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Students receive Race for Education participation certificates after finishing the jog-a-thon.

Students Race for Education

By Jane Dornick

Students at Kennedy Elementary School participated in the annual Race for Education jog-a-thon on May 25. The fundraiser had the entire student body walking or jogging around the school grounds for as many laps as they could in one hour. Mr. Mendez was the DJ for the event which helped

motivate students to continue on. Teacher and race coordinator Teresa Luck said, "When I would tell them one more lap to go, they were very disappointed."

The students solicited sponsors and for every 10 names they brought in, the school received at least \$75 in contributions. When the "race" was over, each child received an award

for their participation. According to Luck, the money raised will be used to purchase new technology items such as smart boards and projectors. "Not only did we raise funds for technology, but promoted health and wellness as well," said Luck.

Race for Education programs have been conducted in over 500 schools in 35 states since its inception in 1996.



Sister Mary Alfreda's first grade class at Sacred Heart School in its first year of instruction.

Mass, Reception Held to Mark Closing of Sacred Heart School

Faculty, Clergy, Former Students Gather

Sacred Heart School, which has taught hundreds of children during its 58 year history, will close its doors today. Graduation ceremonies for the eighth grade class were held last Friday.

Father John Alvarado celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving on June 5 honoring the 58 year history of the school. After Mass, a reception was held in the school cafeteria. Sacred Heart students and teachers gathered together along with past teachers and alumni to reminisce about their experiences while attending the school.

Mayor Matt Anesh, a former

Sacred Heart graduate, presented a proclamation to Father John on behalf of the borough council honoring the school for its 58 years of education excellence in South Plainfield. Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, also a graduate, was unable to attend but wrote a letter recognizing Sacred Heart for its 58 years of educating the children of South Plainfield. Former principal Sister Cornelia, now serving in Canada, also wrote a letter as did Sacred Heart School Principal Terry Golden. The letters were read by

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DEP Asks for More Info on Road Extension Permit

By Jane Dornick

The borough recently received notification from the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection (NJ DEP) regarding its May 3 submission of the Freshwater Wetlands Individual Permit and Flood Hazard Area Permit for the Hollywood Avenue Extension project. The NJ DEP's response indicated numerous items that require

further information.

Ad Hoc Truck Committee Chairman Paul Kavka said previously that he had expected to receive interim letters requesting additional information. "Regarding the DEP Completeness Letter," said Kavka, "it was a typical DEP review letter. It presents four completeness items, but it also goes a little beyond that and presents 14

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Grand Marshal Nominations Sought

South Plainfield's 54th annual Labor Day Parade will be quickly upon us, and the Public Celebrations Committee is seeking nominations for honorary grand marshal. The theme of this year's parade is "Honoring Our Heroes."

If you know of an individual you feel has contributed outstanding service to the Borough of South Plainfield, send the committee a detailed letter stating the reasons why this person should be considered for honorary grand marshal. Include candidate's name, address, evening phone number, your phone number and detailed list of volunteer activities and accomplishments. Deadline for accepting nominations is July 25. Nominations may be sent to The Public Celebrations Committee,

John Sorrentino, Chairman, 225 Hopkinson Street, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

The Labor Day Parade is also a great opportunity for all to meet the community. If you or your organization is interested in marching in the parade, building a float, having a concession stand or informational table at the Middle School at the conclusion of the parade, complete an application available in Borough Hall or at www.southplainfieldnj.com. Send completed application to the Public Celebrations Committee, Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

The parade will begin at the PAL facility on Maple Avenue and conclude on the front lawn of the middle school located on Plainfield Avenue.

Woodworking Teacher Retires After Inspiring Students for 40 Years

By Libby Barsky

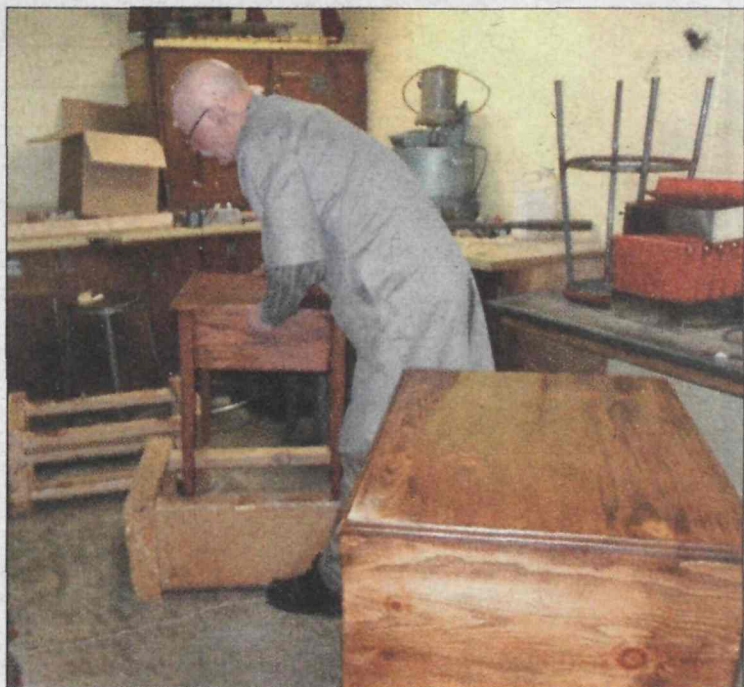
Senior Michelle Hernandez, working against deadline to complete the zebrawood top of the five-foot by 38-inch dining room table whose frame she has already completed, praises wood shop teacher Dan Radakovich. "He's my favorite teacher!" she says enthusiastically.

According to Hernandez, the class sparked her creativity and encouraged her to go further in larger projects in wood after making a bowl and a jewelry box.

From the time he began teaching at South Plainfield High School after graduating from Trenton State College in 1971, Radakovich has inspired all his students to refine their woodworking skills and discover the satisfaction working with wood brings.

Radakovich has students make projects for themselves beginning in Woods I class; they make chess boards and bowls, and he then expands the students' range and craftsmanship in cabinetmaking classes where they make tables with drawers. Some of his students have even made grandfather clocks and a boat.

When Stanley Tools and Stanley Proto held national competitions for individual student woodworking projects, Radakovich's students won the



SPHS wood shop teacher Dan Radakovich

grand prize four years in a row, from 1985-1988. The contests ended when Stanley Tools ended its sponsorship.

When Radakovich saw the need for a new table saw and other equipment in his classroom, he and his students were able to make and sell items to pay for the new saw. He received a plaque from his students in 1979-80. "I raised \$75,000," said

Radakovich. The money was spent for new machines in the classroom. In the production class, Radakovich had the students run the class as if it were an independent business with each student being a shareholder

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FYI

Borough Council

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To purchase a complete copy of a council or BOE meeting, contact the *Observer*. (Check Comcast community bulletin board for last minute time changes.)

council meetings

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

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

Agenda Meeting Public Meeting

June 20 June 20

July 11 July 11

August 15 August 15

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

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

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.) 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.) 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.

June 21, no meeting July and August, 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.

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

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.

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



To the Editor:

Our second annual Sacred Heart 5K Run/1 Mile Family Walk held on June 11 was a great success. We had almost 100 participants enjoy a great time with family and friends.

We want to thank all of our sponsors for donating to our cause. Thank you to all of the borough employees who made the day run smoothly. A special thank you goes out to all of our volunteers. Without your efforts, our event wouldn't have been possible!

**THANK YOU ALL,
CARL ADLASSNIG
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
SACRED HEART SCHOOL**

In My Opinion

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

Dear Editor,

While I appreciate the *Observer's* efforts to report on news from our community, I think last week's articles on the library surplus and my proposal for a new library missed some important points.

As I explained during my presentation at the council meeting, the proposal is a win for everyone. Under it, library patrons would see a new facility about double the size of the current library. The proposed location (the Walgreens shopping center) is in the center of town, has plenty of parking, and is affordable based on the library board's annual expenses.

At the same time, even after using part of the library's surplus to cover the costs of renovations and new

equipment, the board would have more than enough surplus left to provide meaningful tax relief to residents. As I explained when presenting the plan, it's the best of both worlds. We can have a new library and meaningful tax relief at the same time.

I realize the Library Board members keep saying the money comprising the surplus is theirs and that they should not have to give it back. But the money is not theirs; it belongs to the taxpayers. Moreover, even though a library employee wrote in last week to say the library should be three to four times larger than it is now and that doubling the size is not good enough, I think doubling the size is more than reasonable, especially when the plan would provide the

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library with expansion opportunities down the road.

People in South Plainfield (and all over) are facing a dismal economy, paying four-dollar-a-gallon gas, losing their jobs and seeing homes they worked their lives to get fall into foreclosure. This is not the time for those on government boards and agencies to only consider their own narrow interests. Rather, we should be working together to provide tax relief to people who already pay the highest property taxes in the country.

I urge the Library Board to reconsider its decision to deny meaningful tax relief to residents, and I urge them to move quickly to take advantage of the proposal for a new library the council has proposed.

COUNCILMAN ROB BENVINGENA

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Riley Raises \$4,000 for Pink SOCS Foundation

By Jane Dornick

Riley Elementary School held the fourth annual 39 Minute Walk for a Cure on May 27 and raised \$4,000 for the Pink SOCS (Sisters of Cancer Survivors) Foundation, Inc.

Students were asked to solicit sponsors and write the names of people they wanted to walk in memory or honor of which were hung on the fence around the school. Each homeroom class also made a poster to hang on the fence as the student body and staff walked around the school twice.

The top three students raising the most money were awarded prizes. Paige Fego took first prize with \$510 in

donations and received a \$25 gift card to Target; John and Jaclyn Timmerman won second prize by raising \$360 and were awarded a \$15 gift card to Target and third prize went to Aleks Slicner who raised \$245 and was given a \$10 gift card to Target. Anyone who raised over \$100 was given a gift certificate to be used at the school's book fair.

The PTSO participated in the event by providing pink lemonade for the children at a rest station as well as the pink balloons. They also purchased breast cancer pencils and stickers that were given out to every child.

Mayor Matt Anesh, whose twin son's Harrison and Joseph attend Riley School, participated in the walk

along with Board of Education Vice President Debbie Boyle.

Fourth grade teacher Christine Dispenziere, along with her family members, is the founder of Pink SOCS which officially became a 501(c)(3) charity in 2008. The organization awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating high school senior and scholarships to students at four other district schools. The high school scholarship is awarded based on a winning written essay on how cancer has affected them.

Aside from scholarships, the money raised by Pink SOCS is used to help local families who are experiencing the effects of cancer. They recently assisted

several residents who were unable to afford medication or wigs.

"We have also given money to families who just need to know someone cares," said Dispenziere, who added that over the past two years Pink SOCS has been able to donate over \$15,000 to families in need.

The Riley 39 Minute Walk is modeled after the annual 39-mile Avon Walk for Breast Cancer that raises critical dollars to provide access to care and finding a cure for breast cancer. Since 2003, Pink SOCS has been represented in the walk and raised over \$300,000. They will once again walk 39.3 miles through New York City in October.

"Free Motorcycle" An Internet Scam

By Jean Fultz

A classified ad placed in the *Observer* recently purporting to offer a free motorcycle turned out to be just another Internet scam involving criminals whose worldwide reach attempts to swindle victims out of their hard earned money.

In this recent scheme, a name and address of a South Plainfield resident was provided to pay for the ad, along with a valid credit card number. After running the ad and charging the credit card, the *Observer* received a call from the resident who said he had never placed the ad and that he thought his credit card number was stolen.

The *Observer* decided to ask the advertiser about the motorcycle, using the email address provided in the ad, to see if it was legitimate. A return email, in the name of a second person, provided pictures of the motorcycle, and a letter signed by a third person written in very poor English, saying the motorcycle was in Ohio, not South Plainfield, and that it had been purchased for a grandson who was now deceased. The writer, who claimed to be moving to Canada, said they could not take the motorcycle with them, therefore if we would be willing to pay for delivery, they would ship the motorcycle to us "free."

According to South Plainfield Police Detectives Shaun Clifford and Chris Colucci, this type of classified ad scam offers a free vehicle—a car or a motorcycle—if the victim agrees to pay to have the item shipped to their home. Once the funds are sent, typically via Western Union to an address in Nigeria, the scam is complete and the victim never receives the vehicle or motorcycle.

If you think you have been the victim of a scam, contact your local police department.

policereport

• On June 2 Shereel Legito, 29, and Zakiya I. Bolden, 30, both of Edison, were arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

• Robert M. Fallat, 55, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and failure to maintain a lane.

• On June 3 a Plainfield resident reported the theft of a bank envelope con-

taining cash left on the counter at Wells Fargo Bank on Plainfield Avenue.

• On June 4 Vishnupra Patel, 62, of Edison was arrested for driving while intoxicated, careless driving and refusal to submit to breath testing.

• A Piscataway resident reported the theft of two video games from their shopping cart at Target.

• On June 6 a Worth Drive resident

reported the theft of a Diamond Back mountain bike from their garage.

• On June 8 Clifford R. Hill, 42, of Somerset was arrested for eluding police, resisting arrest, speeding, reckless driving, failure to stop and no license. Hill was traveling at approximately 52 mph on Woodland Avenue when police began pursuing him. He was arrested on Selene Avenue.

• Shiandra D. Pringle, 31, of Plainfield was arrested for fraudulently using a customer's credit card information to purchase pizza. She was employed by Saveology Call Center on Cragwood Road.

• On June 9 Christopher T. Luebke, 33, of Edison was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and careless driving.



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events

Around Town

Maszcak Miracle Day Fundraiser

June 18

Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc. will sponsor a tricky tray auction fundraiser tomorrow, Saturday, June 18 at the PAL building on Maple Avenue from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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.

For more information or if you would like to contribute, email Kristen Celentano and Shelley King at openyourheartstrickytray@gmail.com.

Family Health Fair

June 18

A family health fair, sponsored by the Children's Hospital at St. Peter's

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University Hospital, will be held at the South Plainfield Senior Center on Saturday, June 18 from 12 to 3 p.m. Health fair includes blood pressure screening, blood sugar screening, body mass index, nutrition information, a Teddy Bear clinic, face painting, balloons and giveaways.

Call (732) 565-KIDS for more information.

So. Plfd. Education Foundation Book Fair

June 18

The South Plainfield Education Foundation will hold a book fair on Saturday, June 18 at the Barnes & Noble in Menlo Park Mall and online between June 18-22 with Book Fair ID#10489292. Flier and vouchers are available on the SPEF link on the BOE website: www.spboe.org. The foundation provides scholarships and incentive programs for students year round. Members and educators will receive their usual discounts on most purchases for Father's Day and the Summer Reading selections will be eligible

to earn funds for the organization using the Book Fair ID number.

Flea Market/Bake Sale

June 18

The First Baptist Church of South Plainfield, 201 Hamilton Blvd., will hold a flea market/bake sale on Saturday, June 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The kitchen will also be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a light lunch. Items for sale include delicious home baked goods, new and used household goods, quilt books, children's items, craft items, holiday decorations, some clothing and other treasures. Come and join us!

Motivational Speaker At the Library

June 23

A motivational program, "It's Your Lucky Day," will be held at the South Plainfield Library on Thursday, June 23 at 7 p.m.

The program will be conducted by motivational speaker Judy England-McCarthy, RN. The free program will include audience discussion and questions and answers.

For more information, call (908) 754-7885, or visit the library's website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

Singin' with Spaghetti Benefit Dinner

June 24

Singin' with Spaghetti Benefit Dinner for Brittany Jeffers will be

held on Friday, June 24 from 5 to 8 p.m. at VFW Post #6763, 155 Front St. Brittany is a South Plainfield girl who has been battling leukemia for six years, since she was 14-years-old. Food, fun and Karaoke. Adults: \$10; children three to 12: \$5; two and under are free.

For more information, call Camille at (732) 983-2288.

— Out of Town —

Pot Luck Picnic

June 17

Rose of Sharon Community Church, 825 West 7th St. in Plainfield, will hold a pot luck picnic on Friday, June 17 at noon.

For more information, call Winnie Neal at (908) 755-4229.

Middlesex East WOWs Open Dance

June 17

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers, Carteret Chapter, will hold an open dance on Friday, June 17 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 1155 Roosevelt Ave. Refreshments. Everyone welcome.

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

Annie Jr. Presented At Wagner College

June 17 & 18

The Actor Children's Theatre at Wagner College will stage its

SENIOR CENTER Calendar

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

Bingo10 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
Crafts Class10 am
Computer ..10 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm
Exercise Class.....1:15 pm

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Bingo10 am-2 pm

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production of *Annie Jr.* at Wagner College's Sutter Gymnasium in the Spiro Sports Center on Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June 18 at 7 p.m. All tickets are \$15.

For reservations, call (718) 390-3221.

Fourth Annual JORBA Bike Festival

June 18

The Jersey Off-Road Bicycle Association's (JORBA) fourth annual bike festival will be held on Saturday, June 18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Waterloo Concert Field in Stanhope. Rain date: Sunday, June 19. Raffles, industry vendors and great food.

For more information, visit www.bikefest.jorba.org or email bikefest@jorba.org.

Singles Dance Party

June 18

Steppin' Out Singles is hosting a singles dance party on Saturday, June 18 at 8:30 p.m. at the Woodbridge Hilton off the GSP Exit 131A. Ages 40 and up. Admission: \$17.

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

Blackrose to Perform

June 18

Blackrose, a band playing classic rock and roll music and today's hits, will be performing on Saturday, June 18 at 10 p.m. at Molly Maguire's, 1085 Central Ave. in Clark.

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For more information, call (732) 574-8600.

Farmers Market in Green Brook

June 23-September 8

The Green Brook Swim Club, 59 Greenbrook Road, will hold a weekly Farmers Market beginning June 23 and will operate every Thursday in the Green Brook Swim Club parking lot from 2 to 8 p.m. until September 8. Vendors include Stoney Hill Gardens offering fresh produce and baked goods; Kracus Deli bringing home made pierogies, stuffed cabbage, kielbasi and other polish foods; Pickles, Olives, Etc. carries not only pickled specialties but tapenades as well.

For more information, call Teri at (732) 310-8113 or email tseitzmeyer@yahoo.com.

Hydewood Vacation Bible School

June 24

Hydewood Park Baptist Church will hold its 2011 Vacation Bible School from Friday, June 24 to Sunday, June 26.

This year's theme is, "A Marketplace Adventure: In the Desert." Class sessions will be held on Friday, June 24 from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, June 25 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. They're open to children from kindergarten to sixth grade, and will feature games and activities. Refreshments will be served. The VBS closing program will be held during the morning service on Sunday, June 26 at 10 a.m., followed by a church picnic at 11:15 a.m. Children and their parents are welcome to attend.

Hydewood Park Baptist Church is located at 100 Norwood Ave. in North Plainfield. For more information, call the Church office at (908) 754-6363, or visit their website at www.hydewood.org. You may also register for VBS at www.HPBCKids.vze.com.

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GREG SEIDEL from ATA Black Belt Academy, located at 120 Maple Ave. (next to the Dunkin Donuts) visited the Future Stars Preschool to demonstrate to all the children karate techniques and stranger safety.

Fire Department Hosts Comedy Night

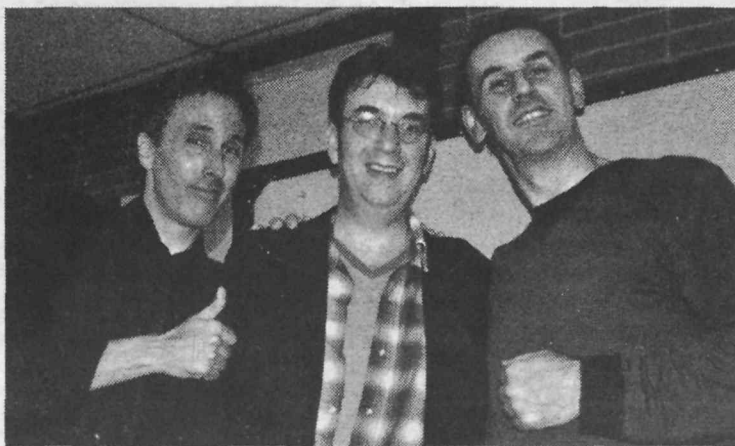
By Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield Fire Department decided to make a change from the annual oldies show fundraiser, instead holding its first comedy night on May 21 in the auditorium at South Plainfield High School.

The evening featured three comedians, opening with Jim Dailakis. The audience was very receptive to his physical antics. Dailakis has appeared on VH1, NBC, CMT, in movies and commercials. He has headlined across the world and performed with Jerry Seinfeld, Larry the Cable Guy, Kevin Nealon, The Temptations, Aretha Franklin and Weird Al Yankovic.

Up next was James Oakes, a NY-based comedian and a contributing writer to *The Late Late Show* with Craig Kilborne. He was also in the feature film, *American Splendor*, and played the drunken gay Irish priest in the show, *Father Sullivan and the Country Singer*.

Headliner Mike Morse completed an evening of laughter. A veteran stand-up comedian, Morse has appeared across North America, including New York City, Los Angeles,



Mike Morse, James Oakes and Jim Dailakis

Chicago, Boston, Atlantic City, Las Vegas and more. He has appeared on MTV, VH1 and Comedy Central. He was a winner on the ABC-TV long-running show, *America's Funniest People* and was host and head writer of Fox-TV's stand up/sketch comedy show, *The Comedy Cabaret*. He kept the audience in stitches sketch after sketch and concluded the evening with singing 'hand dolls' that had the guests roaring with laughter.

Nearly 300 people attended the fire department fundraiser. The 50/50

produced \$138 and the winner donated back \$50 of his winnings. There were 11 volunteer members on hand for the evening. At one point alarms sounded and the fire department volunteers raced out of the building, proving without a doubt the importance of the evening.

SCHOOL BOARD Notes

By Libby Barsky

The Board of Education approved the following at its May 18 meeting:

- An overnight trip of 12 members of the Jersey History Club to Boston, May 19-21.

- Removed the position of the Director of the Adult School and Continuing Education. Reappointed and approved pay raises of seven principals, five assistant principals, athletic director, superintendent of personnel services, superintendent of technology and director of guidance.

- Appointed Marianne Harkness as substitute secretary clerk typist.

Retiring from the district effective July 1 are:

- Louise Mruz, Kennedy School first grade teacher, who has been teaching in the district for 39 years and is the president of the South Plainfield Education Association (SPEA).

- Michele Fidler, elementary teacher at Kennedy School, who has been teaching for 23 years.

- Linda Schwebel, middle school mathematics teacher, who has been teaching for 21 years.

- High school music teacher Tracy Murray, who has been teaching music for 20 years in the high school, directing the high school choirs and musicals.

- Patricia Higgins, middle school learning disabilities teacher consultant, who has been in the district for 21 years.

- Also retiring are Donna Rowlands, Grant School Instructional aide and Kathleen Murano, assistant transportation supervisor.



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LCPL Robert J. Strani

Strani Family Welcomes Home Son, Brother

The Strani Family would like to welcome home LCPL Robert J. Strani from Afghanistan. He was deployed in October and was stationed at Bagram AFB. He returned to Cherry Point, N.C. on May 12 and will arrive in South Plainfield today.

LCPL Strani is with the Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 3, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point (VMAQ-3). He completed basic training in Parris Island, S.C. and has been in the Marine Corps since April 2008.

Anthony J. Romano Publishes Book Of Poetry

Anthony J. "AJ" Romano, a 2006 graduate of South Plainfield High School, recently published a book of poetry outlining his life's journey throughout the years. The book, titled *The Defective Model*, was published first in electronic version, but is now available in paperback.

"It is essentially a 98-page autobiography in poetic form that, from the feedback I have been receiving, many can relate to," said AJ.

You can order AJ's book through Amazon.com by searching "Books" and typing in either his name, or the title of the book.

Beverley Receives Degree from Wilkes University

Jamar Beverley of South Plainfield earned a B.A. degree in business administration at Wilkes University's annual spring commencement that was held on May 21 at Mohegan Sun Arena in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Wilkes University is an independent institution of higher education dedicated to academic and intellectual excellence through mentoring in the liberal arts, sciences and professional programs. Founded in 1933, the university provides its students with the experience, mentoring and education necessary for career and intellectual development as well as personal growth. Providing a sense of values and civic responsibility, Wilkes encourages its students to welcome the opportunities and challenges of a diverse and continuously changing world.

Cupo Named to Clarion University Dean's List

Joseph Cupo of South Plainfield has been named to the dean's list for the second semester of the 2010/11 academic year at Clarion University.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must have earned a 3.5 quality point average or higher (on a 4.0 scale) during the semester.

Students Named to Univ. of New Haven Dean's List

Jorge Alvarez and Meghan Makowski of South Plainfield were named to the dean's list at the University of New Haven for the Spring 2011 semester. Full time undergraduate students must have a 3.50 or better cumulative GPA for the semester to be eligible for the dean's list.

A leader in experiential education, the University of New Haven provides its students with a valuable combination of solid liberal arts and real-world, hands-on professional training.



Jessica Pryor

Pryor Graduates From University of Mary Washington

Jessica Pryor of South Plainfield graduated on May 7 from the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Va.

Jessica graduated with a bachelor of arts degree, majoring in sociology and biology. She was on the UMW varsity rowing team during all four years at college. While a member of the team, Jessica rowed in the women's varsity 8-boat. In the Varsity 8, Jessica won medals at the Mid-Atlantic Rowing Conference Championship and Dad-Vail Regatta, which led to selection for the 2010 NCAA Women's Rowing Championships. Jessica plans to continue to be active in rowing and to pursue a career in social services.

Jessica, a 2007 graduate of South Plainfield High School, is the daughter of Susan Smith Pryor.

Photographic Society Names Doerr President

South Plainfield resident Rich Doerr began his term as president of Middlesex County's oldest photo club at the group's end of year banquet in North Brunswick. The Raritan Photographic Society (RPS), in its 84th year, has over 80 members divided into beginner, intermediate and salon groups based on competitions held September through May. The group has lecture meetings in East Brunswick Library and competition meetings at the American Legion Post 25 in Milltown.

Doerr said, "RPS has helped me learn to become a better image maker. The group is friendly and supportive to photographers of all skill levels. I hope that we can develop our programs to attract more members."

If interested in joining, visit www.raritanphoto.com.

Anderson Named to Lock Haven Univ. Dean's List

Matthew D. Anderson of South Plainfield was named to the dean's list at Lock Haven University for the Spring 2011 semester. Matthew, a senior at Lock Haven, is studying sport administration.

The Dean's Honor List, prepared at the end of each semester, recognizes those students who have achieved academic distinction. To qualify for the dean's list, students must have earned a GPA of at least 3.5 in 12 hours of letter grades.

Lock Haven University is a member of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE), the largest provider of higher education in the commonwealth. Its 14 universities offer more than 250 degree and certificate programs in more than 120 areas of study. Nearly 405,000 system alumni live and work in Pennsylvania.

Elangovan Graduates from Marist College

Nishantih Elangovan of South Plainfield received a master of science degree in computer science/information systems from Marist College on May 21.

Marist is an independent comprehensive liberal arts college with an enrollment of 4,500 full-time undergraduate students from 37 states and 17 countries. Founded in 1929, Marist offers 34 major fields of undergraduate study and 12 graduate degree programs. Marist is included in The Princeton Review's guide to the top colleges and universities in the U.S. and *The Best 373 Colleges*, placing it in the top 15 percent of higher education in the United States.

Cihanowyz Named To Dean's List

Alex Cihanowyz, a lifelong resident of South Plainfield, has been placed on the dean's list at Stevens Institute of Technology University in Hoboken.

Alex, who will be pursuing a degree in computer engineering, will be starting his junior year this September.

He graduated from South Plainfield High School in 2009.



Rose Benak and Bobby Yuill

Rose Benak and Bobby Yuill are Engaged

Rose Benak and Bobby Yuill became engaged on March 18. Rose is the daughter of Steve and Rose Benak and Bobby is the son of John and Cathy Yuill. Both are from South Plainfield.

Rose and Robert are 2005 graduates of South Plainfield High School. Rose graduated in 2007 from Everest Institute for CPHT and is employed at IBA Molecular as a nuclear pharmacy technician.

Bobby graduated in 2008 from Lincoln Technical School and is employed by Weather Makers Heating and Cooling as a HVAC technician.

A May 2012 wedding is planned.

Lenny Casiero Named to Dean's List at Caldwell

Lenny Casiero Jr. of South Plainfield has been named to the dean's list this semester at Caldwell College, a liberal arts college in North Jersey.

Lenny, the son of Phyllis and Leonard Casiero, is a 2010 graduate of South Plainfield High School. He plans on majoring in biology.

Colucci Named to Dean's List

Natalie Colucci of South Plainfield has made the dean's list this semester at the College of Business Administration at Rider University.

Natalie, a 2010 graduate of South Plainfield High School, is the daughter of Ed and Kathy Colucci.

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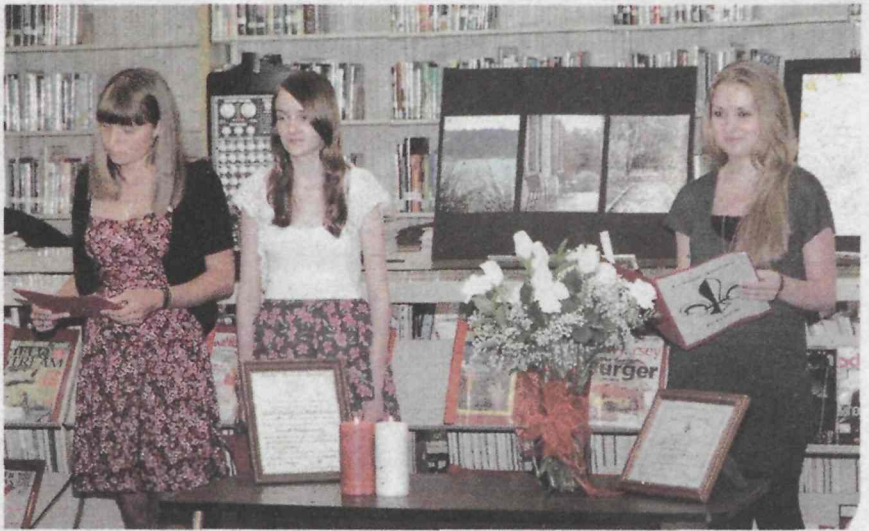
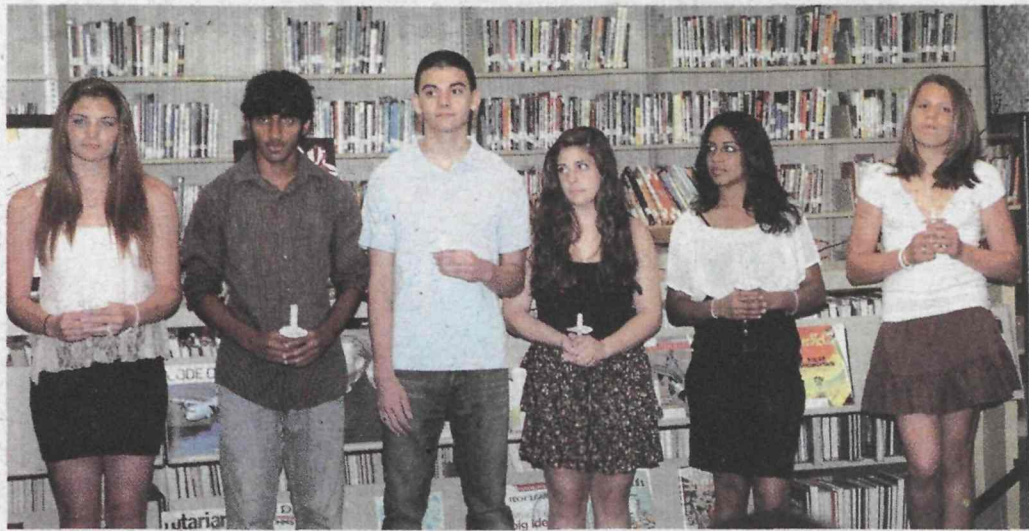
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World Language and Art Honor Society Inducts New Members



By Lindsay Barton

South Plainfield High School inducted new members into three honor societies, Art, Spanish and French on June 2.

Art Honor Society: In 1978, the National Art Education Association began the National Art Honor Society (NAHS) program specifically for high school students in grades 10-12, for the purpose of inspiring and recognizing those students who have shown an outstanding ability in art. The NAHS strives to aid members in working toward the attainment of the highest standards in art areas, and to

bring art education to the attention of the school and community.

Inducted into the Art Honor Society were Jose Alicea, Amanda Murtagh, Pearl Paguntalan and Joana Sa.

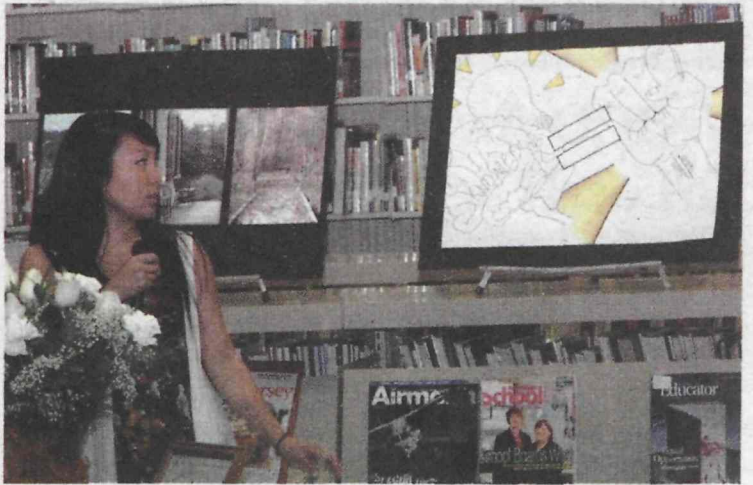
French Honor Society: La Societe Honoraire de Francais was founded by the American Association of Teachers of French for students of French in American secondary schools. The South Plainfield chapter has been active since 1980. The society demands a high level of scholarship and achievement in French studies and seeks to promote interest and enthusiasm in the study of Francophone culture and civilization.

Inducted into the French Honor Society was Sabrina Del Piano.

Spanish Honor Society: La Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica was founded by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese in 1953 for students of North Ameri-

can high schools. The original chapter in South Plainfield was founded by Miss Doris Cerwin in 1960. This honorary society demands a high level of scholarship in Spanish studies and entitles members to apply for study and travel scholarships. They may also contribute original works of art, prose and poetry to the official publication, *Albricias*.

Inductees for 2011 were: Sofia Abd Elhady, Asia Acevedo, Alexis Alba, Bacilio Alvarado, Yadybel Ayala, Kevin Belanger, Ashanti Bishop, Patrick Boyle, Kristel Buschan, Kayla Carigma, Hailey Carone, Roshni Chiluka, Ken Crilley, Jordan Davis, Michael DelGenio, Jake Dingler, Debbie Donis, Christina Ferrer, Nicole Firmin, Nicholas Graves, Andrea Guerrero, Jasmin Hernandez, Zoya Hodge, Kristen Hoelzel, Tyler Holoboski, Tyler Hunt, Michelle Lesniak, Ashley Linick, Kimberly Lozarito,



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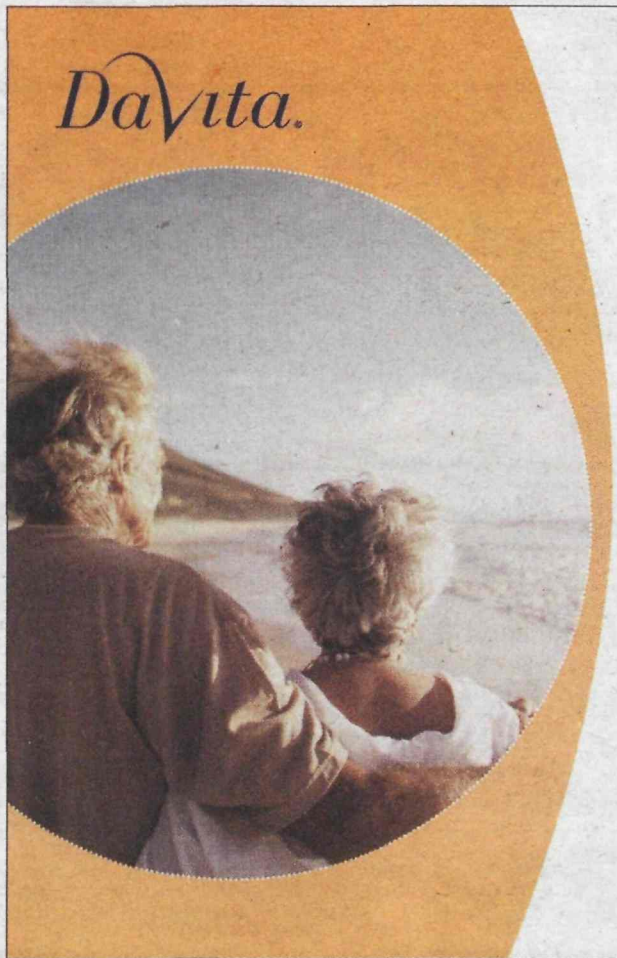
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For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 14, 2011 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m.

The files and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Planning/ Zoning Office in Borough Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m and 4:00 p.m.

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UNICO Awards Scholarships To Local High School Students

The Plainfields' Chapter of UNICO awarded five scholarships and two Brian Piccolo Athletic Awards to South Plainfield High School seniors on June 1. The awards banquet, held at Giovanna's Italian Restaurant in Plainfield, showcased former SPHS Principal Ken May as the guest speaker.

Carly Ashnault, Riley Hubner and

Richard Rotella were awarded scholarships of \$1,000 each. Two scholarship awards of \$500 each went to Toni Teller and Amanda Calvi.

The Brian Piccolo Athletic Awards went to Joelle Butrico and Brandon Downes. Jason Risoli, a former scholarship recipient from South Plainfield, was installed as a new member at the awards dinner.

Reception Marks Closing of Sacred Heart School

(Continued from page 1)

Sister Nadine, who organized the reception.

Guest speaker was Sister Eugene, whose first assignment at the school was the fourth grade class at Sacred Heart. She later returned to Sacred Heart and served as principal for 11 years.

In addition, five other nuns, Sister Mary Cleary, Sister Ruth Ann Balas, Sister Agnes Diegnan, Sister Eileen Lowden and Sister Marg Scarpony, who formerly taught at the school, attended the reception.

The 2011/2012 school year will be the beginning of a new deanery school, Holy Savior Academy. The new inter-parochial school will take the best of each school—Our Lady of Mount Virgin School, Middlesex; Sacred Heart School, South Plainfield; Our Lady of Fatima School, Piscataway and Holy Family Academy,



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Holy Savior Academy will be located at the site of the current Sacred Heart School which was deemed the

optimal setting for the new school. All four schools will become part of the new school.

For more information on the new school, call (908) 822-5890 or log on to holysavioracademy.com.

Woodworking Teacher Retires After 40 Years

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investing in the "startup." The class would organize as a business with officers, just like in the real world. At their first meeting the group had to decide on a specific item, i.e., a jewelry box that they could sell as a Christmas gift with each member of the production class responsible for taking orders for the product as well as working in teams to produce the product in time.

Radakovich is willing to talk more about his students' work than about himself. "The students do nice work here," he said.

He is so proud of his students that he has always had a showcase window in the hall to display their work, highlighting a "Student of the Month."

He is also proud of what they have

accomplished for the school: The cabinet class built a wooden cabinet on a wall in the high school main office to cover the wiring; they made a wooden tumbler for the Gold Card program to select winners of various promotions; and fashioned solid oak podiums for teachers who requested them for their high school classrooms.

"Everyone is going to miss this guy. There isn't a man on this planet who can replace him," said John Inzani, who will be splitting his high school electronics classes teaching periods to teach two periods of wood shop.

Although Radakovich is retiring he is still very concerned about keeping the woods program in the curriculum.

"It's very important, that not only woods, but also metals, electronics,

graphics continue as classes. These are things that kids in this town need. To say to these kids because I'm retiring we're not going to replace him? What do you do when you come back here next year and there are seven or eight less industrial arts teachers? The vocational school doesn't have enough room to take students," he said.

The district has decided to continue the wood shop class with Inzani as the new instructor; however, future teachers for this subject may be very difficult to find since state certification is difficult to acquire as the state directs the curriculum more towards academic subjects. According to Board of Education member Carol Byrne, the state is no longer certifying teachers for industrial arts education.

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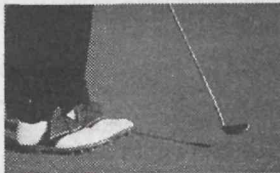
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Sports

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American Division				National Division			
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Alfie's Boys	5.....	1.....	0.....	Unique Sports Accessories.....	5.....	1.....	0.....
Twin City Pharmacy	3.....	1.....	2.....	2 Buds, 2 Dubs	3.....	3.....	0.....
KC's Korner	3.....	2.....	1.....	So. Plainfield Funeral Home	2.....	3.....	1.....
Dirty Harry & Friends	3.....	2.....	1.....	Italian-American Club	2.....	4.....	0.....
Witty's Liquors	2.....	3.....	1.....	McCriskin's	2.....	4.....	0.....
Oak Tree Dental	2.....	4.....	0.....	Sport & Social	1.....	5.....	0.....

By Bob Nilan

League-leading Alfie's Boys were very happy to welcome the always sportily attired John Gaven back to their line-up. Gaven hasn't been able to get in much golf so far this season following the injury to his leg he incurred while playing basketball. But he showed flashes of his old form in putting together a solid round of 38, a score matched by Dan Piccatelli and Captain Irish Danny Griffin who managed his 38 despite whacking his tee shot out-of-bounds on the third hole. Bill Mann earned the medal for Alfie's Boys with his nice round of 37 to lead his team to a 13-7 victory over Oak Tree Dental.

Marty "Mr. Amazing" Van DeVaarst continues to demonstrate every week that golf is, indeed, an easy game. Once again, he had no time for practice since last Tuesday. In addition, he was hurting with a twisted ankle and also was forced to play with a back-up putter. So he shot a 37 for Oak Tree Dental. He's amazing.

Guy Severini shot a wonderful round of 35, but he wasn't smiling as he finished adding up his score card and looked up at his partner and exclaimed in bewilderment, "We just got wiped out." And, sure enough, he and Frank Gaspari who had strokes to give, got shut out by Kevin "Boom Boom" Bickunas and Eric Beegle of Witty's Liquors who both birdied the eighth hole on their way to shooting a pair of 38's. Jim Palmer of Witty's was the medalist for his team with a 4-over 37. Fortunately for Twin City Pharmacy, Joe Diller was absolutely on fire and finished his round with four straight birdies for the low-round of the season thus far, a 2-under par gem of 31. Jay Coppola added to his string of fine rounds with a 35 as Twin City Pharmacy and Witty's Liquors battled to a 10-10 tie.

There was another 10-10 tie in the KC's Korner vs. Dirty Harry & Friends contest. Orlando Roman registered the low round for Dirty Harry's with a 40. Billy "Cappy"

Capparelli missed a couple of putts with his lucky yellow golf ball but still managed to tie Dan Conti for medalist honors for KC's Korner with a 40. Conti just loves playing the fourth hole—he has now birdied it two weeks in a row.

Over in the National Division, Unique Sports Accessories keeps rolling along and notched their fifth victory by belting McCriskin's Home For Funerals, 15-5. Jay "One Sexy Man" Bertleson had a beautiful birdie on the ninth hole to come in with a 38 to tie Captain Chris Dillon and Marc Bamrick for medalist honors. Dillon had a lovely bird of his own on the eighth hole and Bamrick made a birdie on the final hole. For McCriskin's, Mark "Mr. Steady" Chichvar had six pars on his way to a 40 to earn the medal for his team.

Even though he doesn't play on a regular basis on Tuesday nights, Jovial Matt Ward once again showed why, despite his infrequent appearances, he is still considered one of the league's premier players. Ward had beautiful birdies on the fourth and eighth holes and crushed some drives on his way to an impressive 37 as he and playing partner, Bob Nilan, zapped their Sport & Social opponents. Vinnie Welch again played well for the South Plainfield Funeral Home as they won their match, 14-6. Captain Frank "The Sultan of the Strand" Matthews had his best round of the season, a nifty 37, to earn all his points for Sport & Social.

Captain Dale "The Needler" Dube felt he had rested his knee enough so he donned his lucky red golf shirt, the kind that Tiger Woods likes to wear on Sundays, and inspired his team to a 15-5 triumph over the Italian-American Club. Dube had a 39 to earn the medal for the victors while Frank Ferraro's 43 was the best score for the Italian-American Club.

Low scores for the night: Joe Diller, 31; Guy Severini, 35; Jay Coppola, 35; Matt Ward, 37; Frank Matthews, 37; Bill Mann, 37; Marty Van DeVaarst, 37; Jim Parker, 37.

James S. Taylor, 85

James S. Taylor died on Tuesday, June 7 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

He was born in Prescott, Mass. to his late parents, James and Elizabeth (Flynn) Taylor, and has been a resident of South Plainfield since 1957.

James was honorably discharged from the United States Navy after serving his country during WWII as a pharmacist's mate, first class. After his discharge from the service, James graduated from the University of Massachusetts in 1951 with a degree in chemistry. For over 40 years, he was employed by GAF in Wayne (presently known as ISP) where he worked as a chemist.

He was a member of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield and enjoyed golf and traveling with his family. A volunteer at the Salvation Army, James was known as "Mr. Fix-It," and up until their closing he was a volunteer at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

James is predeceased by his parents; a sister, Marion; and a brother, Robert.

He is survived by his loving family, his wife Fleurette (Antaya) of 59 years; children James and Ann Marie of Toms River, Stephen of California and Ann Foley of Ohio. James also leaves behind a granddaughter, Alexandra; a grandson, Caelen and many nieces and nephews.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations sent to the American Heart Association, 1 Union St., Ste. 301, Robbinsville, N.J. 09681 would be appreciated.

Amelia J. Silvio, 29

Amelia "Amy" Silvio of Plainfield, beloved mother, fiancé, sister, daughter and friend, passed away suddenly on Friday, June 10.

Amy was a resident of Piscataway before moving to Plainfield in 2005.

Amy was employed at Walmart in Piscataway before becoming a stay-at-home mother in recent years. She had a passion for writing and enjoyed Internet games, music and styling hair and nails, but first and foremost, her greatest love was being a mother. She surrounded herself with close friends and family and loved to make people laugh.

Amy was predeceased by her mother, Deborah Silvio in 2004, and an uncle, George Decker in 2001.

She leaves behind her two young sons, Dario, 6 and Julyan, 11 months, along with her fiancé, Ariel Irizarry and his parents; her father, Dennis Silvio; a brother, Michael Silvio; aunts, uncles, cousins and several close friends, whom were considered family.

Obituaries

"If ever there is tomorrow when we're not together, there is something you must always remember. You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think, but the most important thing is, even if we're apart, I'll always be with you."— Winnie the Pooh

We all love you, Amy. You will be greatly missed and never forgotten. Words will never explain.

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

Michael Bocknack, 57

Michael Bocknack passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, June 12 at home.



Michael Bocknack

Born in New Brunswick, he has resided in Plainfield for several years. Mike was a corrections officer at the Middlesex County Adult Correctional Facility in North Brunswick and recently was the owner and operator of "Michael's Kitchen" a local catering company.

Known to many as "Big Mike," he was an outgoing individual, had many friends and was adored for his "gift of gab." He was an avid dog lover, starting a rescue group called Rotties 2 The Rescue, where he successfully placed over 120 Rottweilers in loving homes. In addition, he loved to play golf, was a passionate Yankees fan and took pride in coaching all he knew about the game of baseball to his grandson, Sean, and his teammates.

Mike became active with the NJ Sharing Network Foundation after the death of his beloved daughter, Michelle in 2001, at which time she chose to give the gift of life by her donations. With this cause so near and dear, Mike too, chose to donate by offering his corneas in the hope of giving the gift of sight to someone in need.

He will be sadly missed by his loving partner, Maryann Miller of Plainfield; a daughter, Maureen Bocknack of

Kendall Park; two grandchildren, Sean and Christian; a step-daughter, Carleen Goldeski of South Brunswick and her daughter Lauren, as well as many extended family and loving friends.

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

Donations can be made to the Bocknack Family c/o 2425 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080 or to the NJ Sharing Network Foundation, www.njsharingnetworkfoundation.org.

Gino Leonardis, 95

Gino Leonardis died on Sunday, June 12 at Arista Care at Cedar Oaks in South Plainfield.

Born in Abruzzo, Italy, Gino came to the United States in August 1960 and settled in South Plainfield in 1973.

He had been employed as a laborer for Harris Steel and later for Wadell Equipment in the maintenance department before his retirement.

His wife, Maria, died in August of 2000. He is also predeceased by a great-granddaughter, Mikayla Ingram and by a sister, Concetta Magyar.

He is survived by three sons and their wives, Ralph and Andreina, Guido and Assunta and Marino and Rosa, all of South Plainfield; two sisters, Josephine Antonini and Teresa Coloiacou; and a brother, Pietro Leonardis. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, Gino, Frank, Gina, Lisa, Gino, Laura and Maria and 13 great-grandchildren.

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Five times a year 25-40 Knights members and their wives, as well as family members and the Columbian Squires, run the first and third base concession stands. The proceeds from the games supports the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Catholic High School and College Scholarship Fund. These scholarships are given out each year to members' children and grandchildren who graduate eighth grade and plan to attend a Catholic high school, and a graduating high school senior continuing his or her education in college.

—Submitted by Joe Scrudato

DEP Asks for More Info On Road Extension

(Continued from page 1)

technical review comments which would normally be addressed at a later time when they get into their full, detailed technical review."

Mayor Matt Anesh explained, "While we were not expecting technical comments during the administrative review phase, these comments were not unexpected and will be addressed upon the completion of the DEP's full technical review. In fact, some of the comments provide guidance that the borough sought from them over the last two years during pre-application meetings, but never received."

Edison Wetlands Association President Robert Spiegel, who for years has opposed disturbing the Dismal Swamp area of the borough, stated in a letter to *The Home News Tribune* last week that he was "stunned into silence by the sloppiness and unprofessional manner by which the application was prepared." He went on to say that the project is a waste of taxpayer dollars and claimed it will take \$50M to \$100M to complete the roadway, which the state

cannot fund.

Former Mayor Charlie Butrico, who was involved in the process since its inception and has spent many years trying to get Helen Street extended as a new truck route, commented, "We expected to have problems with the application. This was predictable. The people in South Plainfield realize the need for this project and clearly intend to support it 100%." He also said that he "expected Spiegel to respond this way."

In regard to Spiegel's statements, Kavka replied, "His comments are simply misleading and presented out of context. The DEP permit process is comprehensive, as with most regulatory permitting in New Jersey these days. There is a lot of information for them to review, and we can expect more dialog and correspondence" in the future.

Spiegel also referred to the fact that "the borough does not legally own several parcels that the road would go through [in the Dismal Swamp]. Dedicated, taxpaying South Plainfield businesses do." Kavka replied that the current route traverses mostly borough-

owned land. "It would be premature for the borough to acquire any additional lands until at least we receive initial DEP feedback."

Ad Hoc Truck Committee and council liaison Rob Bengivenga stated last month that he felt "confident that the DEP will approve the application" and that the borough will "continue to concentrate on obtaining a funding source."

"Over the history of this project, there have been several alternate truck routes that were proposed and evaluated," explained Kavka. Each involved different lands, impacts and other considerations. We believe that we now have a route that best addresses the DEP's previous concerns, but only by the submission of the recent full DEP application with engineering, could the borough receive any comments about a route. That is how the process works."

According to Mayor Anesh, he has since contacted representatives at the DEP and the administration to schedule meetings to discuss the initial feedback, and then the borough will prepare a formal response.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Here's the latest news from your friendly neighborhood air-conditioned South Plainfield Library.

A reminder: We'll be open this Sunday, June 19 and next Sunday, June 26 from 1:30 to 5 p.m. After that, we'll be closed Sundays until after Labor Day; however, we'll remain open regular hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

We'll have the usual schedule of children's programs next week. "Storytime," for children ages four and over, will be held 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 "Baby Time," for children ages two and under, will be held on Friday morning at 10:30. Each program lasts about an hour and features stories, songs and a craft activity for older kids. No pre-registration is required. For more information, please call and ask for Miss Mija or Miss Linda.

This year's Summer Reading Club is just about to get started. This year's theme is "One World, Many Stories." The club is open to children of all ages. We've also got a Young Adult Reading Club for young people going into grades 5-12 in September. You can get further details on the club from the aforementioned (that's a fancy word), Miss Mija or Miss Linda.

School will finish up for the year on Wednesday. (There will be a brief pause while the kids cheer and applaud.) As a result, we'll be relaxing our entry policy regarding young people's access to the library during the day. It will be the same policy we use on the weekends, where ID's are not needed for entry. However, just like anyone else, they will need their library cards to check out items or use the computers. Also, should they mis-

behave, they'll be asked to leave or be removed from the building. We ask that both parents and children be aware of this. Any questions? Feel free to ask us.

We've got a special program for adults this Thursday evening at 7 p.m. Motivational speaker Judy England-McCarthy will lead the program, "It's Your Lucky Day." She'll talk about how people are frequently overwhelmed by life's daily experiences, and how to gain perspective and live life fully in the moment. The program will include questions from the audience, and is presented free of charge. No pre-registration is required.

To make better use of our space, to better serve our patrons and to keep you on your toes, we've made a bit of a computer change. We've moved the library catalog computer next to the public photocopier (remember, we told you about this last month). We've also added a second catalog station on the balcony just above the one on the ground floor. Please let us know if you have any questions about the new set-up.

Finally, a reminder about several charity collections here at the library. At the circulation desk, you can donate to "Pennies for Pups," a collection for homeless dogs by American Brittany Rescue. Next to the main doors, there's the collection of non-perishable food items for the Middlesex County Community Food Drive. And, by the display wall, there are the Lion's Club collection boxes for eyeglasses and hearing aids. We ask you to contribute to these causes.

That's about all for this week. As always, we're interested in your comments and suggestions (even the unflattering ones). For more information, check out our website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us or our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/southplainfieldlibrary. You may also call us at (908) 754-7885. See you next Friday.

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Ann Ribinsky Brown, College District vice president, the installing officer and Lucy Hudson, president.

NEWS

Suburban Woman's Club

The Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield met at Giovanna's Restaurant in Plainfield to install the new club officers.

Lucy Hudson, Natalie Bergen, Mary Ann Iannitto, Diana Cotone and June Flannery were installed as president, vice president, corresponding/federation secretary, recording secretary and treasurer, respectively by Ann Ribinsky Brown, college district vice president.

Membership Chairman Grace Bertucci presented a citation to Grace Farinella honoring her for 25 years of service to the club. Special guest, past president Frances Licato, was introduced and her service as president of the club in 1972, 1980 and 1982 was noted.

Members activities report by Federation Secretary Mary Ann Iannitto included setting up a Federation display at the Piscataway Library for the month of June; attending the South Plainfield High School awards assembly to present Shruti Patel a \$1,000 scholarship and Cindy Ruiz the Sonia Berentsen \$1,000 scholarship; attendance at the Girls' Career Institute reception at NJSFWC headquarters in New Brunswick where Delegate Erica

L. Fisher and alternate Payal Sindha will be introduced; and attendance at the June council meeting to be held at headquarters on June 23.

Club Treasurer June Flannery presented her report and the members voted on the recipients of the donations the club will give this year totaling \$2,200, which will include Hieffer International, The Wellness Center for the women's cancer program, the South Plainfield Library Foundation, Operation Smile, Parkinson's Foundation, the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department, the South Plainfield Rescue Squad and the American Legion Post #243.

Cathy Wells' historians report was read by Marge Reidy describing the many activities that took place during the past club year. Everyone present enjoyed hearing the delightful and entertaining story that Cathy wrote.

President Lucy Hudson appointed and published her Community Service Program and Committee Chairman and Program Chairman Natalie Bergen reported on programs she is setting up for the new club year.

Any woman interested in joining when the new club year begins in September is invited to contact Grace Bertucci at (732) 549-9633.

LEGAL NOTICE

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC NOTICE

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 May 2, 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 Bond Ordinances Numbered 1815 and 1816, Both Amended by Bond Ordinance Numbered 1827, of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the 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."

Purpose: Sections 3(a) of Bond Ordinances numbered 1815 and 1816 of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, both finally adopted April 7, 2008 and amended by Bond Ordinance numbered 1827, finally adopted July 21, 2008, are 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.

Appropriation: \$0

Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$0

Grant Appropriated: N/A

Section 20 Costs: \$0

Useful Life: N/A

Joann Graf, Clerk of the Borough of South Plainfield

\$49.30

June 17, 2011

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC NOTICE

BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on June 29, 2009 and the twenty (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 BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 1734 (WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY AND RELATED DESIGN WORK AND CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENT PREPARATION) HERETOFORE FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "BOROUGH") ON JUNE 26, 2006, TO AMEND THE DESCRIPTION SET FORTH THEREIN

Purpose: To amend the description to include improvements to the Truck Bypass Route

Appropriation: No Additional Appropriation (\$450,000 Original Bond Ordinance)

Bonds/Notes Authorized: no Additional Authorization (\$425,000 Original Bond Ordinance)

Grants Appropriated: None

Section 20 Costs: No Additional Section 20 Costs (\$450,000 Original Bond Ordinance)

Useful Life: Unchanged (5 years in Original Bond Ordinance)

Joann Graf, Clerk of the Borough of South Plainfield

\$44.57

June 17, 2011

The following information is from the South Plainfield Sustainable-Jersey Green Team. This and future news releases are meant to provide the community with an understanding of how the choices they make can lead to a more sustainable future for themselves and the Borough of South Plainfield.



Cool Tips

By Sandy Pleeter

With summer almost here, many are spending time outdoors participating in recreational activities or just enjoying the warm weather. To ensure that such enjoyment continues for years to come, we must do all that we can to maintain, improve and preserve our environment. By making some simple changes this season, we can take significant steps toward accomplishing this goal. Here are some tips from savewithces.com to get you started:

- Keep plants and other objects at least one foot away from central air conditioning units to avoid obstructing air flow.

- Help keep your home cool by shading south- and west-facing windows with blinds, drapes or reflective window film, especially during the hottest part of the day.

- Plant a tree this fall to shade your home; this can lower next summer's cooling costs by up to 25 percent.

- Switch the fan of your central air conditioner from "auto" to "on" to dehumidify your home and keep the temperature steady throughout the day.

- When replacing a central air conditioning unit, make sure that it has the correct capacity for your home. If you use window units, make sure that they are the correct size.

- Change or clean your air conditioning filter seasonally.

- Raise the thermostat to about 80 degrees when going to bed or when the home will be unoccupied. Turning the thermostat up one degree can reduce cooling costs by two to three percent.

- Clean the outside compressor of your central air conditioner. (Use a garden hose and shut off the power at the fuse or breaker first.)

- To decrease cooling costs, think twice before turning on air conditioning: fans use much less power.

- Invest in solar panels for your home to increase its energy efficiency.

- Use high-pressure sodium fixtures rather than incandescent bulbs for outdoor lighting. For walkways, patios and decks, use low-voltage lighting, and remember to make sure that all outdoor

lighting is turned off during the day. Or, use solar-powered walkway lights.

- Replace your charcoal or propane grill with an electric or natural gas grill to reduce air pollution.

- Whenever possible, transport items in the car or trunk rather than on the roof rack, which, if occupied, can decrease an SUV's fuel efficiency by 5 percent and that of a smaller car by over 15 percent.

- Create a compost pile using grass

clippings, weeds and food scraps (no meat) to enrich your garden soil.

- Use mulch in your garden; this reduces its need for water.

- Avoid using disposable products (paper or plastic cups, plates, bowls, etc.) whenever possible. If you must purchase them, make sure they are made of paper rather than plastic.

- Spread the word! Explain the benefits of saving energy to your friends, family and neighbors.



Kindergarten children from Kennedy School release butterflies outside into the school's garden.

Kennedy Kindergarten Students Learn About Butterflies

Kennedy School kindergarten teachers have incorporated a butterfly theme that included activities such as making butterfly booklets, butterfly "life cycle" maracaroni projects, butterfly hats and of course watching the real caterpillars transform into butterflies. The hands-on lesson was monitoring the caterpillar's growth,

them forming into their chrysalises, and after an additional 10 days, the butterflies did finally emerge. The excitement of watching the painted lady butterflies released into the school's front garden was enjoyed by all!

Submitted by Carol Christatos,
Kennedy School teacher

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