

### Norma A. Crisson, 80, Was Secretary; Active Member of P.E.O. and FUMC

Norma A. Crisson, 80, died peacefully on Tuesday, February 3, at her home at Bristol Glen in Newton.

Born in Mountaintop, Pa., she had resided in Westfield for over 50 years before moving to Newton seven years ago. The daughter of the late Ernest and Margaret Richards Dickinson, Norma was a graduate of Battin High School in Elizabeth and the Berkeley Secretarial School.

She had worked for many years as a secretary for the Central Railroad in New York City, and later for the Kiwanis Club magazine of Jersey City.

A member for more than 50 years of the First United Methodist Church of Westfield, Norma served on numerous committees. She was selected as the church's first volunteer of the month. Most recently she had been an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Newton, where she served on many standing committees.

She was a member of the Westfield Atlas No. 99 Order of the Eastern Star for over 50 years and also was a member of P.E.O. Chapters U and C, as well as the Jesterettes.

Norma was predeceased by her beloved husband of over 50 years, Lincoln Crisson, in 2004.

Surviving are her loving daughter, Peggy, and her husband, George Melvin, of Chatham; her loving son, George, and his wife, Christine Mueller Crisson, of Scotch Plains; her cherished grandchildren, Jennifer and Brandon Melvin, and many

wonderful friends. She also leaves behind her beloved dog, Pumpkin.

A memorial service for Norma will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in memory of Norma may be made to the Fellowship Fund at Bristol Glen, 200 Bristol Glen Drive, Newton, N.J. 07860 or www.umh-nj.org. May 7, 2009

### Sophia O'Brien, 89

Sophia O'Brien (Wojtowicz), 89, of Westfield died on Tuesday, April 28, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Nanticoke, Pa., she resided in Jersey City before coming to Westfield.

Her husband, Donald V. O'Brien, predeceased her in 1987. She also was predeceased by an infant daughter and by her siblings Helen, John, Joseph and Patrick Wojtowicz.

Surviving are two sisters, Cecelia Borinski and Jean Wojtowicz.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Saturday, May 2, at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church of Westfield. Burial took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

Memorial donations in her name may be made to the Westfield Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 356, Westfield, N.J. 07091. May 7, 2009

## Obituaries

### Joan Shatkin, 74, Devoted to Family; Accomplished Student and Volunteer

Joan Shatkin, 74, died on Saturday, May 2, at her home in Scotch Plains. Born in Providence, R.I., the only child of Irene and Joseph Lynch, she formerly lived in North Caldwell.

A 1953 graduate of Nelson W. Aldrich High School in Warwick, R.I., Joan was co-editor of the school newspaper, class treasurer, senior editor of the school yearbook and treasurer of the Spanish Club. She also was a member of the National Honor Society and the Rhode Island Honor Society and was the recipient of the DAR Award for leadership and good citizen qualities. Joan was voted most dependable and as the class member who did the most for her class.

Throughout her adult life, Joan served as a volunteer for organizations that benefit women. Joan was a devoted wife of 52 years who supported her husband, Aaron, through graduate school and his scientific accomplishments. She also was a loving and devoted mother to her son, Gregory. Joan loved gardening, travel, reading, opera and bird watching.

Services were held yesterday, Wednesday, May 6, at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery in Scotch Plains.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Planned Parenthood; The Cancer Institute of New Jersey or Paralyzed Veterans of America. For additional information or to express condolences, please visit www.fanwoodmemorial.com. May 7, 2009

### Dr. James V. La Femina, 54, Professor; Neuropsychologist in Berkeley Heights

James Vincent La Femina, Ph.D., 54, of Westfield died on Wednesday, April 29, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Paterson, he lived in Westfield since 2000.

Dr. La Femina was a neuropsychologist with the Pediatric Speech, Language and Learning Center in Berkeley Heights.

He received his bachelor's degree from Montclair State University and his Doctorate from the City University of New York.

Dr. La Femina was a member of the New Jersey Psychological Association and the American Psychological Association. He also was a professor at Seton Hall University and Columbia University and worked with the Crossroads School in Westfield and with Ace Preschool in Brooklyn.

Surviving are his wife, Emily L. Root-La Femina; his daughter, Tara La Femina; his sister, Anna Marie O'Malley, and his nephew, Daniel O'Malley.

The funeral service took place on Monday, May 4, at the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home, 582 Springfield Avenue in Westfield. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield. May 7, 2009

### Stuart C. Gruskin, 50, Was Executive; Devoted Family Man and Sports Fan

Stuart Court Gruskin, 50, of Westfield passed away on Friday, May 1, at New York Presbyterian Hospital.

Born in New York City, Mr. Gruskin had lived there, in Flushing and in Port Washington, N.Y. before moving to Westfield 16 years ago.

He attended Schreiber High School in Port Washington, received his bachelor's degree at the State University at Albany, N.Y. and was awarded his Master of Business Administration degree from New York University.

Mr. Gruskin was involved in investment banking for many years and currently was senior vice president and partner of Valuation Research Corporation of New York City.

He was an active alumnus of the Albany Business School Association and the New York University Graduate School Association.

Mr. Gruskin was an avid sports fan, devoted particularly to the New York Mets, Jets and Islanders.

A devoted husband and father, he is survived by his wife, Nancy (née Krusch), and his twin children, David Court and Samantha Rose. Also surviving are his parents, Renee and Leo Gruskin; his sister and brother-in-law, Susan and Marc Augenbraum, and his

in-laws, Arlene and Dr. Ronald Krusch.

Funeral services were held on Monday, May 4, at Temple Emanuel of Westfield. Interment followed at Beth Israel Cemetery in Woodbridge.

In lieu of flowers, donations to one's local Jewish Family Services would be appreciated. May 7, 2009

### St. John the Apostle Plans Healing Mass

CLARK - A Healing Mass will take place on Wednesday, May 20, at 7:45 p.m. at St. John the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, located at 1805 Penbrook Terrace in Clark/Linden (on Valley Road in Clark, off Stiles Street in Linden).

All who are in need of physical, emotional, relational and spiritual healing are invited to attend. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Individual Eucharistic Blessing and Benediction all will be part of the event.

Participants are invited to stay for refreshments following Benediction. For directions to St. John the Apostle Church, access sjanj.net or call (908) 486-6363.

## HUNG UP!! Mother Wants to Make Teen Behave More Responsibly

By Milt Faith, Executive Director Youth and Family Counseling Service

An Annoyed Parent Writes: My 16-year-old son, "Jeremy" (disguised name) has become a frustrating teenager. He is busy with his friends, a girlfriend and his computer. He spends much of his time blogging, texting and doing everything except what he is supposed to be doing at home.

All three children have chores and Jeremy has to be constantly reminded to do his. Recently, he thought it was funny when he showed me the comic strip "Zits" in which a teenage son and mother stare at each other and the son says, "Feed me, fund me, leave me alone." What is a mother supposed to say in response without going crazy?

Answer: How about "no feeding, no funding and I won't leave you alone." And then remind him that life is not full of entitlements and automatic expectations - and advise him to fulfill his chores and responsibilities.

A Disgruntled Father Writes: I expect my very bright daughter to do well at school. This will help her realize she is a capable person who can perform well. Also, this will help her get into a better college, hopefully, with scholarship assistance.

My wife feels I put too much pressure on "Tara" (disguised name); she feels I should let her enjoy her social life more. For Tara, this means going to the mall, talking on the cell phone and watching her favorite TV show, "Hannah Montana." What kind of role model is this? Dancing, prancing around. Gibberish. And then Tara goes to the movies to see *Hannah Montana, The Movie*. A waste. This time could be spent studying and reading up on today's difficult issues. My wife tells me to lighten up and Tara will do well. Do I sound reasonable? My dad had high expectations, and it didn't do me any harm.

### SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-(09002030) SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-1735-08 Plaintiff: RESIDENTIAL CREDIT SOLUTIONS, INC.

Defendant: RUSSELL J. YEAGER, DEBORAH M. YEAGER, HIS WIFE Sale Date: 06/03/2009

Writ of Execution: 03/24/2009 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is: \*\*\*Two Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Six and 50/100 (\$275,835.50). The property to be sold is located in the Boro of FANWOOD, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 41 ARLENE COURT, FANWOOD, NEW JERSEY 07023. Tax Lot No. 13 in Block No. 41 Dimensions of Lot: Approximately: 65 x 157 Nearest Cross Street: PLEASANT AVENUE BEGINNING at a point on the northwesterly side of Arlene Court, distant thereon as measured along said side line of Arlene Court on a course of North 46 degrees 57 minutes 10 seconds and 07.00 feet from a point formed by the intersection of the said side line of Arlene Court if extended in a southwesterly direction with the northwesterly side of Pleasant Avenue, the same were extended in a southeasterly direction and running thence.

FRIOR LIENS/ENCUMBRANCES Tax and prior lien info: At the time of publication taxes/sewer/water information was not available - You must check with the tax collector for exact amounts due. Total Upset: \*\*\*Three Hundred Ten Thousand Seven and 29/100 (\$310,070.29) together with interest and costs.

Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.

Ralph Froehlich Sheriff

Attorney: FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, PC 7 CENTURY DRIVE SUITE 201 PARSIPPANY, NEW JERSEY 07054 (973) 538-4700 T - 57, 5/14, 5/21 & 5/28/09 Fee: \$181.56

### SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-(09001553) SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-20537-08 Plaintiff: NAD ACQUISITION 3, LLC

Defendant: MARIÉ D. SAJÓUS; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ARIZONA ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

Writ of Execution: 03/10/09 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is: \*\*\*Five Hundred Forty One Thousand Sixty One and 57/100\*\*\* The property to be sold is located in the Township of Westfield in the County of Union, State of New Jersey.

Premises commonly known as: 411 BOULEVARD, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07090 BEING KNOWN AS LOT 17, BLOCK 3005, on the official Tax Map of the Twp of Westfield Dimensions: 39.25 feet x 144.25 feet x 33.92 feet x 142.62 feet

Nearest Cross Street: South Avenue Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed, and if so the current amount due thereon. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee's attorney.

Total Upset: Six Hundred Twenty One Thousand Three Hundred Seven and 49/100 \$621,307.49 together with lawful interest and costs.

Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

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Ralph Froehlich Sheriff

Attorney: PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC 400 FELLOWSHIP ROAD SUITE 100 MOUNT LAUREL, NEW JERSEY 08054 (856) 813-5500 T - 4/16, 4/23, 4/30 & 5/7/09 Fee: \$199.92

Answer: What may have been good and appropriate between you and you may not be helpful to Tara and you. Tara's interests seem to be healthy and appropriate for a young teen (I don't know her age). Your assessment of "Hannah Montana" is too severe. She is one of the most popular role models and the girls seem to have a lot of fun watching her.

I would calm down and let Tara enjoy her life. Good relations between a parent and child is the best investment a parent can offer a child, which will enable her to be motivated and want to learn and succeed. Watch a "Hannah Montana" show. You might get a kick out of seeing her reel- and real-life father, Billy Ray Cyrus, interact with Hannah (he's the singer who introduced us to line dancing).

A Troubled Mother Writes: I believe my daughter is going steady with someone who abuses her. I've seen her criticized and made fun of too frequently. Can you tell me of signs which I can share with my daughter to alert her to this damaging and difficult situation?

Answer: In her March 15, 2009 column, Dear Abby cited 15 warning signs of an abuser. My own list would include these attitudes which are indicators of an abuser and/or potential abuser: excessive attitude of jealousy, need to control, projecting blame onto the other person, verbal/physical abuse (there is no such thing as "playful" abuse), tendency to isolate you from family and friends and a consistent need to change the other person through criticism and fault finding. In general, there is an oppressive quality to make the other individual feel inadequate, guilty and "entitled" to be abused.

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### SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-(09001623) SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-5897-08 Plaintiff: AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC

Defendant: FERNANDO A. RAMOS Sale Date: 05/13/2009

Writ of Execution: 03/10/09 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is: \*\*\*Two Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Sixty One and 54/100\*\*\* \$268,261.54. The property to be sold is located in the Town of Westfield in the County of Union, State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 226 Windsor Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey 07090 Tax Lot No.: 60 in Block 4001 Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 33 feet x 120 feet

Nearest Cross Street: Central Avenue Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due. Tax and prior lien info: At the time of publication taxes/sewer/water information was not available - You must check with the tax collector for exact amounts due.

Total Upset: \*\*\*Three Hundred Eight Thousand Two Hundred Seven and 06/100\*\*\* \$308,207.06 together with lawful interest and costs.

Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

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Ralph Froehlich Sheriff

Attorney: ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC 200 SHEFFIELD STREET SUITE 301 MOUNTAINSIDE, NEW JERSEY 07092 (908) 233-8500 File no.: XCZ-95894 4 T - 4/16, 4/23, 4/30 & 5/7/09 Fee: \$171.36

### SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-(09001549) SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-15560-07 Plaintiff: SOVEREIGN BANK

Defendant: JAMES H. HEFFERNAN, III; MRS. JAMES H. HEFFERNAN, III; WIFE OF JAMES H. HEFFERNAN, III; MICHELLE A. HEFFERNAN; FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY, A DE CORPORATION D/B/A JAGUAR CREDIT; JAGUAR CREDIT N/A FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY

Writ of Execution: 02/19/09 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is: \*\*\*One Hundred Fifty Thousand Three Hundred Forty Seven and 95/100\*\*\* \$150,347.95. The property to be sold is located in the Town of Westfield in the County of Union, State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 115 Wells Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090 Tax Lot No.: 43 in Block 3502 Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 158 feet x 70 feet

Nearest Cross Street: East Broad Street Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due. Tax and prior lien info: At the time of publication taxes/sewer/water information was not available - You must check with the tax collector for exact amounts due.

Total Upset: \*\*\*One Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Forty Five and 60/100\*\*\* \$169,245.60 together with lawful interest and costs.

Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

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Ralph Froehlich Sheriff

Attorney: ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC 200 SHEFFIELD STREET SUITE 301 MOUNTAINSIDE, NEW JERSEY 07092 (908) 233-8500 File no.: XCZ-87999 4 T - 4/16, 4/23, 4/30 & 5/7/09 Fee: \$185.64



SPECIAL FAVORS...Members of the Woman's Club of Westfield's Arts Creative Department create candy favors to brighten Mobile Meals of Westfield food trays being delivered to area residents. Pictured, from left to right, are: Seated, Vivian O'Neil, Marjorie Wieseman and Gloria Abitante, and standing, Jean Murphy, Ruth Positan and Helen Assman.

### United Fund Mini-Golf Tourney Set May 16

WESTFIELD - The Fourth Annual Mini-Golf Tournament to benefit the Westfield United Fund (WUF) will be held on Saturday, May 16, from 1 through 8 p.m. at the Hyatt Hills Golf Complex in Clark. The rain date is Sunday, May 17.

Tickets for this family event are \$10 and can be purchased online at westfieldminigolf.com or by calling the WUF at (908) 233-2113. Local high school students Tyler

Becker, Brian Maehl and Evan Weinberg, who are expecting another great success, are coordinating the event. Last year, they helped raise more than \$7,000, which helped the United Fund's agencies.

In addition to ticket sales, local businesses and friends may become "hole" sponsors and have a "golf cart" sign by one of the holes and also receive free tickets. To learn more about sponsorship, call (908) 233-2113.

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