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Senator Barbara Buono with Kaylee Horne

Local Student Wins 18th District Essay Contest

By Libby Barsky

Riley School fourth grader Kaylee Horne wrote an essay on why New Jersey was very special to her and won the first place prize of \$50 in the eighth annual, "What My State Means to Me" contest sponsored through the office of State Senator Barbara Buono.

Kaylee competed with other fourth grade students whose schools are in the 18th District, including East Brunswick, Edison, Helmetta, Metuchen, South Plainfield, South River and Spotswood.

"At Riley School there are three fourth grade classes, and every student wrote an essay for the contest," explained Kaylee's social studies teacher, Cate Bonanno. Two essays were selected from each class and two essays were sent from

the school.

"I didn't decide the winner. It was a difficult decision made by my staff," said Senator Buono, who visited Riley on March 24 to present Kaylee with the \$50 prize.

Kaylee read her essay to the 65 fourth grade students and guests who were seated on the all purpose room floor. Among those present were Senator Buono, Principal Al Czech, Superintendent Jose Negron, Board of Education members Debbie Boyle and Bill Seesselberg and Debbie and Bob Horne, Kaylee's parents. Students questioned if there were a prize for second place. "No, there is only one prize,"

said Senator Buono.

When asked about what she does as a senator, Buono replied, "I enjoy helping people," and then addressed the work she had done in writing the school funding act to develop a new funding formula to bring more funds to districts like South Plainfield.

To the question, "How did you become senator?" Buono reviewed her background. "I always knew I wanted to be a lawyer, and I was until I decided to spend 10 years raising my children. While I was in a Mommy and Me class at the Y, I was asked to become a member of Metuchen's Cultural Arts

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Kevin Hughes Named Office on Aging Dir.

Recreation Department Director Kevin Hughes was appointed by the borough council as the new director of the Office on Aging at the March 22 council meeting. He will be replacing Borough Clerk Joann Graf, who resigned from the position on March 15. Previously, she had held both titles.

Hughes said he is "still getting his feet wet and getting a grasp of how things run" at the senior center. One idea he has is to sponsor a "senior night" once a month, which would include dinner and entertainment, and he is in the process

of securing a donation of a Nintendo Wii for the center. He also plans to visit several centers in the area and see what other programs are successful.

"I will do my very best to continue to provide quality programs and events for the members of the senior center. I will work with the fine staff here to see what type of programs or events can be added to what is currently offered," said Hughes.

Prior to the center being built on Maple Avenue, senior activities in the borough fell under the direction of the department



Kevin Hughes

of recreation. The salary for Hughes' director of Office on Aging position is \$17,500 a year in addition to the salary he earns as recreation director and the stipend for running the community pool.

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The Divine Nine-South Plainfield High School set a school record advancing nine wrestlers to last month's state tournament in Atlantic City. Pictured (L-R): senior Nick Heilmann, 135 lbs.-fourth place; freshman Scott DelVecchio, 130 lbs.; sophomore Tyler Hunt, 119 lbs.; senior Richie Szeliga, 125 lbs.; senior Ryan Sacco, 145 lbs.-seventh place; freshman Anthony Ashnault, 103 lbs.-first place; freshman Troy Heilmann, 112 lbs.-sixth place. Not pictured: senior Bobby Sacks, 285 lbs. and senior Mike Wagner, 189 lbs.-second place.

Midco Awarded Recycling Contract

Republic Services of N.J., LLC/aka Midco located on Harmich Road was awarded a three-year contract to service the borough's curbside recycling needs at a special borough council meeting held on March 22.

Republic was the lowest bidder at a cost of \$473,000 a year, a savings of \$27,093 or \$81,280 over the next three

years. Waste Management had been the borough's previous vendor for the past 10 years.

The new contract provides for "single stream," also known as "fully commingled," recycling; a system whereby all paper fibers and containers are mixed together in the collection truck instead of being sorted into separate commodities such as newspaper, cardboard, plastic, glass, etc. by the resident. The items are then recycled by machine once they reach their final destination. "Multi stream" is currently what homeowners have been used to doing by using different containers.

The council grappled over the lower cost of going with the single stream bid at the prior week's meeting, and tabled the resolution for further investigation. Mayor Charles Butrico thought the single stream "was not the way to go" after consulting with recycling coordinator Dr. Alice Tempel.

Council President Matt Anesh felt the town would have "greater participation—the easier you make it for residents" to recycle. The Republican Majority ruled with a 3-2 vote. Councilman Rob Bengivenga, who is currently employed by Marpal Disposal, a division of Republic Services as an account executive, abstained.

The council also approved (5-0) a resolution to hire Joseph Smentkowski, Inc. of Seacaus to collect, remove and transport recyclables from the borough's recycling center on Kenneth Avenue. The three-year contract is for \$13,275 a year, a \$1,725 a year savings compared to the previous provider, Waste Management, whose contract was \$15,000 a year for the service. Bengivenga recused himself from voting citing a conflict of interest.

Please turn to page 8 for a schedule of recycling pickups.



A farewell reception was held at the senior center on Tuesday for Joann Graf, who recently stepped down from the position of Office on Aging director. Marion Flesher and Mickey Panzerella, members of the senior center, organized the reception. After the farewell ceremonies, the seniors enjoyed lunch donated by new Office on Aging Director Kevin Hughes. Pictured (L-R): Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas, Kevin Hughes, Marion Flesher, Mickey Panzerella, Joann Graf, Mayor Charles Butrico and Michael English, former mayor and recreation director.

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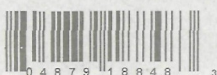
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Agenda Meeting Public Meeting

April 5 April 5

April 19 April 19

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planningboard

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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/advisory

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month, *except where noted.

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641

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.

Regular Public Meeting: 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.

(April to be announced)

BOE buildings & grounds

Meets second Monday of the month at 7 p.m., 2nd floor conference room,

Roosevelt Administration Building

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 planning committee

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

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

April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12 2011.

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday) Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m.

ad hoc alternative truck route committee

Questions? 908-226-7605

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In My Opinion

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Dear Editor,

On March 24, I visited the new farmer's market on Front Street. When I returned my handbasket, I inadvertently dropped my wallet into it and didn't realize it.

Thirty minutes later, an Angel knocked on my door and returned it to me. Not only was I stunned that I lost it, I was beside myself that it was returned so quickly. As such, I forgot to ask the woman her name.

If any of you know a sweet woman who recently suffered the same experience and who drives a new blue Chevy, kindly hug her for me, and let her know that I still intend to pay it forward. There is a reason why I love this town.

(TANYA) RACHEL HENDERSON

Bonjour Observer,

I was greatly disappointed in my recent visit to your town; when I approached local police for simple directions, their response was extremely impolite and arrogant; it was an unpleasant shock.

In addition to brushing up on their manners, I might also suggest they institute what I believe you refer to as a "ticket blitz" for the many, many New Jersey drivers I observed driving while texting and speaking on hand held cell phones. Perhaps with the additional monies the town could hire better trained police. Just a couple of thoughts from a northerner. (As I was there for your blizzard, I was also astounded at how many lazy drivers didn't even bother to properly clean the snow off of their automobile roofs; this is a great hazard and should also be severely fined-perhaps those funds would pay for your plows.)

AU REVOIR,
DON LAPEAU
SHERBROOKE, QUEBEC

Corrections

• In the photo "Coins for Haiti" on page 1 of the March 26 issue, the president of the Grant School Student Council was identified incorrectly. He is Vincent Cano.

• In the March 26 issue in the story, "Certificate of Appreciation Presented to Tim Morgan..." Kathleen Morgan is the SPHS Class of 2005 valedictorian, and has been teaching since September 2009.

Dear Editor,

Let me make this as simple as I can-Mayor Charlie Buttrico will be missed. He is a leader of integrity, honesty and dedication who only cares about what's best for the citizens of our great borough.

When I was elected to council a year and a half ago I didn't know much about how things worked. Just being able to observe Mayor Buttrico has been an education in how to interact with people and how to fight for things you care about.

Apart from being given the opportunity to serve in the armed forces, being a member of the borough council has been the biggest honor of my life. It has been made all the more special because I was able to serve under the leadership of Charlie Buttrico.

Thank you, Mayor Buttrico. South Plainfield is a better place because of your hard work.

COUNCILMEMBER
FRANKY SALERNO

Dear Editor,

Gov. Christie is not governing-it sounds more like a personal vendetta. Former Gov. Whitman did the same-take care of the rich. She gave us a tax rebate and then she had to borrow \$28,000,000. Read Paul Mulshine's article in the March 25 issue of *The Star-Ledger*. That's where the problem started, not with the teachers. God bless them all!

I spent the last 30 years of my life in education. This is the first time I have seen it move in this direction, thanks to Gov. Christie! There are other ways to work the budget without drastic cuts that affect the education of our children.

Can Gov. Christie be recalled?
MARIO CICCONE

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South Plainfield Business Owners:

South Plainfield High School and the South Plainfield Business Association, along with the *South Plainfield Observer*, are partnering to organize the South Plainfield High School Career Fair for grades nine through 12. In doing so, it is our intent to expose students to a variety of professions and careers. This exposure will afford students the opportunity to develop their knowledge base regarding post high school opportunities and in making informed decisions with regard to their academic choices.

We would like to extend this invitation to you, hoping that you will be able to join us as a participant for this event. The South Plainfield High School Career Fair is scheduled for Friday, April 23 and will be an all day activity from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Set-up will begin at 7 a.m.

If you are interested, want to sign up or have questions, call (908) 668-0010 or E-mail SPBAPres@aol.com.

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the South Plainfield High School and members of the South Plainfield Business Association, we thank you for your kind consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

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Auditions for Cultural Arts Talent Showcase

The South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission will present its second annual talent showcase on Saturday, May 1 and are inviting South Plainfield residents of all ages to audition for the show on Saturday, April 10 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 18 from 3 to 4 p.m. at Fellowship Hall at Wesley Methodist Church, 1500 Plainfield Ave.

All acts welcome. Share your unique talent with the community. Bring your own instruments or items you will need for the audition. All participants must submit an application at time of audition, and anyone under the age of 18 must have their parent/guardian's permission to participate.

For information or to schedule your audition time, please call Ken Reisch at (908) 769-5938 or E-mail spcac.nj@gmail.com. Follow the Cultural Arts Commission on Facebook.

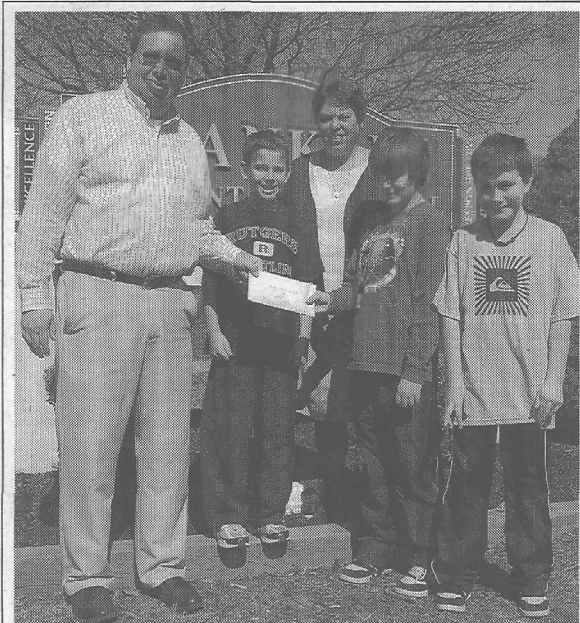
SPHS to Hold Career Fair

The South Plainfield Business Association (SPBA) and the South Plainfield Observer are partnering with South Plainfield High School to sponsor a career fair on Friday, April 23 for students in grades nine through 12. The fair will take place from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. with approximately 25-30 businesses participating.

The career fair is intended to expose students to a variety of professions and careers. Students will have the opportunity to expand their knowledge of post high school opportunities and thus make informed decisions with regard to their academic choices.

Several members of the SPBA have already signed up for the career fair, but more are needed. It is not necessary to be a member of the SPBA to participate. There is no charge. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

If you would like your business to participate in the SPHS Career Fair, or would like more information, call (908) 668-0010 or E-mail SPBAPres@aol.com. Participating businesses will be selected on a first-come basis.



Franklin School Student Council's "Walk for Haiti" on March 4 raised \$3,000. On March 8 student council officers and their advisor presented a check to Everett Merrill from the American Red Cross. Pictured (L-R): Everett Merrill, American Red Cross; Student Council Corresponding Secretary Marc Giordano, Student Council Advisor Louise Mruz, Student Council President Connor Aleksandrowicz and Student Council Vice President Brian Maszczak.

BOROUGH NOTES

- The council authorized the sale of surplus property at 2440 Plainfield Ave. on Monday, April 5. The minimum bid is \$546,000.
- Approved an inter-local agreement with the Middlesex County Mosquito Extermination Commission to provide stream restoration services for the Franklin Avenue/Tompkins Avenue area.
- Authorized tax refunds to Hollywood Corp., 310 Hollywood Ave. for \$31,319.38 and Jimmy Nguyen, Foster Avenue for \$1,194.75.
- Republic Services of NJ LLC, 11 Harnish Road was awarded a three year contract for borough curbside recycling collection services.
- Marie Dudek was appointed Municipal Housing Liaison and Doty Paradiso appointed as Affordable Housing Trust Fund Report Preparer.
- The professional service contract with Vargo Rossi Web Designs was

renewed for 12 months.

- Carmela Sutor was hired "as needed" to provide vacation office coverage at the Department of Public Works.
- The borough executed a professional service agreement between South Plainfield and the Plainfield Area Human Society to provide animal control services through March 31, 2013.
- Waived the applicable permit fees for any resident who needs to replace their water heater or furnace due to the recent storm.
- Entered into a three year contract with Joseph Smentkowski, Inc. for the collection, removal and transport of the recyclable materials from the recycling center.

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High School Goes Into Lock Down; Students Evacuated

Parents of South Plainfield High School students received an alarming phone message last Thursday morning from Superintendent of Schools Jose Negron saying that the building was in a lockdown and not to pick up their children. An Internet printout of an essay handed to a staff member by a student on making and setting off an explosive device triggered the event at around 9 a.m.

Another recorded message was sent shortly after and stated that students were being evacuated and to call the PAL for information. Meanwhile approximately 1,200 students were split into two groups with some being housed at Grant School and others at the middle school.

As a precaution, investigators with bomb sniffing K-9 units combed the

premises and found nothing to substantiate any danger. It was also verified that the essay was Internet based and no specific school or area had been referenced.

Around noontime, students were ushered back into the high school and another message was sent to parents notifying them that the children were in school and the day would proceed as usual.

Negron said "actions will be taken" against the student after officials review the occurrence and could not speak about the student's motives. However, there was one troublesome incident that arose from the evacuation. Apparently the public address system is inoperable in a shop classroom and the occupants never knew that an evacuation was taking place.

Keystone Vocational Program Renews Adopt-A-Spot Contract

The Keystone Vocational Program has renewed its adoption of Front Street for the next two years. Mary Ann Williams has been supervising this program for residents of the community residence since 1997. A crew of 10 to 12 people go out weekly along the full length of Front Street from Maple Avenue to the railroad tracks, to pick up litter, sweep the sidewalks and pull up any weeds from the curb.

In a separate contract with the Clean Business Association, Keystone provides litter removal services at borough parks and municipal buildings.

This adoption is important to the downtown area. The CBA is looking for more businesses to adopt spots in the commercial districts. Hamilton

Boulevard, Church Street, South Plainfield Avenue and Oak Tree Avenue all attract litter. Another area that needs regular maintenance is the stretch of Plainfield Avenue between Sampson Avenue and the middle school.

For more information about the Adopt-A-Spot program, contact the clean communities coordinator at (908) 226-7621 or E-mail atempel@southplainfieldnj.com.

Curriculum/Technology Meeting Cancelled

The Curriculum/Technology/Student Activities Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 14 at 4 p.m. in the Roosevelt Administration Building has been cancelled.



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Events

Easter Flower Sale

April 3

South Plainfield Emergency Medical Services will be holding an Easter flower sale on Saturday and Sunday, April 3 and 4, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the rescue squad building, located at 2520 Plainfield Ave.

For additional information, call Julie at (908) 917-7920.

Girl Scout Troop #65118 Blood Drive

April 10

South Plainfield Girl Scout Troop #65118 together with The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive on Saturday, April 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the South Plainfield Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave. Free refreshments. Free crafts for waiting children. Walk-ins accepted, but appointments preferred.

For an appointment, call Sarah McCarthy at (908) 561-8754 or sign up on line at redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code 14666.

Knights Annual Comedy Night

April 10

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203, 334 Hamilton Blvd., will hold their annual

comedy night on Saturday, April 10. Doors open at 6 p.m.; comedy starts at 7 p.m. Tap beer, soft drinks and light snacks included. BYO bottle. Cash bar for mixed drinks. Show will be PG-13 to Rated R. No one under 21 permitted to drink.

Tickets (\$25) will be sold in advance. Reserve a whole table for family and friends. To purchase tickets, call Bob Barone at (732) 266-7144.

UNICO Blood Drive

April 10

The UNICO Community Blood Drive will be held on Saturday, April 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the South Plainfield Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Ave. Free refreshments. Walk-ins welcome. Local collection for FISH; bring non-perishable foods or canned goods.

SPHS PTA Meeting Rescheduled

April 12

The next SPHS PTA meeting originally scheduled for Monday, March 29, has been changed to Monday, April 12 in the SPHS Tiger's Den at 7 p.m. We will be discussing and making plans for the upcoming 2010 Project Graduation celebration. If you would like to help out, please try to attend this meeting.

If unable to attend the meeting, contact Sharon Miller (908) 754-6461 to find out how you can volunteer.

Historical Society Monthly Mtg.

April 13

The monthly meeting of the South Plainfield Historical Society will be held on Tuesday, April 13 at 7 p.m. in the History Center at the Roosevelt Administration Building. Entrance to the lower level and parking are on Jackson Avenue. Planning for the reenactment of a Civil War skirmish with fire arms and in uniforms will be finalized. The History Center is open Tuesday afternoons from 2-4 p.m.

Dept. of Public Works Open House

April 17

The South Plainfield Department of Public Works will be holding an open house on Saturday, April 17 from 9 a.m. to noon. All residents are invited to stop by and check out the trucks and equipment as well as the facilities. The mayor and council will also be available to answer any questions you may have.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served. We hope to see you then.

Little Treasures Open House

April 17

Little Treasures, 2177 Oak Tree Rd. in Edison, will hold an open house on Saturday, April 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They provide infant care through preschool and summer camp for children ages five to eight. State-of-the-

SENIOR CENTER Calendar

Coming Up....

April 25-27-Tulip Festival
May 13-15-Washington, DC
June 7-10-Niagara Falls
Oct 11-15-Indian Head Resort
(Call the senior center for more info)

MONDAYS

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Boy Scout Troop 207 Spaghetti Dinner

April 17

Boy Scout Troop 207 will be holding their annual spaghetti dinner on Saturday, April 17 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the South Plainfield American Legion Post, 243 Oak Tree Ave.

Cost is \$5 per ticket and includes salad, drink, bread, meatballs and spaghetti. Purchase tickets at the door; take out is available. All proceeds will go towards troop equipment and events.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call (908) 705-2519 or (908) 413-1000.

Sacred Heart School Tricky Tray

April 24

Sacred Heart School is holding a tricky tray on Saturday, April 24 in the school cafeteria on South Plainfield Avenue. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; drawing begins at 7:30 p.m. Entrance ticket: \$15.

For more information and tickets, call Michele at (732) 406-9728.

Church Bake Sale

April 24

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Orthodox Church, located at 400 Delmore Ave. (corner of Delmore and Belmont avenues) will be holding a bake sale on Saturday, April 24, 9 a.m. until noon. All proceeds go directly to the church.

Flea Market

April 24

The Auxiliary of American Legion Post #243, 243 Oak Tree Ave., will hold a flea market and craft show on Saturday, April 24. The event will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Spaces available; call (732) 644-4376.

— Out of Town —

Adopt a Pet

April 3

People for Animals, a nonprofit animal welfare organization serving New Jersey, will sponsor a dog adoption event on Saturday, April 3 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the PETSMART store in Bridgewater's Promenade Mall, intersection of Rte. 28 and 287.

To adopt or for more information, go to pfa.petfinder.com. or call (973) 282-0890.

Upscale Singles Dance Party

April 3

Steppin' Out Singles is hosting an upscale singles dance party at the Woodbridge Hilton, 120 Wood Ave. South in Iselin on Saturday, April 3 at 8 p.m. Admission: \$15; ages 40 and up; no jeans/sneakers.

For more information, call (732) 656-1801.

Easter at Hydewood Park Baptist Church

April 4

A morning service will be held in the church sanctuary at 10 a.m. It will include a presentation of the Easter cantata, "Love Grew Where the Blood Fell." Spanish-language services will be held in the chapel, also starting at 10 a.m. Adult Bible study classes held following the services at 11:15 a.m.

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Around Town

Infant and child care will be available. Hydewood Park Baptist Church is located at 100 Manning Ave. in North Plainfield. For information or directions, call (908) 754-6363 or visit www.hydewood.org.

NAMI-Middlesex Monthly Mtg.

April 5
NAMI-Middlesex, an affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, will hold their monthly meeting and discussion on Monday, April 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. at University Behavioral HealthCare, 671 Hoes Lane, room D201 in Piscataway. Speaker topic: "Personality Disorders: What Are They?" Everyone is welcome. For more, call (732) 745-7409.

Middlesex East WOWs Meeting

April 5
The Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers will conduct a business meeting on Monday, April 5 at 7 p.m. at the Carteret Community Center located at Pershing and Cooke avenues in Carteret. Light refreshments. All widows and widowers are welcome to attend. For more information, call (732) 541-2174 or (908) 757-0515.

Metuchen-Edison Women's Club Mtg.

April 7
The Metuchen-Edison Women's Club will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. at The Heritage at Clara Barton, 1015 Amboy Ave. in Edison. Members will model hat they made and be judged. Members have been making chemo hats for cancer patients to wear when they lose their hair which will be sent to a special hospital to be distributed. Guests welcome; light refreshments. For information, contact Karen at (732) 742-6869.

St. Joseph's HS Presents The Sound of Music

April 8-April 18
The St. Joseph High School Theatre Company, 145 Plainfield Rd. in Metuchen will perform *The Sound of Music* on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 8, 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, April 11 at 3 p.m., Friday and Saturday, April 16 and April 17 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 18 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students/seniors. Tickets available at the door or by calling (732) 549-7600, ext. 721.

Flea Market

April 10
Connecticut Farms Church, Stuyvesant Avenue and West Chestnut Street in Union, will hold a flea market on Saturday, April 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Table rentals: \$35 for 8' table or \$30 for 6' table. Proceeds used for mission projects of the Women's Association. For more, call (908) 245-0562.

Hope For Home Dog Adoption Event

April 10
Best Friends Pet Care with the Associated Humane Society presents an event to introduce homeless dogs to potential adopters at Best Friends Pet Care Center, 825 Route 22 West in North Plainfield on Saturday, April 10, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Bring a dog food item and get raffle tickets for chance to win great prizes. For more information, call (908) 614-7835.

Meditation Class at Willow Grove

April 10
Medical QiGong, a course of meditation exercises, will be offered at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains on Saturday, April 10 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please be on time; we will not be able to interrupt the session. For information about Willow Grove, call (908) 232-5678.

Catholic Charities Bread & Roses Ball

April 17
The Diocese of Metuchen will honor Carmel M. Gettings at its 20th annual Bread and Roses Ball on Saturday, April 17 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Bridgewater Marriott, 700 Commons Way in Bridgewater. Proceeds will benefit the Diocese's Catholic Charities programs in Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren counties. For more, call (732) 562-2438.



Gaby Hollain

Gaby Hollain, Borough Payroll Clerk, Retires

A good time was had by all who attended a retirement party on March 20 at the South Plainfield Senior Center for Gaby Hollain. Gaby was with the borough for 26 years as a payroll clerk. She will be greatly missed. We all wish her the best of luck and hope she enjoys her retirement in South Carolina.

Stephanie Falzarano Records 100th Hit

Stephanie Falzarano, a 2007 graduate of South Plainfield High School and starting shortstop softball player at Moravian College, recently recorded her 100th hit. She is the 24th player in the schools history to accomplish that achievement. Stephanie was a member of the SPHS 2005 softball state championship team. Stephanie is the daughter of John and Franchesca Falzarano of South Plainfield.

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Francesca Pasquale Named New Head Counselor at Camp Ricochet

Camp Ricochet is pleased to announce that Francesca Pasquale is the new head counselor for the summer of 2010. Camp Ricochet is in the Club at Ricochet, 219 St. Nicholas Ave. Pasquale brings with her a degree in elementary education and is currently working with special needs students in Union County. She will also begin working towards her master's degree in September.

Pasquale has reinvented Camp Ricochet. She is planning fun filled weeks with trips to Sandy Hook, Lake Hopatcong and the Turtleback Zoo. "Dinosaur Rock" will be visiting the camp, along with many other weekly events. All campers will enjoy arts and crafts and daily time in the pool. For more information, visit Ricochet's Web site at www.ricochet-healthclub.com. Camp Ricochet is an 11-week day camp, with the available convenience of early drop off and late pick up timings. Camp Ricochet is for children

entering grades one through eight in the fall of 2010. Campers are already starting their registration for summer camp and space is limited.

Broderick Heads to Nationals for Second Year in a Row

Colleen Broderick, a senior at South Plainfield High School, along with the New Jersey Colonials' 16U Ice Hockey Team, is heading to the USA Hockey Nationals in Green Bay, Wis. this month. They are the Mid-Atlantic Women's Hockey Association League Champions as well as Atlantic District Champions. They will be competing against the top 13 teams in the United States. The past two years Colleen has been chosen for Player Development Camp in Minnesota and in May will be attempting to make it for the third year in a row. Only four girls are chosen from the Atlantic District and for this coming year, only two will be selected in her age group. This camp is run by USA Hockey along with the U.S. Olympic Committee. Colleen is a defenseman.

Colleen Broderick

John Falzarano Named to N.J. City University Dean's List

John Falzarano, a 2004 graduate of South Plainfield High School, has been named to the dean's list at New Jersey City University for the fall of 2009 in criminal justice/professional security studies. John is the son of John and Franchesca Falzarano of South Plainfield.

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Emil Leporino Memorial Golf Outing Set For May

The Emil Leporino Memorial Golf Outing, sponsored by the South Plainfield Education Foundation and the South Plainfield Business Association, will be held on Tuesday, May 11 at the Cranbury Golf Club in West Windsor.

The golf outing was named for Emil Leporino, who was instrumental in the formation of the South Plainfield Education Foundation. While a member of the South Plainfield Board of Education, a committee was formed to explore ways to connect the business community with the education community. In 1994, as a result of the committee's work, the South Plainfield Vision 2001 Education Foundation was formed. Since 2001, the group has been renamed the South Plainfield Education Foundation, but the goal of the organization has remained

unchanged.

Entry fee of \$150 includes 18 holes of golf, use of locker rooms, greens fees and cart, continental breakfast, complimentary beverage cart, hot dog and chips at the turn, open bar (beer, wine and soda) and BBQ luncheon.

The format is a four man scramble with a shotgun start.

Prizes will be awarded for team low gross, team low net, hole-in-one, longest drive and closest to the pin.

Registration and continental breakfast at 8 a.m. with shotgun start at 9 a.m. Open bar begins at 2 p.m. followed by the BBQ luncheon and awards.

The following corporate sponsorships are available: platinum \$1,000; gold \$750 and silver \$500. Corporate underwriters include: breakfast sponsor \$250; beverage cart sponsor \$250; sign at first and 18th tee box \$175 and sign second through 17th green \$125.

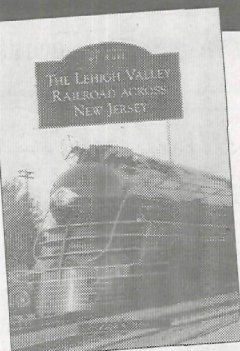
To sign up, call Carolyn Allen at (908) 561-3275, Shannon Jefferys (908) 757-1055, Tom Lanza (908) 753-6010, Debbie Leporino (908) 754-6914, Bob Longo (908) 753-7004, ext. 106, Rick McCriscin (908) 561-8000, or log on to golf@SPBA.biz.

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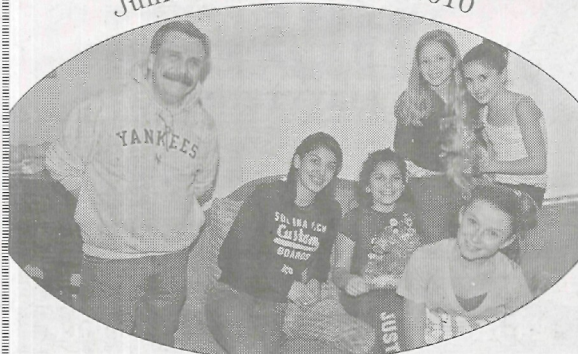
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Junior Journalist 2009-2010



Congratulations Dania!

Charlie and Debbie Kurland from Hometown Heros deliver dinner to Junior Journalist winner Dania Mohtadi pictured with her sisters, Malina and Anaid, and friends Sarah and Brook.



Franklin PTO Auction Raises \$21K

By Patricia Abbott

Franklin School held its annual auction on March 20 with a long line forming prior to the doors opening. Guests were ready to win and party. Once the doors opened, they made short work of setting up their refreshments before hitting the floor seeking out the perfect prizes.

The annual auction was hosted by the Franklin School PTO. Planning for the event began the end of August 2009. When school began in September, PTO members and staff signed on to help and seven months

of hard work followed. PTO President Barbara Rhoads said, "It was very organized from beginning to end. Looking back, the long hours and craziness was minor compared to what we achieved for the children. It's an emotional evening, especially when you find out the reward. We are thrilled and in awe of how well we did and there are not enough words to show our thanks and appreciation to our spouses, parents, teachers, friends, and guests."

The theme for the evening was "Spring Is In The Air." More than 200 prizes were available for lucky

winners. There were six ticket categories to choose from, plus tickets for the grand and super grand prizes, as well as 50/50 tickets. Ticket categories included potpourri, baskets and things, cuisine and entertainment, super raffle, grand prize and super grand prize. The most sought after prizes were the five super grand prizes which included a \$300 Woodbridge Mall gift certificate, a Wii console system with Wii guitar and World Tour game, Xbox Arcade system, Great Wolf Lodge Resort two night stay with admission for four and a wooden console accent table by Tyler with floral arrangement. The two grand prizes were a Toshiba 46" HD television with ultra slim TV stand and a Hewlett-Packard five piece computer system which included a 18.8" widescreen flat panel HD LCD monitor.

In addition to the refreshments the guests brought, the PTO offered complimentary coffee and tea.

The auction netted the PTO over \$21,000. The committee sold 311 tickets, and despite the fact that attendance was down by 20%, they earned 25% more than last year.

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SCHOOL BOARD Notes

The following took place at the Board of Education Regular Public Meeting on March 17.

- A certification of appreciation was presented to Timothy Morgan for his years of service on the board. Morgan resigned March 1.
- Tenure certificates were awarded to Michelle Thompson and Matthew Connell.
- The school calendar and paid holiday list for the 2010/2011 school year was tabled.

The board approval of the following: Spring 2010 athletic schedules, first reading of policy #2415.03-highly qualified teachers, first reading of regulation #2423-bilingual and ESL education, first reading of policy #3240-professional development, first reading of regulation #R3240-professional development; resignation for retirement of I.D. #1489 as high school teacher July 1, 2010 and Antoinette Day as high school duty aide July 1, 2010.

The board made the following appointments:

- Kathleen Morgan at an annual salary of \$44,996 prorated, as replacement for Natalie Zeno-Carr who is on leave of absence; Franklin long-term substitute teacher Cynthia Mondero; Kathryn Domogala long-term substitute for Roosevelt School and Heather Hearne as preschool special education long-term sub teacher.
- Approved additional payments to middle school secretary Linda Giannakis for creating middle school

master schedule and student schedules, and Sharon Padula for assisting at the H1N1 Clinic to be reimbursed by the county health department.

- 2009/2010 substitute teacher appointments/reappointments, substitute instructional support/duty aide appointment of Robin Alba and guidance counselor intern Andrea Grasso; the step and stipend for Middle School Head Track Coach John Pascolo is being changed from Step 1 at \$3,969 to Step 3 at \$4,781.

- Approved transportation jointure with Piscataway; rescinded resolutions regarding residency hearing; agreed to participation in coordinated transportation services with the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission; second renewal of Bid #13-08 Maintenance and Repair Services on School Vehicles; contract with National Safety Compliance for the 2010/2011 school year; special education placement/withdrawals 2009/2010; travel expenditures; On-line Home Instructional Educational Agreement with Educere, LLP.

- Awarded Bid #07/10 fire alarm replacement at the middle school; rejected all bids for Bid #08-10 toilet room renovations at Franklin, Kennedy, Grant, Riley and the middle school; negotiated contract terms for the science lab upgrades at the middle school.

- Accepted state aid for 2010/2011 and submission of the tentative 2010/2011 budget (five yes, two no votes).

JUNIOR JOURNALIST



Junior Journalist winner Neha Lund with teacher Kathy Simpson

Neha Lund Named Junior Journalist

Kennedy School fourth grader Neha Lund has been named a winner in the Junior Journalist contest for her story, "Change." She will receive a dinner for her family courtesy of Hometown Heros.

Students can submit their original written works to their teachers, principal or the *Observer* at 1110 Hamilton Blvd. Winners will receive a catered dinner for their families from Hometown Heros and will be honored at a banquet on May 12. Junior Journalists also have the opportunity to win the Ruth Kurland Memorial \$1,000 savings bond which will be awarded at the banquet.

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

Change

By Neha Lund

Look around you. What do you see? I see clear lakes buried with crystal blue water. Flowers. Hungry for rain and sunshine. Don't you see? Our Earth is changing, as we are. Snow. Piles up to become a warm cozy blanket. Trees. Trunks as brown as that last piece of chocolate you know you want. Love. Love each other like you love your new pet. Peace. Bring peace to every soul. Grow. Grow with the world. Sky. Blue and filled with comfy looking water-filled pillows. Don't you see? Our Earth is changing as we are.

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

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Public Health Department Sponsoring Health Expo

The Middlesex County Public Health Department will sponsor a free Health Expo from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 17 at Woodbridge Center Mall. Information and activities will be available for the whole family to enjoy.

Children can learn about chemical safety from "Wally the Wise Guy Turtle" and lead poisoning prevention from "Peter Paint." They also can win prizes by playing health games.

Adults can take advantage of a free blood pressure screening, as well as talk to health professionals about a number of different health programs. Free H1N1 flu vaccinations also will be available in both nasal and injectable vaccine forms.

Middlesex County Freeholder Deputy Director Ronald G. Rios, chair of the County's Public Health and Education Committee, said, "Events like this are a great way to highlight some of the many health services that are available in Middlesex County. This Health Expo provides the public health department and its partners the opportunity to educate community members about important health concerns in an enjoyable environment. I encourage residents of all ages to attend this fun event."

Members from the Medical Reserve Corps, Cancer Coalition and

Rape Crisis Intervention Center will be on hand to answer questions and to register those who are interested in becoming volunteers.

Tables of free information will be displayed by the Middlesex County Public Health Department and other public health partners.

Participants include the Middlesex County Mosquito Commission, who will display live mosquitoes and larvae for observation; MC Blue, the Middlesex County Improvement Authority's recycling robot; the county transportation department, the county division of solid waste management; the Woodbridge Township Health and Human Services Department; the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence; Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital; and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

David A. Papi, director-health officer of the Middlesex County Public Health Department, said, "Participants will be provided with education on public health programs, initiatives, preparedness and emergency response capabilities. I am encouraging county residents to participate in this event and to have fun while visiting the interactive exhibits and speaking with our public health staff."

Abby Kohut Announces Book Signing

Not landing your dream job and can't figure out why? Then come and get a free resume critique Wednesday, April 7 from 4-7 p.m. at Mr. Subs Deli, located at 100 South Plainfield Ave. when you buy a copy of Abby Kohut's newest book on sale for only \$15.

Kohut's new book, *Absolutely Abby's 101 Job Search Secrets*, teaches candidates the secrets of the job search process that other recruiters won't tell you. Having reviewed tens



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LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Award of Bids

Borough of South Plainfield

Pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law of New Jersey, be advised that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield awarded contracts for Recyclable Collection services at their public meeting on March 22, 2010. By Resolution # 10-072 and 10-086, the governing body awarded contracts to the lowest responsible bidders as certified by the Borough's professional consultant and Borough Attorney. The companies receiving contracts are as follows:

Contract #1 - Curbside Recycling Collection Services was awarded to:

Republic Services of NJ, LLC
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Total Bid - \$473,000.00

Contract #2 - Collection, removal and transport of recyclable materials from the Borough Recycling Center was awarded to:

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75 Country Avenue
Secaucus, NJ 07094
Total Bid - \$13,275.00

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
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LEGAL NOTICE

March 26, 2010

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on March 25, 2010.

A. Case # 07-10-Brian & Donna O'Black, Block 233; Lot 29; 139 West Nassau Avenue. The applicant's request to allow an existing raised patio to encroach into the secondary front yard on Revere Road setback was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Secretary-Board of Adjustment

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IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE BOROUGH'S RECYCLING COLLECTION

Effective April 1st, the Borough has contracted with Midco Waste to begin the Recycling Materials Collection Services for curbside recycling.

What will change:

- Starting Monday, April 5th your recycling pick-up day will change.
All residents will receive a brochure in the mail that will detail the new collection schedule. Please take note of your new collection day and the effective date of your first collection. (The districts are also outlined below)
- You no longer need to sort your recycling into separate containers. All recyclable materials (paper, plastic, metal) will be collected together. You may set out an unlimited number of containers, as long as each container is no larger than 32-gallons. You can continue to use the current containers that were supplied through the Township.



Thank you!
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Benefits of the new recycling collection program:

- Single-Stream collection, making it easier for each resident to participate in the recycling program
- Reduction in cost to the borough versus the Middlesex County plan

Shortly, the new Districts along with full explanations will be posted on the South Plainfield Web-site: www.southplainfieldnj.com as well as Midco's web-site: www.Midcowaste.com. When using the Midco website, click on "For Your Home" and then click on the link for South Plainfield under "Communities We Service".

Midco is working closely with the Borough Council and Recycling Coordinator to minimize the transition. Although every effort is being made to make this as seamless as possible, Midco realizes that this is new and may be confusing. We appreciate your understanding and patience during the initial start up.

South Plainfield Recycling Schedule

Find your street below with corresponding district

Every Other Monday starting with April 5th District #1
Every Other Tuesday starting with April 6th District #2
Every Other Wednesday starting with April 7th District #3
Every Other Thursday starting with April 8th District #4
Every Other Friday starting with April 9th District #5

Every Other Monday starting with April 12th District #6
Every Other Tuesday starting with April 13th District #7
Every Other Wednesday starting with April 14th District #8
Every Other Thursday starting with April 15th District #9
Every Other Friday starting with April 16th District #10

Street	District
2ND PL.....	10
ADA PL.....	6
ADAMS AVE.....	6
ADELIN AVE.....	6
ALLISON ST.....	5
AMBOY AVE.....	8
ANDERSON ST.....	8
ANNA PL.....	3
ANTHONY AVE.....	8
ANTONETTA ST.....	9
ARLINGTON AVE.....	9
ARMSTEAD CT.....	10
ASTOR ST.....	8
ATLANTIC ST.....	1
AUDUBON AVE.....	5
NORTH OF MAPLE AVE.....	5
AUDUBON AVE.....	7
SOUTH OF MAPLE AVE.....	7
AVON AVE.....	6
BABES DR.....	8
BAKER AVE.....	3
BALDWIN ST.....	8
BALL ST.....	9
BALL ST.....	10
BANCULLI CT.....	4
BANTA RD.....	7
BARONE AVE.....	10
BARONSKY CT.....	9
BEATRICE PL.....	9
BEDFORD AVE.....	9
BELMONT AVE.....	9
BERGEN ST.....	8
BERNARD PL.....	8
BEVERLY RD.....	7
BIRCH PL.....	9
BLEEKER ST.....	2
BOBBING CT.....	2
BOLLINGER WAY.....	4
BORI DR.....	8
BORMAN RD.....	2
BRENDA PL.....	7
BRENNAN CT.....	10
BRETT PL.....	6
BRICK RD.....	2
BULLARD PL.....	3
BURNS ST.....	8
BUSHWICK AVE.....	9
CADY LN.....	6
CAFFERY TERR.....	7
CALDERONE ST.....	10
CAMBRIDGE ST.....	1
CAMDEN AVE.....	10
CARBRAY CT.....	9
CARLISLE ST.....	5
CARMINE AVE.....	8
CARNEGIE ST.....	8
CAROL PL.....	7
CARONE CT.....	2
CASE DR.....	8
CEDAR AVE.....	5
CEDARBROOK AVE.....	5
EAST OF MORRIS AVE.....	5
CEDARBROOK AVE.....	4
WEST OF MORRIS AVE.....	4
CELENTANO CT.....	8
CENTRAL AVE.....	4
CHAMBERS ST.....	5
CHARLES PL.....	9
CHATHAM AVE.....	9
CHELSE PL.....	9
CHERRY ST.....	1
CHESTNUT ST.....	1
CHRISTOPHER AVE.....	8
CHURCH ST.....	6
CLARK LN.....	7
CLARKE AVE.....	6
CLIFFORD AVE.....	7
CLIFORCE ST.....	4
CLINTON AVE - ALL.....	1
CLINTON PL.....	6
CLOVER LN.....	10
CONKLIN ST.....	4

Street	District
COOK LN.....	9
COOLIDGE ST.....	9
COPPOLA DR.....	10
COTTON ST-NORTH.....	6
COTTON ST-PARK.....	8
COTTON ST-SOUTH OF.....	4
COTTON ST-PARK.....	8
CROWMELL PL.....	4
CROWN LN.....	10
CYBERLAND ST.....	1
CYBROWSKI CT.....	8
DANIEL ST.....	5
DAVIS ST.....	8
DAWES ST.....	5
DAY ST.....	9
DE FILIPPO DR.....	6
DE SEPIO AVE.....	8
DELANEY CT.....	3
DELEKIS AVE.....	3
DELMORE AVE.....	9
DELNEGRO CT.....	10
DEVON LN.....	8
DEY ST.....	1
DIANA DR.....	8
DOLORES AVE-SOUTH.....	7
OF MAPLE.....	7
DOMINICK CT.....	10
DORSET DR.....	8
DOVER PL.....	8
DUFFY PL.....	9
DUMAS AVE.....	3
DUMONT AVE.....	1
DUNHAM AVE.....	2
DUNHAM AVE.....	9
NORTH OF RT 287.....	9
DURHAM AVE.....	10
SOUTH OF RT 287.....	7
E CRESCENT AVE.....	7
E FAIRVIEW AVE.....	7
E GOLF AVE.....	5
EASTON BLVD.....	9
EDGAR AVE.....	5
EGANER ST.....	3
ELEANOR ST.....	5
ELISSA CT.....	7
ELIZABETHTOWN COURT.....	1
ELLIOTT PL.....	10
ELLIS PL.....	3
ELM ST.....	6
ELMWOOD DR.....	7
ELMWOOD DR EAST.....	7
ELSIE AVE.....	8
ENGLISH CT.....	10
EVERGREEN LN.....	7
EVONA PL.....	9
FAIRLAMB AVE.....	4
FAIRMONT AVE.....	5
FAMULARO DR.....	10
FAULKS PL.....	5
FAYE ST.....	5
FIELD AVE.....	4
FIRTH ST.....	4
FLAKIN CT.....	10
FLEET AVE.....	8
FLORENCE PL.....	2
FORD AVE.....	1
FOSTER AVE.....	1
FOSTER TERR.....	1
FOX PL.....	1
FRANCES CT.....	7
FRANK CT.....	10
FRANK PL.....	8
FRANKLIN AVE.....	3
FRASE ST.....	2
FRED ALLEN DR.....	2
FREDERICK AVE-NORTH.....	8
OF WOOLWORTH AVE.....	8
FREDERICK AVE-SOUTH.....	10
OF WOOLWORTH AVE.....	4
FREED PL.....	6
FRONT ST.....	6
FULTON ST.....	9

Street	District
GARDEN DR.....	2
GARFIELD AVE.....	9
GARIBALDI AVE.....	9
GEARY DR.....	2
GEORGE ST.....	2
GERMAN ST.....	5
GRANT AVE - NORTH OF.....	3
FRANKLIN AVE.....	2
GRAY DR.....	2
GREEN PL.....	9
GREENWICH ST.....	2
GROVE ST.....	6
GRUZYNSKI WAY.....	10
GUBERNAT DR.....	6
HAMILTON BLVD -.....	6
BETWEEN MAPLE AVE.....	6
AND SO PLFD AVE.....	6
HAMILTON BLVD - SOUTH.....	9
OF THE RR TRACKS.....	8
HANCOCK ST.....	3
HARRISON AVE.....	9
HARVARD AVE - EAST.....	8
OF HAMILTON BLVD.....	8
HARVARD AVE - WEST.....	8
OF HAMILTON BLVD.....	8
HELEN ST.....	5
HENDRICKS BLVD EAST.....	5
HENDRICKS BLVD WEST.....	9
HERBERT PL.....	7
HIDDEN CT.....	8
HIGHLAND AVE.....	1
HILL HOLLOW RD.....	9
HILLSIDE AVE.....	10
HOGAN DR.....	5
HOLLY AVE-NORTH OF.....	5
MAPLE AVE.....	7
HOLLY AVE - SOUTH OF.....	7
MAPLE AVE.....	6
HOLLYWOOD AVE.....	9
HOLLYWOOD CT.....	9
HOPKINSON ST.....	2
HOUSTON ST.....	1
HUDSON ST.....	1
BIRCH PL.....	1
IRVING ST.....	2
IVY ST.....	9
JACKSON AVE - EAST OF.....	9
HAMILTON BLVD.....	8
JACKSON AVE - WEST OF.....	8
HAMILTON BLVD.....	7
JACOBUS ST.....	9
JAMES PL.....	10
JANKOWSKI CT.....	6
JEROME AVE.....	8
JERSEY ST.....	6
JOAN ST-BETWEEN MAPLE.....	6
AVE AND SO PLFD AVE.....	8
JOAN ST-BETWEEN SO PLFD.....	2
AVE AND OAK TREE RD.....	10
JOHN ST.....	6
JOSPEH CT.....	10
KANE AVE.....	6
KENNEDY RD.....	10
KENNETH AVE.....	9
KENWOOD AVE.....	4
KENYON CT.....	9
KISSAM CT.....	9
KOSCIUSKO AVE.....	4
LACOSTA PL.....	10
LAFAYETTE PL.....	4
LAKE ST.....	6
LAKEVIEW AVE.....	4
LANE AVE.....	2
LAUREL LN.....	2
LEEDS DR.....	5
LEONARD AVE.....	6
LEONARD ST.....	5

Street	District
LEWIS AVE.....	3
LEWIS PL.....	3
LEWISTON PL.....	5
LEWIS PL.....	10
LEXINGTON AVE.....	4
LIBOUREL RD.....	6
LINCOLN AVE.....	5
LINDEN AVE-NORTH OF.....	7
MAPLE AVE.....	4
LINDEN AVE-SOUTH OF.....	2
MAPLE AVE.....	2
LONGDALE DR.....	9
LORRAINE AVE.....	3
LOWDEN AVE.....	10
LUCY CT.....	2
LYNDESEY CT.....	9
MACK PL.....	4
MADISON DR.....	3
MAHER AVE.....	9
MAIN ST.....	3
MALBY AVE.....	4
MANNING AVE.....	5
MAPLE PL.....	10
MARGARET DR.....	4
MARSH AVE.....	2
MARTIN DR.....	9
MATIS ST.....	7
MAY AVE.....	1
MCCARTHY CT.....	9
MCDONOUGH ST.....	2
MCKINLEY ST.....	1
MEADOW TERR.....	5
MEISTER ST.....	3
MELLON ST.....	6
MELROSE AVE.....	4
MERCHANTS AVE.....	6
MICHAEL ST.....	8
MIDDLESEX AVE.....	5
MILDRED ST.....	6
MILL ST.....	6
MINFORD AVE.....	8
MONDORO PL.....	1
MONMOUTH ST.....	10
MONTESE AVE.....	8
MOOSE AVE.....	10
MORRETTI LN.....	7
MORRIS DR.....	5
MORTON AVE.....	3
MOSCOW AVE.....	9
MUGLIA PL.....	5
MURRAY ST.....	4
N MADISON DR.....	7
NASSAU AVE EAST.....	10
NASSAU AVE WEST.....	1
NEW BRUNSWICK AVE-NORTH.....	8
OF NEW MARKET AVE.....	10
NEW BRUNSWICK AVE-SOUTH.....	8
OF NEW MARKET AVE.....	8
NEW DURHAM RD.....	8
NEW ERA DR.....	8
NEW MARKET AVE.....	10
NEW YORK AVE.....	5
NORMAN ST.....	2
NORWAY LN.....	2
NORWAY LN EXT.....	6
NORWOOD AVE.....	2
NUNNICK LN.....	7
OAK MANOR PKWY.....	8
OAK TREE RD.....	6
OAKLAND AVE.....	3
OKMOOR AVE.....	3
O'DONAHUE AVE.....	1
O'KEEFE LN.....	8
O'LAUGHLIN DR.....	8
ONDORO PL.....	2
ORCHARD DR.....	5
OXFORD AVE - NORTH.....	5
OF MAPLE AVE.....	5

Street	District
OXFORD AVE - SOUTH.....	7
OF MAPLE AVE.....	1
PAGE CT.....	3
PALMER AVE.....	6
PARK AVE-BETWEEN MAPLE.....	5
AVE AND GUBERNAT DR.....	8
PARK AVE-NORTH OF.....	5
MAPLE AVE.....	8
PARK AVE-SOUTH OF.....	5
OAK TREE RD.....	5
PARK LN.....	8
PARK ST.....	8
PARKER AVE.....	4
PEARL PL.....	10
PEEK ST.....	2
PERRY ST.....	10
PERSANTE WAY.....	3
PERSHING PL.....	9
PERTH PL.....	6
PIERCE ST-NORTH OF.....	6
COTTON ST-PARK.....	8
PIERCE ST-SOUTH OF.....	8
COTTON ST-PARK.....	6
PINE ST.....	10
PISANELLO CT.....	8
PITT ST.....	3
PLAINFIELD AVE.....	3
POE PL.....	10
POMONIO AVE.....	8
PULASKI ST.....	7
PUTNAM AVE.....	4
RAHWAY AVE.....	3
RALPH AVE.....	6
RANDOLPH AVE.....	2
RANGER ST.....	5
REDDING AVE.....	10
REGENCY PL.....	3
REIFFEL ST.....	7
REVERE RD.....	5
RICHARDS PL.....	4
RISOLI TERR.....	4
RITTER AVE.....	2
ROBERT PL.....	7
RODMAN RD.....	8
ROOSEVELT AVE.....	9
RUSH ST.....	1
RUSTAY CT.....	9
RYAN ST.....	1
S 10TH STREET.....	1
S 11TH STREET.....	1
S 9TH STREET.....	4
MADISON DR NORTH.....	4
MADISON DR SOUTH.....	4
S. CENTRAL AVE.....	8
SAGE ST.....	4
SALEM ST.....	2
SAMPTON AVE.....	9
SCALERA ST.....	10
SCARED HEART DR.....	2
SCHVCHENKO AVE.....	7
SCHILLACI LN.....	5
SCHINDLER DR.....	5
SELENE AVE - NORTH OF.....	8
MAPLE AVE.....	7
SELENE DR - SOUTH OF.....	8
MAPLE AVE.....	10
SEYMOUR ST.....	9
SHADYSIDE PL.....	1
SHERMAN AVE.....	10
SIMS PL.....	4
SKENE DR.....	9
SMITH ST.....	10
Snyder Rd.....	8
SO CLINTON AVE.....	6
SO PLAINFIELD AVE.....	10
SOMERSET AVE.....	9
SOUTH AVE.....	9
SPICER AVE.....	10
SPISCO CT.....	5
SPRAGUE AVE.....	4
SPRING AVE.....	4

Street	District
SPRING ST.....	8
SPRUCE ST.....	9
ST JAMES PL.....	6
ST JOHN'S PL.....	9
ST NICHOLAS AVE.....	10
STAATS CT.....	7
STACEY CT.....	6
STERLING AVE.....	2
STEVEN TERR.....	2
STOCKHOF LN.....	4
STRAITFORD AVE.....	10
STRONG PL.....	9
SUMMIT AVE.....	8
SURREY RD.....	7
SUSAN TERR.....	1
SUSSEX ST.....	8
SYLVANIA PL.....	8
TEEPLE PL.....	6
TEN EYCK ST.....	5
TERRACE AVE-NORTH OF.....	7
MAPLE AVE.....	9
TERRACE AVE-SOUTH OF.....	7
MAPLE AVE.....	9
TEXAS AVE.....	4
THOMAS ST.....	2
THORNTON CT.....	3
TOMPKINS AVE.....	2
TOOZ PL.....	9
TRENTON AVE - EAST OF.....	8
HAMILTON BLVD.....	8
TRENTON AVE - WEST.....	8
OF HAMILTON BLVD.....	5
TRENT PL.....	4
TRIANGLE PL.....	1
TRINITY ST.....	2
TRISTA'S WAY.....	8
UNION ST.....	6
UNIVERSAL AVE.....	7
VAIL CT.....	8
VAKARICH PL.....	8
VALLEY ST.....	4
VAN FLEET AVE.....	8
VICTORY ST.....	5
VIVIAN ST.....	1
W 7TH STREET.....	6
W 8TH STREET.....	5
W CRESCENT PKWY.....	6
W FAIRVIEW AVE.....	5
W GOLF AVE.....	4
WADSWORTH AVE.....	1
WALNUT ST.....	5
WALTER ST.....	6
WARD PL.....	2
WAVELY PL.....	9
WELLS DR.....	10
WENZEL CT.....	9
WEST AVE.....	9
WEST END AVE.....	9
WEST ST.....	5
WEXLER PL.....	4
WHISPERING HILLS RD.....	7
WICKFORD RD.....	3
WILLOW AVE.....	1
WINDREW AVE.....	3
WOOD ST.....	9
WOODBROOK RD.....	9
WOODEN AVE.....	9
WOODLAND AVE-BETWEEN.....	7
MAPLE AVE AND OAK.....	7
TREE RD.....	5
WOODLAND AVE-NORTH OF.....	8
MAPLE AVE.....	2
WOOLWORTH AVE.....	10
WORTH DR.....	3
YALE PL.....	10
YEDNAK DR.....	10
YURTEL DR.....	10
ZWOLAK CT.....	9

Sports

SOCCER CLUB

By Dawn Hutchison

Thunder Pounds Montgomery

Ok, so on the plus side, it didn't snow this past weekend! But it sure felt more like our fall season than our spring season. Nonetheless, our teams did get out there and continue with the games scheduled. And we had some wonderful games.

How about our U-12 Thunder? A second season team, Thunder has started the spring strong. Currently 1-0-2, Thunder took on the season with tremendous heart and determination. Their first game ended in a shutout of 0-0 and the second game against Woodbridge ended in a 1-1 tie in the last 30 seconds of the game. With great matches like these, you might wonder what could these guys bring out there this week. Well wonder no more, Thunder brought their A game. With a 4-0 victory over Montgomery, Thunder exhibited just what it takes to play as a team. Goals were credited to Jack Townley, his first of the season with Thunder, Justin Counts, John Paraja, his third for the season, assisted by Nicholas Battista and a goal from Anthony Villavicencio. Thunder's defense led by stopper James "The Brick Wall" Picalato, Mathew Celentano and Lauren Oneal have been fantastic at keeping the opponents from scoring and enabling the offense to score. Midfield play by Chris Kuberiet, Nicholas Pezzola, Joe McGeehan and Nolan Berry have continually applied the pressure to our opponents. Coach Phil Battista and

Team Thunder have a lot to be proud of. Way to go!

The U-9 Spartans had a busy weekend playing a make up game from the March 14 rainout. The Spartans faced the Hillsborough Explosion, winning by a final score of 5-3. And playing again on Sunday, Spartans were again victorious over the Branchburg Crossfire winning by a score of 5-2, putting their record at two wins and one tie. Great job Coach Bora and the Spartans!

Just a little taste of the excitement you can find out on our fields. Come on out and enjoy a game and cheer these young players on. With the Easter holiday this weekend, we have the week off. We will be back the following weekend with eight games scheduled to face our next round of opponents; sure to offer lots of great soccer.

Keep your eyes open for the SPSC Super 50/50 raffle starting this coming week. Full details to follow.

Mark the Dates: The SPSC will be holding open tryouts for the Fall 2010/Spring 2011 Seasons, May 11, 12, 13 and 14. Tryouts will be for our U-8 through U-14 age groups, which play in both fall and spring. Full details will be in the next issue, complete with age brackets and dates and times.

Enjoy the holiday and we will see you in another week.

U-11 ARESENAL

By Mark Resende

Arsenal Beat Launchers; Earn First 2010 Victory

On a cold, rainy and windy Sunday afternoon, the South Plainfield Soccer Club U-11 boys team, Arsenal, played a valiant game at Memorial Field (behind the PAL building) against the Livingston Launchers. It was a match that was hard fought by both teams and one that Arsenal never led until the final seconds. Despite the miserable weather conditions, the boys never gave up and played hard right to the end.

After falling behind 1-0, Jake Hoffman got Arsenal on the board by scoring a goal with a sprawling kick as he was falling to the ground. The assist came off the foot of Mason Resende with a nice pass from the right side. Arsenal would again fall behind by a goal before the action really started picking up late in the second half. Jason Belanger found the back of the net off of a great feed from Scott Ricciardi, with just a handful of minutes left in the game to tie the score. In the final seconds of play, Jason Cieszkiewicz passed the ball back to defender Mason Resende who launched a bomb into the box from near the mid-field line. The ball took one bounce right over the goalkeeper and into the net. The final whistle sounded right after the ensuing kickoff, and Arsenal had earned their first win of the spring season by the score of 3-2.

As always, soccer is a team sport, and every player on the roster contributed to the effort. Nick Plate and

Caleb Kuberiet split time as goalkeeper. Jared Marks played fullback for most of the game, with help from Edwin Rivas, Alec Paez and Tyler Curtis. Cristian Butrico, Ryan Stankan, Ricky Pellegrino, Dylan O'Connor and Jake Smith all took turns at the forward and midfield positions.

The team's next game will be played on Sunday, April 11 at the complex on Kenneth Avenue against the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Vikings, so please come out and support them. There are no games scheduled for the upcoming weekend due to the Easter holiday.

By Gary Lampasona

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES



We had another great turnout for field duty on Saturday and made good progress towards getting the fields ready. We're rounding third and heading for home, so keep up the good work. Regular field duty for parents of 13, 15 and 16-year-olds is this weekend; please report to the clubhouse at 8 a.m. As always, we welcome anyone else who can spare a couple of hours to help out.

Most preparations for the season are complete—teams are practicing, snack stand sign-up is complete and the fields are coming together. All we need is some good baseball weather and we'll be playing the games.

Don't forget, the SPJBC is sponsoring the high school baseball team's second annual game at TD Bank Park (where the Somerset Patriots play).

On Sunday, April 18, come out and support the South Plainfield High School Baseball Team when they play JFK (Islin), the 2009 Group 3 State Champions. Game starts at 11 a.m.; tickets are available now at \$10 each. If you buy three, you get one free. Call the clubhouse to purchase tickets. They will also be available at the snack stand once games begin.

You can find all this and more information at our Web site, www.leaguelineup.com/spjbc.

Opening Day countdown: April 10 is only one week away.

"Man may penetrate the outer reaches of the universe, he may solve the very secret of eternity itself but for me, the ultimate human experience is to witness the flawless execution of the hit-and-run." —Branch Rickey

Adult Baseball Players Wanted

Adult baseball players and teams are wanted for the Amateur Baseball Association of NJ. The ABA is the premier adult men's (18 and over) recreational baseball league in NJ.

Included in our fees are strong customer service and flexible master scheduling, a large player pool, seven dozen

Wilson baseballs, field insurance, accidental medical insurance, AllStar TeamStats.com/aba for stats and schedules, equipment discounts, All Star Game and jackets for league winners.

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NOTICE

DISMAL SWAMP PRESERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the DISMAL SWAMP PRESERVATION COMMISSION has established the following meeting schedule for 2010:

BOROUGH OF METUCHEN

May 4th
July 6th
September 7th
November 2nd

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

April 6th
June 1st
August 3rd
October 5th

BE IT RESOLVED, that all regular meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Hall Council Chambers alternating between the:

Borough of Metuchen
500 Main Street
Metuchen, New Jersey 08840

Borough of South Plainfield
2480 Plainfield Avenue
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

The Boroughs of Metuchen and South Plainfield do not discriminate against persons with disabilities. Those individuals requiring auxiliary aids and services where necessary, must notify the ADA Coordinator of the Boroughs of Metuchen or South Plainfield at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting.

DISMAL SWAMP PRESERVATION COMMISSION

\$42.68

April 2, 2010

SPRING INTO VALUE

Corner of
Oak Tree
and
Park Ave

OAK TREE
WINE & SPIRITS
SERVICE - SELECTION - SAVINGS

Across
From
A&P and
McDonalds

\$18⁹⁹
30-12oz Cans

\$18⁹⁹
30-12oz Cans

\$19⁹⁹
32-12PK BOTTLES

\$14⁹⁹
24-12oz LOOSE BOTTLES

Coors/Light 30-12oz Cans	\$19.49	Samual Adams Lager 2/12pk	\$25.99
Corona 2/12pk 12oz Case Cans	\$23.99	Molson Ice Loose 12oz Cans	\$17.99
Blue Moon 2/12pk 12oz Case	\$25.99	Keystone Light/Ice 30pk 12oz	\$13.99
Tecate Cans 24-12oz case	\$15.99	Natural Light/Ice 30pk 12oz Cans	\$13.99
Yuengling Lager Loose Case	\$15.99	Busch/Light 30pk 12oz Cans	\$14.99
Bud Light Lime Loose Bottles	\$19.99	Coronita 7oz Loose Case	\$15.99

\$39⁹⁹
1.75L

\$29⁹⁹
750mL
GREY GOOSE
World's Best Tasting Vodka

\$29⁹⁹
1.75L

Christian Brothers Brandy-750mL	\$9.99	Dewar's White Label-1.75L	\$31.99
Jagermeister 750mL	\$17.99	CirocVodka all types 750 mL	\$28.99
Admiral Nelson Spiced Rum 1.75L	\$19.99	Kahlua 750mL	\$18.99
Canadian Mist 1.75L	\$16.99	Seagram's 7 Crown 1.75L	\$18.99
Smimoff 80 Proof 1.75L	\$19.99	Svedka Vodka 1.75L	\$19.99
Bacardi Light Rum 1.75L	\$21.99	Di Saronno Amaretto 875mL	\$11.99

GREAT WINE VALUES

Cupcake Wines all types 750 mL	\$7.99	Franzia Cabernet,Chardonnay,Merlot 5L	\$14.99
Beringer White Zinfandel 1.5L	\$8.99	Santa Margherita Pinot Grigio750mL	\$19.99
Cavit Pinot Grigio 1.5L	\$12.99	Arbor Mist all types 1.5L	\$5.99
Yellow Tail all types 1.5L	\$11.99	Principato all types 1.5L	\$9.99
Liberty Creek all types 1.5L	\$5.99	Stone Barn all types 750mL	\$7.99
Fish Eye all types 1.5L	\$9.99	Crane Lake all types 750mL	\$3.99
Franzia Chillable Red,Blush,Crisp White		Red Truck / White Truck	
Refreshing White, Sangria 5L	\$11.99	Cabernet/Merlot/Chardonnay Blends	\$8.99



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SUNDAYS 10am-7pm
MON-WED 9am-9pm
THU-SAT 9am-10pm

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Middle School Announces Second Quarter Honor Roll

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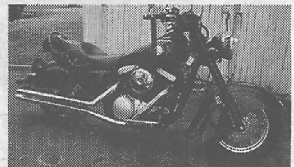
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Kaylee with her parents, Debbie and Bob Horne.

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Committee. Then I was asked to run for the Metuchen Council and lost. But I was asked to run again. I didn't want to, but I didn't want my children to know I didn't try. So I ran again and won and became a member of the

Metuchen Council. Later I ran for the assembly and in 2001 for senate."

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By Kaylee Horne

Want to know why New Jersey is very special to me?

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There is a reason why New Jersey's nickname is "The Garden State." There are lots of gardens and farmlands in the state that grow crops such as vegetables, blueberries, and peaches. Delicious! Besides farms, we have beautiful beaches, lakes, rivers, mountains, and hills, which allow us to do many fun things outside, like swim, boat, and hike.

New Jersey is not all farms and landforms either. There are urban and suburban areas, and Jerseyans are a short distance from New York City and Philadelphia. The more industrialized areas are where the population finds most jobs. It is easy to get to these places because most people have cars to drive on major and minor roads. Watch out for traffic jams! Public transportation helps to avoid those headaches.

The population of New Jersey is very diverse, with people from all over the world living in our state. Through them, we learn about other cultures, by talking, tasting their food, and going to cultural events. What great ways to learn about the world and its people! There are lots of artistic performances too, such as movies, ballets, and concerts, that happen in our great state year-round. Don't forget about history, because even George Washington came to New Jersey and fought Revolutionary War battles in our state!

Now you know why New Jersey, my home, is so special to me. The amazing sights, beautiful scenery, fresh produce, tasty food, and entertaining shows all add to the state's appeal. Besides, we have four seasons, which give us snow in the winter, warmth during the summer, and everything in between. If anyone visits New Jersey, they will fall in love with our great state!

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Obituaries

Giuseppe Tominovich, 87

Giuseppe Tominovich, formerly of South Plainfield, died peacefully on Friday, March 19 at the Heritage Towers in Doylestown, Pa. where he currently resided.

He was the loving husband of the late Betty May Hunt Tominovich who died in 2006. The couple had been married for 51 years.

Born in Pula, Italy in 1923, he apprenticed as an electrician in his hometown of Pula. When World War II began, he was drafted to fight under Mussolini in the Italian Army in conjunction with the German Army under Hitler. He and his younger brother didn't believe in the governmental regime at the time and escaped to Venice and then moved to other parts of Italy as refugees. He eventually returned home after the war and continued his electrical apprenticeship.

In the early 1950s, he worked with several private shipping companies as an electrician and eventually as chief electrician. During that time he also worked for the Abitibi Paper Company and the Canadian Government.

It was in Canada where he met his wife, Betty May Hunt, who was the second cook on one of the private shipping company vessels. They married in 1956 in Montreal, Canada. Shortly after that they moved to San Francisco where they became U.S. Citizens.

After working in many parts of the states, they settled in Forest Hills, Queens, N.Y. In 1967 they moved to South Plainfield where they lived for 40 years.

Giuseppe was then hired by IIT and worked in Greenland for three years as the chief electrician on the Early Warning Defense System. After that he was hired by Jersey Central Power & Light (First Energy) and retired after 17 years of service.

Mr. Tominovich is survived by his daughter, Marina D. and son-in-law John Bloomfield of Doylestown; two grandchildren, Morgan and Taylor Bloomfield of Doylestown; a brother and sister-in-law, Dante and Lucietta Tominovich of Queens, N.Y.; a sister,

Pina Tominovich; a sister-in-law, Albina Tominovich; and a nephew, Pino Tominovich, all of Croatia.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Varcoe-Thomas Funeral Home, Doylestown, Pa.

Edward A. Uknis, 58

Edward A. Uknis died on Thursday, March 25 at home.

Born in Newark, Ed has been a resident of South Plainfield for most of his life.

He is predeceased by his father, Edward P.

Ed is survived by his wife, Hope; four sons, Arrian, Paul and Darius all of South Plainfield, and Eric and wife Kenya of Piscataway; his mother, Mary Uknis of Edison; a brother, Donald and wife Fran of Virginia and five grandchildren, Ariana, Tyler, Ericka, Kayla and Alondra.

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

John H. Eckel, 62

John H. Eckel died on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at his home with his wife by his side.

Born in Metuchen, John lived in South America for 20 years, Atlanta for over 17 years, Nashville for three years and has been a resident of North Plainfield since 2005.

John earned an undergraduate degree from Long Island University, N.Y. and received his MBA in finance from Fairleigh Dickinson University. John and his wife Beverley are both alumni from the FDU Madison campus.

He retired from Mitsui Company, LTD of New York as director of risk

management and was a member of the National Association of Credit Management, New York Chapter.

He is predeceased by his parents, William and Jane (Snitzler) Eckel; and by two brothers, William and Michael.

John is survived by his wife of 24 years, Beverley (Steindel); three sisters and their husbands, Pamela Clifford (Brian), Margaret Swenson (Donald) of Colorado Springs, Colo. and Elizabeth Neff (Theodore) of Ft. Collins, Colo. and his father-in-law, Francis Steindel.

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

Eleanor E. Danek, 93

Eleanor "Eli" Danek, formerly of South Plainfield, and most recently Gaffney S.C., passed away on Thursday, March 25 at the Peachtree Centre in Gaffney, S.C.

She was the daughter of the late Charles William and Elizabeth Fekete Proksch and the late Anna Nemeths Proksch.

Mrs. Danek was a member of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield. She worked for several years at Art Color and also Kleiner & Co. in Dunellen.

She is predeceased by her husband, Stephen J. Danek, Jr.; and two brothers, William and Charles Proksch.

Mrs. Danek is survived by two daughters, Patricia Ann Fowler of Gaffney, S.C. and Jo Anne Cirafesi-Kane of Hellertown, Pa.; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Private services will be held at a later date at Shuford-Hatcher Funeral Home, Gaffney, S.C.

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Love Always, Mom, Dad, Diane, Artie, Sarah, Shawn and Mindy

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