



DATE CHANGE: ● The Easter Egg Hunt has been rescheduled for Friday, April 22 at 1 p.m. at the PAL

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The 2011/2012 School Board Budget and Candidate Elections will be held April 27. Polls are open 2-9 p.m.

Proposed BOE Budget To Eliminate 30 Jobs Property Owners to See Tax Increase

By Jane Dornick

Acting Superintendent Dr. Gary Bowen and Interim Business Administrator Nick Puleio gave their final budget presentation to Borough Council members at the regular public meeting held Monday evening.

The proposed budget for the fiscal year 2011/2012 is \$52,675,285. Residents will vote on the proposed school board budget tax levy portion of \$40,665,182. The debt service portion of \$1,193,115 from a previous bond referendum also appears on the ballot, but will not be voted on. If approved, the new tax rate will be 2.845; therefore, a home assessed at \$123,000 (average assessed home) will have to pay an additional \$130.77 per year. According to Dr. Bowen, voting in favor of the budget will still mean a staff reduction of 30+ employees "across the board in every category." This includes teachers, aides, van drivers and special education staff. Just who will be cut will be determined according to next year's student needs.

Former Board President Jeff Seider questioned the decision to base the tax increase amount of \$130.77 on a calendar year as opposed to a fiscal year, saying that residents would actually have to pay an additional \$50. He also stated that when he was on the board in 2007/2008, they agreed that they would tell the public the fiscal year dollar amount in the future, which is higher. Puleio stated that the difference between years is an increase of approximately \$4.

According to CFO Glenn Cullen, what taxpayers see in their first and second quarter bill is actually a six month bill for the present fiscal year school budget; the third and fourth quarter will include the new budget.

Current Board President Jim Giannakis denied that they agreed to continue the practice of revealing the fiscal budget as opposed to the

calendar year. "It is only fair to the taxpayers to report to them what is actually going to come out of their pockets during the tax (calendar) year," said Puleio.

"I wasn't aware of any unilateral decision," said Dr. Bowen, referring to the release of fiscal numbers.

Seider also asked if cutting 30 employees meant that they were over-staffed. Dr. Bowen stated that "programs are the essence" of the school, and maintained that increasing class sizes by three students at the middle and high school levels will not have an effect on the quality of instruction. "We looked at every category of employment, and we will continue to analyze the budget over the next two months or more," he added.

The athletic budget also came under fire by Seider, who said it was a "thorn in his claw" that over the years people were being paid as ticket takers, security and to operate time clocks at a cost to taxpayers of \$31,684 in 2008/2009. He also stated that subsequently each of those positions have received raises. "Why is it in the budget?" Seider asked, adding that we pay police officers to work and can use volunteers for the other jobs.

According to Dr. Bowen, the athletic director is currently revising and making adjustments to his budget. "Purchasing uniforms has been in the budget for the past three years. Do we actually purchase them?" asked Seider, saying that some pages in the budget are "carbon copied" each year and a "10% increase" is added on. "We will continue to look at this," Puleio answered.

A health care cost increase of 20% has been added into the budget, although Puleio said that they are "seeking proposals to improve on the numbers" and he "hopes it will be less." Seider felt the percentage was extravagant. "South Plainfield is not squirreling away money," said Puleio, with an over estimation of health care increases.



(L-R): Anthony Bengivenga, president of the Plainfields' Chapter of UNICO; Connie Kozachek, second vice president and co-chairperson of the blood drive; Rick McNally, past president and co-chairperson of the blood drive; Bob Longo, UNICO and Knights member, Bob Bengivenga, deputy district governor NJ UNICO District X and a blood drop student volunteer from Kean College.

UNICO Sponsors Community Service Day

The Plainfields' Chapter of UNICO along with the South Plainfield Business Association and the Knights of Columbus sponsored the annual Community Service Day Blood and

Food Drive on April 9 at the South Plainfield Municipal Building.

Over 70 units of blood were collected by NY/NJ Blood Services and about 10 cartons of non perishable

food was collected for the local food banks (FISH). Students of Dr. Ann Walko, a professor at Kean College, volunteered to help as well as many members of UNICO from South Plainfield, Scotch Plains, Edison, Piscataway, Green Brook and North Plainfield.



Franklin School students celebrate spring with a Mardi Gras dance. For story and additional photos, see page 9.

Easter Sunrise Services at Park

The First Baptist Church of South Plainfield invites the community to an Easter sunrise service on April 24 at 6:30 a.m. at the gazebo in Spring Lake Park.

Following the service, a pancake breakfast will be held at the church at 7:15 a.m. followed by Easter morning

worship at 10:30 a.m. The nursery will be available during Sunday worship services.

The First Baptist Church is located at 201 Hamilton Blvd.

For more information, call (908) 753-2382 or visit www.fbcsouthplainfield.com.

South Plainfield Woman Dies After Auto Accident

Eleanore Pracher, 87 of South Plainfield, was fatally injured in a motor vehicle accident that occurred on April 13 at about 4 p.m. on Oak Tree Avenue.

Pracher was driving a 1994 Ford Escort westbound on Oak Tree Avenue near Joan Street when her vehicle left the roadway, traveled approximately 400 feet across several lawns and struck a tree about 100 feet east of Joan Street.

Pracher was treated at the scene by members of the Somerset Medical Center EMS and paramedics from Mercy 6 at Muhlenberg Hospital. She was transported to John E. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison where she was pronounced dead.

According to the police investigation, it appears that Pracher suffered a medical episode prior to the crash, but died as a result of injuries sustained in the crash.

The investigation is ongoing, and any witnesses are asked to contact Lt. Kevin Murtagh at (908) 226-7679 or Officer Peter Magnani at (908) 226-7678.

Sodexo Employees Wages Still in Dispute

By Libby Barsky

Sodexo employees attended a Board of Education meeting in January expressing concerns about their wages. They also sent a letter on February 20 citing what they believed were discrepancies in their wages.

In the letter, the employees said that their analysis of their pay stubs caused them to believe their employer was not complying with the standards in

the contract that stipulate "average minimum wages" for each category of employee and had not been complying for several years. In response to the employees, the board directed its attorney to send a letter requesting certified payrolls from 2004 until the present.

Less than a month later, the board received the current certified payroll, and the employees received increases in their March 17 paychecks of up to

\$2 an hour from Sodexo.

During the April 13 BOE meeting, Phoebe Schell, SEIU 32 BJ organizer, read a letter stating, "If the Board of Education finds that these raises were given to correct Sodexo's violation of the contract with the board, we would like to know where those wages have gone over all these years?" The letter also requested, "If the results (of the board's investigation) show that

Sodexo has been underpaying its employees over the past years, we would like the board to publicly demand that Sodexo compensate its employees for lost wages."

Returning wages to the employees would not be in the purview of the board, according to Business Administrator Nicholas Puleio. "We are under contract (as a third party); that is something they will have to meet."



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Meet the Candidates Night will be broadcast on Comcast Channel 96 on Saturday, April 23 at 9 p.m. DVDs of the meeting can be obtained by contacting the Observer office, (908) 668-0010.

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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

May 2 May 2

May 16 May 16

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 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 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.)

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.

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.

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

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.

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

In My Opinion

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

To the Editor:

As the co-directors of the Grant School Drama Club we thought it was important to mention the parents that helped with this year's production of *The King and I, Jr.* We are certain that the show would not have been successful without their help and support.

Thank you to Mr. DeFort for building our set and making sure that our stage was secure enough for our entire cast to dance on. All details and set decorations were taken care of by Mrs. Nuber, Mrs. DeFort, Mrs. Severini and Rocco Severini. From painting to miraculously creating a beautiful library out of foam board, we couldn't have done it without you. Mrs. Kelly, thank you for taking the time to sell snacks every afternoon. Thank you, Mrs. Batista, Mrs. Rochotte, Mrs. Milane and Mrs. Cieszkiewicz for taking time to sell tickets both during school hours and at night. And what would we have done without the patience of Mrs. Rochotte who helped supervise an entire cast of 80 students both nights of the show? Mrs. Larsen, the t-shirts looked great; thank you for helping us raise money with the candy grams. Thank you, Mrs. Rhoads for organizing and distributing the shirts. Mrs. Georgeann Cochrane once again ensured that flower sales were a success.

We are grateful for Mrs. Maher, Mrs. Arditto and Mrs. Arriola's mom, Magali Arriola for their kindness in helping us with the sewing of the sashes. Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Olsen, the girls looked beautiful on stage; thank you for doing hair and makeup behind the scenes.

Sincere appreciation to the Grant School PTO for their constant support.

We would also like to thank Mr. Whalen, Mr. Richkus, Mrs. Papa and Mrs. Ranger for everything they did to help us with the show. Mr. Tweed, thank you so much for your patience and hard work ensuring the sound was perfect for the show. Sean Walsh, thank you for keeping our stage beautifully lit. We are forever indebted to Mrs. Dunn; thank you so much for our stage curtain. We will continue to use it for many years to come.

Thank you everyone for all of your immense dedication and kind hearts. A special thanks to our families for allowing us to work long hours to ensure that *The King and I* was a success. We couldn't have done it without you. We love you.

It was truly humbling to work side by side with such a splendid group of parents. You made it all possible. We sincerely apologize if we failed to mention any parents. This was a uniquely memorable experience for your children and for us. Please continue to support programs such as this one. Once again, thank you for everything.

**SINCERELY,
LIZBET ARRIOLA AND JOAN STASIO, CO-DIRECTORS OF THE GRANT SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB**

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Mr. Bogdan Fryszczyn's letter. I am an employee of the South Plainfield Middle School and have been since 2000. I received my tenure in 2003. In his letter, Mr. Fryszczyn implies that I obtained my job as a result of my husband's position on our board of education. Let me set the record straight. I have been employed at the middle school for 11 years, my husband was elected and has been a board member since 2005. I work very hard at my job and resent the implication that I only have my job as a result of my husband's seat. Nothing could be further from the truth. I can assure you that any administration that I have worked under will attest to my diligence and dedication at what I do. Please check your facts before you make any groundless accusations.

**THANK YOU,
LINDA GIANNAKIS**

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank Councilman Bengivenga for the letter which appeared in the April 15 edition of the *Observer*, which is in response to my April 8 letter. While I do not wish to belabor the issues, I feel it incumbent to respond to certain inaccuracies and statements contained in his letter.

First and foremost, the Library Board is totally aware that the great majority of its funds represent taxpayer dollars (although there is a large portion which are from gifts, donations, candy sales, etc.) The board has always acted in a fiscally responsible manner over the past 20 years, which is why we are in the sound fiscal condition that currently exists. Contrary to what Councilman Bengivenga and other officials may think, we have been saving up to use these funds for a new facility.

Submit Your Letters to the Editor

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ity. Twice during the past five years, the board has taken steps to get that facility, only to have those plans rejected. We acknowledge that we will have to bear a significant portion of a new library, thus reducing the amount the borough would have to bond for it, which goes toward reducing the tax impact to the residents of the borough.

Councilman Bengivenga also refers to the board's action in designating the monies for capital projects as "an end run." The board took action that the statute permits and requires to allow funds controlled by the Library Board to be utilized for a new library. As for the three-year capital plan referred to, the state librarian has advised the board that it has until May 31 to submit this plan. It is fairly difficult to submit a three-year plan when each time we think we have a firm proposal for a new building it gets rejected. Councilman Bengivenga is totally wrong when he states that this three-year plan has to be submitted to the council. The plan must be submitted to the state librarian, **not** the council. In fact, the council, under the statute, is not even part of the process in the designation of surplus funds, other than receiving them after the state librarian approves it.

However, the most troubling part of Councilman Bengivenga's letter is his referring to a new library as the board's "pet project." Mr. Bengivenga makes it sound like a new library is the equivalent of the infamous Alaska "Bridge to Nowhere"! A new library is not for the benefit of the Library Board or Democrats or Republicans. It benefits everyone, but none more so than our children and our grandchildren. If he wants to call a new, state-of-the-art facility a "pet project" then the library board will gladly become "pet owners"! What I find

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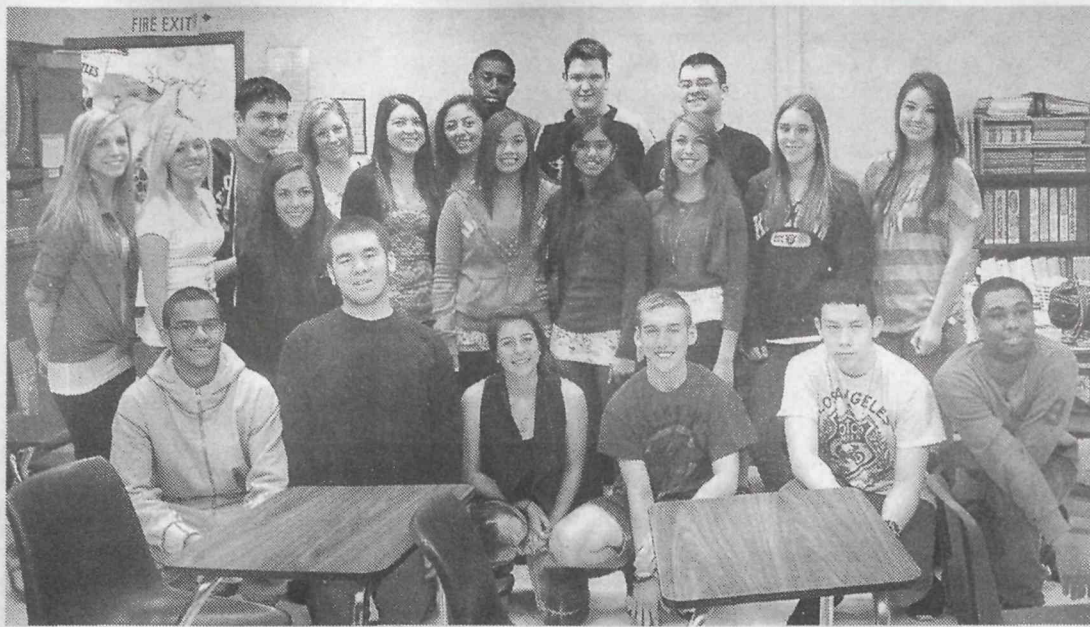
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High school Peer Leaders, under the direction of Marla Vandermark, Tony Encinas, Jessica Marconi-Krskowski and Anthony Emmons, held the third annual scavenger hunt with Mrs. Foley's inclusion class. The students enjoyed the interaction with the peer leaders helping them to find their items during the event.

Woman Drives Car Into Living Room

Kalaivani Raghuraman, 35 of 927 Del Negro Court in South Plainfield was attempting to park the 2003 BMW 325 she was driving outside of building 9 on Del Negro Court when she stepped on the gas instead of the brake. The car traveled over the curb and into the apartment at 917 Del Negro Court, ending up completely inside the living room.

Raghuraman was not injured and the apartment was unoccupied at the time. The apartment suffered serious structural damage and an order to vacate 917 Del Negro Court was issued by the South Plainfield Building Department. Building 9 is a three story

apartment building in the Traditions Complex off New Durham Avenue.

In addition, a South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department truck was involved in a crash at Durham Avenue and Hadley Road while responding to the call. The fire truck, a 2001 Emergency One, was southbound on Durham Avenue with its emergency

lights and siren activated when it collided with a van operated by Ray Regep, 31 of South River. The fire truck was operated by Robert Barone, Jr. 24. Firefighters on the truck were Anthony Tomacheck, 38 and Joseph Altomare, 32. Tomacheck, Altomare and Regep sustained minor injuries but refused medical treatment at the scene.

Volunteers Needed For Litter Cleanup Week April 23-30

The South Plainfield Clean Communities Advisory Board has been contacting volunteer groups, asking for commitments 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 cleanup 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 trans-

portation 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.

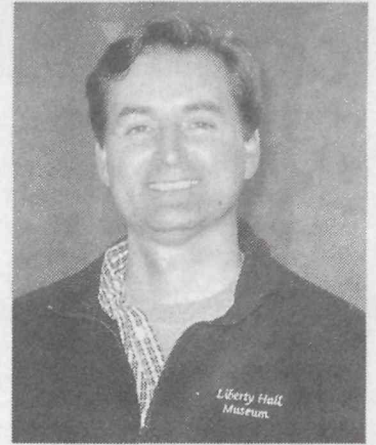
Volunteers are invited back to the municipal building at 12:30 p.m. for a pizza pickup picnic, complete with environmentally-friendly door prizes. You can organize a crew, or come on your own.

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

Suburban Woman's Club

NEWS

At the Suburban Woman's Club meeting held in the American Legion meeting room, Bill Schroh, Jr., the director of Museum Operations of the Liberty Hall Museum located in Union, entertained the club members with a slide show and lecture entitled, "The Ladies of Liberty Hall." Schroh enthralled the members with stories about Governor William Livingston's family, the first elected governor of New Jersey, who built Liberty Hall in 1772, and subsequent inhabitants. Seven generations of the Livingston/Kean families lived in the mansion and produced governors, senators, congressmen and captains of industry.



Bill Schroh

Schroh talked about the ladies of Liberty Hall who were to be business women, hostesses and preservers of history. He showed slides of wedding photos, various families, the beautiful fashions and described structural changes made to the mansion. It was merged with Kean University and Liberty Hall is now a museum welcoming groups and individuals for guided tours as well as afternoon teas and Victorian luncheons. The current display at the museum features ladies fashions through the historic period of Liberty Hall.

The club's business meeting followed and Legislation Chairperson Cathy Wells reported that the By-Laws Committee will meet on April 20 to discuss revisions and informed the membership of the resolutions that will be voted on at the NJSFWC An-

nual Convention in Atlantic City to be held on May 4.

Special State Project Chairperson, Natalie C. Bergen, reported on the Fashion Show Luncheon for the benefit of The Wellness Community and the Club's Scholarship account.

Natalie, in her capacity as program chairperson, also reported that the next meeting's program will be given by Jean Popik on "A Happier Life with Plants." Club members will meet at Popik's home where she lovingly cares for a wonderful variety of plants in her personal greenhouse. Afterward, members will adjourn to the American Legion for the business meeting.

Any woman interested in joining the club may call (732) 549-9633 for membership and meeting information.

Commissioner of Education Finds for Board in Superintendent Contract Dispute

The New Jersey Commissioner of Education ruled in favor of the South Plainfield Board of Education on March 30. The commissions ruled that Mr. Negrón's employment contract with the board ends on June 30, 2011 despite Mr. Negrón's claim that his contract was renewed for another four years or that, at a minimum, his contract was extended for an additional

year through June 30, 2012.

The commissioner found that the process followed by the board when voting not to renew the Superintendent's contract was proper and that the vote to amend the superintendent's contract for one year did not obtain the necessary votes for adoption.

Accordingly, Mr. Negrón's action against the board was dismissed.

Holy Week at Wesley Methodist

Good Friday-Meditations on the seven verses of the cross, 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service-Spring Lake Park, 6:30 a.m. Rain site: Wesley at 7 a.m.

Contemporary Service-9 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Easter celebration-10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary

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April 22 and 23

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad will hold an Easter Flower Sale on Friday and Saturday, April 22 and 23 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the squad building, 2520 Plainfield Ave. Come out and show your support.

Fine Wine, Spirits & Craft Beer Tasting

April 29

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 Fundraiser on Friday, April 29 at the South Plainfield Italian-American Club, 1001 Garibaldi Ave. from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Advanced tickets are \$30 each or buy four for only \$100. The night of the event tickets will be \$35.

For more information, contact Marge Reedy at (908) 561-5800, ext. 302, Carolyn Allen at (908) 561-3275, Bob Boyle at (908) 599-0699 or Debbie Boyle at (908) 803-1573.

MOMS Club

TGI Friday's Fundraiser

April 29

The MOMS Club of South Plainfield will be hosting a fundraiser all day Friday, April 29 at TGI Friday's to benefit the Aquino Family of South Plainfield who lost their home in a fire.

Twenty percent of the food bill will be donated from anyone who brings in the flyer. Obtain a copy at www.momsclubofsouthplainfield.com.

Goodbye Reunion At Sacred Heart

April 30

Sacred Heart School alumni will hold a "Say Goodbye" reunion on Saturday, April 30 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the school; then will continue on to The Pines Manor, 2085 Rt. 27 in Edison for a reception from 7 to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$60.

Join the "Sacred Heart School mid

70s to mid 80s" group on Facebook for details, or email Giannotta at shsreunion_42311@yahoo.com.

SP Ed. Foundation, SPBA Golf Outing

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. Entry fee is \$150.

To sign up, call Carolyn Allen at (908) 561-3275, Shannon Jefferys (908) 757-1055 or log on to golf@SPBA.biz or vision2001.org.

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.

Comedy Night at Sacred Heart School

May 14

Sacred Heart School, located on South Plainfield Avenue, will hold a comedy night on Saturday, May 14 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and include buffet dinner and show. BYOB.

For information or tickets, call (732) 406-9728.

Pack 207 Holding Blood Drive

May 18

Boy Scout Pack 207 will be holding a blood drive on Wednesday, May 18 from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Hamilton Blvd.

SPJBC Evening of Wine Fundraiser

May 19

The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club Women's Auxiliary will host "An Evening of Wine" on Thursday, May 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. 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.

Fire Department Comedy Night

May 21

The South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring "Comedy Night" on Saturday, May 21 at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. All tickets are \$16 and will be sold at the door. Professional comics featuring Mike Morse, as heard on XM every Sunday, Jim Dailakis and James Oakes.

Sacred Heart 5K Run & One Mile Fun Walk

June 11

Sacred Heart will hold its second annual 5K Run and One Mile Fun Walk on Saturday, June 11. Application fee is \$20 if paid before May 1; \$25 after that date; one mile walk is \$10 for family or individual. Free t-shirt to first 100 paid participants.

Register at www.sacredheartsp.net or call Carl Adlassnig at (908) 757-1933.

Maszczyk Miracle Day Fundraiser

June 18

Open Your Hearts to Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc. will be sponsoring a tricky tray auction fundraiser on Saturday, June 18 at the PAL building on Maple Avenue from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Maszczyk Family to help with medical costs associated with the treatment

of their son, Stephen Austin, who passed away in March.

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

— Out of Town —

Holy Week/Easter at Willow Grove

April 24

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church of Scotch Plains, 1961 Raritan Road invites the community to join in Easter Sunday service on April 24 at 10 a.m.

For more information, call the church office at (908) 232-5678.

Holocaust Remembrance

April 29 & May 1

Temple Shalom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains commemorates Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) with a free two-part program open to the public on Friday, April 29 with hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m., Shabbat service at 6 p.m., speaker at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, May 1 at 7 p.m. Temple Shalom is located in the Fanwood Presbyterian Church in Fanwood.

For more information, call (908) 889-4900 or visit www.sholomnj.org.

Blood Drive at Deutscher Club

April 30

Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane is holding a blood drive on Saturday, April 30 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. All donors must present signed or picture ID. Please eat a meal before you donate.

Upscale Singles Dance Party

April 30

Steppin' Out Singles will hold a singles dance party on Saturday, April 30 at 8:30 p.m. at the Woodbridge Hilton, 20 Wood Ave. South in Iselin. Ages 40+; no jeans/t-shirts/sneakers. Admission: \$17.

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

SENIOR CENTER Calendar

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

(Closed today)
Bingo 10 am-2 pm

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

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

Watchung Art Center Landscapes Exhibit

April 30-May 26

The Contemporary Art Group presents "Landscapes: Interiors and Exteriors" at the Watchung Art Center, 18 Stirling Road in Watchung from Saturday, April 30 through May 26. Gallery hours are Wednesday and Friday, noon to 3 p.m., Thursday, noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. and Tuesday by appointment only.

For more information, call (908) 753-0190.

Giant Yard Sale

April 30

The Ladies Auxiliary of the North Stelton Volunteer Fire Company will be sponsoring the annual spring yard sale on Saturday, April 30 (raindate May 14) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the

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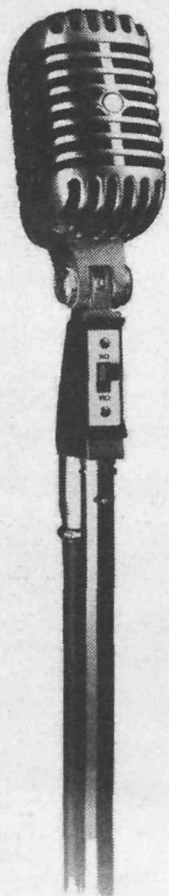
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Around Town

firehouse, 70 Haines Ave. in Piscataway. Spaces available for \$15 each.

For more information or to reserve a space, call Lisa at (732) 985-0282, option six.

NJ Intergenerational Orchestra to Perform

May 1

The New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra will hold its annual free spring concert on Sunday, May 1 at 3 p.m. at Summit High School, 125 Kent Place Boulevard.

The orchestra will perform works by Gounod, Vivaldi and Stravinsky. There will be a premiere of Concerto for Guitar and chamber orchestra by Victor Kioulaphides performed by Christopher Kenniff, Guitar. He will also perform the Guitar Concerto in D by Vivaldi.

Gesang-und Turn-Verein Spring Concert

May 1

Plainfield Gesang-und Turn-Verein, Inc. will hold its 125th anniversary concert on Sunday, May 1 at 4 p.m. at Singer Hall, 220 Somerset St. in North Plainfield. Tickets are \$17 in advance and \$20 at the door.

For tickets, call Victor at (908) 276-8572.

Medical Qi Gong Meditation Class

May 7

Medical Qi Gong, a course of meditation exercises, is being offered at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains on Saturday, May 7 from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

For more information, call (908) 232-5678 or email info@willowgrovechurch.org.

Free Music Program

May 9

A special musical program will be presented, honoring Learning for Life's fortieth year of cultural programs in the Plainfield area on Monday, May 9 at 12:45 p.m. It is free of charge and all are welcome.

The Learning for Life program is held in the facilities of the United Presbyterian Church, 525 Front St. in Plainfield. Use the office entrance, last door to the left when facing the church complex from the rear parking lot.

Annual Gourmet Food & Wine Tasting

May 9

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Monmouth and Middlesex counties will hold its 12th annual Gourmet Food and Wine Tasting at Holly Hill Estate in Locust on Monday, May 9 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Tour the designer show house and spectacular grounds overlooking the Navesink River from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by a food and wine tasting in the adjacent café tent. Space is limited! Tickets are \$100 each and only 300 tickets will be sold.

For more information, call (732) 544-2224 or visit www.bbbsmmc.org.

Temple Shalom Art Show and Auction

May 14

Temple Shalom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains will be hosting its bi-annual art show and live auction on Saturday, May 14 at Temple Shalom, located at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, 74 South Martine Ave. Previews at 7 p.m. and auction will commence at 8 p.m. Admission is \$10.

To order tickets in advance or for more information, please visit www.sholomnj.org or call the temple office at (908) 889-4900.

Grant School Students Welcome Author Back

By Libby Barsky

Author Valerie Thomas returned to Grant School for the third part of the "Meet the Author" program where she was warmly welcomed by 70 enthusiastic students. The program, sponsored by the South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission (SPCAC), was intended to complement the district's *Being a Writer* English curriculum.

Part three of the program offered extra credit to sixth graders who wrote an essay about Thomas' book, *Karma Bites*, co-written with Stacy Kramer. Extra credit was also offered to any fifth graders who made a poster or designed a book jacket.

The book addresses the problems of feisty protagonist, Franny Flanders, who is entering middle school. Her life is radically changing because of her parents' divorce, her new age grandmother moving in and her two best friends not speaking to each other.

Before the winter break, members of SPCAC returned to Grant School to distribute free copies of the book to any student who asked for one on the condition they agree to write a detailed summary of the book. The SPCAC gave out more than 300 copies. The 70 students who opted for extra credit met with Thomas in two separate sessions; 35 students attended each session in the school's information center. The extra credit posters, book covers and essays for *Karma Bites* were taped to the book shelves. Members of the Cultural Arts Commission



Valerie Thomas signs her book.

committee joined the session, including Audrey and Ken Reisch and newly appointed member Yvonne Viscosi.

All agreed with Jared Degraw's assessment. "Even if you don't like to read, you will like this book." Student Mikey Behr noted that even though the majority of readers were girls, boys

enjoyed the book as well. Mikey's only criticism was the way Franny's eight year old twin brothers were shown fighting all the time. "They acted like four year olds," he said.

This past December Thomas spoke about the possibility of her book being picked up by Disney for a movie. The students were disappointed when they were told of the rejection, but they immediately responded with a series of suggestions to contact TV networks that might be interested in the book.

True interaction between student and author came when students began taking their work off the library shelves and explaining their posters and book covers and reading their essays aloud. The students also talked about starting a writers club to discuss their stories. Thomas, who is working on her second novel, firmly endorsed having a writers group as a way to continue to write.

"It makes you write, so you have something to bring when it meets," Thomas said.

Cedarcroft Bible Chapel Easter Musical

On Easter Sunday, April 24 the Cedarcroft Bible Chapel Choir will present the Easter musical, *Love is Alive!* The musical will be directed by Ken Ward and accompanied by the Stasio Family (Marc, Joan, Joe and Marc Jr.). This special service will begin at 11:15 a.m. at Cedarcroft Bible Chapel, 1715 Kenyon Ave.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy this musical which presents the story of God's marvelous love in a modern musical style. As suggested by the title, the theme focuses on the amazing truth that Jesus Christ, who is love personified, is truly alive after dying to pay the penalty for our sin. As the true and living God, He offers mercy freely to all who call on Him for forgiveness.

Earlier that morning at 10:15 a.m., we will be baptizing by immersion three believers who have accepted the

mercy offered by Jesus Christ. All are welcome to come and observe this public declaration of the new life enjoyed by followers of Jesus Christ.

Between the two services, there will be light refreshments and delightful fellowship.

For more information, call Kingsley Bachr at (908) 757-7598.

Leaders Needed for Daisy, Brownie Troops

South Plainfield Girl Scouts are looking for leaders for Daisy (K-1) and Brownie (2-4) troops.

There are currently girls interested in becoming Girl Scouts, but there are not enough leaders.

If you are interested in becoming a leader or need more information, call Michelle Biggs at (908) 754-5791.

SP Football Eagles First Golf Outing

The South Plainfield Football Eagles will hold its first golf outing and fundraiser on Monday, May 23 at Glenwood Country Club in Old Bridge. Registration starts at 10 a.m. Cost of \$150 includes golf cart, lunch and dinner as well as prizes and raffles.

For sponsorship and/or participant information, call Anthony at (908) 285-0462.

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(L-R): Dr. Richard Bozza, NJASA executive director; Dr. Gary P. McCartney, superintendent, South Brunswick Public Schools, and NJASA treasurer; Dr. Donna B. Van Horn, superintendent, Weymouth Township School and NJASA secretary; Assemblyman Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr.; Judith Ann Rattner, superintendent, Berkeley Heights Public Schools, and NJASA president; Dr. Andrew Rinko, superintendent, Bedminster Township Public Schools and NJASA president-elect; Douglas B. Groff, retired superintendent, Galloway Township Public Schools and NJASA immediate past president.

Diegnan Addresses School Administrators Assoc.

Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, Jr. spoke before the New Jersey Association of School Administrators (NJASA) at their Representative Assembly on Educational Priorities and Initiatives held on March 25 at Liberty High

School in Jackson.

The New Jersey Association of School Administrators (NJASA) was founded in 1940 and currently represents more than 500 chief school administrators, 180 assistant

superintendents, 200 central office administrators, principals and vice principals. The NJASA is the unifying professional association of school leaders and ensures a superior state-wide system of education by influencing and effecting educational policy, regulations and legislation.

Assemblyman Diegnan was asked to speak before the NJASA because of his role as chairman of the Assembly Education Committee. "I am thankful to the NJASA for the invitation to appear before school administrators from across the state," said Assemblyman Diegnan. "It is important to listen to the very people that our decisions will affect on a day-to-day basis; the free exchange of ideas and thoughtful debate can only serve to strengthen our education policy."

Tom Dunn Jr., director of legislative and urban affairs for NJASA, said, "Assemblyman Diegnan's analysis of the State of New Jersey's financial situation, the state of our pension, health benefits and education system was thought-provoking."

High School, College Students Sought For County Youth Conservation Corps

Applications are now being accepted for the Middlesex County Youth Conservation Corps, whose mission is to protect and preserve natural areas from misuse, pollutants and the forces of nature at the more than 7,000 acres of open space owned and maintained by Middlesex County.

Conservation Corps crew members earn \$8.50 per hour and will work Saturdays from June 20 to August 12. Work will primarily take place at county open spaces in Old Bridge, Monroe and South Brunswick. Students age 16 and over are encouraged to apply.

Space is limited. Interested ap-

plicants should send a cover letter and application for employment to: Valerie Leone, Middlesex County Department of Parks and Recreation, PO Box 661, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903. Applications can be downloaded at www.co.middlesex.nj.us/personnel/index.asp and must be received in the office by May 16.

A complete job description can be found at the Middlesex County Department of Parks and Recreation website, www.co.middlesex.nj.us/parksrecreation/index.asp.

For more information, call Valerie Leone at (732) 745-3064.

Calling All High School Senior Girls-It's Scholarship Time

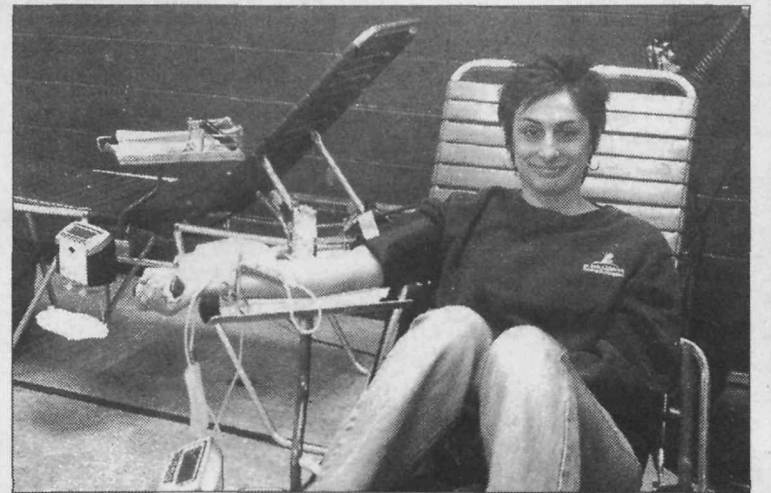
As you may or may not know, the Parents' Ponytail (Softball) Association is sponsoring four \$500 college scholarships. Applications are currently being accepted and can be obtained from the South Plainfield High School Guidance Office. To qualify for the scholarships, the applicant must be a high school senior graduating this June and a current resident of South Plainfield.

To qualify for one of the two recreation scholarships, applicants must have played for a minimum of four years in the South Plainfield Recreation Department's Ponytail Softball League. To qualify for the Ponytail All Star scholarships, applicants must have played South Plainfield Recreation softball for a minimum

of four years and South Plainfield Ponytail All-Stars for a minimum of three years. All-Star players may apply for both the recreation and all star scholarships; however, a player is only eligible to receive one scholarship. The application must be received no later than Monday, May 2.

Completed applications can be mailed to SPPPA Scholarship, P.O. Box 441, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080 or returned to the high school guidance office in a sealed envelope labeled SPPPA Scholarship. Verification of school enrollment is required prior to funds being awarded. Get your applications and submit them as soon as possible.

Best of luck to all of you. You are all winners in our scorebook.



Nikki Bartolotti, wife of Jerry Bartolotti, donates blood.

Middle School PTO Holds Blood Drive for Jerry Bartolotti

The Middle School PTO third annual Blood Drive on April 12 collected 111 units of blood of which a portion will be donated in honor of resident Jerry Bartolotti who was severely injured in a truck accident. The event took place in the high school gym with the help of the student council and advisor Tony Encinas and Peer Leaders Rachel Alexa, Carly

Ashnault, Joelle Butrico, Lauren Conrad, Lainie Harris, Brigitte Kelly, Michelle Hernandez, Mike Parello and Patrick Boyle under the direction of advisors Marla Vandermark, Jessica Marconi-Kraskowski, Tony Encinas and Anthony Emmons. The PTO received a \$500 gift from N.J. Blood Services which will in turn be donated to the high school's Project Graduation.

County College Alumni Assoc. to Host Food Tasting

Restaurants from all over the area will be offering samples of their best dishes at the Middlesex County College Alumni Association food tasting on Wednesday, April 27. The event, which will run from 6:30-8:30 p.m., is a fundraiser for the association's scholarship fund.

"We anticipate more than 25 high-quality restaurants will set up tables in the college center and offer small samples of their best items," said Doug Wilson, member of the Alumni Association's Board of Trustees. "The public is invited to visit each and see what they have to offer. We expect to have diverse types of restaurants participating in this program, which is called 'An Evening of Good Taste for the Educated Palate.'"

The cost is \$35 at the door; Middlesex County College students are \$20. Children under 12 are free with the purchase of an adult ticket. The event is sponsored by Affinity Credit Union and Sodexo Food Services.

Participating restaurants include: Akbar Restaurant, Anthony's Bar & Grill, Beechwood Café and Grill, Blue Moon, Broadway International Gourmet, Chili's, Cutting Board Caterers, Dani-Lise Sweetshop, Delta's Soul Food Restaurant, Edible Arrangements, Edison Job Corps Academy, Lacey's Gourmet Cupcakes, Landmark Tavern, Little Spain Restaurant, Lola's Latin Bistro, Maggie Moo's of Edison, MCC's Hotel, Restaurant and Institution Management Department, McDonagh's Pub, Muscle Maker Grill, Novita Bistro & Lounge, PK's Café, Promise Culinary School, The Rosewood Caterers, Spats Steakhouse, Sushi O Asian Bistro, Romulus Restaurant, Today's Table and Zoup.



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Letters: Board of Education Candidates Weigh In

On April 27, voters will elect three BOE members and vote on the school budget.

Dear Residents,

Today is April 18 and as I am sitting in front of my computer I am thinking of ways to introduce myself to you. I am seeking your support for my re-election to the South Plainfield Board of Education.

My name is Steven Bohn and I have been a resident of South Plainfield for the past 18 years, and have proudly watched all three of my children progress through our borough's school system. I have been involved with both the Middle School PTO and the High School PTA. Further, I'm involved with High School Music Boosters and the Special Olympics Torch Run/Tip-A-Cop event.

As a sheriff's officer for the Middlesex County Sheriff's Department, I am particularly concerned with school safety, security and discipline. These issues are vitally important to prevent and protect our youth from making negative choices that not only hurt others, but may also destroy their own promising futures.

During my time on the Board of Education, we have enhanced security by equipping the high school with door locks, cameras and a full-time residency/security officer. I have publicly commented on bullying and discipline and have asked the administration to implement the new procedures now, instead of September.



Several essential concerns come to my mind while I have prepared to become a member of the South Plainfield Board of Education. We need a new superintendent of schools to lead the district in the right direction. Also, we need to investigate the issue concerning our custodial staff being paid the incorrect wages by Sodexo. Finally, schools not meeting AYP need to adopt strategies to improve test scores. Many other pertinent issues will require the new board members' attention as well. By working in unity, these goals can be attained.

On April 27, seven candidates will be competing for three positions on the South Plainfield Board of Education. It is imperative for community members to come out and let their voices be heard. The South Plainfield Board of Education needs new ideas and hardworking individuals who are dedicated to making our town a better place. Our municipality needs to elect new, informed people with no conflicts of interest. I will do my best to improve the education of all students in our district and help keep our tax points as low as possible. I will not repeat the prior board members' numerous mistakes. Please vote Line 5 and elect Joseph Sorrentino to the South Plainfield Board of Education. It is time for a change!

SINCERELY, JOSEPH SORRENTINO

Dear Editor,

My name is Pio Pennisi and I am running for re-election to the South Plainfield Board of Education. I have been a resident of South Plainfield for over 50 years and am a product of our fine school district. I have been an educator for over 30 years and am currently a superintendent at a neighboring district. The South Plainfield School District has given me, my children, my brothers and thousands of other past graduates the tools to be successful.



My reason for seeking re-election is simple; at a time when public schools are under attack, I want to ensure that every current and future student is given the same quality education and opportunities that I received. I have no hidden agenda and no axe to grind. I am a taxpayer and have no children in the district schools, but I know that a quality school district is important to all of us. If the school system fails, the town will follow!

I am asking all of my South Plainfield neighbors to support my bid for re-election on April 27. I have the knowledge and expertise and will continue to work hard, as I have for 16 years, to insure we have a school district that all of us can be proud of. Please vote Line 6 on April 27 if you care as much as I do for the future of South Plainfield Schools.

PIO PENNISI

Dear South Plainfield Residents,

My name is Sharon Miller and I am running for a position on the South Plainfield Board of Education, Line 4. I have lived in South Plainfield for 31 years. I graduated college with a B.A. degree and after college went to work for a major pharmaceutical/healthcare company where I spent 23 years working in purchasing and special marketing. My husband grew up in this town and graduated from South Plainfield High School. He earned a B.S. degree in college and has his CPA certification. South Plainfield is a great community to raise a family. We have two daughters who began their education in the Future Stars preschool program and continued through the South Plainfield school system, graduating from SPHS. Both are currently in college.



For the past 19 years, I have been a very involved parent and an active volunteer in our schools and community and continue to do so. Some of the organizations I have been involved with include the SP Parents Ponytail Association, the SP Field Hockey Association and the PTA. I served several years on the executive boards of each of these organizations. I am currently president of the SPHS PTA. In addition, this will be my sixth year of coordinating and running the Project Graduation celebration event for the SPHS senior class. This is an event that takes over four months of planning. I also have the responsibility of coordinating the fundraising for this event.

In addition, I have also volunteered at numerous other community activities, such as Adopt-A-Family, Habitat for Humanity, Tiger 24, SPHS Hall of Fame and the SPHS Middle States Planning Team.

I have been an equally involved Board of Education member for the past three years, each year serving on numerous committees. Currently, I am the chairperson for the Public Relations and the Policy committees. Also, I currently serve on the Finance, Personnel, Shared Services and Curriculum, Technology and Student Activities committees and attend the Delegate Assembly meetings. I can also be found around our schools attending as many events as I can such as the District Music and Art Festival, breast cancer walks, concerts, plays, cultural heritage day, grandparents days and various awards and dedication ceremonies, as well as many other events. We have many talented children in our district and it is important to give them a place to showcase their talents. I attend these events to show our children how much I appreciate and care about them and to applaud their accomplishments and talents.

Our district has faced many challenges, especially this past year with our state aid being cut, 5% of our budget, and the turnover in administration. These are areas that need to be addressed. We need to bring stability back to our schools. Other areas I believe we need to focus on are raising the bar on academics across the board, improving test scores/student achievement, technology improvement and advancement and curriculum alignment. We have a good school district, but we need some improvements and with some hard work we can accomplish this. We owe it to our children, parents, educators and community to make our school district the best it can be.

I continue to not have any hidden agendas; I am seeking a second term on the Board of Education because I believe I can make a difference. I am not afraid to take on the difficult issues and to make the tough decisions and have done so during my first term. I want to continue to volunteer for our children and want to give back to our wonderful community. If elected, I will continue to be an advocate for our children. I believe the best gift we can give a child is a well-rounded quality education. It is imperative in this day and age that every child be given the opportunity to receive a good education. We have to address every child's educational needs in order to insure each child has an opportunity to succeed. The best gift we can give to our community, our caring parents and our wonderful educators is to make effective and financially sound decisions.

I will also continue to work to build communication links between the BOE and our community, parents, educational staff and administrators. I want us to develop a parental involvement plan, which would get parents involved when it comes to identifying our schools' needs, establishing performance objectives for our schools and input into the progress we have made in meeting those objectives. It is essential that our community is well informed, because communication and information builds trust.

To the citizens of South Plainfield and especially the children, if I am elected I will promise to continue to be highly motivated, hard working, deeply committed and dedicated to the position of BOE member. I am someone you can put your trust in for doing what is right and fair for the children of our community.

I would greatly appreciate your support and vote on Line 4.

THANK YOU, SHARON MILLER, LINE 4

Candidates vying for a seat on the BOE...

- ✓ Steven D. Bohn
- ✓ John Farinella
- ✓ Michael Gregov
- ✓ Sharon Miller
- ✓ Pio Pennisi
- ✓ Jignesh Shah
- ✓ Joseph Sorrentino

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hours not actually worked. Certified payroll records have been requested, dating back to 2004, from Sodexo, as well as an audit of their services. Such records have not yet been provided, but they will reveal any shortage of hours that will result in a refund to the taxpayers.

So, please join me and come out on April 27 and vote-Line 1 Steven Bohn so that I may continue to represent you.

SINCERELY, STEVEN D. BOHN

Dear Residents,

As a lifelong resident of South Plainfield, I can honestly say that this community is remarkable. It has come together in times of need and sorrow, and has brightened many people's days with our wonderful celebrations. I would be proud to raise my children in this town, and a major reason is because of our excellent school system. I started out as one of "Roosevelt's Children," and then was promoted to the middle school, finally graduating from South Plainfield High School in 2003. The education I received from our district prepared me to be a successful adult.

My goal as a Board of Education member is to ensure that our students are given a 21st century education that prepares them to be both successful and competitive in these hard economic times. Increasing the amount of technology in our schools will be instrumental in attaining that goal. As a special education teacher, I will be an advocate for our students with disabilities. I will make sure that these individuals are getting the accommodations needed to improve their education. I believe that the main task at hand is to provide all of our children with a wonderful learning experience.



Polls are open Wednesday, April 27 from 2 to 9 p.m. Have a voice in how your tax dollars are spent.

Education Foundation, Business Association Golf Outing 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 McCrskin (908) 561-8000, or log on to golf@SPBA.biz or vision2001.org.



Excited Kennedy School first graders enjoy Scooby Doo night.

Scooby Doo Visits Kennedy First Graders



By Patricia Abbott

The first grade classes at Kennedy Elementary School were thrilled to find Scooby Doo in their gym on April 8.

The fun-filled evening, an exclusive Scooby Doo night just for the first grade students, was sponsored by the

Kennedy School PTSO.

Students had their photos taken with a large Scooby Mystery Machine Bus. They enjoyed decorated bone and paw print cookies, played a ring toss game, bone dig and had a chance to color a picture of the famous dog. At each station students received a puzzle piece. When they completed each of the activities, they were able to put together a Scooby Doo puzzle. There was also a drawing for Scooby prizes as well as a relay race.

In addition to the Scooby games, there were plenty of snacks and baked goods, including brownies, rice crispy treats and cupcakes topped with a dog biscuit like cookie. The paper goods, cups and plates were of course adorned with the famous pooch.

The theme was chosen by the PTSO and volunteer parents. The evening was organized by Danielle Mendez-PTSO president, Jen Rattivice president, Tree Olano-recording secretary and Kathy Smith, a parent volunteer.

The school holds special event



evenings for each grade in lieu of class trips. They are winding down with just the fourth grade trip to Medieval Times in the near future. Over the past months the kindergarten class enjoyed a movie night, second grade had a dinosaur day and third graders enjoyed a grandparent's day.



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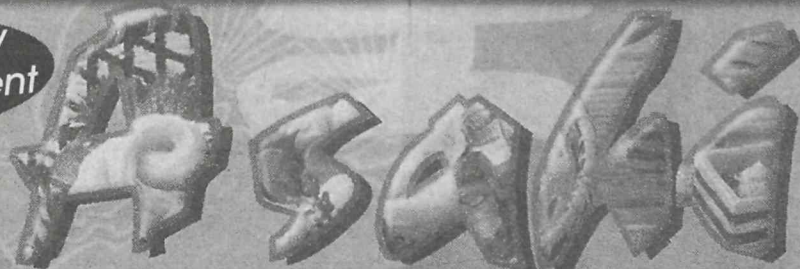
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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Time for some more news from the South Plainfield Library.

First of all, the library will be closed today, April 22 in observance of Good Friday and Sunday, April 24 in observance of Easter Sunday. We will be open, though, on Saturday, April 23.

Turning to our children's programs, we'll follow the usual yet specially-chosen and scientifically-evaluated-for-maximum-efficiency schedule next week. (Okay, maybe not the last part.) "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 (that's next Friday morning, not this Friday morning) at 10:30. Each program lasts about an hour and features stories, songs and a craft activity for older kids. If you'd like more information, please call us and ask for either Miss Linda or Miss Mija.

We've got room this week for a few reminders. First, you may have noticed a large amount of jackets, hats, scarves, etc. hanging up next to the door to the children's room. Well, we've noticed it all right; unfortunately, the people who left them here haven't. If you suddenly remember that you're missing some such item, please stop in and check if it's there. Also, ask at the desk where our lost and found of smaller items is kept.

Here's a reminder for both parents and kids: Several months ago, due to some unfortunate incidents with rowdy young people, we set up some restrictions regarding library

use. On weekdays between 2:30 and 6 p.m., young people under the age of 18 wishing to use the library must present their library card and school I.D. at the circulation desk. The only exception allowed is when the kids are accompanied throughout their visit by a parent or legal guardian. If any young person doesn't have the card and I.D., they will be asked to leave immediately. Since this policy was instituted, we've had a fairly good result, with most kids willing and able to comply. However, there have been a few uncooperative young people, so we figure we'd better repeat ourselves. Anyone with any questions about the policy should contact the library director.

And here are a couple of notes regarding overdue notices. You may not be aware that, in recent months, we've set up a new element to our usual overdue notice routine. If you provide us with your email address, we can send you a heads-up email reminding you of an item which is about to be overdue shortly. We figure this preventative measure saves us all a bit of a hassle, since you can avoid an overdue fine and we'll avoid the work of sending out more notices. Also, in response to some inquiries, we normally don't send out notices if a patron simply owes us a cash amount, rather than an actual item, unless it's an unusually large amount of money. Hope this clears up some questions you might have.

That's about all we have room for this week. As always, we appreciate your comments and are interested in your questions. You can pass those along via a note in our community suggestion box, or you can call us at (908) 754-7885. For more information, you may also check our website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. Thanks for reading; catch you next week.

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 Fundraiser 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 Barbeque, Flanagan's Restaurant and Adelines. Limited to the first 125 people, so get your tickets early.

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



Franklin School students, family and friends celebrate Mardi Gras at annual spring dance.

Franklin Annual Spring Dance Celebrates Mardi Gras

By Patricia Abbott

Franklin School opened the doors to welcome many excited students, family and friends for the annual spring dance on April 1. This year's theme was Mardi Gras and it was sponsored by the PTO. The fourth annual dance attracted more than 330 guests, the largest crowd to date, according to organizer Georgia Lambert.

Everyone received Mardi Gras beads as they entered. Many came decked out in elaborate masks and costumes. Mardi Gras came to life with the gym walls adorned with Bourbon Street scene setters. Music was provided by deejay, "Don't Stop the Music" from the Bronx. He energetically kept the crowd hopping all evening, joining the guests on the floor to lead them in various dances. The dance floor was packed non-stop.

In addition to dancing, the students enjoyed mask making, face painting, tattoos and a photo booth where they could have their picture taken with a court jester.

Food is always a key part of a good party and the Franklin School celebration offered plenty of baked goods and snacks. This year featured pizza (from Pizza Stop) at a dollar a slice. Lambert noted that the pizza was a big hit. Students dashed to the tables to enjoy a quick bite and then raced back for some more fun.

PTO members Antoinetta Dente and Lambert chaired the organizing committee. The two have co-chaired and organized several successful dances over the past few years. "Our dances have always been a success and we could not have done it without all the help of our volunteers," said Lambert.



John Chabrak and mother Lori



Mask making was among the activities.

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Sports

Grand Old Man of Golf League Dies



Jim Pornovets

The Grand Old Man of the South Plainfield Golf League, Jim Pornovets, Sr., passed away on April 7 at the age of 92.

Jim began his association with the game of golf at the age of 11 when he became a caddie at the Plainfield Country Club. He worked in that capacity during the summer and on weekends for many years, and in 1968 became the caddie master, a position he held for 40 years. He subsequently became a course ranger.

Jim loved to tell the story about the time he was driving his ranger cart at a golf outing and came up to a slow foursome that was holding up play to urge them to pick up their pace. One disgruntled golfer turned to him and said, "So how long have you been working here?" Jim calmly replied, "Eighty-one years."

In his prime, Jim was one of the finest golfers at West Nine, the nine hole public course owned and operated by the Plainfield Country Club. He won the club championship twice.

He was a founder of the South Plainfield Golf League and was an active competitor for several decades. Two of his sons, Robert and Jim, Jr., subsequently joined the team which was simply called Pornovets. Jim, Jr. became the league secretary and performed his duties superbly for over 20 years until he was transferred by his employer to Kentucky. Robert Pornovets continues to play in the league his father created as one of the mainstays of the Oak Tree Dental team.

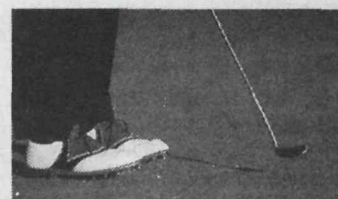
When he felt he could no longer compete every week, Jim, Sr. became a sub, and then in his later years, the non-playing captain. In that capacity, he still came to the course every week, ran the 50/50 and served as an inspirational guide and mentor to his players.

He had six holes-in-one in his golf career and had the special distinction of scoring aces on all of the par-three holes, numbers, 3, 5 and 7, at West Nine.

The Grand Old Man was not only a consistent golfer, he was consistent in his temperament—he was always gracious, kind, generous, considerate and a true sportsman.

He was a beloved presence for a long, long time at the Plainfield Country Club and at West Nine. He will be greatly missed.

Notes from the Jim Pornovets Memorial Golf League



League Changes Name to Honor Founder

At a meeting of team captains, a vote was taken to change the name of the South Plainfield Golf League to the Jim Pornovets Memorial Golf League to honor a man who was one of the league founders and remained actively involved with league activities for over 50 years.

On the opening night of the 2011 season, Twin City Pharmacy, the defending champions, will tee off against their most formidable opponent in the American Division, Alfie's Boys, led by the indefatigable Irish Danny Griffin.

Last season, Captain Guy Severini guided Twin City Pharmacy to an impressive 10-3-1 record and then provided the spark in the playoff match against KC's Korner for the league championship. With the fine support of such talented players as Jay Coppola, Player-of-the-Year in 2008, and Joe Diller, Twin City looks like they have the firepower to repeat as league champions in 2011.

Winning back-to-back titles, however, is no easy task, as Captain Dale "The Needler" Dube of 2 Buds, 2 Dubs, will readily testify. Dube was the driving force when his team won the league title in 2009, only to see his team collapse and plunge to dead

last the next year. Twin City Pharmacy will face a stiff challenge right from the start in taking on Alfie's Boys, a team that suffered on occasion last season because of their inability to put together a full four-man team. In fact, on one memorable night last year, Alfie's Boys fielded only one golfer.

Irish Danny Griffin has pledged to correct that problem this season and guarantees that his team will be at full strength to take on Twin City Pharmacy. There should be a lot of fireworks in this confrontation between these two powerhouse teams.

KC's Korner, last season's National Division champions, will tee off against Oak Tree Dental, led by the always amazing Marty Van De Vaarst. Captain Tony Cotone, Jr. of KC's Korner can rely on getting solid performances from such seasoned players as Rich Steele and Dan Conti who are intimately familiar with the West Nine course.

Oak Tree Dental will be without the services of Jim Pornovets, Sr. who passed away shortly before the season began. Jim was the non-playing captain and served ably as a mentor and inspirational guide. Robert Pornovets remains on the team to carry on the family tradition.

Kevin "Boom Boom" Bickunas and his Witty's Liquors squad will match up against a new team, a replacement for the Polish National Home who unfortunately had to withdraw. The league regrets losing PNH as a team which also means losing two of the league's premiere golfers in Tom Kaufman and Ray Starnick who each earned Player-of-the-Year honors.

Over in the National Division, Frank Ferraro and his buddies from the Italian-American Club will go

against Sport & Social, again skippered by veteran Captain Frank Matthews. Dennis Bibby, one of the mainstays of Sport & Social, may not be in top form as a result of a recent injury, but he assured Matthews that he would be set to go for the opening match.

Unique Sports Accessories will meet a very different Roughriders team from the one that has competed the last few seasons. First of all, the team will be renamed for its sponsor, the South Plainfield Funeral Home. Andy Hayward and Frank Weingart, two of the big guns for the team, are caddies at the Plainfield Country Club and will be unavailable all season due to the increased number of outings sparked by the Barclay's Tournament. Jerry Briemer, who was an extremely valuable sub, is also a caddie; and he, too, will be unable to play. In addition, Jerry Foglia, who turned in so many excellent performances in 2010, recently had a change in his job schedule, and he will be working evenings. So Captain Bob Nilan has been very busy putting together a new line-up that he hopes will become competitive.

Captain Chris Dillon of USA, on the other hand, had no personnel problems and will again have a very strong, well-balanced team with brother Mike, Jay Bertleson and Ted Stanik, the man with the laser drives.

In the final match of the night, McCriskin's Home For Funerals hopes to stomp all over the league doormats, 2 Buds, 2 Dubs. Captain Mark "Mr. Steady" Chichvar of McCriskin's has been sharpening his own game playing at some demanding out-of-state courses so he expects to be in mid-season form on opening night. Dale "The Needler" Dube is still bewildered how his team could win the league title in 2009 and then have an entire season in 2010 that was like Rory McElroy's final round at the Masters. Hoping not to repeat last year's train wreck of a season, Dube has been conducting a number of rigorous practice sessions at West Nine.

Pre-season predictions: The American Division race will come down to a two-team battle between the boomers of Twin City Pharmacy and the bombers from Alfie's Boys. In the National Division, it looks like it could be Unique Sports Accessories all the way.

And for Player-of-the-Year: There will be several low handicappers contending for this honor, but the best bet seems to be Irish Danny Griffin.

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Please see South Plainfield High School Coaches Guida, Mosca, Batista, Darby or one of the players, for ticket purchase. Tickets are good for one (1) general admission seat and one ticket good for a future 2011 Somerset Patriots upper box reserved seating game.

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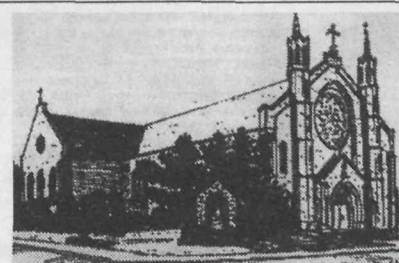
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Sports

SOUTH PLAINFIELD SOCCER CLUB

By Dawn Hutchison

Soccer Returns Next Week

With the Easter and Passover holidays and spring break underway, the club will have a quiet weekend. But we will return next weekend to get right back to the season's schedule. We hope everyone enjoys the holiday and the time off with family and friends.

A few reminders:

- Our candy fundraiser is underway. Please be sure to return your candy money to your coach no later than May 8.

- The club will be holding a used clothing fundraiser on Sunday May 1 from 12 to 5 p.m. The drive will collect wearable used clothing, handbags, shoes, belts, baby accessories, backpacks, briefcases, blankets, gloves, ties, hats, tablecloths, curtains, bed sheets, towels, pillows, quilts, comforters, hard toys, soft toys and children's activity sets, stuffed animals, beanie babies, action figures, dolls, cars, trucks and airplanes. Hard toys must fit in a 24" x 24" box. Sorry, no books, CDs or VCR tapes. Please place your donations in a large heavy garbage bag and place in our collection truck. This is a great time to clean out the closets,

help others and help the club raise funds—everybody wins.

- Tryouts for the Fall 2011/Spring 2012 season will take place May 9-12. Tryouts are open to all players interested in the U-8 through U-14 age groups. Tryouts for the U-8, U-9 and U-10 age groups will be May 9 and 11, and the U-11, U-12, U-13 and U-14 age groups will be held on May 10 and 12. For age requirements and additional information, please visit our website, www.soplfdsoccerclub.com. Preregistration forms can also be downloaded from this site. If you have questions, please call the club at (908) 755-3550 and leave a clear message with your name and number and a club representative will return your call.

- The SPSC Scholarship is again being offered to two individuals chosen from applications submitted. Each winner will receive a \$500 scholarship. The SPSC Scholarship application and requirements can be found at www.soplfdsoccerclub.com. Deadline for submissions is May 20.

See you next weekend.

Boyle's Homerun Helps in Florham Devils Win

The College at Florham Devils swept a Freedom Conference double-header from Wilkes, 9-4 and 10-7, last Sunday afternoon.

With the win, the Devils improved to 11-13 (7-3 Freedom) while the Colonels dropped to 3-19 (2-8 Freedom).

In the first game, junior outfielder Ronica Sorice got the Devils on the board first with a RBI single in the bottom of the second inning. After Wilkes tied it at 1-1 in the top of the fifth, FDU responded with three in the bottom half on a two-run home run by junior third baseman Megan Golembiewski and a solo home run from senior outfielder Megan Boyle. Wilke cut it to 4-3 in the top of sixth, but the Devils plated five in the bottom of the sixth to take a 9-3 lead thanks to a two-run double from freshman outfielder Brittini Wurst, a RBI single by Boyle and a two-run single from sophomore designated hitter Sam Greenwood. The Colonels came back with a run in the top of the seventh but the Devils shut them down from there to get the win.

Wurst finished the game 3-for-4 with a double, two runs scored and two RBI while Boyle went 2-for-3 with a home run, three runs scored and two RBI. Junior pitcher Karla Babb picked up the win on the mound, tossing seven innings and allowing four runs (three earned) on six hits while striking out five.

SPSC Travel Team Tryouts Set for May

The SPSC will hold open tryouts for the U-8 through U-14 travel teams at the Kenneth Avenue Field Complex. U-8, U-9, U-10 and U-11 will be held on Monday, May 9 and Wednesday, May 11. U-12, U-13 and U-14 will be held Tuesday, May 10 and Thursday, May 12. Registration is at 5:30 p.m. and tryouts run from 6 to 8 p.m.

For more information, see the article on this page or go to the website, www.soplfdsoccerclub.com. Pre-registration forms can be found on the website, as well as FAQs.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Varsity Calendar Highlights

Friday, April 22-Thursday, April 28

It's been quite a rainy spring break. Some games have been cancelled, others postponed and yet others still played. Here are events planned for the week:

Boys

- **Baseball:** 4 p.m. Saturday, April 23 away vs. JFK; 4 p.m. Monday, April 25 at home vs. Hillsborough; 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, April 26 away vs. St. Joseph; 3:45 p.m. Wednesday, April 27 home vs. Old Bridge.

- **Golf:** 10 a.m. today, April 22 at home vs. Old Bridge; 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 26 away vs. JP Stevens; 3:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 27 home vs. South Brunswick; 4 p.m. Thursday, April 28 home vs. East Brunswick.

- **Tennis:** 3:45 p.m. Monday, April 25 at home vs. Woodbridge; 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, April 26 home vs. Sayreville.

- **Track:** 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, April 26 home vs. Old Bridge.

Girls

- **Lacrosse:** 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 23 away vs. Union Catholic; 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, April 26 home vs. Monroe Township; 3:45 p.m. Thursday, April 28 home vs. South Brunswick.

- **Softball:** 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 23 away vs. Westfield; 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, April 26 home vs. Perth Amboy; 3:45 p.m. Thursday, April 28 home vs. North Brunswick.

Tiger 24 at Jost Field April 30

Tiger 24 will be held on Saturday, April 30 at Jost Field from 9 a.m. to midnight. Entrance fee is \$10.

- 11 a.m.-1 p.m.—children's activities (face painting, coloring, etc.)

- 3 p.m.—Middle School Gaga Tournament

- 5 p.m.—Middle School Volleyball

Tournament

- 7 p.m.—SPHS Gaga Tournament

- 9 p.m.—SPHS Volleyball Tournament

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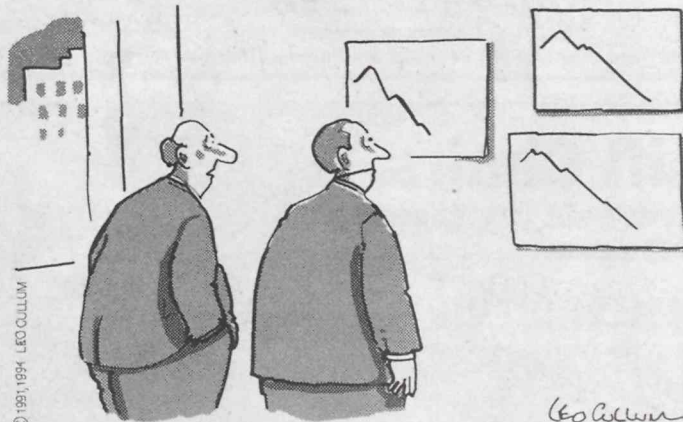
The South Plainfield High School Baseball Team will play JFK on Saturday, April 23 at 4 p.m. at Patriots Stadium. Cost is \$10 per person (also

entitles you to a game on another date).

For tickets or information, see coaches Guida, Mosca, Batista, Darby or any high school player.

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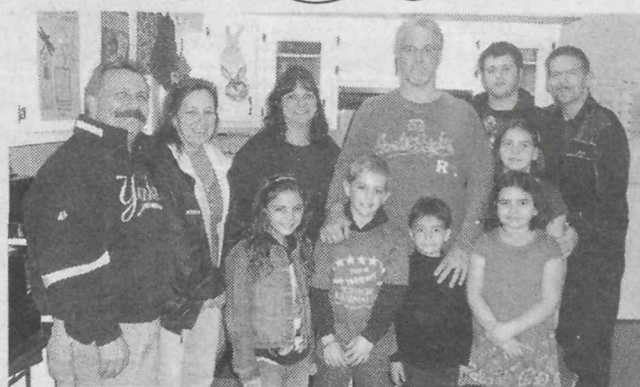
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Debbie and Charlie Kurland of Hometown Heros deliver dinner to Junior Journalist winner Dylan DeLisa pictured with his parents, Kathy and Doug; brothers, Nick and Anthony; sister, Deanna; cousins, Maranda and Leanna; and uncle, Rod.

In My Opinion

(Continued from page 2)

most curious is that Councilman Bengivenga, as a member of former Mayor Butrico's Ad Hoc Committee did, on more than one occasion, express his strong support for a new library, even going so far as indicating that he believed that a Democracy Day vote should not be necessary. (In the words of Casey Stengel, "You can look it up.")

Finally, Councilman Bengivenga does not respond to the fact that this administration did not have the common courtesy or professionalism to let someone (anyone) affiliated with the library know that the proposed 2011 budget included the \$750,000 "contribution" the library was making. Obviously, he sees nothing wrong with this. While the board and the council may have fundamental differences regarding the interpretation of the statute, there is no reason for the lack of respect and professional courtesy the administration failed to show.

**ERIC M. ARONOWITZ, PRESIDENT
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

To the South Plainfield Community:
We are writing this letter to show

our support for Sharon Miller in her candidacy for re-election to the Board of Education. We have worked with Sharon on several committees, especially the South Plainfield High School PTA and Project Graduation, and we are continually impressed with her dedication, intelligence and boundless energy.

Sharon devotes herself wholeheartedly and unselfishly to the tasks and causes she undertakes. She does not do so because of any personal agenda or goal; rather her vision is always what is best for the children of South Plainfield—whether she is planning and running the Project Graduation Auction, Project Graduation itself, or any of her many Board of Education responsibilities. Sharon has an uncanny ability to see to the heart of the matter and understand what needs to be done—and then she does it. In addition, Sharon knows how to delegate tasks and involve as many people and their talents as possible; she is a true leader who knows how to listen, take in all sides, and make wise decisions.

Sharon Miller has been and hopefully will continue to be an asset to the children of South Plainfield and to the community at large. We endorse her candidacy and urge you to re-elect her to the Board of Education.

**SUSAN BARRY, DONNA KASMER
AND BARBARA MENNUTI**

Dear Editor,

Is everyone in town as tired of reading contradictory letters full of name-calling and accusations as I am? I challenge the editors of this paper to not print letters unless facts are checked

(as much as possible.) I am particularly disturbed by Councilman Bengivenga's letter accusing the Library Board of Trustees of trying to circumvent tax relief to residents.

I will try to address the inaccuracies in his letter as briefly as possible:

1) The Library Trustees have no motive to try and prevent tax relief to residents (in case he doesn't realize it, we are all residents in town).

2) The supposed \$2M surplus is not money that was overtaxed and is not surplus—this money (including significant donations specifically earmarked to improve the library and not legally usable for any other purpose) has built up over 20 years of investing and has been set aside for maintaining and improving the library.

3) The library board could not legally "give" that money to the town and the town council cannot legally "demand" it—the New Jersey State Library Director would first have to review the account and authorize the release of the funds.

The trustees would have no problem showing plans for the intended use of these funds; the current board and previous boards have demonstrated clearly that this money has been set aside to enlarge or expand the borough library. Imagine if an individual taxpayer carefully invested money over 20 years and then the IRS decided that since he had invested so well, he was required to give a large percentage of his savings to bail out the federal government. That is basically what the town council is suggesting be done with the library funds without going through proper channels to find out if their demand has any

legal basis and then announcing to the public that the library board is stubbornly holding on to the money and refusing to do its part for tax relief. Never mind that the trustees recently authorized payment to replace the roof on the building owned by the borough (for which the borough is legally responsible).

I would consider that significant assistance to be tax relief.

Based on the formula established by the state library, our borough library building is much too small for a town of 23,000 and has been considered undersized for the population that was in town for at least 20 years. Borough residents would be amazed at the libraries that have been built in similar sized towns in Middlesex County, compared to the inadequate room we have in South Plainfield. Residents in those towns have access to computers and computer training classes, meeting rooms for their organizations, ample space for children's programs, separate reading and work areas for adults, quiet study spaces for teens and read aloud areas for smaller children, just to name a few benefits. We are talking "quality of life" changes, things that make your town a nicer place to live. That is what your local library trustees have been repeatedly fighting for for our residents; that is what the money was always intended to accomplish.

**SINCERELY,
DONNA M. EGAN
LIBRARY TRUSTEE**

Dear Editor,

On April 2, the Boy Scouts of Troop 207 held their annual spaghetti dinner. Over 350 dinners were served and this was the most successful year yet. Many thanks to our sponsors for their generous donations. These include Ferraro Foods, V.A. Tramontano & Son, Flanagan's Restaurant, Mohn's Flowers, McCrisky-Gustafson Funeral Home, Columbia Bank, Sherban's Diner, Haisch's Bakery, Target, Costco in Edison, Lou's Sub & Deli in Bound Brook and the American Legion Post #243 on Oak Tree Avenue for allowing us to hold the event there. Our gratitude also to the

Observer for helping us advertise the event. Please support these businesses and organizations who have shown their support to the troop because without them the event would not be possible.

In addition, appreciation goes out to the adult parents and volunteers who were involved this year. The scouts hold this dinner to earn money for them to go to summer camp, participate in different programs through the year and purchase much needed equipment for the troop. Thank you to all that attended our dinner.

**SINCERELY,
TROOP 207**

To the Editor:

My letter of a week ago contained an error, so the purpose of this letter is to correct it and shed some additional light on some of the Board of Education candidates.

SAT scores, the only true measure of a student's knowledge, in 2009-2010 for South Plainfield High students was 1,438 while the state's average was 1,515. Superintendent Pennisi's Dunellen High students' average score was 1,357. Mr. Farinella, the interim principal of Rahway High, students' SAT score was 1,290 and Mr. Sorrentino is a teacher in that same Rahway school system.

If the above trio is so passionate about public education they should try to improve education in the districts they have been employed in for many years.

If the trio would be elected to the South Plainfield board, will they work to increase SAT scores or to lower them, as this seems to be their only strength?

BOGDAN FRYSZCZYN

Dear Residents/Editor,

I agree with Councilman Bengivenga about the need for tax relief, and I could not disagree more with the letters in the paper by Library Board Chairman Eric Aronowitz and Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas.

If the library board has a \$2M surplus (and we haven't even seen how much they have this year), why should the taxpayers not get a fraction of it back?

This is the problem with government. Everybody feels entitled to our tax dollars and they have no problem reaching into our pockets for what they think is important. The BOE wants to take more, President Obama wants to take more, the legislature wants to take more. Now we learn that the library board, which has been getting more and more money each year, has a huge surplus and is trying to prevent part of it from going back to taxpayers.

Well, I have news for the library board. We pay the highest property taxes in the nation and enough is enough. In recent years, we've been paying more than it costs to run the library and nothing's wrong with returning a small part of that to the people who have been doing the paying. Mr. Bengivenga is right. It's not their money.

Mr. Aronowitz and Miss Buteas need to realize that we are living in the worst economy since the Great Depression. People need their money to buy food, pay their mortgages, and hopefully save to send their kids to college. The last thing people need is to pay money to the library when it has more than enough. When everything else is going up, a little tax relief seems reasonable to me, so I hope these two will stop their opposition.

**SINCERELY,
JAMES TANZOLA**

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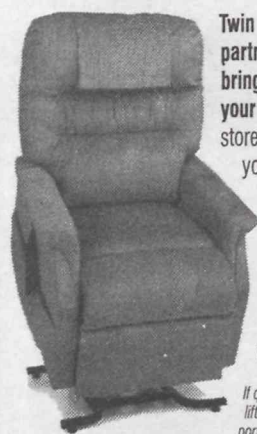
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Walter K. Abrams, Sr., 84

Walter K. Abrams, Sr. died on Friday, April 15 at the Hartwyck at Cedar Brook Care Center in Plainfield.

Born and raised in Hoboken, he had lived in Ridgewood Queens, N.Y. before moving to Whiting 21 years ago.

He was honorably discharged from the United States Merchant Marines in 1945. For 50 years Walter worked as a longshoreman in New York and New Jersey and served as treasurer for the Central Avenue Catholic Association in Ridgewood. Walter was an avid pinochle player and was proud of his Hoboken background.

He is predeceased by his wife, Anne, in 1997 and by a brother, George.

Walter is survived by his children; Maryann Thorpey (Stephen) of North Plainfield, Richard Abrams (Marian) of Somerset and Walter K. Abrams Jr. (Kathy) of Closter. He will be missed by his grandchildren, Kathleen Dolan (Jay), Stephen

Thorpey, Ken Abrams, James Thorpey, step-grandson Jeffrey Spivack and by a great-grandson, Jack Dolan.

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

Eleanore (Payer) Pracher, 87

Eleanore (Payer) Pracher died on Wednesday, April 13.

Born in McAdoo, Pa., she lived in Plainfield for a brief time before moving to South Plainfield in the late 1970s.

Eleanore spent her time caring for her family as a homemaker. She was active with Our Lady of Czestochowa RC Church in South Plainfield. She enjoyed sewing and cooking, especially baking bread. Eleanore loved dancing with her late husband to big band music and could always be found inside painting her home.

She is predeceased by her husband, August "Gus" Pracher, who died Feb-

ruary 14, 2009; and by four siblings, Emil, Olga, Steven and Joseph.

Eleanor leaves behind her children, Ronald Pracher and wife Eileen of Hopatcong, Darcie DeVito and husband Daniel of Northville, Mich. and Antony Pracher and wife Pamela of Holliston, Mass.; eight grandchildren; and a brother, Archie Payer. In addition, she will be missed by her dedicated neighbors who were wonderful to Eleanor.

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

Mary Agrista, 90

Mary Agrista passed away on Thursday, April 14 at home surrounded by her loving family.

Born on June 17, 1920 in South Plainfield to Dominick and Antoinette

(Marino) DiCanto, she lived in South Plainfield all of her life.

Mrs. Agrista was a homemaker and was very active in the South Plainfield community as a member of the Ladies Auxiliary for the Sons of Italy, a choir member at Sacred Heart Church and a committee woman and member of the Middlesex County Democrat Committee Organization. She was a 40 year communicant of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, volunteering her time as the director of CCD classes, a member of the choir, the Rosary Altar Society and offered her help with the Feast of St. Anthony.

Mrs. Agrista was predeceased by her husband, Dominic S. Agrista, in 1996 and by 10 brothers and sisters.

She is survived by a beloved son, Stephen J. Agrista of Doylestown, Pa. and a loving daughter, Rosemary Agrista

and husband Arthur R. McDonald of Meyersville. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the South Plainfield Funeral Home.

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LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1928

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$36,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY POOL LOCATED WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, April 22, 2011 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, May 2, 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:

Section 1. That there is hereby authorized pursuant to applicable statutes of the State of New Jersey, as a general improvement, the following improvements in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, New Jersey:

Community Pool Playground Equip. \$36,000.00

TOTAL \$36,000.00

Section 2. That the improvements described in Section 1 hereof shall be authorized as general capital improvements for the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and declared by this Mayor and Borough Council as follows:

A. That the maximum estimated amount of money to be raised from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 1, hereof, is \$36,000.00.

B. That the cost of the capital purchase shall be paid From a \$22,000 contribution from the South Plainfield Recreation Trust Fund, \$12,000 from Pool Capital Improvement Fund and \$2,000 from Pool Capital Surplus.

C. The estimated useful life of said improvements is hereby determined to be five (5) years.

Section 4. That the total amount of the appropriation to be expended for Architectural and inspection costs, legal costs, advertisement of ordinance and other expenses as provided in Section 48:2-20 of the Revised Statutes, is not to exceed \$1,000.00.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

Joann L. Graf, RMC
Municipal Clerk

\$46.46 April 22, 2011

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

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1927

BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3(B) OF BOND ORDINANCE NUMBERED 1919 OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY FINALLY ADOPTED MARCH 7, 2011 IN ORDER TO AMEND THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

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 April 18, 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 Amending Section 3(b) of Bond Ordinance Numbered 1919 of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey Finally Adopted March 7, 2011 in Order to Amend the Description of the Project."

Purpose: Section 3(b) of Bond Ordinance numbered 1919 of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, finally adopted March 7, 2011, is amended to read as follows:

"(b) The acquisition of a backhoe and a ride on lawnmower, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto."

Appropriation: \$0

Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$0

Grant Appropriated: N/A

Section 20 Costs: \$0

Useful Life: N/A

Joann L. Graf, RMC
Municipal Clerk

\$45.52 April 22, 2011

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

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1929

A BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCES NUMBERED 1815 AND 1816, BOTH AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NUMBERED 1827, OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY,

BOTH FINALLY ADOPTED APRIL 7, 2008 AND AMENDED JULY 21, 2008, IN ORDER TO AMEND THE DESCRIPTIONS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROJECTS was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, April 22, 2011 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, May 2, 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:

Section One. Sections 3(a) of Bond Ordinances numbered 1815 and 1816 of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Borough"), both finally adopted April 7, 2008 and amended by Bond Ordinance numbered 1827, finally adopted July 21, 2008, are hereby amended to include in addition to the other purposes previously authorized, the following purposes:

(a) The engineering and design of road improvements on New Market Avenue Phase #2, Rahway Avenue and Kenyon Avenue, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

Section Two. The Borough hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section Three. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Joann L. Graf, RMC
Municipal Clerk

\$42.20 April 22, 2011

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

LEGAL NOTICE

April 14, 2011

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on April 12, 2011.

A. Case # 11-01-Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Orthodox Church. Block 364; Lot 4; 416 Delmore Avenue. The applicant's request for minor subdivision approval and the waiver request for an EIS was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Recording Secretary-Planning Board

\$28.50 April 22, 2011

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

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1930

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1653 REGULATING PARKING, STOPPING, STANDING OF ANY MOTOR VEHICLE ON A PORTION OF ROOSEVELT AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, April 22, 2011 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, May 2, 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:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Ordinance No. 1653 entitled An Ordinance Regulating Parking, Stopping, Standing of any Motor Vehicle on a Portion of Roosevelt Avenue in the Borough of South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey, and adopted on April 5, 2004 be amended as follows:

SECTION 2: No Person shall stop or stand any motor vehicle at the following location in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey:

a. Roosevelt Avenue - West side between New Market Avenue and Sage Street; Mondays 9:00am through Saturday 9:00pm.

b. Roosevelt Avenue - East side between New Market Avenue and Sage Street, Mondays 9:00 a.m. through Saturdays 9:00 a.m.

All other provisions of Ordinance No. 1653 shall remain in full force and effect.

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

Joann L. Graf, RMC
Municipal Clerk

\$38.90 April 22, 2011

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

LEGAL NOTICE

April 15, 2011

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on April 14, 2011.

A. Case # 2-11-Anthony & Michelle Loomis. Block 129; Lot 7; R-75 Zone; 309 Libourel Road. The applicant's request for a garage side yard setback variance and a lot coverage variance was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Secretary-Board of Adjustment

\$28.50 April 22, 2011

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

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1924

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2011 AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK WHEN THE COLA IS EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 2.5 PERCENT (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) was adopted after a Public Hearing and final reading were conducted on Monday, April 18, 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 22, 2011.

Joann L. Graf, RMC
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\$28.50 April 22, 2011

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

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1925

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, April 8, 2011 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, April 18, 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.

Joann L. Graf, RMC
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\$28.50 April 22, 2011

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

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1926

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1889 ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2010 and 2011 was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, April 8, 2011 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, April 18, 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.

Joann L. Graf, RMC
Municipal Clerk

\$29.45 April 22, 2011

Meet the Candidates: Seven Running for Three Seats on BOE



Steven Bohn



John Farinella



Michael Gregov



Sharon Miller



Pio Pennisi



Jignesh Shah



Joseph Sorrentino

On April 27 the voters of South Plainfield will elect three Board of Education members and vote on the school board budget. Seven candidates vie for the available three seats. Three candidates are incumbents and four are newcomers.

STEVEN BOHN (incumbent), a resident of South Plainfield for the past 18 years, has served on the board for nine of the past 12 years. He is an officer with the Middlesex County Sheriff's Department for 22 years. He and his wife, Dorothea, have three children who attend borough schools.

Bohn has been involved with both the middle school PTO and the high school PTA, the high school Music Boosters and the Special Olympics Torch Run/Tip-A-Cop Event.

During his tenure on the Board of Education, Bohn has enhanced security by equipping the high school with door locks, cameras and a full-time residency/security officer. He currently chairs the Finance Committee and also serves on the Residency, Shared Services and Technology committees.

PIO PENNISI (incumbent) has been a board member for 16 years. He is currently the board vice president

and serves on the Personnel, Residency and Negotiations committees and chairs the Curriculum Committee.

A resident of the borough for over 50 years, Pennisi is the superintendent of schools in Dunellen. He and his wife, Lynn, have two children, Kelly, a graduate of Kean University, and Christopher, a junior at Northwestern University.

Pennisi has been involved in the Junior Baseball club and soccer club and was a high school Booster Club trustee. He is a South Plainfield High School Wall of Fame inductee and is currently a member of the NJSIAA Controversies Committee, Eligibility Committee and Advisory Committee, as well as a member of the Dunellen/Green Brook Rotary.

SHARON MILLER (incumbent) is completing her first three-year term as a member of the board. She currently chairs the Public Relations and Policy committees and serves on the Finance, Personnel, Shared Services, Curriculum, Technology and Student Activities committees.

Miller has been an active volunteer in the school district for 19 years. Although her two daughters have graduated from South Plainfield High

School, she still maintains her position as president of the high school PTA. She has been coordinating Project Graduation for the past six years.

Miller is a 31-year resident of the borough; her husband, Joseph, was raised in town and graduated from South Plainfield High School.

JOHN FARINELLA is a lifelong resident of the borough and graduated from South Plainfield High School in 1983. He attended Penn State University, earning both a bachelor of science degree in mathematics and a bachelor of science degree in economics. His post-graduate studies include a master of arts degree in education administration and supervision from Saint Peter's College and a doctoral degree in law from Seton Hall University School of Law.

Farinella is currently employed by the Rahway Board of Education as vice principal of guidance and interim principal of the high school. He is also the owner of Farinella and Farinella, LLC, a South Plainfield law office which is managed by his law partner and wife, Dawn Farinella, Esq. He is a member of the New Jersey Bar Foundation's Law-Related Education Committee

as well as the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association.

In his spare time, Farinella enjoys spending time with his wife and three young children. His hobbies include running, biking, fishing, traveling and music.

MICHAEL GREGOV has lived in the borough for the past four years with his wife and one year-old son. He is a 1999 graduate of Kean University with a degree in history and is currently a help desk/customer relations/office manager for Cargo Manager Systems, a leading software provider to non-vessel operating common carriers (NVOCCs), freight forwarders and warehouses, located in Union.

Gregov is a N.Y. Yankees and N.Y. Jets fan and enjoys Star Wars and science fiction movies.

JOSEPH SORRENTINO graduated from South Plainfield High School in 2003. He went on to graduate from Kean University with a dual teaching certification for special education and social studies. Sorrentino has been a special education teacher in the Rahway Public School district for the past two years and also teaches

summer school. He will be starting his master's degree studies at Kean University in the fall for administration and supervision.

A volunteer football coach for the South Plainfield Pop Warner Eagles, Sorrentino also volunteers his time as a basketball coach for the Keystone Special Olympics, Junior Achievement and helps out with the Labor Day parade.

Joseph is the son of John and Maryann Sorrentino and has a sister, Angela, and brother, Anthony. His interests are sports, the N.Y. Jets, exercising, writing, family and friends.

JIGNESH SHAH has resided in the borough for eight years with his wife and two children. He graduated from N.J. City University in Jersey City with a bachelor's degree in computer science. Shah has been employed by the State of New Jersey for the past five years as an IT in the Information Technology Division in Trenton.

Shah has served on the Public Celebrations Committee for the past three years.

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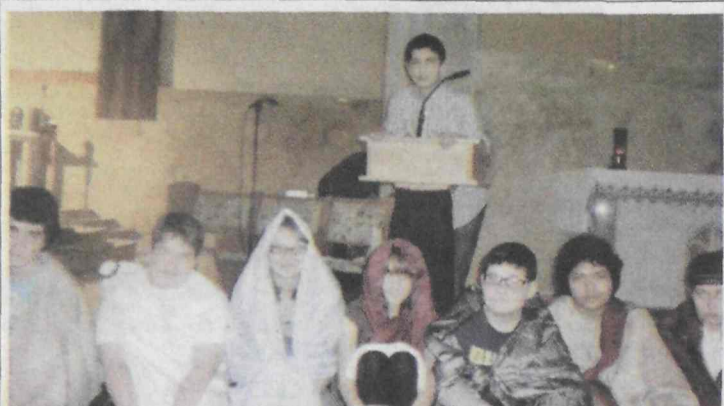
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SPHS Music Boosters

MUSIC NOTES

The All District Festival, which took place on March 17, showcased the many talented musical and artistic children in our district. The Music Boosters would like to thank all of the parents who volunteered their time to help out at the concert.

The marching band/orchestra Disney trip is almost here! The kids have been working very hard fundraising to help out with the cost of the trip. They have done a great job with all of the many fundraisers and canning events over the last several months and thank everyone for all of their generous support.

Congratulations to senior Winter

Guard member Toni Teller who was named the winner of the 2011 Mary Denniston Scholarship for the Mid-Atlantic Indoor Network at The Main Guard Championships for Winter Guard in South Brunswick.

Scholarship-The South Plainfield Boosters of the Musical Arts Scholarships is open to all South Plainfield High School seniors who have participated in extra curricular activities in the music department and who will be attending college or other educational institutions. A scholarship application can be downloaded from the high school Music Department's website. All completed applications must be returned to Mr. Vroom, Mr. Murray or Mr. Mikolon on or before April 28. All scholarship recipients will be announced at the June 1 senior awards banquet.

Important Dates to Remember

Thursday, April 28-All scholarship applications are due in to music teachers (no exceptions).

Tuesday, May 3-Music Booster general meeting at 7 p.m.-Important Disney information to be discussed.

May 26-May 31-Marching band/orchestra Disney trip.

Wednesday, June 1-senior awards banquet.

Tuesday, June 7-choral and instrumental spring concert.

Friday, June 10-Music Booster dinner banquet.

-Submitted by Donna Teller



Troop 207 Scouts were waiters at the pasta dinner.

Troop 207 Holds Annual Pasta Dinner

By Patricia Abbott

Boy Scout Troop 207 recently held its annual pasta dinner fundraiser at the American Legion. The dinner attracted a huge crowd. They served over 350 dinners, the largest crowd they had ever served or anticipated. In fact, they had to open another room to accommodate all their guests. The kitchen crew, scout servers and volunteers were kept busy throughout the evening. The menu offered spaghetti with a choice of sauce, meatballs and sausage, salad, bread, hot and cold beverages and a wide variety of desserts provided by the parents.

Chefs for the evening were Scoutmaster John Mocharski, Assistant Leaders Michael Mocharski and Charles Ifrach and parent Rich Franzson. Also assisting were Assistant Leaders Russell and Ron Drumbore.

Fourteen scouts served the meals. They were, Joseph Ifrach, AJ Yon, Alex Kelly, Charles LaDelle, Scott O'Brien, Owen Milane, Ryan Drumbore, Jonathan Gleeson, Zachary Prehn, Ryan Berardi, Brad Butler, Joseph Kelly, Michael Menkin and Cole Peterson. Missing were scouts Ronald Soden, Michael Villany and Sean McConville.

The troop has 17 boys, including seven new scouts which accounted in part for the amazing turnout.

Donations that helped make the evening a success came from Ferraro Foods, Flanagan's Restaurant, VA Tramontano, Haisch's Bakery, Sherban's Diner, Lou's Sub Shop in Bound Brook, Mohn's Flowers, McCriscin-Gustafson Funeral Home, Columbia Bank, Target and Costco.

Additional volunteers, including parents of scouts, were Pam Mocharski, Lee Anne Leo, Sue Ifrach, Linda and Brian Kelly, Kelly Simpson, Beverly Drumbore, Mark O'Brien, Ed Prehn, Jennifer Gleeson, Tom and Kathy Peterson, Kim Butler, Cheryl Kelly and Dana Milane.

Scout Leader John Mocharski was recently named the South Plainfield Elks Citizen of the Year. For more information on joining Troop 207, call (908) 757-3369. The troop meets



every Thursday night at the South Plainfield American Legion, 243 Oak Tree Ave. from 7:30 to 9 p.m.



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