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### CRANFORD VFW'S ANNUAL FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

On Saturday, September 16th, Cranford's VFW Post 335 held its annual flag retirement ceremony, a traditional service to retire a United States flag (Old Glory) when it becomes worn, torn, faded or badly soiled. Representatives from VFW Post 335; Girl Scout Troops 40071, 40113, 40534, 40541 and 40706; Boy Scout Troops 75 and 80; the Cranford Police Color Guard and the Cranford Fire Department were all on hand to pay tribute to "Old Glory".

Numerous Veterans and patriotic onlookers attended the ceremony which featured several Cranford Girl and Boy Scouts who spoke of the history and symbols that make up the American flag as well as the traditional folding and ceremonial burning of the flag that takes place in a retirement ceremony.

The ceremony ensures that an old flag is "retired" with all the honor, dignity and respect befitting our nation's flag. A flag should never be torn into pieces and disposed of in the garbage. The traditional method of retirement is to completely incinerate the flag in a hot but modest fire. There are only a few organizations authorized to retire flags in this method, but there are many drop-boxes in Cranford where an old flag may be placed for donation to such an organization.

Jay Boxwell, Commander of Cranford's Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) Post 335, was the master of ceremonies. "The tradition of retiring a United States flag spans hundreds of years in history. I'm overwhelmed to see such a great number of our community members, especially our youth, come together to learn the history and traditions of our flag and to show respect for such an iconic symbol of our country," said Mr. Boxwell.

Girl Scouts of Cranford in attendance included:

Desiree S., Bridget K., Julia R., Ariadne M., Alice M., Sofia M., Juliana M., Victoria D., and Gabriella C. Troop 75 Boy Scouts in attendance included Joshua S., Reid J., Keith B. and Peter H. Troop 80 Boy Scouts in attendance included Logan D., Frank C., Will H., John S., Michael S., Wesley N., and Lucas C.







### **ABOUT THE GIRL SCOUTS OF CRANFORD**

The Girl Scouts of Cranford boasts over 1,169 Girl Scout Members in 69 troops and Juliette's making it one of the largest non-profit organizations in town. The Cranford Service Unit is a part of the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey (GSHNJ) Council which is part of the Girl Scouts of the USA. If your family is interested in learning more about local Girl Scouts or to find out more information on the Girls Scouts of Cranford, please visit http://www.cranfordgirlscouts.com.

About the Boy Scouts of America

The Boy Scouts of America provides the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training, which helps young people be "Prepared. For Life.®" The Scouting organization is composed of nearly 2.4 million youth members between the ages of 7 and 21 and approximately 960,000 volunteers in local councils throughout the United States and its territories. For more information on the Boy Scouts of America, please visit www.scouting.org; or, to find a local Cub Scout Pack or Boy Scout Troop, please visit https://beascout.scouting.org



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### **CFAS MEMBER KAILYN GRANT RECEIVES FELLOWSHIP**

Cranford First Aid Squad member Kailyn Grant has been awarded a fellowship through The Atlantis Project. The fellowship is specifically for pre-med students, allowing them an opportunity for an intensive program in Europe where students spend 20 or more hours each week shadowing physicians in multiple specialties.

Kailyn, a Senior majoring in biology at Montclair State, is on schedule to graduate early in 3 years. Kailyn started with the Cranford First Aid Squad when she was student at Cranford High school. She soon became an EMT, progressed to Crew Chief and is now serving as President.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! JOIN US TODAY!**

The Cranford First Aid Squad is staffed entirely by volunteers from Cranford NJ and surrounding townships. We have volunteers that provide emergency services as well as administrative volunteers who contribute to fundraising, education and public awareness. If you have ever wondered what it is like to work on an ambulance, to be in the field of medicine or help out the community we would love you to join us. Apply today!

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PTA which works directly with Livingston Avenue School to provide everything that students need to be successful. The cost is \$3 per person. The address is 75 Livingston Avenue, Cranford, NJ. For more information, please reach out to livingstonhauntedhouse@yahoo.com.









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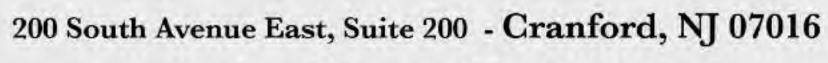
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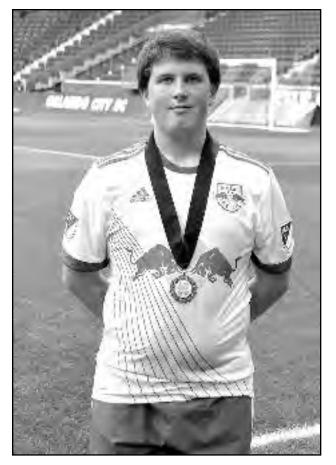


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### **BRIAN CURCI ENJOYS MLS ALL-STAR SOCCER SEASON**

It was a dream summer for Cranford's Brian Curci, who was selected by Special Olympics New Jersey to represent the New York Red Bull's at the Major League Soccer (MLS) Unified All-Star game in Chicago.

Sponsored by MLS, Special Olympics, and ESPN, the Unified All-Star game brings together representatives from all 22 MLS cities around the



country - one from each team, along with a Unified partner.

Curci, representing the Eastern Conference, proudly wore his #8 uniform as he took the field at Toyota Stadium, home of the Chicago Fire. The hard-fought match, streamed live on ESPN 3, ended in a 2-2 tie.

Curci played striker while his Unified partner, Jake Mulcahey, a senior at Cranford High School, played defense.

The four-day trip began with training at the Chicago Fire facility with a team welcome dinner, where members of both teams had a chance to meet.

The second day, the All-Stars traveled to iconic Soldier Field to watch the professionals train, getting an up-close look at one of the greatest teams in the world, Real Madrid, during their training session.

Later that day, it was time for the Special Olympians to take the field for the MLS Unified game, which was played to a an exciting 2-2 tie, followed by a team dinner at the stadium.

The following day, both teams and their families returned to Soldier Field for the MLS All-Star game where Real Madrid edged the MLS squad in a penalty kick shootout in front of the largest crowd to watch soccer in the history of the stadium.

The first class experience included each player receiving a full uniform imprinted with their name, which was hung up along with a name plate in the locker room.

They also received training shirts and their post-game medals from Chicago Fire professional players.

Curci and Mulcahey are also members of the New York Red Bulls Unified team, which played two games against teams from other MLS cities. On August 12, the Red Bull's hosted Orlando SC at Red Bull Arena, coming away with a 3-1 win. Curci recorded an assist on the first goal.

The Red Bulls Unified then had another great experience, flying to Dallas, Texas where FC Dallas edged New York 5-3. The three-day weekend included a tour of downtown Dallas and the opportunity to create care packages for the victims of Hurricane Harvey.

"I really enjoyed playing with my teammates and meeting new people," said Curci. "Playing in the All-Star game and then with the Red Bulls was a dream come true."

Curci, a 2017 graduate of Cranford High School, was a 3-year varsity letter winner in tennis and also earned varsity letters in basketball and swimming. He was also the team manager for the varsity soccer team for two years.

A Special Olympian for ten years in basketball, soccer and tennis for the New Jersey Hawks, Brian recently captured his third consecutive gold medal in Unified tennis at the SONJ spring games held at the College of New Jersey.

Brian has become an All-Star in so many ways, and continues to represent not only Special Olympics, but his community with pride.

### **ESTABLISHING, REVISING AND ENFORCING TIME-SHARING WITH CHILDREN**

By: James McGlew II, Esq.

In all cases of divorce or separation where children are involved, the issue of time-sharing (previously referred to as "visitation") is a significant issue to be addressed. Unless the parents have agreed to an equal shared custodial arrangement, an appropriate schedule of time-sharing is particularly important for all those involved: the custodial parent, the non-custodial parent, and the children.

Determining a schedule of time-sharing with the children is sometimes resolved between the parties. However, in those cases where the parties are unable to do so, the Court will order mediation in an attempt to resolve the issue. If the mediation is unsuccessful, the Court will (and has the authority to) determine the time-sharing schedule which will be binding on all involved.

Traditionally, time-sharing consisted of alternate weekend overnights for the non-custodial parent, a division of legal and religious holidays, extended time during the summer, and perhaps one evening per week for dinner. Recently, time-sharing schedules have become more flexible with non-custodial parents demanding (and receiving) more time with their children. Busy work schedules for the parents and academic and activity schedules for the children demand a more fine-tuned approach to time-sharing.

When discussing this issue it is important for all involved to have an understanding of how it will work in real life. Individuals who use terms that state "time-sharing shall be reasonable and liberal" or "as the parties may agree" find that disputes almost always arise in the future. Specificity as to which days and nights the children will be with which parent, times for pick-up and drop-off, birthdays and holidays all need to be included in the schedule together with an acknowledgment that flexibility in scheduling is in everyone's best interest.

Over the course of time as children become older or as parents

relocate, there may need to be changes to the existing time-sharing schedule. When the parties mutually agree to modify the existing time-sharing schedule, the revised schedule should always be in writing preferably in the form of a Court Order to ensure there are no misunderstandings in the future. If the parties cannot agree to modify the existing time-sharing schedule, the matter is best handled by a Court-approved mediator before resorting to filing papers with the Court.

Family lawyers also confront the situation where there has been a refusal to comply with the existing time-sharing schedule or direct interference with the custodial rights of a parent. Interference can be anything that frustrates the parent's right to spend meaningful time with their children. New Jersey law provides remedies in the event the Court finds that there has been a frustration of, or interference with, the timesharing schedule. The Court has a great deal of latitude to correct such a situation including, but not limited to: (a) ordering "make-up" parenting time; (b) requiring the parent who has interfered to pay any costs which may have resulted from the interference; (c) modifying the time-sharing schedule temporarily or permanently; (d) changing which parent shall be responsible for transporting the children for the scheduled time-sharing; or (e) requiring the parent who frustrates the time-sharing schedule to perform community service. Judges are firm believers in compelling enforcement of Orders regarding the relationship between parent and child.

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Each October, the Fire Service promotes fire and life safety initiatives during Fire Prevention Week throughout the country. Fire Prevention Week was proclaimed in 1920 by President Woodrow Wilson to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 which claimed hundreds of lives and destroyed over 17,000 structures. This year's theme is "Every Second Counts – Plan 2 Ways Out". It stresses the importance of having a building plan for your home and your place of work. The casualty rates of fires are frequently linked to inadequate exists, or simply the lack of attention to alternate exits. The Fire Department recommends the following;

- Find two ways out from all points of your home and place of work.
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In the coming days, the Fire Prevention Bureau will be visiting the Township Schools to conduct fire safety education programs for various age groups. Lieutenant Matthew Lubin, who directs fire prevention, risk reduction, and code enforcement, stresses the importance of proactive public education programs. "In Cranford, Fire Prevention is a year-round initiative across all age groups and risk populations." The Cranford Fire Prevention Bureau conducts programs from Kindergarten through High School and also has programs to help train employees and occupants of business, industrial, and special-hazard occupancies. In addition to the school programs, the Fire Department will have a fire prevention display at the Fall Downtown Street Fair.

125th Anniversary of the Fire Department
The Cranford Fire Department will be celebrating its 125th Anniversary on Sunday,
October 15th from 11 am to 5 pm at the municipal lot on Springfield Ave next to the fire house. Also Springfield Ave will be closed between North Ave and N. Union the day of the event to display the fire and emergency rescue vehicles. The event will feature a dozen food trucks, live music by the band Mushmouth, the Union County Police and Fire Pipes and Drums, interactive kids zone, face painter, historical

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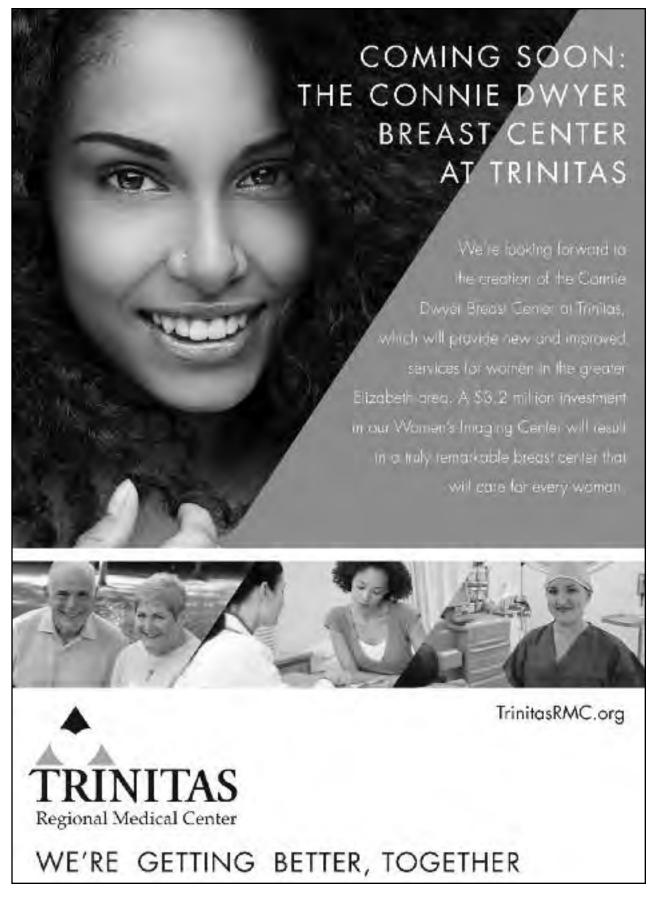
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### HEARTS FOR EMMA HAVING 5TH ANNUAL GALA FUNDRAISER

Hearts for Emma, a 501(c))3 NJ non-profit corporation, is having a 5th annual gala fundraising evening featuring cocktails, dinner, live music from the high-energy party band Mission Dance, dancing and a silent auction on Saturday November 18th, 2017 at the Westwood in Garwood, NJ.

Hearts for Emma was founded by Cranford residents Mark and Nancie Rothman after their daughter Emma received a lifesaving heart transplant at age 12. Hearts for Emma provides assistance to families of children with heart disease and supports educational initiatives relating to heart transplantation and organ and tissue donation. Hearts for Emma has provided meals, toiletries, care bags and other supportive measures to families whose child was a patient in the hospital's cardiac intensive care unit.

Hearts for Emma co-founder Nancie Rothman stated, "When our daughter received her heart transplant, we were so grateful to have had the support of our family and community to help us through what was the most difficult time in our lives. Hearts for Emma was founded to help us live everyday with purpose and to give back. Our gala fundraiser will be a wonderful evening and a way to support a great cause. We invite anyone interested to contact us for information and tickets."

For more information, email info@heartsforemma.org or visit www.heartsforemma.org



### **GET READY FOR THE SCARECROW STROLL**

In a few weeks, the sidewalks of downtown Cranford will once again be taken over by wild, crazy and funny scarecrows. The annual Autumn tradition kicks off on Wednesday, Oct. 25 with close to 100 scarecrows made by residents, businesses, clubs, schools and organizations.

The Scarecrow Stroll's fantastic creations will remain on display through November 5 and everyone is invited to vote for their favorites. Ballots mailed to every Cranford home and also available at participating businesses, Community Center and Library. When you finished your stroll and voted drop your ballot in the bright orange mailbox in Eastman Clock Plaza.

"The Scarecrow Stroll is great fun but more importantly, it is an event that involves the public and businesses working together. These creations, which are on display on every downtown street, draw people from many other towns. Last year, the event attracted visitors from 84 different towns in NJ, NY and Pennsyvania" said Kathleen Miller Prunty, Downtown Director.

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Written by Don Sweeney, Research by Lt. Col. Steve Glazer (ret.), Cranford Historical Society

As our quest continues to tell the story of our 86 hometown heroes we search the internet for the missing pieces of the puzzle that completes the picture that we have committed to paint each month. Sometimes our job is made easier when we get a call from a friend or family member of one of our honorees that has heard about our work. This month we received one of these calls.

Maria Vassallo reached out to our parade committee and identified herself as the niece of Nicola (Nick) Vassallo, the 71st on our list of 86. Amazingly she told us that her dad, Nick's brother, John Vassallo 89 years old, is alive and well and living in Cranford. She went on to also tell me that Nick's twin sister Anna Shultz (Aunt Dolly) age 96, is living in a care facility in Fanwood, and the family patriarch Daniel (Dan) Vassallo had just celebrated his 100th birthday and is living in Roselle Park, she said he has the mind of a man half his age. I asked if it would be possible to get them all together for a conversation and a chance to reminisce about their memories of their departed brother. She said she would set it up.

Maria asked if I had any information yet about her uncle. I shared the information that we had on file at the Cranford Historical Society from The Cranford Chronicle from October 24, 1946. The headline read "Marine dies in auto accident". I heard Maria relay this information to her dad John, who sat beside her. I could hear his outrage the background, her tone changed immediately. "My uncle Nick did not die in a car accident". Their family, you see, had been telling people for 71 years that Uncle Nick died in an accident with artillery. I asked if the family had any document from the Marines that would help us rebut the news clip that we held. She said she would check the family archives and hopefully bring it to our meeting.

Two weeks passed as I was on vacation in New Orleans. What I didn't know about New Orleans was that it was the home of the new National World War II, D-day Museum. It was like my two-day training for a man writing the stories of 57 World War II heroes. After 10 hours of the most powerful museum experience of my life, I found myself energized to return home and complete the stories of our WWII heroes.

On Saturday morning I arrived at the Roselle Park home of Dan Vassallo and was introduced to him and his little brother John, age 89, a retired mortgage banker and a Georgetown University graduate. John was going to lead the group as he sat holding a photo album and a couple of yellowed pieces of official looking papers. John was very happy to be holding the hand-written letter that they received from Nick's commanding officer explaining the nature of the accident that took his brother's life. He got right down to business. He said "I think you were looking for this letter, this is the explanation of the accident that will clear up any doubt about Nick's death."

I was so happy to see that.

As we chatted the door opened and a woman walked into the living room. I extended my hand and introduced myself and told her I was here to write a story about Nick. She said "I knew him well." Her niece Maria said laughingly, "she should, she was his twin sister." We all laughed.

Since everyone was there we moved around the dining room table and everyone started sharing their memories of their brother Nick that they grew up with at 93 Winans Ave. Cranford.

I asked if they could tell me what they remembered about Nick as a young man. The little brother John took the lead. He said Nick was a very affable young man with many friends. He was a much disciplined, organized and an exceptionally clean young man. Always groomed to the highest level and said by many to have movie star good looks. Aunt Dolly chimed in, "he was immaculate!" Her siblings all agreed and laughed. They said he really looked great in the Marine uniform. He was the first family member to enter the service, soon followed by Dan to the Army and then by the baby brother John to the Marines as well. There were eight children in the Vassallo household, a first generation Italian family. Their father was a hard working machinist at Watson-Stillman, a hydraulic manufacturer in Roselle, the oldest Dan followed in his father's footsteps. John told me about half the family speaks Italian fluently but all can understand their parents native language.

John went on to explain Nick's passage through the war, up to his death at age 25 on October 15, 1946. After graduation from Cranford High in 1941 he immediately joined the American war effort with the Marine Corps. Shortly after completing boot camp training at Paris Island, South Carolina, and sea school, he was shipped off to the European theater on the USS Savanna, a light cruiser, in the Atlantic fleet. He participated in four battles including amphibious landings in North Africa, Sicily and Salerno. Ironically Salerno was the birthplace of both his parents. In the battle of Salerno on September 11, 1943 his ship was struck by 2 Fritz X radio controlled glider bombs (as seen pictured), the pride of the German's new technological war tool chest. Of approximately 850 men on board, 9 officers and 195 marines and seaman perished in the attack. A 30-foot hole was blown into the side of the ship's #1 gun turret. Amazingly in 2 hours the USS Savanna continued the gun battle. Go to http://ww2today.com/11th-september-1943-usssavannah-hit-by-german-glider-bomb for more history of the battle of Salerno and the strike on the USS Savanna.

Nick returned to the states in 1944 and was stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C. and served as an instructor at the Officer Candidates School and later enrolled himself into Officers Candidates School in Quantico, Virginia. The school was

disbanded 5 months later due to the end of the war. He was shortly after honorably discharged.

After only being home for a short time, Nick felt the call to return to service with the Marines and reenlisted in 1945 for a second term and was assigned to the prestigious Marine headquarters in Washington D.C. at 8th and I Street, as a courier. His brother John felt it was because of his professional demeanor and the way he carried and presented himself. While there he was reunited with his platoon and took part in the dedication of the Iwo Jima Memorial. He remained there for 9 months before being shipped to Camp Pendleton, California, and thence to Pearl Harbor, Guam, Japan and finally to Tientsin China the main Marine Base in the far east. Although the official end of the war in the Pacific Theater ended with the surrender by Emperor Hirohito on board the USS Missouri, communist activity in China under Mao Tse-tung and the impending Chinese Civil War drew the attention of the American military in the area.

It was while in China that Nick met his end. The letter from the commanding officer that his brother John held in his hand, told of the accident that took his life. While moving an artillery cannon from a storage garage and attaching it to a truck, the gun rolled free and Nick was crushed between it and the truck. Very shortly afterward he died. While I can say I see where they could write that his death came from an auto accident, I certainly thought more of an explanation needed to be written about the incident. In any case, it shouldn't have been the headline of his obituary. I am happy to write a new headline to Nick's story today. I'm only sorry it took 71 years to do. An interesting statement from his younger brother John that gave me some perspective was this: "I don't know if you know this Don, but a platoon Sergeant in the Marines was a big thing then and it's still a big thing now."

Nick had become a very religious man throughout his time in the Marines. He served as a deacon of sorts and was said to have celebrated mass the morning of his death. John inserted an interesting fact, Commander Francis Don Kelly, director of the Chaplain Corps of the U.S. Marines, who had worked closely with Nick arranged for a very unique preservation of his remains. A vacuum sealed glass tomb was created and prepared that will preserve the body for over 100 years. He was buried in that tomb at St. Gertrude's Cemetery in Colonia, NJ.

Nicola Vassallo was a great American and one of our Cranford86.

If you know anyone with information about one of our Cranford86 we encourage you to come forward. The stories come alive with the personal accounts that friends and family bring to light, call or text Don Sweeney at 908-447-6511 or email at djsween@aol.com.

See all the stories and the complete list of our hometown heroes on Facebook at cranford86.

### **NICOLA VASSALLO PHOTO ALBUM**



(above) Sergeant Nick Vassallo US Marines. One of Cranford's 86



(above) Sergeant Nick Vassallo (r) and Cranford friend Tim Korner (I).



(above) Sergeant Nick Vassallo US Marines.



(above) The USS Savanna shortly after being struck by a radio controlled aerial missile during the battle of Salerno.

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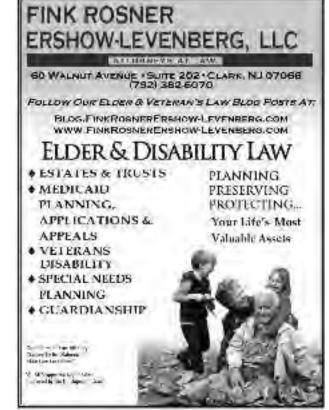


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RSVP to cranfordchamber@comcast.net or call 908-272-6114.

### Truckfest

Wednesday, October 18th - 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. CEC Research (Parking Lot), 16 Commerce Drive, Cranford

There will be three food trucks from local vendors, who will offer a variety of lunch items. Come and join us for a relaxing lunch on the lawn.

### **Fall Festival**

Sunday, October 22nd - 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Downtown Cranford

Vendors, food, music and much more. Come and join us for a fun filled day.

### **Night Networking**

Tuesday, October 24th - 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Kilkenny House - 112 South Avenue, E. Cranford Complimentary appetizers, cash bar. RSVP to cranfordchamber@comcast.net or call 908-272-6114.

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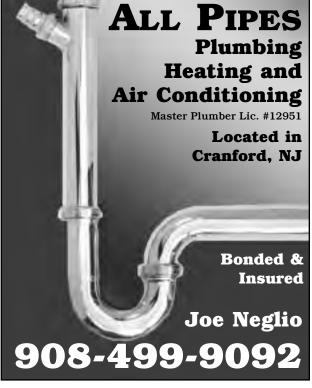
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The contest is open to all ages with cash awards blankets for the show on a giant screen. for funniest, scariest, and most original in age groups 4-8, 9-12, 13-17 and 18-adult. Drop off before the event or the day of event at Hanson your carved pumpkins 10 - 3 pm at Hanson Park, 38 Springfield Ave, Cranford on Saturday October 21st along with a completed registration form.

on their own pedestals along the lighted garden Park Conservancy, Cranford Jaycees, and The pathways of Hanson Park, from 6-9 pm. In Friends of the Cranford Public Library.

The Great Pumpkin Carve Out is a carved addition to the stroll, the 1954 camp classic altered giant ants to Cranford, so bring you

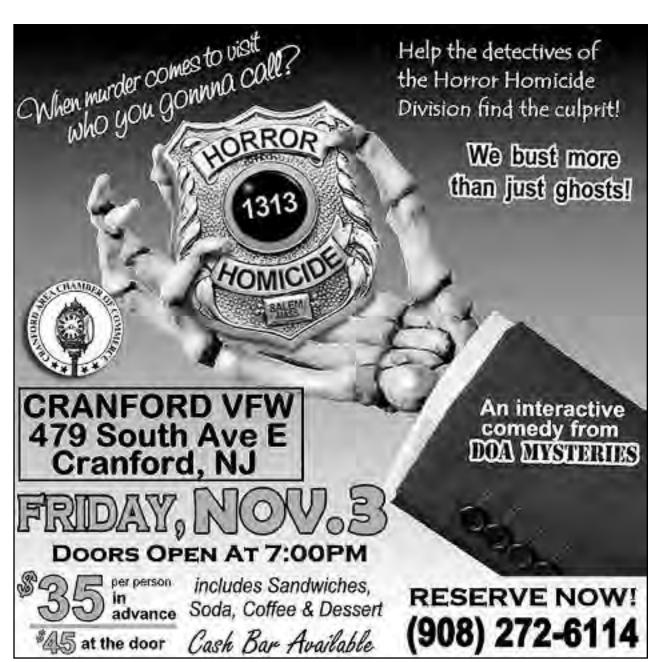
> Registration forms are available at jcas.org House from 10am - 3pm. Pumpkins can be picked up after the event.

This is a free event for the public made The carved pumpkins will be displayed at night possible by Jersey Central Art Studios, Hanson

### **ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE SET FOR OCT. 29**

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department in partnership with the Cranford Jaycees are sponsoring our 17th Annual Halloween Parade on Sunday, Oct. 29. Gathering and registration will begin at 1 p.m. in the parking lot at the Cranford Community Center. Judging will start at 1:30 p.m. The parade will begin at 2 p.m. at the Cranford Community Center. It will continue west on Walnut Avenue, north across South and North Avenue, up North Union Avenue, across Alden and end at the Gazebo in Parking Lot #1 (near the Fire Dept.). Don't miss the Pumpkin Chunkin at 2:30 p.m., followed by the awards presentation. Awards will be given out for Best Costume in the following age groups: 0-

3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11, and 12-16. Other categories include: adult/child team, group, handpulled mini floats and pets. Please enter only 1 prize category per person (or creature). Parade escorts include the Cranford High School Marching Band, Cranford Police Department, Cranford Fire Department, and the Cranford Emergency Squad. The Halloween Parade and Pumpkin Chunkin, now in its 16th year, has become a Cranford tradition. This is a great family event that the kids are guaranteed to love. Please be sure to bring out your little ghouls and goblins for the parade or just come down to cheer them on. For questions, please contact the Cranford Recreation Department 709-7283.





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## RETIRED & SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Nathalie Garcia of Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey will conduct an information session about the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) on Thursday, October 19, at 2:00 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. The Cranford Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue. RSVP is for volunteers 55 and older. Come learn about volunteer opportunities.

For more information, contact Ms. Garcia at 908-352-8375 or by email at ngarcia@jfscentralnj.org.

Admission to the session is free and all are welcome. Registration is not required. The session, which will last about an hour, is being hosted by the Cranford Public Library.

### **5K MONSTER DASH**

To Benefit Project Home of Cranford

Project Home of Cranford will be hosting a 5K Monster Dash on Sunday October 29, 2017 in Nomahegan Park starting at 9:00 a.m., and a 1-Mile Family Fun Run starting at 8:30 a.m. Runners and walkers are welcomed to run or walk in costume. There will also be a collection of non-perishable foods at the race to help stock the Cranford Family Care pantry.

A free t-shirt will be given to all those who register by October 8, 2017. For registration and race information, visit our web-site: https://www.cranfordprojecthome.org.

All the profits from this event will go to help Cranford Family Care, a local charity that assists Cranford families in need.

To help defray the cost of this event we are looking for local businesses interested in being sponsors.

If you would like to become a sponsor or donor or would like to find out more about Project Home and our mission please email us at info@cranfordprojecthome.org, visit us at www.cranfordprojecthome.org and Like us on Facebook at

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T.J. Pridell of ReferenceUSA will present a seminar on ReferenceUSA on Wednesday, October 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. Admission to the program is free and all are welcome. Registration is not required.

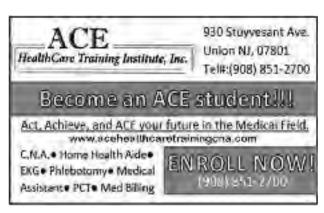
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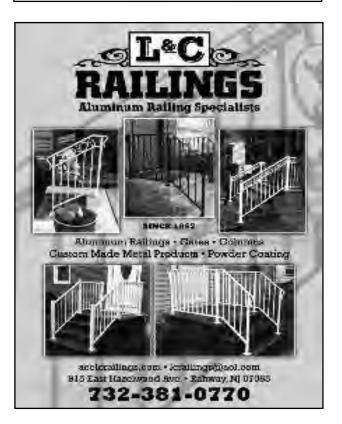
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"The musical is like a Jazz Age take on Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream; a potent cocktail of an all-night party in late 1920s Manhattan," says director Sean Lough. Adapted from a book-length poem written in and about the Roaring Twenties, The Wild Party tells the story of one wild evening in the Manhattan apartment shared by Queenie and Burrs, a vaudeville dancer and a vaudeville clown. In a relationship marked by vicious behavior and recklessness, mirroring the times in which they live, they decide to throw a party to end all parties. As the guests arrive, we meet an assortment of people living on the edge. Queenie and Burrs set out to make each other jealous, but Queenie begins to fall in love with her conquest named Mr. Black. After a long night of decadence, Burrs' jealousy erupts and he comes to a violent end at Mr. Black's hand. In the

In Andrew Lippa's The Wild Party, decadence stark light of a new day, Queenie moves out into a brighter world, although not necessarily a brighter future, leaving the passed-out revelers in her wake. An award-winning score by Andrew Lippa provides excitement and drive for this tale of passions out of control. Capturing the sound of a bygone era with a nod to the present one, he makes us realize that moral decadence is not only limited to our past.

> "We were blown away by the local talent at auditions", Lough continued, "this piece has a white-hot jazz score played to perfection by Jack Bender's smoking-hot eight-piece band — and every role needs a real triple threat: someone who can sing like Idina, dance like Chita and act like Streep. We have amazing local talent from Cranford, Westfield, Fanwood, as well as New Brunswick and Queens. If you love film noir or suspense thrillers, Wild Party is the perfect musicalization of the dark themes that make those genres so emotional. And yet it's as fun and fearless as anything being written for the theater today."

> The production will run from October 13 through October 28 at the theatre's 78 Winans Ave home. Additional information about the show and how to get tickets can be found by visiting www.cdctheatre.org.

### **CENTENNIAL VILLAGE UNVEILS ART MURAL**

The Centennial Village Group in Cranford unveiled a new art mural on Saturday, September 16. This life sized drawing is the result of over a year's worth of collaboration by and support of

the local community, artists, and businesses. The mural is located on the side of the Butcher Block (209 Centennial Avenue), a staple business in the



(above) Cranford artist Bea Tobolewski stands in front of the Centennial Village mural, a reproduction of her original acrylic painting.



(above l-r) Nicole Boscanno as Kate, Shane Long as Burrs, Colleen Renee as Queenie and Phil Solomon as Black.





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The PAL Basketball Program under the direction of Program Director John Frieri has announced the try-out schedule which is listed below. Any questions regarding the try-out process should be directed to Mr. Frieri at 908-272-6279. All try-outs shall occur at the Orange Avenue School Gymnasium at the below listed dates and times. Once an applicant has been accepted onto a team (after try-outs), parents will receive an email with sign-up and registration procedures.

4th grade girls: Thursday October 12th 6PM-7PM / Wednesday October 18th 6PM-7PM 5th grade girls: Friday October 13th 6PM-7PM / Thursday October 19th 6PM-7PM 6th grade girls: Tuesday October 10th 6PM-7PM / Monday October 16th 6PM-7PM

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Lastly, the Cranford PAL Wrestling Program will began sign-ups online at www.cranfordpal.org beginning October 1st, 2017. Wrestling Director Kevin Murray is joined by Coordinators Andrew Hooey and Rob Kanterman to begin the 2017 winter season.

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The Cranford Historical Society's Crane-Phillips House Museum will once again participate in Union County's annual program, "Four Centuries in a Weekend." As well as viewing Cranford's historic "little house', Crane-Phillips, visit us to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the Cranford Historical Society. For 90 years, the Society has worked to "preserve and perpetuate" the history of our town.

View many of the historic archives, photographs and memorabilia which the Society has collected and preserved throughout the years. During the weekend-long celebration, the Society will be handing out 90th Anniversary Celebration stickers for the Four Centuries Passbook. In addition, visitors will receive 90th Anniversary pencils.

Founded in 1927, the Cranford Historical Society's mission is to preserve and perpetuate the history of Cranford. For more information, visit our website at **www.cranfordhistoricalsociety.com**.

This program is made possible by a Union County HEART Grant.

### **CONSTITUTION WEEK**

Submitted by: Mary Leonard

Mary Leonard, NJ State DAR Constitution Week chairwoman, collected books appropriate for the grammar school level at a recent DAR Fall Conference held in Princeton, NJ on September 16th. These books were donated to St. Michael's School in Cranford, NJ. Mrs. Sandy Miragliotta, Principal, graciously accepted the books on behalf of her students and teachers. Mrs. Miragliotta mentioned that during the week of Sept. 17 to the 23 she has been sharing stories about the US Constitution with the students during morning announcements.

Constitution Week is celebrated every year from September 17th to the 23rd. The tradition of celebrating the Constitution was started by the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1955 the NSDAR petitioned Congress to set aside a week in September to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week. A resolution was later adopted by the US Congress and signed into public law on August 2, 1956 by President Dwight Eisenhower.

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution is a volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, historic preservation, and education via commemorative events, scholarships and educational initiatives. Constitution Week is celebrated across our nation with support from approximately 3,000 DAR local chapters.



(above l-r) Mary Leonard and Mrs. Sandy Miragliotta, Principal St. Michael School.

### DAISY TROOP HELPED THE ANIMAL RESCUES **OF HURRICANE HARVEY**

supplies were donated to St. Hubert's for the animal rescues they took in that were affected by

Cranford Daisy Troop 40967 organized a Hurricane Harvey in Texas. The Troop would like collection of pet supplies in September. The to thank Pet Supplies Plus in Garwood for contributing numerous items toward the Troop's efforts.



### **JACOB KOVOLISKY TO AID IN PR HURRICANE DISASTER**

Jacob Kovolisky (CHS class of 2010) was deployed on September 26th with the National Forestry Service to Puerto Rico, as part of the NFS hurricane emergency crew. Jacob, who works as a wild land fire fighter for the NPS, will be clearing debris, and aiding in other relief efforts. He will be stationed in PR for up to 30 days.



(above) Jacob Kovolisky pictured with proud Mom (Kathleen Schulman)



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### **CRANFORD HIGH SCHOOL OPENING GALA**

The Cranford High School Performing Arts Department will present its annual Opening Gala Concert on Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. The event is free and opened to the public.

The concert has become a back-to-school tradition in Cranford and provides parents and the community a first look at the performing groups for the coming year.

The concert features first performances from the CHS Concert Choir, Madrigal Choir, and newly formed co-ed a cappella ensemble, as well

as the CHS Performing Arts Academy Dancers and Actors, the CHS Jazz Band and Cougar Marching Band.

The CHS spring musical production will also be announced. "Over the years, parents and community members have said this is one of their favorite concerts of the year, because they get a little taste of everything we do," said Anthony Rafaniello, the new Supervisor of Fine & Performing Arts for Cranford Public Schools.



(above) The Cranford High School Concert Choir rehearses for their performance at the high school's Opening Gala Concert.



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### ARTHUR MURRAY DANCE CENTER EXPANDS

On Friday, September 8th, Team Arthur Murray Kartashov officially held the Grand Opening of their new location in Hillsborough, New Jersey. With food, drinks, a ribbon-cutting ceremony, and, of course, a lot of dancing, it was a grand affair as students and staff of both Cranford and Hillsborough locations came to help celebrate.

Hillsborough Township did its part to welcome Arthur Murray as well. Several prominent members of the city, including Mayor Carl Suraci and Business Advocate David Kois, joined the celebrations and helped cut the red ribbon with franchise owners Danila and Nuria Kartashov.

"A big thank you to the Hillsborough area for welcoming us here," Danila said. "We are looking forward to changing lives through dancing."

This is the second Arthur Murray location opened by Danila and Nuria Kartashov. Both Danila and Nuria have been dancing since childhood - Danila in Moscow, and Nuria in Madrid. They met and began their partnership in 1999, and joined Arthur Murray – and tied the knot - in 2001. They became owners of the Kenilworth location in 2010, and moved studios to Cranford in 2015. The Hillsborough studio first opened its doors at the beginning of June 2017.

"We are so blessed to get the chance to share our love of dancing with our new Arthur Murray family in Hillsborough," Nuria said.

"It was truly a blessing to see so many faces, both old and new, come support us in our new endeavor," said Alexis Martinez, the New Student Director of Hillsborough. "These past few months have been amazing and I cannot wait to see how many lives we can change through dancing."

The rest of the Arthur Murray Hillsborough team boasts of varied and impressive experience as well. Alexis, also an Instructor there, has a background in multiple styles of dance, including tap, ballet, and jazz. The other two full-time instructors at the Hillsborough location, Keenan and Laura Smout, have both led lives full of dance. They are the newest members of Team AMK.

"It was great to have families of both studios come together for exciting night of celebration!" Keenan said of the event.

His wife, Laura, agreed. "It was a fun-filled night seeing our awesome students and sharing a great time together with our new addition to the Kartashov AMpire!"

After their successful Grand Opening, Arthur Murray Hillsborough looks forward to sharing the Arthur Murray passion for ballroom dance with the Hillsborough community.

Arthur Murray Cranford is located downtown in the beautiful Riverfront at Cranford Station, 200 South Ave E, Ste 200. For more information 908-272-7955 call visit or www.arthurmurraynewjersey.com.



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(above) Alexis Martinez, the New Student Director of Hillsborough.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Join us today!



### The Cranford First Aid Squad

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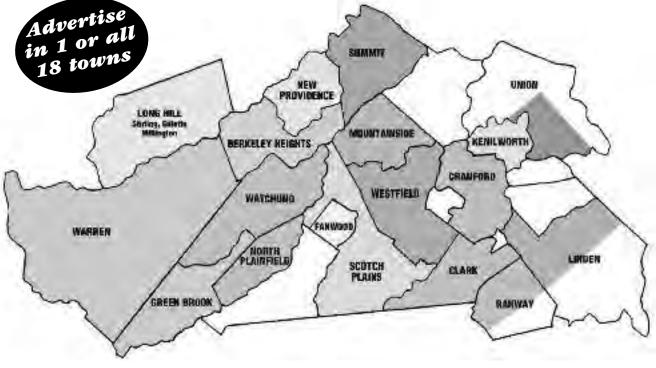
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# BUILDING FOR A STRONGER FUTURE, CRANFORD.COM ANNOUNCES NEW SITE

Effective October 1, Cranford.com will have a robust, social site - focusing on all of Cranford new purpose - a more robust, social website focusing on our community and all that is great about Cranford and our neighboring towns.

Cranford.com was originally founded in November of 1996 as a website dedicated to being "Your guide to everything Cranford" with a strong focus on the business community. Over time it has broadened into a resource for township employees and residents alike featuring mostly township information. The site underwent a major redesign in 2015.

When Cranford.com owners Bill and Gina Tipton were notified that the Township Committee was going out to bid in search of a new website provider in the Summer of 2017, a thought occurred. This is a chance to bring the site back to what it was originally intended to be; a showcase for our Cranford businesses, a resource for our residents focusing on all of the things we love about Cranford, as well as a way to show everyone else why they would want to visit or even move to Cranford!

"Although we are disappointed that we will no longer be the provider for the Township website after 10 years of service - over 20 years in total from when Brian Jenkins built Cranford.com we are very excited to begin the sites new chapter," Gina said.

"We are changing with the times, listening to our businesses and residents and going back to our grass roots," Gina said. "Of course we are saddened by the decision. We met some really great people along the way and loved being the local provider for the Township but at the same time we are very excited for the birth of a more and its surrounding communities. This new structure is intended to give businesses and residents the social information they want in all one place."

Their new priorities will focus on:

- Making Cranford.com (the name will stay) a greater focus on the business and resident experience.
- Empowering business advertisers the opportunity to have landing pages - on a high traffic website - a must have in 2017 small business marketing.
- A robust events calendar featuring all that is happening in Cranford and our surrounding neighborhoods.
- Community news with prominent links to Renna Media Publications, most specifically Cranford Monthly.
- And hopefully as a result of all of this, improving information and the experience for our audience.

"It has become very clear to us that residents like the information that Cranford.com provides with links to its very popular Cranford Web Facebook page and Twitter and Instagram accounts," Gina said. 'We want to be a newer, hipper version of Cranford.com, Your Guide to Everything Cranford."

"We will be taking a patient approach to our new site. We're not going to build a new site and say this is it," Bill added. "We are going to work with our businesses and residents to make this the best social town site. We'll be constantly growing and adding to the site as the need arises. Be on the lookout for good things to come!"

### **COLLEGE WOMEN'S CLUB BEGINS ITS 85TH YEAR**

On Monday, October 9, 2017 the College Women's Club of Cranford will hold the first meeting of the 2017-18 year. This meeting will mark the start of the College Club's 85th year of providing scholarships to Cranford's college bound students, both young men and young women.

The speaker for this meeting, Elisa Szczepankiewicz, M.Ac, L.Ac, P.T.O., is a Board Certified and licensed Acupuncturist in Cranford with an office at 19 Holly Street. Her topic is "Five Element Fun". All of us have aspects of five elements, Earth, Metal, Water, Wood, and Fire. She will help us understand what element is most prominent in us and bring balance and harmony back in our lives. "The Five Elements" is the founding theory of Traditional Chinese Medicine and each one of us is a unique blend of all these elements. Ms. Szczepankiewicz offers a balanced approach to wellness and healthcare.

Presbyterian Church located at 11 Springfield Avenue in Cranford. It will begin at 7 p.m. with refreshments followed by the guest speaker. The meeting is open to the public.

All Cranford women who have a degree from a four-year college or university are invited to join the Club. To become a member call Janet Collins at 908-653-1452.

### IISFN RAAK SALF AT THE LIRRARY

Looking for some good reading at bargain prices? The Friends of the Cranford Public Library invite you to visit their used book sale in the Friendly Book Cellar at the Cranford Public Library, Wednesday, October 11, 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday, October 12 and 13, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, October 14, 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Items for sale include more than 10,000 adult and children's

books, as well as CDs, DVDs, and recorded books. Prices range from \$.25 to \$2.00, except for a few specially marked items. Saturday is Bag Day; fill a bag with books for just \$8.00.

The library is located at 224 Walnut Avenue. Entrance to the sale is through the side door, just off the main parking lot.

The sale is wheelchair accessible. Proceeds benefit the library.

### **HALLOWEEN SOUP AND CHILI FESTIVAL**

The Cranford United Methodist Church will host a Halloween Soup & Chili Festival on Saturday, October 28, 2017, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Back by popular demand, we are holding a soup and chili sale before the Halloween fun begins. Buy your soup and make dinner easy so you can spend more time with the family this Halloween. Seven fabulous homemade soups and chilis will be available for take-out. Important: to avoid being disappointed that your favorite soup is all sold out, advance orders are crucial.

Everyone knows the soups at the church's annual Christmas Shoppe and Soup Fest are out of this world. No need to wait until December. Now is your opportunity to get some of those soups to take home. No cooking, no mess...just enjoy the best soups in town.

Pints and Quarts of a variety of soups and chilis will be available for \$5 and \$9 each. These include, Tomato Basil Soup, Potato Cheddar with Bacon Soup, Potato Cheddar (no bacon), Chili, Ham and Bean Soup, Vegetarian Pea Soup, and Homestyle Chicken Noodle Soup.

Download the order form from our website: www.cranfordumc.com. Orders can be picked up on Sat. Oct. 28th, 2017 from 10am to 1pm in the kitchen of the church's education building at 201 Lincoln Avenue, corner of Walnut and Lincoln Avenues, Cranford. There is plenty of free parking. Questions? Please call Marti at (908) 276-0936 or send an email office@cranfordumc.com.

### **FISH AND CHIPS FUNDRAISER**

The First Presbyterian Church of Cranford, located at 11 Springfield Ave., will be hosting a The meeting will be held at the First Fish and Chips Dinner on Friday, October 20. Dinners will be served continuously from 5:00 to 7:30 PM. The menu will include a fish or chicken option served with French fries and coleslaw. The cost is \$17 for adults and \$9 for children. There are dining in or take out options. Tickets are available by calling the First Presbyterian Church Office at (908) 276-8440. Proceeds will help support our church mission programs.





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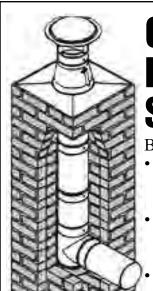
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