

Juvenile Arrested After Pursuit Into Westfield

CRANFORD — Authorities arrested a 17-year-old Jersey City resident following a police pursuit into Westfield.

A Cranford police officer was on patrol Sunday night when he attempted to stop a motor vehicle for a traffic violation. As the driver slowed his 2000 Dodge van down, near the intersection of Orchard Street and Makatom Drive, he exited the moving vehicle in an attempt to flee the scene, according to Cranford police.

Cranford police officers engaged in a foot pursuit with the suspect as he entered the rear yards of residences along Brown Terrace. A perimeter was quickly established and through the assistance of the Union County Sheriff's Department, a Police K-9 was used to search for the subject. Further investigation had revealed that the Dodge van was a stolen vehicle out of Bayonne.

After a thorough search was conducted, the Garwood and Westfield

Police Departments advised they had found a juvenile on a bicycle matching the description of the individual sought near the intersection of South and Central Avenues in Westfield. The 17-year-old male was identified and placed under arrest for receiving stolen property and eluding police.

It was later determined that the juvenile had entered a vehicle on Beech Street in Cranford while fleeing and pulled its ignition, but was eventually unable to start it. The juvenile was processed and released to a parent. The Cranford Police Juvenile Bureau is continuing its investigation into the matter and expects additional charges of burglary to be served to the juvenile.

"Working together with our neighboring community police departments we were able to recover a stolen vehicle and prevent further criminal activity this individual had intended to commit," Cranford Police Chief Ryan Greco said.



CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISER...About 80 people attended a fundraiser for Democrat Tom Malinowski, candidate for the 7th Congressional District race, at the home of Westfield Democratic Committee Chairwoman Janice Siegel and Lloyd Marks this past weekend in Westfield.

Senator Kean Seeks Study on Why N.J. HS Grads Attend Colleges Out of State

TRENTON — Legislation by Senate Minority Leader Tom Kean, Jr. (R-21st, Westfield) to study why so many New Jersey high school graduates choose to attend college in other states has been approved by the Senate Higher Education Committee.

"No other state sends more of its high school graduates to out-of-state colleges than New Jersey," said Mr. Kean, a member of the Higher Education Committee. "Once they leave, many never return to New Jersey to help build our workforce, support their families, or contribute to our communities. This brain drain really hurts New Jersey, and it's something we must understand better if we are to counter it successfully."

An analysis by *The Washington Post* of data from the National Center for Education Statistics shows New Jersey's export of 31,510 graduates in 2008 was the most in the nation. That is nearly double the loss of the next highest state, Texas, of 17,716 students.

Mr. Kean's legislation, S-518, directs the New Jersey Secretary of Higher Education, in consultation with the state's Commissioner of Education, to conduct a study to determine the extent and causes of the out-migration of New Jersey's high school graduates to colleges and universities in other states.

Mr. Kean noted that there are many anecdotal reasons that people cite to explain the out-migration, including:

New Jersey's high school graduates are highly recruited as they are better prepared by our public schools than students from other states; colleges seek students from high-income New Jersey families who can afford and are willing to pay higher out-of-state tuition rates, benefiting their budgets; a desired major is not offered at a New Jersey school, or the program is not as good as those at out-

of-state institutions; and some just want to get out of New Jersey.

"There are many potential reasons that our college-bound students leave New Jersey, but there's never been a systematic analysis that adequately examines the issue," said Mr. Kean. "If we don't fully understand the problem, we can't effectively address it. After investing so much to educate our next generation, it would be a real boost to have more of our talented graduates plant roots at home in the Garden State."

First Lady Tammy Murphy to Speak At Women Mean Business Breakfast

KENILWORTH — The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders invites all women who own or manage a business or nonprofit organization in Union County to attend the Freeholder Board's sixth annual Union County Women Mean Business skill-building seminar and networking event on Wednesday, May 23, at the Clubhouse at Union County's Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth.

This year's special guest speaker is Tammy Murphy, First Lady of New Jersey. Breakout sessions will cover leadership, sexism in the workplace, branding via social networking and more.

Ms. Murphy previously worked in finance in the United States and Europe. A graduate of the University of Virginia (Bachelor of Arts, English and Communications, 1987), she currently sits on the university's Board of Visitors. She also serves as secretary and charter member of The Climate Reality Action Fund, an organization founded by former Vice-President Al Gore.

Over the years, Ms. Murphy has worked with non-profits, a think tank and other organizations focused on the environment, education, health care, youth and family services, as well as the arts and trans-Atlantic relations.

Pre-registration for Union County Women Mean Business is required by visiting ucnj.org/ucmb. The \$40 cost per person includes a networking breakfast, two breakout sessions, lunch and a chance to win prizes.

When registering, attendees can

Historic Pres. Specialist To Speak Before WHPC

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Historic Preservation Commission (WHPC) will welcome Jonathan Kinney, a historic preservation specialist and certified local government coordinator with the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office, on Monday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Westfield Municipal Building Community Room, 425 East Broad Street, and is open to the public.

For generations people have cared for Westfield's architectural heritage. Attendees will learn why it is important, both aesthetically and economically, to protect these assets for future generations. Mr. Kinney will provide an overview of the state's preservation landscape and will discuss the benefits of establishing a local historic preservation program to a community.

"The natural and built environments together support each other, and every aspect of our lives," Mr. Kinney said. "That's why we preserve historic resources and protect natural spaces."

A local historic preservation program should not be viewed as simply another layer of regulation on property owners, but a powerful tool that a community can use together to protect the unique places that tell the story of their town and provide character, according to a WHPC press release.

This presentation will be of interest to architects, historic home owners, realtors, downtown building owners, town planners, members of local government boards and commissions, and anyone who has an interest in preserving the character of their town. Questions will be welcome.

For additional information, contact hpc@westfieldnj.gov.

Mountainside Restoration Comm. to Hold Estate Sale

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Mountainside Restoration Committee's MRC Estate Sales division will conduct an estate sale to raise funds for the maintenance and restoration of the historic Deacon Andrew Hetfield House and the Levi Cory House. The estate sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 18 and 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 296 Meetinghouse Lane in Mountainside.

This estate sale is full of mid-century furniture including a large three-door wardrobe, mirrored bar, night stand, side table and coffee table; deco glassware; 1930's dining room set, bedroom set, chandelier and deco arm chairs; 1940s glassware; industrial chair; painted bookshelf; an Archer piano; walnut kitchen set (1900); roll top desk, and numerous other household items. All items are priced to sell. To view photos, go to mountainsidehistory.org.

MRC Estate Sales are conducted by volunteer antiques experts and estate sale professionals with 30 years of estate sale experience. All commissions benefit the Mountainside Restoration Committee. MRC Estate Sales was created to give back to the community and raise additional funds to help preserve and restore local history. The reasonable commission percent-

age of sales will go directly to the Mountainside Restoration Committee, Inc. which is a 501(c)3 charity.

The Mountainside Restoration Committee, also known as the Mountainside Historic Committee, is a committee of volunteers whose purpose is to restore and maintain the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House and the Levi Cory House and collect and save historic information and items from destruction.

For more information on MRC Estate Sales, Mountainside Historic Committee events or to donate funds, e-mail hetfieldhouse1@yahoo.com, call (908) 789-9420 or go to mountainsidehistory.org.

Deadline Nearing for Mail-In Ballots

COUNTY — The last day to apply by mail for a Mail-In Ballot for the Tuesday, June 5 Primary Election is Tuesday, May 29. The last day to apply in person for a Mail-In Ballot is Monday, June 4, before 3 p.m., in the County Clerk's Offices in Elizabeth and Westfield.

The County Clerk's Offices will be open on Saturday, June 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., to apply for a Mail-In Ballot for the Primary.

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