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SPHS Seniors Nicole Disch (MVP) and Stephanie Sherwood were among the honorees at the high school's bowling banquet on Monday night. They are pictured with (L-R): Assistant Principal Ralph Errico, Principal James Pedersen, Bowling Coach Ralph Fech, Assistant Volunteer Coach Lori Gerstl and BOE member Steve Bohn.

SPEF, SPBA Golf Outing Set For May 10

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

The golf outing is in honor of Emil Leporino who was instrumental in the formation of the South Plainfield Education Foundation. When he was 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. As a result of the committee's work, the South Plainfield Vision 2001 Education Foundation was formed in 1994. 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, par 3 contest 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.

Corporate sponsorships are available. For more information or to sign up, call Carolyn Allen: (908) 561-3275, Shannon Jefferys: (908) 757-1055, Tom Lanza: (908) 753-6010, Bob Longo: (908) 753-7004, ext. 106, Rick McCrisky: (908) 561-8000, or log on to www.thespba.biz/golf or www.vision2001.org and click on events.

Volunteer Sought for Library Board Vacancy

The Borough of South Plainfield is seeking a volunteer to serve as a Library Board Trustee due to the retirement of Virginia Popik.

The Library Board meets on the second Tuesday of the month

at 7:30 p.m. at the library. Anyone interested in applying for the position should visit the Borough of South Plainfield website at www.southplainfieldnj.com to obtain the Application for Appointment.

Also, applications may be obtained from the Borough Clerk's office, 2480 Plainfield Ave., between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The deadline for submission of completed applications is April 15.



Project Graduation auction/raffle committee member (and SPHS teacher) Patricia Porzio and long time auction committee member Norm Loenser await a winner after calling a number. For story and additional photos, see page 7.

Bus Company Cleanup Cost Lower Than Anticipated

By Jane Dornick

A remedial investigation report submitted last month by Maser Consulting PA in Mt. Arlington shows that the cost to clean up the old Suburban Bus Company site on New Market Avenue is far below what was projected back in 2007.

The new estimate, which includes well sampling, soil excavation, tank removal, post remedial soil sampling, consulting services and remedial action and outcome reports totals \$138,000 and should take approximately 10 weeks to complete.

A similar report released four years

ago by PMK Group of Cranford had the cost to remediate the site at \$342,000 to \$442,000. CFO Glenn Cullen commented that the new report shows the contamination to be "well below DEP standards" which could be a reason for the difference in the prices.

The 2.6 acre property had been utilized as a bus depot since the late 1950s and was put up for sale by the owner's heirs. Larry Massaro of Lordina Builders first attempted to acquire the land for \$750,000 in August 2005 to erect homes, but the deal fell through. He had his own remediation study performed that

Stephen Maszczak Mourned

Stephen Austin Maszczak, 7, passed away on Monday, March 14.

Stephen's family posted the following on his website, stephenaustinmiracle.org:

"Our beautiful son Stephen Austin went to see Jesus yesterday at 4:30 p.m. Our spiritual hearts are happy he has no more suffering and he is with the ultimate healer and he is riding his bike and playing again, but our physical hearts are broken so badly and hurt so badly, we miss him. We miss him. We miss him. We miss him."

A viewing was held on March 16 at the Flemington Presbyterian Church. Stephen's funeral was held yesterday at Evangel Church in Scotch Plains.

For more information on a fundraiser that has been planned to help the Maszczak Family with Stephen's medical expenses, see page 4.

See Stephen Austin's obituary on page 9.



Seven year old Stephen Maszczak

HOW YOU CAN Help You can help the Maszczak Family with Stephen's medical expenses by participating in the charity volleyball game on March 26 or the tricky tray auction on June 18.

Students Save Lives with The Power of the Penny

The student council at Roosevelt School conducted a fundraiser, Pennies for Patients, to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society during the month of February. At the end of the month they collected a total of \$2,651.75 from the entire school.

"We would like to say a special thanks to all the families that contributed to this worthy cause. Also, we would like to thank TD Bank for counting all the coins," said Margaret Mosley, student council advisor.

The top fundraising class was Mrs. Fennings fourth grade class. They collected \$326.36 and won first prize, a Domino's Pizza party. Second place winner was Ms. Kunie's kindergarten class. They collected a total of \$271 and will receive an ice cream party for the entire class.

"I am so proud of our students," said Mr. Diehl, principal of Roosevelt School. "The students learned that they can make a difference-every

penny counts. They did a great job of giving selflessly to help children and others battling blood cancer."

"These students serve as an example to all of us through their commitment to helping others," said Jessica Orr, campaign manager for the Northern New Jersey Chapter. "Their efforts will help local patients and their families along with funding blood cancer research."

Leukemia causes more deaths than any other cancer among children and young adults. An estimated 823,349 Americans are living with a blood cancer, and every five minutes, someone new is diagnosed. Since 1992, \$3.9 million has been raised locally by thousands of elementary, middle and high school students.

For information regarding local programs and services of Northern New Jersey Chapter of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, call (908) 956-6600 or visit www.LLs.org/nnj.



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

FYI Borough Council Council meetings air on Comcast Channel 96 Mondays at 7 p.m. BOE meetings air on Thursdays at 7 p.m.
To purchase a complete copy of a council or BOE meeting, contact the Observer.

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

council meetings

Meets twice a month on Mondays, *except where noted.
Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605
Agenda Meeting Public Meeting
March 21 March 21
April 4 April 4
April 18 April 18

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

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, *except where noted.
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641

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.
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 plan sub-committee

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

To the Editor:

I found your article on the BOE budget interesting. It appears homeowners will pay an additional \$211 per year to finance it. Some of the reasons for the increase was ironic from my viewpoint.

The NEA spent millions of dollars to elect the present Democratic administration. Healthcare costs rose 20% and that is just the start and is due to Obamacare. Fuel and energy costs are directly linked to the administration's love affair with the environmentalists, such as the refusal to become energy independent and beholden to the people that do not really have America's interest foremost.

The most interesting eye opener was the sentence that stated teachers' salaries have risen faster than the cost of living: The NEA used teacher's dues to finance the group leading our country, and this group ceased the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for seniors while awarding themselves a 4% increase. Also, the increase in Medicare costs for retirees will rise \$200 in 2013.

One last note: The wearing of black on Fridays by educators is as childish as the person who sprayed "New Jersey" on the walls of the state building in Wisconsin. Perhaps seniors should show their disdain for rising expenses while their incomes are stagnant. But, we will not, and just adjust our lives as most of us did for decades.

BILL MCCARTHY

Dear Editor,

My name is Joseph Sorrentino and I would like to announce my intent to seek election to the South Plainfield Board of Education. As a lifelong resident of South Plainfield, I truly enjoy being a member of this community. I would like to further my involvement in improving our public school system. I am currently employed as a special education teacher within the Rahway Public School District, working with behaviorally-challenged students.

As an educator of students with disabilities, I am motivated to improve their learning experience. Living in this town and witnessing the unnecessary tension between the Board of Education and teachers has shown me the need to be united in providing our students with the best possible instruction; this cannot be done without finding a middle ground. Teachers are an

integral part of the school system. Educators are the foundation of our schools, pouring knowledge into our pupils' malleable young minds. The board members have many responsibilities which include allotting funds for the upcoming school year, approving personnel, improving maintenance, and working with other departments of the borough. Continuous disputes between these two groups will only cause the students and the borough as a whole to suffer.

I am confident that my qualifications will help me meet the criteria necessary to serve on the South Plainfield Board of Education. I am a proud graduate of South Plainfield High School. I completed my bachelor's degree at Kean University receiving dual certification for educator of individuals with disabilities and educator of social studies K-12. I will be returning to Kean University in the fall to obtain a master's degree in administration and supervision. Over the last seven years, I have dedicated much of my free time volunteering with the youth of our community for such quality organizations as South Plainfield Pop Warner, Keystone Special Olympics basketball, the South Plainfield Labor Day Parade and Junior Achievement.

If elected, it will be my mission as a member of the South Plainfield Board of Education to reach all students on a meaningful level, so that they will grow to be lifelong seekers of knowledge, just as I have become. I have many ideas to improve our district in instruction, outreach programs and special education.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**SINCERELY,
JOSEPH SORRENTINO**

An Open Letter:

My family moved to South Plainfield when I was two years old. I grew up here and we have stayed to raise our family here. It is a great town. My two sons graduated from SPHS and we have a daughter who will be graduating in June.

On balance we feel they received a good education. We have been active participants in our children's education and athletic programs. They have been lucky to have been taught and coached by some of the best.

Recently a dark cloud has enshrouded my daughter and I am writ-

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ing this letter to appeal to the good students at SPHS. You see, the dark cloud is "bullying". I use quotation marks because I think many people have a different interpretation of what bullying is. I'm sure many of you have your own experiences that you can relate to too.

Back in my school days we knew how to handle bullies. Even though you may get whipped, a well-timed right cross or left hook to the bully's nose or lip usually conveyed the message. You may humiliate me and be tougher than me, but you're going to pay a price for that from now on. That usually did the job. The bully went on to bully someone else.

But that was then, and that was boys. This is now, and I'm talking about girls. Actually, women. Because they are 17 and 18 and want to be treated as adults, and I think they should be treated accordingly.

Throughout my daughter's high school experience she has been friends with basically the same circle of people. She's had her differences with them as they have had with her. We all change, and friends come and go. We have disagreements and sometimes fight. Sometimes we make up and remain friends, sometimes not. That is one of the cycles of life.

There has been one particular person that has been a perennial persona non grata to my daughter. They were friends briefly but my daughter was not comfortable with her "personality". She tried to sever the friendship. The problem was that she crossed over into the other circles of friends. Every time my daughter would move away this person would eventually sidle up to the new group.

Fast forward to senior year. We have been to the high school a half dozen times to meet with the principle and

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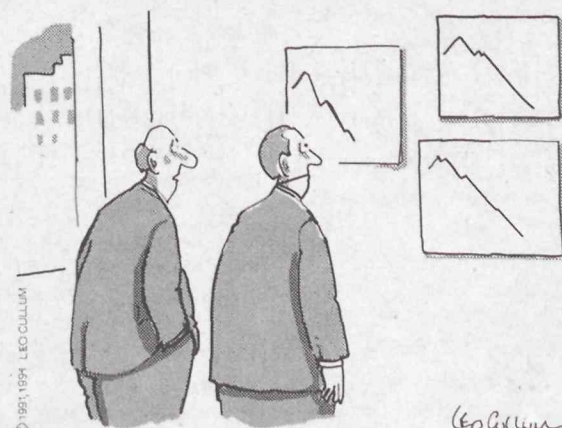
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UNICO Blood/Food Drive

The Plainfields' Chapter of UNICO, an Italian-American non-profit service organization, will hold a blood and food drive on Saturday, April 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave.

UNICO members will also be collecting non-perishable food for local food banks as part of UNICO's Day of Service. Free refreshments will be made available.

"The need is constant for blood," said UNICO blood drive organizer Rick McNally. "We really need help from everyone in the community to step forward and possibly make a contribution that quite likely will save someone's life."

For more information, call McNally at (908) 510-0264.

Sacred Heart Alumni Plan "Say Goodbye" Reunion

Sacred Heart School alumni are organizing a "Say Goodbye" reunion to be held on Saturday, April 30 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the school.

"When we heard the school was changing and would no longer be Sacred Heart School, we thought it would be a great idea to get together, reminisce and say goodbye to this special grammar school that meant so much to so many," said Luciana Giannotta, one of the organizers for the reunion. "The goodbye reunion will give alumni an opportunity to visit the school and take a stroll down memory lane."

The reunion will move on to The Pines Manor, 2085 Rt. 27 in Edison for a reception from 7 to 11 p.m. where some of Sacred Heart's favorite teachers will be attending. The cost will be \$60 per person.

For more information, join the "Sacred Heart School mid 70s to mid 80s" group on Facebook for complete details and updates, or email Giannotta at shsreunion_42311@yahoo.com.



Gabriela Garcia Medina (left), an international spoken word poet, electrified a crowd at Middlesex County College on March 8 as she read her poetry as part of Women's History Month. The author of two books, *Ink-Scribing Oshun* and *In the Wake of Oya*, the 28-year-old combined personal observations and reflections with political commentary, all laced with a great deal of humor. Also pictured are Carlos Rivera of Woodbridge, Breanna Franklin of New Brunswick and Katyah Cisson of South Plainfield.

policereport

- On February 25 Axyai Patel, 31, of Piscataway was arrested for driving while intoxicated, refusal to submit to breath testing, reckless driving, improper passing and unsafe lane change.

- A Plainfield Avenue resident reported two of their vehicles' tires had been flattened.

- On February 27 Jonathan A. Saravia-Guevara, 19, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, driving while intoxicated under the age of 21 and careless driving.

- A Woodbridge resident reported the theft of a wallet and phone from their locker at LA Fitness.

- A South Plainfield Avenue resident reported that the driver's side window of their vehicle had been broken.

- On March 1 Mako Transport on Hamilton Boulevard reported the theft of a 2001 Freightliner tractor.

- A Bolliger Way resident reported the theft of a wallet from their vehicle.

- On March 2 Al's Service Center on Park Avenue reported the theft of chain link fencing and poles from the rear of the property.

- On March 4 Jerrold Anthony Fredericks, 28, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

- Ian T. Robinson, 24, of North Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

- On March 5 David G. Reynolds, 26, of Dunellen was arrested for driving while intoxicated, refusal to submit to breath testing, reckless driving, failure to report an accident and failure to keep right.

- Selvin A. Cavielis-Hernandez, 24, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, careless driving and no license.

- On March 7 Asia Smith, 21, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and two outstanding warrants.

- A Yurgel Drive resident reported the theft of an unlocked 1998 Jeep Cherokee from their driveway.

- On March 9 Michael James Ksepka, 28, of Edison was arrested for an unregistered vehicle, driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.



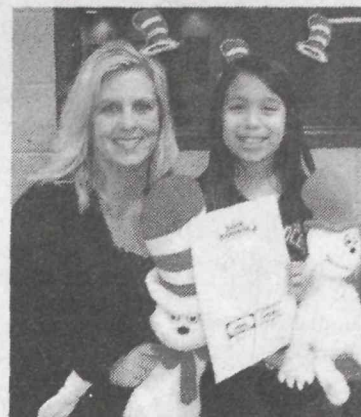
Katalina Bedoya Named Junior Journalist

Katalina Bedoya, Roosevelt School fourth grader, is this week's winner in the Junior Journalist program. Her poem, "Star and I," has earned Katalina dinner for her family, courtesy of Hometown Heros.

Students should submit their original written works to their teachers, Hometown Heros or to 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.



Junior Journalist winner Katalina Bedoya with teacher Kathy Simpson.

* Star and I *

By Katalina Bedoya

A star can shine but I can glisten.
A bird can fly but I can soar.
An eagle is bold but I am strong.
A fox is sneaky but I am sly.

No one or nothing can replace my personality.

A flower is pretty but I am beautiful.
A dog is playful but I am active.
A comedian is funny but I am hilarious.
An owl is smart but I am wise.

No one or nothing can replace my personality.

Courtney Family Renews Adopt-A-Spot Contract

The Courtney Family has renewed its Adopt-A-Spot agreement with the Clean Business Association (CBA) for the next two years. They will be taking care of the dead end of Audubon Avenue. The agreement includes litter removal and beautification through planting flowers and shrubs.

The Courtneys have been maintaining this spot since 2006. Part of Audubon had been a paper street until it was vacated and made part of the Stacey Court subdivision off Maple Avenue. When the dust settled, it turned out that the property lines of the new lots fell about 15 feet short of the Audubon Avenue pavement.

The Courtney's property fronts on this unpaved portion of the street. Rather than live with weeds and accumulating litter, they volunteered to maintain the area. They have planted grass, flowers and shrubs so that the dead end fits into the neighborhood as a stretch of landscaped lawn.

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

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

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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 Czesnochowa 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.

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Business Association Monthly Meeting

March 24

The South Plainfield Business Association will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 24 starting at 8:30 a.m. at Sherban's Diner. All businesses are welcome to attend.

For more information about the business association, call Nancy Grenier at (908) 668-0010 or visit spba.biz.

Middle School PTO/PTA Volleyball Game

March 26

The South Plainfield Middle School PTO and PBA Local 100 will hold a charity volleyball tournament in the high school gym on Saturday, March 26 at 1 p.m. to benefit the Stephen Austin Maszszak Family. Tickets are \$4 each and can be purchased at the door.

Register your team ASAP; six to 12 players for \$50. Make check payable to SPMS PTO; mail to: SPMS PTO, 2100 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080. Snacks and drinks available. Donations accepted; 50/50 raffle.

For more information, call PTO President Debbie Boyle at (908) 803-1573 or Officer Lloyd McNelly at (908) 755-0700.

Elks to Honor John Mocharski, Sr.

March 27

The South Plainfield Elks have chosen John Mocharski, Sr. as their Citizen of the Year. He will be honored at a buffet dinner at the lodge on New Market Avenue on Sunday, March 27.

For tickets, call Dan Uken at (908) 930-8305.

Senior Center St. Patrick's Day Dinner

March 27

Come join us at the Senior Center for our annual St. Patrick's Day dinner on Sunday, March 27 from 3 to 7

p.m. Tickets: \$12 in advance; reservations required. No tickets will be sold at the door. All are welcome to attend. Menu: Corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, soda bread, coffee, tea, cake and soda. Live entertainment and plenty of food! BYOB.

Purchase tickets at the senior center or call (908) 754-1047.

Boy Scout Troop 207 Spaghetti Dinner

April 2

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. 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.

All proceeds will go towards troop equipment and events.

SPHS Class of 1995 15 Yr. Reunion

April 2

The South Plainfield High School Class of 1995 is planning a 15 year reunion for Saturday, April 2. It will be held at Maggiano's Bridgewater from 7 to 11 p.m. Ticket price is \$85 per person.

For more information, email sphsclassof1995@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page: SPHS class of 1995.

Columbiettes Easter Bunny Brunch

April 3

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.

To register, call Kathy at (908) 756-

3772 or Emma at (732) 287-2346.

Concert at Sacred Heart Church

April 6

Sacred Heart Church presents inspiring Christian music star Tony Melendez in concert on Wednesday, April 6 from 7-9 p.m. Born without arms, he plays guitar with his feet while delivering his message of hope for all people. A free will offering will be taken.

— Out of Town —

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.

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.

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 Basie 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 Basie Theatre box office at (732) 842-9000.

SENIOR CENTER Calendar

Coming Up.....

St. Patrick's Day Dinner-
March 27, 3-7 p.m. Tickets-
\$12 in advance

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

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visit www.southplainfieldnj.com

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4 p.m. Closed Saturdays & Sundays.

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.

Scrapbooking Fundraiser

March 26

Kristy Callari of Creative Memories will be conducting a scrapbook event on Saturday, March 26 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at St. Luke's Church Bingo Hall in North Plainfield. A portion of the proceeds will benefit The Giving Nest Preschool and Kindergarten. Cost: Full day, \$80 per person in-

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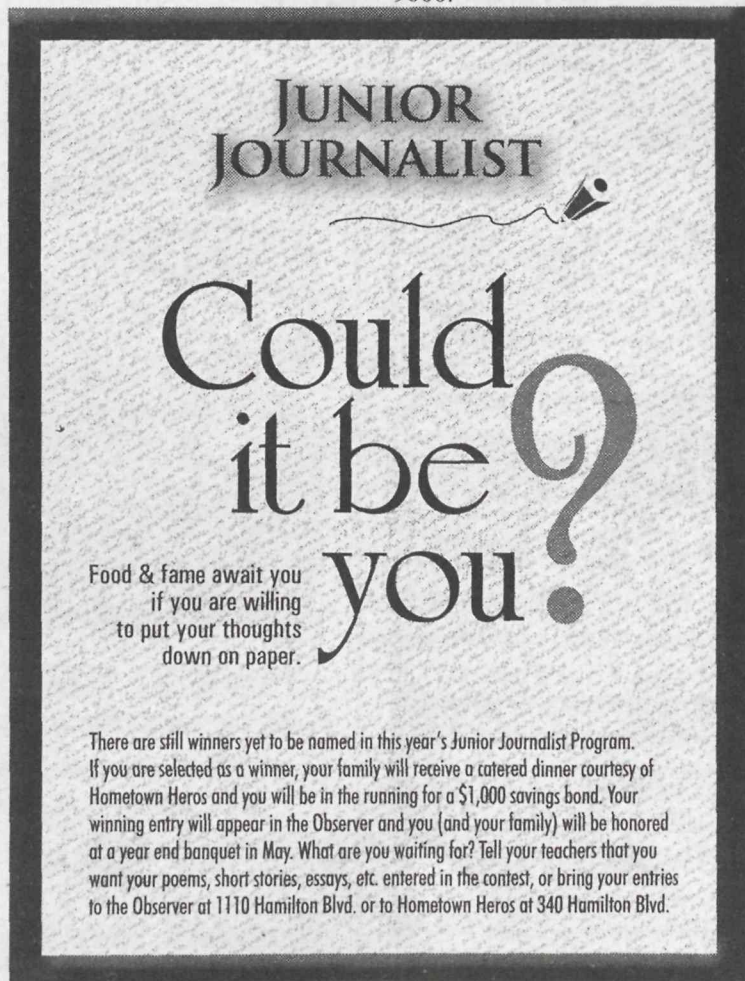
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Around Town

cludes meals; half day \$40. Registration closes on March 11.

For more information or to register, call Kristy at (732) 236-3516 or visit www.mycmsite.com/kristycallari.

Blackrose to Perform

March 26

Blackrose, the band, playing classic rock and roll music and today's hits, will be performing at the Stagehouse 2 Tavern, 1719 Amwell Rd. in Somerset on Saturday, March 26. No cover charge.

Hydewood Park's 65th Annual Mission

March 26

Hydewood Park Baptist Church, 100 Norwood Ave. in North Plainfield will hold its 65th annual Missions Conference on Saturday and Sunday, March 26 and 27. Morning session begins at 10 a.m. and a special evening session at 6 p.m. Childcare will be provided.

For more information, call (908) 754-6363 or visit Hydewood's website at www.hydewood.org.

Free Seminars by CancerCare

March 31, April 20-21

CancerCare's free educational seminars will be presented at the Mercer County Library, 333 N. Post Rd. in Princeton Junction on Thursday, March 31, and Wednesday and Thursday, April 20 and 21 from 7-9 p.m. Light refreshments; participants will receive a free gift. Space is limited; pre-registration is required.

To register, call Katelyn Foran at 800-813-4673, ext. 6812 or email kforan@cancercare.org.

"Knight" of Comedy

April 1

The Knights of Columbus OLMV Council #12700 will sponsor its second annual "Knight of Comedy" show on Friday, April 1 at 8 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Virgin School, 450 Drake Ave. in Middlesex, featuring Vinnie Brand, owner of the Stress Factory. BYOB cocktail hour with complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Ticket

ets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling David at (732) 469-1139.

Alternatives, Inc. Annual Cash Raffle

April 1

Alternatives, Inc. will hold its fifth annual cash raffle in conjunction with the 24th annual Dignity Gala on Friday, April 1. Tickets are \$25; five for \$100. One top prize winner will take home 50% of the amount raised. Winner need not be present. All proceeds support Alternatives, Inc., a non-profit social service agency providing services for individuals throughout Somerset, Middlesex, Monmouth, Hunterdon and Warren counties.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call (908) 685-1444 or visit www.alternativesinc.org.

Mini Bible Conference

April 2 & 3

Jersey Shore Gospel Music Fellowship will present a mini Bible conference on two Saturdays, April 2 and 3 at 7 p.m. at the Francis Asbury Chapel, 70 Stockton Ave. in Ocean Grove. Music provided by John Keith Davis on the second and Jim Winder on the ninth. Free will offering.

For more information, call (732) 897-0800.

Casino Night Fundraiser at MCC

April 8

The Middlesex County College Foundation will hold a casino night fundraiser on Friday, April 8 at The Rosewood, 2863 Woodbridge Ave. in Edison. Admission of \$75 includes \$50 in fake chips, buffet with desserts and one drink per person (cash bar is available). Doors open 5:30 p.m.; games begin at 6 p.m.

For more information, call Venetta Ellerbe at (732) 906-2564, email vellerbe@middlesexcc.edu or register online at www.mcc-foundation.org.



The Middle School McPTO night at McDonalds on February 28 raised \$200. Helping out behind the counter were (L-R) Greg "French Fries" Lind, Assistant Principal Tamekia "Ice Cream Sundae" Grier, Billy "The Burger Grabber," Adam "Drive Thru" Butrico, PTO President Debbie "Tray Placer" Boyle, Principal Kevin "Cash Register" Hajduk, James "The Greeter," Suzanne "Latte" Butrico, Steve "Happy Meal" Bohn and Jenn "Sweeper" Falcone. Mara Levin, a local jeweler, donated 10% of her sales that evening to the PTO. The PTO would like to thank McDonald's Manager Dinio Corona, as well as the employees, families and teachers who supported the event.

Education Foundation Hosting Fine Wine, Spirits and Craft Beer Tasting Fundraiser

The South Plainfield Education Foundation (SPEF) and Oak Tree Buy Rite of South Plainfield will be hosting its third annual Fine Wine, Spirits and Craft Beer Tasting Fundraiser on Friday, April 29 at the South Plainfield Italian-American Club, located at 1001 Garibaldi Ave., from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The Education Foundation which has been in existence since 1994, originally named Vision 2001, is a non-profit tax exempt organization. The foundation promotes numerous educational and incentive programs such as the Gold Card and scholarships for South Plainfield students. To date, the Education Foundation has awarded over 50 Scholarships totaling over \$283,150, and awarded over \$130,000 in endowments. The Education Foundation has also given back to the students of South Plainfield over \$41,000 in curriculum programs, over \$33,000 in academic incentive

programs, and over \$18,000 for school equipment.

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

Substitute Grant Music Teacher Appointed

By Libby Barsky

The Board of Education approved the appointment of Chelsea Hill as long term substitute for Grant School music teacher Diane Lee, who is on maternity leave, during the special budget workshop held on February 23. Hill began teaching February 25 and will continue until June 23.

Hill is a 2009 graduate of The Hart School, University of Hartford in

West Hartford, Conn. During 2010, she has been a traveling music teacher in Greater Hartford, Conn. and Central New Jersey teaching piano and strings at the Rahway Music Company in Garwood and The Academy of Music on Main in Spotswood. The year before she was a music instructor at Apple Music in Southington at Farmington Transitional Academy in Hartford, Conn. working with students with disabilities.

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Kennedy School fourth graders perform *And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street*.

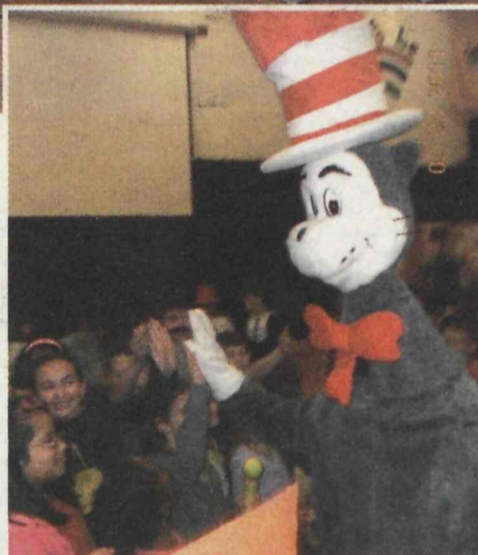
Dr. Seuss Celebrated at Kennedy

In honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday and the National Education Association's Read Across America celebration, Kennedy School fourth graders performed for the school *And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street* on February 23. It was the first book written and illustrated by popular children's author Theodor "Seuss" Geisel, the creator of the Dr. Seuss character, which, coincidentally was rejected by 27 publishers before its debut in 1937.

The entire class, with the help of teacher Cynthia Severino, worked together on the props and stage

direction. The play began with a short history of Geisel's life and how much effort went into getting his first book published. Severino read the book out loud to the entire school as the students acted out the book. The audience also chimed in throughout the reading.

At the end of the play there was a surprise guest, the Cat in the Hat himself, who entertained the children. The visit by the "cat" was won through a lottery by music teacher Barbara Habeeb that was sponsored by the New Jersey Education Association.



The Cat in the Hat (right) visits Kennedy School.

MCC Programs Celebrate Women's History Month

A musical performance, poetry reading, theater trip and a game show are all scheduled for the celebration of Women's History Month at Middlesex County College this month. All except the theater trip are free and will be held in the College Center on the Edison campus.

On Wednesday, March 23 and 30, a sexual assault information table will be set up from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On Monday, March 28, "Simple Gifts," a classical musical group, will perform at 11 a.m.

College students, faculty, staff and alumni will travel to Broadway to see a new play, *Wonderland* on Thursday, March 31. Labeled "Alice through a whole new looking glass," the play is a different take on the childhood classic. Tickets for MCC students start at \$25, and by lottery starting March 22 for faculty, staff and alumni at \$35.

Seven films will be shown throughout the month in the College Center main lounge at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Visit www.middlesexcc.edu for details.

Women Honored For Achievements, Community Service

One of the world's foremost global experts in prenatal, childhood and adolescent infectious diseases, the founder of one of the most successful realtors in Central Jersey, the queen of tween fashion and a tireless fighter for the Hispanic community in Central Jersey are among 10 Middlesex County women who will each be honored as "Citizen of the Year."

The newly reactivated Middlesex County Commission on the Status of Women will honor these women who have made significant contributions to their chosen fields at a banquet on Wednesday, March 23 at the Pines Manor in Edison.

"I am completely awed by the talent, tenacity and achievements of the 10 women we will honor," said Middlesex County Freeholder Blanka B. Valenti, a member of the commission.

Among the honorees is Senator Barbara Buono, who serves as the first woman Senate Majority Leader in New Jersey, has either authored or primarily sponsored legislation addressing education reform, child welfare, predatory lending and environmental issues, and Middlesex County Sheriff Mildred S. Scott, New Jersey's first African-American female sheriff who has broken down barriers since beginning her career in law enforcement.

Tickets are \$50 per person. For tickets or information, call (732) 745-4518 or visit <http://co.middlesex.nj.us/humanservices>.

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Enjoy Friday Night Lenten Fish Dinners at Sacred Heart Church

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 and Sacred Heart Church will again sponsor the yearly Lenten fish dinners on Friday, March 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.

The menu will feature 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.

Stations of the Cross will be held in the church at 7 p.m.

Traditional Ukrainian Egg Decorating Olde Towne Village

Pysanky, Traditional Ukrainian Egg-Decorating Workshop with Master Artist Olga Kobryn will be held on Saturday, April 9 at East Jersey Olde Towne Village, 1050 River Rd. in Piscataway.

Participants will learn how to design and create their own traditional Ukrainian Easter egg with an egg decorating stylus, beeswax, dyes and patterns, which they may take home. This workshop is suitable for persons aged 13 and up.

Two sessions of the workshop are available: 10 a.m.-noon or 1:30-3:30 p.m. Please note: Promptness to the

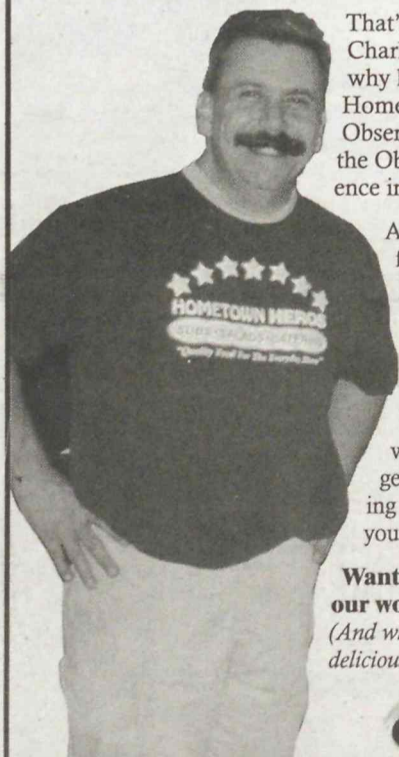
class is essential for completing your Ukrainian egg.

Pre-registration is required and involves a phone call to the commission and a payment of a \$15 fee for materials, which must be received prior to the program in order to reserve a space. There are a limited number of spaces available. The materials fee is payable by check or money order only, and not refundable.

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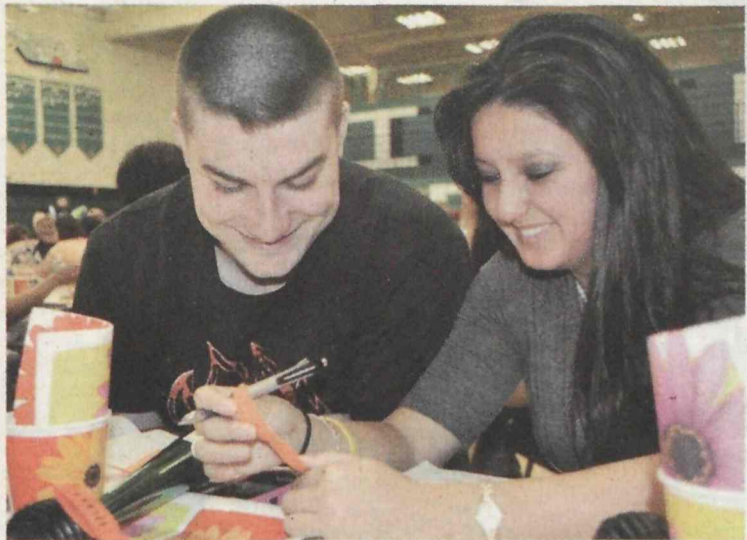
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Betting on a Sure Thing: Auction Ensures a Fun Evening for Graduates



Auction goers check to see if they will secure a prize.

By Patricia Abbott

South Plainfield High School PTA held the annual Project Graduation Auction/Raffle on March 5 in the high school gym. Auction goers began to line up outside the door well before 6 p.m. anxiously waiting to get started on a hopeful winning streak. They brought a wide variety of food, snacks and beverages to get them through the evening, from sub sandwiches and soda to trays of gourmet goodies.

When the doors opened at exactly 6 p.m. guests rushed to pay their admission and purchase the tickets which would hopefully secure for them one of the hundreds of prizes on display.

Throughout the night BOE member Steve Bohn sold 50/50 tickets. The auction's prizes, displayed on bleachers and tables in the gym, were

grouped by theme and price.

Long-time Project Graduation Auctioneer Norm Loenser began calling ticket numbers starting with the 70 potpourri raffle prizes, and continued on to the 76 themed baskets and gifts. The super raffle had 84 prizes; the grand prize raffle offered 18 valuable prizes, and the two much sought after mega raffle prizes featured a Dell Inspiron 17R Laptop 2010 with an Intel Core Processor and many extras and a Toshiba 55" LCD HDTV with a TV stand donated by SPSHS families. The 50/50 prize of \$1,521 was awarded to Patty Petronko.

Educational group donors included the SPSHS Athletic Boosters, food services staff, Regit Yearbook Club, Student Leadership Organization, Middle School PTO, Middle School Student Council and the South Plainfield

Education Foundation. Community group donors were American Legion Chaumont Post #243, South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness, South Plainfield Field Hockey Association, SPJBC, Recreation Commission, Summer Drama Workshop and the VFW Memorial Post 6763. Business, family and individual donors numbered in the hundreds.

More than 400 people attended, including BOE members Debbie Boyle, Bill Seesselberg, Steve Bohn and Chris Hubner; Mayor Matt Anesh, Councilwoman Chrissy Bureas, teachers, administration and many former students.

The South Plainfield High School Project Graduation began 23 years ago in 1989. The all night party, open to all graduating seniors, has been held at The Club at Ricochet for many years. The graduates enjoy a wide variety of food all night and breakfast in the morning; they have access to the various sports areas such as racquetball, basketball, swimming and much more. They also enjoy entertainment, music, dancing, games, prizes, free gifts and much more. Project Graduation offers a safe, fun-filled substance free evening; a final celebration with their classmates of many years, and a time to share high school memories before moving on to the next stage of their lives.

The Project Graduation Auction/Raffle is in its fourteenth year. It has continued to grow as families and businesses realize the importance of the project—keeping our young graduates safe on an evening known for “partying.” Every contribution, no matter how large or small, makes this event possible.

This year's event will take place on Wednesday, June 22. The committee is seeking volunteers to help plan activities, set up, chaperone, clean up and more. If interested, please contact a member of the SPSHS PTA Executive Board 2010-2011: President-Sharon Miller, First Vice President-Susan Barry, Second Vice President-Teri Pileggi, Treasurer-Donna Kasmer, Corresponding Secretary-Barbara Mennuti, Recording Secretary-Patricia Porzio and Administrative Liason-Jim Pederson.

Members of the Auction/Raffle Committee are Susan Barry, Mary Cargill, Renee Daubert, Tracey Hart-



BOE members Steve Bohn and Bill Seesselberg busy at the 50/50 table.



Michele Kenny and Kathy Parillo waiting to turn their tickets into prizes.

mann, Donna Kasmer, Barbara Mennuti, Sharon Miller, Teri Pileggi and Patricia Porzio.

The evening would not have been possible without the student runners, the senior students who worked tirelessly to bring the prizes to the front, picking tickets and delivering prizes to the winners.

The hardworking students who participated were Jayme Bishop, An-

gela DeSantis, Michelle Hernandez, Riley Hubner, Megan Kaczka, Brigitte Kelly, Rajath Kenath, Thalia Lopez, Michael Parello, Thi Quan Pham, Sarah Roibal, Richard Rotella, Veronica Ruiz, Danielle Schaaf, Miguel Serro, Payal Sindha, Edward Sullivan, Julie Tran, Albert Vill and their advisors, Anthony Encinas, Dave Knarr and Marla Vandermark.

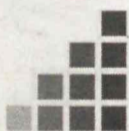
Got Talent: Community Talent Showcase Auditions on May 1

The South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission (SPCAC) will present its third annual Talent Showcase on Sunday, May 1 at 2 p.m. and they are inviting residents of all ages to audition for the show.

Open auditions will be held on Saturday, April 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sunday, April 10 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Fellowship Hall at Wesley Methodist Church, 1500 Plainfield Ave.

All ages and types of acts are welcome to try out, so come and share your unique talent with the community. Bring your own instruments or items you will need for the audition. The talent showcase is open to everyone.

For information, contact Ken or Audrey Reisch at (908) 769-5938 or email spcac.nj@gmail.com. Follow the SPCAC on Facebook.



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Call the Doctor! Call the Nurse! Lectures in Piscataway

The final two lectures in a four-part series based on the exhibit, Call the Doctor! Call the Nurse! History of Medicine in New Jersey, 1775-1975 is currently on display at the Cornelius Low House Museum.

The lecture series is free and open to the public on: Wednesday, April 13 at 7 p.m.—Archaeo-Forensics, presented by Anna N. Dhody, Curator, Mutter Museum, at East Jersey Olde Towne Village; and Wednesday, May 11 at 6 p.m.—A Yardful of Remedies!

A Walking Tour of Medicinal Plants, presented by Karen Reeds, guest curator, on the grounds of the Cornelius Low House/Middlesex County Museum.

The exhibition will be on display through June 26 at the Cornelius Low House Museum, 1225 River Rd. in Piscataway. It is open to the public Tuesday through Friday and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. School and group tours are welcome. Please call (732) 745-4177 for more information.

To register for the lectures, call (732) 745-4489. Persons with hearing disabilities may dial (732) 745-3888 (TTY users only) or 711, the New Jersey Relay System. East Jersey Olde Towne Village and the first floor of the Cornelius Low House Museum are accessible sites. An Assistive Listening System is available and will be in use during the programs. An American Sign Language interpreter can be provided without charge with a two-week advance request. Wheelchairs are

also available upon request for visitors who may need assistance from the parking lot to the programs.

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PUBLIC NOTICE TAX SALE NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY FOR NONPAYMENT OF TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND/OR OTHER MUNICIPAL LIENS

Public notice is hereby given that I, Kimberly Clifford, Collector of Taxes of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, will sell at public auction on, **Thursday, March 24, 2011** at the South Plainfield Municipal Complex, Council Chambers, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, at 10:00 am or at such later time and place to which said sale may then be adjourned, all of the several lots and parcels of land assessed to the respective persons whose names are set opposite each respective parcel as the owner thereof for the total amount of municipal liens chargeable against said lands respectively, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-1, et seq. as computed to the 25th day of February 2010.

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%.

At any time, before the day of the sale, I will accept payment of the amount due on any property with interest and costs. Payments must be in the form of cash, certified check or money order. Industrial Properties may be subject to the Spill Compensation and Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11 et seq.), the Water Pollution Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 et seq.), and the Industrial Site Recovery Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1k-6 et seq.). In addition, the municipality is precluded from issuing a tax sale certificate to any prospective purchaser who is or may be in any way connected to the prior owner or operator of the site. The lands to be sold are described in accordance with the last tax duplicate as follows:

TAX SALE LIST

BLOCK LOT/QUAL	OWNER NAME	AMOUNT	BLOCK LOT/QUAL	OWNER NAME	AMOUNT	BLOCK LOT/QUAL	OWNER NAME	AMOUNT
3. 11.	SIMPSON, RICHARD O & MARK & VALERIA	388.55	144. 14.01	DICKERSON, SCOTT & JACQUELINE	9,228.38	282. 52.	SANTIAGO, RUFINO	81.15
3. 18.	TOCA, JUAN & NARVAEZ, NARCISA M	388.55	146. 3.	HERON, RONNIE & KERIE	712.10	282. 75.	GLENN, DEREK ALAN	224.72
3. 41.08	CARTER, REGINALD T	388.55	146. 4.	DRESS, DONALD M. & KULA, LISA A.	388.55	284. 5.	PORCHETTA BROTHERS	1,601.59
3. 43.	STUBBS, JOYCE	228.24	147. 10.	EL BASTAWISI, SHERIF	224.72	297. 3.	MEALHA, JOHN & MARIA & AMORIM, JOSE & DEBRA	2,644.25
6. 13.	CORDONA, JAIME & MARTHA	388.55	147. 13.01	ZRINKO, FRANK J & SUSAN E	224.72	298. 1.	JA & JM ASSOC., L.L.C.	10,068.66
7. 16.	STEWART, HAKIEM E & ALEXIS A	121.10	148. 19.	BROWN, DANIEL & ANNETTE	388.55	304. 3.	2L HOLDINGS, LLC	526.08
7. 16.02	STANLEY, JIMMY & CAROLYN	224.72	151. 12.	SMITH, GARY & LISA	388.55	304. 4.	HAFFNER, ROBERT	8,112.49
7. 23.02	SCHULZ, HAROLD	384.44	152. 50.	KONE, LACINA & CISSE, AWA	1,921.60	304. 5.01	A STANLEY MUNDY AND COMPANY	4,398.41
7. 27.	HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III	384.44	152. 99.	WROTNY, JASON	388.55	308. 44.	GREEN, JR, EUGENE & MIHALIK, SUSANNE	712.10
7. 34.	FONTANA, GREGORY & YVONNE	3,649.44	157. 34.	VALDES, EDGARDO & ALEXIS A	224.72	308. 50/C0002	HALL, CRYSTAL L	224.72
7. 60.	WEDDERBURN, DAVID & ANDREA	224.72	158. 8.	SACKS, ROBERT & MARY	224.72	308. 51/C0001	SMITH, CHRISTOPHER & CRAIG, MECHELE	388.55
7. 66.	PEDERSEN, ALVIN C & SHIRLEY A.	388.55	159. 17.	CONNOLLY, MARTIN & DOROTHY	224.72	309. 6.	PELLEGRINO, FRED & ELIZABETH	7,465.14
8. 7.	DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST CO-TR	388.55	159. 23.	DENTE, RALPH & ANTOINETTA	224.72	311. 7.	WRIGHT, WILLIAM M	83.75
8. 8.	BORJA, JOSE NUNEZ & ROSA MARIA	388.55	160. 39.	DOHERTY, JAMES & JANE	5,249.97	311. 50.	BARRERA, RICARDO & JULIO & GEORGINA	388.55
8. 13.	CHERREZ, PABLO & VERONICA	388.55	165. 6.	BROOKS, WILLIAM R & ROCHELLE M	224.72	311. 51.	BRELAND, STEPHEN & ALLISON N.	224.72
9. 7.	STAYNINGS, ANTHONY & MARY	388.55	167. 11.	MAINO, KENNETH A & LAURA F.	224.72	313. 8.	WOOD, TROY C	224.72
9. 23.	MOORE, DANNY RAY & AMY E.	224.72	169. 6.	RAMOS, NELLY & VILLAVICENCIO, FRANKLIN	388.55	314. 4.	TITTLE, SCOTT	224.72
9. 24.	BROWN, SUZANNE P	388.55	169. 20.	FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOC	1,552.52	315. 26.	SUAREZ, EDWARD & LUZ M.	712.10
9. 28.	SCALERA, BRUCE W.	388.55	170. 22.	BORSOS, MICHAEL G & TRACEY	224.72	315. 60.01	GRIFFIN, THOMAS E & MICHELE	388.55
12. 6.	WHITE, DONALD (V) ERNESTINE	388.55	170. 35.	NEAL, EARL WILLIAM & DEBORAH LEA	220.96	318. 13.	RICE, DONTÉ & TAMARA	388.55
12. 29.	ROESCH, RANAE & JOHN R	3,530.22	171. 20.	SCHERER, LISA & CHRISTOPHER	224.72	319. 1.	LEIGHTON, ROBERTA D.	8,931.41
12. 35.	TRUONG, MYHANH	388.55	171. 31.	EODICE, MARY	1,260.26	319. 11.02	CISSON, GREGORY J.	224.72
14. 34.	MURPHY, MARK A & MONIQUE	388.55	172. 22.	RIDDICK, LINWOOD & MILAGROS	1,563.41	322. 2.01	NATT, SHELAH & FREEMAN, VELMON	225.77
14. 39.	IACULLO LUCILLE	527.50	174. 10.	DOUGLAS, LOCKSLEY	101.11	324. 4.	GRATTA, TRACEY JOAN & THOMAS J	388.55
15. 20.	KRAVITZ, HELENA	388.55	174. 22.	424 SAMPTON AVE LLC	2,539.04	327. 18.	WILSON, WILLIAM	224.72
15. 24.	GUARRACI, RICHARD D. & HELEN R.	388.55	175. 14.	GOODMAN, JEFFREY A	1,952.95	330. 9.01	RIVERA, JOHN E & ROMAN, JESSICA	224.72
16. 35.	PATTERSON, ANITA	388.55	177. 5.	AMAYA, JOSE ADAN	388.55	330. 9.02	MEDINA, PABLO & NIEMCZYK, WALTER	388.55
17. 10.	SECRETARY OF HUD	1,285.27	177. 8.	SMITHLINE, CRAIG A & JENNIFER A	388.55	336. 1.03	DAVIS, WILLIAM & ANGIE HUNTER	82.28
20. 7.	TAKOUKA, TAG O.	224.72	182. 2.	KRIEGER, CHRISTINE & CHARLES	388.55	337. 13.	RUIZ, JULIO C. & IRIS	712.10
21. 2.06	WILSON, RICHARD D & MAUREEN B	388.55	182. 8.	CALLEJAS, ANGEL & CRUZ, MYRNA G	116.58	338. 13.	CABRERA, KARINA & RAMOS, SANDRA	225.70
24. 18.	WILLIS, RODNEY & SHEILA	859.25	184. 12.	ALVA, MARVIN MONT	388.55	342. 8.	ROZNOWSKI, JOSEPH	144.86
24. 38.	GENTILE, ELLEN M. & ROBERT J.	388.55	186. 4.02	PAULS, SAMUEL J	224.72	353. 3.06	FASANO, LOUIS	1,186.74
25. 19.	BENKO, SCOTT C. & ARACELIS	388.55	188. 63.	HARRY-SCOTT, VICKY & SCOTT, DAVID	224.72	361. 4.	STAMPLEY, DOROTHY	2,540.73
26. 3.	RIDDLES, ANNE E. & REED, DEBORA A.	3,921.05	189. 4.	HOFFLER, TANYA	224.72	368. 6.04	VILLAGOMEZ, MARCO O & CHIMBO, PAULINA L	2,975.55
29. 1.	CALLES, CARLOS	224.72	189. 5.	SILVA, ELINA & DAVID	388.55	396. 2.11	ALEXA, DONALD & TERRY A.	227.47
29. 4.	MILLER, DAVID & STARR-MILLER, TIFFANY	388.55	190. 3.	FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOC	3,012.98	404. 1.	RHEIN, GREG	224.28
32. 1.	SELLA, MICHAEL G. & KELLY A.	388.55	192. 2.	WILLIAMS, DOROTHY	1,708.69	404. 16.	PATTERSON, DANIEL R & JENNIFER E	388.55
33. 2.	BARNEY, ELAINE C	224.72	193. 4.	PENDER, DOMINIQUE, SR. & DIANE M.	388.55	404.05 8.	PENDERS, C & T & PEDERSEN, J & H	8,453.65
33. 12.	CALDERONE, JOSEPH M & RUTH M	224.72	196. 5.	RUE, HARVEY S. & BEVERLY	3,501.47	405. 9.	SIKANOWICZ, THOMAS G.	388.55
34. 10.	YUILL, JOHN F & CATHERINE	3,112.34	198. 20.	FISHER, KENNETH R & CATHY E	7,071.03	405.01 16.	MONTALVO, SERGIO	388.55
36. 4.	ZENCHAK, PATRICIA	227.92	199. 26.	LINCZYK, GLENN T	388.55	406.01 4.	KEENAN, LORRAINE	388.55
37. 9.	DI PASQUALE, PHYLLIS	224.72	199. 29.	BUSH, JOHN (V)	388.55	406.02 1.	TURNER, WAYNE & RAYCENE SMITH TURNER	388.55
37. 12.	ROMERO, ELMER M & REGINA B	388.55	200. 8.	GONZALEZ, FRANK & MARIA	388.55	406.02 31.	CARDEN, WANDA	224.72
37. 13.	WALSH, FLORENCE M.	6,342.13	201. 55.	BUCKLEW, JAMES F & ANNE	388.55	406.03 2.	GARCIA, LIGIA	224.72
38. 3.	JIMENEZ, MARGARITA & MOLLOGON, JARIO A	388.55	202. 7.	CONROY, THOMAS J. & DIANE S.	6,230.67	406.03 12.	KAMEL, FRANCES	388.55
40. 6.	DE LOS SANTOS, GLAUCO	388.55	202. 19.	HELGESEN, J III & GIRANDOLA, DONNA	3,549.26	406.03 18.	WEEKS, TRENNEL	388.55
41. 13.	SUTTON, JEFFREY S. & SUSAN M.	388.55	202. 36.	NIKAS, GEORGE & GOLFO	224.72	407. 21.	YEFKO, GREGORY & BRIGITTE N.	388.55
53. 2.01	SERRANO, GRACIANO E ORELLANA	712.10	205. 14.	PERSAD, SAMUEL M & KIMBERLY R	388.55	407. 25.	RUIZ, CARLOS & OFELIA	388.55
56. 3.	ELIAS, WILFREDO E	224.72	211. 4.	GRIMALDI, DAVID M & SHERRI L	388.55	415. 10.	RODRIGUEZ, MANUEL & NORA	190.58
58. 14.	GARCIA, JOSE & LIGIA	4,509.10	211. 18.	CARVALHO, SANDRA & SANTIAGO, MARIO	224.62	416. 10.01	GRAY, JR., VINCENT N. & DANIELLE W.	226.01
60. 1.	VALERI, MARION E.	896.44	219. 12.	GRAY, HARLAN & ELIZABETH	224.72	425. 5.	F & M DECORATORS, INC. A NJ CORP.	2,178.86
60. 12.	SMITH, THOMAS & IRAIDA	388.55	221. 8.	CARDONE, WM & KAREN & LAURITZEN, JOAN	3,182.89	427. 4.02	KORKOWSKI, DENNIS B	224.72
65. 8.	KRAUS, ROBERT H & SEFEROGLU, HIVRON	9,616.14	221. 12.	SCHUCH, GARY	224.72	427. 16.	DOWLAT, JAIPERSAUD	388.55
65. 11.	DABNEY, WILLIAM & HUGHES-DABNEY, JANINE	423.97	221. 24.	HOLLOMAN, CORRIE (S)	226.78	427.01 1.06/C0002	JADALLAH, AMER	388.55
66. 12.	MEMON, RASHID AHMED	224.72	229. 21.	SIMPSON, RONALD & ANGELA	388.55	427.01 1.07/C0003	MCGUINNNESS, LAWRENCE E & ANNEMARIE	224.72
68. 4.	STOLARZ, ANNE B	2,445.37	231. 17.	NEWMAN, STEVEN R & LISA A	388.55	429. 1.	WEBER, MARION B	559.76
71. 3.	OYOLA, LUIS A & GISELLE E	222.69	233. 11.	HOH, ANTONIA J.	2,321.93	429. 2.	WEBER, MARION B	224.72
74. 24.	NEALS, THEODORE H	225.45	233. 24.	O'DONNELL, JOHN	712.10	437. 4.01/C0001	PAYTON, GAIL M.	224.72
74. 28.	ROTH, SUSAN L	3,347.60	234. 17.	KOWALSKI, ANTHONY & DANIELLE	225.94	447. 5.	ADA REALTY	5,018.00
77. 4.01	WILLIAMS, KENNETH L & ANDERSON, K	388.55	235. 18.	GAMBOA, CARLOS	1,714.83	449. 1.	2L HOLDINGS LLC	620.28
77. 5.01	MITLO, SR, SHAWN	3,389.97	238. 7.	MALAVARCA, KATHYLENE M	388.55	449. 6.	A.A. TRUCK RENTING CORP.	5,889.82
77. 32.01	CARSON, STEVEN	79.48	244. 14.	LOIACONO, CHARLES & SUSAN	388.55	449. 8.	A.A. TRUCK RENTING CORP.	1,264.40
82. 19.	COCHRANE, BRIAN & LAURIAN	223.32	245. 16.	RIVERA, JR, GILBERTO & RIVERA, VANESSA	1,640.04	467. 2.	HAYES, CRYSTAL Y & ANDRA	2,846.42
83. 3.	BARGE, JAIME & NICOLE	388.55	246. 3.	HUGHES, KEVIN R & CHERYL A	224.72	468. 4.	RICCA REALTY RENTAL GROUP LLC	2,011.99
91. 4.	WILLIAMS, TIMOTHY & NORMAN, PANDORA	388.55	248. 5.	RICKER, CLAIRE	1,584.07	498. 8.	EDWARDS, BRIAN T & LESKO, KATHLEEN D	388.55
91. 44.	BILAK, LISA	224.72	249. 18.	FANNIE MAE	1,649.47	528. 43/C0236	CAPONE, RAYMOND	4,627.12
97. 13.	CARLTON, JR., HAROLD C. & LINDA L.	75.69	249. 32.	GONZALES, CONO & MARTHA E.	3,970.39	528. 43/C0328	SLIWAKOWSKI, T J & LENARTOWICZ, J M	224.72
101. 1.01	KONIARELS, DEMETRIOS & STELIOS	5,803.40	254. 3.	KRIYA REALTY CORP (ATTN. PATEL)	22,449.68	528. 43/C0336	HARISINGHANI, DILIP & HARRISON, ANITA	1,257.50
114. 2.	MURPHY, COLEEN	224.72	254. 40.	OAK TREE REALTY HOLDINGS, LLC	13,312.96	528. 43/C0413	BEDI, MANISH	224.72
114. 7.	KOLODZIEJ, STEVEN P. & COUGHLIN, E.	224.72	254.03 4.	LEO, STEVE	388.55	528. 43/C0427	PHILLIPS, LANDRA & MILLIGAN, DARREN	224.72
118. 8.02	MIDDLETON, CARMENCITA V	225.46	255. 24.	PATEL REALTY, LLC	12,223.70	528. 43/C0523	DESAI, RATNA R	236.38
121. 2.	FONTI, RICHARD C.	388.55	258. 6.01	OMONIA HOLDING CO., INC.	4,398.76	528. 43/C0524	GASPER, JR, DANIEL	388.55
121. 5.	KENVIN, RICHARD & ANGELINA	388.55	259. 8.	BUYRITE AUTO STORES, INC	13,888.98	528. 43/C0631	WINDSOR FUNDING CORP & BELL, ERIC D	388.55
122. 27.	HASTINGS, REEVE	216.04	260. 22.	GUIDUCCI, MARIO	384.44	528. 43/C0712	TAMILARASAN, A S & VISWANATHAN, P	224.72
122. 77.	PAULS, SAMUEL J. & HEIDI H.	206.75	264. 5.01	MICHAEL MURRAY PROPERTIES, LLC	380.94	528. 43/C0731	FADAYOMI, BOROJI	388.55
122. 81.	SANTIAGO, SAMANTHA M & ROBERTO	224.72	264. 21.	ASCENCIO, CHRIS J. & ROSA & HERNANDEZ, L.	1,620.12	528. 43/C0821	GASPAR, DANIEL & MANUEL	224.72
126. 1.	DELLA SALA, GLENN & ANN	224.72	264. 22.	US BANK NAT'L ASSOCIATION-TRUSTEE	786.97	528. 43/C0925	PATEL, SONAL & KETAN	224.72
126. 11.	KOLLARIK, THOMAS V. & SUSAN R.	2,915.57	267. 19.	MAGANA, A & LOPEZ, C & SANCHEZ, H X	712.10	528. 43/C1122	BLARDONY, G & KIM, H & COQUIA, K	388.55
129. 13.	LEMONIAUS, AUNDRE & ELLIS, ISHEABA	388.55	269. 14.	GARCES, ALEXANDRA K	224.72	528. 43/C1125	RENGANATHAN, SRINIVASAN	388.55
132. 14.	BARBERIO, JOSEPH & ELLEN	388.55	272. 8.	CHAMPION, GEOFFREY P.	388.55	528. 43/C1710	RAO, GAUTAM & ARANHA, TRIOLA C	224.72
134. 8.	ANLAS, ANDREW J. & ELIZABETH	76.97	276. 2.	BROWN, OLIVER & CARRIE	199.83	528. 43/C2202	KABIR, ATIF & TABINDA ATIF	223.70
135. 1.	PRICE, CONSTANCE & DEMETRIS R	388.55	276. 3.	DE MARTINO ET UX THOMAS	622.22	528. 43/C2504	ESTEVEZ, MICHELLE	224.72
135. 7.	JACKSON, APRIL	388.55	277. 1.	MIGUEL, MARK	1,044.65	528.01 45.08	SOUTHFIELD CROWN REALTY LLC	17,301.91
135. 27.	GUARINO, LAWRENCE	388.55	279. 5.	MAIMONE, JANET	388.55	528.04 42.	FRANCO, DON M. & TWYLA D.	224.72
138. 2.	TOCA, FREDDY R. & NIEVES, LOURDES	388.55	279. 9.	ORTIZ, DANIEL & AWILDA	388.55	531. 2.	ROBINSON, JAMES E & VINESSA T	388.55
139. 19.	ROSADO, WILFREDO	224.7						

Free Oral Cancer Screening

Middlesex County College will host an oral cancer screening for adults on Tuesday, April 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Dental Hygiene Clinic in L'Hommedieu Hall on the Edison campus. The event is free and open to the public; pre-registration is not necessary. The noon to 1 p.m. hour is reserved for college faculty, staff and students; any adult is welcome from 9 a.m. until noon.

"April is Oral Cancer Awareness Month and it is a good time to focus on this issue," said Lynn Tobin, adjunct faculty member in the college's dental hygiene program. "It is a disease that is often curable if you catch it early, but can be fatal if not diagnosed in time. Oral cancer kills more than 8,000 people a year."

Tobin is a member of the Oral Can-

cer Workgroup, an organization of medical professionals from New Jersey who are attempting to raise awareness and encourage screenings. The college is the only place in Middlesex County that is performing the free screenings.

Anyone who receives a screening will be entered into a drawing for either a Waterpik Sensonic professional power toothbrush (\$80 value) or a Sonicare FlexCare power toothbrush with UV Sanitizer (\$140 value).

The screenings are aimed at those 18 and over. The procedure, which takes about 10 minutes once the patient is in the dental chair, will be performed by volunteer dentists and oral surgeons.

For more information, email Professor Tobin at jaltobin@comcast.net.

Applications for Hall of Fame

South Plainfield High School's "Hall of Fame" applications are now available online. To submit your application, please visit www.spnet.k12.nj.us and click on the high school page.

The "Hall of Fame" was established at SPHS to recognize outstanding graduates. Honoring these successful graduates as leaders in their fields and community provides current students with positive role models.

Candidates must have graduated from SPHS at least 15 years prior to nomination and have significant contributions in academics, business, community participation and service to humanity.

The application deadline is Friday, April 8. For more information or if you have any questions, please call the high school at (908) 754-4620, ext. 248.

In My Opinion

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the disciplinarian. We have met with the police. My daughter was suspended for using foul language in gym class after being called a fat b***h one time too many by one of her former friends that decided it's safer to be on the side of the thug and not be a daily target like my daughter. So now she has to contend with a group of thugs. She finally lost her cool.

I do not condone my daughter's use of foul language. But she's at the end of her rope. She has cried out for help since September and the high school appears powerless to help her. My only regret is that this thug didn't take a swing at my daughter during the altercation. I'm fairly confident that if my daughter was forced to defend herself, the suspension would have been well worth the message that she would have delivered.

But, you see, bullies don't work that way. Female bullies in particular. Their courage comes from numbers. They travel in cliques or packs like wolves. They prey on the kind-hearted or perceived weak. But they are cowards one on one and mistake being feared for being respected. People see what's going on but don't want to be the next target.

Now, I know the people involved in this psychological torture against

my daughter may read this and laugh. And you will say it's her, not me. Or you may even deny to yourself that you are part of this cabal.

You have all participated in a conspiracy knowingly or not to undermine my daughter's self confidence, sweet disposition and well-being. She dreads going to school. She isolates herself from her perceived friends because she's afraid something she may say in casual conversation may be misconstrued and used against her. She's been forced to disassociate herself from all of her friends because of you. She has had to change classes and tries to avoid you whenever she can. But, you still seek her out. My daughter dreaded involving us in this matter, for she knew how that would play out as well. You have succeeded in ruining her senior year of high school. And still you persist!

But my question to you is—What is your end game? What will it take for you to stop your daily campaign of stealth cruelty towards my daughter? Will you wait until tragedy occurs, and say "we were just kidding"? Is it easier for you to drag others down than to better yourself? Many of you will be mothers someday. How will you console your daughter as her physical and psychological well-being deteriorates in front of your eyes?

When they dread going to school, and come home and go to their room and cry themselves to sleep will it be the sins of your past haunting you?

My silence and passive action in this matter ends today.

Although no charges have been filed to date, I've been documenting every action, recording the times, dates and who was there. I have a two inch thick file. This is my last plea for my daughter. Leave her alone or a civil complaint will be forthcoming. In case you haven't been paying attention, bullies are not fairing too well in courtrooms these days.

Your actions indicate to me that you are either naive about what you have been a part of or depraved. At this point you are one and the same.

To the good students of SPHS—Stand up together against these miscreants. There are many more of you than there are of them.

Lastly, to my daughter Cassie. You have continued on with your dream in spite of all this around you. You are the sweetest, most caring and beautiful daughter any father could hope for. You have taken the high road. And you have become stronger and better for it. I love you with all my heart and I am so proud of you. Live your dream.

**SINCERELY,
GARY PRENDERGAST**

Obituaries

Stephen Austin Maszczak



Stephen Maszczak

Stephen Austin Maszczak, born May 30, 2003 went to be with his heavenly father Jesus Christ at 4:30 p.m. on March 14 from Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma.

Stephen was a light to everyone that knew him and his light continues on in heaven.

He is survived by his mother and father, Tara and Stephen; sisters Thea, Faith and Sofie, and many extended family members. We love you buddy and can't wait to see you in heaven!

A funeral service was held at Evangel Church in Scotch Plains yesterday.

To read more about Stephen's battle, visit www.stephenastinmiracle.org.

Richard Reilly

Richard Reilly died on Sunday, March 6 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in Newark, Richard was raised in Irvington and lived in High Bridge before moving to Annandale.

He attended the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut and was employed by Johnson & Johnson in Raritan.

Richard was an avid outdoors man who sought adventure. He enjoyed hiking, mountain biking, kayaking, play-

ing tennis and several other outdoor activities but his passion was skiing.

He leaves behind his beloved wife, Sylvia Jamieson-Reilly; a sister, Joan Mullener; four step-children; eight-step grandchildren; and three nieces and one nephew.

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

John Gilliland, 88

John Gilliland died on Wednesday, March 9.

Born and raised in Jamesburg, John lived in Edison before moving to South Plainfield 55 years ago.

John worked for Bristol Myers Squibb in New Brunswick as a sterile mechanic.

He served with the Army during WWII and was stationed in England and Germany. He received the American Theater Ribbon, the European Middle Eastern Victory Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. He was also a member of the South Plainfield American Legion Chaumont Post #243.

Along with his late wife Dorothy, who died in 1991, John was active in dog shows specializing in the German Shepherd breed. He was a member of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America and the Mid Jersey German Shepherd Dog Club. He had shown his dogs in a variety of dog shows throughout the

United States for many years, including the Westminster Dog Show at Madison Square Garden. John had one dog achieve its champion status.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Gilliland is predeceased by his parents, William and Mary Gilliland; a sister Elizabeth Dudkin and a brother, Lester.

He is survived by his daughter, Jane Gilliland of South Plainfield; two sons, John R. and wife Sharon, also of South Plainfield and Frederick of Bound Brook; three sisters, Willetta Paprocki of Spotswood, Ethel Shea and Dorothy Phares, both of Jamesburg; and two brothers, William and Robert Gilliland, both of Spotswood. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

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

Joseph V. Belardo, 91

Joseph V. Belardo died on Saturday, March 12 at The Woodlands Genesis Elder Care in Plainfield.

Born and raised in Plainfield, Mr. Belardo resided in South Plainfield for the past 57 years.

He worked for Harris Structural Steel in South Plainfield as a plant manager for his entire career.

A veteran of WWII, Joe served as a staff sergeant with the U.S. Army in

the 83rd Infantry Division. During battle in the European Theatre, Mr. Belardo served as General Patton's forward infantry platoon leader. A recipient of the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantry Badge, Joe also received numerous overseas valorous commendations and was the last living member of his platoon.

Joe was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather to his family.

He is predeceased by a sister, Betty Debbie; three brothers, Sal, Dominic and Vincent; and a grandson, Scott Ribar.

Surviving are his wife, Mary L. (DelliPoali); a daughter, Brenda Ribar and husband Kenneth of South Plainfield; a son, Joseph M. Belardo and wife Nancy, also of South Plainfield; a sister, Angie Perrucci of Phillipsburg; and a brother, John and wife Ann of Martinsville. Also surviving are five grandchildren, Keith (Robin) and Kendall Ribar and Mary Belardo (Jason VanDerveer), Joseph (Bethann) and Patrick (Beth) Belardo; and four great-grandchildren, Olivia, Lily and Julian Belardo and Jonathan VanDerveer.

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

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, D.C. 20090-6011 or www.alz.org.

Frederick R. Horne, 69

Frederick R. Horne died on Thursday, March 10 at Community Medical Center in Toms River.

Fred was born in England, resided in the Central Jersey area for 30 years and settled in Toms River in 1999.

He was a 30 year master auto technician who loved car shows and was a member of the Outcast Cruisers car club.

Surviving are his fiancé, Joanne Pepe and her family; a son, Fred Vonhorn; a sister, Erica Demaiza; two grandchildren, Ashley and Derek; and three beloved dogs, Muffy, Cookie and Shorty.

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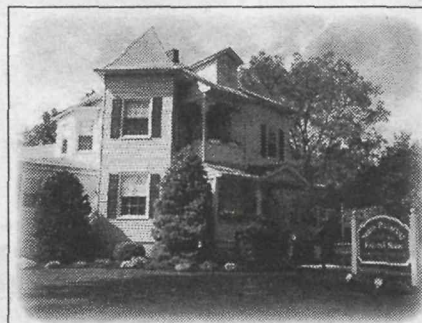
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Bookmarks

By Eve Pasternak

Sunday, March 20 is the first day of spring, and your library will help you "spring forward" with great ideas. There is a season's full of materials to enjoy, including children's picture books and counting books. Look for *Hooray for Spring!* by Kazuo Iwamura or *The Twelve Days of Springtime* by Deborah Lee Rose; romances such as *Come the Spring* by Julie Garwood or *Second Spring* by Andrew M. Greeley; and mysteries *Too Many Murders* by Colleen McCullough and *A Killing Spring* by Jane Bowen, to name just two. There are also movies, *Eloise in Springtime* and *The Secret Garden* for children and *Blazing Saddles* for the adults. (When it was released in France, it was titled *Springtime for the Sheriff*, and any reason is a good excuse to rewatch it.)

Animals celebrate spring by coming out of hibernation. For a chance to meet some furry friends up close, come to Mammal Mania on Wednesday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. New Jersey-based wildlife education group, Eyes of the Wild, will present an exciting program with live animals. Children will learn about mammals from all over the world: their behaviors, habitats and relationships with humans. Recommended for children ages four and over. Pre-registration is not required, but parents must bring in a canned food item for the Middlesex County Community Food Drive to cover the admission charge.

Spring makes people sing, and there is plenty of good music for the season. Classical lovers will enjoy Vivaldi's "Spring" concerto (on CD 1445 or JCD 29) or Stravinsky's "Rites of Spring" (CD 869, and also in the movie *Fantasia*). Barbra Streisand sings "Spring Can Really Hang You Up the Most" (CD 1878) and the Court Yard Hounds have "See You in the Spring" (CD 1962). The library's diverse music collection also includes Isaac Hayes ("Tahoe Spring," CD 1764), Johnny Mathis ("Spring is Here," CD 223) and the music from *Riverdance* (including "Slip into Spring," CD 564).

I haven't begun to touch on other springtime activities that can be inspired and enhanced at the library. There is spring cleaning (look at the book at 648.5 NAS for a start) and gardening (over 200 books on the subject are found in the section with call numbers starting 635). You can cook with seasonal foods—get ideas from *Gather: Memorable Menus for Entertaining Throughout the Seasons* by Georgeanne Brennan (642 BRE) and create spring crafts (*Gooseberry Patch Celebrates the Seasons*, 745.5941 GOO).

And of course, baseball. The library has books for all ages, including histories of the game and your favorite teams, biographies of players and fiction based on America's favorite pastime. For movie-watchers, there are documentaries, memorable games and features such as *The Natural* and *Mr. 3000*. Players and coaches can look for books and DVDs to help improve your game; they can be found near the other books at 796.357.

If your younger children want to hear some stories and sing some songs about spring, bring them to storytimes this week. There will be programs Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. for children four and older. Two- and three-year-olds will enjoy stories at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. Children two and under are invited to "Babytime" with Miss Linda on Friday at 10:30 a.m. All programs are free and no registration is needed for storytimes.

Looking ahead to the next spring holiday, there will be a Kidcraft program on Monday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Children ages six through 10 will make something special for Easter. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. A \$1 materials fee is payable upon registration. Spring is a time for fresh starts and renewals. Try something new or renew your acquaintance with a favorite book, movie or music. The library is full of great material ready to spring forth! (And don't forget that borrowed items can be renewed in person, online or by calling ELVIS at (908) 757-3280.)

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LEGAL NOTICE

March 9, 2011

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on March 8, 2011.

A. Case # 675/# 735/V-Keval Holdings, LLC. 1600-1604 Park Avenue, Block 97; Lot 1; OBC-1 Zone. The applicant's request for a parking space variance, the restriction for the 2nd floor occupancy: lifted & removed and preliminary & final site plan approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Recording Secretary-Planning Board

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March 18, 2011

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IRS Launches the IRS2Go App for iPhone, Android

The Internal Revenue Service unveiled IRS2Go, its first smartphone application that lets taxpayers check on the status of their tax refund and obtain helpful tax information.

"This new smart phone app reflects our commitment to modernizing the agency and engaging taxpayers where they want when they want it," said IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman. "As technology evolves and younger taxpayers get their information in new ways, we will keep innovating to make it easy for all taxpayers to access

helpful information."

The IRS2Go phone app gives people a convenient way of checking on their federal refund. It also gives people a quick way of obtaining easy-to-understand tax tips.

Apple users can download the free IRS2Go application by visiting the Apple App Store. Android users can visit the Android Marketplace to download the free IRS2Go app.

The mobile app, among a handful in the federal government, offers a number of safe and secure ways to

help taxpayers. Features of the first release of the IRS2Go app include:

Taxpayers can check the status of their federal refund through the new phone app with a few basic pieces of information. Taxpayers enter a social security number, which is masked and encrypted for security purposes. Next, taxpayers pick the filing status they used on their tax return. Finally, taxpayers enter the amount of the refund they expect from their 2010 tax return.

For people who e-file, the refund function of the phone app will work within about 72 hours after taxpayers receive an e-mail acknowledgement saying the IRS received their tax return. For people filing paper tax returns, longer processing times mean they will need to wait three to four weeks before they can check their refund status.

Phone app users enter their e-mail address to automatically get daily tax tips. Tax Tips are simple, straightforward tips and reminders to help with tax planning and preparation. Tax Tips are issued daily during the tax filing season and periodically during the rest of the year. The plain English updates cover topics such as free tax help, child tax credits, the Earned Income Tax Credit, education credits and other topics.

Taxpayers can sign up to follow the IRS Twitter news feed, @IRSnews. IRSnews provides the latest federal tax news and information for taxpayers.

IRS2Go is the latest IRS effort to provide information to taxpayers beyond traditional channels. The IRS also uses tools such as YouTube and Twitter to share the latest information on tax changes, initiatives, products and services through social media channels. For more information on IRS2Go and other new media products, visit www.irs.gov.

Revised Tax Cut Legislation Extends Energy Efficiency Tax Credits

Legislation passed into law recently has extended the tax credits for homeowners who make qualified energy efficient retrofits to their homes. Known as the 25C Tax Credits, these tax credits are extended through 2011, but contain some differences from the previous 2009-2010 tax credits that homeowners should be aware of such as: a cap on the total amount of credits homeowners are eligible for, varying maximums set by product group and changes in qualifying equipment standards.

Through December 31, 2011, eligible homeowners can claim 10% of the costs, capped at \$500, for the installation of qualified energy efficient improvements, with some limitations. The cap is on the total amount of credits a homeowner can claim between 2006 and 2011, not just for 2011. Kevin Perri, president of A.J. Perri states, "A homeowner who has already claimed \$500 or more in credit through this allowance will be unable to claim new credits for improvement made during 2011."

Next, all qualifying energy efficient products have a tax credit worth 10% of installed costs with restrictions set to establish maximum limits for the different product categories. Qualifying central air conditioners have a \$300 maximum; gas furnaces, oil furnaces, boilers a \$150 maximum; heat pumps a \$300 maximum; and water heaters a \$300 maximum. These individual maximum amounts are additive to a \$500 maximum lifetime tax credit.

The qualifying standards for the central air conditioners, heat pumps and water heaters have not changed; however, the new law increases the qualifying standards for natural gas hot water boilers, propane hot water boilers, oil furnaces and oil hot water boilers to 95% AFUE (from 90% AFUE). The qualifying standards for natural gas furnaces and propane furnaces remain at 95% AFUE.

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Sports

By Gary Lampasona

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

It's warming up. Now, we need the rain to go away.

Preseason Work Detail: We are making good progress at the complex, but there is a lot more work to do. Thanks to those that helped last Saturday; field #1 is close to being completed. The schedule for the remaining weeks of preseason work detail is below, but we could use all the help we can get.

- March 19 at 8 a.m.-Parents of 9 & 10 year olds
- March 26 at 8 a.m.-Parents of 11, 12 & 14 year olds
- April 2 at 8 a.m.-Parents of 13, 15 & 16 year olds

Correction: Rutgers Certification Class-The lone class is Wednesday, March 23 in the SPJBC clubhouse beginning at 6:45 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's Certification are a must.

New Parent Orientation: Any parents that are new to the SPJBC, or if you just want to know more attend the New Parent Orientation on Wednesday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the clubhouse.

SPJBC presents the Second Annual Spring Training for Small Fry Players-Get trained by South Plainfield High School coaches and players. Camp is held at the South Plainfield

High School gym on consecutive Sundays: March 20 and 27 from 8 a.m. to noon for ages seven to nine and from 1 to 4 p.m. for ages 10-12. Cost is \$30 for each player, with proceeds going towards the high school baseball program. Not registered? Pay at the door or contact Coach Guida at the high school.

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 served basis, so come early. You can 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 your player or team on. 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 three weeks away.

You can find all this and more information on our website, www.leaguelineup.com/spjbc.

"Baseball, it is said, is only a game. True. And the Grand Canyon is only a hole in Arizona. Not all holes, or games, are created equal."

-George F. Will



RECREATION NOTES

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

- Sunday, March 20, 9-11 a.m. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.; and
 - Saturday, March 26, 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 in.
- For more information, call Kevin Hughes at (908) 226-7713.

Volunteer at Barclays Golf Tournament

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To register on-line, visit the Barclays volunteer website at <http://barclaysvolunteers.pgatourhq.com/>.

SPHS BOWLING

By RALPH FECH



The SPHS girls varsity bowling team completed its 2010/2011 season with a 5-14-1 record in the rugged White Division in the GMC. Kneeling (L-R): Nicole Benwell, Allison Yuschik, Brianna Kizmann and Allyson White; standing (L-R): Assistant Volunteer Coach Lori Gerstl, Nicole Disch (MVP), Stephanie Sherwood, Angela Tharp (Rookie of the Year) and Coach Ralph Fech. Not pictured: Rebecca Moskal and Allison Gorman.

U-12 ARSENAL

By Mark Resende

Arsenal Defeat Westfield In Season Opener

Even though winter is still upon us, and we are only a few short weeks removed from snow-covered landscapes, the spring portion of the travel soccer season has already started. Arsenal, the U-12 boys team from the South Plainfield Soccer Club, opened their schedule with a home tilt against Westfield Fiorentina played on Memorial Field on March 13.

The first half was played to a scoreless tie, but Arsenal controlled most of the action and had several shots on goal. Arsenal continued to dominate play in the second half and finally broke through in the 40th minute. Arsenal was awarded a free-kick near midfield that was taken by defender Mason Resende. He sent the ball upfield to a streaking Ricky Pellegrino who then fired a strong shot on goal that was saved by the Westfield keeper. The rebound went across the penalty area to Jason Belanger who was alone

in front, and he found the back of the net for the 1-0 lead.

Arsenal would not relent and kept the pressure on, and their hard work paid off in the 39th minute. A fast-paced sequence of passes and deflections saw the ball go from Alec Paez to Jack Cochrane to Jake Hoffman, and Jake blasted it in for a 2-0 lead. That would prove to be the final score as Arsenal goalie Nick Plate stopped everything that came his way to earn the shutout victory.

All of the young men played well in the brisk, cloudy conditions, including Edwin Rivas, Dylan O'Connor, Cristian Butrico, Jason Cieszkiewicz, Jared Marks and Caleb Kuberiet. The coaches for Arsenal are Dave Cieszkiewicz, Greg Hoffman and Steve Belanger.

Arsenal's next game will be on the road against the Woodbridge Warriors. Go Arsenal!

SOCCER CLUB

By Dawn Hutchison

Spring Soccer: Upcoming Events

Welcome to spring soccer at the SPSC. Many of our teams took to the fields for the first time this season to meet their opponents, home and away. Thankfully the weather cooperated, a bit chilly, but all in all a good weekend to start out. Some of our teams had games rescheduled due to opponents not having fields ready, so they will wait to have their opening games next week.

A few reminders: Canning will take place during the month of April. The dates are as follows: Friday through Sunday, April 1-3; Thursday through Sunday, April 7-10; Thursday, April 14; Thursday, April 21 and Thursday through Sunday, April 28 through May 1.

These are the only dates that we have secured for the spring canning session, so be sure to arrange your date as soon as possible to ensure you get a date and time that works for you. In order to schedule your date, please contact Laura Sansone at (908) 755-3626 (home) or (908) 370-8118 (cell). Please see full details regarding canning in your emails from the club and your coaches. Remember, represent the club well during canning. We appreciate the support that the public gives us during the drive and we should be respectful of the businesses that allow us to "can" outside their establishments.

There will be a field duty Saturday,

March 19 from 8 a.m. to noon. We are looking for help from our club members in getting the fields and facilities ready for the games. If you can help out, please report to the snackstand at 8 a.m. Be sure to sign in and you will get credit for satisfying your work bond.

The SPSC will be holding an open house on Saturday, April 2 from 10 a.m. to noon. We welcome children ages seven to 13 to come out and experience what the club is all about. Come see a few of our teams in action, take to the field for skills and drills, meet representatives from the New York Red Bulls, our club trainers, and participate in a "shoot out" contest. Be sure to wear your cleats and shin guards and comfortable clothing to be a part of the fun! Board members and club members will be on hand to answer any questions you might have about being a part of the SPSC.

For more information, please call the club at (908) 755-3550; leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Here's this weekend's busy home schedule:

- Warriors: 3/19/11 (Sat); 11:00 a.m.; Kenneth #2
- Wanderers: 3/20/11 (Sun); 12:30 p.m.; Kenneth #1
- Mustangs: 3/20/11 (Sun); 2:30 p.m.; Kenneth #1
- Ambush: 3/20/11 (Sun); 4:30 p.m.; Kenneth #1
- Spartans: 3/20/11 (Sun); 1:00 p.m.; Kenneth #2
- Eclipse: 3/20/11 (Sun); 2:30 p.m.; Kenneth #2
- Storm: 3/20/11 (Sun); 3:30 p.m.; Memorial Field

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