 underground telephone lines leading to businesses and residences.

But downtown property owner John LaCorte said that the information should not seem new.

"I have been telling them for 10 years that it's there," he said of the 3-inch conduit lines that run under the city streets. "We know it because I see it every day. We hit it because I see it."

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Science (37 advanced)

The one area of the results that drew a red flag from some board members was the performance of special education students on the GEPA. 26 percent of those students were scored "partially proficient" or the lowest "qualifying" level. "We were

in Language Arts; 52 percent in Math; and 31 percent in Science. Statewide and DFG results are not yet available for the GEPA, and Cranford's scores were not broken down between Orange Avenue and Hillside Avenue schools.

Responding to questioning from board member Michael


But the numbers scoring "advanced proficient" were much higher in Math, running at or above 30 percent for both general and special education students. DFG results are not yet available.

And Feinsod said later the district is moving "slowly" toward boosting test performance among all special education students. "It's a tough goal, and I wish we

In the inaugural year of the NJ ASK 3, 92 percent of third-graders were proficient or better

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## *Paying tribute to lives lost*

erty values, and add new constraints to building within the zone.

The meeting, which will take place at Ferguson's office Sept. 30, was arranged after the congressman's office sent a letter dated Sept. 2 to FEMA requesting that representatives from the agency meet to clarify some misinformation and explain the purpose and methods of the study.

"In hearing directly from hundreds of the affected residents, as well as members of the town council and the town engineer, it appears that there is a great deal of confusion in the community about this situation," Ferguson wrote to FEMA.

confusion has become an unfortunate theme surrounding the study. In fact, Abby Bird, spokesperson for Ferguson's office, said that the congressman only found out about the study after a Cranford resident wrote complaining about the situation.

FEMA, she said, never informed Ferguson's office. "Unfortunately, we have had this problem in the past, not just with FEMA, but also with other agen-

cies, where we hear about projects and plans through constituents," she said. "When we first heard about this, it was based on a constituent calling our office and expressing their disagreement with the issue. We had not been made aware of this by FEMA."

The meeting's first priority, said Bird, will be to make clear what the changes are to the original flood study, conducted by the agency in 1982.

At the same time, the township is pursuing other courses of

Tuesday, the Township Committee appropriated \$25,000 for consultants Hatch Mott McDonald to compose a technical

study to respond to FEMA's plan. The cost was relatively low, commissioners said, because the consultants had already compiled much of the data from years of working closely with the township.

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