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Boy Scouts follow protocol in preparation of a flag burning at the Activity Day that included recruitment activities and a 9/11 memorial. For story and photos, turn to page 6.

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Basketball Team Speaks Out for Coach Schulte

By Libby Barsky

In an effort to prevent South Plainfield High School basketball coach Bill Schulte from being removed from his position, members and former members of the varsity basketball team attended the September 20 Board of Education meeting. They

spoke about the training they received and how, through Schulte's efforts, their teams had come together to have winning seasons.

SPHS Athletic Director Michael Buggy had recommended that Schulte continue in his position; however, Superintendent of Schools Jose Negron pulled Schulte's name

and refused to recommend him for the position he has held for the past seven years. No other person was recommended.

Sophomore Denzel Mensah, with team members standing behind him, recounted last year's 4-17 losing record.

"He [Schulte] tried as hard as he could. He will have a better average this year. He helps everyone out and teaches us how to be a man. The summer varsity came together; give Schulte a chance. To remove the coach will hurt us a lot," said Mensah.

Former players Shamai Santiago (2007) and Mike Burton (2009) recalled how they had to work on their basketball skills and how, by following through on Schulte's advice, they were on winning teams. Both still play basketball; Santiago for Middlesex County College and Burton for Kean University.

"You can't vote the coach out because of the results of the team. He shouldn't be punished for the results of a team. He's a great coach!" explained Santiago.

"Thank you guys," said Schulte, before reviewing his record as a teacher, coach and a longtime resident of South Plainfield.

"I lived most of my life in South Plainfield. My dad was a member of the Board of Education for eight years and my mother worked for the board in the business office. In 1977 I came to the high school as a gym teacher. I've had 367 wins in basketball, but it's not about winning, but how to be a human being and suffer through disaster.

"Mr. Negron, you've only been here for three years. I don't feel you know me as a teacher, educator and coach," Schulte said.

Whether or not the students' pleas will help to keep Schulte in his position will not be known until the October board meeting when the position is expected to be filled to prepare for the winter basketball season that begins in November.



St. Stephen's Orthodox Church International Festival raffle committee members, (L-R) Suheir Hanna, Joan Jaghab and Summer Hanna, greet visitors to the festival on September 12. See next issue for story.

Repaving to Include Speed Tables

By Jane Dornick

Stilo Paving & Excavating of South Plainfield was awarded the contract to repave Cherry Street between Clinton and New Brunswick avenues at the September 20 Borough Council meeting.

The project's estimated cost of \$175,000 will include three speed tables. The tables are flat-topped speed humps and are generally long enough for the entire wheelbase of a passenger car to rest above. The design allows for more gradual slowing of vehicle speed than humps. The long, flat

design allows cars to pass without slowing as significantly as required with speed humps. Typically the tables have six-foot ramps on each side with a 10-foot wide flat top and are three to four inches in height. Similar speed tables have been installed on Lane and Lake avenues.

According to CFO Glenn Cullen, surplus grant money from Middlesex County from the recent paving of a portion of New Market Avenue will pay for a large portion of the cost. An additional \$55,000 will come from grant monies remaining after completion of the Linden Avenue paving project two years ago.

The resurfacing of the road should begin this month or next.

Service to Others What Squires Do Best

By Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Squires youth group has been busy this summer doing what they do best—helping others through community service—from major clean ups to safety repairs for senior citizens and residents.

On August 28, the Squires spent a long work day completing a number of projects. They began with a four hour project at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church where they did an extensive landscaping clean up. The Squires and a few members of the Knights of Columbus removed debris and trimmed bushes around the church and hall. Trees were also topped.

The next project involved numerous safety issues for an 81-year-old senior citizen. With the help of Grand Knight Bill Butrico and other Knights, the Squires replaced a dangerous handicap ramp. The boys constructed a wooden ramp, complete with railings that were previously missing. They poured a concrete pad to connect the ramp to the adjacent driveway and installed sturdy hand

rails on either side of the stairs leading to the basement. The original single hand rail had been installed over 50 years ago. The boys worked for more than six hours and the resident was very grateful. Prior to the repairs, the resident had to move very cautiously up and down the basement steps in order to avoid serious injury.

As Squire members, the boys find time to volunteer to help others despite their many school, music, sports activities and other commitments. While working at the various jobs they learn the importance of helping those in need, learn new skills as well as the value of teamwork.

Earlier in the year the boys held a garage sale to help fund their various charitable endeavors. They also assisted the Knights of Columbus at the concession stand during the September 18 Somerset Patriots baseball game. More than 40 Knights, Squires and family members volunteered that evening. They also manned the Shoot Out the Star booth at the OLC fair. Other projects included painting a house,

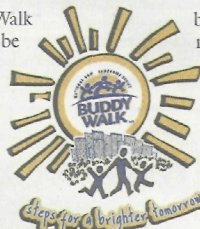
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Buddy Walk Tomorrow

This year's Buddy Walk of South Plainfield will be held tomorrow, rain or shine, at Putnam Park, located off of Oak Tree Avenue in South Plainfield. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m. and the walk begins at 1 p.m.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided after the walk. The park has swings, tennis courts and bathroom facilities.

The Buddy Walk was started in 2004 by Michele Both when her son Kyle was born. Michele wanted to



bring awareness to the community that children and adults with Down syndrome are people too.

Proceeds from the walk will be donated to the National Down Syndrome Society, Network 21, Central NJ DS PAG, DSRTE, creating packets/gift baskets for new parents of

children with Down syndrome and implementing a program on educating health care professionals.

Your support will help all people with Down syndrome take steps for a brighter tomorrow.

Fifth Annual Motorcycle Run For The Children This Sunday

The Old Timers Motorcycle Club and Century 21 Moretti Realty, along with Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc., are teaming up to raise funds for local families with children battling cancer this Sunday.

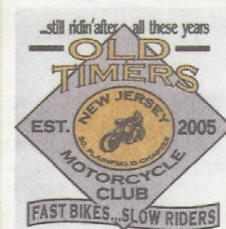
The Run For The Children Battling Cancer will start at the Kenneth Avenue football fields. After the ride, participants will enjoy a picnic, live entertainment by Mirage and a classic car show. Vendors will also display their wares.

Sign-ups for the run begin at 9:30 a.m. The ride will leave at 11:15 a.m. sharp, led by the South Plainfield Police and the Volunteer Fire departments. Riders will embark on a 55-mile round trip run through scenic Somerset County. Free food, drinks, prizes, vendors and a live band await their return at 1 p.m. \$20 per rider; \$10 per passenger. Walk-ins are also welcome at \$10 per person.

Once again this year, Street Dreams

Car Club and Ron Fusco will run the classic car show.

For more information on the run, call Rich D'Urso at (732) 406-2826; Greg Rhein at (908) 405-7753, or Guy Moretti at (908) 755-5300.



Come out in support of kids battling cancer & enjoy a picnic, classic car show & live entertainment this Sunday.



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

Agenda Meeting Public Meeting

October 4 October 4

October 18 October 18

November 8 November 8

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planning board

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

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

zoning board of adjustment

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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: Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8.

2011: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 2 and March 30.

Regular Public Meeting: 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

library board of trustees

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday, at the library at 7 p.m.

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.
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

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

October 25 at 7 p.m. in the Senior Center Questions? 908-226-7605

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In My Opinion

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

To the Editor:

This past weekend I successfully completed my eighth MS 100 Bike Tour. The route traveled through 115 miles of beautiful New Jersey countryside in Morris, Passaic and Bergen counties. It was a beautiful weekend to be outdoors. Saturday was warm and sunny, if not a little too warm; Sunday was mostly overcast and cool, making it perfect for bicycling.

With your support I was able to raise \$3,700 this year, bringing my eight year total to over \$25,000. Thank you to all of my family, friends, clients and business partners who contributed to this worthy cause.

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To the Editor:

Francis Ruiz, South Plainfield's very own "Cake Queen," is an amazingly talented individual, and her generosity is equally amazing.

Recently she made and personally delivered a ladybug cake and 24 cupcakes to a teacher and her students at Kennedy School, just because. Her way of saying hope your year goes great. The children were so excited and amazed by the ladybug cake, which much resembled "The Grouchy Ladybug" from the children's book.

I would like to acknowledge her talent and kindness. Pictured above is Francis with the Kennedy teacher, Ms. Vurchio, and two students.

THANK YOU, LISA MANZ

make an immediate difference for everyone who must face the unpredictable nature of multiple sclerosis.

Thank you again for your generous support.

BOB LONGO

Dear Editor,

The School Advisory Council of Sacred Heart School held its first annual golf outing at the Cranbury Golf Course in West Windsor on September 15. Sixty-eight golfers registered to play and the day was sunny, cool and dry—a perfect golfing day.

There are so many people we wish to thank for making our first outing such a huge success. In this economic climate, it astounded us that so many people were willing to contribute money, time and talent to make it the success it was.

We would like to thank (in alphabetical order) our major donors and corporate sponsors, and extend once again our sincerest "thank you" for their outstanding generosity. Our major donors were: Advantage Abstract Inc.,

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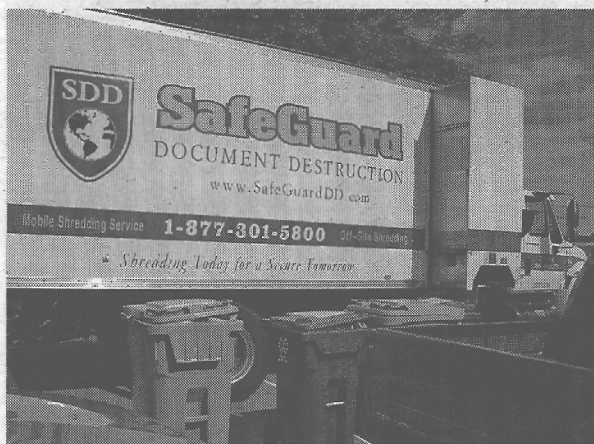
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The paper shredding truck filled up quickly last Saturday at the Senior Center and many residents had to be turned away.

Hundreds Line Up for Free Paper Shredding Event

The response to the free paper shredding event last Saturday was overwhelming, according to Dr. Alice Tempel, the borough's recycling coordinator. Some South Plainfield residents waited in line in their cars for up to an hour to participate in Middlesex County's free paper shredding event held at the Senior Center. Others had to be turned away.

The official car count was 289 and 13,820 pounds of paper were shredded for recycling. The double line of cars wound around the back of the senior center parking lot and out to Maple Avenue.

Once motorists reached the shredding truck, documents and confidential

files were unloaded and their owners were able to watch them be shredded on site by SafeGuard Document Destruction.

The free service was sponsored by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders in conjunction with the Borough of South Plainfield.

For those who were turned away on Saturday, the next free shredding event for Middlesex County will be held on October 2 in the Milltown Municipal Building parking lot, 39 Washington Ave. and on October 9 at the Piscataway Senior Center parking lot, 700 Buena Vista Ave.

For more information, call (732) 745-4170.

policereport

• On September 15 Lauren G. Parrott, 25, of Carteret was arrested for driving on a suspended license and for two outstanding warrants.

• Jose A. Duran-Ortiz, 18, of Plainfield was arrested for failure to wear a seatbelt and an outstanding warrant.

• Peter George, 32, of Wylie, S.C. was arrested for driving while intoxicated, refusal to submit to breath-testing and reckless driving.

• On September 17 Ava M. Yafchak-Lassandro, 43, of Edison was arrested for speeding and an outstanding warrant.

• On September 19 Theresa Denise Hawkins, 49, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and for two outstanding warrants.

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• Sandra L. Garofola, 56, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and failure to wear a seatbelt.

• A Lincoln Avenue resident reported that soda had been poured over three of their vehicles.

• On September 21 Shalish B. Hairston, 25, of Plainfield was arrested for having no registration, driving on a suspended license, failure to inspect and five outstanding warrants.

• Francis M. Farina, 48, of Edison was arrested for having a break light out and an outstanding warrant.

SCHOOL BOARD Notes

The following took place at the Board of Education meeting held on September 20.

• Tenure certificates were presented to the following: Kevin Hajduk, Elaine Gallo, Mary Muglia, Sarah LiVecchi, Christine Brandenburg, Megan McLanson, Andrew Cassano, Elizabeth Mills, Stacey Closterman, Leonardo Perero, Paulo Correia, Stephen Phillips, Claudy Delne, Mary Sikanowicz, Reshelle Johnson, Janine Turrisi, Ann Johnson, Laura Von Till-Smith and Diane Lee.

• Approved second readings of the following policies and regulations: Health Workplace Environment; Eligibility of Resident/Non-Resident, Political Contributions, Budget Transfers, Reserve Accounts, Public Records, Emergency and Crisis Situations, Fire and Fire Drills.

• Appointed Grant School special education long term substitute teacher Danielle Adase and Lawrence Dabrio, Jr. as a bus driver, September 1.

• Extra curricular appointments 2010/2011 were: choral director, Heroes and Cool Kids advisors, Model United Nations advisor, Student Leadership advisors, Spanish Honor Society advisor, Robert Publik-parent/community volunteer high school company front choreographer, and Stephen Phillips-middle school weight room advisor.

• High school sixth period teaching assignment for athletic trainer to teach a first aid and CPR class five days a week effective September 21, 2010 through June 30, 2010 at a stipend of \$8,152.48.

• Approved travel expenses for board members and administrators to attend the New Jersey School Boards Association Annual Exhibition and Workshop in October 2010; New Jersey Cooperative Bid-supplies for 2010/11; Microsoft agreement in the amount of \$59,000; Special Education Withdrawal/Services/Placements.



A volunteer picks up trash along Coolidge Street.

Volunteers Turn Out for Fall Litter Clean-up

A band of volunteers showed up on a beautiful September afternoon to get the litter and junk off the Coolidge Street roadsides. Coolidge Street is a back road which fronts both industry and Dismal Swamp open space.

Volunteers removed an estimated 800 pounds of junk from the vacant land stretches. They found items ranging from candy wrappers to fence posts, beer bottles to jugs of used motor oil, plastic bags to crumpling plastic sheeting. A flat screen TV, an infant's play seat and a cooler with a large package of uncooked hotdogs rounded out the collection.

The Clean Communities Advisory Board sponsored the cleanup, providing gloves, safety vests, trash bags and "EZ-Reacher" pickup sticks. Brenntag Specialties, Inc. at 1000 Coolidge Street allowed the volunteers to use their parking lot. Coolidge Street is a surprisingly busy road on a Saturday afternoon, so this courtesy was much appreciated.

Volunteers were frustrated by a dense curtain of multiflora rose bramble that has grown over much of

the litter. It was not possible to pull out all the bottles and cans, or even a large door visible just a few feet off the road, because of the brambles. Equipment supplies for future clean up events here will need to include loppers and pruners. As it was, there were a few scratched arms, earning the hardy volunteers Purple Hearts; however, all they actually received were \$5 Dunkin' Donuts gift cards as a small thank you from the borough.

For more information about volunteer clean ups or the Adopt-A-Spot program, call Dr. Alice Tempel, the clean communities coordinator, at (908) 226-7621.

Retirement Party For Steve Novak

A retirement party honoring former middle school Principal Steve Novak Jr. will be held on Thursday, Oct. 14 at The Primavera Regency, 1080 Valley Rd. in Stirling at 5 p.m. RSVP by Tuesday, Oct. 5 to Debbie Czech or Angela Raimondo-Hajduk at (908) 754-3420.

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Events

Knights Mum Sale

Weekends in October

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 is conducting its seventh annual fall mum sale the next four weekends, ending on October 24. High quality mums in various colors will be on sale at the South Plainfield Rescue Squad, 2506 Plainfield Ave. \$7 for eight-inch pots and \$25 for huge pots.

This fundraiser supports the Knights various charitable works.

Woman's Club G&G Boutique/Yard Sale

October 2

Suburban Woman's Club presents G&G Boutique/Yard Sale on Saturday, Oct. 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain date October 3) at the American Legion, 243 Oak Tree Ave.

Open House at Highland Woods

October 2

The Friends of the Woods at Highland Woods Environmental Education Reserve is planning an open house and two guided walks on Saturday, Oct. 2. The Nature Center, located at 115 Sylvania Pl., will be open to visitors. Eco-Walks begin at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. Free to the public.

VFW Breakfast

October 3

South Plainfield VFW Post #6763 on Front St. will hold a country breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 3 from 8 to 11 a.m. The public is welcome. For information, call (908) 688-9751.

Blessing of the Animals At Wesley

October 3

The annual Blessing of the Animals service will be held on the lawn of Wesley Church, 1500 Plainfield Ave., by Rev. Nehemiah Thompson on

Sunday, Oct. 3 at 2 p.m.

Prayers for the well-being of the animals will be offered. A short presentation of Francis of Assisi, who blessed animals for the first time in history, will be made. All are welcome.

Scrapbooking Coptoberfest at Elks

October 3

South Plainfield Elks, 1254 New Market Ave., is holding a scrapbooking Coptoberfest on Sunday, Oct. 3, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration fee: \$35 (mail in by Sept. 24) or \$40 at the door. Eight hours of cropping time, lots of layout ideas, door prizes and fun. Light breakfast and lunch. Snacks and beverages. Register early.

For more information, call Sandi Smith at (908) 656-4041.

Wesley Ecumenical Communion Sunday

October 3

Protestant churches in South Plainfield will gather at Wesley Church, 1500 Plainfield Ave., to celebrate unity by observing Holy Communion together on Sunday, Oct. 3 at 4 p.m. Rev. Dr. Irene Campbell of Rescue House of Prayer will preach. The Rev. Gordon Braun of the First Baptist Church and Rev. Lori Ness of the Pilgrim Covenant Church will be the liturgists. Rev. Clark Olson-Smith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America will officiate, and Rev. Nehemiah Thompson of Wesley will be the host. Special music will include a solo by seven-year-old Effy Enose that you won't want to miss. All are invited. Coffee hour fellowship will follow the service.

Rescue Squad Comedy Club Fundraiser

October 3

A fundraiser at the Stress Factory Comedy Club, 90 Church St. in New Brunswick, to benefit the South Plainfield Rescue Squad will be held on

Sunday, Oct. 3.

Headliner comics are Buddy Fitzpatrick and Melvin George. Dinner at 5 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$35.

For tickets, call Andy at (908) 548-3861.

Donate Blood, Save a Life at OLC

October 8

Our Lady of Czestochowa Church annual blood drive will be held at the OLC Parish Hall on Hamilton Boulevard, Friday, Oct. 8 from 3 to 8 p.m.

For more information, call (908) 757-4490.

Girls Field Hockey Wine Tasting Fundraiser

October 9

Wine director Kevin Kessler of the Wine Chateau located at 1380 Centennial Ave. in Piscataway will be selecting six wines to taste during a fundraiser to benefit the SPHS Girls Field Hockey Association on Saturday, Oct. 9 from 6 to 8 p.m.

A selection of cheese, meats, fruit and finger food to complement the wine will be served. Cost is \$40 pp.

For information, email Gary Prendergast at gsprendergast@comcast.net or call (908) 208-3151.

40th Anniversary Plainfields' UNICO

October 9

Plainfields' Chapter UNCIO will celebrate its 40th anniversary on Saturday, Oct. 9, 6:30 to 11 p.m. at the Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave. and will feature renowned tenor Nino Rossano.

Donation: \$25 adults; \$12.50 children under 12. Includes Italian food, soft drinks. BYOB.

For more information, call Robert Bengivenga at (908) 753-0247 or Elaine Biribin at (908) 561-9898.

SPHS Class of 1984 25th Reunion

October 9

South Plainfield High School Class of 1984 will hold a 25th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Paulo's Bar & Restaurant in South Plainfield. \$60 per

person includes dinner and open bar. Dress is casual.

For information, email Lisa Petrosiello Carone at lpetro@comcast.net or Bill Price at bprice31@hotmail.com.

American Legion Atlantic City Trip

October 10

The American Legion auxiliary is sponsoring an Atlantic City bus trip on Sunday, Oct. 10. Bus leaves at noon from the parking lot, 243 Oak Tree Ave. Cost is \$30, with \$30 returned. Sandwiches and refreshments on the bus.

For more information, call (908) 668-9414.

A Day with the Dogs Fundraiser for PAHS

October 10

Event Solutions is hosting a fundraiser for the Plainfield Area Humane Society, "A Day With The Dogs," at KC's Korner, 100 Oak Tree Ave. on Sunday, Oct. 10 from noon to 5 p.m. Music, food, facepainting, raffles. Bring your furry friend (on leashes). All-you-can-eat BBQ. Admission: \$25 per person; \$15 for ages 10 and under; entry only (no food) is \$10. Rain or shine.

For more information, visit www.youreventsolutionsllc.com or call Jill Pavel at (732) 423-7727.

Open House at The History Center

October 11-15

Visit the South Plainfield Historical Society's History Center during the week-long open house, October 11-15 from 2 to 8 p.m. each day. Learn more about South Plainfield's history.

The History Center is located at the old Roosevelt School (now the Board of Education building) at 125 Jackson Ave.

— Out of Town —

Deutscher Club Oktoberfest

October 2

Deutscher Club of Clark on Feathered Lane is holding Oktoberfest on

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

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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
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. to 4 p.m. Closed Saturdays & Sundays.

Saturday, Oct. 2 from 5 to 11 p.m.

Indoors and open to the public. Admission: \$3 members, \$6 non-member. German-American dinners available. No outside food or beverages permitted. Music by Bernie's Orchestra from 7 to 11 p.m. No jeans or sneakers; German outfits encouraged.

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

Gesang-und Turn-Verein Octoberfest

October 2

Plainfield Gesang-und Turn-Verein, Inc. is holding its first dinner-dance of the fall season on Saturday, Oct. 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Singer Hall, 220 Somerset St. in North Plainfield. Octoberfest feast; music by Mountain Tops Band. Donation: \$17 for members; \$19 for non-members.

For more information, call Victor

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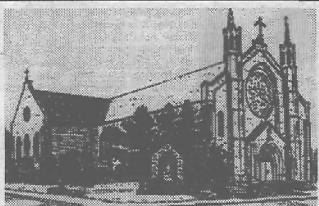
Saturday Mass 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00, 11:30 a.m.

Daily 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday
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Morristown Airport Open House

October 2

American Flyers Flight School at the Morristown Airport, 50 Airport Road is hosting an open house and barbeque on Saturday, Oct. 2. Free; begins promptly at noon with a BBQ lunch. Facility tour and presentation.

For more information, call (973) 267-3223 or visit www.americanflyers.net/about/aviation_seminars.asp.

Tricky Tray at Resurrection Church

October 3

Resurrection of Christ Church, 649 Bound Brook Rd. (Rt. 28) in Dunellen, is hosting a tricky tray on Sunday, Oct. 3. Doors open 12 p.m.; drawings begin 1:30 p.m. Admission: \$5. Lots of gift certificates, grand prize, specialty prize and much more.

For more information, call (732) 968-1369.

Middlesex East WOWs Business Mtg.

October 4

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers will conduct a business meeting on Monday, Oct. 4 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Carteret Community Center located at Pershing and Cooke avenues in Carteret. All widows or widowers are invited to attend.

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

Metuchen-Edison Women's Club

October 6

The Metuchen-Edison Women's Club will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at The Heritage at Clara Barton, 1015 Amboy Ave. in Edison. Our program will be The Central Jersey Paranormal Research Group, and the speakers will be Cathy and Michael Doud and Kira Cejnowski. Light refreshments will be served.

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

National Christian College Fair

October 6

Timothy Christian School, 2008 Ethel Road in Edison, is hosting the National Christian College Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 6 from 7-9 p.m. Free admission. Financial aid workshops. Representatives from Christian colleges to address questions and tell you about their programs.

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Front Street Farmers Market held a grand reopening food tasting event last Saturday and Sunday. The event featured many homemade Italian dishes, fresh mozzarella, breads and desserts for sampling.

Economic Development Committee Event Held to Foster Partnerships

The South Plainfield Economic Development Committee (EDC) held their first event hosted by TD Bank on September 21. This was an introductory gathering for the newly formed committee members in their efforts to rebuild this organization.

The evening's theme was "Building Partnerships." Attending were commercial realtors, architects, local dignitaries, developers, business owners and representatives from TD Bank. Guest speaker was Mayor Charles Butrico, who expressed his desire to build a unique and favorable working relationship between the Borough of South Plainfield and those seeking to bring their businesses to the borough.

South Plainfield affords convenience to major roadways, many res-

taurants and accommodations, along with retail, commerce and industry. Mayor Butrico said he would like to see the EDC be the bridge and arm for any business considering moving to South Plainfield.

In keeping with the Building Partnerships theme, David Fasanella, RVP of commercial lending for TD Bank, elaborated on the ways and means the bank is willing to lend to businesses. Fasanella stated, "TD Bank is a sound financial institution and they have money to lend."

The event was well attended. Guests enjoyed the food, conversation and networking.

For more information about the EDC, call Marie Dudek, assistant to Mayor Butrico, at (908) 226-7604.

Rutgers 2010 Homecoming Events

Rutgers Homecoming 2010 celebration kicks off on Friday, Oct. 1 at 4 p.m. with a festival and pep rally at Buccleuch Park off of Easton Avenue. Free prizes, live music, carnival games, fireworks at 8 p.m. Screening of Toy Story 3 at Rutgers Stadium at 8:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Oct. 2 at 11 a.m. the Scarlet Square Pre-game Tailgate Party on the E-fields on the Busch Campus will feature food, children's games and

alumni and fan contests.

The Scarlet Knights face Tulane at 2 p.m. at the stadium. To purchase tickets, visit www.scarletknights.com.

On Sunday, Oct. 3 the 5K charity race and one mile fun run will raise funds for Rutgers Against Hunger.

To register for Homecoming 2010 activities, visit the website: www.Ralumni.com/homecoming.

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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Bill Grippo

Good news! Miss Linda and Miss Mija are back, and story and craft times will be starting again next week. The times are Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 1:15 p.m. for ages three and up. "Time for 2s and 3s" are Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and "Babytime" is Fridays at 10:30 a.m. All weekly programs are free and do not require registration. Storytime is usually about half an hour, followed by a similar period for a related craft. Miss Linda and Miss Mija request that you please arrive before the program begins as it is very disruptive to the program when children arrive late. Also, parents/guardians are requested to stay in the building. It can be very upsetting to a child if that child is looking for an adult and cannot find them.

Before the beginning of each month Miss Linda will post calendars of all of the programs the library will be hosting that month and they can be picked up outside the children's room. It is important to check these calendars because Miss Linda and Miss Mija will have special holiday programs over the next few months. For ex-

ample, in October there will be a pumpkin painting program. These programs usually have little or no cost to the participant.

Also, with Columbus Day almost here we are reminding patrons that the library will be closed Sunday, Oct. 10 and Monday, Oct. 11. Otherwise the library is open every Sunday from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Our other hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

The library is located at 2484 Plainfield Ave. (next to Borough Hall) and our phone number is (908) 754-7885. We are available 24/7 at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. Our website allows you to renew items (remember all renewals must be before midnight on the day they are due, otherwise you will be charged a late fee), you can place holds on items and request interlibrary loans. To access your account, enter your last name, your South Plainfield Public Library card number and your pin (unless you have changed it, it is the last four numbers of the telephone number on file with the library).

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Scouts Recruit, Retire Flags, Honor 9/11 Victims

By Patricia Abbott



South Plainfield Boy Scouts combined their activity day with a 9/11 ceremony held on September 11. The day was multi-purpose, to increase interest in scouting and recruit new scouts. It also offered Cub Scouts the opportunity to meet members of various troops to decide where they might like to join.

Scout Master Jeff Pauls, Troop #309 Wesley Methodist Church, said the event was a huge success.

The boys enjoyed demonstrations geared to their age group. First grade Tiger Scouts, Cub Scouts and fifth grade Webelos participated in a space race, rain gutter regatta, coloring station/food pyramid, newspaper tower, a tool demonstration and an obstacle course.

Boy Scouts, fifth grade through 18 years of age, demonstrated first aid, fire building, cooking, ax yard, camp site set up, a Klondike derby sled, compass course, knots and fire making with flint and steel.

Participating cub packs were Scout Master Jacob Strassburger, Kennedy School Pack #324; Scout Master Donald Ardito, Riley School Pack #224 and Scout Master Tom Berry, Franklin School Pack #207.

Participating boy scout troops were Scout Master John Mocharski, American Legion Troop #207; Scout Master George Smith, Riley School Troop #124; Scout Master James Donelson, VFW Troop #125 and Scout Master Jeffrey

Pauls, Wesley United Methodist Church Troop #309.

In addition, there were many assistant leaders and parents who helped to make the event a success. Approximately 50 scouts participated.

The scouts held a campfire emceed by Jeff Pauls. Scouts and leaders performed skits and read a poem. Rev. Nehemiah Thompson from Wesley United Methodist Church spoke about 9/11 and a memorial service followed. The event concluded with a flag retirement ceremony.

A flag retirement ceremony may be performed in several ways, but it must be in a reverent manner. The Boy Scouts of America is recognized as such and is frequently asked by veteran groups, including the American Legion and VFW, to retire their flags.

In attendance were Mayor Charles Butrico, Councilmembers Chrissy Bureas, Timothy McConville and Rob Bengivenga, and representatives of Boy Scouts of America, Patriots Path Council and Raritan Valley District Executive Carolina Gongora. The group surprised Mayor Butrico by singing him *Happy Birthday*.

The idea for the event was conceived by John Mocharski's wife, Pam. The committee was chaired by Tony Sarao.

The committee would like to thank the American Legion for use of its facilities and the South Plainfield Department of Public Works for the loan of safety fencing and poles.



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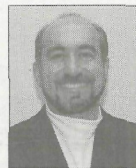
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southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Boyle Receives Middle Atlantic Conference Award

Megan Boyle, a 2007 graduate of South Plainfield High School, has received the 2010 Middle Atlantic Conference Academic Honor Roll Award.

Megan also has the distinction of being placed on the Academic Dean's List for the Spring 2010 semester, by Geoffrey S. Weinman, dean.

Megan is a senior at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Maxwell Becton College of Arts and Science, in a five-year program to obtain a masters degree in special education.

Megan has also been named captain of the Fairleigh Dickinson Devils Softball team for the 2010/2011 year.

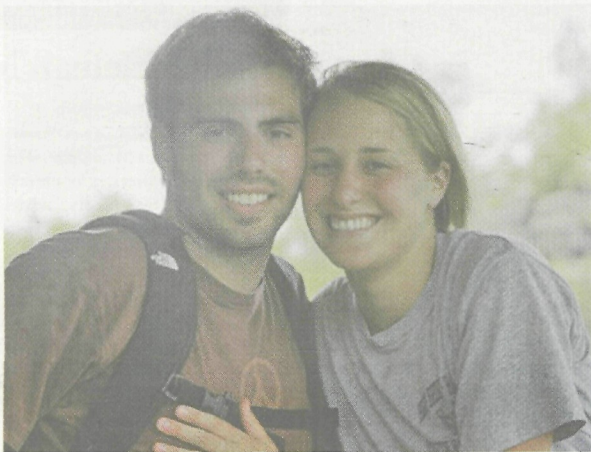
Megan is the daughter of Robert and Debbie Boyle of South Plainfield.



Megan Boyle

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Stephen Lindgren and Joy Maszczak to wed in 2011.

Joy Maszczak and Stephen Lindgren Engagement Announced

Carol and Peter Maszczak of High Bridge proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Joy Maszczak, to Stephen Lindgren of South Plainfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Lindgren of South Plainfield.

Joy is a 2007 graduate of Voorhees High School and attends East Stroudsburg University in East Stroudsburg, Pa., pursuing a bachelor's degree in elementary education and with plans to graduate in 2011.

Stephen graduated in 2006 from South Plainfield High School and is a 2010 graduate of East Stroudsburg University with a bachelor's degree in sociology.

The couple is planning a July 2011 wedding.

Brittany Smith, Anthony Louise Engaged

Ms. Jo Ann Senia is happy to announce the engagement of her daughter, Brittany Lynn Smith, to Anthony James Louise, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Louise.

The bride-to-be is a 2009 South Plainfield High School graduate and is currently employed at All God's Children Daycare Center in Absecon.

The groom-to-be is a 2009 South Plainfield High School graduate and is a member of the United States Coast Guard. He is stationed at Air Station Atlantic City.

No wedding date has been set.



Brittany Smith and Anthony Louise

Samantha Soto to Compete in Pageant

Samantha Soto, 14 of South Plainfield, will compete for the title of Miss New Jersey Teen USA this weekend at the Hilton Parsippany Hotel in Parsippany. Samantha is the daughter of Michelle and Jorge Soto.

She attends South Plainfield Middle School and is a member of USA Swimming and the Scarlet Aquatic Club swim team, a member of the Tiger Sharks swim team, and the South Plainfield Middle School Student Council. Her sponsors for the pageant are Ciccio's Pizzeria and Imperial Deli of South Plainfield, VIP Honda of North Plainfield and Bill Vince's Acura in Somerville.

Samantha competed in New Jersey's Short Course Junior Olympics in 2009 and swam the 1650M freestyle, 1000M freestyle, 500M freestyle, the 400M IM, the 1500M freestyle and the 800M freestyle long course in the Junior Olympics in 2010. She placed 15th for South Plainfield Middle School in NJ's Cross Country GMC Championship in 2009.

The Miss New Jersey USA pageants are the official preliminaries to the Miss Teen USA, Miss USA and Miss Universe pageants, and are a Donald J. Trump and NBC Universal, Inc. joint venture. The young women chosen as Miss New Jersey Teen USA 2011 will go on to represent the State of New Jersey in the National 2011 Miss Teen USA pageant and spend a year as a teen



Samantha Soto

Tetreault Graduates from Ramapo College

Lee Tetreault graduated this spring from Ramapo College with a bachelor of arts degree in international studies. He is a 2006 graduate of South Plainfield High School.

Lee spent his junior year at Ramapo abroad in Paris where he studied at the Sorbonne. He also spent time

teaching a group of French students English while he himself was perfecting his French.

His mother, Regina Herko, and grandmother, Arlene Herko, are very proud of him and his achievements, especially graduating magna cum laude.

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Sports



Youngsters who participated in the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick Competition.

Eagles Host NFL Punt, Pass and Kick

The South Plainfield Eagles hosted the annual NFL Punt, Pass and Kick competition on September 18 at the Kenneth Avenue fields. The following youngsters earned first place honors in their respective age groups: Johnny Padovano, age group 6-7;

Jorge Leones, age group 8-9; Jean Sapini, age group 10-11; David Tavaraz, age group 12-13; Patrick Toomey, age group 14-15; and Gabriella Cangialosi, age group 12-13.

These six winners now move on to

a sectional competition in October. They have the chance to qualify for the team championship competition at a date to be announced.

Submitted by Anthony Cangialosi, SP Eagles President

U-12 ARSENAL

By Val Belanger

Arsenal Defeats Manalapan Samba

The U-12 boys' soccer team, Arsenal, defeated the Manalapan Samba 5-0 last Sunday in Manalapan. The game was closely contested for the first 15 minutes, with the ball being moved quickly up and down the field by both teams. But in the 16th minute, off a well-placed corner kick by Jared Marks, Jake Hoffman put Arsenal up by the score of 1-0.

The score remained that way for the remainder of the first half, with the strong Arsenal defense of goalie Nick Plate and defenders Mason Resende, Alec Paez, Jake Smith and Ryan Stankan effectively shutting down the Samba offense.

The Arsenal offense began to assert itself in the second half, with midfield play from Cristian Butrico, Dylan O'Connor and Jack Cochrane providing strong support. The effort paid off in the ninth minute, when Jason Cieszkiewicz directed a free kick to Jason Belanger, who promptly chipped

the ball over the head of the Samba goalie. Just three minutes later, Ricky Pellegrino took a crisp pass from Tyler Curtis and then outraced the Samba defenders up the sideline, finishing with a strong shot over the goalie.

In the 16th minute, Caleb Kuberiet made the score 4-0 on a brilliantly played breakaway, with Jared Marks getting his second assist of the game. Finally, in literally the last minute of the game, Jason Belanger notched his second goal of the game off an assist from Jake Hoffman, making the final score 5-0.

Arsenal's next game is on Sunday, Oct. 3 in Millburn, where they hope to continue their winning ways.

By Gary Lampasona

JUNIOR BASEBALL

Fall Ball season is underway and the lights are shining bright on youth baseball again.



Registration—for the 2011 Spring Season will be held at the clubhouse on Friday, Oct. 15 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Can't get there? You can also download the forms directly from our website, www.leaguecup.com/spjbc and mail them.

Problems with your Internet access? Just come on down during a Fall Ball baseball game held Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays and ask someone to find you a board member. We'll be glad to sign you up. By signing up now, we can make important decisions for next spring and avoid last minute changes to leagues and teams. It makes for a more organized, enjoyable baseball experience for all.

Our next general meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the clubhouse. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. Hope to see you soon!

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS TRACK

By Christopher Fish

Team Reaches 60 Straight Win Milestone

The Boys' Middle School Cross Country Team defeated Franklin and Dunellen on September 22 to capture victories number 60 and 61.

The boys were led by Enzo Butrico, Ryan Walsh, Frank Ferraro, Nick Castagno, Matt Bellanger, Jordan Mandel, Brandon Rickert and Danny Hedden as they beat both rivals 19-44. These athletes are just some of the many South Plainfield runners who have assisted in keeping this streak alive for almost four years under the guidance of Coach Kevin McCann. During that time, the Tigers have also won three Greater Middlesex County championships and have only finished out of the top two teams twice. This is a fantastic accomplishment considering that the boys compete against schools twice as big that pride themselves on their running prowess.

Coach McCann attributes the program's success to the determined, dedicated nature of the South Plainfield athletes. The runners who pass through the Middle School Cross Country Program understand that hard work and persistence will lead to success. The boys' outstanding record reflects their tenacity and perseverance.

U-10 ECLIPSE

By Jenn Curtis

Eclipse Fights Hard for First Victory 2-0

The U-10 girls' traveling soccer team, Eclipse, traveled to Millburn last Sunday and were evenly matched for most of the game.

With five minutes left in the game, Alexis Curtis scored a goal off a breakaway putting Eclipse ahead 1-0. A minute later, Linda Farinella scored, making the final score 2-0.

Goalie duties were shared in the shut-out by Cameron Marks and Mackenzie O'Brien, who also play offensive and defensive positions.

Eclipse is now 1-0-1.

The Eclipse team is comprised of Victoria Meono, Gianna Sacco, Kaitlyn Smith, Katherine Delair, Samantha Pullen, Olivia Leonardis, Kristen Smith, Linda Farinella, Alexis Curtis, Cameron Marks, Mackenzie O'Brien and Jill Holobowski. Coaches are Gino Leonardis and Ken Curtis.

The girls are away Sunday in New Providence and home on October 10 at Kenneth Field.

Come on out and support the girls.

SPHS FIELD HOCKEY

By Pat DeSantis

Field Hockey Corner

The Tigers, now 5-2, are another week into their season.

On September 16, Coach Tammy Zurka-Bach celebrated her 100th win as the JV coach. The team would like to congratulate and thank her again for all the hard work and dedication she has put into not only the JV team, but the entire field hockey program, from varsity to freshmen, season after season.

Today, the team will be having its senior afternoon against Old Bridge High School to honor all of the field hockey seniors. The JV game starts at 3:45 p.m., followed by the senior game on the Memorial Turf Field next to the PAL building.

Come out and support our seniors. All are welcome!



LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

August 27, 2010

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on August 26, 2010.

A. Case #29-10-365 Restaurant and Bar, Inc. Block 474; Lot 1; 101 New World Way. The applicant's request for a front yard set back and use variance permitting outside dining and preliminary and final site plan approval is hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

B. Case #715V/Site-Jayne Enterprises, LLC. Block 255; Lot 10.01; 401 Kentile Road. The applicant's request for amended preliminary and final site plan approval is hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully submitted,
John Pabst, Administrative Officer

\$30.40 October 1, 2010

LEGAL NOTICE

Take notice, that the undersigned shall expose for sale, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:4-56.6, at public sale/auction a 2001 Mack Truck, VIN #1M2AD62C21M010928 on October 7, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. at 419 Adams Street, Newark, NJ which came in possession of Fidel Alonso through abandonment or failure of owners to claim same.

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LEGAL NOTICE

August 13, 2010

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on August 12, 2010.

A. Case #28-10-Vidur Budham. Block 336; Lot 4; 229 Delmore Avenue. The applicant's request for a front yard set back variance is hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully submitted,
John Pabst, Administrative Officer

\$27.56 October 1, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

August 11, 2010

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on August 10, 2010.

A. Case #28/Site-Investors Savings Bank. Block 188; Lot 49; 2449 Plainfield Avenue. The applicant's request for amended site plan, with a bulk variance in order to install a ground sign that is higher and wider than permitted is hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully submitted,
John Pabst, Administrative Officer

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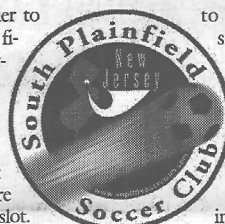
SOCCER CLUB

By Dawn Hutchison

Ambush Off to a Great Start at 2-0

Just a quick reminder to all SPSC families. The final weekends for satisfying your canning obligations are fast approaching. All families are required to can and you must contact Laura Sansone to secure your location and time slot. Shifts are available on the following days, Friday, Oct. 1, Saturday, Oct. 2, Sunday, Oct. 3 and Friday, Oct. 8, Saturday Oct. 9 and Sunday, Oct. 10. You can reach Laura by calling (908) 755-3626 or (908) 370-8118. There are no additional dates available, so please be sure you are arranging your time slot now.

The snackstand duty schedule is currently "under construction." Due to a problem at the league level, we received numerous changes to our schedules which prevented us from having the snackstand schedule finalized. We are working on the team schedule once again—meaning teams will be assigned games/shifts to cover and the families from that team will satisfy the teams' obligations. Provided all shifts are covered, the entire team will be considered "Bond Satisfied." Coaches will be receiving their teams assignments and will notify Bob Sanko of who is covering the shifts from the team. As in the past, please be sure



to sign the sheet in the snackstand when you work your shift to ensure you get credit for being there. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Information will go out shortly for the upcoming weekends.

One of SPSC's new girls' teams, the U12 Ambush, is off to a great start at 2-0. This week Ambush won 4-1 with the first goal of the season by newcomer Caity Hughes. Goals were also scored by team anchors Claire Nagel and Sarah Cargill, with support from Grace Ochoa and Katherine Vill and the rest of the Ambush team. Great job to all the girls and coaches Tim Nagel, Kevin Hughes and Phil Battista.

Our teams are training and playing hard each week. We have 11 teams, playing at Kenneth Avenue and Memorial Field (turf)—lots of opportunities to see some great soccer. This week's home games are U-8 Warriors on Saturday Oct. 2 at 11:30 a.m. at Kenneth Avenue Field #2; U-14 Storm on Sunday, Oct. 3 at 1:30 p.m. at Memorial Turf Field, followed by U-13 Thunder at 3:30 p.m. at the Memorial Turf Field. Come on out and cheer them on!

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From the Republicans

| OPINION

Anesh, McConville, Rusnak: We Need to Move Forward

Saying now is not the time to go backward, mayoral candidate Matt Anesh this week talked about his team's record of results and the forward-looking agenda they are running on.

"My runningmates and I have a forward-looking agenda," said Anesh. "But we also have the results to show we can achieve it."

"We cut taxes for the average family by \$178, cut spending and reduced borrowing," Anesh said. "When we said last year that controlling taxes and spending would be our top goal, we meant it. In 2011, our priority will continue to be making South Plainfield more affordable."

"South Plainfield is one of a select few towns in the state to see taxes go down," added Councilman Ray Rusnak, who is seeking re-election. "No other town in Central Jersey has that type of record."

But the Anesh team's agenda includes more than just finances.

"We're moving forward on important projects for families and seniors too," added Councilman Tim McConville, who is also seeking reelection. "We completed Stage I of the

New Market Avenue reconstruction, and we'll be repaving Cherry Street next month."

Anesh, McConville and Rusnak are also expanding the Safe Streets, Safe Kids program, an innovative safety program designed to make neighborhoods safer for families.

"We'll be adding speed tables to slow down traffic when we repave Cherry Street," Anesh explained. "We also passed a policy that handles and prioritizes requests for speed humps and tables. We have received several resident petitions, and as a result, we're looking to expand the program to even more streets next year."

Improving services for seniors is another goal, according to Rusnak. "For years the senior center has had problems during cold weather. To remedy that, Councilman Bengivenga just announced that the Borough received a grant to insulate the building, which should make everyone more comfortable this winter."

"We also fought to keep out the 700-unit apartment complex the Democrat Party tried to ram through in December," added Rusnak.

"Our opponents now say they op-

posed that project too, but they were mysteriously quiet when it was in front of the council," added McConville. "It's nice to say you oppose something, but why didn't they stand up to their party at the meetings or voice their concerns in the paper?"

The other side doesn't have a great record on taxes either, according to Anesh. "This year's tax cut is in sharp contrast to what happened in 1983 when Michael English became mayor. That year, taxes jumped 55%. The same thing happened when he went on the school board. In one year taxes for the average family shot up \$375."

"We can't go back to that," said McConville. "That's exactly what everyone is saying we need to get away from. Whether it's in Washington or Trenton, people are saying we can't continue to spend and tax like there's no tomorrow."

The difference between the two teams running for mayor and council is simple, according to Anesh: "This election is about the future versus the past. It's about moving forward or falling backward. The record shows that going backward would be a huge mistake. Let's take South Plainfield forward."

Alexander A. Ingerto, 86

Alexander A. Ingerto passed away on Friday, Sept. 24 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born and raised in Plainfield, Alexander lived in Plainfield for most of his life before moving to Piscataway in the early 1980s.

A veteran of the United States Navy, Alexander served during WWII prior to his honorable discharge.

He was the owner and operator of the former AP's Floor Waxing and Window Cleaning Company, and later worked in the maintenance department at Rutgers University.

Alexander is a former member of the North Plainfield Italian American Club and the VFW.

He is predeceased by his wife, Henrietta, and by four siblings, Anthony, Michael, Gladys Santacross and Virginia Santillo.

Surviving are his second wife, Jeanette; two children, Linda Ingerto of Edison and John Ingerto and wife Kathy of South Plainfield; a sister, Maria Dellipoli; a brother, Salvatore Engarto; two grandchildren, Melinda Wordel and husband Eric; and twin great-grandchildren, Alexander and Benjamin.

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

Memorial donations in his memory may be made to the American Heart Association.

John R. Check, 89

John R. Check died on Friday, Sept. 24 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born and raised in Perth Amboy, John attended both Rutgers and Rider universities, earning a bachelor's degree in accounting.

John was a career man, working for Chevron Oil for nearly 35 years as an accountant. He resided in Houston, Texas and Los Angeles before retiring to Clearwater, Fla. Mr. Check lived in South Plainfield for the past nine years.

He served with the U.S. Army during WWII and was honorably discharged as staff sergeant. In addition, Mr. Check enjoyed gardening and playing cards, but more importantly, he loved to sit and relax by the bay.

He is predeceased by four sisters and three brothers.

Surviving are a sister, Ann Check of South Plainfield; two nieces, Carol Szczesny of Fla. and Lois Chismar of Brick and six nephews, Anton Check of Flemington, Ronald Brinkerhoff of Pittsford, John Ditski of South Plainfield, Gerald McCarthy of Lakewood, Michael McCarthy of Old Bridge and Thomas McCarthy of Pennsylvania. Also surviving are several great nieces and nephews.

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

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From the Democrats

| OPINION

More Efficient Government through Reduced Expenses

The Democratic Team of Mike English, Jeff Williams and John Sorrentino have a pledge to every homeowner in South Plainfield. Mike, Jeff and John will reduce municipal expenses each year for the next three years if elected. People want smaller, more efficient government. The Democrats also pledge to reduce the borough's reliance on state funding to balance the town's budget. John knows that state funds should be used for one-time expenses so they will never again be expected to pay for the day-to-day expenses of government.

Mike, Jeff and John want to take a new approach to developing the borough's budget. This year, the Republican Majority came up with a budget with the help of the chief financial officer and then called for public meetings with department heads. The final budget called for an increase of a million dollars in taxpayers monies to cover expenses. To make matters worse, the Republicans borrowed hundreds of thousands of dollars to cover payments of sick and vacation

time for retirees. They borrowed the money and the taxpayers will be forced to pay for yesterday's expenses in future years.

When homeowners look at their own budgets, they must keep in mind how much money they have to pay for expenses. They set up a budget based on their ability to pay the expenses that are essential first and if anything is left, hopefully they invest it in their future. Mike, Jeff and John want to bring this approach to local government. They will start with the total expenses of the prior year, work to reduce that amount, and then meet with every department head to tell them what they can afford to spend. All these meetings will be public and every member of the governing body will be expected to attend. These meetings should take place on Saturdays in January and February so working members of the public will have the opportunity to attend and comment.

Instead of just giving lip service to the men and women who are members of the Taxpayers Advisory Com-

mittee, they will be asked for their recommendations at the beginning of the process, not at the end. Every department head will be asked to develop a zero based budget. They will be asked to start from scratch and produce a new plan that recognizes the financial problems faced by all homeowners today. Every member of the council will be expected to comment and justify every dollar in the budget.

This is straight, honest talk—Mike English, Jeff Williams and John Sorrentino will reduce municipal expenses for three years in a row if you vote them into office.

If you have any comments or questions, please visit the website: SP Dems.org or contact the candidates.

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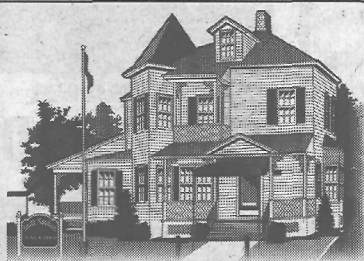
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In My Opinion

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We would like to extend a "special thanks" to the following people and businesses that contributed to make the golf outing such a success. They are: Nicola Barrett, Robert Bengivena, Grace and John Bertucci, Bert-A Way Traffic Systems, Renato R. Biribin, Karen Butrico, The Chandler Group, Dave's Stationery Store, Ann and Dominic Demico, Marie Dolinski, McCrisky-Gustafson Home For Funerals, Rich's Pharmacy, James C. Rossetti P.E., Sky Hy Erectors & Equipment, Sullivan's Auto Service Inc., Sullivan's Auto Body Inc., Twin City Pharmacy, Unity Bank and The Zeiger Family.

Finally, but certainly not least, several businesses donated door prizes and "goody" bags. They are: A&P Supermarket, Applebee's Restaurant, Buon Appetito Restaurant, Carousel Hair Salon, Ciccio's Pizza, Flanagan's Restaurant & Pub, Columbia Bank, Curves, Edith's Hair Salon, Heritage Abstract Inc., PNC Bank, Provident Bank, Sacred Heart Home School Assoc., Sacred Heart School Athletic Assoc., Sherban's Diner, Skylands Bank, Sovereign Bank, Sports Authority, Staples, TD Bank, Thermal Services of NJ and Wachovia Bank.

We offer our congratulations to the following: Bert Panahon, who hit a hole-in-one on the 16th green to win the Closest to the Pin Award. The Men's Longest Drive Award went to Frank Raciti, while Pat Butrico won The Women's Longest Drive Award. The Straightest Drive Award went to Bob Gogger. The foursome placing first, with a score of 63, was Pat Stilo, Billy Disch, Andy Falco and Andy Lotono, whose win will be the first recorded on the Sacred Heart Golf Outing Trophy.

**SINCERELY YOURS,
THOMAS P. DONNELLY AND MANUEL
SANCHEZ, ESQ., SACRED HEART
ADVISORY COUNCIL GOLF COMM.**

Dear Editor,

First let me begin by saying that I agree that Cherry Street has a definite issue with speeding traffic. If the analysis quoted in the *Courier-News* is correct and that 85% of the traffic on Cherry Street travels 30 mph, then I challenge the town of South Plainfield to do the same analysis on Walnut Street where I would conservatively estimate the average speed to be at

Squires

(Continued from page 1)

landscaping and assembling a shed. A favorite of the young men is serving meals at the Knights Hall and Sacred Heart because after the work is done they enjoy a great meal. According to advisor Bill Butrico, "These boys love to eat!"

The South Plainfield chapter of the Knights of Columbus Squires was formed three years ago. There are currently 26 members. One of their first projects was the addition of a concrete extension to the patio of a handicapped resident; her yard was too steep to fully utilize and enjoy. After becoming stuck on the lawn she mentioned the problem to a friend who happened to be a member of the Knights. Within a short time she received a call that the Knights and Squires would add onto the patio.

Over the years the boys and their advisors have helped many residents and are to be commended for their dedication. They have had their accomplishments noted in state publications. "They really look for projects to work on, and respond to all calls for help for Knights' events. They are a special bunch who really enjoy community service," said Butrico.

The Squires welcome new members. Meetings are held every other Sunday night. Catholic boys ages 14-18 are eligible.

For information on joining the Squires, contact Bill Butrico at (908) 346-2491.

least 35-40 mph.

As a resident of South Plainfield for over 12 years, I have seen multiple accidents and several "near misses." Two years ago, while returning from a walk with my nine year-old, we just rounded the corner of Windrew Avenue back onto Walnut Street when a car that had been speeding up and down the street for the past hour hit his brakes and slammed into a car that had just turned the same corner we had. That innocent driver ended up on my neighbor's front lawn and was fortunate to have walked away unharmed. I understand that the police estimate of the speed of the car by the length of the skid marks left to be approximately 70+ mph. Had my son and I been one minute behind on our walk, we would have been seriously injured if not killed. Those skid marks have only recently faded.

There have been multiple cars that have ended up on lawns in my neighborhood in addition to the many parked cars that have been hit, including my own.

My husband and I, as well as several neighbors, have gone to the town repeatedly over the years, and unfortunately, all concerns have been ignored. Finally, hope was in sight two years ago when a Republican councilman was up for re-election and came knocking on our door and promised my husband on our front door step that if he were re-elected, speed bumps on Walnut Street would be a priority. Needless to say, the councilman lost his bid for re-election that year, and so we remained without speed bumps. You would think that once he was re-elected, traffic safety on Walnut Street would again be his priority, right? Wrong! Instead, they allocate \$174,394 to repave Cherry Street as well as inserting speed bumps.

Today, the residents of Walnut Street

are left with the indisputable fact that once speed bumps are placed on Cherry Street, that traffic will be diverted to Walnut Street creating even more havoc on our street and put the lives of our children and residents at risk.

Republican or Democrat, if you care about your town and the safety of its children, don't wait for the almost certain fatality to occur. Put speed bumps on Walnut Street too!

**SINCERELY,
TONI CAMPBELL**

To the People of South Plainfield:

I, Nick Patel, and my family want to thank the people of South Plainfield since I didn't have time to say "thank you" to all my customers before I left from Krauszer's Food Store.

My landlord didn't give me a chance to say thanks to the people from South Plainfield. We want to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts for supporting us the last 10 years of running a successful business in South Plainfield. I had the best customers who always looked after my family and business. Now I have moved to North Carolina. My landlord chased me out from Krauszer's, even though I was paying him \$8,000 a month in rent.

But, I missed my store and my customers in South Plainfield and I want to take the time to say thank you to all my customers and I will miss South Plainfield—the best town to do business.

Thank you, and God bless America.
LOVE YOU ALL, NICK PATEL

To the Editor:

I would like to start out by saying that my husband, John Sorrentino, is running for councilman with Mike English and Jeff Williams. I have known John for almost 36 years and

we have been married for 33½ years. John is a loving husband and father. We have three wonderful and loving children. John and I have always volunteered our time to the activities and sports that our children have undertaken. We were always present and involved in school functions.

John is very caring and considerate of others. Whenever someone needs something John is always there to help, whether it is a friend, neighbor or family member. He is the person everyone calls to fix their heat or air (which is his specialty) or just about anything else. He is a jack-of-all-trades and there isn't much he can't do. He will always give a helping hand if someone needs it no matter who it is. He is very generous with his time and his knowledge.

When John undertakes a project he gives 100%. He loves South Plainfield and wants to help to make it better. Regardless of party affiliation, John's number one priority is South Plainfield. He has proven this on the parade committee year after year. He says straight out, "Let's put politics aside and give South Plainfield the best parade and fireworks we can give it. We are here for our town, so let's all work together." He has volunteered on the parade committee for the past 15 years, serving as chairman for the last eight years. Most people don't know how many hours he and all the other volunteers put into our parade. It is a lot! They start meeting in February and finish after Labor Day. Everyone who volunteers their time for anything should be noticed and thanked.

With our lives moving forward as we get older I thought I would have John all to myself. I guess I was wrong. This is something he wants to do. He wants to try to help better the town he lives in and takes pride

in. I will support John in his endeavor to become a councilman. He isn't superman, but I know he will do the best he can do. I know he will make a great councilman.

MARYANN SORRENTINO

Dear Editor,

I've carefully read the recent letters to the paper from the other side (a.k.a the Democrats) talking about so-called "negative campaigning." The letter writers claim to be in shock because people have examined Mike English's record on taxes and spending, even going so far as to call any reference to his record "slander," an "attack" and "defamation."

These are pretty high-octane words, so you'd think they are in response to something pretty provocative or something that crosses the line. Actually, though, the people supporting English were all charged up over the fact that his record on taxes and spending was being discussed.

Let me see if I get this right. A candidate's record on taxes and spending is out of bounds?

I would assume that most voters would want to know that English raised taxes 55% in one year last time he was mayor and that he raised taxes \$375 on the average family in one year while on the school board.

Two weeks ago Derryck White wrote a letter to the paper asking English to explain his record (in other words, explain why, among other things, taxes soared each time he was elected to office). To me, that's a reasonable request. It's also in line with the Democrat campaign theme, which is "straight and honest talk." It's time for English to give some "straight talk" on his tax record. The public is waiting.

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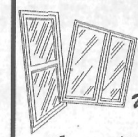
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