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Two Local Residents Receive Valor Awards

Two South Plainfield residents who are members of the Plainfield Fire Department were honored at the 2011 Valor Awards Banquet held at the Pines Manor on April 23. The firefighters, Lt. Walter Thompson and John Reed, were honored along with fellow firefighters, Brian Alston and Iken Peterson.

The Plainfield Fire Department was dispatched to 459 West Sixth St. in Plainfield on November 1, 2010 at approximately 9:32 a.m. for a reported basement fire. Upon their arrival, they were met with a heavy fire condition in the rear enclosed stairwell of a large three story frame occupied multiple dwelling. Fire was extending into all floors with a heavy smoke condition.

Firefighter Reed went to the rear of the structure and reported victims were trapped in a window above the fire. One occupant had already

jumped and was being rescued.

The fire was spreading to the first and second floors, and no lines were in operation as yet. The windows directly below the trapped victims were pushing smoke and it was doubtful if they would hold until the rescue was made.

Lt. Thompson, firefighters Reed, Alston and Peterson ascended the ground ladders through heavy smoke and removed the occupants from the windows and roof. They then searched the rooms on the second floor to confirm there were no others trapped. At that time an explosion occurred in the rear (possibly a 20 lb. propane tank) which shook the structure and extended fire into the hallway.

As a result of the quick and decision action of Truck 2 and Rescue 1 personnel, the victims were rescued without suffering injuries or worse.



Plainfield firefighters John Reed (left) and Lt. Walter Thompson

Police Arrest Two Women in Prostitution Bust

South Plainfield Police arrested two women, Yeongog Kim, 47, and Longshi Yu, 41, both of Flushing, Queens at PRO SPA, 902 Oak Tree Rd., Suite 200 in South Plainfield on Tuesday.

Both women were charged with prostitution, promoting prostitution and maintaining a nuisance. They are being held on \$25,000 cash only bail as per Municipal Court Judge Spencer Robbins.

Police seized various items and a small amount of cash. The business was closed following the arrests.

Police had received information and intelligence from various sources regarding the activity at the location. The investigation is ongoing and additional arrests and charges may be pending.

BOE Holds Reorganization Meeting, Swears In Three



BOE members Sharon Miller, John Farinella, Jr. and Joseph Sorrentino.

By Libby Barsky

Board of Education Attorney Mark Zitomer administered the oath of office to newly elected board members John Farinella, Jr., Sharon Miller

and Joseph Sorrentino at the annual reorganization on May 4.

Incumbent Sharon Miller was re-elected; Farinella and Sorrentino replaced Steve Bohn and Pio Pennisi, who ran unsuccessfully.

Farinella and Sorrentino are former students of Steve Novak, who taught classes in law and government at South Plainfield High School before becoming high school assistant principal and middle school principal.

During the public portion of the meeting, Novak thanked former board members Bohn and Pennisi for their service. He said he had attended the reorganization meeting because of the "unique situation of seeing his former students getting involved in public service."

After the swearing in, the members of the board elected Jim Giannakis as the board president and Debbie Boyle as vice president.

The board approved the time and dates of its Wednesday meetings for 2011/2012. The Committee of the Whole (COW) meetings are scheduled at 6 p.m. and the regular public meetings at 7:30 p.m. On May 11, July 13 and August 17 both the COW and regular meetings will be held on the same night.

The *Observer*, the *Courier News*, *Home News Tribune* and *The Newark*

Star-Ledger were designated as official newspapers. TD Bank of South Plainfield was designated to hold 18 separate checking and reserve accounts for the district.

Borough CFO Glenn Cullen was appointed treasurer of school monies with a salary of \$5,000 from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

Interim Business Administrator Nicholas Pulcio was reappointed as the district's qualified purchasing agent.

Mark Zitomer, partner in the firm of Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP, was reappointed school board attorney at a retainer of \$7,600 to cover the two regularly scheduled board meetings per month, travel, routine telephone contact and correspondence. Hourly rates for partners and senior associates is \$165; \$155 for junior associates; and \$100 for paralegals and law clerks.

Vincent Montanion was appointed auditor at \$33,800.

Robert Stoffel of Integrity Consulting Group was appointed broker of record for health services.

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south plainfield arts COMMISSION
Ashley Lopez performs at the Cultural Arts showcase. See page 8 for story.

SPEA Accepts 3-Year Contract

After nearly a year of negotiations with the South Plainfield Education Association (SPEA), the Board of Education announced the settlement of a new three-year contract with the teachers, teachers' aides and secretaries units at the May 4 meeting.

According to BOE Vice President Debbie Boyle, who chaired the negotiating team with the SPEA, the contracts call for a 2.6% salary increase for the 2010/2011 school year (the previous three-year contract expired last June), a 2.1% increase in 2011/2012 and a 2% increase for 2012/2013. The increase is offset by the state mandated payment of 1.5%

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New Truck Route Applications Under Review by DEP

By Jane Dornick

After nearly three years since its genesis, the Ad Hoc Truck Committee took a monumental step on May 3 by submitting applications for the Hollywood Avenue Extension to the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Committee member Terry Vogt hand-delivered the Freshwater Wetlands Individual Permit and Flood Hazard Area Permit to the DEP's Division of Land Use Regulation, which will begin review for "administrative completeness" in accordance with application check-

lists and regulations.

According to committee chairman Paul Kavka, there is a required 30-day turnaround, and the borough should expect interim letters within that time period requesting additional information. Correspondence from the DEP halts the process and could stretch the administrative review out for another two to three months, said Kavka.

Once the DEP's review is concluded and the applications are deemed complete, the project will move into the "technical review phase." Kavka anticipates another waiting period of six months or more based on the size

of the applications. Throughout this phase additional request letters for information are anticipated which may come in the form of letters or phone calls to the project's engineer, T & M Associates.

"Getting to this point, which is having this application prepared and submitted, has been a threshold issue for this entire project," said Kavka. "Reflecting on where this project was in January 2008 when the mayor and council established the ad hoc committee to investigate viable options for diverting trucks, we have met one of the most significant milestones. All who

have participated in getting us here deserve a well deserved thank you."

As soon as the borough receives a first review response from the DEP, Kavka will then arrange further committee meetings to discuss their response.

In September 2010, former Mayor Charles Butrico, along with council and committee members and the project engineer at the time, Remington, Vernick & Vena Engineers, held a pre-application meeting with the Division of Land Use Regulations section chief. This was followed by the submission of several requested

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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 16 May 16
June 6 June 6

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

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

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.) June 8, July 13, Aug. 17, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 14 and April 4.

Regular Public Meeting (begin at 7:30 p.m.) June 15, July 13, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21, Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 21 and April 11.

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.

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

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

taxpayers advisory group

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

site plans sub-committee

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

May 17, June 21, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20

environmental commission

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

business advisory group

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

ad hoc alternative truck route committee

To be announced. 7:30 p.m. in the Senior Center Questions? 908-226-7605



Mayor Matt Anesh was sworn in by UNICO Chapter President Anthony Bengivenga at an induction ceremony held at Giovanna's Restaurant in Plainfield. Anesh's membership was sponsored by Councilman Alex Barletta who has been a member of the Plainfields' Chapter of UNICO for the past several years. Fellow Councilman Rob Bengivenga also participated in the ceremony. Pictured (L-R): Anthony Bengivenga, Alex Barletta, Mayor Anesh, Bob Bengivenga, Rob Bengivenga and Mike Colucci.

In My Opinion

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

To the Editor:

I want to take this opportunity to thank many people for making our third annual wine tasting event a success this year. We held our wine tasting on April 29 at the Italian-American Club. We had 20 vendors and we almost sold out!

I would like to thank Flanagan's Restaurant, Hometown Heros, Paul's BBQ and Adelines Ristorante for supplying all the food for the evening.

I would also like to thank Dan and Vito Ratti from Oak Tree Liquors for providing all of our vendors for the evening.

I also want to thank the members of the South Plainfield Education Foundation for all their hard work with this fundraiser. It gets better year after year.

We are already looking forward to next year!

**MARJORIE M. REEDY,
PRESIDENT, SOUTH PLAINFIELD
EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

Dear Editor,

In the April 22 edition of the Observer there was an article as follows: Board of Education to eliminate 30

jobs. These jobs pay about \$30,000 to each person. Wouldn't it make more sense to cut back on some of the assistant superintendents and assistant principals? Years ago everything ran fine without so many assistants. Do we really need them all? Is there enough for them all to do?

JOSEPH WALKO

Dear Editor,

The letter in last week's paper by Eric Aronowitz once again misstates the facts relating to the council's attempt to give tax relief. The Library Board was not using the \$750,000 the council wants to use for tax relief to offset the cost of building a new library.

It may be helpful for the Library Board's public relations to keep saying that it was money set aside for a new library, but it is not true. Whether the public gets this tax relief has nothing to do with a new library.

Again, based on the state formula for library funding, the library (like many throughout the state) received much more than it needed (over \$2 million in surplus). Because of the huge surpluses libraries were amassing, the legislature enacted a new law

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requiring that excess be put toward tax relief and returned to taxpayers. That the Library Board would do an end-run around the statute is disappointing.

Unfortunately, the Library Board is still controlled by Democrats, and the new Republican Majority has no control over their actions. One would hope, however, that the board members would look at the economy and realize that by holding onto twice its operating budget in surplus, it is hurting the residents, many of whom are struggling to stay above water.

ROB BENGIVENGA

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Almost Famous Players Begin Eighth Season

The Almost Famous Players (AFP) are about to start up their eighth season. Despite the set backs of the past few years such as vandalism, theft and bad weather, they hope to make a comeback.

Numerous fundraisers are in the works, including a garage sale and hopefully a coffehouse.

AFP is looking for anyone interested in participating in the annual Putnam Park Haunted Woods Show, either as a performer (age 11 and up), or as sets/tech/running crew, which will include a few paid positions. They are open to any suggestions on scary scenes; but keep in mind they must take place in the woods and be very fast and simple. If your suggestion is chosen you will receive two free show tickets.

AFP is always looking for donations of supplies, large pieces of wood, paint, dark material, odd pieces of furniture, tall fence pieces, fish netting and whatever creative item you can dream up. Cash donations will also be accepted to be used to purchase items that are not donated, such as costumes and the care of the generators during the run of the show.

Donations for the garage sale (date yet to be determined) are also being accepted. Almost anything that is clean and functional will be accepted. Please, no children's toys with lots of small parts. Donations can be dropped off at 2 Page Ct. in front of the garage. Call when you are coming so arrangements can be made to open the garage door. Limited pickups can also be arranged.

For more information on any of the above, email angelonly@aol.com or call (908) 346-2290.



(L-R) Matthew and Kevin Belanger, Joshua Siepmann, Adam Butrico, Josh Coupe, Tommy Riccardi, Albert Vill, James Butrico and Jeff Pauls.

Scouts, Squires Race for Habitat for Humanity

Members of the Knights of Columbus Squires, Boy Scout Troop #309 and friends participated in the third annual Greater Plainfields Habitat for Humanity 5K Race on

April 10 to help raise funds for a new house that will be built soon.

The group finished strong as Matthew Belanger placed first in his age group, Adam Butrico placed first in

his age group and second overall in the men's group, and Josh Coupe placed third overall in the mens group.

Submitted by Jeff Pauls

Order Fresh Pierogies and Stuffed Cabbage

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Orthodox Church, 400 Delmore Ave., is taking orders for fresh pierogies and stuffed cabbage.

Pierogies: cheese (cottage cheese) are \$6 for a dozen. Potato, potato/cheese, potato/cheddar cheese, potato/onion, potato/mushroom, potato/jalapeno, potato/spinach, potato/sauerkraut, sauerkraut/mushroom and sauerkraut are only \$5 for a dozen.

You can now also order fresh stuffed cabbage, \$5 for a half pound.

All orders must be received by Sunday evening for the following Friday pick-up. This is an ongoing sale.

To place an order, call (908) 561-6366 or email nbvocpierogi@gmail.com. Leave your name, telephone number and how many dozen you want. Payment due when you pick up; cash or check only.

BOROUGH NOTES

The council held a public meeting on the 2011 budget. If no changes are made to the budget, when passed the municipal tax rate will remain flat.

Ordinance 1928 received final approval. The ordinance appropriated \$36,000 for the purchase and installation of playground equipment for the South Plainfield Community Pool.

The council approved a contract with Tri-Form Construction, Inc. of Metuchen for alterations to the senior center at a cost of \$11,900.

Suplee Clooney were hired to provide accounting and professional services relative to the South Plainfield School Board budget which was rejected by the voters.

T&M Associates will provide preliminary planning, design and bid phase for improvements to New Market Avenue Phase #2, Rahway Avenue and Kenyon Avenue at a cost not to exceed \$14,800.

The municipal clerk has been authorized to solicit bids for the fall 2011 bulk waste pickup and leaf pickup.

Correction

In the front page story in last week's *Observer*, "Voters Say No to BOE Budget," Joseph Sorrentino is incorrectly identified in the photo caption and also on page 8 of the same story. We

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events

Around Town

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 tickets, call (732) 406-9728.

SPHS Booster Club Meeting

May 17

South Plainfield High School Athletic Booster Club will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, May 17 in the high school cafeteria at 7 p.m.

Pack 207 Holding Blood Drive

May 18

Boy Scout Pack 207 will hold a

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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 SPHS 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.

Blackrose to Perform

May 21

Blackrose, the band, playing classic rock and roll music and today's hits, will be performing at KC's Korner, 100 Oak Tree Ave. on Saturday, May 21 at 10 p.m. No cover charge.

SP Football Eagles First Golf Outing

May 23

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.

Kidcraft Program at The Library

May 23

The library will hold a "Kidcraft" program on Monday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. Participants will construct and decorate a birdhouse. The program is for children of all ages. Space is limited; pre-registration is required. A \$1 materials fee is payable upon registration.

For more information, call (908) 754-7885 and ask for Linda, or visit www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

Business Association Monthly Meeting

May 26

The South Plainfield Business Association will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, May 26 at 8:30 a.m. at Sherban's Diner. All businesses are welcome to attend.

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

Sacred Heart 5K Run & One Mile Fun Walk

June 11

Sacred Heart will hold the 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.

Maszcak Miracle Day Fundraiser

June 18

Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc. will sponsor 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 Maszcak Family to help with medical costs associated with the treatment of their son, Stephen Austin, who passed away in March.

— Out of Town —

Middlesex East WOWs Open Dance

May 13

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers, Carteret Chapter, will hold an open dance on Friday, May 13 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at The American Legion Hall, 1155 Roosevelt Ave. in Carteret. Admission: \$10 members; \$12 guests.

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

Art Show and Auction

May 14

Temple Shalom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains will host 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.; auction at 8 p.m. Admission is \$10.

For tickets, call (908) 889-4900.

Singles Dance Party

May 14

Steppin' Out Singles is hosting a singles dance party on Saturday, May 14 at 8:30 p.m. at the PNC Bank Arts Center Reception Hall in Holmdel. Ages 40 and up; no jeans/t-shirts/sneakers/shorts. Admission: \$17.

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

SENIOR CENTER Calen-

MONDAYS

Silver Sneakers.....8:45 am
Crocheting9:30 am
Yoga10:30 am
Art Class.....11:30 am

TUESDAYS

Bingo.....10 am-2 pm
Ladies Group10 am

WEDNESDAYS

Aerobics.....8:45 am
Shopping Trip9 am
Line Dancing10 am
Computer...10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm
Crocheting1 pm
Tai Chi.....2 pm

THURSDAYS

Active Seniors8:45 am
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Computer..10 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm
Exercise Class.....1:15 pm

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Bingo.....10 am-2 pm

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Songfest 2011 at Holy Spirit Church

May 15

Songfest 2011, Around the World in Music will be held on Sunday, May 15 at 4 p.m. at Holy Spirit Church, Morris Avenue in Union. Advance tickets are \$20 per person; \$22 at the door.

For tickets, call Deutscher Club of Clark at (732) 574-8600.

Woodbridge WOWs Open Dance

May 15

Woodbridge Widows Or Widowers will hold an open dance on Sunday, May 15 from 7 to 11 p.m. at The Knights of Columbus Hall, Morrissey Ave. in Avenel. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome. Admission: \$10 members; \$12 guests.

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For more information, call (732) 968-6781.

Dinner Theatre Trip

May 17

Metuchen Branch YMCA is sponsoring a trip to see *Who Goes Bare?* at the Rainbow Dinner Theatre on Tuesday, May 17. Bus departs Metuchen Municipal Pool parking lot at 8:15 a.m. Tickets: \$82, includes transportation and a gourmet lunch buffet.

For more information, call Jean at (732) 548-2044.

Voices of Sept. 11th Speaker Series

May 18

Voices of September 11th speaker series continues on Wednesday, May 18 from 2-3 p.m. with Ellis Eisner, licensed creative arts therapist at 84 Albany St. in New Brunswick. Reservations required; refreshments will be served.

For reservations, call Sheri Burkat at (732) 543-2300 or email sburkat@voicesofsept11.org.

Shabbat Pray & Play

May 21

Temple Shalom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains invites families with children ages four and under to a Shabbat Pray & Play on Saturday, May 21 at 10 a.m. Music, maracas, puppets and parachutes. Older siblings are welcome.

Temple Shalom is located in the Fanwood Presbyterian Church.

For more information, call (908) 889-4900.

Journeys Backyard Barbeque Tour

May 21

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For information, visit www.journeysbbq.com or call (732) 634-0261.

Liberty Hall Museum Family Day

May 22

Liberty Hall Museum at Kean University in Union will host a Fire Muster & Family Day on Sunday, May 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The free outdoor event will feature the unveiling of the museum's latest acquisition, a 1911 Metropolitan Steam Fire Engine.

Liberty Hall, located at 1003 Morris Ave. in Union, is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Raindate: June 18.

For more information, call (908) 527-0400.

Hair of the Dog 5K Charity Race

May 22

The fourth annual Hair of the Dog 5K race will be held at Silver Decoy Winery, 610 Windsor-Perrineville Road in Robbinsville on Sunday, May 22 at 10 a.m. Pre-registration: \$25; \$30 after May 1 and \$7 per dog. Organized by Tri State Weimaraner Rescue and Res-Q-Pets Animal Rescue. Winery wineglass and free wine taste for those 21 and older. Pre-registrants are guaranteed a long-sleeve t-shirt.

For more information, call (609) 213-7132.

Taste of Somerset

May 23

The 19th annual Taste of Somerset is scheduled for Monday, May 23 from 6 to 9 p.m. at The Palace at Somerset Park, 333 Davidson Ave. in Somerset. Proceeds support the PeopleCare Center and the non-profit tenants housed in the facility in Bridgewater.

Tickets are \$75 and available online at www.peoplecarecenter.org or at the PeopleCare Center office at 120 Finnerne Ave. in Bridgewater. For information, call (908) 725-2299.

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Knights Serve 1,600 Dinners During Lent

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus and Sacred Heart Church held the seventh annual Lenten fish dinners over five weeks in March and April. More than 1,600 meals were served with an average of 320 people ordering dinners each week.

The Knights would like to thank McCrisky-Gustafson Home For Funerals and the South Plainfield Funeral Home for their very generous donations. It's good to see local businesses support such a great local event.

The Knights would also like to thank all of the men and women who volunteered their time in helping set up, prepare, serve and clean up. Without their dedication the dinners would not have run as smoothly as they did. We would especially like to thank Marie Doniski (head server), Ed Schmidt, Ann Nagy, Irene and Tom Donnelly, Mary McNeerney, Dot Mercier, Ann and Dominic Demico, Annabella Lanza, Mary Timko, Sandy Ronasz, Nancy Stillman Pender, Lisa Thompson, Toni Mocharski, Mickey Panzarella, Arlene Paterek, Mary Ann Ronzo, Marie Thompson, Gail Skidmore and Elaine Tuthill.

In addition a very big thank you goes out to Knight Jeff Pauls who organized and helped all the children from Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Czestochowa CCD classes who came out to help with the dinners. These children did a great job greeting the people who attended, serving and cleaning up the tables after the meal



Volunteers serve food at the Sacred Heart Lenten fish dinner.

was over. Also, thanks to Knights Dan Ratti and Rob Richkus for delivering meals to many senior citizens around town. Also, a big thanks goes out to John Weakley who ordered all of the food and supplies every week.

Special thanks to the numerous Knights of Columbus members, especially the kitchen crew of Ed Koznowicz Sr., Roberto Morales, Charlie Butrico, Lenny Kleczkowski, John Roesch, Phil Thomas, Norman Chicarelli and Jim Whalen (Mr. Dishwasher) who came out each and every week to support the Knights Council in this endeavor. The Knights would also like to thank Greg Lind who took time out of a very busy schedule to help cook.

Other Knights members who helped were Walter Thompson, Neil Towey, Gerry Butrico, Vinny Butrico, Mike Butrico, Matt Devito, Richie Lee, Bob Longo, Bill Tuthill, Larry Makoski, Bill Butrico, Steve Belanger, Joe Scudato (Mr. 50/50), Tom Pollock, John DeAndrea, Joe Wilkowski, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rea and Cassie D'Urso.

The Knights of Columbus and Sacred Heart Church would like to thank all of the residents of South Plainfield and other towns who came to the dinners during Lent. If it were not for your continued support these dinners would have stopped many years ago.

Submitted by Joe Scudato,
Grand Knight

Weiser Landscaping Adopts Metuchen Road

John Weiser, owner of Weiser Landscape Construction and Sod Services, has signed an agreement with the South Plainfield Clean Business Association to adopt the landscaped area at the head of Belmont Avenue on Metuchen Road. For the next 12 months, he will do monthly litter removal, and will seed and mulch as needed.

This spot, which faces drivers as they cross the railroad tracks and pull up at the stop sign, was planted with trees and shrubs some years ago to beautify the intersection. It was part of a development project by a nearby business; however, no plans were made to maintain it, so it became overgrown with weeds and unsightly litter. The Clean Business Association then added it to the "Please Adopt Me" list. The last adoption contract expired unrenewed a few months ago, and Weiser stepped into the breach.

Joe Diegnan, CBA president, is grateful to Weiser for volunteering to help improve the appearance of this busy intersection.

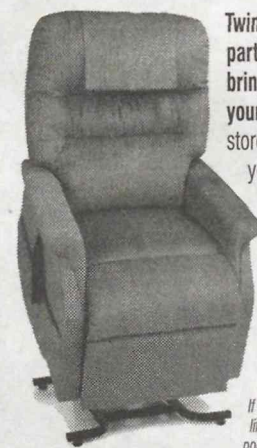
This adoption is important to the commercial/industrial sector. The CBA is looking for more businesses to adopt spots in the industrial districts. Coolidge Street, Helen Street, and South Clinton Avenue all attract litter. The length of Metuchen Road from Harmich Road to the Edison border is another road that needs frequent litter pickup.

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

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Special thanks to Mohn's Florist co-owners, Georgeann and Bill Cochrane, who donate the flowers and their time.

For more than a decade Mohn's Florist has been asking elementary age children in South Plainfield to write about what makes their moms special.



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Josette Sapia with mom Lisette



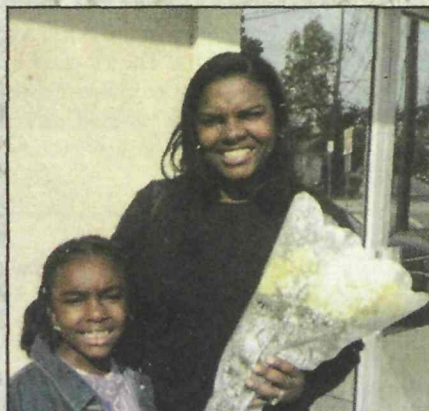
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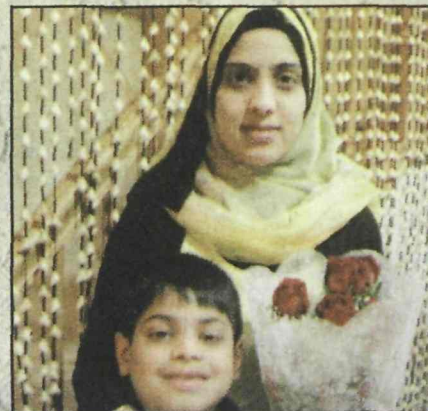
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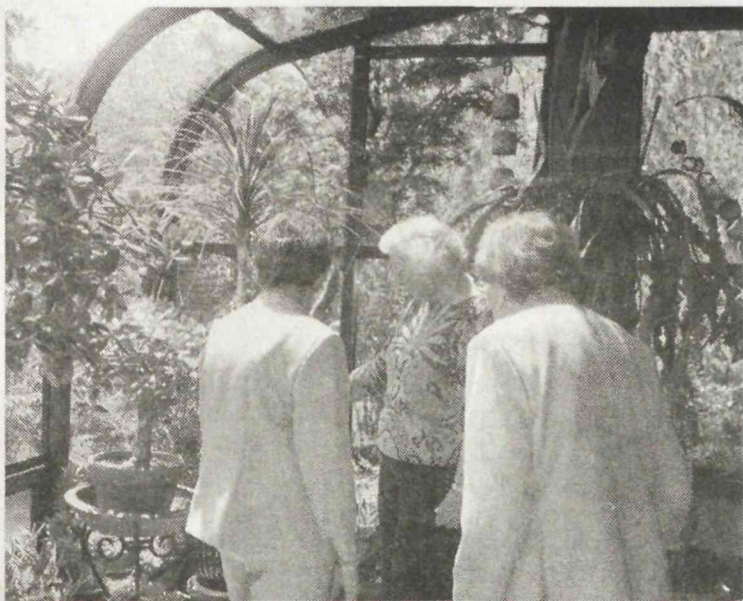
Cory Kline Memorial Golf Tournament Planned

The second annual Cory Kline Memorial Golf Tournament will be held this year on Friday, Sept. 30 at Rutgers Golf Club, 777 Hoes Lane West in Piscataway. Cory, the son of retired South Plainfield Police Officer Gary Kline and wife Linda, passed away on September 22, 2009 just a few days after being diagnosed with leukemia, leaving behind his young family, wife, Nicole and children, Elizabeth and Jaxon.

The golf tournament was the idea of Cory's father who wanted not only to bring family and friends together to do something Cory enjoyed so much, but also to raise money for his wife and children. Last year, 124 golfers and a total of 150 people attended. This year organizers moved the tournament to a Friday in the hopes that more people will be able to participate and plan a weekend of more than just golf.

The cost to participate in the tournament is \$150 per golfer and includes lunch and beverages. Payment must be received prior to confirming your place. Checks can be made payable to Gary Kline and mailed to 375 Wampee St. NW, Calabash, N.C. 28467. For those using PayPal, please send to Gary's PayPal account: juveyman@aol.com. This year, sponsorships and/or messages are available for \$100 and will be displayed in a continuous loop on each golf cart's nine inch monitor.

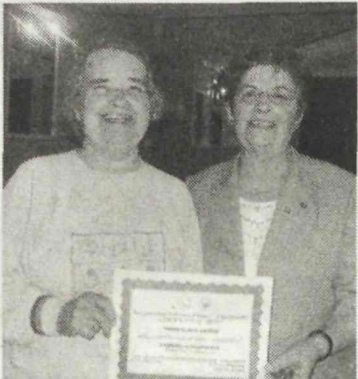
For more information, call David Haynie at (917) 359-7834, email davidhaynie@hotmail.com or Gary Kline at (910) 579-5946, email juveyman@aol.com.



Jean Popik and club members in Jean's greenhouse.



Club President Lucy Hudson, Judy Moretti, Antonia Hoh and her daughter Antonia Hoh.



Cathy Wells and Club President Lucy Hudson.

The Suburban Woman's Club had an unusual meeting last week. The program was held at the home of member Jean Popik who shared her love of plants by showing her ex-

tensive collection of cacti and other exotic plants and telling her friends about them after which she served a delicious lunch.

Afterwards the club members went on to their regular meeting place at the American Legion Hall to continue with business meeting.

President Lucy Hudson introduced special guests Judy Moretti, Antonia Hoh and her daughter, Antonia. Hudson presented special certificates to the mother of Marine Sergeant Trista Moretti, who lost her life in Iraq, and to the mother of National Guard Specialist Antonia Hoh and Army Capt. Cheryl Hoh. The certificates were issued by the New Jersey

Suburban Woman's Club NEWS

State Federation of Women's Clubs and given to Hudson at the recent Public Issues luncheon honoring New Jersey wom-

en in the military. district level as well as the third place award on the state level.

The next meeting of the Suburban Woman's Club will be its Installation Banquet to be held at Giovanna's Restaurant on Thursday, June 2.

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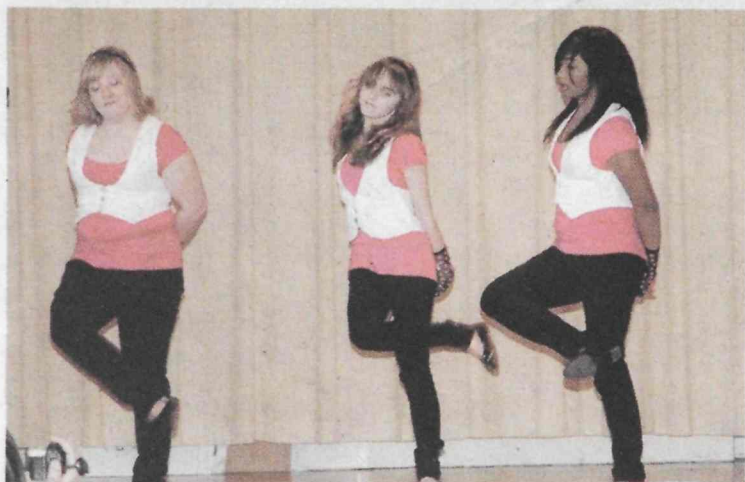
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Cultural Arts Showcase Spotlights Local Talent May 1



Amanda Ciardiello, Noelle Rutowski and Naome Nabi.

By Jean Fultz

The South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission (CAC) third annual talent showcase was presented on May 1 at Wesley Methodist Church. The church's hall was filled with more than 80 spectators, including coun-

cilmembers Chrissy Buteas and Tim McConville, who serves as council liaison.

Ken Reisch, vice chair of the CAC, served as master of ceremonies. The afternoon began with the audience singing the *Star Spangled Banner*, followed by a brief opening statement in



which Reisch thanked the members of Wesley saying, "This is the second year they've invited us back, so we must be doing something right."

The first performer was seven-year-old Nicole O'Sullivan who danced a lively hip hop routine. She received loud applause from the audience. Nine-year-old Srihari Yamunan sang *Aquarius* from the Broadway musical, *Hair*, to loud cheers and claps as he danced around the stage. "Come on everyone, don't feel sad," he shouted. "Everybody sing, open up your hearts and sing."

Conni McKenzie, 14, danced to the song, *Ain't No Other Man* by Christina Aguilera. Her energetic performance led Reisch to comment, "I'm flabbergasted! I'm losing weight just watching! What are they teaching these kids in gym class?"

Another standout performance was seven-year-old Michael Jackson impersonator, Ethan Wilkens. Ethan performed to a medley of Michael Jackson songs in full Jackson regalia. The audience clapped and cheered during his performance, which included Jackson's infamous moonwalk.

After overcoming a bad case of stage fright, five-year-old Ashley Lopez took to the stage and belted out *Eternal Flame* by The Bangles. She also received loud applause from the audience.

Jessica Dandola, 14, wrote the music and lyrics for the song she sang and played on the guitar in about an hour, just two days prior to the talent showcase. Jessica, who will enter high school next year, plans to pursue musical entertainment in the future and says she may decide to audition for *American Idol* one day.

Ellie Tom, 12, and Kim Lam, 13, performed a synchronized dance to a personal mix of music dressed in black and white shorts, blouses, vests, shoes and socks.

Michelle Prester, 14, and Karen Spear, 13, dedicated their performance to Karen's Aunt Shashi, who was celebrating her birthday. They performed a duet of *Fearless* by Taylor Swift. Both played the guitar.

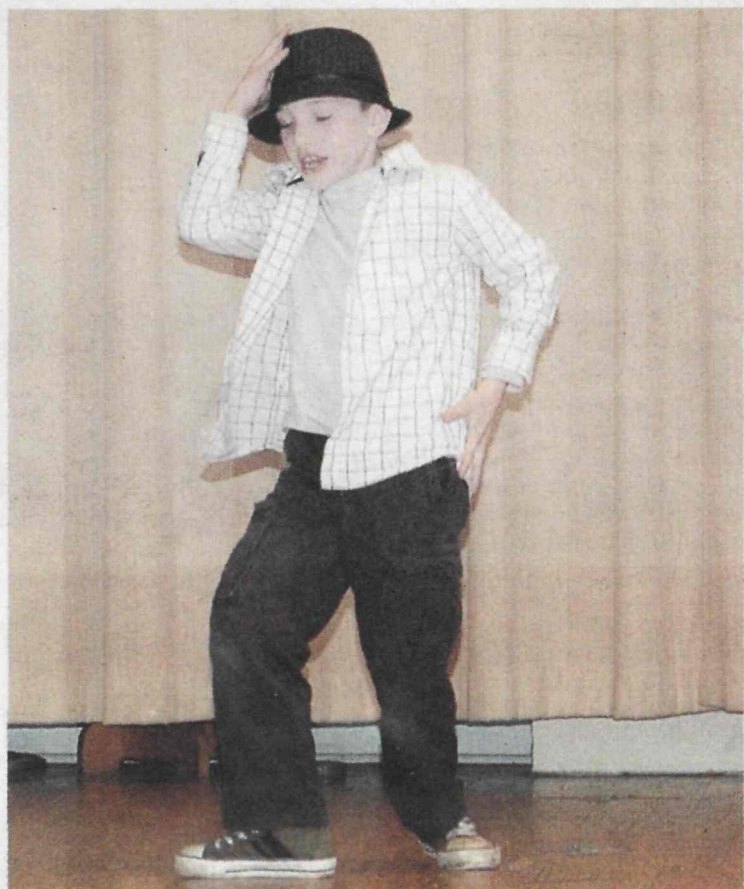
The final performer in the young adult/children's part of the program was Ahmad Buie, 17, who played the piano and sang *Dance With My Father* by Luther Vandross. The performance brought some audience members to tears. Ahmad received a standing ovation.

Also performing were Amanda Ciardiello, 13; Noelle Rutowski, 12; and Naome Nabi, 12, who danced; Elijah Viola, 13, played the piano; Amathi Pathak, 6, sang; Amatya Pathak, 9, performed a crowd-pleasing, near-perfect rendition of Justin Bieber's hit song, *Baby*; and Meirily Amaral and Sasha Paul, both 13, sang.

The second half of the showcase featured adult performers including Lory Jackson, Tracy Lee Sullivan, Lee Jackson, Pat Esemplare, Michael Palarino, Ellen Ward, Bill Ward, Rocco Severini and Barry Gould, who performed *King of the Road* by Roger Miller.

The South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission consists of Pamela Stefane, chairperson/treasurer; Kenneth Reisch, vice chair; Beverly Krausse, secretary; and members Suzanne Lyte, Frank Furino, Audrey Reisch, Ken Cavanagh, Marion B. Weber, Suzanne Lepore, Richard Veit, Yvonne Visosi, Dave Joshi, Tim McConville and Chrissy Buteas.

For more information on the CAC, email spcac.nj@gmail.com or call Ken Reisch at (908) 769-5938. You can also follow them on Facebook.



Ethan Wilkens impersonates Michael Jackson.



Elijah Viola performs *Gone* by Jim Chappell.



Ellie Tom and Kim Lam perform a dance.

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New grave stones indicate the location of two veterans of the nation's early conflicts, John LaTurrette (above right) and Benjamin Runyon (above left).

Stones Placed to Mark the Graves of Two Early Veterans

Grave stones were recently placed on the graves of two veterans who are buried in the Hillside Cemetery of Samptown on New Market Avenue. The work was part of an ongoing effort to locate and mark the graves of veterans of the nation's early conflicts who are buried in the cemetery.

The grave stones were supplied by the U.S. Veterans Administration, administrative work was done by the late Gordon Holz, historical research provided by Larry Randolph, and the labor to install the stones on the

graves was donated by the grounds crew of the cemetery.

Stones were placed on the graves of Sergeant John LaTurrette and Private Benjamin Runyon.

Sergeant John LaTurrette, Pennsylvania Insurrection of 1794; Captain Schenk's Company, 3rd Regiment of Infantry, New Jersey Detached Militia

Farmers in western Pennsylvania were long used to converting their crops of corn and other grains into whiskey which was easier to trans-

port to eastern markets and far more profitable. When congress passed a tax on distilled spirits, these same farmers viewed it as a threat to their rights as free men to make a living. Citizens were threatened, government officials beaten, federal troops fired upon, and several thousand armed men turned out to defy the government. In response, President George Washington federalized the militia from several states and ordered them into Pennsylvania. Militiamen like Sgt. LaTurrette marched to the

area around Pittsburg where they restored order, hunted down and arrested the leaders of the revolt, and made sure that stills were registered and the taxes paid. Better known as "The Whiskey Rebellion," this event is considered to be the first true test of the power and authority of the federal government.

War of 1812, Private Benjamin Runyon, Captain Neilson's Company of Artillery, Colfax's Brigade, New Jersey Detailed Militia

During the War of 1812, the main threat to the nation was the possibility of invasion by the powerful British Army, assisted by the Royal Navy. In New Jersey, it fell to the New Jersey State Militia, forerunner of today's National Guard, to patrol and defend the states many miles of coastline with its numerous inlets and harbors. An artilleryman, Pvt. Runyon helped to man a battery of cannons that were assigned to help defend the New Jersey side of New York harbor.

Christie Administration Launches Free Web-based Saltwater Fishing Registry

The Christie Administration has launched the state's free web-based saltwater fishing registry, keeping recreational saltwater fishing in New Jersey a sport that anyone can enjoy without having to pay fees.

"This registry allows us to comply with a federal mandate to have a system in place to collect better data from recreational anglers and better manage fishery resources that are so important to our economy, at the same time exempting our anglers from fees and keeping saltwater fishing in New Jersey free," said Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Bob Martin.

Governor Christie signed legislation creating a free state saltwater registry on February 22. Commissioner

Martin signed an Administrative Order creating the registry.

The DEP's free, web-based saltwater fishing registry replaces a fee-based federal registry that New Jersey was required to participate in and which has been in effect since January. All saltwater anglers and for-hire vessel operators will now be able to register through the no-fee state system rather than the fee-based federal system.

Anglers still must register with the state system even if they have already registered with the federal system.

Those who fish from a for-hire party or charter fishing vessel that is registered with the New Jersey Saltwater Recreational Registry Program are not required to file for an

individual registration.

Everyone 16 or older must register and carry the printed registration with them when fishing. People who fish for shellfish such as crabs, clams or lobster are not required to register, though existing license or permit requirements may be required depending on the gear used.

The National Marine Fisheries Service, the federal agency that manages national fisheries resources, will not refund the \$15 fee that New Jersey anglers have already paid by registering with that agency.

The DEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife has developed an entirely web-based registration system that

anglers can use to register and print their registration, any time of day or night. This automated system will save significant implementation costs.

This website is designed to allow a registrant to print a duplicate copy should the original registration be lost. The registry will be used to develop a database of anglers that the National Marine Fisheries Service will be able to contact in collecting information about the numbers and species of fish recreational anglers catch. The agency will use this information to improve the quality of data used to make fisheries management decisions.

"I strongly encourage all anglers to

take part in these surveys when contacted," Commissioner Martin said. "Their willing and honest participation will improve the science that is used to help protect the sport they enjoy so much, not only today but for future generations as well."

Upward of one million people fish in New Jersey's abundant and ecologically rich salt waters. Saltwater fishing provides 38,000 jobs and a \$1.2 billion annual boost to the state's economy, noted Commissioner Martin.

To learn more about the registry and to register, visit www.saltwater-registry.nj.gov.

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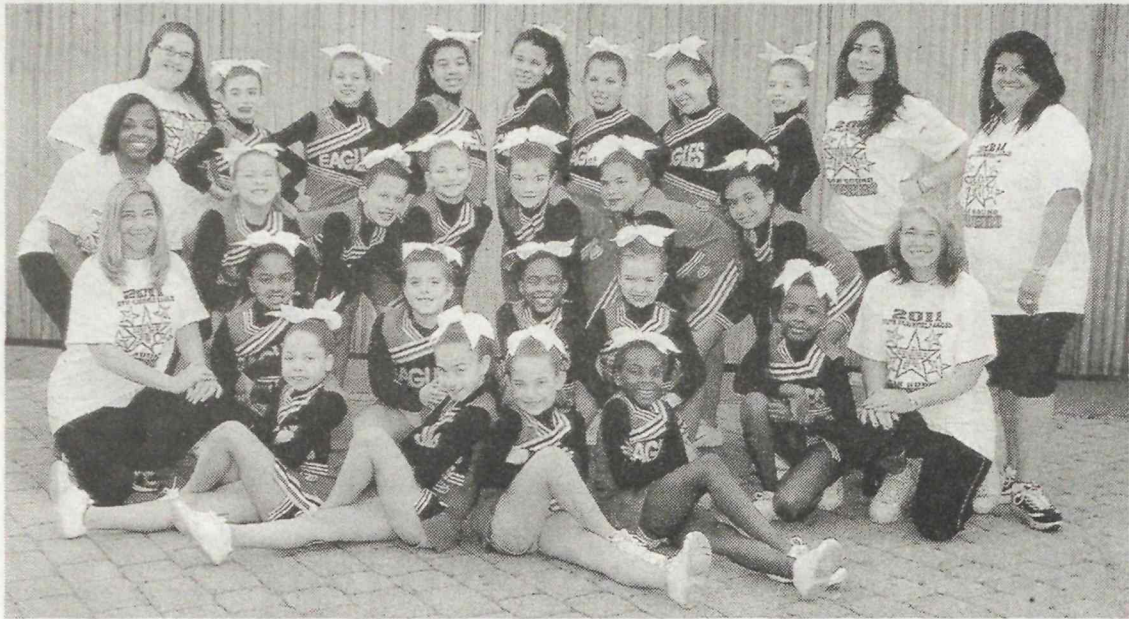
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Sports



South Plainfield Pop Warner Eagles Year Round Cheer Squad

First Year Round Cheer Squad Competes at CheerFest

The South Plainfield Eagles unveiled the first ever Pop Warner Year Round Cheer Squad at the 2011 CheerFest held at Six Flags Great Adventure on May 7.

In spite of the intermittent rain, the team of 22 girls in grades three through six hit the mat with enthusiasm and determination to compete

against other cheer divisions from all over New Jersey.

Although they were the only Pop Warner team in their division, the squad had an excellent showing at the competition as they hit all of their stunts and danced along to their upbeat routine and showed the cheer community that the South Plainfield

Eagles continue to soar.

The Pop Warner Year Round Cheer program gives children ages eight to 14 the ability to continue to participate in cheer from January to July. This opportunity allows them to develop their cheer skills and learn the importance of team work.

Help Send a Kid to Camp Campaign:

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

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Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge and South Amboy Send a Kid to Camp Campaign. Barclays makes a donation to the YMCA for each volunteer who signs up through their volunteer program.

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

pass and free admission pass for you and a friend for the entire week.

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

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

SOUTH PLAINFIELD SOCCER

By Dawn Hutchison

THIS WEEK'S SOCCER CLUB HOME GAMES

Wanderers.....	5/13/11 (Fri)	5:45 PM	Kenneth #1
Arsenal.....	5/13/11 (Fri)	7:30 PM	Kenneth #1
Warriors.....	5/14/11 (Sat)	11:00 AM	Kenneth #2
Thunder.....	5/15/11 (Sun)	12:00 PM	Kenneth #1
Spartans.....	5/15/11 (Sun)	2:00 PM	Kenneth #2
Eclipse.....	5/15/11 (Sun)	3:30 PM	Kenneth #2
Storm.....	5/15/11 (Sun)	2:30 PM	Memorial
Arsenal.....	5/15/11 (Sun)	4:30 PM	Memorial

Good luck to all our teams this week!

Soccer Club Clothing Drive Sunday

Just a few quick reminders of things happening in the club this coming week.

Clothing Drive—Sunday, May 15 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Penske truck at the Kenneth Avenue fields. 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, as well as 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 the collection truck. This is a great time to clean out the closets, help others and help the club raise funds—everybody wins! Please look for the Penske truck and someone will be available to help you load your bags into the collection truck.

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.soplfdssoccerclub.com. Scholarship forms are also available in the SPHS Guidance Office. Deadline for submissions is May 20.

Good luck to all our teams as the spring season begins to wind down.

U-10 SOCCER ECLIPSE

By Jenn Curtis

Eclipse Still Remains Undeclared with Mother's Day Victory Over Scotch Plains

The South Plainfield Soccer Club U-10 girls travel team were in Scotch Plains on Mother's Day and recorded a hard fought 2-1 win. All the girls played their hearts out and never gave up until the final whistle blew sealing their victory.

The first goal was scored by Lynda Farinella early in the first quarter putting Eclipse up 1-0. Jill Holoboski scored Eclipse's second goal off a penalty kick. Teamwork was the key together with great passing, assisting and fantastic defense as Scotch Plains tried to mount a comeback late in the game to no avail.

Goalie duties were shared by

Mackenzie O'Brien, Cameron Marks and Kaitlyn Smith. Team Eclipse improved their record to 3-0-4.

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

Eclipse coaches are Gino Leonardis and Ken Curtis.

The girls are home this week against Millburn on Sunday at the Kenneth Avenue fields. Please come out and support the girls.

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Sports

Notes from the Jim Pornovets Memorial Golf League



LEAGUE STANDINGS

American Division				National Division			
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Alfie's Boys.....	2	0	0	Italian-American Club.....	2	0	0
Oak Tree Dental.....	1	1	0	Unique Sports Accessories..	2	0	0
Twin City Pharmacy.....	1	1	0	2 Buds, 2 Dubs.....	1	1	0
KC's Korner.....	1	1	0	McCriskin's Home			
Dirty Harry & Friends.....	1	1	0	For Funerals.....	1	1	0
Witty's Liquors.....	0	2	0	So. Plainfield Funeral Home..	0	2	0
				Sport & Social.....	0	2	0

By Bob Nilan

The defending champions, Twin City Pharmacy, reached out to the Monday night league for some help in their match against Oak Tree Dental and inserted Frank Gaspari in their line-up. It turned out to be a very wise move as Gaspari put together a sparkling 1-over round of 34, highlighted by a beautiful pitch shot on the eighth hole for an eagle. Guy Severini again played very well, registering a 35 for the second week in a row. Twin City really needed this pair of low scores as they barely got by Oak Tree Dental, 11-9. Marty "Mr. Amazing" Van De Vaarst and Frank Oades turned in a pair of 40s in a losing effort.

Irish Danny Griffin dressed in his military combat outfit to let Dirty Harry & Friends know they were in for a battle. Then, just before teeing off, Griffin used his sergeant voice to let his balky putter know that he would melt it down if it behaved like it did on opening night. The flat blade listened, and Griffin put together a 38 and got some fine support from Mike King who posted a 39 as Alfie's Boys gave a real whipping to the new kid on the block, 17-3. Charlie Oats of Dirty Harry's earned medalist honors for his team with his 41.

Kevin "Boom Boom" Bickunas put in a strong bid for the Tin Cup Award for the season by rocketing not one, but three shots out-of-bounds on the first hole and recorded a horrendous 10. Bickunas was not the only member of Witty's Liquors who had problems as they dropped their match to KC's Korner, 12-8. Bill Capparelli looked very sharp for KC's Korner and had three birdies on his way to a very nice round of 36 that could easily have been several strokes lower.

Captain Chris Dillon of Unique Sports Accessories is determined to drive his team to the National Division title this season. After opening with a 36 last week, Dillon came right back with a 37 and got fine support from Mike Citrano who pitched in with a 38 as USA defeated 2 Buds,

2 Dubs, 12-8.

Jeff "Bam Bam" Orth and Dale "The Needle" Dube both shot 40s for the losers in a close match.

Jeff Gross was low-man for the Italian-American Club with a 43 to lead his team to a narrow 12-8 win over the South Plainfield Funeral Home. Last year, the Italian-American Club got off to a poor 0-2 start. This season, it's just the reverse and with their 2-0 record they now share the top spot in their division with Unique Sports.

Wayne Lavender got to the course early to work on his putting, and the practice session paid off as he carded a 39 to earn medalist honors for the South Plainfield Funeral Home.

Mike Cortese made his return with McCriskin's Home For Funerals after a prolonged absence and brought his big, odorous cigars to the course. Unfortunately, he left his lucky pink golf balls and his A-game at home and had a bogey-filled round complete with some of those dreaded "Others." Fortunately, Kris Krantz shot a 39 and Mark "Mr. Steady" Chichvar managed to card a 40 to move their team to a 14-6 win over Sport & Social.

Captain Frank Matthews had a beautiful birdie on the eighth hole on his way to a 43 to earn the medal for a struggling Sport & Social squad.

Low scores for the night: Frank Gaspari, 34; Guy Severini, 35; Bill Capparelli, 36; Chris Dillon, 37; Danny Griffin, 38; Mike Citrano, 38;



SPHS VARSITY BASEBALL

After two outs and 55 pitches, it was a bunt by a St. Joseph's player for the first hit of the game in the sixth inning that ended the hopes of a no-hitter by Tiger pitcher Charlie Huber (right). South Plainfield, however, came home on Saturday with the win, 4-3. Sophomore Quinn Cochran (left) anxiously awaits the next play to decide his move.

Photos courtesy of Don Hunsinger



HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Varsity Calendar Highlights

Friday, May 13-Thursdlay, May 19

Support the Tigers! Take time out and watch as they take to the court, track, field and green! Here's what is happening in South Plainfield varsity high school sports for the upcoming week:

Boys

- **Baseball:** Friday, May 13 at 3:45 p.m. home vs. Carteret.
- **Golf:** Monday, May 16 NJ-SIAA Sectionals (location and time undetermined at press time).

Girls

- **Lacrosse:** Friday, May 13 at 5 p.m. home vs. Ranney; Monday, May 16 at 4 p.m. away vs. Hamilton West.

- **Softball:** Friday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. at home vs. Middlesex; Saturday, May 14 at 11 a.m. home vs. Metuchen; Monday, May 16 at 4 p.m. home vs. Johnson.

- **Boys and Girls Track:** Saturday, May 14 GMC Championships (location and time undetermined at press time); Tuesday, May 17 at 3:45 p.m. boys away vs. Piscataway/girls home vs. Perth Amboy.

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Obituaries

Luz M. Cordero, 69

Luz M. Cordero died on Tuesday, May 3 at home.

Born and raised in Puerto Rico, Mrs. Cordero lived in North Plainfield for the past 10 years.



Luz M. Cordero

She is predeceased by her husband, Thomas Sr. and by a brother, Rafael Rodriguez.

Surviving are a daughter, Diana Novillo and husband Fausto of North Plain-

field; a son, Thomas Cordero Jr. of Connecticut; two brothers, Jose and Luis Rodriguez, both of Puerto Rico and a granddaughter, Alexandra.

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

great-grandchildren, Giada and Lilyana Witt; a sister, Phyllis DeFrancesco of New Jersey; and a brother, Edward Guiliano of Florida.

Funeral services were held at South Plainfield Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in her name to the South Plainfield Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

Rose E. Frederickson

Rose E. Frederickson passed away peacefully at her home on Thursday, May 5 with her husband at her side after a courageous and well-fought battle against cancer.

Born in Plainfield, she had resided in South Plainfield for most of her life. Rose was well known locally due to her jobs through the years and for her pleasant personality and warm smile.



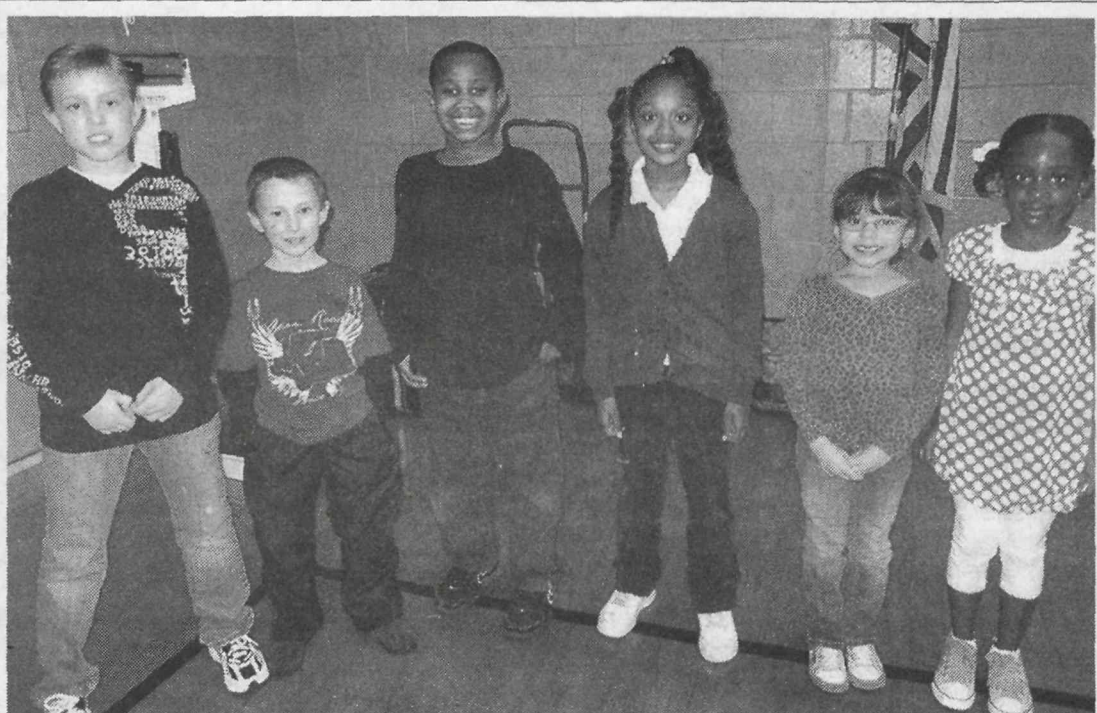
Rose E. Frederickson

Rose initially worked as a real estate agent and then as a sales assistant at the former Choice Seating Furniture Store on Route 22. She later could often be found working at the family store, the former Celebrity Liquors Store in South Plainfield, most recently at the counter of Xtreme Car Wash in South Plainfield.

Predeceased by a son Scott, who died in 1981, she is survived by her husband, Mathias "Buddy" W. Frederickson, Sr.; a son, Mathias "Matt" Frederickson, Jr. and wife Kathy; a brother, Vito Lodese; as well as several extended family members and a host of friends.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Haven Hospice, 65 James St., Edison, N.J. 08820 or to the American Cancer Society.



Five Franklin School students in Louise Mruz's first grade class read stories about a special hat they made and wore based on Joan Nodset's book, *Who Took the Farmer's Hat?* at the April Board of Education meeting. In addition, fourth grader Justin Jones read his poem, *My NO Bullying Rap Song*, (Junior Journalist winner, published in the *Observer* on March 4). Pictured are Justin Jones, Justyn Lennon, Nicholas Lienhard, Charissa Albano, Jada Worthem and Odille Chery.

Theresa Iacouzze, 94

Theresa Iacouzze of South Plainfield passed away on Friday, May 6 at the Cedar Brook Nursing Center in Plainfield.

Born on March 11, 1917 in New York City to Joseph and Rose (Scala) Guiliano, she lived in Franklin Township before moving to South Plainfield 68 years ago.

Mrs. Iacouzze was a homemaker and a great cook who loved flower arranging and decorating. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart R.C. Church in South Plainfield, a member of the South Plainfield Senior Center and the VFW Auxiliary of South Plainfield.

Mrs. Iacouzze is predeceased by her husband, Joseph, Sr.; by a son, Joseph, Jr.; and by three brothers, Nick, Carmine and Tony Guiliano.

She is survived by a son, Gerard and wife Barbara Iacouzze of Maryland; a granddaughter, Valerie and husband Bryan Witt of Maryland; two

Kennedy Kindergarten "Get Acquainted" Program

It's time to register incoming Kindergarten students for the "Get Acquainted" Program at Kennedy School. If your child will be attending Kennedy School in September 2011, you may sign up for the program in the school's main office. Please stop by between the hours of 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. to complete the registration form. Remember, this is NOT Kindergarten registration. It is an optional program offered by the Kennedy School PTSO.

The purpose of the "Get Acquainted" Program is to help your child become familiar with the school. Our hope is to ease some of the anxieties your child may have about coming to school in September. The program includes a visit with the principal, school nurse, other members of the faculty and staff, a mini bus ride, and lots of fun!

This program will include two class meetings. You may choose either morning or afternoon sessions

as follows:

Thursday, May 26 and Thursday, June 2, 9-10:30 a.m. OR 12:30-2 p.m.

Friday, May 27 and Friday, June 3, 9-10:30 a.m. OR 12:30-2 p.m.

Parents must assume responsibility for bringing children to school and picking them up at the end of class. If you have any questions, please call Kennedy School at (908) 754-4620, ext. 330. Registration forms must be returned to Kennedy School's main

SPEA Accepts Three-Year Contract

(Continued from page 1) of their salary toward medical benefits instituted by Governor Chris Christie last year. This will be worth \$400,000 in give-backs to the board.

For the year 2010/2011, the 2.6% increase will not be across the board for each individual. Boyle said that employees will split 2.6% of an undisclosed amount that was budgeted for raises this year, and includes 360 teachers, aides and secretaries. This will continue over the next two years.

In addition, "step payment" and longevity increases in salary have been eliminated for three years, and tuition

reimbursement for additional studies has been frozen for three years, accruing a savings of \$35,000. Raises for college credits earned toward B.A., M.A. and doctorate degrees are still in effect. The amount of that increase is not yet available.

Co-pays for a doctor visit of \$5 have increased to \$10, saving the district \$58,000, and stipend raises for coaches, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities will be frozen for three years.

The Employee Assistance Program which helps employees deal with personal problems that might adversely impact their work performance, health and well-being has been frozen sparing the district another \$12,000.

A provision in the Teachers Aid Unit agreement now requires them

to work the regular teachers' calendar year and they must attend faculty and professional meetings.

In the Secretaries Unit agreement, a payment of \$300 for individuals with "perfect attendance" will only be made if no sick days and no unpaid days are taken that year.

"This three year contract is good for the children and the district and brings continuity in these difficult times," said Boyle. "There were significant concessions in health care that have been made by the SPEA inclusive of teachers, staff, secretaries and aids. The new dollar cost is minimal and is within the 2% tax levy cap."

All of the changes in the contract are solely in effect for three years retroactive to July 2010.

BOE Holds Reorganization Meeting

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For the fee of \$9,720, the board will continue the joint purchasing agreement with Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission with bidding services through Educational Data Services. Educational Data Services Inc. will also receive \$5,500 for continuing the Right to Know Service Agreement for the

school year. The board, at a fee of \$1,950, will also participate in the Cooperative Skilled Trades, Compliance Services and Ancillary bids.

The State of New Jersey, Office of Management and Budget, set the mandated automobile mileage reimbursement rate at .31 cents per mile effective July 1.

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Pictured (L-R) are former BOE member Steve Bohn, South Plainfield High School Music Booster President Donna Teller and Assistant Principal Ralph Errico with a new trailer for band equipment. The music department had previously rented a truck at a cost of over \$6,000 for the year. The cost of the new trailer was \$10,000 and it will pay for itself within a year. The trailer even includes a golf cart for transportation. The logo being displayed will be painted on the side of the trailer.

New Truck Route Application

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documents at the time including a project synopsis report, updated traffic report, a conceptual design and a summary report.

Engineering costs to prepare the permits was approximately \$122,000; the filing fees were an additional \$30,000. Both were funded by surplus bond money from other under budgeted borough projects.

"We are hopeful that the DEP moves quickly on the applications and realizes the importance of the project to South Plainfield residents and businesses," commented council liaison Rob Bengivenga. "We feel confident that they will approve the application and, when it does, we will continue to concentrate on obtaining a funding source."

"It's exciting that we've gotten to the point where we're filing an application. In all the time that the old Helen Street project was in the works, it never got to this point

despite discussion for over a decade. My compliments go to Paul Kavka, the chair of the committee, as well as all the committee members who worked to get us to this point," said Bengivenga.

If approved, the Hollywood Avenue Extension, off Ryan Street and Hamilton Boulevard, will connect to Metuchen Road and help alleviate the enormous amount of truck traffic already present on heavily traveled streets in the borough.

Mayor Matt Anesh commented, "The filing of the NJ DEP permit is a huge step for the Hollywood Avenue Extension project. While significant progress has been made to get us to this milestone, we recognize that much work still lies ahead. I'd like to thank everyone that has dedicated their time and effort to this important project and I look forward to working with our engineering team, the council and ad hoc committee as we await feedback and prepare for the next phase of the project."

Adult School Trips Available

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

- Greenwich Village Art Show & N.Y. City Pockets on Sunday, June 5-\$59
- Steamtown Railroad Museum & Pocono Train Ride-Sunday, June 5

• Trapp Family Lodge & Indian Head Resort, October 11-15

Call the adult school at (908) 754-4620, ext. 213 for more information.

The South Plainfield Adult School is open to everyone—you do not have to be a resident of South Plainfield to sign up for a class or a trip.

In My Opinion (continued from page 2)

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

Riley School Students Express Their Concerns in Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I'm a 10 year old girl who thinks speeding down side streets is a problem in our community. I think this is a problem because if kids are playing kickball, soccer, baseball or even riding a bike or scooter on the street, they might get hit by a car.

My solution to this problem is to put speed humps on side streets. By putting speed humps on side streets it will help if cars are going too fast on the street, they will have to slow down or it might damage their car. By putting speed humps on side streets it is another way to keep mothers, senior citizens, kids, babies, pets, cars and houses safe, because if someone is speeding and went out of control they might hit a person, car or a house. That is my concern for our community.

**JULIE DAVIS, A CONCERNED
FOURTH GRADE STUDENT**

To the Editor:

It's a horrible, rude, ugly problem to litter. Littering is ugly to look at. It takes away from the natural beauty of the land. Littering affects not only people, but it affects places and things as well.

One area where littering is bad is in the water. For example, in the ocean many creatures can get sick or even die if they eat plastic when they think it's a jellyfish. In streams and ponds, litter can create unnatural dams that can cause flooding. Lastly, litter can pollute water to the point it can't support life.

Littering can also be harmful to beaches. Not only is littering harmful to the animals and birds that live there, but to the people who visit. People can get hurt from stepping on litter left behind by others or that has washed up on shore. Birds and animals can get sick or even die if they eat litter, just like ocean creatures do.

Finally, litter is not only ugly to look at, but it can ruin shoes and sneakers. If you step on chewed gum and can't scrape it off a brand new pair of shoes, you may have to throw the shoes out!

In conclusion, littering is a horrible, rude and ugly problem. We all need to make sure we do our part by putting litter in its proper place, namely a garbage can. Better still, lets recycle whenever we can.

**SINCERELY,
JACLYN TIMMERMAN**

Dear Editor,

One problem in our community is that people are not keeping Spring Lake Park clean. This is a problem because if the park is dirty, kids can't go there to play tennis, fish or ride their bikes. Littering is also not good for the environment. When people throw garbage in the lake the fish and turtles can eat it and die. Littering also hurts the plants.

I think we should tell people to stop littering in the park. We should also have a Clean Up the Park Day. Then the park would look beautiful and everyone could go there to have fun.

**SINCERELY,
RYAN MASSETT**

To the Editor:

I think a community problem is that teenagers come to our school after they are done at their school and write bad words on our equipment. My solution to this problem is people can put little cameras on the school and then if they get caught the police will do something about it. One reason why my solution is good is children read the bad word and say it and they get in trouble. Another reason is that children who are already in that school might get accused of writing the bad words and they might get in trouble. My last reason is we don't have a "No Trespassing" sign so then the teenagers trespass onto our property and that allows them to be able to write bad words on our equipment. I think action needs to be taken quickly.

**SINCERELY,
XIANN GUZMAN**

Dear Editor,

There is a big problem of smoking in South Plainfield. Lots of people

smoke around kids. It is like if the kids are smoking because the smoke is in the air they breathe. This is why I think smoking should be kept away from children. I have seen adults driving little kids in cars while smoking.

We can solve this problem by providing education on the health problems smoking causes. Stricter laws would help stop stores selling cigarettes to kids. I would also increase the cost of cigarettes so less people will buy them. Finally, I would try to convince scientists to invent something to help people who are addicted to cigarettes.

These solutions will help people to not start smoking and live happier and healthier lives. It will keep kids safer because they would not be able to smoke. Finally, with the extra cost of cigarettes we can use this money for programs to keep kids busy without smoking.

BRENDEN HEDDEN

To the Editor:

Reckless driving is a big problem in our community. Some of the causes of reckless driving could be talking or texting on a cell phone while driving, speeding and failure to obey traffic signals. Another cause would be drinking and driving which could affect their ability to drive safely. Reckless driving could lead to injury to the pedestrians. It could also result in a traffic accident causing property damage to another person's house or car. They could also hurt themselves. We could prevent speeding by installing speed bumps and have more police using radar. Educating new drivers about the dangers of talking or texting on a cell phone while driving and teaching them about the dangers of drinking and driving will help put an end to reckless driving.

**SINCERELY,
TYLER BERARDI**

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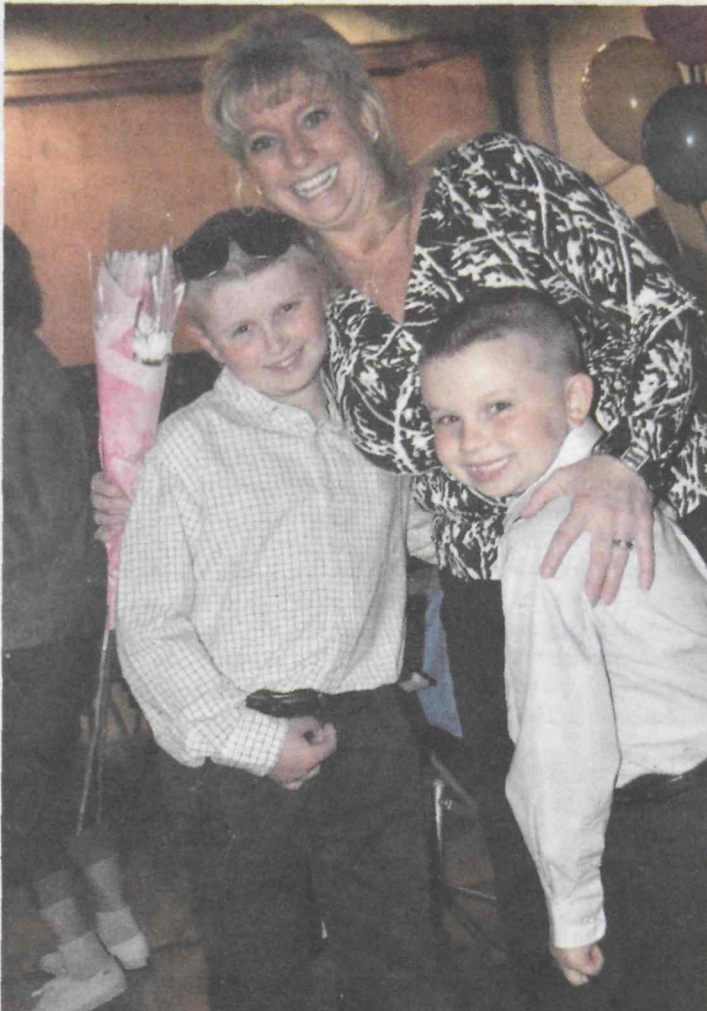
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50s Theme at Kennedy Mother/Son Dance

By Patricia Abbott

Kennedy School moms and sons recently took a trip back in time to the era of greasers, poodle skirts, old fashioned malt shoppes and tunes on the jukebox. The annual Mother/Son Dance was a big hit with this fun-filled 50s theme.

The PTO-sponsored event was organized by the committee of Jen Ratti, Susan DiFrancesco, Danielle Mendez and Sharon Ciello. The PTO provided the food, decorations, goodie bags and flowers. The goodie bags contained combs for the slicked back greaser hairdos, Greased

Lightning tattoos and hamburger candies. Moms and sons entered wearing a wide variety of attire ranging from blue jeans, t-shirts, leather jackets and poodle skirts to modern dress clothes including ties for the young men. The gym was split into two areas, one for refreshments and the other side for the dance floor.

Former South Plainfield teacher, deejay John Limyanski kept the crowd hopping on the dance floor. The smaller area was decorated with colorful wall panels featuring fifties scenes. There was an array of baked goods and cold drinks.

With fists full of tickets the boys gathered

around the table that held the raffle baskets. The basket items were donated by Oaktree Buy Rite Liquors, and the Ratti, DiFrancesco, Fuschetti, Nigro, Strassburger, Schaeffer and Farrell families.

The moms were organized into two lines facing each other in the gym area as the boys lined up nearby. Each boy was given flowers and sent down the aisle to present the gift to mom. A dance with mom followed. With the exception of fast snack breaks, the boys kept the dance floor hopping. Moms joined them for a number of dances including the hand jive, greased lightning and more. There was also a conga line that made

its way around the gym numerous times.

As the evening came to an end, the raffle ticket winners were called and excited boys dashed back to mom with their prizes. Approximately 66 boys and their moms were in attendance.

LEGAL NOTICES

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Take Notice that on May 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., a hearing will be held before the South Plainfield Planning Board at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

The board will hold a hearing on the appeal or application of the undersigned for:

Subdivision application for Frank and Heather Paragano and HAT Investments, LLC for property located at 916 Delmore Avenue, South Plainfield, Block 380, Lot 3, R-10 Zone, which proposes to subdivide the existing lot into two lots. The following variances are requested:

	Required	Proposed Lot 3	Proposed Lot 3.01
Lot Area	10,000 s.f.	**5,000 s.f.	**7,500 s.f.
Lot Width	100 ft.	**50.00 ft.	**75.00 ft.
Principal Building			
Front Setback	30. ft.	*6.7 feet	**20 ft.
Side Setback	8 ft.	**4.2 feet	8 ft.

*-Pre-existing non conforming condition
**-New Variance required

The application, maps and documents pertaining to this application are on file in the office of Planning and Zoning in Borough Hall and are available for inspection between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Any interested party may appear at the hearing and present any objections to granting the relief requested.

\$49.18 May 13, 2011

South Plainfield Board of Education

Legal Notice

At the Organization Meeting of the South Plainfield Board of Education, May 4, 2011, at 7:30 p.m., by a majority vote, the following were chosen to represent the Board for the 2011/2012 school year in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5:

Marc H. Zitomer, partner in the firm of Schenck Price Smith & King, LLP, as School Board Attorney effective July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, at an annual retainer of \$7,600.00 per annum, covering attendance at two regularly scheduled Board meetings per month, travel, routine telephone contact and routine correspondence. Legal services of the Firm not covered by retainer shall be billed at an hourly rate of \$165.00 for Partners, Counsel and Senior Associates; \$155.00 for Junior Associates; and \$100.00 for Paralegals and Law Clerks in accordance with the agreement of file in the Office of the Business Administrator.

Vincent Montanino, V.M. Associates, as Auditor of Record to audit the financial records and prepare the basic financial statements and Single Audit Section of the CAFR for the 2010/2011 school year for the sum of \$33,800.00. Addition services will be billed at the following standard billing rates: Officer R.M.A. - \$110.00; Manager - \$90.00; Supervisor Accountant - \$75.00; Other Staff Members - \$62.00.

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Comedy Night to Benefit Volunteer Fire Department

The South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a comedy night benefit on Saturday, May 21 at the South Plainfield High School. Three professional comics will entertain with their humorous take on everything and anything from everyday life. The show features professional comics Mike Morse, James Oakes and Jim Dailakis.

A veteran stand-up comedian, headliner Mike Morse has brought his energetic act to clubs and theatres across the U.S. He was recently a part of the New York Underground

Comedy Festival, and for the past two years, he has been the opening act for comedy's Queen of Mean, Lisa Lampanelli. Morse was a winner on the ABC-TV show, America's Funniest People, and was the host and head writer of Fox-TV's stand-up/sketch comedy show *The Comedy Cabaret*. He can be heard every Sunday night from 7 to 11 p.m. EST on Miserable Men, Channel 101, Sirius/XM Radio.

Comic James Oakes is a NY-based comedian and a contributing writer to *The Late Show with Craig Kilborne*.

He is also in the feature film *American Splendor* with Paul Giamatti. James played the drunken gay Irish priest in the show *Father Sullivan and the Country Singer*.

Jim Dailakis is a comic from Australia who gives his take on "being an Aussie in America" in his stand-up act. He's very energetic and does incredible impersonations. Dailakis has appeared on VH1, NBC and in commercials. He headlines top venues such as The Borgata, Caroline's on Broadway and The Laugh Factory, and is working on a one-man show called *Conversations with Myself*.

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The feast features rides, licensed games, homemade Polish, Italian and Caribbean foods, hot dogs, hamburgers, french fries, pizza frite, zeppoli, hot roast beef sandwiches, homemade mozzarella and much more.

Advance ride tickets, valued at \$18, will be on sale for \$10. The special priced tickets can be purchased after 4:30 p.m. Masses on Saturday and the 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday Masses. Tickets will also be sold Monday, May 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 7-8 p.m., June 4 and 5 from 1-4 p.m.

and on June 6 from 3-5 p.m. in the church hall.

In addition, advance ride tickets will be sold at The Bagel Pantry, 2328 Plainfield Ave.; The Corner Deli, 1200 Hamilton Blvd.; Dave's Stationary, Sampton Ave.; The Front Street Farmer's Market, 214 Front St.; and Oak Tree Liquors, 902 Oak Tree Ave.

Birthday parties of at least six or more are also welcome to celebrate at the feast on Saturday, June 11 with specially priced rides and food.

For information on scheduling a party, call (908) 753-5970.

The Feast of St. Anthony will be open on Tuesday, June 7 through Friday, June 10 from 6-11 p.m., and on Saturday, June 11 from 1-11 p.m.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Eve Pasternak

Hej! That's how to say hello in Danish. Have you ever wanted to learn a new language? Your library is offering Byki Language Learning, a web-based language learning tool that will have you speaking and reading a new language byki (before you know it)!

Sign up through the library's website, www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. You will be creating your personal user name and password. If you have questions, ask any librarian, "Unaweza kunisaidia?" (Can you help me, in Swahili). Watch the introductory video to learn how the program works, or dive right in and choose from over 80 languages.

You'll choose from lists of useful words and málsgreinin (phrase, in Icelandic) and use a variety of activities to lock them in your long-term memory. The program will track your progress, and you can always go back and review any list.

And if you were wondering, "Apakah sebutan saya benar?" (Am I pronouncing this correctly, in Malay), you can listen to your new words, speak them (if your computer has a microphone) and the program will analyze your pronunciation.

Byki also helps ESL (English as a second language) learners. There's a free app available to continue learning on your mobilni telefon (mobile telephone, in Bosnian) or other device after you have created a username through the library website.

It's furasta (easy, in Scottish Gaelic) and you'll be felix (happy, in Latin).

The library is offering another new database. LawDepot offers do-

it-yourself legal documents and templates. You can create contracts, wills, leases and more in three simple steps. There is a glossary of legal terms, detailed FAQs, and plenty of other support to help guide you through the process. It is almost like having a lawyer's daftar (office, in Urdu) at the library or on your computer.

Don't forget the many other premium resources and databases the library offers. Use Ancestry.com to help you discover your familj (family, in Swedish) history. With Job and Career Accelerator you can explore which Beruf (profession, in Luxembourgish) you are suited to, and turn to Universal Class if you want balad budan (to know how, in Farsi) to do anything from cake decorating to estate planning to business management.

The library will be a little more vaikne (quiet, in Estonian) than usual this week, because regular story times have been cancelled from May 17 through May 20. Miss Linda and Miss Mija resume their regular schedule on Tuesday, May 24.

Children and parents should come into the library this week to sign up for the Kidcraft program on Monday, May 23 at 6:30 pm. Children of all ages who want to construct and paint a birdhouse should pre-register, because space is limited. Berapa harganya? (How much is it, in Indonesian) There is a \$1 materials fee, payable at registration.

Se najdobro (good luck, in Macedonian) with your learning. You're sure to find something that will make you say, "Bul qzyq" (that's interesting, in Kazakh).

Carone Family Chiropractic Joins "Healing Hands 4 Heroes"

Carone Family Chiropractic, a member of the Association of New Jersey Chiropractors (ANJC), is teaming with Army OneSource, a U.S. Army community outreach program and the Army Community Covenant to raise awareness of the unique challenges of military life on service members and their families and to address the growing need for accessible health services.

As part of its commitment, Carone Family Chiropractic will treat returning veterans of the Afghanistan and

Iraq wars for free for a minimum of 60 days.

"This is a program that Carone Family Chiropractic is very excited and very proud to be involved in," said Dr. Bill Carone. "By teaming up with Army OneSource, we're going to be assisting Iraq and Afghanistan veterans as they come back dealing with the everyday challenges and stresses of life."

For more information, visit www.njchiropractors.com or call (908) 757-2330.

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