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Marge Reedy, South Plainfield Education Foundation art auction organizer, discusses auction details with Sandy Reedy.

Art Auction Benefits SPHS Hall of Fame

By Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield Education Foundation and the newly formed South Plainfield Alumni Association held an art auction on April 30 in the high school cafeteria. Approximately one dozen works of art were sold. The event was run by Marlin Art of Deer Park, N.Y.

Proceeds from the auction will help support the annual SPHS Hall of Fame luncheon and awards.

Artwork by various artists in a

variety of media and price ranges were on display. Genres included contemporary, sports, African-American, Americana, seascapes, children, impressionism, wildlife and more.

While viewing the 150 diverse works of art, guests enjoyed food provided by Hometown Heros, B&C Deli, Corner Deli, Ferraro Foods, Debbie and Bob Boyle and the Boyle Foundation, and Sodexo.

On hand to run the event were foundation members, including

Marge Reedy who organized the auction, Carolyn Allen, Debbie and Bob Boyle and Reedy's daughter, Sandy. Joe Cirigliano enlisted the assistance of students Angela De Santis, Julie Tran, Andrew Nguyen, Bria Thomas, Samiah Greene and Hailey Caron to keep the artwork moving to and from the stand.

Board of Education member Bill Seesselberg, Councilman Ray Rusnak and former BOE member Bob Jones attended the event.

During the course of the year the foundation works to raise funds for scholarships for high school seniors and the high school's Gold Card program. Reedy, foundation president, remarked, "We would love to be able to help more with the district, but funding is limited. Our annual telethon has brought in about \$7,800 so far. About half went to scholarships and the Gold Card program; the rest is slated for other things. Some money has been donated to other scholarships, like Emil Leporino and Ken LaFreniere."

Due to the increasing popularity of art auction fundraisers, the foundation had not held an auction since 2005, noted Reedy.

The first auction was held at the Holiday Inn and the foundation discovered that holding the event outside the school was costly and drew too much of the proceeds away from the foundation's projects.

To make a donation online, please visit www.vision2001.bbnow.org/donate.php.



Our Lady of Czestochowa R.C. Church held the annual May Crowning in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Mother's Day, May 9. The crowning of the statue was performed by the May Queen, Jessica Mancera, and her court, which included Sabrina Hemming, Mary Ann Novak, Natalie Mancera and Lauren Niemeyer. The blessed event was led by Rev. J. Maciej Melaniuk and Deacon Richard Kenton. After the crowning the First Holy Communion Class then adorned the Blessed Mother Mary with beautiful flowers.

Council Cuts \$1.25M From BOE Budget

The Borough Council voted unanimously on a resolution approving a reduction of \$1.25M in the tax levy as a result of the defeated school budget, along with an addendum recommending further reductions totaling \$725,000, at a special meeting held Monday night.

The \$53M school budget was overwhelmingly defeated in the April 20 school elections by a vote of 2,096 to 1,398. When a school budget is defeated, the council has the authority to recommend reductions in expenses and the board can either approve the cuts or appeal them.

The recommended cuts include \$250,000 in savings due to a change

in insurance carriers, \$375,000 in anticipation of the newly enacted law requiring a 1.5% employee contribution toward health care coverage and a decrease in budgeted raises which would affect every employee in the district, including the superintendent.

The last suggestion would mean reopening talks with the unions. Mayor Charles Buttrick emphasized that the council is not recommending a wage freeze, but a reduced percentage of their increases. Rusnak stressed that none of the proposed recommendations would jeopardize teachers' positions nor district programs.

The analysis of the budget began

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Council Waives Fees for Non-Profit, Encourages PBA to Follow Suit

The Borough Council voted unanimously on Monday to waive the police vehicle and administrative security service fees for Our Lady of Czestochowa's (OLC) Feast of St. Anthony scheduled for next month. Additionally, the council voted in favor of asking members of the police department to agree to a reduction in the hourly rate for off-duty security services for the event. Both are effective for this year only.

The rate of pay for an off-duty police is calculated at 1½ times the compensation rate presently payable to a Class B patrolman (\$62). An administrative fee of \$5, or \$2 for non-profit organizations, is added on by the borough. A

\$15 per hour fee is also charged for the use of a patrol vehicle.

OLC Finance Committeeman Frank Mikorski has been asking the council for many months for a reduction in the hourly rate for police security or a waiver of the fees for the feast. Mikorski, along with other OLC parishioners, met with the borough's PBA officials asking them to "meet them halfway." Mikorski said, "They weren't in a position to change." The church paid police security roughly \$11,000 from the total income from last year's feast. "This is an issue whose time has come," said Mikorski.

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Grant School Drama Club students

Drama Club Rehearsing For High School Musical jr.

Grant School Drama Club students are busy preparing for their production of Disney's *High School Musical jr.* slated to open on Tuesday, May 18.

The show is a junior version of Disney's acclaimed movie trilogy. The movies were also made into a live stage show that has toured the country.

The drama students are having a great time, and the show has a great message: it doesn't matter if you play basketball or if you are a "brainiac."

Follow your dreams and "don't stick to the status quo."

This year's Drama Club production is directed and choreographed by Joan Stasio, Brittany DeNitzio and Lizbet Arriola.

High School Musical jr. will be performed at Grant School in the gym on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 18 and 19, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$4 and will be available at the door.

For more information, call Grant School at (908) 754-4620.



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Borough Council & BOE

Council meetings air on Comcast Channel 96 Mondays at 7 p.m. BOE meetings air on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

To purchase a complete copy of a council or BOE meeting, contact the *Observer*.

(Check Comcast community bulletin board for last minute time changes.)

council meetings

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

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

Agenda Meeting Public Meeting

May 17 May 17

June 7 June 7

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

planningboard

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

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

May 25, June 8, June 22, July 13, July 27, Aug. 10, Aug. 24, Sept. 14,

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

zoning board of adjustment

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

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

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: 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 plans 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

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 Monday, June 28

In My Opinion

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

To the Editor:

The South Plainfield Education Foundation held its third annual wine tasting event on May 7 at the Italian American Club. The event was attended by over 60 people.

This was a wonderful event—made possible by quite a few people. We would like to thank the entire Ratti Family, owners of Oak Tree Discount Wine and Spirits, for securing the vendors for the last two years.

We would also like to thank Flanagan's Restaurant, Hometown Heros, Ferraro Foods and Debbie and Bob Boyle for supplying the delicious food selections. The members of the Education Foundation are grateful for all those who support us on a regular basis. The support of our sponsors means a lot to us. Please patronize our sponsors—we truly appreciate all that they do for us and our community.

I would like to thank several people who were instrumental in ensuring a successful event. Rob Richkus, Bob Boyle of Ferraro Foods, Debbie Boyle, Charlie and Debbie Kurland and all the members of the Education Foundation for their help from selling tickets to setting up and cleaning up.

We are already looking forward to our next wine tasting!

For more information on the Education Foundation, visit our Web site at www.vision2001.org.

MARJORIE M. REEDY
PRESIDENT-SOUTH PLAINFIELD
EDUCATION FOUNDATION

To the Editor:

On April 18, 2010 my wife, Theresa K. Binder, passed away. McCriscin-Gustafson Home For Funerals was put in charge of making arrangements. With the help of Jim Gustafson and staff, a very sad and stressful situation was eased for the family because of the way everything was so compassionately executed. Everything we could think of was done and then some—even driving us to probate in New Brunswick.

Thank you again for your kindness.

RESPECTFULLY,
THE FAMILY OF THERESA BINDER

Dear Editor,

I'll make this short and sweet. On May 5, John Haley, writer for the *Star Ledger*, wrote an article on Don Panzarella (high school softball coach) that inspired me to write my first letter to a newspaper. In Haley's column he suggested that the softball field that Donald frequents so often, to be named after him. Now I know due to our economic situation there isn't much money around to spend freely which brings me to my suggestion. If someone on the administration is willing to endorse this idea of naming the

field after Donald and can make this happen, his family will chip in and pay for the sign to be displayed at the field. It will cost taxpayers nothing, and it will make all the difference in the world to a coach who can take a different group of girls every year and take them to the top! He is the most dedicated man I know to his team. He even maintains the lawn at the field on his time, due to budget cuts. If anyone deserves this honor it is Donald Panzarella, my uncle!

PJ PANZARELLA

To the Editor:

My name is Kelly Moyers and I have been organizing a clean-up day at Spring Lake Park on Sunday, May 16, and offering it as a volunteer event and celebration for the students of Grant School where my daughter attends sixth grade.

The purpose of this event is to create an opportunity for the students of Grant School and guests to interact with each other in a spirit of citizenship and celebration. Picking up litter in the park is not only useful, but when done with friends, even fun. I really believe that children love opportunities that allow them to show up as important members of their community. This park belongs to the students too and I know they will enjoy caring for it.

I am participating in a program looking at leadership and self-expression at Landmark Education and when I chose a project to create I knew that I really wanted to create an opportunity that included children and families in the public spaces of our town. I spent some time talking with Middlesex County Parks and Recreation Commission supervisor of Spring Lake Park, John Evans. It is important to me that a service project be founded in the needs of those it seeks to serve and with Evans help and guidance this program came to be.

I would love to see this event be enormously crowded. Even better would be to see other residents in South Plainfield take this project on and repeat it every month. I can think of no better way to get to know the folks in my town.

KELLY M. MOYERS

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Send your letters to South Plainfield Observer, 1110 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, or fax to 908-668-8819, or via E mail: spobserver@comcast.net. **Deadline is Monday, 5 p.m.** Letters must be accompanied by a name and telephone number for verification. Limit letters to no more than 200 words. We reserve the right to refuse a letter, to edit for clarity or length, and to limit the number of letters submitted on the same subject. Submission is not a guarantee of publication. We do not accept anonymous letters. Letters are strictly opinion.

To the Editor:

I am writing on behalf of the Wobbly Feet Foundation Inc. regarding a special opportunity for you to support the Second Annual Wifflemania Tournament to help strike out ataxia telangiectasia (A-T) on Saturday, May 22, at Daniel P. Ryan Memorial Field in Monroe Township.

Wobbly Feet Foundation Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization created by Nick and Samantha Dzembow after their young son, Connor, was diagnosed with this rare genetic disease. With only about 500 known cases in the United States, the Dzembows are on a mission, through their charity, Wobbly Feet, to stimulate and support advanced research, provide education through an Internet-based support group and grant financial support to medical professionals who conduct medical research for the improvement and cure of (A-T).

Wifflemania is hosting this special event, a day filled with friends, families and supporters from around the community to shine a light on the children living with A-T. All proceeds will go directly to Wobbly Feet Foundation Inc. to help ultimately find a cure for ataxia telangiectasia.

Confirmed supporters to date include: Nike, Red Bull, Verizon, Somerset Patriots, Hooters, Grandstand Sports and Be a Hero Drunk Driving Campaign.

I appreciate any assistance that you can lend to this very worthwhile event.

Personal donations and corporate sponsorships can be made payable and mailed to: Wobbly Feet Foundation Inc., c/o Andrew Stern, 4 Driftwood Ct., Monroe Twp., N.J. 08831.

WITH MY SINCEREST THANKS,
ANDREW STERN

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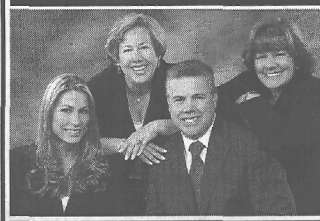
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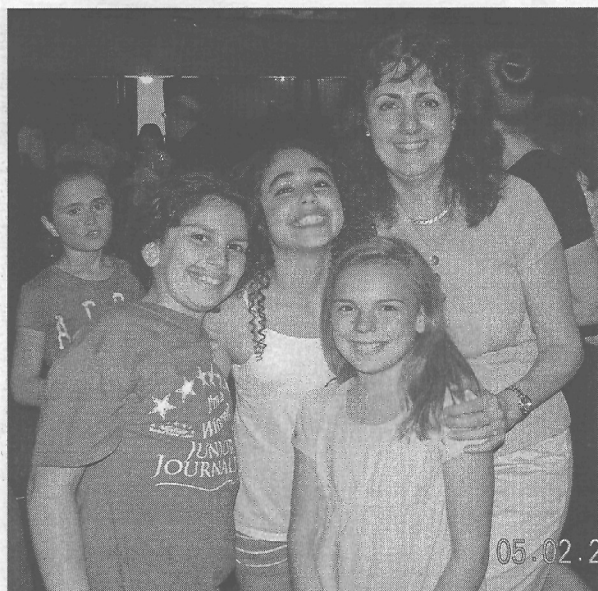
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Pictured (L to R) are Dania Mohtadi, Tala Abdeljaber and Skylar Davisson with teacher Barbara Habeeb.

Kennedy School Students Perform at Forum Theater

Kennedy Elementary School students Tala and Dina Abdeljaber, Dania Mohtadi and Skylar Davisson had the distinction of performing in Walt Disney's *Cinderella Kids* at the Forum Theater in Metuchen this past weekend. They auditioned for the Forum Theater Company's "Stars on Stage" program and were selected to perform in the show on Friday and Saturday evening as well as two matinees on Sunday.

Tala, a fourth grader, played the wicked stepmother Anastasia. Her sister Dina, a first grader, played Chris Mouse. Dania, also in fourth grade, played the town crier and Skylar Davisson, a third grade student, played

Bonnie Mouse. All four students sang and danced. Dania, Tala and Skylar also had speaking parts as well.

Skylar, Dania and Tala participate in the school third and fourth grade chorus. Skylar and Tala were both selected by their teachers for the music portion of the Language, Arts, Music Program (LAMP) for gifted and talented students.

"I believe it is the great music programs we have in South Plainfield Public Schools that help inspire these young students to have a passion for music. I am so proud of these four girls and I am proud to be their music teacher," said Barbara Habeeb.

Armed Robbery at Burger King

South Plainfield Police responded to Burger King, located at 1517 Park Ave., on the report of an armed robbery on May 9 at 9:50 p.m.

The victim, an 18-year-old male from Edison, indicated that a man entered the establishment brandishing a black handgun demanding cash. The cashier provided the proceeds, which totaled \$118 in cash. The robber then

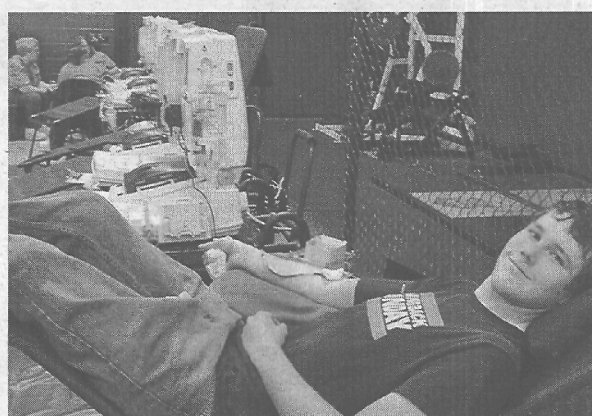
fled and ran northbound on Park Avenue into Plainfield. The suspect is described as a light skinned African-American male, approximately 20-25 years old, 5'10", wearing all black, and a red baseball cap, with a red bandana across the bottom of his face.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Lt. James Parker at (908) 226-7666.

Middle School Sponsors Blood Drive

South Plainfield Middle School PTO second annual blood drive on April 13 collected 110 pints of blood from 123 donors for use by New Jersey Blood Service of New Brunswick.

The event was held in the SPHS gym with the help of Student Council members Andrew Nguyen, Ryan Flanagan, Lauren Conrad, Emily Piekarski, Brittany Alvarado, Mark Benak and Kimberly Percario, along with their advisor Tony Encinas and supervised by PTO President Debbie Boyle. New Jersey Blood Service will donate \$500 to the Club at Ricochet for the Project Graduation celebration in June. Thanks to high school Principal Dr. Ken May for the use of his building, the student council and students for giving the precious gift of life to someone else.



Senior Brian Babinetts relaxes while a machine draws red blood cells from his body and returns the blood back into his arm. The process takes about 40 minutes.

South Plainfield Man Indicted in Labor Day Attack

A South Plainfield man has been indicted by the Middlesex County grand jury on charges stemming from the attack of a borough employee, whose neck was cut on Labor Day.

Anthony K. Cole, 24, of Woolworth Avenue in South Plainfield, was charged with attempted murder, unlawful possession of a weapon, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and hindering his apprehension or prosecution. A separate indictment charged Cole with a count of certain persons not to have weapons.

The grand jury handed up the charges on April 21 following a presentation by Middlesex County Assistant Prosecutor Christopher Kuberiet, who oversees the Middlesex County Gangs, Guns and Drugs Task Force in the prosecutor's office.

The panel reviewed the case follow-

ing an investigation by members of the South Plainfield Police Department, who determined that Cole approached David Donatelli, 53, from behind and cut his neck with a knife on September 7, 2009, at Spring Lake Park.

Donatelli, who is employed by the borough's public works department, was shutting off park lights at the end of the borough's Labor Day celebra-

tion when he was attacked shortly before 8:48 p.m.

Donatelli was taken to JFK Medical Center in Edison, where he was treated.

An on-going investigation by South Plainfield Police led to the arrest of Cole on December 16, 2009.

As is the case with all criminal defendants, Cole is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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Around Town

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.

Plainfields' UNICO 50s Style Dance

May 14

The Plainfields' Chapter of UNICO is holding a 50s style dance, "Let's Go To The Hop," on Friday, May 14, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 243 Oak Tree Ave. featuring a deejay playing period hits, food, hula hoops, bubble gum, a best dressed contest and more! Tickets are \$20 (a donation to UNICO).

To purchase tickets, call Carol at (908) 756-9320.

Grant School Litter Pick-up Party

May 16

Grant School parent Kelly Moyers is asking for your help in keeping our parks clean. Meet at the Maple Avenue parking lot of Spring Lake Park on Sunday, May 16, at 1 p.m. to spend a few hours taking care of our park and our community. All are welcome to join.

For more information, call Kelly at (908) 361-0959 or E-mail kmmoyers@gmail.com.

High School Musical jr. By Grant Drama Club

May 18, 19

The Grant School Drama Club will perform *High School Musical jr.* on Tuesday, May 18, and Thursday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$4 and available at the door.

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.

Annual Memorial Day Ceremonies

May 31

The American Legion Post #243 and The VFW Memorial Post #6763 invite the public to their annual Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 31. Ceremonies start at the VFW on Front Street at 9 a.m. and end at the American Legion Post on Oak Tree Avenue about 10:30 or 11 a.m. In between there will be wreath laying ceremony at Veteran's Park and the three cemeteries in South Plainfield.

Refreshments served afterwards at The American Legion Post. The public is welcome to attend.

Rescue Squad Flea Market/Craft Sale

June 5

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad will hold a flea market/craft sale on Saturday, June 5, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the rescue squad building located on Plainfield Avenue. Tables are available for \$25.

For additional information or to reserve a table, call (908) 917-7920.

First Annual 5K Run And Family Fun Walk

June 5

Sacred Heart School is holding its first annual 5K run and walk on Saturday, June 5. Race time is 9 a.m.; check in at 7:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart School, 1 Sacred Heart Drive.

Entry fees for the 5K race are \$25 after May 1 and on the day of the race; \$5 for students with valid school ID or report card copy. Entry fee for one mile walk is \$10 per family or individual. Free t-shirt to first 100 paid participants.

Register at www.sacredheartsp.net or mail completed application with check payable to Sacred Heart to the above address.

For more information, contact Carl Adlassnig at randcautobody@aol.com or call (908) 757-1933.

Feast of Sacred Heart Celebrated

June 11

A Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart will be held on Friday, June 11, at 7 p.m., followed by an evening of sacred music featuring the talents of the Sacred Heart Handbell Choirs, children's choir and adult choir under the direction of Daniel Mahoney.

— Out of Town —

Middlesex East WOWs Dance

May 14

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers, Carteret Chapter, will hold an open dance on Friday, May 14, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at The American Legion Hall, 1155 Roosevelt Ave. in Carteret. Live music and refreshments. Admission: \$10 members; \$12 guests.

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

Coin Show

May 14-15

The Garden State Numismatic Association will hold their three day convention at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 135 Davidson Ave. in Somerset on 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.

Free parking. Admission: \$3/non-members. Join the GSNA for \$7 and receive free admittance.

For more information, visit www.gsna.org, E-mail tash67@embarqmail.com or call (973) 875-7926.

American Indian Storytelling

May 15

Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission will present traditional American Indian storyteller Bobby Gonzalez at The Lodge in Thompson Park, 1701 Perrineville Rd. in Jamesburg/Monroe on Saturday, May 15, at 2 p.m.

This family oriented program includes American Indian stories from the Seneca, Mohawk, Creek and other tribes of North America, whose ancient legends relate to native history, culture and values.

For information or to register for this free program, call (732) 745-4489.

Edison Arts Society Reception

May 15

The Edison Arts Society is holding a reception for the creative arts workshops on Saturday, May 15, at 3 p.m. at The Heritage at Clara Barton, 1015 Amboy Ave. in Edison. An afternoon of haiku poetry readings and discussion, tai chi and musical performance, and a watercolor art display. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, call (908) 753-2787 or visit our Web site at Edisonarts.org.

SENIOR CENTER *Calendar*

Coming Up.....

May 20-Bally's
June 7-10 Niagara Falls
Oct 11-15 Indian Head Resort
(Call the senior center for more info)

MONDAYS

Silver Sneakers 8:45 am
Crocheting 9:30-11:30 am
Yoga 10:30 am
Art Class 11:30 am

TUESDAYS

Bingo 10 am-2 pm
Ladies Group 10 am

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

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

Senior Center is open daily 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Closed Saturdays and Sundays

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

Bingo 10 am-2 pm

The Connection at Willow Grove

May 15

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, 1961 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains, invites you to join us at 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 15, for inspiring music, multimedia, a relevant message and a time to connect with God and other people. Good coffee and desserts will be served. Childcare for young children is provided. Activities packets for children are available.

For information, visit our Web site at www.willowgrovechurch.org.

Steppin' Out Singles Upscale Dance

May 15

Steppin' Out Singles is holding an upscale dance on Saturday, May 15, at 8:30 p.m. at the Woodbridge Hilton, 20 Wood Ave. Ages 40 and up; no jeans/sneakers. Admission: \$15.

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

Temple Sholom Hosts Casino Night

May 15

Temple Sholom in Fanwood/Scotch Plains, 74 South Martine Ave. 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 prizes. Refreshments are included in the ticket price.

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

Middlesex County Arthritis Walk

May 16

The Arthritis Foundation, NJ Chapter Middlesex County Arthritis Walk will be held at Middlesex County College on Sunday, May 16. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with movement demos, vendors, free massages, live entertainment, kids activities and more. Participants begin walking at 10 a.m.

To register as a team or an individual walker, call (732) 283-4300, ext. 329 or online at www.msxaw.kintera.org/.

Go Red for Women Luncheon

May 17

Join close to 500 people at the eighth annual American Heart Association Garden State Go Red for Women luncheon at the Palace at Somerset Park in Somerset on Monday, May 17.

For ticket pricing or more information, call (609) 223-3727.

Foundation for Education Dinner

May 19

The Diocese of Metuchen Foundation for Education Dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 19, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at The Palace at Somerset Park, 333 Davidson Ave. in Somerset.

Funds raised provide tuition assistance grants to aid low and moderate income families whose children attend diocesan schools. Guest speaker will be the best-selling fiction author, Mary Higgins Clark. Cost: \$250 per person.

For more information, call (732) 562-2429.

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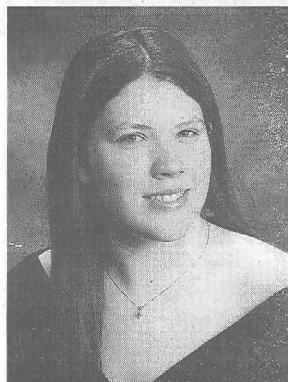
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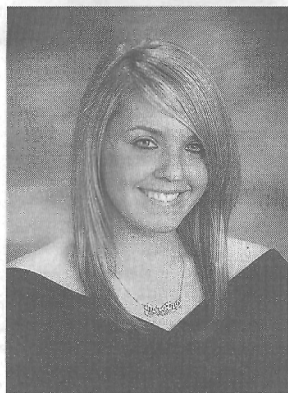
Eileen Cameron

Eileen Cameron Accepted into Honour Society

Eileen Cameron of South Plainfield has accepted membership in Golden Key International Honour Society and was honored during a recent induction ceremony at Ramapo College of New Jersey.

"It is only fitting that a top academic achiever like Eileen be recognized by Golden Key," said John W. Mitchell, Golden Key's Chief Executive Officer. "Our members are inspired and motivated not only to achieve exceptional academic accomplishments, but also to make a positive impact on our world through the Society's commitment to service."

Golden Key International Honour Society provides academic recognition to top-performing college and university students, as well as scholarships and awards, career and internship opportunities, networking, service and leadership development opportunities.



Dottie Cameron

Dottie Cameron Named 'Player of The Week'

Dottie Cameron of South Plainfield, a junior at Husson University, was named Player of the Week on April 12. The Eagles softball team went 8-0 with the help of Dottie who went 15 for 31 (.484) at the plate. She scored 14 runs and racked up 15 RBI, finishing the week with three doubles, a triple, a homerun and nine stolen bases.

Christopher Lesniak Named to Dean's List

Christopher Lesniak, a 2009 graduate of South Plainfield High School, has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Villanova University in Villanova, Pa.

To receive this honor, students must maintain a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Christopher is a freshman majoring in biology.

Mark A. Spaldo Selected New Director of Patriots' Path Council

Patriots' Path Council has selected Mark A. Spaldo as the new director of field service replacing Todd Lamison.

Spaldo is currently the district director serving three districts and provides leadership to the council popcorn campaign and the



Mark A. Spaldo

family Friends of Scouting campaign.

He is an Eagle Scout, Brotherhood Member of the Order of the Arrow and a member of Rotary International.

Spaldo will assume the responsibilities of director of field service effective June 1.

Blow Sisters Earn Highest Award At New Jersey Orators Competition

Ariya Blow and sister, Anjali Blow, who are in the second and third grade respectively, received the highest award granted, "The Award of Excellence," after competing in the New Jersey Orators, Inc. public speaking competition on May 1. The South Plainfield residents are students at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in North Edison.

Ariya presented in the category of Oral Interpretation of Poetry with several selections on friendship. Anjali presented in the category of Dramatic Interpretation of Prose with a selection entitled, "A Symphony of Brotherhood, and Musical Journey in the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."

Anjali was selected as one of three children out of over 100 competitors to make her presentation to the crowd



Ariya and Anjali Blow

of over 300 people and received a standing ovation for her presentation.

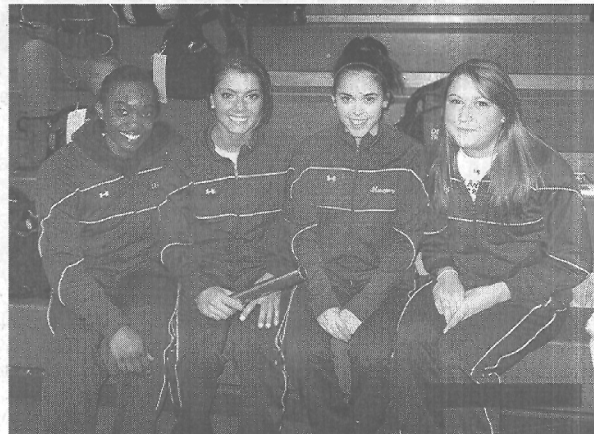
Ariya and Anjali are the daughters of Scott and Lynda Blow of South Plainfield.

Stephen Lindgren Graduates E. Stroudsburg

Stephen G. Lindgren, a resident of South Plainfield, received a B.A. in sociology at graduation ceremonies held on May 7.

He was among the record 1,140

students receiving degrees from East Stroudsburg University (ESU) of Pennsylvania at separate commencement exercises for undergraduate and graduate students.



Asia Hollis (L) and the University of Delaware Women's Relay Team.

Asia Hollis and University of Delaware Women Shatter School Record in Relays

The University of Delaware women's outdoor track and field team closed out competition at the prestigious Penn Relays in a big way with the UD women shattering the school record in the 4x200 meter relay.

The women's team of Asia Hollis of South Plainfield, Vicky Caruso, Cristine Marquez and Kristi Cox stole the show for the Blue Hens placing third in the ECAC 4x200 meter relay event with a time of 1:36.55, shattering the mark of 1:39.89 they had established earlier by more than three seconds. The same foursome also set a school record in the 4x100 meter relay during the competition.

Asia is a 2007 graduate of South

Plainfield High School. Prior to transferring to the University of Delaware, she attended Lafayette College, where she was a track and field student athlete. While at Lafayette, Asia was awarded the Patriot League Sportsmanship Award, which recognizes and honors exemplary sporting behavior by all student athletes, coaches, teams as a whole and staff members with the intercollegiate athletic program.

She transferred to the University of Delaware in 2009 and continues to excel as a student athlete.

Asia is the daughter of Nathan and Althea Hollis, and the twin sister of Brittany, a third year student at the University of Maryland, College Park.

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This year, 12 students from four elementary schools (Sacred Heart did not participate) were the lucky recipients of a dozen red roses (courtesy of Mohn's

Flowers).

Moms were overwhelmed and joyful to be the recipients.

Special thanks to Mohn's Florist co-owners, Georgeann and Bill Cochrane, who donate the flowers and their time.



Ricky Bolesta with mom, Cindy



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Kristi Maher with mom Cynthia



Sarah Regan, mom Gloria and sister Emma



Melanie Stewart and mom Kathleen Gallagher



Franklin Students Serenade Grandparents—Franklin School students invited their grandparents to join them for breakfast in the school cafeteria on April 23. As the grandparents arrived they were treated to a selection of songs performed by the kindergarten classes, including *Take Me To My Grandparents*, *Rise and Shine* and *You Are My Sunshine*. The students also read a grandparents' poem. The youngsters and guests enjoyed a buffet style breakfast with a variety of food. The choices included cereal, milk, bagels, fresh fruit, toast, juice, coffee and more. The cafeteria was decorated for the occasion with family pictures drawn by the children, and the tables were covered in colorful tablecloths. Every set of grandparents received a plant courtesy of Franklin School PTO.

Girl Scouts Geek Squad Summer Academy

Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey is currently taking registrations for the Geek Squad Summer Academy, an exclusive program offered by Best Buy's Geek Squad Agents. This program is open to all girls entering grades six through 12 in the fall who would like an opportunity to increase their technology know-how.

The program will explore a variety of topics, including digital media,

Internet communications, green technology and Web site design.

Geek Squad Summer Academy, a national program started by Geek Squad Agents in 2006 and hosted by Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey, will take place August 3-5, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Mount Saint Mary Academy, 1645 U.S. 22 in Watchung. The three day program will teach girls the basic components of technology through

fun, engaging and informative activities not likely found in a traditional school setting.

Cost for the program is \$38 per girl, which includes wearable Geek Squad gear (there is an additional cost of \$12 for non Girl Scouts, which includes Girl Scout membership and access to other Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey programs.)

The mission of the Geek Squad Summer Academy is to inspire a passion for, and comfort with, technology through fun interactive classes and activities. By partnering with the Geek Squad Summer Academy, Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey aims to enhance the understanding of technology for girls in the council's communities. This program will help girls confidently, resourcefully, and effectively navigate the increasingly connected world and broaden the possibility of a future in high-tech culture.

Girls can make new friends while learning new skills. All girls are welcome to participate regardless of their prior knowledge of and comfort level with technology.

For information on Girl Scouts, call (908) 232-3236 or visit www.gshnj.org. Direct inquiries about this program to Ariel Garfinkel, program specialist, at (973) 746-8200, ext. 140 or agarfinkel@gshnj.org.

Council Waives Fees for Non-Profit

(Continued from page 1)

who feels that any organization that is non-profit should be considered for the reduction. The monies raised at the annual event is used to maintain the church structure and grounds.

Last fall, the local PBA established an agreement with the N.J. Motor Vehicle Commission to employ a full-time, off-duty police officer at a reduced rate of \$42 per hour. The compensation is paid by the commission's Law Enforcement Agency Security Enhancement Program. According to Mayor Charles Butrico, the commission located on Oak Tree Avenue wanted an armed officer in the building to deal with agitated patrons and those in possession of falsified documents.

"I am pleased that the governing

body could assist Our Lady of Czestochowa in controlling the cost of security services for the Feast of St. Anthony," said Council President and Public Safety Chair Matt Anesh. "I've spoken with the PBA, along with Mayor Butrico and Councilman Ray Rusnak, to encourage them to work with the parish to reduce the cost of off-duty police services for the feast. On Monday, the entire governing body voted to formally request a reduction in the hourly rate, and we remain hopeful that an agreement can be reached."

The Feast of St. Anthony will take place at OLC on Hamilton Boulevard June 1 through 5 and will feature rides and games as well as homemade food prepared by the parishioners.

From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Sunnie Randolph

Children's storytimes and crafts are cancelled May 17, 18 and 19. Normal programs will be held on Thursday. At 10:30 a.m. is Time for 2s and 3s. At 1:15 p.m. there will be a storytime and crafts for children ages 3 and older. On Friday the program Books & Babies for children ages 2 and up will be held at 10:30 a.m.

Book Donations: When donating books to the library, please go through them and throw out the ones that are smelly, yellow, torn and have mildew. There is no sense in you carrying them to the library and the library staff having to throw them out. The library does take books in

good condition. The library accepts no encyclopedias, textbooks or magazines. Please do not leave boxes of books outside the library when the library is closed.

Be aware that the library has security cameras in use in the library. They cover all areas of the library and daily activity in the library is recorded. There have been cases of vandalism in the children's room by children not monitored by their parents. We have these incidents on DVD. Any further incidents will be reported to the police department. The police will also be notified of any incidents with students hanging out in the library after school.



Stepping Stones Learning Center's 3-4 year olds and Pre-K classes plant a tree for Arbor Day. The children learned about taking care of trees. They sang a song and each had the opportunity to place dirt around the tree.



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Sports

Tiger Sharks to Host Meet and Greet

The Tiger Sharks Meet and Greet with the swim and dive coaches will be on Monday, May 17, at 7 p.m. at the PAL. Anyone interested in swimming or diving for the team should attend.



U-11 SOCCER

By Greg Hoffman

Busy Weekend for U11 Arsenal

South Plainfield Soccer Club's U-11 boy's team, Arsenal, ran into Stronghold Orel, an excellent Peapack-Gladstone team, on Saturday night. Even though Arsenal played very well, they still came up on the short end, 3-0.

Caleb Kuberiet and Jason Cieszkiewicz played solid in goal, while Jason Belanger gave a valiant effort as forward on an injured foot. Again, unfortunately, Arsenal could not score for the third straight game.

This came to a halt as we got back on the winning track in Livingston on Mother's Day facing the Launchers. Jason Cieszkiewicz scored on a breakaway from a nice pass by Jake Hoffman. After that, the Launchers tied the game 1-1 on a 35-yard free kick right before half-time.

Arsenal came on strong to start the

second half. Jared Marks and Jake Hoffman each scored a goal assisting for each other.

With Arsenal up 3-1, Livingston again scored on a long 30-yard free kick to make it 3-2 with 15 minutes left in the game.

Arsenal's protective defense was led by Edwin Rivas, Tyler Curtis, Ryan Stankan and Mason Resende. Keeping the pressure up on the front line were forwards Alec Paez, Scott Riccardi, Ricky Pellegrino and Dylan O'Connor.

Helping out at midfield was Cristian Butrico. Nick Plate and Caleb Kuberiet played great in goal. Arsenal refused to give up the tying goal and the boys, coaching staff, and moms received a much-needed victory. Way to go, Arsenal!

U-10 SOCCER

By John Wizda

Wanderers Outscore Wild 5-4

The U-10 Wanderers halted their two game losing streak by defeating their rivals from Watchung 5-4.

The Wanderers' offense in their new formation came out strong to start the game. Forward Billy Keane's accurate pass up the middle to teammate Brandon Wizda resulted in the first score of the game. The game quickly got out of hand for the Wild in the first quarter. Mid-fielder Damani Nelson found forward Wizda wide open in front of the Wild net, where he quickly scored his second goal of the game. With moments to spare in the first quarter, forward Nick Farinella delivered a pass to the speedy Wizda, who executed a shot for the hat-trick and a 3-0 lead.

The Wild started the second quarter with a quick strike and scored to stop the Wanderer's momentum.

In goal for the Wanderers was Eric Akpan who saved three shots on goal and showed off his kicking game by clearing the ball back up field. The Wanderer defense charged and with a foul enabled the Wild to score on a penalty kick and close the gap to one.

Leading the way on defense was Ben Sanko, whose spectacular plays

helped slow the Wild during a scoreless third. The Wanderers in need of an insurance goal to help seal the win quickly moved the ball down field. Mid Joey Venitelli's great ball control eluded several defenders and found Wizda open who scored. The Wild quickly made the game interesting by scoring again, making it a 4-3 match. The Wild defense could not seem to figure out the Wanderers' leading scorer Brandon "Wiz Kid" Wizda as he slammed his fifth goal of the day to seal the win for the U-10 squad.

A last minute score for the Wild was a little too late as the game ended and the Wanderers celebrated their team high, third win.

The team honored all the moms who came out to watch on their special day by delivering flowers at the end of the game.

Catch the Wanderers next game this Sunday. The U-10 Wanderers are Eric Akpan, Chelsea Alers, Jacquelyn Batista, Nicholas Farinella, Billy Keane, Michael Lapolla, Damani Nelson, Briana Noriega, Benjamin Sanko, Joseph Venitelli, Donnie Grabinsky and Brandon "Wiz Kid" Wizda.

SOCCER By Dawn Hutchison

Club Joins Forces With New York Red Bulls

South Plainfield Soccer Club is excited to announce the New York Red Bulls organization will provide professional training for the 2010 Fall teams. The Red Bulls, formally known as the MetroStars, are a professional soccer team in the MLS, Major League Soccer based out of Secaucus. They play in the new Red Bull Arena in Harrison.

The Red Bulls have created a well structured training program focused on each team's individual needs based on age and skill development. This will enable teams to individually focus on development through a proven and systematic approach. The program will address many aspects of play, from team, group and individual tactics, skill development and technical development. Emphasizing on the age of the players, this program will take an approach that best suits the abilities and understanding of that group.

With the Red Bull's approach to development in their training program, we anticipate further growth of our teams and of the club in general in the competitive environment of travel soccer.

Scheduled to begin late summer, teams will be receiving weekly training sessions throughout the fall season, along with game evaluations. Coaches will have the opportunity to train and develop with the Red Bulls trainer to assist in their growth along with the teams. New and old teams alike will benefit from this training and development. With the 11-week program we have been able to include this to our club in the registration fee of \$200. The fee includes 20 games, 10 games for each season—fall and spring—and 11 weeks of professional training (roughly \$7 for each game and training session and an incredible value in today's economy).

For information on the Red Bulls, visit www.newyorkredbulls.com.

For more on the soccer club, visit www.sopfldsoccerclub.com.

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Sacred Heart School eighth grade boys relay team broke two Central Jersey Catholic Track Conference records on May 8 at Bishop Ahr High School in Edison. The boys broke the CJCTC 4x100 and CJCTC 4x200 for sixth, seventh and eighth grade boys and came in first in the 4x400. (L-R) are: Coach Carl Adlassnig, Alex LeGrand, Art Wright, Devine Eke and Dylan Thompson.

Submitted By Bob Nilan

There was a touch of Shakespearean drama in the match between the defending champions, 2 Buds, 2 Dubes, and the Roughriders. There were elements of "A Comedy of Errors" in the beginning; and, in the end, from the perspective of the Roughriders, it was a matter of "All's Well That Ends Well."

The first foursome with two golfers from each team got off early, despite the bad weather; but, the other scheduled players got impatient waiting for a tardy member of the Roughriders and decided, with the 6 p.m. deadline for teeing off approaching, not to play at all. Consequently, this key match turned out to be a contest with just four golfers, not the usual eight, and the Roughriders were very lucky to prevail, winning the match 5 1/2-3 1/2.

Matt Ward's 40 for the Roughriders was matched by Don Hall's 40 for 2 Buds, 2 Dubes.

Marty "Mr. Amazing" Van De Vaart took two practice swings on the first tee—that's all the practice he gets in from week-to-week—and promptly ripped an impressive drive right down the

middle of the fairway and proceeded to fire a 37 to lead his Oak Tree Dental team of Edison to a narrow 11-9 win over Unique Sports Accessories. Chris and Matt Dillon made valiant efforts for USA with rounds of 38 and 39.

Sean Brooks of Witty's Liquors showed he can still put together a solid round when he's not shivering and shaking in bitter-cold weather. His 37 sparked his team to a 13-7 victory over Twin City Pharmacy who had some strokes to give away. Jay Coppola had a 38, and Guy Severini and Donny Stanzone pitched in with 39s in a losing effort.

Over in the National Division, Irish Danny Griffin and the rest of Alfie's Boys gave a good old-fashioned lickin' to McCriskin's Home For Funerals, 20-0. Griffin and Bill Mann both shot nifty pairs of 35 to demolish the new kids on the block. Mark "Mr. Steady" Chichvar was a bit rattled by his powerful opponents and struggled to a 43, still good enough to earn the medal for his team.

It may only be the second week of
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2 Buds, 2 Dubes	1	1	0	KC's Korner	2	0	0
Witty's	1	1	0	Polish Natl Home	2	0	0
Oak Tree Dental	1	1	0	Sport & Social	0	2	0
Twin City	1	1	0	Italian-Amer Club	0	2	0
USA	0	2	0	McCriskin's	0	2	0

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Wayne Dieterle and Joyce Finnerty requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit erection of a 16' by 32' deck (512 sq. ft. Proposed deck exceeds 25% lot coverage; 28.8% is proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 125 Day Street, Block 391, Lot 6, Zone R-10 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 14, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

Award of Contracts Borough of South Plainfield

Pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law of New Jersey, be advised that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield awarded a contract at their public meeting on May 3, 2010. By Resolution, the governing body awarded contracts to the lowest responsible bidders as certified by the Borough's professional consultant and Borough Attorney. The companies receiving contracts are as follows:

Resolution # 10-124 for the award of "Professional Services" contract without competitive bidding to Main Street Social LLC, 72 Raritan Reach Road, South Amboy, NJ for website services, the cost to be waived as a preferred launch partner.

ATTEST:
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$30.40

May 14, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY NOTICE OF CHANGE IN CORPORATE STRUCTURE

Take notice that on May 1, 2010 a change occurred in the ownership of Vito and Sons Inc., trading as Oak Tree Discount Wine and Spirits, holder of Plenary Retail Distribution License for premises located at 902 Oak Tree Avenue, South Plainfield resulting in the following persons, each acquiring the aggregate one percent or more of ownership thereof: Vito A. Ratti, 405 Tompkins Ave., South Plainfield and Daniel A. Ratti, 1722 Wickford Rd., South Plainfield.

Any information concerning the qualifications of any of the above current stockholders should be communicated in writing to Joann Graf, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of South Plainfield.

Vito and Sons Inc.

\$38.50

May 14, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE #1891 AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on May 10, 2010. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Municipal Building, in the Borough on June 7, 2010 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: "Bond Ordinance Providing a Supplemental Appropriation of \$122,000 for the improvements to the Truck Bypass Route in and by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New

Jersey and Authorizing the Issuance of \$115,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough for Financing Part of the Appropriation."

Purpose: (i) improvements to the Truck Bypass Route, the above improvements also include but are not limited to, the preparation of design and construction plans and bid documents, architectural and engineering work, environmental studies and remediation costs, permits, feasibility studies, reports and applications, all work materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances as necessary therefor or incidental thereto, as described in bond ordinance #1734, as amended by ordinance #1862 of the Borough, finally adopted June 26, 2006, as amended June 29, 2009.

Appropriation: \$122,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$115,000
Grants Appropriated: N/A
Section 20 Costs: \$122,000
Useful Life: 5 years

ATTEST:
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:27-17.

\$42.68

May 14, 2010

Advance Ride Tickets Available For June Feast of St. Anthony

The Feast of Saint Anthony at Our Lady of Czestochowa will be held Tuesday, June 1, through Saturday, June 5, on the church grounds. Advance ride tickets are on sale now through May 31. More than \$18 of tickets will be sold for only \$10.

Tickets will be sold after all Masses on Saturday (4:30 p.m.) and Sunday (8 and 11 a.m.). They will also be available at the church hall on the following dates: Thursday, May 27, from 7 to 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, May 29 and 30, from 1 to 4 p.m.; and Monday, May 31, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Tickets will also be sold at the following locations: The Bagel Pantry

on Plainfield Avenue; The Corner Deli, 1200 Hamilton Blvd.; Dave's Stationary on Sampton Avenue; The Front Street Farmer's Market by Sherban's Diner; and Buy Rite Liquors on Oak Tree Road.

The Feast of Saint Anthony will be open Tuesday through Friday, June 1 through 4, from 6 to 11 p.m. and Saturday, June 5, from 1 to 11 p.m.

New for this year: birthday parties! Have your birthday party at the Feast of St. Anthony on June 5 (groups of at least six) and receive special prices for rides and food for the party. Call (908) 753-5970 for information and sign ups.

Submitted By Bob Nilan

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the season, but already Alfie's Boys clearly look like the team to beat for divisional honors.

KC's Korner strengthened their team during the off-season by adding Mike Behr to their roster. Behr, once known as "Iron Mike," was recognized as one of the most competitive golfers in the league a few seasons back when he was the leading player for Patri's Construction. Before teeing off, he admitted to being more than a little rusty, but he came through with a nice round of 38 to lead his team to a 14-6 victory over Sport & Social.

After their 0-2 start, Capt. Frank Matthews of Sport & Social has called for a team meeting next week at KC's Korner where he will deliver one of his famous motivational addresses. Tickets for this oration are \$5 dollars and must be purchased in advance.



No tickets will be sold at the door. In the final match of the night, the dynamic duo from Gotham City, Ray Starnick and Tom Kaufman, had too much firepower for the Italian American Club to handle as the Polish National Home went on to win the match 14-6. Tom Kaufman had a terrific 2-over round of 35 and last season's Player-of-the-Year, Ray Starnick, was just one stroke behind with his 36.

With this victory, the Polish National Home gained a share of first place honors with Alfie's Boys and KC's Korner with all three teams sporting 2-0 records.

Low scores for the night: Danny Griffin, 35; Tom Kaufman, 35; Bill Mann, 35; Ray Starnick, 36, Sean Brooks, 37; Marty Van De Vaerst, 37; Mike Behr, 38; Jay Coppola, 38, Chris Dillon, 38.



The South Plainfield Elks Americanism Committee recently ran an essay contest asking students to write a 250 word essay on "The American Dream." The contest was open to South Plainfield students from fifth through eighth grade. All winners were from Sacred Heart School. In addition to plaques, some winners also received a cash prize. Pictured (L-R) are Sacred Heart School Principal Terry Golden; Elks American Committee Chairman Dan Uken; sixth grade winners Nicole Walke, first place; Angela German, second place; Joshua DeCastro, third place and Lynn Spurrier from Watchung Hills Lodge.

Council Cuts \$1.25M From BOE Budget

(Continued from page 1)

shortly after voters defeated the BOE budget. The council hired the auditing firm of Suplec Clooney to identify possible areas in the budget that could be cut in the event the budget was defeated. CFO Glenn Cullen, members of the finance committee, headed by Councilman Ray Rusnak, began by sending a letter to Superintendent Jose Negron and members of the school board asking nine questions. "Based on the information they gave to us, we felt we could cut the budget," explained Rusnak.

After receiving answers to the nine questions and with the help of the

auditors, the finance committee along with Mayor Charles Burrico and Cullen began meeting to discuss what areas of the budget they would recommend cuts. Superintendent Negron, Business Administrator Richard Guarini and Board President Jim Giannakis were invited and attended some meetings with the finance board. At Monday's meeting, BOE member Debbie Boyle said she had not been informed of the budget meetings even though she had asked to be included.

The council added an addendum to the proposed budget cuts suggesting that the Board of Education take money from three reserve/surplus ac-

counts totaling \$725,000 and use the money to either restore the adult high school program, extra curricular activities/sports, six teachers, a safety resource officer and building and grounds director; or to restore 15 teachers, plus the safety resource officer or building and grounds director. The addendum was only a recommendation and not part of the resolution to cut \$1.25M.

If the board approves the recommended cuts, there will be a slight decrease in the school tax levy. A resident with a home assessed at \$122,500 will see a total decrease of \$84.52 in their calendar year taxes.

Obituaries

Josephine Elizabeth (Pychevicz) Chylko, 89

Josephine Elizabeth (Pychevicz) Chylko passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 11, at St. Joseph's Senior Care Center.



Josephine Chylko

Born and raised in East Brunswick, Jo, as she was known to many, lived in East Brunswick for most of her life before moving to South Plainfield in 1985. She resided there until 2002, when she entered the care center.

Josephine worked as a seamstress, a salesperson, a licensed beautician, and lastly, the rectory housekeeper for Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, but most importantly for many years, Jo was a homemaker for her family.

These varying occupations made Jo an excellent cook, baker, dressmaker and designer of vestments for clergy, including several Bishops. Several of the Bishops of Metuchen loved coming to Our Lady of Czestochowa Church for Confirmation, knowing that Jo was preparing a supper beforehand. She enjoyed needlepoint and household chores, such as repairs and painting. She was an all around handy woman with numerous interests. Being self taught, not only did she do it all with her needle and thread, but also with her very own toolbox.

Josephine was the youngest of 10 children and outlived her siblings. She also outlived her husband, Peter, and her grandson, Ronald.

Surviving are two children, Peter Chylko and wife Mary of South Carolina and Rev. Gerard H. Chylko, C.Ss.R. of Washington, D.C.; a granddaughter, Dawn Wolak and husband Brent of Georgia and many nieces, nephews and their families.

Funeral services will begin on Saturday, May 15, at 9:15 a.m. in the McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals, 2425 Plainfield Ave., followed by a 10 a.m. funeral mass in Our Lady of Czestochowa RC Church.

Interment will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, Cranbury Road in East Brunswick.

Family and friends may attend the visitation on Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial donations in her memory may be made to St. Joseph's Senior Care Center, 1-3 St. Joseph's Terrace, Woodbridge, N.J. 07095.

Dina Gattie, 69

Dina Gattie passed away on Wednesday, May 5, at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in the Bronx, N.Y., she resided in South Plainfield for the past 35 years.

Mrs. Gattie was an artist who displayed her artwork proudly at art shows. She was also a member of the South Plainfield Art Association. She was a loving wife, sister, aunt and friend who will be sadly missed.

Beloved wife of 39 years to Ronald Gattie; dear sister of Mary Josephs and

Inez Dambrocia and husband Sam; loving daughter of the late Joseph and Antoinette Marino; daughter-in-law of Erminia Gattie and the late Ralph Gattie; sister-in-law of Elaine Bartlett; cherished aunt of David Brady, Peter and Paul Baltes, Dawn Cottar, Jennifer, Michele, Karen and Joseph and her beloved pet dog, Nikki.

Funeral services were held at The South Plainfield Funeral Home.

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Squire Corrugated Container Corp. was recently recognized for its support of New Eyes for the Needy's international eyeglass recycling program. Pictured (L-R) are Clelia Biamonti, president, New Eyes Board of Trustees; James Beneroff, president, Squire Corrugated Container; and John J. Dalton, New Eyes trustee and manager of the eyeglass recycling program.

Squire Corrugated Container Corp. Recognized By New Eyes for the Needy

New Eyes for the Needy recently recognized South Plainfield-based Squire Corrugated Container Corp. for its support of New Eyes' international eyeglass recycling program. Squire supplies New Eyes with cardboard cartons for re-packaging donated eyeglasses, frames, sunglasses, empty frames, lenses and cases.

"Squire has been a great friend to New Eyes by supporting our work

to recycle donated eyeglasses to indigent people around the world," explained Susan M. Dyckman, executive director. "We are very grateful for their partnership."

Eyeglass donations may be dropped off at 549 Millburn Ave., Short Hills, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. or Friday 9 a.m.-noon. After hours, leave eyeglasses in the white bin adjacent to the parking lot.

Sign Up for Kennedy "Get Acquainted" Program

Kennedy School is offering a "Get Acquainted" program for children entering kindergarten in September. Visit the main office between 9 and 11 a.m. or 1 and 3 p.m. and complete the registration form. Forms are also available at the Enrollment Office in the Roosevelt Administration Building.

The optional program is designed to help children become familiar with the school and ease some of the anxieties about going to school in September. The program includes a visit with the principal, school nurse, 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 from one of the

following dates:

Wednesday, May 26, and Wednesday, June 2, from 9 to 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 26, and Wednesday, June 2, from 12:30 to 2 p.m.
Thursday, May 27, and Thursday, June 3, from 9 to 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, May 27, and Thursday, June 3, from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

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

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

Deadline to return registration forms to Kennedy School's main office is today.

Riley School Kindergarten Orientation

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 the choice of a morning or afternoon session: 9 to

11 a.m. or 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.

Kindergarten Registration Begins May 24

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.

Parents should also be aware that schools will be offering incoming kindergarten children the opportunity to visit the schools prior to September to become familiar with the environment. See related stories below.

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Kennedy School Boys and Moms Enjoy a "Night On the Town"

By Patricia Abbott

Kennedy School boys and their moms recently spent "A Night On The Town" minus the hassle of traffic and crowds. In fact, they went no farther than the Kennedy School gym.

Half of the gym held an assortment of goodies, raffle baskets and 50/50 tickets. Guests were served by construction paper clad waitresses and waiters. There were dozens of door prizes for the boys to claim as gifts for their mothers. The other half of the gym was decorated to resemble towering city buildings with bright lights blazing in each window.

Deejay John Limyansky was ready and waiting to get the crowd up and dancing. After seating their moms, the

boys immediately hit the dance floor. Normally it's the girls who leave their dads for dancing with friends, but the boys flocked to the floor and demonstrated an amazing array of dance moves.

Attire for the evening ranged from moms in long dresses and sons in dress shirts to the more casual-jeans, skirts and comfortable footwear.

About 170 moms and sons attended the annual event sponsored by the teachers and staff of Kennedy School.

Raffle baskets and door prizes were donated by the staff; proceeds were given to the PTSO. Teacher Sandy Doyan noted that the teachers do all the planning, decorating, baking and more, working hard to make the mom/son dance a memorable one.

Join "Get a Clue" Race for PKU Awareness

Somerset County Park Commission's Colonial Park in East Millstone is holding a 5K race and one mile fun walk on Sunday, May 23. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.; one mile walk begins at 9 a.m.; 5K begins at 9:30 a.m. Raffle winner and awards will be announced at 10:45 a.m.

Did you know that May is National PKU Awareness Month? Do you know what PKU is? For approximately 300 individuals in New Jersey, their diet consists mostly of carbohydrates, some fruits and vegetables, a "special" milk, and almost no protein. Why? Because they have PKU or phenylketonuria. Phenylketonuria is a rare, inherited metabolic disorder in which individuals with the disease are born without an enzyme necessary for processing a part of protein (phenylalanine, aka phe). The only effective treatment is for individuals to adhere to a strict, low protein diet for life, which consists mostly of carbohydrates, fruits and vegetables and special low protein medical foods. There is no cure.

People with PKU also cannot have NutraSweet (aspartame), since it contains mostly phenylalanine.

Franklin School third grader Ryan Purcell; Kennedy School fourth grader Noah Cabrera; Kennedy School first grader Evan Cabrera and Future Stars pre-schooler Leah Cabrera all happen to have PKU. Their goal is to raise PKU awareness and funds for research so that maybe one day they will be able to eat more "normal" foods.

Suzanne Purcell, Ryan's mom, is



Ryan Purcell, Evan Cabrera, Noah Cabrera and Leah Cabrera.

the Mid-Atlantic Connection for PKU and Allied Disorders NJ Chapter secretary which is hosting "Get a Clue Race for PKU," the first ever 5K race and one mile fun walk for PKU.

Please join the Purcell and Cabrera families on Sunday, May 23, to learn more about PKU and help raise funds to find a cure.

To register for the event, please go to www.raceforum.com/pku. To learn more about PKU, visit www.macpad.org.

Donations for the walk, including water and snacks, are still needed. If individuals or businesses would like to make a donation, please call Suzanne Purcell at (908) 754-6458.

police report

• On April 27, Ralf Kaasik, 20, of South Plainfield was arrested for passing a motor vehicle over a double line and an outstanding warrant.

• On April 28, a Sampton Avenue resident reported the theft of the license, registration and license plate of their landscape trailer from an unlocked pickup truck.

• On April 29, Melissa Sue DeStefano, 27, of Piscataway was arrested at Target for forging a prescription.

• On April 30, John J. Hurtadogomez, 21, of Elizabeth was arrested for driving on a suspended license, not wearing a seat belt, going through a red light and two outstanding warrants.

• Rosa Hidalgo, 26, of Plainfield was arrested at Sears Essentials for


shoplifting party plates and banners worth \$31.

• On May 1, a DelNegro Court resident reported that a company had deducted money from their checking account without their approval.

• On May 2, Alicia Y. Cummins, 36, of Middlesex was arrested for driving while intoxicated, careless driving and refusal to submit to breath testing.

• William C. Lake, 52, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and two outstanding warrants.

• Stacey L. Folk, 44, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and two outstanding warrants.



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