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Members of the South Plainfield High School Golf Team

High School Golf Team Finishes Season 15-5

Led by senior Richie Szeliga, the South Plainfield High School Golf Team members and coach were pleased with their 2010 season. Every member of the team played in at least one match and many newcomers will earn letters.

Szeliga won the 2010 GMC Tournament last week at the Meadows Golf Course. In a three-way play off, Szeliga hit a drive and a nine iron 490 yards. Then he skipped up, inches from the hole

when he backhauled the ball into the hole for a birdie and the individual championship. The team finished fifth.

Other team members at the tournament were Riley Hubner, Kyle Pompilio, Ryan Smith and Austin Jenkin.

Other team members pictured are Matt Little, Albert Vill, Matt Ward, Joe Krawiec, Jesse Masters, Kevin Flanagan, Antoni Frauczak and Andrew Sanchez.

Two Riley School Teachers Retiring

Gurske Credited With 152 Concerts, 38 District Music Festivals
First Grade Teacher Will Continue as Zoning Board Member

By Libby Barsky

Retiring music teacher Joanne Gurske and first grade teacher Maria Campagna have been teaching at Riley School since they began teaching in the district.

Gurske, who realized at an early age that she would be a music teacher, began teaching in 1972. She was recruited by Bill Slavoski and Tom Reilly, principal of Riley School, at Montclair State University and hired after her first interview. She has taught in the same room ever since.

Gurske recalled that when she first entered her classroom, "There wasn't much there. There was a little box of rhythm instruments. I didn't even have a piano, so everything in this room I'm responsible for having developed and acquired." The room contains many file cabinets filled with textbooks, musical instruments and music for the many programs and the 38 music festivals in which the Riley students have performed.

Maria Campagna, who graduated from Brooklyn College, came



Maria Campagna (L) and Joanne Gurske (R).

to South Plainfield when she married police officer Philip Campagna in 1968. She taught the all-day kindergarten class at Sacred Heart School for three years before being interviewed by South Plainfield Assistant Superintendent Harry Lobby, who hired Campagna in 1988.

"When I first came, there would be students who cried and sobbed and it would last for weeks," Campagna recalled of the first years she taught first grade. "Everyone now seems better prepared. The children have separated from their parents," she said, attributing the difference to the many children who now attend daycare and preschool before starting public school classes.

On their first day of school, Campagna would have her students write their names and numbers on a piece of paper, and return those same papers to them on the last day of school. She would have them write their name and write about what they thought were the best things about first grade.

"The results are amazing. Children who could barely put their letters on a line are now writing a little story about what was the best thing about first grade. By the time they leave they have become readers and can write sentences, telling you a story you can read," Campagna said. "I believe you see the most growth in first grade than you see in any other class."

In addition to the many concerts she prepared Riley students to perform, Gurske started a drama club in 1992. The first production was a musical based on the book, *The Velveteen Rabbit* by Margery Williams with music written by Gloria Marchio, Gurske's first piano teacher.

"I invited her to the performance without telling her what it would be, and she was surprised and thrilled. I just recently saw her again when I visited her in Italy after 27 years. So we keep in touch," she said.

The drama club gave students the opportunity to perform in front of an audience and learn to enjoy the experience. Gurske remembers students who resisted being front and center on stage who later, when they went to

college, minored in theatre arts. Former student Larry Street performed in Broadway shows, said Gurske.

"I also started the recorder program for the third graders. So basically I've done 76 holiday concerts, 76 spring concerts and 38 district music festivals," said Gurske, summing up the achievements of working in her only job.

By teaching in the same school for as long as she has, Gurske has lots of second generation students. "I had one mom, and now I've taught all six of her children."

Both Campagna and Gurske have children of their own. Gurske has two daughters, Mary Beth Doctor, director of Cornerstone School, a preschool in Summit, and Kare Gurske, who works for Child Protection Services of Riverside County in California.

Aside from teaching music five days a week, Gurske is a choir director for two adult choirs and a children's choir at St. Bartholomew Church in Scotch Plains, where her husband, Bob, is an ordained deacon and director of operations. She also volunteers for the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad.

Campagna has three sons who live in South Plainfield: Victor, a South Plainfield Police detective who has a daughter, Rylie, 10; Joseph, a Port Authority policeman who has two sons, Jack, 6 and Nicholas, 4; and Anthony, a corrections officer for the State of New Jersey.

For the past 15 years Campagna has been a member of the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment. Over the past 12 years, the applications for billboards and cell towers has been a learning experience for her.

"It's definitely been an education. While you are serving you are learning a lot of information, taking in all the information and then making a determination," said Campagna.

Gurske will continue to volunteer on the rescue squad and prayer shawl ministry, knitting lap covers and shawls for the sick and elderly, and Campagna will continue as a member of the zoning board.

Memorial Day 2010

American Legion
Post #243 and VFW
Memorial Post #6763 invite
the public to the annual
Memorial Day ceremony on
Monday, May 31. Ceremonies
start at 9 a.m. at the VFW on Front
Street and end at the American
Legion Post on Oak Tree Avenue
about 10:45 a.m. In between there
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council meetings

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

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

Agenda Meeting Public Meeting

June 7 June 7

June 21 June 21

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

planning board

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

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

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

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 plan sub-committee

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

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

Elks Sponsor Beef n' Beer Night

By Patricia Abbott

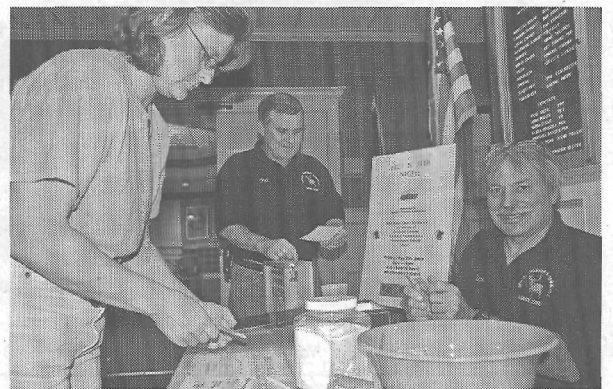
South Plainfield Elks Lodge #2298 sponsored a deliciously different fundraiser, a Beef n' Beer Night on May 7. For just \$10 guests enjoyed a hot roast beef sandwich with a choice of toppings, homemade salads and an ice cold beer. The cost for just a sandwich was \$6. The fundraiser saw a steady flow of guests throughout the evening. The Elks served nearly 100 sandwiches, including take out meals.

The event was organized by the Special Children's Committee, John Kommandy, committee chairman, Fred Moretti, Jim Bucklew, Debbie Czech, Kevin Schweers, Tim Dziomba and Pat Donnelly.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will help pay for treatment for some of the children at the Somerset Children's Treatment Center, as well as the cost of campers at the Elks Camp Moore, a week long camp for kids with special needs.

The Elks purchased most of the necessary items themselves; the beef was purchased at Restaurant Depot. The Front Street Farmers Market donated some items at cost as well as some produce.

Most of the cooking was done by Fred Moretti and Kevin Schweers. Sue Schweers assisted with the macaroni and potato salads. Member Sharon Reuter served as bartender for the evening. Some guests chose to eat at the bar; others enjoyed their meal with friends while seated at long tables set up in the hall. According to member



Elks members Pat Donnelly and Tim Dziomba sell 50/50 tickets to a guest.



Kevin Schweers slices the roast beef.

Pat Donnelly, the third annual event was the best to date and they plan to hold another in coming months.

The Elks annual Mother's Day

Breakfast was held on May 9.

The Elks will be holding its annual Flag Day Service, followed by a scholarship ceremony on Monday, June 14.

Dedicated Youth Volunteers Sought for "Cappy" Award

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

Service: Ten years of service in youth sports and/or recreation; volunteered as a parent-coach to more than his/her own children; should be voluntary

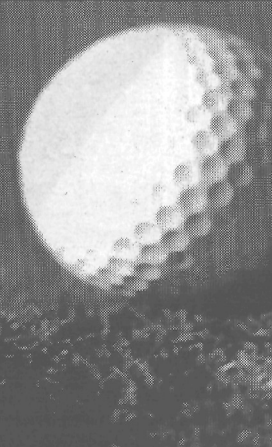
service; during the period of service, nominee must have been a resident of South Plainfield. All nominees will be judged on a case-by-case basis.

Character: Exemplifies high moral values and ethical judgment; never been convicted of a felony; possesses dedication and commitment to the youth of South Plainfield.

Nominations are now being accepted through June 25. Recommendations should be sent in letter form,

stating the qualifications of the candidate, to Kevin Hughes, Recreation Director, 1250 Maple Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080 or to Chris Colucci, PAL president, Police Department, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

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



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Middlesex County College tapped the power of the sun as students in the Green Energy Sales and Service program assembled a fully operational solar unit last month. The class, funded by the New Jersey Department of Labor, trains people to work in sales and service in the solar energy industry, which is booming. Pictured (L-R): David Hunter of South Plainfield, instructor George Dzurina and John Mielach of Whitehouse Station.

Shared Services Maintenance Contract Awarded

By Libby Barsky

In an effort to save money, the Board of Education and the Borough decided to request bids for shared maintenance and custodial services for the eight schools in the district and the PAL building. The BOE voted to award the contract to one of the higher of the four bidders—Sodexo in the amount of \$2,026,370.

The bid was for maintenance, custodial and grounds operations for a period of two years, 2010-2012. The four companies bidding were Aramark Management Services, which split the bid into two years—the first year \$1,804,601 and the second year \$1,822,647, leading to a total bid

of \$3,627,248; Pritchard Industries, Inc. which bid \$1,811,147; and GCA Education Services Group, Inc. which bid \$2,017,498.

According to BOE Business Administrator Richard Guarini, the vague language used in Aramark's contract did not "ensure that the contract would be performed in accordance with its terms." The second problem with the Aramark bid was the increase in prices for services for the second year of the contract. Pritchard Industries failed in the bidding process because its Consent of Surety was limited to 10% of the contract amount and not 100%, and because GCA Education Services Group only had experience with one other district, it was disqualified.

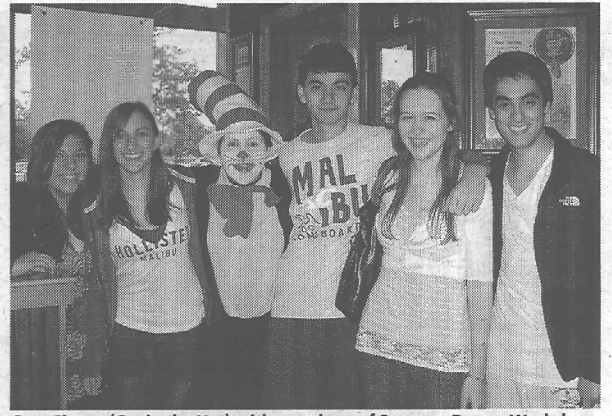
2010 Budget Hearings Announced

The 2010 municipal budget was formally introduced at last week's borough council meeting and is scheduled for a final vote at a public meeting on Monday, June 28.

Until the final vote on the budget takes place, the finance committee continues to work on finding ways to cut expenses. The committee has announced that it will hold budget meetings on Wednesday, June 9 at the senior center and Thursday, June 10 at borough hall. Both meetings will start at 5 p.m. and are open to the public.

Municipal taxes for residents in 2010 will be lower than in 2009 when the borough switched from a fiscal year to a calendar year.

BOE Member Steve Bohn made a motion to rebid for the custodial service contract and Gary Stevenson seconded the motion, but due to the cost to rebid, (between \$5,000-\$10,000), and the lack of time to complete the bidding process, Bohn withdrew his motion and Stevenson withdrew his second.



Cory Singer (Cat in the Hat) with members of Summer Drama Workshop.

Summer Drama Workshop Holds Fundraiser at Applebee's

The South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop (SDW) held a dine and donate at Applebee's in Piscataway on May 6. A percentage of each bill was donated back to SDW for their 2010 production of *Seussical*.

A total of 70 to 80 people, about 20 families, helped raise money for the summer youth theater group by enjoying a meal at the popular restaurant.

SDW member Cory Singer, outfitted in a Cat in the Hat costume,

visited diners tables. Applebee's also had Cory sing "Happy Birthday" to customers celebrating a birthday that evening.

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Events

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 a wreath laying ceremony at Veteran's Park and the three cemeteries in South Plainfield.

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 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.

Entry fee for the 5K race is \$25; \$5 for students with valid school ID or report card copy. Entry 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 application with check payable to the above address.

For more information, call Carl Adlassnig at (908) 757-1933.

SP Republicans Comedy Show

June 5

The South Plainfield Republican Organization presents South Plainfield's best comedy show, Comedy Night 2010, featuring Uncle Floyd and two other top-name comedians, on Saturday, June 5 at 8 p.m. at the American Legion, 243 Oak Tree Ave. Tickets: \$50 in advance; \$60 at the door; includes dinner.

For tickets, call (908) 753-0247.

VFW Country Breakfast

June 6

The South Plainfield VFW, located at 155 Front St. will hold a country breakfast on Sunday, June 6 from 8 to 11 a.m. The public is welcomed. Any questions? Call (908) 668-9751.

Franklin Kindergarten Orientation

June 8

All children enrolled in kindergarten at Franklin School in September 2010, along with their parents, are invited to participate in the kindergarten orientation on Tuesday, June 8 from 3-4 p.m. to see the school and meet some of the faculty.

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 Choir, children's choir and adult choir under the direction of Daniel Mahoney.

Walking For a Cure

June 11

Please join John E. Riley School for the third annual "39 Minute Walk To A Cure" on Friday, June 11 at 1:30 p.m. at Riley School.

Bring friends and family to show support for Riley students walking toward a cure for breast cancer.

— Out of Town —

Fruhlingsfest Spring Festival in Clark

May 30

Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane in Clark, is holding Fruhlingsfest—Spring Festival, the first picnic of the season on Sunday, May 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Open to the public, rain or shine. German American live band from 1-6 p.m. German American food available—no outside food or beverages permitted. Cost: \$5 pp/children under 12 free.

For info, call (732) 574-8600.

Memorial Day Mass

May 31

The Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski of the Diocese of Metuchen will be the celebrant of the annual Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 31 at 10 a.m. on the grounds of Holy Cross Burial Park, Cranbury Road in East Brunswick, and Bishop Emeritus Edward T. Hughes will be the celebrant at Resurrection Burial Park, Hoes Lane in Piscataway. All are invited and are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

For information, call (732) 562-2408 or visit www.dioemetuchen.org.

Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Carnival

June 2-5

Our Lady of Mount Virgin, 450 Drake Ave. in Middlesex will hold its annual carnival Wednesday through Saturday, June 2 through 5. Free admission and parking. Rides, wide variety of games and food. Nightly 50/50s; super 50/50 on Saturday night.

For information, visit olmv.net or call (732) 356-2149.

Blackrose to Perform

June 5

Blackrose, a band performing classic rock and roll music and today's hits, will perform at Tim Kerwin's on Rt. 28 in Middlesex on Saturday, June 5 at 10 p.m. No cover charge.

JORBA Bike Festival

June 5

The Jersey Off-Road Bicycle Association (JORBA) third annual bike festival will be held on Saturday, June 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Waterloo Concert Field in Stanhope. We gladly accept donations of any non-perishable food items.

For more information, please visit www.njfoodbank.org.

Annual Pancreatic Cancer Walk

June 5

The Middlesex County Public Health Department and the Middlesex County Cancer Coalition second annual Pancreatic Cancer Walk will be held on Saturday, June 5 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Roosevelt Park on Rt. 1 in Edison. Register at www.cinjfoundation.org/forms/pancwalk.php. The first 300 to register receive a free t-shirt. Registration is free, but donations are encouraged.

For more information, call (732) 745-3140 or email padma.arvind@co.middlesex.nj.us.

Medical Qi Gong Meditation Class

June 5

A free medical QiGong class is being offered at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains on Saturday, June 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Be on time; once the class begins we will not interrupt the session.

For more information, call (908) 232-5678.

Upscale Singles Dance Party

June 5

Steppin' Out Singles is hosting an upscale singles dance party on Saturday, June 5 at 8:30 p.m. at Crowne Plaza Somerset, 110 Davidson Ave. in Somerset. Ages 40 and up; no jeans/sneakers. Admission: \$15.

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

Youth Sunday at Willow Grove Church

June 6

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, 1961 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains invites children ages four through high school to join them on Sunday, June

SENIOR CENTER Calendar

Coming Up.....

June 7-10 **Niagara Falls**
Oct 11-15 **Indian Head Resort**
(Call the senior center for more info)

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

Bingo 10 am-2 pm
Ladies Group 10 am

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

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YMCA Community Trip to Sunshine Boys

June 8

Take a trip with the Metuchen Branch YMCA on Tuesday, June 8 to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see Neil Simon's hilarious comedy classic, *The Sunshine Boys*. \$73 per person includes transportation and choice of five gourmet lunches. Bus departs Metuchen Municipal Pool parking lot at 9:45 a.m.

For more information, contact Jean Vick at (732) 543-2044, ext. 217 or by email to jean.vick@metuchen-edisonymca.org.

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The trivia winning team, "No Joe and the Mama's" is Gary Rohrer, Bill Price, Ken Wolpin, Phil Batista, Blaise Lapaloo, Gerry Bourbeau, Marc Cherry and Ray Petronko.

Knights' Trivia Night Benefits The Make-A-Wish Foundation

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus, Council #6203 recently held their annual spring trivia night fundraiser at the South Plainfield Senior Center. Over 50 people attended and more than \$900 was raised for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Six teams were asked 10 questions from 12 categories. The team that accumulated the most points won the first place cash prize. In a close battle the winning team was "No Joe and the Mama's." This is the third consecutive year that the team has won trivia night. Team members are Gary Rohrer, Bill Price, Ken Wolpin, Phil Batista, Blaise Lapaloo, Gerry Bourbeau, Marc Cherry and Ray Petronko.

After securing the first place prize money, "No Joe and the Mama's" donated all the winnings back to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The Knights would like to thank the senior center for use of the hall as well as the following members who helped out: master of ceremonies Bill Butrico and judge Charlie Butrico.

This event has become very popular; please look for the next time it is held. It is a great time and a great fundraiser. In the past three years the

Knights have donated over \$7,000 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which grants the wishes of terminally ill children and their families.

Submitted by Joe Scrudato

Summer Drama Workshop Auditions

South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop (SDW) 2010 production will be *Seussical*. Auditions will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, June 9 and 10 at the Middle School from 5 to 9 p.m. Auditions are open to all South Plainfield residents finishing sixth grade through first year of college.

Please bring a prepared song, preferably with sheet music, and a non-returnable photo. A short dance routine will be taught.

Those interested in being a part of the crew should also come and register on these dates.

If you are interested in orchestra please register on Monday, June 14; bring your instrument and be prepared to do scales and play a piece of your choice. Call backs will also be held on June 14, if they are necessary.

For more information, please call (908) 561-5255.

CORRECTION

Last week's *Observer* reported the incorrect RSVP phone number to attend the Trista Moretti Memorial and flag dedication ceremony at Franklin School on June 14. The correct number is (908) 295-8728. We regret the error.

The Caring Award Twenty-third Annual



Marilyn Cruz of South Plainfield High School was presented a 2010 Caring Award by the Middlesex County Guidance Council. The Caring Award, given to one student from each high school in the county, is for outstanding volunteer community service. It was presented at a dinner held at Middlesex County College in April. At left is Kevin Farrell, president of the guidance council, and at right is Shirlee Camp, chairperson of the Caring Awards.

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southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Aiello Graduates from Fairleigh Dickinson Univ.

Nicole Aiello earned a bachelor of science degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University, graduating summa cum laude with a 3.9 GPA.

In September Nicole will be attending the University of Pennsylvania Developmental Stem Cell Regenerative Biology PhD program at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Medicine in Philadelphia.



Nicole Aiello



Ryan Flanagan receives the award from Rotary President Young Lee.

Flanagan Named Senior of the Year

Edison Rotary Club named Ryan Patrick Flanagan Senior of the Year for South Plainfield High School at its annual dinner at the Pines Manor in Edison on May 13.

The award of a \$500 scholarship is based on the individual's contributions for giving back to the community in a myriad of significant ways. Ryan will attend Philadelphia Biblical University in August 2010.

South Plainfield High School seniors who were nominated for the award include: Malcolm Austin, Mark Benak, Leiloni Chepulis, Elizabeth Fasullo, Christopher Gualano, Jenna Heckel, Frank Licato, Meghan Makowski, Elizabeth Martin, Nicole McDonough, Katie Muglia, Andrew Nguyen, Dylan Papa, Kimberly Percario, Alyssa Scrudato, Nicole Slatky, David Stogoski, Richard Szeliga and Jenae Keith.

Erica Linick Named To Dean's List

Erica Linick, a 2008 graduate of South Plainfield High School, has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Penn State University in State College, Pa.

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

Erica just completed her sophomore year and is a psychology major. She hopes to attend medical school.



Erica Linick



Jessica Schwartz

Jessica Schwartz Graduates from NYU

Jessica Schwartz, SPHS Class of 2006, graduated from New York University this spring earning her bachelor of science degree in nutrition. Jessica graduated with honors and was the recipient of the NYU Founders Day Award for maintaining a GPA of 3.5 or higher during four years.

She has been accepted into the graduate program at NYU Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human Development which she will attend in the fall.



Ashlen Udell

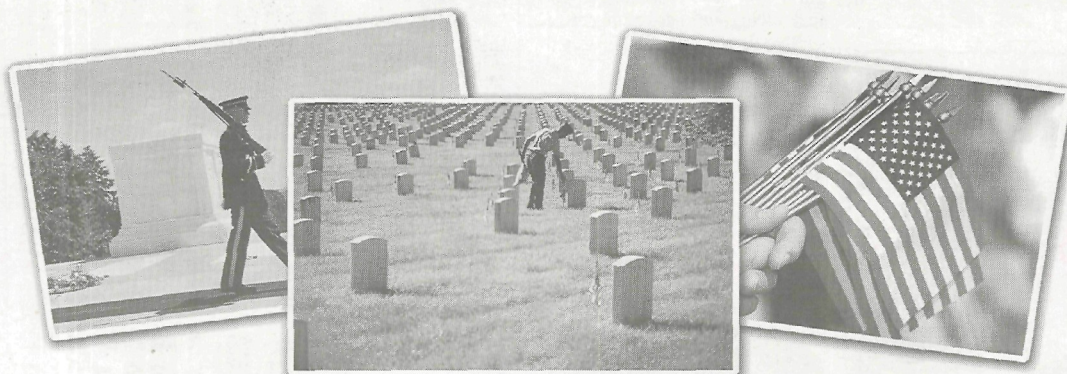
Udell Graduates With Honors From Montclair State

Ashlen Udell, a 2005 graduate of South Plainfield High School, graduated with honors from Montclair State University with a degree in music education and a minor in dance. Ashlen received the award for Outstanding Student Teacher, as well as the award for Excellence in Choir.

She is presently completing student teaching at Bridgewater-Raritan High School and will be studying flute this summer at Mt. Holyoke College, Massachusetts.

Ashlen is a student of Tanya Dusevik-Witek. She has been a participant in many master classes including most recently studies with Jan Vinci at Skidmore College, Paula Robson in New York, and Rhonda Larson in Casperia, Italy.

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southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Ashley Linick Selected to Attend the National Student Leadership Conference



Ashley Linick

Ashley Linick, South Plainfield High School class of 2012, has been selected to participate in the National Student Leadership Conference (NSLC) on Education this summer at America University.

During the conference, Ashley will attend specialized workshops and classes designed to develop the skills and traits that define a leader. Leading professionals and professors from top colleges facilitate the program and engage the students in hands-on activities that provide students with a day-in-the-life understanding of a prospective career. Trips and tours also enhance the student's experience by tailoring them to their specific conference.

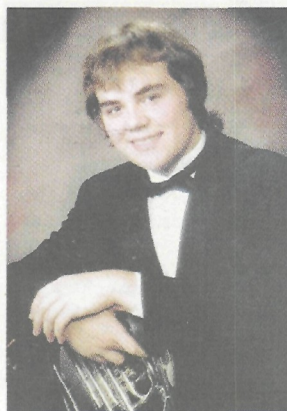
Ashley will also have the opportunity to meet with and learn from recognized leaders. Past special guest speakers have included: Secretary of Education Rod Paige; U.S. Sur-

geon General Richard Carmona; Secretary of Defense Robert Gates; CIA Director Michael Hayden; Secretary of Veterans Affairs James Nicholson; Supreme Court Justices Anthony Kennedy, David Souter and Sandra Day O'Connor; as well as U.S. Senators, U.S. Representatives, governors, ambassadors and leaders in the fields of medicine, business, engineering, diplomacy, law, politics, journalism and the arts.

This year, thousands of high school students from across the United States and around the world will find themselves immersed in a learning environment unlike any they have ever experienced. These young leaders spend time with other high-achieving students who share the same drive to succeed. Then they will return to their schools with increased potential and newly developed abilities that will enable them to make a positive difference in their communities.

"Students develop a sense of independence and responsibility," said Dr. Paul M. Lisnek, NSLC leadership professor and former assistant dean of Loyola University Chicago School of Law. "They leave with a true feeling of accomplishment and confidence in their ability to handle the challenges that lie ahead."

The National Student Leadership Conference is entering its 21st summer, continuing with a mission: Identify and recognize outstanding young leaders from around the world, and provide them with a unique learning environment that encourages not only academic achievement, but also diversity, cooperation and social responsibility.



Nathanael Udell

Nathanael Udell to Perform with NY Youth Symphony

Nathanael Udell, a 2008 graduate of South Plainfield High School and sophomore at The Juilliard School, was appointed principal horn of the New York Youth Symphony (NYYS) this past fall. NYYS, under the direction of Ryan McAdams, performed Richard Strauss's *Ein Heldenleben*, at New York's Carnegie Hall on May 23.

Nathanael is a student of David Wakefield of the American Brass Quintet and is a recipient of the Zubin Mehta, the Satterthwaite, the Tokyo Foundation, the Westfield Music Club, the Plainfield Music Club and Juilliard scholarships.

Last summer Nathanael was a participant at the Aspen Music Festival and this summer has been awarded a fellowship with the Summer Brass Institute in San Francisco. He will be studying and performing with the Bay Brass of the San Francisco Symphony in July.

Scholarships Available For Careers in Criminal Law

The County Prosecutors Association of New Jersey is offering four scholarships available to law school students seeking careers as prosecuting attorneys, and to police officers hoping to attend college to advance their careers in law enforcement.

The scholarships, each amounting to a one-year grant of \$2,500, will be paid directly to the recipients, who will be selected by the Board of Trustees, which administers the County Prosecutors Association of New Jersey Scholarship Foundation.

Applications must be postmarked by June 23. Personal interviews of finalists will be conducted. Applicants will be notified of the decision in August.

To be eligible for the Oscar W. Rittenhouse Memorial Scholarship, an applicant must be accepted for admission to a law school and must have an interest in pursuing a career as a prosecutor.

Applicants seeking the Andrew K. Ruotolo Jr. Memorial Scholarship must be accepted for admission to a law school or graduate school. Ap-

plicants must exhibit an interest, and commitment to, enhancing the rights and well-being of children through child advocacy programs.

Each student applying for the Harris Y. Cotton Memorial Scholarship must be accepted for admission to a law school. The applicant should have an interest in pursuing a career as a prosecutor with an emphasis in domestic violence or hate crime prosecutions.

To be eligible for the John H. Stamler Memorial Scholarship, an applicant must be a sworn law enforcement officer seeking educational advancement on a college or graduate level to improve his or her effectiveness as a law enforcement officer.

In addition, all applicants must be residents of New Jersey and must demonstrate a financial need.

Anyone interested in receiving an application for any of the scholarships should contact Stephanie Kurowsky, secretary to Middlesex County Prosecutor Bruce J. Kaplan, at (732) 745-3043, or email stephanie.kurowsky@co.middlesex.nj.us.

Livestrong at the YMCA

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day and evening programs; the next day session will meet on Thursdays, beginning June 10 through August 26, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Evening session begins on June 1 through August 11, 6-8 p.m.

To register, call Cathy Ostermueller or Nicole Miller at (732) 548-2044 or email Cathy.ostermueller@metuchen-edisonymca.org or Nicole.miller@meruchen-edisonymca.org.

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Sports

U-13 STRIKERZ

By Coach Joe Evans

Strikerz End the Season With a Win

Well, it's always a great feeling when you begin and end the season with a win; it makes everything in between easier to digest.

The U-13 girls, Strikerz, played their final game of the spring season at the Kenneth Avenue fields against a very spry West Windsor Club which, by the way, defeated us last week 1-0.

The Strikerz were at full strength and determined to end the season with a win. The scoring began with a beautiful assist from Maria Alcivar to right forward Haley Hlavka. The second goal scored was by Allison Tuyp after a corner kick that we refused to let the defense clear out of their goal.

The score at half time was 2-0, but the coaches would not let the girls rest on their laurels. West Windsor scored their first goal midway through the half. Then came the breaking point. West Windsor was awarded a penalty kick, with a chance to tie the score. Amanda "Brick Wall" Harper denied this very important scoring opportunity. The Strikerz' defensive line of Carolyn Ratti, Nicole Gerrardi, Morgan Evans and Moriah Garcia were outstanding.

West Windsor managed to tie the game with an incredible shot that would have required a seven foot tall keeper to block it. With about five

minutes left in the game, Hlavka managed to get free from her "shadow" and scored the decisive goal.

The midfield play of Marilyn Rivera, Kylie Janisewski, Mary Livingstone, Elizabeth McCormick (who also played up front), Brianna Boyce and Valerie Cecchittini were superb in denying West Windsor any further scoring opportunities.

The Strikerz managed to finish the spring season 5-5 after moving up two flights. Coaches Paul Tuyp and Joe Evans are extremely proud of the girls and look forward to another outstanding season in the fall.

U-11 ARSENAL

By Greg Hoffman

Arsenal Wins One at Home

On a beautiful Saturday morning at Kenneth Field, the South Plainfield Soccer Club's U-11 Arsenal team battled the very fast skilled Aberdeen/Matawan Wolves and came up with a great 3-2 win. Arsenal's previous encounter with the Wolves 10 weeks ago yielded a 1-1 tie.

Ricky Pellegrino scored off an Alec Pacz assist for Arsenal's first goal, producing a 1-0 lead. The Wolves were able to tie up the score at halftime.

Jason Belanger then scored off Jake Hoffman's assist to give Arsenal the lead, 2-1. Ten minutes later, Belanger returned the favor with an assist to Hoffman's goal for a 3-1 lead. The Wolves wouldn't quit and made it 3-2 with seven minutes left in the game. Arsenal's defense, led by the very talented foursome Jared Marks, Edwin Rivas, Tyler Curtis and Jason Cieszkiewicz, wouldn't yield the tying goal and the boys had earned a great victory.

Making key contributions to this conquest were Dylan O'Connor, Ryan Stankan, Cristian Butrico, Scott Riccardi and Jake Smith. Nick Plate played great in goal in the first half, and Jason Cieszkiewicz finished up strong in the second half enabling Arsenal to improve their record to three wins, four losses and two ties.

Arsenal Wins One Away

Arsenal completed a great weekend and knocked off the first place Franklin

Twp. Stingrays by a score of 3-1 on Sunday in Franklin Township. The boys played beyond belief and beat an excellent team. Nick Plate had an amazing game in goal, stopping 35 shots and allowing only one goal.

The game was tied 0-0 at halftime, but Franklin had the better opportunities. This changed five minutes into the second half when Jared Marks sent a long pass over the defense to Belanger who then used his great speed to score on a breakaway resulting in 1-0 Arsenal. The Stingrays would tie up the score with 15 minutes left. Scott Riccardi completed a nice pass to a sprawling Hoffman who shot from 20 yards out to score and put Arsenal up 2-1.

The Stingrays applied a ton of pressure, but Plate and the great defense of Mason Resende, Tyler Curtis, Marks, Cieszkiewicz and Edwin Rivas wouldn't tolerate the tying goal. With three minutes left, Marks scored with a 30-yard rocket on a free kick resulting in Arsenal's best win of the year with a final score of 3-1 over the first place team in their flight.

Dylan O'Connor, Cristian Butrico, Caleb Kuberiet and Alec Pacz all played their hearts out for this victory.

Thanks to Coach Hoffman, Coach Cieszkiewicz, Coach Belanger and Coach Resende for all the hard work and finishing up strong with a 4-4-2 record in Flight 4. Well done, Arsenal. See you in the fall.

SOCCER CLUB

By Dawn Hutchison

Club Congratulates U-13 Flight 6 Champions

Last weekend we held our Super 50/50. Congratulations to the three winners. Thank you to all for your participation and making this a great fundraiser for the club. A special thanks to Chrissy Sanko for all her work in organizing the Super 50/50.

Bill Garner and Bob Sanko, thank you for organizing the great BBQ this weekend. The chicken and ribs and meatball sandwiches were a huge success. With all the folks we hosted at our games on Sunday, we kept them happy, entertained and well-fed.

Congratulations to the Strikerz, our U-13 girls team. They received their trophies for being Flight 6 champions this past fall. The team was pre-

sented trophies at a team celebration at Two Tony's Restaurant. Coaches Paul Tuyp and Joe Evans are extremely proud of these girls and their accomplishments. The SPSC congratulates the girls and the coaches on a terrific season.

Reminder: we are hosting two camps this summer. The Brandao Soccer Camp will be held Monday through Friday, June 28-July 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and is open to all kids entering first through eighth grades. Cost of \$195 per person includes ball and t-shirt. This full day camp is open to all recreational and traveling players.

Red Bulls Camp will be held Au-

gust 2-7, 5 to 8 p.m., for ages seven to 14. Cost of \$150 per person includes ball, t-shirt and an invitation to an end of season camp reunion ceremony held prior to a Red Bulls home game at Giants Stadium. Invitation includes a free companion ticket and access to a pre-game on field clinic.

For information on the above camps and to register, visit www.soplfd.soccerclub.com.

The spring season is just about to end. While some teams have completed their schedule, we do have a few rainouts to make up. Good luck to all those teams who still have a game or two to make up.

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The South Plainfield Education Foundation and the South Plainfield Business Association held their annual Emil Leporino Memorial golf outing on May 11. Despite a threat of rain all day, the annual event that raises money for the Emil Leporino Scholarship Fund was a huge success once again.

"There are so many people to thank for the success of our outing," said Marge Reedy, president of the Education Foundation. "We would like to thank the members of the golf committee for all their hard work: Carolyn Allen of TD Bank, Shannon Jefferys of Columbia Bank, Robert Longo of Cornerstone Architectural, Tom

Lanza of Lanza and Lanza, and Rick McCriskin of McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals. Carolyn and Shannon were able to ensure that the outing took place without a hitch!"

This year, 55 golfers took part in the fundraiser—all local businessmen and one woman golfer. Each participant received a "goody bag."

The first place team, which consisted of Tom Lanza, Warren Tamarof, Tom McCreesh and Guy Moretti, won a foursome to Twin Brooks Country Club; the second place team, New Pak Group, won a foursome to Cranbury Golf Club; and the third place team, Stroffell Group, won a four-

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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Danielle Aronowitz

Greetings from the library. Why pay for movie rentals? Come to the library where renting movies is free. We have a great selection from hot new releases to television shows to classics. Some recently released movies that we own are: *Leap Year*, *Avatar*, *Extraordinary Measures*, *Invictus*, *The Messenger*, *Crazy Heart*, *Nine*, *It's Complicated*, *Inglorious Basterds*, *The Young Victoria*, *2012*, *Sherlock Holmes*, *The Lovely Bones*, *An Education*, *A Single Man* and *Emma*. For the kids, we also have new releases such as: *Toy Story*, *Toy Story 2*, *The Tooth Fairy*, *Alvin and the Chipmunks 2*, *The Squeakquel*, *Olivia Takes Ballet*, *Great Mouse Detective*, *Diego's Great Panda Adventure* and *The Backyardigans: Escape from the Tower*. We also have new music as well as new books on CD. You can go to our website or call us to place any of these items on hold. Be advised that there is a \$.50 charge per item for putting it on hold.

The Middlesex County Recycling Program is no longer accepting alkaline batteries and automobile batteries for recycling. Batteries accepted include rechargeable batteries (C, D, AA, 9-volt, etc.) and the button cell batteries found in watches, calculators and other small electronic items; and larger batteries, such as those found in cell phones, laptops and camcorders. Alkaline batteries should be disposed of in the trash.

Governor Christie's budget calls for a 74% decrease in funding for state-wide library services. Access to electronic databases such as EBSCO, which kids use for research, will cease. More than half of public libraries will lose access to the Internet. Statewide Interlibrary Loan (ILL) and delivery will cease among many other cuts. If these and the many other services which could be affected are important to you, please contact your state legislators and insist they oppose funding cuts to library services. You can call or send a message to the governor (609) 292-6000, your state senator and assembly representatives opposing the elimination of funding for library programs. Visit www.capwiz.com/ala/nj/home for more information. Sign up today to be a library champion at: www.ilovenjlibraries.org.

The library will be closed Sunday, May 30 and Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day. We will reopen Tuesday, June 1 at 10 a.m.

We will be following our regular schedule for the children's programs. The Monday Morning Movie is shown on Monday morning at 10:30 for preschool age children. The movie usually runs for about 40 minutes. The Storytime program for children ages three and up is held Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday night at 6:30, and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. The Time for 2s & 3s program for children between the ages of two and three is held Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30. The Baby-time program for ages up to two years is held Friday morning at 10:30. We are also doing an afternoon film on Fridays at 3:30 for school age children. The story programs last about an hour and include stories, songs and a craft for older kids. These programs do not require registration. For more information about the programs call (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda or Miss Mija.

On June 21 Mr. Kurt is coming to the library. He will be performing here, at the library on Monday, June 21 at 6:30 p.m. Registration is not required for this program. All of the special children's programs (not storytimes), will have a fee for attendance; one can of food per person. For example, a mom and two children equal three items, which will be donated to the Middlesex County Food Organization and Outreach Distribution Services (M.C.F.O.D.S.), which is the Middlesex County's Emergency Food Distribution Network that serves over 60 local food pantries and soup kitchens. Even if you do not attend a program, any donation is welcome and greatly appreciated.

We are open seven days a week except on holidays. Our hours are as follows: Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays we are open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays we are open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 1:30 to 5 p.m. until June 13 when we will be closed on Sundays until the fall.

To find out more, or if there's any questions, call (908) 754-7885 or visit us on the web at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us

See you next week!



Salem and Sons Bakery held ribbon cutting ceremonies last Saturday to celebrate the opening of its new store in South Plainfield. Pictured (L-R) are Dick DeAndrea, Anthony DaSilva, Mayor Charles Burtrico, Jack and Imad Salem, Faris Mahmoud; front row, Fedah and Mohammad Mahmoud and Joe DeAndrea. Salem and Sons is located at 4315 New Brunswick Ave. (across from the Stop N Shop).

Advance Ride Tickets for The Feast of St. Anthony

The Feast of Saint Anthony at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, 909 Hamilton Blvd., will be held this year beginning Tuesday, June 1 through Saturday, June 5, on the church grounds. Advance ride tickets are on sale now through May 31. More than \$18 worth 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: 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 by CVS; The Corner Deli by the church at 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 across from the A&P.

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

Something 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.

Rides and licensed games, homemade Polish and Italian food, hot dogs, hamburgers, French fries, Caribbean food, perogies, shish-kabobs, pizza frite, zeppoli, roast beef sandwiches, homemade mozzarella—all at the 36th annual Feast of Saint Anthony.

Program to Lower Blood Pressure and Cholesterol at YWCA

The YWCA of Central New Jersey will hold a free summer program to help you lower your blood pressure and cholesterol. If you suffer from high blood pressure, high cholesterol or diabetes or other health conditions with a direct correlation to food and exercise, this program is for you. Program dates are June 1 through July 20.

The class will be taught at the YWCA, located in Plainfield, by Debbie Boehm, a home economist with over 30 years of experience teaching food and nutrition. Learn how to take control of your life by gaining knowledge on healthy food choices, portion control, cooking techniques, nutrition, label reading, exercise and

stress reduction.

To enroll in this free program, pick up a pre-registration packet by visiting the YWCA of Central Jersey at 232 E. Front St. in Plainfield or call (908) 756-3500, ext. 127 to have a packet mailed to you. Depending on your health, a doctor's release may be necessary to participate.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Notice of License Reinstatement

NOTICE

Take notice that application has been made to the Borough of South Plainfield, Municipal Clerk's office located at 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080 for the reinstatement of Retail Plenary Consumption license #1222-33-016-009, Madhusudan LLC, trading as Palace of Jaipur for premises located at 2991 Hamilton Blvd., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

Objections, if any should be made immediately in writing to: Joann Graf, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Ave, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

Usha Chugh
40 William Penn Road, Warren, N.J. 07059

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
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LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Eileen Boettger requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a 12' x 18' wood shed. Proposed wood shed exceeds 200 sq. ft.; 216 sq. ft. proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 470 Moose Avenue, Block 311, Lot 43; 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, June 24, 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.

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LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by William Vedutis requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit 1) deck variance; 8' required; 3' proposed; 2) Addition variance; 30' secondary front setback off Oxford required; 11' proposed; 3) Lot coverage variance; 25% allowed; 26.8% proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 2600 Maple Avenue, Block 75, Lot 1; 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, June 24, 2010 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m.

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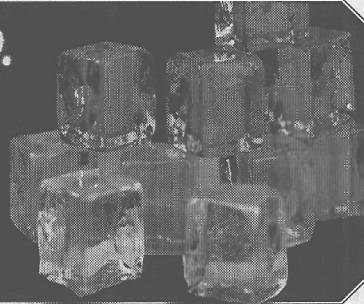
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Tracey Lazar of South Plainfield, founder of House of Couture, is revolutionizing the beauty industry, curing bad hair days and helping many along the way.

"In 2004 I had a hair nightmare," Lazar admits. "Highlights were kept in my long blond hair far too long and left me with a hot mess of hair damage. First, I cried and then I tried to undo the damage with hot oils, extensions, weaves, and of course...wigs! Wigs and hairpieces then became my new obsession. Since my own hair

was a frizzy, damaged disaster I went on a weekend hunt for the perfect hairpiece. Unfortunately, I discovered that synthetic hairpieces only lasted a week before they were ready for the trash! I wanted something more luxurious, something you'd see on the runways and in magazines, and of course something that was affordable."

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"I can't believe how well received and in demand GLAMZ™ has become. I never imagined that this would ever happen. My hair extension mission started out as a personal hobby and now my product is being featured overseas...I am still in shock!"



Lazar is very humbled by the success of her product and is turning her focus to help cancer and burn victims who have lost their hair. She has donated GLAMZ™ to multiple charities, surprised individuals with GLAMZ™-orous days of beauty, as well as entering herself in various runs and walk-a-thons. "Everyone deserves to feel glamorous," she states, "and I want to do as much as I can to make that happen."

For more information about GLAMZ™ visit www.shopglamz.com or contact Jennifer at JD Media via email at myjdmedia@gmail.com.

Mosquito Commission Offers Advice on Mosquito Control

The Middlesex County Mosquito Extermination Commission has been unusually busy this year, due to the heavy rains and flooding combined with unusually warm weather last month. John Kranz, the MCMC executive director, wants to get the word out to property owners about steps they can take to discourage mosquitoes from breeding. Removing standing water is the key, from clogged rain gutters to birdbaths, from old tires to unscreened rain barrels; any standing water is a possible breeding ground for one species of mosquito or another. Asian tiger mosquitoes in particular are known to breed in small containers, even in bottle caps. This species will bite at any time of day, not just in the evening.

The following information can be found on the MCMC's website at www.co.middlesex.nj.us/mosquito/contact.asp.

There are more than 40 different species of mosquitoes in Middlesex County. Some do not bite people and some never become numerous enough to be a problem. However, all mosquitoes have one thing in common: the immature stages (larval and pupal) live in water before

turning into adults.

Mosquitoes develop only in aquatic habitats that hold water continuously for at least seven to 10 days.

You can help control the house mosquito by making every possible effort to eliminate sources of standing water around your home or place of business.

Some of the things you can do are: dispose of all containers that can hold water; store those you want to save by turning upside down, or punch holes in the bottom so water drains out; clean roof gutters and drainage ditches; stock ornamental ponds with fish; change water in birdbaths, fountains and pet dishes weekly; make sure septic, air conditioning and other water tanks are sealed with screened vents; empty wading pools when not in use and keep swimming pools clean and filtered; make sure that boats are covered or that water drains out of them completely; store small boats upside down; flush sump pumps weekly; maintain screening to exclude mosquitoes from house or business.

If you have a mosquito problem, or for advice or information, call the Middlesex County Mosquito Extermination Commission at (732) 549-0665.

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Emil Leporino Golf Outing Raises Money for Scholarships

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some to the Plainfield Country Club West Nine.

The Hole in One program was sponsored by John Cecchetti Insurance Agency and the Hole in One prize, a new car, was sponsored by Reydel Volkswagen.

Sponsors for the golf outing were: Twin Brooks Country Club, New Pak Inc., TD Bank, Hall's Warehouse, Lynn Steel Corp, Dolce Cafe, B&C Deli, Rich's Pharmacy, Mei Haus Restaurant, Domino's Pizza, Haisch's Bakery, White Star Diner, Salerno's Pizza, 1-800 Flowers, Bagel Pantry, Ciccio's Pizza, Paulo's BBQ, Mohn's Florist, Café Gallo, Front Street Farmers Market, Mr. Subs, Frank Licato Insurance Agency, Sherban's Restaurant, Plainfield Country Club-West Nine, Flanagan's Restaurant, Cornerstone Architectural, Fitness 19, Oak Tree Discount Wines and Spirits, Twin City Pharmacy, Sal's Liquors, Columbia Bank, Just Packaging, Rodolfo's Pizza, Central Jersey Federal Credit Union, Harris Realty, Centric Insurance Agency, Integrity Consulting, Frank's Automotive, Edison HVAC, Schwartz-Simon-Edelstein, Educational Data, Lanza and Lanza, McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Fu-

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All of the sponsors either played golf, provided sponsorship and/or provided raffle gifts for the outing.

"Please patronize all of our sponsors, without whose help we would not have had such a successful outing!" said Reedy. "Our many thanks to all who helped to make this outing a success again this year! We are looking forward to next year's outing which will be held on May 10, 2011. Please mark your calendars."

The proceeds from the golf outing benefit the Education Foundation and will continue to provide a \$1,000 scholarship each year in memory of Emil Leporino, one of the founders of both the Education Foundation and the South Plainfield Business Association.

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Obituaries

Phyllis May Joyce, 81

Phyllis May Joyce died on Monday, May 17 at her residence with her friend Jean by her side.

Born in Arlington, Mass. she lived in Brooklyn while growing up, spent 40 years in Somerville and the last few years in Edison.

She retired many years ago from the Bridgewater-Raritan School District where she was an English educator. She loved to read and play Jeopardy. Her cat, Sam, meant the world to her. She will be remembered as a kind, gentle, sweet person.

She leaves behind her dear friend, Jean Jones and husband Kenneth of Scotch Plains and their grandchildren, Kenneth and Jason, whom Phyllis considered as her own.

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

Lee E. Anderson, 71

Lee E. Anderson died on Tuesday, May 18 at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, N.Y.

Lee was born in Plainfield and was raised in Madison. In 1966 he moved to South Plainfield where he resided until October 2009 when he moved to Genesee, Pa.

He worked for Glaxo Pharmaceutical in Piscataway in research and development. From 1961-1965, Mr. Anderson served in the U.S. Coast Guard.

He was a true "Jack-of-all-Trades" and on a regular basis was found helping others.

He is predeceased by a brother, Roy. Surviving are his wife, Sonja (Gundersen); three sons, Michael and wife Joan of Villas, Edward and wife Stacey and Erik and wife Kelly, all of South Plainfield and four grandchildren, Christopher, David, Emily and Jack.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Genesee Area Library, 301 Main St., Genesee, Pa. 16923.

Robert G. Besser, 66



Robert G. Besser

Robert G. Besser died on Saturday, May 22 at home surrounded by family.

Born in Greenwood, Mississippi, Bob lived in Boston, Sidney, New York, Westfield and North Plainfield prior to settling in South Plainfield 37 years ago.

For 25 years Bob worked as a police officer for the North Plainfield Police Department where he earned the rank of lieutenant, retiring in 2002. During his career as a police officer Bob became the first and only K-9 officer in North Plainfield's history.

Upon retirement, Mr. Besser started Bob B's Windshield Repair and he also tended bar at the Top Shelf in North Plainfield.

An avid golfer, Bob was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and served during Vietnam.

He is predeceased by his parents, Mary and Robert L. Besser.

Surviving are his wife of 38 years, Constance "Connie" (Czaplinski); two daughters, Robin Pidany and husband Joe of Flemington and Dawn Besser of South Plainfield; two sons, Mark and wife Carryann of Delaware Twp. and Brian and wife Janine of Lanoka Harbor; three sisters, Judy Heatly and husband James of Delaware, Diane Owings and husband William of Cranford and Nancy Selfridge, also of Cranford; and six grandchildren, Sabrina, Jake, Kody and Marley Besser and Ethan and Mikayla Pidany.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the charity of one's choice.

Antonetta Maria (Giammarese) Patella

Antonetta Maria (Giammarese) Patella passed away on Monday, May 24 at Country Arch Care Center in Pittstown with her family by her side.

Born in Newark, Antonetta moved to Metuchen with her husband to raise

their family.

She retired from Thayer Labs and Revlon in Metuchen where she worked on the assembly line. After her husband Louis passed away in 1985, she moved to South Plainfield where she was an active member of the community. She was a longtime member of the Metuchen Italian American Club, where she served as treasurer, and the South Plainfield Senior Citizens Club. She was a member of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield.

Antonetta is predeceased by her husband, Louis; two brothers, Peter and Salvatore Giammarese; and three sisters, Rose Greco, Rosalie Powell and Josephine Giammarese.

She leaves behind three sons, Matthew and wife Tina of Somerville, Joseph of Florida, Louis and wife Michele of North Haledon; a daughter, Donna Pirrotti and husband Michael of Milford; two sisters, Francis Ondeyka of Barneget and Margaret Balz of Cedar Knolls, along with 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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

Victor Niebyski, 81

Victor Niebyski died on Saturday, May 22 at home.

Born and raised in Newark, Mr. Niebyski resided in South Plainfield since 1959.

During the Korean Conflict, Victor served stateside with the U.S. Army.

He was a member of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield. He worked for Engelhard Industries in Newark and Novak Co. in Plainfield as a metal fabricator for both companies.

Mr. Niebyski is predeceased by a sister, Jean Zawalick; a brother, Edmund; and by a son-in-law, Frank Ciampi.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Jennie (DeLuca); three daughters, Joann Ciampi of South Plainfield, Maryann Miller and husband Charles, also of South Plainfield and Rosemarie Kimbrell of Philadelphia, Pa.; a son, Richard and wife Patricia of Cranford; a sister, Helen Budd of New York and 11 grandchildren.

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

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