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The 2010 Hall of Fame nominees are (L-R) Ellen Decker-Lorys, Rev. John Graf, Jr. and Cheryl Hughes.

Three Nominated to Hall of Fame

By Patricia Abbott

Three South Plainfield High School graduates were added this spring to the school's Hall of Fame. The 2010 nominees are Ellen Decker-Lorys, Cheryl Hughes and Rev. John Graf, Jr. The three were honored at a luncheon at Adelines Ristorante on June 2.

That evening they spoke at the high school's annual senior awards ceremony.

Ellen Decker-Lorys, current principal of Franklin School, is a 1980 South Plainfield High School graduate. She attended Roosevelt Elementary School, South Plainfield Middle School and South Plainfield High

School. She graduated from the College of New Jersey in 1984 with a degree in elementary education and later graduated from Kean University with a masters degree with distinction in educational administration.

Decker-Lorys was awarded the Governor's Teacher Award during her tenure at Roosevelt School. She served as assistant and head cheerleading coach at SPSHS for 12 years. The "Ellen Decker Excellence in Cheerleading Award" was created and is awarded annually to a cheerleader who exemplifies dedication, leadership, determination and spirit.

Decker-Lorys has been an educator in South Plainfield for 26 years. She taught grades four and five for 22 years at Roosevelt School and was assistant principal at the middle school before becoming principal at Franklin Elementary School three years ago.

She is a member of the South Plainfield Education Foundation and has volunteered for the Project Graduation telethon and the South Plainfield Labor Day 5K Run. She is a volunteer at JFK Hartwyck Nursing Home and a PTSO volunteer. She also speaks at Kean University each semester to graduate students who are completing their internships in educational leadership.

Decker-Lorys was nominated by Franklin School teacher, Rose Pelton. "To be nominated to the Hall of Fame is something you dream about, but never really expect. I am both deeply honored and humbled by this nomination," said Decker-Lorys.

Cheryl Hughes, a 1988 SPSHS graduate, attended Riley Elementary School and the middle school. She graduated from Kean University in 1992 with a major in physical education

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Innovative Career Ed Teacher Retires

By Libby Barsky

All of the outside walls of the closets in Deirdre Falato's Cooperative Education classroom are covered with photos of happy, jubilant students who spent time there, and even more time working at the job placements that she helped them attain.

For 23 years, the placement of students in jobs has been the core of Falato's training of students—to take on the responsibility of a job while considering possible future careers in their areas of interest.

"I wanted them to go to school [technical or college], knowing what they want to be and what options they have. I wanted them to pick areas where there would be more than one option. I wanted them to know they have short and long term options and that the short term goal may help them pay for the long term goal. If a student wants to be a hairdresser, don't put them down. As a hairdresser, they can get themselves through four years of college by making money to pay for it," Falato said.

The wall behind Falato's desk displays the many awards she received; the Governor's Teacher Recognition Award from Jim Florio, South Plainfield Teacher of the Year, NJCIECA Central Coordinator of the Year (six times), NJCIECA State Coordinator of the Year (two times) and a three time recipient of NJCIECA Program of the Year. The wall also has a framed letter from Governor Christine Whitman for establishing a televised job bank when Falato worked in Somerset County before coming to South Plainfield.

She is most proud of the more than \$1.5M in scholarships her students received to technical schools and programs through competitive interviews. The most recent recipient of a \$30,000 scholarship to DeVry is Greg Herbst.

When South Plainfield received a job training grant entitled, "Work Transition for Special Needs High



Deirdre Falato

School Students," Falato was recruited by former Superintendent of Schools Len Tobias whose college roommate was a Somerset County Schools Superintendent who recommended Falato for the position. Falato holds a BA and MA in special education from William Paterson College and had been in a doctorate program at Rutgers University for vocational specialist, cooperative industrial education.

"I never finished the [doctoral] program. It would have taken me out of the classroom," she said. "I had only six students in that first class and now the cooperative education program has waiting lists for kids to get in my class."

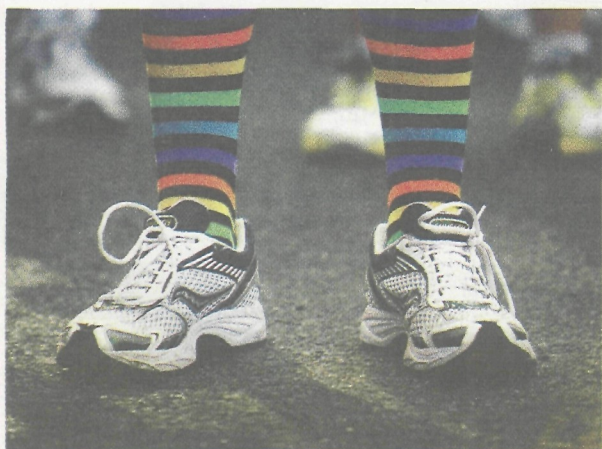
Falato worked hard to make the program as successful as it has become.

"I've had those who philosophically don't feel this is necessary and I've always had to fight that. It's been a battle for a long time," she said.

But not for the parents whose children have been in the program.

"The families that have known me over the years have encouraged their children to take my class. There have been some families where I have had five or six children come into my program knowing how successful they are. Since I wrote my letter in the

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Clowning Around? Hardly—These colorful limbs belong to Adam Butrico, first place overall winner of last Saturday's Sacred Heart School 5K Run.

Budget Hearings Scheduled For Department Heads

Budget hearings for borough department heads will be held on Monday, June 14 in the Borough Hall conference room and Wednesday, June 16 at the senior center. Both hearings will start at 6 p.m. The meetings are open to the public.

The order in which the department heads will be heard is as follows:

June 14 at Borough Hall: Environmental—Alice Tempel, Environmental—Dorothy Miele, Court—Karen Costantino, Fire Department—Larry Delnegro, Clerk—Joann Graf, Police and 911—Paul Brembt.

June 16 at the Senior Center: Building Department—John Pabst, Assessing—Gary Toth, Social Services—Marge Ackerman, Emergency Management—Mike Zushma, Fire Prevention—Joseph Abbruzzese, DPW—Robert Capparelli, Recreation/Office on Aging—Kevin Hughes, Finance/Administration—Glenn Cullen.



Trees along the curbs on Lakeview Avenue were removed last week to prepare for the installation of new decorative lighting. After PSE&G installs the new lighting, replacement trees will be planted. Plans call for the same lights to be installed along Plainfield Avenue, between Maple and Sampton avenues.

—Photo courtesy of Louis Mornille



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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 21 June 21

July 19 (moved from July 12) July 19 (moved from July 12)

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 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 24, July 8, July 22, Aug. 12, Aug. 26, Sept. 9, Sept. 23, Oct. 14, Oct. 28, Nov. 11*, Dec. 9.*

board of education

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

Committee of the whole meetings: 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

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

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To comment on the content or to suggest a special story idea, contact the publisher at (908) 668-0010.

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In My Opinion

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To the Editor:

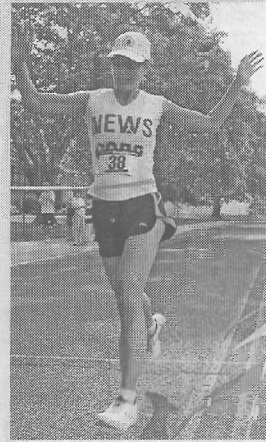
On June 5 Sacred Heart School held its first 5K Run/Family Fun Walk. The event was a huge success! We want to congratulate all the runners and walkers who had a great time supporting a great cause.

We also want to thank all of our sponsors who graciously donated to our race. Our local businesses always come through and we really appreciate it.

Thank you to all the borough employees who made this day possible.

A huge thank you goes out to all of our volunteers! Without you, the race never would have happened.

**SINCERELY, CARL ADLASSNIG
VARSITY TRACK COACH
SACRED HEART SCHOOL**



To the Editor:

Thank you to the following organizations for awarding me college scholarships: the Music Boosters and parents who put their hard work into making the music program run smoothly for the last four years; the Summer Drama committee and Mrs. Stasio; and the Capparelli Family for awarding me a very special scholarship that I will always remember.

Congratulations to all the other scholarship recipients.

Also, a special thanks to my family for supporting me in my interest of the musical arts since grade three.

**EMILY ROSEO,
SENIOR SPHS**

To the Editor:

With the recent passing of my mother, Rose La Salvia, I had reason to engage the services of the McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals. Knowing that Rich and Jim were former students, I had a sense of inherent trust in them. I cannot express how far beyond my expectations their services went. The arrangements, environment, and simple, yet elegant presentation were executed in the most professional manner. Moreover, my entire family had a sense of their commitment to us and our needs. They truly conveyed an attitude that our family was special to them and deserving of their undivided attention.

These two young men demonstrate a maturity beyond their years, and their staff maintains their level of excellence. Our most sincere thanks go out to them all.

We would additionally like to thank Georgeann Cochran of Mohn's Florist for the gorgeous floral tributes to mom. Her colors and design were tasteful and graceful, conveying a joyful, rather than somber, motif. For the funeral repast, John and the staff of Flanagan's are to be commended.

As an employee and resident of South Plainfield for 30 years, I never had need for services for a death in the family. Now, however, I can heartfully tell you that the local services of Flanagan's, Mohn's and McCriskin-Gustafson may be relied upon at your time of need.

MARIA LA SALVIA-SELIGA

To all long time residents:

This year marks the 85th anniversary of the first night airmail flights that originated from Hadley Airport.

Of course, the airport is long gone to make way for Route I-287. The airport was located where the Holiday Inn now stands. It served as a receiving post office for mail from New Brunswick and the surrounding areas.

If anyone has memorabilia of the area and/or the air mail service, call Dorothy Miele at (908) 754-3073 or Bill Tuthill at (908) 756-9654.

The history museum is open Tuesday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the history center in the Board of Education building.

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE,
WILLIAM (BILL) TUTHILL**

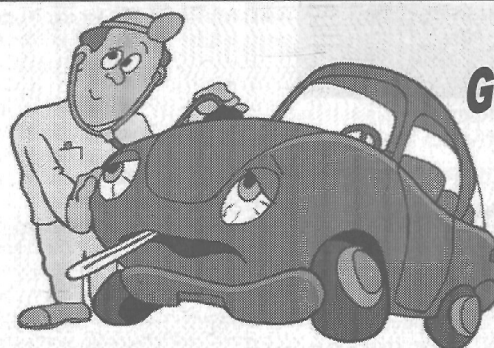
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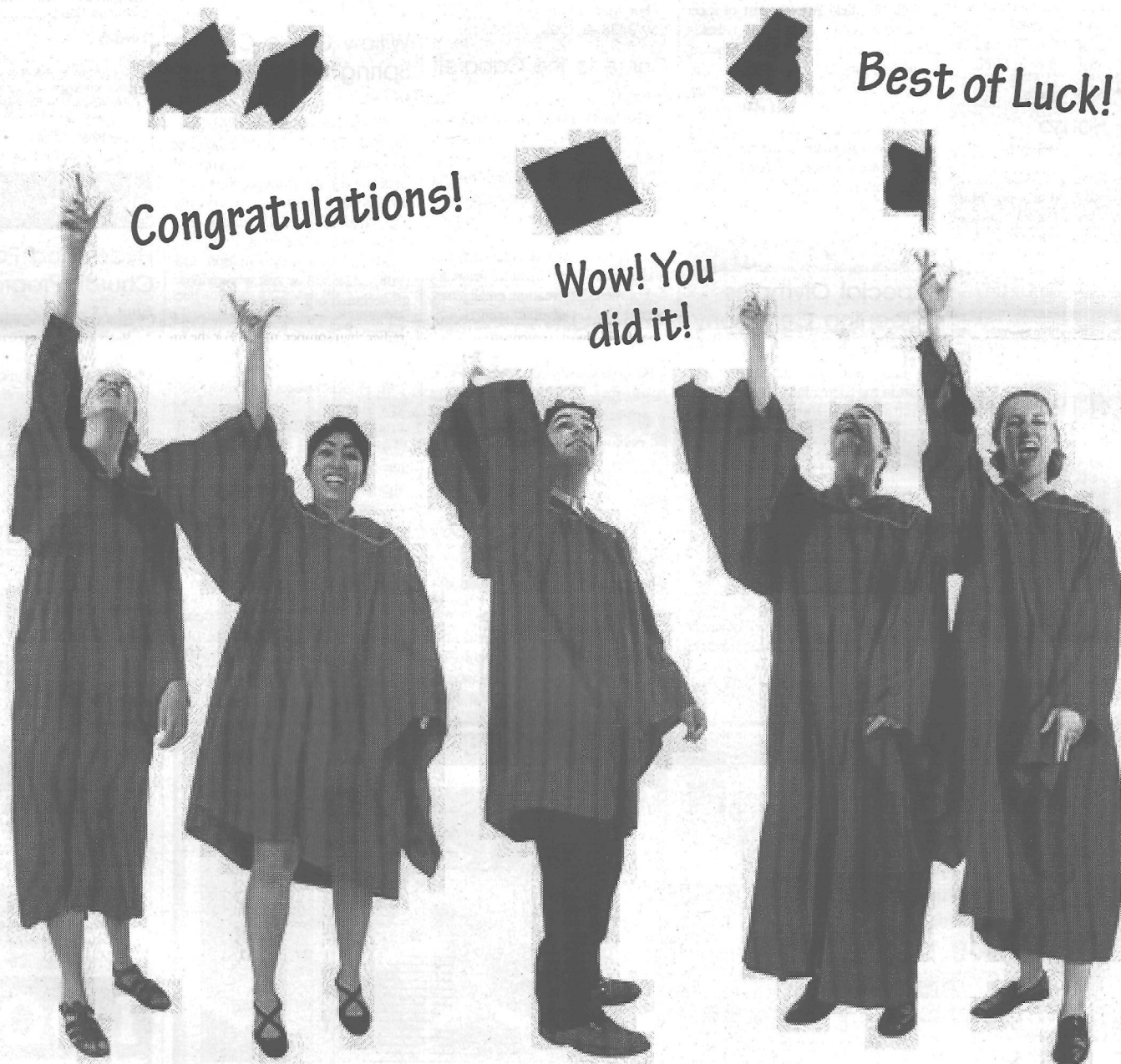
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Reserve your space by June 18 by calling (908) 668-0010.

Events

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.

Project Graduation Volunteer Meeting

June 14

The SPHS PTA will hold a second volunteer info meeting on Monday, June 14 at 7 p.m. in the SPHS Tiger's Den for those who were unable to attend the first meeting. Chaperone responsibilities and the plans for the celebration will be discussed. It will last about 20 minutes. If unable to attend the meeting, please arrange to send someone to pick up the necessary information and take notes. If this is not possible, please contact Sharon Miller at (908) 754-6461 or through the main office at SPHS.

Little Treasures Open House

June 19

Little Treasures, 2177 Oak Tree Rd. in Edison, will hold an open house on Saturday, June 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They provide infant care through kindergarten and summer camp for children ages five to eight. State-of-the-art atmosphere and providing each child with the experience to open their minds and expand their abilities.

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

Class of 1961 Seeks Alumni for Reunion

SPHS Class of 1961 is soon approaching a 50 year reunion. Organizers are attempting to reach out to all families and classmates in an effort to obtain current addresses in the hopes to contact as many graduates as possible.

If you, or someone you know, is a member of the Class of 1961, please forward this information to Brenda Belardo Ribar, Nancy Kahora Dowd and Geri Trivigno Beyer via email to class1961sps@gmail.com.

Father's Day Brunch At the Elks Club

June 20

The South Plainfield Elks will host a Father's Day brunch on Sunday, June 20 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Featured will be a carving station and omelet and waffle stations, along with pasta, breakfast meats, fruits, salads, cereal, muffins, breads, yogurt and desserts. Eggs made to order will also be available. A mimosa is included in the price of admission for those 21 and over only.

Cost is \$15-adults, \$13-seniors, \$8-12 and under. Proceeds will benefit the Youth Activities Committee. For tickets or information, please call Sharon Reuter at (908) 791-1214.

Wesley Church to Celebrate Marriage

June 27

Wesley United Methodist Church, 1500 Plainfield Ave., as part of their 50th anniversary celebration, is holding a service to celebrate marriage on Sunday, June 27 at 10:30 a.m. The service will be devoted to honoring couples who were married at Wesley and celebrating all married couples. We invite you to share in the renewal of your vows during this special service.

For more information, call (908) 757-2838.

— Out of Town —

Special Olympics Opening Ceremony

June 11

Law enforcement officers will take part in the 27th annual Torch Run to raise awareness about the 2010 Special Olympics New Jersey Summer Games on Friday, June 11.

The torch will be carried by officers representing various law enforcement agencies before being run into the opening ceremonies at Lions Stadium at The College of New Jersey. Opening ceremonies begin at 7:30 p.m. with a concert by the BStreetBand, the original Bruce Springsteen tribute band, as well as an extraordinary display of fireworks. All events are free and open to the public.

For information, visit www.sonj.org or call (609) 896-8000.

German Biergarten at Deutscher Club

June 11

Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane in Clark, is hosting an authentic German Biergarten on Friday, June 11, from 5:30 to 11 p.m. Porsche night; open to the public; rain or shine. Parking available; live entertainment. German and American food available.

For more information, call (732) 574-8600.

Middlesex East WOWs Open Dance

June 11

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers, Carteret Chapter, will hold an open dance on Friday, June 11 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.

Come to the Cabaret!

June 12

The Jersey Harmony Chorus will host a cabaret-style show on Saturday, June 12 at 3 p.m. in the Princeton Alliance Church, 20 Schalks Crossing Road in Plainsboro. Jersey Harmony Chorus is a chapter of Sweet Adelines International. Tickets: \$15 adults; \$12 seniors and students; children under five are free. Includes desserts.

For more information, email jerseyharmonytickets@gmail.com or call (732) 236-6803.

Blackrose to Perform

June 12

Blackrose, a band performing classic rock and roll music and today's hits, will perform at Rug's & Riffy's Bar and Grill, 493 Rahway Ave. in Woodbridge on Saturday, June 12 at 10 p.m. No cover charge.

Girl Scouts to Hold Garage Sale

June 12

Girl Scout Troop 40-289 will hold a garage sale to benefit Homefirst Interfaith Housing and Family Services on Saturday, June 12 from 9 a.m. to

12:30 p.m. at 1 Briarcliffe Rd. in Scotch Plains. Proceeds will go toward the girl's Bronze Award project of putting together summer supplies, bags for low-income and homeless children. The garage sale will include lots of great toys, baby supplies, household items and more.

Second Annual 5K Run/Walk for Hope

June 13

The Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care in Scotch Plains will host its second annual Patrick Allocca Memorial 5K Run/Walk for Hope on Sunday, June 13 at Oak Ridge Park in Clark. Registration 8:30 a.m.; run/walk begins at 10 a.m. Awards ceremony and barbecue 11:30 a.m. Registration fee: \$25. Register at www.therunningcompany.net/in-person at Westfield Running Company, 17 Elm St. in Westfield.

For more information, call (908) 889-7780.

Willow Grove Church Spring Concert

June 13

Willow Grove Church, 1961 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains is holding its spring concert featuring Imperial Brass on Sunday, June 13 at 3 p.m. Tickets: \$15; seniors and students \$12; children under 12 are free. Reception with light refreshments.

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

Jazz Concert

June 13

St. Francis Episcopal Church, 400 New Market Rd. in Dunellen is sponsoring a jazz concert on Sunday, June 13 at 3 p.m. The Lil' Big Band is a nine-piece jazz band that will entertain with selections from the 30s, 40s and 50s. Come and enjoy some great swing from musicians. Tickets are \$10 including light refreshments.

For more information, call (732) 968-6781.

Send Your Events to:

spobserver@comcast.net

For info on submitting your event, visit www.spobserver.com.

SENIOR CENTER Calendar

Coming Up.....

June 7-10 Niagara Falls

June 17 Bally's

Oct 11-15 Indian Head Resort
(Call the center for more info)

MONDAYS

Silver Sneakers 8:45 am

Crocheting 9:30-11:30 am

Yoga 10:30 am

Art Class 11:30 am

TUESDAYS

Bingo 10 am-2 pm

Ladies Group 10 am

WEDNESDAYS

Aerobics 8:45 am

Computer.....10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm

Line Dancing 10:30 am

Crocheting 1 pm

Tai Chi 2 pm

THURSDAYS

Active Seniors 8:45 am

Shopping Trip 9 am

Crafts Class 10 am

Computer 10 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm

Exercise Class 1:15 pm

FRIDAYS

Bingo 10 am-2 pm

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

Lunch Served Monday-Friday.

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

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

Hydewood Park Church Program

June 13

Potter's Field Ministries will present a program at Hydewood Park Baptist Church on Sunday, June 13 at 7 p.m.

Led by Michael and Pam Rozell, this dramatic and musical presentation will illustrate the relationship that God has with man. The program is free; a free will offering will be received. All ages are welcome; childcare will be provided. Hydewood Park Baptist Church is located at 100 Norwood Ave. in North Plainfield.

For information, call (908) 754-6211, or call the Hydewood church office at (908) 754-6363. You may also visit www.hydewood.org.

Folklife Program of Jewish Tradition Stories

June 13

Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission and the Folklife Program for New Jersey present "Paradise Lost and Found: Stories from the Jewish Tradition" with storyteller Ellen Muskat at East Jersey Olde Towne Village, 1050 River Road in Piscataway on Sunday, July 13 at 2 p.m. Free of charge; advance registration is required.

For information and to register, call (732) 745-4489 or (732) 745-3888 (TTY users only).

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Dr. Otero from Plainfield Animal Hospital and her assistant, Rose Ann, visited Miss Heide and Miss Rolyn's classes at A Small World Preschool. Pet Day was a fun-filled day enjoyed as the conclusion to a study of all pets—from turtles to dogs.

Senior Art Contest Seeks Entrants

The Middlesex County Department of Senior Services annual juried Senior Citizen Art Contest and Exhibition is scheduled for July 12–August 6 at The Studio Art Gallery, Middlesex County College Performing Arts Center.

Any person age 60 and older residing in Middlesex County may submit one entry completed within the past three years. Entrants may be of either professional or non-professional status.

Please note all artwork must be the original creation of the artists. Winners from the county contest will participate in the state competition in September.

For information regarding categories and eligibility guidelines or to obtain an entry form, call the Middlesex County Department of Senior Services at (732) 745-4305. All artists must register for the competition by Friday, June 18.

The Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield officers for 2010-2011 were installed by Ann Ribinsky Brown, College District Vice President, at an installation banquet held at Giovanna's Restaurant in Plainfield on June 3. Officers installed were Lucy Hudson, president; Natalie Bergen, vice president; Diane Gallo, recording secretary; Mary Ann Iannitto, federation/corresponding secretary and June Flannery, treasurer.

Ann Ribinsky Brown was known to many of the club members because she taught English to many of their children at South Plainfield High School prior to her retirement.

After the luncheon, a short business meeting was held and a special award was given to Natalie Bergen for the outstanding work she has done as New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs Special State Projects Chairman for the past four years. Natalie will continue in that capacity for the coming club year and raise funds for the Gilda's Club New Jersey, named for cancer victim Gilda Radner. These funds will as-

NEWS

Suburban Woman's Club



Suburban Woman Club President Lucy Hudson, Installing Officer Ann Ribinsky Brown, Vice President Natalie Bergen, Recording Secretary Diane Gallo, Treasurer June Flannery and Federation/Corresponding Secretary Mary Ann Iannitto.

sist cancer victims and their families in various capacities.

This banquet ends the current club year. The club's activities will resume in September with meetings at the American Legion Hall on Oak

Tree Avenue.

Anyone interested in joining this group of hardworking, dedicated women may call the membership chairman, Grace Bertucci, at (732) 549-9633.

DeSantis Named Delegate to Career Program

A reception was held on June 6 at the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs headquarters in New Brunswick for the delegates and alternates to the 2010 Girls' Career Institute program at Douglass College. The Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield is sponsoring Angela DeSantis as the delegate and Joelle Butrico as the alternate to attend the program June 14-17.

Angela is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nick DeSantis of 214 Oak Manor Parkway and Joelle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Butrico of 114 Harvard Ave.

For the past 64 years the NJSEWC has sponsored this program where high school juniors go to the Douglass Campus for a four day mini-college program. The girls who are chosen for GCI attend workshops featuring professional women who share their experiences. They also create original skits, sing in the chorus, play an instrument in the GCI band or perform solo talents and perhaps put on a fashion show of original gowns.

The opportunity for these young women to meet, share their lives and talents and forge new friendships is unique to this program.



Angela DeSantis

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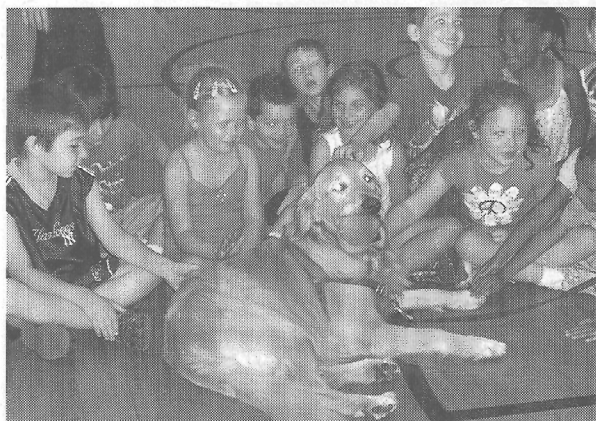
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Seeing Eye Dog "Camper" Pays a Visit to Franklin School



Camper with students at Franklin School.

By Patricia Abbott

Franklin School students were treated to a visit by Seeing Eye, Inc. volunteer Anita Eigen and five-year-old Golden Retriever named Camper, also known as "Campy" last month. The dog went through the training program, but didn't become a seeing eye dog because they discovered he is afraid of thunder. Now he is a "career change" dog and does outreach presentations, such as the Franklin School assembly.

There were two age-appropriate assemblies; one for kindergarten through second grade and another for

grades three and four. Eigen explained the purpose and background of the Seeing Eye Institute, when and where it started and the first person to receive a guide dog. Students learned the process which leads to an animal becoming a guide dog. They learned how the dogs are trained, the special qualities these dogs possess and how they differ from regular pets. The children also learned how they should act when they see a guide dog with a blind or visually impaired individual.

One of the activities included the children singing *Happy Birthday* to Campy while clapping their hands and

stamping their feet. This demonstration showed how loud noises don't upset him, a very important quality in a seeing eye dog.

During the first session, Campy found a ball used by the gym classes. He brought it to a group of children, then he settled himself in the laps of five students.

The older students had a more detailed assembly. They watched Eigen do a "Juno walk" with student volunteer Christopher Lacasale. Eigen explained, "A Juno walk is what we do with applicants before they come to get a dog. An instructor holds the 'dog-end' of a harness and the applicant holds the handle. The instructor plays the part of Juno the dog and guides the applicant as he or she gives commands. This provides information to the instructor that is used in matching the right dog to the right student: how strong is the person, how hard do they pull on the harness, how fast they walk and how good their orientation skills are. The demonstration showed how a blind person uses the dog to avoid obstacles. After placing a blindfold on Christopher, she walked him around the gym, helping him to avoid tables, people and doorways. He was then led to a chair where he had to feel his way safely into his seat.

Seeing eye dogs are raised by puppy raisers starting when they are seven to eight weeks old. The dogs stay with the puppy raisers for about 18 months and are then returned to Seeing Eye, Inc. where they work with a professional trainer for four months. The dogs are assigned to a blind person when they are about two years old. The individual spends four weeks living at the institute as they learn to work with their dog. Three breeds are used for seeing eye dogs, German Shepherds, Golden Retrievers and Labradors.

Seeing Eye, Inc. was founded in 1929 by Dorothy Harrison Eustis and Morris Frank with his first seeing eye dog, Buddy. Their main campus is in



the Washington Valley section of Morris Township, but much of the actual training takes place in downtown Morristown. Seeing Eye, Inc. is a private, not-for-profit, philanthropic organization. The cost of raising and training a dog is \$50,000, yet the cost for a dog is \$150, the same price that it was in 1929. Over 15,000 dogs have been placed to date.

Teresa Davenport, senior communications officer for The Seeing Eye, Inc., explained the goal of the assembly. "Our hope is to increase understanding and sensitivity about people who are blind, helping kids see that people who are blind can be independent and able to do just about anything they want, and letting kids know about our volunteer puppy raising

program. Seeing eye dog users experience greatly enhanced mobility and independence, allowing them to retain their active lifestyles despite blindness." Seeing Eye, Inc. is supported by contributions from individuals, corporations and foundations, bequests and other planned gifts.

After each assembly the children had the opportunity to pet Campy as they filed out of the room.

Eigen noted that the children thoroughly enjoyed the presentation and asked many questions. One kindergarten student, Jada Worthem, said "I'm not afraid of dogs anymore!" and repeatedly stroked Campy.

For more information about Seeing Eye, Inc., check their website at www.SeeingEye.org.

Franklin Participates in Seeing Eye's "Pennies For Puppies" Fundraiser

Franklin School is participating in the Seeing Eye Inc.'s "Pennies for Puppies," a fundraiser for the organization. Seeing Eye, Inc. provides posters and educational materials to educate participants about Seeing Eye Inc. The organization sends an outreach representative along with a puppy to make a 45-60 minute presentation about the program. Pennies are collected at the end of the campaign, and the funds are given to Seeing Eye Inc. In appreciation Seeing Eye Inc. sends the school or organization a certificate indicating that the participants have officially sponsored a seeing eye puppy.

Any group interested in participating in a Pennies for Puppies or Dollars for Dogs project should call (973) 539-4425, ext. 1778, or email Pennies@seeingeye.org.

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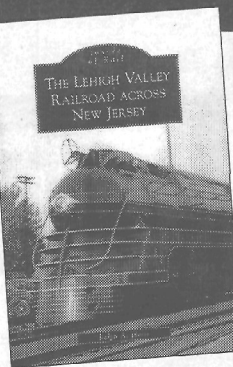
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Project Graduation Reminders; Volunteers Still Needed

The South Plainfield High School PTA congratulates all of the SPHS 2010 graduating seniors. The Project Graduation celebration will be held at The Club at Ricochet on Tuesday, June 22 from 10 p.m. until Wednesday, June 23 at 5 a.m. This event is made possible due to the combined efforts of SPHS and the SPHS PTA.

Everyone must arrive between 10 and 10:30 p.m.; do not be late. The pool will be open, so bring your bathing suit and a towel. There are locker rooms available, as well as lockers to store your belongings; however, they do not contain locks. You may bring your own lock. Remember your props and costumes for the lip sync contest, volleyball contest and Video Star (make your own music video).

If you have not yet handed in the Rules of Conduct and permission slips and/or the contest forms and want to attend Project Graduation, submit the forms to the SPHS main office by Tuesday, June 15. If you need additional forms, they can be found in the main office. Read all forms before signing. You do not have to bring any money; everything at this event is free! It will be a fun-filled night. Please note the contest forms were handed out in school.

This event will not be a success without the help and support of the SPHS parents. If you would like to help chaperone, we need volunteers in all time slots. We are also looking for dads to help with grilling and clean up. If

you are interested in volunteering, return the volunteer form to the main office by June 15. If you have any questions, contact me directly at (908) 754-6461 or through the main office at the high school. Please provide your name, home telephone number and the area and time you will be able to work.

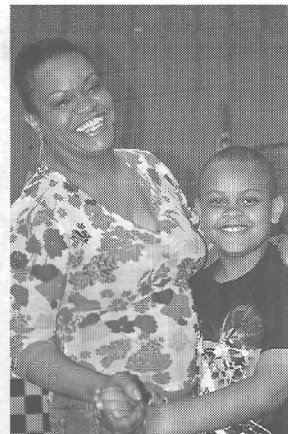
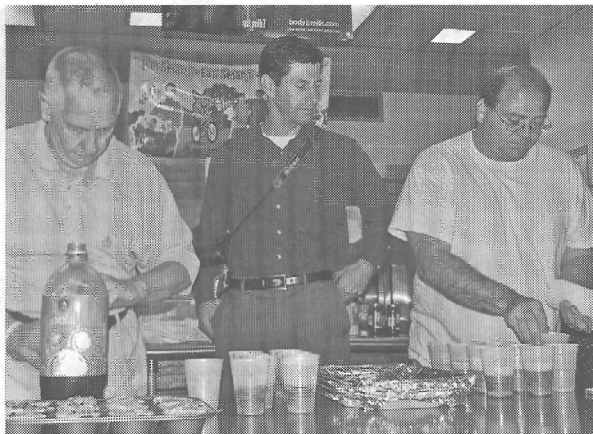
Volunteers are needed for the following: set up-8-10 p.m. June 22; clean up-5-6 a.m. June 23; chaperone 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. June 22 and 23 (you can work any number of hours). (Dads, we need your help.) Volunteers, if you were not able to make the June 10 meeting, another volunteer info session is scheduled for Monday, June 14 at 7 p.m. in the SPHS Tiger's Den. You only have to attend one meeting.

This event will truly be an unforgettable night for graduating seniors because of the support of SPHS families, community organizations, local businesses and volunteers. If you have previously donated, thank you; if you have not, it is not too late.

Monetary donations can be sent to: South Plainfield High School Project Graduation, 200 Lake St., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080. Please make checks payable to: SPHS PTA-Project Graduation. You do not have to donate in order for your child to attend. This event is free for all graduates.

The Class of 2010, the SPHS PTA and the SPHS sincerely appreciate your support! Thank you. Together we can make a difference.

Submitted by Sharon Miller



Riley Mother/Son Dance

By Patricia Abbott

Riley School held the annual mother/son dance on June 4. This year's dance theme was a blast from the past, the fabulous fifties.

Many moms were decked out in poodle skirts, pink jackets and with scarves holding their ponytails high. Boys sported leather jackets, sunglasses and jeans. As they entered, they had their photos taken with a cutout of a pink Cadillac.

The deejay kept the music going non-stop. Most of the moms watched while their boys hit the dance floor, running, jumping, spinning and, sometimes, dancing.

Guests enjoyed the ice cream sundae bar which included whipped cream, chocolate and strawberry syrup and sprinkles, as well as an old time classic, a root beer float. Principal Al Czech and a handful of parents were kept busy serving up the sundaes.

The real dancing began when they learned the moves to several dances, including a line dance. It was the moms turn to have fun as they worked hard to learn the moves. The boys tried to keep up and some even mastered the moves, but the fun part was the famous greased lightning moves from the movie Grease.

Approximately 75 attended the PTSO-sponsored event.



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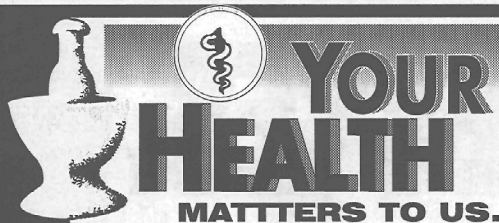


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Barbara and Frank Smith of South Plainfield celebrated their fiftieth anniversary with friends and family on May 15 at Hanover Manor in East Hanover at a dinner hosted by their sons, Frank Jr. and Robert.



Taylor Kurilew

Taylor Kurilew Named to Montclair State Dean's List

Taylor Lynn Kurilew, South Plainfield High School Class of 2008, has been named to the dean's list for the fall and spring semesters at Montclair State University. To receive this honor, students must achieve and maintain a 3.5 or higher GPA.

Taylor just finished her sophomore year and is majoring in music with a concentration in voice.

Taylor is the daughter of Walter and Gwenn Kurilew.

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Roosevelt Holds Annual Spring Concert

Roosevelt School students perform at the annual spring concert last month. The theme of the concert was "Happy Spring." Directing the band was Tobie Baldwin; the strings, Bruce Mikolon; and the chorus, Sharon Perez. Pictured below is Librarian Christine Brandenburg and third grade teacher Michael Bertram.



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250 Grant Students Take to the Street For Diabetes Research

By Patricia Abbott

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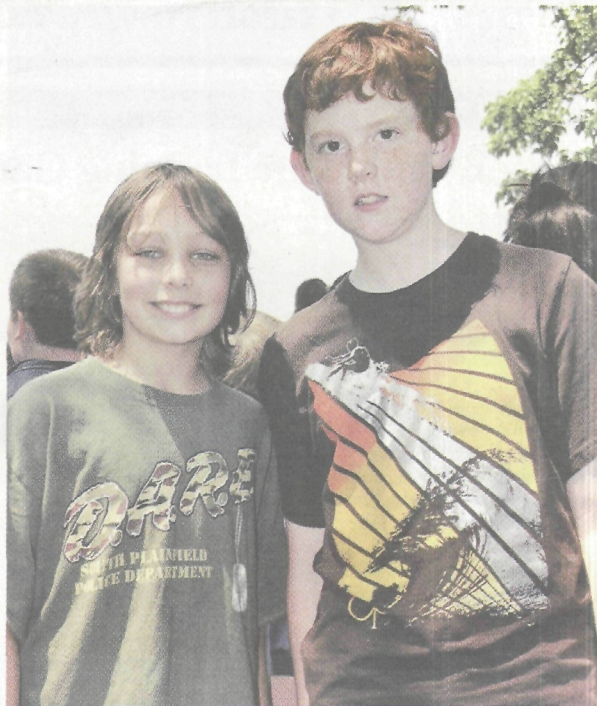
Diabetes Association. While the dollar amount may seem a bit daunting for such youngsters it was a walk in the park, literally. The venture began

on April 1 when students received their pledge forms. The goal was to gather as many pledges as they could for a two circuit walk around Spring Lake Park, a distance of about one mile. The minimum to participate was two dollars. They had just one month to gather their pledges and set out on their mission with amazing vigor and energy.

On May 14, a perfect spring day prevailed as approximately 530 students made their way from Grant School to the entrance to the park located off the high school parking lot. Laughing, giggling, gabbing, walking, running and skipping; everyone was in high spirits as they began their journey. Once inside the park they were met by a police car escort. The youths enjoyed a break from classes while helping those in need at the same time.

Grant School works in conjunction with the American Diabetes Association in Bridgewater. The Grant School Student Council sponsors the walk, led by their advisor Allison Schneider. Over the years they have raised anywhere from six to 13 thousand dollars, and anticipated to be within that range again this year. Prizes were awarded for attending and the top fundraiser received tickets to a Somerset Patriots baseball game or a banquet dinner in their honor.

The lead fundraiser for the 2010 walk was Joshua Ward. He raised \$315. The highest fundraising home-



Joshua Ward, top fundraiser and Andrew Bisgaard, both fifth grade students.

room won a pizza party. Schneider noted that the school walk is fully supported by principal, Leo Whalen, and Vice Principal, Robert Richkus.

"A special thanks to the entire Grant School community. We could never achieve such a great goal without the entire staff and student body. Watching nearly the entire student body walk around Spring Lake Park for this fantastic cause makes the hard work behind this endeavor so rewarding. Without the support of Mr. Whalen and Mr. Richkus, and the amazing support of my fellow teachers who work tirelessly to keep their students motivated to participate, this event would never occur. Also, a special thanks to the children of South

Plainfield and their parents for their devotion to this cause," commented Schneider.

Principal Lou Whalen said, "I would like to make a special thanks to Mrs. Schneider and the Grant School Student Council for organizing the School Walk for Diabetes fundraiser. It is a pleasure for Grant School to be involved in such a very worthy cause. It is a day to not only raise funds and awareness, but a day to bring us closer together as a school community. The walk helps to raise funds and awareness to find a cure for diabetes which can affect anyone. Thanks to the Grant School community for all your hard work and support."

State Fair Meadowlands Begins June 17

State Fair at the Meadowlands Fairgrounds will donate up to 2,000 State Fair entry tickets to underprivileged children in Middlesex and Monmouth Counties this spring, for use during the 19 day fair, running daily from June 17-July 5.

"State Fair Meadowlands-New Jersey's largest annual family-friendly event—is close to home, and we want to make sure that all kids, regardless of income, have a chance to come and share the fun. For our Tix 4 Kids program, we are looking to partner with non-profit organizations throughout the state to identify children who could benefit," said Al Dorso, president of State Fair at the Meadowlands Fairgrounds.

Interested outreach professionals may email tix4kids@njfair.com, with the name of your organization in the subject line.

The fair will feature 50 food vendors and over 150 rides and attrac-

tions for all ages. This year's fair will feature four electrifying new shows—Piccadilly Circus, with daring acrobats, hilarious clowns and majestic circus animals; Sea Lion Splash, a splashy and educational summer pleaser with funny, lovable sea lions; a thrilling aerial stunt show featuring the original batcoper from the Batman TV series and movie; and Hell on Wheels Trilogy BMX Show.

Entrance to these and other shows is free with entry ticket. In addition to this year's new shows, free nightly entertainment also includes favorites master hypnotist Steve Bayner, racing pigs, Festival of Magic, World of Wonder/Palace of Illusion and free concerts. Families can relax in the Kid Zone, a grassy area with picnic tables, umbrellas and space for parents and kids to unwind.

The fair will hold a Jersey Tomato Fight on Saturday, June 26 and a record-breaking Bubble Wrap® pop-

ping event on Sunday, June 27. Fair patrons are invited to participate in these events and make history. Don't miss the second annual auto and bike show on Friday, July 2 from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m., and Saturday, July 3 from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. Spectacular fireworks displays will be held July 3 and 4.

The state fair is offering the following bargains this year:

- **Dollar Preview Night:** Thursday, June 17: everything from parking, rides and select food items costs a buck each, and admission is just \$2.
- **Father's Day Special:** Sunday, June 20: dad's ride rides for free from 2 to 6 p.m.
- **Midnight Madness:** Every Friday night from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., rides and admission are \$19.95.
- **Carload Night:** Thursday, June 24: everyone who fits in your car (up to 8 people) can enter and ride unlimited rides for one price of \$69, and parking is free.
- **Patron Appreciation Day:** Monday, July 5: pay one price combo for admission and unlimited rides for \$25 per person.

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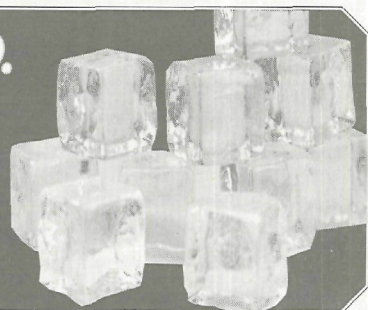
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Sports

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By Dawn Hutchison

Season Ends, But Training Camps Upcoming

Well, another season is in the books and what a great one it was. Thanks to all the players, coaches and families for making the spring season in the SPSC an enjoyable one.

Although the season has wound down, that doesn't mean the club is done for the summer. We are offering two wonderful camps; the Brandao Soccer Camp which runs June 28 through July 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Skills, drills and thrills for all from first through eighth grade. The cost of \$195 per person includes t-shirt and ball.

And then in August, we will host



the NY Red Bulls camp, August 2 through August 6 from 5 to 8 p.m. The cost of \$150 per person includes ball, t-shirt, bonus tickets for player and a companion to join in a camp reunion and pre-game festivities.

For more information on both camps, please go to our website, www.soplfdsoccerclub.com for the links to register.

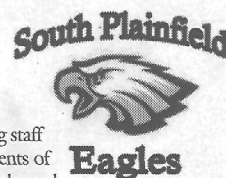
Team selections for the Fall 2010/ Spring 2011 season will be completed and players will be notified by the coaches in the next two weeks. Pre-registration will take place online shortly after teams have been notified and our actual in person registration

will take place in early July. Stay tuned for more information on these events.

We will also be planning for our second annual kick-off party in September. For all you folks who were sorry you missed out last year, don't let it happen again. You won't want to miss out on this year's fun, that's for sure. Bigger and better surprises are in store!

So rest assured, we may not be playing out on the field, but we are always working. To the kids, keep on kicking, dribbling and taking those shots on goal. Remember the Elks Shoot Out is held in the summer, so come on out and take part in this great event as well. Enjoy the summer, and keep on kicking. Keep checking the *Observer* for more updates.

To the Football Eagle Parents and the Entire South Plainfield Community



On behalf of the entire board and coaching staff I have written this letter to update the residents of South Plainfield on the great things we have planned for all of the children enrolled in our program. To start off June we are holding an open house event at the PAL on Maple Avenue today from 6 to 9 p.m. Many of our coaches and board members will be available to answer questions as well as football and cheer demonstrations taking place. Please feel free to come on by. We will also be holding our final registration at this event. If you have not yet registered, please come see us this evening.

With that said we want to let you know that we have a long-standing policy of no child being turned down for financial reasons. We are sensitive to the fact that the economic downturn has negatively impacted many of our families. Families who have this dilemma should know that they will not be turned away for financial reasons. We will work with each family who approaches us on an individual basis. Also know that these matters are kept under the strictest confidence at the executive board level.

Also in June we are holding a "Fun Day" on Saturday, June 19 from noon to 4 p.m. at the SP Eagles practice field on Kenneth Avenue. We'll have moonwalks, a dunk tank, games and free cotton candy. We are inviting all our members and their immediate family. Each registered child can also bring a friend. As the school year ends, we wanted to give the kids a day to have fun and keep football and cheer fresh in their minds.

The PAL is also graciously letting us use their facility for a pool party tentatively scheduled in August. In addition, we are planning a pep rally event on a day very close to the start of the season to kick off another great season. We are learning from other accomplished youth organizations in town like the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club.

I would like to close this update to state our commitment to the children and families enrolled in our program. It is the mission of the coaching staff, executive board and extended board to deliver a program that will provide a safe and fun learning environment for the children. We will do our best to teach the skills necessary to equip our kids with the tools they need to play their game to win and to learn from losses. Most importantly we will strive to do the best possible job in teaching the kids the lifetime team-oriented skills and character building they will take with them into adulthood.

Again on behalf of our board and coaching staff, we wish everyone in South Plainfield a fun and safe summer. We hope to see you soon.

ANTHONY CANGIALOSI
PRESIDENT SP EAGLES

The Big Issue

celebrating SPHS Graduates hits the newsstands on July 2.

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High School to Host Field Hockey Clinic Saturday

South Plainfield High School will be hosting a field hockey clinic at the PAL Memorial Turf Field on Saturday, June 12. Grades two through four will be held from 9 a.m. to noon; grades five through eight will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Registration cost is \$50 and will be held one-half hour before clinic start time.

This clinic will include stick handling skills, game concepts and scrimmaging on the turf field.

All players must have mouth guard, stick and shin guards.

For more information, call the South Plainfield Recreation Department at (908) 226-7713.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1894

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1801 ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A STATE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE ENFORCING AGENCY, ETC." BY WAIVING FEES FOR DISABLED PERSONS SEEKING TO MAKE THEIR HOMES HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE was adopted on first reading and advertised in the *Observer* on Friday, June 11, 2010 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, June 21, 2010 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately following the 7:00pm Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 as follows:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Ordinance 1801 entitled, "An Ordinance Establishing A State Uniform Construction Code Enforcing Agency, Etc." is hereby amended by waiving construction fees for disabled persons seeking to make their homes handicapped accessible. The amendment shall read as follows:

SECTION 3.

b) SUBCODE FEES:

1. Building

(i) New Construction
Residential R-3 & R-5
\$0.020 per cubic foot volume as per N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.28
Certificate of Occupancy R-3, R-4 & R-5: \$75.00 per dwelling unit
State permit surcharge fees: .00265 per cubic ft volume as per N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.19

All Other Use Groups

\$0.030 per cubic foot volume per N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.28
Certificate of Occupancy: 10% of permit fee, Minimum fee \$125.00
State permit surcharge fees: .00265 per cubic ft volume as per N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.19

(ii) Additions

Residential R-3 & R-5
\$0.020 per cubic foot volume as per N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.28
Certificate of Occupancy R-3, R-4 & R-5: \$75.00 per dwelling unit
State permit surcharge fees: .00265 per cubic ft volume as per N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.19

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\$0.030 per cubic foot volume per N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.28
Certificate of Occupancy: 10% of permit fee, Minimum fee \$125.00
State permit surcharge fees: .00265 per cubic ft volume as per N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.19

(iii) Alterations, Renovations, Reconstruction & Repairs

Residential R-3 & R-5

\$20.00 per \$1,000.00 construction cost.
Minimum fee: \$65.00
State permit surcharge fees: \$1.35 or .00135 per \$1,000 of construction cost as per N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.19
Above ground swimming pools: \$85.00
Inground swimming pools: \$475.00
Reconstruction Certificate of Occupancy: \$75.00

All other Use Groups

\$25.00 per \$1,000.00 construction cost. Minimum fee: \$65.00
State permit surcharge fees: \$1.35 or .00135 per \$1,000 of construction cost as per N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.19
Inground swimming pools: \$550.00
Reconstruction Certificate of Occupancy: \$125.00

(iv) Fees for combination of (i), (ii) & (iii) shall be calculated separately.

2. Plumbing & Mechanical

\$15.00 per fixture, piece of equipment or appliance connected to the plumbing system or gas/oil piping system. Minimum fee \$55.00 except as below:

\$75.00 per special advice: Sewer connection, water service connection, sewer pumps, grease traps, oil separators, refrigeration units, backflow preventers, steam boilers, commercial hot water boilers, active solar system, annual sprinkler inspection, quarterly or annual cross connection permits and interceptors.

3. Fire

Smoke Detectors:
1 to 12 \$90.00
12 to 20 \$100.00
Each additional 25 detectors \$50.00

Sprinkler Heads:
1 to 20 \$30.00
21 to 100 \$125.00
101 to 200 \$225.00
201 to 400 \$575.00
400 to 1000 \$800.00
Over 1000 \$1,250.00

Kitchen Exhaust Systems: \$43.00
Pre-Engineered Systems: \$95.00
Gas or Oil Appliances: \$43.00 (not connected to plumbing systems) Crematoriums: \$365.00
Incinerators: \$365.00
Standpipes: \$230.00

4. Electrical

Electrical Inspection Fee as per Contract with Building Inspection Underwriters September 18, 2006 to September 17, 2009: 50% of State fees plus a 15% Administrative Fee.

Annual inspection of swimming pools, spas or hot tubs (excludes R-3 & R-5): 50% of State fees plus 15% Administrative Fee.

5. Demolition of Structures

5,000 square feet or less: \$85.00
Over 5,000 square ft: \$250.00
No State fee

6. Fire Repair

\$20.00 per thousand cost of construction.
Minimum fee: \$65.00 R-3 & R-5 Maximum fee \$400.00

7. Elevators

Enforced by the Department of Community Affairs Elevator Safety Unit (609) 984-7833

8. Signs

Signs to up to 50 square ft: \$75.00 per sign
Signs 50 square ft to 100 square ft: \$100.00 per sign
Does not include cost for sign footing/foundation, if applicable.

9. Tank Removal & Installation

Residential Tanks: \$65.00 per tank
All Other Tanks: \$200.00 per tank
No State fee for tank removal

10. Change of Ownership/ Tenant Certificate of Use

Fee: \$100.00

11. Certificate of Municipal Compliance for Smoke Detector & Carbon Monoxide

One to four families: \$50.00 per dwelling unit
Multi-family: \$40.00 per dwelling unit

12. Other Uniform Construction Code

(a) Certificate of continued occupancy issued pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.23
R-3 & R-5: \$75.00
All Other Use Groups: \$125.00

(b) Change of Use

R-3 & R-5: \$75.00
All Other Use Groups: \$150.00

(c) Variation

R-3 & R-5: \$50.00
All Other Use Groups: \$150.00

(d) Renewal of Temporary Certificate of Occupancy

All User Groups: \$30.00

(e) Asbestos Abatement Project pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:23-8.5

Permit Fee: \$84.00
Certificate of Occupancy Fee: \$17.00

(f) Plan Review Fee

20% of Permit Fee

(g) Lapsed Permit Reinstatement - R-3 & R-5: \$65.00

All Other Use Groups: \$85.00

(h) Lead/Hazard Abatement Work

Permit Fee: \$140.00

Clearance Certificate: \$28.00

(i) Application to Construction Board of Appeals
Fee: \$100.00

(j) Zoning Permits

Fee: \$25.00

(k) Zoning Ordinance with Map or Master Plan
Fee: \$25.00

(l) Development Review Ordinance

Fee: \$20.00

13. Exemption from Construction Fees.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:27D-126(e), no person shall be charged a construction permit surcharge or enforcing agency fee, except those fees for subcode inspections not performed by Borough employees, for any construction, reconstruction, alteration, or home improvement designed and undertaken solely to promote accessibility by disabled persons to an existing public or private structure, or any of the facilities contained therein.

A disabled person as defined herein, or a parent or sibling of a disabled person, shall not be required to pay any municipal fee or charge in order to secure a construction permit for any construction, reconstruction, alteration or improvement which promotes accessibility to his or her own living unit.

For the purposes of this section, "disabled person" means a person who has the total and permanent inability to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment, including blindness, and shall include, but not be limited to, any person who is disabled pursuant to the federal Social Security Act (42 USC §416), or the federal Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 (45 USC §231 et seq.), or is rated as having a 60 percent disability or higher pursuant to any federal law administered by the United States Veterans Administration. For purposes of this paragraph "blindness" means central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with the use of correcting lenses. An eye which is accompanied by a limitation in the field of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees shall be considered as having a central visual acuity of 20/200 or less.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with New Jersey law.

ATTEST:
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$128.79

June 11, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1891

BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on June 7, 2010 and the 20 day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who 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 Construction of a New Public Library and Related Design Work and Construction Document Preparation 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) the construction of a new Public Library to be located on a parcel of land having an address of 2440 Plainfield Avenue and by the Borough and (ii) 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

\$43.15

June 11, 2010

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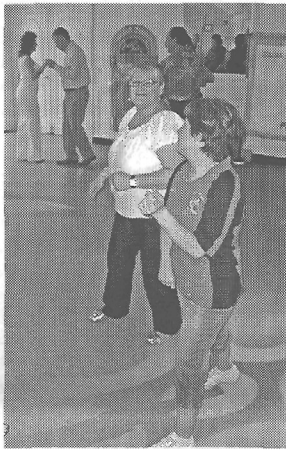
Plainfields' UNICO Hosts "Let's Go To The Hop" Fundraiser

More than 100 attended a fun night out at the American Legion Hall and helped raise funds for Plainfields' UNICO charitable causes.

The "Let's Go To The Hop" dance on May 14 featured a DJ playing period hits, food, hula hoops, bubble gum, a best dressed contest and more.

Plainfields' UNICO is a chapter of UNICO National. Its volunteer members support charitable, educational and community service projects while promoting Italian heritage and combating negative stereotyping.

For information or to join, call Anthony Bengivenga at (732) 968 9838, Membership Director Mike Colucci at (732) 752-5077, or visit www.plainfieldsunico.com.



Prostate Cancer Awareness: Get Tested

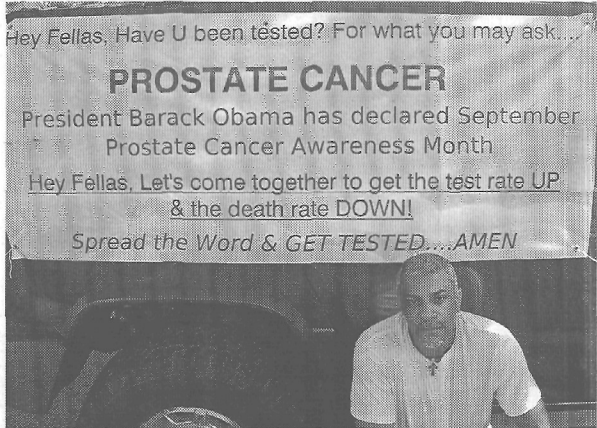
South Plainfield resident Gaylord Craig, III participated in the Memorial Day parade in East Orange displaying a prominent banner telling men to get tested for prostate cancer.

Craig says he just feels a calling to bring attention to the seriousness of this disease. He started researching prostate cancer and found that it is one of the leading causes of death amongst African-American men. "We have to stop this," he said. "It is a three minute test and you are done."

When asked why many men refuse to get tested, he stated that he believes that "our egos get in the way. What good is an ego if you're dead?"

Statistics show that African-American men are more likely to die from prostate cancer than White men. Most statisticians agree that race is a prostate cancer risk factor. African-Americans are 2.5 times more likely to die from prostate cancer than White Americans. The key to these statistics is that much of the difference does not lie in the fact that African-Americans are more likely to develop prostate cancer, but stems from the fact that they are more likely to die from the disease because of its late detection.

In addition to a prostate exam by your doctor, Craig urges men to re-



Gaylord Craig, III at the Memorial Day parade in East Orange.

quest a PSA (Prostate-Specific Antigen) test. PSA is a protein produced by cells of the prostate gland and is measured by the PSA test. The doctor takes a blood sample, and the amount of PSA is measured in a laboratory. An increase in the PSA level can indicate the possibility of prostate cancer or benign (not cancerous) conditions. This is why a baseline exam is very important. The current guidelines state that a baseline exam and PSA test should be performed by the age

of 40.

President Obama has declared September National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. In his proclamation, the President states that National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month is an opportunity to renew our commitment to find better ways to prevent, detect and control this disease. We must ensure that more men are educated about all aspects of the disease including prevention, early detection and possible treatment options.

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.

LEGAL NOTICES

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

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1893

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TO PROVIDE FOR PROCEDURES FOR SPEED TABLE REQUESTS AND EVALUATIONS, was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, June 11, 2010 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, June 21, 2010 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately following the 7:00pm Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Code of the Borough, Chapter 409, Streets and Sidewalks, be amended to Article VI entitled Speed Table Requests and Evaluation Procedures as follows:

SECTION 409-51 – OVERVIEW.

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance and objectivity in the evaluation and selection of roadways for the installation of speed tables. Prior to the approval and installation of speed tables, the Borough shall authorize a traffic study of the impacted area. Where appropriate, other temporary traffic calming measures should be considered and/or implemented prior to the installation of speed tables.

A speed table shall be defined as a raised area of pavement intended to control vehicular speed in conformity with New Jersey law, Title 39 of the Revised Statutes and New Jersey Department of Transportation and the design specifications therein including the engineering specifications for maximum height, profile and minimum and maximum length. Speed tables are essentially elongated flat-topped speed humps used on emergency routes, transit and bus routes.

Requests for speed tables shall be in writing or submitted to an available Borough website form to the attention of the Borough Clerk. The Borough Clerk shall provide a copy of the request to the Traffic Safety Division of the Police Department, the Chief of Police and the Chairman of the Public Safety Committee. The general nature of the concern causing the request shall be stated. Such reasons may be included, but are not limited to, excessive speeding or "cut through traffic". Speed table request evaluations will be handled in the order in which they are received. Requests for speed tables that do not meet the minimum requirements as established by New Jersey Statute shall be rejected, but the area affected may be considered for other traffic calming devices. Streets approved for installation of speed tables shall be placed on an approved list subject to funding and Council approval.

SECTION 409-52 – ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.

A request will only qualify for consideration if the following criteria are met:

1. The roadway must be a Borough owned and maintained street.
 2. A resident petition must describe the conditions to be remediated. The Petition should include resident signatures supporting the application.
 3. 70% of the households listed within the project area must support the installation of speed tables. The Borough Engineer shall determine the project or impact area.
 4. The roadway must be a two-lane residential or one-way residential street with a posted speed limit of 30 mph or less.
 5. The street must be in reasonably good condition as determined by the Borough Engineer in his or her sole discretion or be incorporated as part of a roadway resurfacing project.
 6. Dead end streets and cul-de-sacs shall not be considered for speed tables.
- SECTION 409-53 – EVALUATION.**
- All requests that meet the initial eligibility criteria will be formally evaluated as listed below:
1. After determination of the impact or project area as defined by the Borough Engineer, the applicant shall provide notice to all residents within such area advising of the request and the right of any resident to object by providing written notice of objection to the attention of the Borough Clerk within ten days of the receipt of notice of the request. Notice to residents shall be by certified mail, return receipt requested. Applicants must submit proof of notice by providing the Borough Clerk with receipts from each resident within the impact or project area, or proof of mailing and failure of a resident to accept notice.
 2. Formal traffic study by the Traffic Safety Unit of the South Plainfield Police Department.
 3. Determination of the 85th percentile speed as determined by a speed survey over a minimum 24-hour period.
 4. Daily traffic counts as determined by a traffic study exceed 350 vehicles per day, but not to exceed 3,000 vehicles per day.
 5. After the evaluation of the Traffic Safety Unit, the request shall proceed to the Chief of Police, EMS and Fire Department. The Chiefs shall provide written comments that will be attached to the request, and will be made available to the Borough Traffic Safety Advisory Committee to consider in their assessment.
 6. Upon the completion of the Traffic Safety Unit's evaluation and the comment phase by the Chiefs of Police, EMS and Fire Department, the Borough Traffic Safety Advisory Committee shall review the request and study and provide written comments to the Public Safety Committee of the Borough Council.
 7. Concerns raised by the Chiefs of Police, EMS and Fire Department, as well as those raised by

the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee will be presented to the Public Safety Committee.

8. Requests approved by a majority of the Public Safety Committee will be presented to the Borough Council for approval.
9. After the Council has had sufficient time to review the request and comments, the Council shall vote on the request. If the request receives approval of the Council, it shall pass to the prioritization phase.

SECTION 409-54 – PRIORITIZATION.

The installation of speed tables will be prioritized on a Borough-wide basis. Projects shall be prioritized based upon the following factors as a result of the formal evaluation:

1. Date of approved evaluation.
2. Comparison of the operating speed or the 85th percentile speed to the statutory speed limit.
3. Daily traffic count average.
4. Accident history.
5. Proximity to schools, parks, playgrounds or other facilities with high numbers of children, bicycle or pedestrian use.

Lower prioritized, but less costly projects may be implemented ahead of higher prioritized items if funding levels do not allow the installation of higher prioritized projects.

SECTION 409-55 – DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION.

Speed table layout and design will be determined by the Borough Engineer. All construction shall conform to the New Jersey Department of Transportation technical standards in place at the time of installation. Generally, speed tables should have a maximum profile of three inches with a maximum twenty-two foot long base. The distance between speed tables shall be at the discretion of the Borough Engineer, and within the requirements of the NJDOT. All signage and pavement markings shall conform to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for streets and highways.

SECTION 409-56 – SPEED TABLE REMOVAL.

The process for request to remove speed tables will follow the same procedure used to evaluate the installation of speed tables. Absent any design faults or unforeseen issues that result in unsafe conditions, the cost of removal shall be borne by the property owners via local assessment. In the case of design fault or unforeseen issues, the Borough will bear the full responsibility of the cost of removal.

SECTION 409-57 – TEMPORARY SPEED TABLES.

The Borough Council may authorize the installation of temporary speed humps without following the aforementioned policy.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with New Jersey law.

ATTEST:
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

1003.32 June 11, 2010

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

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Frank Ferruccio requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit 1) erect an addition to his home; 28.6% lot coverage proposed; 25% allowed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 1219 S. 9th Street, Block 135, Lot 11; Zone R-7.5 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, July 8, 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 June 11, 2010

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

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Merry Hoppe requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit 1) the erection of a 14' x 20' rear deck, proposed deck exceeds lot coverage; 25% allowed and 28.7% proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 2540 Oxford Avenue, Block 82, Lot 12 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.

\$38.50 June 11, 2010

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LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1892

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE CY 2010 MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK WHEN THE COLA IS EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 2.5 PERCENT (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Monday, June 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

Joann L. Graf, RMC Municipal Clerk

\$27.56 June 11, 2010

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Joann L. Graf, RMC Municipal Clerk

\$27.56 June 11, 2010

**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 Bizarre, 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.

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

\$38.50 June 11, 2010

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Three Nominated to South Plainfield High School Hall of Fame



Middle School Principal Steve Novak, Rev. John Graf, Jr., Cheryl Hughes, SPHS Principal Dr. Ken May and Ellen Decker-Lorys.

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and health. While at Kean, she successfully participated in two sports. She was the first Kean field hockey player to be named to the All New Jersey Athletic Conference for four years straight. Hughes was also named to the Kean University Hall of Fame. She has been a physical education teacher at the middle school since 2005. She is a SPHS field hockey coach and softball coach with two county championships to her credit. In 1997 and again in 2008, she was named County Coach of the Year. She volunteered to run/coach the junior field hockey, basketball and softball programs through the Recreation Department. Cheryl also assisted in organizing the Cappy Awards dinner. She was co-chair for

"Tiger Nation for Nancy," a fundraiser for a local resident that raised over \$40,000. She was nominated by her husband, Kevin Hughes.

"I am proud to be inducted into the SPHS Hall of Fame. It is an honor to join South Plainfield's finest graduates," Hughes commented.

Rev. John Graf, Jr. is a member of the bicentennial class, graduating in 1976. His school days in South Plainfield are quite varied due to a fast growing town and school district changes. He attended the original Grant School (now the Keystone residence) for kindergarten and second grade, Sacred Heart School for first grade, Franklin for third grade. When John E. Riley opened, he attended grades four through six, after which he

attended Cedarcroft Junior High School. He graduated from American University, Washington, D.C., in 1981 with bachelor degrees in political science and theatre arts. He has been working in public relations and fundraising for nearly 30 years. In 2002 Graf was named the Somerset County "Citizen of the Year" and this past year was awarded the United States "Jefferson Public Service Award" for his humanitarian work. Over the years, he has raised more than \$45M for non-profit, education, government and cultural arts organizations in his role as CEO for the Somerset County United Way.

Graf has been a non-denominational minister in New Jersey for the past 11 years and has personally donated over \$300,000 of his earnings to various local, county and state charities. He also currently works as director of development for the Resource Center of Somerset, a non-profit agency serving victims of domestic violence and abuse. In 2009, he was appointed by former Governor Jon Corzine to the Board of Trustees at Raritan Valley Community College and is the past chairman of the New Jersey Governor's Council on Volunteerism and Community Service under Governor Christie Whitman. With the passing of his mother, Claire Thornton Graf, in 2000, he established the Claire and John Graf Family Foundation and has annually awarded SPHS student scholarships over the years.

Graf shared his thoughts on being inducted into the SPHS Hall of Fame saying, "The sun will come out tomorrow, which is what the loveable character of Little Orphan Annie sang in the long-running Broadway classic musical *Annie* back in 1977. Well, more than 30 years later, the sun is still shining for me and my life has been blessed with so many wonderful experiences. Being named as one of the

distinguished high school Hall of Fame inductees is the icing on the cake for me. In that same Broadway musical, the kids sang 'It's a hard knock life!' Well, for me there have been many hard knocks during my career; however, the lessons learned by a handful of South Plainfield High School mentoring teachers such as Steve Novak, Diane Scarpulla, Frank Ragazzo, Ronny Kuboski and Tom Franklin, to name just a few, allowed me to become the person I am today. I am honored to be included in the 2010 Hall of Fame class and join the ranks

of such notable classmates and fellow alumni such as Michael Price, Ronny Kuboski, Patrick Diegnan, Bobby Hunter, Patricia Abbott, Kenneth Abbott, Peter Calderone and the countless others."

The SPHS Hall of Fame has more 1976 graduates than any other class.

The luncheon was sponsored by the Boyle Foundation and the Education Foundation for the past four years. The Education Foundation also paid for the plaques the inductees received.

Innovative Career Education Teacher Retires

(Continued from page 1)

May 7 issue of the *Observer* about my retirement, many of those parents are coming to me bringing presents. I am going to be available to everyone. I have opened a Facebook page for all so I can keep up with them and help them with their resumes," she said.

Falato admits this recent economy has been difficult, "but everyone of my kids [42] is working. It's not as lucrative as before, but no one is not working. All of the businesses in the area have my graduates. They are alumni and my former students and call me to ask for someone to fill a position that is open in their business."

In previous years Falato also monitored the students who had summer positions through the CIE program. She said this will be the first summer she won't be working and she is looking forward to not commuting from her home in Ortleigh Beach.

"I've been in Ortleigh Beach for 20 years. Now I have a life in the shore. Five years ago the mayor appointed me as the Environmental Commissioner for the Township of Toms River. It used to be called Dover Township

and its name was changed four years ago. It's the fifth largest municipality in New Jersey. I work with all the environmental groups in Ocean County and work with the planning and zoning boards to make sure nothing is built if it doesn't belong. I work with the EPA constantly.

"I live on a barrier island and I'm responsible and concerned about beach replenishment. There are major environmental problems because of the amount of beach and bay front areas. One of the biggest projects and passions is Saving Barnegat Bay. The biggest problem is the amount of fertilizer from farming in the mainland pouring into the bay through the runoff killing clamming and crabbing as well as making the bay water difficult for swimming," she said.

Falato plans on working part time in her retirement. When she does return to work it will be for job development for the handicapped or disabled. But before she starts another job, she stated, "I need the time this summer. I never had a summer off."

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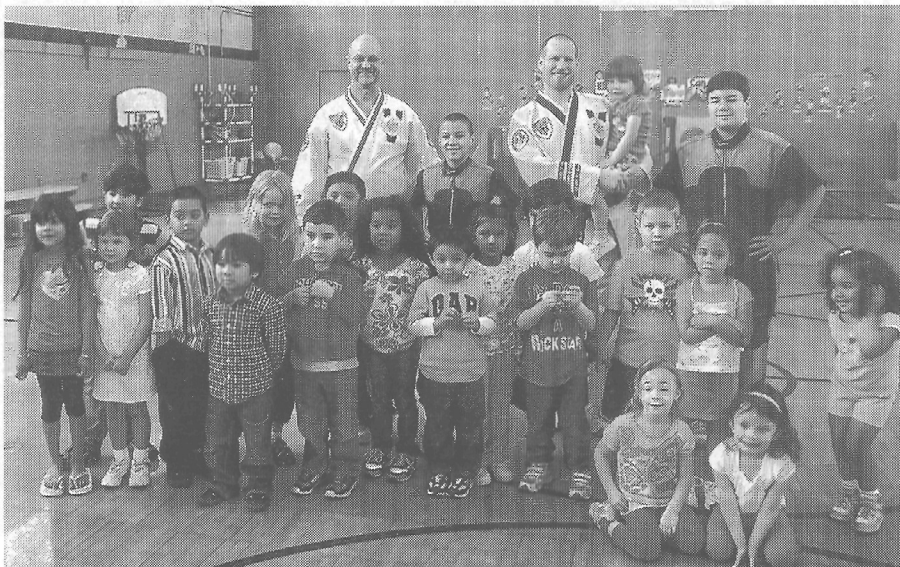
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Guidance Counselor Nadine Knight Retires After 32 Years

Nadine Knight is retiring from South Plainfield High School after 32 years—14 years as an English and reading teacher and 18 years as a guidance counselor.

Before coming to South Plainfield Knight, a graduate of Howard University in Washington, D.C., taught in Newark and later in a public school located on the military base in Fort Hood, Texas. Among her students were Vietnamese children who didn't know any English when they began classes who were able to read and understand English by the end of the school year.

"Teaching in urban Newark and central Texas before coming to the district gave me a combination of experiences teaching; teenagers are individuals but also the same in many ways," said Knight.

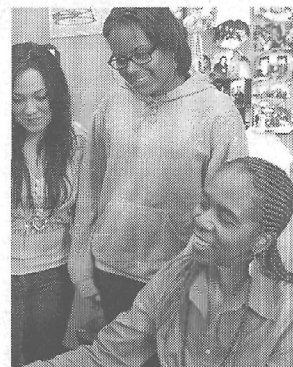
When Knight began teaching at SPHS in September 1978, she came to a new "open space" building.

"I witnessed the transformation from classrooms without walls to traditional classrooms," she said. Another change that occurred over time has been the gradual increase in the number of students reflecting "the global multicultural society in which we live."

After 14 years of teaching high school English, Knight who had earned certification in guidance from Kean University, joined the guidance department.

"As a guidance counselor I understand with more depth the uniqueness and challenges of our future leaders. My opportunity to assist counselees in exploring New Jersey colleges through the South Plainfield High School College Club meetings and trips several years ago is particularly memorable," she said.

When Knight started working with children of former students, and when a former student became a colleague,



SPHS Guidance Counselor Nadine Knight and students Taylor Smith and Samantha Vella review a college directory.

she realized the possibility of retirement looming before her.

Knight has mixed emotions about retiring. While employed at SPHS she also held the part time position as an adjunct professor in English at Kean University.

"While I'm looking forward to retirement, I will also miss the students and staff who 'made my day,'" she said, adding that she won't be completely away from students, as she is planning to teach in an adjunct position at a local college.

NOTES FROM The Office on Aging

by Kevin Hughes, Director of the Office on Aging

The deadline for filing 2009 "Senior Freeze" (property tax reimbursement) applications has been extended to August 2, according to New Jersey Treasurer Andrew Sidamon Eristoff. The initial deadline was June 1.

"It's important that every eligible senior or disabled resident applies for the Property Tax Reimbursement (PTR) program this year," Eristoff said. "Extending the deadline for the PTR program will ensure that more homeowners get this welcome property tax relief. While new applicants will not receive benefits this year, they should apply to establish their eligibility for benefits in future years."

Governor Chris Christie's budget ensures that every current participant whose income for 2009 does not exceed last year's income limit of \$70,000 will receive a reimbursement this year if they continue to meet the eligibility requirements. Reimbursement checks are scheduled to be mailed out on or about July 15 for eligible senior and disabled residents who file their 2009 applications by the original filing deadline of June 1.

New applicants will not receive a payment in fiscal 2011, but should apply anyway because doing so will establish a base year when applying for a reimbursement in future years.

Homestead rebate applications are not being distributed this summer and fall because of the shift to a payment via credits on property tax bills. Taxpayers will not begin receiving those credits until May 2011. Applications will be distributed nearer to the May 2011 deadline.

For more information about the Senior Freeze program, or to obtain an application, contact the Property Tax Reimbursement hotline at 1-800-882-6597 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Information is also available on the Division of Taxation's website at www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/2009ptr_seniorfreeze.shtml.

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Obituaries

Lois C. Haas (Priapi), 82

Lois C. Haas (Priapi) of South Plainfield passed away on Wednesday, June 2 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Lois was born on May 3, 1928 to her late parents, Samuel and Roseann Priapi of Montclair. She attended Montclair's public school system, graduating in 1946. After high school she was employed as a secretary for The National Security Insurance Company of Newark.

Lois and George Haas were married in 1950. They had one child, Marta, born on July 17, 1953. At that time, Lois left her secretarial job to give full attention to raising her daughter.

The family relocated to Albany, N.Y. in 1956 for business purposes and returned to New Jersey in 1958, settling in South Plainfield for 52 years.

Bruce Nolle, a classmate, remembered Lois with the following comment, "I have remembered her well through the years because she always had a smile on her face that broadened further when you greeted her. I don't believe I ever saw a frown on that very upbeat girl." Another friend commented that, "Lois never met anyone she didn't like," and she remained that way throughout her life.

Lois is survived by her husband, George of 59 years; daughter Marta Jacober of Pennsylvania; three grandchildren, Samantha, Joshua and Veronica Jacober; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Private funeral services were under the direction of the South Plainfield Funeral Home.

Memorial gifts to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated.

Helen Bernice (Zywicki) Apgar, 91

Helen Bernice (Zywicki) Apgar died on Thursday, June 3 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born and raised in Perth Amboy, Helen married and moved to Plainfield in 1942. She resided in Plainfield until 1978 upon the death of her husband. She settled in South Plainfield, residing with her niece and nephew for over 20 years, before recently entering the Woodlands Care Center.

Helen was a member of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield. She enjoyed reading books and walking.

She is predeceased by her husband, Charles F. Apgar in 1978, and by a son, Charles F. Apgar Jr., who died in 1983.

She is survived by a sister, Josephine Blackford of South Plainfield; her former daughter-in-law, Maria Lubrano; three grandchildren, Charlotte Apgar Mooney, Linda Apgar Stone and Christina Apgar Lubrano; and by a nephew, Paul Blackford and wife Karen, with whom she lived; a dear great niece and nephew, Elizabeth and Brandon Blackford; several great-grandchildren; a nephew, Charles and wife Carrie and their children.

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



(L-R) Borough Council President Matt Anesh, Comedian Floyd "Uncle Floyd" Vivino and Councilmen Ray Rusnak and Tim McConville.

Uncle Floyd Headlines GOP Comedy Night

By Patricia Abbott

Laughter was the name of the game at the Republican Organization's annual comedy night. The annual fundraiser was held at the American Legion on June 5 and featured professional comedians Kevin Israel and Mike Eagan. Headliner for the evening was the well-known Floyd "Uncle Floyd" Vivino. The talented comedian with his trademark plaid coat, bow tie and plaid hat is best known for his television show, *The Uncle Floyd Show*, which ran from 1974 to 1998.

Borough Council President, Matt Anesh, and Councilmen Ray Rusnak and Tim McConville enjoyed meeting and having their photos taken with Uncle Floyd.

The Republican Organization has held comedy nights for seven years. The first one was organized by Bob Jones in 2004. The organization proudly noted that over 100 people were in attendance, many from surrounding towns. "We not only draw people from South Plainfield," organizer April Bengivenga said, "we were the first to bring comedy shows to

South Plainfield."

This is the second time that Uncle Floyd has performed at comedy night, first appearing in 2007. All of the headliner comics who performed for the Republican Organization comedy night shows are veteran performers who have appeared in Las Vegas, Atlantic City and comedy clubs throughout the country, and who have performed on TV or radio.

In addition to the excellent entertainment, guests enjoyed a buffet meal that offered a wide selection of food.

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- On May 26 a Harvard Avenue resident reported the theft of their Blackberry Curve left on a checkout register line at the A&P.
- A Clinton Avenue resident reported that a six inch TV had been pulled off the ceiling of their unlocked vehicle.
- On May 27 Gregory Steven Lewis, 50, of Piscataway was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, refusal to submit to a breath test, failure to exhibit a valid insurance card, no insurance, driving without headlights and the two lighted driving lamps required.
- A Sprague Avenue resident reported the theft of diesel fuel from four trucks that were parked at 500

Hollywood Avenue.

- On May 28 a Plainfield resident reported the theft of their wallet that was dropped in the parking lot at T&J Nails on W. Seventh Street.
- On May 29 a Plainfield Avenue resident reported the theft of a bike from their rear porch and a solar light from their walkway; another light had also been damaged.
- A resident of Best Western reported that their driver side door handle had been pried open and three book bags, personal paperwork, DVDs, a PSP Go and video games were taken.
- On May 30 Kimberly Matthews, 23, of Edison was arrested at Shoppers World for shoplifting \$72 worth

of various clothing.

- Bruce E. Jenkins, 50, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.
- Robert J. Darden, 44, of Piscataway was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving.
- On May 31 Michael John Gula, 29, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated.
- On June 1 Eric M. Bardaji, 19, of Middlesex was arrested for driving while intoxicated, possession of drug paraphernalia, careless driving and driving under the influence under 21 years of age.

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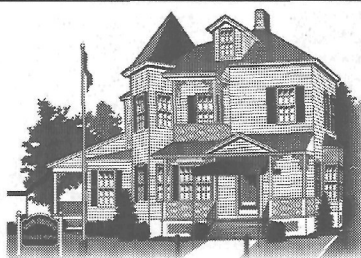
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The NJPAC's Sounds of the City committee canvassed the area's clubs and live music venues looking for groups for the twelfth installment of the annual series. Musicians were required to submit an entry form along with a CD, DVD or cassette demo with basic biographical information and a hi-resolution photograph of the band. NJPAC's Sounds of the City committee members reviewed each submission and groups were notified that they would have a chance to showcase their music. Groups were selected

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For more information on NJPAC's Sounds of the City 2010, please call NJPAC's Sounds of the City Hotline at 973-353-8046 or download form directly from www.njpac.org.

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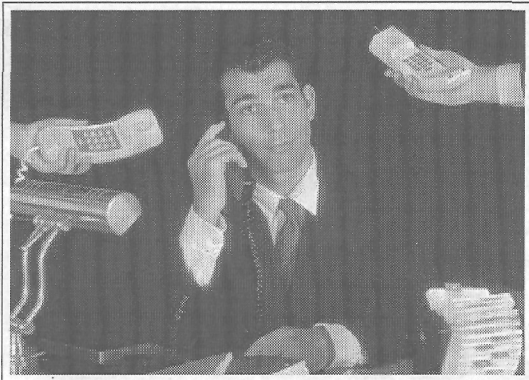
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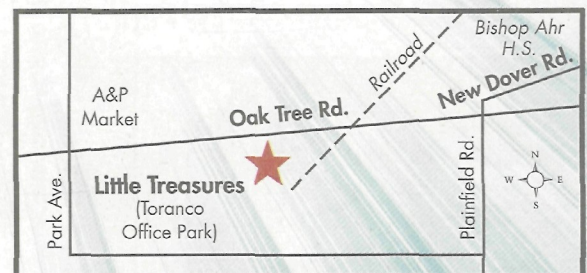
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