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Verizon, Comcast Force Delay of Road Completion

By Jean Fultz

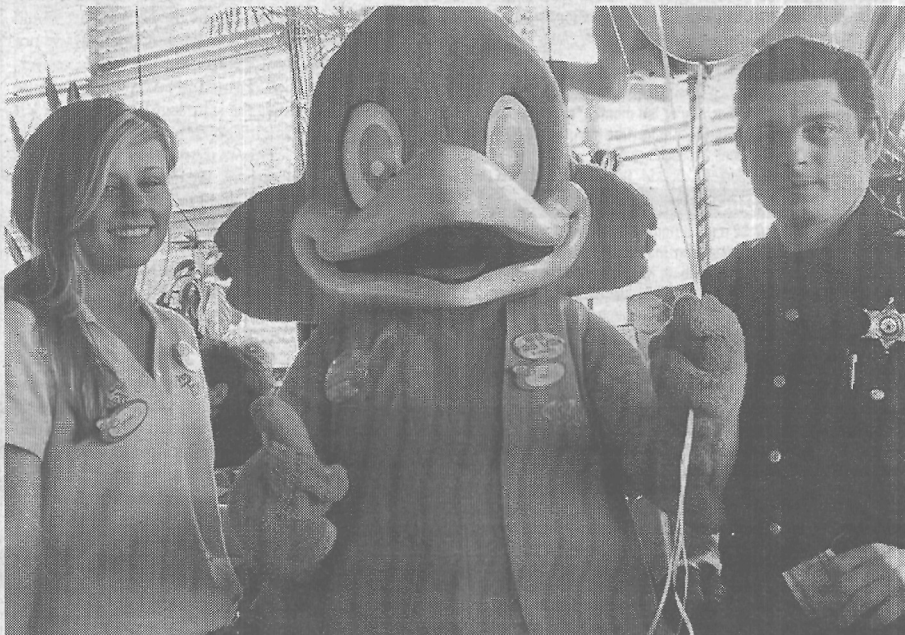
The New Market Avenue extension project could be delayed by three to six weeks due to a decision by Verizon and Comcast to place their cable and fiber optic lines underground instead of stringing them pole to pole. A recent article in a daily newspaper stating that additional contamination was discovered at the Cornell-Dubilier Superfund site was not accurate. When contacted on Tuesday regarding the story, Buttrico said, "This is the only delay; there is no additional contamination at the site delaying this project."

According to Pete Mannino, remedial project manager for the US EPA Region 2, who heads up the cleanup

of the Cornell-Dubilier Superfund site on Hamilton Boulevard, he met last Friday with the mayor, CFO Glenn Cullen and borough attorney Paul Rizzo after they requested an update on the progress of soil remediation at the site. Mannino said that he was asked specifically about covered piles of dirt that were sitting on an area slated to be paved as part of the roadway project. Mannino informed the mayor that they were waiting for approval on an application submitted by Star of the Sea, the borough's contractor, to properly remove the soil to an acceptable landfill.

On Tuesday, Mannino elaborated by saying, "From the beginning, when this [road] project was discussed with

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Middlesex County Sheriff Department's "Tip-A-Cop" fundraiser on April 17 at Red Robin on Hadley Road raised \$2,043 for Law Enforcement Torch Run, the largest grassroots organization for the Special Olympics. Tax-deductible donations in the form of "tips" were placed in special envelopes and given to the officers in uniform throughout the day. Red Robin mascot, waitress Alyssa (South Plainfield resident) pose with Sheriff's Officer Steven Bohn.

Board of Ed Reorganizes

Less than a week after voters went to the polls and turned down the school budget, the Board of Education held its organization meeting on Monday. Board secretary Richard Guarini began the meeting by certifying the results of election. He reported that the budget was defeated by a vote of 2,096 to 1,398; school board candidate Debbie Boyle received 2,131 votes, Chris Hubner 1,930 and Gary Stevenson 1,901. The three board members were sworn in by board attorney Dr. Nicolas Celso III, as well as Pio Pennisi, who was appointed by the board to complete the one year term of Tim Morgan.

Pennisi welcomed new members, Hubner and Stevenson, "to a lot of long hours of work," but added that serving on the board is also enjoyable and rewarding. Nominations were made for board president and vice president. The board voted unanimously elected Jim Giannakis to continue as president and Pio Pennisi as vice president. Giannakis appointed Debbie Boyle as a delegate and Sharon Miller as alternate to the New Jersey School Board Association. The board appointed Superintendent Jose Negron to the Representative Assembly for the Middlesex Regional Educational Service Commission for a one year term.

The board designated TD Bank of South Plainfield to be the official depository for 19 separate checking accounts and listed the ranking of those authorized to sign for bank accounts and approved the BOE committee of the whole and regular meeting dates for 2010-2011.

The board made the following 2010-2011 appointments: Borough CFO Glenn Cullen-treasurer of school monies, Board Secretary Rich-

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FLS (Feels Like Saturday) performed at the Tiger 24 event last Saturday. Band members Kenny Kaczka, Mark Paez, Zach Shordone and Kyle Kaczka are South Plainfield residents. The band will perform at Starland Ballroom in Sayreville on Saturday, June 12. For tickets, E-mail kaczka@comcast.net.

Truck Committee Asks Council For Permit Application Funding

Borough Council members disagreed over whether to put an ordinance on the agenda at their April 19 meeting to borrow money to fund permit applications for the Hollywood Avenue Bypass or to wait on the possibility of obtaining grant money.

The cost of the permit application is \$195,000; approximately \$75,000 has already been set aside in the budget for this purpose.

Councilmen Ray Rusnak and Rob Bengivenga have been in contact with Congressman Leonard Lance who advised them to hold off on the ordinance for a month or so in anticipation of receiving Federal funding; however, Mayor Buttrico urged them to at least approve the bond anyway. Spending the bond money would jeopardize a grant application.

Edison Wetlands Association Executive Director Robert Spiegel wrote a letter to the mayor and council dated April 15 expressing his displeasure regarding the borough's

plan for another "truck highway." In his letter he finds the new truck route that the Ad Hoc Truck Committee is "promoting" to be "troubling." He states that the borough is already building a road (New Market Extension); that the borough has already lost a 10-year battle with a similar truck route; and that the town is "legally unable to apply for Federal funding for multiple years after the last project." Spiegel also claims that there is a "zero chance of being funded by a nearly bankrupt State of New Jersey," and taxpayers should not have to pay for the permit grant when the money could be better used elsewhere. His final recommendation was that the committee members find out where the funding would come from to complete the road. Ad Hoc committee member and council liaison Chrissy Buteas pointed out that they had chosen a route with the least impact to the swamp. "So much for working together," said Buteas.

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Dedicated Youth Volunteers Sought for "Cappy" Award

The Police Athletic League, along with the Recreation Commission, announce that the selection process for the 2010 "Cappy" Award will begin as soon as local organizations and individuals nominate someone who meets the qualifications. Qualifications for the award are:

Service: Ten years of service in youth sports and/or recreation; volunteered as a parent-coach to more than his/her own children; should be voluntary service; during the period of service, nominee must have been a resident of South Plainfield. All nominees will be judged on a case-by-case basis.

Character: Exemplifies high moral values and ethical judgment; never been convicted of a

felony; possesses dedication and commitment to the youth of South Plainfield.

Nominations are now being accepted through June 25. Recommendations should be sent in letter form, stating the qualifications of the candidate, to Kevin Hughes, Recreation Director, 1250 Maple Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080 or to Chris Colucci, PAL president, Police Department, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

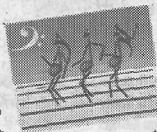
A dinner will be held in honor of the "Cappy" Award recipient in November. If you have any questions, please contact Mike English, South Plainfield Recreation Commission, at (908) 755-1282.

Cultural Arts Commission Talent Showcase to Feature 18 Local Acts

The South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission will present its second annual Talent Showcase on Saturday, May 1, in Fellowship Hall at Wesley Methodist Church, located at 1500 Plainfield Ave.

The annual talent showcase will spotlight local residents of South Plainfield. "Reaching for the Stars" this year is an array of 18 acts, including dancers, singers, comedian, pianist and spoken poem. The 23 performers range from 6 ½ to senior citizens, a great variety of talent will be showcased.

The South Plainfield Cultural



Arts Commission's event is meant to provide a platform to local residents, young and old alike, in which to showcase their talents to the community. Please join us; seating is limited, doors open at 12:30 p.m. and the show begins promptly at 1 p.m. Light refreshments will be served by Girl Scout Troop 118.

The South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission would like to thank Superintendent Negron, the South Plainfield Board of Education, and Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas, for their ongoing support of cultural arts programs in South Plainfield.

For more information E-mail spcac.nj@gmail.com. The Cultural Arts Commission is now on Facebook.



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council meetings

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planningboard

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

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 boardofadjustment

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

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

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.*

boardofeducation

Meets Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave.

Committee of the whole meetings: May 5, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 15, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8. 2011: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 2 and March 30.

Regular Public Meeting: May 12, June 16, July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 22, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15. 2011: Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16, April 6.

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.

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.

siteplan sub-committee

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

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



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In My Opinion

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To the Editor:

Councilman McConville left out some very important facts when he criticized the planning board approval of the Tingley Rubber site last week. Our state legislature changed the rules to allow for these conversions. This was not done at the local level and most of us were shocked by this action. We are bound by the laws of the state, and in my opinion denying this application would have subjected us to a costly appeal we would not win.

Regarding the economic impact to the borough, we had credible testimony that the financial impact would be very positive; however, this was not why I voted in favor of the conversion. I voted in favor simply because I felt the state legislature's action left us with no choice.

They make the rules, we only interpret them. We take an oath to uphold the law and I feel we did. If you don't like the conversion law that is something to address with your state legislators, perhaps in November.

JACK PEDERSEN

Dear Editor,

On April 20, 60% of the voters overwhelmingly turned down the school budget, which should send a strong message to our city fathers that we want a real review. Let me emphasize, the people are against the budget, not the teachers, and certainly not the students. Now we need to see if our politicians are qualified to do their job, and not by running to Leonard Lance for a federal handout as Councilman Anesh wants to do for a simple community watch.

By the votes of surrounding towns, it would seem that We The People want change. The most obvious change that would save millions of dollars would be to abolish all of the local BOE's in the county and replace them with one.

It's time to see if our elected officials are serious persons and not just politicians.

KEVIN (THE ELDER) O'BRIEN

Dear Editor,

In a year when the council received a \$700,000 cut in state aid, the need to bring down costs is vital. As part of that effort, the council's finance committee has required each department to cut costs. In fact, almost every department is seeing personnel and budget cuts, with more to come.

With that in mind, it is important to note that the second biggest bor-

ough expense is the library, which this year will receive \$1.37M from the borough through property taxes. The library's allotment is not controlled by the council, but rather, by state law. Towns are required to fund their libraries using a mandated formula, which the council has no discretion to reduce.

In addition to the money in its budget, the library board has a \$1.7M surplus sitting in the bank, an amount greater than its entire annual budget. As it stands, the library is the only department in the borough that has not cut back in an effort to provide property tax relief. To that end, the council unanimously enacted a resolution at its last meeting asking the library board to give back 10% of its surplus for tax relief.

If the library board were to do this, it would still have a significant surplus, with money available to cover almost any imaginable emergency. In addition, it would not have to make a single cutback, nor would it have to make a single reduction in services.

In this economy, we all need to work together. People are losing their jobs and their homes. The library board declined an unofficial request to help with tax relief, but we hope it will reconsider our request, which now has bipartisan support. Even though every department in the borough is cutting back, the council is not looking to cut into the library's operating budget. We're only asking that it rebate extra money available in surplus.

We know the members of the library board are hardworking people who have the best interest of our residents in mind. I'm sure they will realize that, like everyone else, the library has a responsibility to help control taxes and make responsible decisions that recognize our state and country's unprecedented fiscal crisis. I urge our residents to join me in asking the library board to reconsider its decision and pitch in during a time of unprecedented need.

**COUNCILMAN RAY RUSNAK
CHAIR, ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE**

To the Editor:

On March 27 the South Plainfield High School Athletic Booster Club held a comedy show fundraiser at the PAL. Doors opened at 7:30 p.m. and the show started at 8:30 p.m. After a tough winter and then all that rain, the evening was a great way to celebrate spring. The crowd immediately began to socialize, sharing food and

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drink and buying tickets for our wonderful raffle prizes.

Three comedians entertained the crowd, each with their own style. Our comedians were Alex Barnett, Joseph Currie and Larry DeFelice. As you leaned back in your chair laughing aloud, you could see others simply enjoying the show. Everyone was laughing, smiling and taking full advantage of the night out. The evening was a success and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Businesses such as B & C Deli, Mei Haus Chinese Restaurant, South Plainfield Funeral Home, Sportworld, the law firm of Schwartz, Simon, Edelstein, Celso & Zitomer, Pizza Stop, Hometown Heros, Oak Tree Discount Liquors and Twin City Pharmacy all generously donated to the SPHS Athletic Booster Club. Their support was an essential part of our success. Thank you!

Thank you to all who helped set up and those who helped throughout the evening: Debby DiDolce, Debbie Boyle, Patty Martin, Barbara Whitefleet, Bill Butrico for our spot lights, Chris Sanko for gathering donations, and anyone else I may have forgotten to list. Special thanks to the staff of the South Plainfield Recreation Department for the use of the PAL.

Most of all, thank you to all who bought tickets and attended our fundraiser. Without you the evening could not have been so much fun and such a success.

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Board Members Thank Bob Jones for Service

By Libby Barsky

After serving three years as a member of the Board of Education, Bob Jones chose not to seek reelection.

At Jones's last board meeting, board member Pio Pennisi told Jones, "I appreciate everything you have done." Debbie Boyle thanked Jones for his "help and support" and board president, Jim Giannakis, thanked Jones for all the work he did.

During Jones's time on the board, he served as the chairman of the finance committee for the first two years and as a member this past year. He served as legislative chair for all three years and as the board's delegate for the School Boards Association. Additionally, Jones spent a year on the policy and curriculum committees.

Jones says that he is most proud of working with Debbie Boyle to obtain a \$180,000 federal grant for 68 security cameras for the high and middle schools and the joint campus parking lot.

When Boyle and Jones began their terms on the board, they spoke with members of Congressman Mike Ferguson's staff and learned about an available grant available for improving police technology. Police Chief John Ferraro directed Captain Paul Brembt to help them write the grant.

Jones believes the success with procurement of the grant helped in the establishment of the shared services committee, which is committed to



Bob Jones

finding opportunities to create savings for both the municipal government and the BOE.

"I think it's important to develop a good relationship with the borough and other groups," said Jones.

Savings were achieved this winter when the school district purchased salt from the borough, which buys salt in huge quantities, noted Jones. The school district also saved money by using the Department of Public Works to trim trees, especially after a storm. "Without them, we would have the added cost of hiring tree trimmers," said Jones.

At its most recent meeting, the board voted to approve an agreement between the BOE and the Borough of South Plainfield to use the board's custodial services provider (Sodexo) to clean the PAL.

As an attorney who teaches aspiring lawyers how to write briefs and other legal papers, Jones suggested an emphasis be placed on writing skills for the students and this past year the district introduced the "Be a Writer" program.

Jones' advice to new members of the board is, "Always ask questions and try to listen to what others say."

Although Jones is leaving the board, he will remain involved in the school district.

"I intend to stay in touch with Debbie to find more grant opportunities," said Jones.



Pictured (L-R) are club member fashion show models Lucy Hudson, Debbie Vokral, June Flannery, Jean Popik, Ann Demico and Chrissy Buteas.

Suburban Woman's Club Luncheon/Fashion Show to Benefit Autism and Scholarships

The Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield held their Autism Awareness scholarship fund luncheon and fashion show at the senior center on April 25.

President Lucy Hudson welcomed the crowd and lunch was served. There were door prizes as well as basket raffles and a 50/50 drawing. Department of Autism-New Jersey Director Suzanne Buchanan spoke to the audience at length about the developmental disorder in children.

Dessert was served after members if the Suburban Woman's Club put on a fashion show, wearing the latest style of clothing provided by the Dress Barn of South Plainfield on Hadley

Road. Grace Farinella was the emcee.

The club is a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs which was organized in 1894. It is the largest volunteer women's service organization in the state and is also a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. They provide opportunities for education, leadership training and community service enabling members to make a difference in the lives of others, one project at a time.

Their special project for the years 2008-2010 is called Autism-New Jersey. The proceeds from last year's event enabled the club to make a \$3,495 donation to the South Plainfield Board of Education to purchase an Attainment Workstation complete

with 35 attainment software programs. These programs are designed to teach basic skills to students with Autism and special needs students at the high school. Another donation of \$750 was made to the Crossroads School in Westfield. The proceeds from this year's event will be used to further enhance the autism program within the borough and to benefit the club's scholarship fund.

Club President Lucy Hudson extends her appreciation to the *South Plainfield Observer* for publishing multiple advertisements of this worthy event. The attendance far exceeded the club's expectations. The club is also grateful for the support given to this special club project by the people of South Plainfield.

Register Cell and Voice Over Phone Numbers For Borough's Reverse Calling System

South Plainfield Office of Emergency Management has contracted the services of Global Connect for a community alerting system that can be used to notify all residents of South Plainfield in the event of an emergency or other important information. They have also contracted with Verizon to obtain its 9-1-1 database. This database contains every direct dial landline telephone number in South Plainfield; however, the Verizon 9-1-1 database does not capture cellular

phones, or Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phone numbers. In the past, those with cell phones or VOIP, service such as Vonage, were not included in the reverse calling system.

To register your cellular phones and/or VOIP phone numbers, go to www.southplainfieldnj.com and click on the Global Connect box. This registration process will allow you to register your cellular and/or VOIP phone

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April 30

The South Plainfield Education Foundation and the South Plainfield Alumni Association will be holding an art action on Friday, April 30, at the high school. Preview starts at 6 p.m. and auction begins at 7 p.m. Door prize, 50/50 raffle, sandwiches, dessert and coffee.

For tickets, call Marjorie Reedy at (908) 561-5800, ext. 302.

Country Breakfast

May 2

The South Plainfield VFW Post #6763, 155 Front St. is hosting a country breakfast on Sunday, May 2, from 8-11 a.m. The public is welcome to attend.

For more information, call (908) 668-9751.

Mom's Night Out

May 6

The Salon Professional Academy of South Plainfield is sponsoring Mom's Night Out on Thursday, May 6, at Menlo Park Mall from 6-9 p.m. in the Nordstrom Wing Court. This nationally organized celebration is free and open to the public, and will feature social networking, live demonstrations, fun interactive activities, free prize giveaways, discounted shopping from participating retailers, live enter-

tainment, and food sampling. Hair, makeup and fashion tips will be provided by Salon Professional Academy.

For more information, visit www.momsniteout.com.

Elks Beef N Beer Night

May 7

The South Plainfield Elks will be hosting a "Beef N Beer" night on Friday, May 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. Hot roast beef sandwiches will be served with homemade salads. Hot sandwich and beer is \$10; sandwich only is \$6. Proceeds will benefit the Special Children's Committee which assists our special needs children and defrays the cost of sending campers to Elks Camp Moore. Come enjoy a sandwich and help a special needs child today.

Twin City/Healthcare Info for Seniors

May 7

Twin City Pharmacy and AmeriChoice of New Jersey, Inc., a subsidiary of UnitedHealth Group, will host a healthcare information session for senior citizens on Friday, May 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. AmeriChoice's Winnebago will be parked outside Twin City, located at 1708 Park Ave. (next to Aldi's). Find out about a special needs plan for Medicare beneficiaries who have both Medicaid and Medicare Parts A and B. We pride ourselves on delivering quality health services and information and working

with strong community partners like Twin City to fulfill our mission of helping people live healthier lives.

Free and open to the public; snacks, small giveaways and healthcare information will be provided.

For more information, call Twin City at (908) 755-7696.

Knights of Columbus Annual Trivia Night

May 7

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 will hold its annual trivia night on Friday, May 7, at the senior center, 90 Maple Ave. Doors open at 6 p.m.; first question at 7:02 sharp!

Gather your table of party friends and join the fun! Entertaining categories; something for everyone.

Complimentary soda, popcorn and pretzels. Cash prize for first place. Door prizes awarded throughout the night. Bring your favorite party snacks to share at your table and don't forget your personal table decorations. Table of eight only \$160!

For reservations, call Bill Butrico at (908) 346-2491. Proceeds will benefit the Middlesex County Make A Wish Foundation.

SPEF Beer, Wine Tasting Fundraiser

May 7

The South Plainfield Education Foundation and the Oak Tree Buy Rite of South Plainfield will host the second annual Fine Wine, Spirits & Craft Beer Tasting Fundraiser on Friday, May 7, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Italian American Club of South Plainfield, 1001 Garibaldi Ave.

Tickets: \$30; four for \$100; \$35 at the door. Food donated by Hometown Heros and Flanagan's Restaurant.

For information, visit www.vision2001.org or call Marge Reedy at (908) 561-5800, ext. 302. No person under 21 permitted.

Mother's Day Breakfast at the Elks

May 9

The South Plainfield Elks will host the annual Mother's Day breakfast on Sunday, May 9, from 8 a.m. to noon. The menu features eggs made to order, pancakes, French toast, bacon, sausage, homefries, orange juice and coffee or tea. Price is \$6-adults, \$5-seniors and \$4-children 3-12. Carnations will be given to all mothers.

For more information, please call (908) 668-6750.

SENIOR CENTER Calendar

Coming Up.....

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

FRIDAYS

Bingo 10 am-2 pm

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

Call (908) 754-1047 for more info or visit www.southplainfieldnj.com

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

SPSC Tryouts

May 10, 11, 12 and 13

The SP Soccer Club will hold open tryouts for the U-8 through U-14 travel teams, at the Kenneth Avenue field complex. U-8, U-9, U-10 and U-11 will be held on Monday, May 10, and Wednesday, May 12. U-12, U-13 and U-14 will be held Tuesday, May 11, and Thursday, May 13. Register is at 5:30 p.m. and tryouts run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information, see our article in the sports section of the *Observer*, or visit www.sopldssoccerclub.com. Pre-registration forms and FAQs can be found on the Web site.

Out of Town

"Paths of Faith" Home Day

May 1

Eastern Star Home of New Jersey, 111 Funderne Ave. in Bridgewater will host "Paths of Faith" Home Day 2010 on Saturday, May 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rain or shine. Breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m. Handcrafted items, homemade baked goods, plants, foods, raffles, jewelry, stained glass and quilted items.

Trip to Six Flags Great Adventure

May 1

The YMCA of Metuchen teen department is sponsoring a field trip to Six Flags Great Adventure on Saturday, May 1. Purchase tickets through the YMCA at the discounted price of \$30 per ticket. Price includes all day park passes, transportation and supervision. Teens should be at the Me-

tuchen YMCA a little before 9 a.m. Bus will return in the late afternoon.

For information, call Mike Tonzola, senior program director, youth and teen, at (732) 548-2044, ext. 210.

5K Walk/Run

May 1

Coordinated Family Care (CFC) has announced that Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds-5K Walk/Run 2010 will be held on Saturday, May 1, at Roosevelt Park in Edison. All are welcome to participate.

For more information, call (732) 572-3663, ext. 137.

Quilt Show 2010

May 1 and 2

Northern Star Quilters' Guild presents Quilt Show 2010 on Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2, at John F. Kennedy High School, Route 138, Somers, N.Y. General admission: \$8/adult; under 12 free.

For more information, please visit www.NorthernStarQuilters.com.

Blackrose to Perform

May 1

Blackrose, the band performing classic rock and roll music and today's hits, will perform at Stagehouse Restaurant on Saturday, May 1, 366 Park Ave. in Scotch Plains at 10 p.m. No cover charge.

Cornelius Low House Museum Exhibition

May 2

A new exhibition, "Call the Doctor! Call the Nurse! History of Medicine in New Jersey, 1775-1975" will open on Sunday, May 2, with a free opening reception from 1 to 4 p.m. The museum is located at 1225 River



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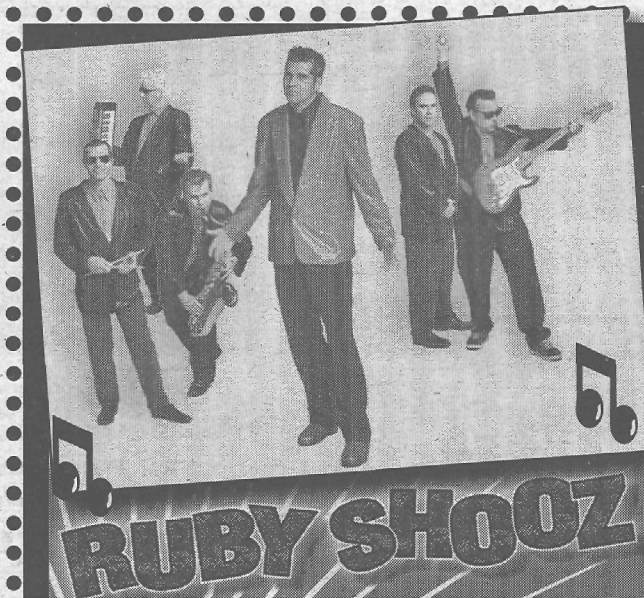
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Entry fees for the 5K Race: \$20 for applications received by May 1; \$25 after May and on the day of the race; \$5 for students with valid school ID or report card copy. 1 MileWalk: \$10 per family or individual.

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Middlesex East WOWs Business Meeting

May 3

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers will hold a business meeting on Monday, May 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the Carteret Community Center, Pershing and Cooke avenues in Carteret. Members only. Please bring a covered dish to share following the meeting.

For more information, call (732) 969-2228 or (908) 757-0515.

Metuchen-Edison Women's Club Mtg.

May 5

The Metuchen-Edison Women's Club will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 5, at 7:30 p.m. at The Heritage at Clara Barton, 1015 Amboy Ave. in Edison. Adrienne Rows of Violet Petals in Metuchen will speak on Amour Therapy Oils. Guests are welcome; light refreshments.

For more information, call Karen at (732) 742-6869.

'Restaurants for a Cure' Food Tasting

May 6

Restaurants for a Cure will be held at the Wilshire Grand Hotel, 350 Pleasant Valley Way in West Orange on Thursday, May 6, at 6:30 p.m. More than 21 restaurants, celebrity chefs, and special guests will take part in the event. Tickets are \$35 and include appetizers, entrées, dessert samplings and top shelf cocktails and spirits all evening. Funds raised donated to Share Our Strength, a charity that feeds hungry children all over the country.

For information or to purchase tickets, visit www.strength.org/restaurants foracure or call (888) 273-6141.

Fish or Chicken and Chips Dinner

May 7

Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church, Stuyvesant Avenue and Chestnut Street in Union is holding a fish or chicken and chips dinner on Friday, May 7, from 5-7 p.m. Cost: \$13 adults; \$7 children 12 and under. Eat in or take out. Reservations are suggested. Catered by Argyle Restaurant.

For more information, call (908) 688-3164.

You're A Good Man Charlie Brown

May 7

Timothy Christian School proudly presents *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown* on Friday, May 7, and Saturday, May 8, at 7 p.m. in the Timothy Christian School Gymnasium, 2008 Ethel Rd. in Piscataway. Tickets: \$8. Musical is sure to be fun for the whole family!

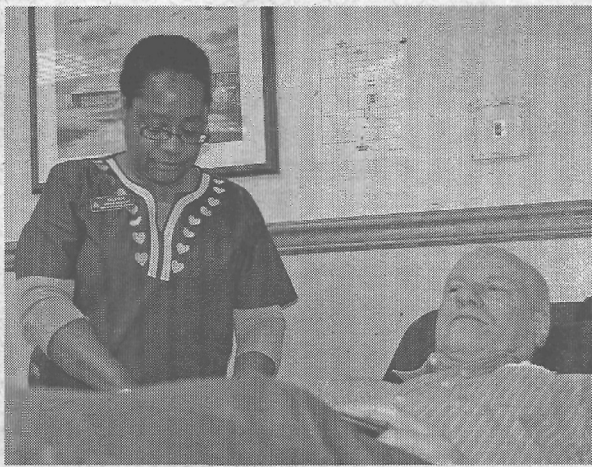
To purchase tickets or for information, call (732) 985-0300.

Medical Qi Gong Meditation Class

May 8

Medical QiGong, a course of meditation exercises, is being offered free at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains on Saturday, May 8, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please be on time as once the class begins we will not be able to interrupt the session.

For information, call (908) 232-5678.



Technician B. Hall with UNICO President Anthony Bengivenga.

UNICO Holds Blood Drive

By Patricia Abbott

UNICO sponsored the fourth annual drive for New Jersey Blood Services, a part of New York Blood Center, on April 10 in the municipal court room at borough hall.

Rick McNally and Connie Krzacek were blood drive co-chairs and past National UNICO President Renato Birbin was also on hand to assist.

UNICO President Anthony Bengivenga donated two pints of red cells, a process that takes slightly longer than donating a single pint of blood. The automated process collects the red cells while platelets and plasma are returned to the body.

Dr. Anne Walko, a professor at Kean University and a past president of Plainfield UNICO, organized students who are studying to become teachers to assist with the event. Several of

them also donated blood. For all education majors, the focus was to infuse service learning into the curriculum. Participating were: Denise Simms, Mabel Perez, Kathryn Napalitano, Tara Naturile, Amanda Weber and Leah Fumich.

After receiving the necessary information from a donor, a brief medical history was taken and a drop of blood analyzed. Vitals such as blood pressure, temperature and pulse were also checked. The procedure done by specially trained technicians takes only a few minutes.

UNICO also sponsored a food drive for FISH and the hallway held boxes filled with generous donations.

For more information regarding medical eligibility for blood donation, call 1-800-688-0900; for general information, call 1-800-933-2566.

Register for Disaster Assistance

Homeowners, renters and business owners affected by severe storms and flooding in Middlesex County can register by phone for federal disaster relief through FEMA by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). Speech and hearing impaired persons should call TTY 1-800-462-7585. You can also register online at www.disasterassistance.gov.

Please have the following information available when you contact FEMA: Address and phone number where we can reach you; social security number; current mailing address; date the damage occurred; ad-

dress of the affected property; brief description of the damages; insurance information and family's gross income.

Even if you have flood insurance, some losses may not be covered, so it is important to register.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, you should call FEMA at 800-621-3362 (TTY 800-462-7585) or contact your local Office of Equal Rights.

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Borough Borrows \$800,000 To Cover Retiree Payouts

The borough passed an ordinance authorizing the bonding of \$800,000 to pay for retiring employees' accrued sick and vacation time, which is anticipated to top \$1.1M this year.

This comes on the heels of Governor Christie's signing of a pension reform bill on March 22 that will cut retirement payments for future workers by 9%, require all public employees to contribute 1.5% of their salaries toward health care premiums and cap payouts for unused sick time at \$15,000.

Those giving notice of intent to retire by December 31 (and their payouts) are as follows:

Gary Kline (\$49,723), Allan LaMonda (\$49,723), Joe Glowacki (\$97,706), Donald Fiori (\$74,527), Victor Kurlew (\$12,120), Paul Brand (\$58,764), Gaby Hollain (\$66,606), Michael Zushma (\$121,604), Mario Abbruzzese (\$24,402), James Darby (\$49,390), John Ferraro (\$75,946), Dave Donnatelli (\$69,913), Gary Toth (\$5,000), Phil Russo (\$20,000), Janice Mucilli (\$16,500), Linda Zushma (\$24,239), Heidi Quinn (\$7,190), Dorothy Paradiso (\$128,545), Karl Schuetz (\$49,390) and Marge Ackerman (\$155,450).

Payments on the bond will not commence until next year, thereby avoiding an increase in taxes this year. The cost will be spread out over five years at a low interest rate, according to CFO Glenn Cullen. Most of the retirees have been working for the borough for more than 20 years.

Anesh Says BOE Cuts Should Not Increase Class Size or Cut Programs

In the wake of last week's budget vote, Council President Matt Anesh has asked the borough's Administration and Finance Committee to review the defeated budget and make recommendations to the full council on ways trim costs.

In announcing the move, he challenged the committee to find reductions that won't hurt education by increasing class size or cutting programs.

"We need to hold the line on taxes," he said, "but it's also vital that we come up with reductions that won't have a negative effect on education."

Councilman Ray Rusnak, who chairs the committee, said he's already met with school officials and will be working on a plan. "We're working to come up with reductions that bring down taxes, but won't hurt the students," said Rusnak.

At its last meeting, the council voted to appoint Suplec, Clooney & Company, to analyze the budget and work with the committee to develop recommendations.

Chaperone Meeting for D.C. Trip

A mandatory parent chaperone meeting to discuss the June 2-4 eighth grade Washington, D.C. and Baltimore trip will take place Thursday, May 6, at 7 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria.

Parents unable to attend the meeting should send someone in your place. (Please do not bring your child to this parent meeting.) The purpose

of the meeting is to disseminate information regarding the trip, explain chaperone responsibilities, and answer any questions you may have.

Please contact Joe Blondo or Donna Tierney via E-mail or through the middle school main office if you have any questions regarding this meeting.

According to Rusnak, he's asked the auditors to look for savings that won't affect the classroom. Anesh said he also wants the committee to work with the board. "It makes sense to work together, because the board has to live with the budget after we decide how much to cut."

"Residents sent a clear message when they voted, and the council has a responsibility to listen to that message, but we also need to make sure what we do keeps the needs of the children in mind," said Anesh.

By law, a defeated budget goes to the council, which can make cuts or leave the budget as is. If it chooses to cut the budget, the council decides the amount, which is binding unless the board appeals to the Commissioner of Education.

In addition to reductions, the council must recommend individual line-item cuts, which the board may accept or reject. Either way, the total reduction is binding unless appealed.

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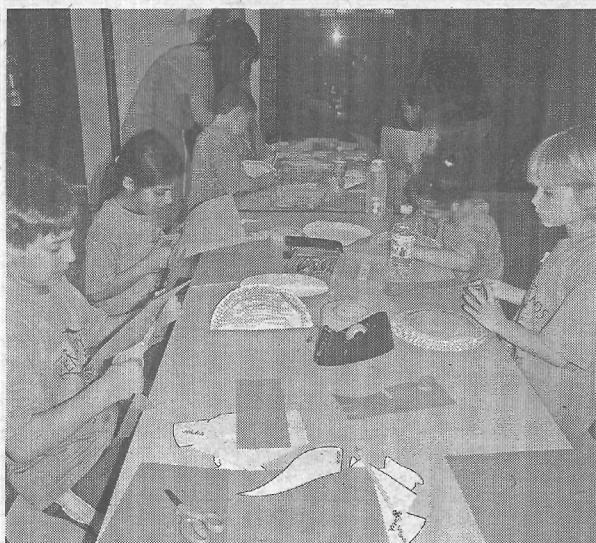
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Second graders learn about the Dinosaur Age through hands on Kennedy School program.

Dinosaurs Rock Kennedy

Second grade students at Kennedy School took a trip back in time to explore the dinosaur age on April 23.

The curriculum-based event had stations with various activities located in classrooms that children were able to visit throughout the morning. The students wore "Kennedy Kids Dig Dinosaurs" t-shirts for the special day.

Students crafted "plate-o-suaruses" to bring home and played games of dinosaur Bingo. The computer lab was set up so that students could access the wealth of knowledge on the ancient beasts. Teacher Shannon Colucci had children dancing to mu-

sic and pretending to be dinosaurs in her classroom.

The gym was transformed into a museum with a "Dinosaurs Rock" assembly sponsored by the PTSO. The program had a myriad of genuine and life-sized fossils and other prehistoric related items for the children to view, some 10,000 to more than 500 million years old. The students were able to see up close and touch the items that included a nine-foot leg of an Ice Age Mammoth, genuine dinosaur eggs and dinosaur footprints.

Parents were also invited to take part in the activities.

Knights Comedy Night Features Three Comics

By Patricia Abbott

The Knights of Columbus sponsored the third annual Evening of Standup Comedy on April 10 at the Knights' hall on Hamilton Boulevard. Almost 70 people were in attendance. Guests brought food and beverages in anticipation of a fun-filled evening. The Knights provided snacks, soda and beer and the bar was open for mixed drinks.

Knight Bob Barone commented, "The turnout wasn't the best, but the entertainment was great, and everyone who attended really enjoyed the evening!" Funds raised from the event are slated for the replacement of the banquet hall chairs.

At evening's end, the winning 50/50 ticket holder, Gary Rohrer, donated his winnings back to the Knights.

The 21 and over crowd enjoyed three comedians, who were introduced by the evening's emcee, Alex Barnett, who appeared just a week prior at the SPHS Athletic Booster Club's comedy night. Barnett, a native of New York, is a former lawyer. For more about this talented comedian, visit



Hillary Scwhartz, Alex Barnett and Jay Black.

www.alexbarrettcomic.com.

Up next was Hillary Schwartz, who originally hails from Washington D.C. She graduated from New York University and has held day jobs that ranged from USA Today marketing manager to substitute teacher in NYC schools and, as she noted, "lived to tell the tale." Schwartz has toured with Nicc Jewish Girls Gone Bad.

Headliner for the evening was New Jersey native, Jay Black. A graduate of The College of New Jersey, Black taught high school for over seven years before leaving to pursue comedy full time.

Black recently returned from performing for the troops in Europe. He will be headlining at the Tropicana in Atlantic City this summer.

Sign Up for Kindergarten Get Acquainted Program

It's time to register incoming kindergarten students for the "Get Acquainted" program at Kennedy School. If your child will be attending Kennedy School in September 2010, you may sign up for the program in the school's main office. Please stop in between the hours of 9 and 11 a.m. and 1 and 3 p.m. to complete the registration form. Forms are also available at the Enrollment Office in the Roosevelt Administration Building. Remember, this is not kindergarten registration. It is an optional program offered by the Kennedy School PTSO.

The purpose of the Get Acquainted program is to help children become familiar with the school and hopefully ease some of the anxieties they may have about going to school in September. The program includes a visit with the principal, school nurse, other members of the faculty and staff, a mini bus ride and lots of fun!

The program will include two class

meetings. Choose either morning or afternoon sessions as follows:

Wednesday, May 26, and Wednesday, June 2, from 9-10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 26, and Wednesday, June 2, from 12:30-2 p.m.

Thursday, May 27, and Thursday, June 3, from 9-10:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 27, and Thursday, June 3, from 12:30-2 p.m.

Parents must assume responsibility for bringing children to school and picking them up at the end of class.

For further information, please call Kennedy School at (908) 754-4620, ext. 330.

Registration forms must be returned to Kennedy School's main office by Friday, May 14.

Girl Scouts Offering Science Program

Girls Scouts Heart of New Jersey is offering a "Uniquely Girls!" program. This is a new program which encourages girls to experience the world of science around them. This program provides the opportunity for girls ages five to 17 to embark on a scientific journey with a unique chance to learn about science in motion from the ground up.

Girls will have fun investigating a variety of topics from skateboard engineering to sky watching.

The event is open to all girls ages five to 17 and will take place at the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey Camp Letico, 67 Independence Drive in Roselle on Friday, May 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$17 for girls new to Girl Scouting (includes Girl Scout membership and activities) and \$5 for members (bring one or more non Girl Scout friends and receive free entry).

For more information, contact Sue DeCarlo, membership segment director, at (908) 725-1226, ext.118 or E-mail sdecarlo@gsnj.org.

Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. For information on Girl Scouts or to volunteer, call (908) 725-1226 or visit us at www.gsnj.org.

Deadline to Apply For Scholarships Next Monday

The deadline to apply for The Parents' Ponytail (Softball) Association four, \$500 college scholarships is Monday, May 3. Applications can be obtained from, and are accepted at, the South Plainfield High School guidance office.

Applicants must be high school seniors graduating this June and a resident of South Plainfield. To qualify for a recreation scholarship, applicants must have played for at least four years in the Ponytail Softball League.

To qualify for the Ponytail All-Star scholarships, applicants must have played recreation softball for at least four years and Ponytail All-Stars for at least three years. All-Stars may apply for both scholarships; a player is only eligible to receive one scholarship.

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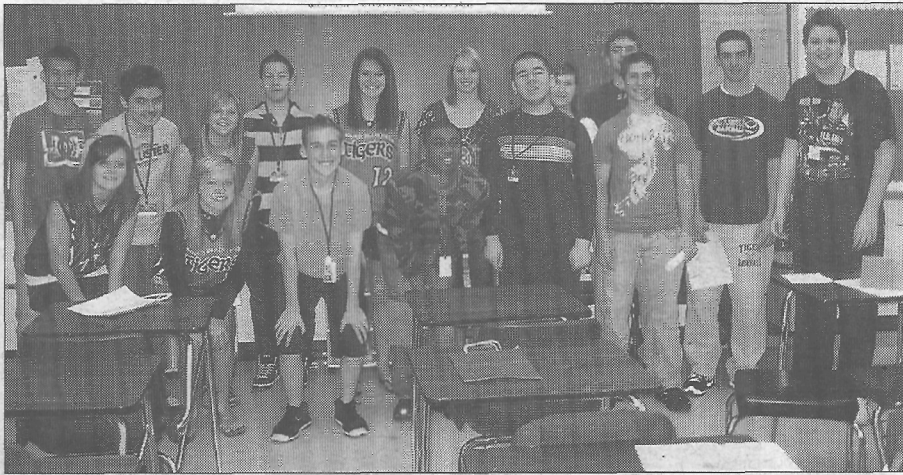
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During the school year, senior members of SPHS Student Leadership worked with Ms. Foley's self-contained class by helping with class work, playing games, planting flowers and other various activities, including a scavenger hunt. "Everyone loved it—the students, the leaders and the faculty members who participated. We asked teachers if they wanted to help and then we created clues that would lead the students around the building. When they solved a clue, the teacher would give them another one that would lead them to the next classroom. The clues were things like math problems, locating maps and following directions. It really is a lot of fun to be involved with," said Student Leadership Advisor Marla Vandermark.

SCHOOL BOARD Notes

The following took place at the BOE meeting on April 14.

- Students from the high school Gems gave a presentation in formal attire, singing acappella with lead singer Justin DeOliveria.

The BOE approved the following:

- South Plainfield Adult School 2010 Summer Fun Preschool Program from June 2 through July 30.
- The school calendar and paid holiday list for the 2010/11 school year.
- A resolution in support of School Library Media Month.
- The District Technology Plan for 2011-2013.

- Second readings of policies and regulations: Highly Qualified Teachers-Policy #2415.03; Bilingual and ESL Education-Policy #2423; Bilingual and ESL Education-Regulation #R-2423; Professional Development-Policy #3240; and Professional Development-Regulation #R-3240.

- First Reading of policies and regulations-Nepotism-Bylaw #0142.1-revised; Legal Services-Bylaw #0174-revised; Professional Services-Bylaw #0177-revised; Internal Controls-Policy #1570-revised; Administrative Employment Contracts-Policy #1620 revised; Live Animals in School-Policy #2650-revised; Induction Program for Provisional Teachers-Policy #3126 revised; New induction program for provisional teachers-Regulation #R-3126; Diabetes Management-Policy #5338 New; Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying-Policy #5512.01 revised; Substance Abuse-Regulation #R-5530 new; Pupil Smoking Policy #5522 revised; Pupil Smoking-Regulation #R-5533 new; Passive Breath Alcohol Sensor Device-Policy #5535 revised; Substance Abuse-Random Student Substance Testing-Policy #5536 revised; Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program-Policy #6111 revised; Political Contributions-Policy #6360 revised; School District Travel-Policy #6471 revised; School District Travel Procedures-Regulation #R-6471; Student Activity Fund-Policy #6660 revised; Smoking on School Grounds-Policy #7434 revised; Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse-Policy #8461 revised; Special Interest Groups-Policy #9700 revised.

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- Accepted the retirement of Kennedy School Special Education teacher Barbara Friedman and resignation Roosevelt Administration Building nurse Jennifer Kardan.

- Appointed Mary Kate Maher Roosevelt School Elementary Long Term Substitute Teacher.

- Approved parenthood leave of absence extension for SPHS social studies teacher Heather Jorgensen and paid maternity benefits for high school mathematics teacher Taryn Decker.

- Appointed 2009/2010 Adult and Continuing Education Instructors.

- Approved a master collaborative services agreement between the South Plainfield Board of Education and Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission.

Riley Kindergarten Orientation

John E. Riley Kindergarten orientation signups will be held on Tuesday, May 11, from 2 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. in the school lobby. The cost of \$3 covers snacks and crafts.

Children entering kindergarten at Riley School in September 2010 are welcome to come and explore the school, meet the teachers and staff, and

take a brief bus ride.

The program offers two sessions, an A.M. session from 9 to 11 a.m. and a P.M. session from 12 to 2 p.m.

The dates are for all three Wednesdays, May 19, May 26 and June 9.

For more information, call Kimberly Anesh at (908) 769-5791 or Gina McConville at (908) 757-7672.

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The Bourbeau Family Renews Tompkins Ave. Stream Adoption

Mary Ann Bourbeau has renewed her agreement to adopt the stream crossing at Tompkins and Maltby avenues for the coming year. She and her family will be doing bi-monthly cleanups of the roadside, storm drains, stream corridor and surrounding open space.

The stream runs through neighborhood backyards and wooded, vacant land from the Plainfield border past Baker Avenue and Tooz Place. It is piped underground and joins with another stream that surfaces in Walnut Street Park. These streams were neglected for years. Recently, area residents have joined forces to clean them up and restore native vegetation and

flow. The Bourbeaus' work upstream assists in this effort, by removing litter before it can wash into the stream bed.

Bourbeau and her daughter recently starred in the soon to be released Clean Communities presentation "Litter, Where Does it Come From, Where Does it Go?" conceived and produced by Dave Street. This project of the Glitterbug Club used local talent to create a PowerPoint presentation of the anti-littering message.

For more about the Adopt-A-Spot program or to schedule a presentation for your group, contact the clean communities' coordinator at (908) 226-7621 or E-mail atempel@southplainfieldnj.com.

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MUSIC NOTES



Attention Seniors: Scholarship applications are on the music department Web site: spboc.org/spps. Completed applications must be returned to Mr. Vroom, Mr. Murray or Mr. Mikolon on or before Monday, May 3. Late applications will not be accepted.

We are in need of executive board members for the 2010-2011 school year. If anyone would like to serve on the Music Boosters Executive Board,

E-mail Donna at rteller3@comcast.net.
Dates to Remember:

- Monday, May 3**—All scholarship applications must be handed in to the music teachers.

- Wednesday, May 5**—Music Boosters general meeting at 7 p.m. in the chorus room (come out and show your support).

- Friday, June 4**—Music Booster dinner/banquet.

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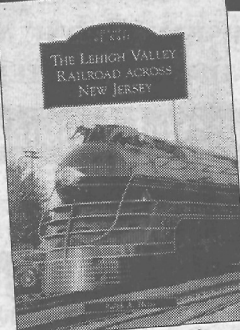
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The EARTH Center, home of Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Middlesex County will host a Garden Season Kick-Off & Plant Sale on Saturday, May 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Davidson's Mill Pond Park. This event is an opportunity for local gardeners to get all the info they need for a successful garden and purchase starter plants. A shorter sale will be held on Sunday, May 2, from noon to 4 p.m.

Attendees can consult with the master gardeners regarding their upcoming garden plans or past problems.

The enormous selection of plants includes (but is not limited to); heirloom tomatoes, unusual varieties of perennials and annuals, flowering vines, ornamental grasses and dozens of herbs and vegetables for your garden. Consider bringing a wagon or cart.

The EARTH Center is located in Davidson's Mill Pond Park, 42 Riva Ave. in South Brunswick. For directions, visit www.co.middlesex.nj.us/extensionservices.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Chris Grippo

The governor's budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, includes many cuts to municipal budgets. That includes the South Plainfield Public Library, which would lose a number of services supplied by and through the state library. One of the most popular is interlibrary loan (the South Plainfield Public Library loaned/borrowed over 4,500 items in 2009). This program allows library patrons to obtain materials which our library does not own from other libraries, both within and outside the state. There are several parts to the procedure, the two most important being JerseyCat, which is the statewide interlibrary loan program which allows us to place requests with other libraries and the service which physically moves the books around the state. Both parts are in danger of being stopped in the new state budget. This would greatly impact our ability to obtain materials we do not own. Again this is just one of the programs that would be lost to borough residents in the state budget cuts.

At this time we are requesting patrons who feel these services are too important to lose to stop in the library and fill out a short form which will be forwarded to the governor. While we all realize that cuts need to be made, it is important that those that are made are in the least used programs.

Also a reminder about renewals. If you are renewing an item on the date

it is due you must renew before midnight. Do not renew after midnight or you will be charged overdue fines. And if you are planning on returning the item in our drop boxes, we physically change the date to the previous day. Often there is the misperception that you can renew any time before we open. That is not the case, so be careful.

Miss Linda and Miss Mija will be returning to a full week of children's programs. That means story and craft times for three year olds and up are Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. Times for 2s and 3s are Wednesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and Books and Babies is held on Friday at 10:30 a.m. Miss Mija shows a movie every Monday morning at 10:30 a.m. All programs are drop-in, so no registration is required. Miss Linda and Miss Mija also request that parents make sure you are here prior to the start time of the program as late arrivals are very disruptive and parents/guardians must remain in the building. Children, especially the very young, can become upset if they cannot see or find their parents. Please keep this in mind.

If you have any questions you can call the library at (908) 754-7885 or stop in and visit us at 2484 Plainfield Ave. (next to borough hall). Our hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 1:30 to 5 p.m.



Oak Tree Wine and Spirits owner Dan Ratti (second from left) with wine vendors at the fire department's wine tasting.

Fire Department Hosts Wine Tasting



Paulo's Bar & Restaurant was a participating restaurant.

By Patricia Abbott

All those in attendance at the South Plainfield Fire Department's "A Taste of South Plainfield" held on April 24

were definitely in good spirits.

The annual wine tasting fundraiser was held at the senior center. The fire department has been holding the event for over five years and has been growing in popularity over the years.

Oak Tree Wine and Spirits, owned by the Ratti's, sponsored the event.

Ray Petronko, vice president of the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department, said, "Each year they donate their time to this event and they manage all of the vendors. The wine and spirit selection is vast, catering to any taste and expense."

About 100 people attended. Included in each ticket price was a complimentary wine glass. Petronko noted that using glass is a better way to savor the taste of wine.

Wanting to expand on the success of the evening and add to the enjoyment of the guests, Petronko decided that adding fare from local restaurants would be a good complement to the wine tasting. He contacted several area



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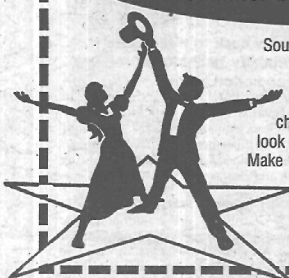
restaurants and seven accepted the invitation.

Participating restaurants included Carmen's Trattoria, Flanagan's Restaurant & Pub, Adelines Ristorante, Muscle Maker Grill, Hometown Heros, Paulo's Bar & Restaurant and La Bonbonniere Bake Shoppe.

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County to Sponsor 90 and Over Birthday Parties

The Middlesex County Department of Senior Services will once again hold birthday bashes for senior citizens age 90 and over as part of its National Older Americans Month celebration.

The lunch time event will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 11 a.m. at the Piscataway Senior Center for residents of Carteret, Dunellen, Edison,

Highland Park, Metuchen, Middlesex, New Brunswick, Piscataway, South Plainfield and Woodbridge.

"These birthday lunches have been extremely successful through the years, and we expect this year's events to be as well," said Freeholder Blanka B. Valenti, chair of the county's Human Services and Senior Services Committee. "All county residents who are 90 and older are invited so we can celebrate their lives and accomplishments."

Traditionally, about 150 seniors age 90 and over attend each lunch. Each celebrant is invited with one guest. A few spots remain for this year, but registration is required.

istration is required.

"We are happy we can give these special seniors a chance to enjoy the 'limelight' with the recognition luncheon and entertainment," said Margaret Chester, executive director of the county's Department of Senior Services.

Seniors wishing to attend who need transportation to the event should check with their local senior centers or with the facility in which they reside. They may also call Middlesex County Area Transit 1-800-221-3520 to make a reservation.

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Sports

SOCCER CLUB

By Dawn Hutchison

Soccer Club Holding Try Outs

The South Plainfield Soccer Club will be holding open tryouts for U-8 through U-14 travel teams. These teams play both a fall and spring season. The fall season begins in September and runs through November, and the spring season runs from March through June. Each season consists of 10 games, five games are played on our home fields and five games played at our opponents' fields.

Travel is usually no more than an hour away. The U-8 teams play their games on Saturday and all other teams play on Sundays. There can be an occasional game played on a Friday or Saturday night, and sometimes during a week night due to rain out make-ups. The home fields are located at the Kenneth Avenue complex, which provides lighted fields, snack stand and restrooms. We also use the PAL turf field, with bathrooms and snacks available as well.

We encourage all children who are age eligible and interested in playing soccer at a competitive level to come out and try out for our teams. The SPSC makes every attempt to place players on our teams and will create a subsequent team in that age group if we have the numbers to do so. Our club provides continued training through our coaching staff and through weekly professional training during the fall season. We are currently in the process of negotiating training through the Red Bulls organization, and these costs are incorporated in our registration fees.

The club's costs are as follows: The registration costs are \$200. This covers the two seasons, fall and spring, 20 games total, weekly practices with the coach and team and 10 professional training sessions with the Red Bulls organization. Uniforms for new players run approximately \$50. In addition, we require a work \$100 bond.

As with many volunteer sports programs, we rely heavily on the members of our club to assist with the vari-

ous tasks to keep the club up and running. The snack stand and our canning events provide the club with much of its operating costs, which include league fees, ref fees, field maintenance and insurance. We require our families to participate in our canning once each season and provide coverage in the snack stand once per child in the club, per season.

Once all work and canning commitments are satisfied, bonds may be requested back at the end of the season, or rolled over to the next year registration. We also ask that our families take an active roll by coming out in support of the various fundraising events we host and our general membership meetings held the third Thursday of each month, currently at the VFW on Front Street. Our intention is to have our families involved in all the decision processes that affect the children in the club.

If you should have any further questions about the club, you can contact the club via phone (908) 755-3550 or E-mail at soplfdsoccer1@verizon.net. A club representative will respond to you as soon as possible.

Tryouts will be held as follows:

- Monday, May 10, and Wednesday, May 12, for U-8, U-9, U-10 and U-11.

- Tuesday, May 11, and Thursday, May 13, for U-12, U-13, U-14.

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. and tryouts will run from 6 to 8 p.m. each night. Please be on time in order to get the most time on the field.

To verify your child's age bracket, please go to our Web site at www.soplfdsoccerclub.com and view the age brackets with birth dates.

Please wear cleats and shin guards and bring water to the tryouts. It is recommended that players attend both dates for evaluation. We look forward to the continued growth of our club and having new members join us for the upcoming season.

U-8 SHARKS

U-8 Sharks Beat Lawrenceville 3-2

On a beautiful Saturday afternoon, the U-8 Sharks traveled to the Armory to play the Sharks of Lawrenceville.

The U-8 team started with Cameron Marks in goal. With only two minutes into the first quarter, Justin Plate had a breakaway up field, passed all the defenders, and kicked the ball past the goalie. Approximately one minute after that goal, Ashwin DeGroot booted the ball over the goalie's head for another goal. The Sharks led

the first quarter by a score of 2-0.

The Lawrenceville Sharks quickly got two goals back-to-back in the second quarter. The SP Sharks didn't stop defending or fighting hard. At half time, the score was tied 2-2.

The third quarter started with Joey Walker in goal for the SP Sharks. Ashwin DeGroot scored another goal in the third quarter giving the SP Sharks the lead of 3-2.

With Justin Plate in goal during

the fourth quarter, the Lawrenceville Sharks only had one shot on goal, which was blocked by Justin. The SP Sharks won their second consecutive game of the season by a score of 3-2.

The SP Sharks U-8 team players are: Samir Daoud, Alexis Curtis, Tav Baldasarre, Nick Archortua, Nick Smiljanic, Sebastian Hughes, Cooper Smith and Gabe Mont.

Go Sharks!

By Nicole Plate

Obituaries

Ruth Louise Piltz, 75

Ruth Louise Piltz passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 24, at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Townhill, Pa., she was a lifelong resident of South Plainfield.

Mrs. Piltz worked as a secretary for various companies prior to retiring. She was an avid bowler who enjoyed her family. Mrs. Piltz was a loving wife, mother, sister and grandmother who will be sadly missed.

She is predeceased by her beloved husband of 44 years, Jonnie Jack, in 2000.

Surviving are three sons, Glenn and wife Carol of Raritan, Mark of South Plainfield and James of Woodbine; a daughter, Charlene Stinson of Dunellen; a brother, Charles of South Plainfield; a sister, Patricia of South Plainfield; five grandchildren, Mark Jr., Bobby, Nicholas, Lenna Mae and Kevin, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at South Plainfield Funeral Home.

Arthur E Cartwright, 96

Arthur E Cartwright died Thursday, April 8, at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Plainfield, he lived most of his life in North Plainfield.

Mr. Cartwright was employed as a machinist with Wood Newspaper Machinery Corp in Plainfield before retiring. He was also a member of the

Queen City Pigeon Club.

He is predeceased by his wife, Elizabeth, who died in 1991; and by a grandson, Richard Willis Moon.

He is survived by a daughter, Joan Moon; a son, Leonard Cartwright, and wife Mary; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Ave. in Fanwood.

Linda R. Palazzi, 68

Linda R. (Kerber) Palazzi of South Plainfield passed away on Thursday, April 22, at the RWJ University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in South Plainfield, Mrs. Palazzi was a lifelong resident of South Plainfield.

She was formerly employed as a mortgage representative in the banking industry for 15 years prior to her illness. Mrs. Palazzi was an avid animal lover and donated to the Humane Society, enjoyed playing pinochle and visits to Long Beach Island. She enjoyed spending time with her family and the world will be a sadder place by her love of life and humanity.

She is the beloved wife of 51 years to Richard Palazzi; devoted mother of Pamela Palazzi; dear sister of Shirley Duboff, Barbara Sondervan, Ernest Kerber and wife Teresa; and the loving aunt of Jessica Kerber and Warren E. Sondervan, Jr.

Funeral services were held at South

Plainfield Funeral Home.

Memorial gifts to The Humane Society of the United States, 2100 L Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20037 would be appreciated.

Hope M. (MacMillan) Clark, 86

Hope M. (MacMillan) Clark passed away peacefully in her sleep at home on Saturday, April 17.

Born and raised in Kearny, she had resided in Verona and enjoyed a summer residence in Belmar. She later returned to Kearny before settling in South Plainfield in the early 1950's where she enjoyed being a stay at home mom and tending to the family residence.

Hope was a dedicated wife and mother who enjoyed a very special relationship with her sons.

She is predeceased by her dearest son, Ronald, who passed away at the age of 53 in 2007; and two brothers, Thomas and Angus "Mac" MacMillan.

Hope is survived by her husband of 66 years, Hugh "Gene" Clark; a son, Kevin; four beloved nieces, a nephew and a few dear friends.

In accordance with her wishes, Hope's funeral and services were private. The family is being assisted by the McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

By Gary Lampasona

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

Well, the weather cooperated for the first two weeks of the season, then April showers took over and we had to cancel several days' games. Hoping for sunnier days...

Field Duty is scheduled for Saturday, May 1, at 7 a.m. for the Small Fry A Pirates and Pony B Grasshoppers; and for Sunday, May 2, for the Small Fry A Marlins and the SFC Yankees. Please do not forget to sign in.

Summer Travel All-Star tryouts will soon begin. If your child is inter-

ested, please check the snack stand bulletin board and dugouts for details.

Our next monthly meeting is Monday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the clubhouse. It's the best way to keep up on the busy season.

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

"There are three things you can do in a baseball game. You can win, or you can lose, or it can rain."

—Casey Stengel



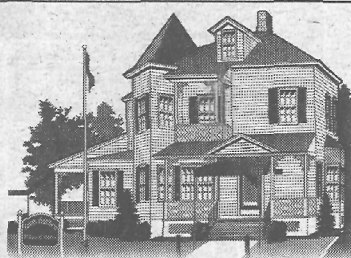
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Ad Hoc Committee Asks for Permit Funding

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Ad Hoc Truck Committee Chairman Mike English spoke about the possibility of the road ever coming to fruition. "If we don't try, who knows. If there are road blocks, we go around them or through them." He feels the community needs this road and that "people who do not live within the borough should not be commenting on what's good for the town when there is a road through the Dismal Swamp in Edison, where Spiegel lives and works."

Resident and Gladstone Design Inc. engineer Paul Kavka, who has

been doing the initial drawings, said, "I definitely think this road can be built, give it time and perseverance." Regarding Spiegel's comments he said he is "not discouraged a bit."

"We received from the Department of Environmental Protection a signed letter saying they agree with the need for the road [former Helen Street Extension Project]," said Butrico. "The problem is with the Land Use Department. Actually submitting permits and applications will force their hand to review it." Council President Matt Anesh commented, "We all know it will be a fight."

English did ask that the council not submit metes and bounds for a master plan of the area requested by the Dismal Swamp Preservation Commission. "I ask all of you if we should put any of our property in the hands of a commission that has no funding to do any work on a master plan or anything else," said English. In his opinion the commission was established so that "certain people can force their points of view on everyone else" and to "wait and see if the state has funding for them."

Engineers have put an estimated price tag of \$10M on the entire project, which, if approved by the state would be several years in the offing before any work would begin. The borough is hoping to once again be eligible for federal funding for the roadway as they had been decades ago for the defunct Helen Street Extension Project. Two years ago when plans for the extension were dropped due to the expiration of the funding 10 year deadline, the borough was told that they had to wait five years to reapply. Butrico feels since this is a different route that the application timeline should not be a problem. The council agreed to hold off until the Monday, May 3, meeting to introduce the bond ordinance for the permit applications.

Verizon, Comcast Delay Road

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the borough, it was understood that certain procedures needed to be followed."

One of those procedures was that an application would need to be made by the contractor outlining their plans to properly move and remove soil on the site. That application was rejected in December because it included plans to remove soil to a recycling facility, instead of a landfill that accepts non-hazardous materials. Mannino went on to say, "There is no additional contamination [at the site]; there is a need for additional sampling prior to receipt of the material by the landfill, which is standard. We have always known the soil is contaminated, and we knew it was going to be moved from the beginning. The application was subsequently resubmitted, and approved today [April 27], which conforms to all federal and state standards."

The soil will be moved to a non-hazardous landfill, Pioneer Crossing, in Pennsylvania. He also noted that the soil in this particular area is contaminated with low-level PCB's that do not meet the definition of being hazardous; however, since the soil is located within the Superfund site, it must be appropriately tested and removed according to procedure.

Mannino also stated that the soil remediation project at Cornell-Dubilier is on track to be completed by February 2011, or at the earliest, December 2010 despite a long snowy and wet winter that slowed down operations. At that time the site will

Board of Ed

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and Guarini the district's qualified purchasing agent, Robert Stoffel of Integrity Consulting Group-broker of record for health services, Lee Nestell president of Centric Insurance-broker of record for all property, liability and workers' compensation matters, McManimon & Scotland LLC-bond counsel of record, Dr. Nicholas Celso III partner in the firm of Schwartz, Simon, Edlstein, Elso and Zitomer-school board attorney, Vincent Montainion, of VM Associates-auditor, Jilma Patricia DiCarlo M.D.-medical inspector, and A.H.E.R.A. Consultants-asbestos consultant.

The board approved the Educational Data Services fee of \$9,720 to continue the bidding service agreement through a joint purchasing agreement with the Middlesex Regional Educational Services.

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- On April 13, Glenn G. Timison, 62, of Richmond, Va. was arrested for driving on a suspended license, no registration and an outstanding warrant.
- On April 15, Darshan J. Amin, 22, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving.
- On April 16, Angela D. Gallichio, 40, of Elizabeth was arrested for driving on a suspended license and two outstanding warrants.
- Gerald S. Fabien, 31, of Piscataway was arrested for driving while intoxicated, driving on a suspended license, reckless driving and refusal to take a breath test.
- On April 17, a Daniel Street resident reported that several screens on their first floor windows had been pushed up. No entry was gained.
- On April 18, Lois A. Leziabab, 18, of Piscataway was arrested at Shoppers World for shoplifting \$41 worth of assorted clothing.
- On April 19, Chintan C. Mody, 20, of South Plainfield was arrested for no front license plate and two outstanding warrants.
- The Brick House Tavern + Tap reported the theft of three kegs from the outside of the restaurant.

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Anne Yackanin is served by Kevin Hughes at the luncheon welcoming him as the new director of the senior center.

Senior Center Welcomes Hughes as New Director

By Libby Barsky

Almost a month after his appointment to the position of director of the Office of Aging by the Borough Council, Recreation Department Director Kevin Hughes was officially welcomed to the senior center at a luncheon on April 13.

Hughes, a former high school physical education teacher, is planning additional programs for seniors. Hughes beamed as he greeted the seniors before going into the kitchen to

begin serving lunch while the seniors lined up.

Sandy Connelly, Lillian Smith and Angelo Paradiso planned and prepared the hot dogs, baked beans macaroni and broccoli salad. Mayor Charlie Buttrico and Glenn Cullen, borough CFO, joined Hughes in serving the lunches to the seniors.

Marge Machat and her husband enjoyed the lunch. "I don't play bingo, but I came and joined many friends. It's always a pleasure not to cook."

WHAT'S GOING ON IN MY TOWN

FROM A BUSY BUSY MOM *jd*

The South Plainfield Middle School will host a used clothing drive Saturday through Monday, May 8-10. Please deposit all tied, bagged clothing, shoes, bedding, toys/games in the Ferraro Food truck that will be parked in the entranceway of the middle school.

The Middle School PTO will be hosting a sweatshirt/T-shirt/tank top fundraiser with bling that can be added. The sale ends on Monday, May 10. For information, contact Debbie Boyle at (908) 803-1573 or Jane Dornick at (908) 754-3420.

The borough has announced internship opportunities for highly motivated high school students interested in learning about the functioning of local government services for two to three days per week for approximately three hours a day. SPSHS Principal Ken May and the Guidance Dept. will also post this request. Contact Marie Dudek at (908) 226-7604 to get an application and set up an interview. Open to all high school age

students.

South Plainfield Education Foundation Alumni Association will host an art auction tonight at 6 p.m. at the high school. (Please note that the flyer incorrectly stated the auction would be Saturday.) For more information contact Marge Reedy at (908) 561-5800, ext. 302. Thanks to Bob Boyle, Ferraro Foods, for the donation of desserts.

South Plainfield Education Foundation and Oak Tree Buy Rite of South Plainfield will host the third annual Wine and Beer Tasting Event on May 7, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the South Plainfield Italian-American Club 1001 Garibaldi Ave. Advanced tickets are \$30 per person, or four for \$100. Tickets at the door are \$35. Thanks to Hometown Heros and Flanagan's for donating to so many organizations. Please patronize the establishments who always help South Plainfield. For tickets, call Rob Richkus (908) 654-4620, ext. 224, Bob Boyle (908) 599-0699 or Marge Reedy (908) 561-5800, ext. 302.

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NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION Middlesex County

DOCKET NO. F-4175-10

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: Joseph Masterson; Jacqueline Cipriani; Michael Cipriani; and Georgia Mitchell

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon GOLDBECK McCAFFERTY & McKEEVER, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is Suite 5000 - Mellon Independence Center, 701 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106-1532, phone # (215) 627-1322, an answer to the Complaint, filed in a civil action, in which The Bank of New York Mellon (t/k/a The Bank of New York as Trustee for The Certificateholders COWAL, Inc. Alternative Loan Trust 2005-60T1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-60T1 is plaintiff, and John Gerard Mitchell and Charlotte Susan Mitchell h/w, et al are the defendant(s), pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Middlesex County, and bearing Docket No. F-4175-10 within thirty-five (35) days after April 30, 2010 exclusive of such date or if published after April 30, 2010 (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of governing the courts.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (i) foreclosing a mortgage dated September 20, 2005, made by John Gerard Mitchell and Charlotte Susan Mitchell h/w as mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as a nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. recorded on October 25, 2005, for Middlesex County

In Book 11044 Page 0863 Instrument# 2005-054917 of Mortgages for said County, which mortgage was assigned to the plaintiff, The Bank of New York Mellon (t/k/a The Bank of New York as Trustee for The Certificateholders COWAL, Inc. Alternative Loan Trust 2005-60T1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-60T1, by Assignment dated December 30, 2009, and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 34 Darwin Road, Old Bridge, NJ 08857. Lot 1 Block: 18038 t/k/a G.

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YOU, Jacqueline Cipriani and Michael Cipriani, are hereby made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because of a judgment entered by you against John Mitchell in the Superior Court of New Jersey on December 4, 2006 known as Judgment No. DJ-315455-2006 and Case No. DC 083346-04 to secure a debt in an amount of \$9,245.00 plus costs and interest, and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

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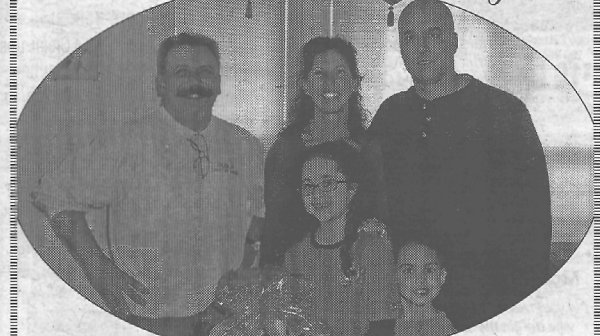
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