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Wesley Methodist Welcomes New Pastor

By Libby Barsky

Reverend Gina Kim will be officially installed as new pastor at Wesley United Methodist Church this Sunday. Kim replaces Reverend Nehemiah Thompson who was transferred to North Brunswick. Thompson is credited with enlarging Wesley's congregation during his eight years of leadership.

Reverend Kim didn't grow up knowing she would someday become a pastor. Born in Seoul, Korea, her parents encouraged her to study and excel at her school subjects, but not cooking.

"My mother wouldn't let me in the kitchen. She would always send me away saying 'read, read!' She didn't want me to grow up to be a housewife," said Kim. Only when she married did Kim's mother acknowledge the subject of cooking. "Her gift to me was a cookbook," Kim said. Although



Reverend Gina Kim

not reared as a cook, Kim enjoys entertaining and has the gift of hospitality. She doesn't believe in making big plans for special occasions. She likes having people over and enjoying them without taking a lot of time to get ready.

Kim's father also urged her to learn, and encouraged her to find work in the emerging field of computers. She did, and for years worked as a computer system analyst for Mutual of New York.

Married and living in New Jersey, Kim, her husband Chong—an organic chemist, and their seven year old son, Matthew, were members of the Korean Community Church in Englewood. When the church went on a mission to a remote area in Paraguay, Kim and Chong joined the group and left Matthew home with her sister.

After the Paraguay mission, Kim experienced a spiritual awakening. "I felt

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BOE Appoints Bus. Admin.

James Olobardi was appointed business administrator/board secretary by the Board of Education at the Sept. 21 meeting at a salary of \$151,000.

The board has been without a permanent business administrator since December 2010 when former Business Administrator Richard Guarini departed. Interim Business Administrator Nicolas Puleio took over the position in December, but left in June 2011. Mark Resnick was then appointed to the position, along with Ernie Turner as consultant.

Olobardi will begin the new post after he is released from his position as board secretary/administrator for Englewood Public School District. Prior to his current position, Olobardi worked two years as board secretary for East Rutherford School District.

While at Englewood, Olobardi worked to form 40-50 districts into a consortium in order to pool resources. Last December, the consortium received a safety grant of \$25,763 from

North Jersey Education Insurance Fund to install security cameras in the schools to provide extra security and to lower the district's insurance costs.

Elliot Merenbloom, educational consultant who was appointed to provide services at Grant School in April 2011, was approved to continue with three visits and training at Grant School, each for a minimum of eight hours at \$9,366.55 from the Title I funds. In addition, Merenbloom will consult at Franklin, Riley, Grant and middle schools, which includes training for four visits at each school for eight hours at a cost of \$12,000 from the Title I funds.

James Cardananeo, who was appointed in April 2011 as a consultant to the business office for 120 hours, had his hours extended by 75 hours at \$50 an hour and capped at \$12,000 by the board at the September meeting. Cardananeo is tasked to review the IDEA and NCLB Federal grants.

SPJBC Memorial Pays Tribute to 9/11 Victims



A monument honoring the victims of 9/11 was dedicated at the Junior Baseball Club on Saturday. The memorial includes a steel beam from the Twin Towers. For story, see page 12.

Buono, Barnes Tout New Law During Business Walking Tour

Senator Barbara Buono and Assemblyman Peter Barnes took a walking tour of South Plainfield small businesses last week to draw attention to new legislation passed on April 28. The tour was intended to provide small business owners with detailed information on how the new law will benefit their business, and to listen to their concerns and ideas that can help to ensure their successful futures.

Buono and Barnes visited Bagel

Pantry, Giakas Cleaners, Paulo's Bar & Restaurant, McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals, as well as TD Bank, where Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, Jr. joined the group. Also joining the walking tour were Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas, South Plainfield Business Association President Nancy Grennier and Board of Education Vice President Debbie Boyle, who helped arrange the walking tour.

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Taste of the Town to Feature Local Eateries

The South Plainfield Business Association (SPBA) will host its first Taste of the Town on Friday, Oct. 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the senior center.

Local restaurants will showcase their specialty foods for guests to sample. The growing roster of participating restaurants includes KCs Korner, Ciccio's, Mei Haus, Dunkin Donuts, Paulo's Bar & Restaurant, Haisch's Bakery, Subway on Plainfield Ave., Harvest Market, Corner Deli, Rita's, Nanking, Dolce Cafe, Hometown Heros, Quiznos, Park Avenue Diner, Bagel Pantry and Sonia's Kitchen.

This is a great opportunity for residents to taste some of the delicious local cuisine and for restaurants to connect with present and future customers.

Dan Ratti, owner of Oak Tree Discount Liquors, has also signed on and will offer wine and liquor tastings.

All proceeds will go to scholarships for South Plainfield High School graduates.

Restaurants interested in participating or for advance sale tickets at the discounted price of \$20 (\$25 at the door) should contact Debbie Boyle at (908) 803-1573, Chrissy Buteas at (908) 447-3466 or Nancy Grennier at (908) 668-0010. Tickets may also be purchased at the office of the South Plainfield Observer, 1110 Hamilton Boulevard.

Property Tax Bills Mailed This Week

Property owners are advised that reconciled fourth quarter tax bills have been mailed. The fourth quarter payment is due by November 1 with a 10-day grace period. The last day to submit payment without penalty is November 10.

First and second installments of 2012 are also included on this bill. Due date for the first quarter is February 1; for the second quarter May 1.



Funeral services for 21-year-old Jonathan Villamarin (inset), Airman 1st Class of the United States Air Force, who died suddenly at Anchorage Air Force Base in Anchorage, AK on September 15, were held on Monday at Sacred Heart Church and McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals. Prayers and full military honors followed in the memorial garden of Rosehill Crematory in Linden.



Town-Wide Curbside Pickup Schedule

The borough-wide storm cleanup began September 12. This cleanup replaces the previously scheduled fall bulk-pickup. The storm cleanup is taking place over seven weeks. Brochures were mailed to residents.

Week 4 begins October 3 for District 4
Week 5 begins October 17 for District 5

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FYI

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council

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

Agenda Meeting
October 3
October 17

Public Meeting
October 3
October 17

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
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
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.)
Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 14 and April 4.
Regular Public Meeting (begin at 7:30 p.m.) 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.
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.
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
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.
Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday) Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m.

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Submit letters to the editor by mail, email or fax. Letters should not exceed 200 words. We reserve the right to edit for clarity or length. Letters must include name and phone number, for verification.

To comment on the content or to suggest a story idea, contact the editor at (908) 668-0010.

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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:

The July 22 *Observer* had an article from Social Services asking for help with food donations as their pantry for residents was low.

As a senior at SPHS, I took this project on with the assistance of some fellow students to get the pantry restocked.

I would like to take this time to thank the residents of Arlington, Delmore, Green, Fred Allen, South Madison, Somerset, West, Wooden and Zwolak, as well as my fellow students/assistants Lanna, Lisa, Melissa and Joe.

The food drive was quite successful. It not only helps our families in need, but helped those families who lost food from power outages due to Hurricane Irene.

Your thoughtfulness and generosity has made a profound difference in our community.

**MANY THANKS,
ALYSSA RAGNO, SPHS SENIOR**

To the Editor:

My deepest appreciation and sincerest thanks for the wholehearted support, thoughtfulness, love kindness and cooperation that was extended to me and my family upon the sudden death of my son, Charles E. Yankoski.

All of the following people went out of their way to help us through this unexpected tragedy: McCriscin-Gustafson Home For Funerals, Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, Rev. Jarek Marczewski, OLC Rosary Society and parishioners, Shannon White, Diane and office staff, South Plain-

field Holiday Inn and all of our South Plainfield friends and neighbors.

Special thanks to Rick McCriscin and his staff for their comfort, dedication and professionalism, along with their personal touch. My gratitude to Father Jarek, who became a part of my family from the first day he came to OLC.

Thanks and may God continue to bless all of you and help me and my family through this.

**SINCERELY,
CAROLYN A. YANKOSKI & FAMILY**

Dear Editor:

I am simply amazed that this town, South Plainfield, does not have flood insurance for its buildings. When they were looking into building a new facility for the library they had to look at the plans for the Flood Plain and Flood Zone. Knowing this they knew that the possibility of the present library flooding was possible. That should have told them it was necessary to have such insurance even if we have not had floods like this at the borough hall area for many years. Being prepared is what a town should do. And flood insurance for this town should be a no-brainer.

Also, borough hall had the foresight to sandbag the doors to their building so they would not have a problem when the forecast predicted Irene would be so large and drop so much rain in New Jersey. But they seemed to have forgotten the library, their own building, to also add it to the list. If they had informed the library director to do such I would imagine it would have been done as quickly as

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possible, or told the director that it would be done for them. What would it cost the town for a few sandbags to prevent flooding in a library used constantly by townspeople and those in the surrounding area. Now we will have to wait weeks for the library to be able to open for patrons because of the town's lack of planning. Other libraries in the state have reopened their doors because their towns came in immediately to make sure that their townspeople would not be without their library for too long.

This town did not have enough sandbags for those who really needed it, especially for those who we all know flood every time a large storm comes into this area. This one was especially bad. Were there evacuation centers and where were they located for those who would be in danger from the flooding that might occur? Where was this information?

The moms and dads who bring their children to this library and the adults who use this library almost everyday should email, write letters and call the mayor's office as well as the borough

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The library is offering these panels from the Children's Room free to any resident who might be interested.

Library Undergoing Cleanup from Flooding

By Libby Barsky

One of the most ongoing reminders of Hurricane Irene is the damage to the South Plainfield Public Library caused by the four inches of water that seeped into the library, along with the sewage that backed up in the library's bathrooms.

For the past three weeks, the library has been closed to the public, but not to the staff who have been working to clean up the damage as the fans and dehumidifiers keep humming.

Library Director Sunni Randolph has contracted with First Response to help dry up the water clinging to the walls and floors. First Response has already disinfected and steam cleaned the bathrooms so they can be used while the staff is working in the building.

On September 20 the library staff began removing the collection of books from the shelves and packing them into boxes. University Van Line employees transferred the books into two large trailers donated by Halls Trucking. The trailers will remain parked in the lot behind the library until the cleanup is completed. Not only are the books being removed from the library, but the large bright panels that decorated the walls in the children's room are now outside and free to anyone who might want them to decorate their homes or classrooms.

Other items free for the taking include books displayed on outside racks.

When the library is emptied of books, an appraisal of the condition of the walls and floor will begin. First Response will remove the wallpaper and test the sheetrock for stability and mold. The carpeting has been removed and the floor's condition is being assessed. Replacements will be made where necessary.

Randolph expressed concern that repairs may be delayed due to current demand for construction workers to make repairs on the numerous homes and buildings that were damaged by the hurricane. In contrast, there has been no delay in attempting to complete the cleanup as quickly as possible despite the possibility that there will be no insurance payment for work done.

According to the borough Chief Financial Officer Glenn Cullen, the borough has been informed by the Middlesex County Insurance Fund that it didn't have flood insurance for the library. "The attorneys are looking into it," said Cullen. Library Director Randolph intends to submit hurricane damage claims to FEMA.

Randolph anticipates the probable re-opening of the library to be around Halloween. In the meantime, residents are advised to use libraries in the surrounding communities.

SPHS Music Boosters MUSIC NOTES

The Music has started!
The Music Boosters would like to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Vroom on the birth of their second son.

The Labor Day Parade was spectacular. Thanks to all the parents who helped get the band and guard ready, and for marching with them in the parade. Also want to thank all of the parents who helped out at the Labor Day concession stand at the middle school. The day was a great success due to the many dedicated music booster parents. Thank you to SPHS Summer Drama Workshop for the generous donation of soda, water, cookies and candy. This will assist us during the school year.

The Music Boosters will be sponsoring the 30th annual Home Festival/USSBA Marching Band Competition on Saturday Oct. 15 at 5 p.m. at Frank Jost Field. South Plainfield will be hosting 15 of the finest marching bands from New Jersey. Proceeds from the benefit support the SPHS Boosters of the musical arts scholarships that all of the SPHS Musical Arts students may apply for. In order for this day to be a huge success, we are going to need the help and support from all of our musical arts parents. There are so many areas that need parent participation. If you can find time to help, it would be

greatly appreciated. Anyone interested, please email your name and contact information to rteller3@comcast.net. Our annual ad book campaign for the 2011-2012 is underway. The ad book is open to the entire music department and a great way to advertise. It's made up of business ads from our local communities. It also features personal ads directed to students in the musical arts programs. This is a great way for families to show their support to our musical arts students. Additional ad book forms are available outside Mr. Vroom's office.

To keep up with the latest information on Music Boosters, visit our website sphsmusicboosters.webs.com.

Important dates to remember:

Wednesday, Oct. 5-SPHS Music Booster general meeting at 7 p.m. in the high school chorus room.

Thursday, Oct. 6-T.G.I. Friday's SPHS music booster fundraiser. T.G.I. Friday's Restaurant in Piscataway, located on Centennial Ave., will donate 20% of all food sales sold the whole day to the music boosters. You need to bring a flyer. Visit sphsmusicboosters.webs.com and print out the flyer.

All parents are welcome and encouraged to keep informed of all music booster activities.

Cultural Arts Commission Presents An Evening of Music and Comedy

The South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission proudly presents "An Evening of Music and Comedy" on Saturday, Oct. 1 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave. Doors open at 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free; reservations are suggested.

The Cultural Arts Commission has sought two fabulous entertainers for this variety show. Ernie Conti specializes in songs by Frank Sinatra and other very well known performers, including Tony Bennett, Dean Martin and more. Ernie has appeared on the *David Letterman Show*, *Fox 5 News* and the *Fox Network* several times over the years. You will think "The Chairman of the Board" himself is singing on stage.

Robin Fox, the Mother of all Stand-up, will delight you. Robin is original

and very funny; she went from being a stay at home mom to fulfilling her lifelong dream of becoming a comedian. You can find her performing in and around NYC.

The evening will be very entertaining. We invite everyone to come out and enjoy with family or friends.

For information and to reserve seating, call (908) 756-1857. Seating is limited, reservations will be made on a first come, first served basis. Leave detailed message with call back number if you receive a recording.



Gina Rosania Capizola, Grant School teacher and SPHS graduate, appeared in an ad for the Dr. Oz show in the September issue of *Oprah Magazine*. Last May, Gina and her neighbor appeared on the Dr. Oz show where they had a "grill off." At the end of June, they were invited back to participate in a promotional photo shoot and commercial taping.

Paper Shredding Event Saturday

Residents can recycle their old documents and confidential files safely and securely on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (or when the shredding truck is filled) in the senior center parking lot at 90 Maple Ave.

Bring your old files, receipts, bills, financial statements or documents containing confidential personal information. Maximum allowed is five file boxes or 100 pounds per person. Not accepted are hardcover books, newspapers, photographs, x-rays and bulk mail. No need to remove paper clips, staples or binder covers.

This free service is sponsored by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The South Plainfield Elks Veterans Committee is selling the Entertainment Book for \$30.

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Sunday 9:00, 11:30 a.m.
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7:00 p.m. Monday (Church), Thursday (Parish Center Chapel)

Holy Days 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation-Saturday 10-11:30 a.m. and at other times by appointment

South Plainfield Office on Aging is offering
FLU SHOTS on October 3 from 9:30 to
11 a.m. Call center for details: 908-754-1046.

events

Around Town

Knights of Columbus Fall Mum Sale

October 1-2 & 8-9

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 will be holding its fall mum sale on October 1/2 and 8/9 at the rescue squad located at 2506 Plainfield Ave., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Prices are \$7 for eight inch pots; \$25 for large pots with beautiful blooms. This fundraiser supports the Knights various charitable works.

Buddy Walk

October 1

The annual South Plainfield Buddy Walk will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1 at Putnam Park. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. The walk begins at 1 p.m. Register online at www.bwosp.kintera.org. \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids under 13; a shirt and lunch are included as well as raffles, face painting, other activities and a deejay.

Paper Shredding Event

October 1

A free mobile paper shredding event for Middlesex County residents will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 9 a.m. until noon (or when the shredding truck is filled) in the senior center parking lot at 90 Maple Ave.

For any questions, call (732) 745-4170.

1961 Class Reunion

October 1

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

For information, email Brenda Belardo Ribar at class1961sphs@gmail.com.

VFW Country Breakfast

October 2

The South Plainfield VFW Post #6763 located on Front Street will hold a country breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 2 from 8 to 11 a.m. The public is welcome.

For more information, call (908) 668-9751.

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Music Boosters Friendly's Fundraiser

October 3-16 (All day)

Friendly's Piscataway and Somerville locations will donate a portion of food sales from your entire table to support SPHS Music Boosters when you present their voucher between October 3 and 16.

Vouchers can be obtained through the SPHS music department or by calling Madeline at (908) 337-4563. Must bring voucher.

Bible Study at OLC

October 4

"A Quick Journey Through The Bible" study will be offered at Our Lady of Czestochowa parish office for eight Tuesdays, starting October 4, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Registration of \$20 for cost of materials.

The Bible is more than a book; it is the incredible story of salvation history—God's glorious plan for leading his people to an intimate relationship with Himself.

For information, call Marie at (908) 561-2215 or (732) 562-1990, ext. 1703.

Girls Scouts Registration Night

October 4

The South Plainfield Girl Scouts will hold a registration night on Oct. 4 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Grant School multi-purpose room. All girls grades K-12 are invited to register. Adult leaders are needed.

Contact Michelle Biggs at (908) 754-5791 or email michelleb5@comcast.net.

Music Boosters T.G.I. Friday's Fundraiser

October 6 (all day)

Piscataway T.G.I. Friday's, located on Centennial Avenue, will donate 20% of food sales to support SPHS Music Boosters when you present the flyer. Print your flyer through the calendar at www.sphsmusicboosters.webs.com. You Must bring the flyer!

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Restaurants interested in participating or to purchase tickets should call Debbie Boyle at (908) 803-1573, Chrissy Buteas at (908) 447-3466 or Nancy Grennier at (908) 668-0010.

Humane Society Annual Tricky Tray

October 8

The Plainfield Humane Society will host the third annual Tricky Tray at the South Plainfield Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave., on Saturday, Oct. 8. Doors open at 5 p.m.; calling begins 7:30 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the animals in their care. Any questions, call (908) 754-0300.

For the Love of Latvia Concert and Talk

October 8

First Baptist Church, 201 Hamilton Blvd., welcomes David Michael Carillo as he performs an evening concert on Saturday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. Carillo has been serving as a "musician" in Latvia since November. He will be performing songs from his new album, "For the Love of Latvia." He will also speak about how he is serving the people of Latvia.

For more information, call (908) 753-2382 and leave a message.

Blessing of the Animals At Pilgrim Covenant

October 9

A Blessing of the Animals service will be held at Pilgrim Covenant Church on Sunday, Oct. 9 at 2 p.m. Families are encouraged to bring their dogs, cats, birds, lizards, rabbits, guinea pigs, fish, turtles, etc. to receive a special blessing from Rev. Lori Neff. For safety reasons, all animals should be on a leash or in a carrier. If you cannot transport your pet, feel free to bring a photo.

For additional information on the event, please call (908) 756-2474.

Historical Society Trivia Night

October 11

South Plainfield Historical Society is holding a special Trivia Night at its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. The public is invited. Catch up on some fundamental and fun facts of the borough's history and

share some of your knowledge, too. How much do you know? Better yet, how much don't you know!

The center is located in the BOE Administration Building, 125 Jackson Ave. on the lower level. The Historical Society meets there the second Tuesday of the month. The history center is open to the public free of charge every Tuesday from 2-4 p.m.

— Out of Town —

CancerCare Breast Cancer 5k Run & Walk

October 1

CancerCare will hold its 13th annual Breast Cancer 5K Run/Walk for Mom on Saturday, Oct. 1 at Nomahegan Park in Cranford. Registration 8 a.m.; run/walk begins at 9 a.m. Walk participants are required to make a minimum pledge of \$25 (adults 18+) and \$15 (teens 13-17); runners pay \$30. All participants receive t-shirts.

For more information, contact Kathy Trethaway at (201) 301-6813 or ktrethaway@cancercare.org.

Blackrose to Perform

October 1

Blackrose, a band performing classic rock and roll music and today's hits, will perform at Rugs and Riffy's, located on Rahway Avenue in Woodbridge on Saturday, Oct. 1 at 9 p.m. No cover.

Singles Upscale Dance

October 1

A Steppin' Out Singles upscale singles dance will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1 at 8 p.m. at the Hilton Short Hills Grand Ballroom, 41 John F. Kennedy Pkwy. in Short Hills. Ages 40 and up; \$20 admission.

For information, call our 24 hour hotline at (732) 656-1801.

Middlesex WOWs Mtg.

October 3

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers will conduct a business meeting on Monday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Carteret Community Center, Pershing and Cooke avenues. All widows or widowers are invited.

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

Support Group Mtg.

October 3

A support group for those caring for elderly or chronically ill loved ones will meet on Monday, Oct. 3 at 8 p.m. in the Parish Center of St. Helen's Church, Lamberts Mill

SENIOR CENTER Calendar

GERMANFEST

October 27, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.—\$60

HUNTERDON HILLS

December 8, 4:30-9:30 p.m.—\$60

MONDAYS

Active Seniors 8:30 am
Crocheting 9:30 am
Yoga 10:30 am
Art Class 11:30 am

TUESDAYS

Bingo 10 am-2 pm
Ladies Group 10 am

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

Active Seniors 9:30 am
Crafts Class 10 am
Computer..10, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm
Exercise Class..... 1:15 pm

FRIDAYS

Bingo 10 am-2 pm

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

Road in Westfield. Information and sharing sessions.

For more information, call Marilyn Ryan at (908) 232-1214.

Metuchen-Edison Women's Club Mtg.

October 5

The Metuchen-Edison Women's Club will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 7:30 p.m. at The Heritage at Clara Barton, 1015 Amboy Ave. in Edison. Members will work on crafts for the holiday season.

Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Diana at (732) 548-0925.

Disability Pride Parade

October 6

The inaugural New Jersey Disability Pride Parade & Celebration will be held on Thursday, Oct. 6 in downtown Trenton. The event is free and open to the public.

Registration is encouraged and greatly appreciated. Volunteer, sponsorship and donor opportunities available.

To register, visit www.njdisabilityprideparade.com.

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Listening to Business Owners is Good Business

Having met with and spoken to local business owners over the past several weeks, South Plainfield Democratic council candidates, Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas, John Sorrentino and Paul McCullen, got a chance to hear from business owners how their success depends not only on how well they do, but how well residents are doing. Their effort is just a part of the Democratic candidates' initiative to implement an innovative Economic Summit, which brings together leaders in the business community and residents to take on the issue of bringing good new businesses and jobs to South Plainfield.

"It's clear that South Plainfield's business owners have a vested interest in seeing success in South Plainfield," said candidate John Sorrentino.

"When residents are doing well, local businesses are doing well—and that's good business for South Plainfield," added candidate Paul McCullen.

Democratic candidates Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas, John Sorrentino and Paul McCullen have spoken with business owners and residents alike to discuss ways to make South Plainfield more attractive to business owners.

"South Plainfield needs businesses, which bring about jobs and revenue," said Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas. "There are wonderful locations for future business owners—we just need to put the ideas of South Plainfield to work to get them here and make South Plainfield an even

better place to live."

For years, South Plainfield's businesses have left with no hope of filling empty storefronts. Republicans have ignored this problem because they fail to see the value in making sure good businesses stay put. In fact, it was Councilman Barletta who said, "We can't do anything with tax rates." Nothing can be further from the truth!

Tax rates translate into bringing good, new businesses to South Plainfield. Tax rates means stabilizing taxes and relieving the ever growing tax burden on residents and bringing good jobs to South Plainfield. Tax rates is the building block of a stable economy.

An Economic Summit—that partners business owners with local leaders and residents—will bring the best and the brightest to give valuable feedback about what we need to attract store owners and future entrepreneurs to South Plainfield.

Going right to the source for good ideas and better solutions to bring good, new businesses to South Plainfield; now that's a better solution for a brighter future. That's Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas, John Sorrentino and Paul McCullen.

Want more better solutions for a brighter future? Vote Democratic, Column B on Tuesday, Nov. 8th.

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Buteas Needs to Explain Position on Apartments

Saying how South Plainfield's small-town atmosphere is one of the best things about living here, Alex Barletta, Derryck White and Dick Frank this week pledged to work to preserve it if elected.

"I grew up here, and to me South Plainfield will always have a small-town feel," said Barletta. "But we have to work to keep it that way."

Barletta pointed to the 700-unit apartment complex that was proposed for the south side as an example of the constant battle to prevent overdevelopment.

"Thank goodness the Republicans on the Council stood up to the Democrat ex-mayor," said White. "If not, we'd now have 700 more apartments."

For years more apartments were almost certain, but when Governor Christie was elected he vowed to get rid of COAH, the agency that sets low-income housing quotas. Republicans on the Council saw that as an opportunity to halt the project, which had been required until then.

But when the council considered the issue, Democratic Councilwoman Buteas refused to take a position. Even when pushed for a direct "yes" or "no" answer, she would not commit.

"When it came time to stand up for the town, Buteas hedged," said White. "Instead of taking a stand, she went into political mode and tried to straddle both sides of the issue."

"Her political ally, the ex-mayor, even berated the Republicans, saying they didn't know what they were doing," added Barletta. "But once again it was the Democrats who were wrong. Just two weeks ago COAH was eliminated."

"Why the Democrats are so out of touch is baffling," added Frank. "Buteas refused to take a position, and her runningmates were nowhere to be found. In fact, last year Sorrentino's campaign even took a donation from the developer."

The GOP candidates also pointed to the Tingley Rubber Project as proof the Democrats just don't get it.

"Last year the Democrat-controlled Planning Board let the developer convert what was supposed to be age-restricted housing into multi-family units," explained Frank. "So much for the Democrats' promise this would never happen."

White summed up his team's position this way: "We will do everything in our power to stop overdevelopment. Some people can try to play both sides of the fence, but we won't. While certain special interests may not like that, people deserve a straight answer."

Board of Education Approves New School Staff Members

By Libby Barsky

To strengthen and monitor the instruction of mathematics and language arts for all students in all grades in the district, the Board of Education created two new positions at its August meeting. The new positions are K-12 Supervisor of Mathematics/Science and K-12 Supervisor of Language Arts.

Vincent Parisi was appointed K-12 Supervisor of Math and Science. He received a master's degree in education

administration and supervision from Montclair University in 2001. In 1990, he earned dual degrees while at Rutgers University—a BS degree in engineering and BA in English. A science teacher in Millburn for five years, he has held the position of supervisor of math and science in three districts, Berkeley Heights, Paramus and, most recently, Fort Lee, where he held the position from 2009 to 2010 until the position was eliminated due to reduction in force.

The district is still interviewing can-

didates for the K-12 Supervisor of Language Arts position for the district.

Other Board Actions

- The board recalled Michael Battista as physical education teacher for the middle and high schools.

- The board appointed Nick Curcio as mathematics teacher for the high school. He is a 2005 graduate of South Plainfield High School and received a BA in 2009 and MA in 2010, both from Rutgers University.

- Nicole Sutherland was appointed as a social studies teacher at the high school. She is a graduate of Montclair University and has previously substituted in the district.

- Two special education teachers were appointed to teach in the high school; Kyle McElroy, who holds a BS from the University of Scranton, and Jennifer Massaro, who graduated in 2011 with a BA from Kean University.

- Theresa Tempe was appointed human resources coordinator for the

Board of Education. She began working as a secretarial aide in the HR office of the South Plainfield BOE in 1996 while a student in Dee Falato's cooperative education classes. She has been maintaining the resume files and more while maintaining perfect attendance every year.

When HR manager Rosemary Maraz resigned and HR secretary Marie Blanchard followed soon after, Theresa took over both positions.

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Senator Barbara Buono and Assemblyman Peter Barnes visit Giakas Cleaners and talk to Brett and George Giakas.

Buono, Barnes Tout New Law

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"When a big business loses money, the corporate tax code offers them a potentially life-saving break, yet small business owners have no such protection," Buono told the business owners. "This tax disparity becomes even more harmful to the small businesses we will need to grow our economy. Our taxes need to be fair to businesses of all sizes, and not stick to a mistaken model of bigger is better."

The law provides sole proprietors and other small business owners with a tax cut by requiring the tax code to treat them the same way as it does larger corporations. "Despite what we are told, a majority of Americans are employed by small businesses, not global corporations. It is more impor-

tant that we in Trenton and Washington keep this in perspective and give small business owners the tools that they need to grow our economy one neighborhood at a time," said Barnes. The new law will help small businesses that do not file through corporate tax code by giving them many of the same benefits enjoyed by their larger counterparts.

Under prior tax law, state gross income taxes were calculated through 16 separately defined categories of income. Unlike the federal tax code and the tax laws of 48 other states, New Jersey law did not permit small business filers to carry forward operating losses. The measure consolidates four income categories, and allows a 50% "cross-netting" of gains or losses from one category of income to another.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Eve Pasternak

We regret as much as you that the library is still closed, but the clean-up is progressing. The damaged carpet and sheet rock have been removed and the final drying and sanitizing are taking place. As soon as the carpet is replaced and the walls repaired, we will be able to move the books back in and reopen. Keep watching the library's website (southplainfield.lib.nj.us) and our Facebook page to get the latest updates.

Meanwhile, remember that you can use your library card at many area libraries. To see the full list, from the library homepage "quick reference links" menu select "area libraries." You'll see a listing of MURAL (Middlesex-Union reciprocal lending) libraries you can use while we are closed. We have also posted the list on the library door.

If you have South Plainfield items checked out, renew them online or by calling Elvis at 908-757-3280, or keep them until the library reopens. We will not be charging fines for items due while the library is closed. If fines appear on your account, don't worry; they'll be deleted later.

When staff members are available to empty them, the book drops will be open. You can return items, pick up a list of MURAL libraries and browse

the free books and videos. Staff will not be allowed in the building during some parts of the demolition, cleaning and repair processes, and the book drops will not be open. If the book drops are locked, please do not return items to other libraries; just keep them until the library reopens.

Although the library building is closed, our website is up and full of useful resources. Our directories will help you find great websites on the arts, business, travel and more. You can develop your resume and search for a job through Job and Career Accelerator or Gale Career Transitions. Read magazine and historical newspaper articles through the Ebsco databases. Take a course offered by Universal Class or learn a new language with BYKI!

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There are plenty of resources still available while the library is closed. We hope that the restoration of the library building goes smoothly and that we will be able to announce a grand reopening very soon.



Stephanie Murano has her hair styled by Carousal owner Marty Papa.

Carousal Marks 35 Years With Open House

By Patricia Abbott

The Carousal Hair Salon, located on Oak Tree Road, recently celebrated their 35th anniversary with an open house that featured free high and low lights, urban shock colors as well as free tanning. Outside the salon a table was set up displaying wigs with various forms of high and low lights. Visitors also had the opportunity to sign up for many door prizes. A tanning booth was also outside.

Inside the salon, owner Marty Papa and her staff were busy with customers both old and new. Some came for the free services and others took the opportunity to visit the salon on a Sunday for feather extensions.

The back room held a table of assorted goodies, cold and hot drinks. Despite the delay caused by Hurricane Irene, the salon was finally able to celebrate its anniversary. The afternoon proved to be a success.

POLICE REPORT

• On September 13 a South Plainfield resident reported the theft of two canisters of refrigerant, two refrigerant gauges and three bottles of Oxycontin and Percocet pills from their vehicle while parked at Red Lobster.

• On September 14 Joseph Colon-Nunez, 24, of South Plainfield was arrested for obstruction and disorderly conduct at the Brick House Tap & Tavern.

• Chelsea L. Jensen, 20, of Piscataway was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and driving while intoxicated under the age of 21.

• On September 16 Terelle A. Myers, 23, of Hillside was arrested for failure to inspect, displaying a fraudulent inspection sticker, driving while suspended and two outstanding warrants.

• Jtreyor M. Cuning, 25, of Edison was arrested for driving on a suspended license and several outstanding warrants.

• On September 17 Darren D. Doyle, 18, of Plainfield was arrested at the A & P for shoplifting \$1,000 worth of assorted items.

• A Middlesex resident reported the theft of a radar detector, sunglasses and \$5 in change from their unlocked vehicle parked at Best Western.

• A Pineville, La. resident reported that their driver's side window had been smashed and a power converter, brief case, various hand tools and \$50 in change were taken while parked at Best Western.

• A Pine Street resident reported the theft of a Mix Well plastic tub by a customer who was at their garage sale.

• On September 19 Judith B. Schmidt, 71, of South Plainfield was arrested for criminal trespassing and eight outstanding warrants.

• South Plainfield High School reported the theft of three parking spot signs on Lake Street.

• On September 21 Hirzan A. Reyes, 38, of North Plainfield was arrested for maintenance of lamps and an outstanding warrant.

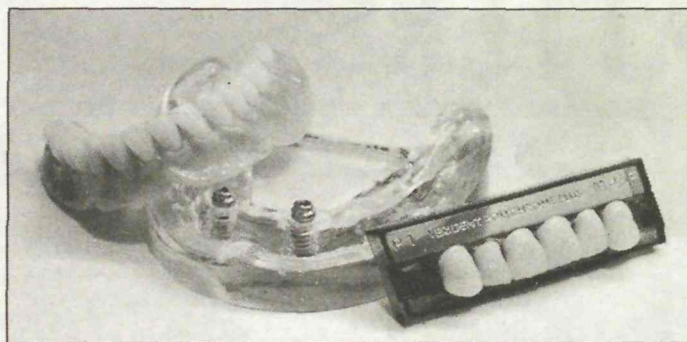
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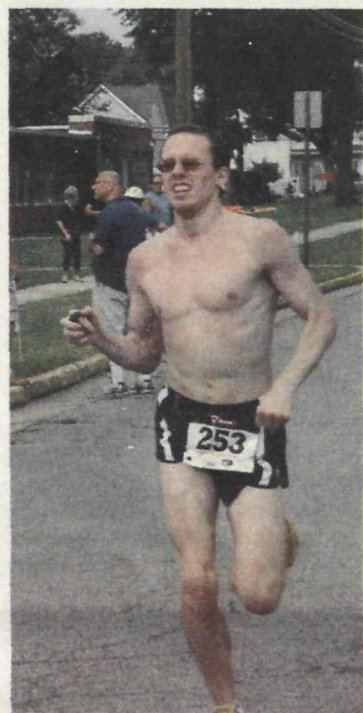
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Morgan's Top Time in 5K Secures Fourth Consecutive Win



South Plainfield resident Tim Morgan (pictured at left) secured his fourth consecutive win in the annual Labor Day 5K race with a time of 16:57.

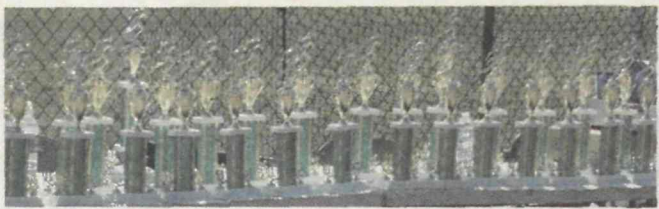
Two hundred and eighty eight runners from the age of eight to 72 joined Tim to participate in the race sponsored by The South Plainfield Education Foundation (SPEF), The Club at Ricochet and The South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness (SPASA).

Top female racer overall was Anna Butrico of Warren with a time of 21:15.

The top 20 overall winners (in order) were Tim Morgan, David Allara of South Plainfield (17:10), Michael Loesner of Piscataway (17:32), Adam Butrico of South Plainfield (17:53), Luke Sprenger of South Plainfield (18:27), Brendan Berry of South Plainfield (18:42), Philip Hume of Morristown (18:42), Cristobal Arias of North Plainfield (18:59), Basir Vincen of Warren (18:59), Ryan

Bors of South Plainfield (19:06), Charlie Butrico of South Plainfield (19:10), Chris Marrone of South Plainfield (19:15), Michael Kennedy of Rahway (19:15), Thomas Palladino of Edison (19:16), Justin Van Dyk of Cranford ((19:24), Tomas Gonzalez-Gar of No. Plainfield ((19:35), Walter Valverde of Warren (19:45), Dan Buccino of Dunellen (19:59), Paul Fiorilla of Watchung (20:01) and Zachary Wilson of South Plainfield (20:02).

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Labor Day 5K Race Results

Top Male Overall	Top Female Overall
Tim Morgan – 16:57	Anna Butrico – 21:15
14 & Under Male	14 & Under Female
1 Sean Erkardt21:20	1 Sophie Bass.....22:37
2 Frank Ferraro21:57	2 Dianne Ferraro24:24
15 - 19 Year Old Male	15 - 19 Year Old Female
1 Adam Butrico17:53	1 Anna Butrico21:15
2 Luke Sprenger18:27	2 Cristina Butrico22:43
20 - 29 Year Old Male	20 - 29 Female
1 Tim Morgan16:57	1 Emily Peregrin21:50
2 David Allara17:10	2 Nicole Szczesny.....26:31
30 - 39 Year Old Male	30 - 39 Year Old Female
1 Tomas Gonzalez-Gar.19:35	1 Erin Panzarella.....23:20
2 Walter Valverde 19:45	2 Donna O'Connor24:03
40 - 49 Male	40 - 49 Year Old Female
1 Cristobal Arias18:54	1 Lisa Gerber25:57
2 Patrick Aguiar21:53	2 Toni Frank26:07
50 - 59 Year Old Male	50 - 59 Year Old Female
1 Paul Fiorilla20:01	1 Joy Jaworowski22:07
2 Ken Ward21:42	2 Erica Doyle26:20
Over 60 Male	Over 60 Female
1 Sid Howard23:45	1 Joann Coffee24:53
2 Edward Wright24:41	2 Pauline Powell34:57

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SPORTS

WEEKLY RESULTS

U-10 SHARKS

Submitted by Nicole Plate



Sharks Shutout Westfield

On a cool but gorgeous day for soccer, the Sharks U10 boys traveling soccer team came out strong against Westfield. Justin Plate and Ashwin deGroot split the game in goal and shut down Westfield from scoring. The boys had strong defense by Kevin Veliz and Elmer Zuniga.

Nick Atehortua scored the first two goals of the game in the first four minutes of the first quarter. Both goals were assists from Elmer Zuniga, who is a great new addition to the Sharks.

The second quarter saw much of the same great offense with goals from Ashwin deGroot, Kevin Veliz and Nick Atehortua, again with assists from Elmer Zuniga and Tav Baldassarre. The Sharks passed the ball and had great control. At half time, the

Sharks led the game with a 6-0 score over Westfield.

The second half was controlled by the Sharks again, and they shut out Westfield for the win by a score of 7-0. Splitting their time in goal was Justin Plate and Ashwin deGroot, who refused to let any shots get into the net.

The Sharks played a great game and the coaches and parents are so proud of them. Continue working hard!

The Sharks team consists of the following players: Elmer Zuniga, Kevin Veliz, Bryan Cruz, Ashwin deGroot, Tav Baldassarre, Justin Plate, Gabe Mont, Carlos Arias and Nick Atehortua.

Coach Baldassarre and Coach Mont thank the Sharks for a strong win and playing hard. Go Sharks!

Football Eagles Highlight Linemen

South Plainfield Eagles tackle games #2 and #3 were met with mixed results as the teams experienced their share of wins and losses. As usual, the flag teams did a fantastic job making key runs, touchdowns and flag pulls.

This week the South Plainfield Eagles would like to take notice of the kids who are the unsung heroes. TDs and key tackles can only be made when the players on the line are doing their jobs. These kids often go unnoticed because all the fans are focused on the kids with the ball in their hands. For anyone who read the book or saw the movie, "The Blind Side," you know that the second highest paid player in the NFL is the left tackle.

We would like to celebrate and recognize the following hard-hitting convocation of Eagles linemen in no particular order:

Flag: Christian Cataldo, Matthew Ciullo, Vincent Conselina, Christopher Cox, Ashton Donovan, Jacob Dunn, Yash Jacob, Jacob Leonard, Ryan Luersen, Justin Salvado, Noah Connolly, Dylan Coon, Robert Currao, Alfred Fuschetti, Malaki Lawrence, David Mayorga, Dante Miller, Tyler Mohan, Angelo Palmeri, Zachary Passe, Nicholas Robertson, Steven Twist and LJ Watt.

Mitey Mite: Sebastian Alonso, Tyler Balent, Solomon Chainey, Myles Cheatham, Kenny Clevenger, Zachary Esporin, Joshua Fuentes, Bryce Hollis, Mike Kurilew, Anthony Nigro, Gabriel Panton, Anthony Penyak, Bobby Rivera, Xavier Santos, Andrew Van Herk, Lamont Watson and Kairhi Williams.



Junior Pee Wee: Charles Lovett, Brenden Hedden, Angel Ruiz, Josiah Harvey, Alexander Pear, Ernesto Nieves, Anthony Van Herk, Gregory Algaran, Jada Shuca, Cody Hunterton, Evan Cabrera, Divon Pender, Jona-

than Mohan and Jaden Crudup.

Stay tuned for when we share cheerleading competition results starting in mid October.

-Submitted by Anthony Cangialosi, SP Eagles President

BY GARY LAMPASONA

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB

Fall baseball is in full swing at the ball club. Games are played on Monday and Friday nights and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come on down and see a game.

Registration for the Spring 2012 season will be held at the clubhouse on Friday, Oct. 21 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Can't get there? You can also download the forms directly from our website, www.leagulineup.com/spjbc and mail them.

If you're taking in a game at the club, you can also ask for a board member... we'll be glad to sign you up. Early registration fees are \$110 for a single child, \$160 for two children and \$210 for three children.

We will hold our next monthly meeting on Monday, Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the clubhouse. All are invited to join us.



U-14 SOCCER THUNDER

Submitted By Jenn Curtis

Weather Aside, Thunder Soars to First Victory 4-1

The SPSC Boys U-14 Team Thunder scored its first victory on Sunday with a well played game against Basking Ridge, winning 4-1 at home. Team Thunder is a combination team of a few new team members who meshed well with current Thunder players. All played hard and kept up the pressure both offensively and defensively until the final whistle blew.

Early in the game Gavin Castro scored the first goal of the game and the season for Thunder with a fantastic shot that put Thunder up 1-0. After halftime Thunder came

back out and hit the field hard with Gavin Castro scoring his second goal on an assist by Christian Gonzalez. Gavin Castro then assisted Johnny Pareja, who scored the third goal of the game putting Thunder up 3-0. Christian Gonzalez scored the fourth goal unassisted. Pressure defense by all and spectacular goalkeeping by Kyle Delpaoli, who only allowed one late goal by Basking Ridge secured Thunder's 4-1 victory.

Thunder is comprised of Nick Battista, Nolan Berry, Gavin Castro, Matthew Celentano, Tyler Curtis, Kyle Delpaoli, Nick Gavilanes, Christian Gonzalez, Chris Kuberiet, Richard Marcovechio, Joe Mcgeehan, John Pareja, James Piedalato, Jack Townley, and Jonathan Veras. Thunder's record is now 1-1. The boys are coached by Phil Battista, Joe Mcgeehan, and Carlos Gonzalez. The next game is Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at the Memorial Turf field.

SPHS Weekly Sports Schedule

Friday, September 30

3:45pm Fr Football - Allentown (A) Bus 2:30
3:45pm GV Tennis - Perth Amboy (A) Bus 2:30
3:45pm GFr Soccer - Parsippany Hills (H)
4:00pm Volleyball - JFK/JV 5:30 Bus 2:30
4:00pm GV&JV Soccer - Parsippany (H)
7:00pm V Football - New Brunswick (H) 2 Buses Jost 8:30

Saturday, October 1

10:00am Fr Field Hockey - East Brunswick (A) Bus 8:15am
10:00am BFr Soccer - Perth Amboy (H)
2:00pm BV&JV Soccer - Perth Amboy (A) Bus 12:45
2:00pm V Field Hockey - East Brunswick (A) JV/3:30pm
G Soccer - Long Island (A) Bus 7:00
V Tennis - Bound Brook (A) Bus TBA

Monday, October 3

3:45pm JV Football - New Brunswick (A) Bus 2:30
3:45pm BFr Soccer - Old Bridge (A) Bus 2:30
3:45pm GFr Field Hockey - Westfield (A) Bus 2:30
3:45pm GV Tennis - Monroe (H)
4:00pm VF Hockey - Metuchen (H) JV/5:30
5:30pm V Volleyball - Wardlaw JV/3:45 (H)

Tuesday, October 4

3:45pm GV&JV Soccer - Highland Park (A) Bus 2:30
3:45pm B&GV Cross Country - North Brunswick (H)
4:00pm BV&JV Soccer - Edison (A) Bus 2:30
4:00pm BFr Soccer - Edison (H)
5:00pm V Gymnastics - Bishop Ahr (H)

Wednesday, October 5

3:45pm V Tennis - New Brunswick (A) Bus 2:30
4:00pm GFr Field Hockey - Sayreville (H)
5:30 V Volleyball - Bishop Ahr/JV 4:00 Bus 2:30
VF Hockey - Sayreville/JV TBA Bus TBA

Thursday, October 6

3:45pm BV&JV Soccer - Woodbridge (A) Bus 2:30
3:45pm VG Tennis - Woodbridge (H)
3:45pm Fr Football - JFK (H)
4:00pm GV&JV Soccer - North Brunswick (H)
4:30pm V Gymnastics - Piscataway (H)

S.P. SKI CLUB

Submitted by Chris Hubner

Club Prepares For New Season

The South Plainfield Ski Club is preparing for its eleventh season and will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria. Students in grades six through eight are eligible to join and should attend this meeting.

The club will take four Friday afternoon/evening trips to Mountain Creek in northern New Jersey during January and February. President Rob Breslau said, "I am very excited about this year, especially after the great season we had in 2011. It seems like every trip we took last year there was fresh new snow on the ground and the students had a really wonderful time. It gave them something to look forward to and made the winter really fly by."

The club's main goal is to teach beginners how to ski and ride (snow board) and enjoy the entire mountain experience. Lessons are provided by trained professionals employed by Mountain Creek. Packages include lift ticket, rental, lessons and

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U-11 ECLIPSE

Submitted By Kathleen Curtis

Eclipse Girls vs. Scotch Plains

On Sunday, Sept. 25 Team Eclipse marked another tie in their books against Scotch Plains, 1-1.

Despite some excellent defense, Scotch Plains struck first with a goal in the first half, but it didn't take long for one of the newest members of the team, Julia Parker, to take charge. Julia drove the ball up the field with team members Linda Farinella and Jillian Holoboski assisting. Final pass from Linda gave Julia the opening to kick the ball in.

After a much needed break at the half and some switching of positions, Team Eclipse held Scotch Plains scoreless in the second half. The defensive team of Olivia Leonardis, Cameron Marks, Gianna Sacco, Samantha Pullen, Kristyn Smith, Catherine Delair and newest team member Sarah Gwiazda held off Scotch Plains and allowed only four shots on goal.

With Mackenzie O'Brien on goal, Scotch Plains didn't stand a chance of getting the ball in. While the defense was doing their job the offensive team of Alexis Davis, Victoria Meono, Jillian Holoboski, Linda Farinella, Christina Romano, Kaitlyn Smith and Julia Parker did their part keeping the ball on the other side of the field. Team Eclipse had a total of six shots on goal in the second half. The girls did a great job of adjusting to playing on a larger field.

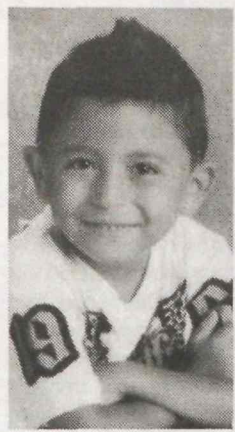
The girls play away October 2 at New Providence. Team Eclipse is coached by Head Coach Gino Leonardis and Assistant Coach Ken Curtis, and is made up of Alexis Curtis, Catherine Delair, Lynda Farinella, Sarah Gwiazda, Jillian Holoboski, Olivia Leonardis, Cameron Marks, Victoria Meono, Mackenzie O'Brien, Julia Parker, Samantha Pullen, Christina Romano, Gianna Sacco, Kaitlyn Smith and Kristyn Smith.

Ski Club Prepares

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transportation via luxury motor coach. Buses leave the respective schools around 1:30 p.m. and return approximately 11 p.m. that same evening.

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Think snow!

Javier A. Herrera-Reyes "YuYo", 6

Javier A. Herrera-Reyes

Javier A. Herrera-Reyes "YuYo", at the age of 6, was called upon by the Lord to be an angel in heaven on Wednesday, Sept. 21 in the Bristol-Myers Squibb Children's

Hospital at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

YuYo is predeceased by his father Javier.

He is survived by his loving mother, Jessica Reyes; his sister Cynthia; his maternal grandparents, Marlene and Alfredo Klee Reyes; his paternal grandmother, Marta Reyes; and by his uncle, Hugo Herrera. Also surviving are numerous loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

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

Donations can be made to the Leukemia-Lymphoma Society (www.lls.org), the Embrace Kids Foundation (www.embracekids.org) or Camp Sunshine (www.campsunshine.org).

Beatrice M. Allara

Beatrice M. Allara, nee Rodgers, a longtime resident of South Plainfield, passed away Monday, Sept. 19.

Allara was preceded in death by her husband, John A. Allara; her parents, Samuel and Josephine Rodgers; a sister, Pearl Type; and two brothers, Theodore Rodgers and Samuel A. Rodgers, Jr.

She is survived by her sons, Darryl (Kenneth Frechill) of Dallas, Texas; John (Patrice) of South Plainfield; Robert (Any) of Warren and Keith (Diane) of South Plainfield. Also surviving are two grandsons, Stephen (Teresa) and David; two great-grandsons and many nephews and nieces.

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

Donations may be made in Bea's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105 or to The

Ronald McDonald House, Attn: Charitable Accounting, One Kroc Drive, Oak Brook, Ill. 60523.

Florence (Zmijewski) Rein

Florence (Zmijewski) Rein passed away peacefully on Monday, Sept. 19 at the Barbara E. Chung Memorial Hospice in Edison.

Born in Scotch Plains, Florence had lived in Irvington prior to settling in South Plainfield over 50 years ago and had been employed by Prudential in South Plainfield for 10 years.

Florence is predeceased by her four sisters, Irene, Lucille, Dorothy and Eleanor. Surviving are her husband of 69 years, Joseph F. Rein; a daughter, Susan Rodda of North Plainfield; a son, Joseph M. and wife Deborah Rein of Glen Gardner; a granddaughter, Kristin Lauler; and a great-grandson, Corbin Liam Lauler.

Funeral services were held privately in Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery under the direction of the McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

Charles P. Delayo, Jr.

Charles P. Delayo, Jr. passed away on Thursday, Sept. 22 at Hampton Ridge Health Care and Rehabilitation Center in Toms River.

Born in Plainfield to the late Charles Sr. and Victoria LaCosta, he had resided in South Plainfield where his family owned and operated Delayo's Market on Plainfield Avenue. Charles later moved to Dunellen, residing there for 30 years before settling to Lavallette ten years ago.

He had been employed as a property manager for Hartz Mountain Industries in Secaucus until his retirement in 1997.

Charles was devoted to a variety of organizations and activities throughout his life. He had been a coach for CYO Basketball and Recreation Little League in Dunellen, was a longtime member of the Watchung Sail and Power Squadron, a current

communicant of St. Pio of Pietrelcina and a member of their Holy Name Society, Knights of Columbus Council #8415, Seaside Park; the Lavallette Senior Citizens and a life member of the South Plainfield Rescue Squad.

He enjoyed spending time with his family, golfing, fishing and serving as an honorary trustee for Simon's Soup Kitchen.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his beloved wife of 52 years, Ruth (nee Shaw); three dear children, Charles P. III and wife Anna-Lee of Cranford, Ann E. Delayo of Lavallette and Michael J. and wife Renee of Roselle Park; a brother, William and wife Nancy of Warren; five grandchildren, Alexandra, Joseph, Daniel, Michael and Madeline, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Timothy E. Ryan Funeral Home in Toms River.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to South Plainfield Rescue Squad, 2520 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080; Lavallette Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 334, Lavallette, N.J. 08735 or Simon's Soup Kitchen, P.O. Box 551, Seaside Park, N.J. 08752.

Jennie (Barnosky) Yurinko, 96

Jennie (Barnosky) Yurinko died on Thursday, Sept. 22 in the Genesis Eldercare at The Woodlands in Plainfield.

Born and raised in Tamaqua Pa., Mrs. Yurinko resided there until she settled in South Plainfield over 50 years ago.

Employed by White Westinghouse in Edison, she worked as a line installer for over 30 years before her retirement. In addition, Mrs. Yurinko was a member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens.

She is predeceased by two sons, Charles who died in 1997 and Ronald in 2007, and eight brothers and sisters.

Surviving are a sister, Betty James of Mt. Pleasant, Pa.; five grandchildren, Douglas, Michael, Valerie, Darlene and Adrienne; and three great grandchildren, Paul, Cecelia and Addison.

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

Marion (Mango) Giuliano, 92

Marion Giuliano

Marion (Mango) Giuliano died on Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Brandywine Assisted Living in Toms River.

Born and raised in Newark, Marion resided in Irvington, Toms River and in Ft. Lauderdale as well as Hollywood, Fla. before relocating back to Toms River four years ago.

Marion worked on the assembly line for Bristol Myers in Hillside until she retired.

Mrs. Giuliano is predeceased by her husband, Charles A. who died in 1983; a daughter, Arlene Bernauer who died in 2003, and by all of her siblings.

Surviving is a daughter, Lorraine Roudi and husband Michael of Manchester, 5 grandchildren; Michael Roudi and his wife Donna of Texas, Kristine Giordano and her husband Steve and Leanne Salvatore and her husband Craig all of South Plainfield. Also surviving are 7 great grandchildren.

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

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In My Opinion

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council members and demand an accounting of why the library has been so badly neglected at this time.

There is so much wrong with the planning in this town from officials who have no clue as to what to do in an emergency. Will this disaster make any difference in the future planning in this town? I really am highly disappointed in these elected officials and will make sure to vote them out next time and hope the next group will have more sense. But the way things have been done in the past does not let me hope for much in the future, whether it be Republicans or Democrats.

SINCERELY, CHARLENE VARRY

Dear Editor,

My name is Paul McCullen and I am running for the South Plainfield town council on the Democratic ticket. As

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

Award of Contracts

Pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law of New Jersey, be advised that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield awarded contracts at their recent public meetings as indicated below. By Resolution, the governing body awarded contracts to the lowest responsible bidder as certified by the Borough Engineer and Borough Attorney. The companies receiving contracts are as follows:

#11-199 Award a contract to Stilo Excavating, 2907 So. Clinton Ave, South Plainfield, the lowest responsible bidder, for the resurfacing of Rahway Ave and Kenyon Ave. at a cost not to exceed \$341,328.25 and authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute said contract.

#11-212 Award a contract for New Market Ave, Phase II resurfacing to Stilo Excavating, 2907 So. Clinton Ave, South Plainfield, NJ, the lowest responsible bidder, at a cost not to exceed \$283,042.27.

#11-231 Award a contract for the annual Leaf Bag Pick Up program to Midco Waste, 5 Industrial Dr., New Brunswick, NJ, at a rate of \$34,164.

#11-236 Award a contract to Pinto Brothers Disposal for an emergency Borough-wide storm clean-up for \$54,500.00 plus tipping fees. Tipping fees shall not exceed \$81.17 per ton.

#11-246 Award a contract for the removal of vertical curbs and the installation of ADA Curb Ramps to P.A. Contracting of Kearney, NJ at a cost not to exceed \$66,224.

Joann L. Graf, RMC
Municipal Clerk

\$37.00

September 30, 2011

LEGAL NOTICE

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

September 23, 2011

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on September 22, 2011.

A. Case #24-11-Andrew Bohl, Block 45; Lot 4; R-75 Zone. 1702 South Central Avenue. The applicant's request to allow a portico to encroach into a secondary front yard setback was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

B. Case #25-11-Joseph Zekas, Block 77; Lot 14; R-75 Zone. 2410 Linden Avenue. The applicant's request to allow an above ground pool to encroach into a secondary front yard setback was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

C. Case #26-11-Rita Siegel, Block 160; Lot 1; R-10 Zone. 137 Ivy Street. The applicant's request to allow an existing shed to remain in its present location was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

D. Case #27-11-Keith Dziombak, Block 282; Lot 50.04; R-10 Zone. 5 Trista's Way. The applicant's request for the permission to erect a detached garage not to exceed 776 sq. ft. was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

E. Case #29-11-Hop Brook Properties, LLC. (EE Cruz), Block 390; Lot 4; M-3 Zone. 165 Ryan Street. The applicant's request for a temporary use permit not to exceed (6) months in order to place (2) trailers on the site was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Secretary-Zoning Board of Adjustment

\$37.39

September 30, 2011

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD,
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Burgers of Hadley, LLC requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the possible use variance and possible site plan amendment to place tables, chairs and umbrellas on an existing outside patio; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 5020 Hadley Center Drive, Block 528, Lot 46-27 (proposed), Zone OBC-3 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, October 13, 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.

\$38.50

September 30, 2011

I have been walking door-to-door for months, it has been fun getting to meet neighbors, old friends, and of course, meeting those of you I've never met before and hearing your stories, what is on your mind, how you perceive things and where you want to see our town in the future.

I pride myself on thinking problems through and possess the will to work towards the goal of keeping this town affordable, sustainable and viable for us all. I also bring to the table a good understanding of managing finances as I have worked for small businesses for several years. In those roles I learned the importance of managing resources responsibly.

What makes this year different from other years is that the Democratic Party has chosen three diverse candidates to work for you. Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas has been working for you since 2009 and I think has earned your trust and should be given the chance to continue serving. What is great about John and me is that we have spent most of our voting lives as independents. I think it is great to see a party reaching out to people in the community who want to become involved no matter what their long-term political background.

I want to see South Plainfield move forward. It is time to think about the future, not about what has happened in the past. It is also more important than ever before to keep a party balance on the council in order to ensure the best for our town. Please feel free to reach out to me should you have any questions.

RESPECTFULLY, PAUL MCCULLEN

Dear Editor,

Comments last week by the Democrat political candidates regarding road projects are so out of touch it's frightening. In their comments, they suggested that the town should have

repaved Sampton or Cedarbrook avenues instead of McKinley Street. Sampton Avenue will cost about \$650,000, and the town has already applied for a grant to do it next year. Cedarbrook was just repaved a couple years ago. But even putting that aside, neither road could be paved with \$29,000, which is the amount left over from another road project that was used to pave McKinley.

Councilwoman Buteas has been on the council for three years, so it's baffling to think she doesn't know all this.

The three Democrats also criticize the decision to pave McKinley. How quickly they forget their big press announcement a few weeks ago saying South Plainfield needs to be more business friendly so we can keep jobs. McKinley Street was barely passable, and the businesses that rely on it were threatening to move away. That would have meant not only job losses, but loss of tax ratables (in other words, higher taxes).

It's difficult to understand how people who are running for office can make such irresponsible statements and be so out of touch. They simply don't understand the issues, let alone the solutions. But then again, that's apparent from the Democrat record last time they ran things.

COUNCILMAN TIM MCCONVILLE

To the Editor:

By this time last year I was being told of the success of the Republican Party in keeping taxes lower in South Plainfield. Last October we were then told by the current council president that if everything stayed "status quo" the town would see a budget savings of \$1.4 million. He was highly confident that the town would be in great shape.

Well, it has been almost one year and the town suffered a \$750,000 shortfall to the budget, and we've seen

our taxes go up on an "estimated" tax bill, while the whole time the Republicans blame the volunteer library board for the council's budgeting woes. Yet, they still continue to tell us they are getting things done.

If getting things done means seeing our taxes go up, having the short-sightedness to forget to make sure our municipal buildings have things like flood insurance, and working together means bashing anyone that doesn't agree with their vision of South Plainfield, then we need a better solution.

I'm excited to see Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas seeking re-election joined by John Sorrentino and Paul McCullen. Let's keep Democracy alive in South Plainfield and have the two parties work together towards making South Plainfield a great place to live. It's obvious we can't afford to have just one.

SINCERELY, BILL NAGY

To the Editor:

We are a government of laws rather than of men. Several weeks ago the Council accepted a bid to repave Rahway Avenue. The contractor did a great job and the cost of the project was under the budgeted amount. Someone in Borough Hall, no one will admit who, decided to repave another road—McKinley Road—with the surplus. Three days later the Republican majority on the council introduced a resolution to pave the road. The road was already done and the money already spent. The resolution said that there were changes to the original resolution. But it is illegal to add additional roads to a change order. Whenever the borough spends more than \$17,500 of your money, they must go out to bid. McKinley cost thousands of dollars more than the threshold amount, but the mayor and council never went out to bid for the

work on McKinley. That was another illegal action. When I asked for an explanation at the council meeting, I was accused of questioning the actions of the chief financial officer. By law, only the mayor and council can authorize the spending of money, and they have to follow state laws and guidelines.

Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas was the one member of the council present last Monday night who questioned the repaving of McKinley. I know this is the campaign season and things get exaggerated and taken out of context for political points, but I believe that the actions of some of the members on the council were illegal and unethical. I am not challenging the fact that McKinley Road needed to be done, nor do I believe that every member of the council knew the road was being paved, but when the facts were presented I hoped that the council would not pass the bogus resolution. But they did and someone should investigate this further.

MICHAEL ENGLISH

To The Editor:

Boy I really had to laugh when I read the Democratic Opinion in the September 23, 2011 *Observer*. The Democrats so graciously pointed out the dangers of one party rule, tax hikes, unauthorized spending and abuse of power. How quickly they forget about the things they did when their party was in control and all the irresponsible spending that took place during their reign. The purchase of the old Suburban Bus Company on New Market Avenue is just one example of their wasteful, careless spending. There were some controversial decisions that occurred during the Democratic tenure too. While I do agree that the two party system is the way to do things, those that live in glass houses...

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Wesley Welcomes Pastor

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God spoke to me telling me to 'take care of my children'. I told my Pastor about what I had experienced," said Kim.

Her pastor encouraged Kim's vocation by having her take over the Youth program and provided a scholarship for her to study Christian education at the Seminary Alliance in Nyack, New York. When her husband was transferred to Ohio, she faced a big question.

"Why did God pull me out of a successful youth ministry and send me away to Ohio?" she asked herself.

In Ohio Kim had another revelation that put her on the path to being a congregational pastor. The original message she received when she returned from Paraguay—"to care for My children" held a larger context. It didn't mean only "children"—it meant the total congregation.

She continued her theological studies in Ohio and received a Master of Divinity from Ashland Seminary. She met with recruiters and within three months the Ohio Bishop placed her at a Caucasian Church as a lead pastor. She served three congregations there before she was transferred to New Jersey.

For the past five years Kim was associate pastor and head of four associate pastors and 10 part-time pastors

for the Korean Community Church in Englewood.

Since last July she has been with Wesley United Methodist Church in South Plainfield. She started three bible study groups and leads two Sunday services at 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Kim loves her diverse and welcoming congregation and enjoys serving people of all ages and backgrounds. Her passion is to preach the Word of God to all people that they may experience and express the love of God.

Wesley United Methodist Church is located at 1500 Plainfield Ave. The Reverend Barbara Rambach, superintendent for the Raritan District of the Greater New Jersey Conference of the United Methodist Church will preside.

Musical selections will be provided by the Broken Builders Praise Band, the Korean Women's Ensemble from the Korean Community Church of New Jersey, the Wesley Chancel Choir, the Wesley Handbell Choir and a saxophone soloist. A reception will follow. The congregation, along with our community, area UMC pastors and community clergy, family and friends are all invited to attend.

For more information, please call the church office at (908) 757-2838 or visit www.wesleyumcsp.com or email us at wumcsp@verizon.net.



The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club monument honors the memory of all who lost their lives on 9/11.

Baseball Club Dedicates Twin Towers Beam

Last Saturday evening members of the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club (SPJBC) dedicated a monument in memory of all who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

Attending the ceremonies were members of the South Plainfield Fire Department, the South Plain-

field Rescue Squad and the South Plainfield Police Department as well as Mayor Anesh and members of the Borough Council, parents, friends and Junior baseball players of all ages.

The centerpiece of the monument is a beam from the foundation of one of the Twin Towers which was destroyed after two planes flew into them.

The dedication took place in front of field three where the monument, constructed of stone masonry, is installed. Three plaques are affixed to the wall—each representing the State of Pennsylvania with the location of Shanksville marked, the Twin Towers and the Pentagon.

The monument was constructed by SPJBC Building and Grounds Board Member Bob Bors, who acted as chief project manager, and a sup-

port team of volunteers who wish to remain anonymous.

"This monument is not just for the present, but for the past and the future." The National Anthem was sung by Lainie Harris, invocation was by Deacon Tammias Gray, St. Johns, Baptist Church in Scotch Plains.

Those attending were given candles to hold during the dedication. At the close of the program, Lainie Harris sang a song about the Twin Towers and the lights on the wall behind the monument and the steel beam were officially turned on.

The SPJBC is seeking donations for the widows and children of the fireman and police responders who were killed on 9/11. Anyone who would like to donate should contact board member Joe Scrudato at (908) 406-5920.

Borough Council Candidates to Debate October 26

The Observer and the South Plainfield Business Association will co-sponsor a Meet the Candidates Night on Wednesday, Oct. 26 at the Senior Center at 7 p.m.

The candidates for Borough Council are incumbents Alex Barletta (R) and Chrissy Buteas (D). Candidates vying for first time seats

are Democrats John Sorrentino and Paul McCullen and Republicans Derryck White and Dick Frank.

Questions for the candidates will be submitted by members of the audience that evening. The moderator will decide which questions will be asked and in what order. Candidates will alternate responses;

time for rebuttal comments will also be included.

The Meet the Candidates event will be the sole opportunity prior to Election Day that both parties will meet to debate and explicate their positions on relevant issues affecting the borough.

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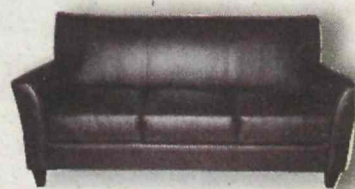
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