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SDW Takes the Stage For Fortieth Production



South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop (SDW) will celebrate its 40th season with Disney's *High School Musical* on Stage Thursday through Saturday, Aug. 4 through 6 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 7 at 2 p.m. in the SPHS auditorium. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and senior citizens. Purchase tickets at the door, or call (908) 561-5255.

Library Board Agrees to Explore Lease Option for New Space

By Libby Barsky

Negotiations for a long-term lease for a new library facility were authorized by the Library Board of Trustees at the July 19 meeting. The board is considering leasing space which would include the space formerly occupied by Oak Tree Farms and a portion of the existing Walgreens located on South Plainfield Avenue opposite the post office. The board voted to hire architect Joe DeAndrea to examine the structure and review the architectural details at a cost of \$7,500. Library Director Sundra Randolph estimates it will take three to four weeks to complete.

The board also adopted a resolution to transfer \$146,470 to the borough for tax relief. This amends the previous resolution to transfer \$146,302. The increase of \$168 was based on the estimate made by the State Librarian.

According to Randolph, the Library Board is committed to pursuing a solution to provide a larger library space while following the guidelines of the State Librarian.

"We really can't stay here," she said. "If we have a children's program, it literally shuts down the library."

Looking around at the many residents attending the board's monthly meeting and the tables and chairs

rearranged for the public, Randolph noted that the library has no meeting room. "If we did, we could be open (until 9 p.m.) every (weekday) night of the week."

According to State Librarian standards, the library is more than 50% too small based on South Plainfield's population. The current library building is 6,323 sq. ft. Based on the borough's population of 23,000, an additional 7,000 sq. ft. is required to reach the minimum standard of 15,031 sq. ft. The amount of space the board will be negotiating for is between 15,500 and 16,000 sq. ft. at approximately \$14 a sq. ft., according to Randolph.

Trial to Begin for Accused Labor Day Throat Slasher

By Jane Dornick

The trial is set to begin next week for Anthony K. Cole, 25, the man accused of slashing the throat of Department of Public Works (DPW) employee Dave Donatelli following the Sept. 7, 2009 Labor Day fireworks celebration.

Cole, a Woolworth Avenue resident, was charged on May 6, 2010 with attempted murder, unlawful possession of a weapon, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and hindering his apprehension after fleeing the scene. A separate indictment charged Cole with a count of

certain persons not to have weapons.

Cole was arrested on Dec. 16, 2009. The grand jury handed up the charges in New Brunswick on April 21, 2010, following a presentation by Middlesex County Assistant Prosecutor Christopher Kuberiet, who oversees the Middlesex County Gangs, Guns and Drugs Task Force in the prosecutor's office.

The panel reviewed the South Plainfield Police Department case and determined that Cole approached David Donatelli, 53 at the time of the incident, from behind and cut his neck with a knife. He was shutting off

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Starfish Rocks to Perform in the Park

The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders' free summer concert series continues this Sunday, July 31 in the Spring Lake Park Gazebo from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and features Starfish Rocks, performing family-friendly rock and

roll for kids.

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Jackie Neill, Recreation Supervisor, at (732) 745-3936 or visit www.co.middlesex.nj.us.



Historical Society to Raffle Quilt on Labor Day

The South Plainfield Historical Society annual quilt raffle is underway. This year's selection is the Terra Lone Star in Common Amish Quilt and measures 97 inches by 111 inches to fit your queen size bed. The Lone Star is a collection of earthtones, set in the center of a patchwork of browns. The quilt is from Lancaster County, and was handquilted with approximately five handquilted stitches per inch.

A combination of pleasing earthtones make this Terra Lone Star in Common Quilt a beauty that will shine in your home. Quilting is a way for the Plain People to express delight in the beauty of the world they live in, and stars are a common

motif utilized.

The quilt will be on display in the South Plainfield Public Library for the month of August with the raffle taking place after the Labor Day parade at the Middle School. Please stop by the library to check out the quilt and purchase your tickets. Tickets may also be obtained from any Historical Society member or by visiting Nicastro's Garage on Hamilton Boulevard.

To purchase tickets, call Bill Tuthill at (908) 756-3654 or Kathy Horvath at (908) 754-7268.

Thank you for supporting the South Plainfield Historical Society.



South Plainfield Historical Society quilt raffle tickets are now on sale. The raffle takes place after the Labor Day parade.

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Borough Council & 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 meetings

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

Agenda Meeting

August 2 (*Tuesday Special Meeting*)
August 15

Public Meeting

August 15
September 6 (*Tuesday*)

All Agenda Meetings begin at 7 p.m. followed immediately by the Public Meeting, unless otherwise noted. Meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with the N.J. Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Ave.

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, *except where noted.
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641
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
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 in 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. 16 (new date), Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13

recreation commission

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday of the month, except July and August
PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7716
No meetings in August – Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13

taxpayers advisory group

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

site plans sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.
Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20

environmental commission

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

business advisory group

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

ad hoc alternative truck route committee

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

In My Opinion

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

Dear Editor,

There is a saying, "You cannot judge a book by its cover." The South Plainfield Public Library's antiquated appearance should not discourage residents from discovering the treasures within. One could say the treasures are: the constantly updated collection of books, the brand-new playaway viewers (all-in-one video players) in various genres or perhaps the newly released movies on DVD, but I would say the real treasures are the staff.

Unfortunately, other town's libraries have cut programming for children. I am thankful that South Plainfield's library has continued to offer and has even expanded summer enrichment opportunities. My daughter and her friends enjoy going to the library for storytime, Tuesday Tales, craft times, movie showings, Wii gaming and other special programs hosted by the library. Checking in weekly with their summer reading logs for stickers that mark the quantity of books they've read and small prizes earned for their efforts brings great pride to my child, and to countless others who signed up for the program. (I don't believe it is too late to start!)

I myself have joined the knitting group where experts share their craft freely with those who are willing to learn. The library for us has become the heart of the town.

Kudos to Miss Linda and Miss Mija who get to know all of the kids names and welcome them with open arms, and to the entire staff who is dedicated to developing literacy and a sense of community in South Plainfield.

**SINCERELY,
ALEXANDRA GONZALEZ
RESIDENT OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

To The Editor:

For more than 15 years, I have attended meetings of the South Plainfield Library Board of Trustees. While I am a library staff member, I am not required to attend these meetings. I decided, on my own, to attend because I wanted to find out more about the library and how it is run from those most closely connected to the efforts involved.

These meetings are open to the public. No secret is made regarding the dates and times of the meetings. No pre-registration is required to

attend. In both print and in person, library staff members have urged members of the public to attend for their own information and to make their opinions known. However, 95% of the time, the audience for these meetings consists of me and a lot of empty chairs.

The only real exception to this is when the library is planning to expand, relocate or renovate its facilities. At those times, other people will attend the meetings. In most cases, these new attendees have never attended the meetings before and, most likely, have never made use of the library or made an effort to learn about it. Such people will then loudly make their usually negative opinions known. Once the matters of the moment have been resolved, their attendance at meetings stops and, most frequently, they are never seen in the vicinity of the library again.

This principle has now occurred again in relation to the proposal to construct a new library building and the concurrent proposal to move to a new location on South Plainfield Avenue adjacent to the Walgreens. For me, this inspires several questions for those who now show a great interest in the library:

If the library and its budget are so important to you, why haven't you shown an interest in them before now? Once the matter is resolved one way or another, will your interest continue? Will you keep attending board of trustees meetings? Will you make regular use of the library's facilities and resources? Will you even volunteer to help with library programs and functions, like helping with children's programs or keeping the shelves in order? Or, as others have before, will you simply move on to other matters and not give the library a second thought?

I would be very interested in hearing an answer to these questions. Thank you for your attention.

**RESPECTFULLY,
KENNETH MORGAN,
SR. LIBRARY ASSISTANT**

To The Editor:

Hubert Humphrey once said "that the moral test of government is how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children;

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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.

those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; and those who are in the shadows of life, the sick, the needy and the handicapped."

When it comes to Hagedorn Psychiatric Hospital, the Christie Administration has failed that moral test.

This 300-bed hospital in Hunterdon County with specialized geriatric care is one of our more cost-efficient state-run facilities.

Given its significance, the legislature created the State Mental Health Facilities Evaluation Task Force to study the Governor's recommended closure of Hagedorn. I had the privilege of serving on the task force along with 20 other members with varying backgrounds from across the state.

In analyzing the issue, the task force held three separate public hearings in the north, central and southern parts of our state. In the end, 53 people provided testimony, 40 of whom were in favor of keeping the hospital open and only 13 of whom supported its closure.

The recurring sentiments offered up during hours of testimony were that Hagedorn is a well-run facility that provides unique care, including

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Special Meeting Notice

Please be advised that there will be a special public meeting of the South Plainfield Mayor and Council on Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2011 at 7 p.m. in the courtroom of the South Plainfield Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Ave.

The purpose of this meeting is to introduce a bond ordinance to be used to partially fund the New Market Avenue Road Improvement project, Phase II.

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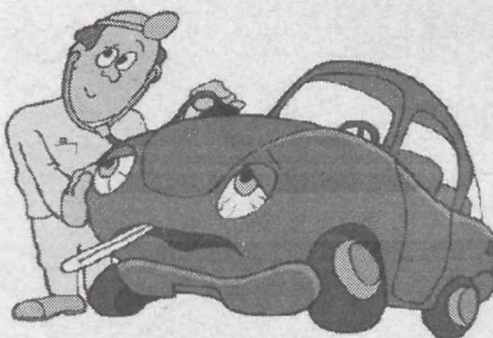
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MIDDLESEX COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

By Carol Barrett Bellante, Chair, Committee of Public Health & Education

Protecting Public Health

Mass emergencies from natural or man-made events may occur quickly and without warning. To ensure that the county is prepared to deal with such situations, we constantly work to obtain new safety resources and updated training for our employees.

Through the use of Federal Homeland Security and state grants as well as county funds, the county has been able to strengthen its preparedness and response efforts. One such addition is the Gatekeeper Shelter System, recently purchased by the Middlesex County Public Health Department with grant money.

The Gatekeeper is a portable, expandable system that can be used during emergency events as a medical field hospital, an isolation and quarantine facility or community reception center. This valuable resource will allow for immediate medical response in many situations and will enable the County Health Department to support the efforts of area hospitals during an emergency.

This system provides more than

3,000 square feet of space and is equipped with a power generator, climate control capabilities, a water handling system, hygiene centers that include a shower and bathroom facilities and a food preparation area.

Employees from the Public Health Department's Inspection, Nursing, Epidemiology and Public Health Preparedness divisions, Hazardous Materials Unit and Administration were trained on how to assemble and equip the structure to respond to a public health emergency. This training included a full emergency simulation drill held in June at Middlesex County College in Edison.

Through up-to-date training and effective planning, the county can better prepare for health threats and other emergencies should they arise. I would like to thank the Public Health Department, along with our other state, county and local safety partners for their continued efforts to be prepared and for their dedication to the health and safety of the residents of Middlesex County.

Minor Earthquake Hits Borough

A magnitude 1.6 earthquake hit South Plainfield on June 9 at 12:21 p.m. in the area of Woodland Avenue, according to resident Dennis Scalera, who contacted the *Observer* last week. The epicenter of the small quake was located at 40.57N, 74.40W at a depth of 5.0 kilometers. No damage was reported.

Earthquakes are not uncommon in the New York/New Jersey area; however, they are usually small and happen relatively unnoticed.

A magnitude 4.0 earthquake that was centered in Ardsley, N.Y., about 55 miles northeast of South Plainfield, was felt by many residents on October 19, 1985. Another recent

earthquake that could be felt here happened on February 2, 2009. That quake registered a 3.0 on the Richter Scale and was centered in the Morris County communities of Rockaway, Dover and Morris Plains.

Bob Walker Named "Knight of the Year"

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 hosted a Communion breakfast last month and presented their end of year council awards. Grand Knight Joe Scrudato presented the 2011 South Plainfield Knight of the Year Award to Bob Walker.

Walker received this award for supporting countless Knights' fundraisers and pro-life activities throughout the year.

Walker is a 4th Degree Knight as well as a member of the 4th Degree Color Corps. Bob has been a Knight for more than 10 years. He has held several different officer positions and has gone above and beyond to support the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus.

Bob's accomplishments include building the Knights' floats for the Labor Day parade; placing flags on deceased member's graves; cooking



Joe Scrudato and Bob Walker

for the Communion breakfasts; supporting the Sacred Heart Lenten Fish Dinners and the "Don't Cook Friday" spaghetti dinners.

Bob is also chairman of the Roses for Life fundraiser. Twice a year the Knights sell roses at Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Czestochowa churches.

All the money collected is used to support pro-life activities for the Knights of Columbus. Walker is also responsible for reinstating the First Degree team at the South Plainfield Knights Council after a long hiatus. He is the house chairman and a trustee who helps run the Knights Hall and does a lot of the "fixing up" when something breaks there.

Lastly, Walker is a great husband and a very spiritual man. He has cared for his wife, Eileen, who has multiple sclerosis, for many years. "I have the utmost respect and admiration for Bob as a Knight, and more importantly, as a person. Bob is a person who embodies what a Knights of Columbus member is all about and how one should act," commented Grand Knight Scrudato.

When you see Bob around South Plainfield, congratulate him on this

Students Sought For County Youth Conservation Corps

Applications are now being accepted for the Middlesex County Youth Conservation Corps, whose mission is "to protect and preserve natural areas from misuse, pollutants and the forces of nature" at the more than 7,200 acres of Open Space owned and maintained by Middlesex County.

Conservation Corps crew members earn \$8.50 per hour and will work Saturdays from September 17 through November 12. Hours required are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Work will primarily take place at county open spaces in East Brunswick, Monroe and South Brunswick. Students ages 16 and over are encouraged to apply.

Activities include trail building, litter clean-up, invasive species removal and wildlife habitat improvements. Applicants should be enthusiastic, self motivated and willing to work and learn as a part of a team. Also, appli-

cants must have the capacity to walk several miles and stand for extended periods of time, the ability to use various hand tools and a willingness to get dirty and work outdoors in various weather conditions.

Space is limited. Interested applicants should send a cover letter and

application for employment to: Rick Lear, Middlesex County Department of Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 661, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903. Applications can be downloaded at www.co.middlesex.nj.us/personnel/index.asp. Applications must be received in the office by August 15, 2011.

Bicyclist Critical After Being Hit by Van

Michael Behan, 47, of Edison was riding a bicycle westbound on Oak Tree Avenue on July 20 at 2:15 p.m. when he was struck by a van and seriously injured. The van, a 2000 Chevy van operated by Alfredo Ramirez-Roman, 60 of Avenel, was also traveling westbound.

Behan was treated by Somerset Hospital EMS and paramedics from Mercy 7 from Muhlenberg Hospital. He was then airlifted to Robert Wood

Johnson University Hospital by Northstar Helicopter where he was listed in critical condition.

Ramirez-Roman and the two passengers in the van were not injured in the crash.

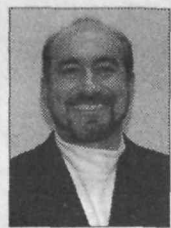
No charges have been filed, but the investigation is continuing.

Witnesses or anyone with additional information is asked to contact Ptlm. Peter Magnani, Traffic Safety Unit, at (908) 226-7678.

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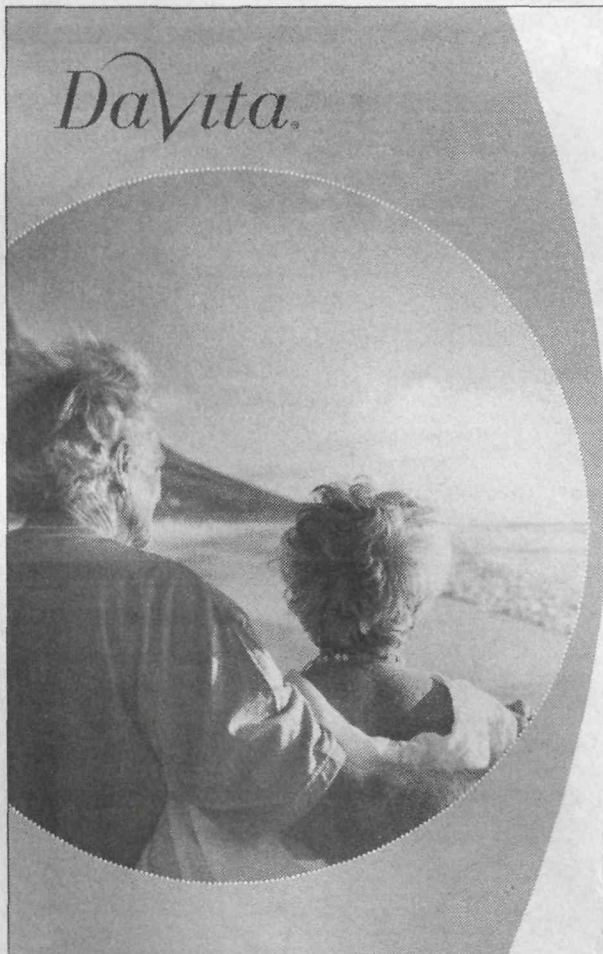
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events

Around Town

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.

SPGA Open Golf Tournament

August 4

The South Plainfield Golf Association's (SPGA) 17th annual South Plainfield Open will be held on Thursday, Aug. 4 at Gambler Ridge Golf Club. Proceeds benefit the SPSHS golf team.

Register at www.spga.org or call Mike Alvarez at (732) 259-0591, Dick DeAndrea at (908) 755-1700 or Matt Ward at (908) 754-4766.

SDW Presents High School Musical

August 4, 5, 6, & 7

South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop will present Disney's *High School Musical* Thursday through Saturday, Aug. 4-6 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 7 at 2 p.m. The show will be held in the SPSHS auditorium. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and senior citizens. Sat-

urday night is SDW Alumni Night. Alumni will receive a flower and be asked to stand and be recognized.

For more information, call (908) 561-5255.

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., 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.

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

August 16

The August meeting of the South Plainfield Library Board of Trustees has been rescheduled to Tuesday, Aug. 16, at 7 p.m. Members of the public are invited to attend and learn

more about the library's current and future plans, including the proposed library relocation project. There will be a public comment and question time midway through the meeting, before new business is addressed. No pre-registration is required.

For more information, please call (908) 754-7885 or visit www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

SPHS Class of 1976 To Hold Reunion

August 20

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.

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.

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.

SPHS Class of 1961 Reunion

October 1

South Plainfield High School Class of 1961 will host their 50th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 1 at the Hilton Garden Inn at Raritan Center in Edison.

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

— Out of Town —

Taino Culture Program

July 30

The Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission in collaboration with Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian welcomes Jorge Estevez in "Taino Culture, Past and Present" on Saturday, July 30 from 2-3 p.m. at The Lodge in Thompson Park, 1701 Perrineville Rd. in Jamesburg/Monroe. Estevez will do a power-point presentation on Taino culture and history from 1492 to the present.

For more information and to register for this free program, call (732) 745-4489.

Woodbridge WOWs Open Dance

July 31

Woodbridge Widows Or Widowers will hold an open dance on Sunday, July 31 from 7 to 11 p.m. at The

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SENIOR CENTER Calendar

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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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For more information, call (732) 381-3255 or (908) 757-0515.

Middlesex East WOWs Business Mtg.

August 1

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers will conduct a business meeting on Monday, Aug. 1 at 7 p.m. at Carteret Community Center located at Pershing and Cooke avenues. All widows or widowers are invited to attend.

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

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. Includes registration, food, beverage and band after the run. Classic cars welcome.

For more information, email eaglesriders@njfoc.org.

Plainfield Senior Center Indoor Flea Market

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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Cut-It-and-Leave-It Lawn Care

By Sandy Pleeter,
Green Team Associate Member

With summer here, many are spending time caring for their lawns—installing sprinkler systems, frequently mowing and fertilizing. However, there are more steps one can take to keep grass healthy and strong—many of which benefit the environment and help sustain communities for years to come.

One of the most important of these steps is leaving grass clippings on the lawn after mowing, which helps conserve resources such as water, energy and minerals. Because clippings provide the grass with nutrients, leaving them allows one to fertilize 25 to 50 percent less. Cut-it-and-leave-it lawn care also saves fuel by eliminating the need for gas-dependent, air-polluting vehicles to cart away the clippings, which lessens greenhouse gas emissions. Mulching also saves time and money because it prevents one from having to stop to empty the lawnmower bag—reducing mowing time by 20 to 25 percent—or purchase disposal bags for the clippings.

Ideally, mowing should remove about one-third of the length of the grass and leave blades about 2.5 to 3.5 inches high to shade the soil, cool

the roots, reduce the need for water and prevent weed growth. Mulching mowers are especially effective because they cut the clippings into pieces small enough to sink easily down to the soil. Most new mowers do this, but older mowers can also accomplish the task with the help of attached mulching equipment.

If grass becomes overgrown due to rain or a missed weekly mowing, it can be fixed using a simple method: double mowing. Set the mower higher than usual so that it removes only the top third of the grass during the first mowing and, during the following days, repeat this step until the lawn is a proper length.

Extra clippings attained through this process can be used in several ways. For example, spread them about an inch deep in gardens to cool the soil, retain water, prevent erosion and compaction and help prevent the growth of weeds. The clippings can also benefit New Jersey soil by helping sandy types retain more water and heavier clay to be more productive. In addition, clippings can speed up composting—just remember to turn the pile regularly with a pitchfork if it contains large amounts of grass to avoid oxygen depletion and odors.

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.

Library Offering Family Game Programs

The South Plainfield Public Library will hold family game programs throughout the summer.

The summer chess club, a perennial favorite, is open to all players ages seven and over, regardless of skill level. Participants can learn to play or enjoy a game with someone new. Players may use one of the library's chess sets or bring one from home. The club will meet on Wednesday afternoons, through August 17, from noon to 1 p.m. There is no charge for this program and pre-registration is not required.

There will also be Wii Gaming for all ages during the season. Sessions will be held on Saturdays through August 20 from 10 a.m. to noon. Games may also be played on Thursday, Aug. 11 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The library will provide the game equipment. These programs are being presented free; no pre-registration is required.

For more information, call (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda or Miss Mija. You may also visit the library's website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/southplainfieldlibrary.



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Diehl Receives Second Tenure Certificate

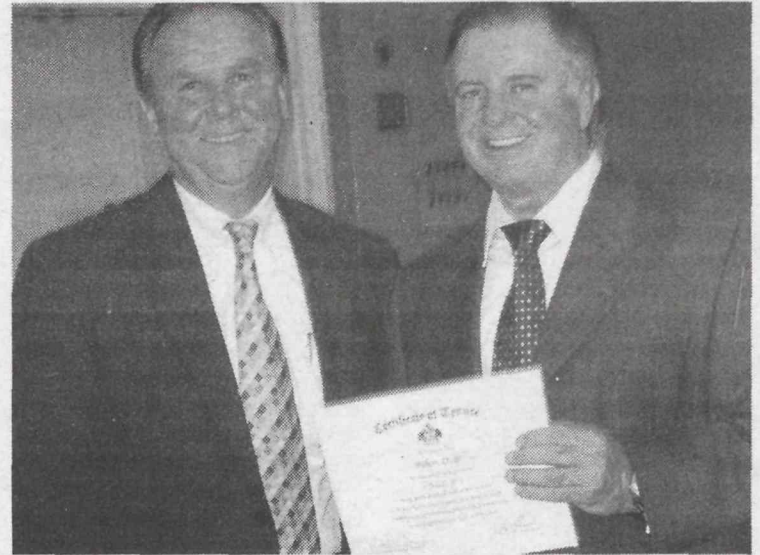
By Libby Barsky

Robert Diehl received his second tenure certificate as principal of Roosevelt School from Acting Superintendent of Schools Dr. Gary Bowen at the July 13 Board of Education meeting.

Dr. Bowen spoke of observing the positive attitude and the success of the children in Roosevelt School.

"I learned from Bob," said Dr. Bowen, citing Diehl's invitation to parents to move closer to the stage so that they could take pictures of their children prior to a performance so that everyone was able to enjoy the performance without being blocked or interrupted.

A salesman for Josten's American Yearbook Company for 19 years after teaching for two years at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains, Diehl returned to teaching in 1999. He taught social studies at SPHS, and received his first ten-



Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Gary Bowen presents a tenure certificate to Roosevelt Principal Robert Diehl.

ure certificate there. Subsequently, Diehl's duties increased and he became the disciplinarian at the high school, and then assistant principal

before being appointed principal of Roosevelt School.

BOE member Joseph Sorrentino was one of Diehl's students.

BOROUGH NOTES

At the July 11 meeting of the Borough Council, the council awarded a contract to International Fireworks of Douglassville, Pa. to provide a 30-minute fireworks display on Labor Day for \$13,500. The council also voted to waive the \$331 Type 3 Fire Permit fee for the event. Contributions are still being accepted to fund the celebration, and can be sent to the Public Celebrations Committee, c/o Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

An ordinance was passed vacating the borough's authority over a portion of Wooden Avenue, bordered by Arlington and Delmore avenues, designated as a "paper street." An-

other ordinance authorized the sale to a party whose adjacent property will be extended to conform with the 100 ft. x 100 ft. residential lot specifications.

An ordinance was introduced to authorize the issuance of \$380,000 in bonds to provide for storm sewer improvements, as well as for repair and repaving of Rahway and Kenyon avenues.

Six part-time employees were hired: Patricia Olano as recreation leader at the senior center; Graciela M. Lopez as temporary clerk typist for the Fire Prevention Department;

Jose Irizarra as part-time groundskeeper; Chris Seidenberg as junior counselor I for the summer parks program, July 5-30; Anne Daley as secretary to the mayor; and Diane Janus as alternate deputy registrar.

Edward LaFerrera was appointed acting fire official from July 18-22 to fill in for vacationing Joe Abbruzzese.

The council approved the submission of the application for a Sustainable Jersey Small Grant, funded by Wal-Mart, by the South Plainfield Green Team.

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David Rodriguez, 7, examines the feather of a peacock at a library workshop presented by Seema Moondra.

Peacock Surprise Workshop Fascinates Kids

By Patricia Abbott

Young visitors to the South Plainfield Library recently had the opportunity to learn about a most exotic bird, the peacock, known for its beautiful array of iridescent feathers.

A "Peacock Surprise" workshop was presented on July 11 by Seema Moondra. Prior to the start of the evening she set up a large, eye-catching display of items related to India and peacocks including photos, posters, maps, feathers, a puppet, books and Indian textiles.

The main subject was the blue peacock, the national bird of India. The male is called a peacock; the female bird is called a peahen. The workshop covered the history, geography, zoology, music, movement and the melding of cultures.

The 50-plus children were fascinated by the beautiful bird. Many had never seen a photo, while others noted they had seen them in a zoo. Seema had the children clapping, laughing, dancing and asking dozens of questions. The highlight seemed to be the chance to see and touch a peacock feather. The children were in awe at the long stem and soft colorful

feathers at the end.

The workshop began with the questions: "Where is India?" and "Have you ever been to India?" Seema took the children on a trip to India, discussed how to get there and the many countries they would have to fly over. The children closed their eyes as they made the imaginary trip.

Seema told the story of the Blue Peacock while simultaneously "drawing" the story on a large piece of paper and taking a barrage of suggestions from the children. As the story unfolded the picture began to resemble a peacock, each part representing part of the story. The body represented the village and the markings the people, buildings and more. The children were thrilled to see how their help with the story became the beautiful bird.

Moondra explained that the birds are well known for dancing, especially when it is about to rain. They also dance to impress the peahen. She turned on music, and soon all the children were dancing like peacocks. The children and even the parents were surprised to learn that peacocks can fly and roost on treetops at night, but nest in the ground. The large

display helped them visualize the beautiful bird.

Seema said, "One of the parents in the library asked me if there was a moral attached to this story. And as I thought about it, I realized that my grandmother told us this story not only because it was fun and full of adventure, but also because she showed us that not everything must be taken at face value."

Seema was enthusiastic about sharing Indian culture with the youngsters, and she believes people need to learn about other cultures in order to work together as a community. She said, "The cultural learning program I create is a feast for the senses. As we share and learn, adapt and adopt, it is amazing how we as a community begin to create our own unique traditions. I have done that myself in so many ways as I have settled down in this country. I have created new traditions for my own children by absorbing the culture of America."

Seema offers many workshops for all ages. For more information, visit her website at enjoyexploreindia.com or call (732) 645-2274 to set up a workshop.

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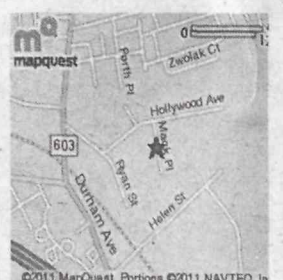
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Pinto Named to Dean's List

Geriana Pinto of South Plainfield was named to the dean's list at Savannah College of Art and Design for Spring 2011. Full time undergraduate students who earn a grade point average of 3.5 or above for the quarter receive recognition on the dean's list.

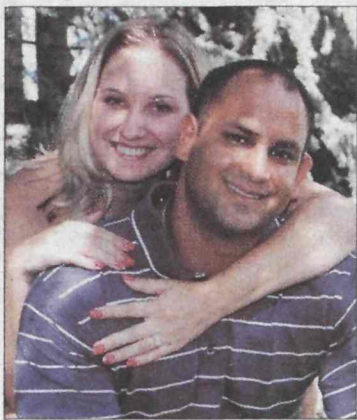
Geriana is pursuing a bachelor of fine arts degree in fashion marketing and management.

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Casiero Named To Dean's List

Lenny Casiero of South Plainfield was named to the dean's list at Caldwell College for the Spring 2011 semester. In order to achieve this honor, students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher and complete at least 12 credits during the semester.

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Tamara Dombrowski and Michael Lehman

Dombrowski, Lehman Announce Engagement

Lee and Melanie Dombrowski of South Plainfield happily announce the engagement of their daughter, Tamara, to Michael Lehman of Somerset.

Tamara graduated from South Plainfield High School in 2002, received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Tampa and will complete her master's degree in instruction and curriculum from Kean University in December 2011. Tammy teaches dance and musical theater at Jo-Ann's Dance Studio-The Performing Arts Center in South Plainfield.

Michael graduated from South Plainfield High School in 2001. He is employed at Crystal Auto Mall in Green Brook. Mike is a Pop Warner football coach for Franklin Township.

A wedding is planned in July 2012 at Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Fla.

DiCarlo Named To Dean's List

Christian DiCarlo of South Plainfield, an economics major, earned a place on the dean's list at Stillman School of Business at Seton Hall University for the Spring 2011 semester.

Younes Named to Dean's List

Heba Younes of South Plainfield, a doctor of pharmacy student, has been named to the Spring 2011 dean's list at University of the Sciences. Selection for this award is based on completing and passing all assigned courses with no grade below a "C" and attaining an academic average of at least 3.4.

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Jung Graduates From Emory Univ.

Youngjin Jung of South Plainfield received a master of public health from the Rollins School of Public Health of Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. on May 9.

Emory University is known for its demanding academics, outstanding undergraduate experience, highly ranked professional schools and state-of-the-art research facilities. Perennially ranked as one of the country's top 20 national universities by *U.S. News & World Report*, Emory encompasses nine academic divisions as well as the Carlos Museum, The Carter Center, the Yerkes National Primate Research Center and Emory Healthcare, Georgia's largest and most comprehensive healthcare system.



Cher Xu

Xu Named Finalist In Beauty Pageant

Cher Xu, 14, has been chosen as a state finalist in the National American Miss New Jersey Pageant to be held August 21-22 at the Hilton East Brunswick in East Brunswick.

The National American Miss pageants are held for girls ages four through 18, and have five different age divisions. Cher Xu will be participating in the Miss New Jersey Jr. Teen age division along with other outstanding young ladies from across the State of New Jersey.

The winner of the pageant will receive a \$1,000 cash award, the official crown and banner, a bouquet of roses and air transportation to compete in the national pageant in California.

The National American Miss Pageants are dedicated to celebrating America's future leaders and equipping them with lifelong skills.

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Cher Xu's activities include drawing, swimming, playing lacrosse and getting A's in school.

Cher Xu is sponsored by CB Hair and Beauty, Investors Savings Bank, Paulo's Bar and Restaurant and her parents.

Residents Graduate From The College Of New Jersey

Daniel Quinn earned a bachelor of arts in communication studies and Anthony Pelle earned a bachelor of science in finance from The College of New Jersey on May 16. Both are residents of New Jersey.

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Stephanie Alexander Named To Dean's List

Stephanie Alexander has been named to the dean's list at Kean University for the Spring 2011 semester. Appointment to the dean's list is based on successful completion of at least 12 credits with a semester grade point average of 3.45 or better.

Stephanie is a 2010 graduate of South Plainfield High School.

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Sports WEEKLY RESULTS

Blue Dolphins Outswim Tiger Sharks

By Cheryl Nagel-Smiley

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks lost to the Bridgewater Blue Dolphins in Bridgewater on July 6 with a score of 163-113. Even though it was a loss for South Plainfield, the coaches were pleased with the personal best times of many of the Tiger Shark swimmers.

The only swimmer to receive a blue ribbon in the individual medley was 10 and under swimmer Brendan Tang. Andrew Galarza (11/12) and Anthony Gurrieri (13-18) placed second in the same event.

Freestyle swimmers took six out of eight first place ribbons. Receiving blue ribbons from the youngest to the oldest were: Tyler Wu, Darlene Fung, Brianna Tang, Brendan Tang, Andrew Galarza and Daniel Galarza. Ali Huber placed second and Gracie Pickarski placed third in the 13-18, 50 meter freestyle. Corey He (eight and under), Nicolas Gurrieri (11/12) and Anthony Gurrieri (15-18) also placed second. Eugene Kim placed second, and Patrick Osaidacz placed third for the 13/14 year old group which gave them a sweep in that event.

The Yan Sisters, Shannon (eight and under) and Jenna (9/10), were the only first place finishers in the



backstroke. Maggie Valentino (15-18) placed second, while Chandler Carter (11/12) and Samantha Soto (13/14) placed third.

Taking first place ribbons in the butterfly were Corey He (eight and under) and Daniel Galarza (13/14). Tyler Wu placed second for the eight and under category, and Eugene Kim placed second for the 13/14 age category. Finishing off the butterfly events were Achinth Poobalan (9/10) and Manav Shah (11/12), who both received third place ribbons.

In breaststroke the only eight and under swimmer to place was Shannon Yan who took a second. Her sister Jenna captured first place for the 9/10 age group while her teammate Stephanie Chiu took third. Brianna Tang also placed first for the 11/12 age group and Aubrey Marish placed third. Samantha Soto took a second and Grace Chung placed third for the 13/14 age group. The only older girl swimmer to place was Ali Huber, who took a second.

While this may have been a loss, the Tiger Sharks are ready for the next competition they will meet. Thank you to the parents, friends, relatives and coaches for all your encouragement.

Cory Kline Golf Tournament Set For September 30



Cory Kline

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 wife, Nicole, and young children, Elizabeth and Jaxon.

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

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

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

Notes from the Jim Pomovets Memorial Golf League



LEAGUE STANDINGS

American Division				National Division			
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Alfie's Boys	7	4	0	Unique Sports Access.....	8	3	0
Twin City Pharmacy	6	3	2	So. Plfd. Funeral Home.....	5	5	1
Dirty Harry & Friends.....	6	4	1	2 Buds, 2 Dubes.....	5	6	0
KC's Korner	5	4	2	McCriskin's	5	6	0
Oak Tree Dental.....	4	7	0	Sport & Social	4	7	0
Witty's Liquors	3	6	2	Italian American Club.....	4	7	0

By Bob Nilan

Because the First Tee Tournament ran late, there was a long delay before league play could get underway, so the final groups had to contend with twilight conditions. Fortunately for Alfie's Boys, Irish Danny Griffin is the King of the Twilight Zone, and he finished birdie-par in the dark, posting a sparkling 1-over 34 as his first place team crushed Witty's Liquors, 17-3. Bill Mann and Mike Gokey continued their fine play with a pair of 36s. For Witty's Liquors, Eric Beegle was the low man with his round of 39.

Twin City Pharmacy's formidable lineup got an additional boost with the return of Jay Coppola, who has been on the DL as a result of an injury to his right shoulder. Even though he's forced to swing in a more relaxed fashion, Coppola still has plenty of pop and can still drive the eighth green. His physical problem has not affected his deft touch on and around the greens as he showed in firing a 3-over 36 to lead Twin City to a narrow 11-9 victory over KC's Korner. Joe Diller and Frank Gaspari were both sharp and matched Coppola's score, and Guy Severini contributed a 39 to the win.

For KC's Korner, Tony Cotone, Jr. shot a 38, and Billy "Cappy" Capparelli posted a 39 in their tough loss. After the match, Rich Steele, instead of heading towards his favorite watering hole, went to the park to extend greetings to some old timers he expects to play a lot of checkers with next summer.

Captain Harry Combe was on vacation last week when his team was shut out, 20-0, by South Plainfield Funeral Home. Dirty Harry hoped his presence would spark a turnaround, and it did as his team pulled off an impressive 12-8 win with Ed Rodriguez earning the medal for the victors with his 39.

All the golfers on Oak Tree Dental played well; Efrain Solis led the way with a nifty 36; Marty Van De Vaart and Marty Lillis chipped in with a pair of 37s, and Frank Oades had some boomers on his way to a 39. But all their solid play was not enough to overcome the strokes they had to give. Old Reliable Ted Stanik and Jay

"The Sexy One" Bertleson paired up for Unique Sports Accessories and turned in the best partnership score of the season with their sterling even-par rounds of 33 to lead their division leading team to a big 15-5 win over the Italian-American Club. Stanik has been wonderfully accurate lately, just hitting fairways and greens, and Bertleson put together his best round of the season, a real gem that featured birdies on the fourth, eighth and ninth holes. Captain Chris Duillon added to his string of nice rounds with a 3-over 36.

For the out-gunned Italian-American team, Jeff Gross earned the medal with his round of 40.

In a high scoring match, Sport & Social, led by Captain Frank Matthews who posted a 41, prevailed over 2 Buds, 2 Dubes, 12-8. Dale "The Needler" Dube shot a 43 in a losing effort and was visibly upset by the late start, the slow play and the constant fluttering of butterflies in Spring Lake Park.

McCriskin's Home For Funerals was looking for revenge against the South Plainfield Funeral Home, and they certainly got it as they cremated their opponents, 17-3. Wally Heinzer played well for the victors while he was smoking cigars, but when he switched to cigarettes, his game suddenly went south. Kris Krantz didn't make that mistake—he had a cigar clenched in his teeth on the ninth hole when he launched his best drive of the night to finish with a nice par and a round of 39 to earn the medal for McCriskin's. Mark "Mr. Steady" Chichvar missed a few putts along the way, but was still able to contribute a 40. Chichvar's mother-in-law, Eleanor, has urged him to check Wally Heinzer's bag next week to be sure he has enough cigars to last the entire round.

Vinnie Welch, with his round of 39, was the medalist for the South Plainfield Funeral Home who maintained their second place standing in the National Division despite their setback.

Low scores for the night: Jay Bertleson, 33; Ted Stanik, 33; Danny Griffin, 34; Jay Coppola, 36; Joe Diller, 36; Chris Dillon, 36; Frank Gaspari, 36; Mike Gokey, 36; Bill Mann, 36; Efrain Solis, 36.

FALL BALL IS COMING!

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As mid-July passes and temperatures break 100 degrees, our thoughts are not about fall foliage and late season baseball, but it's time to sign up for Fall Ball at SPJBC. From ages seven to 15, we'll be playing exciting and fun baseball starting in September. For new players age seven, they must turn seven before May 1, 2012. Registration fee is \$75. If your child is moving up a league in the spring, fall ball is a great opportunity for them to get acclimated to a larger field. It's also a good time to work on sharpening

their skills.

Registration will be held at the clubhouse on Saturday, July 30 and Saturday, Aug. 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please bring your child's birth certificate if they have not played before. You may also sign up by calling the clubhouse at (908) 754-2090 or by visiting our website at www.leaguelineup.com/spjbc. Download the form and mail to the address on the form.



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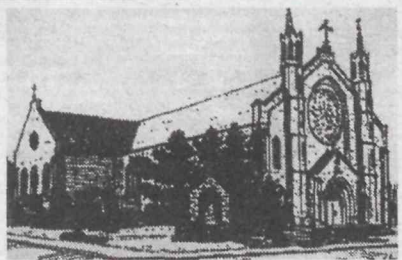
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7:00 p.m. Monday (Church), Thursday (Parish Center Chapel)

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Sacrament of Reconciliation—Saturday 10-11:30 a.m. and at other times by appointment





Matt Manning (on ladder) and his volunteers prepare to paint the trailer at the Highland Woods Nature Center.

Highland Woods Nature Center Trailer Gets Facelift

Matt Manning, a boy scout from Troop 309, chose painting the Highland Woods Nature Center trailer as his Eagle Scout project. He recruited his family, friends and fellow scouts to participate in the project. On July 16, Manning and his volunteers spent the day painting the trailer. Volunteering were Matt's parents, Donald and

Kathy, along with Brett and Alicia Harris, James and Jonathan Conrad, Scoutmaster Jeff Pauls, Brandon Pauls, John and Brian McCarthy, Joshua Siepmann, Kevin Belanger, Troy and Rick Harzula and Doug and Rich Viet.

Matt, who attends South Plainfield High School, would like to thank the

following for the generous donations received: Sherwin Williams, Home Depot, Pizza Stop and Ciccios, all in South Plainfield. Also, the DPW for the donated paint and for power washing the building, and the volunteers who helped and brought additional paint supplies.

POLICE REPORT

- On July 14 Tysen R. Privott, 31, of North Plainfield was arrested for hindering the apprehension of another.
- Camilla N. Mishoe, 28, of Plainfield was arrested for hindering apprehension, driving on a suspended license and four outstanding warrants.
- A Palmer Avenue resident reported the theft of jewelry from their bedroom. The suspect entered through an unlocked bathroom window.
- A Hoboken resident reported the theft of a brief case containing an iPad and HP laptop from their vehicle while parked at the Brick House Tavern + Tap on Stelton Road.
- On July 15 Antonio Monero-Segura, 36, of Perth Amboy was arrested

for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

- Allied Barton Security reported that one of their vehicle's tires had been slashed with a pocket knife while trying to disperse a crowd in the Target parking lot.
- A North Plainfield resident reported the theft of their inspection sticker from their unlocked vehicle that was parked at Bravo Supermarket on West Seventh Street.

On July 16 an employee of The Club at Ricochet reported the theft of their wallet from the front desk.

- On July 17 Tamika Ebony Hopkins, 26, of New Brunswick was arrested for failure to inspect and an outstanding warrant.

- On July 18 a Thomas Street resident reported the theft of a gold ring, 42" flat screen TV and a Wii from their home. There was no forced entry.

A Park Avenue resident reported the theft of an RCA MP3 player from their unlocked vehicle.

A Maple Avenue resident reported that their vehicle had been keyed.

An Eleanor Street resident reported the theft of a TomTom GPS and three cell phone chargers.

On July 19 Jennifer A. Reeves, 21, of Avenel was arrested for failure to observe a signal and an outstanding warrant.

On July 20 Hair Fixx Beauty Salon on Hamilton Boulevard reported the front window had been broken.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO.1937

BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on July 25, 2011 and the 20 day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: "Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Road and Storm Sewer Improvements in and by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$400,000 Thereof and Authorizing the Issuance of \$380,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof."

Purpose: Various road and storm sewer improvements, consisting of the resurfacing and repaving of Rahway Avenue and Kenyon Avenue and various related storm sewer improvements, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

Appropriation: \$400,000

Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$380,000

Grant Appropriated: N/A

Section 20 Costs: \$35,000

Useful Life: 10 years

Joann L. Graf, Municipal Clerk

\$38.90

July 29, 2011

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

Award of Bids

Pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law of New Jersey, be advised that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield awarded a contract for the resurfacing of Rahway Avenue and Kenyon Avenue to the lowest responsible bidder and a formal bid opening which took place on Thursday, July 7, 2011 at 10:00am. By Resolution # 11-199, approved at the July 25, 2011 meeting of the Mayor and Council, the governing body awarded a contract to Stilo Excavating, Inc., 2097 South Clinton Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 for an amount not to exceed \$341,328.25.

The Bid opening for the PAL Storage Room addition project took place on Thursday, July 14, 2011 at 10:00am in the South Plainfield Municipal building. Four bids were received but all bids substantially exceeded the cost estimates for the project. Therefore, all bids were rejected.

Joann L. Graf, Municipal Clerk

\$31.34 July 29, 2011

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Michael Buteas requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit (1) add-a-level existing front yard setback @ 23' with 1' overhang, 22' proposed; (2) add-a-level will require an 8' side yard setback; 4' is proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 1260 S. 11th Street, Block 136, Lot 21 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 11, 2011 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m.

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

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Obituaries

Lucy G. (Grieb) Evans, 91

Lucy G. (Grieb) Evans passed away on Wednesday, July 20 in the Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Metuchen, Lucy married the late Arthur W. Evans in 1949. She resided in South Plainfield for nearly 40 years before moving to New Orleans in 1985. In 2005, immediately after Hurricane Katrina, Mrs. Evans returned to South Plainfield.

Surviving are two daughters, June Franke and husband Bill of South Plainfield and Valerie Fernandez and husband Ovidio of Las Cruces, N.M.; two stepsons, Richard Evans and wife Mitchiko of California and Robert Evans of New Jersey; two grandchildren, Tiffany Wallace and Russell Evans; and two great grandchildren, Morgan and Tyler Evans.

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

Donations may be made in her name to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, www.mskcc.org or the Salvation Army, salvationarmyusa.org.

Elizabeth "Betty" (Kuebler) Golden, 68

Elizabeth "Betty" (Kuebler) Golden passed away on Friday, July 22 after a brief illness at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Newark, she had resided in South Plainfield since 1973.

Betty earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Kean College in 1988 and was a registered nurse since 1981, working at Overlook Hospital from 1981 until 2009.

She was an active volunteer for NAMI Middlesex (formerly CCCPA) since 1983 serving as president, treasurer and most recently, as the vice president on the Board of Trustees. In

addition, she was a communicant of Our Lady of Czestochowa RC Church in South Plainfield.

Betty is predeceased by her husband, Donald, who died in 1975.

Surviving are two children, Debra Warner and husband Brian and Donald Golden; a granddaughter, Ashley Elizabeth; and two siblings, Robert Kuebler and Florence Whitney.

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

Donations in her memory may be made to the Elizabeth Golden Trust, c/o 2425 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

Edward G. Insel, 79

Edward G. Insel of Annandale died Saturday, July 23 at home.

Born in Newark, he was the son of the late Gustave and Edith (Ecker) Insel. Ed had lived in South Plainfield for 30 years before moving to Annandale 10 years ago.

He served in the United States Navy during the Korean War.

He was a long-distance switchman for NJ Bell Telephone Company for 35 years, before retiring in 1989.

Ed was an active member of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in South Plainfield and the Clinton Presbyterian Church in Clinton. He was also a dedicated volunteer with the Hunterdon Medical Center's "Partners in Healing."

Ed is survived by his wife of 54 years, Kathleen Insel; three sons, Edward G. and wife Karen of Washington, James F. and wife Laurie of Clinton and Thomas A. and wife Kimberly, of Santee, Calif. He is also survived by six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Kearns Funeral Home in Whitehouse.

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In My Opinion

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specialized equipment such as wall oxygen and suction machines, and a physical layout that meets the needs of older adults, including elevators, ramps and wide doors.

After lengthy hearings, questioning and analysis, we issued our final report to the governor and the legislature, which expressly noted that, "The Task Force was unable to reach consensus regarding whether Hagedorn should close. At the last meeting, a vote was taken with 10 members in favor of keeping the hospital open and seven supporting the closure."

Yet, despite the overwhelming evi-

dence and support for keeping the hospital open, the governor has unilaterally decided to move forward with closing it down.

To eliminate this type of specialized care for some of the most fragile citizens in our state, just to save \$9M in a roughly \$30 billion budget, is unconscionable.

The needs of geriatric patients are unique and wholly unlike younger patients with mental health needs. Most younger patients have illnesses that can be treated with therapy and medication and many succeed at becoming partly or largely independent, enabling them to be placed in community residences.

On the other hand, elderly patients, many of whom suffer from illnesses such as dementia, have conditions that will only grow progressively worse. Many community-based housing options lack the appropriate supervision, medical or otherwise, and would be ill-advised for their unique conditions.

With the governor's additional cuts for mental health services, and the

baby boomer population increasing in age, our mental health system is strained to the brink.

Just recently, a news report detailed the ungodly conditions at many boarding homes throughout the state that house people with mental illnesses and seniors with dementia. Bed bugs, mice infestations, noxious odors and expired food were just some of the unsanitary conditions found by inspectors, along with safety issues such as broken fire detectors and a lack of carbon monoxide detectors.

This could very likely become the scenario many Hagedorn patients are confronted with due to an overcrowded mental health system.

Our most vulnerable population deserves the best protection, we can provide. Extraordinary fiscal times require everyone to pitch in and sacrifice. But what does it say about our state if we callously consign senior citizens to such hellacious conditions in order to save a few dollars?

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Fourteen volunteers from Congregation Beth Israel in Scotch Plains staffed the food concession stands on July 17 at the Somerset Patriots baseball stadium in Bridgewater. In exchange, the Patriots donated a portion of the day's proceeds back to the synagogue as part of the baseball team's program for non-profit organizations. Congregation Beth Israel has been teaming up with the Somerset Patriots since 2009. Congregants are slated to work at the ballpark again on August 21, under the direction of the synagogue's Men's Club. (L-R) Steve Garsh, Ken Dornbush, Joel Horowitz, Dave Labush, Buce Zakarin and Steve Wiener serve dippin' dots.

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Knights of Columbus families enjoy an ice cream social.

Knights' Families Cool Off With Ice Cream Night

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 held the annual Ice Cream Night on a hot and steamy evening on July 17 for its members, their families and the community.

The Knights of Columbus are all about family and the community. The

annual event has grown in the three years it was started with over 100 people attending this year's event.

Ice Cream Night is a fun night for families from South Plainfield to get together and eat some nice cold ice cream on a hot summer evening. Various ice cream flavors were served

as well as banana splits and orange soda floats.

The world famous ice cream servers were Joe Scudato, Past Grand Knight Bill Buttrick and Joe McGeehan. Many thanks to Joe McGeehan for getting all of the ice cream and toppings.

Sponsorships Needed For Salvation Army Vet Camp

Each summer at the end of August, The New Jersey Division of The Salvation Army holds a special five day respite session at Camp Tecumseh for veterans and their families.

The Salvation Army and the Veterans

Administration NJ Health Care System has collaborated for the last 17 years to provide a unique opportunity for veterans receiving outpatient treatment from the East Orange and Lyons Veterans facilities.

Tecumseh, set on 400 rolling acres in scenic Hunterdon County, is the perfect venue for Vets camp. Recreational amenities include a large lake for fishing and boating, an Olympic-sized pool, basketball and tennis courts, softball field, miniature golf range and hiking trails.

Sponsorship donations are desperately needed. Full sponsorship for a veteran is \$150; a family of four is \$600. All donations are greatly appreciated. To sponsor a veteran or for information on the camp session from August 29 to September 2, please call Brenda A. Beavers at (908) 851-8211 or visit www.salvationarmynewjersey.org.

Trial to Begin for Throat Slasher

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park lights at the end of the celebration when he was attacked shortly before 8:48 p.m. Donatelli was taken to JFK Medical Center in Edison, where he underwent emergency surgery for his injury.

Jury selection is set for Tuesday, Aug. 2, with opening statements

expected to begin the following day. County Prosecutor Kuberiet, a South Plainfield resident, will try the case in the Middlesex County Court in New Brunswick with the Honorable Judge Bradley Ferencz presiding.

Donatelli, who resided in the Somerset section of Franklin, has since retired from the DPW.



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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Chris Grippio

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Tomorrow we have Wii games at the library at 10 a.m., but playing these games is not restricted to the library since we now carry games for X-box, Sony Playstation and Wii. These games are for a wide range of age groups from little children to young adults. The games are marked on the cover with the age group most appropriate for the game so parents/guardians need to be sure that the game chosen is the right one for your child. While we are building our collection there is a limit of one game per card. The games circulate for one week and can be renewed once. Fines for overdue returns are \$2/day and no holds are allowed.

Games are just one of the new items that the library has recently acquired. Stop in to check out all the new products we are stocking.

Aside from all the special activities Miss Mija and Miss Linda have scheduled each week during Summer Reading, they are still doing their usual story time programming. For ages three and up the times are Tues-

day at 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m.; Times for 2s and 3s are Wednesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and Babytime is Friday at 10:30 a.m. For the summer there are also movie times at 10:30 a.m. on Monday for children and 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 4. Chess Club is Wednesday at noon.

There are still two weeks left to participate in the Summer Reading Club to win prizes. Saturday, Aug. 13 will be the last day to check-in your books. School will also be opening in a month, so if you are in high school and haven't done your assigned summer reading, now is a good time to start. If the books you want are checked out, check out the downloadable books available through www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

If you have any questions you can always call the library Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or visit us at 2484 Plainfield Ave.

Volunteer Group Organizing

A local volunteer group is being organized to help the South Plainfield VFW with maintenance around their property. Some of the projects will include gardening and painting.

Dennis Scalera, the group's organizer, said, "Our veterans put their lives on the line for us, our loved ones and the United States of America. Now we can do something nice for them."

Commander Vincent Berry said, "If any tradesman would like to donate their skills to help with future projects at the VFW, it would be much appreciated."

Scalera added that membership in veterans organizations is getting smaller, as many veterans have passed away.

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