

Showcase to Feature Local Talent

Come out and support South Plainfield's local talent at the South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission fourth annual Talent Showcase on Sunday,



March 25 at 2:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at Wesley Methodist Church, 1500 Plainfield Ave.

There will be an assortment of singers, dancers and musicians performing this year. Admission is free.

BOE Welcomes New Superintendent



Dr. Stephen Genco

By Jane Dornick

The South Plainfield Board of Education appointed Dr. Stephen Genco superintendent of schools at a special meeting on March 5. Dr. Genco replaces Dr. Gary R. Bowen, who has served as interim superintendent since October 2010.

Genco received a bachelor of science degree in 1987 from West Virginia University and majored in applied sciences. He began his educational career as a science teacher in Wall Township, which included advanced placement and honors chemistry and physics classes. He served in various extra-curricular positions as a head coach and assistant coach for the wrestling, softball and football programs, and was inducted into the Region Six Wrestling Hall of Fame

He earned a master of arts, education/counseling in 1992 and a master of arts, administration in 2000 from Georgian Court University. Most recently, in 2010, he earned a doctoral degree in educational leadership from Rowan University.

"It is an honor to have been selected for this position. I am eager to learn more about the community of South Plainfield and look forward to developing strong relationships with the faculty, staff, students and larger community," commented Genco. He went on to say, "Through the interview process, it became evident that the Board of Education cares deeply about creating educational opportunities for all students. I believe that the doors open and close every day for our children and they should always be the first ones considered when making decisions. Moreover, it has always been my belief that one of the most important characteristics of an educational leader is to be open to all viewpoints and develop a collective vision for the future. I am confident that we will work together as a team to achieve our goals on behalf of the students we serve."

Bowen replaced former superintendent Jose Negron, who was put on paid administrative leave in September 2010 when his contract was not renewed.

Genco resides in Point Pleasant with his wife, Susan, who is currently superintendent of schools in Cranbury. He is expected to begin his new position on Monday, April 16.



South Plainfield High School Model UN Club delegation in Boston.

Model UN Takes Students to Boston

By Payal Sindha

The South Plainfield High School Model United Nations (SPMUN) Club embarked on a trip to Massachusetts on February 24 to attend the eleventh annual Boston Invitational Model United Nations Conference hosted by the Boston University International Affairs Association. After months of preparation and research,

the students engaged in over 15 hours of debate with over 1,200 other delegates from all over the world for a weekend of debate and diplomacy. With debate topics ranging from sustainable development and empowerment of women to cyber terrorism and drone systems, the SPMUN Club gained insight on global politics and gained experience on how to be a delegate in the United Nations.

Call for Entries: Women's History Month Essay Contest

"Women's Education-Women's Empowerment"

The Women's Committee, for its third straight year, is sponsoring three events promoting Women's History Month in South Plainfield. Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society. The theme of Women's History Month, "Women's Education-Women's Empowerment," is very fitting following the release of a progress report from the (Continued on page 9)

The SPMUN Club that went to Boston included 12 students: Tanya Joshi, Payal Sindha, Albert Vill, Shivani Patel, Christine Geczy, Michael Grzenda, Rajath Kenath, Brian Nguyen, Devang Patel, Zach Goldberg, Kevin Belanger and Chris McNeil; and advisors (history teachers) Miten Shah and Francis Flannery.

After the debate, the students were rewarded with a concert featuring Boston University's a capella group and a social dance for the hard work the students put into the conference. The SPMUN Club also had the chance to stroll in the Boston Common and Public Garden, a beautiful public park located near their hotel. There, they followed the Freedom Trail, a 2.5 mile brick trail that leads walkers to over 16 historical sites in Boston. The members also visited one of the oldest and most prestigious libraries in America, the Cambridge Library, and took a walk through Harvard University's beautiful campus.

Before returning to South Plainfield, the members were rewarded for their hard work and effort throughout the weekend. While all of the students did an exceptional job, a special congratulation goes out to Albert Vill and Zach Goldberg, who received the Best Delegate award; Chris McNeil, who was presented with an Honorable Delegate award; and Payal Sindha and Kevin Belanger, who received a Verbal Accommodation award. When asked about the experience they gained at the conference, the students struggled to find words that would accurately describe their weekend. SPHS senior and first time Model UN delegate Tanya Joshi stated, "Tve always competed in sports, but never in such a prestigious academic competition. Boston Model UN showed me what I am truly capable of doing." Payal Sindha, also a senior at SPHS, (Continued on page 9)



National Women's History Project

in 2011 for reestablishing the Wall wrestling program.

From 2001-2008, Genco was the principal at both Wall Township High School and Wall Township Intermediate School. In those roles he facilitated the Middle States Accreditation process for the high school and was closely involved in budget planning and developed a waiver program for honors placement which allowed more students to have access to advanced coursework. He also served as assistant principal at Point Pleasant Borough High School from 2000-2001.

Since 2008, Genco served as assistant superintendent for the Jackson Township School District where he utilized his curricular expertise in mathematics and science. During his tenure, Genco directly administered the Human Resources Department, including negotiations, litigation and K-12 professional development while also managing student discipline matters and policies of the district.



South Plainfield Girl Scouts marked the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouting with a day-long celebration last Sunday. See next week's issue for full story.

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In My Opinion

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

To the Editor:

On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the South Plainfield Police Department, Rescue Squad and EMTs who responded to my home on February 2. I would particularly like to thank Officer Born and Officer Courtney for their support and kindness during that difficult time.

A special thanks to Ricky at Mc-Criskin-Gustafson Funeral Home for his wonderful help and support. **THE THIEME FAMILY**

Dear Editor,

In a few weeks the mayor and council will fire one of the most dedicated, competent public workers South Plainfield has ever had.

Joann Graf was born in South Plainfield 61 years ago. She has dedicated her entire life to make our town a better place to live. In the early eighties she was the first woman elected to the Borough Council. She served as the first woman president of the council. Every time she voted on a law she always looked to see that it benefited the people of South Plainfield. She never voted exclusively down party lines because she was always her own person. She started the Cultural Arts Commission to make sure that every resident had the opportunity to participate and succeed in the arts. Joann was the first woman to serve on the South Plainfield Recreation Commission. Joann ran her own business for decades in South Plainfield. Joann was instrumental in reestablishing the plans to build an alternate route on the south side.

In 2002 Joann was appointed South Plainfield's Senior Center Coordinator. She was spectacular in this job. Every senior became her number one priority, from cooking lunches, to setting up bus transportation, to organizing trips, to arranging activities, to making sure that our seniors were taken care of. In 2008, Joann was asked to become the borough clerk. For almost two years she did both jobs. She has been praised for her job performance and her dedication to South Plainfield. She even finds time to bring communion to people who are not able to make it to church.

Joann has successfully beaten cancer twice in her life. She has met every challenge with a sense of pride and contentment that make her the dynamic person she truly is. In April Joann will lose her job and her medical coverage when the mayor and council fire her. Their reason is simply because they can. Is this the way a loyal, dedicated resident should be treated? I know the answer; no! What a shame to lose Joann because of her party affiliation. Who wins with this decision? No one! Who loses? Our community!

Joann, you are a caring, warm, loving individual. You will be sorely missed but never forgotten. MIKE ENGLISH

To the Roosevelt School Families: On behalf of the Roosevelt Student

Council and myself, we would like to extend our sincerest thanks for all your support and donations during the February Leukemia/Lymphoma fundraiser, "Pennies for Patients." Your donations have made a positive difference in the lives of children afflicted with leukemia or lymphoma. Roosevelt Elementary School was able to contribute a total amount of \$2,840.70. First prize was tied between Ms. Boschen's kindergarten class and Mr. Bertram's third grade class. Both classes raised \$249 and will receive a pasta party from the Olive Garden as their prize.

This fundraiser helps children with blood cancers in Northern New Jersey by supporting research, advocacy, community service, patient aid and public and professional education. Because of this kind of support, modern treatments have greatly improved cure rates or remission duration for some patients with leukemia and offered more hope than ever before to those affected with blood cancers.

For more information regarding the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in Northern New Jersey you can call (908) 654-9445. Thanks so much! SINCERELY,

MRS.MOSLEY, M. ED, MSW, LCSW SENIOR COUNCIL ADVSIOR

Dear Editor,

As a parent, I have a responsibility to do all that I can to protect my children. When I sponsored the state's first anti-bullying law in 2002, I did so for the same reason. It is the most basic duty that I share with parents across the State of New Jersey. And when the opportunity arose to act once again in 2010, I sponsored the Anti-Bullying

Submit Your Letters to the Editor

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Bill of Rights, a law that transcends party lines and brought Democrats and Republicans together for the sake of our children. The physical and emotional well-being of New Jersey's young people depends on that sort of progress.

Ensuring the welfare of our kids is not a choice. When it comes to drugs and alcohol, obscenity, child abuse, and a whole host of other dangers to our young people, no one is looking the other way. Cases of harassment, intimidation, and bullying in our schools should be no different.

The Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights is more than just words; it is a promise to every child in the state of New Jersey. It is a declaration that we will not condone harassment, nor will we be bystanders in the presence of intimidation. For so many schoolchildren across the state, it is a lifeline.

The bipartisan enactment of this law was symbolic: right knows no party or ideology. The fact of the matter is that, for a student who fears going to class each day due to harassment or the possibility of physical harm, party labels have no significance.

The State of New Jersey has set an example for generations to come in its commitment to stand up for justice and equality for all people. And if there is any single legacy for which our Legislature may be remembered, I would hope it would be its adherence to these principles.

Educating our kids means giving them all the tools they need to succeed, from simple things like pens and notebooks to the more complicated peace of mind that comes with knowing that every adult in the State of New Jersey stands with them against bullying. We owed it to these children to deliver.

BARBARA BUONO, SENATOR 18TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT



 Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

 Agenda Meeting
 Public Meeting

 March 19
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 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.

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councilmeetings

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

zoningboardofadjustment

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

boardofeducation

Meets Wednesdays at Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. Committee of the Whole meetings (begin at 6:00 p.m.) April 4. Regular Public Meeting (begin at 7:30 p.m.) except where noted* March 21, April 11

BOEcurriculum/technology/student activities

Meets once a month at 4:30 p.m. in 2nd floor conference room, Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.

BOEbuildings & ground

Meets second Monday of the month at 7 p.m., 2nd floor conference room, Roosevelt Administration Building

culturalarts commission

Meets the third Tuesday of the month at the PAL at 7:30 p.m. March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19, July & Aug.-No Meeting, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18

libraryboard of trustees

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday, at the library at 7 p.m. 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 April 10, May 8, June 12, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11

taxpayersadvisorygroup

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.

siteplansub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m. March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19

environmentalcommission

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

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

Meets once a month (first Wednesday) Borough Hall Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m. (No meetings July and August)

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T. Robak Renews Adopt-A-Spot

Terry Robak of T. Robak Associates, LLC has renewed his Adopt-A-Spot agreement with the South Plainfield Clean Business Association for the next two years. He will continue to remove litter from the preserved Open Space parcel on Belmont Avenue between Arlington and Tremont avenues. This forested wetland absorbs stormwater and carbon dioxide and provides shade, oxygen and wildlife habitat. Unfortunately, like most undeveloped land in the borough, it also accumulates litter and attracts illegal dumping.

Robak first decided to adopt this spot in 2010 after participating in the South Plainfield Business Association's adoption of the Lakeview Avenue overpass. He has his crew of four people working on the Belmont Avenue open space site monthly. This has made a big improvement in the area.

The CBA is looking for more adopters of undeveloped areas, such as the vacant lots on Sampton Avenue and Plainfield Avenue, and the head of Belmont Avenue on Metuchen Road.

For more information about the Adopt-A-Spot program, contact the Clean Communities Coordinator at (908) 226-7621.

Brayden Carr **Foundation Plans Annual Fundraiser**

In Brayden's Eyes, The Brayden Carr Foundation, will hold its annual fundraiser, "Bray's Run & Fun," on Sunday, April 15 featuring a 5K run and 1.5 mile fun walk followed by a basketball game between the Rutgers men's basketball coaches and alumni versus the South Plainfield PBA.

If you'd like to participate in the run/walk, registration will be held from 8:15 to 9:45 a.m. in the South Plainfield High School gym. Registration fee is \$30 run/pp; \$20 walk per family with children under 14; or \$10 students with ID. Registration includes free admission to the basketball game, or pay \$5 admission at the door. The run/walk starts at 10 a.m. and the basketball game starts at 11 a.m.

Registration forms are available online, at the SPHS athletic and main offices, and at the Middle School. Jointly hosted by the Middle School PTO and the South Plainfield PBA, 100% of the net proceeds benefit kids through various scholarships.

You can also register securely online via PayPal at braydencarrfoundation. org or send a check or money order along with the registration form to: In Brayden's Eyes, The Brayden Carr Foundation, P.O. Box 129, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

GOP Council **Candidates Sought**



The dredging of Spring Lake is now complete. Spring Lake Park Work Ends

By Libby Barsky

Patrick McNulty of the Middlesex County Mosquito Commission said goodbye to Spring Lake Park on March 2

During the past few months, Mc-Nulty has removed approximately 50 truckloads of soil as part of the project to rid the lake of the weedy islands that have formed over the years on both sides of the middle bridge. He also removed some of the soil that had accumulated in the stream area closest to the bridge near the approach from the parking lot off Maple Avenue.

The dredging project, which began in January because the cold would lessen the methane gas fumes emanating from the ground, attracted quite a few "regulars" who would stop to watch and talk with McNulty and ask him questions about the work.

"The people were really friendly," said McNulty, who doesn't always receive similar reception at some of the other locations where he has worked. The question most often asked was, "When will the work be finished?"

Planning for a park in that area began in the 1940s, but it was not until Green Acre funds became available in the early 1980s that the county project moved forward. Before the park could become a reality, agreements had to be made between the Middlesex Water Company, whose wells are on the property, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, who had to approve the lake's water flow before DEP approval was given for the project since the lake is in a flood plain.

Spring Lake Park was officially dedicated in March 1983 by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders

Dance Fundraiser to Support Victims of South Plainfield Fire

Unable to shake the sadness she felt from watching news stories of the recent South Plainfield fire that took the lives of a grandmother and four of her seven grandchildren, Liza Aninipot made a vow to help the survivors in the best way she knows how-a Zumba fundraiser.

"I teach practically around the corner from the fire. I can't bring myself to drive in that direction on Clinton, but I felt I needed to do something instead of staying glued to the TV and my computer," said Aninipot, who teaches at Combinations Martial Arts & Fitness Academy on Montrose Avenue just off South Clinton Avenue.

"A Time to Dance" Zumba fundraising event will be held on Sunday, March 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at BUF Health & Human Services, 403 West 7th St. in Plainfield. Minimum donation is \$15 per person. All proceeds will benefit the Clinton Avenue fire victims. A check will be written to The Boyle Memorial Foundation of South Plainfield. Those unable to attend are encouraged to make check donations to The Boyle Memorial Foundation with "Clinton Avenue Fire Victims" and "A Time To Dance Fundraiser" in the memo field. Checks should be dropped off during the fundraising dance-a-thon.

Zumba is a follow-along dance exercise program created by Columbian native Alberto "Beto" Perez while he was an aerobics instructor in Florida. Aninipot hopes people will come to the fundraiser and try an activity that meshes contemporary dance moves and music with aerobics.

Aninipot, who has been an organizer of New Jersey's largest Zumba fundraising events such as the Party in Pink Susan G. Komen for The Cure Zumba fundraisers and the American Heart Association events coming in April, started emailing and calling nearby Zumba instructors asking for participation. Without hesitation, three nearby dance instructors signed on to the project; Shamida "Mida" Coney, founder of the Zumba with Mida Meetup Group and Zumba teacher at Central Jersey Arts Charter School in Plainfield; Anniely Acosta, a Zumba instructor at LA Fitness in South Plainfield; and Warren Mayorga, a belly dance and Zumba instructor at Curves on Stephenville Parkway in North Edison.

"I'm excited because everyone is volunteering their expertise. BUF Director Sondra Clark is allowing us to use the preschool's facilities for free. All the instructors, including myself, are volunteering. Combinations Martial Arts & Fitness has agreed to be a sponsor. Even our promotional postcard by Red Ibis Hosting was done for free. All this generosity will allow us to show our financial support to the family," Aninipot explained.

Project Graduation Tickets Now on Sale

The South Plainfield High School PTA will host the annual auction on Saturday, April 28, 6 p.m. (doors open) to 11 p.m. in the SPHS gym. Profits will go towards Project Graduation for the Class of 2012. Price per ticket is \$12.

Call Tracey Hartmann (908) 750-6194 for information regarding tickets and to reserve your table. For information or to make a donation, contact Sharon Miller (908) 754-6461. This is a great event for a very worthwhile cause.



Volunteers Needed For Litter Cleanup Week April 21-28

The South Plainfield Clean Communities Advisory Board will sponsor a borough-wide cleanup the last week in April. The main cleanup event will take place on Saturday, 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

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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 atempel@southplainfieldnj.com.

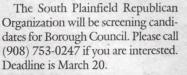
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South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 and Sacred Heart Church will sponsor fish dinners on Fridays during Lent; March 16, 23 and 30. Dinners will be served from 5-7 p.m. in the Holy Savior Academy cafeteria (formerly Sacred Heart School),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

The menu features 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 available. Stations of the Cross will be held

in the church at 7 p.m.

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.

Cabbage Dinner March 17

The South Plainfield Elks Veterans Committee, 1254 New Market Ave., is sponsoring its annual corned beef and cabbage dinner on Saturday, March 17 from 4:30 to 9 p.m. All you can eat, includes soda and dessert, cash bar. Adults, \$12; children, \$5.

For more information, call Lou Peralta at (908) 756-6406.

Free Medical Review At Smile Pharmacy March 24

Have you ever wondered about what is the best time of day to take your medication or which pills should or should not be taken together? The answers to these questions will be addressed during a free medication review at Smile Pharmacy, 1110 Hamilton Blvd., (next to the Observer office) on Saturday, March 24 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The public is invited to attend. Breakfast will be served from 9 to 11 a.m. RSVP by calling (908) 756-3232 ensure adequate time for each patient.

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) 668-1458.

Tickets are now available by calling Jenn at (908) 769-5849 or Tara at (908) 668-1458.

Girl Scouts Pancake Breakfast March 25

The South Plainfield Girl Scout Community, in conjunction with the South Plainfield Elks, will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 25 from 8 a.m. until noon. The allyou-can-eat menu will feature pancakes, eggs cooked to order, French toast, bacon, sausage, home fries, toast, juice and coffee. \$6 for adults; \$5 for seniors; \$4 for children 4-12; three and under are free. The lodge is located at 1254 New Market Ave.

For more information, please call Sharon Reuter at (908) 791-1214.

Columbiettes Easter Bunny Brunch March 25

. The South Plainfield Columbiettes will host the annual Easter Bunny Brunch on Sunday, March 25 in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 334 Hamilton Blvd. Doors open at 10 a.m. Menu includes pancakes and sausage, assorted rolls, muffins and pastries. There is no cost, but a good will basket will be available. There will be games and prizes and the Easter Bunny will give out baskets to the children.

Reservations are appreciated by calling Kathy at (908) 756-3772 or Nancy at (908) 561-5917.

SP Cultural Arts Talent Showcase March 25

Come out and support South Plainfield's local talent at the South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission fourth annual Talent Showcase on Sunday, March 25 at 2:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at Wesley Methodist Church, 1500 Plainfield Ave.

There will be an assortment of singers, dancers and musicians performing this year. Admission is free.

Columbiettes Spring **Fashion Show**

March 31

The South Plainfield Columbiettes will host a Spring Fashion Show on Saturday, March 31 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 334 Hamilton Blvd.

Casual, business and dressy fashions will be provided by Dress Barn of South Plainfield and will be modeled by members of the organization. Sandwiches, salads, desserts, coffee and different flavored teas. Tickets are \$12.

For tickets, call Kathy at (908) 756-3772 or Nancy at (908) 561-5917.

Pilgrim Covenant Coffeehouse March 31

It's not just coffee! Pilgrim Cove-

nant Church, 3121 Park Ave. will hold a coffeehouse on Saturday, March 31 at 7 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door. Adults, \$7; children (6-11), \$5; children under five are free.

VFW Country Breakfast April 1

The VFW on Front Street will host a country breakfast on Sunday, April 1 from 8 to 11 a.m Come and pick the lucky Easter egg to win a free breakfast!

For more information, call (908) 688-9751

- Out of Town —

Ballet: Romeo And Juliet at Kean

March 16

Kean Stage presents Moscow Festival Ballet's Romeo and Juliet and Chopiniana on Friday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Kean University's Wilkins Theatre. Tickets: \$30; senior, student or child, \$20.

For tickets, call (908) 737-7469, visit www. keanstage.com or in person at the theater box office, 1000 Morris Ave. in Union.



March 17-St. Patty's Day Luncheon food, entertainment-\$17 p/p, sign up at the Senior Center

March 21-Sands Hotel, Atlantic City \$28.50, sign up at the Senior Center MONDAYS

Mondars 9:30-11:30 am Yoga 10:30 am Art Class 11:30 am Active Seniors 11:45 am
TUESDAYS Bingo10 am-2 pm Ladies Social Group10 am
WEDNESDAYS Exercise Class
THURSDAYS Active Seniors

Crafts Class	-
FRIDAYS Bingo10 am-2 pm	

Senior Center is open daily 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Saturdays & Sundays. (908) 754-1047

St. Patrick's Day Dinner at St. Francis March 17

St. Francis Episcopal Church, 400 New Market Rd. in Dunellen, will host its annual St. Patrick's Day dinner on Saturday, March 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots and dessert. Tickets: Adults, \$12.50; children under 10, \$7.

Tickets are available now by calling (732) 968-6781.

Pot Luck Dinner at **Temple Sholom** March 17

Temple Sholom of Fanwood/ Scotch Plains welcomes the community to participate in a kosher-style potluck dinner on Saturday, March 17 at 6 p.m. and Megillah reading at 7 p.m. Register for dinner in advance at www.sholomnj.org. Participants are encouraged to come in costume. Temple Sholom is located within the Fanwood Presbyterian Church.



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South Plainfield, NJ

Rev. John Paul Alvarado, Pastor

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Mass 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00, 11:30 a.m.

Daily 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 7:00 p.m. Monday (Church), Thursday (Parish Center Chapel)

Holy Days 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

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



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Woodbridge WOWs **Open Dance**

March 18

Woodbridge Widows Or Widowers will hold an open dance on Sunday, March 18 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Morrisey Ave. in Avenel. Refreshments served. Everyone is welcome. Admission: \$10 members; \$12 guests.

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

Christine Brewer Sings at Enlow Hall March 24

Kean Stage presents Grammy Award winning American soprano, Christine Brewer on Saturday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Kean University's Gene & Shelley Enlow Recital Hall, 215 North Ave. in Hillside. Tickets: \$35; senior, student or child, \$20.

For tickets, call (908) 737-7469, order online at enlowhall.kean.edu, or in person at the box office.

Temple Sholom Pray & Play March 24

Temple Sholom of Fanwood/ Scotch Plains, located in the Fanwood Presbyterian Church at the corner of Martine and LaGrande avenues, invites families with children ages four and under to a Shabbat Pray & Play on Saturday, March 24 at 10 a.m. Interactive 30-minute service features music, maracas, puppets and parachutes. Followed by a free bagel brunch in the playroom. Older siblings are welcome.

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

Emergency Foot Care Day

March 24

Family Foot & Ankle Specialists, 250 Old New Brunswick Rd. in Piscataway, invites those who have no health insurance to come in and be treated by Dr. Peter Wishnie at no cost on Saturday, March 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Services include exam, treatment, x-rays, strappings, injections and ingrowns

For more information, call (732) 968-3833.

Upscale Singles Dance Party

receive a \$10 Shop-Rite gift card. The entire process generally takes under one hour. Donors will receive a free cholesterol screening.

For more information or to sign up for this blood drive, call the blood center at 1-800-652-5663, ext. 155.

Gesang-und Turn-Verein Dinner/Dance March 24

Plainfield Gesang-und Turn-Verein, Inc. will host a dinner/dance on Saturday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Singer Hall, 220 Somerset St. in North Plainfield. Come and join us for a delicious pork roast dinner with lots of different sausages and all the trimmings. Coffee and cake will be served. Music for your dancing pleasure will be provided by the famous Norbert Ludwig band.

Tickets are \$20 for members and \$22 for non-members. For more information, call Victor at (908) 276-8572 or Joan at (908) 647-0819.

QSAC Rates District "High Performing"

By Libby Barsky

The South Plainfield School District has received an updated evaluation under the Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) monitoring system. Based on two portions of the recently updated district performance review the evaluation of the district is now designated "high performing." Bari A. Erlichson, chief performance officer of the New Jersey Department of Education, informed Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Gary Bowen of the change in a letter dated January 30, 2012.

The updated evaluation took place in January in two of the five areas rated in the district performance review. The April 2009 rating of 75% for Instruction and Program went to 86%; an April 2009 rating of 78% for Governance went to 89%. Instruction and Program includes the curriculum being in alignment with current state board standards including aligning with career technical education and converting to common core standards. Governance includes adopting policies for annual evaluation of all staff, tenured and non-tenured, and using test scores and other data to

analyze the professional development plan with teaching needs.

The new rating brought the instruction and governance areas closer to the earlier ratings of the three other district performance review areas: Fiscal Management, 82%; Operations, 92% and Personnel, 98%, which they held from 2009 through 2012.

"Your district has now satisfied at least 80% of the indicators in all five

SPEF Raffle Tickets on Sale

The South Plainfield Education Foundation annual 50/50 raffle tickets are now on sale for \$5 each. The drawing will be held on Friday, April 13 at the Education Foundation's

Wine Tasting. Cash prizes are a per-

centage of the total sale of tickets. Tickets will be sold at the Franklin School Auction on Saturday, March 24. They can also be purchased by calling Marge Reedy at (908) 561-5800, ext. 302.

areas of the QSAC review process and has been designated 'high perform-

ing," wrote Erlichson, adding, "Acting

Commissioner Cerf has updated the

district's placement on the QSAC

continuum and will recommend that

the State Board of Education certify

your school district for a period of

three years as providing a thorough

and efficient system of education."



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March 24

Steppin' Out Singles is holding an upscale singles dance party on Saturday, March 24 at 8 p.m. at the Woodbridge Hilton Grand Ballroom, 20 Wood Ave. South in Iselin. Ages 40 and up. No jeans/t-shirts/sneakers/ shorts. Admission: \$17

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

Blood Donors Needed

March 24

The Deutscher Club of Clark is hosting a blood drive in conjunction with The Blood Center of New Jersey on Saturday, March 24. The club is located at 787 Featherbed Lane. Hours of donation are from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Each donor will also

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Sports

BY GARY LAMPASONA

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JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB

Spring is definitely in the air...

Preseason Work Detail-Here is the schedule for work detail. Please help us get the complex ready for opening day. • March 17 at 8 a.m.-Parents of 9

and 10 year olds

• March 24 at 8 a.m.–Parents of 11 and 12 year olds

• March 31 at 8 a.m.–Parents of 13 and 14 year olds

• April 7 at 8 a.m.–Parents of 15, 16, 17 and 18 year olds

Correction–Rutgers Certification Class: The lone class is Wednesday, March 21 in the SPJBC clubhouse beginning at 6:45 p.m. Call the baseball club at (908) 754-2090 to register. The fee will be waived for South Plainfield residents. If you are interested in participating on the field with your child's team, a SPJBC membership card and Rutgers certification are a must.

Snack stand sign-up is Wednesday, March 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the clubhouse. All parents must complete a

snack stand duty for each child playing in the SPJBC. Dates and times are on a first come, first served basis; so come early. You can only sign up for yourself. If you cannot attend, your snack stand duty date and time will be assigned.

Be a sponsor for the opening day program. Cheer your player or team on. Check the Parents Handbook or download the form from the handouts section of our website. The deadline is March 31.

Opening Day Countdown... April 14 is only four weeks away.

You can find all this and more information on our website, www. leaguelineup.com/spjbc.

"Baseball, it is said, is only a game. True. And the Grand Canyon is only a hole in Arizona. Not all holes, or games, are created equal." –George F. Will

U-13 ARSENAL

Arsenal Open Spring Season With a Draw

halftime.

The South Plainfield Soccer Club got their spring season underway this past Sunday, including action that saw the U-13 boys team, Arsenal, play host to Real North Brunswick on Memorial Field. On the next-to-last weekend of winter, game time temperature was a balmy 55 degrees and there wasn't a cloud in the sky–perfect weather for soccer!

Arsenal struck early with a goal by Jason Belanger in the third minute off of a corner kick. They would double their lead to 2-0 in the 17th minute with a strike from Jake Hoffman and that would remain the score through

The First Tee of Plainfield will kick

off the 2012 season by hosting an an-

nual open house on Saturday, March

31 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Everyone

is invited to tour the Plainfield West

Nine Golf Course and its practice fa-

Real North Brunswick came back to take the lead in the second half with three successive goals, one each in the 52nd, 55th and 64th minutes. Arsenal withstood the pressure and came back quickly with a goal of their own in the 66th minute, and the second of the game for Jason Belanger. Both teams battled to the final whistle to earn the

3-3 draw. A total team effort went into this hard-fought contest. William Arias, Jason Cieszkiewicz, Caleb Kuberiet, Jared Marks, Dylan O'Connor, Alec Paez, Ricky Pellegrino, Mason Resende,

Many local groups participated in

programs conducted at the facility last

season. Some of these groups were

students from the Edison, Plainfield,

and South Plainfield school systems.

Local organizations, including our local

YMCA and the Boys and Girls Clubs,

are expected to join us. Hopefully, many

additional organizations will participate

The First Tee of Plainfield is an

affiliate location for The First Tee

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ior initiative committed to: teaching

juniors the game of golf and all its great

values; offering youngsters through

golf instructions a seamless exposure to

life skills values; promoting the game

as a family activity; and developing not

this year.

The First Tee of Plainfield/Get Golf Ready

Submitted By Mark Resende

Edwin Rivas, Elijah Robinson, Kevin

Solano, Wallace Truesdale and goal-

keeper Nick Plate all played well on this

day. Jason Belanger was the "Man of

the Match," not only for his two goals

but also for the leadership he showed

Arsenal's head coach is Dave Cieskie-

wicz, and his assistant coaches are Greg

Hoffman and Steve Belanger. Their

next game will be on Sunday, March 18

at 1:15 p.m. at Scotch Plains-Fanwood

High School against their long-time

nemesis, Vikings. Please come out

and support the team and the club.

on the field.

Go Arsenal!

only new golfers, but better people. If you have ever thought about playing golf, then Get Golf Ready is for you. Whether you are a beginner at golf or returning to the game, the Get Golf Ready program is designed to teach you in a few short group lessons. We include everything you'll need to know to step onto a golf course and get out to play with confidence. The Plainfield West Nine Golf Club is a leader in this new PGA of America initiative.

If you know of any group or individuals who want to participate, please pass this information along or contact the Plainfield West Nine Pro Shop at (908) 769-3672. Volunteers are also needed for the event.

Mets and Yankees Baseball Trip

The Club at Ricochet is sponsoring two baseball trips. The first is the Yankees vs. the Cincinnati Reds on Sunday, May 20. Cost is \$70 per person; game time to be determined. Bus will leave from South Plainfield three hours prior to game time.

The second is Mets vs. Chicago Clubs with a tailgate party on Saturday, July 7. Cost is \$70 per person. Bus leaves from The Club at Ricochet at 4 p.m. The Mets Citifield has group parking in a beautiful park setting that is excellent for tailgating. Anyone who would like to participate should bring an appetizer or dessert to share and their drink of choice. The Club at Ricochet will supply food, tables, chairs, paper goods and utensils for all who participate.

To register for either trip, call Ricochet at (908) 753-2300.

cility, as well as register for upcoming programs. The New Jersey PGA and the NJ Golf Foundation will sponsor the event. Members of the PGA and our First Tee of Plainfield professional staff will be providing instruction and discussing our upcoming season's schedule. Food and beverages will be available at no charge.

We want to thank Chick-Fil-A of Menlo Park and Woodbridge for their continuous support of our program and participating in this day. Look for a special appearance by their famous Chick-Fil-A cow at the open house.

> FRIDAY, MARCH 16 4pm Fr Baseball-Freehold (H) Sc 4:15pm V & JV Baseball-Freehold Sc (A) Bus 2:30

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

11am Fr Baseball-Bridgewater (A) Bus 9:30 11am V & JV Baseball-Bridgewater

(H) Sc

MONDAY, MARCH 19

4pm V & JV Softball-Ridge (H) Sc 4:30pm B V Tennis-Snyder Sc (A) Bus 2:30

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

4pm V & JV Baseball-Elizabeth Sc (A) Bus 2:30 4pm Fr Baseball-Elizabeth (H) Sc

South Plainfield High School SPORTS SCHEDULE

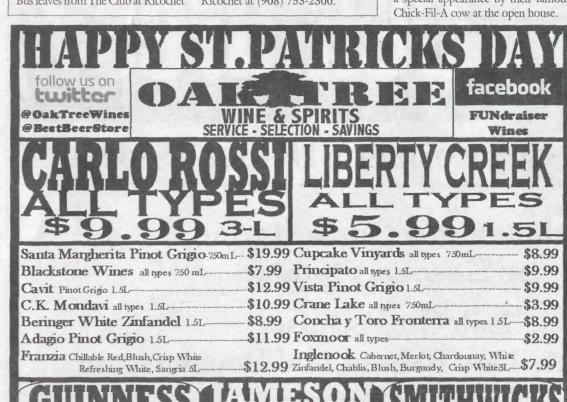
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

4pm Fr Baseball-Nottingham (H) Sc 4pm V & JV Softball-Bridgewater Raritan (H) Sc 4:15pm V & JV Baseball-Nottingham Sc (A) Bus 2:30

THURSDAY, MARCH 22 3:45pm V & JV Softball-Piscataway (A) Bus 2:30

FRIDAY, MARCH 23 3:45pm BV Track- JFK (H)







March 16, 2012





Riley School second graders "Skype" with author Elizabeth Raum.

Riley School Students Skype With Author Elizabeth Raum

Read Across America Day is enjoyed by children throughout the country. Riley School made this year's celebration even more special. Students in the second grade were able to come together and Skype with an author.

Coordinated by computer teacher Desiree Noland with help from Principal Leo Whalen, the students were able to speak with Elizabeth Raum, a New Jersey native known for her non-fiction work. Raum has branched out to the world of fiction, which she shared with the students at Riley School. Through video conferencing technology, Raum shared her story, Cedric and the Dragon. The students were thrilled to be able to hear her story through Skype.

The advent of technology has broadened the classroom for the students and allowed them to connect with people outside of the walls of the school.

fusal to submit to breath testing, careless

driving and failure to maintain lamps.

dent reported that their unlocked

vehicle had been ransacked. Nothing

· A South Plainfield Avenue resi-

Kennedy School teacher Cynthia Severino challenged her fourth grade classes at the beginning of the year to read as many Dr. Seuss books as possible and then summarize one of his books. The catch was that the summaries had to be in poetic form, as Dr. Seuss would have written it. Students then put themselves in the poem as a character from one of his books. The children worked in groups and decided how they would perform their poem and what they would wear.

By Jane Dornick

An assembly held on Dr. Seuss' birthday, March 2, to promote the writings and the accomplishment of reading 14,000 books began with the singing of Dr. Seuss, We Love You, directed by music teacher Barbara Habeeb. The fourth grade reading classes presented their poems to the student body followed by a slideshow that was put together by teacher Ann Witkowski. The pictures were taken in library class by librarian Laura Zibro and then Witkowski combined them with music.



DUDE

Students perform their poems.

The March 2 Kennedy School assembly celebrated the students' accomplishment of reading 14,000 books.

Students Read 14,000 Dr. Seuss Books



• On Feb. 16 Mary E. Iacone, 25, of Edison was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting \$236 worth of clothing.

• Yihua Liu, 52, of Green Brook was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting three pair of running sneakers.

· On Feb. 17 Aisha Saleem, 19, of Piscataway was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting men's clothing worth \$407.

• The Police Athletic League reported that graffiti had been painted on the eastern side of the PAL building.

• On Feb. 18 Bernette Hobbs-Daniels, 49, of Irvington was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

• Sushim Mitra, 37, of Edison was arrested for driving while intoxicated, re-

was taken. · A Middlesex resident reported the theft of two credit cards from his pants that were in his locker at LA Fitness. · On Feb. 19 Kandyce N. Peterson,

23, of Piscataway was arrested for driving while intoxicated. · On Feb. 20 Kenny Moncada, 20,

of South Plainfield was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

· On Feb. 21 a Chambers Street resident reported that the rear window. of their vehicle had been smashed.





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-Mayor Matt Anesh



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PUBLIC NOTICE

TAX SALE NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY FOR NONPAYMENT OF TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND/OR OTHER MUNICIPAL LIENS

Public notice is hereby given that I, Kimberly Clifford, Collector of Taxes of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, will sell at public auction on, Thursday, March 29, 2012 at the South Plainfield Municipal Complex, Council Chambers, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, at 10:00 am or at such later time and place to which said sale may then be adjourned, all of the several lots and parcels of land assessed to the respective persons whose names are set opposite each respective parcel as the owner thereof for the total amount of municipal liens chargeable against said lands respectively, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-1, et seq. as computed to the 29th day of March 2012.

Take further notice that the hereinafter described lands will be sold for the amount of the municipal liens chargeable against each parcel of said land assessed as one parcel, together with interest and costs to the date of sale. Said lands will be sold at the lowest rate of interest bid, not to exceed 18%. Payment for said parcels shall be made prior to the conclusion of the sale in the form of cash, certified check or money order, or parcels will be resold. Separate checks are required for payment of property taxes and for sewer fees and partial payments will not be sufficient to remove these items from the sale. Properties for which there are no purchasers shall be struck off and sold to the Borough of South Plainfield at an interest rate of 18%.

At any time, before the day of the sale, I will accept payment of the amount due on any property with interest and costs. Payments must be in the form of cash, certified check or money order. Industrial Properties may be subject to the Spill Compensation and Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11 et seq.), the Water Pollution Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 et şeq.), and the Industrial Site Recovery Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1k-6 et seq.). In addition, the municipality is precluded from issuing a tax sale certificate to any prospective purchaser who is or may be in any way connected to the prior owner or operator of the site. The lands to be sold are described in accordance with the last tax duplicate as follows:

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	14	CINTRON, BRADLEY	243.96		3	COLAPIETRO, JAMES & TRACY	238.88			SUAREZ, EDWARD & LUZ M.	783.
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	26	MONROE, MICHAEL J.& JOAN M.	2,903.85		9	LIMERICK, GLASGOW A. & PATRICIA V.	238.88	338 3		ROSADO, ALEX & MICHELLE	403.
	26	CASSETT, CHANDA & MCCOY, CRAIG	426.94		9	GOODMAN, JEFFREY A	424.26			CABRERA, KARINA & RAMOS, SANDRA	403.
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Jennifer Nguy Named This Week's Junior Journalist



Junior Journalist winner Jennifer Nguy with teacher Mike Bertram.

Jennifer Nguy, Roosevelt School third grade student, is this week's winner in the Junior Journalist program. Her poem, "Books," 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.

Books

By Jennifer Nguy Books I see you everywhere in the library, home, school, and more. I think you give great ideas. You give me knowledge and inspire me to read more.

To me, books are fun to read and to discover every day. Books make me want to try new things

every step of the way. Books are outrageous! In every way!

By Danielle Aronowitz

Get involved with your library and become a "friend"! We are looking to restart the South Plainfield Friends of the Library group. This group will hold fundraisers that help the library, and have special programs. All are welcome to join; you don't have to be a resident of South Plainfield. Our first "Welcome to the Friends" meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 20 at 7 p.m. at the library. This meeting will outline the general plans for the group. For more information, see the library staff.

We held classes for those people who recently bought or received an e-reader such as the Kindle Fire or Nook Tablet. If you were unable to make the classes and would like help in learning how to use it to be able to download e-books for free from e-libraryNJ, please feel free to come to the library and make an appointment with Chris, Danielle or Eve. We would be happy to help you learn how to use your e-reader.

On Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. the library will be showing new DVD releases. Everyone is welcome to attend; no registration required. Some movies will be PG-13. You can call the library for title availability or come by and check out our list of movies and the dates that they will be shown.

We will be following our regular schedule for the children's programs. The Storytime program for children age two and three is held Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30. Storytime for ages three and up is held Tuesday mornings at 10:30, Wednesday nights at 6:30 and Thursday afternoons at 1:15. The Babytime program for children up to two years old is held Friday morning at 10:30. These programs do not require registration. Please try to get to the Storytime programs on time because it can get very disruptive for Miss Linda and Miss Mija and the children if you arrive in the middle of the program.

From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

> For more information about the programs, call (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda or Miss Mija.

> Miss Mija is now showing a kids movie every Monday morning at 10:30. No registration is required. Call the library for title availability

> On Wednesday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a special program, "Move Along with Mr. Scott the Music Man." This is a sing along program. Registration is not required, so bring your friends. In lieu of an admission charge, adults should bring a new, unopened non-perishable food item for each person attending. Donations will go to the Middlesex County Community Food Drive. This program will be held at the South Plainfield Senior Center.

> The library is open seven days a week except on holidays during the school year. Hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 1:30-5 p.m.

For information, call (908) 754-7885, visit our Facebook page, or visit us at www. southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

"Women's Education-Women's Empowerment"

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White House that found that younger women are now more likely than their male counterparts to hold a college degree, and that the number of men and women in the labor force has nearly equalized. But much more work still needs to be done. While some progress has been made, women still earn less pay for equal work; they represent less than 15 percent of corporate executives and board members at top companies worldwide, and only three percent of Fortune 500 CEOs are women and women are vastly unrepresented in elected government positions.

For this reason, the committee, comprised of Chrissy Buteas, Debbie Boyle, Nina Rohrer, Nancy Stillman-Pender and Pamela Stefanek, have been sponsoring events to empower girls and women to reach their full potential and bring awareness to the contribution women bring to our society and borough.

For the third consecutive year, the committee is sponsoring an essay contest which is open to all South Plainfield residents in grades 9-12. The committee is delighted to sponsor an essay project that celebrates the life of one of our country's influential women's activists, Gloria Steinem. Contest participants are asked to take advantage of this opportunity to examine the life of Steinem, learn about the ideals that fueled her passion, and explore avenues for continuing her activism.

The topic for the essay is as follows: Gloria Steinem is known for advocating on behalf of women's rights in the United States. Discuss a specific event or accomplishment of Gloria Steinem's life that is significant to you. How did her action impact the women's movement and do you believe more advocacy needs to be done in that area and why? The essay should be between 500-700 words and is due by March 30. A \$250 American Express gift card and recognition in the local newspaper will be awarded to the winner. Additional awards will be sponsored by Chrissy Buteas, The Boyle Memorial Foundation, Columbia Bank and Fulton Bank of New Jersey. Essays should be submitted to Chrissy Buteas, 434 Lucy

Court, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080 or to christinebuteas@comcast.net. Please include name, address, grade, phone number and email address

In keeping with the theme of Women's History Month this year, Women's Education-Women's Empowerment, the committee is also very excited to host a young women empowering event for students at South Plainfield Middle School in conjunction with Principal Hajduk and Vice Principal Grier-DuPiche. The committee has invited various women leaders from the area to discuss how they succeeded in reaching their professional goals and aspirations and to encourage our local students to strive to reach their fullest potential.

Additionally, recognizing that women comprise over 50% of the population yet have been unrepresented in government leadership throughout history and have only been granted the right to vote less than 100 years ago, the committee is hosting a voter registration drive to register women and other individuals interested in registering to vote. The drive will be held at South Plainfield High School during the "In Braden's Eyes" fundraising event on Sunday, April 22 starting around 9 a.m.

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said, "Every time I attend a Model UN conference, it never ceases to amaze me how it brings out the very best in students, both academically and socially. It has made me into a better student and it is truly one of the best things I have ever done throughout my high school career."

Another senior, Albert Vill wished he had another year to do it all again.

Other members generally agreed that it was an "intellectually rewarding experience" and "a fantastic time." When club advisor Miten Shah was asked about the conference he stated,

SP Democrats Encourage **Residents to Run for 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 Senator

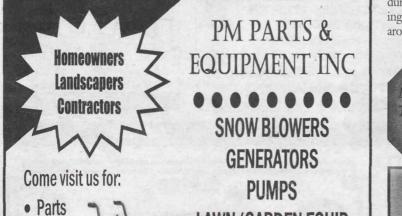
"To see students so dedicated towards such a cause is one of the greatest rewards of teaching. They adjusted and adapted themselves to the conference, ultimately succeeding."

After a huge success in Boston, the SPMUN Club prepares to attend the Rutgers Model Congress conference in April and a smaller one-day regional conference in May. Over the course of the year, they hope to host various athletic tournaments and fundraisers in an effort to support their cause and to help members of the club truly recognize what the Model United Nations Club is really about.

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 via email to englishmp60@gmail.com. Resumes can also be mailed to P.O. Box 422, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

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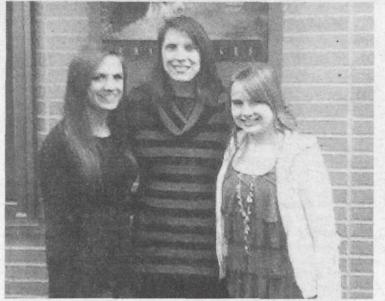
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SPHSAnnounces Rotary Students of the Month



Ashley Linick and Katherine Staynings with SPHS Assistant Principal Kelly Richkus.

South Plainfield High School Principal Dr. James Pedersen is pleased to announce the February Rotary Students of the Month.

Each month, senior students are nominated for their volunteerism and

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community service. The students are recognized at a monthly breakfast organized by the Edison Rotary Club and are eligible for its scholarship.

February students of the month are Ashley Linick and Katherine Staynings.

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Ashley holds a 4.2 GPA while being actively involved in National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, student council, Peer Leaders and cheerleading. She participates in service projects that help raise money for local, national and worldwide charities. Ashley has also volunteered her time as a junior coach for cheerleaders at the Pop Warner level. She attended three leadership conferences throughout her high school career, including the inauguration of President Barack Obama. She was selected to attend the Elk's Leadership Conference in February.

Katherine serves on the executive board of the SPHS Help Darfur Now, is a member of the lacrosse team and volunteers with the local Christ United Methodist Church while maintaining a 3.8 GPA. Katherine has organized and participated in programs to raise awareness and funds for the relief of Darfurian refugees, FISH Program, CROP Walk for Hunger and Christmas Ministry for shut-ins. In addition to Katherine's volunteer work, she participated in the 2011 National Youth Church Conference at Purdue University and has been involved in dance for over 14 years.



Robert Hatton (left) 1st District Vice Commander for J.J. Gardner Detachment of Elizabeth, was kept busy in the kitchen. (Right) E. Lamar Mackson, commandant of J.J. Gardner Detachment, enjoys the meal.

American Legion Hosts Marine Corps Dinner

By Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield American Legion Post #243 on Oak Tree Road hosted a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on February 25. The event was sponsored by the J.J. Gardner Detachment of the Marine Corps League. Volunteers seated and served the more than 65 diners who attended. Detachment volunteers also cooked the meal. This was the first time the league sponsored a dinner at the American Legion.

Many members of the Marine Corps League from throughout the area were in attendance as evidenced by the many red jackets and shirts noting their affiliation with the league. Among those on hand were Dick Frank, Marine Corps League and Borough Council member. Proceeds from the event were donated to a marine whose house burned down on December 24, 2011.

The Marine Corps League was organized by an act of Congress in 1937 as a national organization. In March 1947 a group of former marines in the Plainfield area organized a local charter group and formed a detachment named after Joseph J. Gardner, a Guadalcanal marine. The first meeting was held in March 1947 at the Park Hotel in Plainfield.

Any honorably discharged or active marine is welcome to join. The group is always seeking new members who have served or are currently serving in the Marine Corps.

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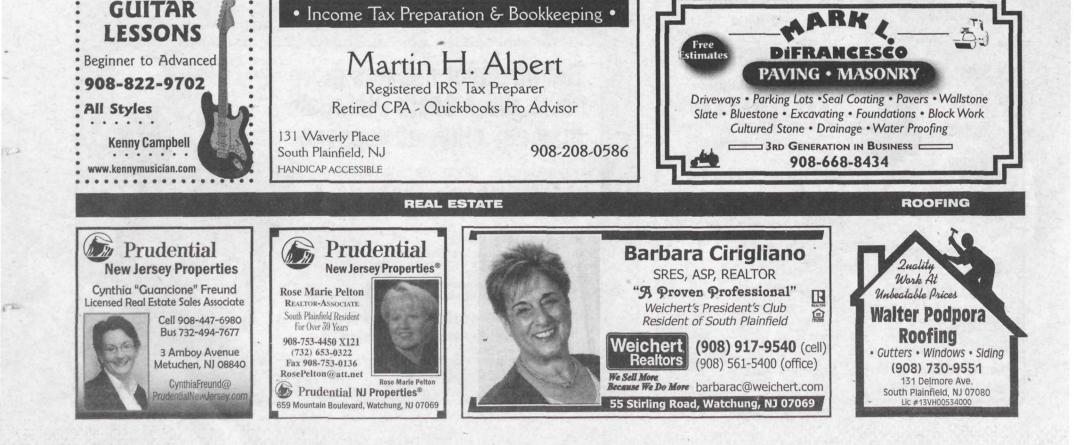
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

County to Hold Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day

The Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management is pleased to announce its Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day scheduled for Sunday, March 18 at the Middlesex County College located at 2600 Woodbridge Ave. in Edison. Please use the Mill Road entrance. The event will take place in Parking Lot #2. The hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Household hazardous wastes that are improperly disposed of are identified as a danger to children and animals, a potential cause of ground water and other environmental pollution and a potential threat to garbage collection crews.

"This is a great service that we can provide for our residents to ensure that we protect their safety and care for the environment," said Freeholder H. James Polos, chair of the county Public Safety and Health Committee. "I encourage residents who are beginning their spring cleaning to take advantage of this program."

Acceptable materials include, but are not limited to, pesticides/herbicides, flammable liquids, solvents, poolchemicals, used motor oil, oil filters, paints, batteries, anti-freeze, propane tanks, fluorescent light bulbs including compact fluorescent bulbs (no broken bulbs) and asbestos. Residents wishing

to bring asbestos must pre-register by calling the division, and can only bring up to a maximum of 500 pounds.

Materials not accepted at the dropoff day include alkaline batteries, tires, electronics, explosives/munitions, infectious/medical waste, household medications, appliances/furniture, unknown materials and empty containers. Residents with tires and electronics can contact the division for information regarding separate tire and electronics recycling programs.

The drop-off day is sponsored by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders and conducted in cooperation with Middlesex County College. The event is open to residents of Middlesex County and is free of charge. Items should be brought in clearly marked containers.

"The Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off program is one of our most popular and successful programs that really makes a difference," said Freeholder Director Christopher D. Rafano.

For further information, call the Division of Solid Waste Management by calling (732) 745-4170, by emailing solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us or by visiting the following web site: www. co.middlesex.nj.us/planningboard/ solidwaste.asp

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Free Financial Aid Workshops at MCC

Five free workshops on the financial aid process in New Jersey will be held at Middlesex County College (MCC) this spring. They will take place at the college's main Edison campus, New Brunswick Center and the Perth Amboy Center.

"Applying for financial aid for college can sometimes be a confusing process," said Marla Brinson, dean of enrollment and student support services at MCC. "These workshops are designed to help high school students become familiar with the procedure, promote parental involvement in the college application process, and help students apply for financial aid in a timely manner."



Volunteers from the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Israel in Scotch Plains with prepared gift boxes with groggers, treats and traditional hamentashen cookies delivered to the entire congregation before the Jewish holiday of Purim on February 26. Pounds of hamentashen were also donated to Jewish and non-Jewish residents of AristaCare at Cedar Oaks, a nursing home in South Plainfield, through the Jewish Federation's Chaplaincy Program. Pictured with Purim gift boxes are (from left) Audrey Grossman and Robin Sabony, co-chairs of Congregation Beth Israel's Purim outreach project.



Students should bring a copy of their own and their parents' 2011 federal income tax return, including all pages and schedules.

The workshops are funded by a State of New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority grant.

Bilingual assistance is provided at all locations. The sessions will take place at Perth Amboy Center, Saturday, March 24 and April 21 at 9 a.m.; New Brunswick Center, Wednesday, April 4 and 18 at 6 p.m.; and the Edison Campus, Saturday, April 14 at 9 a.m.

To register for a workshop, please call the location that is convenient for you: New Brunswick (732) 745-8866; Perth Amboy (732) 324-0700; or Edison (732) 906-3450.

SPHS Business Ed **Teacher Receives Tenure Certificate By Libby Barsky**

South Plainfield High School teacher Susan McAndrews received tenure at the February Board of Education meeting. She teaches finance, accounting and business law in the high school Business Department.

McAndrews, is a Montclair State University graduate, taught for 14 years in Cranford and Wallington School District when Interim Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Frank Cocchiola, was the superintendent there.

She and her husband owned Gerard Steel Corporation in the Harris Steel complex in South Plainfield. After her husband's death, she returned to teaching at the high school.

Another addition to the Business Department will be a Cooperative Education program, which was approved by the Board of Education to be added to the high school's curriculum for the 2012/2013 school year. The program is part of the State Plan for Career and Technical Education whereby the career education teacher prepares students to be ready for job placement.

Former teacher Dee Falato retired in 2010 after 23 years as the Career Education teacher. Since then, the district has not offered the class. The board did not announce who the new teacher will be.



Obituaries

Margaret Mary

in Plainfield.

Scotch Plains.

ber 1, 2003.

(Speno) Anderson, 90

son died on Thursday, March 8 at

Genesis Eldercare-The Woodlands

Born in Auburn, N.Y., Margaret

was a former resident of Berkeley

Heights and Scotch Plains prior to

settling in Oxford in the late 1970s.

many years at their business, E. An-

derson Lawn Mower Service Shop of

She enjoyed knitting, working on

ceramics, spending time with her fam-

ily and, more importantly, spending

Her husband, Eugene, died Octo-

Margaret leaves behind three sons,

Allen and wife Cathy of Piscataway,

Brian and wife Patricia of South Plain-

field and Philip of Scotch Plains. She

will be missed by four grandchildren,

Allison and husband Eric Dobos and

their son Kyle, Mark and wife Yulia

Anderson and their son Sergio; Dawn

Anderson and longtime companion

David Summers and Paul Anderson.

Also surviving is a sister, Carolyn

Funeral services were held at Mc-

In lieu of flowers, donations may

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be made to the Karen Ann Quinlan

Memorial Foundation, 99 Sparta

Ave., Newton, N.J. 07860, in support

Antoinette Recito, 97

Antoinette Recifo of South Plain-

field passed away on Sunday, March

11 at Jersey Shore University Medical

29, 1914 to Louis and Bella D'Amico,

she lived in New York City prior to

moving to South Plainfield in 1957.

Mrs. Recifo was a homemaker.

She was predeceased by her hus-

Born in Brooklyn on November

of their butterfly release.

Center.

McKinley of Washington State.

time with her grandchildren.

She had assisted her husband for

Margaret Mary (Speno) Ander-

and also by five siblings.

Antoinette is survived by three sons, Charles Recifo of South Plainfield, Louis Recifo of Somerset and Frank J. Recifo, Jr. of Neptune; two daughters, Rose Viehman of Cocoa, Fla. and Elizabeth Cortazzo of Edison. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and eight greatgrandchildren.

Funeral services were held at South Plainfield Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in her honor to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105.

Roman Kravetsky, 88

Roman Kravetsky, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle, died peacefully on Saturday, March 3.

A resident of South Plainfield for 86 years, Roman moved to Jackson, Wyo. to be near several of his loving children and grand- Roman Kravetsky children.



Roman, a decorated World War II veteran, served in the U.S Army and earned two Bronze Star Medals and the Purple Heart. Upon returning from the war, he worked as a truck driver for Moore's Trucking in Piscataway until his retirement.

Roman was predeceased by his wife, Mary, and by a daughter, Marianne (Ken) VanOstenbridge.

Mr. Kravetsky will be sadly missed by three sons, Roman, Stanley (Lisa) and Joseph (Janet); two daughters, Frances (Pat) Dalugdug and Romana (Allan) Morton; eight grandchildren, Michelle, James, Joseph, Jacob, Matthew, Jessica, Luke and Stephen; two great-grandchildren, Jayden and Trace; a sister, Frances (Sylvester) Zavitski; and six brothers, Stanley, Alfred, Charles, Frederick, Edmund and Alfonse.

At his request, a private funeral service will be held in Jackson, Wyo.





LEGAL NOTICES

ith mom Kristy and cousin Conner.

dinner to Junior Journalist winner Courtney Marko pictured

LEGAL NOTICE

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Take notice that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:4-56.6, application has been made to the Chief Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Commission, Trenton, New Jersey, to receive title papers authorizing the sale for a 2000 Mercedes, VIN/Identification Number 4JGAB54E2YA166555, Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to the Chief Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Commission, Special Title Unit, P.O. Box 017, Trenton, New Jersey, 08666-0017.

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March 16, 23, 30, 2012

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March 16, 23, 30, 2012

LEGAL NOTICE

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law of New Jersey, (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et.seq) the awarding of the contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bidding must be publicly advertised within 10 days of the date approved. A Professional Service contract for Appraisal Services was approved at the March 5, 2012 public meeting of the South Plainfield Mayor and Council. The firm of Sterling DiSanto & Associates, 145 West End Ave, PO Box 977, Somerville, NJ 08876 was appointed for 2012.

Joann L. Graf, RMC Municipal Clerk

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