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Police Chief John Ferraro, who served his entire 28-year career in the borough, retires today.

Borough's Top Cop Retires

Police Chief John Ferraro will retire effective today after 28½ years of service to the borough. Ferraro, a 1976 SPHS graduate, spent his entire career as a police officer in South Plainfield.

Ferraro was sworn in December 1981. He attended Middlesex County Police Academy for six months and began his career as an officer "on the road." Before he became chief in 2005, he served as a detective for several years, a position he says he found "rewarding." He was promoted to sergeant and then lieutenant of the bureau. He returned to the road for a short while and was promoted to captain of the detective bureau.

During his years on the police force, Ferraro also served as a career bias incident officer, police baton

"The most important thing in police work is to ensure that residents are always protected and to provide the best service possible without being oppressive," said Ferraro.

instructor, crisis negotiator, public information officer, press intelligence officer, undercover officer with Middlesex County Task Force and the Border Anti-Drug Task Force. He also worked several cooperative investigations with federal agencies.

Over the years as a police officer and as chief, Ferraro has seen an increase in the use of technology used to combat crime. Police vehicles are now equipped with mobile data terminals and video recorders. The department

also has a forensic computer for matching fingerprints and performing DNA investigation. Ferraro maintains a portion of the police department budget for education and training programs for police officers.

The continuing need for a good and positive relationship with the public and to invite their help is Ferraro's approach to his job and mission—to provide safety and protection to everyone in South Plainfield.

He asked the public to report anything suspicious in their neighborhood during a home safety program held on March 8 to allay fears about recent home invasions occurring in the borough. Over 300 attended.

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Dems Endorse English for Mayor, Williams and Sorrentino For Council

The South Plainfield Democratic Committee has unanimously endorsed Michael English as their candidate for mayor and Jeffrey Williams and John Sorrentino for council candidates in this November's election.

Michael English served as mayor from 1983 through 1986. He was twice elected to the borough council prior to his election as mayor. He has also served on the South Plainfield Board of Education, and was board president in 2005. English was a Social Studies teacher at St. Joseph's High School, Bridgewater-Raritan East and SPHS. He also served as South Plainfield Recreation director, spearheading the expansion of the PAL and restoration of the community pool facility. He presently is the chair of the

Social Studies Department at Hillel Yeshiva High School and is a CCD teacher for eighth grade candidates for confirmation at Sacred Heart Church. Former Mayor English has received a host of recognitions and honors. He and his wife Susan live at 123 Lee Place. They have two children, Shawn and Brian. Brian is married to the former Jenna Flakne; they have two children, Aidan and Bryce.

Jeffrey Williams is a 2003 graduate of SPHS. He earned a bachelor of arts degree from High Point University where he was a dean's list student. He was a Presidential Award Recipient in

2003 and was named most valuable player in men's varsity track and field while at South Plainfield High. At college he was a five-time Southern Conference Track and Field Champion. He continues to compete in track and field events and was the USA Indoor National Club Champion.

Jeff is a minister and volunteer youth leader at the Upper Room Full Gospel Church. He is also the mayoral representative for the Housing and Community Development Committee and is a member of the Public Celebrations Committee. He lives

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Republican Incumbents Announce Candidacy

Republican Incumbent Borough Council members Raymond Rusnak and Timothy McConville have announced their candidacy for re-

election this November.

Council President Matt Anesh will run for mayor against Democrat Michael English.

BOE Elections, Budget Vote Next Tuesday

On Tuesday, April 20 the South Plainfield Board of Education will ask residents to vote on the \$40,688,303 tax levy portion of a \$52,299,265 school budget for the fiscal year 2010-2011.

Governor Chris Christie's drastic cut-backs in education funding left the borough with an unanticipated 28% decrease in state aid. The board approved a budget with a 4% increase and new tax rate of 2.932 which result in a yearly increase of \$100.34 on the average home assessed at \$122,500. The increase also comes with the elimination of 16 teachers, 10 aides and secretaries, school resource officer, summer and adult high school programs, buildings and grounds director, computer technician, high school freshman sports, varsity winter track for boys and girls, competition cheerleading, swimming and fall weight training, team leaders at the

middle and high school, a reduction in program and course offerings and supplies.

There are three open seats on the Board of Education and only three candidates seeking election.

Incumbent BOE member Debbie Boyle has served for the past three years. Boyle is chair of shared services, personnel and employee contract negotiations, is a delegate to N.J. School Boards Association Assembly, liaison to the borough council and the ad hoc truck committee, Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QUSAC) representative, Middle School PTO president and is a member of the borough's Public Celebrations Committee. Boyle was also instrumental in obtaining a Federal grant for security cameras. She has lived in the borough for 12 years with husband, Bob, who grew up in South Plainfield, and two

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Mayor Charlie Butrico presents 100-year-old borough resident Teddy Malecki with a proclamation in celebration of his birthday on April 8. Malecki celebrated with family and friends at a party on April 10 at Madeline's in Bound Brook.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR • BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD PROCLAMATION HONORING THADDEUS "TEDDY" MALECKI

WHEREAS, Thaddeus "Teddy" Malecki was born on April 8, 1910 in Old Forge, PA. to George and Mary Malecki and will enjoy the rare distinction of celebrating his 100th birthday this Thursday; and

WHEREAS, Thaddeus "Teddy" Malecki, Sr. moved to South Plainfield in 1925 and his family built their first home at 112 Maple Ave.; and

WHEREAS, Teddy Malecki brought honor to his family and his town during World War II for his heroic action serving in Germany where he was wounded in action and was awarded the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Teddy returned to South Plainfield and his job at Art Color in Dunellen where he worked as a pressman until the company closed in 1965 followed by 10 years at South Plainfield High School in the maintenance dept; and

WHEREAS, on December 16, 1946, Teddy Malecki married Mary Yurinko and together they built their home at 312 Maple Avenue where they raised their three children, Thaddeus Jr., Barbara and Dennis and where Teddy still resides today; and

WHEREAS, Teddy has been an active member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizen Center where he enjoyed competing against other towns on the Center's pool team; and

WHEREAS, Teddy has also been an active member of the VFW, the American Legion and the Polish National Home where he served four terms as their President

NOW THEREFORE, I, Charles Butrico, Mayor of the Borough of South Plainfield do hereby congratulate and honor Thaddeus "Teddy" Malecki on the occasion of his 100th birthday and extend to him our most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.



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Want to stay informed about the business of your Council and BOE?

FYI Borough Council & BOE

Council meetings air on Comcast Channel 96 Mondays at 7 p.m. Council budget hearing: Tuesday at 9 p.m., Thursday at 9 p.m. (Will run as a special for two weeks or until the budget hearings are done). BOE meetings air on Thursdays at 7 p.m. BOE budget hearing can be seen on Saturdays at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. (Will also run as special for two weeks or until the budget hearings are done). To purchase a complete copy of a council or BOE meeting, contact the *Observer*. (Check Comcast community bulletin board for last minute time changes.)

council meetings

Meets twice a month on Mondays, *except where noted.

Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

Agenda Meeting Public Meeting

April 19 April 19

May 3 May 3

All Agenda Meetings begin at 7 p.m. followed immediately by the Public Meeting, unless otherwise noted. Meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with the N.J. Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Ave.

planning board

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

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

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

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

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

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: TBA Organization Meeting: April 28, 8 p.m.

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 TBA)

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 plan sub-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

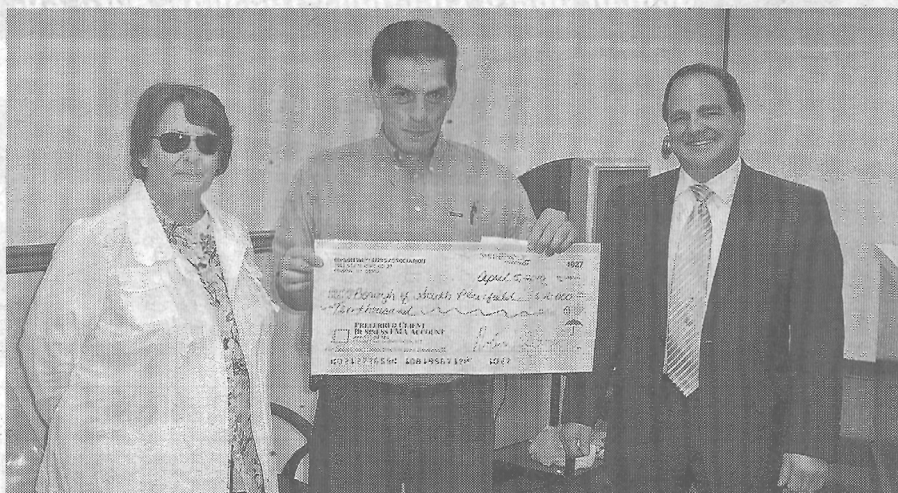
May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, 2011.

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



Robert Spiegel, executive director of the Edison Wetlands Association, presents a grant for \$10,000 to the Dorothy Miele on behalf of Friends of the Woods for the purchase of security cameras and Internet services at the Highland Avenue Woods Environmental Education Reserve at a recent council meeting. Also pictured is Mayor Charles Butrico.

In My Opinion

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

Dear Editor,

My husband, daughter and I would like to express our deep appreciation to a mystery woman who paid for our dinner at Rudolfo's on March 19.

I placed my order and my daughter stepped up to place her order and a woman behind her said, "I got that." My daughter was very much surprised and tried to decline but the woman insisted. My daughter told her, "This has never happened to me before," and the woman said, "I just want to say thank you for your service." You see my daughter was still in uniform as she was coming home from work that day; she is an AIC in the USAF. It just goes to show that there still are wonderful people in this world. This incident put that warm feeling back in our hearts. So to this woman we want to say thank you so very much!

SINCERELY,
KENNETH AND DEBORAH CHABOK
AIC AMBER M. HARTMAN, USAF

Dear Editor,

Last week's letter about the school board budget by Debbie Boyle was dead on. I agree with most of her points, and I'd like to add a few of my own.

Like Debbie, I disagreed with the budget's priorities. In fact, I voted "no" for several reasons. Foremost was the effect on taxes. In this economy, people are losing their jobs and their homes. To raise taxes seven points may not seem like much to some, but for the one in 10 residents without jobs, it means a lot. It also means a lot to

our seniors on fixed incomes and families trying to make ends meet.

There were ways to bring the tax increase down, which I believe were disregarded. For instance, the budget should have included \$400,000 in savings from a new law requiring employees to contribute 1.5% of their salary towards health benefits. It did not. Including that amount, as well as cutting more in administration, would have yielded significant savings, without cutting any additional teachers or programs.

I also disagreed with the way the budget was presented and how questions were left unanswered. I was especially disappointed when people attending the budget meeting were told by the administration that a defeated budget would result in 100 more job cuts, assuming the council reduced the tax rate to flat. This is inaccurate.

Right now, the tax rate is up about seven points. A tax point brings in about \$140,000 in revenue, which means reducing the tax rate to flat would require cutting about a million dollars. If you divide that million by 100, you get \$10,000. The average employee makes much more than

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\$10,000. In fact, benefits alone average more than that. And again, there are places to cut that would not even require more staff reductions, so the whole premise is faulty.

People should be able make informed decisions whether to vote for or against the budget. Unfortunately, though, it's easy to be pushed into a decision that's not based on facts. Hopefully, that won't be the case.

BOB JONES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

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John Ferraro

Borough's Top Cop Retires

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"We've got 10 times more phone calls coming in than we had before," explained Ferraro. The increase in the number of calls was exactly the result he sought.

"You are the eyes and ears for us. If you see a suspicious car or person in your neighborhood, call us and someone will respond," Ferraro told residents at the program.

"No matter what rank you achieve in your career, you can't forget where you came from—you are always a patrolman. The most important thing in police work is to ensure that residents are always protected and to provide the best service possible without being oppressive," said Ferraro.

He also advocates educating students. Ferraro is a strong proponent of the D.A.R.E. program, and instituted the school resource officer at the schools. He let high school students experience what it is like to "drive while drunk" through utilization of special glasses to distort sense of balance. Most recently, in conjunction with Superintendent of Schools Jose Negron and Somerset Medical Center, he began a program for high school students to instruct them in CPR. Ferraro credits Negron for his enthusiasm and efforts "in getting the program off the ground." Somerset Medical Center

sent instructors to certify the physical education and health teachers who, in turn, taught the juniors and seniors the technique. CPR is now an ongoing program because the teachers are certified.

"Now when students graduate they will all be able to be prepared to perform CPR, our main goal. Each year there will be nearly 300 students trained and ready to assist in a medical emergency," said Ferraro.

A believer in police getting out of their cars and making contact with residents, Ferraro always tries to make himself available to the public. He is in the audience during most borough council meetings, where residents can talk to him informally.

"He's been the chief since I've been mayor," said Mayor Charles Buttrico. "I think he's done a good job. It's a tough job and he's balanced it well. He's really shown a great reception for the people in town as far as his being available for anything. Any kind of question people have, he will spend time and deal with those issues. He tells me all the time, 'call me.' People can reach out to the chief and he will respond."

Although he has had job offers, Ferraro would like to bring a chapter of Habitat for Humanity to South Plainfield to build houses or do repairs with the organization.



Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas (far right) with Women's History Month Essay Contest winners Ashley Robjohns, Jordan Davis and Sarah Hageman and residents who helped to select the winning submissions.

Woman's Essay Contest Winners Recognized

Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas recognized three Women's History Month Essay Contest winners at the April 5 Borough Council meeting. Winners of the essay contest were: first place—\$300 and a copy of *Past and Promise, Lives of New Jersey Women*, to Ashley Robjohns; second place—\$150 to Jordan Davis and third place—\$100 to Sarah Hageman.

Selecting the three winners from the 60 essay submissions was a committee of South Plainfield residents, including Nina Rohrer, Commercial Real Estate Officer, Columbia Bank; Kimberly Clifford, South Plainfield Tax Collector; Mary Ann Iannitto, past president, South Plainfield Suburban Woman's Club; Debbie Boyle, South Plainfield BOE member and Councilwoman Buteas.

Donations were submitted by

Buteas, Shannon Jeffreys, Columbia Bank, South Plainfield; Darlene Pinto, Skylands Bank, South Plainfield; Carolyn Allen, TD Bank, South Plainfield; and Debbie Boyle, Boyle Memorial Foundation. Special thanks are extended to the *South Plainfield Observer*, South Plainfield School District and the *Courier News*.

"My committee and I were extremely impressed with the outstanding work of Ashley, Jordan and Sarah. They truly recognized the contributions of Alice Paul and her ideals and developed unique ways to carry her legacy forward in South Plainfield. I look forward to working with all three students on continuing to implement their unique plans of engaging women in civic life in South Plainfield," said Councilwoman Buteas. "Thank you again to all who participated and do-

nated their time and effort to make this essay contest a success."

Essay participants were asked to discuss a specific event or accomplishment of Alice Paul's life that is significant to him/her. If he/she had the opportunity to create a project to continue Alice Paul's legacy here in South Plainfield, what would that project be and how would he/she implement it? Essay submissions were between 500-750 words and were open to South Plainfield residents in grades 9-12.

Correction

In the April 9 story, "BOE Approves \$52M Budget," it was incorrectly stated that Superintendent Jose Negron urged the public to vote for the budget. He urged the public to vote. We apologize for the error.

SPPD and SPHS Sponsoring Safe Driving for Teens Program

South Plainfield Police Department and South Plainfield High School are co-sponsoring "Safe Driving—A Parent's Guide to Teaching Teens" on Tuesday, April 27, at 7 p.m. in the SPHS auditorium.

This program is designed to assist

parents and teens as they become first time drivers. Topics include: Advice for parents, The Vehicle, Getting Started, GDL Requirements, Talking Points and Driving Contracts.

Both parents and their teen drivers are encouraged to attend!

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events

Get Passports at Senior Center

April 16

The Middlesex County Clerk's office and the Borough of South Plainfield will be accepting applications for U.S. Passports on Friday, April 16, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave.

For information on documents needed and other requirements, call (732) 745-3404.

Clothing Drive

April 16-18

Erika Lynn Foundation and Edison Wetlands are sponsoring a clothing drive on Friday, April 16, through Sunday, April 18, at Woodbridge Center Mall (near Applebee's). Donate your unwanted clothing and shoes. Benefits those with disabilities as well as saving the planet.

For more information, visit www.RePurposeNJ.org, www.erikalynn.org or call (908) 548-8066.

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, 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 donuts will be served.

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-art atmosphere, providing each child with the experience to open their minds and expand their abilities.

For more information, call (908) 769-3224.

Boy Scout Troop 207 Spaghetti Dinner

April 17

Boy Scout Troop 207 is holding their annual spaghetti dinner on Saturday, April 17, 4-8 p.m. at the 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 pur-

chase tickets, call (908) 705-2519 or (908) 413-1000.

Civil War Encampment At Spring Lake Park

April 24

The public is invited to Spring Lake Park on Saturday, April 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to journey back in time to the Civil War Era (1861-1865). Re-enactors representing the Union Army Infantry and Artillery will pitch camp along the banks of the old Laing mill pond known today as Spring Lake.

Sponsored by the South Plainfield Historical Society in honor of Lt. George C. Boice, Sgt. Henry Brantingham and Privates Hugh Downey, Aaron E. Randolph and Augustus Ryno of this community. Free; everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, E-mail sphtoricalsociety@verizon.net.

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), will hold a bake sale on Saturday, April 24, 9 a.m. until noon. Pierogies will also be available for purchase. Proceeds go 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

SENIOR CENTER Calendar

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April 16-Passport Satellite Office
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

Silver Sneakers 8:45 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

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

Active Seniors 8:45 am
Shopping Trip 9 am
Crafts Class 10 am
Computer 10 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm
Exercise Class 1:15 pm

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Senior Center is open daily 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Closed Saturdays and Sundays

Saturday, April 24. The event will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Spaces available; call (732) 644-4376.

Luncheon/Fashion

April 25

The Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield is sponsoring a luncheon/fashion show on Sunday, April 25, at 2 p.m. in the South Plainfield Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave.

Fashions by Dress Barn of South Plainfield. Proceeds go to the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs Special State Project: Autism New Jersey and the club's scholarship fund. Donation is \$20.

For tickets, call (908) 756-8679.

— Out of Town —

Willow Grove Church Bake Sale

April 18

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, 1961 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains, is hosting a bake sale on Sunday, April 18, from 12 to 2 p.m. as part of the National Share Our Strength's Great American Bake Sale, working to end childhood hunger.

For more information, visit www.willowgrovechurch.org or call (908) 232-5678.

Woodbridge WOWs Open Dance

April 18

Woodbridge Widows Or Widowers will hold an open dance on Sunday, April 18, 7 to 11 p.m. at The Knights of Columbus Hall, Morrissey Ave. in Avenel. Light refreshments. Everyone is welcome. Admission: \$10 members; \$12 guests.

For more information, call (732) 381-3255 or (908) 757-0515.

MCC Alumni Assoc. Food Tasting

April 21

Middlesex County College Alumni Association and local restaurants will be offering samples of their best dishes on Wednesday, April 21, 6-9 p.m. Funds raised will benefit the association's scholarship fund. Tickets: \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door.

Buy tickets at www.middlesexcc.edu/alumni or call (732) 906-7732.

Rutgers Day

April 24

Rutgers University will hold their annual Rutgers Day on Saturday, April 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine. Free performances, tours, exhibits, activities, lectures, demonstrations. Great opportunity to learn something new, be entertained, participate in hands-on activities and meet fascinating people.

For more information, visit rutgersday.rutgers.edu/ or call (732) 932-7823.

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Dems Endorse English, Williams and Sorrentino

(Continued from page 1) with his parents, Bruce and Phyllis at 102 East Nassau Avenue. He has three brothers, Bruce Jr., Michael and Timothy, and his sister Tiffany is an administrative law judge.

John Sorrentino is a 15-year member of the Public Celebrations Com-

mittee where he has served as chairman for eight years. In addition to working with the committee on the annual Labor Day parade, John has the specific responsibility for coordinating the fireworks display. John has a history of volunteer activities, including working with South Plainfield Ponytail,

Little League and Football Eagles. He is a graduate of Lincoln Technical Institute and is employed as an HVAC equipment specialist. Apart from his love of family and his hometown, John is known for his diehard support for the Jets and Yankees. He and his wife Maryann live at 225 Hopkinson Street. They have three children, Angela who is married to Jay Serechocha, Anthony who is engaged to Stacy Brooks (they will be married on June 25) and Joseph.

Former Mayor English summed up the focus of the new Democratic team saying, "Jeff, John and I will run a positive campaign setting forth our vision for South Plainfield. Between now and November we intend to visit every home in the borough. This is a time of challenge for every town in our state. We welcome this challenge as an opportunity to bring about the change which our residents are demanding. The time for politics as usual is over. I can assure you that the team of English, Williams and Sorrentino will always work for what's best for our hard working families."

-Submitted by SP Democratic Org.

BOE Elections, Budget Vote

(Continued from page 1) sons and a daughter.

Gary Stevenson has been married for 36 years, has two married daughters and two granddaughters. He has lived in South Plainfield for eight years and in Colonia for 27 years. Gary has worked for Verizon for 40 years as a lead engineer and is a member of the Property Care Committee for the First Presbyterian Church of Avenel. He has been a member of the South Plainfield Fire Department for seven years, serving as president for the last five. Helping out in emergency services for 42 years, Gary has been a lieutenant,

captain, secretary and treasurer of the Iselin First Aid Squad and Fire Department.

Chris Hubner has resided in town for 24 years, has been married for 25 years and has two boys; one in college and another is a sophomore at the high school. He works for Conair Corp. as director of finance, is a CPA and holds an MBA from Rutgers Business School. Chris coached recreation soccer and basketball for many years. He was treasurer of the junior baseball club for four years and coached traveling all-star teams there, as well as the soccer club.

VOTE! Polls open 2-9 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20.



Franklin School Be Wise Sanitize-Haley Passarelli is the first place elementary winner in the fourth grade at Franklin School in the nationwide contest, "Be Wise...Sanitize," sponsored by School Health, a medical supply company for school nurses and the makers of Avant hand sanitizing products. It was an interesting assignment for the students to discuss ways to reduce exposure to winter colds, flu and other germs. Holly received a gift card and the school received a generous gift of hand sanitizing products.

Got Talent? Audition for Cultural Arts Talent Showcase

South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission is seeking talent for their second annual Talent Showcase on May 1, and they are inviting borough residents of all ages to come out and audition this Sunday, April 18, 3 to 5 p.m. at Wesley Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 1500 Plainfield Ave.

All acts are welcome; come out and share your unique talent with the community. Bring your instruments or items you will need for the audition.

The talent showcase is only open to residents of South Plainfield. Applicants will be asked to complete an application at time of audition. Anyone under the age of 18 will be required to have a parent/guardian's permission to participate.

The South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission would like to thank

Superintendent Jose Negron, the Board of Education and Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas for supporting cultural arts in South Plainfield.

Questions, or to schedule your audition time, please contact Ken Reisch at (908) 769-5938 or E-mail: spcac.nj@gmail.com. You can now follow the Cultural Arts Commission on Facebook.

BOE Organization Meeting April 28

Please be advised that the Organization Meeting of the South Plainfield Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, April 28, at 8 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Roosevelt Administration Building, 125 Jackson Ave. Formal action will be taken.

JUNIOR JOURNALIST

Talkative, Jumpy Me

By Katalina Bedoya
Roosevelt School

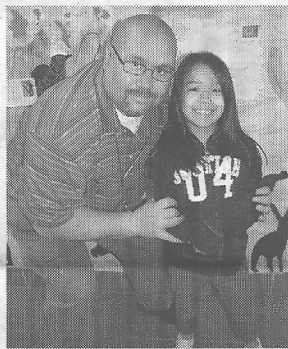
Chatty Katty... That's me!
Talkative as 25 parrots,
Blah, blah,
chat, chat
"Chatty Katty, stop
talking or else!"
Boom, boom
I am a firecracker with
explosions of excitement.
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my seat in school,
Jump on my furniture at home
and talk, talk, talks
No matter where!
If I am in church, or school...
I don't care.
I could win an
Olympic gold medal
for talking.
Talkative, Jumpy, Chatty, Katty
That's Me!

Katalina Bedoya Named Junior Journalist

Roosevelt School third grader Katalina Bedoya has been named a winner in the Junior Journalist contest. Her submission of the poem, "Talkative, Jumpy Me," has earned her a dinner for her family courtesy of Hometown Heros.

Winners will receive a catered dinner for their families from Hometown Heros and will be honored next month. 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.



Junior Journalist Katalina Bedoya with teacher Michael Bertram.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the South Plainfield Office on Aging, has made application to NJ Transit for one (1) Extended Minibus 16 Amb with 2 Wheelchairs to assist in providing transportation to senior citizens and/or people with disabilities in Middlesex County, New Jersey. This project will be partially funded with FTA 5310 funds under a grant submitted to the Federal Transit Administration.

Any interested party who has a significant social, economic or environmental interest is invited to provide comments within 30 days to:

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\$29.92 April 16, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE

April 12, 2010

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on April 8, 2010.

- A. Case # 08-10-Greg and Jennifer Cassio, Block 166; Lot 31; 564 Harrison Avenue. The applicant's request for a side yard setback variance in order to erect a deck was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.
- B. Case # 61-06-Mardee Company, Block 445; Lot 10.06; 242 St. Nicholas Avenue. The applicant's request for a use variance for (7) storage trailers, a compressor house and bulk variances was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.
- C. Case # 05-10-Vincent Randazzo, Block 308; Lot 26; 2611 South Clinton Avenue. The applicant's request for a use variance for a contractor's storage yard & bulk variances was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Secretary-Treasurer of Adjustment

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Sports

By Gary Lampasona

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES



Opening day was a great success and we've already gotten in a full week of games. There's a lot of excitement at the ball fields everyday. Games start at 6 p.m. weeknights, 10 a.m. on Saturdays and noon on Sundays; come on down and feel the excitement.

While you're watching, try our famous snack stand food and I guarantee you will come back—it's not just burgers and dogs!

The First Booster Weekend will be held Friday, April 16 and Saturday, April 17. Please check with your manager for your team's specified date and time.

Field Duty is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, at 7 a.m. for the Small Fry B Marlins and Pony B Muck Dogs. Please do not forget to sign in.

SPHS Baseball Game: Hurry! Last chance to buy tickets for the second annual SPJBC sponsored South

Plainfield High School baseball game at TD Bank Ballpark (where the Somerset Patriots play) on Sunday, April 18, at 11 a.m. Their opponent is JFK (Iselin), the 2009 Group 3 state champions. Tickets are \$10 each and when you buy three, the fourth one is free. You can buy them at the snack stand. Enjoy a nice day at the ballpark with your family and friends. Come out and support your high school team!

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

"It is well to remember that a Martian observing his first baseball game would be quite correct in concluding that the last two words of the National Anthem are: PLAY BALL!"

—Herbert H. Paper

Submitted By Bob Nilan

Over the years, the golfers on the 2 Buds, 2 Dubs team have been called a lot of names—especially their captain, Dale "The Needler" Dube. In 2010, they'll be called something they've never been called before—Defending League Champions.

Down the stretch last season, 2 Buds, 2 Dubs posted some impressive victories to win the National Division title and then went on to capture the league championship by defeating the American Division title holders, a strong and well-balanced Unique Sports Accessories team.

"I scheduled a lot of pre-season practice sessions because I want my guys to be in top form for our opening match against Witty's Liquors," said Captain Dale Dube. "Our goal is to be repeat champions."

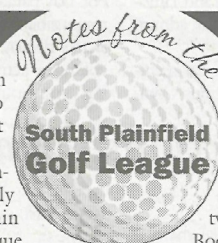
There are a number of teams in the

American Division who are not going to make achieving that goal an easy one.

The toughest competition will surely come from Captain Chris Dillon's Unique Sports Accessories squad that compiled the best record in the league last season. No team played better or more consistently all season long than USA so their play-off loss was hard to take.

Another formidable opponent will be the Roughriders who held the first place spot for a good part of last season and then faltered in the last few weeks.

"I was fortunate to get in several rounds while on vacation in Florida," said Captain Bob Nilan, "and I know



all my teammates have been playing whenever there's been nice weather so we're completely ready for the new season."

Then there's the terrific twosome of Kevin "Boom Boom" Bickunas and Sean Brooks who definitely made Witty's Liquors a strong contender for divisional honors.

Even though they finished fifth in the over-all standings, Twin City Pharmacy played tough in all its matches and posted some key victories last season. Led by Jay Coppola, Player-of-the-Year in 2008, and by the very talented Guy Severini, this could well be the year when Twin City goes all the way.

Oak Tree Dental, when they were still playing under the Pornovets name, won the league championship in 2007. They obviously miss having Jim Pornovets, Jr. in their line-up, but they can still rely on Marty "Mr. Amazing" Van De Vaart.

Big-hitter Frank Oades, who turned in some sparkling rounds last year, and then sometimes erratic but always dangerous Robert Pornovets can both make significant contributions to a team that's eager to return to the top of the league.

The American Division race, in short, looks like it could be wide open with all six teams having a good shot at the divisional title.

Over in the National Division the picture is totally different. Alfie's Boys is a team so loaded with high-spirited, extremely talented players who are all big boomers that they appear to be heavy favorites to win their division title, even though they'll be giving away quite a few strokes to most of their opponents.

Captain Tony Cotone, Jr. of KC's Komer is hoping that this will be the year his team regains the form that brought them back-to-back championships in 2005 and 2006. They certainly have the strong line-up to go all the way and over the years they have demonstrated their ability to come through in critical matches.

The Italian-American Club will count heavily on Joe Sacco, last season's Most Improved Golfer, to provide them with the inspirational leadership to kick things up a notch or two this season.

In the past few years, there have been times when the Plainfield Animal Hospital team seemed on the verge of running off impressive winning streaks. But, just when they look like they'd surge ahead, they would instead stumble and slip down in the standings. Mark "Mr. Steady" Chichvar is confident that this is, at last, going to be the season when PAH regains their 2003 championship form.

Ray Starnick turned in one gem after another to earn Player-of-the-Year honors last season. Ray will be back to provide the strong leadership to the Polish National Home team that's looking to improve on last season's record.

And, finally, there's the Sport & Social squad that reigned as league champions in 2002. Todd Gregory retired from his teaching position a year ago and now lives in Pennsylvania, but he promised Captain Frank Matthews he'd be back in 2010 because he had strong vibrations that this year would mark Sport & Social's return to the glory days.

Opening night matches: 2 Buds, 2 Dubs vs. Witty's Liquors; USA vs. Roughriders; Twin City vs. Oak Tree Dental; Alfie's Boys vs. Italian-American Club; KC's Komer vs. PAH; Polish National Home vs. Sport & Social.

**Arsenal Battles Scotch Plains/
Fanwood Vikings -- See page 9.**



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Parade, Presentations and "Play Ball" Kick Off SPJBC 57th Season

The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club (SPJBC) held its opening day ceremonies last Saturday under sunny skies. Volunteers spent many hours during the past month readying the fields after the extensive damage from numerous winter snow storms and recent heavy rains.

The festivities began at Roosevelt School with the players marching to the ball fields in new uniforms and displaying their team banners. Grand Marshal Danny Wasnick, the South Plainfield Fire Department and Rescue Squad, baseball commissioners and the mayor and members of the borough council led the parade.

After the teams filled the outfield, the ceremonies began with Phil Aiello acting as emcee. South Plainfield Rescue Squad presented the flag while Joanne Marston sang *The Star Spangled Banner* and everyone sang *God Bless America*. The invocation and blessing was given by Rev. Tony Gray.

Baseball Commissioner Mike Pellegrino thanked the hundreds of volunteers who make up the SPJBC and introduced this year's assistant commissioners: Wendell Born-administration, Gary Lampasona-communications, Dave Maszszak-finance, Glenn Graves-baseball operations, Thomas Scalera-public relations, Bob Bors-building and grounds, Greg Lind-head of concessions and trustees Gary Rohrer, Jim Olano, Andy Byrthell and Tom Cassio. Pellegrino presented an award to the grand marshal as well as Life Member awards to Chris Hansen and Jeff Marcoux.

Grand Marshal Wasnick's involvement in the baseball club began in 1982. Although he never had a son who played at the SPJBC, he was very active coaching his godson. During his 18 years, he served as a coach, manager, and as director of the Pony League. He served as commissioner and assistant commissioner and was in charge of the club's finances for many years. He became a Life Member in 1991. When the club first chartered with Babe Ruth, he was one of the coaches to be part of its first district championships. He helped run tournaments at the club and was part of one of the biggest tournaments, consisting of 132 teams, in 1989.

Life Member Chris Hansen was an active coach, managing and coaching both during the regular season and at the all-star level. His biggest thrill was coaching his son, Danny, beginning when he was just a small boy learning the game of baseball. He served on the board as a trustee and helped in initiating the funding to replace the old scoreboard.

Life Member Jeff Marcoux has been coaching and managing teams for many years. He coached both his sons, Jonathan and Ryan, during the regular season and served as an all-star coach, winning many district championships and tournaments. He served as assistant commissioner of administration.

Mayor Charles Butrico threw out the first ball to his nephew Christopher and the official season began with the shouts of "play ball."



Commissioner Mike Pellegrino, left, presents Lifetime Member Award to Chris Hansen.



Commissioner Mike Pellegrino, left, presents Lifetime Member Award to Jeff Marcoux.



Parade Grand Marshal Danny Wasnick, left, with Commissioner Mike Pellegrino, center, and Phil Aiello.



A group of baseball players and coaches posing with a banner for the Marlins Superstars.



A group of baseball players and coaches posing on a field.



Mayor Charles Butrico with his nephew, Christopher.



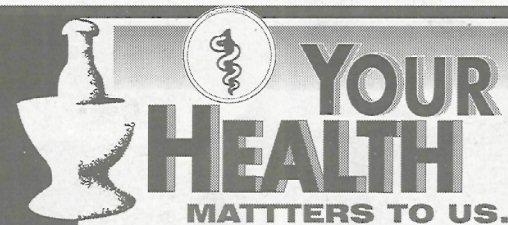
A group of baseball players and coaches posing with a banner for the 2010 SFC Pirates.



A group of baseball players and coaches posing with a banner for the Marlins Superstars.

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Rosanne Balzer	Bob DelPaoli	Joanne Haus	Alyssa McCreesh	Ben Rodger	Jim Uffer
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John Bannon	Pat DeSantis	Lauren Haus	Laura McCreesh	Dana Rodger	Carol Ullom
Jackie Barton	Bill DeNitzio	Tom Haus	Tom McCreesh	Elizabeth Rodger	Kurt Ullom
Scott Barton	Brittany DeNitzio	Meghan Hartmann	Lauren McGrath	Jessie Rodger	Frank Urbanovitch
Lisa Behr	Mary DeNitzio	Tracey Hartmann	Linda McGrath	John Rodger	Laurie Venetucci
Michael Behr	Camille Deutsch	William Hartmann	Pete McGrath	Mary Rodger	Vito Venetucci
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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

AAAAACHOOO! Sorry, folks; spring has arrived and allergy season is now in full swing. But, for a moment, let's all put down the boxes of tissues and check on the latest news from South Plainfield Library.

Well, first of all, the Ides of April have come and gone. For those of you who didn't get your tax returns sent in and (we hope for your sake) have filed for an extension, we still have Federal tax forms and booklets available. You may also still use our computers to check the Web sites of both the IRS and the N.J. Division of Taxation for particular forms and further information. Once again, please be advised: library staff are not permitted or qualified to offer tax advice, like which forms to file and which deductions to take (or how much your bail will be if you get busted for tax fraud). Such questions are best directed to a financial professional.

Next week, we'll be following the usual schedule of children's programming. The Monday Morning Movie program, featuring a movie presentation for pre-schoolers, will be shown on Monday morning at 10:30. Storytime, for children age 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 age two and three, will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 10:30. And Baby Time, for children age two and under, will be held on Friday morning at 10:30. Each program lasts about an hour; the story programs feature 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.

Here's another reminder regarding our schedule. We're going to be closed on Tuesday, April 27, and Wednesday, April 28, for staff training. Further, the children's programs for Thursday, April 28, have been cancelled.

While we're in a reminding groove, here's a computer-related one. Recently, we've had a problem with patrons bringing in flash drives or floppy discs, using them in our computers, then leaving them behind. (The stor-

age media, not the computers.) This may be a problem for you, since someone else may grab your information before we can get to it and put it in the Lost and Found box. So, please make sure you take your data storage devices with you when you leave. As an added precaution, you might want to put your name on them so that, if we find them, we can call you to remind you to pick them up.

Finally, another reminder regarding our concerns about proposed cuts in the N.J. State budget that will seriously affect our programs and services, particularly for smaller libraries (like that nice one in South Plainfield, for instance). If you'd like to express your opinion regarding these proposals, you can stop by our Circulation desk and pick up a comment card. We'll make sure it gets sent along to Trenton right away.

That's about all for now. As always, we're very interested in your comments and opinions. Feel free to leave a note in our Community Suggestion Box, or tell us in person. If you'd like more information, please call (908) 754-7885 or visit our Web site at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. Thanks very much for reading; see you next Friday.

AAAAACHOOOOO!!!! (You did say "Gesundheit," right?)

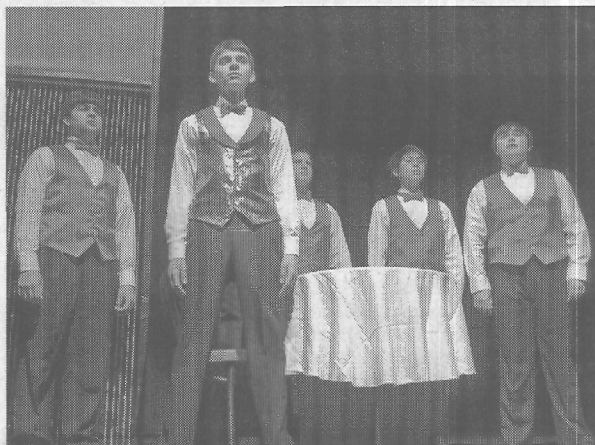
SPHS Players Drama Club Performs Cabaret

South Plainfield High School Players Drama Club recently presented the South Plainfield community with the hit musical, *Cabaret*, made famous by Liza Minnelli and Joel Grey. The students gave four performances, March 25-28.

A synopsis of the show from the Web site Wikipedia says, "In a train station, Clifford Bradshaw, a young American writer coming to Berlin in the hopes of finding inspiration for his new novel, arrives." He becomes infatuated with the giddy, gaudy decadence of the place, epitomized by a sexy, vaguely dangerous nightclub called the Kit Kat Club. In particular he finds himself involved with its chanteuse, sad, flighty Sally Bowles. While Cliff and Sally drift, dreamlike, in this happy but desperate milieu, life outside turns ugly. As the play reaches its climax, Cliff's landlady Fraulein Schneider decides to break her engagement to a Jewish man because she fears she will lose her license if she does not. Cliff decides to leave the world of Berlin and the Kit Kat Club behind him, but Sally, believing that "life is a cabaret," decides to stay behind.

The show was filled with the memorable tunes, *Wilkommen, Don't Tell Mama, The Pineapple Song* and *Cabaret*.

The cast included Joey Palazzo as the Emcee, Kelly Kline as Sally Bowles,



Danny Sims as Cliff Bradshaw, Kristina Palazzo as Fraulein Schneider, Cory Singer as Herr Schultz, Shane Melanson as Ernest Ludwig and Kathleen Vincent as Fraulein Kost. Klub Girls were Natalie Madurski, Sheena Higgins, Jordan Katowich, Danielle Tramutola and Emily Reineke. Ensemble performers were Tyler Holoboski, Kevin Lopez, Richard Rotella, Richard Duong, Steven Alvear, Justin DeOliveira, Will Mott, Brittany Pasquarella, Christina Ferrer, Christine Nau, Christina Kasmer, Alyssa Adamson, Allison Gorman, Nicole Stanzak, Lacey Hogan and Kristin Hoelzel. Production staff included Director John Q. Angeline, Production Assistant Gloria Naso, Vocal Director Christy Briskin, Music Director Roger



Vroom, Choreographer Jessica Kubek and Costume Designer Loretta Tansey.

The show received kudos from audience members. South Plainfield resident Ellen Cusick said, "The show was wonderful, great talent, very well done!" Parents were thrilled with the production as well. Patricia Palazzo Sims said, "The show was wonderful; a lot of great talent on the stage, and the kids had a great time."

Sports

U-11 ARENAL

By Greg Hoffman

Arsenal Battles Scotch Plains/Fanwood

On a beautiful, sunny afternoon, the South Plainfield Soccer Club U-11 boys team, Arsenal, fought a hard match versus Scotch Plains/Fanwood Vikings. Unfortunately, Arsenal came up short 2-0.

Arsenal was able to keep the game tied until halftime at 0-0. In the second half, Arsenal could not breach the Vikings' solid defense for any genuine scoring opportunities. Three minutes into the second half, Scotch Plains/Fanwood scored their first goal and then another with five minutes remaining in the half.

Our boys kept up their fierce battle throughout the game. Nick Plate and Ryan Stankan shared the goalkeeping duties. Jared Marks, Jason Cieszkiewicz, Mason Resende, Alec Pacz and Edwin Rivas fought on Arsenal's defense. Taking charge of the midfield were Jason Belanger, Jake Hoffman, Jake Smith and Dylan O'Connor. Ricky Pellegrino and Scott Riccardi saw a lot of action as forwards. Good try, guys!

Arsenal will play their next game on Sunday, April 18, at 4:45 p.m. on Memorial Field hosting the Franklin Township Stingrays. Please come out and support our team that is coached by Steve Belanger, Mark Resende, Dave Cieszkiewicz and Greg Hoffman. They are a fun team to watch!

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Obituaries

Loretta A. (Sommer) Gallagher Herrmann, 73

Loretta A. (Sommer) Gallagher Herrmann died on Saturday, April 3, in the Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Newark, Loretta resided in Newark and West Orange before settling in Livingston in 1973.

She was the owner and operator of Gallagher Varityping located in Pine Brook.

Surviving are a daughter, Laura Ferguson and husband John of South Plainfield; two sons, Rhys Herrmann and wife Heather Kellogg of Belleville and Christopher Gallagher and wife Iva of Hamilton; and three grandchildren, Shawn and Meredith Ferguson and Porter Herrmann.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Junior Journalist 2009-2010



Congratulations Jade!

Charlie and Debbie Kurland from Hometown Heros deliver dinner to Junior Journalist winner Jade Scotti pictured with her mom, Christine, and her friend, Tiffany.

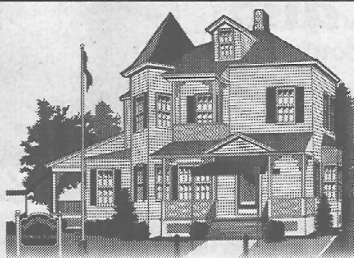
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BOROUGH NOTES

• Michael English, chairman of the Ad Hoc Truck Bypass Committee, asked the council to approve \$190,000 to apply for a permit.

• Authorized CFO Glenn Cullen to make an application to the local finance board for its approval to bond \$800,000 to fund a portion of the accrued sick, vacation and related expenses arising from the unexpected retirement of several borough employees.

• Declared JMS at West End, LLC in default for failure to make all improvements and repairs and call upon International Fidelity Insurance Company to complete all work required by the borough engineer.

• Authorize the municipal clerk to solicit competitive bids for a sewer jet and vacuum vehicle for the Department of Public Works.

• Accept the Fiscal Year 2009 Audit prepared by Suplee, Clooney and Company and certify compliance.

• Authorized the hiring of Goose Control Technologies at a cost not to exceed \$1,500 to provide assistance with resident Canada Geese control.

• Hire Angelo Paradiso as recreation housekeeper.

• Authorize the awarding of a modified contract to Stilo Excavating, Inc. for improvements entitled Durham Avenue Phase II Project.



American Legion Celebrates St. Patrick's Day

The South Plainfield American Legion held their annual St. Patrick's Day dinner dance on March 12. Despite a downpour, flooded roads and flickering lights, American Legion members and friends enjoyed a festive evening.

Guests were attired in green t-shirts, blouses, hats, ties, jewelry and more. The dinner fare included corned beef, potatoes, sauerkraut, green beans, salad, desserts and beverages.

The food was cooked by the Sons of the American Legion, and the Ladies Auxiliary worked hard handling set up, decorations and clean up. Bartender for the evening was Steve Zarra.

The event included gift basket raffles and a 50/50 raffle; proceeds benefited

the Sons of the American Legion's annual scholarships for South Plainfield High School students and are awarded prior to graduation in June.

A highlight of the celebration was a performance by students of the Sheajennings School of Irish Dance, located in Cranford. The girls, between

the ages of eight and 16, performed a variety of Irish dances. Among the dancers were regional, national and world medalists.

Guests joined in the dancing. After a simple lesson, most were able to perform the steps and received applause for their efforts.



Isabel Jennifer Buckley

MISSING

Isabel Jennifer Buckley

Also known as: Jennifer Gonzalez

DOB: July 12, 1993

Missing: Wednesday, March 31, 2010

Sex: Female Race: Mexican American

Hair: Black Eyes: Dark Brown

Height: 5'2" Weight: approx. 130 lbs.

Missing from: Plainfield, NJ • Last Seen: In the City of Plainfield, NJ

Isabel Buckley was wearing a big black hoodie, beige pants, a navy polo shirt and white/red Nike sneakers. She has a scar on the left side of her face. She also has 5 piercings, 2 on each earlobe and one on cartilage on her left ear.

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SUMMARY OR SYNOPSIS OF AUDIT REPORT FOR PUBLICATION

SUMMARY OR SYNOPSIS OF 2009 AUDIT REPORT OF BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AS REQUIRED BY N.J.S. 40A:5-7

COMBINED COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS

	JUNE 30, 2009	JUNE 30, 2008
ASSETS		
Cash and Investments	\$ 10,288,044.91	\$ 12,173,745.76
Taxes, Assessments, Liens and Utility Charges Receivable	143,291.69	127,893.24
Property Acquired for Taxes-Assessed Value	4,714,000.00	4,714,000.00
Prospective Assessments Funded	152,170.08	152,170.08
Accounts Receivable	1,505,058.44	1,806,475.92
Fixed Capital - Utility	14,355,858.58	14,355,858.58
Fixed Capital Authorized and Uncompleted - Utility	151,531.59	151,531.59
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation-General Capital	13,004,161.91	13,628,011.00
Deferred Charges to Revenue of Succeeding Years	15,000.00	20,000.00
General Fixed Assets	34,501,222.00	34,028,282.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 78,830,339.20	\$ 80,955,948.17

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE

Bonds and Notes Payable	\$ 13,593,354.96	\$ 15,287,410.05
Improvement Authorizations	2,886,531.16	3,016,391.47
Other Liabilities and Special Funds	8,393,506.98	8,045,357.97
Amortization of Debt for Fixed Capital Acquired or Authorized	11,953,890.17	11,520,390.17
Reserve for Certain Assets Receivable	5,242,849.58	5,234,963.85
Fund Balance	2,458,894.35	2,943,172.66
Investment in General Fixed Assets	34,501,222.00	34,028,282.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 78,830,339.20	\$ 80,955,948.17

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - CURRENT FUND

	YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009	YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008
REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED		
Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 2,240,000.00	\$ 2,814,000.00
Miscellaneous - From Other Than Local		
Property Tax Levies	8,189,326.25	8,670,637.23
Collection of Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens	6,070.67	2,258.00
Collection of Current Tax Levy	68,945,922.56	67,324,668.87
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 79,381,319.48	\$ 78,811,564.10
EXPENDITURES		
Budget Expenditures	\$ 25,174,416.41	\$ 25,105,754.95
County Taxes	11,510,832.16	10,518,360.33
Local District School Taxes	40,805,741.63	41,113,292.00
Other Expenditures	7,490.90	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 77,498,481.10	\$ 76,737,407.28
Statutory Excess in Revenue	\$ 1,882,838.38	\$ 2,074,156.82
Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 2,274,366.51	\$ 3,014,209.69
	\$ 4,157,204.89	\$ 5,088,366.51
Less: Utilized as Anticipated Revenue	2,240,000.00	2,814,000.00
Fund Balance, June 30	\$ 1,917,204.89	\$ 2,274,366.51

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND

	YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009	YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008
REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED		
Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 350,000.00
Collection of Sewer Use Charges	5,490,940.85	5,282,909.37
Miscellaneous	260,324.81	247,444.86
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 5,911,265.66	\$ 5,880,354.23
EXPENDITURES		
Budget Expenditures:		
Operating	\$ 5,010,000.00	\$ 4,671,683.90
Capital Improvements	43,000.00	5,000.00
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	556,000.00	615,824.13
Debt Service		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 5,609,000.00	\$ 5,334,058.03
Excess in Revenue	\$ 302,265.66	\$ 546,296.20
Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 562,534.82	\$ 606,238.62
	\$ 864,800.48	\$ 1,152,534.82
Less: Utilized as Anticipated Revenue	160,000.00	350,000.00
Sewer Utility Operating Fund	350,000.00	240,000.00
Current Fund		
Fund Balance, June 30	\$ 354,800.48	\$ 562,534.82

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE SWIMMING POOL UTILITY OPERATING FUND

	YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009	YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008
REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED		
Fund Balance Utilized	\$	\$ 1,000.00
Collection of Pool Membership & Fees	153,251.00	157,525.00
Miscellaneous	19,357.39	34,975.73
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 172,608.39	\$ 193,500.73
EXPENDITURES		
Budget Expenditures:		
Operating	\$ 209,800.00	\$ 216,000.00
Capital Improvements		500.00
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	8,500.00	
Debt Service	13,700.00	15,602.91
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 232,000.00	\$ 232,102.91
Adjustment to Income Before Fund Balance:		
Realized from General Budget for Anticipated Deficit	\$ 59,391.62	\$ 38,602.18
Excess in Revenue	- 0 -	- 0 -
Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 6,559.66	\$ 7,559.66
	\$ 6,559.66	\$ 7,559.66
Less: Utilized as Anticipated Revenue		1,000.00
Fund Balance, June 30	\$ 6,559.66	\$ 6,559.66

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Business Registration Certificates, Certifications of Availability of Funds, and all bid specs be kept on file for audit.

That the practice of issuing confirming orders be discontinued.

That the court administrator investigate and correct the significant differences between the analysis of open bill and the actual cash proof/bank reconciliation balance.

That all departments collecting money turn their daily receipts over to the finance office within 48 hours.

That the recreation department develop and maintain one set of functional records, with totals for each month, that matches to the actual turnovers received by the finance office.

A Corrective Action Plan, which outlines actions the Borough of South Plainfield will take to correct the findings listed above, will be prepared in accordance with federal and state requirements. A copy of it will be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the Office of the Borough Clerk in the Borough of South Plainfield.

The above summary or synopsis was prepared from the report of audit of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, for the fiscal year 2009. This report of audit, submitted by Supple, Clooney & Company, Registered Municipal Accountants and Certified Public Accountants, is on file at the Borough Clerk's Office and may be inspected by any interested person.

ATTEST: Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

NEWS

Suburban Woman's Club

Members of the Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield enjoyed a special luncheon prepared by the hostess committee. Debbie Vokral and Sil Gover were assisted by Grace Bertucci and Ann Demico prior to the regular meeting on April 1.

The slate of officers for the new club year were announced as follows: President Lucy Hudson, Vice President Natalie Bergen, Treasurer June Flannery, Recording Secretary Diane Gallo and Federation/Corresponding Secretary Mary Ann Iannitto. The officers will be installed at a June 3 banquet at Giovanna's Restaurant.

President Hudson and four members attended the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs Public Affairs Day at the Battleground Country Club in Manalapan. Keynote speaker was Penny Colman, author of "Shout the Revolution: Women's Fierce Fight for the Vote." Thirty-seven members of the New Jersey Federation who serve as elected officials in their towns were honored. Borough Councilwoman Christine Buteas, a member of the club, was honored at the April 5 council meeting.

Seven club members will attend the NJSFNC College District Spring Conference/Achievement Day on April 22 at the Imperia in Somerset.

The afternoon's program was presented by club member Orvie Hoffman who described and displayed her match cover collection. Orvie has been collecting since 1965 and the members enjoyed her stories about the fascinating hobby she shared with her late husband.

Area women who are interested in joining this active group should call (732) 549-9633 for membership information.



Mayor Charles Butrico presents a check for \$500 for the scholarship fund of the Suburban Woman's Club. The donation was accepted by Debbie Vokral, club education chairman, and Natalie C. Bergen, vice president.



Suburban Woman's Club President Lucy Hudson presents a certificate to Councilwoman Christine Buteas on behalf of The New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs. The recognition was bestowed upon Buteas and 37 other women in the federation who serve their towns as elected officials and was in connection with Women's History Month.

policereport

- On March 25, Joshua Anthony Hutton, 22, of South Plainfield was arrested for possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle and an outstanding warrant.
- On March 26, Darren Scott Farley, 39, of Middlesex was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving.
- On March 27, Arun Govind Marar, 38, of Piscataway was arrested at Red Lobster for theft of services.
- On March 29, J.B. Schmidt, 70, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and 11 outstanding warrants.
- On March 30, Wardatemonia M. Riashi, 42, and Samy Riashi, 20, both of Edison were arrested at Sears Essentials for shoplifting deodorant and makeup worth \$20.
- On March 31, Shawn Sobel, 29, of North Plainfield was arrested for hindering apprehension, unclear plates and possession of an open con-

- tainer of alcohol in a motor vehicle.
- Hassan A. Muhammad, 24, of Piscataway was arrested for passing another vehicle in a no passing zone and two outstanding warrants.
- Anthony W. Thompson, 46, of Plainfield was arrested for committing robbery at Sears Essentials. He took three toothbrush heads and fled in a vehicle.
- Richard M. Brennan, 54, of Brick was arrested for expired vehicle inspection and two outstanding warrants.
- An Edison resident reported that the driver's side window of their vehicle had been smashed and a Magellan GPS was taken while parked on Warren Street.
- Gulf Gas on New Brunswick Avenue reported that a male had left without paying for \$30 worth of gas.
- On April 1, Joseph M. DeFalco, 21, of South Plainfield was arrested at the Brick House Tavern + Tap on

- Stelton Road for disorderly conduct.
- Joseph H. Cisson, 29, of Edison was arrested at the Brick House Tavern + Tap on Stelton Road for disorderly conduct and an outstanding warrant.
- Joaquin R. Barrios, 38, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, refusal to take a breath test, reckless driving and careless driving.
- On April 3, Aaron W. James, 33, of Piscataway was arrested at the Brick House Tavern + Tap for simple assault.
- On April 4, Jose Manuel Cruz, 23, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, refusal to take a breath test, reckless driving and failure to stay right.
- The Highland Woods Nature Center reported that the building had been shot with paint balls.
- On April 5, Liftec Forklift Inc. on Sylvania Place reported the theft of a license plate from trailer.

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