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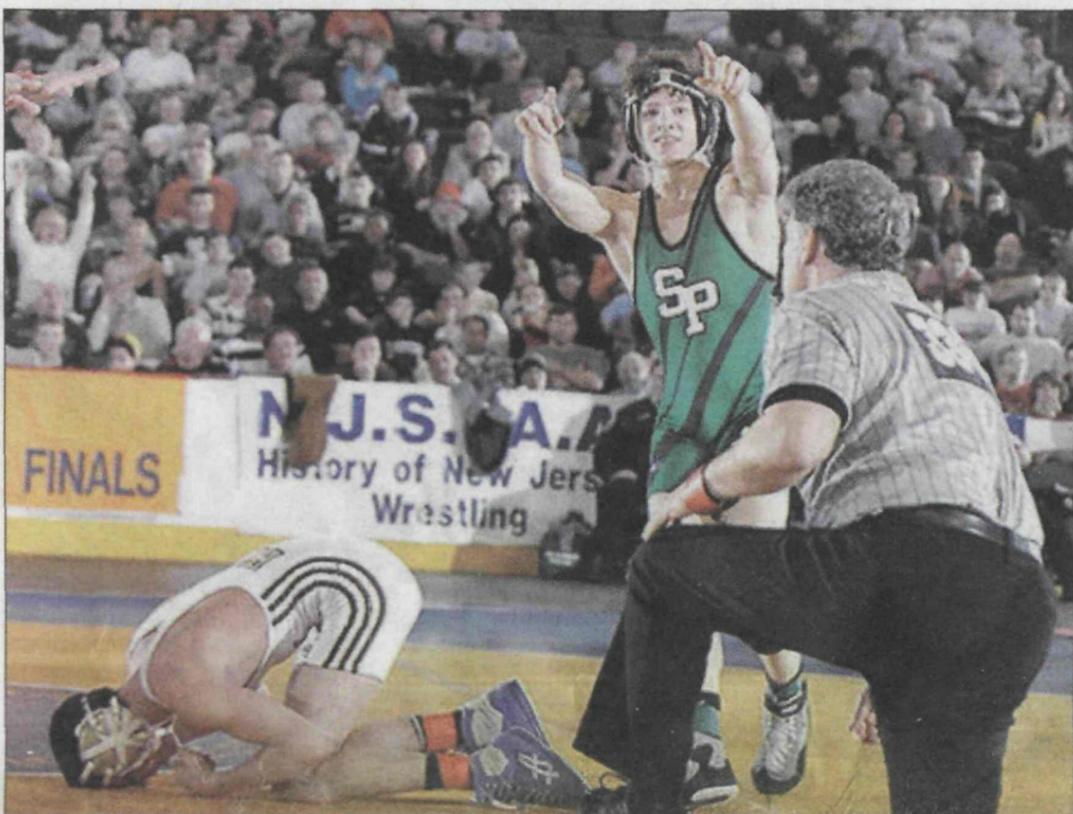
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Anthony Ashnault raises his hands in victory after defeating Watchung's Mike Magaldo.

Ashnault Makes History Three Tigers Wrestlers Win Medals

By Kelly Stashko

Sophomore Anthony Ashnault of South Plainfield raised his hands in victory after he defeated freshman Mike Magaldo of Watchung Hills, 7-1 in front of a crowd of 11,000 at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City on Sunday. With the win, Ashnault also made history as the first wrestler from South Plainfield High School to secure first place in the state championship two years in a row.

Last year Ashnault competed in the 103 lb. weight class; this year he wrestled in the 112 lb. weight class in the finals.

Ashnault finished his year with an impressive 42-0 record, and a 86-0 career total.

"Anthony has become the first two time state champion in South Plainfield history. He kept his focus and never got distracted from his ultimate goal. He wrestled tremendously,

and now will set his goal on a third title," said Coach Kevin McCann.

The previous day it was South Plainfield's Troy Heilmann who was victorious in his 119 lb. bout when he took down opponent Kevin Devoy of Burlington Township in 5:04 for the state's wrestling semi-final win. "On his game," McCann commented, "Troy did fantastic. He entered the tournament still [having] a fractured finger, but would not be denied becoming a two-time state place winner. He wrestled a great match to get into the finals. He pinned a wrestler who beat him last year in the state tournament."

Heilmann first celebrated with his coach, then with his family who had been cheering him on from the stands. As for his loss in the finals, McCann said, "Troy has nothing to be ashamed of, losing 7-4 to a two-time state champion, Rob Deutsch. He is only

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BOE Adopts Tentative 2011/2012 Budget

By Jane Dornick

Last Thursday evening the Board of Education adopted a tentative school budget for the fiscal year 2011/2012 with a proposed tax levy

of \$42,136,706, up \$2.7M from the 2010/2011 budget. If the levy amount remains constant, the tax rate based on an average property assessment of \$123,000 would be cost each household an estimated additional

\$211 a year.

The BOE was required to adopt and submit a tentative budget to the state by March 4. Final budget figures are due on Wednesday, March 30; presentations to the public by Acting Superintendent Dr. Gary Bowen and Interim Business Administrator Nick Pulcio will begin shortly thereafter.

The preliminary tentative budget of \$52,616,717 is an increase of \$1.4M over last year, or 2.85%. According to recently released state aid figures, the borough will receive a total of \$7,779,921 in Equalization Aid and Special Education Categorical Aid, which are termed differently than in past years. The district saw an increase of \$473,231 over last year's state aid when Gov. Chris Christie was cutting aid to municipalities.

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Acting Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Gary Bowen, reads to Mrs. Turrise's second grade Franklin School class in celebration of Read Across America.



(L-R): Timothy Nuber, Emma Regan, Sara Reineke and Matthew Belanger.

Students Earn a Spot in Region Band

The South Plainfield Middle School hosted the Central Jersey Music Educators' Association Region II Intermediate Band and Orchestra auditions in January.

Approximately 850 band and orchestra students from Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Somerset and Union counties had to learn a solo, memorize eight scales and perform some sight reading.

The students were competing for an opportunity to perform with the Region II Concert Band or Orchestra.

The CJMEA recently also added a percussion ensemble to ensure that percussion students have an

equitable opportunity to perform. The region band rehearses in various places throughout central New Jersey to perform in this concert.

Four South Plainfield students were selected for the ensembles. Matthew Belanger was accepted on clarinet; Sara Reineke on horn and Timothy Nuber on tuba. Additionally, Emma Regan was accepted to the percussion ensemble on mallets.

The concert for the band and orchestra was held on March 6 at Sandburg Middle School in Old Bridge. The percussion ensemble concert will be held on Sunday, March 13 at Monroe Township High School.

Mr. Veiss and the middle school community is very proud of the accomplishments of all the students who auditioned.



The Cat in the Hat (Reading Specialist Christine Warian) shares some green eggs with students. (L-R) Maria Callanan, Zaire Spears, Joseph Troiano and Isabella Flanagan. See story on pages 8 and 9.



Want to stay informed about the business of your Council and BOE?

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

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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
March 21 March 21
April 4 April 4
April 18 April 18

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planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, *except where noted.
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641
March 22, April 12, April 26, May 10, May 24, June 14, June 28, July 12, July 26, Aug. 9, Aug. 23, Sept. 13, Sept. 27, Oct. 11, 25, Nov. 1,* Dec. 13*

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
March 24, April 14, April 28, May 12, May 26, June 9, June 23, July 28, Aug. 11, Aug. 25, Sept. 8, Sept. 22, Oct. 13, Oct. 27, Nov. 10*, Dec. 8*

board of education

Meets Wednesdays at Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. Committee of the whole meetings (begin at 6:00 p.m.)
March 30
Regular Public Meeting (begin at 7:30 p.m.): 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

cultural arts commission

Meets the third Tuesday of the month at the PAL at 7:30 p.m.
March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21, no meeting July and Aug., Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20

library board of trustees

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday, at the library at 7 p.m.
April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13

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
April 12, May 10, June 14, July and August—no meetings, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13

taxpayers advisory group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m. Questions? 908-769-0786.

site plans sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.
March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday) Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7621

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday) Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m.

In My Opinion

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

Dear Editor,

Once again I would like to thank all of you for the wonderful article in the February 25 issue of the *Observer* about the charity basketball game for Jerry. You have no idea how much fun it was to get out of the house and to sit for a time and watch a game and not have to think about anything else. It was great! The three of us had a terrific time.

Thanks to all the amazing people who put the game together, especially Brian Shaw and Debbie Boyle. I would also like to thank all the players on both teams, the cheerleaders, the announcer, and all of you as well.

Thanks for a great day. It is truly amazing how much all of you have done for us and we really appreciate it.

**GOD BLESS,
NIKKI BARTOLOTTI**

To the Editor:

Before I make my points, I would like to mention that my wife, Lisa Heim, has been a chemistry teacher at South Plainfield High School since 2005. When I express my views on educational topics (which I plan to do quite often in the future), they are not necessarily her views. If you wish to ask my wife what her views are, you can contact her on your own time.

I have three children ages 13, 12, and six. Rosalind, my eldest daughter, is in eighth grade and attends South Plainfield Middle School. Stephanie, my 12 year-old, is in sixth grade; her last year at Grant Elementary School. My son attends kindergarten at Kennedy Elementary School.

Both of my children have received high-quality instruction during their time at Grant. The area to which I am highly critical is mathematics since I have a mathematics degree. For 10 years, I wrote articles on games of chance for national publications and I was a professional gambler specializing in the areas of poker and video poker. I was going to go into teaching, but I realized how hard it was going to be for a variety of reasons. Hence, I put my math degree to use in another area. Ninety-nine percent of the general public has a dearth of knowledge as to the reality of teaching. In future letters, I am going to discuss these topics in detail.

My children's mathematics instructors at Grant Elementary School, John Orfan, Julie Flasser, Megan Basille and Carolyn White are without doubt some of the finest instructors that I have encountered at the elementary level. Besides their superb grasp of the subject matter, they keep their students focused, they instill mutual respect, and their teaching techniques present forward, out of the box thinking while providing "old school" concepts which provide an important foundation for our children.

For those of you who know me, I am very sparse with praise.

The other individual I would like to recognize is the principal of Grant Elementary School, Leo Whalen. My first encounter with Mr. Whalen was indirect. I was in the office dropping something off for Rosalind and a boy was in his office for a disciplinary manner. The first words that I heard out of Mr. Whalen's mouth were "when you are in my office, I expect you to sit up straight." That's all I needed to hear.

Any student who has had the experience of having Mr. Whalen as their principal never doubted who was in charge. Mr. Whalen has the right attitude required to keep our children focused and in line. This transition is a very difficult time for most youngsters; it was for both of my girls. Mr. Whalen understands this to its fullest extent. He is not the children's friend, just as we are not friends to our children. He expects our children to come to school in a presentable manner, just like you would at your place of employment. He expects students to treat their academic disciplines as if it were their job, just like I do with my children.

Lastly, Mr. Whalen is not a hypocrite. He treats his own children the same way he treats the children to whom he is responsible. Because of that, Leo

Whalen has my full respect and admiration as a consummate professional.
GREGORY S. HEIM

Dear Editor,

I could not disagree more with the letter last week by Pat DeSantis. I realize DeSantis is a former Board of Education member who left the board and now has a job with it. I've seen her at very few council meetings, however—only one this year. As someone who regularly attends council meetings, I've seen the opposite of what DeSantis described. I've seen a refreshing change in the way they are conducted. But more importantly, I've seen vast improvements in how our town is being managed.

Our new mayor, Matt Anesh, has brought professionalism and civility to the role of mayor. People whose views are at odds with the mayor are no longer subjected to sarcasm and nastiness, which I believe is a welcome change.

Case in point: The ex-mayor Charles Butrico is now Democrat chairman. Butrico gets up to make comments as often as two or three times a meeting, and most of his comments are nothing more than partisan sniping. Yet Mayor Anesh does not respond in kind. In a departure from the past, even opposing views are treated respectfully.

But putting all that aside, let's look at what really matters, accomplishments for our residents. South Plainfield has the best record in the county controlling taxes, and was one of only four towns where taxes actually went down last year. The Republican administration negotiated a new contract with public works last year that actually reduced starting salaries, and the new PBA contract for the first time includes givebacks on longevity, overtime, starting salaries and healthcare (the type of benefits that increased when the Democrats were in power).

Things like this are not happening all over. Just look around. Other towns are talking about massive layoffs, cutting services to the bone and huge tax increases. The towns and the unions are at each other's throats. That's not happening in South Plainfield.

Despite all this, the Democrats, led by Butrico and Councilwoman Buteas, have opposed or criticized every positive change. This type of partisanship has to stop. It's one thing to express opinions. But when current and former elected officials do everything in their power to disrupt and derail progress for our residents, that's

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something entirely different. Butrico and Buteas need to start behaving in a mature manner and start using better judgment. It's also time they start putting their town before their political ambitions.
DENNIS LITTLE

Dear Editor,

For several council meetings I have questioned the wisdom of selling borough property at a time when real estate values are at their lowest in years. The Republican majority is seeking to authorize the sale of borough property for a price that would amount to a huge net loss on one of our most valuable assets. I am specifically referring to the two lots that make up the library property on Plainfield Avenue. These two lots were purchased over a span of 20 years for a total purchase price of almost \$700,000 and now the Republican Majority is going to auction that property off. In this very low market, the appraised value is only \$480,000, which is only 70% of the purchase price.

Even more disturbing is the fact that the Republicans refuse to disclose how this money will be spent. My fear is that they intend to use the proceeds to fill a budget gap despite their assurances on reorganization day that they had put our fiscal house in order.

I don't have to tell anyone that now is not the time to sell property unless absolutely necessary. I was happy to see that Councilwoman Buteas and Councilman Salerno voted against this sale and I ask that the other members of the council join them and rescind this action until property values improve.

I also ask the Republican Council Majority to manage taxpayer assets as they would manage their own personal property and do not take actions that will result in a loss for the residents.

**SINCERELY,
CHARLES BUTRICO**

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BOROUGH NOTES

- The borough plans to sell two parcels of surplus land located on Plainfield Avenue. The property was going to be used to construct a new library, but those plans have changed. Opening bid is \$490,000.
- A bond ordinance amounting to \$199,000 was passed by the council to purchase various equipment for the borough.
- An ordinance was introduced to amend bond ordinance #1857 to include funds to be used to apply to the state for a permit for the truck bypass project.
- The council authorized an inter-agency transfer of surplus fire department communication equipment from South Plainfield to Plainfield.
- The purchase of a Regisys vehicle diagnostic machine from Joy Auto Parts, Inc. at a cost of \$7,000 was approved.
- The council authorized the sale of property to a contiguous property owner at 2237 Hamilton Blvd.
- Katelynn Morgan, Steven Phillips and James Farrell were appointed as probationary firefighters.
- Refund checks for overpayment of taxes were issued to Chase Home Finance, 1516 Clinton Ave. for \$1,731.11 and Dharmesh Shah, 128 Frank Ct. for \$1,359.81.
- Building permit fees were waived for the renovation of the conference room at the PAL.
- The council authorized CFO Glenn Cullen to make application for a loan from the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program for the purchase of a new and unused mobile combination catch basin-sewer cleaner.
- The permit fee of \$42 was waived for the OLC Feast of St. Anthony to be held June 7-11.
- A Harris M7300 series control system for the fire department's in-house radio system was approved at a cost of \$9,000.
- The council authorized the purchase of a RPVRE1 portable vacuum recovery system for the Department of Public Works to eliminate wash water run off in compliance of governmental storm drain regulations at a cost not to exceed \$4,200.
- The borough will purchase 65 pairs of goggles for use by the fire department at a cost not to exceed \$3,600. Funds will come from the fire department's penalty fund.



South Plainfield Girl Scouts and Brownies accept a proclamation from Mayor Matt Anesh at Monday night's council meeting. The proclamation recognizes Girl Scout Week which is celebrated March 6-12.

Don't Be Scammed by Fake IRS Communications

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) receives thousands of reports each year from taxpayers who receive suspicious emails, phone calls, faxes or notices claiming to be from the IRS. Many of these scams fraudulently use the IRS name or logo as a lure to make the communication more authentic and enticing. The goal of these scams—known as phishing—is to trick you into revealing personal and financial information. The scammers can then use that information—like your Social Security number, bank account or credit card numbers—to commit identity theft or steal your money.

Here are five things the IRS wants you to know about phishing scams.

- The IRS doesn't ask for detailed personal and financial information like PIN numbers, passwords or similar secret access information for credit card, bank or other financial accounts.
- The IRS does not initiate tax-

payer communications through email and won't send a message about your tax account. If you receive an email from someone claiming to be the IRS or directing you to an IRS site:

- Do not reply to the message.
- Do not open any attachments. Attachments may contain malicious code that will infect your computer.
- Do not click on any links. If you clicked on links in a suspicious email or phishing website and entered confidential information, visit the IRS website and enter the search term 'identity theft' for more information and resources to help.

3. The address of the official IRS website is <http://www.irs.gov>. Do not be confused or misled by sites claiming to be the IRS but ending in .com, .net, .org or other designations instead of .gov. If you discover a website that claims to be the IRS but you suspect it is bogus, do not provide any personal information on the suspicious

site and report it to the IRS.

4. If you receive a phone call, fax or letter in the mail from an individual claiming to be from the IRS but you suspect they are not an IRS employee, contact the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 to determine if the IRS has a legitimate need to contact you.

Report any bogus correspondence.

5. You can help shut down these schemes and prevent others from being victimized. Details on how to report specific types of scams and what to do if you've been victimized are available at <http://www.irs.gov>, keyword "phishing."

School Board Candidates Announced

The South Plainfield Board of Education announced that seven candidates will be running for the three open seats on the school board in April.

Incumbent school board candidates are Steven D. Bohn, Sharon Miller and Pio Pennisi. Candidates running for the first time are John Farinella, Michael Gregov, Jignesh Shah and Joseph Sorrentino.

Candidates have until March 14 to withdraw their names.

School board elections will take place on Tuesday, April 27. In addition to the

three board seats, which run for three years, voters will also be asked to approve the 2011/2012 budget.

The South Plainfield Elks Veterans Committee is selling the Entertainment Book for \$30.

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Around Town

St. Stephen Friday Night Fish Fry

March 11

St. Stephen Orthodox Church, 609 Lane Ave. (next to high school), will hold a fish fry on Friday, March 11 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Meal includes fish filet, fried potatoes, salad, bread, soft drinks, tea, coffee and dessert. Adults \$7.50; seniors/children \$6; three and under are free.

Lenten Fish Dinners at Sacred Heart

March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 and Sacred Heart Church will sponsor the yearly Lenten fish dinners on Friday, March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8 and 15 at Sacred Heart School in the cafeteria, 149 South Plainfield Ave. Dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. Take out orders will also be available.

Menu features filet of fish (fried, broiled, parmesan), cheese ravioli, manicotti and linguini or pizza; fresh garden salad, rice pilaf, French fries or macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, coffee, tea or cold drink, plus dessert. Admission is \$9/adults, \$8/seniors and \$5/children. Pay at the door.

Elks Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

March 12

The South Plainfield Elks Veterans Committee is sponsoring an all-you-can-eat corned beef and cabbage dinner at the club on New Market Avenue on Saturday, March 12 from 4:30 to 9 p.m. Adults \$12; children \$5. Includes soda and dessert; cash bar.

Any questions, contact Lou Peralta at (908) 756-6406.

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

March 12

The Sons of the American Legion will be holding a corned beef and cabbage dinner on Saturday, March 12 from 6 to 11 p.m. at the American Legion Chaumont Post #243, 243 Oak Tree Ave. Tickets: \$18 adults; \$13 children age five to 12; under five are free. Includes beer, wine, soda and dessert. Music provided by DJ Al. Proceeds benefit the scholarship fund.

Girl Scouts Pancake Breakfast at the Elks

March 13

The South Plainfield Elks, 1254 New Market Ave., in conjunction with the South Plainfield Girl Scout community, will host its annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 13 from 8 a.m. to noon. Pancakes, eggs cooked to order, French toast, bacon, sausage, home fries, toast, juice and coffee. Adults \$6; seniors \$5; children three to 12/\$4; children under two are free.

For more information, call (908) 668-9750 after 4 p.m.

Lenten Studies at Pilgrim Covenant

Beginning March 14

Pilgrim Covenant Church, 3121 Park Ave. invites you to join them in worship and reflection this Lenten season with a women's book study starts Monday, March 14 at 7 p.m. Wednesday night Bible study begins on March 16, preceded by a light dinner at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

For more information, call (908) 756-2474 and leave a message for Gina.

District Music and Arts Festival

March 17

The South Plainfield School District will present the 42nd annual District Music and Arts Festival at South Plainfield High School, 200 Lake St. on Thursday, March 17. The concert will be divided into three sections for orchestra at 6:30 p.m., chorus at 7:30 p.m. and band at 8:40 p.m.

Tickets will be available at the door on the night of the concert for \$5 per section. For more information, call Andy Veiss at (908) 754-4620 ext. 378 or email aveiss@spnet.k12.nj.us.

UNICO/Knights Host St. Joseph's Table

March 19

Plainfields Chapter of UNICO and the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus will celebrate St. Joseph's Day together on Saturday, March 19 at noon at Sacred Heart School. Traditional St. Joseph table with Italian desserts, breads and pastries. Open to the public. Residents and parishioners of Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Czestochowa are welcome. Feel free to bring a traditional Italian dessert to share.

For more information, call Bill Butrico at (908) 346-2491.

Columbiettes Fashion Show and Tea

March 19

The South Plainfield Columbiettes will hold the annual charity spring fashion show and tea on Saturday, March 19 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Hamilton Boulevard. Corned beef sandwiches, a variety of tea sandwiches, special pastries, as well as other desserts. Cost is \$10.

Fashions provided by Dress Barn of South Plainfield and modeled by club members and their families.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Kathy at (908) 756-3772 or Emma at (732) 287-2346.

Franklin School Auction/Raffle

March 19

The Franklin School PTO will present its annual auction/raffle, "Spring is in the Air" on Saturday, March 19. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. No reservations/no refunds. Make checks out to Franklin PTO.

For tickets, call Karen at (908) 723-4546 or Kristin at (908) 755-9114.

Middle School PTO Volleyball Game

March 26

The Middle School PTO is sponsoring a charity volleyball tournament on Saturday, March 26 at 1 p.m. in the high school gym. Proceeds will be donated to the Maszczak Family for medical expenses to help their seven year-old son, Stephen, who has an inoperable brain tumor.

Teams of six to 12 players are \$50 each to participate. Substitutions can be made. Tickets are \$4. Refreshments.

For more information, call PTO President Debbie Boyle at (908) 803-1573 or see Eileen Brady, Suzanne Butrico, Jane Dornick or Jenn Falcone. Visit stephenaustinmiracle.org to find out more about Stephen.

— Out of Town —

"Women, Jews and Art" Presentation

March 11

The I.L. Peretz Secular Jewish Community presents, "Women, Jews and Art" by Rutgers Professor Emerita Judith Brodsky on Friday, March 11 at 8 p.m. at the Reformed Church of Highland Park, 19-21 2nd Ave. The public is invited; \$5 fee for non-members.

For more information, call Ira Mintz at (732) 545-9691.

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SENIOR CENTER Calendar

Coming Up.....

March 17-Bally's

Membership fee due. (Collected Monday, Wednesday and Thursday)

MONDAYS

Silver Sneakers 8:45 am
Crocheting 9:30 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
Line Dancing 10 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

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St. Patrick's Day Dance

March 11

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers, Carteret Chapter, will hold a St. Patrick's Day dance on Friday, March 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.

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March 11

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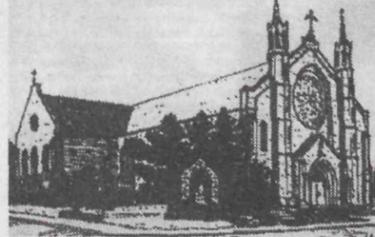
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Holy Days 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation—Saturday 10-11:30 a.m. and at other times by appointment



events

Around Town

tion/tricky tray on Friday, March 11 in the school auditorium on Valley Road in Clark. Doors open 6:30 p.m.; drawing begins 8 p.m. Super duper prizes, 50/50 raffle. Light fare will be sold. Admission: \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door. Free sheet of center table tickets comes with your admission.

To purchase tickets, call Linda at (908) 276-0498.

Singles Dance Party

March 12

Steppin' Out Singles is hosting an upscale singles dance party on Saturday, March 12 at the Woodbridge Hilton, 20 Wood Ave. South in Iselin. Ages 40 and up; no jeans/t-shirts/sneakers. Admission: \$17.

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

Missionaries to Speak at Baptist Church

March 16

Tom and Kathy Sutherland, missionaries with Pioneers in Cochabamba, Bolivia, will speak at Hydewood Park Baptist Church on Wednesday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m.

The Sutherlands have served in Bolivia for 23 years. Tom works in community development and church planting, while Kathy works with women's programs and Bible study. Both of them assist with short term church work teams. They'll speak in Hydewood's chapel about their work, speaking in both English and Spanish.

Hydewood Park Baptist Church is located at 100 Norwood Ave. in North Plainfield. For more information, call the church at (908) 754-6363 or visit Hydewood's website at www.hydewood.org.

25th Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner

March 19

St. Francis Church, 400 New Market Road in Dunellen will hold its 25th annual St. Patrick's Day dinner on Saturday, March 19 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Adults: \$12.50; children \$7. Purchase tickets at the door.

Garden State GreenFest

March 18, 19, 20

The Garden State GreenFest will be held at Kean University beginning Friday, March 18 through Sunday, March 20 and will include the first ever Planet Hugger Film Festival, a presentation by Bill Nye the Science Guy on Saturday and a beer and wine tasting festival on Sunday. Advance registration is required.

For more information, visit www.gardenstategreenfest.com or call (908) 735-8400.

Monmouth Symphony Orchestra Concert

March 20

The Monmouth Symphony Orchestra will present a classical music concert conducted by Lucian Rinando on Sunday, March 20 at 3 p.m. at the Count Basic Theatre, 99 Monmouth St. in Red Bank. A preconcert talk concerning the concert will be presented in the theatre at 2:15 p.m. Ticket prices are adults \$35, seniors \$30, students \$5.

For ticketing, call the Count Basic Theatre box office at (732) 842-9000.

Woodbridge WOWs Business Mtg.

March 23

Woodbridge Widows Or Widowers will conduct a business meeting on Wednesday, March 23 at 7 p.m. in the Children's Room of the Main Library, George Fredrick Plaza, Rt. 35 in Woodbridge. All widows and widowers are welcome to attend.

For more information, call (732) 381-3255 or (908) 757-0515.

Sharing the Quilts

March 26

The Harvest Quilters of Central Jersey will present a quilt show on Saturday, March 26 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, 1961 Raritan Rd. in Scotch Plains. Proceeds go to various charities throughout the year. Admission: \$6/adults; \$3/children five through 12; children under five are free.

For more information, call Ann Eelman at (908) 755-7653.

Anthony Moretti to Participate in Fundraiser for Wounded Warriors

By Kelly Stashko

Having a personal desire to help wounded servicemen and women along with a random surf on Facebook where he saw a display ad for a fundraising event, Anthony Moretti was soon sending in his entry fee to participate as one "Tough Mudder."

Held on a variety of dates and locations around the world, the Tough Mudder events challenge individuals in endurance and strength and promote teambuilding. Anthony gathered a group of buddies and formed the "Anthony Moretti Team" which will compete on Sunday, April 10 in a 10+ mile race/obstacle course in a fundraising effort to assist our service members.

Anthony is asking his friends, family and members of the community to pledge a donation to him and his team. All monies raised will go toward the Wounded Warriors Project (WWP), a non-profit organization designed to raise awareness and provide support for wounded service members, who in turn benefit by the programs provided by the WWP to assist them in their recovery.

Last summer, Anthony, a resident of South Plainfield, began Basic Combat Training (BCT or "Boot Camp") at Georgia's Ft. Benning facility. Joining the Army National Guard, he knew was the right decision for him. This choice was not random, but one that included meeting with officers and other members of the service as well as paying a visit to an Army hospital where he met some of the patients. The latter was the deciding factor.

"I had an opportunity to visit the Walter Reed Army Hospital, meet with some of the doctors and see some of these servicemembers first hand," said Anthony. "They see things no one should ever see so that those visions do not become a reality here on our home soil."

To donate to WWP on Anthony's behalf, visit www.raceit.com/Fundraising/fundraise.aspx?event=2936&fundraiser=1362 and click on "Donate Now!" You can also go to www.raceit.com, select the event in Allentown and enter Anthony Moretti's name to ensure his team is credited with your contribution. Donations can also be made by check payable to Wounded Warriors Project

and mailing it to Anthony Moretti, 434 Harvard Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080. Donations can be made through April 9.

"Every day we get to enjoy this great country and the freedom and opportunity it offers. We are afforded this privilege because of our selfless servicemen and women who risk their lives every day so that we don't have to," Anthony said.

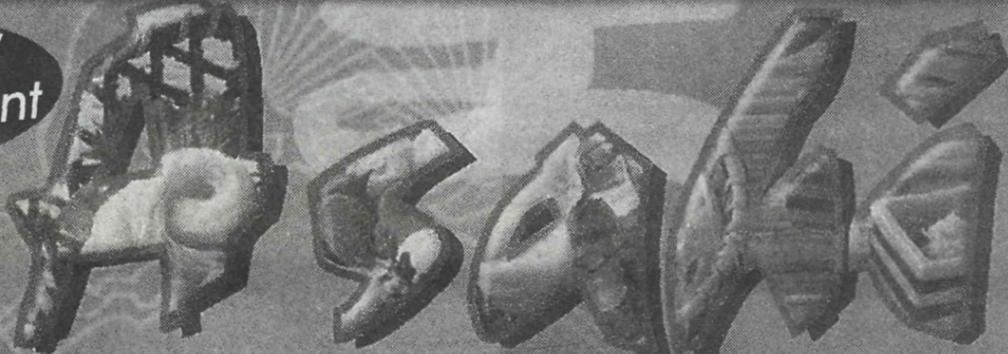
The Tough Mudder weekend event at Bear Creek in Allentown, Pa. is sold out and has 10,000 participants, as well as a waiting list. To view the course Anthony and others will take, visit <http://toughmudder.com/events/pennsylvania/bear-creek-course-map-2011/>.

For additional information or questions regarding Anthony's efforts, please contact his mother, Toni Moretti at (908) 912-5298.

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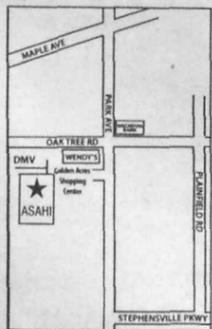
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Jack Pedersen and Anthony DiNardi at the Re/Max awards ceremony at the Palace at Somerset Park.

Re/Max Sales Associates Recognized

Anthony DiNardi, broker-owner, and Maryhelen Thievon, broker-manager, recently announced the Re/Max Competitive Edge sales associates who have earned membership in the New Jersey Association of Realtors Circle of Excellence for 2010. Earning Silver was Ching Ying Liang, and earning Bronze were Vincent Baricaua, Murielle Ferino, Linda Matthai, John

“Jack” Pedersen, Janice Rose Troyer, Paul Verdicchio, Arlene Wittig and Susan Chu Yeh.

Pedersen joins award winners Linda Matthai (Executive Club), along with Vinnie Baricaua, Murielle Ferino, Janice Rose Troyer, Paul Verdicchio, Arlene Wittig and Susan Chu Yeh (100% Club) and Ching Ying Liang (Re/Max Platinum Club).

Jamie Okoszko Named to Dean's List At Rutgers University

Jamie Lyn Okoszko of South Plainfield, a student at Rutgers University, has been named to the dean's list for the Rutgers School of Arts and Sciences for the Fall 2010 semester. Jamie

is majoring in history and minoring in psychology and geography.

Jamie is the daughter of Lester and Joanne Okoszko.

Abigail Foresti named to Dean's List At Roberts Wesleyan College

Roberts Wesleyan College is pleased to announce that Abigail Foresti of South Plainfield was named to the dean's list for outstanding academic performance for the Fall 2010 semester. She received high honors with a GPA ranging from 3.5 to 3.69.

With an enrollment of nearly 2,000 students and a tradition of excellence since 1866, Roberts Wesleyan College is a leader among liberal arts colleges with a Christian worldview. The college offers more than 50 under-

graduate programs, as well as graduate programs in education, school psychology, school counseling, health administration, nursing education, nursing leadership and administration, strategic marketing, social work and strategic leadership. Roberts Wesleyan also offers innovative undergraduate degree-completion programs for working adults in health administration, nursing, organizational management and teacher education. For more information, visit www.roberts.edu.

Kimberly Bishop to Wed Eric Mills

Mr. and Mrs. Scot Bishop of South Plainfield are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly, to Eric Mills, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mills of Piscataway.

Kimberly is a 2002 graduate of South Plainfield High School and a 2006 graduate of Kean University. She is employed by CPC in South Plainfield.

Eric is a 1999 graduate of Piscataway High School and a 2003 graduate of Kutztown University in Pennsylvania. He is employed by the Woodbridge Township Board of Education.

A June wedding is planned.



Eric Mills and Kimberly Bishop

Christine Lanza Named to Dean's List at Loyola University Maryland

Christine Lanza, a member of the Class of 2011 from South Plainfield, has been named to the Fall 2010 dean's list at Loyola University in Maryland.

In order to qualify for the dean's list at Loyola, a student must have a GPA of at least 3.5 with a minimum of 15 credits.

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comprehensive university comprising Loyola College, home to the university's arts and sciences programs; the Sellinger School of Business and Management; and the School of Education.

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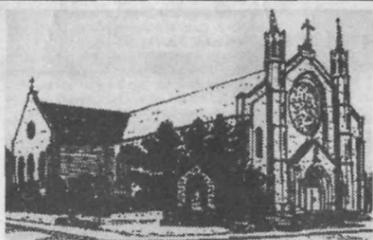
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Dates for this summer's program are college: June 6-20, high school: June 27-July 21. Applications are accepted until the program is full, but students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible, as spots are going quick.

For more information, contact Taryn Harrison at 319 Main St., Stoneham, Ma. 02180, phone (866) 960-9215, fax (781) 435-0425, or to download an application, log on to www.irishlifeexperience.com, or find us on Facebook under the "Irish Life Experience, LLC Group and Fan Page."

Register Your Kindergartener

Kindergarten registration in the South Plainfield School District will be held March 28-April 13. Enrollment packets are available in the enrollment office located in the Roosevelt Administration Building, 125 Jackson Ave.

Students entering kindergarten must be five years old on or before October 1, 2011. Enrollment is by appointment only.

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Personal preparedness is crucial for you and your family to be able to manage through an emergency, especially at times when you lose power or will be stuck in your home for several days.

One of the major lessons learned during and after Hurricane Katrina was that the first responder community will be just as severely impacted as everyone else and may not be able to get to you. The police, fire and EMS resources that are still operational will need to deal with life threatening issues first.

If you are able to stay in your home it is possible that you may need to provide for your family for 72 hours and maybe even longer until some essential services can be restored. Some of the basic items you should have available are: drinking water (three gallons per day for each member of your family), non-perishable food that doesn't require a microwave or oven to heat (remember, you may not have power); medication; a portable, battery-operated radio and flashlights or lanterns. Do not use candles, as any open flame can be a significant fire hazard.

If you must evacuate your home quickly, you should have a "go kit" prepared. This kit should include items such as: food, clothing, toiletries, medications, spare eye glasses, important documents such as your Social Security card and identifications, and possibly even sleeping bags. If you have a pet, make sure you have food and any

medications it may need as part of your "go kit."

If you have family or friends out of the affected area and travel is not restricted, it may be a good idea to travel there or meet up with other family members if you are separated. If your family is not all together, you will need to have a communications plan, especially if telephone and cell phone service is interrupted. Information and communication are critical during emergencies.

Middlesex County currently has an Emergency Notification System that sends voice messages to people in affected areas. The county also has a self-registry for emergency messaging via email or text. Middlesex County Alert allows the Middlesex County Office of Emergency Management to send email and text messages instantaneously to anyone who has registered as a user. Simply log in to www.unitedalert.com/middlesex to create a user name and to sign up as a Middlesex County Alert client. The service is free, only text messaging charges will apply if your carrier charges you for those services.

These items are just the basics when it comes to being prepared. Much more information is available on emergency preparedness for all hazards by going online to www.fema.gov or www.nj.gov/njoem.

Please remember to be prepared and have a plan; the well-being of your family may depend on it.

T. Robak Associates Renews Adopt-A-Spot Contract

Terry Robak of R. Robak Associates, LLC has renewed his Adopt-A-Spot agreement with the Clean Business Association (CBA) for the coming year. He will continue to remove litter from the preserved open space parcel on Belmont Avenue between Arlington Avenue and Tremont Avenue. This forested wetland absorbs stormwater and carbon dioxide and provides shade, oxygen and wildlife habitat. Like most undeveloped land in the borough, it unfortunately also attracts litter and illegal dumping.

Robak decided to adopt this spot after participating in the South Plainfield Business Association's adoption

of the Lakeview Avenue overpass. He has his crew of four people working on the Belmont Avenue open space site monthly. This has made a big improvement in the area.

The CBA is looking for more adopters of undeveloped areas, such as the vacant lots on Sampton Avenue and Plainfield Avenue, and the head of Belmont Avenue on Metuchen Road.

For more information about the Adopt-A-Spot program, contact the Clean Communities coordinator at (908) 226-7621 or email atempel@southplainfieldnj.com.

Middlesex County School Board Recognizes Two Outstanding South Plainfield Students

Troy Kurilew and William Hartmann were honored by the Middlesex County School Boards Association of School Administrators 2011 Student Recognition Program for outstanding high school juniors and seniors at New Brunswick High School on March 2. There were 62 students recognized for their accomplishments as "unsung heroes" who do not capture headlines as students. In their own unique ways, however, they have chosen to contribute rather than complain, show dedication rather than hesitation, and to see challenges as opportunities.

The Middlesex County School Boards Association officers for 2010/2011 are Kevin E. Ciak, BOE president, Sayreville; Debbie Boyle, vice president of programs, South Plainfield BOE; Judy Leidner, vice president for legislation, Woodbridge BOE; Catherine Sucher-Greeley, delegate NJSBA board of directors, Piscataway BOE; Terry Kohl, alternate delegate, NJSBA board of directors and immediate past president, Metuchen



Pictured (L-R): Interim Superintendent Dr. Gary Bowen, BOE President Jim Giannakis, Troy Kurilew, BOE member Debbie Boyle, SPSHS Principal Jim Pedersen and William Hartmann.

BOE; Dr. Sam Stewart, executive county superintendent of schools along with keynote speaker Dr. Patrick

Piegari, immediate past executive county superintendent of the New Jersey Department of Education.

Solar Rainbow to Install Solar System on Jordache Rooftop

Solar Bawabeh, president and co-founder of Solar Rainbow Services and Kirk Roller, vice president and general manager of Carlisle Energy Services (CES), announced their strategic joint venture to install 400,000 square feet of thin-film UNI-SOLAR[®] laminates by United Solar on the rooftop of the New Jersey distribution center and warehouse for Jordache Enterprises, located at 200 Helen St. This project will be one of United Solar's largest solar rooftop installations in the Northeast.

"Jordache's decision to adopt solar energy in such a large way is a powerful leadership move," said Bawabeh. "We are delighted to be able to work with them as they take a lead in going green on a corporate level."

The energy generated from the in-

stallation on the Jordache rooftop will create about 1,430 megawatt hours (MWH) per year. This is enough energy to power about 250 American homes. The emission savings is equivalent to taking 80 cars off the road every year, and it will reduce CO2 emissions annually by 1,100 tons.

Kirk Roller, vice president of CES, said, "Carlisle and Solar Rainbow are excited to work with Jordache. This project represents a continued com-

mitment by Jordache to sustainability. Jordache selected CES due to our ability to warranty and protect not only their new roof, but the entire solar project."

Mr. Bawabeh stated, "Solar Rainbow, Carlisle Energy Services and Jordache would like to thank PSE&G, the New Jersey Clean Energy Program and South Plainfield for their assistance in helping this environmentally important project come to fruition."

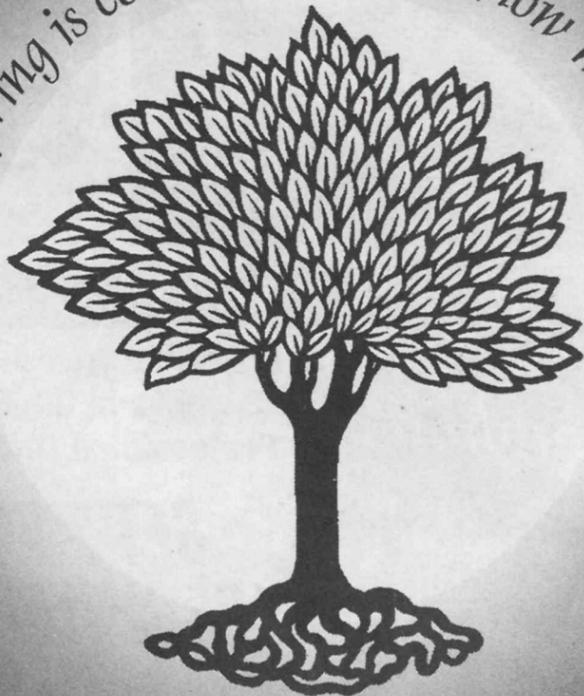
Boy Scout Troop 207 Spaghetti Dinner

Boy Scout Troop 207 will be holding their annual spaghetti dinner on Saturday, April 2 from 4-8 p.m. at the American Legion Chaumont Post #243 on Oak Tree Avenue. Cost: \$5 per ticket includes salad, drink, bread, meatballs and spaghetti. All proceeds will go towards troop equipment and events. Purchase in advance or at the door.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Linda at (908) 705-2519 or John at (908) 757-3369.

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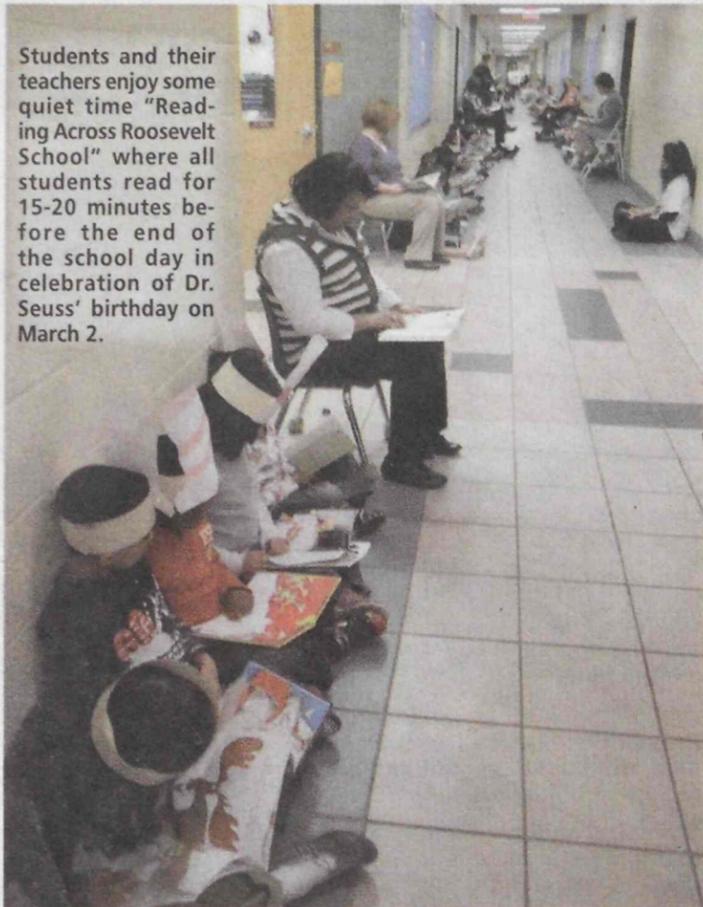
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Lauren Haus' Kennedy School kindergarten class



Kennedy students don their stove pipe hats.

Melodic Rhyming and Silly Stories

On March 2 students in South Plainfield's elementary schools said "happy birthday" to Theodor Geisel as they participated in the national Read Across America day. Geisel, better known as the beloved children's author Dr. Seuss, was born on March 2, 1904. He passed away on September 24, 1991. Seuss would have been 107 years old.

A celebration of **Seuss** READ ACROSS AMERICA

Each school was visited by guest readers. Franklin School welcomed five. Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas read *Green Eggs and Ham* and *Horton Hears a Who* to Miss Mruz's first grade class, and she read *Max's Words* to Mrs. Broggi's fourth grade class. Buteas also donated the books to Miss Mruz's class.

Acting Superintendent Dr. Bowen visited Mrs. Turrise's second grade class and read *Chester Raccoon* and *The Big Bad Bully*.

Guest readers continued to visit the school throughout the day. Board of Education President Jim Giannakis read *Tops and Bottoms* to Mrs. Gillis'

second grade class. Laurie Hall, supervisor of special services, read *Dear Children of the Earth* to Mrs. Kensity's

third grade class, and Mary Rodger, staff developer, read *Saving Sweetness* to Mrs. Donnelly's fourth grade class.

Mayor Matthew Anesh, members of the Borough Council and Board of Education as well as school personnel could be found in various schools

reading to youngsters during the course of the day.

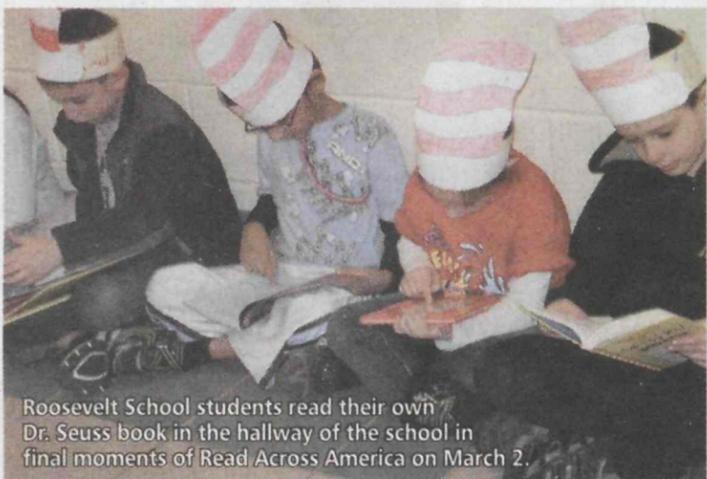
In anticipation of Read Across America, students at Roosevelt School wore "funny socks" expressing the major theme of the Seuss book, *Fox In Sox*, on March 1. The excitement increased the next day when guest readers came into the school to read to each class.

Readers included Assemblyman Pat Diegnan, Senator Barbara Buono, Council President Ray Rusnak, Councilman Alex Barletta, Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas, Police Chief James Parker, Sgt. Dave Delair, Borough CFO Glenn Cullen, Acting Superintendent of Schools Dr. Gary Bowen, Mary Rodger, supervisor of technology; Annemarie Stoeckel, Laurie Hall and Board of Education member Debbie Boyle.

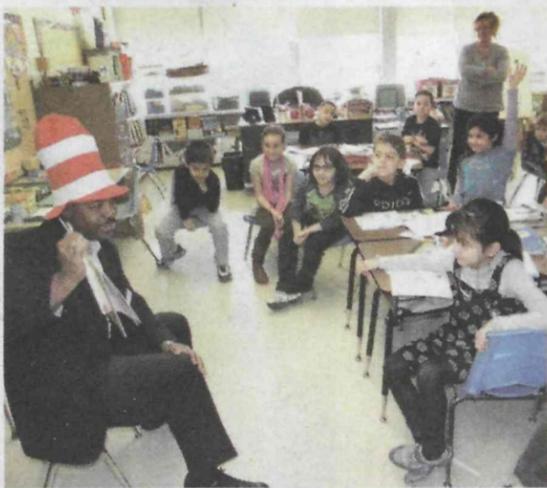
In addition, South Plainfield High School seniors from Bonnie Vigneri's English classes visited the classes at Roosevelt School and the preschool programs held in the adjacent administration building. As part of their assignment in English class the seniors were asked to form a unit and plan an activity with the elementary students



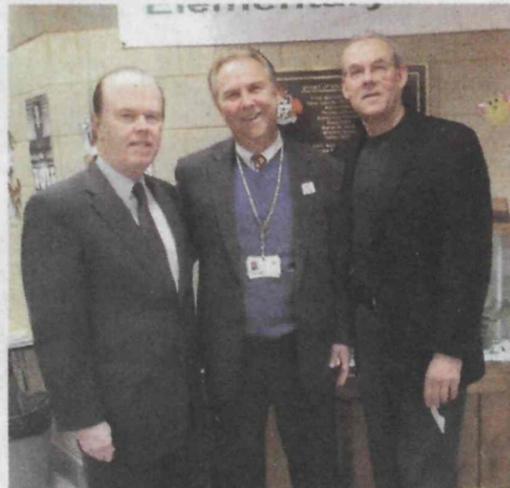
South Plainfield High School students from the Peer Leadership group assist students at Riley School.



Roosevelt School students read their own Dr. Seuss book in the hallway of the school in final moments of Read Across America on March 2.



Derryck White reads a book to children at Riley School.



Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, Principal Bob Diehl, and Council President Ray Rusnak at Roosevelt School.

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SPHS seniors Alex Liszewski and Jonathan Ditmars with a second grade student after she successfully popped a balloon.

Peer Leaders at Kennedy School assist students in coloring pictures of fish and stove pipe hats.

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after reading a book by Dr. Seuss to the class. Vigneri was assisted by John Angeline.

The senior team of Lauren Nitchuck, Jonathan Ditmars, Alex Liszewski and Connie Caldrony chose the book, *Hop on Pop*, and decided their activity would be to have the children hop on balloons and pop them.

The students arrived at the school with two enormous bags filled with blown up balloons. Liszewski read the story to the second grade class of Esther Pak with the children seated on the carpet in the front of the room. When he finished reading, the seniors lined up the children in two groups to be held between two seniors in order for each child to be able to hop on to the balloon to make it pop.

A second group of seniors, Jackie Handwerger, Joanna Bosse, Joelle Butrico, Katie Stilo and Amanda Calvi, read *The Foot Book* to the first grade students of Elizabeth Lepri. They had the students draw their feet on colored paper and paste them on a large poster board.

Later, Handwerger and Calvi visited Elyne Foscolo's preschoolers in the Red Room at Future Stars to read *The Foot Book* to them.

All classes at Roosevelt School had a reader visit.

Before the end of the school day, for the first time Principal Bob Diehl instituted a "Read Across Roosevelt School" whereby all the students and teachers left their classrooms with a book and went into the hallway to sit down on the floor to read silently to themselves for 15 minutes.

The celebration of Dr. Seuss continued on Thursday with students wearing pajamas to celebrate Dr. Seuss's *Sleep Book*.

Friday's Dr. Seuss book, *Oh The Places You'll Go*, had the students wearing t-shirts from places they had visited, marking Destination Day.



SPHS seniors Jackie Handwerger, Joanna Bosse, first graders Amidi Persaud, Radhe Patel, seniors Joelle Butrico, Katie Stilo and Amanda Calvi with foot poster in background in Elizabeth Lepri's class.



Peer Leader helps Kennedy student make a stove pipe hat.

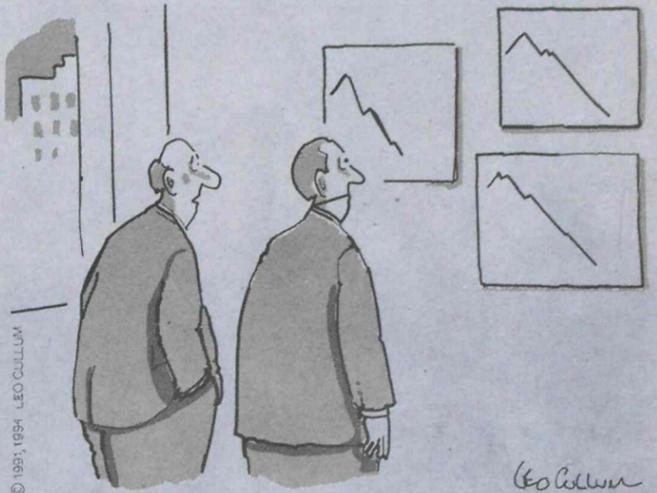


Esther Lak's second grade students check select prizes for popping balloons.

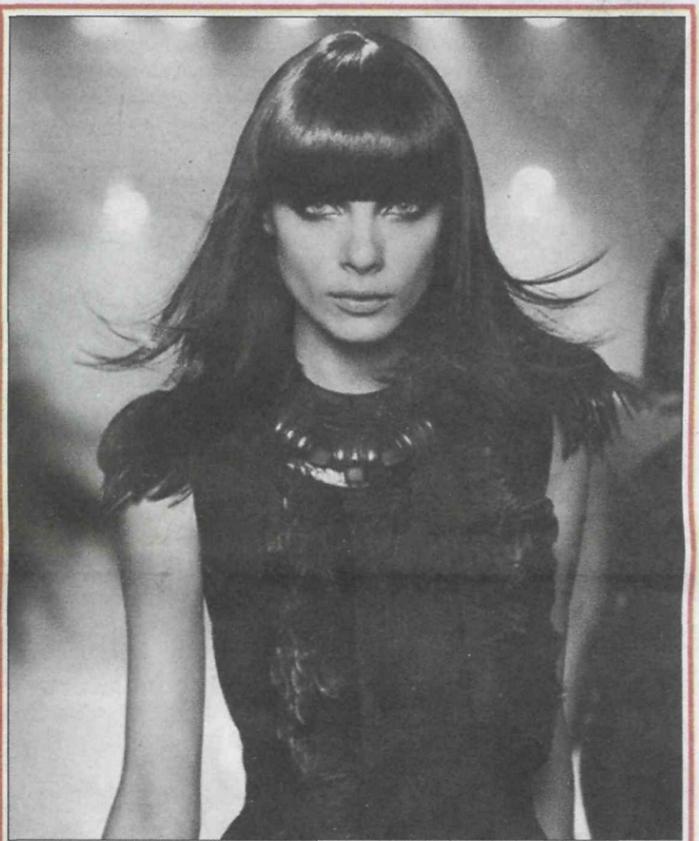


Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas reads to Franklin School fourth graders.

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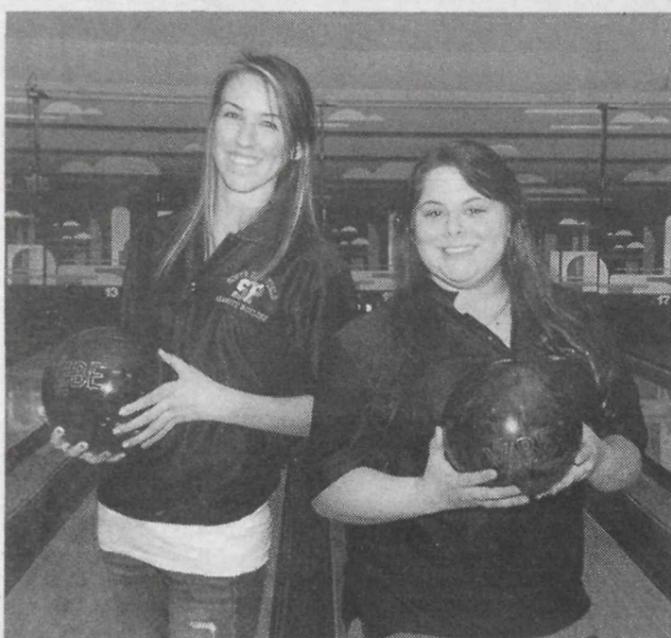
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Sports

SPHS Bowling

By Ralph Fech



Senior co-captains Nicole Disch and Stephanie Sherwood strike a pose as they complete their final match for the girls varsity bowling team. Stephanie's 551 set took scoring honors while Nicole's 227 won the high game award.

By Gary Lampasona

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

With player evaluations and Small Fry C and B drafts complete, managers will be contacting their players in the coming days. Practice will begin next week. The draft for Small Fry A is Wednesday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the clubhouse.



Wednesday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the clubhouse.

We had a great turnout for Coach Guida coaches' clinic. He will be holding a preseason camp for all Small Fry players in March. More details to come.

Preseason Work Detail: The very cold and snowy winter wreaked havoc with our ballfields. We will need the collective help of everyone to get them ready for opening day. The official work detail schedule follows, but we could use everyone's help each week to get the job done.

- March 12 at 8 a.m.-parents of seven and eight year-olds;
- March 19 at 8 a.m.-parents of nine and 10 year-olds;
- March 26 at 8 a.m.-parents of 11, 12 and 14 year-olds; and
- April 2 at 8 a.m.-Parents of 13, 15 and 16 year-olds.

Rutgers Certification Class: The lone class is Thursday, March 15 in the SPJBC clubhouse beginning at 6:30 p.m. Call the baseball club at (908) 754-2090 to register. The fee will be waived for South Plainfield residents. If you are interested in participating on the field with your child's team a SPJBC membership card and Rutgers Certification are a must.

New Parent Orientation: Any parents who are new to the SPJBC, or if you just want to know more, can attend the New Parent Orientation on

Snack stand sign-up is Wednesday, March 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the clubhouse. All parents must complete a snack stand duty for each child playing in the SPJBC. Dates and times are on a first come, first serve basis, so come early. You may only sign up for yourself. If you cannot attend, your snack stand duty date and time will be assigned.

Be a Sponsor for the Opening Day Program: Cheer on your player or team; check the Parents Handbook or download the form from the handouts section of our website. The deadline is March 31.

Opening Day Countdown: April 9 is only four weeks away.

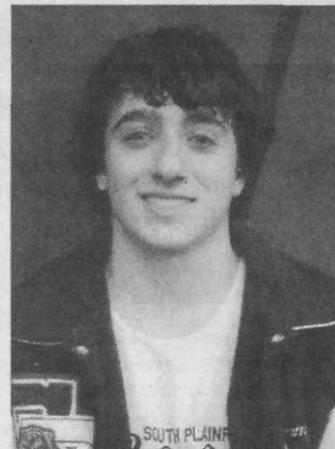
You can find all this and more information at our website, www.league lineup.com/spjbc.

"That's the true harbinger of spring, not crocuses or swallows returning to Capistrano, but the sound of a bat on a ball."-Bill Veeco, 1976.

From the Women's Auxiliary

The SPJBC Women's Auxiliary is an organization that creates and implements fundraising for the SPJBC. We organize clothing sales, 50/50 sales and, most recently, a calendar raffle. We assist in opening day festivities, snack stand sign-ups, teener ball night, Father's Day, summer tournaments and more.

Meetings are held every fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the SPJBC clubhouse. We are currently seeking new members. Yearly dues are \$5. It's a great way to get involved at the baseball club. Come to a meeting and see for yourself what the women's auxiliary is all about.



James Gerber

Gerber Advances To Meet of Champions

The South Plainfield Winter Track Team would like to congratulate James Gerber for advancing to the Meet of Champions at Toms River's Bennett Center on February 26.

James was named a wildcard for his 12-foot jump at the Group Three State Championships. James also placed fourth in the State Sectional Meet and second at the Greater Middlesex County Championships. The pole vault relay team of James and Jesse Deffler took third place at the GMC Relay Meet on January 19. James was named most valuable player for the boys' winter track team.

Casey Butrico also had an outstanding season in the pole vault. Casey finished first in the State Sectional Meet on February 13 and second in the Greater Middlesex County Championships. Casey jumped a personal best of eight feet, six inches at the Group Three Championships. Casey and Kelly Walsh finished second in the GMC Relay Meet. Kelly finished fourth at the Greater Middlesex County Championships. Casey was named girls' most valuable player, while Kelly received the award for rookie of the year.

Great work James, Casey and Kelly, and good luck in the spring season!

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RECREATION NOTES

U12 Softball All-Star Tryouts (including date changes) for girls age 12 as of December 31, 2010

- Sunday, March 20 from 9-11 a.m. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.; and
- Saturday, March 26 from 9-11 a.m. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.
- Any interested girl is encouraged to come to both dates but MUST make at least one day to be considered.
- Dress for both outside and inside.

For more information, call Kevin Hughes at (908) 226-7713.

Congratulations Justin!

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JUNIOR JOURNALIST



Debbie and Charlie Kurland of Hometown Heros deliver dinner to Junior Journalist winner Justin Jones, pictured with his parents, Christine and Gregg, and brothers, Jake and Jack.

Sports

SOCCER

By Dawn Hutchison

Soccer Club Kicks Off 2011 Spring Season

This weekend marks the beginning of the South Plainfield Soccer Club's 2011 Spring Season. With all 13 teams ready and weather a bit more favorable than in years past, it looks as though the spring will start off as planned.

With the spring season starting up, we will again hold a canning drive. Canning will take place during the month of April and a few times in May. Dates will be announced shortly and families will need to book their dates and times directly with the canning coordinator. Remember, canning is one of our biggest fundraisers and we hope that everyone will support our fund drive as you see our players out and about.

This is a great time to order your SPSC merchandise. Show your SPSC spirit with sweats, t-shirts, jackets and car magnets. We also have great Diadora bags and drawstring bags for all your gear. Order now for quick delivery. You can view the items available for sale and download an order form on our website at www.sopfldsoccerclub.com. Please remember to bookmark this site and visit it often for club information and announcements.

The SPSC is once again offering \$500 scholarships to two winners this year. To be eligible you must have played in the club for a minimum of four seasons, be a current resident of South Plainfield, a senior graduating in 2011 and attending a college in fall of 2011. Proof of college enrollment may be requested prior to release of scholarship funds. You can download the application from our website or obtain one from your guidance department. Deadline for submitting

your application is May 20. You may return your application in a sealed envelope to your guidance department or mail it to SPSC Scholarship, PO Box 543, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080. Sorry, no late applications will be accepted.

The next general meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m., downstairs, in the VFW located on Front Street. All are welcome and encouraged to attend and get involved with all that goes on in the SPSC. Looking forward to seeing new faces.

The club is looking into many options for fundraising for the spring season as well as organizing a clothing drive, a candy fundraiser, and a super 50/50. We would love to hear your ideas and suggestions on other possible fundraisers that would be both easy and profitable. All ideas will be discussed at our next general meeting.

So, come on out and cheer on our teams in their first home games of the season.

Here are the teams we have playing at home this Sunday:

Sharks on Kenneth Field #2 at 1 p.m.

Thunder on Memorial Field (PAL) at 1:30 p.m.

Arsenal on Memorial Field (PAL) at 3:30 p.m.

All the best to all the teams as they begin the spring season, a safe, successful and fun season to all the players, coaches and families. Remember to keep SAGE in mind—Set a Good Example! For those on and off the field, represent the club and yourself in the best way possible.

Hope to see everyone at the fields!

Teams Sought for Co-ed Softball League

The Middlesex County Department of Parks & Recreation is seeking teams for its co-ed softball league on Thursday evenings that will begin play in early to mid April.

Games will be played at Thomas Edison Park in Edison or at William Warren Park in Woodbridge. Game times will be at 6:30 and 7:45 p.m. and there may be a few 9 p.m. games.

The fee is \$325 per team, plus a \$100 per team refundable forfeit deposit. Umpire fees, \$21 per team per game, are paid at the field on game days. Check or money order only. No

cash will be accepted.

All league information (schedules, rules, bulletins, updated scores and standings) are posted on the league website at www.sportsstandings.com/middlesexcountyparks.

Space is very limited. Teams will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Deadline for entering a team is March 18.

Checks should be made payable to: Treasurer, Middlesex County and should be sent to: Middlesex County Parks & Recreation Department, P.O. Box 661, New Brunswick, N.J.

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Obituaries

Edward Goode, 89

Edward Goode died on Monday, Feb. 28 at home.

Born and raised in Plymouth, Pa., Eddie was a 1941 graduate of Plymouth High School and has resided in Piscataway for the past 35 years.

He served with the U.S. Navy during WWII and was a member of the Middlesex American Legion Post #306.

Eddie was a car salesman for his entire career. He worked at various dealerships throughout Central Jersey. His last employer was the former New Norris Chevrolet in Westfield.

In addition, he was a member of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield and was active with the South Plainfield Traveling Seniors.

He is predeceased by his first wife Nell; his second wife, Geraldine; two sisters and eight brothers.

Surviving are his wife Anna (Bumback); three daughters, Honora Patronick and husband William of Dunellen, Linda Holaday of Somerville and Cynthia Goode-Wilson and husband Gary of N.Y.; a son, Edward E. of Colorado; and five grandchildren, Zachary and KateLynn Patronick, Dustin and Jedd Holaday and Matthew Goode.

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

Donations can be made to the American Cancer Society www.cancer.org.

David A. Piscitelli, 68

David A. Piscitelli died on Friday, March 4 at his home surrounded by his loving and supportive family. Born and raised in Paterson, David

resided in Clifton, Hawthorne and Toms River before settling in South Plainfield in the late 1980s.

A veteran of the United States Navy, he served as a radioman second class from 1961 to 1966 aboard the USS Ticonderoga and aboard the stores ship, USS Zelima.

David worked for over 35 years in the banking industry in various upper management positions before his retirement. In retirement, David worked as a kitchen designer for the Home Depot for five years.

A member of the American Legion Chaumont Post #243, he served in various positions and was most recently a vice commander.

David is predeceased by his first wife, Anne (Durski); his second wife, Lenore (Silika); his father, Mario; and two sisters, Marilyn and Barbara.

Surviving are four children, David A. Jr. and wife Karin, Erica Piscitelli and husband Amjad, Jessica Piscitelli and Noelle Piscitelli; his mother, Gertrude (Suter); three sisters, Denise, Janice and Diane; and three brothers, Donald, Steven and Kevin. Also surviving are five grandchildren, Annie, Luke, Elaina, Sabrina and Riley.

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Take further notice that the hereinafter described lands will be sold for the amount of the municipal liens chargeable against each parcel of said land assessed as one parcel, together with interest and costs to the date of sale. Said lands will be sold at the lowest rate of interest bid, not to exceed 18%. Payment for said parcels shall be made prior to the conclusion of the sale in the form of cash, certified check or money order, or parcels will be resold. Separate checks are required for payment of property taxes and for sewer fees and partial payments will not be sufficient to remove these items from the sale. Properties for which there are no purchasers shall be struck off and sold to the Borough of South Plainfield at an interest rate of 18%.

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Middle School Second Marking Period Honor Roll

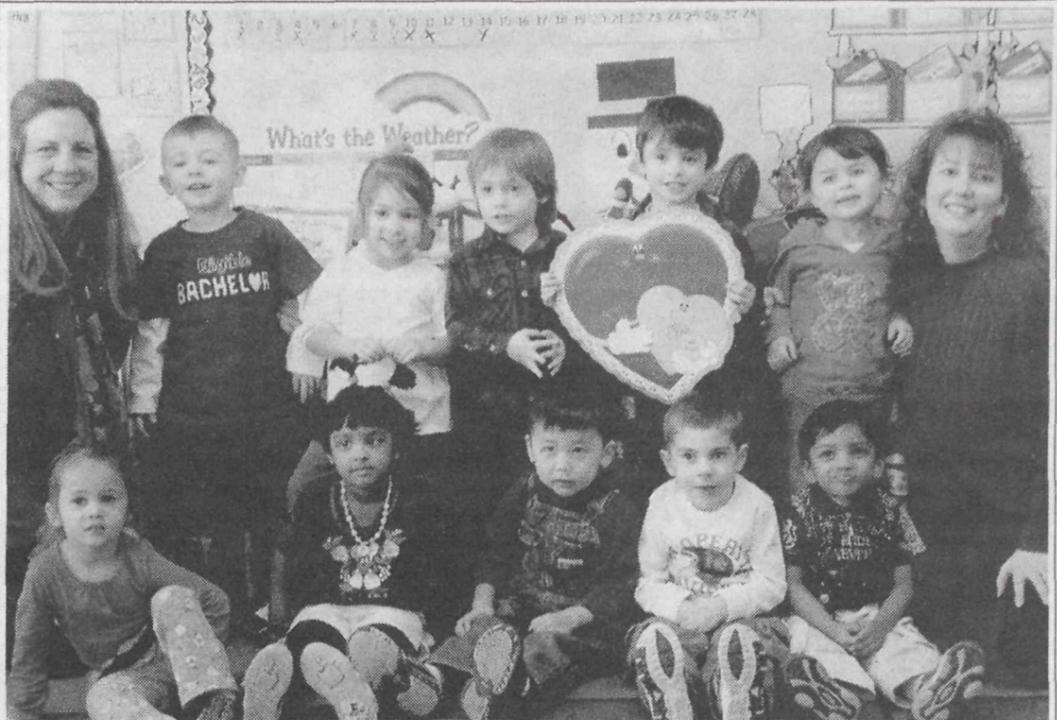
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Future Stars Preschool 2½ year old class celebrated Valentine's Day by making a heart-flowered craft while enjoying a great party. All the children delivered their Valentines Day cards to their classmates. Pictured with the children are teacher, Mrs. McConville and aide, Ms. Patty.

SP Education Foundation and SP Business Association Annual Golf Outing Set for May

The South Plainfield Education Foundation and the South Plainfield Business Association will hold its annual golf outing on Tuesday, May 10 at the Cranbury Golf Club in West Windsor.

The golf outing is dedicated to Emil Leporino, who was instrumental in the formation of the South Plainfield Education Foundation. While a member of the South Plainfield Board of Education, a committee was formed to explore ways to connect the business community with the education community. In 1994, as a result of the committee's work, the South Plainfield Vision 2001 Education Foundation was formed. Since 2001, the group has been renamed the South Plainfield Education Foundation, but the goal of the organization has remained unchanged.

Entry fee of \$150 includes 18 holes of golf, use of locker rooms, greens fees and cart, continental breakfast, complimentary beverage cart, hot dog and chips at the turn, open bar (beer, wine and soda) and BBQ luncheon.

The format is a four man scramble with a shotgun start.

Prizes will be awarded for team low gross, team low net, hole-in-one, longest drive and closest to the pin.

Registration and continental breakfast at 8 a.m. with shotgun start at 9 a.m. Open bar begins at 2 p.m. followed by the BBQ luncheon and awards.

The following corporate sponsorships are available: Platinum \$1,000; gold \$750 and silver \$500. Corporate underwriters include: breakfast sponsor \$250; beverage cart sponsor, \$250; sign at first and 18th tee box, \$175 and

sign second through 17th green, \$125.

To sign up, call Carolyn Allen at (908) 561-3275, Shannon Jefferys at (908) 757-1055, Tom Lanza at (908) 753-6010, Bob Longo at (908) 753-7004, ext. 106, Rick McCrskin at (908) 561-8000, email golf@SPBA.biz or visit www.vision2001.org.

LEGAL NOTICE

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD Public Notice RETURN OF PERFORMANCE BOND

To Federal Metals & Alloy Co., Inc. for public improvements at 4216 South Clinton Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey Lot 31, Block 467.01.

A public meeting has been scheduled by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield to hear objections, if any, to the release of a Performance Bond posted by Federal Metals & Alloy Co., Inc. for public improvements at 4216 South Clinton Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ known as Lot 31, Block 467.01 listed on the official tax maps of the Borough of South Plainfield. Said public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2011 in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

Mark Scoda
4216 South Clinton Avenue
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

\$38.50

March 11, 2011

Check out our website at www.spobserver.com

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Anthony Loomis requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit 1) proposed 240 square foot attached garage lacks required 8' yard setback; 5' proposed. 2) Lot coverage variance required; 25% permitted; 30.7% proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 309 Libourel Road, Block 129, Lot 7; Zone R-75 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, March 11, 2011 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 March 11, 2011

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1915

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS MUNICIPAL PROPERTY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 was adopted after a Public Hearing and final reading were conducted on Monday February 22, 2011 at the Public Meeting of the Governing Body which began at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 and is being advertised in The Observer on Friday, February 25, 2011.

ATTEST:
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$27.56 March 11, 2011

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1919

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 March 7, 2011 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 for the Acquisition of Various Equipment for the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, Appropriating the Aggregate Amount of \$258,000 Thereof and Authorizing the Issuance of \$199,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof."

Purposes:

Purpose	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes	Periods of Usefulness
a) The acquisition of a salt truck, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$134,000	\$127,000	5 years
b) The acquisition of a backhoe, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto (includes \$40,000 Recycling Grant)	\$79,000	\$33,000	15 years
c) The acquisition of a police sports utility vehicle, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$45,000	\$39,000	5 years
TOTALS	\$258,000	\$199,000	

Appropriation: \$258,000

Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$199,000

Grant Appropriated: \$40,000 Recycling Grant

Section 20 Costs: \$25,800

Useful Life: 6.65 years

ATTEST:
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$58.75 March 11, 2011

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

The Public is hereby notified that the following Borough owned property will be offered at public auction by the South Plainfield Mayor and Council on Monday, March 21, at 7:00PM in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, 07080.

The property and the minimum bid are as follows:

BLOCK & LOT	ADDRESS	MINIMUM BID
BLOCK # 273, Lots 4 & 5	2440 Plainfield Avenue	\$490,000.00

If any additional information is needed, please consult the tax maps located in the Assessing Department at the Municipal Building. Please direct any questions to Glenn Cullen, CFO at (908)226-7602.

ATTEST:
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$35.12 March 11, 2011

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE # 1920

NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on March 7, 2011. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Municipal Building, in the Borough on March 21, 2011 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: "Bond Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey Amending Sections 3(a) and 7(b) of Bond Ordinance #1742, Finally Adopted July 11, 2006."

Purposes:

A) Section 3(a) of Bond Ordinance numbered 1742 of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Borough"), finally

adopted July 11, 2006, as amended by Bond Ordinance #1857, finally adopted May 18, 2009, is amended to include, along with the other purposes or improvements already included in the ordinance, the following:

"Improvements to the Truck Bypass Route, including but 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, and applications, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto."

B) Section 7(b) of Bond Ordinance numbered 1742 of the Borough, finally adopted July 11, 2006, as amended by Bond Ordinance #1857, finally adopted May 18, 2009, is amended to read as follows:

"The average period of usefulness of said improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 20 years".

Appropriation: \$0
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$0
Grant Appropriated: N/A
Section 20 Costs: \$0
Useful Life: 20 years

ATTEST:
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$47.40 March 11, 2011

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Our new circulation system will notify you by email that your holds are available, when items are overdue, and a couple of days in advance of when an item is going to be due. This should help to avoid overdue charges. If you would like this to be available to you, see the circulation desk.

We also have new policies regarding our Internet computers. There is a maximum of two hours per day per person on our public computers. During the school year between 2:30 and 6 p.m. everyone gets one hour of Internet time with no renewals; those 17 and younger must have their library card with a photo either on their library card account or a photo ID with them before entering the library. Parents must come in with their children if they wish to put a photo on the child's library card. Children under 14 who wish to use the Internet must have a parent or guardian stay with them while they are on the computer. Non-residents now have to pay \$2/hr (or any part of an hour) to use the Internet. Everyone who wants to use a computer must come to the reference desk to make a reservation.

We have an ongoing book sale where books are \$1 a bag. We have a wide variety of kids and adult books to choose from. We also have VHS tapes, DVDs, CD, Books on CD and cassette tapes. Prices range from \$.50 to \$1. To make room for the 2011 issues, we removed a majority of our 2009 magazines and they are available free. This is an ongoing process, so not all of the magazines will be out right away.

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A special program entitled, "Mammal Mania," will be held on Wednesday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. This program is presented by Eyes of the Wild and will contain live animals. It is recommended for children ages four and up. No registration is required. Please bring a new, unopened, non-perishable food item to be donated to Middlesex County food pantries.

On Monday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a special kidcraft at the library. There is a \$1 materials fee and registration is required. Any questions, please call and ask for Miss Linda or Miss Mija.

To find out more, call (908) 754-7885 or visit us at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

See you next week!!

2010-2011 JUNIOR JOURNALIST

Kimberly Sheedy Named Junior Journalist



Junior Journalist winner Kimberly Sheedy with teacher Kristin Bennett.

Kimberly Sheedy, Middle School seventh grader, is this week's winner in the Junior Journalist program. Her poem has earned Kimberly dinner for her family, courtesy of Hometown Heros.

There is still time to submit entries for the annual program which runs through May. Students should submit their original written works to teachers, Hometown Heros or the *Observer* at 1110 Hamilton Blvd.

Winners and their families will receive a catered dinner from Hometown Heros and will be honored at a year-end banquet on May 11.

For more information, call the *Observer* at (908) 668-0010.

Untitled

By Kimberly Sheedy

What's above me?

Above me is God.

Above me is my halo.

Above me is the sky I make a wish on every day for peace.

Above me are my friends.

Above me are people that need homes.

Above me are people that are dying because of poor health conditions.

Above me are the soldiers fighting for my freedom.

Above me is love.

Above me is everybody.

Above me is the world.

Enter Women's History Month Essay Contest Today

Deadline for Entries is Today!

Women's History Month, celebrated annually in the United States, is a month long celebration of women's contributions to culture, history and society. Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas is asking students to help celebrate women's history and advancement in the United States of America.

As a woman passionate about public service and engaging women in civic life, Buteas is again sponsoring a project which celebrates the life of one of our country's greatest advocates of civil rights. Contest participants are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to examine the life of Rosa Parks, learn about the ideals

that fueled her passion and explore avenues for continuing her legacy.

On December 1, 1955, when Parks was riding a bus home from her job, the bus filled up, and she was expected to relinquish her seat for a white man. She refused, and was arrested for violating Alabama's segregation laws. The black community mobilized a boycott of the bus system which lasted for 381 days and resulted in the ending of segregation on Montgomery's buses.

Entrants should discuss a specific event or accomplishment of Parks' life that is significant to them. If you had the opportunity to create a project to continue Parks' legacy here in South Plainfield, tell what the project would

be and how it would be implemented. The length of the essay should be 500-750 words.

Residents in grades 9-12 are eligible to enter. Today is the deadline to submit an essay.

Grand prize is a \$250 American Express gift card, a copy of *Past and Promise, Lives of New Jersey Women* and recognition in the *South Plainfield Observer*. Winner will be chosen on or before March 19.

Submit essays to: Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas, Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080 or chrissybuteas@comcast.net. Include your name, address, grade, phone number and email address.

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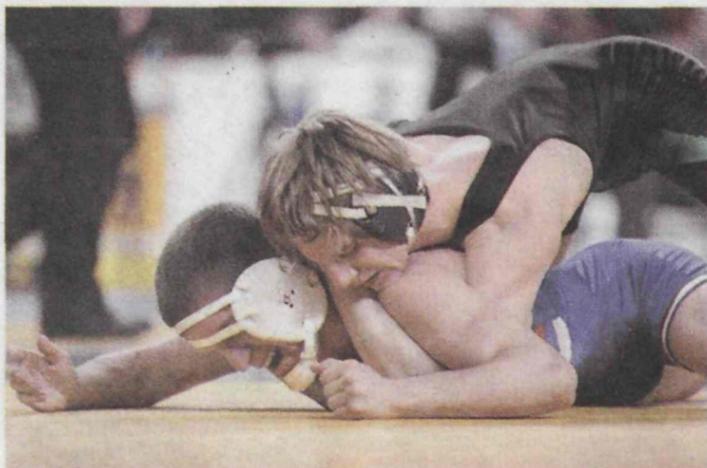
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Tyler Hunt competes in Atlantic City last weekend.



South Plainfield's Troy Heilmann wrestles Rob Duetsch of Eastern.

BOE Adopts Tentative Budget

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Last year, the proposed 1010/2011 school budget of \$52,299,264 was defeated by voters last April and then cut by \$1.25M by the members of the borough council.

Reasons for the increase outlined by Puleio include healthcare costs which have risen over 20%, a higher cost of fuel and energy, contractual increases and an additional pension assessment passed on by the state in order to cover the massive underfunding.

Also that evening, the board passed a resolution in support of N.J. Senate Bill 2043 and N.J. Assembly Bill 2960 entitled Restoration of Last Best Offer in Public School District Collective Bargaining. The practice, which allowed public employers to impose terms from their "last, best offer policy" when negotiations reached an impasse, had been the law in New Jersey until 2003 when it was repealed. Since repealing the "last, best offer policy," more contract negotiations have not been resolved before mediation and salary settlements in teacher contracts have grown at a faster rate than the cost of living.

The South Plainfield Education Association has been without a contract since July of last year. Negotiations are still ongoing.

Columbiettes Hosting Easter Bunny Brunch

The South Plainfield Columbiettes will hold their annual Easter Bunny Brunch on Sunday, April 3 beginning at 10 a.m. in the Sacred Heart School cafeteria. Continental style breakfast. Games and prizes for the youngsters, followed by a visit from the Easter Bunny. No cost for the event, but a goodwill basket will be available for those wishing to contribute. Reservations are recommended so we can get a head count of how many children will attend and their ages.

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championship from South Plainfield were Scott DelVecchio (135) and Corey Stasenka (140).

In closing McCann said, "The five wrestlers that made it to Atlantic City all made the program proud. They all wrestled outstanding. The three individuals who came home with medals exemplify the philosophy of working hard to achieve their goals. With all the state qualifiers and state place winners returning next season, hopefully they will help to lead the team to another Group III State Title."

Three Wrestlers Win Medals

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a sophomore, and his best is yet to come."

Tyler Hunt was another Tiger who came home with a medal, placing fourth in the 130 lb. weight class. "Tyler went on a tear. Once he got the confidence that he could beat the wrestlers at this level, he pinned his way to the third place match. Unfortunately, he lost a close match (6-5), but we expect him to lead this team next year and set his goals on a state title," said McCann.

Also competing in the weekend

Fine Wine, Spirits & Craft Beer Tasting Fund Raiser

The South Plainfield Education Foundation (S.P.E.F.) and Oak Tree Buy Rite of South Plainfield will host the third annual Fine Wine, Spirits, and Craft Beer Tasting fundraiser on Friday, April 29 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the South Plainfield Italian-American Club, 1001 Garibaldi Ave.

The Education Foundation, which has been in existence since 1994 (originally Vision 2001), is a non-profit tax exempt organization that promotes numerous educational and incentive programs, such as the Gold Card and scholarships for South Plainfield High School students. To date, the foundation has awarded over 50 scholarships totaling over \$283,150 and awarded over \$130,000 in endowments. The foundation has also given

back to the students of South Plainfield more than \$41,000 in curriculum programs, \$33,000 in academic incentive programs and over \$18,000 for school equipment.

Advance tickets are \$30, or four for \$100. The night of the event tickets will be \$35. Limited to the first 125 people so purchase your tickets early. Vendors as of presstime (subject to change) are Hometown Heros, Flanagan's Restaurant and Adelines.

For more information, visit www.vision2001.org and click on "Events," or call Marge Reedy at (908) 561-5800, ext. 302, Carolyn Allen at (908) 561-3275, Bob Boyle at (908) 599-0699 or Debbie Boyle at (908) 803-1573. No one under 21 permitted.

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