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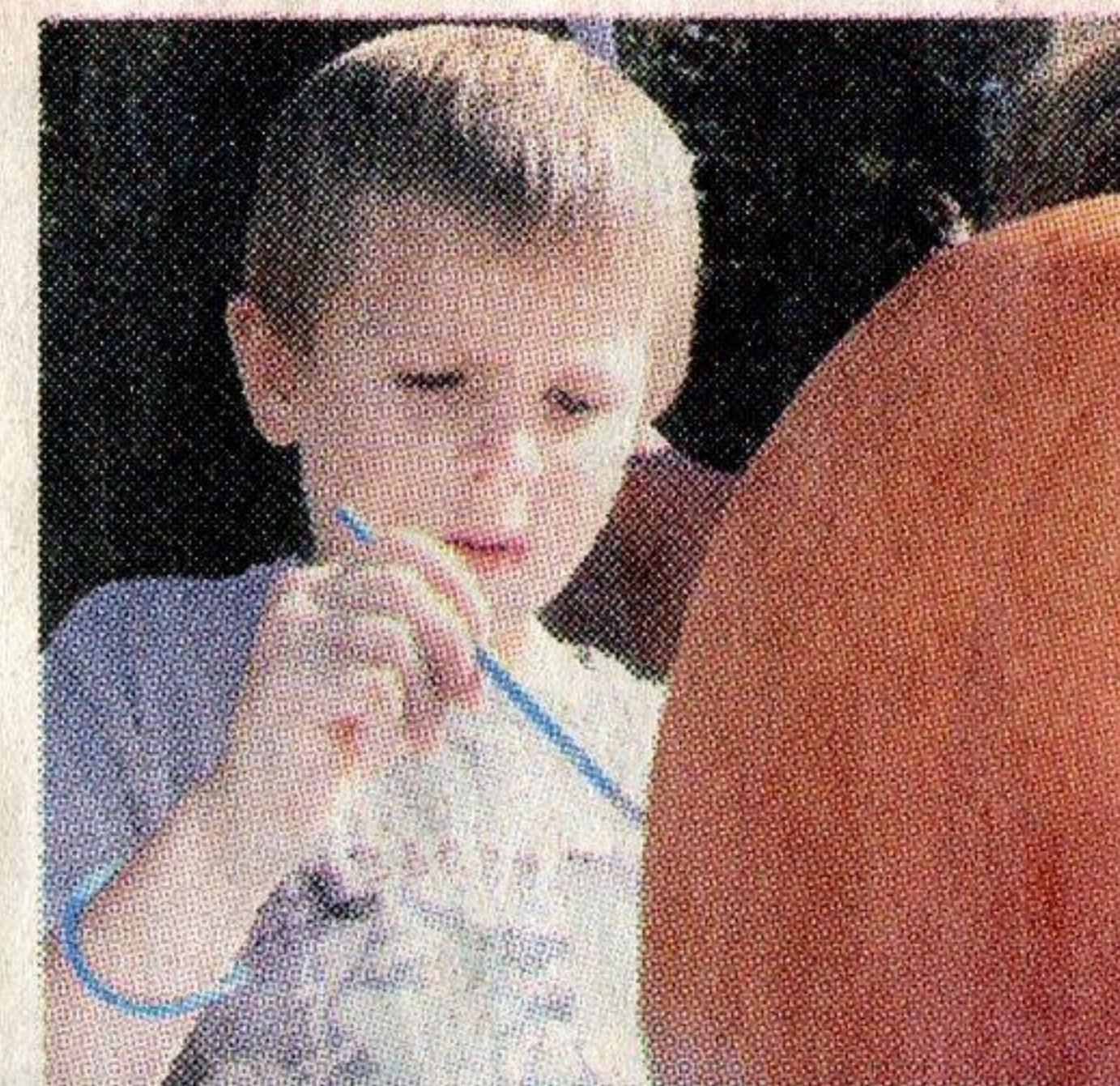
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Monks tell of Myanmar's misery

In Upper Nyack visit, Buddhists highlight repression by junta

Amisha Padnani
The Journal News

UPPER NYACK — A group of Burmese monks and political refugees gathered at the Fellow-

ship of Reconciliation's headquarters yesterday as part of an effort to spread awareness about tragic events in Myanmar.

The gathering was one of several stops the group has made during a 12-day peace march from the upstate Grafton Peace Pagoda to the United Nations headquarters in Manhattan.

Their focus is on the violence the military regime in Myanmar,

formerly known as Burma, has inflicted on Buddhist monks and residents who have been peacefully protesting the repressive government there. The demonstrations began two months ago and were sparked by a sudden increase in the price of gas and other commodities by as much as 500 percent.

About three dozen people attended the discussion, which be-

gan with an opening prayer of melodic chants that rang with sadness but were recited with fervor. Candlelight reflected in posters that read "FREE BURMA" as smoke and sweet aromas rose from incense sticks.

The Myanmar walkers sat cross-legged before the audience and shared stories about their ties

Please see **MONKS**, 4A

Whom to call

To join the peace walks or get more information on the cause, contact Tayza Yeel-in at 607-342-1874.

County probes fraud

about an hour just after 11 p.m. yesterday while police investigated a three-car crash, officials said. Clarkstown police, the state police and fire officials responded to the accident, which occurred just south of Exit 12. Clarkstown officials said at least one woman was reportedly bleeding but the extent of the injuries was not known.

Overpass cleaning to close PIP lanes

Single lanes of the Palisades Interstate Parkway will close intermittently this week in both directions between the New Jersey state line and the Bear Mountain Bridge for washing of bridge overpasses, the state Department of Transportation said. Northbound lanes will close between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., and southbound lanes will close between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

CLARKSTOWN

Internet safety session for parents is today

An Internet safety seminar for parents will be held today from 7 to 8 p.m. in Clarkstown, officials said. The seminar, called "A Parent's Guide to the Internet," will be moderated by the state Division of Criminal Justice Services and will address dangers children face online. The seminar will take place in the auditorium at Clarkstown Town Hall, 10 Maple Ave., New City. For more information, call 845-639-2010.



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few seconds, then ran around and climbed into the passenger seat. The boys were thrilled — as were many of the other children who gathered around — when Kopunek turned on the cruiser's flashing red lights.

"This is awesome!" said one little boy who watched with longing as the Casey brothers enjoyed their time inside the cruiser.

Dozens of families came to the

"This is his big love," the boy's mother said. "He's very intrigued with police officers at the current moment."

Police Chief Kevin Nulty said the purpose of the open house — which he started when he became head of the department — was primarily to familiarize children with the many kinds of work that police officers do, and to remove any fear of having to interact with the po-

the Rockland Cadet Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, the Orangetown Fire Department and the Rockland County Sheriff's Patrol were among the groups that had a presence at the event.

Robert Ruderman, a retired Orangetown police detective from Pearl River, brought his grandsons — the Casey brothers — to yesterday's event because he thought it would be good educa-

Kopunek pointed to the evidence room and the safe, and then led visitors to what Ruderman told his grandsons was "the time-out room."

"This is the area you want to stay out of," he said to the little boys when they walked into the holding cell area.

Talking about their tour afterward, Aidan said he liked seeing the locker rooms because of "all

The kids really like it," Kelly said, adding, "and some of the fathers do, too. It's kind of cool."

A ceremony to honor four Orangetown officers for service to the department also was scheduled to take place during yesterday's event.

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Deerkill camp celebrates fall

Wesley Hills event focuses on activities geared to families

Iris Hsieh

Special to The Journal News

WESLEY HILLS — Aliza Gersh, 7, of Suffern was determined to keep an eye on her pumpkin.

She rolled it out of the pumpkin patch to the pumpkin decorating booth, and then across the Deerkill Day Camp athletic field to the carnival games as she made her way yesterday through the camp's first Family Fall Fest.

The Fall Fest, held in honor of Deerkill's approaching 50th birthday, opened the camp for the community to enjoy the moonwalk, petting zoo, mini golf, frame decorating and face painting. Cider, juice boxes, doughnuts, and apples were served at a refreshment table. Deerkill plans to make the festival an annual event.

But for Alek and Zachary Fleury, 8 and 6 respectively, from

Northvale, N.J., the highlight was the clown's ability to shape balloons into Viking helmets, clown hats, butterfly hats, crowns, scepters, swords and sword belts.

"They have great activities here for the kids," said their mother, Lisa Fleury.

Like the Gershes and the Fleurys, a third of the event's 400 attendees were visiting Deerkill for the first time—to the delight of camp directors Todd Rothman and Rebecca Rhodes, who run Deerkill along with Rhodes' parents, Robert and Karen Rhodes.

"My wife's grandparents started Deerkill in 1958, so this is the 50th anniversary," said Rothman. "Rebecca and I are the third generation of her family to run the camp."

Rothman and Rhodes greeted visitors, welcoming them with introductions to their Deerkill family.

"We wanted to give back to the community," said Rothman, who encouraged everyone to "bring your appetite and creativity."

Once visitors signed in, registering for the free raffle of an iPod



Kathy Gardner/The Journal News

Shannon Kramer, 8, of Suffern picks up a large pumpkin to take home and paint yesterday at the Deerkill Day Camp Family Fall Fest in Wesley Hills.

Shuffle, they flitted around the festival.

Children clambered over the playground while their parents sat watchfully at picnic tables and enjoyed a guitarist singing nearby.

Alexander Leavy, 7, from Pomona proudly showed his

mother the plastic coins he had won in the Surprise Ring Toss.

At the face-painting table, children stayed still as their faces were slowly transformed to resemble those of tigers and cats.

Teenagers gathered under the trees, close to the sound system.

Thomas Henn, 12, of Valley Cottage approved of the music as he scooped up handfuls of apples for his friends.

Kara Kelly and her family had driven up from Manhattan.

"It's a nice day to get out here," she said.

Temple members rejoice at Montebello groundbreaking

Amisha Padnani

the Jewish Community Center in forward to creating a new begin-