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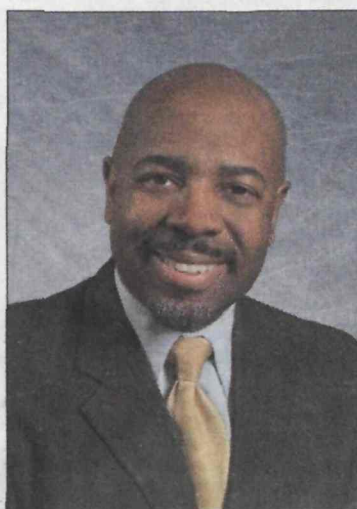
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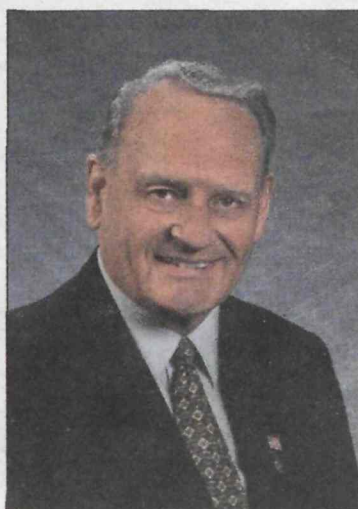
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Alex Barletta



Derryck White



Dick Frank

GOP Taps Barletta, White, Frank To Run for Borough Council

Councilman Alex Barletta, Zoning Board member Derryck White and former American Legion Commander Dick Frank will lead the GOP ticket when voters go to the polls this fall to fill three council seats.

The GOP picked the trio after a two month long candidate search and an open screening. According to Mayor Matt Anesh, the results could

not be better.

"This is a top-flight ticket," said Anesh. "Alex, Derryck and Dick get it. They know the work that needs to be done for South Plainfield's families, and they know how to get it done."

Barletta and White were the unanimous choice for two three-year seats on the council, and Frank will be seeking a one-year unexpired term.

According to GOP Chair April Bengivenga, all three are top-tier candidates. "Alex, Derryck and Dick agree on the need to make South Plainfield more affordable. They're a dynamic team with a strong desire to do what's right."

Barletta already sits on the council, where he fills the seat Anesh gave up after being sworn in as mayor. He sees controlling taxes and spending as his top goal. "Last year's tax cut was a great start, but now we need to hold the line," said Barletta. "We can't afford to lose any ground."

White agrees. "Families are seeing everything go up, especially food and gas prices. As a father of young kids, I know how hard it is. That's why I'll work to make sure every penny we spend is well spent. It's coming out of people's pockets."

White said he was pleased to see that South Plainfield had the best record in the county last year on taxes. "I want to help keep that record going," he said.

Dick Frank also believes it's important to hold the line. "But we have

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Meet the BOE Candidates Night

The Middle School PTO is sponsoring a Board of Education Meet the Candidates Night on Thursday, April 7 at Kennedy School on Norwood Avenue at 7 p.m. Incumbents Steve Bohn, Pio Pennisi and Sharon Miller and newcomers are John Farinella, Michael Gregov, Jinesh Shah and Joseph Sorrentino will be vying for three open seats on the board.

The format for the evening will be opening and closing statements from each candidate as well as a

question and answer session with them from the audience. Bill Cochrane will be the moderator and coffee and cake will be served.

It is important to attend, as three of these individuals will be making decisions concerning future school budgets and overseeing the operation of all schools in the district.

Elections for school board members will take place on Wednesday, April 27, as well the vote on the 2011/2012 school budget.

Hanlon Named Principal Of Holy Savior Academy



Melinda Hanlon

A warm and charming lady with a strong sense of humor, Hanlon appeared relaxed and knowledgeable about the school she will lead. "To say that I am very excited is an understatement," she said. "I am very happy that I was chosen to lead Holy Savior Academy. It's rare that principals are part of the creative process of helping to found a new school, and I will use all of my experience, education and ability to ensure that Holy Savior Academy becomes an outstanding school in the diocese."

Holy Savior Academy was created by the Middlebrook Deanery, which consists of 12 parishes, by merging four schools in the deanery—Sacred Heart School in South Plainfield, Our Lady of Fatima in Piscataway, Our Lady of Mount Virgin in Middlesex and Holy Family Academy in Bound Brook. "Holy Savior Academy is a regional elementary school," Hanlon said, "and in my opinion, regionalization represents the future in Catholic education."

"Our goal at Holy Savior Academy will be to educate for the 21st century. Our job is not just to teach but to prepare them for life. Parochial schools have a strong community, a familial atmosphere which parents like, and I intend to be sure that atmosphere is fostered by being a visible presence in the school," she continued. "Having been a lifelong student myself, I intend to be the lead student and the lead teacher!"

Interviews for faculty positions
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Anjali Blow, winner of the essay contest, "What My State Means to Me" with NJ State Senator and Majority Leader Barbara Buono, Roosevelt School Principal Robert Diehl and Acting Superintendent Gary Bowen.

Roosevelt Student Wins "What My State Means to Me" Essay Contest

By Libby Barsky

Anjali Blow, a fourth grader at Roosevelt School, is this year's winner of the "What My State Means to Me" essay contest. The contest was open to all fourth graders in South Plainfield, with only one winner chosen from the four district schools. The contest

was established by New Jersey State Senator and Majority Leader Barbara Buono eight years ago for fourth graders in elementary schools in the 18th district.

Last Friday, Senator Buono presented Anjali with a certificate and \$25 at Roosevelt School.

"You have made my day. This is the most enthusiastic school I have been at. You need to know that New Jersey has the best education system in the nation!" Buono told the students at a special ceremony attended by all the students in Roosevelt. Also attending were Acting Superintendent Dr. Gary Bowen; Anjali's parents, Scott and Lynda Blow; brother Aiden; sister Ariya and grandparents Jay and Eileen Algoo of South Plainfield and James and Marietta Blow of Piscataway.

Although scenic and historic areas in New Jersey are featured in Anjali's essay she emphasized family in her first paragraph, declaring her love of the state saying, "...I was born at the

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Notice of SPECIAL MEETINGS

Residents are encouraged to attend the Monday, March 28, 6 p.m. Board of Education public hearing on the
2011/2012 PROPOSED BUDGET & ADOPTION OF THE FINAL BUDGET

Roosevelt Admin. Bldg., 125 Jackson Avenue



At a public meeting on Monday, March 28 at 7 p.m. the Borough Council will present the
2011 BUDGET INTRODUCTION at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue. The public is encouraged to attend.

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council meetings

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

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

Agenda Meeting Public Meeting

Special Meeting, March 28-2011 Budget Introduction

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

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

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.)

April 6

Regular Public Meeting (begin at 7:30 p.m.): April 13

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.

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In My Opinion

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Dear Editor,

I am proud to announce that South Plainfield will receive a piece of steel from the World Trade Center. This steel will be displayed in the borough as a memorial to those who lost their lives on that awful day, as well as to remember the brave emergency workers and volunteers who worked so hard to save people's lives.

As we approach the 10th anniversary of 9/11, this small remnant of that disaster will remind us of the strength and vitality of our great country and how we, when working together, can bounce back from even the worst tragedy.

I am grateful that Janet McCoid, a resident in South Plainfield, brought this to my attention and we were able to work with Deputy Executive Director Bill Baroni and Norma Manigan of the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey.

**SINCERELY,
CHRISSE BUTEAS,
COUNCILWOMAN**

To the Editor:

From all of us at the Elks, thank you for your continued support. We did so well with our corned beef dinner, we ran out of food with our last customers. Talk about perfect timing!

Again, thank you so much.

**REGARDS,
LOU PERALTA**

To the Editor:

As a charter member and having served for 10 years on the South Plainfield Juvenile Conference Committee, I am a bit upset by the letter from Gary Prendergast (*Observer*-March 18).

I think a complaint should have been filed early on and maybe there would have been a different handling of the whole thing. If it had been brought to the conference committee, maybe two hearing sessions (with the prospect of time in the county Juvenile Detention Center and the

possibility of experiencing real "bullying") may have put a different light on the whole thing.

I have been wondering why the bully's parents were not mentioned in the letter. How could they not have been aware of what was going on?

WILLIAM TUTHILL

To the Editor:

It is that time of year again for the annual MS Walk. On Sunday, April 10, my daughter and I will be walking at Babbage Park in North Brunswick with our team, "Angel Network," along with family and friends for the 23rd annual Walk MS benefiting the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and it's Mid Jersey Chapter. Close to 4,300 walkers and over 300 volunteers will participate in this exciting event being held throughout the central New Jersey region. Registration starts at 9 a.m. and the walk will begin at 10 a.m. Please arrive by early for a team photo.

MS is a chronic, often disabling disease that attacks your nervous system. The progress, severity, and specific symptoms of the disease cannot be predicted and symptoms may range from numbness to paralysis to blindness. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50 (which is the case for both my daughter and I) but, the unpredictable physical and emotional effects can last forever. The National MS Society is dedicated to ending the devastating effects of multiple sclerosis.

With your help, we hope to make a difference in the lives of those with MS by helping the National MS Society raise funds to find a cure. Our personal goal is to raise \$3,000 by April 25 and we are asking you to assist us with reaching this goal. Any donation amount you can offer will be greatly appreciated!

Please feel free to share this donation letter with your family members, friends and anyone you know who would like to join us walk to create a world free of MS on April 10. The MS Society home page is: www.nationalmssociety.org and click MS Walk for further details and remember join the "Angel Network" team. If you have any questions, please contact me at (908) 561-6470 or via email at

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jackeejackson@aol.com.

Thank you in advance for your support as always.

**LOVE, PEACE AND BLESSINGS,
JACKIE AND SHAHIEDA JACKSON**

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my extreme displeasure at the Borough Council's Republican Majority for its attempt to waste my tax dollars by proposing to sell the Plainfield Avenue library property in a desperate, fiscally irresponsible manner. They put the library property up for auction in the worst recession of our time, which I need not remind you was brought about by the complete collapse of our real estate market. As a result, this property is now worth a little over 2/3 of the price it cost the town to acquire it. This means taxpayers would have experienced a net loss to the tune of nearly \$220,000. I am thankful that no one came forward this week to purchase the property.

The Republican council members' lack of fiscal cognizance on this issue is galling to me, and I'm frankly offended by the haphazard way my hard earned tax dollars are evidently being cast aside. This proposal should be seen for what it undoubtedly is: a one-shot budget gimmick that would have resulted in a massive loss for South Plainfield. Clearly, this property sale money was intended to be used towards this year's budget, not toward a new library, based on the comments of our CFO during the last council meeting. In summary, he stated that he is not sure where the budget stands at this point based on failure of the property to sell.

Aside from the loss, the fiscal irre-
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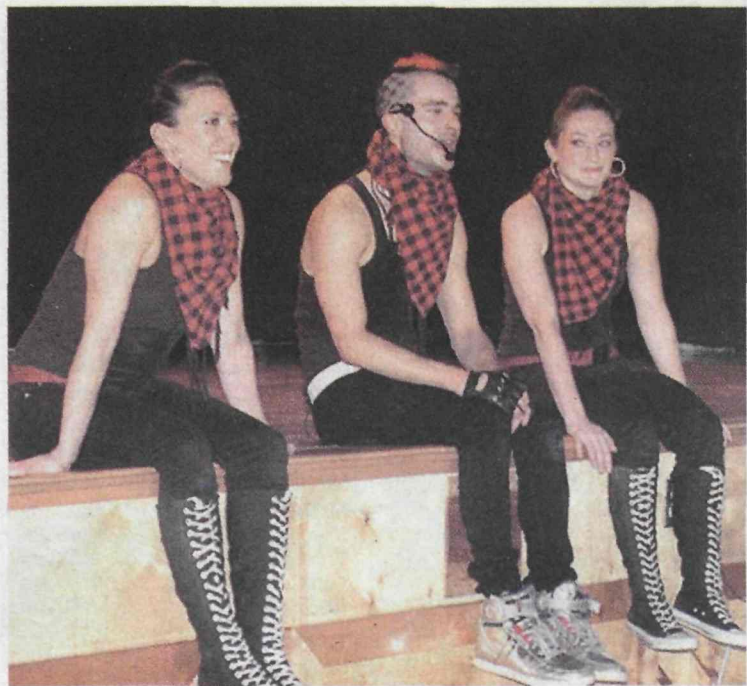
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Anti-Bullying Assembly Held at the Middle School



Jim Linehan Dance Troupe visit South Plainfield Middle School during the anti-bullying assembly.

By Jane Dornick

Middle School students were visited by Jim Linehan Dance Troupe as part of an anti-bullying bill signed into effect in January by Gov. Chris

Christie. The troupe's high energy assembly promoted an anti-drug/anti-alcohol lifestyle and the amazing things that children can do with their life when they respect and care for themselves and those around them.

The anti-bullying portion focuses on learning to accept each person's differences and uniqueness. Respect, responsibility and tolerance were themes that the three dancers in the troupe conveyed through their performance and speeches afterwards.

During the 45 minute presentation, the message of perseverance, following one's dream and setting positive life goals was spread, while the students also enjoyed eye-popping, energetic choreography.

The state's new Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights is intended to eliminate loopholes in the first anti-bullying law, enacted in 2002, that encouraged school districts to set up programs to combat bullying, but did not mandate that they do so. The bill gained momentum after the suicide last September of Rutgers freshman Tyler Clementi, whose roommate streamed a romantic encounter between him and another man on the Internet.

As part of the new law, training will be required for public school teachers, administrators and other employees on how to spot bullying and mandates that all districts form a "school safety team" to review complaints. The assembly was sponsored by the PTO.

MCC to Offer Workshops on Financial Aid Process

Workshops on applying for financial aid for college will be offered at Middlesex County College. The workshops, which are open to current Middlesex students and those who have applied, will be held on the college's Edison campus and the New Brunswick Center.

"The financial aid process can sometimes be confusing," said Aretha Watson, director of admissions and assistant dean of enrollment and student support services. "At this workshop,

we'll help you go online and apply. By the time you finish the workshop, you will have applied for aid."

The workshops on the Edison campus, 2600 Woodbridge Ave., will be held Mondays through April 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Thursdays through April 28 from 2-4 p.m. In addition, the workshops will be held from 9-11 a.m. on the following Saturdays: April 9, April 30, May 7 and May 14.

The New Brunswick sessions, which

are at 140 New St., will be at 6 p.m. on April 6, April 27, May 11 and June 15.

To register for a workshop on the Edison campus, call (732) 548-6000, ext. 3711; for a workshop at the New Brunswick Center, email infonb@middlesexcc.edu or call (732) 745-8866. You will receive an email listing the items you need to bring with you on that day.



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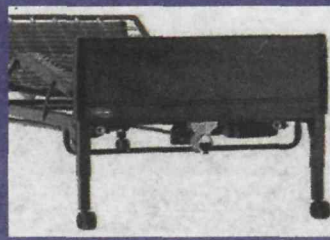
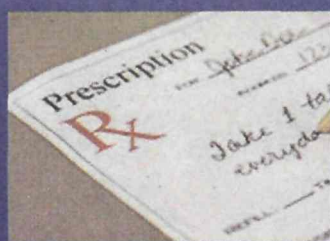


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Middle School PTO/PBA Volleyball Game

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 Maszczak Family. Tickets are \$4 each and can be purchased at the door.

Register your team ASAP; six to 12 players for \$50. 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 sold at the door. All are welcome. Menu: Corned

beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, soda bread, coffee, tea, cake and soda. Live entertainment, 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 annual spaghetti dinner will take place on Saturday, April 2 from 4-8 p.m. at the American Legion Chaumont Post #243 on Oak Tree Avenue. Cost: \$5 per person 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 15 year reunion will be held Saturday, April 2 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.

SPHS Musical Footloose To Open

April 7

The annual South Plainfield High School musical, under the direction of Chrissy Brikin, *Footloose* will have four performances starting Thursday, April 7 through Sunday, April 10 at South Plainfield High School.

Footloose tells the story of Ren McCormack, an energetic dancer who moves to a small Texas town where dancing has been outlawed and is illegal due to the influence of the Reverend Shaw Moore. Moore's daughter, Ariel, and many friends find they can't stop dancing once they start to move. *Footloose* has the entire cast moving despite the

many attempts by the adults to stop the "rock and roll" music.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the PAL

April 16

The South Plainfield Recreation Department will hold its annual Easter egg hunt at the PAL Memorial Field on Saturday, April 16 at 1 p.m. All residents ages one through 10 are welcome to join in the fun. Please bring a bag for the eggs and a camera to take a picture with the Easter Bunny.

Call (908) 226-7657 after 9 a.m. in case of inclement weather.

Food Fest & Bake Sale

April 16

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Orthodox Church, 400 Delmore Ave. will be holding a food fest and bake sale on Saturday, April 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Easter breads, loaf cakes, poppy seed rolls, cabbage and noodles, kielbasa and kraut, pierogies, chili, Easter candy (solid bunnies and lollipops), and other home cooked goodies.

Lions Annual Palm Sunday Breakfast

April 17

The South Plainfield Lions Club will hold their annual gourmet breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 17 in the SPHS cafeteria from 8 a.m. to noon. Menu includes pancakes, omelets to order, French toast, sausage, bacon and orange juice. Cost is \$6 per person. Monies raised are used by the Lions Club to assist local residents in need, Camp Marcella (camp for the blind), eye banks and seeing eye dogs.

Wine Tasting at St. Stephen Church

May 13

St. Stephen Orthodox Church, 609 Lane Ave. will be holding a wine tasting fundraiser on Friday, May 13 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30, or two for \$50. Beer and wine provided by Oak Tree Discount Liquor. Hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served. Raffle and gifts.

For tickets or more information, call (908) 755-7600.

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

Bingo 10 am-2 pm

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SPJBC Evening of Wine Fundraiser

May 19

The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club Women's Auxillary will host "An Evening of Wine" on Thursday, May 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. at Joe Canal's on Route 1 in Woodbridge. Tickets are \$25 per person.

For more information, call Jennifer at (908) 755-8912 or email Jenn776@gmail.com.

— Out of Town —

Spaghetti Dinner

March 25

Middlesex County Habitat For Humanity will sponsor a spaghetti dinner on Friday, March 25 at the First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen, 270 Woodbridge Ave. in Metuchen from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Cost: \$6-adults; \$4-children 12 and under and seniors. Take out orders are welcome.

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. Admission: \$6/adults; \$3/children five through 12.

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Around Town

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 includes meals; half day \$40.

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

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 at 10 a.m. and 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.

Blackrose to Perform

March 26

Blackrose, the band, playing classic rock and roll music and today's hits, will perform at the Stagehouse 2 Tavern, 1719 Amwell Rd. in Somerset on Saturday, March 26 at 10 p.m. No cover charge.

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. 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. BYOB cocktail hour with complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Tickets 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.

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

Steppin' Out Singles Dance Party

April 2

Steppin' Out Singles will hold an upscale dance party on Saturday, April 2 at 8 p.m. at the PNC Arts Center Reception Center, Garden State Parkway Exit 116 in Holmdel. Ages 40 and up. \$17 admission.

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

Mini Bible Conference

April 2 & 9

Jersey Shore Gospel Music Fellowship will present a mini Bible conference on two Saturdays, April 2 and 9 at 7 p.m. at the Francis Asbury Chapel, 70 Stockton Ave. in Ocean Grove.

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. Doors open 5:30 p.m.; games begin at 6 p.m.

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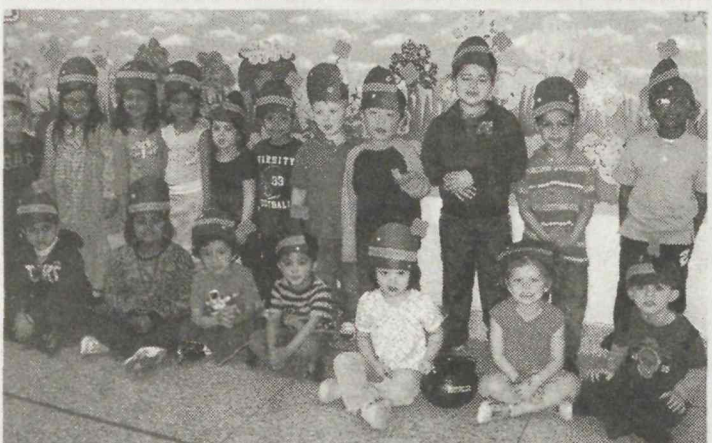
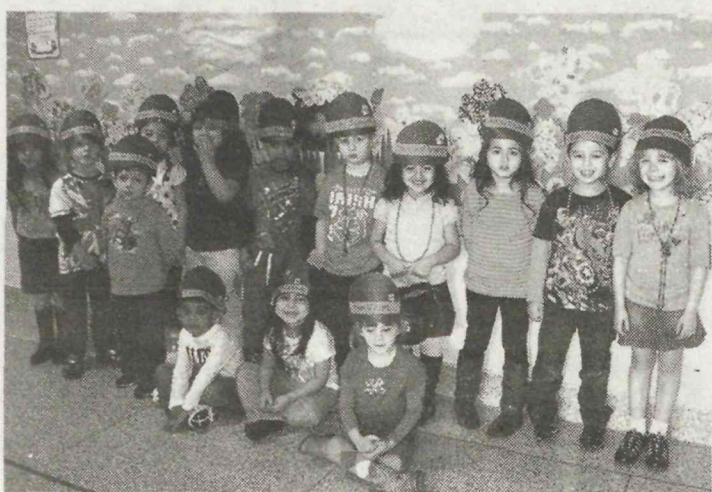
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Mrs. Foscolo and Mrs. Waters' four year-old classes at Future Stars celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Talent Showcase Auditions to be Held April 9

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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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Okay, March will be finishing up next week. Is it ok to put away the snow shovel and ice melt and then break out the lawn mower? While you're pondering whether you should let your guard down, here's news from the South Plainfield Library.

Starting with events for kids, we'll have our usual, easy-to-remember schedule of children's programs next week. "Storytime," for children ages four and over, will be held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. "Time for 2's & 3's," for children ages two and three, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30. And "Babytime," for children ages two and under, will be held on Friday morning at 10:30. Each program lasts about an hour and features stories, songs and a craft activity for older kids. Each program is being presented free; no pre-registration required.

We've also got this month's "Kidcraft" program Monday evening at 6:30. Kids will be working on an Easter-themed project. Space is limited for this program, so you must pre-register. There's a \$1 materials fee,

payable upon registration. If you'd like more information, call us and ask for Miss Linda or Miss Mija. (Our number is listed below.)

We even have programs for adults coming up. First, we'll be hosting a program on selling coins, paper money and precious metals on Sunday, April 3 at 2 p.m. The program will be led by coin dealer and numismatist Gregory Heim. (Numismatics is the study of coin collecting, folks.) He'll give advice on the best way to sell your collectibles. Attendees may bring their own items for examination, as time permits. This program is being presented free; no pre-registration required. (And, no, we're not giving out free samples.)

Then, the following Sunday, April 10, we'll host a "hands-on" workshop on digital cameras. That program will be led by NJ-based photographer Walter Choroszewski. He'll talk about the basics of digital camera use and answer questions from participants. Attendees may bring their own camera along. The program is free, but space is limited, so you must sign up.

This week we have an unusual request. In the past, we've asked those intending to donate items to our book sale to, well, lay off for a bit. We had so many sale items socked away that we barely had room for our permanent collection. Well, the situation has changed; most of our stock has been bought up and we're left with empty shelves in the sale area. So, feel free to bring in donations for the sale. We accept most books, tapes and discs; check with us if you're not sure about an item. Be advised that the donations have to be in good condition and that you should call ahead if you're planning on donating a large amount of items.

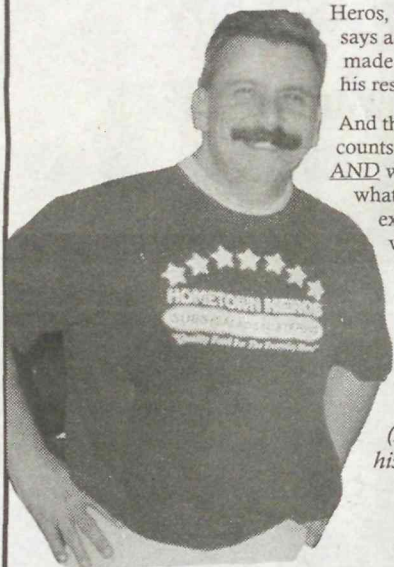
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That's about all for this week. If you'd like more information, please call us at (908) 754-7885 or check our website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. Catch you next Friday.

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Runners celebrate with their medals from the 5K race held during "Marathon Week" at Disney World in Florida in January. (L-R): Sandra Miniere, Donna Meehan, UNICO Past National President and chapter founder Renato Biribin, UNICO volunteer Italian language coordinator Elaine Biribin, Krystal Shingler, Ted Biribin and UNICO Italian language student Pat Casterline.

Furry Intruder Drops Into Unity Bank

By Jean Fultz

It was early in the morning on February 17 when an alarm sounded at Unity Bank on Plainfield Avenue. Maria Sivo, assistant vice president and relationship manager, was contacted almost immediately by the bank's alarm company who asked her to meet South Plainfield Police at the scene.

Police had arrived within minutes and quickly ascertained that a person had not broken into the bank; rather it was a raccoon which they observed through a window crawling across the tellers' counters and leaving behind a trail of disaster in its wake. The police asked Sivo to unlock the doors to the bank so they could attempt to capture the animal in a humane way.

Once inside the bank, three police officers were able to corner the raccoon which had scurried into the safe deposit box area to hide from all of the commotion. At that point one of the officers was able to capture the raccoon using a "catch pole" that had a collar on one end. The raccoon was then "pardoned" by bank personnel and let go. He was last seen running off into the woods and up a tree behind the building.

The Facilities and Service depart-

ments of the bank were called in to assess the damage, which included blood in the drive up window and teller counter areas. A disaster recovery company was called in to properly clean and disinfect the bank so customers would not be exposed to germs that may have been left behind by the raccoon.

The bank reopened at noon, and it has been "business as usual" since then.

According to Marketing Officer VP Rosemary Fellner, the raccoon must have found a weak spot in the roof of the building and was probably living quite comfortably there for some time before it fell through the ceiling into the bank, setting off the interior alarm.

"We are always excited to meet new customers at the branch, but this was definitely one of the most 'interesting' ones to drop in on us! Thank you to the South Plainfield Police Department for quickly capturing our furry little bandit," said Sivo.

Coincidentally, the most distinguishing feature of a raccoon is the area of black fur around its eyes that contrasts sharply with the white fur on its face, resembling a "bandit's mask."

For more information about Unity Bank, visit them at 2426 Plainfield Ave., online at www.unitybank.com or call (908) 412-9393.

Housing Market Sales Show Improvement

The numbers are in for 2010 and sending a mixed message into the market place. The good news is that the Garden State Multiple Listing Service showed a MLS wide stabling of prices. After years of housing declines, 2010 ended with prices up three percent for the same period of time in 2009. The banking industry reported 23% of all home sales nationwide were cash transactions. These statistics create a strong argument that the housing market has bottomed and "cash buyers" are entering the marketplace to take advantage of soft pricing.

The other side of the news tells us that 22,976 homes were sold in the Garden State MLS in 2009 compared to 21,100 homes in 2010. Thus 2010 experienced an 8.2 percent decrease in the number of homes sold. I attribute this continued softening in the number of homes sold to job insecurity, a tightening of bank underwriting standards and buyers sitting on the fence concerned about future price softening.

In 2011, our local market area was covered in snow during January and February. This record setting snow fall kept buyers busy and away from home shopping. March has seen a significant increase in buyer activity and we are cautiously optimistic that the 2011 housing market will continue to improve as the unemployment numbers begin to fall, interest rates begin to

rise and buyers again have a sense of urgency.

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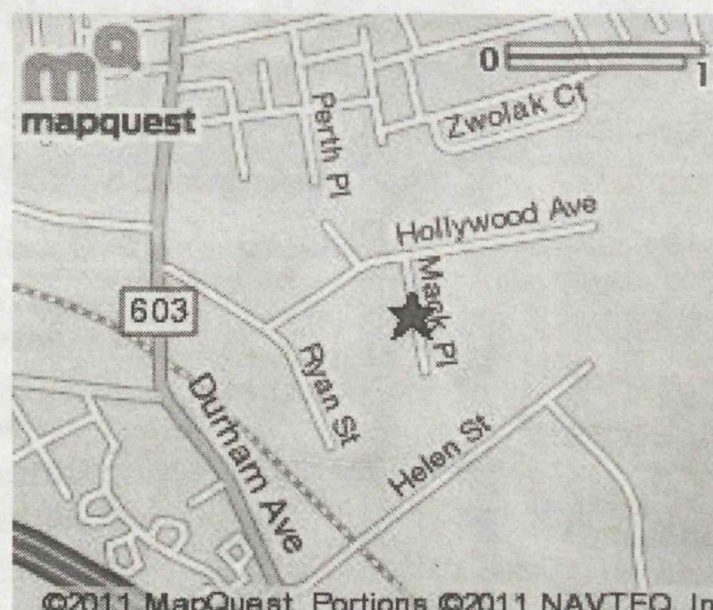
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Sacred Heart School students participate in math activities in celebration of National Pi Day on March 14.



Sacred Heart School Celebrates National Pi Day

Sacred Heart School students celebrated National Pi Day on March 14. Pi is the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. The ratio equals approximately 3.14; hence the date of the celebration, March 14.

Students in grades pre-K through grade eight participated in numerous math activities throughout the day that included computational challenges, geometric shape scavenger hunts and

Pi arts and crafts. Students in each class were challenged to memorize as many digits of Pi as possible and a prize was awarded to the winner in each grade.

The following students were winners in their grades: Pre-K—Matt Sidun for memorizing seven digits of Pi; kindergarten—Jason Santana, 76 digits; first grade—Dashly Penaloza, 95 digits; second grade—Katie Dzioba, 31 digits; third grade—Carly Petela, 95 dig-

its; fourth grade—Sarah Adlassnig, 92 digits; fifth grade—Kathryn Guiang, 66 digits; sixth grade—Emily Kearney, 133 digits; seventh grade—Nicole Walker, 109 digits; eighth grade—Jee Soo Choi, 135 digits.

A special award was given to seventh grader, Daisy Garcia, who memorized 355 digits of Pi, but unfortunately missed one digit in the first sequence. Still, this was an amazing ac-

complishment by all!

The day ended with an award ceremony and all the students enjoying a slice of apple pie. The day was fun and educational for all the students.

A special thanks goes to Mrs. Longo for organizing Pi Day at Sacred Heart School.

College, High School Students: Apply for Scholarships

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

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

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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.

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By Kelly Stashko & Jean Fultz

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When we dined recently at KC's Korner we were greeted warmly by the wait staff. The tables were set with white linen tablecloths and light green napkins; jazz music played softly in the background. A basketful of warm dinner rolls and large slices of lightly toasted and seasoned Italian bread

were delivered to the table along with a bowl of herbed dipping oil.

Before we could order, the chef sent a complimentary appetizer to our table that was not on the menu; a mini crab cake set atop a slice of cucumber with diced tomatoes, onions and peppers with a tomato coulis. Several different flavors hit our taste buds in waves, from warm to cool with a little zip to keep us wondering what the ingredients were in this unique sampling.

Entrees are served with a house salad, but we opted to sample the Jagrah's Salad; baby field greens, plum tomatoes, sliced boiled egg and mandarin oranges that added a refreshing element to the salad. The finishing touch was the light and delicious raspberry vin-

aigrette dressing. A generous portion was offered, perhaps sufficient for a light lunch during the warmer months ahead.

For dinner we chose the Shrimp Scampi (\$15.95) and the Shells in Bolognese Sauce (\$7.95) from the all-you-can-eat pasta special. Both entrees were served with a large slice of garlic bread across the plate.

The shrimp scampi was presented with toasted linguini sprigs rising branch-like from the center of the plate. Underneath was a generous portion of jumbo shrimp sautéed in a white wine, butter and garlic sauce and served over linguini.

The bolognese, a flavorful meat sauce with sautéed onions, boasted a light spicy flavor that added just the right amount of kick to make this pasta dish unique.

Other dinner offerings include Chicken Marsala (\$14.95), Prime Rib (\$23.95) and a 16 oz. Filet Mignon with garlic mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables (\$27.95).

Soups include chicken (\$5.95), Jagrah's Sea Breeze Clam Chowder (\$6.95) and lobster bisque (\$10.95).

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visit the school and take a stroll down memory lane."

The evening will then continue on to The Pines Manor, 2085 Rt. 27 in Edison for a reception from 7 to 11 p.m. Some of SHS's favorite teachers will also be attending. The cost will be \$60 per person.

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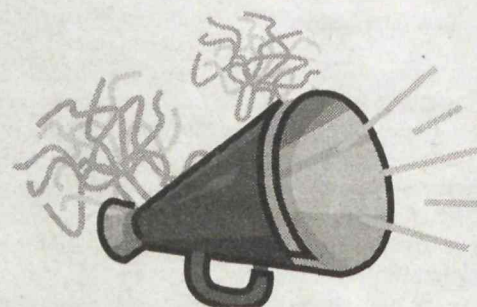
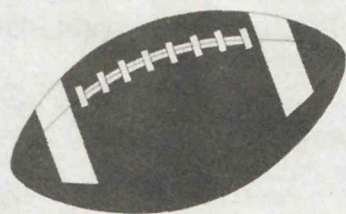
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Senior Olivia Butler Throws Animals a "Lifeline"

By Kelly Stashko

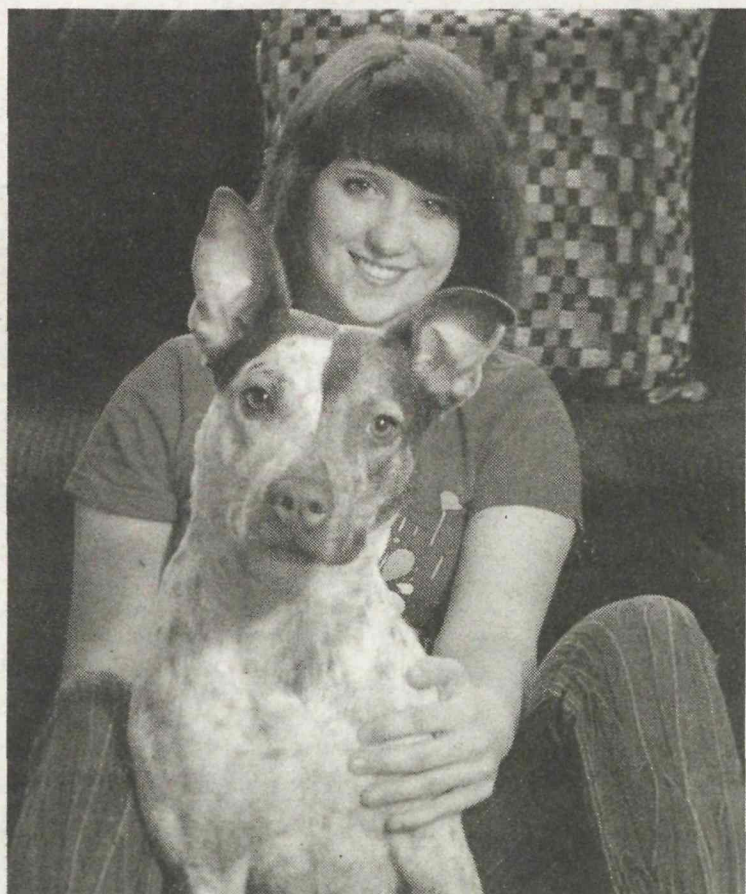
Olivia Butler is an 18 year-old senior at South Plainfield High School who sees photography in her future. Presently you can find Olivia taking pictures of, and caring for, the dogs she loves.

Sharing Olivia's love for dogs is her best friend, Iris Ivaniuc. When they were in their freshman year, Iris introduced Olivia to Lifeline Animal Rescue, an all volunteer 501c3 non-profit organization whose aim is to reduce the number of shelter animals. Olivia has been volunteering for the group ever since.

As volunteers, the girls help clean cages, feed, walk and groom the dogs, as well as assist the folks at Lifeline on adoption days, Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the PetSmart Store in Watchung. For those dogs in foster care, Olivia and Iris help train them and ensure they are housebroken.

In the past four years, Olivia has personally fostered (with the support of her family) a total of eight dogs, most of whom have found a forever home. However, there is one dog who is still with her today. So, who's the dog currently in her foster care? Meet Juni.

"I originally found Juni in the Newark (animal) shelter. She definitely stood out with the markings on her face. I thought she was adorable!" explained Olivia. Juni is a two year-old female German shorthair pointer/American pit bull mix. She's great with kids and other dogs, knows basic commands (sit, paw, lie down) and enjoys playing with rope toys and going on walks. Juni is also housebroken. "A high energy outdoor girl, ideally she'd love to go hiking and running, and would be an excellent partner for both," says Olivia. However, when indoors, Juni is very calm and enjoys hanging out with the family. Olivia



Olivia Butler and Juni

exclaims, "She is the best of both worlds in a friendly 50-pound sized package!"

Since Olivia's plans for a career in photography will take her away from home and off to college, she is doing everything she can to find her gal-pal Juni a loving home as soon as possible. If you're interested in adopting Juni, an online application can be filled out by visiting www.lifelinerescue.org or by calling Lifeline at (908) 507-3900. There is an adoption fee of \$300, which covers costs already incurred for having Juni spayed and

up to date on all her vaccinations.

The spirit of volunteerism and what it has done for Olivia is evident in the gleam in her eyes and the enthusiasm she displays. "Iris and I have even talked

about possibly starting our own grooming business one day," she said. When this interviewer expressed her woes about clipping the nails of her own pets, Olivia volunteered. "Iris and I can come to your house and do it for you."

The short term care given by Olivia and Iris prepare these dogs for their future homes. It's not easy to say goodbye. Olivia knows all too well from her experiences. However, she knows that as a foster "mom," it's her job to train and care for them until a loving

home is found. Olivia, thru her contacts at Lifeline, is able to learn how her former "charges" are settling into their new homes.

Lifeline Animal Rescue is located at 16 Mount Bethel Rd. in Warren. The organization is always looking for help through volunteering or donations of food and toys for both cats and dogs, and linens such as towels, blankets and pillowcases. If you're interested in volunteering, call (908) 507-3900.

Salon Professional Academy Plans Couture Day for Make-A-Wish

By Jean Fultz

The Salon Professional Academy (TSPA) in South Plainfield will be holding a World Couture Day on Thursday, April 21 at the Forum Theatre, 314 Main St. in Metuchen. This is a charity fundraiser which will feature a hair show that will be judged by Redken professionals, as well as a silent auction, all to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Jersey. To enter the show, students had to pick a country and/or a culture and make their models hair style and clothing representative of that area of the world.

"100% of the proceeds goes to Make-A-Wish Foundation," said Aimee Stone of TSPA.

Tickets are \$10 each to attend. The

silent auction will run from 6:30 until 10 p.m., and the hair show will begin at 8 p.m.

The concession stand at the theatre will also be open throughout the evening selling drinks, popcorn and candy. Among the special guests expected to attend will be some big names in the beauty industry, two singers and a dance team. Funds raised will be matched by a credit card company.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. Founded in 1980 when a group of caring volunteers helped a young boy fulfill his dream of becoming a police officer, the foun

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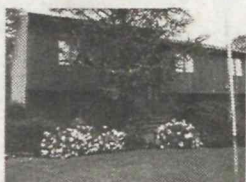


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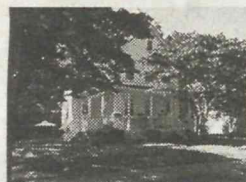
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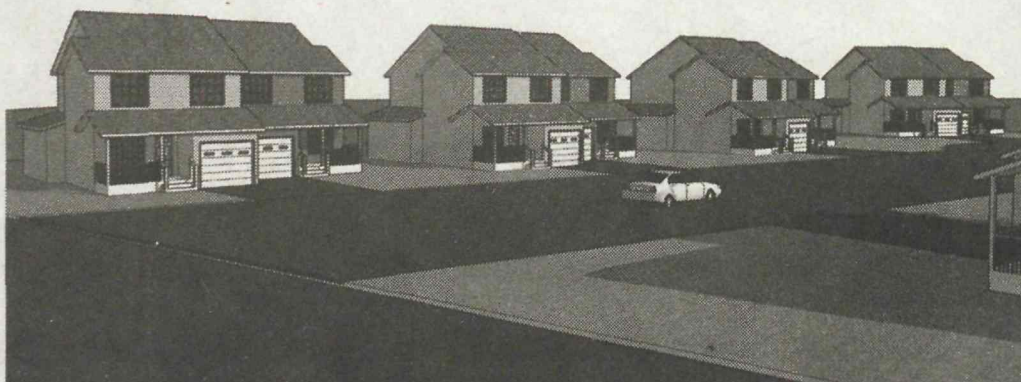
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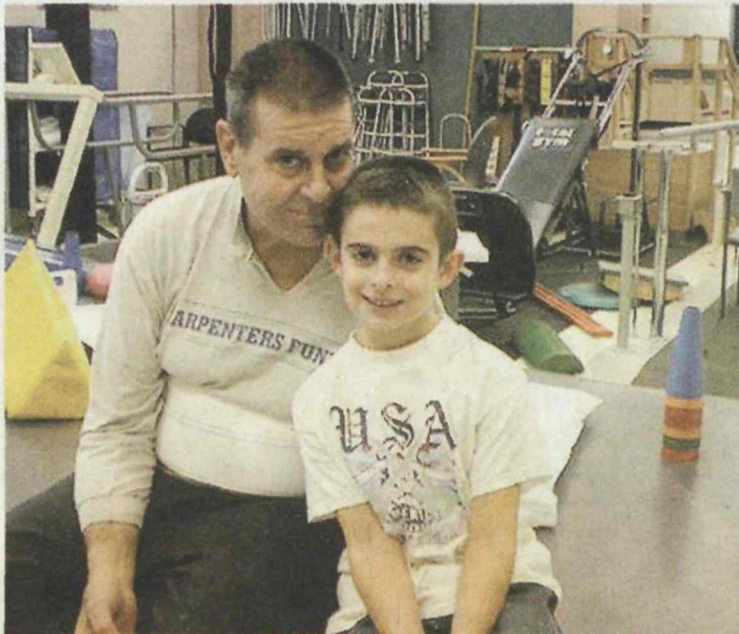
The Bartolottis Say "Thank You"

By Jean Fultz

Jerry Bartolotti is lucky to be alive today thanks to the doctors who saved his life at Robert Wood Johnson (RWJ) University Hospital in New Brunswick. Now, he and his family want to thank the South Plainfield community for also coming to their rescue.

It was November 11, 2010 at about 6:46 p.m. when Jerry noticed that his 1995 Peterbilt tractor trailer was rolling away unoccupied at a job site in Long Hill. He attempted to jump into the passenger side of the cab to stop it, but the truck lurched forward, pinning him against a tree. Recognizing the severity of his injuries, emergency response personnel waited for an emergency medical care doctor to arrive on the scene in order to free him during a two hour rescue operation. Jerry was then flown to RWJ where he underwent emergency surgery.

"The doctors who saved Jerry's life recently told us that of the three people who have had the surgery that Jerry had, he was the only person to survive," said Jerry's wife, Nicole. "That just makes me cry when I think of it." She says that her husband was a fighter before this accident and that he will continue to fight as he recovers.



Jerry Bartolotti and son, Cole.

Jerry, whose left arm had to be amputated, attends therapy sessions at the JFK Fitness Center in Edison for his right arm and shoulder. According to Nicole, there is still swelling on the left side of his body and his ribs have not yet completely healed, but he is recovering at his own pace.

"I think the day to day things that we take for granted are the most annoying to him," said Nicole. "It's only

been four months and everything has changed in our lives."

On a positive note, Jerry passed his driving test at the DMV last week and now steers his pickup truck with a special knob.

"We want to thank the community and the staff at Franklin School for the support and monetary donations," said Nicole. "It is the love of family and friends that has given me the strength to be strong for the three of us until Jerry is more of himself again."

If you would like to make a donation to the Bartolotti Family, a trust fund has been set up at Columbia Bank on Oak Tree Avenue. Make checks payable to "Gerald Bartolotti Trust Fund" and mail to Columbia Bank, 620 Oak Tree Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

Kindergarten Registration

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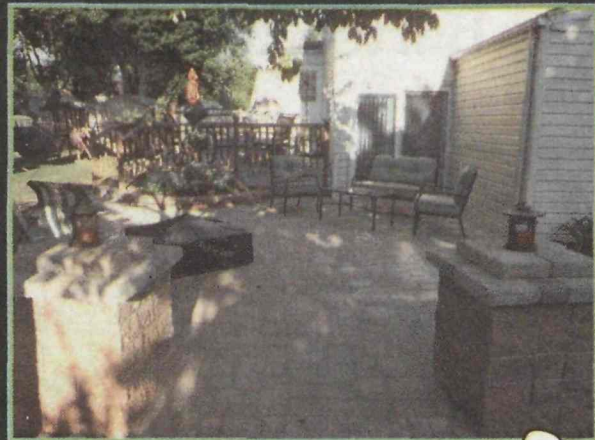
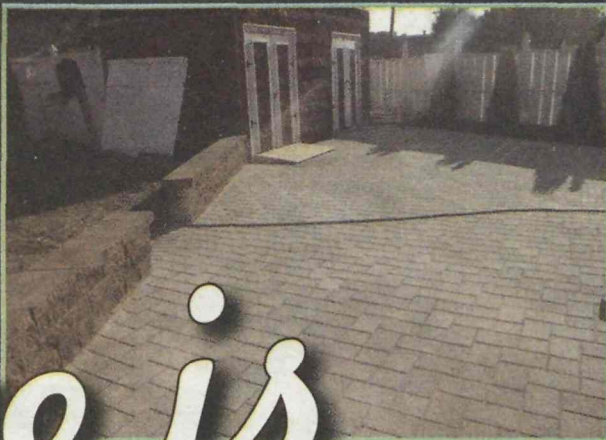
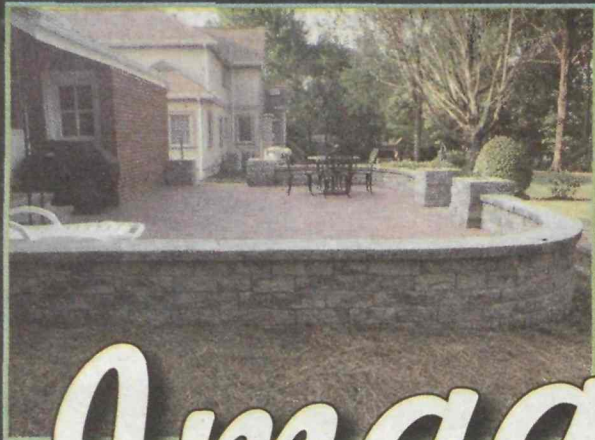
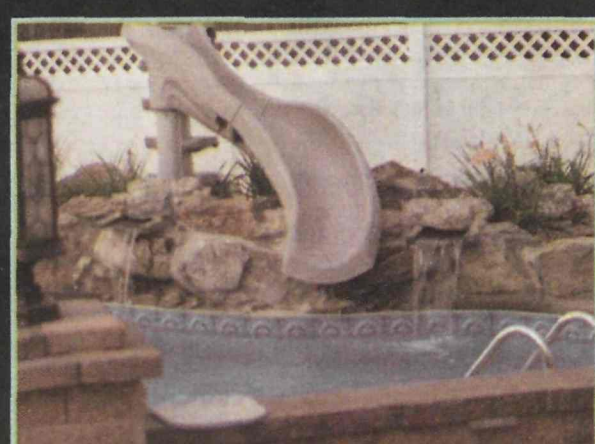


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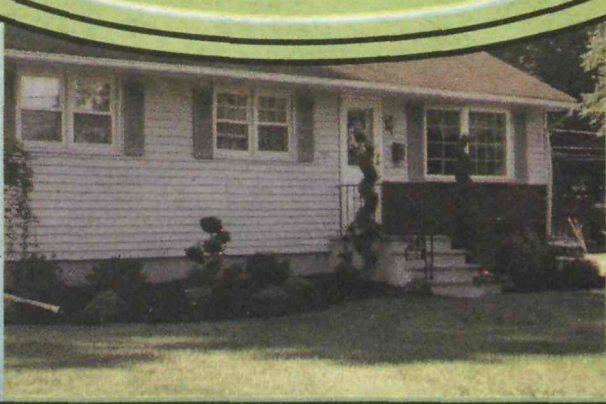


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Moretti Prepares for Tough Mudder Challenge Fundraiser

By Kelly Stashko

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

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

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

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

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

To donate to WWP on Anthony's behalf, visit www.raceit.com/Fundraising/fundraise.aspx?event=2936&fundraiser=1362 and click on "Donate Now!" You can also go to www.raceit.com, select the event in Allentown and enter Anthony Moretti's name to ensure his team is credited with your contribution. Donations can also be made by check payable to Wounded Warriors Project and mailing it to Anthony Moretti, 434 Harvard Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080. Donations can be made through April 9.

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

The Tough Mudder weekend event at Bear Creek in Allentown, Pa. is sold out and has 10,000 participants, as

well as a waiting list. To view the course Anthony and others will take, visit <http://toughmudder.com/events/pennsylvania/bear-creek-course-map-2011/>.

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

Salon Professional Academy Plans Couture Day

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dation is one of the world's leading children's charities, with 64 chapters in the United States and its territories. With the help of generous donors and nearly 25,000 volunteers, the Make-A-Wish Foundation grants a wish every 40 minutes and has granted more than 200,000 wishes in the United States

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For more information about TSPA, visit them online at www.tspa.newjersey.com.

Digital Camera Workshop at Library

There will be a "hands-on" digital camera workshop at the library on Sunday, April 10 starting at 1:30 p.m.

The program will be presented by Walter Choroszewski, a well-known NJ-based photographer. He will lead this introductory, small-group workshop helping attendees understand the basics of digital camera operation. Subjects covered will include menus, camera memory and megapixels, along with questions from attendees. Attendees are free to bring their own cameras. The program is being presented free of charge. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required.

The South Plainfield Library is located in the municipal complex at 2484 Plainfield Ave. For more information, call (908) 754-7885 or visit the library's website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

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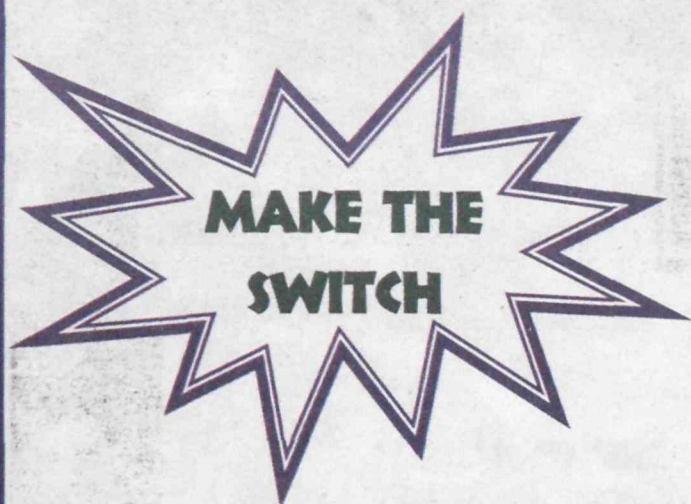
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Riley Celebrates Grandparents Day

By Libby Barsky

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated at Riley School's annual Grandparents Day. Grandparents of students in kindergarten, first and second grade were the special guests. The event drew 270 grandparents from as far away as Lake Hopatcong.

By 9 a.m., parking meant finding a spot at the curb of a side street and a brisk walk to Riley School. Those arriving after 9:15 a.m. found tables piled high with bagels, cream cheese and jelly, muffins, pastries and beverages. Stacy Pace was the chairwoman of the program.

Each dining space was decorated with a placemat drawn by a student in one of art teacher, Barbara Harris' art class. Alongside the plastic ware and plates were chocolate shamrock lollipops with a set of numbers over clear wrapping used in selecting the winners of the 20 door prizes. Riley School parents provided the prizes which included four gift certificates



Riley School students celebrate Grandparents Day with song performances.

from Tarantella Restaurant in Clark. One table had three winners. Gail Hummel's lucky lollipop won her a basket filled with gardening items and seeds. At the same table, Kerrie and John Fedeles of Carteret won a neck-

lace of paper shamrocks threaded with six lottery tickets. Carlos Rodriguez of Scotch Plains won a Tarantella gift certificate. The winner of the 50/50 raffle won \$477.

Principal Al Czech welcomed the grandparents and shared personal memories of his grandfather, a math teacher, coach of a traveling softball team and a principal, and he told how his example has influenced him.

After Mr. Czech's talk, a plaque honoring former Riley principal, Anthony Sincavage, as "Greatest Grandparent" was given to his daughter, Patty Hlavka, and his grandchildren, Haley and Peter. Another plaque was presented to Georgeann Cochrane for her many contributions on behalf of the children in Riley School and the community.

The kindergarten and first and second graders then began entertaining the grandparents. Each class performed songs featuring such holiday favorites as *When Irish Eyes are Smiling*, *I'm looking Over a Four Leaf Clover* and *The Little Leprechaun*, all organized by music teacher Tobie Baldwin.



A Grandparents Day participant shown with leprechaun.

BOROUGH NOTES

The following took place at Monday night's Borough Council meeting.

- Approved a special meeting to be held next Monday, March 28 at 7 p.m. to introduce the 2011 budget.
- No one bid on the property located at 2440 Plainfield Ave.
- The mayor proclaimed April 23-30 Volunteer Litter Clean Up Week and March 26 as "Purple Day" for Epilepsy Awareness Day.
- The council authorized the borough attorney to execute two stipulation of settlements with R&D Realty Corporation on its property at 105 Snyder Rd. for \$12,696 and 2100 Clinton Ave. for \$2,670.
- The council approved a list of towing/wreckers for the year 2011 who will provide towing/wrecking services for the police department.
- The construction permit fees were waived for the South Plainfield Board

of Education for the installation of a door in the training room at the high school.

- Michael Pellegrino was appointed to serve as acting fire official from March 19 through 26.
- Marie Smith was terminated as payroll clerk as of March 7.
- Keith Horvath's salary was amended as a part-time grounds keeper at the recycling center.
- William F. Koonz was appointed as a probationary firefighter for the fire department.
- E.O. Home Improvements was awarded a contract for the conversion of the supervisors room and the old kitchen at the PAL building into a new conference room at a total cost of \$17,400.
- Four additional bus stops for NJ Transit Bus #819 along Corporate Boulevard and New Durham Road were approved.

Retro Fitness Edison Plans Grand Opening Celebration

The brand new, state-of-the art Retro Fitness gym in Edison will hold their official grand opening on Saturday, April 16. The celebration will take place on the lawn in front of the gym at 3775 Park Avenue in Edison from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is guaranteed to be a fun-filled day full of entertainment for the entire community and is geared towards family fun and enjoyment.

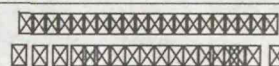
Radio station WPLJ-FM will broadcast from the front lawn and dancers from the Nets Basketball Team will help get the party started. For the kids there will be face painting, clowns and major "bouncies." A DJ will be on hand, as well as free food, great prizes and vendors.

At noon, a ribbon-cutting ceremony

will be held with Mayor Matt Anesh of South Plainfield and Mayor Antonia Ricigiano of Edison both in attendance.

You don't have to be a member to attend; however, there will be membership specials offered if you sign up that day. They will have a full staff on hand to give tours of the gym all day.

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Councilman Raises Epilepsy Awareness



Councilman Alex Barletta accepts a proclamation from Mayor Matt Anesh declaring March 26 "Purple Day" for epilepsy awareness.

Councilman Alex Barletta, whose son suffers from epilepsy, accepted a proclamation from Mayor Matt Anesh at Monday's council meeting, naming March 26 "Purple Day" for epilepsy awareness.

The disorder is no stranger to Alex Barletta, whose 25-year-old son, Alex, Jr., suffers from the debilitating disorder.

Epilepsy is when nerve cells in the brain fire electrical impulses at a rate

of up to four times higher than normal, which causes a sort of electrical storm in the brain known as a seizure.

Everyone should be aware that there are many seizure types and they should know what to do if someone has a seizure in their presence. It is one of the most common neurological disorders affecting almost three million Americans.

According to the Epilepsy Foundation of America, epilepsy affects

approximately one out of every 100 Americans. According to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, the most dangerous type of seizure is a grand mal seizure. First-aid assistance includes getting the person safely to the ground and turning them on their side. You should then put a pillow or coat under their head to prevent further injury. It is important to time the seizure; any seizure lasting longer than five minutes requires a call to 9-1-1.

Some people who have complex partial seizures have actually been arrested using a stun gun by police who were not aware the person was having a seizure and not acting in misconduct. According to FOX News, last January a man in Indianapolis was immobilized with a stun gun and beaten during his seizure episode. The police were not educated on epilepsy and this could have been prevented if they had been aware of the different ways in which seizures can present themselves.

Many people are uneducated about seizures and what to do in the event that one occurs. Seizure safety is important and knowing what to do could prevent injuries during seizures and possibly save a person's life.

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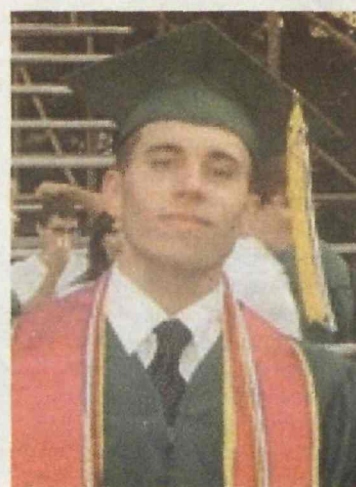


Robert Yulick

Yulick Graduates From Boot Camp

Private First Class Robert (Bobby) Yulick graduated from Marine Corps boot camp, Parris Island, S.C. on March 4. He will study infantry in the Marine Corps Reserves and plans on pursuing a degree in criminal justice.

A 2009 South Plainfield High School graduate, Bobby is the son of Barbara and Robert Yulick and brother of Danielle.



Michael Boyle

Michael Boyle Named To Pace Dean's List

Michael Boyle, son of Robert and Deborah Boyle and a 2009 graduate of South Plainfield High School, was named to the Fall 2010 dean's list at Pace University in New York City.

Michael is a biological science major and was recently elected vice president of Tri-Beta, the National Biological Honor Society. He has also been awarded the Jefferson Award for Public Service, a national award that recognizes and honors individuals whose community volunteer efforts best exemplify dedication to enhancing the quality of life in their community.

"Tip-A-Cop" to Benefit Special Olympics NJ

Local law enforcement will trade in their handcuffs and badges for aprons and gourmet burgers at the Red Robin restaurant in South Plainfield, as part of the national Tip-A-Cop event with Special Olympics. During the event, law enforcement officers will collect special tips from restaurant guests that will benefit Special Olympics New Jersey. Special Olympics athletes will be on hand to greet patrons.

The fundraiser will take place on Saturday, March 26 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4 to 8 p.m. at the Red Robin restaurant, located at 6200 Hadley Rd.

Supporting local and national causes like Special Olympics that promote the health and welfare of families and citizens in local communities is an important part of the Red Robin culture. Red Robin has been supporting Special Olympics programs across the country for more than seven years.

Tip-A-Cop is part of the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) campaign. The New Jersey LETR is a grassroots fundraiser and public awareness vehicle through which funds raised go directly to Special Olympics programs in New Jersey.

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GOP Taps Barletta, White, Frank

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to do it the right way. The council is working to control costs responsibly. Their common sense solutions are heading us in the right direction."

"Residents should not have to choose between paying their property taxes and saving for retirement or to send their kids to college," said Frank. "But unless we keep things going in the right direction, that's the choice for many families."

According to Anesh, all three candidates have experience getting things done. Barletta is a successful entrepreneur with over 25 years of management experience. Before serving on the council, he served as chairman of the Zoning Board. He resides on Delmore Avenue with his wife Susan and their two sons. He is a former vice chair of UNICO National, and has coached baseball, teener ball and basketball.

White and his wife Lisa live on Oakland Avenue and have three children. As a sales supervisor for Republic Services, he leads a field sales team and has experience managing training, operations and marketing.

White is also active in the Riley School PTSO where he's the liaison to the school board and chairs the annual father-daughter dance. He's a CERT member and he also coaches recreation soccer and basketball.

Dick Frank serves as vice commander of the American Legion. He served two terms as commander and is also a former commandant of the Marine Corps League. He and his family live on Woodland Avenue.

As a Marine, Frank graduated from the Department of State Security School and was charged with providing high level security to government officials, including the President of the United States and the Secretary of State. He also has over 30 years of experience in private sector management.

"We could not be more proud of these candidates," said Anesh. "Alex, Derryck and Dick will be out knocking on doors soon, and I'm sure the voters will be as impressed as I am."



Barbara Buono looks on as Anjali Blow reads her winning essay.

Roosevelt Student Wins Essay Contest

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JFK Hospital in Edison NJ. Another is that my mom moved from Guyana, South America to New Jersey with her mom, dad and eight brothers and sisters to find better opportunities for their family!"

She features the roll of Ellis Island, which is part of New Jersey, as the entrance way to the 'Land of opportunity.' "If everyone living here is either an immigrant or family from an immigrant, I think that means we're all special!" she wrote. Summing up in her last paragraph she writes, "Not only my past and present are in New Jersey, but I dream of the future in New Jersey, too...I want to attend Princeton University. Many famous people like First Lady Michelle Obama have gone there too!...I love my great state...It will always mean the world to me!"

After Anjali received her award she donated two books about New Jer-

sey, *The World Almanac of New Jersey* and *The Legend of the Cape May Diamond* to Principal Bob Diehl for the school's information center.

Anjali is a member of the New Jersey Orators Organization, a group organized over 20 years ago to improve the public speaking skills of youngsters seven-16. Last May, Anjali and her sister Ariya, a third grader, entered the competition that the organization holds with their own musical and narrative interpretation of the Civil rights movement based on a program on WQXR by Terrance McKnight. Anjali sang *A Change is Gonna Come* and *Precious Lord*, in addition to an account of the movement. The adaptation was taped and placed on YouTube where both McKnight and WQXR Executive Producer Limor Tomer saw it. As a result, Anjali and her sister received an invitation to visit the studios of WQXR and meet McKnight.

Tony Melendez in Concert At Sacred Heart Church

Sacred Heart Parish would like to invite the community to a concert featuring inspirational Christian songwriter, singer and guitarist Tony Melendez on Wednesday, April 6 at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church.

A thalidomide baby, Tony was born without arms. This did not stop him from learning to play the guitar with his toes. He also learned to write songs and sing, talents which he nourished during his involvement in church as a youth.

In 1987 he performed for Pope John Paul II. The Pope was so inspired by his performance he kissed Tony and told him, "My wish to you is to continue giving this hope to all the people."

Since then Tony has traveled across the United States and 40 foreign countries, appearing on many television shows including *The Today Show*, *Good Morning America* and *CBS This Morning*. He also performed at the World Series in 1989 and has given

four additional performances for the Pope.

He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the first annual Inspirational Hero Award from the NFL Alumni Association at Super Bowl XXIII in Miami.

Come and hear Tony perform and give his inspirational message. A free will offering will be accepted at admission.

For more information about the concert, call Dan Mahoney at Sacred Heart Church at (908) 756-0633, ext. 139. To find out more about Tony, visit www.tonymelendez.com.

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In My Opinion

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sponsibility inherent in using gimmicks instead of looking for stable, recurring sources of revenue shows immense lack of foresight and leadership. Next year, when possibly faced with another budget deficit, will the Republicans continue to maneuver around facing the hard choices they were elected to make? The precedent being set here is not reassuring.

The Republican Majority should have followed the lead of Councilmembers Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno, who have staunchly opposed

this irresponsible, smoke-and-mirrors fiscal policy.

**SINCERELY,
JOHN SORRENTINO**

To the Editor:

I would like to speak about the upcoming Board of Education election which is on April 27. There are seven candidates running for three seats. I would like to thank each and every one of those individuals for running.

As you probably know, those who serve on the board are volunteers who

dedicate countless hours for the betterment of our schools and community. However, I write today to speak about one candidate in particular, Pio Pennisi, a parent, coach, teacher, administrator, superintendent in a neighboring district and veteran board of education member in South Plainfield. Pio has proven over the past 16 years that he is the consummate board member. His vast knowledge and experience speaks volumes of his capabilities and his leadership skills are unsurpassed. These upcoming times are tougher than ever. Pio brings to the table the wealth of knowledge and experience necessary to deal with these critical issues facing our district. On April 27, please vote line 6 for Pio Pennisi. He is an asset to our board and to the South Plainfield community. A vote for him is a vote for our children.

**THANK YOU,
JIM GIANNAKIS, BOE MEMBER**

Dear Editor,

Last week's article about the costs associated with the cleanup of the bus company property on New Market Avenue shows why it's important not to forget how badly our town was mismanaged under the former Democrat administration.

For those who may not remember, the borough purchased the site with open space funds. An appraisal for the property said it was worth \$700,000, but only after it was cleaned up. Despite this, the property was purchased for \$750,000, with our former Democrat mayor signing an agreement saying the town would not seek the cleanup costs from the sellers.

An estimate for the clean-up costs came in several days after the property was purchased. One can only wonder why the sale went through before getting that estimate. It said the costs could be up to \$442,000.

As last week's article notes, the combined costs of cleanup and testing will come to over \$300,000. In other words, we overpaid for the property by over \$300,000. This money came out of taxpayers' pockets. Granted, the state will pay for a big part of the cost, but that's taxpayer money too.

The bottom line? The old administration wasted over \$300,000 of our taxpayer money. Taxpayers overpaid for the property and are now stuck footing the bill for the cleanup.

Between the money wasted on the bus company property and several other boondoggles (who can forget, for example, paying \$1.6 million for

the three 50-foot parcels at the intersection of New Market and Hamilton), taxpayers got a huge shellacking by the old Democrat regime.

Hopefully, South Plainfield will never have to suffer under that type of mismanagement ever again.

COUNCILMAN ROB BENGIVENGA

Dear Editor,

At the last board meeting, I was shocked when the board members began discussing the progress of Grant Elementary. Grant School is home to all of the fifth and sixth graders in town, and is listed as a school in need of improvement with the NJ Department of Education. Every fifth and sixth grader in the state is responsible for taking the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJASK) in the subjects of mathematics and language arts. According to the No Child Left Behind law, schools must demonstrate annual yearly progress (AYP) on state test scores. If that does not happen, the school can face severe consequences. The NJ Department of Education released the scores in January, and Grant School's results were alarming.

Of 267 students tested in 2009-2010, 33.7% failed the language arts portion of the test; however, during 2008-2009 only 30.5% of students failed the language arts section. No improvement was shown at all and scores actually declined 3.2%. Fifth grade mathematics scores also showed a decline along with sixth grade language arts scores. Sixth grade mathematics was the only area to show improvement. Only 19.8% of sixth graders failed the math section. Last year, 23.3% of sixth graders failed the NJASK math portion. That is a 3.5% improvement in one year and that is very impressive, but we need all grade levels to show that type of progress.

The Board of Education members need to work with the Grant School staff to figure out a way to improve student's test scores. By doing this, they can advance student performance. Everyone that is involved with the education of South Plainfield's youth needs to work as a team for the betterment of our students. The failure to work towards a common goal is proven by our fifth and sixth graders declining test scores, and unless action is taken, these test scores will continue to decline.

Another issue that I wanted to elaborate on was brought to my attention last week in the *Observer*. Gary Prendergast wrote a letter discussing bullying in our school system and the negative affects it had on his family. This type of behavior should not be tolerated in any school system, and Mr. Prendergast's letter indicates that bullying is still happening under our very noses with alarming frequency. South Plainfield BOE needs to create and enforce a zero-tolerance policy on bullying so that this does not continue to affect any of our students. Bullying can be very detrimental to adolescent's self image and self esteem and we have seen the danger it can cause, as shown repeatedly in the media over the last few years.

I have dedicated the last five years of my life working in schools and volunteering with youth programs. I want to bring the same enthusiasm, devotion and understanding to the South Plainfield Board of Education as I use in my own classroom. On April 27, it is time for a change. The Board of Education needs fresh young minds with bright ideas, and I feel I can offer the necessary changes to the South Plainfield school system. Stagnation is threatening to drag our students and our community down to a level from which we will have a very difficult time recovering from.

Thanks for your consideration,
**JOSEPH SORRENTINO,
BOE CANDIDATE**

Adult School Trips Available

The South Plainfield Adult School still has space available on the following day trips:

- A Bronx Tale & More on Saturday, April 30-\$59
- Greenwich Village Art Show & N.Y. City Pockets on Sunday, June 5-\$59
- Biltmore Estates, Ashville, N.C., May 15-20
- Trapp Family Lodge & Indian Head Resort, October 11-15

Additional information on the trips listed above and Broadway

Shows may be obtained by calling the adult school at (908) 754-4620, ext. 213.

The South Plainfield Adult School is open to everyone—you do not have to be a resident of South Plainfield to sign up for a class or a trip. Among the many classes that are being offered are typing, computer classes, arts and crafts including basket weaving, photography, CPR and first aid, yoga, tai chi, tennis, exercise, line dancing and ballroom dancing.

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Congregants Gather to Help Make Our World a Better Place

Over 200 congregants of all ages met at Union Catholic High School, where Temple Sholom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains holds religious school, to kick off their annual Mitzvah Day on February 28. Organized by Social Action Chairs June Stern, Ira Stern and Carolyn Smaka, the day allowed congregants to take part in projects designed to make the world a better place.

For breakfast, participants purchased some of the area's finest "mitzvah bagels," donated by Fanwood Bagels on Martine Avenue, to help support the projects taking place that day. Rabbi Joel Abraham rallied the group with the prophetic charge that God cares more that we pursue social justice than simply pray.

From there, congregants dispersed to several locations to conduct their *mitzvot*, or good deeds: to local supermarkets to gather food donations for Jewish Family Service's food pantry; to Ashbrook Nursing home to perform a magic show, play games and



Members of Temple Sholom's youth group collect donations of food for Jewish Family Service's food pantry outside of Stop & Shop in Watchung. (L-R) Aaron Arkin, Zachary Fectner, Brian Deutschmeister, Jacob Arkin, Hannah Isaacs, Emily Koprowski, Keri Rothman and Matt Sussman.

visit; to Cherrybrook Premium Pet Supplies in Garwood to collect donations of supplies for Best Friend Dog & Animal Adoption; to Towne Bookstore in Westfield to purchase

books and make bookmarks for Emmanuel Cancer Foundation; and to help with a home being renovated by Habitat for Humanity of Plainfield. Others stayed in the building to donate blood, bake cookies for the soup kitchen at St. John's in Newark,

help create art for the congregation's new home to be built in Scotch Plains and make cards and artwork for Emmanuel Cancer Foundation and Children's Specialized Hospital.

"SPANCY and the families of Temple Sholom are always looking

for ways to help those in need in our community," says Dana Brenner, advisor for Temple Sholom's youth group, SPANCY (Scotch Plains and Nearby Congregational Youth), which helped collect donations of food for the needy. "They rarely help an organization only once. The majority of the volunteers continue to give assistance over and over. I'm so proud to be a part of a group that is so personally invested in *g'milut chasadim*, acts of loving kindness."

Founded in 1913, Temple Sholom is a Reform Jewish Congregation led by Rabbi Joel N. Abraham. The Temple and its religious school is home to about 250 families from the greater Scotch Plains-Fanwood area. Currently residing within the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, the Temple has purchased five acres of land in Scotch Plains for its future home. Temple Sholom is a member of the Union for Reform Judaism. For more information about the Temple or joining the congregation, please call (908) 889-4900, email sholom@sholomnj.org or visit www.sholomnj.org.

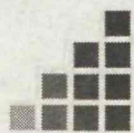
Volunteer Sought to Fill Library Board Vacancy

The borough 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 the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The deadline for submission of completed applications is April 15.



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St. Patrick's Day Celebrated at Elks Lodge and American Legion

By Patricia Abbott

Saint Patrick's Day celebrations in South Plainfield got off to an early start with corned beef and cabbage dinners at the Elks Lodge on New Market Avenue and American Legion Chaumont Post #243 on Oak Tree Avenue. Both dinners were held on March 12.

A crowd began gathering outside the Elks Lodge well before the doors opened at 4:30 p.m. The dinner consisted of standard Irish fare; tender corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots as well as beverages, desserts and more.

Teenage "runners" and other vol-



Irish Dancers from Shea Deidre School of Irish Dance entertain the crowd with their colorful costumes and fast paced dances.

unteers delivered meals to individuals one table at a time, constantly checking to see if guests were in need of more and to clear the table when diners were finished. Elks member Dan Uken and BettyAnn McCabe celebrated birthdays as a crowd gathered and a cake complete with candles appeared. The Elks served over 100 dinners during the course of the evening.

The annual dinner is hosted by the veterans committee and organized by

Lou Peralta who has coordinated the event for many years and recently assumed the role of committee chairman. Proceeds from the dinner will be used to fund the picnics that the committee runs at the Menlo Park Veterans Home twice a year.

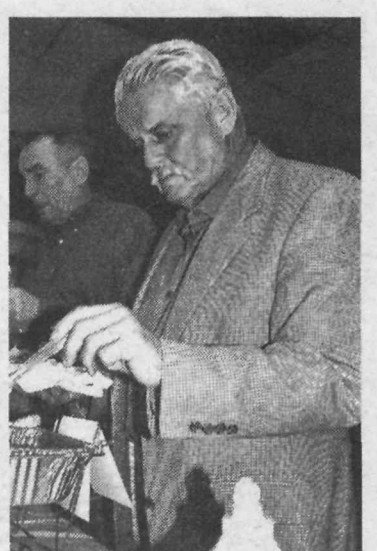
The South Plainfield American Legion's annual St. Patrick's Day dinner is sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion, aided by the

Women's Auxiliary and family members. More than 100 people attended, Irish or not, and green was the predominate color of the evening. Bright green shirts, hats, sweaters, buttons, ties and jewelry could be found on guests sitting at every table.

The dinner consisted of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, broccoli cavatelli, Irish soda bread, rye bread, beer, wine, soda, coffee and assorted desserts. Many guests returned to the buffet line for seconds.

Cooks for the evening were Steve Zarra, Mike Corveley, Freddie Bladon, Mark Zelf, Tommy Wycoff, Vince Lee, Glenn Scott, Mark Boyle and others.

After dinner the festivities continued with music provided by DJ Al. The guests were also entertained by three Irish Dancers from Shea Deidre School of Irish Dance. A 50/50 raffle was held with the winner receiving \$271. Door prizes included donations from Frank's Automotive, Witty's Li-



quors, China Buffet, Munchies, Fabrizio, Rotondo, a gift bag from Stella and Dot and various liquor and beer vendors.

The American Legion has been holding the annual Irish dinner for the last 20 years.



Elks member Dan Uken celebrates his birthday.

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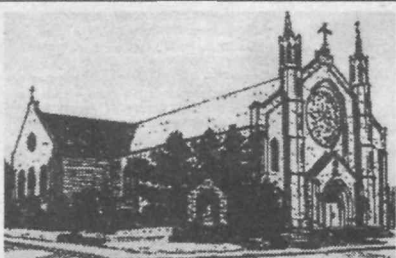
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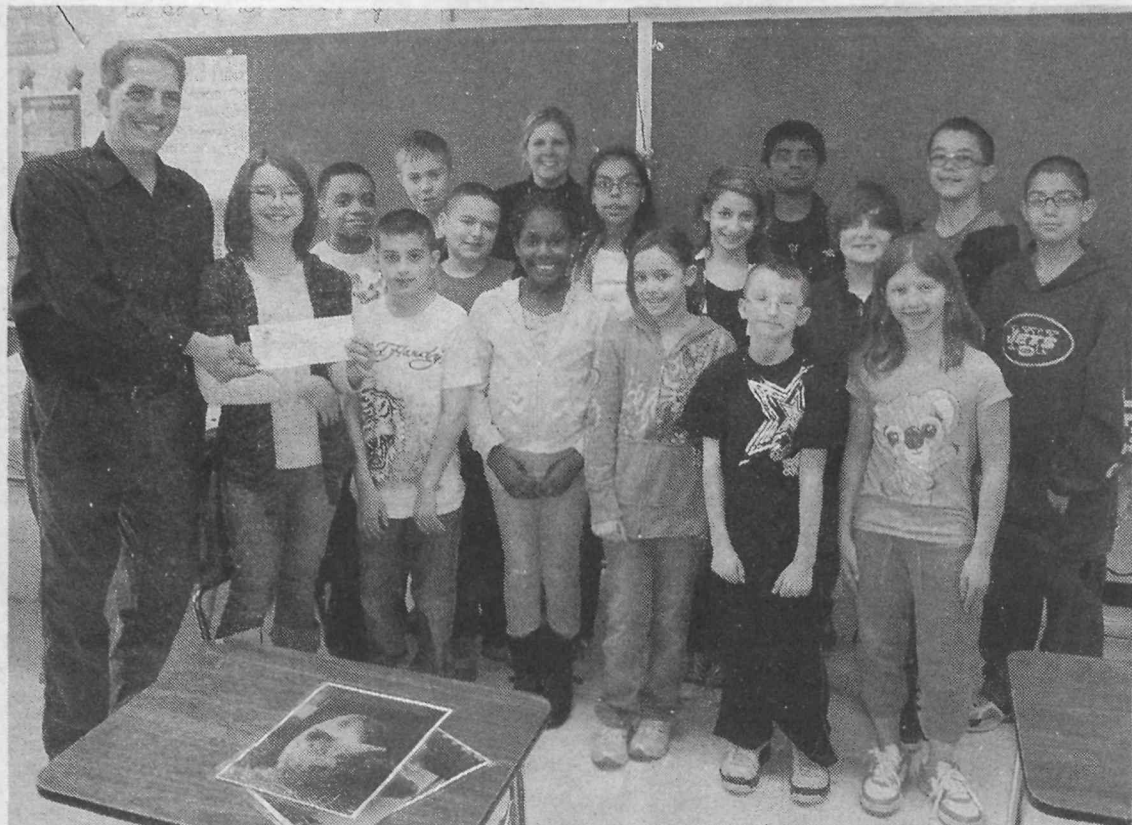
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Edison Wetlands Association President Robert Spiegel (far left) accepts an \$80 donation from Grant School Student Council Secretary Emily Mazellan, along with Student Council Advisor Allison Schneider and council members.

Students Donate \$80 to the Triple C Ranch

By Jane Dornick

Grant Elementary School Student Council presented an \$80 check on Monday to Edison Wetlands Association (EWA) President Robert Spiegel, who owns the Triple C Ranch and farm.

Student Council Secretary Emily Mazellan has been a big fan of the

ranch after many visits there with her family. She suggested that they conduct a fundraiser to help the non-profit organization. Emily put together a carnation sale that took place during lunch periods.

Spiegel spoke to the entire council about SaveAFriend, which would give them the chance to adopt a farm ani-

mal by covering his or her daily food and veterinary care, while EWA continues improving their facilities and petting zoo. The group decided to adopt Charlotte the pig and Shortie the pony with their donation. As a SaveAFriend donor, they received a color photo certificate of the two animals with a personalized title, as well as a thank you in an upcoming EWA's Wetlands Watch newsletter.

The 40-acre Triple C Ranch is located in the heart of the Dismal Swamp Conservation Area, approximately 1,200 acres of environmentally sensitive wetlands, upland forest and meadows. It is one of the last horse farms in Middlesex County.

Annual Fine Wine, Spirit & Craft Beer Tasting Fund Raiser

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

The SPEF 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 SPEF 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 Bar-beque, Flanagan's Restaurant and Adelins. Limited to the first 125 people, so get your tickets early.

For more information, visit our website at www.vision2001.org and click on the "Events" link or contact Marge Reedy at (908) 561-5800, ext.

Area IRS Office Open on Saturday

Taxpayers who may have difficulty visiting an Internal Revenue Service Taxpayer Assistance Center during weekday business hours can visit the IRS office located at 100 Dey Place on Saturday, March 26 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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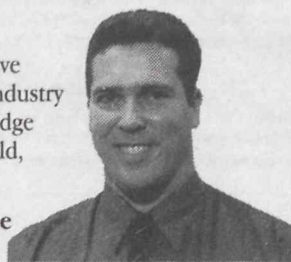
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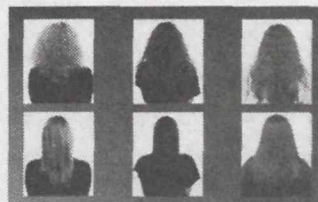


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School District Budget Statement
for the School Year 2011-2012

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the school district of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, of a special meeting to be held in the Roosevelt Administration Building Gymnasium, 125 Jackson Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, March 28, 2011. The Board will hold a public hearing on the following proposed budget for the 2011-2012 school year:

Noticia de Reunion para Presentar el Presupuesto Escolar 2011-2012

Tenemos una reunion especial para los votantes legales de South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey, en la gymnasium de Roosevelt Administration Building, 125 Jackson Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, el 28 de marzo 2011 a las 6:00 de la noche. La reunion publico es para presentar el presupuesto escolar para 2011-2012:

Advertised Enrollments			
ENROLLMENT CATEGORY	October 15, 2009 Actual	October 15, 2010 Actual	October 15, 2011 Estimated
Pupils on Roll Regular Full-Time	3280	3268	3403
Pupils on Roll Reg Accr. Adult High Sch	93	50	
Pupils on Roll - Special Full-Time	462	435	398
Pupils on Roll - Special Shared-Time	3	1	
Subtotal - Pupils On Roll	3838	3754	3801
Private School Placements	25	21	23
Pupils Sent to Other Dists-Spec Ed Prog	14	17	15
Pupils Received		1	
Pupils in State Facilities	6	8	

Advertised Revenues				
Budget Category	Account	2009-10 Actual	2010-11 Revised	2011-12 Anticipated
OPERATING BUDGET				
Budgeted Fund Balance - Operating Budget	10-303		1,374,785	400,000
Withdrawal from Current Expense Emergency Rsv	10-312		300,215	
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	10-1210	39,255,222	39,438,003	40,665,182
Tuition	10-1300	10,585		
Transportation Fees from Individuals	10-1410	120,604		
Transportation Fees from Other LEAs	10-1420-1440		142,175	140,000
Other Restricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	134,800		
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	144,622	287,949	250,000
SUBTOTAL		39,665,833	39,868,127	41,055,182

Revenues from State Sources:				
Aid for Adult and Post-Graduate Programs	10-3191	54,630		
Extraordinary Aid	10-3131	282,898	100,000	478,509
Other State Aids	10-3XXX	19,309		
Categorical Special Education Aid	10-3132	2,013,968	261,882	2,086,578
Equalization Aid	10-3176	4,661,684	6,944,808	5,680,515
Categorical Security Aid	10-3177	249,620		
Categorical Transportation Aid	10-3121	315,600		
SUBTOTAL		7,607,709	7,306,690	8,245,602

Revenues from Federal Sources:				
IMPACT Aid	10-4100	1,292,224		
Medicaid Reimbursement	10-4200	16,418	29,627	25,000
Education Jobs Fund	18-4522			331,586
SUBTOTAL		1,308,642	29,627	356,586
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		4,937,243		
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET		53,519,427	48,879,444	50,057,370
GRANTS AND ENTITLEMENTS				
Revenues from Local Sources	20-1XXX	360,997		

Revenues from State Sources:				
Preschool Education Aid	20-3218		52,800	52,800
Other Restricted Entitlements	20-32XX	200,599	222,000	222,000
TOTAL REVENUES FROM STATE SOURCES		200,599	274,800	274,800

Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Title I	20-441-4416	132,178	103,000	1,150,000
Title II	20-4451-4455		61,400	
Title III	20-4491-4494		9,500	
Title IV	20-4471-4474		5,000	
I.D.E.A. Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	1,443,234	708,000	
Other	20-4XXX	75,730		
TOTAL REVENUES FROM FEDERAL SOURCES		1,651,142	886,900	1,150,000
TOTAL GRANTS AND ENTITLEMENTS		2,212,738	1,161,700	1,424,800
REPAYMENT OF DEBT				

Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	40-1210	1,025,980	1,183,120	1,193,115
TOTAL REVENUES FROM LOCAL SOURCES		1,025,980	1,183,120	1,193,115
TOTAL LOCAL REPAYMENT OF DEBT		1,025,980	1,183,120	1,193,115
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		97,711		
TOTAL REPAYMENT OF DEBT		1,123,691	1,183,120	1,193,115
TOTAL REVENUES/SOURCES		56,855,856	51,224,264	52,675,285

Advertised Appropriations				
Budget Category	Account	2009-10 Expenditures	2010-11 Rev. Approp.	2011-12 Appropriations
GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE				
Instruction:				
Regular Programs	11-1XX-100-XXX	18,007,307	18,167,697	17,174,237
Special Education	11-2XX-100-XXX	4,457,372	4,178,628	4,434,196
Basic Skills/Remedial	11-230-100-XXX	327,991	366,922	331,063
Bilingual Education	11-240-100-XXX	258,313	265,520	266,896
School-Spon. Co/Extra-Curr. Activities	11-401-100-XXX	161,079	134,421	122,844
School Sponsored Athletics	11-402-100-XXX	785,716	714,680	829,687
Support Services:				
Tuition	11-000-100-XXX	1,252,047	1,684,607	1,473,066
Attendance and Social Work Services	11-000-211-XXX	82,973	86,281	81,416
Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	648,504	677,358	691,856
Speech, OT, PT, Related & Extraordinary Services	11-000-216,217	1,095,010	1,227,014	1,117,737
Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	1,239,062	985,957	1,061,967
Child Study Teams	11-000-219-XXX	851,099	842,110	969,785
Improvement of Instructional Services	11-000-221-XXX	176,809	121,948	126,933
Educational Media Services - School Library	11-000-222-XXX	561,239	587,961	567,077
Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	172,879	157,351	152,656
General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	1,064,931	1,076,601	1,072,247
School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	2,174,202	2,154,437	2,016,842
Central Svcs & Admin Info Technology	11-000-25X-XXX	1,048,257	1,039,557	1,018,520
Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	4,760,982	4,022,230	4,522,114
Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	1,690,551	1,729,293	1,826,561
Personal Services - Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	7,730,135	8,533,958	10,074,670
Total Support Services Expenditures		24,548,680	24,926,663	26,773,447
TOTAL GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE		48,546,458	48,754,531	49,932,370

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES				
Equipment	12-XXX-XXX-73X	303,541		
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-4XX-XXX	4,187,667	68,734	100,000
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES		4,491,208	68,734	100,000

SPECIAL SCHOOLS				
Summer School:				
Instruction	13-422-100-XXX	181,533		
Support Services	13-422-200-XXX	3,716		
Total Summer School		185,249		
Accredited Evening/Adult High School/Post-Graduate:				
Instruction	13-601-100-XXX	59,906		
Support Services	13-601-200-XXX	204,344		
Total Accredited Evening/Adult HS/Post-Grad.		264,250		

Budget Category	Account	2009-10 Expenditures	2010-11 Rev. Approp.	2011-12 Appropriations
TOTAL SPECIAL SCHOOLS				
Transfer of Funds to Charter Schools	10-000-100-56X	32,262	56,179	25,000
OPERATING BUDGET GRAND TOTAL		53,519,427	48,879,444	50,057,370

SPECIAL GRANTS AND ENTITLEMENTS				
Local Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	360,997		
Preschool Education Aid:				
Instruction	20-218-100-XXX		52,800	52,800
TOTAL PRESCHOOL EDUCATION AID			52,800	52,800
Other State Projects:				
Nonpublic Textbooks	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	17,056	25,000	25,000
Nonpublic Auxiliary Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	90,203	93,000	93,000
Nonpublic Handicapped Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	20,313	21,000	21,000
Nonpublic Nursing Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	20,227	35,000	35,000
Nonpublic Technology Initiative	20-XXX-XXX-XXX		20,000	48,000
Other Special Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	52,800	28,000	
Total State Projects		200,599	274,800	274,800
Federal Projects:				
Title I	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	132,178	103,000	1,150,000
Title II	20-XXX-XXX-XXX		61,400	
Title III	20-XXX-XXX-XXX		9,500	
Title IV	20-XXX-XXX-XXX		5,000	
I.D.E.A. Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,443,234	708,000	
Other Special Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	75,730		
Total Federal Projects		1,651,142	886,900	1,150,000
TOTAL GRANTS AND ENTITLEMENTS		2,212,738	1,161,700	1,424,800

REPAYMENT OF DEBT				
Repayment of Debt - Regular	40-701-510-XXX	1,123,691	1,183,120	1,193,115
TOTAL REPAYMENT OF DEBT		1,123,691	1,183,120	1,193,115
Total Expenditures		56,855,856	51,224,264	52,675,285

DEDUCT EXPENDITURES INCLUDED IN MULTIPLE FUNDS DUE TO TRANSFERS:				
11-1XX-100-930				
Capital Reserve - Transfer to Repayment of Debt	12-000-400-933			
Transfer Property Sale Proceeds to Debt Svc Res	11-000-520-934			

TOTAL EXPENDITURES NET OF TRANSFERS		56,855,856	51,224,264	52,675,285
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Advertised Recapitulation of Balance				
Budget Category	Audited Balance 6/30/2009	Audited Balance 6/30/2010	Estimated Balance 6/30/2011	Estimated Balance 6/30/2012
Unassigned:				
General Operating Budget	1,523,404	1,060,274	585,059	185,057
Repayment of Debt	1	-97,710	-97,710	-97,710
Restricted for Specific Purposes:				
General Operating Budget:				
Capital Reserve	3,475,000	0	0	0
Adult Education Programs	0	0	0	0
Maintenance Reserve	499,992	500,411	500,411	500,411
Legal Reserve	1,854,230	1,199,783	2	0
Tuition Reserve	0	0	0	0
Current Expense Emergency Reserve	495,000	495,399	195,184	195,184
Restricted for Repayment of Debt	0	0	0	0

Advertised Per Pupil Cost Calculations					
2011 - 2012					
	2008-09 Actual	2009-10 Actual	2010-11 Original Budget	2010-11 Revised Budget	2011-12 Proposed Budget
Per Pupil Cost Calculations:	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Total Comparative Per Pupil Cost	11609	11860	12141	12257	12292
Total Classroom Instruction	7072	7594	7824	7850	7720
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	6846	7354	7628	7651	7529
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	190	192	135	136	141
Classroom-Purchased Services and Other	37	48	62	63	50
Total Support Services	1469	1553	1527	1546	1600
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	1264	1346	1306	1315	1393
Total Administrative Costs	1366	1356	1355	1392	1346
Administration-Salaries and Benefits	1044	1098	1086	1120	1070
Legal Costs	0	76	60	61	63
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	1361	1302	1074	1107	1217
Operations & Maintenance of Plant-Salary & Ben.	104	147	96	97	105
Total Food Services Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Total Extracurricular Costs	280	300	276	279	312
Total Equipment Costs	163	81	0	0	0
Employee Benefits as a % of Salaries	22.2	24.1	27.4	27.1	32.8

The information presented in columns 1 through 3 as well as the related descriptions of the per pupil cost calculations are contained in the 2011 Comparative Spending Guide and can be found on the Department of Education's Internet address: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/underFinance>, when available. This publication is available in the board office and public libraries. The same calculations were performed using the 2010-11 revised appropriations and 2011-12 budgeted appropriations presented in this advertised budget. Total Comparative Per Pupil Cost is defined as current expense exclusive of tuition expenditures, transportation, residential costs, and judgments against the school district. For all years, it also includes the restricted entitlement aids. With the exception of Total Equipment Cost, each of the other per pupil cost calculations presented is a component of the total comparative per pupil cost, although all components are not shown.

Annual School District Budget Statement Supporting Documentation					
4A. Advertised Capital Outlay Projects					
Describe below, by project number, the appropriations for budgeted Capital Outlay Projects including those items related to the district's Long Range Facilities Plan. Include only construction, remodeling, renovations, installation of service systems, land and improvements, and the purchase of buildings. If the project is eligible for a grant, enter an 'X' in column 4. Do not include equipment. Include all projects budgeted on the transfer lines to capital projects fund (8326 and 8335). If the project is a request to exceed an existing referendum (Under N.J.A.C. 6A: 26-4.4(a)3), enter an 'X' in column 5 and enter the funding source for the request in column 6. Complete a detailed budget for each project.					
Description/Activity	Project Number	Dollar Amount	Eligible for Grant	Request to Exceed Referendum	Funding Source for Request

sda grant repayment		68,730			
archetctural services		31,270			
Total Amount:		100,000			

NOTICE/ADVISÓ

The complete budget will be available for examination by the public at the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Education at 125 Jackson Avenue, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. from March 25, 2011 to April 27, 2011, both inclusive. The school district has proposed programs and services in addition to the core curriculum content standards adopted by the State Board of Education. Information on this budget and the programs and services it provides is available during normal business hours at the South Plainfield Board of Education, Business Office, 125 Jackson Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

En su totalidad el presupuesto se hara disponible al publico en la Oficio del Secretario de la Junta de Educacion en Jackson Avenue, No. 125 de 9:00 de la manana a las 4:00 de la tarde desde 25 de marzo, 2011 a 27 de abril, 2011.

El distrito escolar ha propuesto programas y servicios en adición al contenido esencial del curriculum modelo adoptado por La Junta de Educacion del estado. La informacion de este presupuesto y de los programas puede ser obtenida durante las horas normales de oficina, en la Junta de Educacion, Oficina de Negocios, en South Plainfield in la siguiente direccion: 125 Jackson Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

Nicholas C. Puleio, Secretary/Secretario
South Plainfield Board of Education/Junta de Educacion
125 Jackson Avenue
South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080

CITIZENS ARE URGED TO VOTE APRIL 27, 2011
SCHOOL BOARD & BUDGET ELECTIONS

Polls are open from 2 to 9 p.m. Check your sample ballots for polling places or call the Borough Clerk's Office, (908) 226-7606.

Obituaries

Irene J. (Royall) Tedesco, 63



Irene J. (Royall) Tedesco died on Thursday, March 17 at her home with her family at her side.

Born in Camp Kilmer, she was a resident of South Plainfield since 1983.

Irene retired about five years ago from the former Schooner Inn, currently known as the Spain Inn, where she worked as a bartender. She was an active member of Wesley Methodist Church in South Plainfield.

She is predeceased by her parents, Thomas and Catherine (Crowley) Royall; and by her husband, Peter, who died in 2001.

Irene leaves behind two daughters and their husbands, Teresa and Raymond Malone of South Plainfield and Christine and DJ O'Rourke of Middlesex; a sister, Mary Stokes; and a brother, Thomas Royall.

She will be missed by six grandchildren, David Muldowney, Raymond and Niko Madden, Christopher Barca,

Brittany O'Rourke and Melissa O'Rourke; a great-granddaughter, Tatiana Rose Mendez; and a soon-to-be great-granddaughter, Aubrey Jade Madden.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the St. Peter's Foundation, 254 Easton Ave., New Brunswick, N.J. 08901-1766.

Edward H. Tietz, 88

Edward H. Tietz of Fords died on Sunday, March 13 at the Mary Anne Hale Pavilion Haven Hospice Center at the JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Scotch Plains, Edward lived in South Plainfield most of his life before moving to Fords.

He was employed with the City of Plainfield Department of Public Works for 20 years as a mechanic before his retirement in 1983. He also worked for the Plainfield Board of Education for four years.

Edward served his country in the U.S. Army during WWII and received the American Service Medal, Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Philippines Liberation Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal.

He was a past president of AARP of South Plainfield; former president

of Union County Bowling Association and also entered in the Bowling Hall of Fame. He also enjoyed salt water fishing.

Edward is predeceased by his wife, Mildred, in 2006; his mother and father, Harriett and Charles Tietz; two brothers, Charles and Harold; four sisters, Marion, Harriet, Patricia and Hazel; and a grandson, Kenny Northup.

He is survived by two daughters, Karen Machinski and husband Frank of Louisiana and Diane Callan and husband Jerry of Fords; two sons, Edward H. Tietz, Jr. and wife Julie of Massachusetts and Jon Michael Tietz and wife Tammy of Arizona; and a sister, Shirley Russell of Edison. He will also be missed by eight loving grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at South Plainfield Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in his name to the Mary Anne Hale Pavilion Haven Hospice Center, c/o JFK Medical Center, 65 James St., Edison, N.J. 08820.

Charles J. Penkunas, 93

Charles J. Penkunas passed away on Wednesday, March 16 at the Highlands-Care One facility in Edison.

Born and raised in Minersville, Pa., he was one of 10 children born to the late Adam and Anna Penkunas.

He entered the United States Navy during WWII and served his country as an aviation radioman prior to being honorably discharged.

He later resided in Kearny and Elizabeth for most of his life prior to settling in South Plainfield in 1989.

Initially working in the coal mines near his hometown, Charles was a hardworking individual who worked numerous shifts at the former Ballantine Brewery in Newark and later for the former Red Star Yeast.

He enjoyed being active all of his life, spending time dancing and doing yard work. In addition, Charles was a diehard Philadelphia Eagles and Phillies

fan who also donated to various wildlife organizations.

Predeceased by his first wife, Florence who died in 1985, he is also predeceased by seven siblings.

Surviving are his wife, Rose Krylowski Penkunas; a daughter, Celeste Penkunas; two sons, Gregory and Mark; and two sisters, Mary Denis and Nell Penkunas. Also surviving are four beloved grandchildren, Angela, Kristen, Michael and Samantha.

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

Richard J. Fitzgerald, 85

Richard J. Fitzgerald passed away on Saturday, March 20 with his wife at his side in Scotch Plains.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Richard had resided in Scotch Plains prior to settling in South Plainfield some 40 years ago. He was one of the original homeowners in his development.

He served in the United States Navy during WWII from 1943-1946 aboard a destroyer in various campaigns throughout the Pacific.

Employed initially as an electrician, Richard quickly rose through the ranks

of the Electrical Union in N.Y.C. He later became the vice president of Broadway Maintenance in New York City, where he worked on various large projects including the building of the World Trade Centers prior to his retirement.

Being handy and very intelligent, Richard enjoyed being a ham radio operator and his call letters were WB2MIT. He also enjoyed spending time restoring cars, playing the organ and was a member of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield and the NRA.

He is predeceased by two sisters, Dorothy Leviness and Helen Lemyre.

Surviving are his wife, Rita (Halloran); a brother, John; several nieces and nephews and a large step family consisting of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, Ohio 45250-0301, DAV.org.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE #1920

BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on March 21, 2011 and the 20 day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

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

Purposes:

A) Section 3(a) of Bond Ordinance numbered 1742 of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Borough"), finally adopted July 11, 2006, as amended by Bond Ordinance #1857, finally adopted May 18, 2009, is amended to include, along with the other purposes or improvements already included in the ordinance, the following:

"Improvements to the Truck Bypass Route, including but not limited to, the preparation of design and construction plans and bid documents, architectural and engineering work, environmental studies and remediation costs, permits, feasibility studies, and applications, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto."

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

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

Appropriation: \$0

Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$0

Grant Appropriated: N/A

Section 20 Costs: \$0

Useful Life: 20 years

Joann L. Graf, RMC
Municipal Clerk

\$45.52

March 25, 2011

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1923

STATEMENT AND SUMMARY OF INTENT & PURPOSE

The Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield finds that riparian lands adjacent to streams, lakes or other surface water bodies that are adequately vegetated provide an important environmental protection and water resource management benefit. It is necessary to protect and maintain the beneficial character of riparian areas by implementing specifications for the establishment, protection and maintenance of vegetation along the surface water bodies within the jurisdiction of South Plainfield consistent with the interest of landowners in making reasonable economic use of parcels of land that include such designated areas. The purpose of this Ordinance is to designate Riparian zones, and to provide for land use regulation therein in order to protect the streams, lakes and other surface water bodies of South Plainfield; to protect the water quality of watercourses, reservoirs, lakes and other significant water resources within South Plainfield; to protect the riparian and aquatic ecosystems of South Plainfield; and to complement existing state, regional, county and municipal stream corridor protection and management regulations and initiatives.

The specific purposes and intent of this Ordinance are to:

- Restore and maintain the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the water resources of South Plainfield;
- Prevent excessive nutrients, sediment and organic matter, as well as biocides and other pollutants from reaching surface waters by optimizing opportunities for filtration, deposition, absorption, adsorption, plant intake, biodegradation and denitrification, which occur when stormwater runoff is conveyed through vegetated buffers as stable, distributed flow prior to reaching receiving waters;
- Provide for shading of aquatic environment so as to moderate temperatures, retain more dissolved oxygen and support a healthy assemblage of aquatic flora and fauna;
- Provide for the availability of natural organic matter (leaves and twigs) and large woody debris (trees and limbs) that provide food and habitat for aquatic organisms (insects, amphibians, crustaceans and small fish), which are essential to maintain the food chain;
- Increase stream bank stability and maintain natural fluvial geomorphology of the stream system, thereby reducing stream bank erosion and sedimentation and protecting habitat for aquatic organisms;
- Maintain base flows in streams and moisture in wetlands;
- Control downstream flooding; and
- Conserve the natural features important to land and water resources, e.g., headwater areas, ground water recharge zones, floodways, floodplains, springs, streams, wetlands, woodlands and prime wildlife habitats.

A full copy of Ordinance # 1923 is available in the Municipal Clerk's office for public inspection or copy. This ordinance was introduced on Monday April 21, 2011 at a public meeting of the South Plainfield Mayor and Council. A public hearing will be held on Monday, April 4, 2011 at the Public Meeting of the Governing Body which began at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 and is being advertised in The Observer on Friday, April 8, 2011.

Joann L. Graf, RMC
Municipal Clerk

\$52.60

March 25, 2011

Maszczyk Family Miracle Day Tricky Tray Fundraiser

Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc. will be sponsoring a tricky tray auction fundraiser to help raise money for the Maszczyk Family in their time of need.

You can help make this a huge success by donating items to be raffled or by making a monetary contribution towards the event; however, the biggest way you can help is by coming to the event and showing your support.

The fundraiser will be held on Saturday, June 18 at the PAL building on Maple Avenue from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If donating with a check, please make it payable to O.Y.H.T.C.B.C.F with "Maszczyk" printed in the memo.

For more information or to find out ways you can contribute, please email Kristen Celentano and Shelley King at openyourheartstrickytray@gmail.com.

All proceeds will go to the family.

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Spring Beckons for Middlesex County with Outdoor Adventures for Entire Family

With spring just around the corner, a newly published book, *Wild New Jersey: Nature Adventures in the Garden State*, offers a range of outdoor adventures accessible to everyone from weekend warriors to families and seniors enjoying a leisurely day outside. In addition to the book, the author, nature writer David Wheeler, is visiting over 40 different locations throughout the spring and summer to promote New Jerseyans getting outdoors to enjoy nature.

"In these times when the Internet and digital cable television bring almost everything directly to our screens, there is one irreplaceable feature that can only be experienced by getting outdoors—the active engagement of our five senses," says Wheeler.

"Contrary to the stereotypes, no state in America offers a broader range of outdoor activities and wildlife than New Jersey."

Indeed, New Jersey's unique location and varied landscapes offer the perfect combination of habitats for wildlife—including extremely rare visitors such as the moose, lynx, beluga whale, manatee and albatross.

Wheeler's interactive presentations, which have captured the enthusiasm of audiences at 16 locations across the state so far, highlight "the real New Jersey experience," demonstrating the far-reaching benefits for our state's economy, health, education and environment. The book's narrative follows Wheeler's year spent outdoors from High Point to Cape May, join-

ing biologists, expedition leaders, and local experts on wildlife expeditions from birding and canoeing to seining and dogsledding.

In the Central Jersey region, the book focuses on fascinating spectacles such as:

- Family options for canoeing, kayaking, birding and biking along the Delaware & Raritan Canal stretching across New Jersey's heart like a wild green belt, where wildlife-like bald eagles and beavers again thrive after many decades away;

- The hidden ecological treasures of the Dismal Swamp Conservation Area in Metuchen, Edison and South Plainfield, where rare species such as the spotted turtle, Northern harrier, Cooper's hawk and yellow-crowned night-heron can be seen among pristine wetlands and woodlands in an otherwise heavily suburban region;

- The incredible salamander migrations of East Brunswick and other locations, where roads are shut down to protect the huge numbers of salamanders and frogs crossing the roads on certain rainy nights each March;

- The tragic plight of bats in our region, where this misunderstood animal is being decimated by white-nosed syndrome. Wheeler joins state biologists in trapping, identifying and tagging little brown bats in a barn and finds they are nothing like what he expected. Bats eat millions of mosquitoes and other troublesome insects each year, so as Wheeler puts it, "their loss is our loss."

- The return of peregrine falcons, the fastest animal on earth, flying up to 180 mph, to nest in densely populated public areas like bridges, skyscrapers and the Elizabeth County Courthouse.

Education Foundation, Business Assoc. Golf Outing Set for May 10

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

The golf outing is dedicated to Emil Leporino, who was instrumental in the formation of the South Plainfield Education Foundation.

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

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

Prizes will be awarded for team low gross, team low net, hole-in-one,

longest drive and closest to the pin.

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

The following corporate sponsorships are available: Platinum \$1,000; gold \$750 and silver \$500. Corporate underwriters include: breakfast sponsor \$250; beverage cart sponsor \$250; sign at first and 18th tee box \$175 and sign at second through 17th green \$125.

To sign up, call Carolyn Allen at (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 onto golf@SPBA.biz or vision2001.org.

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CONFIDENTIAL ASSISTANT-SOUTH PLAINFIELD Borough, Middlesex County is looking for a full-time Confidential Assistant to assist the Administrator with labor contracts, payroll, benefits and a variety of administrative duties. Will perform clerical and general office duties. Must have excellent oral & written communication skills. Must possess computer skills, including knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel. Please mail resume & salary requirements to: Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080. Attn: Glenn Cullen, Administrator; or fax to 908-226-7612 or email gcullen@southplainfieldnj.com. Please call 908-226-7602 for more information.

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LOST CAT

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HELP WANTED

HORTICULTURAL HELP:

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Sports

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The greatest golfers in the world will be competing for a \$10,000,000 top prize at the Barclays 2011 Golf Tournament from August 23-28 at the Plainfield Country Club in Edison.

You can be a part of this spectacular event by volunteering to help at the tournament. You get close to the action; create memories of a lifetime, and best of all, you help the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge and South Amboy Send a Kid to Camp Campaign. Barclays makes a donation to the YMCA for each volunteer who signs up through their

volunteer program.

Volunteers help out on an assortment of tasks, from acting as marshals to helping in the media center. The opportunities are enormous. The personal rewards are even larger. In addition to being a part of the action, volunteers receive: A Barclays's logo polo and volunteer pin, a Barclay's logo baseball cap, lunch on days worked, admission to a volunteers reception party and a free parking pass and free admission pass for you and a friend for the entire week.

The real winners of the Barclays will

be the charities that benefit from the contributions the Barclays and the Professional Golfers Association make at their event. Be a volunteer! Help the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge and South Amboy Send a Kid to Camp Campaign. What a great opportunity to model for the children by showing them that volunteerism can be fun and something you can do at every stage of life.

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

Learning How to See the Forest for the Trees

I remember my maternal grandfather talking about Joe DiMaggio, Johnny Unitas (Hall of Fame quarterback), Sam Snead (PGA golfer) and others. He was born in 1915, and he told me when he went to Yankee Stadium in 1927 and saw the famous "Murderer's Row" team with Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig.

It's important to keep something in mind. When watching present-day sports, it's vital to make observations and evaluations with respect to an all-time great game or player who is revo-

lutionary and whose impact on the game will last long after they retire.

One player that comes to mind is first baseman Albert Pujols of the St. Louis Cardinals. His statistics over the first 10 years of this career make him a first-ballot Hall of Famer if he never played another game. He is the only player to average 40 or more home runs in the first 10 years of this career (408), just to name one.

I was born in 1966, and I started playing hockey seriously in 1973. When I saw the Boston Bruins Bobby

Orr play, I remember one of my buddies telling me that "it was almost like watching Jesus on skates!"

Bobby Orr was that good, and you realized it the second you saw him. Even though knee injuries cut his career short, he was the youngest player (31) to be elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1979. The NHL waived its waiting period for him. Because he revolutionized how defensemen play, his decade-long dominance and his ability to play top-notch offense and defense, Orr is considered by many to be the greatest and most endeared hockey player of all time. Don't believe me? Just go on YouTube and you can watch his number four being retired on January 9, 1979. You'll know what I am talking about.

-Submitted by Greg Heim

By Gary Lampasona

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

Rain, rain go away! And don't come back.

Preseason Work Detail: We had another good turnout for field duty. Field #1 and #2 are making good progress and the playground has new mulch. Foul poles have been installed on Field #1. Thanks to those who helped last Saturday.

The schedule for the remaining weeks of preseason work detail follows, but we can use all the help we can get.

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

Spring Training Camp: The first week of spring training, held by the high school coaches and players, was very successful with over 40 players attending. The camp is being held at the South Plainfield High School gym; the final session is Sunday, March 27 from 8 a.m. to noon for ages seven to nine, and from 1 to 4 p.m. for ages 10-12. If your child missed the first week, they can still attend the second session. Visit the registration table at the door.

Snack Stand Signup 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.

Third Annual High School Baseball Game at TD Bank Park will be held on Sunday, April 24 at 4 p.m. versus JFK (Iselin). Save the date; it's a great day for the family. Ticket information will be available soon.

Opening Day Program: Be a sponsor in 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 two weeks away.

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

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Sports Highlights Coming Soon!

The Observer will be following the high school students and teams during the upcoming months. Want to see who is returning, who's new and what other school they will be playing? How about golf tee-off times, when you can see a home softball game or catch the review from last week's tennis match? Find it here!

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Sports



The SPHS boys varsity bowling team completed the 2010-2011 season with a 4-13 record in the rugged White Division in the GMC. Kneeling (L-R): Zach Noll, Jesse Masters (Rookie of the Year), Robert Aimone, Tyler Harriot and Christopher Duffy. Standing (L-R): Asst. Coach Lori Gerstl, Joe Parillo, Ryan Riccardi, Kyle O'Keefe, Capt. Andrew Yon, Robert Benwell, Tom Riccardi (MVP) and Coach Ralph Fech.

SOCCER CLUB

By Dawn Hutchison

Storm Overcomes Princeton, Mustangs Tie Carteret

Another great weekend for soccer. Congratulations to Storm with a 3-1 win over Princeton S.A. and Mustangs tied with Carteret Cosmos, 2-2. Here's hoping the Wanderers have recovered. Much of the team fell ill Saturday night and they had to cancel their game. Speedy recovery to all and hope to have you back on the fields this week.

The SPSC will hold an open house on Saturday, April 2 from 10 a.m. to noon. We welcome children from 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

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

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 Eclipse Sunday, March 27-1:30 p.m., Kenneth field #2
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Please come on out and support our teams as they take our home fields this weekend.

sure to wear your cleats and shin guards and comfortable clothing to be part of the fun. Board members and club members will be on hand to answer any questions you might have about joining the SPSC. For more information, call (908) 755-3550; leave a

message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

The SPSC is offering its annual scholarship awards to two recipients. We will be awarding a \$500 scholarship to each of the winners selected by the scholarship review panel. Requirements for eligibility are applicant must be a resident of South Plainfield, a senior in high school graduating in June 2011 and attending college in the Fall 2011. Applicant must have played for the SPSC for a minimum of four seasons. Deadline for filing applications is May 20. All applications should be turned in to the SPHS Guidance Department in a sealed envelope marked SPSC Scholarship or mailed to SPSC Scholarship, P.O. Box 543, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080. No late entries will be accepted. Proof of college enrollment may be requested prior to release of scholarship funds. Forms are available in the guidance department at the high school or

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U-10 ECLIPSE

By Jenn Curtis

Eclipse Battle to Tie Against Livingston

Spring has sprung already for the SPSC U-10 girls travel soccer team Eclipse who battled to a hard fought tie on a chilly Sunday at home against Livingston.

Livingston got on the board first with a goal early in the first period, but the girls did not give up and played well in an evenly matched contest. Late in the fourth period Eclipse tied the score on a line drive goal scored by Jill Holobowski. The game ended in a 1-1 tie.

Last week the girls won their opening game in Union Beach to start the

season, 1-0-1.

Team Eclipse consists of Lynda Farinella, Victoria Meono, Kaitlyn Smith, Kathryn Delair, Kristen Smith, Olivia Leonardis, Cameron Marks, Gianna Sacco, Alexis Curtis, Jill Holobowski, Erika Rems, Samantha Pullen and Mackenzie O'Brien. The coaches of Eclipse are Gino Leonardis and Ken Curtis.

The girls next game is home at Kenneth Fields on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. against Scotch Plains. Please come on out and support these girls.

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Grant School fifth grader Mikey Behr shows author Valarie Thomas his poster explaining some aspects of her book, *Karma Bites*.

Coins, Precious Metals Program At Library

The library will host a program on selling coins, paper money and precious metals on Sunday, April 3 at 2 p.m.

The program will be conducted by Gregory Heim, a coin dealer and professional numismatist with over 37 years of experience, both professionally and in his spare time. In his business, he buys and sells U.S. and foreign coins and paper money, as well as jewelry, precious metals and sports cards and memorabilia. A South Plainfield resident, he is also active in the American Numismatic Association, the Watchung Hills Coin Club and the South Plainfield Business Association, among other groups.

During the program, Heim will outline what to expect and how you should be treated when selling your collectibles. He will also give advice on what and what not to do or say when selling your material. Attendees may bring in their own items for examination, as time allows. The program is being presented free; no pre-registration is required.

The library is located in the municipal complex at 2484 Plainfield Ave. For more information, please call (908) 754-7885 or visit www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

2010-2011

JUNIOR JOURNALIST



Joseph Sacco Named Junior Journalist



Joseph Sacco with his teacher, Cynthia Severino.

Joseph Sacco, Kennedy School fourth grader, is this week's winner in the Junior Journalist program. His poem, "Friends," has earned Joseph dinner for his 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 have the opportunity to win a \$1,000 savings bond and other prizes. 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.

Friends

By Joseph Sacco

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Plainfields' Chapter of 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 South Plainfield Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave.

Plainfields' UNICO members will

also be collecting non-perishable food for local food banks, as part of UNICO's day of service, Plainfields' UNICO President Anthony Bengivena said. 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.



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Health Matters At AIMS Education

The American Institute of Medical Sciences and Education (AIMS), located in South Plainfield, was founded in 2004 by a group of enthusiastic healthcare and allied personnel who envisioned "quality, integrity and affordability" in education.

The school is accredited by The Commission of Secondary Schools of the Middle States Association, which is recognized by the Council for Higher Education and is one of the few institutes in the tri-state area offering all major diagnostic certifications under one roof. It is also the first, and only, private school in the tri-state area to offer MRI Technologist program. The teaching staff is comprised of physicians and experienced technologists.

AIMS also offers diagnostic, OR and IVF out-patient facilities which are ACR, CLIA, JCAHO accredited and are affiliated with more than 50 health clinics and six teaching hospitals in the tri-state area where students receive hands-on clinical training. Services in career development, certification, testing, counseling and job placement are available to groom graduates for the requirements of their fields.

Scholarships and financial aid are available to eligible students. In addition to helping people build rewarding careers, AIMS also sponsors regular health and wellness fairs. Tours of the school are available from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information, visit aims.edu.com or call (908) 222-0002.



Mayor Matt Anesh presents a Clean-Up Week Proclamation to Dorothy Miele, chairperson of the Environmental Commission.

Volunteers Needed For Litter Clean Up Week April 23-30

The South Plainfield Clean Communities Advisory Board is asking volunteer groups to participate in Volunteer Litter Cleanup Week. This year's cleanup week will run from Saturday, April 23 through Saturday, April 30.

The big pickup day is scheduled for April 23. Volunteers will be able to pick up equipment and clean up assignments at the municipal building at 2480 Plainfield Ave. from 9 to 10 a.m. Roadsides, parks, streams and vacant lots will be targeted. Volunteers need to provide their own transportation to cleanup locations. Carpooling is encouraged. Bagged litter does not have to be brought back; it can be left along the roadside for collection by the road department.

Volunteers are invited back to the municipal building at 12:30 for a pizza pickup picnic, complete with environmentally-friendly door prizes. You can organize a crew, or come on your own.

Call Alice Tempel, clean communities coordinator, at (908) 226-7621 for more information or email her at atempel@southplainfieldnj.com.

WineMasters "Turn Wine to Water" Campaign Kicks Off Locally

In an effort to bring clean water to communities most in need, NJ-based retail wine consortium WineMasters has partnered with Moorestown water charity, A Drink for Tomorrow (ADFT), to fund water projects worldwide. The WineMasters' "Turn Wine to Water" campaign will donate \$1 per bottle of wine sold through its website, www.winemasters.com, and its network of 23 wine retailers across New Jersey during a month-long campaign that kicked off on World Water Day, March 22 and extends through Earth Day, April 22.

Oak Tree Wine & Spirits on Oak Tree Road in South Plainfield is among the WineMasters retailers participating.

The campaign was created to empower wine lovers in New Jersey and nationwide to turn their next bottle of wine into a source of clean drinking water for tomorrow.

Founded in 2004 by certified sommeliers and New Jersey store owners Kevin Roche and Jim Treanor, WineMasters is a retail wine consortium dedicated to bringing top quality, small production wines to consumers through winery-direct relationships with some of the best winemakers

throughout the world. WineMasters offers a portfolio of over 200 endorsed wines, ranging in price from \$6.98 to \$200 per bottle, through its nearly 40 member retailers, as well as online through its website.

"The goal of this effort is to turn our recreational wine consumption into a source of clean drinking water for the nearly 884 million people who suffer every day from a global clean water shortage," said Roche.

"The WineMasters network has both the reputation and the reach to bring tremendous momentum to our 'Turn Wine to Water' program," said ADFT founder Stephanie Weaver. "A typical well costs between \$4K and \$6K to build, and it is our hope that this partnership will generate enough funds to bring clean water to at least two new communities in 2011."

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LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SALARY ORDINANCE # 1777 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF VARIOUS BOROUGH EMPLOYEES AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SAID COMPENSATION was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, March 25, 2011 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, April 4, 2011 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately following the 7:00 pm Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 as follows:

WHEREAS, the Salary Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield confirms the titles of officers and employees of the Borough and establishes their respective compensation, and the Ordinance remains in effect until amended or superseded; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council wishes to amend Salary Ordinance #1777 to include both a full time and part time position of Cashier; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield as follows:

SECTION 1. The aforesaid Salary Ordinance is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

A. The table of salaried positions in Section 1 is amended to include the position of "Cashier, Full time" with an annual salary range of \$20,020 to \$30,030.

B. The ordinance is also amended to include the position of Cashier, Part time with an annual salary range of \$11,440 to \$17,160

SECTION 2. INCONSISTENCY—All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall become effective and operative ten days after publication thereof after final passage.

Joann L. Graf, RMC
Municipal Clerk

\$39.85

March 25, 2011

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO.1922

AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE BOROUGH'S AUTHORITY AND CONTROL OVER A PORTION OF DOVER PLACE IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, March 25, 2011 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, April 4, 2011 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately following the 7:00pm Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 as follows:

WHEREAS, there exists in the Borough of South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey, a street which is, in part, a "paper street" known as Dover Place as shown on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of South Plainfield; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined such property to be surplus property, and has been offered for sale to the two contiguous property owners a portion of Dover Place, which property is less than the minimum size required for development, and has no capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, one contiguous property owner, Dennis Hado, has expressed interest in purchasing the property at the previously appraised fair market value of \$10,250.00, and the other contiguous property owner has not expressed any interest; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield desires to sell a portion of the property known as Dover Place to Dennis Hado; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:67-19 authorizes the Borough to release and extinguish public rights, and the rights of the Borough, arising from a dedication of the street;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

I. The rights of the public and the Borough of South Plainfield in and to a portion of Dover Place in the confines of Block 284, Lots 19 and 25, as described more particularly in Schedule A annexed hereto and made a part hereof are hereby extinguished and vacated;

II. At least one week prior to the time affixed for the consideration of this Ordinance for final passage, a copy thereof, together with a notice of the introduction thereof at a time and place when and where the Ordinance will be further considered for final passage, should be mailed to every person whose land may be effected by this Ordinance insofar as may be ascertained. Said notices shall be made by the Borough Clerk to the owners of Block 284, Lot 19, and Lot 25; and

III. The Borough Clerk shall, within 60 days of the effective date of this Ordinance, file a copy of this Ordinance certified by her under the Seal of the Borough to be a true copy thereof, together with proof of publication thereof in the office of the Clerk of the County of Middlesex in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:67-21.

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

Joann L. Graf, RMC
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Hanlon Named Principal of Holy Savior

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began on March 21. "We expect to have a full faculty hired in about three weeks time," Hanlon said. "We have a large number of resumes to go through, and I'm confident that when we've finished the hiring process we will have the best of the best on our staff."

Hanlon and her husband have one son who is a graduate of St. James School in Basking Ridge and is currently a student at Seton Hall Prep. The Hanlons are parishioners at St. Mary's Stony Hill in Watchung.



Students perform in the South Plainfield High School musical, *Footloose*, for the public at a recent Board of Education meeting. There will be four performances of *Footloose*, April 7 to April 10, at the high school.

Sports

Soccer Club: Storm Overcomes Princeton

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at our website, www.soplfdsoccerclub.com.

Reminder: Canning will take place during the month of April. The dates are as follows:

Friday, April 1, Saturday, April 2, Sunday, April 3, Thursday, April 7, Friday, April 8, Saturday, April 9, Sunday, April 10, Thursday, April 14, Thursday, April 21, Thursday, April 28, Friday, April 29, Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, 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, 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.

Important—Please be sure to sign up for your snack stand duty by visiting the snack stand at Kenneth Avenue during home games this weekend. You will be able to sign up in the book for an available shift that is best for you. After this weekend, teams will be contacted with shifts that need to be covered.

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JUNIOR JOURNALIST

Debbie and Charlie Kurland of Hometown Heros deliver dinner to Junior Journalist winner Katalina Bedoya, pictured with her parents, Gina and Manuel; brother, Daniel; grandparents, Victoria and Horacio Romero; aunt, Jessica; cousins, Gianna and Tori Romero; and friend, Margarita Vargas.

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