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Georgeann Cochran was recognized for 28 years of service on the borough's Recreation Commission.

Georgeann: Time to Focus On Family and Flowers

Recreation Commissioner Steps Down After 28 Years

By Jane Dornick

After serving 28 years on the South Plainfield Recreation Commission, Georgeann Cochran decided that it was time to step down and have more parents of school aged children become involved in formulating activities for the borough's youth.

The main objective of the Recreation Commission is to make recommendations for the young people in the town. They oversee all recreation programs and facilities, including the community pool, the PAL and parks, and monitor the dedicated Trust Fund, including all expenditures.

Appointed by former Mayor Mike English, Georgeann has been involved in a vast amount of improvements over

the years. She has witnessed two expansions of the PAL including the addition of the multi-purpose and weight rooms, the installation of a turf field several years ago, as well as upgrades to the community pool and parks. The commission also works with the schools to share facilities.

"I love working with the kids," said Georgeann. "I'm proud of the growth of the town." She also enjoys hearing people from out of town rave about the top rate facilities which brings pride to the local children participating in activities. "You can't go any place else for the money," Georgeann said.

In addition to serving on the Recreation Commission, Georgeann was vice president, and subsequently president of the Pop Warner Eagles Football

program for five years. She was also a member of the high school Athletic Booster Club for four years, the Juvenile Conference for a year and spent three years with the wrestling club.

Georgeann's husband, Bill, better known as the "Voice of South Plainfield," has also served on the Recreation Commission for two decades. He has been at the helm as president for the past 10.

In December, Georgeann was presented with a plaque recognizing her "relentless efforts and positive impact for an unprecedented 28 years."

Georgeann is the owner of Mohn's Flowers and Fancy Foods on Plainfield Avenue since 1977. She plans to dedicate more time to her business and enjoy spending more time with her grandchildren.

Underground Railroad Quilts Topic of SWC Meeting

The February meeting of the Suburban Woman's Club was festive and informative. Frieda Walker, a member for more than 50 years, celebrated her 90th birthday with a beautiful cake and special gift.

President Lucy Hudson called on the club officers and chairmen to share their reports, and plans for the upcoming theater party were finalized. A performance of Neil Simon's *Plaza Suite* will be presented at the Edison Valley Playhouse on Sunday, March 4 at 2 p.m. and Chairman Frieda Walker requested that each member sell tickets and return the proceeds at the next club meeting. Walker also asked the members to put up flyers and solicit door prizes to be given away at the show.

Natalie Bergen, Special State Project chairman, announced that at the next committee meeting on Thursday, Feb. 16 preparations will continue for the luncheon fashion show to be presented at the South Plainfield Senior Center on Sunday, April 22 to benefit the Community Cancer Support Center and other charities.

After the business meeting, members were treated to an interesting discus-



Frieda Walker

sion about The Underground Railroad Quilts. The program was presented by Carole E. Nelson, distinguished educator and active member of her church. She also serves as Hightstown Woman's Club president and is a member of the Friday Club of Hightstown. She has given this presentation on New Jersey's role in the Underground Railroad and the folklore and the art of the Underground Railroad Quilt to women's clubs and other organizations. The quilt is a

sampler and she explained the message of what each block meant to the slaves. Quilts were displayed at the stations that the slaves reached in their travels along the "railroad" through New Jersey and other states. The slaves were illiterate, and each block told a story and gave instructions to them as they worked their way out of the south to reach Canada where they could live in freedom.

More recently, Nelson is working to prevent human trafficking, and related a sad personal story about her own granddaughter who was kidnapped in Miami and murdered a few years ago. Because her granddaughter was 19 (over 18 years of age), the system didn't cover the case effectively. Her son worked diligently, placing thousands of flyers all over the area, and was successful in facilitating the capture of her killer in three weeks and one day. Human trafficking is the current mode of enslaving unfortunate people.

Any woman interested in joining the club should call Membership Chairman Grace Bertucci at (732) 549-9633 for information.



Natalie Bergen (L) and Carole E. Nelson (R) with an Underground Railroad Quilt.



As winter break was arriving, the three year old class at Future Stars Preschool celebrated with a holiday party. They had fun making foam craft projects and enjoyed "yummy" snacks. The children were excited to hurry home to show others their skills in school. Pictured is Blue Room AM class along with teacher, Mrs. McConville and instructional aides, Mrs. Bickunas and Ms. Benak.

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In My Opinion

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Dear Editor,

Governor Christie's proposal to cut income taxes by 10 percent has once again spurred examination of our entire tax structure in New Jersey. While I support reducing the income tax rates of low and middle income families, the real villain in New Jersey is property taxes.

We all know someone who has relocated to South Carolina or Delaware because they simply couldn't afford the property taxes on their home. One of the main causes of foreclosures in our state is not the inability to pay the principal and interest on the mortgage, but rather the entire payment which includes property taxes. In many cases the property tax portion is greater than the mortgage portion.

That is why I am sponsoring an Assembly bill (actually re-introducing A3618 from previous session) that will cap property taxes on one's primary residence at seven percent of gross annual income. The national average is between six and seven percent. Any tax paid in excess of seven percent will be treated as a credit on your state income tax return. This straight forward plan will keep retirees in the homes they have lived in their entire lives, and help our residents who feel they have no choice but to leave their family and friends for a tax friendly state, keep their homes and stay in New Jersey.

I encourage the governor and all members of the legislature to examine this legislation and give me your input. It's time that we once and for all come up with a bipartisan approach to end our over dependence on property taxes.

**SINCERELY,
ASSEMBLYMAN PATRICK J.
DIEGMAN, JR. (D-MIDDLESEX)**

To the Editor:

I was hired as a sales associate at 1-800 Flowers in South Plainfield in October 2010. I worked on average 30-40 plus hours per week. This past winter my co-worker and I began to notice a heating issue at our store beginning in December. Temperatures were not exceeding 53 degrees.

When I brought this up to our employers they continually told us they will look into it until it became unbearable to work, going in and out of 40 degree coolers and constantly

working with cold water buckets. My boss's solution was an infrared heat dish that heated a span of four feet in a 2,300 sq. ft. store. I continued to bring this issue to their attention, but since their lease covered another two years, they were hesitant to invest funds to make the much needed repairs.

On January 22, I was supposed to work 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. When I opened, the temperature was 48 degrees. I told my boss I was unsure if I was going to be able to stay the full shift since I was just getting over a cold from the stress I endured from the constant temperature change. He then told me if I closed early, I would not have a job anymore. This is when I anonymously called corporate 1-800 Flowers to discuss this issue. They got in touch with my employers to promptly resolve this issue.

On January 23, my employer came to the store and wrote me up for tardiness. They singled me out even though every other employee was responsible for similar tardiness, but were not written up. My employers then told me instead of working my scheduled hours of 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. the next day, I was only working 2 to 7 p.m. When I arrived on January 24, my employer was waiting for me with a paper stating I was being reassigned permanently to the Clark retail store immediately. I declined to sign the paper because I was not hired for that store or ever interviewed for it. They told me I had to leave and not finish my shift and that I was off the schedule indefinitely.

I have been out of a job since and struggling finding new employment. I feel I suffered an injustice for standing up for myself and co-worker due to the poor working conditions and was punished and lost my job over it. My coworker is still employed there. My position was filled and as of January 31 the heat is still not fixed.

**SINCERELY,
CLAUDIA BENITEZ**

To the Editor:

I cannot believe the article in the January 20 issue written by Sen. Barbara Buono admonishing Governor Christie for attempting to bring down the cost of living in New Jersey. I believe that the senator was on the budget committee and I am sure she has plenty of knowledge of how we

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can cut out many, many items of the budget and in no way cause any poor to suffer. See "Understanding Poverty in the U.S."

According to the senator, one of the greatest economic problems in this country is taking care of the needy. It would seem to me that there are plenty of programs that we have that are addressing the real issues. There are so many items to be investigated and I am sure many of the middle class people can name them.

I'll just mention a few that I, personally, can't believe the governing bodies haven't addressed before Governor Christie took over.

Nationwide-Why are politicians not on Social Security and, therefore, not contributing? Why do so many government workers continue to receive benefits after they retire? Why don't government workers have to wait until "retirement age" to start collecting the retirement benefits like all of the private workers?

How about these statistics-There is over \$300 billion spent on illegal aliens each year by state governments on welfare, food assistance programs, free school lunches, Medicaid, primary and secondary school children who cannot speak English, education for American-born children of illegal aliens known as "anchor babies," etc.

According to "Understanding Poverty in the U.S.": 80% of poor households have air conditioning; nearly three-fourths have a car or truck and 31% have two or more cars or trucks; two-thirds have at least one DVD player and 70% have a VCR; half have a personal computer and one in seven have two or more computers; more than half of poor families with children have a video game system, such as an Xbox or Playstation; 43% have Internet access; one-third have a wide-screen plasma or LCD television and one-fourth have a digital video recorder system, such as TiVo.

There are so many countries receiving billions of dollars from the U.S. and many, if not most, vote against us in the U.N. Most of them hate us anyway. Of course, our president apologized for us, but nothing has changed.

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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Chris Grippo

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The library will close at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15. This is so the Library Board of Trustees can have their monthly meeting which is open to the public and begins at 7 p.m. Also, the library will be closed all day Monday, Feb. 13 for Lincoln's Birthday.

We have moved the gaming section to the beginning of the adult DVD section. We have games for Wii, Xbox, and Playstation. The games go out for one week and you can place holds on them (for the usual 50 cent fee). And speaking of holds, using the above named website you can access your library account and place holds on a wide variety of materials including

books, older movies, etc.; however, you cannot place a hold on new entertainment movies and new non-fiction DVDs. They circulate on a first come, first served basis. You can check the status of any item at any time through the online catalogue.

The Children's Department will have a special program on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at the Senior Center at 6:30 p.m. Magical Winter Wonderland, with the talented magician Bob Conrad, will entertain both children and adults. No registration is required; however, please bring canned goods for the South Plainfield Food Pantry.

Miss Mija and Miss Linda will be following their usual schedule of story and craft times. For ages three and up they are Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. (because of the Board of Trustees meeting there will be no story time on Wednesday, Feb. 15). "Time for 2s and 3s" are Wednesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m., and Friday at 10:30 a.m. is Books 'N Babies. No registration is required for any of these programs and parents/guardians are requested to arrive before the program starts so that the children can get name tags.

Finally, with the high cost of magazines these days please remember the library carries a large selection of them. We have cooking, craft (including sewing and woodworking), hobby, financial (including *Value Line*), and of course current events (including *Time*). Except for the newest edition you can check them out for two weeks. So think about us when you are skimming the magazines in the store.

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Father Maciej and parishioners break pieces from the Oplatek Christmas Wafer.

Wafer Supper Held at OLC

Our Lady Of Czestochowa Church held its annual wafer supper on January 8. This "sold out" event is run by the Rosary Altar Society. It is a Polish tradition when the breaking and sharing of the "Oplatek" Christmas wafer takes place.

Father Maciej began the celebration with a blessing, then everyone wished each other good health and

much happiness in the New Year. Father Maciej, Deacon Richard Kenton and the parishioners all joined in singing Christmas carols lead by the Kaczowski Family. Everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by the Rosarians.

The CCD Confirmation class directed by Mrs. Vokral were busy serving the meals and they did a great job.

Register Your Child for Kindergarten

Kindergarten registration in the South Plainfield School District for the 2012/2013 school year will be held March 5-21. Kindergarten enrollment packets are available in the Enrollment Office located in the Roosevelt Administration Building, 125 Jackson Ave. Enrollment packets can also be downloaded at www.spboe.org.

Students entering kindergarten must be five years old on or before

October 1, 2012. Enrollment is by appointment only.

For information and to schedule an appointment, call Mary Muglia at (908) 754-4620, ext. 222.

Save The Date: Volunteers Needed For Litter Cleanup

The South Plainfield Clean Communities Advisory Board will sponsor a borough-wide cleanup the last week in April. The main clean up event will be on Saturday morning, April 21. Volunteers will meet from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Ave., to collect equipment and cleanup assignments. They will target roadsides, parks, streams and vacant lots. Residents are welcome to organize a crew, or to come on their own. All volunteers are invited back to Borough Hall at noon for a free, pickup picnic.

For more information, call Alice Tempel, the Clean Communities coordinator, at (908) 226-7621, or email her at atempel@southplainfieldnj.com.

Mommy and Me Classes at the PAL

The South Plainfield Recreation Department introduces a "Mommy and Me Class" for children ages 1½ to three years old on Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at the PAL.

The eight week session starts on Thursday, Feb. 9. Cost of \$40 is non-refundable. Parent/guardian participates with child. Sign up at the PAL on Maple Avenue.

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Around Town

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 Ministry To Present Concert

February 12

The Sacred Heart Music Ministry will perform "Another Night on Broadway" at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 3 p.m. The Music Ministry is under the direction of Dan Mahoney, accompanied by Jack Bender. Music from such beloved musicals as *Peter Pan*, *The King and I*, *West Side Story* and *The Sound of Music* will be performed by members of the adult choir, children's choir and the youth handbell choir.

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

Historical Society Meeting Notice

February 14

The South Plainfield Historical Society will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. at The History Center, Roosevelt Administration Building, lower level on the Jackson Avenue side.

Elks Beef 'N Beer Nite

February 17

The South Plainfield Elks, 1254 New Market Ave., 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.

Pasta Dinner Benefit

February 19

A pasta dinner benefiting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society will be held at the South Plainfield Elks, 1254 New Market Ave., on Sunday, Feb. 19 from 4 to 7 p.m. Adults \$12; children \$6; children under three eat free. Tickets sold at the door.

For more information, call Meryl at (908) 917-4712 or email meryl.noble@yahoo.com.

VFW and Troop 125 Spaghetti Dinner

February 20

VFW Post #6763 and Boy Scout Troop 125 will hold a spaghetti dinner on Monday, Feb. 20 at the VFW hall upstairs. Cost per ticket is \$5. Buy a ticket at the VFW Post any time after 3 p.m. or come Monday nights 6-7 p.m. and someone from the troop will be there to sell you tickets. Tickets will also be available at the door for the same price. Proceeds will go to the post for the upkeep of the building and the other half of the proceeds will go to the boy scout troop for their activities and program materials.

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.

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 Sunday, 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.

Boy Scout Troop 309 Clothing Drive

March 3

Boy Scout Troop 309 will hold a clothing drive on Saturday, March 3 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please drop off your donations to Wesley Methodist Church parking lot located on Plainfield Avenue. We accept wearable clothing, shoes, accessories, linens, stuffed animals, hard toys, small and

medium bikes and children's activity sets.

Can't get out? We'll pick up! Please call Nancy at (908) 917-4700.

Woman's Club Sponsoring Plaza Suite

March 4

The Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield is sponsoring a performance of Neil Simon's *Plaza Suite* at Edison Valley Playhouse, 2196 Oak Tree Rd. in Edison, on Sunday, March 4 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

For tickets, call (908) 757-3680.

Blood Drive at OLC

March 16

Our Lady of Czestochowa Church is sponsoring a blood drive on Friday, March 16 from 3 to 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Donors must be 18 or older.

For more information, call Dawn at (908) 444-8994.

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 —

Temple Sholom Pray & Play

February 11

Temple Sholom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains, located in the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, corner of Martine and LaGrande avenues in Fanwood, invites families with children ages four and under to a Shabbat Pray & Play on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. Music, maracas, puppets and parachutes. Thirty minute interactive service followed by free bagel brunch. Older siblings are welcome.

For more information, call (908) 889-4900, email sholom@sholomnj.org or visit www.sholomnj.org.

SENIOR CENTER Calendar

Center closed Monday in observance of Lincoln's Birthday

Feb. 15 - Ballys, \$20 Bus departs at 8:30am

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

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
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

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

February 12

The New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra (NJIO) will present a free concert on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 3 p.m. in Dolan Hall in the Annunciation Center of The College of Saint Elizabeth, 2 Convent Rd. in Morristown.

The concert is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted.

For more information, visit www.njio.org, email info@njio.org or call (908) 603-7691.

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.

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

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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.

Crescent Concerts

February 19

Five Central Jersey musicians will be featured in Crescent Concerts' 13th annual Showcase for Exceptionally Talented Young Artists on Sunday, Feb. 19 at 3 p.m. in Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church on Watchung Avenue in Plainfield. Tickets are \$20; \$15 for seniors; \$5 for students, and may be purchased at the door.

For information, call (908) 756-2468.

Bishop Ahr 33rd Annual Tricky Tray

February 24

Bishop George Ahr High School, One Tingley Lane in Edison, will host the 33rd annual tricky tray, "Luck of the Irish" on Friday, Feb. 24.

police report

• On Jan. 26 a Calderone Street resident reported the theft of a duffle bag from their unlocked vehicle.

• Quick Chek on Sampton Avenue reported that a male had gone behind the counter and attempted to take two cartons of cigarettes.

• On Jan. 28 Marko Konatar, 22, of Edison was arrested for careless driving and an outstanding warrant.

• Bhalchand S. Desai, 57, of Piscataway was arrested at Macy's for shoplifting Usher VIP perfume worth \$74.

• Troy J. Henderson, 36, of North Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, careless driving, reckless driving, failure to maintain a lane, driving on a suspended license, failure to exhibit a registration and insurance card and three outstanding warrants.

• A Woolworth Avenue resident reported that his debit card had been used to make \$32,000 worth of purchases.

• On Jan. 29 Gaston Achidi Boma, 39, of Burtonsville, Md. was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• Daniel Reno, 19, of South Plainfield was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• On Jan. 31 Ronald J. Crooks, 47, of Plainfield was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and an outstanding warrant.

• Monique E. Garnere, 43, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license, no registration, parking in a no parking lane and three outstanding warrants.

• A Hamilton Boulevard resident reported that someone had filed for her income taxes in her place at H & R Block.

• A Maple Avenue resident reported that their bank card had fraudulently been used to purchase items.

• A Plainfield resident reported the theft of their purse that was left at Regal Cinema.

• On Feb. 1 Jihad Bayyan-Jackson, 29, of North Plainfield was arrested for failure to exhibit a valid registration or insurance, no driver's license and an outstanding warrant.

• On Feb. 2 Angela M. Fusco, 51, of Jamesburg was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting costume jewelry worth \$165.

Pay It Forward Coffeehouse Scheduled for February 18

The Almost Famous Players will present a "Pay It Forward" coffeehouse for Zach Szala, nephew of South Plainfield residents Barbara Drumgould and the Schaefer Family. Zach was bitten by a rattlesnake during a family outing. Zach's medical expenses are excessive and the family has no medical insurance. The family's medical bills are in the seven digits. Zach is home, but faces a long recovery. The coffeehouse is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Senior Center from 7 to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$6; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Emcee for the evening will be Barbara Habeeb, vocal teacher at Kennedy School. Performers include Cory Singer, Lory Jackson, Ryan Miller,

Chris Abbott, Dan Sambat and Broken By Chance, Lainie Harris, Rusty Teller, Eric and Karen Seiz, singer/songwriter Bryan Hansen of Edison, South Plainfield resident Frank Smith and friends, and others.

A variety of refreshments will be available for purchase, including pizza, hot dogs, pretzels, snacks and hot and cold beverages.

To volunteer or donate gifts for the raffle, email angelonly@aol.com or call (908) 346 2290.

It doesn't matter that this child does not live in South Plainfield. He is a child in need and AFP believes in "pay it forward," so come out and enjoy a fun evening and support this child and his family.

Democrats Seeking Candidates for Borough Council

The South Plainfield Democratic Organization is accepting resumes for candidates for borough council. Two council seats will be decided in the November election.

Municipal Chairman Michael English said, "This will be an especially exciting election year. President Obama will be on the ballot along with Sena-

tor Menendez and Congressman Pallone. There is no better time for our local Democratic organization to restore balance to our borough council."

Chairman English can be reached at (908) 755-1282 or by email to englishmp60@gmail.com. Resumes can also be mailed to P.O. Box 422, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

Recycling Complex Presidential Holiday Schedule

The Lincoln's Birthday borough holiday will not affect the South Plainfield Recycling Complex hours of operation. The recycling center will be open as usual from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11 and from 12 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

Presidents' Day also will not affect the recycling complex. The recycling center will be open as usual from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18 and from 12 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

The yard waste site at the end of Kenneth Avenue is on its winter schedule and will be open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11 and 18.

The curbside recycling collection schedule will also not be affected by the holidays. Section six pickup will take place Monday, Feb. 13 and section one pickup will take place on Monday, Feb. 20, as scheduled.

For updates, call the recycling hotline at (908) 226-7620.

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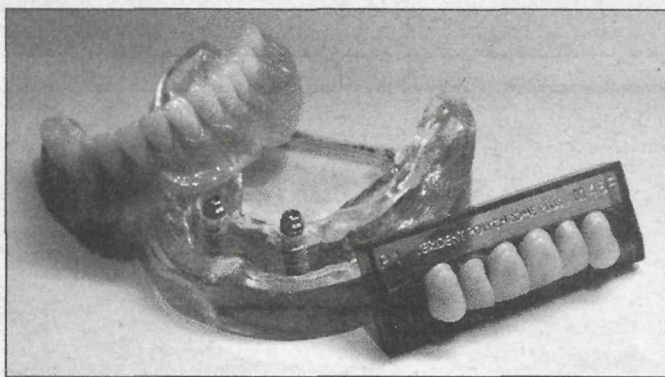
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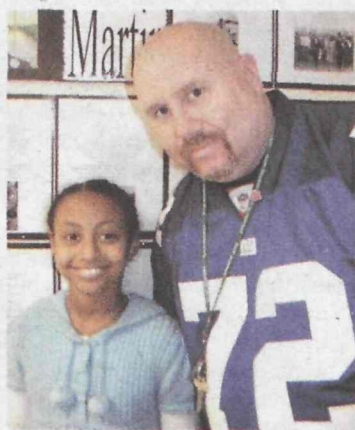
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Helina Alamerew Named Junior Journalist



Junior Journalist winner Helina Alamerew with teacher Mike Bertram.

Helina Alamerew, Roosevelt School third grade student, is this week's winner in the Junior Journalist program. Her poem, "I Have a Dream," has earned her dinner for her 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 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.

I Have a Dream

By Helina Alamerew

I have a dream that robbers didn't exist
so I don't have to worry about my
college fund and my TV
getting stolen when I leave my house.
I have a dream that all schools
will be clean and peaceful with kind
kids and no bullies.
I have a dream that nobody in
Ethiopia will starve.
They'll have food, money
and water to drink.
I have a dream that parents
could not get divorced
so their kids wouldn't suffer
by going house to house.
I have a dream that there would be
no cursing or fighting.
Everyone would get along by
greeting each other with a
"Hi!" or a "How are you doing?"
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South Plainfield Schools Calendar

All South Plainfield Schools will be
closed Friday, Feb. 17 and Monday,
Feb. 20.

Grant School

February 13 Gertrude Hawk
February 15 Faculty Meeting
February 21 Assembly-Spirit
to Overcome
February 29 Book Fair

Kennedy School

February 15 School Store
February 21 PTSSO Meeting
February 24 Read Across
America

Riley School

February 13 PTSSO Meeting
at 7 p.m.

Roosevelt School

February 13 Book Fair
February 14 Spirit Day-Red
2 p.m. Valentine's
Day Parties
February 15 Book Fair and
evening 6 p.m.
February 16 Book Fair and
4 p.m. Red
Robin Fundraiser
February 23 Dental Health
Day

High School

February 23 Parent/Teacher
Conferences-
Evening
April 28 Tiger 24-9 a.m.
until 11:55 p.m.
May 4 Jr. Prom
June 1 Sr. Prom Cruise-
6 to 10 p.m.

Bag Pipe Player Needed for Memorial Day

The search is on for a bag pipe player
for the 2012 South Plainfield Memorial
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Vincent Perry, commander of the
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Wars post, thought it would be nice to
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If you would like to play or know
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Volunteer Banjo Player Needed

Audrey and Ken Reisch are search-
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Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet Opens

By Jane Dornick

Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet, located at 690 Oak Tree Ave. next to Shoppers World, held a grand opening ceremony and ribbon cutting with Chinese dragon acrobats and musicians.

Everyday offerings include over 300

items on the buffet bar which include Chinese, Japanese, Italian, Mexican and American cuisine. The main feature is the hibachi style grill where customers can select their own meats and vegetables and watch them being cooked by a professional hibachi chef.

The restaurant is open seven days a

week; Sunday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. They offer a one price all-you-can-eat lunch and dinner menu for all ages. Take out is also available and they have two private banquet rooms for parties, meetings or weddings.

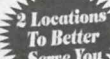
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Golden Tee Tournament a Success

Taking advantage of an unseasonably mild February 1, both senior golfers and their junior counterparts (those under 55) took part in a hotly contested tournament at Plainfield West Nine. A senior and a junior were paired in a unique Better Ball, Scramble and Alternate Shot handicap event.

In the gross division, Ken Lake and Bob Kosovan had a one shot win over the teams of Jeff Orth and Don Hall and Vince Palmer and Herb Bradley. In the net division, Orth and Hall had a narrow win over Wayne Kelly and Jim Carovillano.

At the Golden Tee golf tournament on February 5, Fred Kirshofer won the gross prize with 3 over par. Palmer was second. Jack Kudrick won the net

prize, and Hall and Carovillano tied for second.

All seniors are invited to play. The next event will be the week of February 13 on Monday or Wednesday, depending upon the weather. Call the West Nine for more information: (908) 769-3672.

Tournaments will be conducted, weather permitting, throughout the winter. They are open to all golfers, men and women, seniors and pre-seniors. The tournaments are \$20, which includes green fees, golf cart, prizes and competitive fun. Events will be scheduled Mondays or Wednesdays and interested golfers can call the West Nine or email Bill Castner, head professional at CastnerPGA@Gmail.net to be notified of upcoming events.

SPHS to Host 3 on 3 Basketball Spring Charity Classic

South Plainfield High School will host the 3 on 3 Basketball Spring Charity Classic on Saturday, March 31.

Boys and girls ages 10 through 17 are eligible to compete in novice and competitive divisions. All skill levels are welcome; players will make their own teams; maximum four players

per team. Cost is \$120 per team; three games minimum. Registration deadline is March 24.

A portion of the proceeds will go to Women's Heart Foundation.

For more information, call (201) 745-4491 or visit www.wjcsports.com.

Teams Sought for Freeholders 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 Ln. 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. Reg-

istration, 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.

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.

BY GARY LAMPASONA

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Umpire classes start this week-Umpire classes will be held this Tuesday, Feb. 14 and Thursday, Feb. 16 in the clubhouse. All classes start promptly at 6:30 p.m. If you registered for umpire classes, please be sure to arrive on time. The remaining classes will be held on February 21, 23 and 28 at 6:30 p.m. and March 3 at 9 a.m. All classes are held in the clubhouse. Please call the clubhouse if you have any questions.

Managers meetings-If you have been selected to manage, the meeting dates are as follows: Small Fry C is Monday, Feb. 20; Small Fry B is Tuesday, Feb. 21; and Small Fry A is Wednesday, Feb.

22. All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. in the clubhouse.

Ruby Tuesdays fundraiser-Please remember that every Wednesday in February Ruby Tuesdays on Stelton Road will donate a portion of the check toward SPJBC. Just download the flyer from the handouts section of our website and present it to your server. Good food, good cause.

Women's Auxiliary-Our Women's Auxiliary has made major contributions to the baseball youth of South Plainfield over the years. We are experiencing a time of transition where most of their members have moved on as their children have grown older. We thank them for all their hard work. Now, though, is the time for renewal. All moms interested in working and having fun to help the baseball youth of South Plainfield, please call the clubhouse at (908) 754-2090 and speak with Commissioner Mike Pellegrino. We welcome your participation.

"Baseball is the only game left for people. To play basketball, you have to be seven feet six inches. To play football, you have to be the same width."—Bill Veeck



Rec Wrestlers Improve to 12-0

The South Plainfield Recreation Wrestling team improved to 12-0 this week with big wins over Union, Clark and East Brunswick. The young Tigers are on track for a battle of the undefeated as they face 11-0 Cranford at the PAL on Wednesday, Feb. 15. Come out and see the young Tigers battle their main rival; match starts at 6:45 p.m.

The team is led by captain Joe Heilmann at 73 pounds with a 9-0 record. The lower weights are anchored by JJ Giordano at 10-2, Jake DelVecchio at 10-2 and Anthony White at 11-1. At 6-4, Jack Campagna covers the 60 pound weight class, while 6-6 Anthony Penyak is at 63 pounds. 10-2 David Loniewski is at 67 pounds, 8-0 Tommy Fierro is at 70 pounds, 10-1 Alex Amato is at 77 pounds and 11-1 Joe Sacco at 80 pounds. Connor Adams is 11-1 at 83 lbs. and Mike Marrero is 6-2 at 87 lbs. At 95 lbs. Brenden Hedden is undefeated at 12-0, while Luke Niemeyer is 9-2 at 102 lbs. The upper weights are completed by Darius Mullens at 110 lbs. with an 8-4 record and Zach DelVecchio at heavyweight with 7-0 record.

At this weekend's state qualifier in North Hunterdon, Joe Heilmann earned his trip to the state championships by finishing first in the 70 lb. Junior Division, while Alex Amato also earned a trip to the states by finishing second in the 75 lb. Junior Division.

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SPHS WEEKLY SPORTS SCHEDULE	
South Plainfield High School	
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13
9:00am B V Bowling-St. Trn @Caroliere (A) Bus 8:00	6:30pm B V Basketball-Timothy Christian Bus 4:45
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12	7:00pm GV Basketball-Bridgewater (H) JV/5:15
9:00am V W Track-Sec @Bennett Center (A) Bus 6:45	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15
V Wrestling-St Group Ch @Toms River (A) Bus TBA	5:30pm B V Basketball-Ranney Prep (A) Bus 4:00

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO. 1950
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 84 TITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, February 10, 2012 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately following the 7:00pm Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 as follows:
WHEREAS, the Chief of the Police Department of the Borough of South Plainfield has requested that the Code of the Borough be amended to reflect the overtime rate for a Class C officer performing private or quasi-public functions when off duty in accordance with the current PBA contract now in effect;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Code of the Borough, Chapter 84 entitled "Police Department" shall be and is hereby amended to delete Section 84-16. Rate of Payment for Service. To be replaced as follows:
The party requesting the service of a member of the Police Department as stated in Section 84-14 hereof shall be charged and pay for each service per hour at one and one half (1.5) times the compensation rate presently payable to Class C patrolman, plus five (\$5.00) dollars administrative fee for all entities, except non-profit groups (including, but not limited to churches) in which the administrative fee will remain at \$2.00. An additional fee of \$15.00 will be added to the hourly rate charged when a patrol vehicle is required. All sums shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Borough of South Plainfield, and shall become part of its general funds.
This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with New Jersey law.
Joann L. Graf, Municipal Clerk
\$41.17 February 10, 2012

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE No. 1946
BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY
The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on February 6, 2012 and the 20 day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:
Title: "Bond Ordinance Providing for Acquisition of a Fire Truck in and by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$601,000 Thereof and Authorizing the Issuance of \$570,950 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof."
Purpose: The acquisition of a fire truck, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.
Appropriation: \$601,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$570,950
Grants Appropriated: N/A
Section 20 Costs: \$60,100
Useful Life: 10 years
Joann L. Graf, Municipal Clerk
\$36.15 February 10, 2012
BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE No. 1951
NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY
The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on February 6, 2012. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Municipal Building, in the Borough on February 21, 2012 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:
Title: "Bond Ordinance Providing for Improvements to the Pool Utility in and by the Borough of South

Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$90,000 Thereof and Authorizing the Issuance of \$85,500 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof."
Purpose: Various improvements to the pool utility, consisting of the removal and replacement of both pool recirculation pumps, the removal and replacement of both motor starters, the removal and replacement of a suction strainer, the removal and replacement of all throttle and isolation valves, and piping modifications to suit the above improvements, including other related work in and around the pool and including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.
Appropriation: \$90,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$85,500
Grants Appropriated: N/A
Section 20 Costs: \$10,000
Useful Life: 15 years
Joann L. Graf, Municipal Clerk
This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17.
\$42.49 February 10, 2012
BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO. 1949
AN ORDINANCE CREATING A WELLNESS CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE was adopted after a Public Hearing and final reading were conducted on Monday, February 6, 2012 at the Public Meeting of the Governing Body which began at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 and is being advertised in The Observer on Friday, February 10, 2012.
Joann L. Graf, Municipal Clerk
\$27.10 February 10, 2012
BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO. 1944
An ordinance authorizing the "acquisition of a Ford F-350 type #1 Ambulance and the installation of storm sewers on New Durham Avenue and other various roads, in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey was adopted after a Public Hearing and final reading were conducted on Monday, February 6, 2012 at the Public Meeting of the Governing Body which began at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 and is being advertised in The Observer on Friday, February 10, 2012.
Joann L. Graf, Municipal Clerk
\$28.69 February 10, 2012

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO. 1947
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES FOR USE OF THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY POOL FOR 2012 was adopted after a Public Hearing and final reading were conducted on Monday, February 6, 2012 at the Public Meeting of the Governing Body which began at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 and is being advertised in The Observer on Friday, February 10, 2012.
Joann L. Graf, Municipal Clerk
\$27.56 February 10, 2012
BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
An appeal has been filed by John Shore requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit mother/daughter which is not a permitted use; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 230 Arlington Avenue, Block 342, Lot 9.01, R-10 zone 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 Tuesday, March 20, 2012 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 February 10, 2012
BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO. 1948
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 216, ARTICLE II, SECTION 216-6 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ENTITLED: "FEES", was adopted after a Public Hearing and final reading were conducted on Monday, February 6, 2012 at the Public Meeting of the Governing Body which began at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 and is being advertised in The Observer on Friday, February 10, 2012.
Joann L. Graf, Municipal Clerk
\$28.43 February 10, 2012

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE No. 1945
BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY
The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on February 6, 2012 and the 20 day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:
Title: "Bond Ordinance Providing for the Acquisition of Vehicles in and by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$119,000 Thereof and Authorizing the Issuance of \$113,050 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof."
Purpose: The acquisition of an emergency service sports utility vehicle/truck and refurbished garbage trucks, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.
Appropriation: \$119,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$113,050
Grants Appropriated: N/A
Section 20 Costs: \$11,900
Useful Life: 5 years
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Obituaries

Jennie C. (Jankoski) Daly, 81

Jennie C. (Jankoski) Daly passed away on Friday, Feb. 3 at Bridgeway Care Center in Bridgewater.

Born and raised in South Plainfield, Jennie has been a lifelong resident of the borough where she chose to stay, raise her family, reside into her senior years and become an active member of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, making many dear friends and enjoying her large extended family.

Jennie was a very social and outgoing woman who loved to cook. She assisted in the "Polish Kitchen" and with the various and numerous events associated with the church including the Feast of St. Anthony. She was also a member of the church's Rosary Altar Society where she once served as treasurer.

She is predeceased by her husband, Thomas M. Daly Sr.; a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Joan (Macellara) Daly; and nine siblings, Stanley, Sophie Jersek, Edmund, Charles, Frank, Louis, Theodore, Anthony and Lillian.

Surviving are her beloved daughter and son-in-law, Theresa and Richard Leitgeb; two grandsons, Thomas J. Daly and wife Kathleen McEvoy and William M. Daly; a great-granddaughter, Kennedy Daly; two sisters, Helen D'Amico and Rose Cito; two sisters-in-law, Jennie and Josephine Jankoski; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will begin on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 9:45 a.m. at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals, 2425 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield followed by a 10:30 a.m. funeral Mass in Our Lady of Czestochowa Church. Interment services will follow the funeral mass in Holy Redeemer Cemetery, South Plainfield.

Family and friends may attend the visitation hours on Friday Feb. 10 from 3-7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, 120 Kosciusko Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

Dorothy (Diem) King, 80

Dorothy (Diem) King died on Monday, Jan. 30 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Plainfield, Dorothy grew up in North Plainfield and resided in Watchung before moving back to North Plainfield nearly 35 years ago.

Mrs. King worked in the Green Brook and later in the Cranford offices for Allstate Insurance prior to her retirement.

She enjoyed reading and was active with the North Plainfield Public Library, but more importantly Mrs. King loved spending time with family

and close friends.

Dorothy is predeceased by a brother, Freddie Diem.

Surviving are two sons, George King of South Plainfield and Wayne King of Queens, N.Y.; a brother, Clifford Diem of Brick; a sister-in-law, Barbara Diem of Watchung and two grandchildren; Jason King and wife Tracy of Littleton, Colo. and Justin King and wife Shelly of South Plainfield. Also surviving are her three great-grandchildren, Emmett, Rylee and Jaxson.

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

Petrus Nicolaas "Pete" Vanderhelm, 78

Petrus Nicolaas "Pete" Vanderhelm died at his home on Saturday, Feb. 4.



Petrus Vanderhelm

Born in The Netherlands on January 2, 1934, Pete moved to the United States in 1960, settling in South Plainfield 47 years ago.

He was held in a Japanese Internment Camp in Indonesia from 1941-1945. Pete served in the Royal Dutch Navy. He was the co-founder of Cub Scout Troop 224 and also the pool captain at the Senior Center in South Plainfield. Pete was an active volunteer for RSVP in New Brunswick.

Pete is survived by his wife, Wilhelmina C. (Eichhorn) Vanderhelm; three sons, Peter, Erik and Tim; two daughters-in-law, Irene and Debbie; 10 grandchildren, Mark, Joy, Susan, Lauren, Kara, Blaine, C.J., Lea, Richard and Michael; and two sisters, Ria and Liny, both of The Netherlands. Pete also leaves behind many extended family and friends.

Funeral arrangements were private under the direction of McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the American Cancer Society.

Andrew A. Lewandowski, 65

Andrew A. Lewandowski died on Tuesday, Jan. 31 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Kiel, Germany, Andy came

to the United States in 1949 and settled in South Plainfield nearly 40 years ago.

In 1969, Andy earned a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering from NJIT in Newark. From 1969-1970 Andy attended Penn State University in pursuit of his master's degree, returning to NJIT where he earned an M.S. in mechanical engineering in 1972.

Mr. Lewandowski began his engineering career with DeLeuw, Cather & Co. in New York. In 1976 he transferred to Elizabethtown Gas Company in Iselin working in a managerial capacity. He concluded his long and extensive engineering and managerial career with PSE&G in Newark, retiring last year.

A well-known and respected professional in the engineering field, Mr. Lewandowski held various board chair positions within several professional en-

gineering associations and committees.

Andy was very active within the Borough of South Plainfield, serving on the Borough Council from 1975 through 1982. He was a longtime communicant of Our Lady of Czestochowa RC Church serving as an altar server, lector and Eucharistic Minister, a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #6203, Polish National Home and the former Jaycees Organization, as well as a dedicated member of the Republican organization.

In addition, Mr. Lewandowski was active with Boy Scouts of America, a member of the Society for the Preservation of Film Music and was notably recognized in the *Who's Who in the East*, *Who's Who in Finance and Industry*, *Who's Who Among Emerging Leaders*, *Who's Who in the World*, *Who's Who in Polish America*, as well as *Who's Who in*

Science and Engineering.

He is predeceased by his parents, Kazimierz and Emilia Lewandowski.

Surviving are his loving wife, Mary (Zuza), and a son, Adam, both of South Plainfield.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Our Lady of Czestochowa RC Church, 120 Kosciusko Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

Rose E. (Silveri) Radkovich, 89

Rose E. (Silveri) Radkovich died on Friday, Feb. 3 at Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born and raised in North Plainfield, (Continued on page 10)



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Rose moved to South Plainfield in 2000.

Rose retired in 2011 as a bookkeeper with the Plainfield Fruit and Produce Company in Edison after 27 years of employment. Prior to that, she worked 17 years at Burroughs Corp. in Warren.

She is predeceased by her husband, John; a son, John V.; a daughter, Judy DePasquale; and two brothers, Joseph and Angelo.

Rose leaves behind two children, Donna Zelano and husband Richard Hill and Thomas Radkovich; a son-in-law, Joseph DePasquale; two grandchildren, Corrina Funk and husband Matthew and Dana DePasquale; and a sister, Ida Grausso.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family.

David H. Austein, M.D.

David H. Austein, M.D., a former South Plainfield resident, died on Saturday, Feb. 4 in Gaithersburg, Md.

He was a longtime resident of South Plainfield where he graduated from South Plainfield High School and was honored as a Hall of Fame inductee.

David, a graduate of Northwestern University Medical School, was in practice for nine years in Richmond, Va. and for 25 years with Albert and Austein, M.D., P.A. Olney, Md.

He was a dedicated husband and father, and also dedicated to thousands of patients.

David was the beloved husband of Linda Austein; devoted father of Michelle (Eric) Brooks, Sarah Austein and Marc Austein; and loving brother of Cheryl Austein Casnoff.

Funeral services were held in Olney, Md.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Children's Inn at NIH, Har Shalom Congregation/Rabbi's Discretionary Fund or to the Northwestern University HPME Program.

Patricia (Annicchiarico) Tomei, 82

Patricia (Annicchiarico) Tomei died on Friday, Feb. 3 at home.

Born and raised in Jersey City, Mrs. Tomei settled in South Plainfield in 1960.

She worked at the former Bradlees department store for 20 years before the store closed.

A longtime communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield, Mrs. Tomei was a member of the South Plainfield Senior Center and loved her trips to Atlantic City.

Pat was well known throughout the borough of South Plainfield. For

several years, she volunteered at the voting polls during election time, was a former CCD teacher, a former cafeteria aide at Kennedy Elementary School and also served as a boy scout den mother.

Mrs. Tomei was a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She took great pride in her entire family, loved to laugh and enjoyed helping others.

She is predeceased by her husband, Ray Tomei Sr., who died in 1993.

She is survived by a daughter, Rosanne Balzer (Stephen) of South Plainfield; five sons, Raymond Jr. (Marisol) of Phillipsburg, Steven (Lori) of Piscataway, Joseph (Lisa) of Manchester, and Mark "Mel" (Wendy) and David (Dawn) of South Plainfield; a sister, Bernie Sansonetti (Fred) of Florida, and a brother, Joseph (Mindy) of Florida. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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

Robert C. Thieme, 74

Robert C. Thieme died on Thursday, Feb. 2 at home.

Born in Newark, Bob grew up in Cranford and lived in Roselle and Somerset prior to settling in South Plainfield in 1971.

A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Bob worked for Rutgers University as an accountant for over 30 years.

An avid reader, Mr. Thieme enjoyed crossword puzzles and was an avid sports fan, but most importantly he enjoyed the time shared with his grandchildren.

Surviving are his beloved wife of nearly 45 years, Carol (Beer); a daughter, Kelly Rigelon (Jake) of Hamilton; a son, Robert Thieme (Suzanne Palya) of Bricktown; a

sister, Elaine Wurster of Hollywood, Fla.; and two grandchildren, Brandon and Emily. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

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

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14031, Cincinnati, Ohio 45250-0301 or to the Wounded Warrior Project, 370 7th Ave., Suite 1802, N.Y., N.Y. 10001.

Joan M. (Mills) Gundersen, 78

Joan M. (Mills) Gundersen passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Feb. 1 in her home.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Joan was raised and had resided in South Plainfield. She later resided in Watchung prior to settling in Warren 30 years ago.

Working for a short time as a blue print operator for Bell Labs, Joan devoted most of her life to her family as a homemaker. She also had a longtime love for her Dachshund breed of dogs.

Joan is predeceased by her beloved daughter, Cynthia; and by five siblings, Dorothy, William, Kenneth, Donald and Edward.

Surviving are her husband of 60 years, Irving; two sons, Glenn and Eric, both of Warren; a former daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Gundersen; a brother, Frederick Mills; four grandsons, Robert, Jonathan, Nicolas and Christopher; and her dear friend, Gladys McCaughey.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested in her memory to the Dachshund Rescue of North America, 15116 Bernadette Ct., Chantilly, Va. 20151.

Local Playwright Launches Website After New York Showcase

South Plainfield resident Dave Street's play, *The Problem*, has a new website with songs and music following a showcase at the famed Actors Studio in New York City, a successful Kickstarter campaign and an interview on WFAN radio. The website address is www.beaproblem.com.

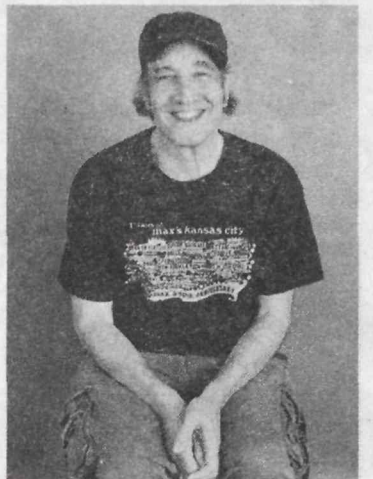
Street, who is known for his innovative presentations in schools, began writing the play a couple of years ago after reconnecting on Facebook with an old friend, actress/director Angelica Page, the daughter of late actress Geraldine Page and actor Rip Torn.

The play has gone through several successful readings in New York, adding music, as well as an accomplished director, Vera Beren, who has directed hundreds of plays in the city. Page has been starring in and co-producing the readings and showcase.

The songs feature music by a roster of accomplished talent, including Freddie Katz (who has worked with Steven Van Zandt from the 'E' Street Band), Donna Destri (former back-up singer for the legendary band Blondie), NJ native Paul Loza (lead singer of the New Jersey based band The Bad Whoremoans), Yoav Sasoon and Tina Pederson from the rising band Ingrid & the Defectors and composer Christopher North. On the website you can hear vocal performances by Destri, Katz, young star Alex Elmahel, Patti Rothberg and Angelica Page.

The songs include such potential hits as, *That's What I See*, *My Two Heads*, *Somebody Has to Care*, *Parents Don't Mess Up Your Children*, *Not Going Back on the Street* and *The Multi-Level Marketing Song*.

Following the enthusiastic audience response at the Actors Studio, the website and Kickstarter campaign was launched to raise money for the next showcase. Then, Dave was interviewed on WFAN radio on the Bob Salter Show. So what is "the problem?"



Dave Street

The Problem is a play about problems. Especially one in particular, the main character, Problem, society's angry but charming ultimate man/boy, who, though, witty and entertaining, has no idea how to pay his bills and finds himself homeless living on the street.

Enter Justine MakeFair, who befriends him in her quest to correct society's ills. Together they embark on a nonstop journey as they search for the answer to Problem's problems. By the end of their journey, they've confronted their demons, seen the humor in their humanity and given hope to all of our problems.

Next up will be a bigger showcase as *The Problem* grows bigger, expands to include dance scenes and moves towards a theater run. New songs will also be added to the website as will updates and video clips. In addition to the songs, you can read about the cast and history on the website.

Street is a graduate of South Plainfield High School.

For more information, email Dave Street at godave908@yahoo.com or visit www.beaproblem.com.

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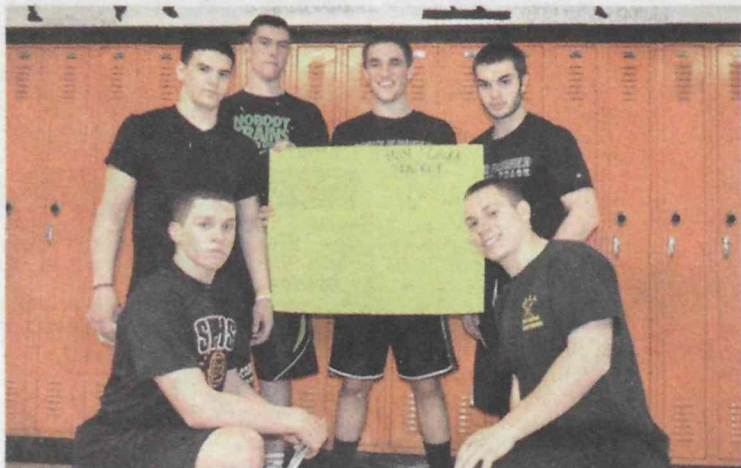
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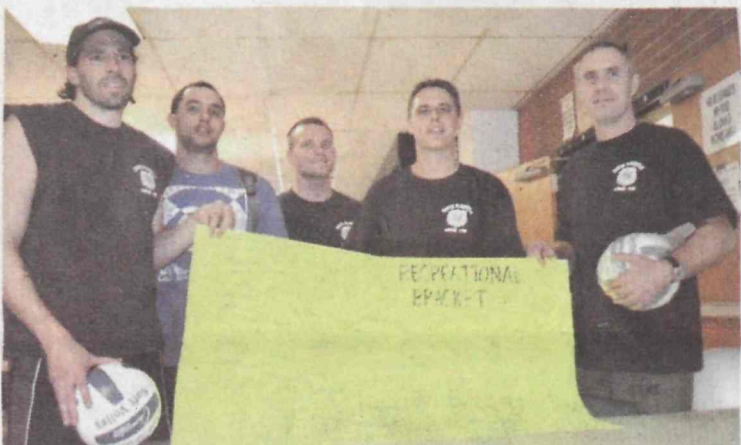
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Winners in the advanced bracket



Winners in the high school bracket



Winners in the recreational bracket



It's a Winner!
Charlie and Debbie Kurland of Hometown Heros deliver dinner to Junior Journalist winner Anthony Massaro pictured with his dad John, mom Jennifer and grandparents, Tony and Diana Massaro.

The South Plainfield Middle School PTO, with the support of Principal Kevin Hajduk and the South Plainfield PBA #100, hosted the second annual volleyball tournament on January 29 at South Plainfield High School. This fundraiser will provide scholarships for SPHS seniors from the Middle School PTO and PBA #100.

The cost of tuition for college continues to mount each year. Being able to give scholarships to our students helps to lift some of this burden from parents and students.

We would like to thank all of the following winning teams from each division: *PBA #100*—Peter Magnani, Lloyd McNelly, John McConville, Craig Magnani and Pete Leonardi; *Kaboom*—Anthony Mendez, John Huaman, Kelly Smith, Chanlin Wang, Giuseppe Bedoya, Jose Bedoya and Karen Bedoya; and *Team Swag*—Patrick Boyle, Joe Pellegrino, AJ Celentano, Nick Graves, Jeff Pellegrino and Jesse Deffler.

High school teams competing were: *Flint Tropics*—Dylan Dorey, Shawn Gorman, Joe Krawiec, Ryan Hughes, Anthony Cardoso and Chris Kukuch; *The Pink Lady Tigers*—Alexis Cargill, Morgan Evans, Nancy Portillo, Ashley Valencia, Yesin Toro and Mariah Karkun; *Kiss My Pass*—Karen Rivers, Jessica Saffole, Kristel Tjuschan, Emily Pittenger, Zachary Noll, Jordana Approvato and Kesar Rivera and *Team Dynamite*—Sean Flanagan, JJ Brettcher, Dan Vargas, Ramsey Abdeljaber and Paul Cano.

Advanced teams were: *Set To Kill*—Denise Hayden, Vic Dvorsyn, Jake Sonatore, Paul, Mary Medoris, Jonathan Flanders and Carolyn; *Tebow Time*—Tim Milazzo, Scott Liss, George Banis, Kimberly Cnan, Bryson Milazzo and Emily Brothesten; *Team Awesome*—Kevin Krystopik, Carly Stoeckel, David Stoeckel, Anthony Moreira, Michael Benak and Matt Fabino; *Sets on the Beach*—Bonnie Donnell, Janina Wnorosk, Bridget Kerr, Basia Mucha, Kristyn Ostrowski, Alie Malloy and Angelica Piccolo; *Let's Spank It*—Julie Gutierrez, Dora Conway, Eric Kasprzyk, Melissa Crisostomo, Marina DeSanto and Chris Rodriguez; *Heavy Hitters*—Bojana Blagojevic, Brian Agnew, Liping Chao, Nick Fusilli, Marybeth Manfredi and Dave; *Ballbusters*—Limon Leg, Manny B., Jon W, Serge

P., Andrie P. and Doug D.; *EZ Pass*—Pete Magnani, Mike Fiore, Candice Wilfred, Craig Magnani, Matthew Flannery and Juan Aries

Recreational teams competing were: *SP Bombers 2*—Gregg Jones, Peter Massett Jr., and Joe Wolak; *SP Bombers 1*—Wendel Born, Kim Born, Greg Jones, Tom Massaro, Tom Cassio and Rickey Donovan; *KOC of South Plainfield*—Brian Cargil, Bill Butrico, Harold Bolton, Joe McGeehan, Anthony Spinella, Joe Wilkowski, Alan Grazion and Robb; *Beach Bum Mobile*—Stacey Eager, Ed Eager, Christine Bodnar, Amanda Doughty, Joan and Jeff; *Aneshonaters*—Rob Bengivenga, Tim McConville, Matt Anesh, Bob Jones, Derryck White, Ray Rusnak, Brian Bythell, Wayne Anesh and Alex Barletta; *PBA 100 #2*—Joe Glowacki, Jim Parker, Gary Cassio, John J. McConville, Joe and Peter Leonardi.

Thank you to Greg Lind, who hosted the fabulous snack stand and donated the proceeds, along with Middle School PTO Public Relations Chairwoman Suzanne Butrico, who worked the snack stand with Lind and students Jacob Alba and Kevin Jones; PTO Treasurer Eileen Brady; Megan Boyle and Sharon Miller, who manned the front desk and ran the PBA 50/50; Stephanie Salerno, who posted and updated the brackets; volunteer referee John Ferguson, who also helped coordinate the event, and Tom Herzog and Lou Colocchio, who without your support this tournament would not have been possible. Thank you to SPHS Athletic Director Al Czech, Debbie Czech and Mickey Wrublevski for their support and helping to set up the scorer table with microphones and to Sodexo, Mr. Lewis and Jeff for setting up. Thank you to the PBA for

donating water, chips and hot dogs. Each player received a ticket for a hot dog, drink and bag of chips. Thank you to Franklin School Principal Ralph Errico for all your help for the entire event as announcer. Thank you to Pattie Abbott and Kim Born for all the photos.

Thanks to the businesses that donated to the tournament: Freihoffers-150 hot dog buns; Brickhouse Tavern-30 gift certificates; Beach Bum Tans-three spray on tans; Metuchen Sportsplex-two hours of court time; Hometown Heros-nine lunch certificates; and the SPHS Peer Leadership students who entertained young children who came with their parents with arts and crafts: Michele Keane, Rose Bach, Jared Aronowitz, Mii Mills, Ashley Linick, Monica Spooner and Allison Quintonilla. And thanks to the *South Plainfield Observer* for always covering our events. Without all of you this tournament would not have been the success that it was. Players on the winning advanced and recreation teams each received \$25 TD Bank gift cards, volleyballs, court time and lunch certificates. The high school players received \$25 TD gift cards, lunch certificates and spray on tan certificates.

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