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## BOE Decision Limits Voter Input on Budget

*Board Approves Move to November Elections; Budget Approval No Longer Needed*

By Libby Barsky

In an effort to garner a larger voter turnout members of the Board of Education voted to move the school board elections to November, coinciding with national, state and local elections. The board endorsed a law

signed by Governor Chris Christie on January 17.

The new law also eliminates voting on a school budget unless there is an increase of more than two percent from the previous year's tax levy. The move was approved by a vote of 7-1; Gary Stevenson was not present.

BOE member Bill Scesselberg, who voted against the resolution to adopt the new law, felt that moving the election to November during a presidential election year would be too confusing for residents. He also stated that he would be happy to remain on the board for a few months longer in

his first term.

The 2011/2012 school calendar had set aside February 7 if the New Jersey primary elections were moved from June. Since that change never occurred, February 7 will be a regular school day for all students; teacher's professional day has been moved to

June 5.

The calendar also reflects early dismissal for the middle school on Thursday, Feb. 9 and Grant School on Monday, Feb. 16 for parent/teacher conferences. Schools will be closed on Friday, Feb. 17 and Monday, Feb. 20 for President's Day.



South Plainfield High School alumni Joe Truono checks out the historical photos and stories at the wrestling team's fiftieth anniversary celebration held last Sunday. See page 6 for story.

## Borough Council Commends Firefighters for Heroism

By Jane Dornick

At its public meeting on January 17, the South Plainfield Borough Council presented members of the volunteer fire department with a Meritorious Award for saving the life of a woman during a fire in Plainfield on December 16.

The incident began at 1:33 a.m. when a mutual aid call was received by the South Plainfield Fire Department regarding a working structural fire on the 100 block of East 4th Street. When they arrived, crew members Chief Larry DelNegro, along with firefighters Gary Stevenson, Lt. Adam Tennenbaum, Alex Nieradka and Nick Figler were assigned to evacuate the storefront and apartments.

Upon entering the building, they

were met and assisted by Plainfield Police and additional firemen who were evacuating any occupants. The South Plainfield crew encountered a small area under a stairway with a smoke condition. Nieradka noticed a foot sticking out and the body of a female was found unconscious behind a door. Lt. Tennenbaum instructed firefighters Tim Grey and Figler to carry the woman outside where she was brought to safety in a driveway. The victim was not breathing and CPR was started by Lt. Tennenbaum and then taken over by Chief DelNegro. Plainfield EMS arrived who, along with Stevenson, revived the victim.

No other victims were found in the building and the woman was transported to the hospital where she died several days later.

## Borough Announces "Pick-ups on Demand"

By Jane Dornick

Beginning this spring, the Borough will begin providing residents with a new bulk pickup service. Households will receive two vouchers for free pick-ups called, "Pickups on Demand." The new service will eliminate the need to wait until a town wide pickup is scheduled. Mayor Matt Anesh commented, "They will be able to schedule pick-ups when the residents actually need them."

After Hurricane Irene and the October 29 snowstorm cleanups last

year, Anesh felt that residents would have been better served if the town had its own method of removing garbage. "Despite having the best cleanup operation in the state, we felt if we had garbage trucks in our fleet the debris pickups would have been finished even faster and in a more cost effective manner," said Anesh.

Anesh credits Administration and Finance Committee Chairman and Council President Ray Rusnak and Councilmen Alex Barletta and Rob Bengivenga for their work in "hammering out" a cost effective way of

expanding services for borough residents. Rusnak estimates the borough will save approximately \$35,000 a year by doing bulk and leaf bag pickups in-house.

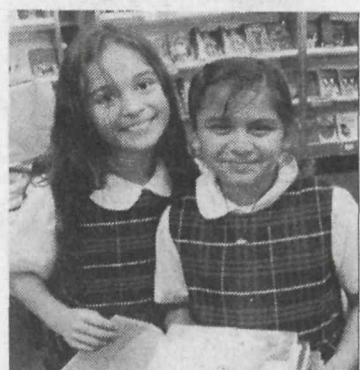
"In addition to the added service," said Anesh, "I will be glad to see the junk piles throughout town and the scavengers they attract disappear. This is going to be a "win win" for everyone."

"The borough is expanding services, saving money and looking better. It doesn't get any better than that," said Bengivenga.



Former Fire Chief Larry DelNegro, Firemen Lt. Adam Tennenbaum, Alex Nieradka, Nick Figler and Gary Stevenson.

## Catholic Schools Week Kicks Off at HSA With Open Houses



Holy Savior Academy, the newest school serving pre-k three through grade eight in the Diocese

of Metuchen, will offer three open houses to prospective students and their parents.

Catholic Schools Week kicks off on Sunday, Jan. 29 with an open house for prospective students and their families from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Principal Melinda A. Hanlon, the faculty, and the board of trustees will be on hand to welcome parents and students, and to answer any questions they might have.

On Monday, Jan. 30 an open house for current parents and students will be held from 9 to 11 a.m.

For prospective students and par-

ents who wish to visit during school hours, Holy Savior Academy will hold an open house on Tuesday morning, Jan. 31 from 9 to 11 a.m.

Prospective parents can enjoy seeing the actual classes in session which their children may be attending in September of 2012, and this open house will give them the opportunity to do so. Prospective parents and students who are unable to attend the morning open house may choose to attend the evening open house on Tuesday, Jan. 31 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Some parents choose to enroll their students in seventh or eighth

grade as a transition year between public school and a Catholic high school. Holy Savior Academy can be a welcoming source of advice and suggestions.

Holy Savior Academy is one of the most advanced schools in the area, using educational technology such as smart boards, laptops and video conferencing, plus offering an excellent sports program and extracurricular activities.



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**council meetings**

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

<b>Agenda Meeting</b>	<b>Public Meeting</b>
February 6	February 6
February 21	February 21

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

Feb. 14, Feb. 28, March 13, March 27, April 10, April 24, May 8, May 22, June 12, June 26, July 10, July 23\*, Aug. 14, Aug. 28, Sept. 11, Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 13, Nov. 27, Dec. 11

**zoning board of adjustment**

Meets first and third Tuesdays of the month, \*except where noted.

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641

Feb. 7, March 6, March 20, April 3, April 17, May 1, May 15, June 5, June 19, July 3, July 17, Aug. 7, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 18

**board of education**

Meets Wednesdays at Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave.

Committee of the Whole meetings (begin at 6:00 p.m.)

Feb. 8, March 14 and April 4.

Regular Public Meeting (begin at 7:30 p.m.) except where noted\*

Feb. 15, March 21, April 11.

**BOE curriculum/technology/student activities**

Meets once a month at 4:30 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.

Feb. 21, March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19, July &amp; Aug.-No Meeting, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18

**library board of trustees**

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday, at the library at 7 p.m.

Feb. 15, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11

**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

Feb. 16 (Thursday), March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11

**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 plan sub-committee**

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

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

**environmental commission**

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

Questions? 908-226-7621

Feb. 8, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9

**business advisory group**

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

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Cub Scouts Joseph Kelly, Alex Kelly, Ryan Berardi, Charles LaDelle, Bradley Butler, Michael Villany, Jack Prehm and Cole Peterson try out the councilmen's seats during their visit. Also pictured are Scout Master John Mocharski, Assistant Scout Masters Ed Prehm and David LaDelle, councilmen Dick Frank, Alex Barletta and Derryck White, Mayor Matt Anesh, Council President Ray Rusnak, Councilmen Tim McConville and Rob Bengivenga.

**Cub Scouts Pay a Visit to Borough Hall**

By Libby Barsky

As one of the requirements to earn the Citizenship in the Community Badge, one of the many badges in scouting required to become an Eagle Scout, Cub Scout Den #207 visited Borough Hall on January 17 to witness government in action. Scoutmaster John Mocharski, deputy fire chief and a member of the Board of Adjustment, arranged the visit.

On January 12, Councilman Rob Bengivenga visited the scouts and spoke about local government, how government works and answered their questions. One question they asked stumped Bengivenga. They wanted to know, "What is the silliest law on the books in South Plainfield?" He didn't have a good answer that night, so he repeated the question at the council meeting to see if anyone had an answer, but no one seemed to be able to come up with a silly law.

"We spoke about the different areas in town where each of them lived and how as elected officials we represent all

of South Plainfield and its neighborhoods," said Bengivenga, adding, "I was impressed on how knowledgeable they were when it came to the type of government we have and the location of our emergency services."

The scouts are very aware of the importance of the fire department and the police in the community. Last August, boys from Troop 203, 224 and 324 built a float for the Labor Day parade which featured a "burning" building that was billowing black smoke (created by two smoke

machines) with a police car and fire truck coming to the rescue. The float won the Honorary Grand Marshal Trophy illustrating the parade's theme of "Honoring Our Heroes."

Other community projects the scouts participate in include collecting food for local food banks, placing American flags at the graves of each veteran in the three cemeteries in town during Memorial Day services, and holding ceremonies to retire old flags.

**Notice of Special Public Meeting**

A public hearing for the 2012 Community Development Block Grant has been scheduled for Monday, Feb. 6 at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the South Plainfield Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Ave.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss projects to be considered for inclusion in the 2012 Community Development Block Grant application. Public input on this project as well as input on any other projects will be entertained by the governing body at this time.

Further questions may be addressed to Councilman Robert Bengivenga, Jr., the council's representative to the Housing and Community Development Agency at (908) 966-1491; or Glenn Cullen, administrator/CFO at (908) 226-7602 or email to gcullen@southplainfieldnj.com.

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Mayor Matt Anesh presents Wear Red Day Proclamation to former Councilwoman Darlene Pinto and BOE Vice President Debbie Boyle.

## Annual National Wear Red Day For Women is February 3

In its ongoing effort to elevate public awareness about cardiovascular disease, the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women movement is teaming up with Emmy-nominated actress Elizabeth Banks to share the truth about the number one killer of women. More women die of heart disease than all forms of cancer combined. Unfortunately, heart disease is often silent, hidden and misunderstood. Additionally, stroke is the number four leading cause of death of women and the number one cause of long term disability. That's why Go Red for Women is asking New Jersey women to participate in the ninth annual National Wear Red Day on Friday, Feb. 3 to make ending heart disease a reality.

"Heart disease causes the death of one woman every minute," said Dr. Jacqueline Hollywood, a board-certified

cardiologist and partner at The Advanced Cardiology Institute in Fort Lee. "That's why it's so important to understand and modify your personal risk factors and be aware of overlooked common symptoms. Plus you need to share that information with the women you love."

Currently some eight million women in the U.S. are living with heart disease, yet only one in six women believes that heart disease is her greatest health threat. In fact, 90 percent of women have one or more risk factors for developing heart disease.

Go Red For Women is asking women to take action by participating in this year's National Wear Red Day. Women can wear red in support of the cause, learn more about their personal risk of heart disease, get

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## Thompson Enlists Help of Volunteers to Brighten Christmas for Local Families

By Patricia Abbott

South Plainfield resident Shirley Thompson is definitely special among Santa's helpers. Shirley makes the holidays bright for many local families by providing traditional home-made, hot meals that are delivered to their homes on Christmas day.

Shirley started the tradition of delivering meals to the elderly and disabled nine years ago. She originally worked from her home, doing all the preparations and cooking in her kitchen with the help of members of her family. The program expanded and quickly outgrew the confines of her home. Meals are now prepared in the kitchen of Wesley Methodist Church, compliments of Shirley's friends, Bob and Arlene Ritchie, who arranged for use of the Wesley kitchen. The list of volunteers has also greatly increased. Shirley and her entourage arrive at the church around 10 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

The kitchen becomes a beehive of activity as Shirley and her crew begin the task of cooking turkeys and preparing the rest of the holiday meal. Cooking one turkey is time consuming enough; consider the work that goes into cooking 17 turkeys equaling approximately 275 pounds. The turkeys were carved by Shirley's brother, Bill Weaver, in the early hours of the morning.

The Ritchie Family joins other volunteers who work with Shirley late into the night on Christmas Eve. Shirley's sons, John and Jerry, prepare massive amounts of ziti to add to the meals. Family and friends are on hand to sort and bag items and organize them for delivery.

Each family receives a dinner that includes turkey, gravy, mixed veg-



Shirley Thompson, along with the help of her family and volunteers, prepares Christmas dinner for local families at Wesley Methodist Church.

etables, dinner rolls, cranberry sauce, baked ziti, fresh fruit and cookies.

In addition to the meal, a wide assortment of cookies are baked and bagged by members of the Cedarcroft Bible Chapel. Resident Alyssa Ragno baked and bagged an additional 92 batches of cookies.

Shirley makes certain that after the cooking and cleaning are completed there is plenty of food remaining to feed her crew.

After hours in the kitchen Shirley

and the volunteer elves head home to rest, but not for long. In the morning the food is heated and packed. The deliveries begin at noon and are completed by approximately 2 p.m.

Shirley noted that the work begins long before Christmas. Shopping for non-perishable items begins after Thanksgiving; grocery shopping is completed as late as Christmas Eve.

Seventeen turkeys and all the trimmings is a lot of food. They were

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## Around Town

### Pet Dental Health Fair

January 29

The Plainfield Animal Hospital, located at 2215 Park Ave., will hold a dental fair on Sunday, Jan. 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. in celebration of National Pet Dental Health Month.

The festivities will include free dental check-ups, discounts on future services, tooth brushing and home care demonstrations, giveaways, contests, door prizes, tours of the hospital, refreshments and much more.

For more information or to register, call (908) 755-2428 or visit [www.plainfieldanimalhospital.com](http://www.plainfieldanimalhospital.com).

### Be-A-Scout Workshop

January 30

Be-A-Scout Workshop #2 will be held on Monday, Jan. 30 from 7 to 8 p.m. at VFW Post #6763 on Front Street. This workshop is designed for the boys who couldn't make the first workshop, but still want the opportunity to find out all the outdoor excitement of the Boy Scouts of America. There is no cost for this event.

To pre-register, please contact Jim Donelson at (908) 361-9699 or by email: [rvtroop125@aol.com](mailto:rvtroop125@aol.com).

### Super Bowl Bake Sale

February 4

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Orthodox Church, 400 Delmore Ave., will hold a Super Bowl bake sale on Saturday, Feb. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Food items for sale include holubtsi, perogies, chili, soup and more.

For more information, call (908) 561-6366 or email [nbvocpierogi@gmail.com](mailto:nbvocpierogi@gmail.com).

### American Legion Valentine's Breakfast

February 12

The American Legion Post #243, 243 Oak Tree Ave., will host a Valentine's breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 12 from 8 a.m. to noon. Homemade Valentine chocolate gifts will be sold.

Food served buffet style will include pancakes, French toast, ham, bacon, eggs, breakfast quiches, bagels, fruit and more. Cost: \$6 per person; \$3 for children under 12; children under six are free.

### Sacred Heart Concert

February 12

The Sacred Heart Music Ministry will present "Another Night on Broadway" on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 3 p.m. The concert will feature music from such beloved musicals as *West Side Story*, *The Sound of Music*, *Peter Pan* and *Beauty and the Beast*.

For more information, call Dan Mahoney at (908) 756-0633, ext. 139. A free will offering will be taken at the door.

### Elks Beef 'N Beer Nite

February 17

The South Plainfield Elks will host a beef 'n beer night on Friday, Feb. 17 from 6 to 9 p.m. Hot roast beef sandwiches with your choice of sauteed onions and/or mushrooms and homemade salads. Hot sandwich and beer is \$10; sandwich only, \$6. Proceeds will benefit the Special Children's Committee which assists special needs children and defrays the cost of sending campers to Elks Camp Moore. Enjoy a hot sandwich and help a special needs child today.

### Cultural Arts Talent Show Tryouts

February 26, March 3

Got talent? The South Plainfield Cultural Arts fourth annual Talent Showcase tryouts will be held on Monday, Feb. 26 from 2-5 p.m. and Saturday, March 3 from 1-4 p.m. at Wesley Methodist Church, 1500 Plainfield Ave. All ages are welcome.

If you have any questions regarding the tryouts, email [spcac.nj@gmail.com](mailto:spcac.nj@gmail.com).

### Sacred Heart Church Lenten Fish Dinners

February 24, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 and Sacred Heart Church will once again sponsor the Lenten fish dinners on Fridays during Lent; February 24, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Dinners will be served from 5-7 p.m. in the Holy Savior Academy cafeteria (formerly Sacred Heart School), 149 South Plainfield Ave.

The menu will feature filet of fish (fried, broiled or parmesan), cheese ravioli, manicotti and linguini or pizza, fresh garden salad, rice pilaf, french fries or macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, coffee, tea, or cold drink, plus dessert.

Adults, \$9; seniors, \$8; children \$5. Pay at the door. Take out orders will also be available.

Stations of the Cross will be held in the church at 7 p.m.

### Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

February 25

American Legion Post #243, 243 Oak Tree Ave., will hold a spaghetti

dinner fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 3-6 p.m. Sponsored by JJ Gardner Detachment, Marine Corps League. Adults, \$8; seniors and children 12 and under, \$5.

For more information, call Bob Hatton at (908) 354-1640.

### Franklin School PTO Auction/Raffle

March 24

The Franklin School PTO will hold its annual auction/raffle on Saturday, March 24. Proceeds will be used to fund several school programs.

If you are a business and would like to donate merchandise, a gift certificate or make a monetary donation, call Tara Rocco at (908) 668-1459.

### — Out of Town —

### Woodbridge WOWs Open Dance

January 29

Woodbridge Widows Or Widowers will hold an open dance on Sunday, Jan. 29 from 7-11 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Morrissey Ave. in Avenel. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome. Admission: \$10 members; \$12 guests.

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

### Metuchen-Edison Women's Club Mtg.

February 1

The next Metuchen Edison Women's Club next meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m. at The Heritage at Clara Barton, 1015 Amboy Ave. in Edison. Join us for a discussion presented by chiropractor Dr. Tricia Mastropietro on the causes, treatment and prevention of low back pain and

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#### TUESDAYS

Bingo ..... 10 am-2 pm  
Ladies Social Group ..... 10 am

#### WEDNESDAYS

Exercise Class ..... 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

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

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### MCC Art Exhibit—Self: Scape

February 2-March 8

An art exhibition, "Self: Scape," will be held at the Middlesex County College Studio Theatre Gallery February 2 through March 8. The gallery is open weekdays, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A reception for the artists, which is open to the public, will be held on Thursday, Feb. 2 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Self: Scape is an exhibition that conceptually questions the metaphorical redefinition of the environment through the artist's perspective.

### American Flyers Hosting Open House

February 4

American Flyers Flight School at Morristown Airport will host an open house and barbecue on Saturday, Feb. 4. The event kicks off at noon with complimentary lunch and continues with tours and a presentation by a certificated flight instructor. Attendees will be eligible to receive a certificate for two free hours of instruction in one of the flight simulators.

For more information, call (973) 267-3223 or visit [www.americanflyers.net/about/aviation\\_seminars.asp](http://www.americanflyers.net/about/aviation_seminars.asp).

### Upscale Singles Dance Party

February 4

Steppin' Out Singles is hosting an upscale singles dance party on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 8 p.m. at the Woodbridge Hilton Grand Ballroom, 20 Wood Ave. South in Iselin. Ages 40 and up. Admission: \$17.

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

### Sweetheart Valentine's Tea

February 8

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**Michael Morgan Promoted to  
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Michael A. Morgan

Michael A. Morgan, P.E., P.P., F.T.O.E., vice president and transportation planning department manager, has been promoted to regional office manager of Gannett Fleming's South Plainfield office. Morgan began his career with the firm 15 years ago and is responsible for leading transportation planning, traffic engineering and environmental planning efforts of the firm throughout New Jersey and New York.

Morgan assumed his new post on November 1, 2011. His responsibilities include the day-to-day office operations of the South Plainfield office, which includes managing office operations; staffing; and business

development, marketing and quality assurance efforts. He also continues to serve as project manager.

A licensed professional engineer and professional planner in New Jersey, Morgan holds a bachelor of science in civil engineering from Villanova University and a master of science in civil engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology. He is an active member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Society of Highway Engineers and the Institute of Transportation Engineers.

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**Cupo Named to Quinnipiac Dean's List**

Audrey Cupo of South Plainfield has been named to the dean's list for the Fall 2011 semester at Quinnipiac University.

To be eligible for dean's list status, a student must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than C. Full time students must complete at least 14 credits in a semes-

ter, with at least 12 credits that have been graded on a letter grade basis (A through C) to be eligible. Part time students must complete at least six credits during a semester.

Quinnipiac is a private, coeducational, nonsectarian institution located 90 minutes north of New York City and two hours north of Boston.

and dessert in the glass enclosed porch overlooking formal English gardens, picturesque even during the winter months. A guided tour of the museum accompanies the luncheon. Cost: \$40 per person.

Reservations are required by calling (908) 527-0400.

**Valentine's Day  
Date Night at Kean**

February 11

Liberty Hall Museum at Kean University, 1003 Morris Ave. in Union, will open its doors on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 6-10 p.m. for couples to share a unique evening. Wine and cheese will be served and a romantic movie will be shown during Valentine's Day Date Night. Cost: \$55 per couple.

Reservations are required by calling (908) 527-0400.

**Mardi Gras at Willow  
Grove Church**

February 12

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, 1961 Raritan Rd. in Scotch Plains, will hold the sixth annual Mardi Gras Jazz Worship Service on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. A light brunch will follow the service. Reservations recommended by February 9.

For reservations, call (908) 232-5678 or email office@willowgrovechurch.org.

**Singles Dance Party**

February 19

Steppin' Out Singles is hosting a President's Day singles dance party on Sunday, Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. at the Woodbridge Hilton Grand Ballroom, 20 Wood Ave. South in Iselin. Ages 40 and up. Admission: \$17.

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



Artist Katie Crilley and author Bob Brown display the book cover Crilley created.

**Local Resident's Art Featured on New Book**

South Plainfield resident Katie Crilley has recently had her artwork featured on the cover of a newly published memoir from cancer survivor and first time author, Bob Brown.

Brown, a Bridgewater-Raritan resident, met Katie through a mutual friend while he was undergoing 18 months of treatment for inoperable pancreatic cancer. Katie often helped the family by caring for their two young children.

After successfully completing treatment, which included surgery, Bob wrote his memoir detailing his journey through the medical community while fighting one of the deadliest types of cancer. When the book was completed and ready for publishing, Bob asked Katie to create a cover image to artistically convey that journey. Her interpretation of the emotional and physical roller coaster ride which so many cancer patients experience is featured on the cover of Bob's book,

*The Ride of My Life: A Fight To Survive Pancreatic Cancer* published by iUniverse in November 2011.

Bob, who is currently in long term remission, has had his story featured on television in the recent, "Amazing Things are Happening at New York Presbyterian Hospital" ad campaign.

For more information, visit www.bobbrownsurvivor.com.

**Coppi Named to  
Dean's List at  
Univ. of Scranton**

Grey Coppi of South Plainfield has been named to the dean's list at The University of Scranton, which recognizes students for academic excellence, during the 2011 fall semester.

A student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better with a minimum number of credit hours to make the dean's list.

Grey is a senior finance major in Scranton's Kania School of Management.

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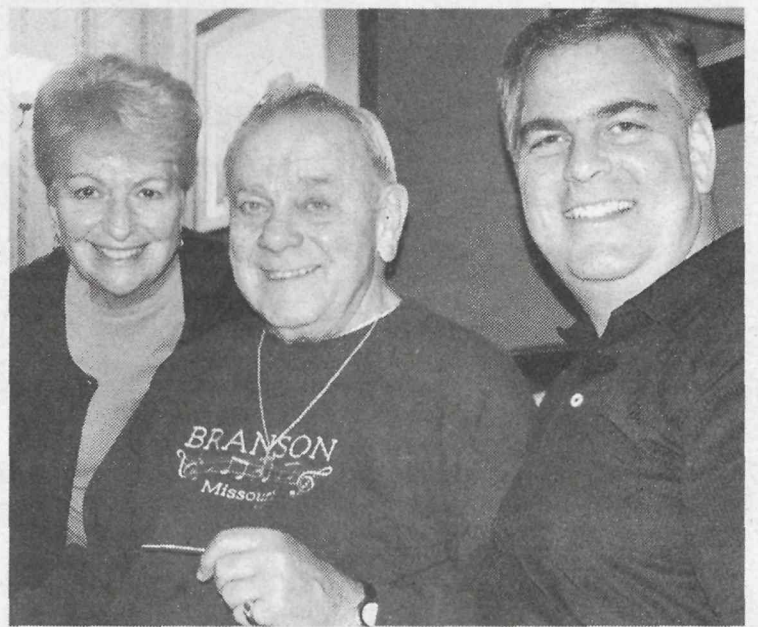
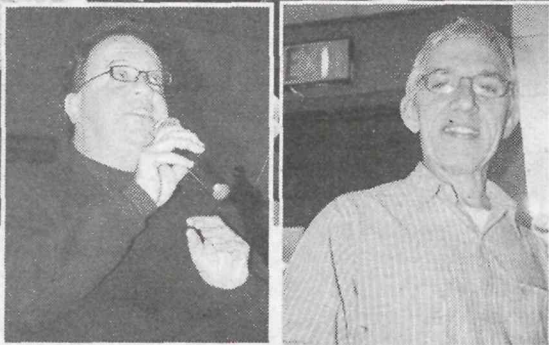
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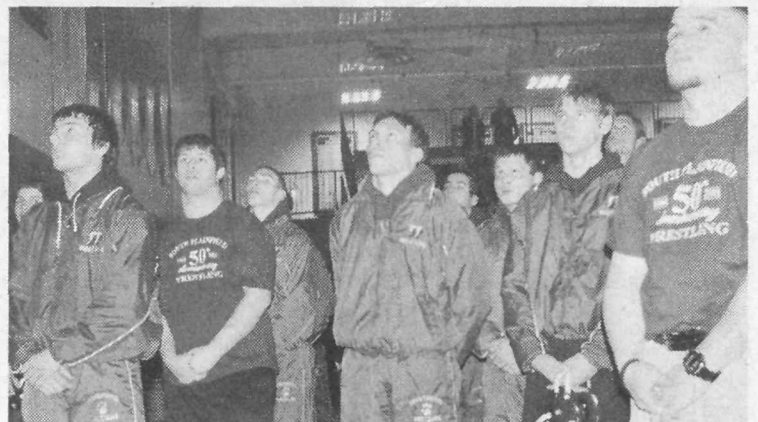
# SPHS Wrestling Program Celebrates 50th Anniversary



The family of SPHS Wrestling Program founder Al Ranger (above); John Graf (right) sings The Star Spangled Banner, and (far right) Andrew Papa, 1972 SPHS Wrestling District Champion.



Vince DeCindio (Class of '81) enjoys the buffet with his dad, Bill, at Flanagan's.



Members of the SPHS Wrestling Team during the performance of The Star Spangled Banner.

**50**  
a reason  
to  
celebrate  
SPHS WRESTLING

By Patricia Abbott

When it comes to high school sports, South Plainfield and wrestling are synonymous. This was evidenced by the near capacity crowd attending the 50th anniversary of South Plainfield High School's Wrestling Program on

January 20.

The event, organized by alumni Joe Sacco, was held in the gym prior to the match against Camden Catholic. Approximately 100 alumni were on hand for the celebration. Fans included toddlers and old timers, family, friends and many future wrestlers wearing their recreation wrestling shirts.

The hallway outside the gym featured a massive display of story boards with photos and newspaper clippings that reported on the wrestling team's coaches and championship seasons over the past five decades. The school's wrestling department has an impressive history. The team's origins are owed to Al Ranger, the former teacher who started the program in 1962.

As the wrestlers became seasoned under Ranger's instruction, the Tiger team built a reputation with numerous wins. Ranger ended an amazing 23-year career as wrestling coach with numerous state championship students.

One of the boards in the hall depicted a 10 year period known as "The Streak." It featured newspaper clippings boasting team wins and championships. There was a sign-up sheet for alumni, but most passed it by for prime seats in the gym. Among those who did sign up were Joe Sacco, Vince DeCindio, Jim Geils, Bryan Hunt, Bob Hunt and Joe Truono.

Bill Cochrane, emcee for the event, introduced Ranger's family and former head coaches Tom Baker, Mike Buggay and Bill Pavlak, and current coach Kevin McCann. Cochrane spoke briefly about their parts in SPHS wrestling history.

After the ceremony, the Tigers began

their match against Camden Catholic with fans cheering them on as the score climbed in their favor.

Among the alumni in attendance that evening was Andrew Papa, who was new to wrestling when Ranger recruited him during his freshman year. Papa was named district champion in his senior year (1972). He was one of the many alumni and fans who attended the buffet meal at Flanagan's following the match.

The DiCindio Family has their own personal wrestling history with four sons who were on the team over the years: Dave (Class of 1979), Vince (Class of 1981), Billy (Class of 1985) and Michael (Class of 1987).

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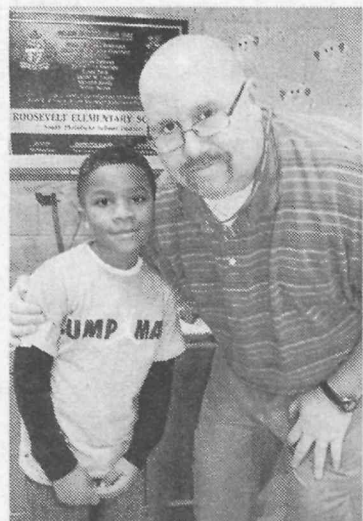
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## Samar Abdullah Named Junior Journalist Winner



Junior Journalist Samar Abdullah with teacher Mike Bertram.

Samar Abdullah, Roosevelt School third grade student, is this week's winner in the Junior Journalist program. His poem, "Samar..." has earned him dinner for his family, courtesy of Hometown Heros.

The program, which encourages students to express themselves through creative writing, is a joint cooperation between Hometown Heros and the South Plainfield Observer.

Students should submit their original works to their teachers, the Observer or to Hometown Heros. Winners are

selected weekly; students and their works are published in the Observer. Hometown Heros makes arrangements to deliver dinner for the winner's entire family.

At the end of the school year in May, Hometown Heros and the Observer host a banquet celebrating all of the weekly winners and their families. A \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond is awarded to one student by Hometown Heros; additional U.S. Savings Bonds are also awarded. Students are recognized by the mayor and the state assembly as well.

For more information, call the Observer at (908) 668-0010.

### Samar...

By Samar Abdullah

Rolls the ball  
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## Submit Your Artwork for 33rd Annual High School Art Show

duCret School of Art is now accepting artwork submissions for the 33rd annual High School Art Show. The show is open to all high school juniors and seniors and is a fantastic way for students to gain not only recognition for their work, view the works of peers from all over the state, but also for them to see that opportunities in the art field are abundant despite the unstable economy.

Now in this decade and more than ever, artists have the ability to be creative and be published. In support of emerging artists, each year duCret holds an annual art show. Last year there were 470 entries from high schools

throughout the state.

Submission forms can be downloaded from [www.ducret.edu](http://www.ducret.edu), requested via email to [pr@ducret.edu](mailto:pr@ducret.edu) or students and teachers can stop by the school between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. One submission per student will be accepted on the following dates: January 27 and 30 and February 1 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Artwork must not exceed 36" x 48" and must be hangable, framed or matted and covered with heavy acetate.

Prizes will be awarded at the opening reception on Friday, Feb. 24 from 7-9 p.m.

For more information, call (908) 757-7171.

## College and Career Readiness Fair to Showcase Marketing Field for Students, Educators

The Career and Technical Education Partnership (CTEP) of New Jersey will present a College and Career Readiness Fair on Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. to familiarize high school and college students, parents and educators with the growing field of marketing. The fair will be held in the Brunswick Room of Crabel Hall at Middlesex County College. Admission is free.

Hosted by CTEP's Marketing Project ([www.ctepmarketingtoolkit.org](http://www.ctepmarketingtoolkit.org)), the fair will feature exhibits and presentations on marketing, a poster contest for students and a chance to talk with marketing professionals about the many different and interesting jobs available in marketing.

"Attendees will be able to talk with marketers and professors about preparing for a marketing career," said Til Dallavalle, coordinator of the project.

"They'll learn what skills marketing firms are looking for, the role of marketing in promoting products and services across our economy and the many opportunities for a career in different areas of marketing."

According to Dallavalle, government figures project a 13 percent growth in marketing employment to over 700,000 jobs through 2018. "These are jobs that pay well and offer opportunities for advancement," he said.

One of the highlights of the fair will be the student poster competition. Students can submit posters on the CTE theme of "Making a Difference" at the fair, or send them to the CTEP office in advance. Their projects will be featured at the fair.

More information on the CTEP Marketing Career Cluster, the fair and the poster contest can be found on

the [www.ctepmarketingtoolkit.org](http://www.ctepmarketingtoolkit.org) web site.

### About CTEP and the Marketing Career Cluster

The Career and Technical Education Partnership (CTEP) partners with administrators, counselors and teachers in New Jersey schools to create opportunities that enhance the quality of secondary and postsecondary CTE programs.

In response to national and state needs and initiatives, the CTEP Marketing Project links secondary and postsecondary public education with representatives from business, industry and labor and workforce development to provide enhanced quality programs in New Jersey—programs that will prepare the workforce of the 21st century.

## Premiere Stages at Kean University Seeks Proposals for New Liberty Live Initiative

Aspiring and established playwrights are invited to submit new plays to Premiere Stages, the professional theatre company in residence at Kean University. Liberty Live is the new program of Premiere Stages Play Festival which will commission a one-act script from a New Jersey playwright. The commissioned writer will be awarded \$1,000 and the script will be developed and produced in November 2012 at Kean University's Liberty Hall Museum. Local audiences, school groups and the public will be invited to attend.

Liberty Live will dramatize the history that shaped the state of New Jersey, while fulfilling Premiere Stages' mission: to cultivate talented writers, support the development of new plays and bring high-quality, professional productions to diverse audiences.

"We are extremely pleased to expand our new play development programs to include Liberty Live," said John Wooten, producing artistic director of Premiere Stages. "The project empowers local dramatists to create compelling plays about how New Jersey has evolved. And Liberty Hall Museum is the perfect partner to help bring these stories to life."

For 2012, the focus of Liberty Live will be on the town of Westfield. A partnership with the Westfield Historical Society adds a family and

educational component. Workshops and staged readings will culminate in public performances at Liberty Hall Museum in November. Question and answer sessions with noted historians and guided tours of the museum will be offered as part of the event.

More than 25 plays have been developed through Premiere Stages Play Festival. All entries are evaluated by a panel of theatre professionals and historians in consultation with Wooten and resident dramaturg, Clare Drobot. Interested New Jersey based writers are encouraged to submit by the deadline of March 15. There is no entry fee. Please email [premiere@kean.edu](mailto:premiere@kean.edu) for guidelines or visit [www.kean.edu/premierestages](http://www.kean.edu/premierestages).

The Westfield Foundation has funded the 2012 pilot program of Liberty Live. Premiere Stages receives additional funding from The New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, Northfield Bank, The New Jersey Theatre Alliance and generous

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## From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Eve Pasternak

It's already the end of January—how are you doing on your New Year's resolutions? The year is still young; we are all looking to grow and change. Your library has lots of information to help you achieve your goals. It's no surprise that there are many books on financial management and weight loss, two of the most popular resolutions. If you have resolved to be more fit, first draw some inspiration from the picture book *Miss Fox's Class Shapes Up* by Eileen Spinelli. After that, you can use the growing collection of workout videos to bring some variety to your exercise program. As a cool down activity, walk over to the book shelves—call number 641.5635—where you will find cookbooks filled with healthy, low-calorie recipes.

Is this the year that you are going to volunteer more in the community? Consider joining the Friends of the Library. You will be helping out with programming, fundraising or other projects that interest you. Speak to any staff member about how to join.

If you've resolved to be more creative, the library is the place to start. Young adults in grades seven and up should come to the jewelry making program which will be held on Monday, Jan. 30 at 6:30 p.m. The library will be providing a wide variety of beads to make necklaces, anklets or bracelets. The program is free, but space is limited, so we ask that you sign up in advance.

Younger children will flex their creative muscles at the Valentine Kidcraft program on Monday, Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m. They'll be making things with a Valentine's Day theme. Registration and a \$1 materials fee are required.

Everyone is welcome at the knitters and crocheters club that meets Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Beginners and experts alike are invited to bring their own projects and join this friendly group (for free). If you're looking for ideas for a new project, head back to the bookshelves to check out the knitting, crocheting, quilting and other craft books. The magazine area is another great source of inspiration with journals from all your favorite crafts.

Many people resolve to learn a new language. In addition to books and dictionaries, the library has audio CDs and computer programs to give you the complete multi-media learning experience. Another easy way to build your language skills is through transparent Language Online (formerly BYKI), the language instruction program provided by your library with over 80 languages available. Go through the library's home page ([www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us)) to set up your username and password. Books, CDs and online resources are also available for English as a Second Language (ESL) students. Please tell your friends if they do not read the *Observer*.

Some people resolve to spend more time with family. An easy and fun way to accomplish this is to bring your children to storytimes at the library and take home books to read together. You might also find a video game or movie for a family fun night. Storytimes for children ages three to six are Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m., and Thursday afternoons at 1:15 p.m. Children will enjoy stories, songs, and a related craft. "Time for 2s & 3s," especially geared toward children of those ages, is held Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30. Even the youngest "readers" can enjoy storytime. Miss Linda offers Babytime on Fridays at 10:30 a.m., a lap sit program for infants up to two years old, with nursery rhymes, finger plays and fun!

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## Sports

### Benefit Volleyball Tournament This Sunday

The second annual benefit volleyball tournament is slated for Sunday, Jan. 29. The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. at South Plainfield High School for high school students and at the middle school for middle school-aged students. The event is being co-sponsored by the South Plainfield PBA Local #100 and the South Plainfield Middle School PTO. The tournament will feature three divisions: adults, teenagers and kids.

Arts and crafts, hosted by the Heros and Cool Kids Peer Leadership students, will be available in the cafeteria for young children who attend the tournament with their parents.

All proceeds from the tournament will go towards additional scholarships for SPHS students in 2012. Each year, the PBA Local #100 and Middle School PTO offer multiple scholarships to graduating seniors based on merit, school activities and community involvement. These proceeds will help each organization

reward additional deserving students from South Plainfield.

Last minute registrations can be emailed to Officer Pete Magnani at [pmagn@southplainfieldnj.com](mailto:pmagn@southplainfieldnj.com).

For more information, email or call Officer Magnani at (908) 226-7678, or call Debbie Boyle at (908) 803-1573.

### Teams Sought for Youth Basketball Tournament

Middlesex County Office of Parks & Recreation is seeking teams for the annual Board of Chosen Freeholders' Basketball Tournament which starts in early March. This year's single game elimination tournament will be held at Middlesex County Vocational-Technical School, 21 Suttons Lane in Piscataway.

The tournament will consist of four divisions: Youth Division #1: Boys and girls ages 10 and under; Youth Division #2: Boys and girls ages 12 and under; Youth Division #3: Boys and girls ages 13 and 14; and Youth Division #4: Boys and girls ages 15 to 17. Age cutoff is October 31.

Teams must have a minimum of five, but no more than 20, participants. Registration, a \$75 per team entry fee and rosters are due by February 17.

Space is limited, and registration is accepted on a first come, first served basis. Checks should be made payable to: Treasurer, Middlesex County and should be sent to: Middlesex County Parks & Recreation Department, P.O. Box 661, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903; Attn: Erin Drakoulis.

For more information, please call Drakoulis at (732) 745-4222 between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. or email her at [erin.carroll@co.middlesex.nj.us](mailto:erin.carroll@co.middlesex.nj.us).

Please note: Rosters and birth certificates for all players must be carried by each coach for verification before the first game and for subsequent games if requested.



**Congratulations to the South Plainfield Beasts U-11/12 indoor soccer team as they captured second place in their division this season. The team consists of the top U-11/12 travel players in South Plainfield. Team members are Mikey Marrero, Marc Giordano, Chris Born, Chris Shine, Ian McCoid, Brandon Wizda, John Serro, Billy Keane, Jacob Rivera, Andrew Bisgaard and Connor Wolpin. The team is coached by Terrance McCoid and John Wizda.**

## SPHS

### WEEKLY SPORTS SCHEDULE

South Plainfield High School

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

9:00am G&B V Track-Bennett Center (A)  
Bus 6:45am  
V Wrestling-GMC Trn (A) Bus TBA

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

Competition Cheering-Bishop Ahr (A)  
Bus TBA

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 30

5:30pm JV Wrestling-JP Stevens Bus 3:30

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

3:45pm G Fr Basketball-North Brunswick (A) Bus 2:30  
3:45pm B Fr Basketball-North Brunswick (H)  
6:00pm V Swimming-Piscataway (A) @ JCC Bus 4:30  
7:00pm G V Basketball-North Brunswick JV/5:15 Bus 3:45

7:00pm B V Basketball-North Brunswick (H) JV/5:15

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:00pm V Wrestling-Del Val JV/5:30 (A) Bus 3:00

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

3:45pm B Fr Basketball-Woodbridge (A) Bus 2:30  
3:45pm G Fr Basketball-Bishop Ahr (H)  
7:00pm B V Basketball-Woodbridge JV/5:15 Bus 3:45  
7:00pm G V Basketball-Bishop Ahr (H) JV/5:15  
V Wrestling-Bishop Ahr JV/TBA Bus TBA

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

3:45pm B Fr Basketball-Edison (A) Bus 2:30  
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## boe notes

By Libby Barsky

Three substitute athletic trainers, Jane Scheffler, Lisa Merrill and Ryan Olivira, were approved retroactive to December 26, 2011 at the January 18 Board of Education meeting. Their employment includes two days of the winter basketball tournament.

Susan Dezmin was recalled from the district's 2011 reduction in force and will return as an instructional support aide at Roosevelt School for four hours. This is an additional position due to an increase of special education students and IEP requirements.

Colleen Montgomery was appointed long term substitute for Grant Elementary School mathematics teacher Katherine Wilson from January 12 through February 24.

Dayna Palmer was appointed instructional support aide, replacing Peggy Albert, at Kennedy School for six hours a day from January 19 through June 30.

The Board of Education appointed Joanne Okoszko assistant transportation supervisor, replacing Taram Ramsaywak from January 19 through June 30.

Barbara Cantamessa was appointed accounts payable clerk, replacing Barbara Scarcella in the accounting office, from January 19 through June 30.

Added to the regular substitute list were: Elena Constantinou, William Leonard, Tiffany Nagy, Saini Anju and Erin Sikanowicz. Approved as a substitute instructional aide was Yolandia Lee Clendenen; and Bori Gail as a substitute duty aide.

Two new buses, a 54- and 25-passenger bus, were purchased by the Board of Education from two companies for the combined cost of \$152,621 after the board received three bids. The Wolfington Body Company of Mount Holly was awarded \$96,700 less \$1,500 for the trade-in of an older bus for a total bid of \$95,200 for a 2012 integrated 54-seat passenger bus NJ Type C. Arcola Sales and Service Corporation of Carlstadt bid \$57,921 (less \$500 for the trade of a 14-seat passenger, one wheelchair van) for a 2013 NJ type B 25 seat passenger bus.

## Shirley L. Scherer, 60

Shirley L. Scherer passed away on Saturday, Jan. 14 at Northwestern Medical Center in St. Albans, Vt.

Born in New Brunswick, Shirley resided in New Jersey until April of 2010 when she settled in Vermont to be closer to her daughter, Melissa. While in New Jersey she resided in various Central Jersey towns including North Plainfield and Raritan.

She worked as a machine operator for Dandee Plastics in Dunellen and later worked for Trimline Medical Supply in Branchburg prior to moving to Vermont.

Shirley enjoyed spending her free time doing fill in puzzles, listening to country music and watching the Game Show Network.

Predeceased by her husband, Ernest; a son, William Scherer; and her mother, Jean (Stillwagon) Scherer, Shirley is survived by two daughters, Melissa Niebergall and fiancé Jon Rybkiewicz of Richford, Vt. and Diane Heilman of Piscataway; a son-in-law, James Heilman of South Plainfield; two beloved grandchildren, Nicole and Jonathan Heilman; and by four sisters and a brother and their families, Georgette, Jean, Sue, Clair and Buddy.

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

## Frances A. Gula, 69

Frances A. Gula passed away on Saturday, Jan. 14 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born on July 20, 1942 in Newark to Thomas H. Ryan and Helen (Gaven) Gavin, she lived in Harrison and Kearny before moving to South Plainfield in 1984.

Mrs. Gula was a duty aide for Franklin Elementary School in South Plainfield for 12 years. She taught preschool CCD for 14 years and was a Cub Scout den mother for five years at Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield.

Mrs. Gula was predeceased by two brothers, Thomas and Walter Ryan;

and by a sister, Clare O'Connor.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph Gula, Jr. of South Plainfield; two sons, Joseph Gula III and Michael J. Gula of South Plainfield; three sisters, Patricia Murphy of Whiting, Helen Gutt of Absecon and Kathleen Reitsma of Howell. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews, her dog Shadow and her parrot Max.

Funeral services were held at South Plainfield Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Joseph's Indian School, P.O. Box 100, Chamberlain, S.D. 57325-0100 or New Jersey Boxer Rescue, P.O. Box 684, Middlesex, N.J. 08846.

## Antoinette "Nettie" DiCanto, 83

Antoinette "Nettie" DiCanto died on Saturday, Jan. 21 at Haven Hospice located within JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born and raised in South Plainfield, she has been a lifelong resident of the borough.

Nettie retired in 2000 from American Solenoid in Somerset where she worked for 14 years in the assembly line. Prior to that, she worked for 28 years for Burroughs Corporation as a line supervisor. In her earlier years, Nettie worked as a beautician in South Plainfield.

She was a member of Our Lady of Czestochowa RC Church in South Plainfield.

She is predeceased by her parents, Anthony and Mary (Caruso) DiCanto, who also were lifelong residents of the borough.

Antoinette leaves behind a sister, Dorothy MacNeil of South Plainfield; a nephew, Anthony MacNeil of Piscataway; and several cousins and Godchildren.

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

## Commander Anne Check, 93

Commander Anne Check died on Thursday, Jan. 19 at the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home in Menlo Park.



Commander Anne Check

Commander Check, USN, clinical instructor and a nursing service supervisor, holds the distinction of having visited every continent in the world except Australia in her Navy career, which began August 26, 1940. After attending Flight Nurse School at Randolph, Texas in the fall of 1948, she served in transport squadrons in which she traveled to all South Pacific Islands including Japan, the North Pacific between Seattle and Alaska, and throughout the Atlantic-Iceland, Europe, Africa and the Caribbean from the Patuxent River Command.

Before flight duty, Commander Check served at various naval stations and hospitals in Philadelphia, New York, California, Virginia, North Carolina and the Marine Corps Air Station in the Virgin Islands. During 1946-47, she served aboard the USS Repose in the Pacific by which she reached China.

A native of Perth Amboy, she received her training at Elizabeth General Hospital. Out of the Navy from 1952 to 1957, she obtained a bachelor of science degree in nursing in 1955 from Rutgers, and a master's degree in nursing service administration from Columbia in 1956.

Retiring from the United States Navy in the mid 1960s, Commander Check settled in South Plainfield in 1969.

Predeceased by eight brothers and sisters, Commander Check leaves behind eight nieces and nephews, Carol Szczesny of Florida, Lois Chismar of Brick, Anton Check of Flemington, Ronald Brinkerhoff of Pittstown, John Ditski of South Plainfield, Gerald McCarthy of Lakewood, Michael McCarthy of Old Bridge and Thomas McCarthy of Pennsylvania. She also leaves behind many great-nieces and nephews.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations sent to the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home, 132 Evergreen Rd., Edison, N.J. 08818 would be appreciated.

## Ed Guzinski, 88

Ed Guzinski of St. Petersburg, Fla. passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 18.

Born in Pennsylvania, he had resided in Fanwood from 1951 until 1979 when he settled in St. Petersburg.

Ed served during WWII in the Army Air Corps and was a lifelong member of the American Legion. He was the owner and operator of an office equipment business in Manhattan for over 30 years.

Ed loved his work, family and friends. He was actively working at Bayway Isles Community as a security guard.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Jerry; three sisters, Mildred, Sabina and Elsie; and by a great-grandson, Anthony Edward.

He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Helen; two sons, Ron and wife Betsy of Long Valley and Edward and wife Roberta of South Plainfield; four daughters, Barbara of St. Petersburg, Fla., Dolores of Tempe, Ariz., Helen Sette and husband Gene of Scotch Plains, Nancy Myrick and husband Randy of St. Petersburg, Fla.; 13 grandchildren, Paul Edward, Asa, Andrew, Kendra, Lauren, Kori, Jessica, Nicholas, Melissa, Joseph Edward, Danielle, Kaitlin and Robert Edward; and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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Grant School student Darius Mullen playing trombone.

## Grant School Jazz Band Entertains at BOE Meeting

By Libby Barsky

Twenty-eight members of the Grant School Jazz Band, conducted by music teacher Mark Tweed, performed at the January 18 Board of Education meeting. They played two jazz compositions, *All About the Blues* and *Baggy Pants Blues*.

Tweed spoke to the board about the students' interest in studying jazz after school from 2:20-3:20 p.m., and of their willingness to take on solo parts for this performance.

"It's the hardest thing getting them to solo, to get in front of a group, and some have only been playing their instrument for a couple of months," said Tweed.

Ten students performed solo: Andrea Avelar, Arianna Clarke, Lynda

Farinella and Michael Villany on alto saxophone; Henrique Pereira and Isabella Rochford on tenor sax; Darius Mullens on trombone; Jake DelPaoli and Kyle Kelly on trumpet; and Ezinne Ibeku on flute. Piano players Lindsay Soper and Laianna Correa accompanied the band, as did percussionists Ryan Carey, Michael Clevenger, Julie Davis, Robert Lenau and Joshua Persad. The other instrumentalists included Tyson Ngyun on the tenor sax; Kieran Mangra and Ryan Bernidi on the trombone; Eric Akpan, Julian Lee and Doug Veit on the trumpet; and Kate Duhamel, Devin Hastings, Akash Patel, Zion Spears and Choe Wilson on clarinets.

"Clap if you like it, and clap if you don't," Tweed advised.

The audience cheered enthusiastically after each piece.

## Thompson Enlists Help of Volunteers to Brighten Christmas for Local Families

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purchased by Shirley, her family and neighbors who used their own money as well as the monetary donations they received from the community.

Shirley supplemented the program with a toy collection for underprivileged children in 2003. This year, in addition to the 310 meals, 74 children received gifts. Families were provided with wrapping paper, tape and tags to wrap the children's presents which saved a great deal of time.

South Plainfield residents, businesses, SPHS Peer Leadership Group, along with Shirley's family, friends and residents from neighboring towns donated many items such as money, toys, gift cards, clothing and more. The Senior Volunteer Web and Knit Group donated over 50 sets of gloves, hats, and scarves and over 50 lap blankets and shawls for the elderly.

Shirley's home gets very crowded during the weeks after Thanksgiving leaving little extra room for storage. She explained that her neighbors, Don, Betty and Cathy Herman, volunteered to sort and store the gifts in their home.

Shirley's work has not gone unappreciated nor unnoticed by the community. Each year she volunteers to assist Social Services Director Marge Ackerman during the annual Christmas toy drive and has volunteered helping to care for elderly residents in South Plainfield. She was named 2006 Labor Day Parade Honorary Grand Marshal. She was nominated by Reverend Charles Mingle and his wife, Jean.

If anyone would like to volunteer to assist Shirley next Christmas, they can contact her directly. Her contact information can be found in her ad

that appears in the *Observer* just prior to Thanksgiving.

Families that would like to request assistance should contact the borough's Social Services Department. Any elderly person needing a meal for Christmas Day can contact Shirley directly or through the sign up sheet at the Senior Center.

Shirley said, "My family is very supportive and helps all year long to prepare and put together this project. They help with anything from shopping, to lugging all the food to the church, to cooking and wrapping gifts for the elderly on Christmas eve. It is a lot to ask them—to give up their Christmas Eve evening and Christmas morning, but they all help out with no complaints."

Shirley would like to thank the following for their donations and help this Christmas: Wesley Methodist Church, Bob and Arlene Ritchie, Paul's Stationary, Mr. Subs, Bagel Pantry, Twin City Pharmacy, Lonza employees, B&C Deli, Hometown Heros, Dave's Stationary, Corner Deli, Polish Home, The Demco Family, South Plainfield Rescue Squad, Carmen's Pizzeria, HK Truck Center, Ciccio's Pizza; Don, Betty and Cathy Herman, *South Plainfield Observer*; Carmen and Michelle Petriello, Brian Capperelli, Maria Martinez, Tom Salemo, Dolce Pizzeria, Brian Baxter, Barry Christ, Dick and Michelle Bartel, Ted and Ellie Stockman, Senior Volunteer Web Knit Group, G. Wilkinson; John, Maryann and Katie; The Lepore Family, Marie Dolinske, The Martin Family, Natalie Bergen, South Plainfield Columbettes, staff of South Plainfield Home Depot, Cedarbrook Landscaping, Annette Clevoix, Rev. and Mrs. Mingle, Maureen Terhune, The Kim Family,

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A special thanks to my family: my husband, John; mother, Stella; Billy and Jackie Weaver and the kids, John and Deneen Thompson, Jerry Thompson and Julie Humphrey, Candy and Matt Goldstein, Heather Thompson, Brian Crammer, The DiMaria-Sadorski Family, Kasi Joyner, Doreen DiMaria, Denise DiMaria, Dani-Jo, Maurice and kids, The Lessing Family and Brittany Kennedy.

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# Annual National Wear Red Day for Women is February 3

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Join the excitement of our first-ever Wear Red Day Challenge as we spotlight our most spirited supporters. Go to Facebook.com/GoRed to review the 13 Wear Red Day Award categories of the friendly competition. Record a video or take photos of your efforts to "Go Red" and submit them on the Wear Red Day Challenge tab on the Facebook page through February 23. Encourage others to vote for you by "liking" your submissions; winners will be announced for each category on February 25.

Banks, an Emmy-nominated actress, directs and stars in the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women new public service announcement

and short film, "Just a Little Heart Attack," inspired by the real-life stories of women who have been affected by heart disease. The entertaining, yet poignant, film which can be viewed on the Facebook page, provides a powerful wake-up call to women across America to understand their risk for heart disease and empower them to put their health first.

"While the film is funny, having a heart attack is not something to be laughed at," said Banks. "However, I'm using my humor to help uncover the truth about heart disease, to get people interested in learning more about their hearts—and our movement."

The American Heart Association's Go Red for Women movement is nationally sponsored by Macy's and Merck & Co., Inc.

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To become a member of the foundation and to receive your free trees, send a \$10 contribution to "Ten Free Flowering Trees," Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb. 68410, by January 31. New Jersey residents can also join online at [arborday.org/january](http://arborday.org/january).

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Mayor Matt Anesh, Borough Council President Ray Rusnak and Councilmen Rob Bengivenga and Dick Frank join 365 Bistro's Dining Room Manager Carlos Silva, Executive Chef Donald Erickson Jr. and restaurant patrons at the restaurant's grand opening celebration and ribbon cutting ceremony. 365 Bistro is located on New World Way in South Plainfield.

## Middlesex County 2012 Operating Budget Proposal Reflects Decrease in Spending

Middlesex County Freeholder Director Christopher D. Rafano unveiled the county's 2012 operating budget, a proposal that includes a \$1.18 million decrease in spending from the 2011 budget and a \$2 million decrease in spending from 2010.

Rafano said the 2012 plan reflects a savings of more than \$5 million in salary and operating expenses. This was achieved through a reorganization of the county's operating structure. He said those savings helped offset increases in mandated expenses, such as mental health costs and medical services, and a loss in state aid.

Rafano added, "To ensure that Middlesex County will retain its Triple A bond rating, we are eliminating the

reliance on surplus funds to balance the 2012 operating budget. We are one of only 67 counties in the nation that has a Triple A rating, underscoring our sound financial practices. We are proud of this achievement."

A Triple A bond rating means the county can borrow funds to complete needed infrastructure and capital improvements at the lowest available rates, which saves taxpayer money.

Rafano said the 2012 budget process began in earnest in August of 2011.

"The Freeholders worked closely with finance and administration and all department heads and office directors to complete a line-item by line-item review between September and De-

cember. I wish to especially recognize County Comptroller Al Kuchinskas, Joseph Pruiti and their staff, who since the process began last August, have worked tirelessly so that we could put forth this solid proposal tonight."

The Freeholders plan to formally introduce the budget on February 2. A public hearing and possible adoption of the budget is scheduled for February 23.

"I believe that all the hard work and dedication that has gone into this budget proposal is exactly what we, as elected officials, should do to ensure that our residents receive the best services for costs they can afford," Rafano said.

## police report

- On Jan. 13 Harriett K. Paye, 24, of Eastampton was arrested for maintenance of lamps and an outstanding warrant.
- On Jan. 14 Elis Lopez, 40, of Plainfield was arrested for a fraudulent inspection sticker and an outstanding warrant.
- Portia Dixon, 53, of Edison was arrested for driving while intoxicated and reckless driving.
- Edward Grzybowski, 47, of Linden was arrested for possession of an open container of alcohol and two outstanding warrants.
- Ashok M. Patel, 60, of Edison was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting Guess cologne worth \$34.
- An employee of Bistro 365 on New World Way reported the theft of their 1993 Dodge Ram.
- On Jan. 15 Jesse E. Coury, 19, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, driving while

- intoxicated under the age of 21, reckless driving and no license.
- Duc H. Lai, 56, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and failure to keep right.
- On Jan. 16 Jazmyne M. Barnes, 22, of Piscataway, Kiyon Ashford, 18, Shakiya L. Thomas-Parker, 26, and George Pringle, all of Plainfield were arrested at the Ramada Inn for robbery.
- Lazaro Ebanks, 43, of Somerset was arrested for speeding and four outstanding warrants.
- On Jan. 17 Prysmian Cable & Systems on Hollywood Court reported receiving two computers and a fax machine that were fraudulently charged to the company credit card.
- On Jan. 18 a Clark resident reported the theft of their Garmin GPS from their work truck at Hall's Fast Motor Freight.

## Officials Alert NJ Residents to Whooping Cough Outbreak

The Essex Metro Immunization Coalition, a group of state and local health officials who seek to increase immunizations, urges all New Jersey residents, adults and children alike, to check with their doctors to make sure they have received all necessary vaccines to date. Of the eight cases of whooping cough, a highly contagious bacterial respiratory infection also known as pertussis, several are known not to have been vaccinated at all and others had not received the complete series of immunizations appropriate for their age. This outbreak is driving officials to remind parents to double-check that their children and adolescents are age-appropriately immunized, and that they, too, are fully vaccinated.

"There are too many illnesses that we cannot avoid for us to ignore the ones we can help prevent," says Dr.

David Bendich, president of the Essex Metro Immunization Coalition. "Pertussis is just one of several, including measles and mumps, that do not have to exist. Vaccines are responsible for virtually eliminating diseases such as polio; we just have to make sure we stay up-to-date with all of our immunizations and not wait for these scary reminders."

Hunterdon County faced a similar spread of pertussis in 2009, when 20 cases were confirmed. More recently, a mumps outbreak in April of 2010 sickened over 1,500 people in the New York and New Jersey area. A couple of measles cases in the state last year sounded alarms, in fear of an outbreak.

According to the most recent statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, only 67 percent of New Jersey residents have received their recommended vaccines.

## Plainfield Animal Hospital Hosting Annual Dental Fair

Plainfield Animal Hospital, located at 2215 Park Ave., will hold a pet dental fair on Sunday, Jan. 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. in celebration of National Pet Dental Health Month.

The festivities will include free dental check-ups, discounts on future services, tooth brushing and home care demonstrations, giveaways, contests, door prizes, tours of the hospital,

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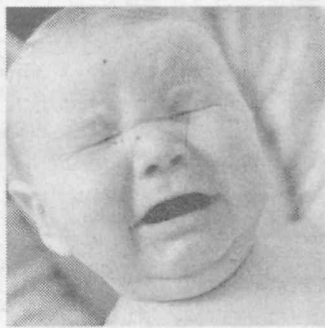
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