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Library Director Retires

By Libby Barsky

Bringing residents in to the library has always been a priority for Sunnie Randolph since she was appointed library director in 1991, and it remains so even as she retires on March 30.

On the eve of her retirement, the library launched Monday Night Movies—a series of films that premiered last Monday with *Moneyball* starring Brad Pitt; every available seat was filled. Continuing to maintain and upgrade the library's com-



Sunnie Randolph

puter system, Randolph submitted a proposal to the Library Board of Trustees to purchase two new computers and a monitor for public use.

"Residents need the library, especially in a time when the economy isn't doing well, to provide services to people who can't afford a computer or an internet connection. Currently kids come in and use the computers to type their homework. If residents are job hunting or if they need help and the use of computers, they come here. People on fixed incomes can come here and read newspapers and magazines, and take out DVDs, too. That is what libraries are for," Randolph said.

Since Randolph became library director 21 years ago, she has been looking for ways to find more space and ways to improve library services and programs. The first thing she did was to create space for new books by weeding out the books that were dated. When resident Ed Greenfield objected to the growing stack of books the library no longer wanted, Randolph pointed out that the books were over 20 years old and

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South Plainfield School District celebrates music and the arts at 43rd annual festival. See page 26 for story and additional photos.

Council Chooses Not to Renew Borough Clerk's Contract

By Jane Dornick

The Borough Council made the decision not to renew the municipal clerk's contract at Monday's council meeting. Joann Graf's three-year contract will expire on April 15.

Graf is a lifelong resident of the borough. She attended Mount St. Mary Academy in Watchung and graduated in 1969, and went on to earn a BA degree in elementary education and special education from Marywood University in Scranton, Pa. in 1973.

After graduation Graf worked as an elementary school teacher in the district for a year and then became office manager at Park Travel Agency on Park Avenue until 1998. The same year, she started her own travel agency, Dreamweavers Travel, until she was hired as senior citizen coordinator in 2002. In 2004 she became the executive director of the Office on Aging. Graf attended Rutgers University in New Brunswick where she completed her certification as senior citizen director.

In 2008, Graf was appointed municipal clerk by former Mayor Butrico after Vincent Buttiglieri resigned. For two years she worked as both senior center director and borough

clerk. Graf again studied at Rutgers to gain her municipal clerk certification.

She belongs to the Municipal Clerk's Association of New Jersey and the Municipal Clerk's Association of Middlesex County.

Graf began serving the community in 1975 after being appointed to the Mayor's Advisory Board on the Aged where she served until 1978. She belonged to the Senior Housing Feasibility Study Committee from 1976 through 1978 and was the first woman to serve on the Recreation Commission in 1978 until 1981 and was elected commissioner.

In 1982, Graf ran for a seat on the Borough Council and won. She was the first woman appointed as council president; a position that she held from 1983 until 1984. Graf was also a member of the Welfare Board in 1983; founded the Cultural Arts Commission in 1983 and was a member of the Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary from 1984 until 1989.

Graf lobbied for and created the borough's Office on Aging and was responsible for writing the Borough's Personnel Handbook in 1984 and the Senior Citizens Resource Directory in 2005.

Back in 2007 when the Helen Street truck extension project fell through after 10 years, Graf helped establish an ad hoc committee to find an alternate route. She served as the committee's chair from 2007 through 2008. The initial paperwork for a new Hollywood Avenue truck by-pass has been submitted to the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection, and the borough engineers continue to work on getting the approval.

In her personal life, Graf has served as a Eucharistic minister for the past nine years and has been a Metuchen Diocese Deanery representative for the past two years.

"It has been my honor to serve the people of South Plainfield as municipal clerk, senior center director, council president and volunteer. Though I am disappointed to have my time with the borough end the way it has, I know that the Lord has other plans for me, and I look forward to the next chapter in my life," said Graf.

Mayor Matt Anesh commented, "We appreciate all of Joann's efforts and contributions throughout the years."

Graf's last day is Friday, April 13. Anesh said that he anticipates the appointment of a new clerk by mid April.



(L-R) Dan Uken, Exalted Ruler; Donald Jackson, recipient; Patricia Jackson, Don's wife; Eileen Uken, Americanism chairperson

Jackson Named Citizen of the Year by Elks

Each year the South Plainfield Elks Lodge #2298 selects an outstanding citizen in the community and presents him/her with the Citizen of the Year award. The district level event was held at the Woodbridge Elks Lodge where the South Plainfield Elks shared the podium with 11 other lodges and their recipients.

This year the Elks chose Donald Jackson for the prestigious awarded.

Jackson served two years with the U.S. Army, 2nd Armored Division in Germany during the Korean War. After his discharge from the Army, Jackson married Patricia Fletcher in August of 1959. They moved to South Plainfield in 1961 and raised their family of seven children, five girls and two boys, Kevin, Nancy, Cheryl, Laura, David, Karen and Kathleen. They have since been blessed with 14 grandchildren with number 15 due in July.

He spent 40 years in sales and sales management in the sanitary supply field. During that time, he was president and treasurer of the NJ Sanitary Supply Association. In 1985, he started his own company, Spark-L-Industrial Supply. Upon his retirement, he worked as a groundskeeper at the Plainfield Country Club until 2011.

During his time in South Plainfield, Jackson was a very busy man around town. He was founder of the South Plainfield Men's Adult Softball League and played ball for over 12 years.

Jackson was a cub scout leader for three years with son Kevin and one year with son David. He coached several of the children in baseball and softball leagues in town.

He was a member of the Labor Day Parade committee for two years, organizing the various groups in the staging areas.

Jackson is a member of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, where he served on the finance committee for

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SOUTH PLAINFIELD
Cultural Arts Commission

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.

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

Agenda Meeting

Public Meeting

** Special Meeting to Introduce the 2012 Budget Monday, April 26 at 7 p.m. *

Monday, April 2

Monday, April 2

Monday, April 16

Monday, April 16

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

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, *except where noted.

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

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

zoning board of adjustment

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

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

April 3, April 17, May 1, May 15, June 5, June 19,

July 3, July 17, Aug. 7, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 18

board of education

Meets Wednesdays at Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave.

Committee of the Whole meetings (begin at 6:00 p.m.) April 4.

Regular Public Meeting (begin at 7:30 p.m.) except where noted* April 11

** Public Hearing on the 2012/2013 Proposed Budget Wednesday, March 28 at 6 p.m. **

BOE curriculum/technology/student activities

Meets once a month at 4:30 p.m. in 2nd floor conference room,

Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.

BOE buildings & grounds

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

Roosevelt Administration Building

cultural arts commission

Meets the third Tuesday of the month at the PAL at 7:30 p.m.

April 17, May 15, June 19, July & Aug.-No Meeting,

Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18

library board of trustees

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

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

taxpayers advisory group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at

Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m. Questions? 908-769-0786.

site plan sub-committee

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

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

environmental commission

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

Questions? 908-226-7621

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

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday) Borough Hall Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

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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:

I would like to thank the members of the police department, the members of the rescue squad and the dispatcher that responded to a call to my house on February 22 around 1 a.m. I was so sick that night and don't remember much, but I do remember how kind, caring and professional everyone was. You got me to the hospital so quickly and in as little discomfort as possible and I appreciate that. I did go on to have emergency surgery that morning so I am really glad I called you instead of waiting it out!

I would also like to thank you for treating my husband and son with kindness and compassion. I know they were very worried about me that night. I love South Plainfield and appreciate the services it always has to offer.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH,
MARYANN SORRENTINO****Dear Editor,**

I am proud of my three years as a councilman. I am especially proud that the Republican members publicly thanked me for never being political. I always tried to do the best for our residents.

I was upset when I heard that the all-Republican council has decided not to rehire Joann Graf as borough clerk. Take it from me, Joann has done a great job. She helped me to be a better councilman. She treats every resident with respect when they come to her office. She was also great as the director of the Senior Center.

I ask Mayor Anesh, and Councilmen Barletta, Bengivenga, Frank, Mc-

Conville, Rusnak and White to forget they are Republicans and Joann Graf is a Democrat. Do what is right for South Plainfield and reappoint her.

FRANKY SALERNO**To the Editor:**

On behalf of the South Plainfield Girl Scout Service Unit, I want to extend my sincere thanks to so many people throughout the South Plainfield community for making our 100th anniversary such a special event. For 100 years, Girl Scouting has been building young women of courage, confidence and character who help to make the world a better place.

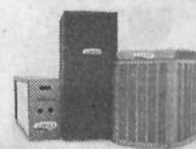
Our ability to do this is dependent on the support and assistance of many throughout our community including Mayor Matt Anesh and the Borough Council. We thank you for granting us permission to hold this special event and for joining us in our bridging walk. To Chief Parker and members of our local law enforcement, thanks for keeping us safe as we made our bridging walk through town. To Mrs. Melinda Hanlon and Holy Savior Academy, thanks for allowing us to use the school to host a celebration for the girls on this special occasion. To Father John Alvarado and Pastor Chris Halverson, thanks for hosting special religious services for our girls

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in celebration of this anniversary. To the Knights of Columbus, thanks for letting us use your space as a starting point for our celebration. To Bruno's Pizza Factory, thanks for helping us to feed 120 Girl Scouts. To Gamin' Ride and the Irwin's Parties, thanks for providing wonderful entertainment for our girls. To Laura Biggs, thanks for serving as our deejay.

Without the assistance of so many in South Plainfield, our celebration would not have been possible. Over 120 girls had the opportunity to build some courage, confidence and character by participating in activities like rock climbing and completing service projects for our veterans. Thank you!

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Of special note, I would like to congratulate my daughter Rosalind Heim and my assistant Emily Reineke for their roles in the production.

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Future Stars Preschool's Blue Room (AM), a three year old class, celebrated St. Patrick's Day by going on a scavenger hunt, looking for clues that led them to a pot of gold. When they finally returned to their room, they were surprised to see that the leprechaun had turned it upside down--yet no one saw him. Green bagels did surprise some and their party was fun for all.

Laser Therapy Available at Plainfield Animal Hospital

Laser Therapy provides Plainfield Animal Hospital with another weapon against pain, either as a drug-free option or with standard treatments to enhance comfort beyond the ability of drugs alone. Laser Therapy has been very helpful in treating patients with osteoarthritis, post surgical pain (they now use laser therapy on all surgeries requiring an incision) and hip dysplasia. Wounds can be encouraged to heal faster, stronger, with less infection and pain, including non-healing wounds, dog fight wounds, anal sac abscesses, cat fight abscesses, burns, ear infections and lick granuloma.

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police report

• On March 1 Jason Allen Snell, 24, of Bridgewater was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving.

• Peter S. Kollory, 57, of South Plainfield was arrested for no registration and an outstanding warrant.

• On March 3, Miguel Angel Mallqui, 17, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, driving while intoxicated under the age of 18, no insurance, reckless driving and violation of provisional license hours.

• Isaiah M. Gainer, 20, of Fords was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving.

• Ulises Citalan-Gomez, 50, of Plainfield was arrested for exhibiting fraudulent government documents for identification.

• Anthony R. Tucceri, 27, of Bound Brook was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting a Norelco electric shaver worth \$160.

• On March 4 Muhaymin R. Dukes, 30, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated and reck-

less driving.

• Margaret Y. Gray, 57, of Piscataway was arrested for speeding and an outstanding warrant.

• On March 5 Leon Maicken, 25, of Plainfield was arrested for no registration and outstanding warrants.

• Nita D. Parwani, 42, of Piscataway was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting household goods worth \$629.

• On March 9 Loida A. Arrindell, 45, of Piscataway was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting a pair of jeans and perfume worth \$135.

• Maria Supe-Culqui, 29, of North Plainfield was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting various clothing worth \$293.

• On March 10 Joshua Sherman, 32, of Edison was arrested for driving while intoxicated, no registration, no insurance, failure to exhibit insurance and improper use of the horn.

• On March 11 Quick Chek on Durham Avenue reported the theft of a case of Red Bull drinks by a male who fled in a vehicle.



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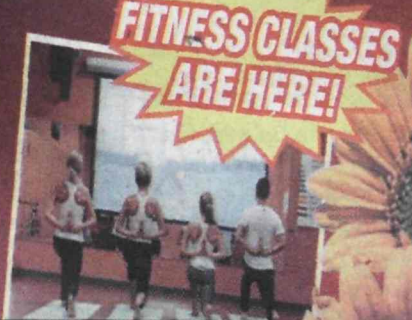
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events

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Sacred Heart Church Lenten Fish Dinners

March 23 & 30

South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 and Sacred Heart Church will hold fish dinners on Friday, March 23 and 30 from 5-7 p.m. in the Holy Savior Academy cafeteria, 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.

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.

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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 all-you-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. Everyone is invited to attend. Admission is free.

SENIOR CENTER Calendar

April 19-Bally's Atlantic City \$20pp
Bus leaves 8:45 a.m. Sign up at Senior Center

May 20-23-Trip to Wildwood, \$210 double, \$261 single. Sign up at Senior Center

MONDAYS

Crocheting 9:30-11:30 am
Yoga 10:30 am
Art Class 11:30 am
Active Seniors 11:45 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
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March 28

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Around Town

Saturday, March 31 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 334 Hamilton Blvd.

Fashions will be provided by Dress Barn of South Plainfield and 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 Covenant 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.

Easter Bake Sale

April 7

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Orthodox Church, 400 Delmore Ave., will hold an Easter bake sale on Saturday, April 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Homemade Babka-Easter bread, stuffed cabbage rolls, poppy seed and nut rolls, pierogis, kiffles-cookies, kielbasi and sauerkraut, meatballs and noodles and more!

For information, call (908) 561-6366 or email nbvocpierogi@gmail.com.

Easter Egg Hunt

April 7

The Recreation Department will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 7 at 2 p.m. at the PAL

Memorial Field. Residents age one to 10 are welcome. Bring a bag for the eggs and a camera to take pictures. Call (908) 226-7657 after 9 a.m. in case of inclement weather.

SPCAC Line Dancing at the Senior Center

April 14

The South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission will sponsor line dancing at the Senior Center on Saturday, April 14 from 7 to 10 p.m. Line dancing lessons and dancing by Wanda and Jim York. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free. All ages are welcome!

For more information, email us at spcac.nj@gmail.com.

— Out of Town —

Free Art Exhibit at Swain Galleries

through March 31

Denville artist Janet Cuniffe-Chieffo's new collection of paintings on copper includes landscapes, still lifes and portraits, and will be on display at Swain Galleries, 703 Watchung Ave. in Plainfield in her solo exhibit "Copper Visions." The artist will be in attendance at the opening reception on Saturday, March 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. The exhibit continues through March 31. Admission is free. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call (908) 756-1707.

Singles Dance Party

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.

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. Tickets are \$20 for members and \$22 for non-members.

For information, call Victor at (908) 276-8572 or Joan at (908) 647-0819.

Blackrose to Perform

March 24

Blackrose, a band performing classic rock and roll music and today's hits, will perform at the Stagehouse Tavern on 366 Park Ave in Scotch Plains on Saturday, March 24 at 10 p.m. There is no cover charge.

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 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The club is located at 787 Featherbed Lane.

For more information or to sign up, call 1-800-652-5663, ext. 155.

Jews Clues at Temple Sholom

March 25

Temple Sholom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains popular Jews Clues program will be held on Sunday, March 25 from 10:30 a.m. until noon at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains. Cost is \$15 per session. All are welcome.

Send Your Community Events to:

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To register or for more information, call (908) 889-4900.

Depression/Bipolar Support Meeting

March 28

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance will feature at its monthly meeting Kimberlee Karpack, LPC, LCADC on Wednesday, March 28 at 7:45 p.m. using the facilities of the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Road in Morristown. The public is cordially invited; a nominal donation is requested from non-members.

For further local information, call (973) 994-1143 or the New Jersey Self-Help Group Clearing House at (800) 367-6274.

PJ Party at Temple Sholom

March 31

Temple Sholom, located in the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, corner of Martine and LaGrande avenues in Fanwood, invites families with children six and under to a pre-Passover pajama party and dinner on Saturday, March 31 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Games, singing, art projects, storytelling, pizza, salads and more. Older siblings welcome. Cost: \$10 per family.

To register, call (908) 889-4900, email sholom@sholomnj.org or visit www.sholomnj.org.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

March 31

Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church, 888 Stuyvesant Ave. in Union will host Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, March 31 from 9 to 11 a.m. Donation: \$5 per

person. Tickets available at the door. Juicé, pancakes, sausage, bacon, fresh fruit, donuts, coffee, tea, games and prizes.

For more information, call (908) 688-3164.

Easter Cantata

March 31

The Choir of Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church, 888 Stuyvesant Ave. and Chestnut Street in Union, will present an Easter musical, "Raise The Crown," on Saturday, March 31 at 7 p.m. Free admission; free will offering accepted at door.

For more information, call (908) 688-3164.

Sacred Heart Trip to the National Shrine

May 1

The Sacred Heart Altar Rosary Society is sponsoring a trip to The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pa. on Tuesday, May 1. Buses leave from the Sacred Heart Church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and return at approximately 5 p.m.

Cost: \$50; includes the bus, driver's tip, snacks on board and lunch at the shrine. The lunch menu will be stuffed cabbage, fried chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetable, dessert, coffee and tea.

Activities at the shrine include a tour, movie, Mass and time on your own to visit the gift shop and bookstore. If time permits, there will be a stop at Peddler's Village in Lahaska, Pa. on the return trip home.

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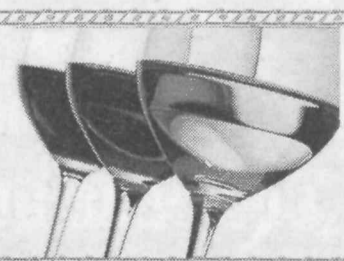
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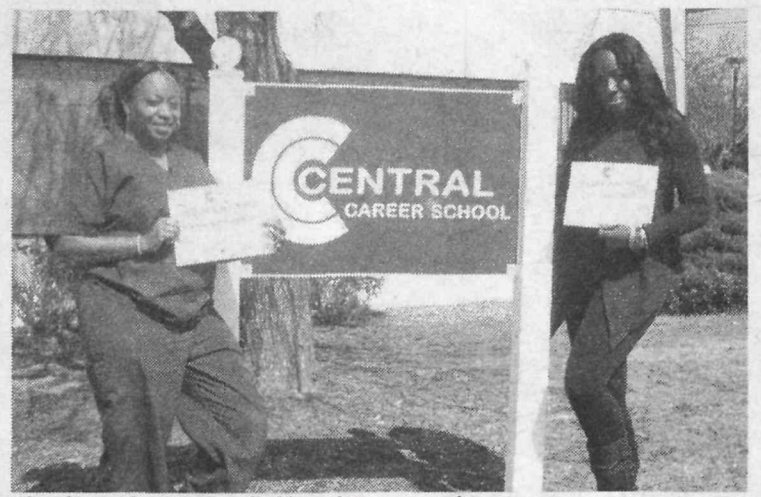
Central Career School Names Star Students

Central Career School recently announced its "Star Students" for the winter semester: Claudette Sims-Spears and Carmen Johnson.

Claudette, a dental assisting student, maintains a 96% GPA and a perfect 100% attendance record. Prior to attending school, Claudette worked as an administrative assistant for the Plainfield Board of Education. She has three children who are very proud of her accomplishments.

Carmen, a medical billing and coding student, maintains a 96% GPA and a 99% attendance record. She works as a manager at a portrait studio in Watchung. Carmen says that her seven year old son, Nimyi, is her biggest inspiration.

The staff and instructors at Central Career School are incredibly proud



Claudette Sims-Spears (left) and Carmen Johnson

of all of the students who work hard every day to achieve their career goals. The school is delighted to be a part of

their success. Central Career recently announced the grand opening of its new medical assisting program which prepares students for career opportunities in physicians' offices, hospitals and clinics. More information can be found at www.centralcareer.edu or by calling (908) 412-8600.

Central Career School is a post-secondary institute that has been offering career-related training in South Plainfield since 1995. The school is dedicated to those individuals who seek to improve their careers through vocational training in the healthcare and business fields. Central Career School offers programs that teach specific hands-on skills in areas such as dental assisting, medical assisting, medical billing and business and technology administration. They work closely with their students to provide them with the knowledge they will need to seek gainful employment and achieve their career goals. Central Career School is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC).

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Troop #65014 Completes Cadette AMAZE Journey

By Patricia Abbott

Grant School Girl Scout Troop #65014, under the leadership of Amy Battista and Tricia Obregon, recently completed their Cadette AMAZE Journey. The trail they traveled on this journey taught them valuable lessons and were the first steps toward earning the coveted Silver Award. The Silver Award is the second highest honor a Girl Scout can earn.

The six month journey focused on friendships, relationships, cliques, bullying and stereotypes. The girls, all in sixth grade, put a lot of hard work, time and effort into earning the badges necessary to complete the journey.

A celebration was clearly in order. One of their leaders came up with a truly different way for young ladies to celebrate. The troop was treated to a salon party at Carousel, owned by Marty and Joe Papa.

Fourteen scouts gathered at the salon for a stylish and fun filled afternoon on March 14. Marty and employee Nancy were kept busy for several hours pampering each girl. They had the opportunity to have their hair straightened, add colorful feathers and/or bling

strings, and have their nails done by leader Tricia Obregon. While waiting for their turns they enjoyed the beautiful spring day outside and snacked on pizza, cupcakes and cold drinks in the yard behind the salon.

When the afternoon came to an end Marty surprised the girls with goodie bags containing makeup, jewelry and a gift certificate for a complimentary haircut, valued at \$30.

Marty commented, "It took about three hours to do 14 girls and everyone seemed happy with the results."

Troop #65014 members are: Alejandra Arboleda, Jackie Battista, Megan Celentano, Amanda Cheng, Leanna Delisa, Asha Deskins, Christina Lobosco, Kristi Maher, Lexie Obregon, Jade Scotti, Courtney Smith, Lindsey Soper, Stephanie Waters and Samantha Williams.

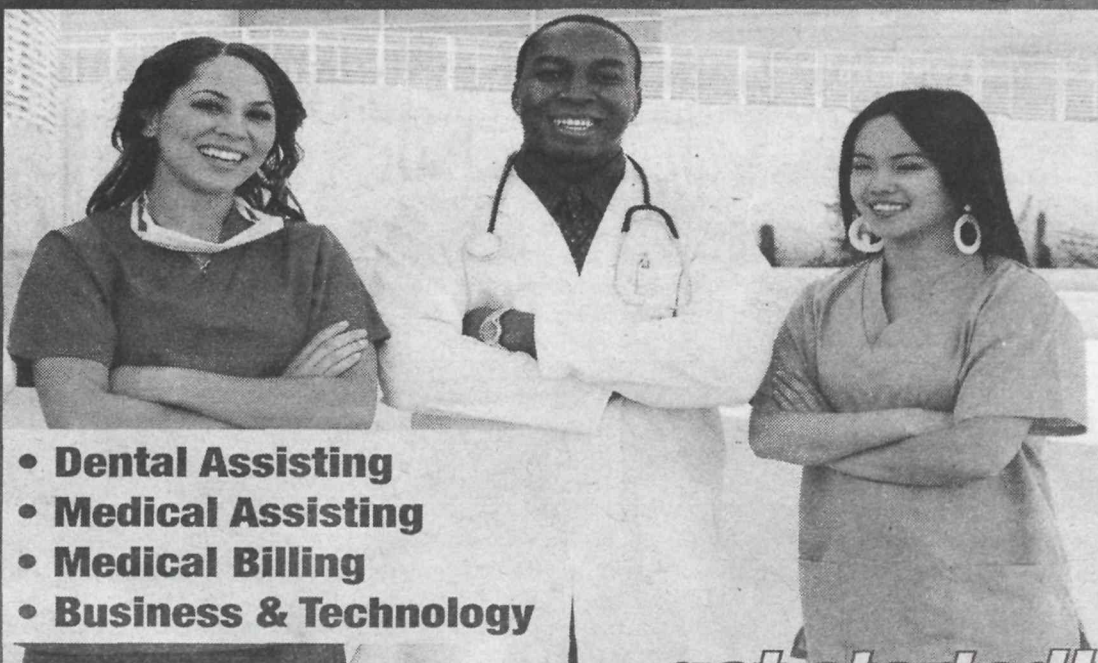
The girls had a variety of positive statements to say about the afternoon. Lexie said, "I love Girl Scouts. We have so much fun and we get along with one another well!"

Jackie commented, "I've had a lot of fun getting my hair done and spending time with my friends. I am definitely coming back to Carousel!"



Girl Scout Troop #65014 with Marty Papa from Carousel Hair Salon showing off their tresses.

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Knights Host Lunch for Keystone Residents

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other residents from around Middlesex County. Organizations from around South Plainfield serve the residents lunch afterwards. This month's theme was St. Patrick's Day.

The South Plainfield Knights have supported this lunch for over 30 years. Pizza, pretzels, dessert and drinks were

served to the over 80 residents that attended.

The chairman of this event was Grand Knight Joe Scudato and he would like to thank Joe McGeehan for getting all of the food as well as all of the Knights and Sister Columbiettes who attended.

From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Eve Pasternak

What do I read next? That's the question on my mind as soon as I close the cover of a book. Let me share with you a few ways to answer the burning question, "What is the next book I must read?"

The first place to look is in the library catalog. I'll give you a few hints about using the catalog effectively. At the library or from home, search for the book you've just finished, or one you enjoyed. Expand the record (if it is a brief display) and you will see several lines in blue. You can search for other books from the same author or in the same series by clicking on names. You can search for other books on a similar subject by clicking on them. You also will find genre terms, like "humorous fiction" or "mystery stories." These will lead you to lists of similar books by many authors.

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On Tuesday, March 27 at 7 p.m., the Friends of the Library are sponsoring a craft program for adults. With the guidance of presenter Nancy Leary, participants will decorate a unique 60 inch silk scarf using marbling techniques. The first scarf is free; will you match a favorite outfit or make a wonderful gift? If you wish to make additional scarves, they are available for \$10. Space is strictly limited, so please sign up in advance.

Do you have family memories stored on conventional media—photos, film, slides or videotape? Come to an informal, drop-in program on Wednesday, March 28 anytime between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. to learn about digital conversion services offered by Innovative Document Imaging. Your material can be digitally enhanced and stored on DVD to make it accessible with current technology and easy to share. Prices are very reasonable, and the library will receive 20% of the revenue. The program is presented free with no registration required. IDI recently converted some home movies taken during South Plainfield's 25th anniversary parade in 1951. Borrow the DVD to see some fascinating local history.

We have just started a series of Monday Nights at the Movies. Each Monday at 6:30 p.m. we'll be screening a recent DVD release before it goes out on loan. Scheduled for the next few weeks are *The Muppets* and *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*. Call the library or drop by to see what this week's program is. No need to register and it's free.

For preschoolers, it's Monday Morning at the Movies from 10:30-11:30 a.m. There will be a presentation of a film appropriate for ages two and older. This program is also free, with no registration required. Children will enjoy storytimes for the rest of the week. Stories, songs and crafts for children three and over are Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. Two- and three-year olds will find programs planned for them at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday. Infants and toddlers age two and under are welcome to Babytime, Friday at 10:30 a.m.

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Moretti Raising Funds for Charity Run

By Kelly Stashko

Anthony Moretti, South Plainfield resident and current trainee of the New Jersey National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt, is assisting in the annual Nutter 5K run on May 6. The run was formed seven years ago, and is named for and in memory of Sergeant Sam Nutter who passed away after a lengthy battle from abdominal cancer. Nutter left behind a wife and two young children. At that time, New Jersey National Guard's Candidate School (OCS) Class 48 formed a committee in an effort to help provide financial support to Sgt. Nutter's family and assist in his children's educational future.

Every year the Army National Guard OCS adopts military families who are stricken with severe illness or situations and are in need of help. This year, OCS Class 55, of which Moretti is a member, is seeking assistance as they strive to come to the aid of other National Guard families in need. Four families have been "adopted" by Class 55 as the beneficiaries:

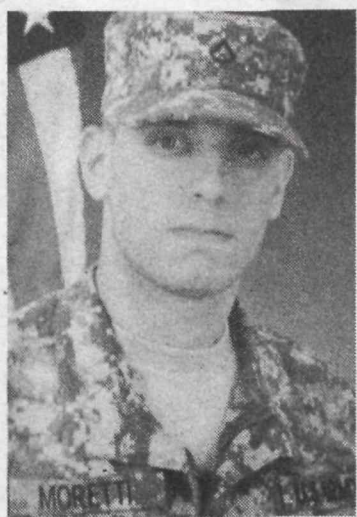
First Sergeant Clinton Drummond joined the US Army on January 15, 1986 as a Black Hawk mechanic. After he left the Army, he joined the NJ Army National Guard as a recruiter and rose through the ranks, giving 25 years of honorable service. Drummond's son Connor suffers from Cerebral Palsy and requires around-the-clock medical attention, creating a major financial hardship.

Sergeant First Class Miguel Colon-dres joined the Army National Guard in 1993 and has 18 years of honorable service. He has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and his health is steadily deteriorating. He is being discharged through the Medical Evaluation Board Process and will be on his own with minimal support via the Veterans Administration.

Captain Anthony Trocchio is an Officer Personnel Manager assigned to the Recruiting and Retention Battalion in Fort Dix. Cpt. Trocchi was involved in a tragic car accident three years ago that has left him disabled. He has undergone several operations for neural and spinal injuries. His wife, Jennifer, has the full time responsibility of taking care of him and their two children.

Sergeant First Class Joseph M. Martin has been attending to his wife who was diagnosed with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia in April 2010. Soon after the diagnosis, Sgt. Martin's oldest son passed away unexpectedly, leaving him to care for two young sons in addition to the hospital care for his wife.

OCS Class 55 has selected Sgt. Clinton Drummond, Sgt. Joseph Martin, Sgt. Miguel Colondres and Cpt. Anthony Trocchio to be the 2012 Nutter Run beneficiaries. In conjunction with the Nutter Run, there will be other events scheduled at the Sea Girt Army National Guard Training Center that will include a barbecue. In addition to monetary donations, they are also seeking donations of food (hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, etc.) condiments, snacks and beverages. As a 501(c)3 organization, all donations are fully tax deductible. The Sgt. Nutter Organization, Inc. is a registered, non-profit organization and 100% of proceeds raised are donated to New Jersey Army National Guard families in need.



Anthony Moretti

"This cause is very dear to my heart. These are fellow soldiers of the New Jersey Army National Guard," Moretti said. "The National Guard gets deployed on average about once

every four to five years, and also gets activated during natural disasters. This means that they have both helped protect us overseas and here at home."

Moretti's individual goal is to raise at least \$2,000 in donations, attract as many runners as possible and obtain gifts for a planned Chinese auction. As a class, the hope is to raise \$60,000 for the four families.

In addition to the 5K run or mile and a half walk, there will be a rock wall for kids, free food, football toss, as well as the NJ Army National Guard Jump Team who will be parachuting in.

To make a contribution or for additional information, please visit www.nutterrun.org. Donations can also be dropped off at Prudential Realty, 225 Maple Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080, attention Anthony Moretti/Nutter Run.



Sacred Heart and Knights of Columbus volunteers serve up dinner at the annual Lenten fish dinner last Friday in the Holy Savior Academy cafeteria.

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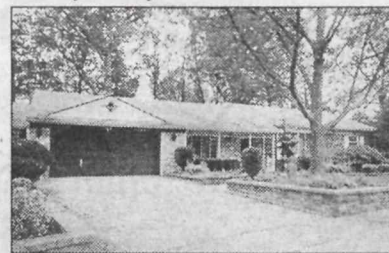
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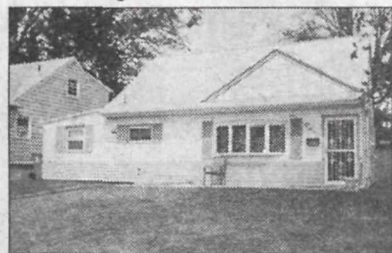
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High School PTA is sponsoring the annual auction fundraiser to be held on Saturday, April 28 from 7 to 11 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) at the high school. Spread the word to your family/neighbors/friends. For information on how to obtain tickets, please see below.

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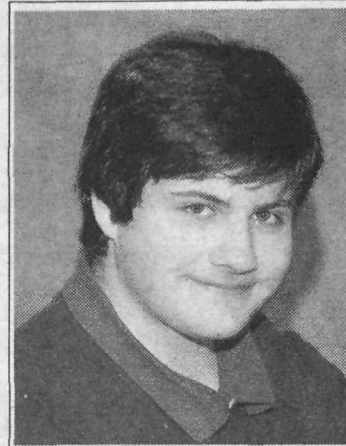
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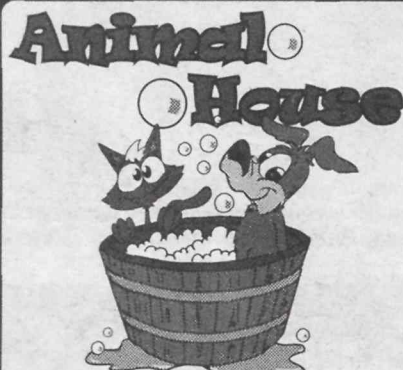
volunteer (set-up noon-3 p.m., ticket sales 6 to 7 p.m. or clean-up 11 p.m.) or help move prizes from the homes where they are being stored to the high school at 11:30 a.m., or to arrange for items to be picked up directly from your home or business, please call Sharon Miller at (908) 754-6461 or the high school's main office at (908) 754-4620, ext. 248.

The Class of 2012, the SPSHS PTA, and the SPSHS sincerely appreciate your support! Together we can make this event a success for our graduating seniors. Together we can make a difference!

Submitted by Sharon Miller



Cory Singer recently answered an open call for auditions to sing the National Anthem at the Somerset Patriots Ball Park. Cory was chosen and will be honoring our country at a Patriots game during the season.



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New Jersey Folk Festival Celebrates Bulgaria

Fans of all ages can enjoy traditional folk dancing, storytelling, music, crafts and much more at the 38th annual New Jersey Folk Festival on Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., rain or shine. Admission is free for this all-day family event held on the lawn of the Eagleton Institute at the corner of George Street and Ryders Lane on the Douglass Campus of Rutgers in New Brunswick.

The New Jersey Folk Festival will be celebrating the history, heritage and traditions of Bulgarians in Amer-

ica through an array of music, art, food and craft demonstrations. Bulgaria, a crucial part of the Balkans, is a unique and fascinating country. While it is a popular vacation spot due to its proximity to the Black Sea, beautiful beaches and famed wines, the country and its people have a distinctive and proud history and culture which goes much deeper than that. The influence of Bulgaria's years under the rule of Byzantine, Ottoman and later, the Soviet empire, can be seen in many aspects of the culture.

In addition to four stages of music, dance, workshops and both American and ethnic food vendors, the festival offers a diverse craft market of about 75 booths, crafts demonstrators and a folk marketplace where performer CDs and information on folk organizations are available. For children, there is a designated activities area with games, a clown and free crafts to make and take.

The New Jersey Folk Festival is the oldest and largest continuously held festival of its kind in the state. Wheelchair accessible, it offers selected programs with ASL interpretation; large-print program books and audio assists are also available.

The New Jersey Folk Festival is proud to be a key component of Rutgers Day, a day of learning, exploration and fun. The Folk Festival is the main attraction of Rutgers Day on the Douglass Campus, but visitors are encouraged to check out the many workshops and live performances at other Rutgers campuses throughout the day all designed to demonstrate the impact and value of our world-class university. Admission, parking and on-campus shuttle buses are all free.

For more information including stage schedules and directions, visit njfolkfest.rutgers.edu or call the festival office at (732) 932-5775 or Rutgers Campus Services at (732) 445-INFO.

Workshop on "Greening" Your Office at MCC

A new workshop on how to make your office more environmentally friendly is being offered by Middlesex County College.

"The Green Office: The Role of the Office Manager in Recycling Efforts" will be held at the Greenable Woodbridge Museum, located at the Woodbridge Center Mall, upper level, near JC Penney.

Participants may select from the following dates: Wednesday, March 28 and Wednesday, April 11. The program will be from 1-5 p.m. and the cost is \$40.

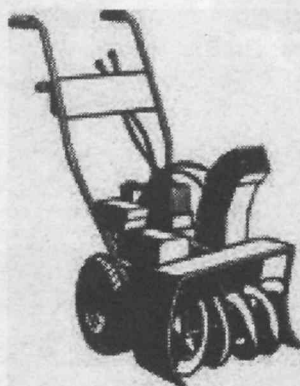
"Greening an office benefits both the company and society at large," said Patricia Moran, director of the college's Institute for Management and Technical Development. "This four hour workshop gives you up-to-date, relevant information and the practical applications as you develop your company's recycling program. You will learn about the law as it applies to recycling, how it enhances your company's image, and about recycling incentives as well as penalties for non-compliance."

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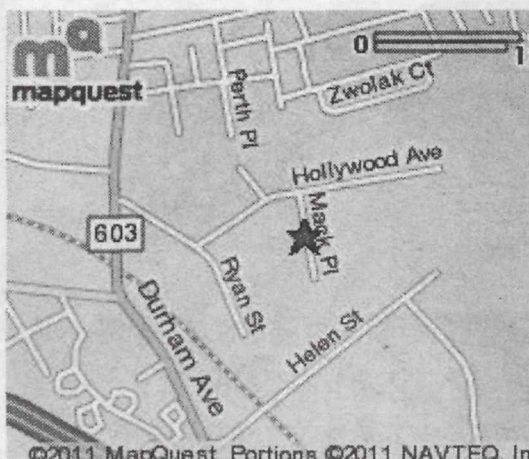
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Girl Scouts at Sacred Heart Church.

Girl Scouts Mark 100 Year Anniversary

Local Girls Scouts, Daisies and Brownies joined the 3.2 million other scouts across the United States in celebrating the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouting on March 11. South Plainfield has over 270 girls participating in scouting, ranging from Daisies in kindergarten to Ambassadors, who are seniors in high school. Juliette Gordon Low organized the first Girl Scout Troop in Savannah, Ga. on March 12, 1912.

The day-long celebration began with church services at Sacred Heart

and St. Stephens churches. At 12:30 p.m. scouts, accompanied by their leaders, Mayor Matt Anesh, Council President Ray Rusnak and Councilmen Rob Bengivenga and Derryck White gathered at the Knights of Columbus Hall and marched together over the Lakeview Avenue overpass and on to Holy Savior Academy. The symbol of crossing a bridge is rich in girl scout tradition as girls "bridge" from one level of scouting to the next.

Refreshments were served after their long walk. The scouts spent the

rest of the afternoon rock climbing, playing various video games, making crafts and working on their service projects for the VA Hospital in Lyons which includes making 100 picture boards for the residents of the facility.

To find out more about girl scouting in South Plainfield or any upcoming events, email Jane Becker, South Plainfield Girl Scouts service unit manager at janebecker@optonline.net.

For more information on girl scouting log onto www.girlscouts.org.



Girl Scouts march over the Lakeview Overpass to symbolize bridging from one level of scouting to the next.



Some of the Girl Scouts play video games during the celebration.

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.

Citizen of the Year

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five years and was also a parish trustee. He also served as a parish representative for the Metuchen Diocese during the Synod Conferences. He was president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society for approximately eight years assisting families in need. He co-chaired the Feast of St. Anthony for 31 years, which is a church fundraiser. He also financially assisted various town organizations such as the fire department, rescue squad and high school drama club and others.

Jackson was, and still is, a beloved father figure to several families who lost their father at an early age. Many of them were in attendance to honor him.

During his retirement years, Don became "Mr. Fix-it" for family members and friends. He sets time aside to attend most athletic and social functions for his children and grandchildren.

—Submitted by Eileen Uken



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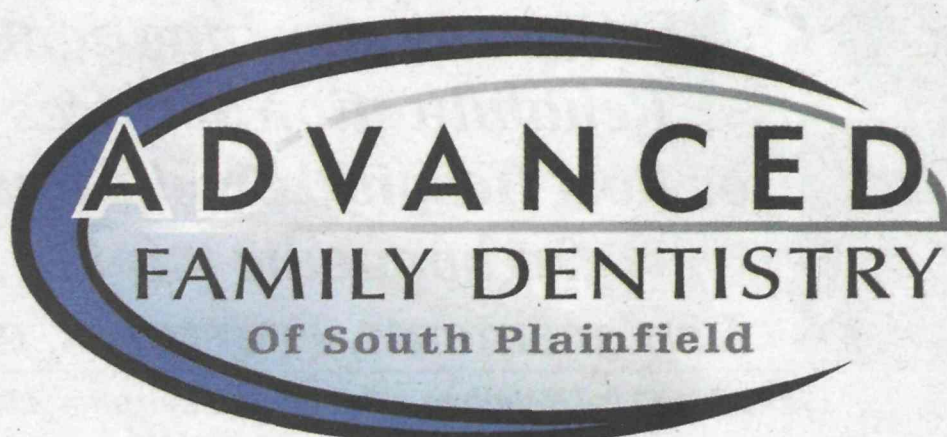
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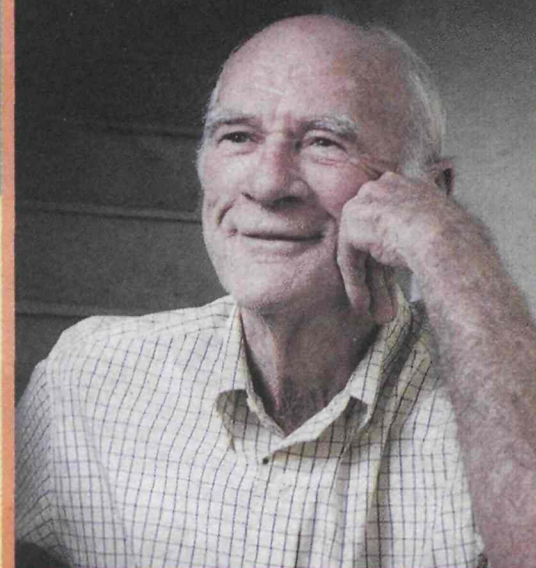


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Library Director Sunnie Randolph Retiring

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were't circulating. Explaining the need for space and in putting the books in a new cataloging and bar code system, she asked Greenfield for his help which resulted in establishing the first Friends of the Library group with residents Natalie and Jim Bergen. The group held book sales and used the funds to expand library programs. The group had lost members and was no longer meeting, but Randolph is trying to revive the group and a meeting was scheduled for March 20.

By 1998 Randolph had overseen two interior renovations of the library, rearranged the children's room and oversaw automating the library's paper cards onto computer files. It also gave residents the ability to request books and receive them through the new

statewide inter-library loan service.

During Randolph's time as library director, the most stressful thing has been dealing with the issue of building a new library. Property for a new building was purchased and an architect made plans for the site, but the public voted against building a new library in a Democracy Day vote.

"That was the beginning of us trying to find more space, which has been a kind of fruitless endeavor," explained Randolph. "The zoning board prevented us from going to a light industrial area." Another plan to lease space in the Walgreen's shopping center on South Plainfield Avenue failed to come to fruition.

During Hurricane Irene, four inches of water flooded the library and subsequently resulted in the re-

moval of all the books and furniture in order to clean up the residual mess. Randolph praised the library staff for their conscientious efforts in the clean up. "No other staff would do what they did," she said.

With the cleanup and new carpeting and new furniture, the books and computers have been placed in a more inviting space. And there is the possibility that an extension to the library may be built in the future. T&M Associates Engineer Len Miller is currently working on the property lines of the library to determine the possibility of an expansion on the site, and is also looking at raising the building up to address the flooding problem.

Children's Librarian Linda Hansen, who had worked in the library shelving books while in school, was

recently appointed as Randolph's successor.

As library director, Randolph gives a report to the Library Board of Trustees during its monthly meeting. In the beginning some trustees never came to meetings and some only came to the library once a month for the meetings. "I expected the library trustees to work for the library," said Randolph. "I want them to understand this is their library. They are here to promote the library, to support the library and what it does, and not to criticize it. They are the advocates for the library. We need more of that."

Tributes were made to Randolph during the Library Board of Trustees March meeting.

"Everything I've learned about the library, I've learned from Sunnie, who

is much more than a director," said Board President Eric Aronowitz.

"I've served on the Board of Trustees for 20 years. She is an outstanding director who made a difference in the community," said Pat Massey, high school librarian.

"You took the library through its toughest year. Thanks on behalf of the borough," said Mayor Matt Anesh.

Randolph is planning to move back to her family home in Pennsylvania where she plans to garden and quilt.

The upcoming schedule of Monday night moves includes *The Muppets*, March 26; *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*, April 2; *War Horse*, April 9; and *The Iron Lady*, April 16. Monday night movies begin at 6:30 p.m. and will run through May 14.



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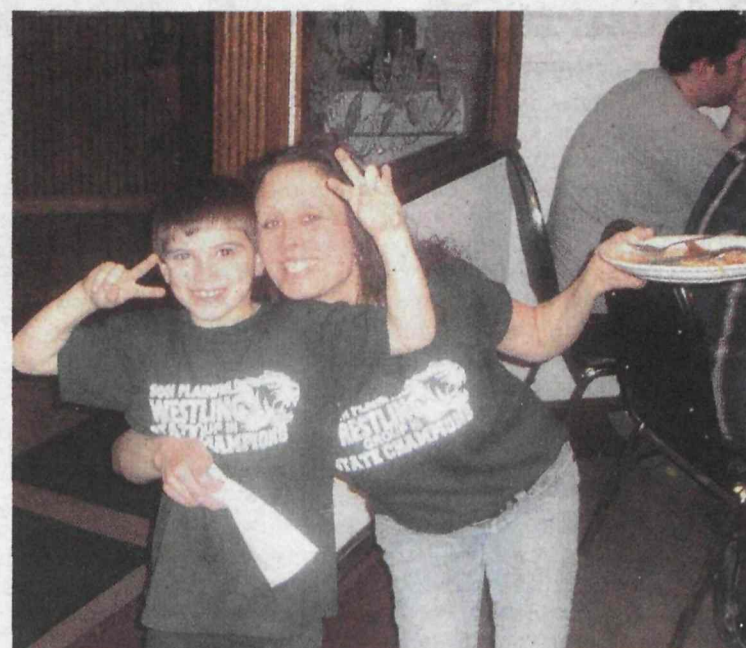
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Lisa Scarpa with Jake DelVecchio, younger brother of Tiger wrestler Scott DelVecchio.

Adelines Helps Celebrate Tiger Wrestlers Winning Season

Adelines Ristorante on Hamilton Boulevard hosted a get together for the parents of the South Plainfield High School wrestling team on March 14. Nearly 60 people attended the free pizza party, the brainchild of Adelines' dining room manager, Lisa Scarpa.

Scarpa, whose son Corey Stasenکو wrestles for the Tigers as a junior at SPSHS, came up with the idea as a way to celebrate the team's winning season. She sent out a mass text message inviting the boys' parents to Adelines last Sunday. Free pizza was

served throughout the evening with the purchase of a drink. Many of those in attendance decided to stay and have dinner in the dining room afterwards, with several guests taking advantage of a special menu that was available in the bar.

"I just wanted to thank everyone for attending," said Scarpa. "The South Plainfield Tigers Wrestling Team is number one, and so is the community!"

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Weight Loss Success Begins with the First Step

By Jean Fultz

John Alfano, 33, began his weight loss journey years ago when a company-sponsored program led him to Weight Watchers. Alfano, a resident of Edison, has worked as an airplane parts salesman for Thales for 12 years. While he's always been aware that his weight (366 pounds at 5'6" tall) has kept him from doing simple things with ease, like tying his shoes, last year he decided to change his life.

"I always was a fat person," Alfano said. "But I wanted to know when I became 'that fat guy' that kids stared at and adults can't look in the eye."



John Alfano (before)

After being singled out for ridicule during a Las Vegas comedy show, Alfano's friends encouraged him to perform stand-up comedy in several North Jersey clubs. Always the first to

make fun of himself, Alfano came in second place during an open mike competition several years ago.

When the Retro Fitness gym opened in Edison down the street from Alfano's office on Park Avenue last year, a co-worker and friend, Mike Sauchelli joined, encouraging Alfano to do the same. By this time the weight loss program at the company had ended although Alfano continued utilizing Weight Watchers' online tool. As in the past, he never followed a complete program of diet and exercise, and after losing a marginal amount of weight, he would regain what he'd lost.

"I joined other gyms," said Alfano, "but I never stuck with it. I never felt comfortable in the gym atmosphere."

Alfano clearly remembers the day he joined Retro Fitness: it was Sunday, May 22. He specifically chose that day thinking the gym would be empty, which it was not. After signing up, the girl behind the counter asked him if he was going to work out, to which he replied, "Nah, I'll come back another day," and left the gym.

"Another day" turned out to be the very next day. Alfano drove to the gym after work, and proceeded to sit in his



Dominick DaCunha, Mitch Kurtzer, John Alfano and Tom DeFelice.

car in the parking lot for an hour and a half, trying to get up the courage to walk back in. Finally, he got out of the car and took that first step.

Now, 90 pounds lighter, Alfano says that it was Retro Fitness employee Alyssa who greeted him with a friendly smile and a warm welcome that kept him coming back day after day, for the past nine months.

Initially only able to walk for 10 minutes on the treadmill, Alfano began to change his eating habits, giving up fast food dinners for better meal choices. Now, he walks 45 minutes a day, six days a week, making his weight loss noticeable to others at Retro.

"I was in the gym and this guy comes up to me to tell me that every time he sees me, I look different," Alfano said. "That guy was owner Mitch Kurtzer. I told him that I'd lost 75 pounds so far, and he was really impressed."

Alfano then sent an email to the management of the gym, thanking them and saying how much Retro had changed his life. He received a personal reply from Kurtzer who didn't realize he had met Alfano a few weeks prior. "This guy is motivating himself, with no help, no personal trainer," said Kurtzer.

In February, Kurtzer and gym manager Tom DeFelice presented Alfano with a plaque to recognize his weight loss success, picking up his membership fee for the next six months.

"My life is different now in many

ways," said Alfano. "From driving my car, to flying on an airplane, even my blood pressure is down."

At 276 pounds Alfano hasn't reached a "plateau" yet, but once he does he will move to the next step: using weights to push himself even further.

Dominick DaCunha, 26, who also joined the gym last year, has lost a total of 84 pounds. In addition to working out on his own, he utilizes the on-site trainers from EFT Personal Fitness Training. Kurtzer also picked up the tab for several months of DaCunha's membership.

"This is home," DaCunha said, who now weighs in at a muscular 198 pounds.

For more information about Retro Fitness, call (732) 549-7387 or stop by the gym at 3775 Park Avenue to take a personal tour of the facility.

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milestones

Michael Boyle Named to Dean's List at Pace University

Michael Boyle, son of Robert and Debbie Boyle of South Plainfield, has been named to the dean's list at Pace University for the Fall 2011 semester.

Michael was recently accepted into The Society of Fellows of Dyson College of Arts and Science at Pace, the premier honors organization in the college. The society fosters undergraduate scholarship in the arts and

sciences by providing enriching experiences for students with outstanding academic ability. Participation and membership in the Society of Fellows affords students an opportunity to develop their intellect and display their talents in a variety of settings.

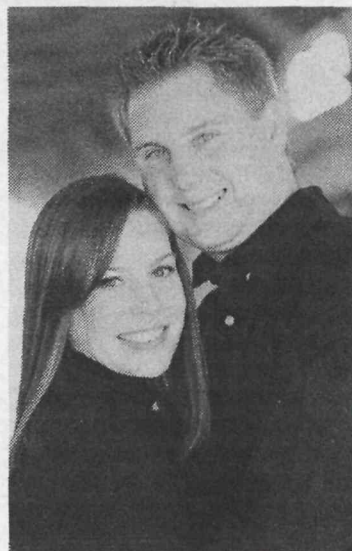
Michael presented the results of his research project titled, "The Effects of Temperature Increase on

Thylakoid Membrane Integrity as a Measure of Photosynthetic Activity in *Arabidopsis thaliana*," in front of the deans of Dyson College, faculty members and fellow inductees at the annual student conference at the Pace University Graduate Center in White Plains, N.Y. on March 3.

Partesi Named To Castleton's President's List

Karen Partesi of South Plainfield was named to the Castleton State College President's List for the Spring 2012 semester. To qualify for this highest academic honor, a student must maintain full-time status and a semester grade point average of 4.0.

Castleton is small enough to be a community where every student matters, yet offers more than 30 academic programs, 20 intercollegiate sports, and over 40 clubs and organizations. The college stresses community service and provides exceptional programs for first year students.



Lauren Reed and Jason Clark

Lauren Reed, Jason Clark to Wed

Andy and Lynn Reed of South Plainfield are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren, to Jason Clark, son of Doug and Margie Clark of Orefield, Pa.

Lauren graduated from Bucknell University in 2006 with a degree in chemical engineering and is employed as an account executive at Air Products in Fountain Valley, Calif.

Jason graduated from Pennsylvania State University in 2003 with a degree in chemical engineering and is employed as a plant supervisor at Air Products in Wilmington, Calif.

A June 2012 wedding is planned on Long Beach Island in New Jersey.

Emily Piekarski Performs in Marist College Singers Concert

Emily Piekarski of South Plainfield performed in "Love in the Afternoon," an annual concert presented by the Marist College Singers organization. Emily is a Marist College sophomore.

"Love in the Afternoon" is a student concert featuring musical

selections about love, romance and relationships from a variety of music genres. Students performed in solos, duets and ensembles during two shows on Valentine's Day weekend. The Marist College Singers organization involves approximately 140 students performing in a variety of ensembles.

Marist is an independent comprehensive liberal arts college and is included in *The Princeton Review's* guide to the top colleges and universities in the U.S., *The Best 373 Colleges*, placing Marist in the top 15 percent of all institutions of higher education in the United States. For more information, visit www.marist.edu.

Keri Gould Named to Buffalo State Dean's List

Keri Gould of South Plainfield has been named to the School of Arts and Humanities Fall 2011 Dean's List at Buffalo State College. Keri, a graduate of South Plainfield High School, is the daughter of Lisa Hahn-Gould and Barry Gould.

To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher and complete a minimum of 12 credit hours.

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Residents Named To University of the Sciences Dean's List

South Plainfield residents Alishah Rahemtulla and Heba Younes have been named to the Fall 2011 Dean's List at University of the Sciences. Both are doctor of pharmacy students.

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Major Robert J. Fessock Receives the Joint Service Commendation Medal



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During the deployment, he directly contributed to the safety and security for Kabul Base Cluster and the coalition military, contractor personnel and Afghan civilians.

On October 30, 2011, Major Fessock responded to a terrorist attack on the Rhino bus convoy heading towards Camp Julien-Dubbs. Major Fessock's selfless actions were critical in the security of the scene of the attack.

Without hesitation, Major Fessock assumed control as on-scene commander. He personally volunteered to put himself in great personal danger in order to provide immediate armed response at the scene of attack. Major Fessock and a team of Afghan National Police, upon arrival at the attack located on the opposite side of Kabul, immediately secured the scene as a quick reaction force until more security teams could arrive.

Once the scene was secure, Major Fessock went above and beyond the call of duty by assisting in the collection of the human remains in the Rhino bus. Major Fessock's distinctive accomplishments reflect credit upon himself, the United States Army and the Department of Defense.

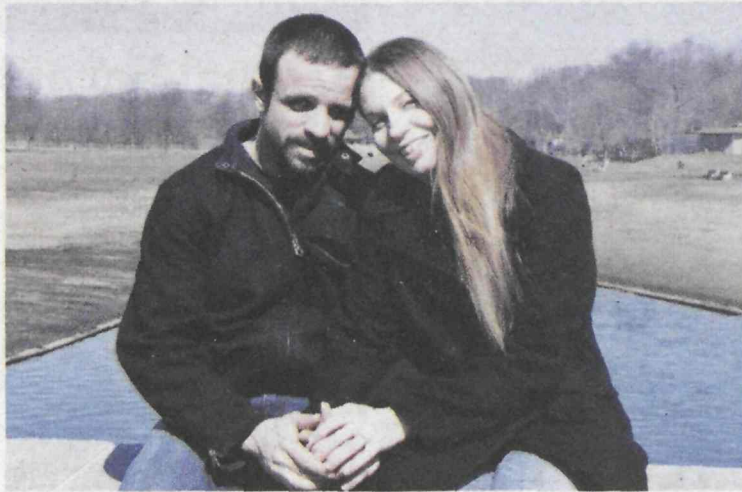
Seesselberg Named to Dean's List

Christopher Seesselberg, a third year student at Montclair State University, has qualified for the dean's list for the Fall 2011 semester.

Chris, a 2009 graduate of South Plainfield High School, is studying for a bachelor of arts degree in

theatre studies. He has participated in many productions at Montclair State, most recently *The Kiss of the Spider Woman*.

He is the son of Bill and Dianne Seesselberg of South Plainfield.



Frank D. Wallis Jr. and Suzanne Florence

Suzanne Florence And Frank Wallis To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd and Robert Bosse of South Plainfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Suzanne Florence, to Frank D. Wallis Jr., son of Frank Sr. and Cindy Wallis of Earlville, N.Y.

A July 14, 2012 wedding is planned in South Plainfield. The couple will reside in Madison, N.Y.

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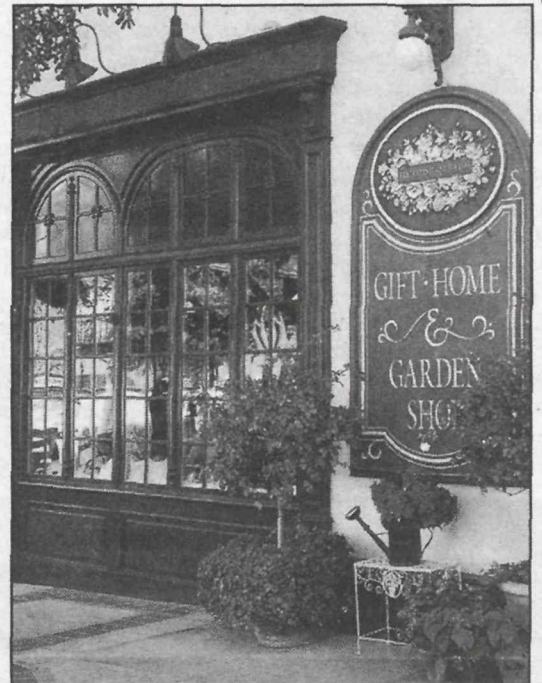
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sports



Tiger wrestlers top the podium at the New Jersey youth state wrestling championships.

White Wins Youth State Wrestling Championship

South Plainfield's youth wrestlers capped off another great season with 10 wrestlers placing at the New Jersey youth state wrestling championships.

Leading the way for the young Tigers was Anthony White. White, the top seeded wrestler at the bantam 55 pound weight class, put together four decisions including a 4-0 win over Anthony Motta in the finals to win his first state championship title.

Finishing in second place was Luke Niemeyer in the midget 110 pound weight class, Johnny Pado-vano in the bantam heavyweight class and Zach DelVecchio in the

junior heavyweight class.

Third place went to Joe Heilmann in the junior 75 pound weight class. Finishing in fifth place was Kyle Bythell in the junior 95 pound division. Sixth place finishes went to Jacob DelVecchio at the bantam 50 pound weight class and Dan Hedden at the intermediate 112 pound weight class, while Jake Giordano and Ryan Marston both finished in eighth place at the 80 pound and 100 pound junior division weight classes.

Great job boys representing South Plainfield at the state tournament. We are all proud of you!

U-13 ARSENAL

Submitted By Mark Resende

Arsenal Earns First Victory of the Season

Arsenal, the South Plainfield Soccer Club's U-13 boys team, traveled to Scotch Plains for a Sunday afternoon matchup against their longtime rivals Vikings. In this contest the Vikings struck first with a goal in the sixth minute, but it would be all Arsenal from that point on.

Defender Alec Pacz countered with a goal for Arsenal in the 22nd minute, a blast from just inside the center line that found its way over everybody—including the opposing goalkeeper. Arsenal kept the pressure on right

through to the second half and took the lead in the 51st minute when William Arias converted a pass from Jake Hoffman for the 2-1 lead.

Arsenal had many chances to blow the game open, including a goal by Ricky Pellegrino that was disallowed on an off-sides call and a point-blank rocket shot from Ricky that was somehow saved by the Vikings keeper. Arsenal withstood some late pressure from the Vikings—including a missed penalty kick—and held on for the 2-1 victory to move their season

record to 1-0-1.

The team played well together with good ball control and passing. Jason Belanger, Jason Cieskiewicz, Caleb Kuberiet, Jared Marks, Dylan O'Connor, Mason Resende, Edwin Rivas, Elijah Robinson, Kevin Solano and goalkeeper Nick Plate all made contributions to the victory. Wallace Truesdale had a very good game with poised ball control, keeping his head up and making accurate passes, and for that he is this week's Man of the Match.

Arsenal is coached by David Cieskiewicz, Greg Hoffman and Steve Belanger. The Arsenal's next game is scheduled for Sunday, March 25 at 1:45 p.m. at home on Memorial Field; so come out and cheer them on. Go Arsenal!

BY GARY LAMPASONA

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB

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Preseason Work Detail—We had a great turnout for work detail last week; thanks to all that participated. Here is the remaining schedule for work detail. Your help will ensure our complex is better than ever.

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

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Golden Tee Golf Results

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Donald Hall came in first with net 63; Mike Dixon came in second with 64 and Jeff Orth came in third with 66. Consolations were awarded to H. Chichester, Len Bednarski and Grace Ciampi.

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Seagrams 7 Crown 1.75L—\$18.99	Clan MacGregor Scotch 1.75L—\$19.99
Platinum 7X Vodka 1.75L—\$17.99	Jack Daniels Green 1.75L—\$34.99

Regular/Light **Heineken** \$19.99 18 Pack Bottles

FAHIGY \$26.99 Case 2/12pk Bottles

HOPE \$15.99 30 pk cans

Corona Extra \$19.99 18 pack Bottles

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Labatts Blue 30 pack 12oz cans—\$19.99	Coors/Light 24-pack cans/bottle—\$16.99
New Castle 2/12 pk case bottles—\$23.99	Bud/Lt/55 24 pk cans/bottles—\$16.99
Tecate Cans 24-12oz case—\$16.99	Milwaukee Best/Lt/Ice 30 pk cans—\$15.99
Fosters Lager 2/12 pk Bottles—\$19.99	Molson Ice Loose Case cans—\$19.99

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South Plainfield High School

SPORTS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

3:45pm BV Track-JFK (H)

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

10am V & JV Softball-Hillsboro Sc (A)

Bus 8:30

11am V & JV Baseball-Jackson Sc (A)

Bus 9:15

11am Fr Baseball-Jackson Liberty (H) Sc

MONDAY, MARCH 26

4pm Fr Baseball-So. Brunswick (A)

Bus 2:30

4pm B V Tennis-Cranford (A) Bus 2:30

4pm V & JV Softball-Immaculata (H) Sc

4pm V & JV Baseball-So. Brunswick (H) Sc

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

3:45pm B V Track-No. Brunswick (H)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

3:45pm V Lacrosse-Lacordaire JV/5:15 (H)

4pm V & JV Softball-E. Brunswick (A)

Bus 2:30

4pm Fr Baseball-Roxbury (H) Sc

4:15pm V & JV Baseball-Roxbury Sc (A) Bus 2:30

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

4pm V & JV Baseball-Rahway (H) Sc

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

4pm V & JV Softball-No. Hunterdon (H) Sc

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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 seq.), 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:

TAX SALE LIST

BLOCK	LOT/QUAL		AMOUNT	BLOCK	LOT/QUAL		AMOUNT	BLOCK	LOT/QUAL		AMOUNT
3	43	STUBBS, JOYCE	425.28	146	4	DRESS, DONALD M. & KULA, LISA A.	425.20	304	5.01	A.STANLEY MUNDY AND COMPANY	9,863.99
6	13	CORDONA, JAIME & MARTHA	425.68	148	6	DURAN, NUMA P	1,594.90	306	2	BORN,KIMBERLY& COLVIN,SHANNON ETAL	2,913.69
7	16.02	STANLEY, JIMMY & CAROLYN	425.28	148	19	BROWN, DANIEL & ANNETTE	425.20	308	12.03	2259 SOUTH CLINTON LLC	544.23
7	27	BENEFICIAL FINANCIAL INC	412.76	151	12	SMITH, GARY & LISA	238.88	308	12.04	2279 SOUTH CLINTON LLC	2,515.05
7	31	KOONCE, MARTIN & VICTORIA	245.97	152	50	KONE, LACINA & CISSE, AWA	425.68	308	12.05	2201-2239 SOUTH CLINTON LLC	23,057.71
7	34	FONTANA, GREGORY & YVONNE	1,197.91	152	99	WROTON, JASON	238.88	308	39.01	104 SYLVANIA LLC	3,934.60
7	51.01	LOUCAR INC	238.88	152	110	LORETTA CONROY FAMILY TRUST	3,180.22	308	49/C0001	CHIN, THOMAS W B	426.94
7	51.02	GAMBACORT, LOUIS V.	238.88	152	112	EJIOCHI, GABRIEL E. & MARY ROSE	255.82	308	51/C0001	SMITH,CHRISTOPHER & CRAIG,MECHELE	424.26
7	65	MILLER, WILLIAM D(V)& DORIS	5,708.30	156	16	MAPA-BAKSH, ALICIA	238.88	311	50	BARRERA, RICARDO & JULIO & GEORGINA	238.88
7	66	PEDERSEN,ALVIN C & SHIRLEY A.	240.48	157	34	VALDES, EDGARDO & ALEXIS A	238.88	311	51	BRELAND, STEPHEN & ALLISON N.	238.88
8	4	BAEZ, NELSON (V) & MAGDA	5,170.30	159	23	DENTE,RALPH&ANTOINETTA	218.22	313	18	RICHARD, ADRIAN D & DEBRA R	238.88
8	7	DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST CO-TR	425.28	160	3	COLAPIETRO, JAMES & TRACY	238.88	314	4	TITTLE, SCOTT	426.94
8	11	SAUNDERS, DANYELLE M & ODOM, JOAN S	240.63	165	6	BROOKS, WILLIAM R & ROCHELLE M	1,658.48	314	7	O'NEAL, ERIC & LORETTA	426.94
9	24	BROWN, SUZANNE P	238.88	167	14	CONNOLLY, SHEILA	1,199.54	315	26	SUAREZ, EDWARD & LUZ M.	783.52
10	7	OFFIONG, ANIEKAN E.	238.88	169	7	VASQUEZ RAMOS, NANCY	238.88	315	33	SIMKO, GEORGE AND JUDY	265.96
12	3	DULAC, RICHARD	239.26	169	18	RYAN, DIANE & ROBERT	3,069.95	315	60.01	GRIFFIN, THOMAS E & MICHELE	424.26
12	6	INGRAM,NAKJETIA & WILLIAMS, JERMAUL	238.88	170	22	BORSOS, MICHAEL G	238.88	317	8	KOTELSKY,THOMAS J & DARLENE A.	2,028.35
12	18	ADAMS, SAMUEL O & ROSE	351.04	172	22	RIDDICK, LINWOOD & MILAGROS	3,127.47	319	1	LEIGHTON, ROBERTA D.	9,403.64
12	29	ROESCH, RANAE & JOHN R	7,076.22	174	10	DOUGLAS, LOCKSLEY	238.88	322	2.01	NATT, SHELAH & FREEMAN, VELMON	238.88
12	35	TRUONG, MYHANH	425.68	175	9	LIMERICK, GLASGOW A. & PATRICIA V.	238.88	324	4	GRATTA, TRACEY JOAN & THOMAS J	424.26
15	26	MONROE, MICHAEL J. & JOAN M.	2,903.85	175	14	GOODMAN, JEFFREY A	424.26	327	5	BALKARAN, RAMGOOLAM & CHANDRAWATI	426.94
18	10	JOHNSON, BRENDA D & WILLIAMS, DONNA	788.87	180	8	LOZADA, FRANCISCO, & DIAZ,BLANCA	238.63	336	1.03	DAVIS, WILLIAM & ANGIE HUNTER	377.70
20	7	TAKOUKA, TAG O.	425.20	182	8	CALLEJAS, ANGEL & CRUZ, MYRNA G	425.68	337	13	RUIZ, JULIO C. & IRIS	455.71
21	2.06	WILSON, RICHARD D & MAUREEN B	2,817.07	184	12	ALVA, MARVIN MONT	424.26	338	3	ROSADO, ALEX & MICHELLE	403.41
24	18	WILLIS, RODNEY & SHEILA	2,746.09	186	4.02	PAULS, SAMUEL J	238.88	338	13	CABRERA, KARINA & RAMOS, SANDRA	425.68
24	29	JOSEPH, DIOZY	240.54	188	63	HARRY-SCOTT,VICKY & SCOTT, DAVID	238.88	343	8	DAZOS, DEAN J	240.54
24	38	GENTILE, ELLEN M. & ROBERT J.	424.26	189	4	HOFFLER, TANYA	424.26	363	6	SPAYDER, DAVID E. & BETSY M.	7,639.80
25	17	VETUSCHI,MATTHEW & TAMMY	235.01	192	4	MOORE, THOMAS T & EVELINE	4,117.92	372	5	CASTRO, ANGEL & CLAUDIA	417.24
26	2	MUHAMMAD,SABIR & CLARISE	426.94	193	12	MOORE, JAMES G. & SHARON D.	5,801.45	380	4.01	KRYSTOPIK, KENNETH & SUSAN	902.26
32	1	SELLA, MICHAEL G. & KELLY A.	238.88	195	17	GOD'S LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER	3,487.13	380	5	KRYSTOPIK, KENNETH L & SUSAN E	5,396.43
32	6	GONCALVES, LESLIE A	426.94	199	24	GLINA, JANINA	1,505.90	389	16	KRYSTOPIK,SUSAN	21,982.46
34	10	YUILL, JOHN F & CATHERINE	3,480.65	199	26	LINCZYK, GLENN T	238.88	390	1	ERRICKSON,F&C.C/O BORO AUTO WRECK.	22,231.97
35	4	DAVIS, MELITA M.	3,374.08	200	8	GONZALEZ,FRANK & MARIA	425.68	390	2	ERRICKSON,FRED & CAROL	439.76
37	9	DI PASQUALE, PHYLLIS	425.28	200	17	LEON, CARLOS T & CECILIA	426.94	396	2.11	ALEXA, DONALD & TERRY A.	160.32
37	12	ROMERO, ELMER M & REGINA B	425.75	201	3	TANZOLA, JOHN & KATHERINE M	6,118.67	400	3	CONTRERAS, JORGE M	426.94
38	3	JIMENEZ,MARGARITA& MOLLOGON,JARIO A	238.88	201	6	CHANDLER, JR., A. & PAYNE, K.	238.88	404.02	27	KERTES, FRANK M.& L.	2,352.25
40	6	DE LOS SANTOS, GLAUCO	424.26	201	13	ZELUFF, MARK & JOANN	426.94	406.02	1	TURNER,WAYNE &RAYCENE SMITH TURNER	238.88
41	13	SUTTON,JEFFREY S.& SUSAN M.	425.68	202	7	DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST CO	238.88	406.03	12	KAMEL, FRANCES	425.68
46	13	VAN NAME, MARK & HARRIET	426.94	211	18	CARVALHO, SANDRA & SANTIAGO, MARIO	238.88	406.03	18	WEEKS, TRENELL	425.68
46	26	KOZAK, JOHN & KAREN	426.94	213	16	D & C INC	1,076.07	407	22.01	FALATO, TIGHE A. & DEBORAH K.	426.94
54	4	SANCHEZ, ROSARIO B. & RENE	4,271.59	219	12	GRAY, HARLAN & ELIZABETH	425.75	407	25	RUIZ, CARLOS & OFELIA	238.88
56	13	SANCHEZ, RENE G & VIVIANA	238.88	222	24	BACH, ELIZABETH ANN	426.94	407	41.01	BUTRICO, DAVID & VIRGINIA	238.88
56	14	BLASEN, YOLANDA	1,690.25	223	11	FERRER,LUIS & ANA FERRER	426.94	409	4	ANTAR REALTY LLC	1,160.93
56	24	RACITI, FRANK & DARLYNE	5,956.00	224	2	ANZALONE, VINCENZO & CONETTA	5,305.87	414	1.02	KASCHAK,D.& KORLIZYN,T.& M (S)	3,003.08
58	20	JONES, DAVID A.	3,943.25	230	28	SCHMIDT, J B	2,343.83	420	16	KEDMENEC, STEPHEN J. & VICTORIA M.	426.94
59	7	WERLEIN, CATHELEN M.	2,841.60	231	6	SONION,GINA & CHARLES	238.88	427	1E	DOWLAT, JAIPERSAUD	1,562.14
64	6	PENDER, NANCY	161.91	231	17	NEWMAN,STEVEN R & LISA A	425.20	428	5	CERVATI, LEO & RENATE	2,537.34
65	8	KRAUS, ROBERT H & SEFEROGLU, HIVRON	10,044.52	233	24	O'DONNELL, JOHN	4,958.08	429	2	WEBER, MARION B	426.94
65	11	DABNEY,WILLIAM&HUGHES-DABNEY,JANINE	217.54	238	7	MALAVARCA, KATHYLENE M	425.68	431	6	BARRY, JAMES & LURLENE	238.88
71	3	OYOLA, LUIS A & GISELLE E	337.63	238	9	HOLOBOSKI, JOSEPH & KELLY	257.00	437	6	GUERRA, INEZ	788.87
73	1.01	PRETE,PETER & ROSEMARIE	425.91	249	41	ROMER, JOSEPH G. & SALLYANNE	2,275.33	438	3	SORIANO, NELSON A. & ANA F.	1,763.03
74	24	NEALS, THEODORE H	1,671.15	254	17/C0001	PATEL, ASIT R & JAGRUTI	1,576.53	446	1.01	NEW ERA DEVELOPMENT, INC.	3,193.47
77	5.01	MITLO, SR, SHAWN	7,150.60	254	18/C0002	HUNTER, DARNELL JR.	1,891.40	447	5	ADA REALTY	5,608.10
77	6	KARELEFSKY-BARCA, CELIA & BARCA,JOHN	426.94	254	40	OAK TREE REALTY HOLDINGS, LLC	13,998.40	449	6	A.A. TRUCK RENTING CORP	13,723.71
77	32.01	CARSON, STEVEN	425.20	254.01	5	GREENIDGE, OWEN D & DARLENE R	426.94	449	8	A.A. TRUCK RENTING CORP	4,422.04
82	4	MC CAULEY,BARBARA	426.94	254.03	4	LEO, STEVE	424.26	468	4	RICA REALTY RENTAL GROUP LLC	3,006.54
82	19	COCHRANE, BRIAN & LAURIAN	238.88	254.05	6	DEGROOT,MICHAEL & YVONNE	5,874.44	472	3	4315 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE LLC	2,069.41
91	44	BILAK, LISA	425.83	255	13.03	HARMICH RD.LLC	7,148.34	480	1	NAKASH 200 HELEN STREET LLC	2,839.05
94	6	HALO AMERICA LLC	5,615.91	255	14	THE FISHBEIN FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	2,686.01	488	7	GOODWIN, ALICE (S)	4,469.34
94	30	ANNETTA, NANCY	238.88	258	4	H & F REALTY LLC	217.54	524	9	STELLAKIS, JOHN & GANIARIS, PETER	426.94
97	13	CARLTON,JR.,HAROLD C.& LINDA L.	238.88	258	6	OMONIA HOLDING CO., INC.	232.92	528	43/C0224	GOVINDAVAJHALA, SUDHAKAR	233.43
98	7	ABREU, JOSE M & GOMEZ,THERESA G	238.88	258	6.01	OMONIA HOLDING CO., INC.	5,106.29	528	43/C0336	HARISINGHANI,DILIP & HARRISON,ANITA	1,407.90
101	5	SEVERINI,LUCILLE ANNE	238.88	259	2	ARROSA, LUIS I & ARIEL D	426.94	528	43/C0413	BEDI, MANISH	238.88
102	2	2112 PARK AVENUE PROPERTY LLC	9,951.87	259	8	BUY-RITE AUTO STORES, INC	15,154.73				

LEGAL NOTICE

School District Budget Statement
for the School Year 2012-2013

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the school district of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, of a special meeting to be held in the Roosevelt Administration Building Gymnasium, 125 Jackson Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at 6:00 P.M. on **Wednesday, March 28, 2012**. The Board will hold a public hearing on the following proposed budget for the **2012-2013** school year:

Noticia de Reunion para Presentar el Presupuesto Escolar 2012-2013

Tenemos una reunion especial para los votantes legales de South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey, en la gymnasium de Roosevelt Administration Building, 125 Jackson Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, el **28 de marzo 2012** a las 6:00 de la noche. La reunion publico es para presentar el presupuesto escolar para **2012-2013**:

Advertised Enrollments			
ENROLLMENT CATEGORY	October 15, 2010 Actual	October 15, 2011 Actual	October 15, 2012 Estimated
Pupils on Roll Regular Full-Time	3268	3192	3565
Pupils on Roll Reg Accr. Adult High Sch	50	8	16
Pupils on Roll - Special Full-Time	435	441	223
Pupils on Roll - Special Shared-Time	1		
Subtotal - Pupils On Roll	3754	3641	3804
Private School Placements	21	21	31
Pupils Sent to Other Dists-Spec Ed Prog	17	13	9
Pupils Received	1	1	1
Pupils in State Facilities	8	5	

Advertised Revenues				
Budget Category	Account	2010-11 Actual	2011-12 Revised	2012-13 Anticipated
OPERATING BUDGET				
Budgeted Fund Balance - Operating Budget	10-303		600,000	1,343,402
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	10-1210	39,438,003	40,139,182	41,585,848
Tuition	10-1300	535,779		
Transportation Fees from Individuals	10-1410	208,468		
Transportation Fees from Other LEAs	10-1420-1440		140,000	150,000
Other Restricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	24,139		
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	116,510	250,000	150,000
SUBTOTAL		40,322,899	40,529,182	41,885,848

Revenues from State Sources:				
Extraordinary Aid	10-3131	154,416	478,509	150,000
Other State Aids	10-3XXX	25,056		
Categorical Special Education Aid	10-3132	2,086,578	2,086,578	2,205,235
Equalization Aid	10-3176	5,120,112	5,680,515	6,655,445
Categorical Security Aid	10-3177			93,359
Categorical Transportation Aid	10-3121			109,239
SUBTOTAL		7,386,162	8,245,602	9,213,278

Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Medicaid Reimbursement	10-4200	31,977	25,000	25,000
Education Jobs Fund	18-4522		331,586	
SUBTOTAL		31,977	356,586	25,000
Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances			386,078	
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		-352,077		
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET		47,388,961	50,117,448	52,467,528

GRANTS AND ENTITLEMENTS				
Revenues from Local Sources	20-1XXX	102,614		

Revenues from State Sources:				
Preschool Education Aid	20-3218	52,800	52,800	52,800
Other Restricted Entitlements	20-32XX	133,855	222,000	190,000
TOTAL REVENUES FROM STATE SOURCES		186,655	274,800	242,800

Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Title I	20-4411-4416	307,019	1,150,000	311,736
Title II	20-4451-4455	107,328		79,363
Title III	20-4491-4494	17,618		25,458
Title IV	20-4471-4474	2,175		
I.D.E.A. Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	1,098,954		825,000
Other	20-4XXX	12,166		15,000
TOTAL REVENUES FROM FEDERAL SOURCES		1,545,260	1,150,000	1,256,557
TOTAL GRANTS AND ENTITLEMENTS		1,834,529	1,424,800	1,499,357

Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	40-1210	1,183,120	1,193,115	1,113,113
TOTAL REVENUES FROM LOCAL SOURCES		1,183,120	1,193,115	1,113,113
TOTAL LOCAL REPAYMENT OF DEBT		1,183,120	1,193,115	1,113,113
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		-46,995		
TOTAL REPAYMENT OF DEBT		1,136,125	1,193,115	1,113,113
TOTAL REVENUES/SOURCES		50,359,615	52,735,363	55,079,998

Advertised Appropriations				
Budget Category	Account	2010-11 Expenditures	2011-12 Rev. Approp.	2012-13 Appropriations
GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE				
Instruction:				
Regular Programs	11-1XX-100-XXX	17,246,721	17,181,914	17,268,316
Special Education	11-2XX-100-XXX	4,431,707	4,434,423	4,366,026
Basic Skills/Remedial	11-230-100-XXX	291,021	331,063	321,467
Bilingual Education	11-240-100-XXX	265,125	266,896	274,628
Vocational Programs - Loca	11-3XX-100-XXX	46,593		
School-Spon. Co/Extra-Curr. Activities	11-401-100-XXX	148,918	128,269	131,147
School Sponsored Athletics	11-402-100-XXX	700,251	830,021	949,632
Support Services:				
Tuition	11-000-100-XXX	1,134,463	1,483,218	1,039,208
Attendance and Social Work Services	11-000-211-XXX	85,468	81,416	84,352
Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	674,858	691,856	711,931
Speech, OT, PT, Related & Extraordinary Services	11-000-216,217	1,003,708	1,133,801	1,298,709
Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	974,301	1,064,017	1,163,457
Child Study Teams	11-000-219-XXX	816,205	973,991	1,015,382
Improvement of Instructional Services	11-000-221-XXX	126,106	127,259	275,868
Educational Media Services - School Library	11-000-222-XXX	580,786	574,833	479,775
Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	90,489	152,656	299,437
General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	1,193,432	1,076,132	1,088,196
School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	2,155,640	2,075,513	1,998,166
Central Svcs & Admin Info Technology	11-000-25X-XXX	1,026,249	1,024,279	1,243,647
Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	4,064,957	4,560,553	4,505,639
Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	1,627,767	1,840,554	2,072,973
Personal Services - Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	8,553,774	9,984,670	10,546,622
Total Support Services Expenditures		24,108,203	26,844,748	27,823,362
TOTAL GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE		47,238,539	50,017,334	51,136,778
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES				
Equipment	12-XXX-XXX-73X	12,420		
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-4XX-XXX	99,691	63,947	1,271,606
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES		112,111	63,947	1,271,606

SPECIAL SCHOOLS

Accredited Evening/Adult High School/Post-Graduate:				
Instruction	13-601-100-XXX	3,702		
Support Services	13-601-200-XXX	26,565	11,167	
Total Accredited Evening/Adult HS/Post-Grad.		30,267	11,167	
TOTAL SPECIAL SCHOOLS		30,267	11,167	
Transfer of Funds to Charter Schools	10-000-100-56X	8,044	25,000	59,144
OPERATING BUDGET GRAND TOTAL		47,388,961	50,117,448	52,467,528

SPECIAL GRANTS AND ENTITLEMENTS

Local Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	102,614		
Preschool Education Aid:				
Instruction	20-218-100-XXX	52,800	52,800	52,800
TOTAL PRESCHOOL EDUCATION AID		52,800	52,800	52,800
Other State Projects:				
Nonpublic Textbooks	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	10,970	25,000	30,000
Nonpublic Auxiliary Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	82,044	93,000	100,000
Nonpublic Handicapped Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	19,137	21,000	25,000
Nonpublic Nursing Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	21,704	35,000	35,000
Nonpublic Technology Initiative	20-XXX-XXX-XXX		48,000	
Total State Projects		186,655	274,800	242,800
Federal Projects:				
Title I	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	307,019	1,150,000	311,736
Title II	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	107,328		79,363
Title III	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	17,618		25,458
Title IV	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	2,175		
I.D.E.A. Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,098,954		825,000
Other Special Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	12,166		15,000
Total Federal Projects		1,545,260	1,150,000	1,256,557
TOTAL GRANTS AND ENTITLEMENTS		1,834,529	1,424,800	1,499,357

REPAYMENT OF DEBT

Repayment of Debt - Regular	40-701-510-XXX	1,136,125	1,193,115	1,113,113
TOTAL REPAYMENT OF DEBT		1,136,125	1,193,115	1,113,113
Total Expenditures		50,359,615	52,735,363	55,079,998

DEDUCT EXPENDITURES INCLUDED IN MULTIPLE FUNDS DUE TO TRANSFERS:

0250XLocal Contribution - Transfer to				
Special Revenue	11-1XX-100-93X			
Capital Reserve - Transfer to				
Repayment of Debt	12-000-400-933			
Transfer Property Sale Proceeds to Debt Svc Res	11-000-520-934			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES NET OF TRANSFERS		50,359,615	52,735,363	55,079,998

Advertised Recapitulation of Balance				
Budget Category	Audited Balance 6/30/2010	Audited Balance 6/30/2011	Estimated Balance 6/30/2012	Estimated Balance 6/30/2013
Unrestricted:				
General Operating Budget	1,060,274	1,627,251	955,560	955,560
Repayment of Debt	-97,710	-50,715	0	0
Restricted for Specific Purposes:				
General Operating Budget:				
Capital Reserve	0	0	1,301,600	1,301,600
Adult Education Programs	0	0	0	0
Maintenance Reserve	500,411	449,481	449,481	449,481
Legal Reserve	1,199,783	1,343,402	1,343,402	0
Tuition Reserve	0	0	0	0
Current Expense Emergency Reserve	495,399	196,532	196,532	196,532
Repayment of Debt:				
Restricted for Repayment of Debt	0	0	0	0

Advertised Per Pupil Cost Calculations					
2012 - 2013					
	2009-10 Actual	2010-11 Actual	2011-12 Original Budget	2011-12 Revised Budget	2012-13 Proposed Budget
Per Pupil Cost Calculations:	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost	12193	11989	12233	12867	12692
Total Classroom Instruction	7594	7632	7704	8050	7795
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	7354	7441	7513	7849	7584
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	192	129	141	148	145
Classroom-Purchased Services and Other	48	61	50	54	66
Total Support Services	1553	1449	1597	1677	1799
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	1346	1276	1390	1455	1556
Total Administrative Costs	1356	1435	1343	1427	1427
Administration-Salaries and Benefits	1098	1183	1068	1134	1127
Legal Costs	0	76	72	66	59
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	1302	1115	1181	1283	1214
Operations & Maintenance of Plant-Salary & Ben.	147	94	105	111	98
Board Contribution to Food Services	0	0	0	0	0
Total Extracurricular Costs	300	281	312	327	359
Total Equipment Costs	81	3	0	0	0
Employee Benefits as a % of Salaries	24.1	27.8	32.5	32.4	33.7

The information presented in columns 1 through 3 as well as the related descriptions of the per pupil cost calculations are contained in the 2012 Taxpayers' Guide to Education Spending (formerly Comparative Spending Guide) and can be found on the Department of Education's Internet address: http://www.state.nj.us/education/under_finance, when available. This publication is available in the board office and public libraries. The same calculations were performed using the 2011-12 revised appropriations and 2012-13 budgeted appropriations presented in this advertised budget. Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost is defined as current expense exclusive of tuition expenditures, transportation, residential costs, and judgments against the school district. For all years, it also includes the restricted entitlement aids. With the exception of Total Equipment Cost, each of the other per pupil cost calculations presented is a component of the total Budgetary comparative per pupil cost, although all components are not shown.

Annual School District Budget Statement Supporting Documentation

4A. Advertised Capital Outlay Projects

Describe below, by project number, the appropriations for budgeted Capital Outlay Projects including those items related to the district's Long Range Facilities Plan. Include only construction, remodeling, renovations, installation of service systems, land and improvements, and the purchase of buildings. If the project is eligible for a grant, enter an 'X' in column 4. Do not include a request. Include all projects budgeted on the transfer lines to capital projects fund (8326 and 8335). If the project is a equipment to exceed an existing referendum (Under N.J.A.C. 6A: 26-4.4(a)3), enter an 'X' in column 5 and enter the funding source for the request in column 6. Complete a detailed budget for each project.

Description/Activity	Project Number	Dollar Amount	Eligible for Grant	Request to Exceed Referendum	Funding Source for Request
Roof replacement	1	1,207,349			
Total Amount:		1,207,349			

NOTICE/ADVISO

The complete budget will be available for examination by the public at the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Education at 125 Jackson Avenue, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. from March 28, 2012.

The school district has proposed programs and services in addition to the core curriculum content standards adopted by the State Board of Education. Information on this budget and the programs and services it provides is available during normal business hours at the South Plainfield Board of Education, Business Office, 125 Jackson Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

En su totalidad el presupuesto se hara disponible al publico en la Oficina del Secretario de la Junta de Educacion en Jackson Avenue, No. 125 de 9:00 de la mañana a las 4:00 de la tarde desde 28 de marzo, 2012.

El distrito escolar ha propuesto programas y servicios en adición al contenido esencial del curriculum modelo adoptado por La Junta de Educacion del estado. La informacion de este presupuesto y de los programas puede ser obtenida durante las horas normales de oficina, en la Junta de Educacion, Oficina de Negocios, en South Plainfield en la siguiente direccion: 125 Jackson Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

James Olobardi, Secretary/Secretario
South Plainfield Board of Education/Junta de Educacion
125 Jackson Avenue
South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080

Obituaries

Deborah K. (Spear) Ostapovich, 58

Deborah K. (Spear) Ostapovich died on Sunday, March 11 at home.

Born in Oceanport, Deborah grew up in Edison. She mainly resided throughout Central Jersey, but for the past years she was tending to her ailing mother in Little Egg Harbor.

She is predeceased by a brother, Robert Vaccarella.

Surviving are her husband, Andrew; two daughters, Kimberlie Flores (Dave) of Vero Beach, Fla. and Melanie Ostapovich of Flemington; two sons, Terry Faucher (Vanessa) of Pt. Pleasant and Robert Faucher of Alabama; two sisters, Catherine Spear (Marguerite) of Cherry Hill and Bettilynn Dominick (Ted) of Collingswood; and a brother, Michael Vaccarella of Moonachie. Also surviving are six grandchildren, Andrew, Hannah, Madeline, Jacob, Mikaela and Rick; a niece, Carol Spear; and a grand-niece, Isabella Valdez.

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

Richard Borchers, 56

Richard Borchers died on Friday, March 16 at John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison.

Richard was born in Plainfield, was raised in South Plainfield and lived in Plainfield for many years.

He co-owned the Park Hardware Store in Plainfield with his brother for over 25 years.

Richard enjoyed antique Volks-

wagens and was also an animal lover.

He is predeceased by his mother, Marguerite Faist Borchers, and by a brother, Douglas E. Borchers.

Surviving are his father, Donald W. Borchers of South Plainfield; his fiancée, Toby Hecht of Dunellen; a brother, William Borchers of New Hampshire; and a niece and nephew.

Funeral services were held at Higgins Home For Funerals in Plainfield.

Memorial donations may be made to the ASPCA, www.aspc.org/Home/Donate.aspx.

Marianne Buehler, 86

Marianne Buehler of South Plainfield passed away on Saturday, March 17 at Green Brook Manor in Green Brook.

Born on July 3, 1925 in Germany to Willi and Frieda (Banhart) Bohn, she moved to South Plainfield in 1955.

Mrs. Buehler was a homemaker. She was predeceased by her husband, Fritz Buehler, in 1971.

Marianne is survived by two sons, Werner Buehler and wife Carlin of South Plainfield and Gregory Buehler and wife Elaine of St. Cloud, Fla.; four grandchildren, Scott, Ragen, Derek and Melissa; seven great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild. She is also survived by a sister, Susan Grabowski and husband Jerzy of North Plainfield.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date with arrangements by South Plainfield Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in her honor to Embracing Hospice Care, 109 S. Main St., Suite 23, Cranbury, N.J. 08512.

Theodora May (MacNeil) Papianni

Theodora May (MacNeil) Papianni died on March 16.

Teddy was born in Wilkes Barre, Pa. She was the daughter of Theodore MacNeill, a Pennsylvania coal miner and Nellie Thomas. Her family moved to Newark at the age of 14. She graduated East Side High School where she met the love of her life, John of Newark. They were married in 1950 and during the next 18 years had six children together. They resided in Newark until 1985 when the family moved to Piscataway. Teddie and Jack were married for over 50 years.

After 30 years as a housewife, Teddie went to work for the Essex County Courts in Newark as a probation investigator in the Child Welfare Division. She retired in 1992.

From a very early age, Teddie was a trained singer of light opera and

popular music and made several recordings during the 1940s and 1950s and would never deny any chance to sing. Her last performance was in February 2011 at the Parker House in Piscataway in celebration of her then 83rd birthday.

She is predeceased by her husband, John; a daughter, Beth Ann and a brother, Robert.

Theodora leaves behind five children, Deborah Widman and husband Gary, Denise Alexander and husband Paul, Diane Francovitch and husband Michael, Mark Papianni and wife Anne, and Christopher Papianni; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family has kindly requested any donations on Teddie's behalf be made to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) of New Jersey at www.aspc.org.

Relatives and friends will gather on Saturday, March 24 at 9 a.m. at the McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals, 2425 Plainfield Ave., followed by an 11 a.m. service in the funeral home.

Interment will follow at Resurrection Burial Park, Piscataway.

Happy Birthday in Heaven Janice Leporino June 10, 1938 to March 22, 2009



It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone
For part of us went with you
The day the dear Lord called you home.
You left us precious memories
Your love is still our guide
And though we cannot see you
You're always at our side.
Our family chain is broken
And nothing seems the same
But as the dear Lord calls us one by one
The chain will link again.

Sadly Missed By Daughters Debra, Patricia, Christina; Son Paul; Son-in-law Norayr; Grandchildren: Andrew, Brandon, Christopher, Matthew, Danielle, Kimberly

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LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 1953

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 1363 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND CODIFYING ORDINANCE 730, 922, 1115, AND 1184, ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING A STATE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE ENFORCING AGENCY, ETC." WAS INTRODUCED ON FIRST READING AND ADVERTISED IN THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD OBSERVER ON FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2012. THE ORDINANCE WILL HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION AT THE APRIL 2, 2012 PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WHICH WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 7:00PM AGENDA MEETING IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF BOROUGH HALL, 2480 PLAINFIELD AVE, SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NJ 07080.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that Ordinance No. 1363 is hereby amended as follows:

Section 3.
b) Subcode fees: Established pursuant to N.J.A.C. Section 5:23-2.25

1. BUILDING
(i) New Construction:
Residential R-3 & R-5
\$0.025 per cubic foot volume as per N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.28, Minimum fee \$75.00
Certificate of Occupancy R-3, R-4 & R-5: \$100.00 per dwelling unit
State permit surcharge fees: .00334 per cubic ft volume or as per N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.19
All Other Use Groups
\$0.035 per cubic foot volume as per N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.28, Minimum fee \$100.00
Certificate of Occupancy: 10% of permit fee, Minimum fee \$250.00
State permit surcharge fees: .00334 per cubic ft volume or as per N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.19

(ii) Additions
Residential R-3 & R-5
\$0.025 per cubic foot volume as per N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.28, Minimum Fee \$75.00
Certificate of Occupancy R-3, R-4, & R-5: \$100.00
State permit surcharge fees: .00334 per cubic ft volume or as per N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.19
All Other Use Groups
\$0.035 per cubic foot volume as per N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.28, Minimum Fee \$100.00
Certificate of Occupancy: 10% of permit fee, Minimum fee \$250.00
State permit surcharge fees: .00334 per cubic ft volume or as per N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.19
(iii) Alterations, Renovations, Reconstruction & Repairs
Residential R-3 & R-5
\$25.00 per \$1,000.00 construction cost. Minimum fee: \$75.00
State Permit surcharge fees: \$1.70 or .00170 per \$1,000 of construction cost or as per N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.19
Above ground swimming pools: \$85.00 Minimum fee
In ground swimming pools: \$500.00 Minimum fee
Reconstruction Certificate of Occupancy: \$100.00
All other Use groups
\$30.00 per \$1,000 construction cost. Minimum fee: \$100.00
State permit surcharge fees: \$1.70 or .00170 per \$1,000 of construction cost or as per N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.19
In ground swimming pools: \$750.00 Minimum fee
Reconstruction Certificate of Occupancy: \$250.00
(iv) Fees for combination of (i), (ii) & (iii) shall be calculated separately.

2. Plumbing & Mechanical
\$20 per fixture, piece of equipment or appliance connected to the plumbing system.
Minimum fee \$75.00

\$75.00 per special device: Furnaces, Boilers, Hot water heaters, Gas/oil piping, Sewer connection, water service connection, sewer pumps, grease traps, oil separators, refrigeration units, backflow preventers, active solar systems, annual sprinkler inspection, quarterly or annual cross connection permits and interceptors.

South Plainfield residents 65 or older may have the water heater replacement fee waived.

3. Fire
Smoke detectors:
1 to 12 \$75.00
12 to 20 \$125.00
Each additional 25 detectors \$50

Sprinkler heads
1 to 20 \$100.00
21 to 100 \$150.00
101 to 200 \$275.00
201 to 400 \$800.00
401 to 1000 \$1000.00
Over 1000 \$1,500.00

Kitchen Exhaust systems: \$125.00
Pre-Engineered systems: \$125.00
Gas or Oil Appliances: \$75.00 (not connected to plumbing system)
Crematoriums: \$365.00 Incinerators: \$365.00 Standpipes: \$365.00

4. Electrical
Electrical Inspection Fee as per Contract with Building Inspection Underwriters September 18, 2009 to September 18, 2012: 95% of State fees plus a 25% Administrative Fee.
Annual Inspection of swimming pools, spas or hot tubs (Excludes R-3 & R-5): 95% of state fees plus 25% Administrative Fee

5. Demolition of structures
5,000 square feet or less: \$250.00 fee with \$500.00 escrow
Over 5,000 square ft: \$1,000 fee with \$2,000 escrow
No State Fee

6. Fire Repair
\$25.00 per thousand cost of construction. Minimum fee: \$75.00

R-3 & R-5 Maximum fee \$1,000.00

7. Elevators
Enforced by the Department of Community Affairs-Elevator Safety Unit (609) 984-7833

8. Signs
Signs to up to 50 sq ft: \$85.00 per sign
Signs 51 to 100 square ft: \$150.00 per sign
Signs 101 to 250 square feet: \$250.00 per sign
Does not include cost for sign footing/foundation if applicable

9. Tank Removal & Installation
Residential Tanks: \$85.00 per tank
All other Tanks: \$250.00 per tank
No state fee for tank removal

10. Change of Owner/Tenant Certificate of Use
Fee: \$100.00

11. Certificate of Municipal Compliance for Smoke detector & Carbon Monoxide
One to four families: \$50.00 per dwelling unit
Multi-family: \$40.00 per dwelling unit

12. Other Uniform Construction Code fees
a) Certificate of continued occupancy issued pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.23
R-3 & R-5: \$100.00
All other Use Groups: \$250.00
b) Change of Use
R-3 & R-5: \$100.00 All other Use Groups: \$250.00
c) Variation
R-3 & R-5: \$50.00 All other Use Groups: \$150.00
d) Renewal of Temporary Certificate of Occupancy:
All Use Groups: \$30.00
e) Asbestos Abatement Project pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:23-8.5
Permit Fee: \$106.00 Certificate of Occupancy Fee: \$21.00
f) Plan review fee
20% of permit fee

g) Lapsed permit reinstatement
R-3 & R-5: \$75.00 All other Use Groups: \$100.00
h) Lead Hazard Abatement work
Permit Fee: \$140.00 Clearance Certificate: \$28.00
i) Application to Construction Board of Appeals:
Fee \$100.00

13. Zoning Permits:
Fee \$25.00

14. Zoning Ordinance with Map or Master Plan:
Fee \$35.00

15. Development Review Ordinance:
Fee \$25.00

This ordinance will become effective immediately upon publication in accordance with the law.

103.63 March 23, 2012

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE

March 16, 2012—Public notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on March 6, 2012.

Adoption of the Zoning Board Professionals:

1. Robert J. Jones, Esq.
2. T & M Associates: Engineer
3. T & M Associates: Planner
4. Recording Secretary: Mary Beth Khidre

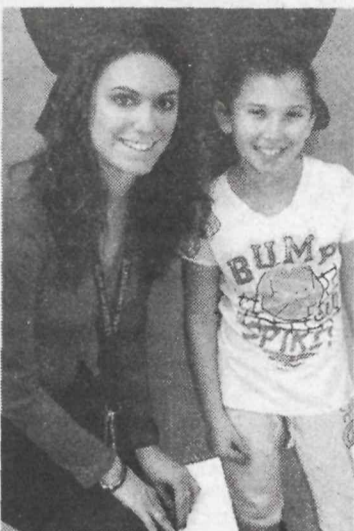
The above named persons have been appointed for a (1) year term expiring on 12/31/12. An established rate per professional contract is available for public inspection in the board secretary's office, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (908) 226-7641.

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

\$31.34 March 23, 2012



Christina Romano Named This Week's Junior Journalist



Junior Journalist winner Christina Romano with math teacher Courtney Hoffman.

Christina Romano, Riley School fourth grade student, is this week's winner in the Junior Journalist program. Her essay, "How I Improved in Math Class," 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 co-operation between Hometown Heros and the *South Plainfield Observer*.

Students should submit their original works to their teachers, the *Observer* or to Hometown He-

ros. 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. Hometown Heros and the *Ob-*

server will be hosting a banquet on Wednesday, May 9 celebrating all of the weekly winners and their families. For more information, call the *Observer* at (908) 668-0010.

How I Improved in Math Class

By Christina Romano

"How was your day?" my mom blurted out. I gulped as the salty saliva ran down my throat.

I answered in a heart breaking voice, "I'm horrible at math!" My eyes started to get beet red as a cherry and that's when I started balling my eyes out. I told my mom what I was terrible at, and that was addition and subtraction. I told myself, "Why am I the best at all the hard things in math, but why this simple addition and subtraction?"

For a couple of days I thought I was dumb in my math class, I meant like in addition and subtraction. I had to count on my fingers and I'm in 4th grade. I shouldn't be subtracting and adding on my fingers. I told my mom and dad, "Why do you need subtraction and addition anyway?" The only reason why I said what I said is because I was frustrated and hurting at the same time.

As soon as I said that, my sister and my parents started to make me addition and subtraction flashcards. I could almost hear the scratching of the pens on the paper and that's when I knew they wanted me to improve. They only gave me 5 seconds to answer a math question. If I get all of the math problems right, my mom gives me a high five and I actually feel good about myself. My sister is giving me worksheets of addition and subtraction. Now that I'm practicing, I think I'm improving in math.

My dad is making me practice what we're doing in math class ahead of time. I hope my parents are happy that I'm improving in math. I have my parents and my teacher, Mrs. Meyer, by my side in math and they are encouraging me. The encouraging, I think, is making me improve in math.

Send in your submissions... time is running out!

News from Trenton

As I begin my eleventh year serving in the General Assembly there is a continuing debate about the quality of education in our state. In particular, the governor has singled out teachers for criticism. As chair of the Education Committee, virtually all of the proposals concerning education "reform" come before the committee prior to being voted on by the entire legislature and forwarded to the governor for his signature. Anyone who says New Jersey has a poor public education system is simply wrong. We have the highest graduation rates in the country and our students consistently score at or near the top in the nation.

I do not support elimination of tenure for teachers. There is a reason that New Jersey was the second state in the nation to establish tenure. The education of our children should be protected from political influence; however, that should not be confused with removing non-performing teachers from the classroom.

Teachers are the biggest proponents of a fair and expeditious procedure to accomplish that goal. I am working on legislation which will put in place binding arbitration to remove a poor teacher within six months of charges being filed. I am also the sponsor of legislation which will require a public vote before a charter school can be opened in a community.

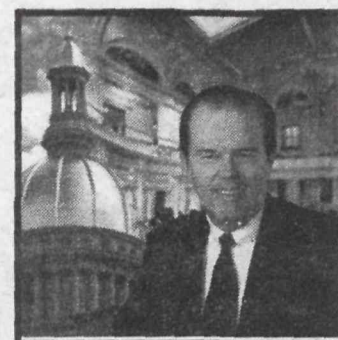
I do not oppose charter schools and there have been some successes, especially in our urban centers; however, charter schools receive state aid which otherwise would be directed to the local schools. In well performing districts, such as South Plainfield, the residents should have a voice before a charter school is approved.

These are just two education issues which will be discussed in the upcoming weeks.

Please visit my web page, www.AssemblymanPatrickDiegman.com and give me your thoughts on anything that concerns you.

You can also follow me on Facebook under Patrick Diegman, and on Twitter @PatrickDiegman. My email address is AsmDiegman@njleg.org and of course there is still the old fashioned phone, (908) 757-1677 or snail mail, 908 Oak Tree Road, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080 or you can even stop by my office.

The most important attribute of a public official is listening to his or her constituents. I have always tried to do that and I welcome your input.



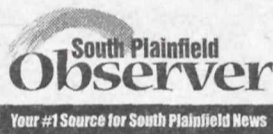
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It's a Winner!

Charlie and Debbie Kurland of Hometown Heros deliver dinner to Junior Journalist winner Jennifer Nguy pictured with parents, Thuy and Scott; grandmother Houn, sister Angelina and cousin Nancy.

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Congregation Beth Israel in Scotch Plains held a progressive dinner for its members on March 3. Sponsored jointly by the synagogue's Sisterhood and Member Relations Committee, the event brought together people in both large and intimate settings so that congregants could get to know one another better. Congregants gathered at the synagogue for hors d'oeuvres and wine, split into smaller groups to eat dinner at one of five randomly assigned homes, and then reunited for dessert at the home of hosts Ilyse and Len Garber. (L-R): Ruth Margolin, Sisterhood president; Arlene Wiener and Rita Geller, progressive dinner co-chairs; and Ilyse Garber, dessert host.

Middlesex County College to Hold Open House March 25

An open house for prospective Middlesex County College students and their families will be held on Sunday, March 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the College Center on the Edison campus.

High school students who are considering continuing their education at Middlesex, as well as anyone who is thinking about taking a course at the college, are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. To register online, visit www.mccopenhouse.com.

In many programs, students earn an associate's degree and then transfer into a four-year college or university as members of the junior class. Working closely with their faculty and advisors assures this seamless transition and they find that the cost of their undergraduate education is substantially lower because of their work at Middlesex County College.

The college offers formal credit articulation transfer agreements and/or dual-degree admissions programs with more than 50 four-year institutions, including Rutgers, Montclair State, Kean and NYU. It has always been the largest "feeder" school to the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) where its graduates are continually recognized for their outstanding academic achievements.

In other academic programs, the students graduate from the college and go right into a career.

At the open house, professors, advisors and administrators will conduct workshops and information sessions addressing everything a student needs to know about attending and being successful at Middlesex.

Mr. Scott to Perform

The children's music program, "Move Along," will be presented at the South Plainfield Senior Center located at 90 Maple Ave. on Wednesday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m.

The program will feature Mr. Scott the Music Man making a return appearance in the South Plainfield area. The program is for children of all ages; no pre-registration required. In lieu of an admission fee, attendees should bring non-perishable food items for the Middlesex County Community Food Drive. Free parking is available at the senior center. This program is being presented by South Plainfield Public Library.

South Plainfield Free Public Library is located in the South Plainfield Municipal Complex at 2484 Plainfield Ave.

For more information, call (908) 754-7885 or visit the library's website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. You may also visit them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/southplainfieldlibrary or visit Mr. Scott's website at www.mrscottmusicman.com.

There will be representatives from all academic areas. Services for military veterans will be explained. College ambassadors will conduct campus tours and discuss student concerns.

For more information, visit www.middlesexcc.edu.

Visit Sharing the Quilts XXIX March 31

For the 29th year, the Harvest Quilters of Central Jersey will present a quilt show, "Sharing the Quilts XXIX" on Saturday, March 31 at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, 1961 Raritan Rd. in Scotch Plains. Show hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., although doors will close after 4:15 p.m.

The Harvest Quilters show is known for its large display of art quilts and for the story boards that accompany many of the quilts on display. Stories about the coverlets might include information on how a quilt was made, why it was made, special meaning the quilt may have, or anything else of interest from its particular history. One of the smaller project groupings will include a display of work by featured quilter, Azie Kohn of West Milford. Her story began in Ghana in South America and she became a fabric artist after she came to the United States. She progressed from some basic quilt techniques to intricate art quilts to developing a machine quilting business in more recent years.

A winter workshop produced many quilts in a unique technique, Stack and Whack with a Twist, which will be displayed. A quilt challenge using white and one other bold color such as red or blue was also done this year and this work will also be on display.

At least 10 quilters within the larger group worked on an intricately paper pieced project called the "Garden Patch" by Theresa Eisinger from the book, *Paper Piecing Picnic*. Each interpretation of the pattern is unique. Each quilt maker put her own spin on the project using varied fabrics and personalized design elements. Inspiration for the 23" x 30" quilts was taken from batik, Asian, country, novelty and contemporary fabrics.

Alongside the quilt displays there are always quilters working on projects who are ready and willing to answer questions or give simple instruction for attendees to try their own hand at the quilting technique. The Harvest Quilters encourage children and young people to learn to quilt and also try to educate the public about the history of quilting and what quilting has meant to women and families through the years.

The Needle Nite group at Fanwood Presbyterian Church will display quilts they have made for Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside as well as knitted and crocheted items which will be donated to Care Wear at Newark Beth Israel Hospital.

Spending several hours at a quilt show is an inexpensive activity which will feed your soul and artistic senses. Difficult economic times make a day

at a quilt show a bargain in entertainment. Bring your mother, sister, neighbor, child, co-worker, or your husband or significant other. And bring your camera. There is enough beauty and challenge in these fabric arts to satisfy quilters, art lovers, home decorators and those who love history. Demonstrators are scattered throughout the exhibits to show sewing techniques and piecing methods. The show will be visually appealing in the use of color and fabrics as well as historically informative.

There will be a raffle quilt and several raffle baskets stuffed with fabric. Proceeds from these raffles and profit from the quilt show go to various local charitable organizations and also fund group workshops and meetings throughout the year. Random door prizes are given.

A tea room is available offering a lunch menu, drinks and snacks. A small group of vendors will offer finished quilts, fabric, notions and quilted items. For more information, call Ann Eelman at (908) 755-7653 or visit the website at www.harvestquilters.com. Admission to the show is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children five through 12. Youngsters under five are free.



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Dr. Cocchiola Improves District Programs

By Libby Barsky

Dr. Frank Cocchiola doesn't take time to eat lunch nor does he leave the administration building as much as he would like to visit district schools. Appointed the Interim Assistant Superintendent of Schools in January 2011, six months after retiring from his 20 year career as Superintendent of Schools in Wallington, Dr. Cocchiola has been extremely busy reviewing the district's curriculum. He also oversees the Adult High School, Future Stars Preschool and latch key programs that were formerly administered by Sophia Domoglia whose position was eliminated in 2010 due to budget cuts.

Dr. Cocchiola also spent months structuring a Gifted and Talented program for the district and establishing standards for student eligibility.

"Now every principal has a list of the identified gifted and talented kids in their school and it's the responsibility of the teachers to provide projects," said Dr. Cocchiola.

To have the district ready to conform to the new state requirements on preventing bullying when classes started last September, Dr. Cocchiola developed training sessions for teachers and a reporting system to document offenses on a monthly basis.

As a former superintendent, Dr. Cocchiola was very familiar with the duties involving administration, but getting involved in the area of curriculum was another matter.

"Guys my age, we didn't get a big piece of curriculum," he said.

His examination of the district's curriculum began in January 2011 when staff from the Middlesex County Office of Education conducted an interim Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) review of the district's progress regarding recommendations for Grant School. It was the fourth year that Grant was designated a School in Need of Improvement because students didn't achieve the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) goal.

In March 2011 he accompanied the members of the New Jersey Department of Education Collaborative Assessment for Planning and Achievement team (CAPA) who met with students, parents, staff, central office personnel and community, and observed classroom activities.



Dr. Frank Cocchiola

The result was a school improvement plan resulting in a uniform lesson plan, daily principal walk through, the hiring of Victor Parisi in the role of supervisor of math and Paul Rafalowski as curriculum coordinator, and additional after school teacher tutoring hours. Teachers in the areas of math, language arts and science are currently writing new curriculum with Rafalowski in order to implement the new state standards in their subjects. Dr. Cocchiola expects them to be completed by April.

QSAC revised its interim review of the district in January 2012 and increased the score for the instruction and program section of the District Performance Review from 79% in January 2011 to 86% in January 2012, designating the school district "high performing."

Members of QSAC will return in May to observe the school district and to once again evaluate South Plainfield's performance.

Until coming to South Plainfield Dr. Cocchiola had always worked in Wallington.

"I spent 42 years in the Wallington School District initially as a math teacher in 1968 when the salary was \$6,000. I became an elementary principal in 1978, school principal in 1980 of a junior/senior high school and the superintendent in 1990 retiring in June 2010," Dr. Cocchiola said. "For the past four years I've been teaching at Felician College in Rutherford and most of my classes are graduate students who want to be supervisors or principals."

Dr. Cocchiola received his doctorate at Fordham University in New York City while he was principal at the junior/senior high school that included grades 7-12. He wrote his

dissertation on whether a junior/senior high school had advantages or disadvantages to a typical four year high school.

"The research showed that the major determinant of success in the school is the principal. In my graduate class that's the one thing I drill on them is the principal is the key player in each building." He is also aware of the collaborative effort of teachers and staff.

Dr. Cocchiola's motto, "There is power in pride," underscores his belief that "if you have an individual sense of pride and a collective sense of pride you empower yourself to do great things. Pride in family, ethnicity and pride in yourself."

Dr. Cocchiola has lived in Nutley all his life where his father was town commissioner for 28 years and his younger sister was installed as the first female commissioner for eight years before being elected mayor. She resigned after two terms to take a judgeship.

Dr. Cocchiola is married to Susan, a second grade teacher in Lyndhurst. Their two daughters, who both graduated from Monmouth University, are certified in more than one area and are both teachers. Nicole is a fifth grade math department teacher in Wallington and Gina is beginning her first year of teaching in Nutley. She has certification in special education, English and elementary education.

Dr. Cocchiola makes lists to keep track of the many job related projects he needs to complete, and relaxes by going to the gym, attending Giants football and Yankees baseball games, teaching himself Italian and spending family summers at their rented shore home in Lavallette. He does the food shopping and sometimes the cooking. "I don't mind making something out of nothing," he said.

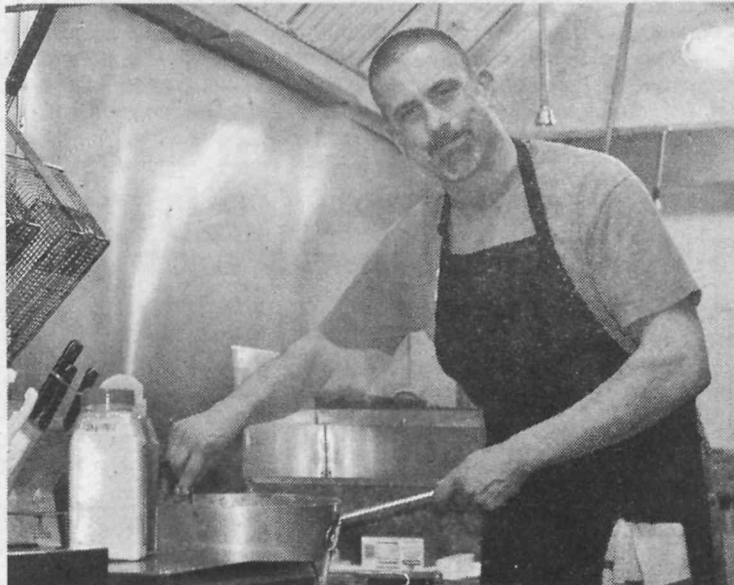
"You're growing a root [in South Plainfield]," wife Susan warned him recently, when he woke up at three in the morning to add to his "school to do list."

Dr. Cocchiola would like to remain in the district to evaluate the changes and programs he instituted, and would like to stay as long as he can as interim assistant superintendent.

"I have no plans to work after this [South Plainfield]. But never say never," he said.



Veterans enjoy their meal.



Bill Reuter makes potatoes.

Elks Celebrate St. Patrick's Day

By Patricia Abbott

There was plenty of folks wearing green at the Elks Lodge last Saturday. More than 130 people gathered to enjoy a traditional Irish meal of corned beef and cabbage with carrots, soda bread and beverages. Desserts were provided by lodge members.

This year the Elks hosted some special guests. Dinner organizer Lou Peralta and Veteran's Chairman Antionette Eckenstein invited veterans from the New Jersey Veteran's Memorial Home in Menlo Park, Edison. Twenty six veterans, their wives and aides also attended the event. This was the first year the invitation was extended to them.

Guests began to arrive at 4:30 p.m. and by five the room was packed. Throughout the evening the tables filled up as soon as they were cleared. Head cook Marty Kartarsky, along with Bill Reuter and Al Mateyka, worked in the kitchen non-stop. Additional kitchen help included Tom Brady, Jim Buckelew, April Csohar, Brian Csohar Sr., Ralph Nacchio, Nilda Peralta and Irene Polanco. Servers for the meal were Brian Csohar Jr., Matt Gallant, Melissa Gallant, Kyle Koller and Miguel Velez.

This year the Elks enjoyed one of the biggest turnouts to date. They cooked 251 pounds of corned beef. The Elks have been holding the dinner for over 15 years.

LEGAL NOTICES

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 1952

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE # 1757 entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE X ENTITLED: "FEES" OF THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NJ was introduced on first reading and advertised in the South Plainfield Observer on Friday, March 23, 2012. The ordinance will have a public hearing and final adoption at the April 2, 2012 public meeting of the Mayor and Council which will begin immediately following the 7:00pm Agenda meeting in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the following be and is hereby amended:

Article X of the Development Review Ordinance entitled: Fees

1000. Development Review Fees

The developer shall, at the time of application, pay the following non-refundable fee to the Borough of South Plainfield by cash, certified check or bank money order. Proposals involving more than one use shall pay a fee equaling the sum of the fees for component elements of the plat. Proposals requiring a combination of approvals such as subdivision, site plan and or a variance shall pay a fee equal to the sum of the fee for each element.

- Minor Subdivision \$250 per lot
- Major Subdivision
 - Sketch Plat \$500
 - Preliminary Plat \$200 per lot
 - Final Plat \$200 per lot
 - Resubmission of any revised plan 1/3 of original submission fee
- Site Plans
 - Preliminary Approval \$250 base fee plus \$.02 per square foot of site area being disturbed subject to \$500 minimum fee and \$7,500 maximum fee.
 - Final Approval \$100 base fee plus \$.004 per square foot of site area being disturbed subject to \$200 minimum fee and \$2,500

- maximum fee.
- Amended Site Plan (not to exceed 20% of original site plan) \$250.00 base fee plus \$.02 per square foot of site area being changed subject to \$500 minimum fee and \$7,500 maximum fee.
- Conceptual Site Plan \$200
- Resubmission of Revised Plan-1/3 of original submission fee
- Minor Site Plan \$150
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 - Use Variance: \$250 Single family \$350 All others
 - Building permit in conflict with Official Map or building permit for lot not related to a street \$250
- Conditional Uses: \$500
- Informal submissions, Revisions or Site Plan Committee meetings: \$100 per hearing
- Other matters not otherwise specified: \$100
- Inspection Fees for all inspections through the release of the performance Guarantee: 10% of performance guarantee
- Inspection for release of Maintenance Guarantee: \$250
- Public Hearing-list of property owners within 200 feet: \$.25 per name or \$10.00 whichever is greater
- Publication of all public Notices, per application: \$30.00
- Minutes per meeting, per page: \$.75 (1-10) \$.50 (11-20) \$.25 (21- rest)
- Zoning Ordinance: \$35
- Development review Ordinance: \$25
- Court Stenographer: \$500 deposit
- Special Meetings of Planning or Zoning Board at Boards discretion: \$2,500
- Tree Removal & Site Clearing Permit: \$100 per acre or portion thereof rounded up

- Master Plan: \$25
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 - Subdivision Certification: \$50
- 1001. Fee Waivers.** The Borough may waive municipal fees for, or attributable to, all Low and Moderate Income Housing units developed pursuant to this ordinance including fees for site plan review but not including fees for services contracted to third parties as of this date and State and County fees.
- 1002. Escrow Fees.** See Ordinance 1099
- All other provisions of the Development Review Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.
- This ordinance will become effective immediately upon publication in accordance with the law.
- Joann L. Graf, RMC

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Mathathon Benefits St. Jude Research Hospital

Students Efforts Raise More Than \$3,000

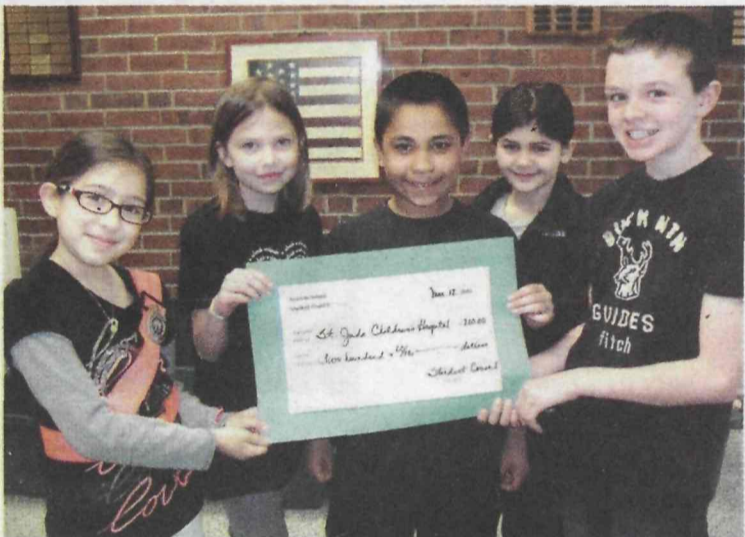
Franklin School students recently participated in the St. Jude Math-A-Thon program and raised \$3,127.50 to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the premier center for the research and treatment of childhood cancer and other deadly diseases.

Seven students each raised \$125 or more this year: Amy Swartz, Sara Orlowski, Gianna DeFort, Steven Orlowski, Jordyn Aleksandrowicz,

Cameron Marks and Kevin Rosa.

Also, the Franklin School Student Council made a generous donation of \$200 to St. Jude through the math-a-thon.

To date, Franklin School has raised close to \$80,000 for St. Jude. The math-a-thon not only encourages students to work out math problems, but it teaches the importance of helping others.



Student Council Officers: Amanda Bermo, Nadia Blouin, President Justin Plate, Madison Karcher and Nicholas Aiello.

Plainfield Humane Society to Host Easter Parade Fundraiser

The Plainfield Area Humane Society (PAHS) animal shelter in Plainfield will hold its first-ever Canine Easter Parade at Parker Gardens, 1325 Terrill Road in Scotch Plains on Saturday, March 31 from 1 to 3 p.m.

PAHS invites canines of all kinds and their owners to attend the fun event themed after the famous Easter Parade held every year on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan, and to come decked out in their Easter finest (both canines and humans are encouraged to dress up!).

PAHS will award special prizes to the best-dressed dogs wearing Easter costumes—the frillier and more creative the better! Though every dog who shows up will go home with a Blue Ribbon, as they're all winners, believes PAHS.

Donations of \$10 per dog will be used to help the animals at the shelter. PAHS requests that all owners bring

their dogs on a leash, but not on a retractable leash.

The Plainfield Area Humane Society is a private 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that has been in continuous operation since 1933, and whose mission is to find a loving home for every homeless pet. In addition to caring for and rehabilitating stray, abandoned and unwanted animals,

PAHS provides programs on pet care and responsible ownership for scout, school, church, business and library groups by appointment and at no charge.

Diegnan to be Recognized for Efforts for Working Families

Assemblyman Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr. will be honored next month by the Middlesex/Somerset Counties Central Labor Council (MSCLC) for contributions to workers across the State



of New Jersey and will be presented with the 2012 Hubert H. Humphrey Friend of Labor Award during their 29th annual Awards and Scholarship Brunch on Sunday, April 22 at the Heldrich in New Brunswick.

Every year since 1983, the Middlesex County Central Labor Council recognizes prominent individuals who mirror the example set by former U.S. Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, who was a strong defender of human civil rights. Along with his efforts to end racial discrimination, Humphrey advanced national labor unions and interests. He is credited for being predominantly responsible for the first federal labor laws, and furthering the rights of laborers across the nation.

"This is a tremendous honor coming from an organization that does such extraordinary work on behalf of working families," said Assemblyman Diegnan (D-Middlesex). "I will continue to be an advocate for working families and the middle class. When you represent the ideals and family values I learned growing up in South Plainfield, you learn to lift each other up and fight for personal dignity because when we do so we express our full humanity."

March 23
Happy 50th Birthday
Alan Abbott
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Kathy, Joanie, Sarah, Meredith,
Thalia and Noelle

Special Meeting of the South Plainfield Mayor and Council

A special meeting of the South Plainfield Mayor and Council has been scheduled for Monday, March 26, 2012 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the South Plainfield Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080. The purpose of the meeting is the introduction of the CY2012 Municipal Budget. For further information, please contact the Municipal Clerk's office at (908) 226-7605.

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District Celebrates Music and the Arts at 43rd Annual Festival

By Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield School District recently celebrated the arts with the 43rd District Music and Arts Festival. The event was held on March 15 in the high school's Joseph A. Mondoro Auditorium and showcased dozens of talented students from grades five through 12.

The evening featured dozens of pieces of artwork from district schools displayed in the main hallway. The Music Boosters Club concession offered refreshments in the cafeteria.

The audience was welcomed by Dr. Gary Bowen, interim superintendent of schools. The entertainment was divided into three programs: orchestra, choral and band. The first portion featured the Grant Orchestra conducted by Diane Lee and accompanist Frank Jacobson followed by the Jades, the high school's elite male chorus conducted by Joan Stasio; the Middle School Orchestra conducted by Sarah LaVecchi; the high school's elite female vocal group, the Emeralds and the high school orchestra.

At the conclusion of the first two programs, there was a performance by the Winter Guard, directed by Julie McCullough and assisted by Ali Peters.

The choral portion featured the

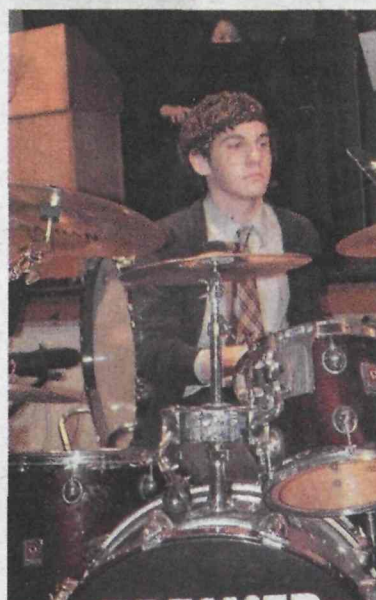
Grant School chorus conducted by Dr. Donna Markiewicz and accompanied by Frank Jacobson. Next up was the high school chorus conducted by Joan Stasio, accompanied by Paul DiDario and the middle school/high school combined chorus finished out the middle program of the evening.

The festival closed with the band portion, featuring the Grant School concert and Jazz bands, both conducted by Mark Tweed; the Middle School Concert Band conducted by Andrew Veiss and the high school Jazz and Concert bands conducted by Roger Vroom. Each portion of the program opened with the *Star Spangled Banner* performed in order by Kyle Gallardo, the elite Middle School chorus, the Gems and high school student Kathleen Vincent.

The artwork included a wide variety of mediums representing all age groups.

On hand for the festival were Board of Education members Debbie Boyle, Carol Byrne, Bill Seesselberg, Sharon Miller and John Farinella.

The district-wide music and art festival was an overwhelming success. Boyle commented, "The music program is outstanding on all levels. We need to bring back the music program to the third grade where the interests can be sparked at an early age."



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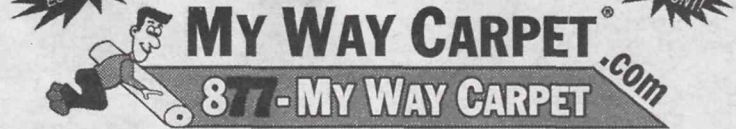
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Middle School Students Participate in the Annual Odyssey of the Mind Competition



Eighth grade team: Barbara Pinelli, Karuna Dhaniram, Timothy Nuber, Emily Sukenik, Rebecca Ng, Tony Le and Kevin Adams. Missing is Alyssa Russo.

Three teams of seventh and eighth graders from the South Plainfield Middle School participated for the first time in the regional annual Odyssey of the Mind competition at Sayreville War Memorial High School on March 17. This is an academic competition where teams are given various long-term and short-term problems.

The students put in extensive hours to work on their long-term problems through a play. They were given a hypothetical situation and had to solve it with scientific and mathematical information. The spontaneous portion involved being asked questions within a short period of time. The seventh grade teams were coached by Jillian Totoro, seventh grade science teacher. The eighth grade team was coached by Barbara Pinelli, eighth grade history teacher. Principal Kevin Hajduk and Assistant Principal Tamekia Grier-DuPiche were there to support and help the students, along with the students' parents.

This is the first year that the district has participated in Odyssey of the Mind. We are very proud of all of our participants and wish them luck in the future.

—Submitted by Barbara A. Pinelli

Wesley United Methodist Church Holy Week Prayer Opportunities

Wesley United Methodist Church, 1500 Plainfield Ave., invites the community to shut out the noise and distractions of everyday life and participate in the following Lenten prayer meditations.

Prayer Vigil—Friday, March 30, 2 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, March 31, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the sanctuary. Come and experience the Journey of the Cross, featuring 13 stations of scriptures and meditations that take you through the last days and hours of Jesus life.

Labyrinth Walk—Hospitality room beginning on Sunday, April 1 and continuing through April 6. Open

during office hours (Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon) and Sunday-Monday, April 1-2 from 1 to 3 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, April 3-4 from 7 to 9 p.m., and Friday, April 6 from noon to 7 p.m. Experience a path for prayer in a medieval-style labyrinth, a circle of concentric rings forming a single path to the center based on the labyrinth laid on the floor of Chartres Cathedral in France.

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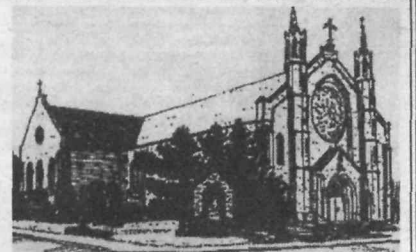
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Sacrament of Reconciliation—Saturday 10-11:30 a.m. and at other times by appointment



SPHS Music Boosters

MUSIC NOTES

Music Advocacy Night—Please join us on Tuesday, March 27 at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. The South Plainfield Music Department and the SPHS Boosters of the Musical Arts present a community gathering to discuss how parents can get involved to advocate for South Plainfield's district-wide music program. The goal of this parent-teacher-student consortium is to discuss strategies to maintain and improve music education for all of South Plainfield's students. The New Jersey Music Educators Association's Advocacy Chair, Nick Santoro, will discuss the parents' role in ensuring the highest-quality music experience for all children.

All District Festival—On March 15 our very talented musical and artistic students from Grant School, the middle school and the high school did a tremendous job performing at the 43rd annual All District Festival. The evening was a wonderful night full of music, art and a special performance by the SPHS Winter Guard.

Thank you to the following people who volunteered their time to help at the festival: Carol McCarthy, Laura Conrad, Karen Kelly, Madeline and Ed Christilles, Bob and Cathy Parillo, Sam and Robin Persad, Marianne and Charlie Decker, Jack and Helen Pederson, Bill and Jayne Mott, Chuck Miller, Dennis Moskal, Jen Olah, Russ Teller, Liz Morella, Raycene Smith Turner, Dawn Farinella, Joan O'Brien, Simone O'Leary, Mary Pickarski, Toni Teller and Marlene Algarin. And a very special thanks to the Hartmann Family, Tracey, Bill, Megan and Will.

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Yankee Candle—All Yankee Candle orders are due with payment by Monday, March 26.

Important dates to remember:

March 26—Yankee Candle orders are due with payment

March 27—Music Advocacy Night, 7 p.m., HS cafeteria

April 11—Music Boosters general meeting, 7 p.m., HS chorus room

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