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District to Get \$560K Additional State Aid

By Jane Dornick

Governor Chris Christie announced last week that the South Plainfield Public Schools will receive an additional \$560,402 in State Equalized Aid for the 2011/2012 state and school fiscal budget year. The district has already received an additional \$560,403 in aid for the 2011/2012 year over last year for a total of \$1,120,805. In the 2010/2011 school budget, state aid had been cut from approximately \$10M down to \$7,206,690. The district will now receive \$8,327,495 in total, which includes \$2,086,578 designated specifically for special education aid.

According to the governor's office, Christie is "furthering his commitment to providing the resources and reform to improve education for every New Jersey child." The state now plans to allocate \$75M in new aid authorized for Middlesex County schools in the

Fiscal Year 2012 Budget. This brings the total funding for county schools to \$530M.

"This year, New Jersey increased state aid to Middlesex County by \$92M and to school districts across the state by \$850 million over last year, restoring every dollar of the cuts we were forced to make last year, and adding additional aid," said Governor Christie. "We are keeping faith with our commitment to New Jersey's children and families, spending more money per pupil on New Jersey's students than almost any other state in the country. Now is the time to complement the dollars spent with real education reform to bring a focus on student learning, accountability and results."

Statewide funding includes \$450M additional for the 31 Abbott districts, which fully funds them under the School Funding Reform Act formula, and \$150M additional for non-Abbott

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Acting Governor Kim Guadagno presents a \$5,000 grant check to South Plainfield Fire Department Deputy Chief Tom Scalera along with Councilman Alex Barletta and Port Authority Deputy Executive Director Bill Baroni.

SPFD Receives \$5,000 Grant

Acting Governor Kim Guadagno presented \$5,000 to the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department last Thursday on behalf of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. The grant is from a \$135,000 fund that benefits 13 fire departments and other first responders throughout Northern New Jersey. Towns receiving the funds have agreed to assist the Port Authority when emergencies arise.

The grant was also to acknowledge the presence of the borough's police, fire and rescue squad during the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center. Several police officers helped direct traffic in the city, and fire and rescue squad volunteers were also there to provide backup. A borough fire truck had been stationed in Brooklyn and assisted city firefighters.

Councilman Alex Barletta commended our volunteers, saying, "The grant recognizes what has always been true—that our town is there for our neighbors in times of need. South Plainfield joins other communities that pledge to be there, like 10 years ago when two planes crashed into the Twin Towers in Manhattan."

"As we prepare for the 10th anniversary of 9/11, we must never waiver

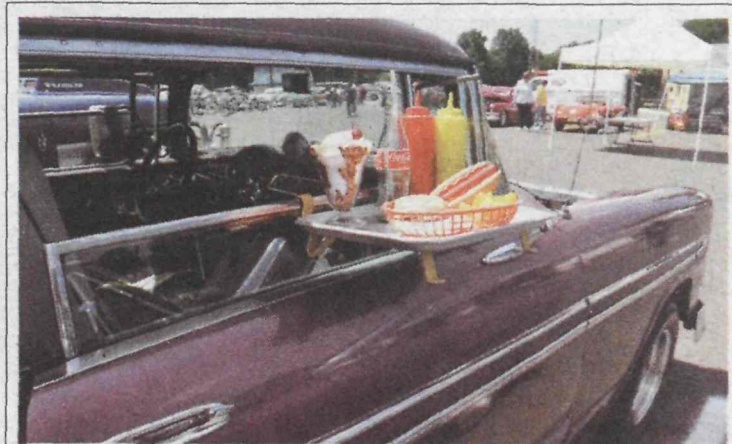
in our support for New Jersey's first responders and never forget the heroism that defines their daily responsibilities," Acting Governor Guadagno said during the ceremony at the firehouse. "In South Plainfield and across the state, we take pride that such fine men and women have answered this call to service."

Also on hand were Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, Jr. and Bill Baroni, a former state senator and deputy executive director of the Port Authority. He noted that the grant was timely,

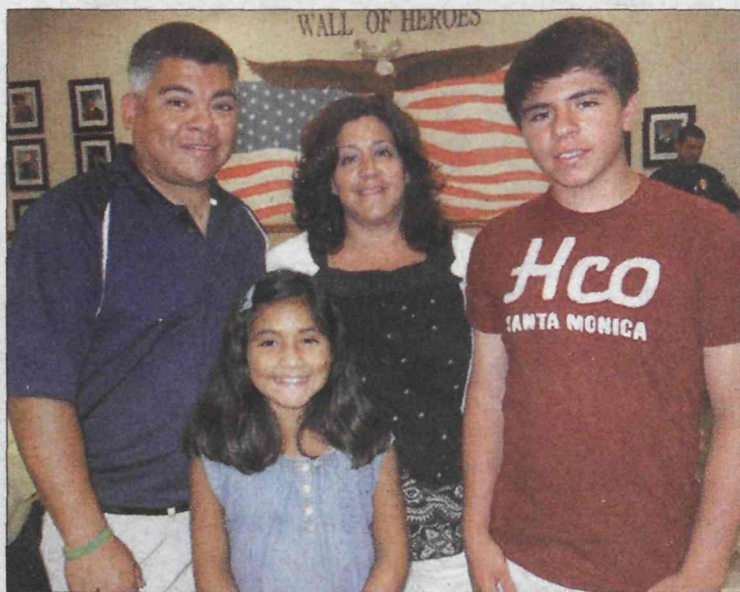
coming in conjunction with the Port Authority's 90th anniversary. "We want to say thank you," said Baroni.

Guadagno thanked borough volunteers and said, "These presentations put money directly into the hands of those who know the needs of their localities and will best utilize the funds to protect their citizens and community."

Grant rules stipulate that municipalities must use the money to buy public safety equipment or to upgrade facilities. The borough plans to use the grant to purchase firefighting equipment.



More than 40 trophies were awarded at the South Plainfield Rescue Squad car, truck and bike show, which featured more than 100 antique, classic, modern vehicles and motorcycles. For story, see page 7. —Photo courtesy of Louis Mornille



Senior Center Recreation Leader Patricia Olano, with husband, James; daughter, Olivia, 8; and son, Michael, 15.

Olano Named New Senior Center Recreation Leader

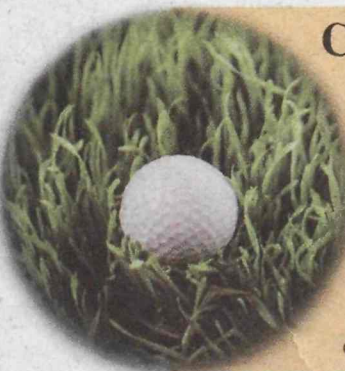
Patricia "Tree" Olano was appointed part time recreation leader of the Senior Center at the July 11 Borough Council meeting, replacing Recreation Department Director Kevin Hughes who resigned that position June 30.

Prior to her new position, Olano worked for a small company in Central Jersey for the past 28 years as an office manager. Her duties were event planning, outings, dinners, luncheons, bus trips, trade shows, training seminars, team building activities, calendar managing for executives and coordinating meetings and travel for department heads. She also responded to a high volume of correspondence from clients and colleagues, trained new administrative support staff and arranged training sessions for both in-house and on-site locations.

Olano and her husband, Jim, have

lived in South Plainfield for 16 years. They have two school aged children; Michael and Olivia. She was a Girl Scout leader, past president of the Kennedy School PTO and is currently vice president, a Grant School PTO member and past vice president of the Middle School PTO. Olano and

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Changes in Traffic Plans for Barclays PGA Golf Tournament

Several traffic pattern changes have been announced for the Barclays PGA Golf Tournament. These changes reflect revisions to the story published in the July 1 *South Plainfield Observer*.

South Plainfield officials continue to meet with Edison officials to coordinate plans for the huge event; however, the traffic plans are

subject to change prior to the tournament.

Woodland Avenue will be closed to regular traffic from Oak Tree Road to Maple Avenue and designated as a one way street to accommodate buses. Residents who reside along that road will be issued special passes so they are able to access their residences. Side roads that access Woodland Avenue along that one way route will be barricaded. They

include Delores Parkway, East Fairview, East Crescent Parkway and Francesca Court. Woodland Avenue north of Maple Avenue, previously scheduled to be closed to traffic but open one way to buses, will now remain open to two-way traffic. Streets in that area that will have access to Woodland Avenue include Sprague Avenue, East Golf, Fairmount, Wexler

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In My Opinion

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

To the Editor:

To all the staff, especially Nancy Grennier, the editor-in-chief, I say "thank you."

To better explain why I am urged to write a simple thank you letter, I'll use my very recent occurrence as an example.

Have you ever written a letter to a newspaper or magazine and would like it to get attention to a specific person, say for instance the editor of a specific column? You really want to express your opinion with this specific person, but either get no response whatsoever or someone else will return back to you. Why? Well, you may get the executive secretary who thinks

she can handle your particular question. You may even get a response—like that person is unavailable. Huh! I find that to be demeaning and crude.

Thank you, Mrs. Grennier, for not only responding by telephone, but answering my question so professionally. You have brought back to me faith that the communication gap between editor and reader or vice versa is restorable and that it makes a difference.

Thank you to everyone who works so diligently putting the *Observer* together every week.

DAVID N. BARNES, JR.

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity

to thank all of those involved in the planning, preparation and implementation of SPHS Project Graduation 2011. On June 23, I went to Ricochet to help with clean up at 4 a.m. When I was leaving about two hours later, my feeling was not fatigue but amazement. Although I had been impressed with this event three years ago, I once again saw how extraordinary it is and the amount of time and effort the committee, parents and administrators put in and what is made available to the graduates. This is not just a safe place for our new graduates, but they are given a place to have fun, eat and enjoy what may be the last time with their class.

Thank you to the Project Graduation committee for the many hours they have put into this year round. Although I will no longer have a child at SPHS, I am truly grateful for the opportunity that my son in 2008 and my daughter in 2011 had to experience this.

Congratulations, SPHS Class of 2011!

**WITH MUCH APPRECIATION,
KIM MCMAHON**

Dear Editor,

We would like to sincerely thank Hometown Heros (Debbie and Charlie Kurland), the *South Plainfield Observer*, our South Plainfield public school teachers and everyone else associated with the Junior Journalist writing program.

Our son, Justin, was so excited to write his "No Bullying" Rap Song as an entry and we were so pleased when he was chosen as a winner. Justin was photographed with his teacher, Mrs. Donnelly, and everyone got to see their picture in the paper. Then, Hometown Heros delivered a delicious sandwich platter to us as an extra bonus. It was wonderful! Then, another picture in the paper. How exciting! A few weeks later, Mrs. Decker-Lorys, our Franklin School principal, asked if Justin could present his rap song to the school board. The board members were so gracious. They applauded the kids after their presentations and stood to shake their hands. It was one of the proudest moments of our lives.

As if all of that was not enough, we were invited to a banquet hosted by Hometown Heros and the *Observer*. At the banquet, the students read their

winning Junior Journalist stories. The parents were so proud. The kids were very excited and so pleased with their accomplishments.

There were numerous awards and gift cards given to the kids. The Ruth Kurland Memorial Award (an award given in honor of Charlie's mother) especially touched our hearts. To take what his mother taught him about the importance of reading and writing and to pass that on to our children is remarkable. What a great program! I hope you all realize the positive impact you have on our children. To run this program which encourages children to do their best, and rewards them so generously for their creativity, can change their lives forever. Thank you!

**SINCERELY,
GREGG AND CHRISTINE JONES**

Dear Editor,

The eighth annual Art Muglia Memorial Golf Tournament was held on July 8 at the beautiful Shawnee Golf Club, the oldest golf facility in the Poconos in Pennsylvania. Sixty golfers and friends took part in a fun-filled day enjoying beautiful scenery, camaraderie, laughs, as well as fine golfing.

Our most notable golfers and contest winners were: Mens Low Gross-Doug Walters; Mens Low Net-Phil Reina; Woman's Low Gross-Linda Frank Wagner; Woman's Low Net-Christine Mayercik; Senior Long Drive-our cousin, Barry Muglia (eight time tournament player); Mens Long Drive and Closest to the Pin-Joe Celentano, Jr. (his dad is an eight time tournament player); and Ladies Long Drive-Linda Frank Wagner (eight time tournament player).

The overall champion was Art Muglia's favorite charity, the Matheny School, which he loved so much. This year we were able to donate the largest amount ever, \$5,300.

Our thanks to all our golfers, sponsors and well-wishers!

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
JIM MUGLIA**

Submit Your Letters to the Editor

Send your letters to South Plainfield Observer, 1110 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, or fax to 908-668-8819, or via email: spobserver@comcast.net. **Deadline is Monday, 5 p.m.** Letters must be accompanied by a name and telephone number for verification. Limit letters to no more than 200 words. We reserve the right to refuse a letter, to edit for clarity or length, and to limit the number of letters submitted on the same subject. Submission is not a guarantee of publication. We do not accept anonymous letters. Letters are strictly opinion.

To the Editor and Republican Party:

Democratic Candidates Council-woman Chrissy Buteas, John Sorrentino and Paul McCullen are committed to running an issue orientated, clean campaign. All of them want to make sure that the people of South Plainfield know what they stand for and what they will do if elected.

One of their first priorities is to try to make our town a "greener community." To that end, the candidates have decided to limit their large signs to 40 this year (less than half of previous years) and will not put them up until the last week in September. As Democratic chair I would like to ask the Republicans to do the same thing.

**MIKE ENGLISH, CHAIRMAN,
DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

Dear Editor,

I read with some amusement Dennis Little's letter that appeared in the July 15 *Observer*. There are a number of statements in Mr. Little's letter, as well as the letter from Councilman Barletta, to which I feel the need to respond.

As an initial matter, I have known Mr. Little for approximately 20 years and have always gotten along well with him. He rails about the politicization of the Library Board. If anyone is bringing politics into the equation, it is Mr. Little and the other members of the administration who have done so.

Without mentioning me by name, Mr. Little refers to the fact that I "owe

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

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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

Meets twice a month on Mondays, *except where noted. Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

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July 25 (Special Meeting) July 25
August 15 August 15

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planning board

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

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

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.) 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.) 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.

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.

Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13

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By Ronald G. Rios, Chair, Committee of Law and Public Safety

Law Enforcement Response to Community Concerns Grant

The Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office often works with local law enforcement agencies to address the safety concerns of the residents of Middlesex County. The latest example of this can be seen in an innovative grant program that combats issues that negatively impact our residents' quality of life.

Through the "Law Enforcement Response to Community Concerns Grant" program, the prosecutor's office is offering local law enforcement agencies supplemental funding to combat certain quality-of-life issues, such as bias, bullying and graffiti, which can adversely affect the lives of the residents within their municipalities.

This grant provides up to \$5,000 in funding to each of the county's 25 municipal law enforcement agencies, the Middlesex County Sheriff's Department and the Rutgers University Police Department. To fund the program, Middlesex County Prosecutor Bruce H. Kaplan, with the approval of the State Office of the Attorney General, is allocating a total of \$135,000 in funds that were seized from criminal defendants who had obtained proceeds through illegal activities, such as selling drugs.

The funding can be used to cover additional law enforcement personnel or resources, to purchase educational materials and arrange guest speakers to address students or other community

groups, or for the implementation of other approved concepts that would help improve the quality of life within the municipality.

The program encourages local law enforcement agencies to reach out to members of the community and identify their specific concerns, as well as analyze existing reports to identify types and areas within their community where quality of life issues need to be addressed.

The "Law Enforcement Response to Community Concerns Grant" is one way that we can help our local police departments enhance their efforts. As the chair of the county's Law and Public Safety Committee, I would like to thank Prosecutor Kaplan and the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office for making this grant available to all of our municipalities and for helping the members of our local law enforcement team to better protect and serve the residents of Middlesex County.

Library Presents Summer Movies For Young People

The library will be presenting movies for children and young people throughout the summer.

"Monday Morning Movies" will be presented each Monday through August 15 at 10:30 a.m. Each presentation will be family-oriented, last approximately one hour, and open to children of all ages. A Thursday Night Movie will be presented on August 4 at 6:30 p.m. The movie is intended for a teenage audience. Contact the library for title, running time and content information.

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

Squires Clean Up Local Senior's Property

The South Plainfield Squires came to the aid of an elderly resident recently. Friends of the resident asked for help for the senior, who they said, "would never ask on her own behalf." Her property was badly in need of care.

Several Squires were notified, and with very short notice they went to work. Adam Butrico, James Butrico, JJ Boettcher, Matthew Resende and Albert Vill cut the lawn, much of which had to be weed-whacked due to its height. They cleaned out beneath the deck, removed two small trees, freed the gate from growth to make it is usable, removed two hornets' nests, trimmed the bushes and removed trash and lawn debris.

Chief Counselor Bill Butrico is very proud of the Squires' eagerness to help when asked.

The Squires always welcome new members. For more information, contact a current Squire or call Bill Butrico at (908) 346-2491.



Knights of Columbus Squires Adam Butrico, James Butrico, JJ Boettcher, Matthew Resende and Albert Vill.

Two Hired to Replace Business Administrator

By Libby Barsky

Ernest Turner and Mark Resnick will both be covering the responsibilities of Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary on an alternating schedule. The two will succeed Interim Business Administrator Nicholas Puleio, who replaced former business administrator Richard Guarini in December after he left to become Ridgewood's business administrator.

Mark Resnick's experience is extensive. He began teaching in the Newark Public Schools in 1968, then spent over 30 years as the business administrator for the Middlesex, Carteret and Alexandria boards of education and as assistant administrator at Essex County Educational Services Commission. After retiring in 1998, he served as an adjunct professor at Stockton College until 2006 as well as worked as an educational consultant, a position he continues to hold.

His appointment includes the following positions: Affirmative Action Officer for Equity in Employment Practices, Public Agency Compliance Officer (the official who has the

authority to make corrections to the district's affirmative action contracting procedures), custodian of school records, the district's qualified purchasing agent, food service representative, special education-Medicaid initiative co-coordinator, asbestos management officer, air quality designee and AHERA coordinator.

Ernest Turner found himself seated in the chair of the interim business administrator/board secretary during the July 13 BOE meeting. "It was my first day in the district," said Turner. He believes that the primary goal of a business administrator isn't just to see that everything is paid properly or to hold an annual audit of the budget, but to allow the district to succeed to the highest level it can.

Turner lives in Madison. He grew up in neighboring Colonia and graduated from Kennedy High School. A math major at Kean College, he intended to teach math, but when he graduated in 1975 he couldn't find a teaching job. He found a job at a bank and took college courses in accounting. He received a master's degree in educational administration in 1987.

The first class he took was school finance and accounting, one of the courses required to obtain certification for seeking a position as a school administrator.

"After my first class, I knew I wanted to do this for the rest of my life. I knew I was helping children," Turner said. After a nine-year stint with Essex County Educational Services Commission, he worked for Montclair BOE, helping with annual budget preparation, and subsequently at Morris County Vocational Schools developing a transportation program for the federal Head Start program. He served as board secretary for Hawthorne BOE for three years, and worked for the South Bergen Jointure Commission for five years. He was school business administrator for East Hanover BOE and Glen Rock BOE. Turner also served as president of the Bergen County Association of Business School Officials, and takes pride in the fact that he established a website for the association in 2005 that is still up and running.

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Around Town

Blood Drive

July 23

A community blood drive will be held on Saturday, July 23 at the municipal building, 2480 Plainfield Ave., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donors will receive two Mets tickets. One donation can help save up to three lives. Walk-ins welcome. For an appointment, call 1-800-933-2566 or go to www.nybloodcenter.org.

Cedarcroft Free Bible School

July 25-29

Cedarcroft Bible Chapel, 1715 Kenyon Ave., will hold a free Bible school entitled, "Gospel Light's Son-Surf Beach Bash VBS," Monday, July 25 to Friday, July 29 from 9:30 a.m. to noon for ages four to those entering eighth grade. (Mothers' class is Tuesday-Friday.) Bible stories, crafts, skits, games and songs.

For info, call (908) 757-7598.

Business Association Monthly Meeting

July 28

The South Plainfield Business Association will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, July 28 at 8:30 a.m. at Sherban's Diner. The group will receive the latest update on road closures during the upcoming Barclays Golf Tournament. All businesses are encouraged to attend.

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

Send Your Community Events to:

spobserver@comcast.net

For information on how to submit your event, visit www.spobserver.com.

American Legion Post 243 Picnic

July 30

The annual Chaumont Post #243 picnic is open to the public. Early bird tickets are \$16 for adults, \$8 for ages six-20. Children five and under are free. The picnic will feature a water wipeout ride, an Army rock climbing wall for ages 16 and up and the annual horseshoe tournament. DJ Stick Shift Eddie will provide music from 1-6 p.m. Great picnic fare including a Hawaiian-themed dessert room hosted by the auxiliary will also be available.

For tickets, call (908) 668-9414 or visit the post any day after 2 p.m.

First Baptist Vacation Bible School

August 8-12

Spread the Word! Join First Baptist Church of South Plainfield, 201 Hamilton Blvd., for vacation Bible school, August 8-12, 6:30-8:30 p.m., for a week of exciting games, crafts, songs and Bible stories. \$5 per child entering kindergarten through fifth grade.

To pre-register, call (908) 753-2382 or visit our website www.fbc-southplainfield.com.

St. Stephen Church Vacation Bible School

August 8-12

St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 3145 Park Ave., will celebrate its third annual Vacation Bible School, Monday-Friday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. during the week of August 8 through 12. This year's theme is "ReNew: The Green VBS."

Registrations are being accepted for children in pre-K through sixth

grade by emailing Michele Billich at Billich@att.net or calling (908) 756-2537. Provide child's name, age and grade they will be entering in September.

SPHS Class of 1976 To Hold Reunion

August 20

The South Plainfield High School Class of 1976 will hold their 35th reunion on Saturday, Aug. 20 with a rain date of August 21.

For more information, email sphsclassof1976@hotmail.com or visit classmates.com or facebook.com.

Sacred Heart Parish Golf Outing

September 14

Save the date! Sacred Heart Parish will hold its second annual golf outing at Cranbury Golf Course in West Windsor on Wednesday, Sept. 14 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

For more information, email plorange@churchofthesacredheart.net.

Wildwood Vacation Package

September 25-29

The Wildwood vacation package includes: four nights lodging, four breakfasts, two full course dinners, two visits to Atlantic City and the casinos, casino bonus, Dolphin Watch sightseeing cruise, visit to historic Cape May, visit to the Towne of Historic Smithville, souvenir gift, luggage handling, all taxes, meal gratuities and motorcoach transportation. Deadline to sign up is July 26.

For reservations, call Sandi Connelly at the senior center, (908) 754-1047.

SPHS Class of 1961 Reunion

October 1

The South Plainfield High School Class of 1961 will be hosting their

50th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 1 at the Hilton Garden Inn at the Raritan Center in Edison.

For more information regarding tickets and plans for the reunion, email Brenda Belardo Ribar at class1961sphs@gmail.com.

— Out of Town —

duCret School of Art Student Showcase

Through August 12

A multi-media showcase of works by young award-winning artists, including two students from South Plainfield, will be the summer exhibit through August 12, at Swain Galleries, 703 Watchung Ave. in Plainfield. Regular hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call (908) 756-1707.

Authentic German Biergarten

July 22

Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane, will hold an authentic German biergarten on Friday, July 22 from 5:30 to 11 p.m. New and antique cars from Mercedes Automobile Show; music by Barry Adler Band. Open to the public, rain or shine. Free parking, free admission. Picnic tables available. German and American food and beverages.

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

EAS Art in the Garden Tour

July 23

Edison Arts Society sixth annual Art in the Garden Tour will be held on Saturday, July 23 (rain or shine) beginning at 10 a.m. with a reception at the Pines Manor, followed by the garden tour from

SENIOR CENTER Calendar

WILDWOOD-September 25-29

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(Sign Up by July 26)

MONDAYS

Crocheting 9:30 am
Yoga 10:30 am
Art Class..... 11:30 am

TUESDAYS

Bingo 10 am-2 pm
Ladies Group 10 am

WEDNESDAYS

Aerobics..... 8:45 am
Shopping 9 am
Line Dancing 10 am
Computer..10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm
Crocheting 1 pm
Tai Chi..... 2 pm

THURSDAYS

Active Seniors 8:45 am
Crafts Class 10 am
Computer ..10 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm
Exercise Class..... 1:15 pm

FRIDAYS

Bingo 10 am-2 pm

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

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

11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Six beautiful and unusual residential gardens in Edison and Metuchen will be open to the public. Tickets purchased in advance are \$20/adults and \$15/students; children under 12 are free. Day of event tickets are \$25.

For tickets, call (732) 225-1261 or visit www.edisonarts.org.

Aerie Eagle Charity Motorcycle Run

August 6

Somerset Aerie Eagle Riders Club motorcycle run to benefit our veterans will be held at Eagles Aerie, 350 Woodside Lane in Bridgewater on Saturday, Aug. 6. Sign-in from 9-11 a.m. \$20 per rider, \$15 per passenger/walk-ins, and includes registration, food, beverage and band after the run. Classic cars welcome.

For more information, email eaglesriders@njfoe.org.

Indoor Flea Market at Plainfield Senior Center

August 6

The Plainfield Senior Citizens Center is holding an indoor flea market at 400 E. Front St. on Saturday, Aug. 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Interested vendors should contact Colin Baptiste at (908) 753-3506 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Grant School Announces Fourth Quarter Honor Roll

High Honor Roll

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Honor Roll

Tala Abdeljaber, Emily Abrego, Aiden Adamson, Sabrina Ahmed, Eric Akpan, Kimberly Albrecht, Connor Aleksandrowicz, Alejandra Arboleda, Isabella Ardito, Irvin Arevalo Carballo, Brianna Atkinson, Andrea Avelar, Ryan Berardi, Andrew Bisgaard, Vanessa Borja, Kristen Brady, Divya Budhan, Julie Budhan, Kyle Bythell, Noah Cabrera, Gabriella Cangialosi, Cara Capone, James Cavanagh, David Chatel, Connie Chen, Amanda Cheng, Sydney Christian, Jack Cochrane, Laianna Correa, Matthew Cox, Brianna Crabtree, Jenna DaSilva, Leon Dass, Isaiah David, Jared DeGraw, Marisa DeSimone, Nicholas Diaz, Jenna Dickerson, Maryaim Elmajdouli, Jake Elsmann, Francine Esiape, Isiah Feeley-Sudeall, Sabrina Fisher, Gregory Forbes, Alexandria Frontz, Carlos Gil, Lailah Goldberg-Mota, Mariana Gomez, Donald Grabinsky, Jennifer Grasso, Allison Graves, Kayla Greenleaf, Gabriela Guerrero, Grace Hageman, Brian Harper, Dillon Harris, Ny'Asia Haygood, Joseph Heilmann, Stephanie Heim, Dishon Hessing, Jake Hoffman, Caitlin Hughes, Christa Iazetta, Gavin Jones, James Joyner, Mehdi Kamal, Patrick Kapolka, Kayla Khan, Charles LaDelle, Michael Lampasona, Michael Lapolla, McKenzie Larsen, Kathleen LeBlanc, Elizabeth Lee, Julian Lee, Maggie Li, Justice Lipuma, Charles Lovett, Kaylie Macpherson, Ryan Marston, Alyssa Martinez, Shanaya Martinez, Emily Mazellan, Sean McConville, Ceara McCormick, Mary McNeil, Elijah McNeill, Hailey Medina, Adia Menendez, Michael Menkin, Quinn Milane, Anthony Montuori, Kiian Morgan, Camila Mosquera, Bianca Murcelo, Claire Nagel, Sahith Nagireddy, Brian Nassy, Jackson Nguyen, Anthony Nunez, Chisom Nwankwo, Angel O'Connell, Dylan O'Connor, Uchenna Obadike, Alexandria Obregon, Haley Olsen, Genesis Ortiz-Samayoa, Jacob Painton, Anthony Palmeri, Matthew

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SPHS Freshmen Orientation Aug. 25

South Plainfield High School Freshmen Orientation will be held on Thursday, Aug. 25 at 9 a.m. in the high school auditorium.

Students are asked to dress school appropriate. The program will end around 11 a.m.

A ninth grade parent meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium.



George Kraus Memorial Band performs at Spring Lake Park at the Middlesex County free outdoor concert series. The Live Sound of Magic, with Rich Aiello leading, will perform this Sunday, July 24 at 6:30 p.m.

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 St., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

The Labor Day Parade is also a great opportunity to meet our community. If you or your organization are 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.

Al Czech Named New Athletic Director

By Libby Barsky

The Board of Education announced the transfer of Riley School Principal, Al Czech, to the position of athletic director, replacing Michael Buggey who retired.

The transfer of Czech as athletic director was termed an "administrative transfer." Until the district hires a new principal for Riley School, Czech will hold both positions.

The first position Czech held in the school district was as the athletic director where he served from 1985 to 1993. He was later appointed principal at Kennedy Elementary School (1994-2004). In the 2004/2005 school year, he was appointed principal of the middle school; in 2005 he moved to Riley Elementary School.

Prior to coming to South Plainfield in 1985, he was the athletic director and vice principal at Bishop Ahr High School in Edison.

Czech noted the scope of duties required as the athletic director have increased since his first stint, saying, "The sports programs for girls have expanded and we didn't have a middle school sports program."

Food Pantry in Need of Donations

The South Plainfield Food Pantry is in desperate need of food donations. Any food item is greatly appreciated. Food may be dropped off anytime at the municipal building in the Social Services Department located at 2480 Plainfield Ave.

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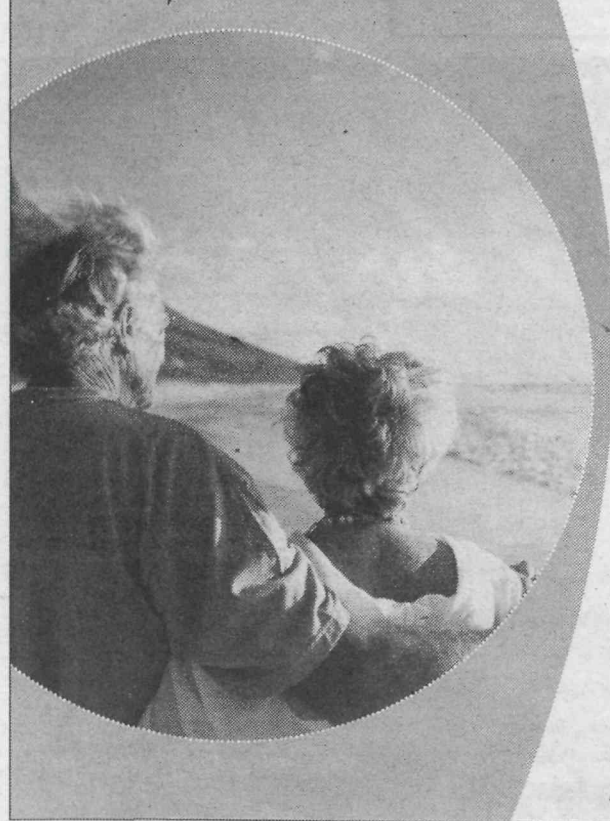
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It's Not the End; It's Only the Beginning



Sacred Heart School may have closed, but for the children, it's only the beginning of a future filled with hope, dreams realized and new friendships.

The children of Linda Goetz's third and fourth grade social studies classes had a busy and fruitful end to the school year. Pictured at left bottom is Karen Hatcher, one of the founders of the "Celebrate New Jersey Web Quest Challenge" writing contest, along with fourth graders (L-R) Sarah Adlassnig, Jillian Bengivenga and Ailyn Pilamunga, as they receive awards at Raritan Valley Community College.

Also pictured (at left) is Goetz presenting a check for \$350 from the students of Sacred Heart School to Hailey Palmer and her parents to help offset Hailey's medical expenses—another example of "Children Helping Children."

The top photo, taken at Echo Hills Environmental Center near Flemington, shows Goetz with her third graders and Beverly Andresen with her third grade class from Millford Public School in Milford. The two classes became pen pals at the beginning of the school year through the "Celebrate New Jersey Pen Pal Connection" program. They decided their class trip would be the perfect time to meet their new friends. The children and their teachers were very excited and a great time was had by all.

Goetz stated that she and her students have learned and experienced so much together this year. She is thankful to them and their families and wishes them love and success as they continue to pursue their dreams.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Time for the latest news from your still-active, still-relevant and still-friendly neighborhood South Plainfield Library.

Once again, we're brimming over with children's programs. Let's run down the list for next week:

- Today and next Friday morning at 10:30, we have "Baby Time," a song and story program for children ages two and under.

- Tomorrow morning at 10, we have Wii gaming for all ages; no pre-registration is required. We'll provide both the hardware and software for the games.

- On Monday, there's the family-friendly "Monday Morning Movie" program at 10:30. And in the evening, at 6:30, there's the next "Kid-craft" program for kids ages three and over. Space is limited, pre-registration is required; there's also a \$1 materials fee.

- On Tuesday morning at 10:30, there's "Storytime" for children ages four and over. That afternoon at 1, there's the multi-cultural story and craft program, "Tuesday Tales" for kids entering second grade and over.

- On Wednesday morning at 10:30, we've got "Time for 2's & 3's," for children ages two and three. At noon, there's the children's chess club for players of all ages and skill levels. And then at 6:30 p.m., there's the Wednesday "Storytime" program.

- On Thursday, we have another "Time for 2s & 3s" at 10:30 a.m. and another "Storytime" at 1:15 p.m. At 6:30, there's another Wii gaming program for all ages.

- Finally, there's also still time to sign up your kids for the Summer Reading Club, "One World, Many Stories." The sign-up table is back by the fiction shelves in the main room. That's also a table where you can register the books you've read, as well as sign up for upcoming children's programs. Remember that space is limited for some of our programs, so act now while slots are open. If you need more information, give us a call and ask for Miss Linda or Miss Mija; our number is listed below.

You may have noticed a few "Wet Floor" signs up in the area of our restrooms. That's because of a recently-

discovered plumbing problem which has been fixed. Everything should be okay now, but please notify us if you notice any problems like that. (Of course, if we had a new building...)

Last week, we let you know about the addition of videogame discs to our collection. Well, hot on the heels of that development, we've just expanded our selection again. You may now borrow Playaway View devices. Similar to the Playaway MP3 audio players, there are self-contained video players that are smaller than your average paperback book and not much heavier. They contain several full-video presentations and run on either AC power (cord included) or a rechargeable battery. These units may be borrowed, two at a time, for one week, with a free renewal; however, like videos, the overdue fine for them is \$2 per day, per unit. At present, most of this collection features children's programming, but we may expand that. You can find them, along with a demo unit, at the circulation desk.

Elsewhere on the video front, we've just added a number of titles produced by the History Channel. These include several documentaries on subjects like renewable energy and the Dust Bowl, as well as full season sets of popular shows like *Ice Road Truckers* and *Pawn Stars*. You'll find them shelved with the other new DVDs next to the circulation desk.

Finally, you may have noticed that the subject of the proposed new library building has generated a lot of interest. Still, you might not be fully informed of what exactly is being proposed. One way you can get that information is by picking up a copy of the library's Strategic Plan. It's a small packet of information featuring a review of the library's history, our plans for the future and the reasons behind the plan. Feel free to pick up a copy at the circulation desk.

That's about all we have room for this week. If you'd like more information, call us at (908) 754-7885. You can also check our website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/southplainfieldlibrary. Or you can just walk in and ask a staff member. Thanks for reading; check back next Friday for more.

Cory Kline Memorial Golf Tournament Set for Sept. 30

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, his 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 they have planned a weekend of more than just golf.

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 should be made payable to Gary Kline. Mail 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.

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Rain Barrels Save Water and Money

By Sandy Pleeter, Green Team Associate Member

The South Plainfield Green Team's Jonathan Walezak and Environmental Commission's Jim Schmidt will soon install a rain barrel at the Nature Center. Donated to the Friends of the Woods by resident George Coyne, the barrel will be placed by the downspout of the gutter to collect rainwater from the building's roof. The stored rainwater will be used to water the butterfly garden and maintain the compost bins.

Rain barrels are not only for environmental organizations; homeowners can use them to accomplish environmental and financial goals as well. A large roof area is not needed to collect a significant amount of water—in fact, a roof of only 800 square feet can collect up to 600 gallons from a 1.25-inch rainstorm. Note, however, that this would require several rain barrels; on average, one can hold only about 50 gallons of water.

Use of rain barrels can provide many benefits, such as helping to prevent basement flooding and reducing use of the drinking water supply. Rain

barrels also help the environment. When rainwater runs off hard surfaces such as rooftops, roads, parking lots and compacted lawns, it carries pollutants through storm drains and into the bodies of water in which they drain. By collecting the stormwater, residents can lessen the amount released into the storm drain systems and thus reduce pollution of local waterways. Use of rain barrels can also reduce the risk of flooding and, if collected rainwater is directed into the ground through a garden or lawn, help replenish groundwater supplies.

Citizens can purchase rain barrels at local home and garden stores or online, usually for less than \$100. Building one's own rain barrel is much cheaper and involves a relatively simple process. For more information on rain barrels, visit www.water.rutgers.edu.

The above 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.

Olano Named Recreation Leader

(Continued from page 1)

her husband are very active with the Junior Baseball Club. Olano has served as president of the Women's Auxiliary for the past six years.

"I'm really excited about this opportunity; it's a perfect fit," said Olano, who began working at the center on July 12. Some of her ideas for the center include a book club, more exercise classes, trips and guest speakers. "It's only been a few days; however, I've already met with several of the se-

niors and introduced myself and they all seem terrific!" she commented. "The more I meet with them, the more I'll find out what we, the "center," is looking to do in the future."

Olano's hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. "Again, I'm super excited about this opportunity and can't wait to really delve into it. I plan on bringing my energy and enthusiasm to the senior center and really listen to their needs and go/grow from that."



All photos courtesy of Louis Mormile

Annual Car Show Benefits Rescue Squad

By Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad car, truck and bike show on July 10 offered something of interest for everyone, including antique and classic vehicles, modern cars, large and small, and dozens of motorcycles. The event attracted car enthusiasts from all over the area. The cars were displayed in the parking lot and on the lawn of the squad's building. Many had decorative props, including trays of burgers and fries on a 50s model sedan.

One hundred and two vehicles were registered. Entertainment was provided by DJ Stick Shift Eddie who kept the oldies playing throughout the afternoon. The South Plainfield Police DARE division provided information for parents and offered free fingerprinting for children. Another favorite attraction was the food; more than 200 hamburgers were sold and nearly as many hot dogs. Offerings included pulled pork sandwiches and a variety of cold beverages.

More than 40 trophies were awarded in various categories. Major awards were "Best of Show" for car that went to Bob Barkoff of Rahway for his 1951

Mercury Monterey; "Best of Show" for truck went to Michael Townley of South Plainfield for his 1937 Chevrolet pickup; "Best of Show" for motorcycle went to Terry Eyans of Rahway for his 2007 H-D Road-King; and the "Mayor's Choice Award"

Burton; buns and rolls were donated by Freihofer's Bakery; and water was donated by CPR Restoration and Cleaning Services.

Despite the heat, a continuous flow of visitors, including Mayor Matt Anesh and members of and candidates



went to George Fender of Manville for his 1955 Ford Thunderbird.

A number of local businesses helped sponsor the event. The trophies were provided by a donation from McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals; printing of the event book and promotional flyers was supplied by Presto Printing; BBQ equipment and cooking was donated by Sal from Sal's Spirit Shoppe; the pulled pork was provided by Joel "Bubba"

for the borough council, as well as former Mayor Charlie Butrico, proved that the South Plainfield Rescue Squad's fourth annual car, truck and bike show was a success well before the end of the day.

The car show committee was chaired by Dave Hackett, Robert Dolan and Tim Kelly. The show was organized and run by more than 20 squad members.



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Sports

Tiger Sharks Break More Records at the Community Pool

By Cheryl Nagel-Smiley

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks won their swim meet against East Brunswick with a score of 156-120 on July 2 at the South Plainfield Community Pool.

Bryce Uzzolino set the record for the 50 meter freestyle with a time of 29.45 seconds. Darlene Fung once again broke two team and pool records. As a 9/10 year old swimmer she swam the 50 meter freestyle in 36.61 seconds and the 50 meter butterfly in 41.16 seconds breaking the 10 year old record of D. Arcachunas.

Jenna Yan (10 and under) and Brianna Tang (11/12) started the meet with first place wins in the individual medley. Stephanie Chiu (10 and under) and Ali Huber (13-18) placed second and Gracie Piekarski placed third for the older girls.

Freestyle events gave four first place ribbons. For the boys Bryce Uzzolino placed first, while Shannon Yan (eight and under), Darlene Fung (9/10) and Brianna Tang (11/12) placed first for the girls. Taking second place ribbons were Brendan Tang, Amanda Pina (eight and under), Stephanie Chiu (9/10), Anthony Gurrieri and Gracie Piekarski (13-18). Third place went to Andrew Galarza (11/12), Samantha Soto (13/14) and Ali Huber (15-18).

The boys swept the backstroke events taking first place for all age groups. Taking home the blue ribbons from the youngest to the oldest respectively were Tyler Wu, Brendan Tang, Mark Stanak, Paul Stanak and Charlie Buttrico. Daniel Galarza placed second for the 13/14 year old age group while



Bryce Uzzolino also placed second for the 15-18 year olds. Nicolas Gurrieri placed third for the 11/12 year olds. Shannan Yan (eight and under) and Darlene Fung (9/10) placed first in the butterfly events. Jenna Yan (9/10), Chandler Carter (11/12) and Maggie Valentino (15-18) placed second. Ellen Zinsky placed third for the oldest girls in the same event.

Swimming breaststroke and securing a ribbon were: (eight and under) Tyler Wu (1) and Max Strassburger (3); (9/10) Aris Chung (2) and Adam Nathoo (3); (13/14) Daniel Galarza (1) and Enzo Buttrico (3); (15-18) Anthony Gurrieri (1) and Charlie Buttrico (2).

Heat winners were: freestyle-Kate Duhamel, Rachel Tam, Ed Schaeffer, Amanda Rowlands; butterfly-Gwen Cheung; breaststroke-Dominic Faustini; backstroke-Anthony Van Herk, Andrew Van Herk, Manav Shah.

While the youngest swimmers did not win any relays the older swimmers took first place in the following events: free relay-(9/12) Nicolas Gurrieri, Andrew Galarza, Brendan Tang, Adam Nathoo; (13-18) Patrick Osidacz, Daniel Galarza, Anthony Gurrieri, Bryce Uzzolino; medley relay (9/12) Jenna Yan, Brianna Tang, Darlene Fung, Chandler Carter; (13-18) Ali Huber, Samantha Soto, Gracie Chung and Maggie Valentino.

With the season half over the team looks forward to the championship meet that will be held July 30 at the South Plainfield Community Pool.



Bombers Continue to Sizzle

South Plainfield Bombers 10U baseball team is off to a great start this summer and it appears that as the weather heats up so does the level of play. So far this summer the boys have put together a great run that includes winning three New Jersey tournaments.

The summer season started Memorial Day weekend at the Jersey Shore in the 11th annual Memorial Day Beach Blast held in Little Silver. The 10U division consisted of 15 teams forming three divisions for pool play. The Bombers went 3-1 during the pool play section of the tournament to advance to the single elimination playoffs as the last seed. It would take three wins on a very hot Memorial Day for the boys to claim the title, and they were up for the challenge as they defeated three very tough Jersey Shore teams, including the number one seed from North Wall who had given up only one run the entire tournament.

The Bombers next tournament was the annual South Plainfield Father's Day Tournament held locally at the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club over Father's Day weekend. The five team tournament consisted of double

headers on Saturday and Sunday for all teams with the top two teams advancing to the championship game on Monday. South Plainfield went 4-0 in the pool play portion of the tournament and then defeated a very tough Somerset Hills team in the finals to win its second tournament of the summer.

Next up was the Bridgewater Summer Blast held in Bridgewater that consisted of five strong teams from the area. The Bombers went 3-1 in the pool play portion of the tournament winning their first game and then losing to a very strong Flemington team 8-0 in their second game which meant the boys would have to sweep a doubleheader if they wanted to play in the championship game. The boys battled the heat and two very tough teams to sweep the double header and advance to the championship game earning a chance to play Flemington for the title. South Plainfield was ready for its second chance against Flemington and the boys played a perfect game that included great pitching, hitting and defense from all members of the team as they turned the tables and won 7-2 for their third title of the summer. This is the third year in a row that the Bombers have won the Bridgewater title.

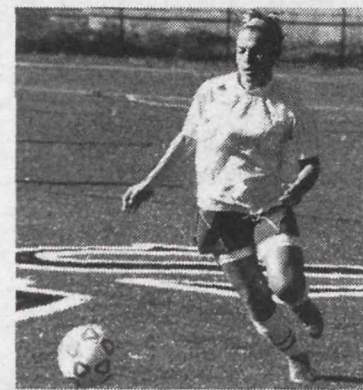
Team members are Cliff Adkins, Alex Amato, Chris Born, Matthew Cassio, Justin Jones, David Loniewski, TJ Massaro, Mike Marrero, Ryan Massett, Brian Maszczak, Joseph Sacco, Chris Shine and Sam Wolak. Manager is Wendell Born along with coaches David Loniewski, John Marrero, Gregg Jones and Ed Amato.

The coaches extend a special thank you to The Bomber Nation who are the best fans that a team could ask for to support our boys! "I'm fired up, you fired up... what... I'm fired up, you fired up, yea!"

Villa Selected for International Soccer Experience

Alyssa Villa of South Plainfield has been accepted onto the 2011 USA Soccer Team. Alyssa will represent her country in international play this summer at the 2011 Gothia Cup, a prestigious international tournament being held in Gothenburg, Sweden.

The 365 Sports Program is an opportunity available to select individuals who demonstrate elite play on the field and strive to raise their game to the next level. Players are challenged to take their skill development to a higher level and are prepared to compete in the Gothia



Cup. Off the field players interact with athletes from other countries and experience different cultures.

Alyssa has played soccer since she was four; she has played for the Recreation Department coed league, on the Middle School team, for the South Plainfield Soccer Club Girls U8-U15 and boys U9, on scrimmages with Coach Billich (who taught her everything she knows) and for the Hillsboro Jag U16-U19 and UCHS. She has faced many obstacles in her life—last year she had major hip surgery and didn't think she would ever play soccer again. Now her dream is coming true, with hard work, dedication, love and passion for the sport she was determined to play pro-ball and be part of an international team. That day has come!

If you would like to sponsor Alyssa, you may make an online sponsor payment for her by visiting <http://secure.365sports.org/crm/team/sponsor/mlcjq8pv/48212>, or you may send a check or money order to Alyssa's mother, Cheryl Villa, 312 Arlington Ave. South Plainfield, N.J. 07080. All sponsorships are welcome.

For more information, call Villa at (908) 420-3639.

SPGA Announces 17th Open Golf Tournament

The South Plainfield Golf Association (SPGA) announces this year's South Plainfield Open will be held on Thursday, August 4 at Gambler Ridge Golf Club. This is the 17th annual golf tournament held for the benefit of the SPHS Golf Team. The tournament will be a scramble format.

The entry fee of \$115 includes greens fee, golf cart, prizes, food and beverages. Check-in is at 11 a.m. Lunch will be provided from noon to

1 p.m. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. Dinner and awards will be from 6-8 p.m. Food and beverages will be provided throughout the tournament. Prizes will be awarded for low team score, longest drive, closest to the pin, closest to the line and special hole-in-one prize.

Register by July 23. Sign up early to secure a place in the tournament. Register at www.spga.org or print out and mail in the entry form.

Corporate sponsorships are avail-

able. All proceeds support the activities of the SPHS Golf Team as well as the college scholarship program.

Platinum Sponsorship includes entry fees for one foursome. Gold, silver, bronze, hospitality and beverage sponsorships are also available (see website).

For information, sponsorships and entry forms, call Mike Alvarez at (732) 259-0591, Dick DeAndrea at (908) 755-1700, Matt Ward at (908) 754-4766 or visit www.spga.org.

LEGAL NOTICES

SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

At the meetings of the South Plainfield Board of Education, noted below, by a majority vote, the following were chosen to represent or provide services to the Board for the 2011/2012 school year in accordance with NJSIA 18A:18A-5:

At the June 8, 2011 Committee of the Whole:

SchoolWires® was approved to provide Licensed Software, support and services as needed for the provision of a district web site (contingent upon the formal approval of the Pandemic Grant, and subsequent reimbursement of the initial expenditures). June 1-30, 2011 conversion agreement: Licensed Software - \$216.67; Web Hosting Service - \$624.00; Professional Services - \$8,550.00. Total: \$9,390.67.

July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012 (initial year of agreement): Licensed Software \$2,600; Web Hosting Service - \$7,488. Total: \$10,088.

At the June 15, 2011 Regular Public Meeting:

Summit Management Solutions, LLC, was approved to serve as a Business Office Consultant at a rate of \$600.00 per diem, for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, pending attorney review.

James Cardaneo, SBA Emeritus, was approved for appointment extension as a consultant to the Business Office at a rate of \$50/hr., not to exceed thirty-five (35) hours. Mr. Cardaneo's scope of service will include a review of all grants, State and Federal, as well as providing accounting assistance to close out the fiscal year.

Dr. Lisa M. Antunes, Kim Feltre and Tracey Knerr were approved as Educational Consultants to review, assess and report on the District Collaborative Assessment for Planning and Achievement (CAPA) review and other related Federal grant and curriculum needs commencing July 1 through August 31, 2011, as may be assigned by the Superintendent

on a monitored, as needed daily basis, pending attorney review of contracts. Per diem payment: Dr. Lisa M. Antunes - \$600; Kim Feltre - \$400; and Tracey Knerr - \$400.

The following related services appointments for special education students were approved:

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY:

Therapeutic Rehabilitation Services, LLC, Branchburg, NJ (Out of District 7/1/11-6/30/12) - \$36 per 20-minute session; \$72 per 40-minute session.

Caldwell Pediatric Therapy Center, West Caldwell, NJ (Out of District 9/8/11-6/30/12) - \$90/hr. - Occupational Therapy; \$90/hr. - Physical Therapy.

Kathleen Seltzer, Hillsborough, NJ (In District 9/1/11-6/30/12) - \$64/hr.; 2 days weekly

Invo HealthCare Associates, Inc., Jamison, PA (as needed basis 7/1/11-6/30/12) - \$88.50/hr. plus, if necessary, transportation time between locations at a mileage rate in accordance with IRS rates, for Physical, Occupational and Speech and Language Pathology Services.

Therapeutic Enthusiasm, Inc., Edison, NJ (In District ESY 7/1-8/11/11; as needed basis 8/12/11-6/30/12) - Occupational Therapist, Registered, Licensed - \$85/hr.; Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant - \$67/hr.

PHYSICAL THERAPY:

Pediatric Workshop, Warren, NJ (Out of District 7/1/11-6/30/12) - \$81 per 40-minute session; \$43 per 20-minute session; \$285 for an evaluation.

FUNCTIONAL Physical Therapy, Piscataway, NJ (In District 7/6 - 8/11/11) - 1:1 PT services - \$84.50/hr.; minimum 2.0 days per week; Evaluation: Total hours to complete at \$84.50/hr.

Eileen A. Ryan Kurtz, P.T., Somerset, NJ (In District as needed basis, 7/1/11-6/30/12) - \$85/hr.; Evaluation: Total hours to complete at \$85/hr.

NEUROPSYCHIATRY EVALUATION SERVICES:

Martin Mayer, M.D., Colonia, NJ - Neuropsychiatry

Consultant (In District 7/1/11-6/30/12) - In-district evaluation costs for a minimum of four examinations at \$270 per examination. Minimum Fee: \$1,080. Cancellation Fee: \$50 per appointment not kept or cancelled without 24 hours notice.

NEUROLOGICAL EVALUATION SERVICES:

Kavita Sinha, M.D., F.A.A.P., Watchung, NJ - (7/1/11-6/30/12) - \$325 per evaluation.

APPLIED BEHAVIORAL ANALYSIS THERAPY:

Douglas Outreach Program (Behavioral Services), New Brunswick, NJ (7/1/11-6/30/12) - Program Coordinator for district student(s) - \$90/hr.; Direct Service Provider - \$55/hr.; Speech Therapist/Parent Training - \$150/hr.

AUGMENTATIVE AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Advancing Opportunities, Ewing, NJ (7/1/11-6/30/12) - Assistive Technology and Augmentative Communication Evaluations/ Technical Assistance - \$880.00 per On-Site Evaluation; \$110/hr. On-Site Technical Assistance (\$55/hour ½ hourly rate).

Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountainside, NJ (7/1/11-6/30/12) - Augmentative communication consultations at the following estimated rates: Evaluation at Children's - \$570.75; Evaluation at School - \$570.75; Therapy Sessions - \$162.75.

FEEDING AND SPEECH THERAPY

JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute, Edison, NJ (7/1/11-6/30/12) - Specialized Feeding and Speech Therapies/ Evaluations - \$90/hr.

BILINGUAL SPEECH-LANGUAGE EVALUATIONS

Iris Quinones-Ramos, Speech-Language Specialist, South Amboy, NJ (7/1/11-6/30/12) - \$425.00 per Speech/ Language Bilingual Evaluation; \$325.00 per English evaluation.

PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATIONS

Steven Dyckman, M.D., Child, Adolescent and Adult Psychiatry, East Brunswick, NJ (7/1/11-6/30/12) - \$500.00 per evaluation; \$250.00 per missed appointment.

Rajeswari Muthuswamy, M.D., Center for Behavioral

Health MD PA, East Brunswick, NJ (7/1/11-6/30/12) - \$450.00 per office evaluation.

HOME INSTRUCTION/BEDSIDE INSTRUCTION

Professional Education Services, Inc., Glassboro, NJ (9/1/11-9/1/12) - Home Instruction Services - \$32/hr.

Brookfield Schools/For KEEPS Program at St. Peter's University Hospital, Haddon Heights, NJ (7/1/11-6/30/12) - \$32/hr.

SPEECH CONSULTANTS

Lauren Marcus, Metuchen, NJ (As needed basis 7/1/11-6/30/12) - \$90/hr.

AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE

PATHOLOGY SERVICES

Speech and Hearing Associates, Westfield, NJ (7/1/11-6/30/12) - Peripheral Audiological Evaluation with Report - \$235.00; Hearing Aid Evaluation with Report - \$350.00; Auditory Processing Evaluation with Report - \$500.00; Speech-Language Evaluation with Report - \$500.00; Language Processing Evaluation with Report - \$750.00; Speech Therapy - \$85.00 per 30-minute session.

EVALUATION SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING

New Jersey Specialized Child Study Team, Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf, Trenton, NJ (7/1/11-6/30/12) - Partial Evaluation Package (Speech/Language, Psychological, Educational, Staffing) - \$1,350.00; Individual Evaluations (Speech/Language, Educational, and Psychological) - \$400.00.

NURSING SERVICES

Starlight Pediatric Homecare Agency, Inc., Teaneck, NJ (7/1/11-6/30/12) - RN - \$48/hr.; LPN - \$38/hr.; CHHA - \$20/hr.

Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc., North Brunswick, NJ (7/1/11-6/30/12) - RN - \$50/hr.; LPN - \$37.08/hr.

Midpoint Healthcare Services, Inc., East Orange, NJ (7/1/11-6/30/12) - RN - \$51/hr.; LPN - \$38/hr.

CONSULTING BEHAVIORIST

Beautiful Minds of Princeton, LLC, Princeton, NJ (As needed basis 7/1/11-6/30/12) - \$105/hr.

ITINERANT SUPPORT SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH HEARING LOSS

Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, Piscataway, NJ (7/1/11-6/30/12) - Itinerant Teacher of the Deaf - \$140/hr.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Toms River, NJ (9/1/11-6/30/12) - Level 1 Service - \$1,700.00.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Jewish Vocational Service of MetroWest (JVS), East Orange, NJ (9/1/11-6/30/12) - Job Coaching - \$60/hr.; Short-Term (2 to 3 day) Vocational Evaluation - \$850.00 per evaluation.

At the June 30, 2011 Special Meeting:

Sodexo School Services was approved for the fourth year contract renewal for the Operation and Management of the School Food Service Program for the 2011-2012 school year at a cost of \$113,775.00, comprised of \$59,962.50 Administrative Allowance and a \$53,812.50 Management Fee, which includes the cost for the breakfast program at all district schools. Break-even Guarantee: If Food Service operations result in a deficit, Sodexo will reimburse the District in an amount not to exceed their annual Management Fee, and reserves the right to recover such reimbursement made during the current year from that year's surplus on a monthly basis. Deficit in excess of Sodexo's share shall be borne by the District.

The resolutions and contracts relative to these appointments are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Board of Education.

Mark Resnick
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary
\$112.14 July 22, 2011

Sports

U13 All Stars Win Championship

The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club U13 All-Star Team won the 2011 District Nine Championship on July 1 in Edison.

Enroute to the championship, South Plainfield went 3-1 in pool play, defeating South Brunswick 4-3, Monroe 13-8 and East Brunswick 5-0. South Plainfield defeated South Brunswick 3-2 in the semi-final game and then went on to beat Edison 4-2 for the championship.

South Plainfield moved on to compete in the Babe Ruth U13 State Tournament.

The U13 All Stars are: Ryan Duhamel, Jake Alba, Richard Marcovecchio, CJ Maszczak, Patrick Waldrop, Tony Gray, Nick DiFrancesco, Brian Marski, Kevin Jones, Nick Polizzano, Thomas Appoloni and Brian Cullen. Coaches are Rick Marcovecchio, Matt Lind, Jim Duhamel, John Polizzano and Dave Maszczak.

Notes from the Jim Pornovets Memorial Golf League

LEAGUE STANDINGS

American Division	W.....L.....T
Alfie's Boys	6.....4.....0
KC's Korner	5.....3.....2
Twin City Pharmacy	5.....3.....2
Dirty Harry & Friends	5.....4.....1
Oak Tree Dental	4.....6.....0
Witty's Liquors	3.....5.....2

National Division	W.....L.....T
Unique Sports Accessories	7.....3.....0
So. Plainfield Funeral Home	5.....4.....1
2 Buds, 2 Dubes	5.....5.....0
Italian-American Club	4.....6.....0
McCriskin's	4.....6.....0
Sport & Social	3.....7.....0

By Bob Nilan

It was a night of surprises and some real upsets. Alfie's Boys lost a tough match last week to Dirty Harry & Friends so Irish Danny Griffin gave one of his inspiring, motivational pep talks to his team on the first tee. Bill Mann responded by turning in his low-round of the season and the low score of the night, a superlative even-par 33. John "What Basketball Injury" Gaven shot a terrific 2-over 35, a score matched by Captain Griffin who heeded his own good advice, and Mike Gokey had the unusual distinction of posting the high round for his team with a terrific 3-over 36. That sounds like it should easily be good enough to blow any opponent away.

Unfortunately for Alfie's Boys, it wasn't good enough at all. Jeff Orth and Don Hall both had 37s, and, with the strokes they and their teammates received, 2 Buds, 2 Dubes pulled off a surprise 12-8 win over the division leaders.

Twin City Pharmacy's powerhouse teed off against Unique Sports Accessories, the first place team in the National Division, and Twin City was again in fine form; Joe Diller had another impressive round, a 3-over 36; Captain Guy Severini continued very solid play with a 37 and Frank Gaspari chipped in with a 39. This team performance, just like the effort turned in by Alfie's Boys, certainly seems enough to defeat most opponents. But, with the strokes they had to give and with the golfers on Unique Sports Accessories shooting very well themselves, the match wasn't even close as USA demolished Twin City, 18-2.

Good Ole Reliable Ted Stanik keeps hitting fairways and greens and had another marvelous round, a 1-over 34. Captain Chris Dillon added to his streak with a nifty 3-over 36, and Jay "The Sexy Guy" Bertleson added a 39 to give Unique Sports Accessories the distinction of having the best record in the league.

After a layoff of three weeks, Vin-

LEGAL NOTICE

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

July 15, 2011--Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on July 14, 2011.

A. Case # 13-11--Lorette & Tim Nagel, Block 230; Lot 27; R-75 Zone; 115 Oak Manor Pkwy. The applicant's request for a side yard setback variance in order to erect a pool deck was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

B. Case # 14-11--Fischer Group, LLC, Block 401; Lots 3.01 & 4; M-3 Zone; 2237 Hamilton Blvd. The applicant's request for a use variance, bulk variances, waivers and preliminary & final site plan approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Secretary-Board of Adjustment
\$29.45

July 22, 2011

Obituaries

Terrence W. Rothemich, 74

Terrence W. Rothemich passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, July 10 with his beloved wife at his side.

Born in Bound Brook in 1936, Mr. Rothemich grew up in North Plainfield.

He attended and graduated from Delbarton High School in Mendham in 1954, and in 1958 he received a bachelor's degree in commerce and finance from Villanova University.

In 1961, he married Lucille Caruso and moved to their first home in South Plainfield where they raised their family of three sons. In 1989, they returned to North Plainfield to restore the Caruso residence where Lucille grew up.

Upon graduating from Villanova, Mr. Rothemich's auditing and accounting expertise began with Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. in Newark. He held numerous executive positions with Carteret Savings and Loan, Glen Ridge Savings and Old Borough Savings. To conclude his career in the finance industry, Mr. Rothemich retired as an investigative specialist with the FDIC.

He served in the U.S. National Guard in Fort Dix and was a proud member of the South Plainfield Rescue Squad for five years. He managed numerous Little League baseball teams, participated as a Cub Scout leader and was a member of the Internal Managers Society and the South Jersey Model Train Museum. In addition, Terrence was a woodworking enthusiast and enjoyed many carpentry projects.

During the summer months Terrence, along with his family and friends, vacationed in Mantoloking where they enjoyed fishing and crabbing.

Upon retirement 10 years ago, their lifelong dream became a reality, to live at the Jersey Shore. They relocated to Beesley's Point as their haven for friends and family to enjoy the benefits of the beach.

An all around avid sports fan, Terrence loved the game of baseball and was an enormous Philadelphia Phillies fan. Always athletic, one of his cherished achievements was being named an all-star baseball center fielder during his junior year of high school.

At the age of five, his passion for trains began when his father presented him with his first Lionel Train set. From that point on he became a lifelong model train enthusiast and even designed and constructed an intricate model train display for his grandchildren.

Along with his wife he was a communicant of Church of the Resurrection in Marmora, and their 50th wedding anniversary was recently joyfully celebrated in June by their children hosting a party in their honor. Along with his tireless work ethic, sense of humor and devotion to family, his greatest joy in life was the love of his wife and the successfulness of his three sons.

Terrence is predeceased by his father, William J. Rothemich, and mother, Grace Harrigan Rothemich.

Surviving are his beloved wife of 50 years, Lucille (Caruso); three sons, Dr. Steven Rothemich and wife Maria; Thomas Rothemich and Timothy Rothemich and wife Meredith; a brother, Dr. Brian Rothemich and wife Sue; a sister, Sheila Howe and husband James; six grandchildren and numerous relatives.

God Bless you Honey, Dad, Pop-pop and Grandpop. We all loved you so much.

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

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Special Olympics www.specialolympics.org.

Joan Lasko of South Plainfield; his aunt, Loretta Dachishen of Sewaren, and two cousins, Lori Malyar and husband John of Hillsborough and Scott Dachishen of Sewaren.

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

Frank D. Coppola, Sr., 80

Frank D. Coppola, Sr. entered into eternal rest on Monday, July 18 at home surrounded by his loving family.

Born in South Plainfield to the late Joseph and Lucy (Lasalle) Coppola, he had been a lifelong resident of the borough.

Frank owned and operated the family business, Coppola Farms in South Plainfield. He was a devout catholic and was a member of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield and was known to many as a loving family man who will be sadly missed by those that knew him.

He is predeceased by his wife, Ann T. (Seneca) Coppola, who passed away on January 30, 2010, and by his siblings, Tony, Dominic, Mary, Terry, Ralph and Judy.

Frank is survived by four children, Frank D. Coppola, Jr. of Edison, Ann V. Coppola of Bel Air, Md., Rev. Anthony G. Coppola of Pinellas Park, Fla. and Michael J. and wife Dawn M. Coppola of Piscataway; three grandchildren, Joseph, Samantha and Briana; and a sister, Mildred Hanna of Phoenix, Ariz.

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

Donations in his memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Northern N.J. Chapter, Suite 251, Denville, N.J. 07834.

Mark Lasko, 51

Mark Lasko died suddenly on Tuesday, July 12.

Born in Plainfield, Mark was raised in South Plainfield and lived in Piscataway and Edison before moving to Easton seven years ago.

For nearly 30 years Mark was employed by The Chubb Institute in Warren working in telecommunications and recently was working for ACS in the same capacity.

A friend to many, Mark was well known, enjoyed the beach and loved spending time with his friends.

Surviving are his parents, Frank and

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Changes in Traffic Plans for Barclays PGA Golf Tournament

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Place and East Hendricks Boulevard.

In addition to the 1,500 volunteers who will work that week, approximately 10,000 spectators are expected on Tuesday and Wednesday to watch the golf pros practice, and about 25,000 to 30,000 are anticipated to arrive each day of play, Thursday through Sunday. Monday, Aug. 29 has been designated as a rain day and VIP golf day, so traffic and road closures will remain in effect that day.

Most spectators will park at designated lots at JP Stevens High School in Edison, in Clark, Scotch Plains and Woodbridge and be bussed to the country club; however, police expect that many spectators will drive through South Plainfield to park near the golf course. Negotiations are still taking place to use South Plainfield High and Kennedy School parking lots.

To help move traffic in the area of the golf course, police will implement a special traffic plan. The council has already passed three resolutions. From 12:01 a.m. Monday, Aug. 22 to 11:59 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 29, Woodland Avenue will be closed to regular traffic from Oak Tree Road to Maple Avenue. The road will be designated as a one way street to accommodate buses.

All streets and roads bounded by Sprague Avenue to the north, Park Avenue to the west, Oak Tree Road to the south and Woodland Avenue to the east shall be designated so that parking will not be allowed on the north and east boundaries of all streets and roads. No parking signs will be posted on these streets by the borough in advance of the start of the tournament.

During the entire tournament, police plan to utilize seven message boards around town to remind motor-

ists of the road closures, detours and to designate where parking is prohibited. The West Nine Golf Course will be closed and used by the golf pros for practice. Woodland Avenue traffic will be diverted along Park Avenue from Oak Tree Road to Plainfield.

Also, any resident who may be considering the sale of water, hot dogs or any other refreshment should be aware that it is not permitted. Our previous story said they would need a permit, but according to a health department spokesman, no permits will be issued since it is against the law to sell any prepared food from a private residence. If a resident intends to charge spectators to park on their property, be aware that there is an ordinance which prohibits autos from parking on lawns. Residents can use their driveways to park cars, but not their lawns. According to Police Chief James Parker, these laws will be strictly enforced during the week.

Approximately 20 extra South Plainfield police officers will be on duty daily the week of the tournament. The Barclays Tournament has already agreed to reimburse South Plainfield for all costs incurred during the week, which is estimated at approximately \$100,000. The borough will also utilize CERTS volunteers during the week.

If anyone has any questions about the tournament, they can call Council President Ray Rusnak at (908) 561-7076 or Police Chief James Parker at (908) 226-7676.

Watch the *Observer* for the latest updates and information on the Barclays Golf Tournament.

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In My Opinion

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my livelihood to the Democratic Freeholder board." It is true that I am employed in the county counsel's office. What Mr. Little does not say is that I have been employed in my position for 31 years, serving under both the Democratic and Republican Freeholder boards. What Mr. Little also conveniently forgets is that, when the Republicans took control of the Freeholder board in the early 1990s, he was appointed as deputy county clerk. Was it due to his extensive knowledge in the field of land records management or because he was the Republican Municipal Chairman in South Plainfield and the County Republican Chairman?

In addition to myself, Mr. Little refers to the affiliation of other trustees with the Democratic Party. I can only assume, based upon his outrage at such affiliation, that the most recent appointees to the Library Board have no connection whatsoever with the local Republican Party. What Mr. Little also forgets is that the Library Board's actions in 2010, approving the lease for space on Montrose Avenue went against the expressed position of the former Democratic mayor. Mr. Little also seems to forget that the trustees are taxpayers!

Mr. Little also states that "the board found a clever loophole" last year when it designated funds for the use for a new library. Mr. Little and the Republicans must be football fans, because they are trying pull the old "Misdirection Play." By characterizing the board's actions as such, Mr. Little and members of the administration are trying to divert the public's attention to the fact that they made an egregious mistake in anticipating \$750,000 from the library. The administration totally misread the requirements of

the statute that they cited as the basis for their actions. The State Librarian, who has the sole statutory authority to approve any transfer of funds from a public library to a municipality, has determined that the board of trustees should return \$146,470 to the borough. The State Librarian's decision clearly vindicates the Library Board's interpretation of the statutory requirements to transfer funds. The borough did not have the authority to arbitrarily determine the amount to be transferred.

Regarding Councilman Barletta's letter, for whatever reason he, like Councilman Rusnak a few weeks ago, singles out the library director's salary and the 3% increase she, as all other employees received. Our director has a master's degree, over 25 years experience as a professional librarian and is recognized for her expertise in the library community. Her salary is clearly in line with her experience and the salaries of other library directors in this area. To single out one individual municipal employee is unseemly.

I hope that this clarifies all the misinformation which has been disseminated to the public. Now that the State Librarian has made her decision, I believe that it is time to move on.

**SINCERELY,
ERIC M. ARONOWITZ,
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To the Editor:

In December 2010 NJSA 40:54-15 titled, "Transfer of Excess Library Funds to the Municipality" law was passed and signed by the governor. The law requires the library to report any surplus over 20% of the last audited budget. The recent audit report as of December 31, 2010 reported a fund balance (surplus) of

\$2,314,595.69. Twenty percent of this surplus is \$462,919 leaving a surplus balance of \$1,851,676.

In view of this law and the balance of surplus available after the 20%, the municipality consistent with the intent of the law asked for a transfer from the library surplus of \$750,000. Had the Library Board agreed with this action, you, the taxpayer would not have had a municipal tax increase. The board voted to only transfer \$148,000. You the taxpayer are the loser and this is regrettable. Even if \$750,000 were transferred, the library would still have a surplus of \$1,564,595.

The law also provides for a reserve to be established. The library balance sheet for 2009 reflected a reserve of \$78,165 and in 2008, \$112,378. The board for 2010 established a reserve of \$1,420,952. This is substantially higher than previous years and almost seems like an attempt to circumvent the real intent of the law.

The library statements of operations show that you the taxpayers, from borough appropriations, provided \$1,371,799 in 2009 and \$1,375,394 in 2010. In both years this exceeded the cost of library operations.

So why not, with the available surplus, give more of the surplus money back to the taxpayers? After all it is your money.

When you look at your recent tax bill, remember the other components of your taxes. The Middlesex County operations and open space expenses result in an increase in your taxes of \$124.93 and school district expenses required a tax increase of \$111.93 a year based on an average home assessed at \$123,000. It would be great if each could have operated to eliminate the need for property tax increase.

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District to Get Additional \$560K in Aid

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districts, doubling the increase that the governor had already approved in February as part of his 2011/2012 budget. According to Christie, "This increase in education aid will provide important property tax relief to New Jerseyans as the state increases its support for local schools."

"Being able to provide additional education funding to districts this year further affirms this administration's commitment to ensuring each and every child in New Jersey receives a quality education," said Acting Education Commissioner Chris Cerf. "It is now time to focus on aggressive education reform, concentrating on improving standards, assessments, and curriculum; strengthening the use of performance and accountability data; improving educator effectiveness and investing in innovative models of educational delivery."

The additional \$560,402 in aid

comes after the Board of Education voted on May 18 to adopt a budget increase for this year, raising property taxes by \$111.93 a year on a home assessed at \$123,000. In April, the public had voted down a \$1.24M increase over last year's budget, and the borough council made \$526,000 in cuts from that amount. The board has also been forced to let go of 70 school staff members thus far out of 110 who received lay off notices. Despite the increase in state aid, Acting Superintendent Dr. Gary Bowen still anticipates a "40 plus or minus" total reduction in staff to start the school year.

During last Wednesday's public board meeting, Dr. Bowen commented on the governor's recent appropriation and called for a special meeting on July 20 to discuss how the funds should be allocated. He stated that in the meantime he has to determine if there are any "limitations or

constraints" on how the money can be spent, saying that he is confident we will have an ample return of staff members. "I am optimistic because of the announcement from the governor's office that there is additional state aid coming our way which could help us with our financial problems," said Dr. Bowen. Bowen referred to the recall of additional staff and another is the possibility of restoring the elementary Spanish program.

Governor Christie says he is "committed to making 2011 the year of education reform" and has "put forward a reform agenda that brings necessary and long overdue changes to the public education system." His plan focuses on accountability; makes teacher effectiveness and student achievement the driving forces behind public policies and practices; empowers parents with greater school choice and expands high quality public charter schools in New Jersey to ensure that every child in the state has access to a quality education and achieves the results they deserve. Statewide allocations by town can be found at www.state.nj.us/education/stateaid/1112/.

September 11th National Memorial Trail Announced

This year as America approaches the tenth anniversary of September 11, 2001 when the United States and the world were shocked by an act of terrorism beyond imagination, our citizens throughout the country have an opportunity to be part of a national trail to be called the September 11th National Memorial Trail. It will be built as a tribute to all those who perished in America's single worst terrorist attack. The establishment of a hiking, biking and driving trail will provide a physical linkage connecting the three national memorials commemorating the tragic events that occurred at the Flight 93 National Memorial, the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

The trail will eventually be a 1,100-mile motorized route and non-motorized hiking and cycling trail connecting the three national memorials. Localities along the planned route would be vital hubs with the trail serving as an important recreational and transportation venue for promoting tourism, economic development, and cultural and educational opportunities for generations to come. The goal is to have a number of segments open for the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

For information, call (973) 631-5136 or (703) 628-5007, email mec@morrisparks.net or 911Trail@comcast.net, or visit www.morrisparks.net.



Summer Drama Fundraisers a Success!

This past Saturday the South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop (SPSDW) sponsored a yard sale and car wash at the South Plainfield Middle School. Participating cast members and parent volunteers sold a variety of items at the yard sale, while volunteers washed a large fleet of cars, SUV's and trucks. Proceeds from both fundraisers will benefit this year's production of Disney's *High School Musical* on stage.

This year's production marks SPSPDW 40th anniversary. The members would like to thank the residents of South Plainfield for their ongoing support of the program. We couldn't continue without you!

High School Musical performances are Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 4-6 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 7 at 2 p.m. Advanced tickets can be purchased Monday through Friday from 6-9 p.m. at South Plainfield High School.



U.S. Army National Museum Scheduled to Open in 2015

The American soldier will finally be honored. The National Army Museum is scheduled to open on June 14, 2015 in Fort Belvoir, Va. The museum will be located 30 minutes south of the National Mall in Washington, D.C. and 10 minutes from Mount Vernon. The museum will be publicly accessible and located at a major crossroads—two miles from I-95 and Route 1.

"Service and Sacrifice" will be the dominant theme of the museum. The centerpiece will be an exhibition facility where the stories of Army soldiers will be joined with thousands of artifacts,

documents and images tracing the colorful history of the United States from colonial times to today. Chronological and thematic galleries will show visitors what it means to be a soldier in time of war and peace.

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POLICE REPORT

- On July 7 Esdras Ramirez, 72, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, refusal to submit to breath testing and failure to obey marked lanes.

- Quentin Y. Givens, 28 and Perone K. Johnson, 24, both of Plainfield and Idesha M. Green, 26, of South Plainfield were arrested for hindering apprehension. Givens was also given a summons for driving on a suspended license and Green was given a summons for allowing an unlicensed driver to operate her vehicle.

- The owner of Above All Landscaping reported the theft of an air compressor, plate compactor, three concrete saws, generator hedge trimmer and two mowers from a tent at 75 Tyler Place.

- A student at the Everest Institute on Hadley Road reported the theft of their pocketbook from a classroom.

- On July 8 Klaus Kronsteiner, 47, of Scotch Plains was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and failure to keep right.

- On July 9 Ulysses G. Exum, 39, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated and reckless driving.

- On July 10 Rainer Pohl, 38, of

- Colonia was arrested for assault by auto, driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, driving on a suspended license, failure to obey marked lanes, no insurance, failure to exhibit documents and leaving the scene of an accident.

- Oak Tree Buy-Rite Liquors on Oak Tree Road reported that their front window had been smashed. Nothing was taken.

- A Maple Avenue resident reported the theft of a Garmin GPS from their unlocked vehicle.

- On July 11 Rupeshkum S. Patel, 38, of Iselin was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and failure to obey marked lanes.

- A Plainfield resident reported the theft of their gold ring that was left on a box at the Dollar Tree on Hadley Road.

- On July 12 a Lynbrook, N.Y. resident reported that liquid plastic had been poured on the driver's side roof, hood, door and front fender of their vehicle while parked at Best Western.

- On July 13 Parvatan Sami, 20, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and three outstanding warrants.

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