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## Plainfield Schools Superintendent Charged with Theft of Education

Middlesex County Prosecutor Bruce J. Kaplan and New Jersey Attorney General Paula T. Dow announced that the Plainfield schools superintendent and two assistants were charged on Tuesday with stealing more than \$10,000 worth of educational services by providing false documents to send two Perth Amboy children to school in South Plainfield.

A joint investigation by the Attorney General's Division of Criminal Justice, the Special Prosecutions Unit of the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office and the South Plainfield Police Department began after the State Department of Education received information about the case.

As a result, Steven Gallon, a South Plainfield resident and Plainfield schools superintendent, was charged with conspiring to commit theft by deception, theft by deception as an accomplice and false swearing.

His assistants, Angela G. Kemp, assistant superintendent for educational services in Plainfield, and Lalelei Kelly, who had worked as the district's coordinator of assessment, data collection and school improvement, were charged with uttering  
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## Volunteers Clean Up Tons of Borough Trash

A threat of rain on April 17 did not deter South Plainfield residents from coming out for Volunteer Litter Cleanup Day. Scout troops, church groups, families, students, non-profit organizations, businesses and politicians—it seemed every sector of the borough was represented. Based on reports turned in by volunteers, 216 people filled 165 bags with litter from 6.3 miles of road and 67 acres of open land, and pulled half a ton of junk out of wooded areas.

Many of the volunteers, after a morning bagging trash and trying to avoid poison ivy, came back to the municipal building for a picnic that was set up in the court room. Mayor Charles Buttrico and Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas pitched in with members of the Environmental Commission and the Clean Communities Advisory Board to help serve pizza, sandwiches and soda to the hungry workers. The McCrisky-Gustafson Home For Funerals donated the pizza from Bruno's Pizza, Factory and Charlie and Debbie Kurland of Hometown Heroes provided two large plates of sandwiches. Walgreen's, at the Middlesex  
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Spring Lake Park was the site of the second annual Union Army Encampment on April 24. The event was sponsored by South Plainfield Historical Society. See page 9 for pictures and story.



The Middle School Battle of the Books first place seventh grade team (above) and students placing third in the eighth grade category (below).



## Seventh Graders Place First in Battle of the Books Competition

Each year members of the New Jersey Association of Schools Librarians select a set of 15 books to be included in the seventh and eighth grade reading curriculum, and each marking period students are required to read one book from the list.

During the Battle of the Books competition, students in teams of five and six were given questions about the books and an opportunity to discuss the answers. Points were awarded to teams that were able to correctly identify the title and author of the books.

Elimination competitions were held in January, and the finals, consisting of 10 teams from seventh and eighth

grades, were held on April 13.

The top team from each grade will attend a regional competition with other students their age at Manalapan-Englishtown Middle School.

A seventh grade team was the first place overall winner, and the best eighth grade team placed third.

The seventh grade team winners are Dominika Kopolka, Keri Singh, Philip Aquilina, Shivam Patel, Debbie Persaud and Khalil Farid.

The members of the eighth grade team going to the competition are Cody Decker, Nick Papianni, William Walsh, Andrew Pawelczak and Yash Patel.

## Council Urges Library To Surrender Surplus

By Libby Barsky

The Borough Council passed a resolution on April 19 asking the library board to return 10% of its \$1.7M surplus (\$170,000) to provide tax relief to the borough. In making the request, the council noted that every department was asked to cut costs by 10% and "efforts to cut costs should apply to all departments, agencies and boards, including the Library Board of Trustees."

"I don't know how they define surplus," questioned Board of Trustees President Eric M. Aronowitz, who added, "We already have done our share."

Aronowitz was referring to the amount the library spent to replace the leaky roof. The borough received \$140,000 from the library to pay for roof replacement. The amount included the costs of the bid specifications, architectural design and construction by CME, the borough engineering firm at that time.

The actual cost of the replacement was \$112,000; the library has requested the return of the remaining amount of \$27,999.

The library receives an annual allotment of about \$1.37M that is

controlled by statutory formula and can't be altered by the council.

"There is no legal way they can withhold it by state law. Once they give us the money, they can't withhold the funds," said Aronowitz.

Governor Christie plans to reduce library funding by 74% if pending legislation is endorsed by the New Jersey State Assembly. With the reduction in state support for libraries, a number of programs, including the inter library loan program, will be eliminated.

"With this reduction we would clearly need the money for the library," said Aronowitz.

The library plans to lease property at 901 Montrose Ave. The 14,500-square-foot property will require remodeling to accommodate the library and its programs. A hearing was held on the request for a use variance by the Zoning Board on April 15. The hearing has been continued until May.

The resolution to return \$170,000 to the borough has been sent to the members of the Library Board of Trustees, who will discuss the issue at their May 11 meeting.

"It will be a library board decision," said Aronowitz.

## Lithic Artifacts to be Featured at Nature Center

An ancient Native American relic, hidden in plain sight outside of the South Plainfield Public Library for 34 years (right), will be a featured exhibit at the Highland Woods Environmental



and the mortar stone, which she displayed in her garden for 27 years until donating it to the Historical Society upon her move to North Carolina. The mortar stone was placed near the front entrance of the public library

where it remained anonymously in the shadows while gathering moss.

With the impending move of the library to a new facility across town, the Historical Society determined it would be appropriate to move the mortar to the nature center to complement its Native American Indian display. Under the direction of Historical Society Life Member Robert Bengivenga, the mortar was removed two weeks ago, cleaned and mounted on a dolly inside the nature center where it will be more accessible to the public. Other authentic Native American lithic materials on display include full-grooved axe heads, points and scrapers.  
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The Mayor and Council will hold a special meeting on Monday, May 10, at 7 p.m.

at South Plainfield Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave. With the defeat of the budget in the recent school board election, the mayor and council are required to work together to craft an appropriate spending plan for the next school year. The council plans to vote on the budget at this meeting.



**SPECIAL MEETING**



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SPECIAL MEETING (SCHOOL BUDGET) May 10 at 7 p.m. in Senior Center

May 17 ..... May 17

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Sept. 28, Oct. 12, Oct. 26, Nov. 9 Dec. 7.

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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.

Committee of the whole meetings: 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.

## site plan 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

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

## To the Editor:

My 13-year-old daughter's girlfriend was the victim of a hit and run car accident on Friday at approximately 3 p.m. while crossing the street on Park Avenue at Avon Avenue. Fortunately she only suffered minor injuries.

I would greatly appreciate it if the Traffic Safety Department, Board of Education and the crossing guard company would re-evaluate the positions of the guards on Park Avenue. Students who walk home from Grant, the middle and high schools travel past the PAL, down Cady Lane and onto Avon Avenue to access the Kennedy School area. There is absolutely no reason to have a crossing guard at West Crescent Parkway at Park Avenue as the children have to walk several blocks out of their way to get to him. The obvious choice should be Avon since that is the most direct route to Park Avenue.

Additionally, the property located at the corner of Avon and Park avenues has an overgrowth of trees and bushes that make visibility for motorists nearly impossible to see pedestrians or bicyclists traveling north on Park Avenue or crossing Park Avenue at that corner.

Thankfully the young girl was not severely injured; however, I feel the safety of the children walking home in this area needs to be addressed before something worse happens.

JANE DORNICK

## To the Editor:

The South Plainfield Education Foundation and the South Plainfield Alumni Association held its art auction on April 30 at the South Plainfield High School. We would like to thank the following people for their help and generosity:



## Dear Editor,

We at South Plainfield Middle School recently had our own version of "Return to Capistrano!" Our baby ducks arrived again for the sixth year in a row. When the pond was put in the courtyard, a male and female duck took up residence and made this their home. They have since returned every year and had about 10 baby ducks.

This year they appeared about two months ago. The students enjoy watching the ducks in the pond. Finally, last week, 11 baby ducks made their appearance! They are so adorable and cute. They make the courtyard so pretty. Our principal and a few teachers take care of them and feed them. These baby ducks get a lot of attention from everyone. When the students go out to look at them, they are very careful and it is so much fun to watch them swimming and running around the courtyard.

Everyone is honored that we can have this excitement every year, and we all look forward to watching them grow. We definitely can't wait for next year!

KIMBERLY SCHUETZ, STUDENT,  
SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

B&C Deli, Corner Deli, Home-town Heros, Ferraro Foods, Sodexo, Bob and Debbie Boyle and the Boyle Family Memorial Foundation for their generous donations of food for our art auction. We would also like to thank Carolyn Allen, Debbie and Bob Boyle and Sandra Reedy for all their help with the setting up and running of the auction.

While we didn't have a huge turnout, we were able to raise some money that will go towards the cost of the annual Hall of Fame luncheon and awards each year.

Many thanks to all who attended the auction. We appreciate everyone's participation!

The Education Foundation will be holding its annual wine tasting tonight at the Italian American Club on Garibaldi Avenue from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the South Plainfield Education Foundation.

Our annual golf outing will be held on Tuesday, May 11, at the Cranbury Golf Course. We still need golfers and sponsors for this event.

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Science teacher JulieAnn Zoleta looks on as Principal Steve Novak presents poster contest winners Mansi Amin and Josselin Barahona with a \$50 check.

## Middle School Implements Enhanced Recycling Program

By Jane Dornick

Beginning on April 26, the 600 seventh and eighth grade students at the middle school embarked on a new recycling program. Science teacher JulieAnn Zoleta received a \$1,000 grant from the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management to enhance and encourage recycling at the school. The majority of the grant was used for the purchase of new containers and barrels for recycling glass, bottles, aluminum and other material. The containers are placed throughout the school near classrooms and the cafeteria.

Twice a week before homeroom period, student volunteers bring paper to nearby recycling dumpsters. Even though the state allows recycling of mixed items, the school has chosen

to separate paper from bottles, glass, aluminum and cardboard.

A recycling poster contest was held where students could draw or use the computer to create their work. The posters contained a picture with a recycling themed slogan. Approximately 60 students entered the contest which was also held in conjunction with Earth Day on April 22.

The winner in the digitally enhanced category was eighth grade student Josselin Barahona and the handmade poster winner was seventh grader Mansi Amin.

Principal Steve Novak applauded Zoleta, the student body, teachers and custodians for their cooperation. "We must recycle today for it will benefit our children and our children's children," said Novak.

## Riley School 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 Riley School lobby.

The cost is \$3, which covers snacks and crafts.

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

brief bus ride.

The program offers morning and afternoon sessions: 9 to 11 a.m. and 12 to 2 p.m.

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

If you have any questions, please call Kimberly Anesh at (908) 769-5791 or Gina McConville at (908) 757-7672.

## Dunkin' Donuts Seeks Planning Board Approval for Drive-In Window

By Libby Barsky

Dunkin' Donuts is seeking to upgrade its building on Park Avenue and East Hendricks Boulevard to become more competitive. The building is currently undergoing a renovation. To completely update the 40 year old building, Tony Nader, the franchise owner for 12 years, is seeking Planning Board approval to install a drive-in window where customers can place an order and pick it up without ever needing to exit their car.

Nader's attempt to install a drive-in window began in 2007 when he made an application before the Zoning Board.

"The application has a long and tortured history," explained Nader's attorney, Avavind Aithal, when describing the application before the Planning Board on April 23.

The Zoning Board originally rejected the application because the borough's zoning officer determined the window was not a permitted use in the OBC zone. After appealing the ruling before the Superior Court, Judge Hurley overturned the denial and allowed that a drive-in window was an accessory and a permitted use. Nader's application was then referred to the Planning Board.

Julius Szalay, civil engineer for Nader, presented his design for the 15,000-square-foot site to the members of the planning board. The drive-up window would be located behind

the existing building, running parallel to Holly and Park avenues, with all cars exiting toward East Hendricks Boulevard. To provide additional driveway space, Szalay removed nine of the original 20 parking spaces leaving a total of 11 spaces on the site, eight on the Park Avenue side, two on the Holly Avenue side and one designated for handicapped drivers.

To shield the building from residential property an eight foot board on board fence is proposed. The fence will also cover the current free standing dumpsters.

Nader took the stand and spoke about the operation of the business saying there will be no baking in the building, only one daily delivery of food items before the 5 a.m. opening and one weekly 20 minute delivery of non-food by small trucks.

During the public session, resident Sam Dalfozo of 1910 Holly Ave., asked for the occupancy rate inside the new building and was told it was 30. Resident Richard Little noted the menu offered by Dunkin' Donuts made it "more like a restaurant and the drive-in window is an accessory use." Little asked if the applicant took into consideration the lack of any resi-

dential buffer for one side of the site and questioned what the decibel level was for delivery and garbage trucks.

Mayor Charlie Butrico was concerned about plans to have a maximum of five cars queued on line. "Someone might delay in the ordering process and cause a problem in the queuing process," Butrico said.

The Planning Board continued the application until its May 25 meeting to seek more information from traffic and a noise experts.

## Register Children For Kindergarten

Kindergarten registration in the South Plainfield School District for the 2010-2011 school year will be held May 24 through June 8. Kindergarten enrollment packets are available in the enrollment office located in the Roosevelt Administration Building, 125 Jackson Ave.

Students entering kindergarten must be five years old on or before October 1, 2010.

Enrollment is by appointment only. Please call Mary Muglia at (908) 754-4620, ext. 222 for information and to schedule an appointment.

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# Around Town

## 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 cat-

egories; 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 Buttrico 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](http://www.vision2001.org) or call Marge Reedy at (908) 561-5800, ext. 302. No person under 21 permitted.

## Mother's Day Flower Sale at Rescue Squad

May 7-9

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad will be holding a Mother's Day flower sale on Friday, May 7, through Sunday, May 9, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the rescue squad building on Plainfield Avenue.

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

## 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.

## 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 to 8 p.m.

For more information, see our article in the sports section of the *Observer*, or visit [www.soplfdsoccerclub.com](http://www.soplfdsoccerclub.com). Pre-registration forms and FAQs can be found on the Web site.

## Historical Society Monthly Meeting

May 11

The next meeting of the South Plainfield Historical Society will be held on Tuesday, May 11, at 7 p.m. in the history center at the Roosevelt Administration Building.

Parking and entrance to the center on the lower level is on Jackson Avenue. Plans for this year's fundraising raffle will be discussed.

## Boy Scout Troop 309 Pasta Dinner

May 14

Boy Scout Troop 309 is holding a pasta dinner on Friday, May 14, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Wesley Methodist Church, 1500 Plainfield Ave. Dinner includes pasta, salad, bread, drink and dessert. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from any Scout in Troop 309, or at the door.

For more information, call (908) 295-8748.

## Sacred Heart Concert Series

May 23

Come celebrate the gifts of the spirit with the Festival of Catholic Church Organists on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, at 3 p.m. in the church. The concert will feature William R. Berg, St. Augustine of Canterbury in Kendall Park; Christopher M.C. Deibert, St. Mary's in South Amboy; Daniel Mahoney, Sacred Heart Church and Anthony Nardino, St. Peter the Apostle in New Brunswick and the Catholic Center at Rutgers University.

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May 13-15-Washington, DC  
May 20-Bally's  
June 7-10 Niagara Falls  
Oct 11-15-Indian Head Resort  
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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

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Crafts Class ..... 10 am  
Computer ..... 10 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm  
Exercise Class ..... 1:15 pm

### FRIDAYS

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## 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 to 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.

## Send Your Events to: spobserver@comcast.net

For info on submitting your event, visit [www.spobserver.com](http://www.spobserver.com)

## Medical Qi Gong Meditation Class

May 8

Medical Qi Gong, 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.

## Singles Dance

May 8

Steppin' Out Singles is hosting a grand opening singles dance party on Saturday, May 8, at 8:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Edison Grand Ballroom, 3050 Woodbridge Ave. in Edison. Ages 40 and up; no jeans/sneakers. Admission is \$15.

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

## Woodbridge WOWs Business Meeting

May 12

Woodbridge Widows Or Widowers will conduct a business meeting on Wednesday, May 12, at 7 p.m. in the Children's Room of the Main Li-

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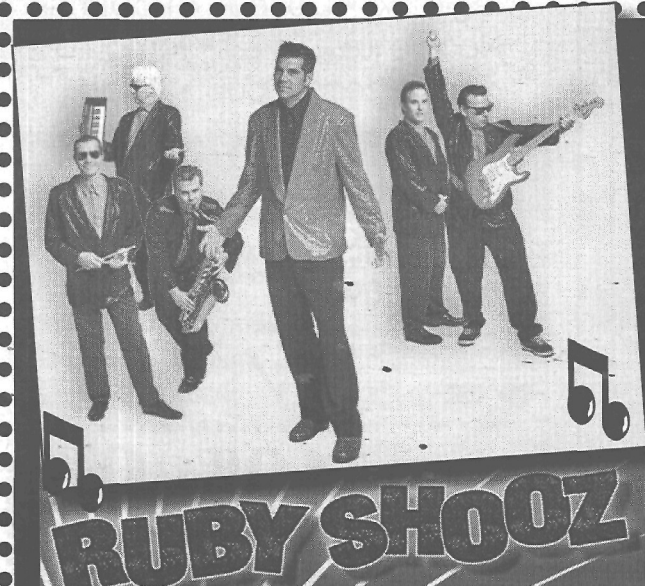
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brary, Rt. 35 in Woodbridge. All widows and widowers are welcome. For more information, call (732) 381-3255 or (908) 757-0515.

## Gardens of the Garden State

May 13-August 27

The Edison Arts Society presents the opening reception of "Gardens of the Garden State" at the Edison Municipal Building, 100 Municipal Blvd. in Edison on Thursday, May 13, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Musical entertainment will be provided by Larry Rich. Refreshments will be served. Exhibit runs through Friday, August 27. This renowned exhibit showcases the works of select New Jersey artists, inspired by a garden. Free and open to the public.

## Coin Show

May 13-15

The Garden State Numismatic Association will hold their three day convention at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 135 Davidson Ave. in Somerset on Thursday, May 13, from 1 to 7 p.m., Friday, May 14, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 75 tables of dealers; U.S. and Foreign coins, paper money, tokens and medals.

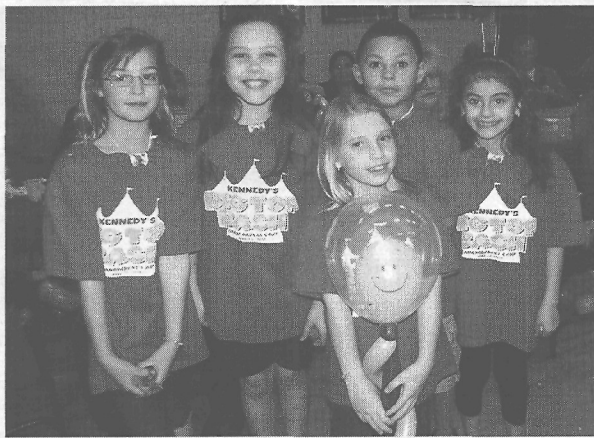
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## Temple Shalom Hosts Casino Night

May 15

Temple Shalom in Fanwood/Scotch Plains, 74 South Martine Ave. in Fanwood is holding a casino night on Saturday, May 15, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for \$40 in casino chips or \$36 for \$100. Chips may be used for gambling and to buy tickets to enter an end-of-the-evening raffle for exciting prizes such as gift baskets and services. Live auction for items, such as tickets to a New York Yankees baseball game or two hours of professional home organizing courtesy of Uncluttered Home. Refreshments are included in the ticket price.

To purchase tickets, E-mail [office@sholomnj.org](mailto:office@sholomnj.org) or call (908) 889-4900.



Kennedy students honor their grandparents at the school's Big Top Bash.

## Kennedy School Big Top Bash Celebrates Grandparents

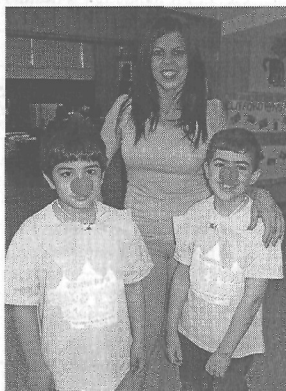
By Jane Dornick

Kennedy School's Big Top Bash Grandparent's Day celebration on the morning of April 23 was "the greatest show on Earth" for third grade students.

Grandparents and their accompanying guests were surrounded by red, blue and yellow balloons and popcorn machines as the circus-like atmosphere began with a buffet breakfast.

Various activities planned by the PTO kept everyone enjoying each other's company. There were numerous baskets raffled off and a light lunch. The children and their guests paid a visit to the classrooms to meet their teachers and show off the school work they have accomplished.

The program ended with students singing a medley of songs, including *Rainbow World*, *The Circus Parade*,



The Magnificent Men on the Flying Trapeze, Be a Clown and Lookin' Out My Back Door.

Grandparents left with smiles, photographs and memories.

## Education Foundation Hosting Wine, Spirits, and Beer Tasting Fundraiser

The South Plainfield Education Foundation and Oak Tree Buy Rite of South Plainfield will host the second annual Fine Wine, Spirits & Craft Beer Tasting Fundraiser tonight.

The fundraiser will be held at the Italian American Club, 1001 Garibaldi Ave., from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. There will be at least nine vendors and food donated by Hometown Heros and Flanagan's Restaurant.

The Education Foundation, in existence since 1994 and originally named Vision 2001, is a non-profit tax exempt organization. The foundation promotes numerous educa-

tional and incentive programs such as the Gold Card and scholarships for South Plainfield students.

To date, the Education Foundation has awarded over 50 Scholarships totaling over \$283,150, and awarded over \$130,000 in endowments. The Education Foundation has also given back to the students of South Plainfield over \$41,000 in curriculum programs, over \$33,000 in academic incentive programs, and over \$18,000 for school equipment.

For information, visit [www.vision2001.org](http://www.vision2001.org) and click on the "Events" link or call (908) 561-5800, ext. 302.

No one under 21 will be admitted.

## Bus Company Contamination Investigation Underway

The borough council approved an ordinance appropriating \$111,609 in state funds for a remedial investigation of the old Suburban Transit Bus Company site on New Market Avenue at its March 15 meeting. The property was purchased in December 2006 with a hold harmless agreement signed by former Mayor Daniel Gallagher prior to his leaving office.

The study, to be performed by Ma-

ser Consulting, is expected to take months. The borough intends to apply for another grant to clean up the site, according to CFO Glenn Cullen. The borough also relinquished claims to property surrounding the site on Rio and Pulaski streets and Anthony Avenue at its April 5 meeting. The entire area is intended to be used in the future by the Recreation Department's Ponytail Softball Club.

## 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](http://www.disasterassistance.gov).

Please have the following information available when you contact FEMA: Address and phone number where you can be reached; 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 1-800-621-3362 (TTY 1-800-462-7585) or contact your local Office of Equal Rights.

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## Funeral Home Collecting Cell Phones

In response to a growing need to support military members returning from active duty, Cell Phones for Soldiers has expanded their services by offering free cell phones to all armed forces returning from service in Iraq and Afghanistan. To achieve this goal, the charity is calling on all Americans to donate their old phones to the cause. The free phones are drawn from those donated by individuals and corporations; to achieve this goal, an additional one million phones will need to be donated in 2010.

South Plainfield Funeral Home is one of over 800 funeral homes in 45 states that collected 2,578 phones in earlier this year which translates into 154,680 free calling minutes for our heroes overseas. "We are well on our way to our One Million Minute goal for 2010," said Jason Oszczakiewicz, manager of South Plainfield Funeral Home, the exclusive, certified Veterans and Family Memorial Care Provider for Middlesex County.

To donate your old "retired" cell phone, stop by South Plainfield Funeral Home, 2456 Plainfield Ave. or call (908) 756-2800.

## Food Pantry Open

The South Plainfield Food Pantry, located in the municipal building at 2480 Plainfield Ave., is open daily from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties due to unemployment or illness, please feel free to visit the pantry.

Contact Margaret Ackerman, director of Social Services, at (908) 226-7625.

From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Once again, it's time for the latest news from the South Plainfield Library.

First of all, the library will be closed on Sunday in observance of Mother's Day.

Next week, we'll stick with the normal schedule of children's programming. Just in case you think we might've changed our definition of "normal," here's what we mean: the "Monday Morning Movie" program, featuring a movie presentation for preschoolers, will be shown on Monday morning at 10:30. "Storytime," for children ages three and over, is held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. "Time for 2's & 3's," for children ages two and three, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. and "Baby Time," for children ages two and under, will be held on Friday morning at 10:30. (Perhaps we should just say, "Weekdays. 10:30 a.m. Be here. Aloha.") Each program lasts about an hour and features stories, songs and a craft activity for older kids. The programs are presented free of charge and no pre-registration is required. For more details, please call us and ask for Miss Linda or Miss Mija. (See below for our phone number.)

The next meeting of the Library Board of Trustees is set for Tuesday, May 11 at 7 p.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend. This is going to be an important meeting, as it will include updated information regarding the proposed move to Montrose Avenue, as well as proposed library budget cuts from the state. There will be a public comment period early in the meeting.

The latest group from the Video Circuit should be available for bor-

rowing today. Unfortunately, the list of selections isn't available at press time. In any case, DVDs may be borrowed, four at a time, free for two days, with free renewals. This group will be available until the end of June.

Last week, you may have noticed that we were closed to the public for another couple of days. As before, this was due to our staff being trained to use a new computer system. This new system, called Millennium, from the Innovative company, will feature a number of changes to both the way we handle materials and the way you access information. Now, we're not quite ready to install it just yet, but we'll keep you informed as to when we'll switch. We'll also be sure to let you know just how you can use the new system (including not activating the nuclear self-destruct procedure). Keep an eye on future columns and posted announcements for details.

We've got room for another computer-related reminder. Our computer system, both the hardware and the software, is not intended for rough use. In addition, they cost a fair amount of money to purchase and maintain. So, seeing as how we're not flush with cash or in possession of saintly amounts of patience, we'd appreciate you not misusing the system, be it altering the security system or simply pounding on the keyboards. If you can help us on this, we'd really appreciate it. On the other hand, if you want to cause trouble, we will find you and we will bill you (to adapt an old phrase).

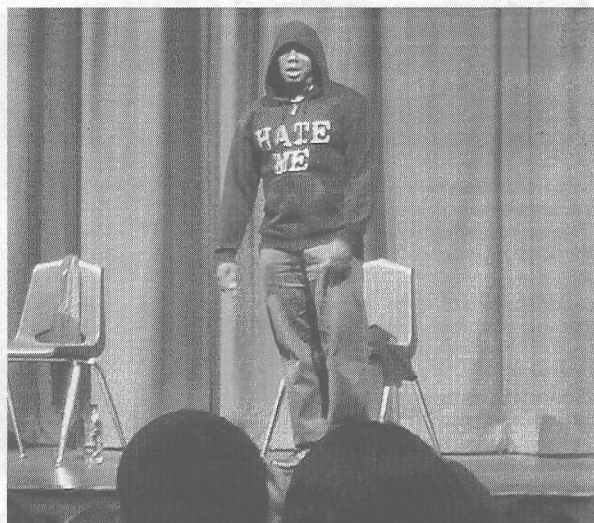
That's about all for now. As always, we're very interested in your comments and opinions. For information or to pass along your views, call (908) 754-7885. You can also visit our Web site for more details at [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us). Catch you later.

## SPHS Hall of Fame Candidates Announced

Candidates for the 2010 South Plainfield High School Hall of Fame were recently announced. They are Ellen Decker-Lorys, John Graf, Jr. and Cheryl Hughes.

The Hall of Fame was established to honor graduates for achievements in business, government, academia, community service and the humanities. Recognizing these successful graduates as leaders in their fields also provides current high school students with positive role models.

Inductees will be honored on Wednesday, June 2, at a luncheon at Adelines' Ristorante on Hamilton Boulevard. The induction ceremony takes place at 7 p.m. that evening in SPHS's Joseph A. Mondoro Auditorium preceding the annual academic awards.



Dr. Michael Fowlin discusses bullying with high school students.

## Bullying Assembly Teaches Students About Tolerance

Actor, psychologist and poet, Dr. Michael Fowlin, gave his "You Don't Know Me Until You Know Me" performance to the high school student body on April 19. His presentation included a series of mini-skits focusing on issues related to gender bias, bullying and harassment.

Dr. Fowlin portrayed a young lady of Indian/Korean descent who was heavy set and was made fun of; a child named Hector contemplating suicide because his alcoholic dad beat him on a regular basis; six-year-old Jermain who talked too much and was made fun of; a football player who wanted to become a police officer, but did not step in when his friends intimidated girls, until one day his coach and mentor taught him through a football play that instead of doing what he was supposed to do he must do what was right; another football player who was ranked number eight in the nation and in demand by many colleges, who had lots of female dates and was the envy of many and who was gay, and instead of masking his sexuality

he had to be upfront about who he was.

Fowlin also spoke about profiling because he is black, and the statement that all black people look alike or because he is a white man with a hooded sweatshirt or in the wrong section of town; and a handicapped young man in a wheelchair who is made fun of with handicapped jokes, who in turn makes fun of handicapped people because he hides the fact that he is hurt because people made fun of him.

Dr. Fowlin's mission is to create an atmosphere of worldwide inclusion—not just tolerance-toward all people. He has worked extensively with all age groups in the United States and in other countries through peer mediation, diversity training, gender equity workshops and violence prevention seminars. When not on the road performing, Dr. Fowlin is currently authoring a book on his road through life.

The students gave Fowlin a standing ovation. This was Dr. Fowlin's second successful visit to the high school in three years.

## Salon Professional Academy Open House

The Salon Professional Academy at Hadley Center is holding an open house on Saturday, May 8, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration will be held for classes at discounted tuition rates. All salon services will be available throughout the day. Pre-register at the open house for a salon appointment for next week and receive 50% off the already discounted prices on select services. All services are performed by supervised students.

Come and join the excitement and find out about exciting career opportunities at The Salon Professional Academy, the only school endorsed by Redken for Excellence in Education.

Free giveaways and door prizes will be handed out throughout the day. Radio station 98.3, WMGQ-FM New Brunswick will broadcast live from the salon, located in the Hadley Shopping Center, 4985 Stelton Rd. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (888) 450-0780.

## Photos For Sale

All Observer photos taken by Patricia Abbott are available for purchase, including many that have not been published. Old files from school activities and shows will be deleted at the end of the month.

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## GOP Chooses Anesh, McConville and Rusnak

The South Plainfield Republicans have officially announced this year's candidates, who will be led by Council President Matt Anesh, the party's candidate for mayor. Joining Anesh will be incumbent Councilmen Tim McConville and Ray Rusnak, who will be seeking re-election to three-year terms.

GOP Chair April Bengivenga pointed to the trio's accomplishments when explaining why they earned the unanimous support of committee members: "Matt, Tim and Ray are responsible leaders. They are moving our town in the right direction by cutting spending and holding the line on costs. We need them to continue that."

"Matt is a superb choice for mayor," added GOP Vice Chair Alex Barletta. "He's someone who can take us forward, not backward, and make South Plainfield a better place for our families and seniors."

"Tim, Ray, and I are proud of what we've accomplished so far," said Anesh. "But we know there's more to do. We're cutting costs and trimming positions in an effort to lower taxes, and we want to continue that next year, when we'll see the full benefit of many of the things we started this year."

Anesh said the work to control costs began even before the GOP began governing in January when they took control of the council majority. Back in December Rusnak was able to renegotiate the salaries for new public works employees and reduce the pay scales by nearly 30%.

"Councilman McConville also did a great job with revamping the recycling program," added Anesh.

"Most towns were using the county's recycling program without looking at other alternatives," said Anesh. "South Plainfield was the first to look to see whether bidding it out on their own would save money. Thanks to Tim, we will save about \$30,000 this year alone. In fact, the idea was so successful that other towns are now looking to bid out their recycling based on the savings South Plainfield is seeing."

Anesh would be the first Republican mayor in over 15 years if elected in November. He was first elected to the council in 2005, and this year the council unanimously picked him to lead as council president. A lifelong resident and SPHS graduate, Anesh resides on Hidden Court with his wife Kimberly and twin boys, Harrison and Joseph.

Both McConville and Rusnak are seeking their second term. Rusnak, who has over two decades of experience in finance and investing, lives on Field Avenue with his wife Robyn. He currently serves as chair of the council's finance and administration committee.

McConville has a background in computer science and does work in homeland security. He and his wife Gina were high school sweethearts and both graduated from South Plainfield High School. They reside on Eleanor Street with their son Sean and two daughters, Caitlin and Jillian.

"We could not be more proud of Matt, Tim, and Ray's accomplishments," said Bengivenga.

*Submitted by the SP GOP*



High school Spanish students rehearse for their cooking show assignment.

## High School Students Create Spanish Cooking Show

South Plainfield High School Spanish teacher Shannon Lorenzo's Level 4 junior and senior students recently completed a project creating episodes of a cooking show in Spanish. Each group of students chose a country as a theme of their project and then researched its' culture. They learned about the food, music and history of their chosen country and incorporated their findings into the cooking episode.

While doing their research they used a collaborating tool called a Wikispaces. Each student was responsible for publishing their work into this online authoring environment so that the other members of the group could access the information inside and outside of the classroom.

"The catalyst of the project was an initiative to incorporate 21st century skills into the regular classroom curriculum," said Lorenzo. "We have studied foods and cultures of Spanish speaking countries for years, but this project was different in that it required students to collaborate and interact using Web 2.0 tools. My lessons focused on teaching students digital citizenship and global communication skills in addition to the food vocabulary and grammatical structures that a cooking show would require."

Lorenzo was trained in Project Based Learning by Susannah Moran, an employee of TechKNOW Associates, who was hired by the district to teach teachers how to create relevant and meaningful projects that will engage students. Ultimately the idea was to model to students how to be life-long learners by sharing knowledge and skills while using the computer as a learning tool.

## Knights Accepting Scholarship Applications

The Knights of Columbus Council #6302 will again be presenting scholarships to deserving and qualified students. Scholarships will be given to a graduating eighth grade student to use as partial tuition at an area Catholic high school and to a graduating high school student or currently enrolled college student to be used at the college of their choice to defray expenses.

To be eligible for either scholarship, students must meet the following criteria: Be a practicing Catholic and a child, grandchild or dependent of a living or deceased member in good standing of the Knights of Columbus Council #6203.

Applicants must submit the following items to the scholarship committee: school academic transcripts, list of honors/advanced placement/college prep courses and SAT scores; or their eighth grade report card; record of service in their parish, community, and extra curricular activities; and two letters of recommendation from their teacher, scoutmaster, coach, employer, priest, etc.

The scholarship committee will meet during the month of May to select its scholarship winners. Selection will be based on merit and awarded in early June.

Mail applications to: Knights of Columbus, South Plainfield Council #6203, 334 Hamilton Blvd., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080. Applications must be received by May 10.

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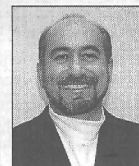
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Lisa Fletcher from N.J. Neuroscience Institute at JFK Medical Center talks with student Jenna Clemente.



Students review material about Dress Barn.



Felicia Mulhearn and Jenna Heckel.



Jason Oszczakiewicz, South Plainfield Funeral Home and Intern Britnee Hagerty, Middlesex Funeral Home.



Alex Liszewski, Keith Horvath and Jorgen Holtermann talk with U.S. Navy Petty Officer Lumbano.



Bill Ashnault from Twin City Pharmacy discusses career options in the pharmacy field with Arnel Smith.



Darlene Pinto, Skylands Bank VP-Regional Manager and Assistant VP-Branch Manager Gina Palumbo greet students.



BOE member Debbie Boyle, Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas and Nina Rohrer, Columbia Bank, with students Steven Paskowitz, Mike Dolan, Paul Obando and Anthony Cardoso.



Students review career information in neuroscience.



Creative Kids Academy owner Sue Ashnault with Taylor Adorna, Megan McMahon and Deanna Ranger.

## Career Fair Acquaints Students With Vocational Opportunities

South Plainfield High School and South Plainfield Business Association co-sponsored the second annual Career Fair held at SPHS on April 23.

The fair was intended to enlighten students on post-high school career opportunities. Students in grades nine through 12 attended the all-day event to learn about different career opportunities available to them.

Approximately 50 participants

representing 30 professions spent the day handing out literature, and answering questions about career choices. Students attended the fair during what would have been their gym periods.

As was the case last year, students especially enjoyed the adult cosmetology students from Middlesex County Vocational and Technical school, who painted henna tattoos on the high

school girls' hands and arms.

Career information included lawyers, banks and credit unions, veterinarians, nurses, the military, green energy, day care, pharmacy, newspapers, beauticians, photography, computers, accounting, fashion and more.

The following organizations and individuals who donated their time included Farinella & Farinella Law Firm, Columbia Bank, Skylands Community

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Institute, DeVry University, Siemens Energy and Automation, Surgical Physical Assistant (Adam Ciccarino), Human Resources Management, The Salon Professional Academy, Oak Tree Accounting, Lifetouch Photography, PNC Bank, Borough of South Plainfield, South Plainfield Board of Education, South Plainfield School Counseling and Guidance Service.

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## President and Mrs. Lincoln Visit Second Annual Civil War Union Army Encampment



The second annual Union Army Encampment held in Spring Lake Park on April 24 was sponsored by the South Plainfield Historical Society. Participating were members of the 43rd New York Infantry, 3rd New Jersey Infantry, 6th New York Independent Battery, 1st New Jersey Artillery, Battery A Custer Camp #17 and President and Mrs. Abraham Lincoln (Mr. and Mrs. Robert Costello).

Beginning at 10 a.m. the Union Army Encampment began to spring up in Spring Lake Park. Soldiers erected tents, displayed equipment and a wide range of authentic fire arms, including two large cannons which were fired on a regular basis as the day's events took place.

After President Abraham Lincoln inspected the Union troops, a demonstration of their firearms took place followed by a drill.

A memorial service was held across the street from Spring Lake Park at Monument Park at the site of the Civil War Monument. Rev. Charles Mingle began and ended the service with a prayer and Mayor Charles

Butrico gave a short speech. A wreath was laid at the monument, followed by the firing of the cannons.

This year's event was dedicated to the five South Plainfield residents who gave their lives in defense of the Union from 1861 through 1865, and all who served in the war.

The South Plainfield residents are Lt. George C. Boice, who enlisted in

August 1864 as a private in 11th New Jersey Volunteers. He was killed on October 8. Boice is buried in Hillside Cemetery of Samptown on New Market Avenue.

Sergeant Henry Brantingham, who lived on a farm on Hillside Avenue, was married with five children. He enlisted for nine months service in the 28th New Jersey Volunteers and received a \$300 bounty for enlisting. He was buried on the battlefield.

Private Hugh Downey lied about his age to enlist as a private in the summer of 1862. He was taken prisoner of war and died of exposure and starvation at the age of 19.

Private Aaron E. Randolph enlisted in 1862. Prior to seeing combat he fell ill with a raging fever and died shortly thereafter. He is buried in Hillside Cemetery of Sampton.

Private Augustus Ryno, who worked in the village of New Brooklyn (South Plainfield), enlisted in 1862. He was married with three children. He was hit by gunfire in both legs, removed from the battlefield, and was transported to an army hospital where he died. He is buried in Hillside Cemetery of Sampton.



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# Sports

SOCCER CLUB

By Dawn Hutchison

## Soccer Teams on Winning Streak

Things heated up on the fields this past week, and the weather certainly did the same. Despite the broiling sun, the kids were cool and collected.

Storm collected another win against South Brunswick 2-0 at their turf field. Thunder posted another victory as well, with Joe McGechan and Nick Pezzola scoring their first goals of the season, with an assist from Samuel "JR" Cosby. Also scoring for Thunder were Chris

Kubereit and two for John Pareja. Thunder took the game 5-3 over Berkley Heights Bullets. The U-19 Fire team rallied over Long Valley with a 2-0 win, playing with only eight players against 11. Tough to do on a hot day with no subs; great effort to the boys of Fire. We are proud of all the SPSC teams for their strong efforts.

Lots going on in the club. Tryouts

will be held next week. U-8 through U-11 tryouts will be held Monday and Wednesday, May 10 and 12; and U-12 through U-14 will be held Tuesday and Thursday, May 11 and 13. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. each night; tryouts are 6 to 8 p.m.

For information on tryouts, age requirements and information on the club in general, visit [www.soplfdsoccerclub.com](http://www.soplfdsoccerclub.com). Download and complete the pre-registration form available at the Web site. All participants should be sure to wear cleats, shin guards and bring water to tryouts each night.

Super 50/50 tickets are now available; all coaches should have them and will be distributing them to their team members. Tickets are \$10 each. Drawing will be held on Sunday, May 23, at the Kenneth Avenue fields after the last game. Winner need not be present; they will be contacted by phone. All tickets, sold or unsold, and monies collected must be returned to coaches by May 22. For questions or for additional tickets, please contact Chrissy Sanko at (908) 561-5533.

Deadline for SPSC Scholarships is May 22. Please be sure to complete the form by the due date to be eligible. All information and forms are available in the high school guidance department and on our Web site.

The next general membership meeting is Thursday, May 20, 7:30 p.m. at the VFW located on Front Street. Please come out and support the club with your ideas and suggestions. You can make a difference.

U-11 SOCCER

By Greg Hoffman

## Arsenal Ties Another One

On a sweltering Sunday afternoon, the boys' U-11 Arsenal faced Stronghold Orel on South Plainfield's Memorial Field. Arsenal played a superior first half, while Orel came on strong in the second half. Neither team had an opportunity to break through each other's defense for any serious shots at goal.

Nick Plate and Jason Cieszkiewicz manned Arsenal's goal. Jared Marks played awesome defense along with Tyler Curtis, Edwin Rivas and Mason

Resende. Arsenal midfielders were Jason Belanger, Jake Hoffman, Cristian Butrico, Ryan Stankan, Dylan O'Connor and Jake Smith. Taking charge of Arsenal's front line was Alec Paez, Scott Riccardi and Ricky Pellegrino.

This Saturday night Arsenal will travel to face Stronghold Orel once again. On Mother's Day, Arsenal will travel again to face the Livingston Launchers for a game on their field. Good luck boys!

Submitted By Bob Nilan

By Gary Lampasona

## JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

Wow! May arrived with blistering heat and a lot of baseball. The complex is buzzing with baseball talk and the kids are enjoying playing the games. There's a lot of cheering going on, so parents, keep up the good work. We are about half way through the season and most games have been played. Please see your manager to inquire about any make up dates for games rained out. Let's hope for continued good weather.

There is field duty on Saturday, May 8, at 7 a.m. for the scheduled teams. Please do not forget to sign in. There is no field duty on Sunday, May 9. It's Mother's Day. Here's wishing all moms a happy Mother's Day.

The next booster dates are Friday, May 14, and Saturday, May 15.

The SFB Yankees, SFB Phillies and the SFC Yankees are scheduled on Friday, May 14, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

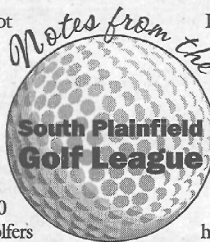
The SFC Marlins, SFC Mets and the SFB Mets are scheduled on Saturday, May 15, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The SFA Diamondbacks, SFB Marlins and the SFA Pirates are scheduled for Saturday, May 15, from 12 to 2:30 p.m. Please be reminded that your participation is mandatory. Failure to participate will result in forfeiture of your bond and your child may not be able to participate in playoff games.

All-Star Sunday will be held on Sunday, May 16. Coaches will be selecting their players for this "fun" game by May 10.

As always, you can find all this and more information on our Web site, [www.leaguelineup.com/spjbc](http://www.leaguelineup.com/spjbc).

*"You win a few, you lose a few. Some get rained out. But you got to dress for all of them."*

-Satchel Paige



It wasn't easy, but they were able to eke out a 12-8 win over Witty's Liquors in a high-scoring match.

Jeff Orth earned the medal for the winners with his 43 while Sean Brooks, shivering and shaking all the way, somehow managed a 41.

Jay Coppola was the only member of the talented Twin City Pharmacy squad who was able to cope successfully with the adverse playing conditions as he posted a 39 to help his team win a squeaker over Oak Tree Dental of Edison, 11-9. Marty "Mr. Amazing" Van De Vaast was his usual amazing self and shot a 39 as his team lost a very close match.

Alfie's Boys, as the odds makers in Las Vegas predicted, had no problem in defeating the Italian-American Club, 14-6, even though they had to give a lot of strokes. Irish Danny Griffin has it in his golfing blood how to play under cold and windy, even wet, conditions, so, fortified by a Guinness or two, he braved the elements and fired a 37 to lead his team to a convincing triumph. Bill Mann showed he also knows how to play well when the weather turns bad as he registered a 39, a very respectable achievement last Tuesday.

KC's Korner spoiled the league debut of a new team, McCriskin's Home for Funerals, by sending them down to defeat, 13-7. This was another high-scoring match that saw only one golfer, Captain Mark "Mr. Steady" Chichvar, break 40, and he just barely did it with his 39. Tony Cotone, Jr. was the medalist for KC's Korner with a 43.

Last season's Player-of-the-Year, Ray Starnick, evidently enjoyed earning that special distinction, and it looks like he's eager to capture that award again this year. Starnick scorched his drives and put his all-around fine game on display with his solid round of 37 to lead the Polish National Home to a 12-8 win over Sport & Social. Frank Matthews of Sport & Social had the low round for his team with his 43.

Low scores for the night: Andy Hayward, 35; Danny Griffin, 37; Ted Stanik, 37; Ray Starnick, 37; Mark Chichvar, 39; Jay Coppola, 39; Bill Mann, 39; Marty Van De Vaast, 39.

After splitting the fairway on the first hole with a fine drive, Hayward made his first mistake of the night by whacking his second shot out on Woodland Avenue. He then scrambled for a double-bogey six. His second error came on the eighth hole where his fabulous drive found the green, and he was putting for eagle. The adrenalin was really pumping and he three-putted and settled for par. Except for these two glitches, Hayward's round was a marvel to watch with one spectacular shot after another. His exceptional performance earned him medalist honors for the night and sparked his Roughriders team to a 12½-7½ victory over Unique Sports Accessories. Ted Stanik of USA played extremely well, posting a 37, in a losing effort.

The defending champions, 2 Buds, 2 Dubs, played without the services of Captain Dale Dube who is recuperating from his recent knee surgery.

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TwinCity					Polish Home	1	0	0	0
Pharmacy	1	0	0	0	Sport & Social	0	1	0	0
Oak Tree Dental	0	0	0	1	McCriskin's	0	1	0	0
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Forensic Science Teacher Patty Porzio stands outside the SWAT Bus with SPHS seniors on their field trip to the Union County Search and Rescue Building in Westfield.

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The Union County Search and Rescue Unit established by Sheriff Ralph Froehlich in 1983 is so highly regarded for its professionalism and expertise that the Secret Service requests its assistance for Presidential vis-

its. They also assisted federal agencies with the Katrina and 9/11 disasters.

The students were captivated by specialized task performances and demonstrations concerning searches for missing persons, fleeing felons, searches for burglarized buildings, narcotics detection, bomb searches, weapon searches, hostage crisis, crowd control, arson scenes and the SWAT team.

The forensic lab scientists displayed and demonstrated drug analysis and the equipment they use for toxicology, serology, trace evidence, DNA, preparing reports, communicating with investigative agencies and testifying in court.

Forensic Science teacher Patty Porzio and Career teacher Dee Falato

were supervised by the ballistic team in test firing guns. The students watched as the shells and bullets were matched by computer which provides expert testimony for court.

The program was authorized by Chief Daniel Vaniska and coordinated by Captain Chris Hansen. His team included Detective Sergeant Michael Sandford and Detective Krzysztof Audinis in firearms examination and Lt. Martin Mogensen, commander of special operations unit.

The prosecutors' lab demonstrations were coordinated by Sgt. Joseph Koury, and the expert scientists included Rich Costa, Monica Ghanam and Donna Hansen.

## Lithic Artifacts to be Featured At Nature Center Open House

(Continued from page 1)

According to local historian, Larry Randolph, "It is impossible to ascribe an age to the mortar, because the artifact has been removed from its site and no other artifacts have been associated with it." The sandstone mortar is one-half of a grinding mill (the other half being the stone pestle which was not recovered). "Such objects are used to process vegetable foods and are often associated with horticultural activities such as growing corn, but they can also be used to process gathered foods such as nuts, berries, and seeds," continued Randolph. "For this reason, it could have been used any time during the several thousand years that

the Indians lived in this area. Its large size would have made it very difficult to transport, so it was probably used at the location where it was originally found."

The Saturday, May 8, open house runs from 1 to 4 p.m. Docents will be on hand to discuss exhibits, and two guided nature walks are scheduled for 1:30 and 2:45 p.m. There is no charge for the event. Please consider a donation of a bag of bird seed for the wild bird feeding station behind the center.

For information, E-mail Dorothy Miele at [spnatrretrails@verizon.net](mailto:spnatrretrails@verizon.net).

Trails are open from sunup to sundown, seven days a week.

## Obituaries

### Herbert Buerkle, 82

Herbert Buerkle died on Friday, April 30, at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Newark, Herbert was raised in the Irvington and Bloomfield area prior to residing in North Carolina for 20 years. He returned to New Jersey, settling in South Plainfield in 2004 and recently moving to Edison.

Herbert worked for 29 years as an engineer with Western Electric in Kearny before retiring in 1980. During his years of retirement, he spent most of his time volunteering for various hospitals, hospices, and Meals on Wheels programs. In addition, he en-

joyed playing golf.

A veteran of WWII, Herb served in the Marine Corps.

Surviving are his former wife, Dolores, the mother of their three children, Richard and wife Patricia of Hillsborough, Kenneth and wife Barbara of Jackson and Susan Alexander and husband Louis of South Plainfield; five grandchildren, Alison, Ryan Buerkle, Kevin Buerkle and twins, Jenna and Stephanie Alexander; and by a brother, Harold.

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

In lieu of flowers memorial donations in his memory may be made to a charity of one's choice.

## 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. or 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.

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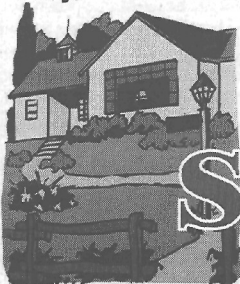


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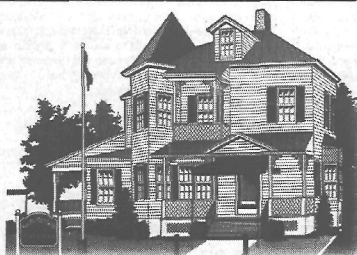
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# In My Opinion

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Alumni Association and the Education Foundation—please visit our Web site at [www.vision2001.org](http://www.vision2001.org).  
**SINCERELY,  
MARJORIE REEDY  
PRESIDENT, SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

## To the Editor:

There are so many people in South Plainfield I want to hug before I retire this June. What if I run out of time? The whirlwind of frustration, recession and politics makes it hard to reach out and capture all the joy I have been a part of in this town.

My 36 year teaching career has been packed full of so many significant milestones and memories: teaching honors, CE program awards, coaching sports, grants, scholarships and working with the most warm and collegial support anyone could ever have. South Plainfield memories include all the outstanding careers launched along the way with over \$1.5M in scholarship money for my C.E. students. I felt immense pride when former Governor Christie Whitman penned a personal letter to me, thanking me for my efforts on behalf of New Jersey's working families. Other highlights include being named "South Plainfield Teacher of the Year" by former Mayor Gallagher and the town council.

I cannot leave without reflecting on my wonderful students, parents and community business partners who have given me the reason to invest a majority of my teaching career here in this district. South Plainfield is a special community with a history of pride and a future filled with great expectations. I cannot thank each of you enough for your support and friendship over the years. I especially want to thank the local business partners who even in tough economic times have supported this program and made my cooperative education program number one in the state for the last



## To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to highly compliment the students, staff and parents who attended Saturday's plant and clean up of the middle school. This group of 45 students were well organized and worked very hard from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Three dozen tomatoes were planted, the pond cleaned of leaves, pink azaleas planted, the areas around the sun dial weeded, then flowers planted, trees trimmed in the courtyard, the front door area improved, zinnias planted, flower beds edged and the area under the middle school

sign on Plainfield Avenue also had plants and flowers planted.

Kudos to Ms. Hottendorf, Ms. Heim, Mrs. Michc, Mrs. Mikaelian, Mrs. Zoda and Mr. Limyansky. Photos were taken by Mrs. Mikaelian that I hope will be shared.

**STEVE NOVAK, JR., PRINCIPAL**

20 years.

As I retire, I feel a bit of sadness as this chapter in my life comes to a close. I look forward to finding out what waits for me as the next chapter opens. I firmly believe in lifelong learning; as a teacher I know I am not yet "finished." I also know that the time has come for me to move on.

South Plainfield will always be my home away from home. I will always be available if you need me. Many thanks, and...

**SINCERELY,  
DEIDRE (DEE) FALATO**

## Dear Editor,

Last week Jack Pederson defended his decision to allow apartments to be built on the Tingley Rubber Site. Councilman McConville was correct; those apartments are going to put a big strain on South Plainfield. These apartments would require emergency services, add traffic to our roads and influence the education system as the state continues to attempt to curb its outrageous spending. Overall, those apartments will put a very bad strain on South Plainfield.

Aren't most of the members on the

## Planning Board Democrats?

What positive impact could this ever have on South Plainfield?

I think that when the terms of the Planning Board members are finished, they should all be replaced.

Isn't Jack Pederson a realtor?

It was great to see a halt to the buildings the Harris Steel Company wanted to construct.

Building on the Tingley Rubber site should also be halted, and it should be halted as soon as possible.

We don't need more buildings in South Plainfield. This would cause a

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negative effect during these already difficult economic time, regardless of what the State Legislatures decides to change.

This is within the borough of South Plainfield and what is good for the town and its taxpayers.

"NO" to the new building in South Plainfield not know knowing what it is going to bring to the town.

**DONNA PISANIELLO**

## To the Editor:

The South Plainfield Library does not have enough room; the senior center has too much room. Switch locations!

The move will benefit the majority of the town and be of little cost to the taxpayers. To "sweeten the deal," the library board should return the surplus funds it has to the town.

**EDWARD J. COLUCCI**

## Prom Dress Swap/Fundraiser

The NJ Chapter of Wish Upon A Hero, in conjunction with their Clothes Angel Program, will hold their first Eco Prom Dress Swap on Saturday, May 15. The inaugural fundraising event will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the senior center, located at 90 Maple Ave.

With the economy tight, and prom attire expensive, this is an opportunity for teens to trade their worn-once formals for something "new" to them. This not only saves the earth by being "green," it saves the "green" in your wallet!

Dress prices will range from \$10 to \$40. Bring your recyclable dress the day of the event, and receive a voucher toward the dress of your choice. Dresses must be damage free, current styles and dry cleaned. Handbags, shoes, jewelry and men's wear will also be available for cash purchase. Raffles will be held to win hair, nail and limo services. A prize will be drawn every hour. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Entry to the event is free! Students should bring a valid school ID to enter, and the first 100 shoppers will receive a bag filled with goodies and surprises. Those under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Proceeds to benefit the Wish Upon A Hero NJ Chapter and the Clothes Angels Program to grant need-based wishes.

For more information, call Beth Derby at (856) 459-7528, or E-mail [beth\\_derby@wishuponahero.com](mailto:beth_derby@wishuponahero.com).

To learn more about Wish Upon A Hero, visit [www.wishuponahero.com](http://www.wishuponahero.com) or [wishuponaherofoundation.org](http://wishuponaherofoundation.org).

## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
CHANCERY DIVISION  
Middlesex County  
DOCKET NO. F-2791-10**

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:  
FRIEDA ZORNES; AGWAY PETROLEUM CORPORATION, D/B/A MOUNT HOLLY AGWAY; MELVIN L. GOLISH, MD, PA.; ALLSTATE/THE VILLAGE APARTMENT; BNY FINANCIAL CORPORATION; FAMILGIA ENTERPRISES; MICHAEL R. INNAURATO; JOHN CLOUGHER; DONALD L. KATZ, PC.

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 BAC Home Loans Servicing LP is plaintiff, and Countywide Home Loans Servicing LP is plaintiff, and Kimberly Johnson and James Johnson Jr., et al are the defendant(s), pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Middlesex County, and bearing Docket No. F-2791-10 within thirty-five (35) days after May 7, 2010 exclusive of such date or if published after May 7, 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 (f) foreclosing a mortgage dated November 15, 2005, made by Kimberly Johnson and James Johnson Jr. as mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as a nominee for Webster Bank, National Association recorded on December 14, 2005, for Middlesex County in Book 11184 Page 762 Instrument# MG 2005 064920 of Mortgage for said County, which mortgage was assigned to the plaintiff, BAC Home Loans Servicing LP, f/k/a Countywide Home Loans Servicing LP, by Assignment dated December 29, 2009; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 120 West Church Street, Milltown, NJ 08850. Lot: 27 Block: 59.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar

Association by calling 1-732-249-5000. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 1-(732) 828-0053. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services offices of the County of venue by calling 1-.

YOU, John Clougher, are hereby made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because of a judgment entered by you against James Johnson in the Superior Court of New Jersey on February 13, 1991 known as Judgment No. J-017055-1991 and Case No. L-069397-88 to secure a debt in an amount of \$13,500.00 plus costs and interest, and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

YOU, Donald L. Katz, PC, are hereby made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because of a judgment entered by you against James Johnson in the Superior Court of New Jersey on April 18, 1991 known as Judgment No. J-043518-1991 and Case No. M-015690-90 to secure a debt in an amount of \$600.00 plus costs and interest, and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

YOU, Frieda Zornes, are hereby made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because of a judgment entered by you against James Johnson in the Superior Court of New Jersey on May 22, 1991 known as Judgment No. DJ058133-1991 and Case No. DC-000913-87 to secure a debt in an amount of \$1,550.00 plus costs and interest, and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

YOU, Agway Petroleum Corporation, d/b/a Mount Holly Agway, are hereby made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because of a judgment entered by you against James Johnson in the Superior Court of New Jersey on May 1, 1995 known as Judgment No. DJ-106228-1995 and Case No. DC-7663-94 to secure a debt in an amount of \$162.59 plus costs and interest, and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

YOU, Melvin L. Golish, MD, PA., are hereby made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because of a judgment entered by you against James Johnson in the Superior Court of New Jersey on June 5, 1995 known as Judgment No. DJ-134351-1995 and Case No. DC-013498-94 to secure a debt in an amount of \$162.10 plus costs and interest, and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

YOU, Allstate/The Village Apt., are hereby made a

party defendant to this foreclosure action because of a judgment entered by you against Kimberly Johnson in the Superior Court of New Jersey on January 2, 1996 known as Judgment No. DJ-000178-1996 and Case No. DC-430-95 to secure a debt in an amount of \$1,823.00 plus costs and interest, and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

YOU, Michael E. Innaurato, are hereby made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because of a judgment entered by you against Kimberly Johnson in the Superior Court of New Jersey on August 21, 2000 known as Judgment No. DJ-163079-2000 and Case No. DC004094-99 to secure a debt in an amount of \$1,062.04, and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

YOU, BNY Financial Corp., are hereby made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because of a judgment entered by you against James Johnson in the Superior Court of New Jersey on May 8, 1997 known as Judgment No. DJ-265889-1997 and Case No. DC-006772-95 to secure a debt in an amount of \$1,949.04, and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

YOU, Famiglia Enterprises, are hereby made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because of a judgment entered by you against Jimmy Johnson in the Superior Court of New Jersey on April 25, 2000 known as Judgment No. DJ-074886-2000 and Case No. DC 004918 98 to secure a debt in an amount of \$10,000.00 plus costs and interest, and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

**Jennifer M. Perez, Clerk  
Superior Court of New Jersey**  
\$81.70 May 7, 2010

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
LEGAL NOTICE**  
April 28, 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 22, 2010.

- A. Case # 09-10-Walter Wojciechowski, Block 202; Lot 30; 131 Ten Eyck Street. The applicant's request for (2) front yard setback variances for an addition & an add-a-level was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.
- B. Case # 13-10-Flavor Dynamics, Block 409; Lot 5; 640 Montrose Avenue. The applicant's request for a front yard setback variance in order to erect an awning was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Beth Knidre  
Secretary-Board of Adjustment  
\$29.45 May 7, 2010

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
ORDINANCE NO. 1882

**AN ORDINANCE REVISING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 131, ALARM SYSTEMS, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD** was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Monday, May 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

**ATTEST:**  
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk  
\$26.62 May 7, 2010

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
ORDINANCE NO. 1890

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$812,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$430,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF** was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Monday, May 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

**ATTEST:**  
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk  
\$28.50 May 7, 2010

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
An appeal has been filed by Allen LaMonda requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a shed that exceeds 200 sq. ft.; Zoning Board of Adjustment approval required; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 208 Hillside Avenue, Block 402, Lot 2; Zone R 1-2 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 27, 2010 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m. The files and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Planning/Zoning Office in Borough Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

\$38.50 May 7, 2010

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(L-R) Former South Plainfield Board of Education and current UNICO member Bob Jones, the South Plainfield High School Brian Piccolo Award Recipients Katie Muglia, Philip Longo and Dylan Papa; South Plainfield Board of Education and UNICO member Debbie Boyle; South Plainfield Councilman Robert Bengivenga Jr.; and Plainfields' Chapter UNICO President Anthony Bengivenga. UNICO is the nation's largest Italian-American volunteer service organization. The Brian Piccolo Awards dinner was held at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains.

## New All-Hazards Alert Radios Will Help Schools Prepare for Emergencies

Middlesex County Freeholder Mildred S. Scott has announced that the Middlesex County Office of Emergency Management is equipping 300 public and private schools throughout the county with new All-Hazards Alert Weather Radios. The radios were purchased with \$13,000 of Federal Homeland Security funding obtained by the Middlesex County Office of Emergency Management.

These radios will all be set to NOAA Weather Radio, a nationwide network of radio stations that broadcasts offi-

cial National Weather Service (NWS) warnings, watches, forecasts and information about other potential hazards.

"When it comes to keeping our children safe, every second counts," said Freeholder Scott, chair of the county's Law and Public Safety Committee. "The radios give school administrators immediate access to the information, putting them in a better position to respond to a dangerous situation if it should arise."

According to NOAA, NWS, work-

ing in conjunction with federal, state and local emergency management officials, is one of the most comprehensive weather and emergency information systems available to the public. NWS broadcasts warnings and post-event information for all types of hazards, including weather (such as tornadoes and floods), natural (such as earthquakes and forest fires), technological (such as chemical releases, oil spills and nuclear power plant emergencies), public safety (such as AMBER alerts or 9-1-1 telephone outages) and national emergencies such as terrorist attacks.

During an emergency, NWS forecasters send out a digital tone followed by specific information about the location and type of emergency that may be occurring. These radios give NWS the ability to send specialized information to targeted counties, ensuring that the warnings the schools receive will pertain to their specific area.

The radios will be placed in an area of the school that has good reception and is constantly monitored, such as a principal's, nurse's or maintenance office. The radios will come with a full-color flip chart, developed by a county task force of emergency management and school officials, which includes instructions of what to do in the case of an actual emergency.

For more information, call Freeholder Scott at (732) 745-4315.

## Get Ready for Spring Tree Planting

Now is the perfect time to start thinking about the spring planting season, and the Arbor Day Foundation is offering an ideal way for everyone to plant trees when the weather turns warm. Every person from New Jersey who joins the Arbor Day Foundation will receive 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees. The 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"Colorado blue spruces will give year-round beauty to homes in New Jersey with their silver blue-green color and attractive conical shape," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "They will also add to the proud heritage of New Jersey's 155 Tree City USA commu-

nities. For more than 30 years, Tree City USA has supported community forestry across New Jersey, and planting these graceful trees will add to this vital tree-planting tradition."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bi-monthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to: Ten Free Colorado Blue Spruce Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb. 68410.

## 1st Annual Sacred Heart 5k Run & 1 Mile Family Fun Walk

Saturday June 5, 2010

Check in 7:30 a.m., Race time 9 a.m.

Sacred Heart School, 1 Sacred Heart Drive, South Plainfield, NJ 07080

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.

**Free T-Shirt to First 100 Paid Participants**

Register at [www.sacredheartsp.net](http://www.sacredheartsp.net) or mail application with check payable to Sacred Heart at the above address.

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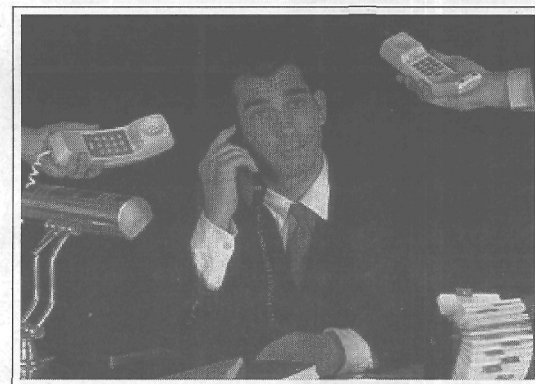
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## Volunteers Clean Up Tons of Borough Trash

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Mall, provided two cases of spring water. A free raffle of eco-friendly door prizes entertained the workers—tote bags made from recycled soda bottles, Clean Communities Program hats and t-shirts, and ornamental shrub saplings.

The piles of orange bags around town bore witness to the dedication of the volunteers as well as to the thoughtlessness of fellow citizens who left the litter for others to clean up. Pinto Brothers Disposal agreed to dispose of the bagged trash free of charge.

There seemed to be less trash this year than usual, for the second year in a row. We may be making progress in the fight against litter and illegal dumping.

Groups that participated in cleanup week included: Adopt-A-Spotter, Stillman Photography Services, The Roseo Family and The Bourbeau Family, Girl Scout Troop 14, Boy Scout Troops 124, 125 and 309, Cub Scout Packs 207, 224 and 324, Keystone Community Vocational Program, Knights of Columbus Squires, Cedarcroft Bible Chapel, Wesley Meth-

odist Church, South Plainfield Middle School Student Council, South Plainfield High School Student Council, South Plainfield Democratic Organization, South Plainfield Republican Organization, Friends of the Woods, South Plainfield Environmental Commission, Safety-Kleen, South Plainfield Funeral Home, Walgreen's, Harris Steel and at least 20 unaffiliated residents who came out on a Saturday morning to help keep their community clean.

## Superintendent Charged with Theft of Education

(Continued from page 1)

false documents, theft by deception, conspiracy to commit theft by deception and false swearing.

Gallon was arrested at the Plainfield school board offices on Tuesday; Kelly surrendered to police in Perth Amboy, and Kemp was arrested at her home in Perth Amboy.

Bail for each defendant was set at \$25,000. Each may post 10 percent cash for release from custody pending further court action.

The three were charged after the investigation determined that on Au-

gust 14, 2009, Kemp and Kelly, who were residents of the Somerset section of Franklin Township, enrolled their children in South Plainfield and provided false documents contending they lived in South Plainfield.

Kemp and Kelly also provided a sworn statement by Gallon, who falsely indicated that the women and their children lived with him at his home at 921 Brennan Court in South Plainfield.

In September 2009, the women and their children moved to Perth Amboy, but the children attended

school in South Plainfield between September 2, 2009, and January 20, 2010, when their mothers removed them from the district.

The investigation showed that Kemp obtained \$5,600 in educational services for her child during the enrollment period, while Kelly obtained \$4,900 in educational services.

As is the case with all criminal defendants, the charges against Gallon, Kemp and Kelly are merely accusations and they are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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By Ronald G. Rios, Chairperson,  
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### 2010 Pancreatic Cancer Walk "Walk with Us to Find a Cure"

According to the American Cancer Society, more than 42,500 people in the United States were diagnosed with pancreatic cancer last year and nearly 35,200 died from the disease.

Though perhaps not as present in the media as some other forms of cancer, pancreatic cancer is no less deadly.

To raise community awareness about the disease and to help raise funds to aid research, the Middlesex County Public Health Department and the Middlesex County Cancer Coalition are sponsoring the Second Annual Pancreatic Cancer Walk.

The event will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 5, and start at the Stephen J. Capestro Theatre (the site where Plays-in-the-Park is shown) inside the county's Roosevelt Park on Route 1 in Edison. I urge residents to come and join us for a morning walk to support a great cause.

Last year's walk raised about \$1,700 to benefit pancreatic research at the Cancer Institute of New Jersey. That funding was put toward a pancreatic cancer clinical trial earlier this year that tested the effectiveness of new vaccine combinations and immune

response. The more we learn about how to treat pancreatic cancer, the more people we can save from this devastating disease.

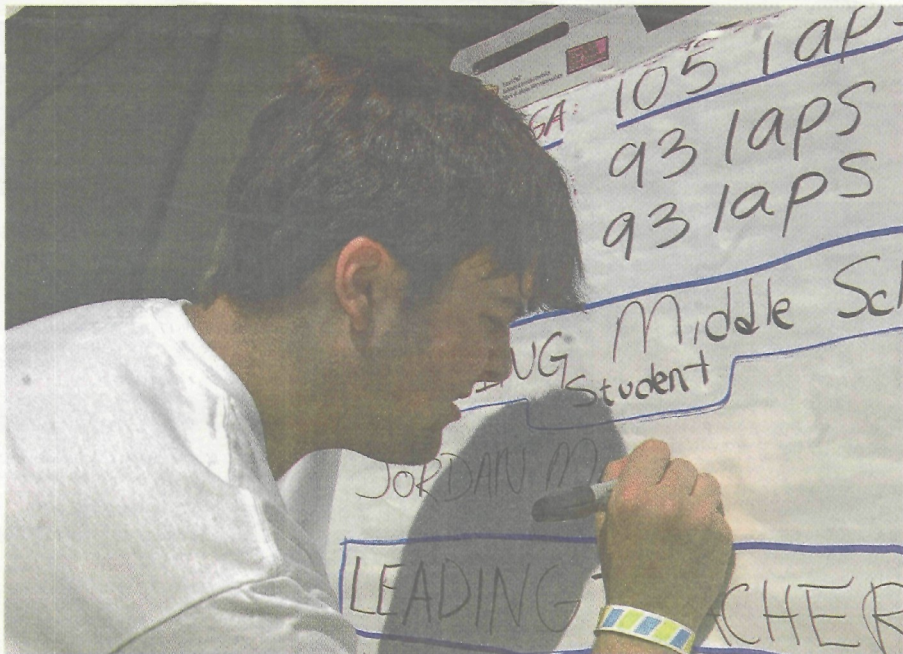
We are very lucky to have the Cancer Institute of New Jersey as a partner again this year and to have students from the Middlesex County Academy for Allied Health and Bio Medical Sciences and the Middlesex County Academy for Science, Math and Engineering Technologies as volunteers to help with the walk.

Persons interested in participating in the walk can visit [www.cinjfoundation.org/index.html](http://www.cinjfoundation.org/index.html) to register. The first 300 people to register online will receive a free t-shirt. Registration is free, but donations are encouraged.

Come and enjoy the morning and bring your friends and family!

If you have questions about the event or need additional information, contact Padma Arvind at (732) 745-3140 or by E-mail at [padma.arvind@co.middlesex.nj.us](mailto:padma.arvind@co.middlesex.nj.us).

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Richard Rotella records laps of students participating in Tiger 24.

### High School Tiger 24 Benefits Families in Need

By Patricia Abbott

Tiger 24, a favorite event with high school students, was held on April 24. Tiger 24 is a multifaceted outdoor event which offers fun for everyone—athlete, spectator or just friends looking to socialize.

The entrance fee was \$10. Those who came to run or walk paid a flat fee or \$25 in pledges. The fee included a t-shirt.

The event began at 9 a.m. with runners and walkers assembling at the Jost Field track. Each runner/walker wore a number, which aided Tiger 24 volunteers in keeping track of their progress throughout the day and evening.

The Athletic Booster Club was on hand selling hamburgers, hot dogs, cold drinks and snacks until after 10 p.m. Proceeds from the snack stand were donated to Tiger 24 and will benefit local families and charities.

Food was donated by Sodexo and the Athletic Booster Club. Club members also manned the booth throughout the day and evening.

SPHS Peer Leadership students planned and manned activities during the day and evening, assisting in many of the jobs required to hold a successful event. The students helped with lap counting, hanging signs and manning the Gatorade/water booth.

Volleyball teams began play in the early afternoon, along with Gaga teams. Organizers were happy to have so many middle school students participating in the festivities this year. Directors/supervisors for 2010 Tiger 24 were Marla Vandermark, Tony Encinas, Jessica Marconi-Krskowski and

Anthony Emmons.

Principal Dr. Kenneth May paid a visit early in the day and returned later to observe the activities. Board of Education member Debbie Boyle volunteered throughout the day. BOE member Bill Seesselberg also visited the busy event. Many teachers showed up to walk or run. Others helped officiate tournaments or volunteer with other activities.

Approximately 95 youths partici-

school and Kevin Hajduk from the middle school.

Children's activities began at 11 a.m. with face painting, coloring, a visit from the SPHS Tiger Mascot, relay races, tattoos, a donut eating contest and a nail polish booth.

A deejay began at 6 p.m. and a volleyball game took place later in the evening. Among favorite events were the Gaga Tournament, also known as Israeli Dodge Ball. Three area bands

### policereport

- On April 20, a Milford resident reported the theft of a canvas tool carrier with various tools worth \$1,000 from their pick-up truck that was parked at Home Depot.
- On April 21, Miguel A. Santiago, 50, of South Plainfield was arrested

for aggravated assault.

- A Wadsworth Avenue resident reported the theft of an unlocked boy's Columbia bike from their residence.
- On April 22, Ian J. Wallace-Bristol, 20, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license, unclear license plates and two outstanding warrants.
- On April 23, Kya Aquila Brooks, 21, of Roselle and Shaquana R. Goffe, 19, of Plainfield were arrested at Shop Fair for shoplifting \$22 worth of hair extensions.
- On April 26, Luis Bautista-Sanchez, 33, of Somerset was arrested at Pathmark for shoplifting \$871 worth of cosmetics.
- Senecia O. Andries, 19, of Plainfield was arrested at Shoppers World for shoplifting \$27 worth of underwear.
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Students relax between events at Tiger 24.

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played throughout the afternoon. Performing were "A Clear Blurr," "Battle Begun" and "Feels Like Saturday."

The event has grown by leaps and bounds over the past seven years. It began with an organization that managed the event, but the fee reduced profits. Several years ago the school took over running the event. In 2007 the event was changed from a 24-hour event to 9 a.m. to midnight.

This year Tiger 24 ended about 11 p.m. due to rain.

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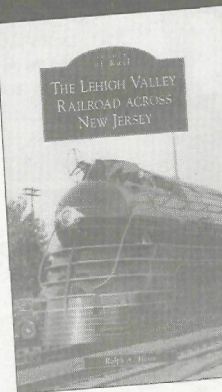
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