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Schools Reach Out to Aid Earthquake Victims

High School Organizes District-Wide Fundraiser

Three million people have been affected by the Haitian quake and its aftermath. Nearly all of Port-au-Prince's hospitals and facilities that provide support for the injured have been destroyed. Emergency supplies are desperately needed. In response to this disaster, SPHS is organizing a district-wide

fundraiser to bring aid to the people of Haiti. Some students and faculty members have relatives whose well being are still unknown.

Community members interested in offering assistance may direct contributions to SPHS. Clubs, organizations and the faculty will conduct fundraising

activities on Friday, Jan. 22. The goal is to collectively send relief funds from the school community and is with the approval of Superintendent Jose Negron.

To make a donation, call Anthony Encinas, SPHS Student Council Advisor, at (908) 756-4620.

Sacred Heart School Gives to Red Cross for Victims

Students at Sacred Heart School have raised over \$1,000 that will be donated to the American Red Cross to aid the victims of the earthquake in Haiti.

The elementary school (pre K-8) sponsored a "dress down" day on January 15. Each student was asked to contribute \$1 for the privilege of not wearing

the standard school uniform that day. To the astonishment of Principal Terrance Golden, the students raised over \$1,000 for Haitian relief, averaging about \$13 per student, in a school of 175 students.

When the American Red Cross was notified of the contribution, they expressed both

surprise and gratitude, especially since the donors were so young.

Principal Golden commented, "This is what Catholic education is all about. Looking out for one another and lending help to our neighbors. I couldn't be more proud of our student body and staff."



School board members Bill Seesselberg, Carol Byrne, Debbie Boyle, Jim Giannakis, Middle School Principal Steve Novak, Sharon Miller, Superintendent of Schools Jose Negron and Business Administrator Richard Guarini at the Middle School gym dedication.

"Tiger Country" Gym Dedicated

By Patricia Abbott

South Plainfield Middle School school spirit was evident as students, faculty and guests took a walk on the wild side through the newly renovated "Tiger Country," the middle school gymnasium.

The occasion was the re-dedication of the school's gym, which recently underwent a major upgrade, the most extensive in school's history. The renovations began in November and were completed earlier this month. The school community was joined by Superintendent Jose Negron, Board of Education members Carol Byrne, Bill Seesselberg, Debbie Boyle, Jim Giannakis and Sharon Miller and Board Secretary/Business Administrator Richard Guarini.

The afternoon began with *The Pledge of Allegiance* and the Middle School Gems singing *The National Anthem*.

The master of ceremonies, Assistant Principal Kevin Hajduk, introduced Principal Steve Novak, who described the additional work done on the gym and gave thanks to several

teachers. He explained that the area around the stage had been redone by teacher Bill Mosca. Mosca, along with teacher Jim Makowski, also replaced all the rotten wood in the rear of the gym in preparations for repainting.

After speaking enthusiastically about the new gym, Novak introduced several speakers, including Negron and Giannakis. Among the

guests were Patty and Margaret Cotoia, daughters of the late Anthony Cotoia. Cotoia was a well-known and a much respected former gym teacher, principal, coach and athletic director at the high school. His career with the school district began in 1949 and continued through 1999.

For the re-dedication of the Middle

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Superintendent Disputes Accuracy of Headline

(Last week's headline in the *Observer* stating that the Board of Education has a total surplus of \$7.2M was not accurate. The headline should have read the BOE has \$7.2M in surplus and reserve accounts. However, the story as reported was accurate. Below is a statement written on behalf of the BOE by Superintendent Jose Negron.)

We believe the *South Plainfield Observer* provides its readers with factual information. Unfortunately, the recent headline that appeared in the *Observer* on January 15, noting that the South Plainfield Board of Education has a surplus of \$7.2M was factually incorrect.

The truth of the matter is that the Board of Education had a fund balance of \$7.2M and a surplus of only \$1.2M that is designated for local tax relief. The South Plainfield Board of Education has worked hard to reduce school taxes over the last two consecutive years. For the 2008-09 school year, the school tax levy was actually reduced from the previous year. The budget for the current school year had zero tax increase. During this time the South Plainfield School District implemented a full day kindergarten program and completed various projects improving the health and safety of students and staff. Projects at the high school and middle school included the refurbishing of gyms, repaving the parking lots

and improving security systems and the replacement of the roof top HVAC units at the high school. These projects were completed by utilizing funds from the capital reserve account that is included in the \$7.2M fund balance.

The mission of the Board of Education is to provide a sound education to students of South Plainfield. We believe the role of the *Observer* is to keep its readers correctly informed on local issues. The South Plainfield Board of Education looks forward to continuing its working relationship with the *Observer* to accomplish both tasks.

Free Rabies Clinic Saturday

The Health Department is conducting its annual rabies clinic at the borough garage (corner of Spicer and Belmont avenues) on Saturday, Jan. 23 from 9 a.m. until noon. Dog and cat licenses for 2010 will be available. Cats must be in a carrier.

The Health Department does not mail license or rabies clinic reminders. Visit the borough's Web site at www.southplainfieldnj.com for license/late fees and clinic information.

For more information, call (908) 226-7631.

Local Talent Performs for a Cause

South Plainfield's Almost Famous Players (AFP) presented the third annual AFP Coffeehouse on January 9. The event held at the PAL featured nine acts comprised of bands and vocalists.

The majority of the entertainers were South Plainfield residents. Almost all the songs performed were original tunes and demonstrated incredible songwriting skills. Emcee Jason Jack-

son held the audience's attention between acts.

The event's organizers created a mellow atmosphere with dim lights and tables with black and red tablecloths and candles. A variety of refreshments were available.

Approximately 75 people were in attendance. The diversified audience included senior citizens and young teens. The evening concluded with AFP members sing-

ing *Seasons of Love* from the Broadway hit, *Rent*.

Mayor Charlie Buttrico said, "My congratulations to Almost Famous Players for once again pulling together talented people here in South Plainfield and giving them an opportunity to share their talents with the community. The coffeehouse event was a great success and I hope to see more of them in the future."

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Ryan Egan and Taylor Mandel perform.



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council meetings

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February 1 February 1

February 16 (Tuesday) February 16

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planning board

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Jan. 26, Feb. 9, Feb. 23, Mar. 9, Mar. 23, Apr. 13, Apr. 27, May 11, May 25, June 8, June 22, July 13, July 27, Aug. 10, Aug. 24, Sept. 14, Sept. 28, Oct. 12, Oct. 26, Nov. 9 Dec. 7.

zoning board of adjustment

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Jan. 28, Feb. 11, Feb. 25, Mar. 11, Mar. 25, Apr. 8, Apr. 22, May 13, May 27, June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22, Aug. 12, Aug. 26, Sept. 9, Sept. 23, Oct. 14, Oct. 28, Nov. 11* and Dec. 9*.

board of education

Meets Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. *except where noted.

Committee of the Whole: Feb. 10, March 10 and March 31

Regular Public Meeting: Feb. 16, March 17 and April 14

BOE curriculum/technology/student activities

Meets once a month on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. in 2nd floor conference room, Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.

Feb. 3, March 3 (April to be announced)

BOE buildings & grounds

Meets second Monday of the month at 7 p.m., 2nd floor conference room, Roosevelt Administration Building—Feb. 8, March 8

recreation commission

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday of the month, except July and August PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7716

taxpayers advisory group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m. Questions? 908-769-0786.

site plan sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.

Feb. 16, Mar. 16, Apr. 20, May 18, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21.

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday) Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7621

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday) Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m. Questions? 908-757-8100

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In My Opinion

Opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily those of the publisher, nor do we guarantee accuracy.

To the Editor:

I just wanted to share a story with you, if, for no other reason, than to show that there really are some decent people still around. On January 9, at about 3 p.m., my husband Bill and I were on our way out of town to run an errand. We were waiting in the left turn lane in front of AKA, Inc. on New Market Avenue and the light had just turned green.

For reasons I was unaware of at the time, Bill suddenly tried to move into the right lane, and, naturally, the patience level of the people around us was zero. We must have held them up for 10 seconds, so, if you were one of them, let me apologize for our sudden rudeness. However, after someone had nearly hit my passenger side door while my husband left the car, he quickly returned with a wallet in hand, and I understood why he had stopped so abruptly.

It was accidentally left on top of someone's car ahead of us and had been thrown off the car when the light had turned green. Bill saw it and immediately stopped so that he would be able to keep his eye on the car and return the wallet. He was making me nervous trying to keep up with the car, but thankfully, the owner had come to a stop at the light by New Market Pond. I approached the car because I didn't want him to scare the driver, who was a woman, and asked her last name, just to be sure that the wallet did, in fact, belong to her. She looked a bit confused, but I told her why I was asking, and when she confirmed her identity, I handed her back her husband's wallet.

I just wanted to share this because I am very proud of what Bill did to help out someone he didn't know. He was aware that another person may not have done the right thing in this case; especially since there are many people with financial difficulties at the moment, and this would have been tempting to some.

So, for his act of kindness, and for all of his other personal achievements as of late, I just wanted to let him know that I am proud of what he has done. Thank you.

SINCERELY,
ALISON KATLA

To All Residents:

The blooming of the solar trees has begun! If you hadn't noticed yet they bloom slowly, much like, but earlier than, the tulips in flower beds, but once they get going it appears that they are more like bamboo.

If you take notice, the solar trees, as I call them, are only here and there in some neighborhoods and on some streets, but if you want to get a great view of an entire grove, take a ride north-bound on Clinton Avenue past Holy Redeemer Cemetery and the breathtaking anti-beautification is in full display. They are cleverly disguised as telephone poles with light gathering panels attached, but I still call them solar trees.

I am fully supportive of all energy saving efforts, but at what expense?

It will be wonderful someday for people visiting our town to take the driving tour past Spring Lake Park, all the beautiful and deserving monuments to our fallen, past our municipal complex lit with the soon to be erected street lamps and continuing on to Sampton Avenue to Clinton Avenue to see the solar tree line. Now that's something to be proud of!

I just think a little more thought might have gone into how these eyesores impact our "industrialized" town. Just my opinion.

KEN BECHTLE

To the Editor:

Under the header, "More N.J. Schools Miss Federal Target," *The Star-Ledger* recently reported that 36% of N.J. schools tested last year failed to meet federal goals for performance on standardized tests set by "No Child Left Behind." In South Plainfield, four schools (Franklin, Grant, middle and high school) failed the re-

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quirements. That constitutes 57% failure rate for our great South Plainfield schools.

These results did not dismay our Board of Education, which agreed to a new three-year contract with the Professional Principals Unit and to increase their yearly base pay by 3%, 3.25% and 3.75%. On top of their over \$100,000 base salaries, the professionals receive various stipends.

For example, high school principal, Dr. (of Education) Kenneth May, on top of his \$133K base salary, receives yearly extras of \$3K for doctorate, \$2.3K for "time in the district" (10 years or so) and \$1.3K for "time as administrator."

From the person with a doctorate degree, in any scientific field, some substantial professional achievements are required (new production process, better drugs, etc.). But this is not the case in public school monopoly, where our high school students cannot even achieve an average N.J. SAT score. The average combined SAT score for South Plainfield students, in the 2007/2008 school year, was 1450 in round numbers. The state average was almost 1500.

BOGDAN FRYSCZYŃ

Special Kidcraft Program at Library

There will be a special "Kidcraft" program at South Plainfield Library on Monday, Jan. 25 starting at 6:30 p.m.

This will be a "Valentines for Veterans" program, where children will be making valentines for patients at the Lyons VA hospital. The library will provide the required craft mate-

rials. The free program is for children of all ages; no pre-registration is required.

The South Plainfield Library is located in the South Plainfield Municipal Complex at 2484 Plainfield Ave.

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FROM THE SENIOR FORUM

By Richard Petrone, Secretary

At a recent Senior Forum meeting we discussed the issue of costs and tax increases. During a recent municipal meeting, the mayor and council placed emphasis on control of municipal budget cost and the measures taken to control them. A member of our forum stated it was the appropriate action to take. Reference was made to the recent school district audit which was issued on December 9, page 61; exhibit J-4, which showed that from 2003 to 2009 the tax levy for the school district increased from \$30,042,550 to \$40,318,518, or an increase in our taxes of \$10,275,968 or 34.2%. These increases, which the taxpayers paid during this period, resulted in a total surplus of \$7,224,094, which was reported in the audit.

The school district allocated this surplus as follows: \$3,475,000 to Capital Reserve Account; \$499,992 to Maintenance Reserve Account; and \$495,000 to Emergency Reserve Account; \$659,445.88 designated surplus for 2010 budget; excess surplus of \$1,199,783.80 and \$740,284 for encumbrances.

We, the Forum, feel some of this surplus should have been returned to the taxpayers in the form of tax reduction.

Another aspect of cost is the medical healthcare plan for school district

employees. For the Traditional Medical Family Plan, the cost went from \$13,077.36 per year to \$15,713.76, or an increase of \$2,636.40. The Point of Service Medical Plan increased from \$9,573.00 per year to \$11,502.96, or an increase of \$1,929.96. The cost of these plans are paid by the taxpayers because district employees do not contribute to the costs.

The Senior Forum believes the taxpayers should be informed on how the amount of the cost of the school district taxes impacts them. This is their money and they should become more active in school district budgets and costs. They should have the same emphasis on cost control at the school district level as they have at the municipal level, especially since the education budget compromises at least 66% of the total tax burden.

Very few residents, with the exception of staff members and school employees, attend school board meetings. This is sad, and we urge you to become more involved.

We believe the recent story in the *Observer* covering the principals' contract settlement was a good job of informing the public. The teachers and other school district employees are now in contract negotiations. The contract expires June 30, 2010.

Boys Scouts of America Plan 100th Anniversary Celebration

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Boy Scouting, scouts from around the world will be holding a Spirit of Light Candle Ceremony between 7:30 and 8 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 8.

In South Plainfield, the scouting community will be gathering in Spring Lake Park at the gazebo at 7:15 p.m. on that day to join the 100th

anniversary celebration.

All current scouts are asked to contact their leaders directly if they are planning to attend.

All former Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and leaders are asked to contact Jeff Pauls at (908) 279-4684 or E-mail Jeff.Pauls@hoffmanequip.com by January 28 if they plan to attend.

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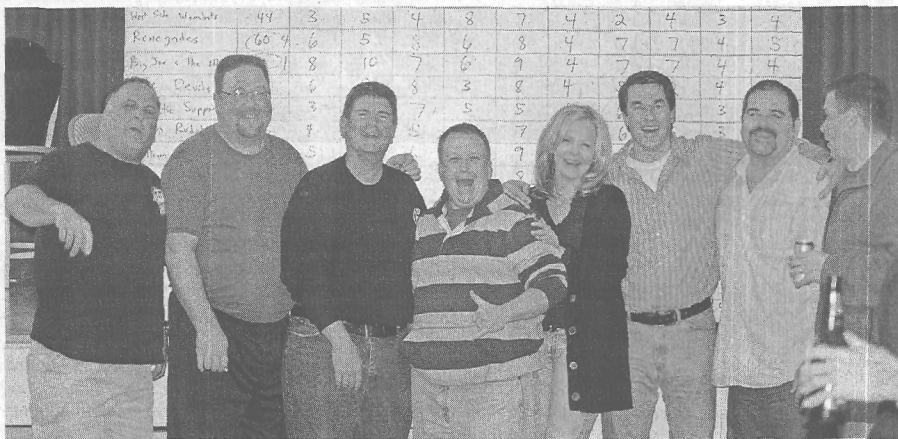
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The winning trivia night team, "Joe and Mama's," at Knights of Columbus Trivia Night.

Knights of Columbus Hold Trivia Night

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus, Council #6203 recently held their annual trivia night fundraiser at the South Plainfield Senior Center. More than 100 people attended this fundraiser and over \$2,000 was raised and will be donated to the Make A Wish Foundation.

Fourteen teams were asked 10 questions from 12 categories and which-ever team had the most points won the first place prize money. This year's amount was \$500 to the first place team.

In a close battle, the winner of trivia night was the team, "Joe and the Mama's." This is the second year in a row Joe and the Mama's have won trivia night. Team members were Joe Scudato, Gary Rohrer, Gary Lampasona, Bill Price, Ken Wolpin, Scott Waters, Ray Petronko and Anne Semanik.

There is also a contest for best theme related table, which was won by the team made up by Al and Jackie Vill, Sharon Scudato, Tim and Lorette Nagel, Brian and Mary Cargill and Patty Petronko.

Upon winning the first place prize money, Joe and the Mama's donated all winnings back to the Make A Wish Foundation.

The Knights would like to thank the senior center for use of the hall, as well as the following Knights who helped out: Master of Ceremonies Bill Butrico, judges Joe McGeehan and Charlie Butrico, and Bob Walker, who helped with questions and verifying the answers. The Knights also thank Buy Rite Liquors (Dan and Jen Ratti) and Witty's Liquor Store for donations of wine for door prizes.

This event has become very popular; please look for the next time it is held. It is a great time and a great fundraiser. In the past three years, the Knights have donated over \$6,000

to the Make A Wish Foundation, which grants the wishes of terminally ill children and their families.

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events

Soccer Club to Host Pasta Dinner

January 22

The South Plainfield Soccer Club will hold a pasta dinner in the middle school cafeteria on Friday, Jan. 22 from 5 to 8 p.m. Dine-in buffet/take out available.

Dinner includes penne pasta with a choice of marinara or vodka sauce, choice of meatballs or sausage, bread, salad and lemonade or iced tea. Desserts available at an additional cost. Adults 13 and over/\$7.50, seniors/\$6.50, children under 12/\$5.

Free Rabies Clinic

January 23

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Sacred Heart Church Prayer Service

January 24

Sacred Heart Church, located at 149 South Plainfield Ave., is hosting a prayer service to conclude the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. All Christian faith denominations are welcome to join in prayer and song on Sunday, Jan. 24 at 3 p.m.

SPBA Meet & Greet at Flannigan's

January 27

The second annual South Plainfield Business Association Meet & Greet will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 27 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Flannigan's. There will be a cash bar and appetizers, networking opportunities and a baseball dart tournament. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members; pay at the door.

RSVP to Debra Anne Leporino, by Friday, Jan. 21 at (908) 754-6914 to let us know that you will be there!

SPBA members, please feel free to bring business cards, offer incentives for discounts to your business and/or donate a door prize.

VFW Spaghetti Dinner

January 30

The South Plainfield VFW will hold a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Jan. 30 from 5 to 8 p.m. The public is welcome. Cost is \$6.

For information, call (908) 668-9751.

Soccer Club Pancake Breakfast at Elks

January 31

The South Plainfield Soccer Club will be holding their annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 31 at the South Plainfield Elks, 1254 New Market Ave. Menu includes: eggs made to order, pancakes, French toast, bacon, sausage, home fries, toast, juice, coffee and hot chocolate. Price: adults/\$7, seniors/\$5, children 3-12/\$4, children two and under are free.

For information, call Sharon Reuter at (908) 791-1214.

Knights "Don't Cook Friday" Dinner

February 5

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 is conducting their annual "Don't Cook Friday" spaghetti dinner on Friday, Feb. 5 at the council hall located at 334 Hamilton Blvd. from 4-7:30 p.m. Price: \$8/adults, \$7/seniors and \$4/children.

All proceeds will be donated to the Alzheimer's Caregivers Fund.

Sacred Heart Charity Basketball Game

February 11

Sacred Heart School, located at 149 South Plainfield Ave., will hold their annual charity basketball game on Thursday, Feb. 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the school gym. 100% of ticket sale proceeds to benefit Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.

Admission: \$5 per person, children three and under are free. (Children must be accompanied by an adult). Come join in on the fun as the Sacred Heart School basketball teams compete against the adults, all for a worthy cause.

For more information, call Lisa at (908) 756-0633, ext. 10.

Pet Dental Fair

February 14

Plainfield Animal Hospital, 2215 Park Ave., is holding a pet dental fair on Sunday, Feb. 14 from 2-4 p.m. Bring your pet for a free dental examination and learn about the importance of pet dental health. Give-aways, contests, tours, tooth brushing demos, door prizes, refreshments.

RSVP by February 10 to (908) 755-2428.

Lenten Fish Dinners at Sacred Heart

February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19 and 26

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 and Sacred Heart Church will again be sponsoring Lenten fish dinners on Friday, Feb. 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19 and 26. Dinners will be served in the Sacred Heart School cafeteria, 149 South Plainfield Ave., from 5 to 7 p.m.

SENIOR CENTER Calendar

Coming Up....

April 25-27-Wheeling, WV

MONDAYS

Silver Sneakers 8:30 am
Crocheting 9:30-11:30 am
Yoga 10:30 am
Art Class 11:30 am

TUESDAYS

Bingo 10 am-2 pm
Ladies Group 10 am

Daily Activities: Morning coffee, pool, cards, board games, computer classes, exercise, art, Tai Chi, yoga and crafts.
Lunch Served Monday-Friday.

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WEDNESDAYS

Aerobics 8:45 am
Line Dancing 10 am
Computer 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm
Crocheting 1 pm
Tai Chi 2 pm

THURSDAYS

Active Seniors 8:30 am
Shopping Trip 9 am
Crafts Class 10 am
Computer 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm
Exercise Class 1:15 pm

FRIDAYS

Bingo 10 am-2 pm

Menu: filler of fish (fried, broiled, parmesan), pasta (cheese ravioli, manicotti or linguini) or pizza; fresh garden salad, rice pilaf, French fries or macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, coffee, tea or cold drink, plus dessert. Take out orders are also available. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$4 for children. Pay at the door. Stations of the Cross will be held in the church at 7 p.m.

Comedy Show at Grant School

February 27

Grant School is holding a comedy night fundraiser on Friday, Feb. 27 at the senior center featuring national touring comedian Dave Reilly. Gather your family and friends for a night of laughs. Seats are limited-reserve now. Tickets are \$25 each. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Bring your own food and drinks. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. 100% of all profits to be used for Stokes trip.

For tickets and information, call Debbie at (908) 227-7834, E-mail dpete1851@comcast.net or call Christine at (908) 705-4201.

— Out of Town —

Chamber Annual Dinner Dance

January 22

Kick-off the New Year with the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce by attending the 2010 annual meeting and dinner dance on

Friday, Jan. 22 from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Grand Colonial in Hampton. Cost per ticket is \$90. Tables of 10 also available for \$750.

Pre-registration is required by calling (908) 782-7115 or registering on line at www.hunterdonchamber.org.

Singles Upscale Dance Party

January 23

Steppin' Out Singles is hosting an upscale dance party on Saturday, Jan. 23 at 8 p.m. at the Grand Summit Hotel Grand Ballroom, 570 Springfield Ave. in Summit. Ages 40 and up; no jeans/sneakers; \$15 admission.

For information, call the 24-hour hotline (732) 656-1801.

Adopt a Pet

January 23 & 24

Lost Paws Animal Rescue, a non-profit animal welfare organization serving New Jersey, will sponsor pet adoption events on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 23 and 24 from 11 a.m.

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Temple Sholom Night of Comedy

January 23

Temple Sholom, 74 South Martine Ave., Fanwood/Scotch Plains, is hosting a night of comedy on Saturday, Jan. 23 at 7:30 p.m. featuring comedienne Mary Dimino and funny men Paul Corrigan and David Rosen. Tickets: \$20. Refreshments will be served.

For tickets or information, call (908) 889-4900 or E-mail lytelaw@aol.com. Benefits community, educational and religious programs.

Depression/Bipolar Monthly Meeting

January 27

On Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 7:45 p.m., the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance will feature Jeff Brandler, a licensed marriage and family therapist and certified addictions specialist. The meeting takes place at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Road in Morristown. The public is invited.

In case of hazardous weather, call (973) 994-1143 after 6 p.m. for possible cancellation information.

Prodigal Foundation Charity Bowling

January 30

Prodigal Foundation, Inc. is hosting the fourth annual H.S. Masters Bowling Tournament that will benefit children affected by cancer on Saturday, Jan. 30 at the Woodbridge Bowling Center at 12:30 p.m.

If interested, call the Woodbridge Bowling Center at (732) 634-4520, Prodigal Foundation at (732) 636-9200 or visit www.woodbridgebowling.com for an entry form and sponsor sheet.

Open House at Our Lady of Mt. Virgin

January 31

Our Lady of Mt. Virgin School, 450 Drake Ave. in Middlesex, is holding an open house and education fair on Sunday, Jan. 31, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the church.

For more information, please call (732) 356-6560 or visit olmv.net.

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Tiger Scouts from Franklin School Pack 207 visited the South Plainfield Observer on January 14 to earn their communications badge. Left to right are: Christopher Lee, Jason Delapoli, Patrick Berry and Tanner Price.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

It's Friday, and time for the latest report from the South Plainfield Library.

Of course the big news as far as the library is concerned is our relocation project. As was printed in the last issue of the *Observer* (you did read the last issue of the *Observer*, right?), our Board of Trustees voted to begin negotiations towards moving the operation (lock, stock and Stephanie Meyer books) to a new location over on Montrose Avenue. Following some refitting, we'll end up with around twice the available space as we currently have, along with a lot more parking spaces. We'll keep you posted on how things develop. In return, we'd like to hear your thoughts, opinions and suggestions about the project. Please pass along your feedback by leaving a note in our community suggestion box, writing a letter, giving us a phone call, or just stopping by and talking to a staff member. Our patrons are a vital part of this undertaking, and we want to hear from you. (No, really we do!)

Meanwhile, we're not by any means sitting idle (or cleese or palin) during this process. Here's what else is going on.

Don't forget about the special Kidcraft program on Monday evening at 6:30. It's our annual "Valentines for Veterans" program, where children can make valentines for patients at the Lyons VA hospital. We'll provide all the craft materials. The program is for children of all ages and is being presented free. No pre-registration is required.

Elsewhere on the children's side of the business, we'll follow our usual schedule of children's programming next week. (Why mess with success?) "Storytime," for children ages four and over, will be held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. "Time for 2's & 3's," for children ages two and three, will be held on Tues-

day and Wednesday mornings at 10:30, and "Books & Babies," for children ages two and under, will be held on Friday morning at 10:30. Each program lasts about an hour and features songs, stories and a craft activity for the older kids. They're all presented free. No pre-registration is required. For more information, please call us and ask for Miss Linda or Miss Mija. Our number is listed below.

Last week, we wrote to you about a bunch of video titles we've just added to our collection. And, just a week later, we have room to plug some more titles we've just gotten. Titles that are either now circulating or soon will be include a number of TV programs, including full season sets of *Waking the Dead*, *The Inspector Alleyn Mysteries*, *New Tricks*, *Supernatural*, *Star Wars: The Clone Wars* and *Fraggle Rock*. We've also gotten the Classic 39 from *The Honeymooners*, as well as the complete series of *Hetty Wainthrop Investigates*.

We'll finish up with an "evergreen" reminder (meaning one that's always relevant): South Plainfield Library is many things to many people. One thing we aren't is a babysitting service. It's not a good idea to leave your kids, especially the younger ones, here unattended and unsupervised. We have a limited amount of staff who are busy enough with their own jobs, let alone watching out for children or, for that matter, young teens. Please be advised that we consider looking after children to be the responsibility of a child's parent or guardian, not our staff. Please keep that in mind and don't park your kids here alone for long periods of time, especially at night. It's best for all concerned that way.

That's all for now. For more information, please check our Web site at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us or call us at (908) 754-7885. We'll be right back.

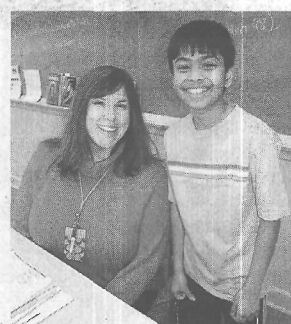
JUNIOR JOURNALIST

Het Patel Named Junior Journalist

Middle School seventh grader Het Patel has been named a winner in the Junior Journalist contest. His submission "Winter Snowfall" has earned him dinner for his family courtesy of Hometown Heros.

Students should submit their original written works to their teachers, school principal or the *Observer* office at 1110 Hamilton Blvd.

Winners will receive a catered dinner for their families from Hometown Heros and will be honored at a year-end banquet in May. Junior Journalists also have the opportunity to win the Ruth Kurland Memorial \$1,000 savings bond which will be awarded at the banquet.



Junior Journalist winner Het Patel with teacher Elizabeth Weiss.

For more information, call the *Observer* at (908) 668-0010.

Winter Snowfall

By Het Patel

White wisps of winter are floating gently down to Earth.

A powerful gust of wind attacks you from behind paralyzing your entire body until your inner core produces enough thermal heat for you to proceed. You twist the icy door knob slightly as you slowly sluggishly slither into the room. Once you regain enough heat, you look outside.

Snowflakes zoom through the sky with all the freedom in the world having more fun than children on a swing set swinging back and forth.

It is clear to you that it is winter snowfall.



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Junior Journalist 2009-2010



Congratulations Amirtha!

Charlie and Debbie Kurland from Hometown Heros deliver dinner to Junior Journalist winner Amirtha Bharanthan, pictured with her mom, Gayathri and sister, Iniya.



After a day of healthy activity in Little Italy, the group of Plainfields' UNICANS and members of the South Plainfield Senior Center Italian language class get ready to take the bus home.

Plainfields' UNICO Visit Italian-American Museum and Little Italy

Approximately 46 people, organized through Plainfields' UNICO and a weekly Italian language class at the South Plainfield Senior Center, visited the Italian-American Museum, where they attended a lecture and photography show entitled "Presepio Napoletano" on January 16. They also toured, shopped and enjoyed a delicious lunch at La Mela restaurant in New York City's "Little Italy" neighborhood.

The trip was organized by Plainfields' UNICO Founder and Past National President Renato Biribin, Plainfields' UNICO President Anthony Bengivenga, UNICO District X First Deputy Governor Robert Bengivenga, and the Italian language instructors, Susie Leonardis and Angela Baratta. Elaine Biribin, Italian language class curriculum coordinator, also assisted in organizing the trip.

The visit was also made possible through the cooperation and assistance of Dr. Joseph V. Scelsa, the president and chief executive officer of the Italian-American Museum. UNICO members also extended special thanks to Courtney Villani (also from the Elizabeth chapter of UNICO and UNICO District X) who personally helped to arrange bus service through her family bus company.

At the museum, the visitors perused historic documents and additional items, and marveled at a donated presepio on display from Italy while enjoying a lecture and photography exhibit from Anita Sanseverino entitled "Presepio Napoletano," that explored the origins and traditions of presepio.

South Plainfield School Board Announces Candidacy Information

The South Plainfield School District has information available for citizens interested in running for a vacant seat on the Board of Education.

The South Plainfield Board of Education will have three (3) vacancies in the April 20 annual school election, according to Richard A. Guarini, spokesperson for the BOE. A full term on the school board runs for three years.

Candidates must file a nominating petition with the local school board in order to get their name on the ballot for the annual school election. The current deadline to submit the nominating petition is 4 p.m. on Monday, March 1. The election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20.

A change in the annual school election date and candidacy deadline has been proposed in the Legislature. The New Jersey School Boards Association will notify local school districts of such a change, if enacted.

Prospective school board candidates can obtain a "School Board Candidate Kit" online at www.njsba.org. Published by the New Jersey School Boards Association, the School Board Candidate Kit includes a nominating petition, information about legal qualifications for school board candidacy and the role of the school board member. Information about the New Jersey School Ethics Act and important dates in the school election process are also included in the kit.

"One of the most meaningful contributions that a citizen can make to their community is serving on their local board of education," said Harry J. Delgado, NJSBA president. "I encourage all interested citizens to consider school board membership. It doesn't require a degree in education, or a background in politics. However, it does require a sincere interest in the community, its children, and their education."



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MIDDLESEX COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

By Ronald G. Rios, Chair, Committee of Public Health & Education

Keeping Kids from Becoming Smokers

For almost 25 years, I was a smoker. I began this unhealthy habit at a young age because I thought it was cool. I wish now that someone had explained then what it had taken me 25 years to realize: Not only did I put myself at risk, I may have endangered the ones I love because of the harmful effects of exposure to second-hand smoke.

Despite all the reports and all the warnings about these dangers, more than 4,400 children each day still find themselves on the path to becoming regular smokers.

We, as parents and educators, need to tell them it's not cool. We need to hammer the point that smoking is dangerous and can have serious consequences. We need to help them quit, or better yet, not to start in the first place.

Smoking is a serious health problem among our youth. It is the leading cause of preventable deaths in the United States, and can lead to a number of conditions, including cancer, heart and lung disease, cardiovascular disease, high blood pressure, heart attacks and emphysema.

Children may have a romanticized vision of what it means to smoke from watching movies or seeing advertisements. But what many children may not know is the effect that prolonged

smoking can have on their health, or how terribly addictive nicotine can be. Nicotine, a drug naturally found in tobacco, can be as addictive as heroin or cocaine. Once a person becomes physically and emotionally addicted to nicotine, it can be very difficult to quit smoking. To help our children live happy and healthy lives in the future, it is important that we address the very real dangers of tobacco use with them now.

Talk to your kids about smoking. If you suspect that your child may be smoking, have an honest conversation about it with them. It's easy to become angry and upset when faced with something that can be harmful to your child, but it's more productive to have an open dialogue. Trust and understanding can be your most effective tools when addressing this topic.

If you need additional help or information about children and smoking, please contact the Middlesex County Health Department. The Health Department offers a series of preventative programs for community and school sites that can be arranged by calling the Health Education Division at (732) 745-8860.

Parker Gardens to Host "Alice" Tea Party

Parker Gardens is opening up its warm greenhouses to host a mother and child *Alice in Wonderland* themed tea party this January. Parker Gardens had such a wonderful response to their fall birthday parties and fall events that they have added some wintertime fun to their schedule. Birthday parties are still available throughout the winter.

When the tea party guests arrive they will find Parkers has transformed one of their greenhouses into an *Alice in Wonderland* fantasyland, complete with roses, Cheshire cat, cards and many more favorites from this classic story. Pre-register prior by contacting Deborah of Parker Gardens at (908) 322-5552.

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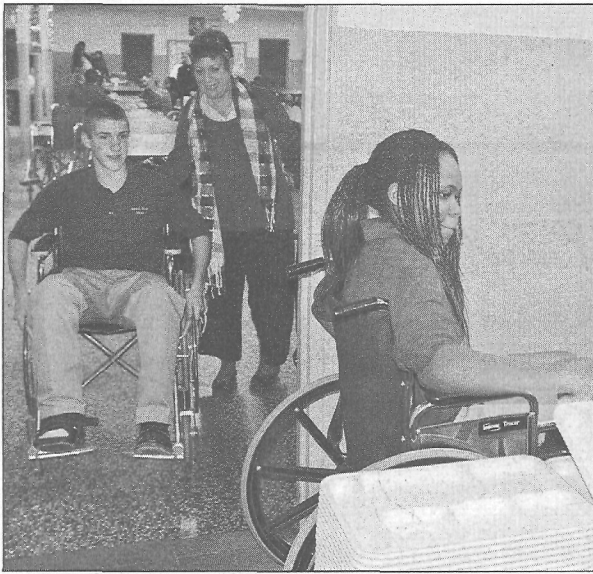
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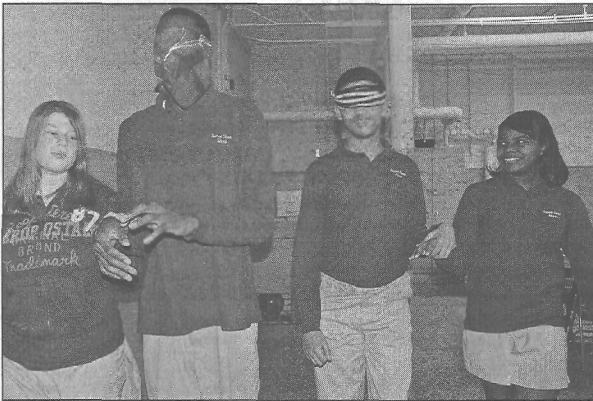
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Students experience firsthand the difficulty of navigating in a wheelchair.



Blindfolded students are assisted in moving around by fellow students.

Sacred Heart Workshop Aims To Create Disability Awareness

Pastoral Associate Sister Kathleen Rooney, along with Sister Nadine Boyle, held a disabilities workshop for sixth grade students at Sacred Heart School on January 11 and 12.

The two day workshop was meant to show students what it is like to live in a disabled world with the difficulties and frustration they must face every day. Students were given the opportunity to experience what it was like to be blind, unable to walk or have difficulty in speaking. Some challenges they faced were trying to maneuver around in a wheelchair, walking with a blindfold on and trying to speak with marshmallows in

their mouths to emulate a speech impairment.

Students worked in pairs, one blindfolded and the other aiding that person. They learned about the importance of trusting each other.

Sister Kathleen and Sister Nadine worked for many hours on the program along with teachers Debbie Pinto, Debbie Fusco and Alice Bach.

The experience was a great "eye opener" for some of the students. They learned what it felt like to have a disability and many said they will be more sympathetic when they encounter a person with a disability in the future.

Donations for Haitian Earthquake Victims May Be Tax-Deductible; Be Aware of Scams

With recovery efforts underway many people may wish to contribute to relief funds for the victims of Haiti's recent earthquake. Contributions for Haitian earthquake victims may be tax deductible.

The IRS also wants to remind people to ensure that their donations are made to reputable organizations and not fall victim to fraudulent scams. Such fraudulent schemes may be perpetrated through the telephone, Internet, E-mail or in-person solicitations.

"Chose carefully and wisely when making donations to aid the earthquake victims," said Gregg Semanick, New Jersey's IRS Spokesman. "We encourage people to be prudent and careful when they are solicited for disaster donations."

The IRS offers these tips for making charitable contributions:

- Contributions to domestic, tax-exempt, charitable organizations that provide assistance to individuals in foreign lands qualify as tax-deductible contributions for federal income tax purposes, provided that the U.S. organization has full control and discretion over the uses of such funds. Contributions to foreign organizations generally are not deductible. Contributions to benefit specific individuals or families are also not deductible.

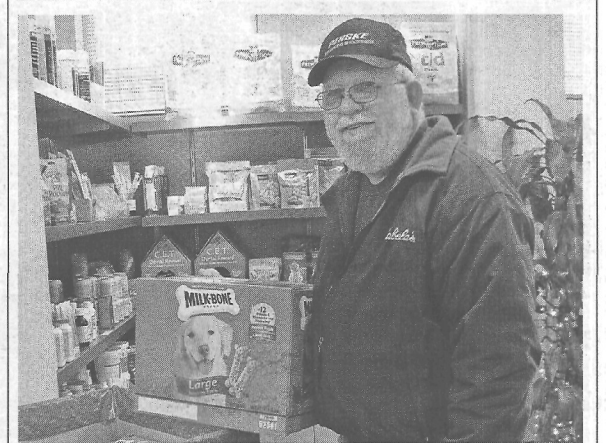
- Contributions are deductible in the year made. To deduct any charitable donation of money, regardless of amount, a taxpayer must have a bank record or a written communication from the charity showing the name of the charity and the date and amount of the contribution. For individuals, only taxpayers who itemize their deductions on Form 1040 Schedule A can claim deductions for charitable contributions.

- IRS Publication 526, Charitable Contributions, provides information on making contributions to charities. IRS Publication 3833, Disaster Relief: Providing Assistance through Charitable Organizations, explains how the public can use charitable organizations to help victims of disasters.

- Donors should ensure that their contributions go to qualified charities. Taxpayers who have a specific charity in mind can make sure it's a qualified charity by doing a search on IRS.gov by inputting the term "Search for Charities" in the search feature.

Some organizations, such as churches or governments, may be qualified even though they are not listed on IRS.gov.

For additional information on charitable giving go to the IRS.gov Web site.



John Thompson with donated pet food.

Animal Hospital Collects Food for Needy Pets

The Plainfield Animal Hospital, 2215 Park Ave., collected more than 750 pounds of pet food this holiday season and donated it to Shirley Thompson to distribute to pets belonging to the needy families she provides with holiday meals. Food was also donated to Plainfield Area Humane Society.

"In these difficult economic times, the spirit of the holiday season and generosity was truly overwhelming," said Dr. Scott Linick, director of the Animal Hospital. "We would like to thank everyone who donated food, for making life a little better for our less fortunate furry friends."



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FROM SP SKI CLUB

By Chris Hubner



Ski club members Casey Butrico, Shawn Gorman, Katliyn Graziano, Chris Kukuch, Christian Legiuzman, Frankie Malecki III, Danielle Palito, Jelani Ptah and Chris Richard.

Ski Club Lifts Off 2010 Season Without a Hitch



The SP Tiger Ski Club went on their first trip of the season on January 15 to Mountain Creek Ski Resort. The snow conditions, as well as the weather, made for the perfect day and night of skiing and snowboard-

ing. Everyone came home the same way they left—with no injuries.

This was the first trip for the ski club which formed this year to open up the opportunity for high school aged students to participate in ski trips. The club participation has been very successful with 45 freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors in attendance.

This trip was enjoyed by all students who had a great time as can be seen in the photos.

We would like to send out a very special thanks to Dr. Kenneth May and his staff. Without him, this new ski club and its trips would not have been possible.

SOCCER CLUB NEWS

By Dawn Hutchison

Enjoy Dinner and Help the Club

The South Plainfield Soccer Club's first fundraiser of the 2010 season is here.

• Friday, Jan. 22—Pasta dinner, Middle School cafeteria 5 to 8 p.m. Dine in buffet/takeout available. Dinner consists of penne pasta with choice of marinara or vodka sauce, choice of meatballs or sausage; bread, salad and lemonade or ice tea. Dessert available at an additional cost. Adults, 13 and over—\$7.50, seniors—\$6.50, children under 12—\$5.

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Just a reminder that our other fundraisers are fast approaching as well.

• Sunday, Jan. 31—Pancake breakfast at the Elks Lodge on New Market Avenue, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Eggs made to order, French toast, pancakes, bacon, sausage, home fries, toast, orange juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Adults—\$7, seniors—\$5, children 3-12—\$4, under two free.

• Friday, Feb. 12—Mardi Gras Night at the Senior Center on Maple Avenue at 7 p.m.

An evening of authentic Cajun cooking, music and fun. Enjoy live Dixieland music by Marshall's Dixieland Band. Sure to get you out of your seat and on your feet! King and queen of the court will be crowned. Beads and masks available for purchase to add to the fun. Come out and play like the Cajuns do. Adults only. Seats limited to 100 guests.

Menu: appetizers start with barbecued shrimp with fresh French bread, followed by stuffed mushrooms. A choice of one of three entrees: chicken gumbo, jambalaya or shrimp etouffe.

fee. Dessert choices: sorbet or pecan pie with ice cream. Cash bar available. Beer, wine or soda.

Tickets, \$25 per person, include dinner and two drinks. Call club phone at (908) 755-3550 for advanced ticket sales. Leave your name and number and the ticket committee will get back to you.

We are still in need of help from families. If you can help in any way with any upcoming events, please E-mail Bill Garner regarding the Mardi Gras at Bill.Garner@iqor.com, and Laura Readie at lreadie@verizon.net, for all other events. Thanks as always for your support of the SPSC.



Ponytail Softball Batters Box

By Nancy McMahon

The next Parents' Ponytail Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 26 at the PAL building at 7 p.m. We hope to see some new faces at these meetings.

You can visit our new Web site at www.leaguelineup.com/spponytail.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, March 7—U12 All Star tryouts and U14 All Star tryouts.

Sunday, April 25—U12 Friendly Tournament. Thursday, April 29—Rec Canning. Friday, April 30—Rec Canning.

Saturday, May 1—Rec Canning. Sunday, May 2—U14 Friendly Tournament.

Saturday, June 5—End of Year Pool Party. Thursday, June 10—All Star Canning. Friday, June 11—All Star Canning. Saturday, June 12—All Star Canning.

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By Gary Lampasona

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

It's our first winter's thaw, and it has me thinking about springtime and baseball—a great time to double check whether you've registered your child for the spring baseball season. All children ages eight through 17 are eligible.

We have had our final "in-person" registration, but it's not too late. Call the clubhouse at (908) 754-2090 or just download the registration forms from our Web site at www.league lineup.com/spjbc and mail it to the address on the form. Leagues have be-

gun to fill up, so act now to avoid being closed out of playing this season. Be sure to check us out weekly; as we enter February, our activities pick up as we prepare for the upcoming season.

Umpire classes begin Tuesday, Feb. 16. Candidates must be 13 and older. Call the clubhouse to register.

"People ask me what I do in winter when there's no baseball. I'll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring."—Rogers Hornsby



Pauls Participating In Hockey Across America Weekend

South Plainfield resident and 2010 USA Paralympic Team member, Josh Pauls, will make history with a handful of disabled New Jerseyans during Hockey Across America Weekend, January 29-31, by visiting all of New Jersey's ice rinks to bring awareness to disabled hockey.

During Hockey Weekend Across America, a group of disabled hockey players will embark on a 1,370-mile journey to visit all 54 New Jersey ice rinks in just 54 hours.

Their mission? To convince New Jersey rinks to allocate just one hour of ice time per week to disabled hockey—the ultimate occupational therapy for individuals with physical and developmental disabilities. In fact, the athletes are bringing a petition with them. Anyone can sign the petition they created and learn more at www.everybodyskates.com.

Our journey will begin at the NHL Store in N.Y.C. on Friday, Jan. 29 and culminate with a stop at a 54th and final rink, the Prudential Center in Newark, where we'll be honored at the N.J. Devils game at 5 p.m.

What we're asking of rinks, is simple: Allocate one hour of ice time per week to disabled hockey.

—Submitted by Nancy Karas, Press Contact for EveryBODY Skates

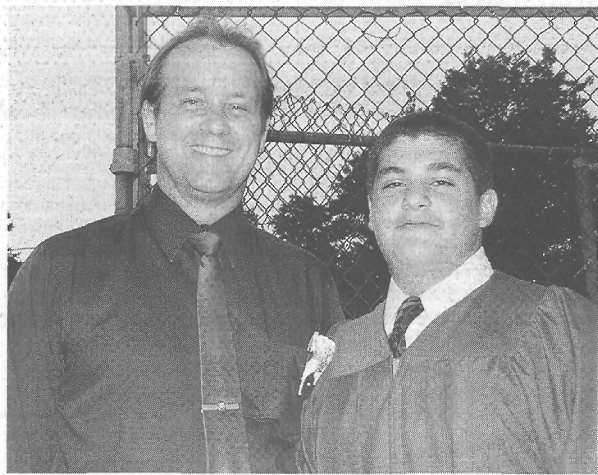
Junior Journalist 2009-2010



Congratulations Sarah!

Charlie and Debbie Kurland from Hometown Heros deliver dinner to Junior Journalist winner Sarah Sajid, pictured with her mom, Jozya; dad, Sajid; sister, Soha; and friend, Nainika.

Not Forgotten: Remembering Dale Salisbury



Dale Salisbury with Rocco Severini

By Patricia Abbott

January 11 brought back memories, both happy and sad, for many former South Plainfield Middle School students and school faculty. The date marks the anniversary of the death of teacher Dale E. Salisbury. Three years have passed since Salisbury abruptly departed from their lives, and memories run rampant for those who were close to him.

Dale taught language arts at the middle school for many years. He coached middle school boys soccer, served as the drama club advisor/director, mentored the Peer to Peer group and more. He was very involved in school activities and was always attentive and devoted to his students. He supported them, sharing in their triumphs and consoling them when they were down. He listened without censor when they needed a friend.

SPHS Junior Erin O'Conner shared several humorous memories. "He'd care for the ducks in the middle school courtyard like they were his own children; he'd throw feed at us if he thought we were scaring his ducklings. We used to sit in his room after school in protest to make him start the plays earlier, and amazingly enough, he never kicked us out! He'd also come to us at lunch, sit down with us and talk about all the plays he wanted to do. My favorite memory of Mr. Salisbury is when he was giving us the scripts to the play we were doing when I was in eighth grade. He was acting really strict and non-smiling and was scaring some of the seventh graders. After most people had left, I went up and told him so. With a complete change of mood, he grinned mischievously and said, 'Good.' It was just so classically Salisbury!"

Salisbury's colleague and friend, middle school teacher Joe Blondo,

mentioned that Dale had been a helicopter mechanic in the army, serving in Panama and Germany. He also noted that Dale was a very private person with a dry sense of humor. "He was a very creative and excellent teacher who went above and beyond always."

Kristen Partesi, a former student of Salisbury's, graduated from the middle school in 2004. "What can I possibly say about him that would even begin to express the laughter, care, dedication, strength and invaluable presence he shared with so many while he graced our lives? All I can hope is that as we go about our busy lives, we always remember the life and the loss of Dale E. Salisbury. I know I am not alone when I say—without him, I don't know where I would be today. May he be resting in the peace he no doubt deserves."

Elizabeth Veiss of the Middle School Language Arts Department offered her recollection of Salisbury. "Dale Salisbury had a very dry sense of humor, but he was one of the quickest and most clever people you could ever meet. He loved teaching and working with the students as both their teacher, coach, drama and newspaper advisor. He loved soccer, hockey, dalmatians, wolves and the television show, *Mork*. Dale was very artistic, creative and resourceful, and he would help anyone that he could. Dale Salisbury was an integral part of South Plainfield Middle School. Above all, he is missed."

Dale holds a special place in the heart of former student, Rocco Severini. Dale not only helped Severini through a rough time, but influenced his life as well. Severini recently wrote his college mid-term paper depicting Dale as his hero. Sharing his thoughts, Severini said, "Mr. Salisbury—Dad—was an inspiration to many who knew him. To find words to explain what he has done for me and others is near impossible. He was a person who would always be there and knew just what to say in a fun way. He taught more than English, soccer, or drama; he taught you about yourself. He helped many students, and I hope he realized just how many lives he actually touched. It has been three years and the memory of him is still, and will always be, in the minds of many. He was a great person and like a father. Be happy, Be free, Be Dale."

His memory lives on, and on behalf of the many whose lives he has touched, rest in peace Dale Salisbury.

Obituaries

Barbara A. Zultowski, 73

Barbara A. Zultowski died peacefully in her home on Tuesday, Jan. 12 surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Jersey City, Barbara had been a resident of South Plainfield since 1966.



Barbara Zultowski was a graduate of Jersey City Medical Center School of Nursing. Barbara worked as a registered nurse in the labor and delivery unit at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield for over 35 years before retiring in 2001.

Barbara is predeceased by her husband, Edward Zultowski, who died in 1983 and by a sister, Audrey Shuster, who died in 2006.

Surviving are three daughters and their husbands, Karen Pallejja and Juan of Union, Susan Barletta and Alex of South Plainfield, Lori Iavarone and Joseph of South Plainfield; a son, Steven and wife Regina of South Plainfield; seven grandchildren, Alex and Adam Barletta, Amanda Iavarone, Nicole, Lauren and Steven Zultowski and Dylan Pallejja.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

Lawrence Richards, 85

Lawrence Richards died on Wednesday, Jan. 13 at Birchwood Square at Cranford Health in Cranford.

Born and raised in Belfast, Maine, Larry moved to South Plainfield in 1951.

He served in the Navy during World War II and was discharged in 1951.

For 25 years Larry worked for Johnson and Johnson in New Brunswick as an electrician and was a member of the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union Local 169.

He loved to fish and travel, and he visited every state, including a three-month trip through Alaska.

A jack of all trades, Mr. Richards was the neighborhood "Mr. Fix It." For 25 years he was a member of the

Watchung Council Boy Scouts and he was also active in the Belfast, Maine Grange.

He is predeceased by his wife, Eileen Richards; a son, Ralph; a sister, Doris Kinney and a brother, Linwood.

Surviving are his loving daughter, Betty Ann Richards of South Plainfield and many loving friends.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Homestead Hospice, 152 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Clark, N.J. 07066.

Cruz Gonzalez, 74

Cruz Gonzalez died on Friday, Jan. 15 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born and raised in Puerto Rico, Cruz lived in New York City, Meridian, Conn. and Middlesex before settling in South Plainfield in 1974.

Along with his wife, Marie, Cruz owned and operated Joanne's Kitchens in South Plainfield.

In addition to his beloved wife Marie (Rafferty), surviving are a son, Richard and wife Maureen of North Carolina; his mother, Longina Gonzalez of Puerto Rico; a sister, Teresita Gonzalez Nunez also of Puerto Rico and three brothers, Virgilio Gonzalez of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. and Israel and Juan Gonzalez, both of Puerto Rico. Also surviving is his newly born granddaughter, Ellie Marie Gonzalez and a niece, Linnette Gonzalez of Andover.

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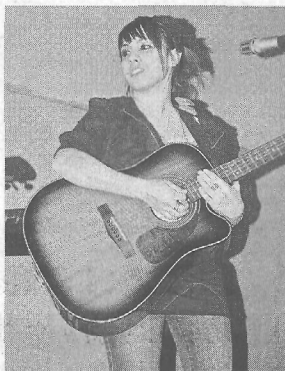
Almost Famous Players ensemble

Local Talent Performs for a Cause

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Councilwoman Chrissy Bureas said, "I was extremely impressed with the level of musical talent at the show and appreciate the dedication of the participants and members of the audience to support Almost Famous Players."

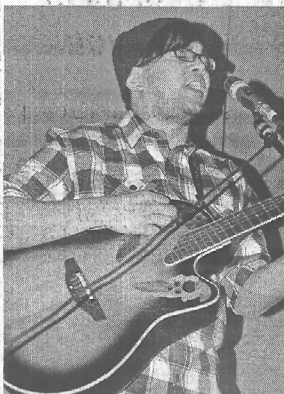
AFP President and Founder Patricia Abbott said, "This was the most successful coffeehouse we have ever held and it was put together in just a



Justina Carubia

month. The variety of talent was wonderful. My thanks to all those who helped create a perfect evening and a special thanks to all the people who came out to support us."

AFP hopes to hold a music showcase, as well as other fundraisers, some time in the future. Plans for this year's Halloween show are in the works as well. For more information on AFP or to sign up for the Halloween show or become a volunteer send an E-mail to angelonly@aol.com.



Dan Sambat

Curves: Help Make One Million Women Stronger in 2010

Curves of South Plainfield will be joining other Curves facilities throughout the world this month in a company-wide campaign called Stronger + Together, an international movement to make one million women healthier in 2010. The program will rely heavily on women sharing their success stories and providing confidence and inspiration to others.

The heart of the program lives online at www.Curves.com/StrongerTogether, where women can find useful information about the campaign, register, share personal stories about how they were able to start a healthier lifestyle and find useful tools, such as easy-to-send emails designed for women to send messages of inspiration and the option to create a personal profile to promote their story on the Web site.

With the campaign comes a "join now and get 30 days free" promotion to get women on the bandwagon of getting healthy. According to Elissa Bennett of the Curves in South Plainfield, the mission starts with helping women take concrete steps to help

achieve their health and wellness goals.

"Our existing members in the South Plainfield community have demonstrated that they are committed to improving their health by joining our programs; we want to use that confidence as an example for other women to also make that commitment," Bennett said. "It just takes that first step to get the cycle going, and that could be joining a regular exercise program like Curves, being informed of health topics, or listening to success stories to inspire you to stay focused."

Studies have shown that regular exercise has long-lasting benefits. It helps reduce risks of a myriad of diseases, including cardiovascular disease, Type 2 diabetes, metabolic syndrome and some cancers. Curves' 30-minute circuit training helps women work every major muscle group, strengthen hearts and burn up to 500 calories with each workout.

For more information on Curves of South Plainfield and the Stronger+Together campaign, call Elissa Bennett at (908) 757-4422 or E-mail 9ZM8S6J@curvesmail.com.

Middlesex County College Alumni Assoc. Seeks Scholarship Applicants

The Alumni Association of Middlesex County College is accepting applications for the alumni scholarship, which will be awarded in the spring semester.

The scholarship, for dependents of alumni, has a deadline of Monday, Feb. 15. Application forms are available on the Web site, www.middlesexcc.edu/alumnischolarship, or by calling the Alumni Office at (732) 906-2566.

The scholarship will be one \$500 award.

The criteria for the scholarship are:

1. The candidate must be a full-

time or at least half-time student at Middlesex County College.

2. He or she must be the dependent of a Middlesex County College alumnus. Dependents of the Alumni Board are ineligible for consideration.

3. The scholarship will be awarded for the second or later year of study at Middlesex County College.

4. The Alumni Board will review applications and make the decision.

5. The factors the board would use in selecting the recipient include community service, financial need, grade point average and a brief essay.

police report

• On Jan. 12 Michael A. Arroyo, 29, of North Brunswick was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

• A Toms River resident reported the theft of a Garmin GPS and Apple laptop worth \$1,100.

• On Jan. 13 Kevin E. Franklin, 46, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

• Chamir S. Shivers, 26, of Somerset was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

• Jermaine Blakey, 37, of New Brunswick was arrested for disorderly conduct.

• On Jan. 14 Gina M. Gambino, 41, of Sayreville was arrested for brake light out, driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

• Sage E. Wood, 19, of Piscataway was arrested at Sears Essentials for shoplifting a MP3 player valued at \$24.

• On Jan. 15 Michael J. Apostolis, 20, of Piscataway was arrested for unclear plates, possession of a controlled substance in a motor vehicle and possession of under 50 grams of marijuana.

• Theophilu Melvin Ammons, 41, of Plainfield was arrested for failure to inspect, displaying a fraudulent inspection sticker and an outstanding warrant.

• Quashon Aaron Brooks, 22, of North Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, careless driving, possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle, driving on a suspended license and refusal to submit to breath testing.

• On Jan. 19 Theophilu Melvin Ammons, 41, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, possession of an open container of alcohol, careless driving, failure to stay right and driving on a suspended license.

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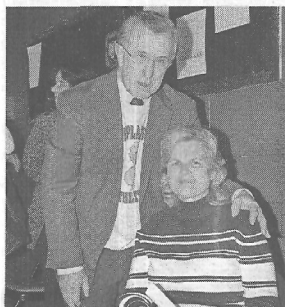
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“Tiger Country” Gym Dedicated



Steve and Barbara Novak

(Continued from page 1)

School gymnasium, Cotoia's daughters donated the flag that had covered his funeral casket for display in the gym. The high school gym had previously been named for Cotoia.

Novak shared his own past memory of the gym with the audience. Point-



Coach Kevin Hughes

ing to a spot just below the stage, he recalled that he and his wife Barbara of 37 years met there many years ago. Barbara is a 1965 SPHS



Coach Sharon Colucci

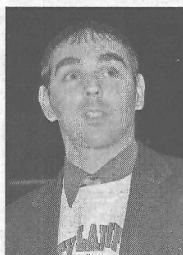
graduate and Novak attended North Plainfield High School.

After the ribbon cutting ceremony, the school held a pep rally. Teacher Jim Makowski served as emcee. The middle school band, under the direction of Andy Veiss, played several songs, including *Eye of the Tiger*. Students cheered as the boys' and girls' basketball and wrestling coaches introduced their team members individually. Under the direc-

tion of Shannon Colucci, the cheerleaders led the students in cheering. The renovated gym boasts new dark green bleachers with black railings. The resurfaced floor features a new design in green and black. A



Patty and Margaret Cotoia

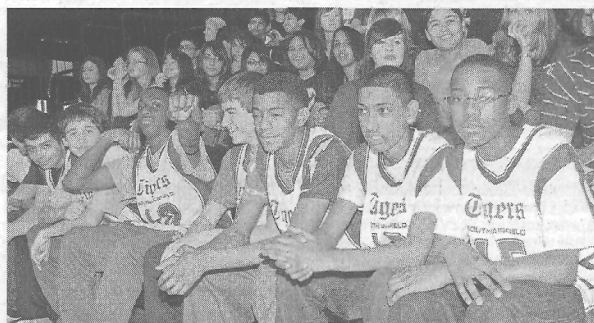


Kevin Hajduk

large orange tiger is featured at center court, and the words “Tiger Country” are spelled out along one side of the gym. T-shirts reflecting the theme will soon be available for purchase. The gym also features new banners emphasizing the five As, “academics, arts, athletics, attendance and activities,” and the three Rs, “respect, responsibility and relationships.”

The middle school opened in 1974 when a new building was built to house high school students. Prior to that, seventh and eighth grade students attended Cedarcroft Junior High School (now Grant Elementary).

BOE member and Middle School PTO President Debbie Boyle remarked, “The rededication of the middle school gym was a multi-faceted



Members of the Middle School Basketball team

triangle of nostalgia for those who attended school in 1949 as a high school, those who attended as middle school students and today's students. An overwhelming sense of pride was felt by Jose

Negron, Rich Guarini, Principal Novak, Kevin Hajduk, Director of Operations Rob Walker, the teachers and staff and by the students whose faces glowed with appreciation.”



The Middle School cheerleaders

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 1874

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 136 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED: “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES”, SPECIFICALLY, ARTICLE 136-2: “FEES”, FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, WAS ADOPTED ON FIRST READING AND ADVERTISED IN THE OBSERVER ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2010 AND THAT A PUBLIC HEARING BE SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2480 PLAINFIELD AVENUE, SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1874
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 136 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED: “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES”, SPECIFICALLY, ARTICLE 136-2: “FEES”, FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF South Plainfield, that:

the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield, specifically Chapter 136 entitled: “Alcoholic Beverages” be amended as follows:

Article 136-2. License Fees

License fees shall be amended as follows:

Penalty Retail Distribution License: \$2,275.00

All other provisions of this chapter shall remain in effect.

This ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication according to law.

ATTEST:
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$39.37 January 22, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 1872

#1760A entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FEES FOR THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY POOL FOR THE YEAR 2010 was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$27.56 January 22, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE, that the undersigned shall expose for sale, in accordance with R.S. 39:10A-1, at public auction on January 29, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, the below described motor vehicles which came into possession of the South Plainfield Police Department through abandonment or failure of owners to claim same. The motor vehicles may be examined by contacting Traffic Safety.

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1993	Buick	2G4WB54L4P1460097	Junk	Regal	\$1700.00

South Plainfield Police Dept.

Off. Karl W. Schuetz, Traffic Safety Officer

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January 22, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 1873

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CODIFICATION AND REVISION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; PROVIDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SAID CODE; REPEALING AND SAVING FROM REPEAL CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED HEREIN; ESTABLISHING A PENALTY FOR ALTERING OR TAMPERING WITH THE CODE; AND MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES IN PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ORDINANCES was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, January 22, 2010 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, February 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1873
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CODIFICATION AND REVISION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; PROVIDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SAID CODE; REPEALING AND SAVING FROM REPEAL CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED HEREIN; ESTABLISHING A PENALTY FOR ALTERING OR TAMPERING WITH THE CODE; AND MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES IN PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ORDINANCES.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Mayor And Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

§ 1-1. Adoption of the Code

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:49-4, the ordinances of the Borough of South Plainfield or a general and permanent nature adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, as revised, codified and consolidated into chapters and sections by General Code, and consisting of Chapters 1 through 462, together with an Appendix, are hereby approved, adopted, ordained and enacted as the “Code of the Borough of South Plainfield”, hereinafter known and referred to as the “Code”.

§ 1-2. Code supersedes prior ordinances

This ordinance and the Code shall supersede all other general and permanent ordinances enacted prior to the enactment of this Code, except such ordinances as are hereinafter expressly saved from repeal or continued in force.

§ 1-3. When effective

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

§ 1-4. COPY OF Code on file

A copy of the Code in loose-leaf form has been filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and shall remain there for use and examination by the public until final action is taken on this ordinance; and, if this ordinance shall be adopted, such copy shall be certified by the Clerk of the Borough of South Plainfield by impressing thereon the Seal of the Borough, as provided by law, and such certified copy shall remain on file in the office of the Clerk of the Borough, to be made available to persons desiring to examine the same during all times while said Code is in effect.

§ 1-5. Amendments to Code

Any and all additions, amendments or supplements to the Code, when passed and adopted in such form as to indicate the intent of the governing body to make them a part thereof, shall be deemed to be incorporated into such Code so that reference to the “Code of the Borough of South Plainfield” shall be understood and intended to include such additions and amendments. Whenever such additions, amendments or supplements to the Code shall be adopted, they shall thereafter be printed and, as provided hereunder, inserted in the loose-leaf book containing said Code as amendments and supplements thereto.

§ 1-6. Publication; filing

The Clerk of the Borough of South Plainfield, pursuant to law, shall cause this Adopting Ordinance to be published, in the manner required, in a newspaper of general circulation in the Borough. Sufficient copies of the Code shall be maintained in the office of the Clerk for inspection by the public at all times during regular office hours. The enactment and publication of this Adopting Ordinance, coupled with availability of copies of the Code for inspection by the public, shall be deemed, held and considered to be due and legal publication of all provisions of the Code for all purposes.

§ 1-7. Code book to be kept up-to-date

It shall be the duty of the Clerk or someone authorized and directed by the Clerk to keep up-to-date the certified copy of the book containing the Code required to be filed in his or her office for the use of the public. All changes in said Code and all ordinances adopted subsequent to the effective date of this codification which shall be adopted specifically as part of the Code shall, when finally adopted, be included therein by reference until such changes or new ordinances are printed as supplements to said Code book, at which time such supplements shall be inserted therein.

§ 1-8. Sale of Code book

Copies of the Code, or any chapter or portion of it, may be purchased from the Clerk, or an authorized agent of the Clerk, upon the payment of a fee authorized by the Borough. The Clerk shall also arrange for procedures for the periodic supplementation of the Code.

§ 1-9. Altering or tampering with Code; penalties for violation

It shall be unlawful for anyone to improperly change or amend, by additions or deletion, any part or portion of the Code or to alter or tamper with such Code in any manner whatsoever which will cause the law of the Borough of South Plainfield to be misrepresented thereby. Anyone violating this section or any part of this ordinance shall be subject, upon conviction, to one or more of the following: a fine of not more than \$1,250, imprisonment for not more than 90 days or a period of community service not exceeding 90 days, in the discretion of the Judge imposing the same.

§ 1-10. Severability of Code provisions

Each section of the Code and every part of each section is an independent section or part of a section, and the holding of any section or a part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective for any cause shall not be deemed to affect the validity or

constitutionality of any other sections or parts thereof.

§ 1-11. Severability of ordinance provisions

Each section of this ordinance is an independent section, and the holding of any section or part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective for any cause shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other sections or parts thereof.

§ 1-12. Repealer

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions contained in the Code adopted by this ordinance are hereby repealed; provided, however, that such repeal shall only be to the extent of such inconsistency, and any valid legislation of the Borough of South Plainfield which is not in conflict with the provisions of the Code shall be deemed to remain in full force and effect.

§ 1-13. Ordinances saved from repeal

The adoption of this Code and the repeal of ordinances provided for in § 1-12 of this ordinance shall not affect the following ordinances, rights and obligations, which are hereby expressly saved from repeal:

A. An ordinance adopted subsequent to 9-10-2003.

B. Any right or liability established, accrued or incurred under any legislative provision prior to the effective date of this ordinance or any action or proceeding brought for the enforcement of such right or liability.

C. Any offense or act committed or done before the effective date of this ordinance in violation of any legislative provision or any penalty, punishment or forfeiture which may result therefrom.

D. Any prosecution, indictment, action, suit or other proceeding pending or any judgment rendered, prior to the effective date of this ordinance, brought pursuant to any legislative provision.

E. Any franchise, license, right, easement or privilege heretofore granted or conferred.

F. Any ordinance providing for the laying out, opening, altering, widening, relocating, straightening, establishing of grade, changing of name, improvement, acceptance or vacation of any right-of-way, easement, street, road, highway, park or other public place or any portion thereof.

G. Any ordinance or resolution appropriating money or transferring funds, promising or guaranteeing the payment of money or authorizing the issuance and delivery of any bond or other instruments or evidence of the Borough's indebtedness.

H. Ordinances authorizing the purchase, sale, lease or transfer of property or any lawful contract, agreement or obligation.

I. The levy or imposition of taxes, assessments or charges or the approval of the municipal budget.

K. All currently effective ordinances pertaining to the rate and manner of payment of salaries and compensation of officers and employees or pertaining to vacations, sick leave, leaves of absence or retirement of employees.

L. Any ordinance adopting or amending the Zone Map.

M. Any ordinance relating to or establishing a pension plan or pension fund for municipal employees.

N. Any ordinance creating civil service positions or other positions of employment in the Borough.

O. Any ordinance regulating traffic or parking.

P. Any ordinance concerning development regulations.

Q. The Zoning Ordinance, Ord. No. 1278, and any amendments thereto.

R. All currently effective ordinances concerning construction regulations and codes.

§ 1-14. Changes in previously adopted ordinances

A. In compiling and preparing the ordinances for adoption and revision as part of the Code pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:49-4, certain grammatical changes and other minor changes were made in one or more of said ordinances. It is the intention of the Mayor and Council that all such changes be adopted as part of the Code as if the ordinances so changed had been previously formally amended to read as such.

B. In addition, the changes, amendments or revisions as set forth in Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof are made herewith, to become effective upon the effective date of this ordinance. (Chapter and section number references are to the ordinances as they have been renumbered and appear in the Code.)

C. Nomenclature. The following outdated terms are updated throughout the Code:

- (1) “State Department of Health” is changed to the “State Department of Health and Senior Services.”
- (2) “Department of Environmental Protection and Energy” is changed to “Department of Environmental Protection.”
- (3) “Recreation Department” is changed to “Recreation Commission.”

ATTEST:
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$136.24 January 22, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

January 15, 2010.

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on January 14, 2010.

A. Case # 38-06-Pat L. Inc. dba. South Plainfield Auto Body, Block 472; Lot 3; 4307 New Brunswick Avenue. The applicant's request for an (180) day extension in order to obtain Middlesex County Planning Board approvals was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

B. Case # 25-09-Mackin Media, Block 524; Lot 2.01; Durham Avenue & U.S. Hwy. Rt. 287. The applicant's request for permission to erect a billboard was hereby DENIED.

C. Case # 32-09-Recycle Inc. East, Block 255; Lot 13; Harnich Road. The applicant's request for a use variance in order to store recycling containers is hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

D. Case # 36-09-Harry Popik, Block 338; Lot 2; 607 Hamilton Blvd. The applicant's request for permission to erect a (2) family residence was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

E. Case # 37-09-Walgreens, Block 249; Lot 25; 140 South Plainfield Avenue. The applicant's request for a signage variance was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre

Secretary-Board of Adjustment

\$37.01 January 22, 2010