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## The Apple Doesn't Fall Far From the Tree

(And that tree grows  
in South Plainfield)

Many of our readers may remember the sensational singing group, The Five DeMarco Sisters. They started out as little kids on The Fred Allen Radio Show and appeared on The Ed Sullivan Show more than two dozen times. They worked with entertainment giants including Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis, Judy Garland and Jackie Gleason, to name a few. They made their motion picture debut while still in grade school in

Lucy Show and Batman, and he was a regular on the soap opera, *The Edge Of Night*.

Anne daughter, Lisa, can recall many a time as a little girl kissing her mother good night as she sat at the kitchen table playing cards with the likes of Tony Bennett, Cliff Robertson and Nat King Cole.

After Anne's short lived marriage to Remo, she married singer/guitarist Jimmy Rose, and they made South Plainfield their home.

Anne and Jimmy formed a duo and played night clubs all over New Jersey and New York and appeared regularly at the famed Latin Quarter owned by Lou Walters, father of Barbara Walters.

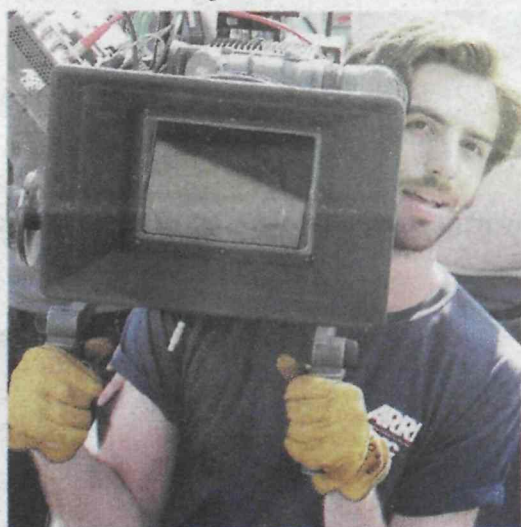
They performed for months at a time on the campaign trail with former New Jersey Governor Richard Hughes.

Lisa also has fond memories of the countless nights her mom made the family a big bowl of spaghetti in jeans and a sweatshirt, and before the table was cleared, exited the bedroom in a gold lame gown with her dad, guitar in hand, and went off to the "gig."

It was Anne and Jimmy along with their three children Lisa (Brandi), Stephen (Pisani) and Jamie (Rose) who performed on the roof of the Police Athletic League to raise money to build South Plainfield's Community Pool.

Anne's children followed in their parents' footsteps; Jamie went on to success in musical theater, Stephen is a renowned musician and performer, and Lisa moved to Los Angeles where she wrote, directed, produced and

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Filmmaker Matthew James Reilly will debut his short film, *Abigail*, at Cannes Film Festival this month.

the short film, *Homerun On The Keys*, with the great "Bambino" Babe Ruth. The five sisters also starred in the MGM musical *Skirts Aboy* with Esther Williams, Vivian Blaine and Debbie Reynolds.

Anne DeMarco, a senior member of the group, was married to actor/director Remo Pisani. He appeared on Broadway with Sammy Davis Jr. in *The Desperate Hours* and with Jack Lemon in *Idiot's Delight* in Los Angeles. His television appearances included *Bonanza*, *My Three Sons*, *The*



Mark Tomei signs a Letter of Intent alongside his mother, Wendy, and (top L-R) Athletic Director Al Czech, Assistant Coach James Darby, Head Coach Anthony Guida, Mark's father, Mel, and Principal James Pedersen.

## Outstanding Baseball Career Earns High School Senior Full Scholarship

South Plainfield High School Senior Mark Tomei signed a Letter of Intent on May 1 to attend Mercer County Community College in West Windsor this fall.

Mark's outstanding baseball career with the Tiger's earned him a full scholarship where he will be playing ball for the Vikings who are members of the National Junior College Athletic Association, Region XIX and the Garden State Athletic Conference.

Scoring 18 runs and belting out

18 hits during the 2011 season, Mark batted in 11 runs with three doubles, two triples, five home runs and five walks. He had 34 extra base hits, nine home runs and drove in 26 runs as the team's leadoff batter. Mark's lefty batting average of .496 helped to earn him accolades as 1st Team All-State, 1st Team All-Area *Home News Tribune*, 1st Team All-Area *Courier News*, 1st Team All Area *Star-Ledger*, *Star-Ledger* Player of the Year, Greater Middlesex Conference Player

of the Year and South Plainfield High School's Most Valuable Player award.

Mark plays centerfield and his batting average so far this season is .377, with 20 hits, three doubles, three triples and one home run. He collected his 100th hit, a single, on April 21 at home against Paramus High School and the Tiger's won the game, 10-5. Their record as of May 1 was 9-7.

Mark will be studying criminal law at Mercer County and plans on a career as a police officer.

## BOE Appoints New Audit Firm

By Jane Dornick

The South Plainfield Board of Education appointed Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP of Fair Lawn as the Auditor of Record for the 2012/2013 school year at the public meeting on May 9. The vote was 4-1 to hire the CPA firm. Board members Bill Sees-berg and John Farinella were not present at the meeting. Board member Joe Sorrentino abstained because he

did not feel he could vote on the best qualified firm and Vice President Debbie Boyle voted no.

The firm will be engaged to audit the financial records and prepare the basic financial statements and Single Audit Section of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the 2011/2012 school year for the sum of \$32,600. Any additional services will be billed at the following standard billing rates: partners \$140-\$170

per hour, managers \$100-\$125 per hour, senior accountants/supervisors \$80-\$100 per hour, staff accountants \$70-\$80 per hour and other personnel at \$45 per hour.

Any specific item or group of items of a similar nature purchased by the school district, totaling more than \$5,400 and less than \$36,000 for the entire year must be competitively quoted or advertised for bid at the

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## Two Borough Owned Lots Sold at Auction

By Libby Barsky

Three municipal lots zoned residential were up for auction at the May 7 meeting of the Borough Council, and the borough accepted offers on two of the parcels.

The lot located on Tremont Avenue (100 x 100 ft.) was purchased by Hekmatollah Amini of South Plainfield, who bid the minimum amount of \$88,000. There were no other bidders for that property.

The second lot, located at the north-east corner of Harvard Avenue and St.

John's Place, did not receive any offers at the minimum bid of \$100,000.

The minimum bid of \$85,000 on the 75 x 100 ft. lot on the southeast corner of Harvard Avenue and St. John's Place changed five times and was sold to Michael Socha, whose final bid was \$93,500.

"I've been a borough clerk in another municipality, but this was the first time I've seen bidding on property where the price was more than the minimum bid," said Amy Antonides, who recorded her first land sale as South Plainfield borough clerk.

The bidder must produce 10% of the bid amount in cash or check at the auction and is allowed three days to comply with other conditions.



The 2011/2012 Junior Journalists were celebrated at a banquet in their honor on May 9. The winners are pictured with program sponsors, Nancy Grennier of the South Plainfield Observer (far left) and Debbie and Charlie Kurland (far right) of Hometown Heros. Also pictured in the back is Michael Bertram, Roosevelt School third grade teacher and Junior Journalist "Poet Laureate."





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**councilmeetings**

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

<b>Agenda Meeting</b>	<b>Public Meeting</b>
Monday, May 21	Monday, May 21
Monday, June 4	Monday, June 4

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**planningboard**

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, \*except where noted.  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641  
May 22, June 12, June 26, July 10, July 23\*,  
Aug. 14, Aug. 28, Sept. 11, Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 13, Nov. 27, Dec. 11

**zoningboardofadjustment**

Meets first and third Tuesdays of the month, \*except where noted.  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641  
June 5, June 19, July 3, July 17, Aug. 7, Aug. 21,  
Sept. 18, Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 18

**boardofeducation**

Meets Wednesdays at Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave.  
Committee of the Whole meetings (begin at 6:00 p.m.)  
June 6, June 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 7, Dec. 12  
Regular Public Meeting (begin at 6:30 p.m.) except where noted\*  
June 13, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17

**BOEcurriculum/technology/student activities**

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

**BOEbuildings & grounds**

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

**culturalarts commission**

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

**libraryboard of trustees**

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday, at the library at 7 p.m.  
June 12, July 10, Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11

**recreationcommission**

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  
June 12, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11

**taxpayersadvisorygroup**

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at  
Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m. Questions? 908-769-0786.

**siteplansub-committee**

Meets once a month (third Wednesday), 7 p.m.  
June 20, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19

**environmentalcommission**

Meets once a month (second Wednesday) Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m.  
Questions? 908-226-7621  
July 11, Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9

**businessadvisorygroup**

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

## In My Opinion

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

**To the South Plainfield Community:**

I started the Feast of Saint Anthony in 1975 with Father John at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church. I left running it for nine years from 2000 to 2010 because of health reasons, and was subsequently asked to return. During my absence, I still ran games at the feast to help out. So, for 25 years, I have run the event that the community has enjoyed throughout the years. Now, due to health reasons, I will leave the Feast to Dawn and Dave Tomei to continue.

Please come by this year's Feast held June 5-9 to enjoy the food, rides and games. We will be selling advanced sale ride tickets at local stores and at the church and church hall to provide savings for parents and children. You can buy \$18 worth of ride tickets for only \$10. Discount advanced sale ride tickets will be sold at The Bagel Pantry on Plainfield Avenue, Harvest Market on Front Street, Dave's Stationary on Sampton Avenue, Oak Tree Discount Wine and Spirits on Oak Tree Road and Corner Deli on Hamilton Boulevard. Tickets will also be sold in the church after masses on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. They will also be sold at the church hall on Hamilton Boulevard on Friday, Sunday and Monday, June 1, 3 and 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. Come have a good time and enjoy the Feast of St. Anthony, which I call the "Boardwalk in South Plainfield."

I thank all of my workers who have made the Feast a success over the years and I look forward to seeing the community enjoy themselves eating, playing games, and riding the new teenage and kiddie rides at the Feast. Also, many thanks to the firemen, rescue squad workers, Plainfield Lions Club, South Plainfield Drama Club, Knights of Columbus, Columbiettes, the emergency management team and all parishioners who participate.

When you come by, say hello and goodbye to me. I'm the one who has to ride his electric scooter because my legs don't work right. I look forward to seeing all of you—enjoy!

The Feast runs Tuesday through Thursday, June 5-7 from 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Friday, June 8 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturday, June 9 from 1 to 11 p.m.

**AL MUSMANNO**

Dear Editor,

Mr. Petrone published a letter in

the *Observer* last week attacking the South Plainfield Board of Education. Mr. Petrone, you are correct: I am entitled to my own opinion. I have been honest and forthcoming about my views and had the courage to make them public.

When members of the council come to the public board meetings requesting that the superintendent and board of education hand over large amounts of money out of a tight budget, I think I am permitted to voice my beliefs. Just because you don't agree with my opinion does not give you license to attack me and state that I am ranting.

Let us face facts:

The reason I decided to join the BOE was because our district was not heading in the right direction. Superintendent Negron did not do a good job and our students were paying the price. He should have never been the educational leader of the district.

Dr. Bowen worked diligently to fix the many problems in our school system. During his 18 months as superintendent, he completed many crucial tasks that were avoided during Negron's reign. Our district is better because of him and this gives our new superintendent a fair chance to turn South Plainfield into an extremely high-achieving school district.

How can the council ask our superintendent, a superintendent who has not even been on the job for two months, if he can remove a large amount of money from our budget and hand it over to the borough? That is not fair to Dr. Genco and it is not fair to the scholars of our community.

The goal of the BOE should be to

produce high-achieving students that have the tools to be successful in life. Giving money back to the council will not help improve our school district!

The Department of Education just released the list of reward schools in New Jersey:

"Reward Schools: The department will identify Reward Schools based on high proficiency levels or high levels of growth, including progress toward closing achievement gaps. A Reward School is a school with outstanding student achievement or growth over the past three years." (From the NJ DOE website)

Out of only 112 schools statewide, I am proud to say that South Plainfield has two schools that are considered Reward Schools, Kennedy and Riley. This is a remarkable achievement for our district. My goal is to have more schools on that list next year, and every penny in our budget is necessary for that to happen.

The South Plainfield Senior Forum should take a minute to acknowledge something great that our students, teachers and administration have accomplished.

Petrone's letter stated, "We need a change." Instead of hiding behind your keyboard and bashing the board of education, maybe you should volunteer the countless hours we do and help improve our schools. The deadline to hand in the school board nominating petition is June 5. You still have time before it is due.

These views are mine alone and not from other members of the board of education.

**RESPECTFULLY,  
JOE SORRENTINO**

## Borough Seeks Summer Intern Candidates

This summer, highly motivated high school students residing in South Plainfield may be able to participate in the borough's internship program and learn about the functions of local government.

Interested students may apply for unpaid internship opportunities designed to introduce them to the many aspects of South Plainfield's government services. Students will work various hours each day starting July 1 through August 31

with borough employees in South Plainfield's Health Department, Clerk's Office, Finance Department, Assessing Department, Recreation Department, Senior Center and Building Department.

Interested applicants may obtain an application from Anne Daley, assistant to the borough administrator, by emailing [adaley@southplainfieldnj.com](mailto:adaley@southplainfieldnj.com) or calling (908) 226-7604. Interviews will be arranged once all applications are received.

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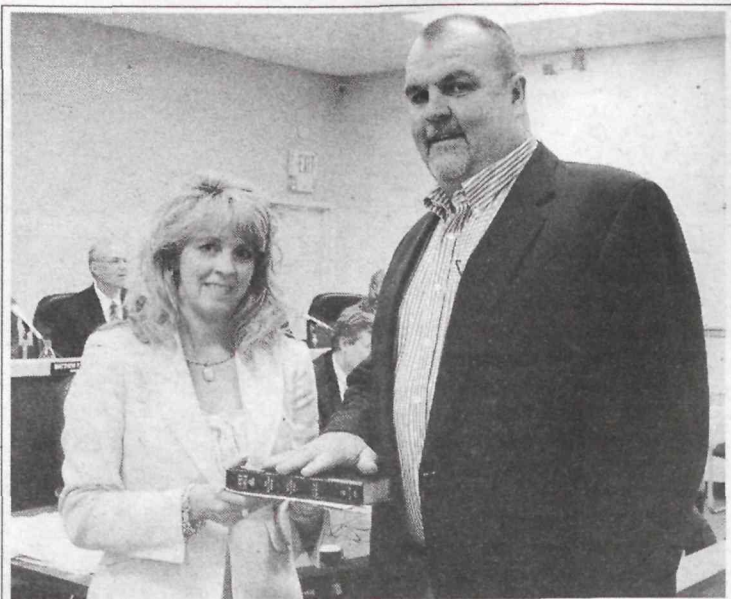
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Borough Clerk Amy Antonides swears in Tom Walsh as Alternate 1 to the Environmental Commission at the May 7 Borough Council meeting.

## Library Announces Additional Programs for Adults, Children

By Libby Barsky

The Library Board of Trustees began the May meeting with a salute to the American Flag. The idea of the flag salute came from a resident at the April meeting who questioned why the library didn't say the Pledge of Allegiance when it is the practice of both the Borough Council and the Board of Education.

The flag the library used at the meeting will be replaced by one donated by Trustee Bob Bengivenga, who also donated the three part trilogy of Italian history by historian George Mcaulay Trevelyan, *Garibaldi's Defence of the Roman Republic, 1848-9*; *Garibaldi and the Making of Italy: June-November, 1860*; and *Garibaldi and the Thousand, May 1860*.

The library trustees welcomed new trustee Darlene Pinto, the mayor's delegate, a position vacated by Christine Faustini who replaced Eleanor Haines.

Library Director Linda Hansen discussed using the library's open area to provide a larger space for the popular Monday Night at the Movies program made possible by the installa-

tion of an amplifier and split lighting approved during the April meeting. "We were squeezed out of the Children's Room," she explained.

Presenting movies has proved so popular that the library will start a Classic Film Noir Festival starting on Thursday, May 31 at 6:30 p.m. and continuing every other Thursday on June 14 and 28, July 12 and 28 and August 9. The names and description of the movies are available at the library.

Besides its many programs scheduled for younger children during the week, a Friday Fun program held from 3 to 5 p.m. featuring board games, crafts and stories began on May 4. Ten youngsters aged seven through 10 attended. The program will continue through the end of May. Registration is not required.

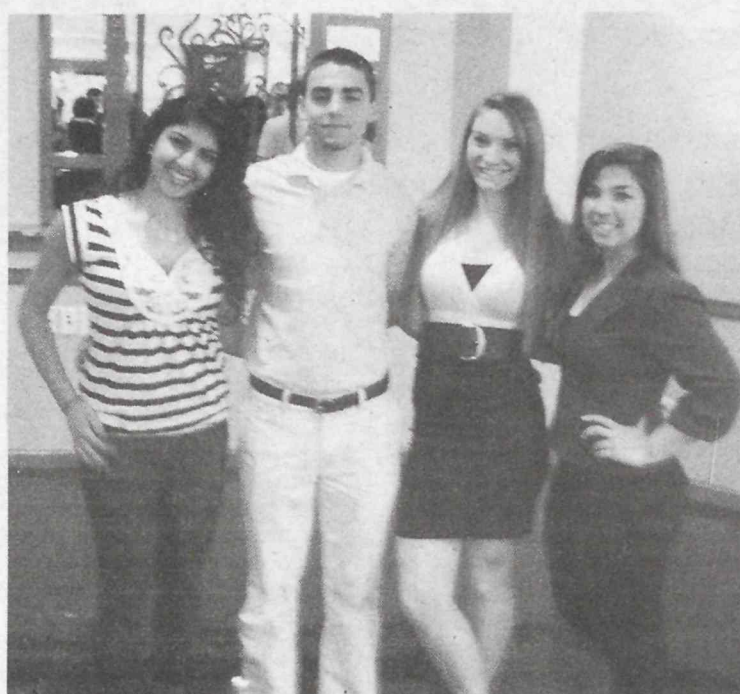
The library staff is also busy preparing for this year's Summer Reading program. The children's program is for students up to grade four, and the young adult program is for those in grades five through twelve. Adults can also participate in the Summer Reading program along with their children.

## May/June Rotary Students of the Month

South Plainfield High School Principal Dr. James Pedersen has announced the May Rotary students of the month are Joseph Krawiec and Alyssa Ragno and the June Rotary students of the month are Sara Yocum and Tanya Joshi. Each month, senior students are nominated for their volunteerism and community service. The students are recognized at a monthly breakfast organized by the Edison Rotary Club and are eligible for the club's scholarship.

Joseph, a senior at SPHS with a 4.7 GPA, maintains this GPA while being enrolled in honors and advanced placement classes, sports and co-curricular activities. He has been a member of the varsity soccer, golf and swim teams, receiving rookie of the year in 2010 for swimming and is captain of the soccer team this year. Joseph is also an active member of the Spanish Honor Society, Student Leadership, Jerseyan History Club and Business Club. He has participated in Toys for Tots, Adopt A Family, food drives, environmental cleanup and fundraising for breast cancer awareness. Joseph plans to attend college in the fall, focusing on business, math and law.

Alyssa maintains a 4.7 GPA while taking honors and advanced placement classes, participating in athletics and many co-curricular activities. Alyssa has been an active member of the Peer Leadership Group, National Honor Society, Art Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society. She has participated in Volley for a Cure Fundraiser for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, donated twice to Locks of Love, participated in Hands of Hope, Toys for Tots, Tiger 24, and organized a fundraiser to aid the local food bank in South Plainfield. Alyssa has been a member of the volleyball and lacrosse team and a volunteer at



Rotary Club May/June students of the month are Alyssa Ragno, Joseph Krawiec, Sara Yocum and Tanya Joshi.

JFK Medical Center. She plans to attend college in the fall to pursue a career in medicine.

Tanya is a multi-talented senior with a 3.5 GPA. Tanya has participated in lacrosse, basketball and soccer while taking accelerated courses, playing two instruments and volunteering time with several co-curricular clubs. She is an active member of the Spanish Honor Society, Model UN Club, yearbook and Peer Leadership. She has volunteered her time with local food banks, community cleanups, tutoring and blood drives. Tanya has also co-hosted a radio station to spread Indian culture awareness. Tanya plans to attend college in the fall to pursue a career as a traveling physician.

While maintaining a 4.0 GPA, Sara has been an integral part of the Graphic Arts Club and fall and competitive

cheering squads. Sara has cheered for four years, played lacrosse for three years and is actively involved in Peer Leadership, Jerseyan History Club and the chorus. Sara has volunteered as a coach for Pop Warner and Middle School Cheerleading, Hands of Hope, Buddy Walk for Down Syndrome Awareness and has been a recreation camp counselor. Sara plans on attending college in the fall to pursue a degree in teaching and hopes to return to South Plainfield to teach and coach cheerleading.

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

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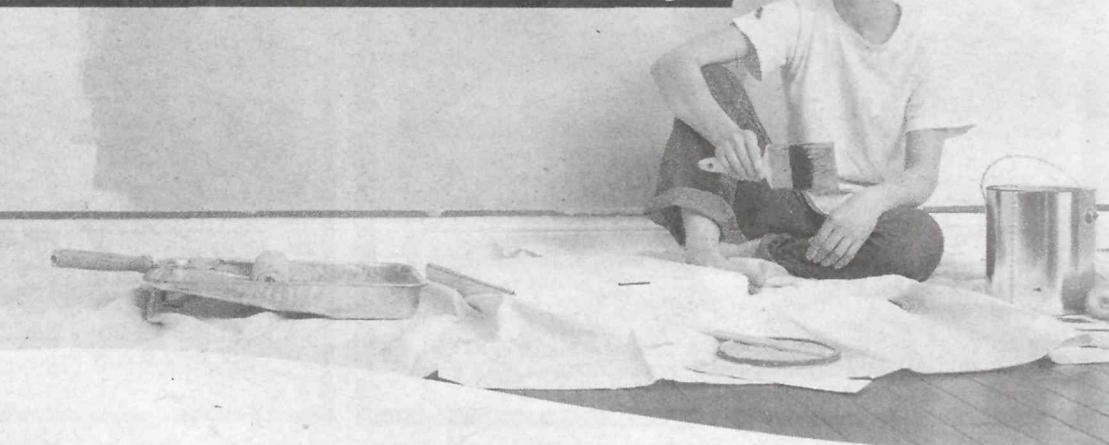
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## Around Town

### Elks to Host Sausage And Pepper Night

May 18

The South Plainfield Elks will host a sausage and pepper sandwich night on Friday, May 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. Italian sausage and pepper sandwiches served with homemade sautéed peppers and onions and homemade salads. Hot sandwich and three beers is \$10; sandwich only is \$6.

The evening will also feature a Pie in the Face Contest. Anyone can volunteer to be "pied" for a price. Proceeds will benefit the Special Children's Committee and help defray the cost of campers at Elks Camp Moore.

### Zumba Fundraiser at Wesley Church

May 19

Check out Zumba, the new exercise craze, at Wesley United Methodist Church, 1500 Plainfield Ave., on Saturday, May 19 from 10 to 11 a.m. All are welcome, no reservations. Donation: \$10. Proceeds will be used to purchase educational supplies for our Kenya mission trip in July.

For more information, call (908) 757-2838 or Connie Palmer at (908) 755-3850.

### The Salon Professional Brain Tumor Fundraiser

May 20

The Salon Professional Academy, located in the Hadley Shopping Center off Stelton Road, will hold a "Blow

Out Brain Tumors" fundraiser during National Brain Tumor Awareness Month on Sunday, May 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stylists will "blow out" your hair for a minimum donation of \$15, with 100% of the proceeds from this event going to the National Brain Tumor Society.

For more info, call (908) 561-2809.

### Retirement Workshop

May 23

A retirement workshop will be held at the Senior Center on Wednesday, May 23 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. The workshop is free. All are invited.

### Memorial Day Services

May 28

American Legion Chaumont Post #243 and VFW Memorial Post #6763 invite the public to attend Memorial Day ceremonies beginning at 10 a.m. at the VFW on Front Street, with visits to the Jewish Cemetery and Hillside Cemetery at Samptown on New Market Avenue and Holy Redeemer Cemetery on Clinton Avenue. Wreaths will be placed and honors rendered by a combined veteran's rifle squad. Final wreath will be placed at the Veteran's Memorial.

Closing ceremonies at the American Legion on Oak Tree Avenue at 11:30 a.m.; refreshments will be served. The public is invited to attend.

### Republicans Host Comedy Night

June 1

The South Plainfield Republicans

will host a comedy night featuring Uncle Floyd and comedian Richie Byrne on Friday, June 1 at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Post, 243 Oak Tree Ave. Includes dinner, dessert, wine and beer. Advance tickets: \$50 per person; \$60 at the door.

For tickets, call (908) 753-0247.

### Cedarcroft Yard Sale and Car Wash

June 2

Cedarcroft Bible Chapel, located at 1715 Kenyon Ave., will hold a yard sale and car wash on Saturday, June 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Rain date is June 9). To reserve a table, log on to [www.cedarcroft.org](http://www.cedarcroft.org) by Saturday, May 26. Free tables (first 20 only); 30 spots available.

### SP Fire Department Wine/Food Tasting

June 9

The South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department will hold a wine and local food tasting fundraiser on Saturday, June 9 from 7-11 p.m. at the American Legion located at 243 Oak Tree Ave. In addition to a wide variety of wine, there will also be local micro-brewery beer and a selection of local restaurant food. Tickets are \$30 per person. The wine and beer sponsor is Oak Tree Discount Wine & Spirits.

For tickets and additional information, email Daryl Forster at [dforster@qualcomm.com](mailto:dforster@qualcomm.com).

### Holy Savior 5K Run/One Mile Walk

June 16

Holy Savior Academy's first annual 5K Run/One Mile Family Walk will be held on Saturday, June 16 starting at 9 a.m. Proceeds will benefit the

American Cancer Society and Holy Savior Academy sports programs. Race information is available at [www.holsavioracademy.com](http://www.holsavioracademy.com).

Email Carl Adlassnig with any questions at [randcautobody@aol.com](mailto:randcautobody@aol.com).

### Tutoring at Pilgrim Covenant Church

July 9-August 20

Pilgrim Covenant, 3121 Park Ave., will host a Sharpen Your Skills tutoring program offered by Three Bridges to give children in kindergarten through grade five an opportunity to improve their reading, math and writing skills. Parents may choose a 90 minute tutoring session for two, three or four days per week. Sharpen Your Skills will begin the week of July 9 through August 20. More information will be available at Parents' Night on Thursday, May 24 at 7 p.m. at Pilgrim Covenant Church.

For more information, call Rosie Bayak at (732) 662-8277.

### — Out of Town —

### Pray & Play at Temple Sholom

May 19

Temple Sholom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains, located in the Fanwood Presbyterian Church at the corner of Martine and LaGrande avenues in Fanwood, invites families with children ages four and under to a Shabbat Pray & Play on Saturday, May 19 at 10 a.m. featuring music, maracas, puppets and parachutes. Free bagel brunch in the playroom. Older siblings are welcome.

For more information, call (908) 889-4900 or visit [www.sholomnj.org](http://www.sholomnj.org).

Send Your Community Events to: [spobserver@comcast.net](mailto:spobserver@comcast.net)

### SENIOR CENTER Calendar

May 20-23-Trip to Wildwood (trip is full)

May 23-Retirement Workshop, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

June 6-Taj Mahal \$20pp. Bus leaves 9 a.m. Sign up at Senior Center

#### MONDAYS

Zumba Gold..... 9:30-10:30 am

Crocheting ..... 9:30-11:30 am

Yoga ..... 10:30 am

Active Seniors ..... 10:45 am

Art Class..... 11:30 am

#### TUESDAYS

Bingo ..... 10 am-2 pm

Ladies Social Group ..... 10 am

#### WEDNESDAYS

Exercise Class..... 8:45 am

Shopping ..... 9 am

Line Dancing..... 10 am

Computer.. 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm

Crocheting ..... 1 pm

Tai Chi..... 2 pm

#### THURSDAYS

Active Seniors ..... 9:00 am

Crafts Class ..... 10 am

Computer.. 10, 11:30 am, 1:00 pm

Exercise Class..... 1:15 pm

#### FRIDAYS

Bingo ..... 10 am-2 pm

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### Paws4Laughter

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May 19

A 'Paws4Laughter' comedy show to benefit the Plainfield Area Humane Society will be held at The Dunellen Theater, 458 North Ave. in Dunellen on Saturday, May 19 at 8 p.m. Five comics; food and drink will be available. A 50/50 will also be held. Tickets: \$20, online or in advance at the theatre; \$25 at the door.

For tickets or information, visit [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/245193](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/245193).

### Basket Auction at Randolphville School

May 19

Randolphville Elementary PTO in Piscataway will host its annual basket auction on Saturday, May 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. A 50/50 raffle will also be held. Bring your own food. Credit cards, bank cards and PayPal will be accepted. Adults only, please.

For more information, call Dawn Smith or Nora Kuderka at (732) 699-5988 or email [Randolphvillepto@yahoo.com](mailto:Randolphvillepto@yahoo.com).

### Congregation Beth Israel Open House

May 20

Congregation Beth Israel, 18 Shalom Way at the corner of Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains, will hold an open house for prospective members on Sunday, May 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children welcome to attend a party for religious school students. Free hot dogs, drinks and entertainment.

For more information, call the office at (908) 889-1830.

### Monmouth Orchestra Season Finale

May 20

The Monmouth Symphony Orchestra will present a program featuring two well-loved compositions for cello and orchestra on Sunday, May 20 at 3 p.m. at the Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank. Tickets: \$35, adults; \$30, seniors; and \$5, students.

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### Concert by the Crescent Singers

May 20

"Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blue" will be presented free by the Crescent Singers on Sunday, May 20 at 3 p.m. in the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, 7th Street and Watchung Avenue in Plainfield. Funding has been made possible in part by the New Jersey Council on the Arts. Handicap access and bathrooms and large print programs are available.

For more information, call (908) 756-2468.

### Woodbridge WOWs Open Dance

May 20

Woodbridge Widows Or Widowers will hold an open dance on Sunday, May 20 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Morrissey Ave. in Avenel. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome. Admission: \$10 members; \$12 guests.

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

### Dinner and Music Night

May 26

The First Presbyterian Church of Dunellen, 218 Dunellen Ave., will host a dinner and music night to benefit the church's mission trip on Saturday, May 26 from 5 to 10 p.m. at Voorhees Hall. Jazz Musician Gordon James will provide music from the Sinatra era, jazz and pop from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost: purchase of food, etc. at serving tables.

For more information, call (732) 356-8059 Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Battle of Princeton Reenactment

May 26 and 27

The Princeton Battlefield Society presents "Washington at Princeton" on Saturday and Sunday, May 26 and 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Princeton Battlefield Park, 500 Mercer Rd.

Come see the re-enactors of the American Revolution present a portion of the Battle of Princeton featuring General George Washington. Both American and British units will portray the soldiers who participated in the 1777 battle.

For more information, contact Joe Carney at (973) 271-8333.

### Memorial Weekend Singles Dance Party

May 27

Steppin' Out Singles is holding a memorial weekend upscale singles dance party on Sunday, May 27 at 8 p.m. at the Woodbridge Hilton, 20 Wood Ave. South in Iselin. Ages 40 and up. No jeans/t-shirts/sneakers/shorts. Admission: \$15.

For more information, call (732) 494-6200.

### Fruhlingfest Festival

May 27

Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane, will hold a Fruhlingfest Spring Festival on Sunday, May 27 from noon to 6 p.m. Open to the public. Outdoors, rain or shine. Picnic tables and parking available. German American beer and food available. No outside food or beverages permitted. No pets, skates, skateboards, scooters or bicycles allowed. Donation: \$5 per person; children under 12 free.

For more information, call (732) 574-8600.



Cathy Wells, Legislation chairman, Club President Lucy Hudson, State President Patricia S. Whitehouse and Mary Ann Iannitto.

### NJSFWC Recognizes Local Woman's Club Members

The New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs College District held a spring conference/achievement day event at Imperia on Easton Avenue in Somerset on April 26. Six members of the Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield attended. College District Vice President Ann Ribinsky Brown presided, and Patricia S. Whitehouse, NJSFWC state president, was in attendance.

When awards were given out, the South Plainfield club was honored to receive Best All Around Work in International Outreach, Legislation and Special State Project. Achievement in Arts/Creative Gold Grand Award went to Mary Ann Iannitto for her watercolor. She also garnered a Gold Grand Award in the conservation area for her silk flower arrangement in a tea pot. Lucy Hudson was awarded a second place ribbon for her spring silk flower arrangement.

Also honored for 50 years of federated club membership were Mary Ann Iannitto and Beverly Montwid.

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### Suburban Woman's Club

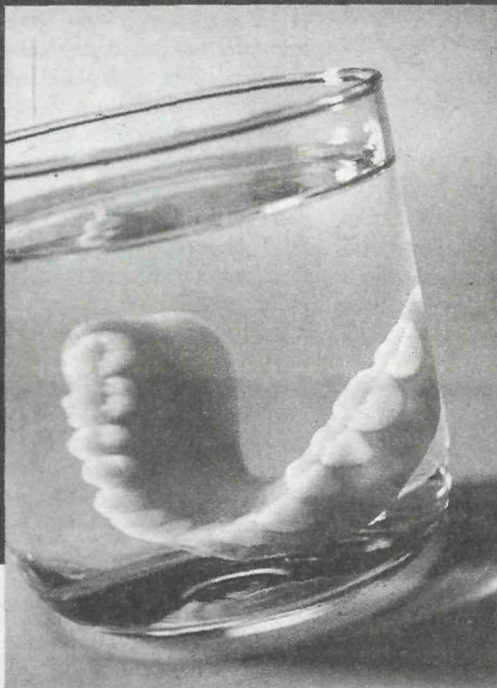
At the Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield May meeting held at the American Legion Hall, the club chairmen gave the following reports:

Natalie C. Bergen, Special State Project chairman, reported that the luncheon fashion show for the benefit of the Cancer Community Support Center of Central NJ and the club's Scholarship Fund was a huge success. Bergen described the list of installations that would benefit the center to improve the gardens and program presentations.

Education Chairman Nancy Stillman-Pender and her committee were preparing to review applications to award two \$1,000 scholarships to South Plainfield High School seniors.

Installation Banquet Chairman Cathy Tracy completed arrangements for the June 7 luncheon at The Spain Inn Restaurant in Piscataway; members are looking forward to the ceremony.

Prospective member Linda Susan Gito was introduced and joined club members who enjoyed a program presented by Mary Muckenhoupt on "Native New Jersey Wildflowers."



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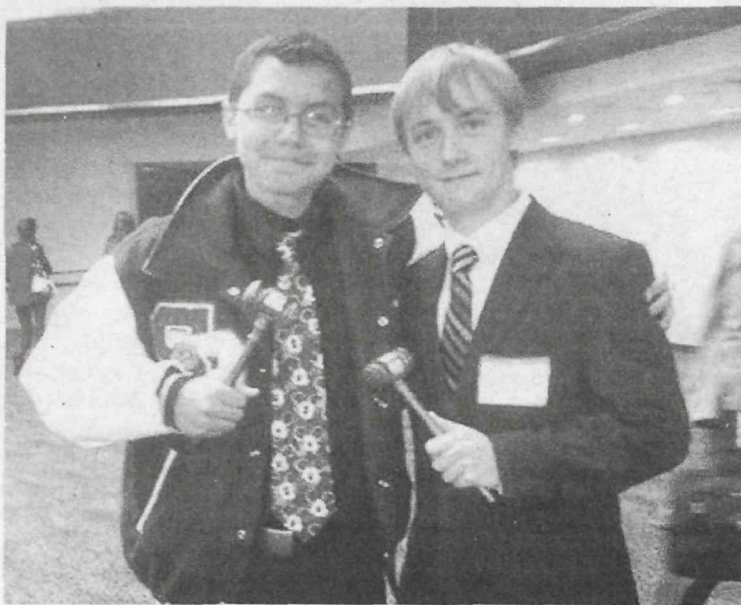
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## South Plainfield Model UN Goes to Rutgers



Kevin Belanger and Chris McNeil at Rutgers Model Congress.

The South Plainfield Model United Nations Club attended Rutgers Model Congress held April 19-22. During the conference students represented a specific state, either as a representative or senator to Congress. The conference was hosted at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Brunswick by the Institute of Domestic and International Affairs, associated with Rutgers University.

Over 400 high school students debated in either House of Representatives or Senate committees, as Democrats or Republicans. They discussed the issues our nation is currently facing, ranging from pandemic preparedness, the food crisis to the constitutionality of

President Obama's healthcare plan.

The adviser of the South Plainfield Model UN Club, Miten Shah, supervised two students, junior Kevin Belanger and freshman Chris McNeil, in their preparation and eventual success at the conference. Both students represented the State of New Mexico and prepared quickly, yet thoroughly, for the conference. Kevin served as a Republican in the House Committee on Space, Science and Technology to discuss the issues of Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics Education and Pandemic Preparedness. Chris served as a Democrat in the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition

and Forestry to discuss the issues of the Agribusiness and the Food Crisis.

The entire conference experience itself provided knowledge of American politics, and by immersing high school students within it provided them an understanding of how politics truly works. Skills that were strengthened included public speaking, compromising, negotiating, research and many more.

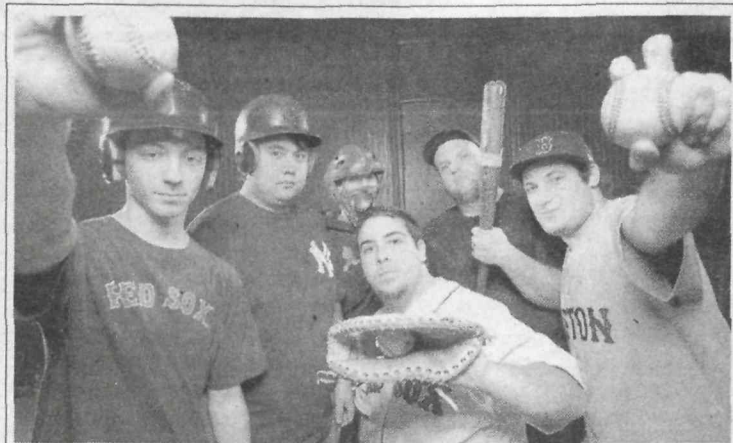
"The experience itself and the debate about the issue brings an adrenaline, intense feeling to a delegate, getting their point across and added to a resolution. All the effort and research put into it, it was all worth it," said Chris.

In addition, there is a large social aspect to the conference. High school students were able to meet hundreds of their peers from across the Northeast in a unique environment, and then on Saturday night, they enjoyed a social night with karaoke, a dance and trivia games. "It was a great social and intellectual experience I had during the conference," said Kevin.

As a result of their hard work, Kevin earned a Best Delegate (first place) award in his committee, while Chris achieved the Outstanding Delegate (second place) award in his debate; both obtained wooden gavels as trophies. Shah complimented the two students for their dedication to the conference and preparation; to see students excel in and love such an environment is the one of benefits of teaching. The conference was a successful experience for debate, learning and enjoyment all at the same time.

As the school year comes to an end, the South Plainfield Model UN Club has achieved a lot this year, from award-winning trips to conferences in Boston and Rutgers University, to hosting their own one-day conference at SPSHS, to earning a Top 150 Model UN programs ranking in North America according to the website, [www.bestdelegate.com](http://www.bestdelegate.com). The club plans to visit the United Nations in early June and have an end of year dinner to wish good luck to departing seniors who have greatly influenced the organization.

-Submitted by Chris McNeil



**Bad Case Of Big Mouth** is a pop punk/hardcore band from South Plainfield. Since starting about two years ago, the band's accomplishments include playing The Bamboozle Festival 2011, Van's Warped Tour 2011 and performing in other venues around the tri-state area. This year the band will again be playing The Bamboozle Festival in Asbury Park and Van's Warped Tour on July 13 at The PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel. The band is also preparing for a summer tour which will take them all over the East Coast. For more information on the band, look for them on [Facebook.com/BadCaseOfBigMouth](http://Facebook.com/BadCaseOfBigMouth).

## Are You Retirement Ready? What You Need to Consider

The idea of retirement is both exciting and daunting. After leaving the workforce, you'll have the opportunity to pursue dreams that you have envisioned for your retirement. But you'll need to have the financial wherewithal to fund those dreams and cover your day-to-day living expenses.

It is clear from everything we read in the news that many Americans likely aren't saving enough. While many people might rely on Social Security to help cover their costs during retirement, it may not be enough and those who want to live a full life in their later years should focus now on saving more.

This fact is underscored by a LinkedIn Poll that Prudential Retirement conducted which began on Sept. 9, 2011 about Americans' perceptions of workplace retirement plans. There were more than 300,000 impressions and more than 1,000 individuals voted. Of those voters, more than 50 percent were "very interested" in a guaranteed retirement income feature. Moreover, 23 percent were "somewhat interested."

Whether you're in your 20s or your 50s, retirement should be on your mind. Regardless of your age, now is the time to start planning so that you can make sure you are able to save enough to live the retirement you envision. Spend some time considering these points

and consult with a financial professional who can help you lay out a plan to maximize your savings. Some options to consider include:

- **Workplace retirement opportunities.** If you're fortunate enough to have access to a workplace retirement plan, take advantage of it—they are one of the best ways to save for retirement. Market volatility will always impact the stock market. However, in an effort to make workplace retirement plans more user-friendly and better help participants plan for a more secure retirement, Prudential Retirement is leading a push to introduce features into defined contribution plans that provide guaranteed retirement income. You can learn more at [www.prudential.com](http://www.prudential.com).

- **Diversification:** Commonly known as, "don't put all your eggs in one basket," diversification is simply choosing a variety of Investments that react differently to market conditions. Choosing a variety of them can help you manage risk since positive performance in one option may help offset poor performance in another option. Diversification should be a central theme of your retirement funding plan. However, keep in mind that application of asset allocation and diversification concepts does not assure a profit or protect against

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## Nathanael "Nate" Udell Accepted at Rice University's Shepard School of Music



Nathanael "Nate" Udell

Nathanael "Nate" Udell, a 2008 South Plainfield High School graduate, is in his final days at the prestigious Juilliard School where he majored in French horn performance. He graduated on May 25.

Nate auditioned to attend the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University in Houston, Texas and was one of only three horns accepted out of the 70 that auditioned. He will be working towards his Master of Music degree as a student of William Vermeulen.

He was also accepted by Yale University. Both schools offered him full scholarships. According to his mother, Diantha, "It was a difficult decision, however, the horn studio at Rice is very small, only seven students, and the students come out of the program knowing their craft and getting jobs."

Nate has been the recipient of the Juilliard Alumni Scholarship, the Zubin Mehta Scholarship, the Tokyo Foundation Scholarship, Satterthwaite Scholarship, Pfeifferberger Memorial Scholarship, the Bidu Sayao Scholarship, Plainfield Music Club and the Westfield Music Club Scholarship during his undergraduate studies.

Among his many accomplishments, he recently performed on natural horn with the Yale Schola Cantorum, the Yale Baroque Ensemble and Juilliard415 in

Haydn's *The Creation* in both New Haven, Conn. and New York City. In January, Nate's brass quintet, Quo Vadis, was awarded the Aspen Music Festival's brass quintet fellowship and will be performing in Aspen this summer. While at Juilliard he performed with The New Juilliard Ensemble, Juilliard415, as well as the Juilliard Orchestra. He is the principal horn of the New York Youth Symphony and will be performing his final concert with them on May 27 in Carnegie Hall as the solo obbligato horn in Mahler's 5th Symphony.

Nate entered the strings program at Franklin School when he was in third grade and took private lessons on violin until he graduated from high school. He picked up the trumpet in fifth grade. In middle school, studying under Andrew Veiss, he switched to French horn. He took horn lessons from Jeffry Kirschen of the Philadelphia Orchestra when he was 15 years old. He was awarded a scholarship to the Kendell Betts Horn Camp in New Hampshire and missed high school graduation in order to attend.

As a teenager, he was a member of the high school chorus, orchestra, band, Jades, the spring musical and the Summer Drama Workshop. He was also part of the Regions and All State Orchestra and Wind Ensemble, as well as winner of the Regions Concerto Competition in 2008.



Mildred and Robert Vedutis

## Robert and Mildred Vedutis Celebrate Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary

Robert and Mildred Vedutis celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 2.

The couple were married May 2, 1952 at St. Joseph's Church in Maplewood.

Robert is retired. He is originally from Millburn.

Mildred, the former Mildred Mercadante, is a homemaker. She is originally from Maplewood.

They have four surviving children, Robert and wife Debra of Toms River; William and wife Deborah of South Plainfield, Donna of South Plainfield

and Diane Ford and husband Daniel of Orangeburg, S.C.; a daughter-in-law, Jacqueline of South Plainfield, 11 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two more great-grandchildren due within the next four months.

## Robert Oras Named to MCC Board of Trustees

Robert Oras, a retired law enforcement professional, was recently named to the Board of Trustees of Middlesex County College. He was appointed by the governor's office.



Robert Oras

Oras comes to the college with 40 years of experience in law enforcement in Jersey City. He was a police officer, detective, sergeant and training bureau commander. Most recently, he was the director of the Jersey City Police Academy, supervising training for police officers in the state. He is a graduate of New Jersey City University.

"I hope to be able to contribute to the success of Middlesex County College and its students," Oras said. "It'll be interesting to see how a college operates behind the scenes and to get a feel for the direction of higher education in the state."

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Roosevelt School third grade teacher Michael Bertram with his students, (L-R) Vaishnavi Girirajan, Jennifer Nguy, Olivia Santos, Samar Abdullah and Helina Alamerew, who were Junior Journalist contest winners.



Kennedy School student Faith Abraham was the recipient of a TD Bank gift card.

## Twenty-three Junior Journalists Celebrated With Annual



Observer Editor-in-Chief Nancy Grennier holds a framed copy of the story Christina Romano wrote about her acceptance of her brother Richie's autism. Christina received a standing ovation for her work.



Charlie and Debbie Kurland present Grant School student Brandon O'Leary a gift card courtesy of Columbia Bank.



Grant School student Jason Rossow reads his winning poem, "My Red Belly Piranhas."

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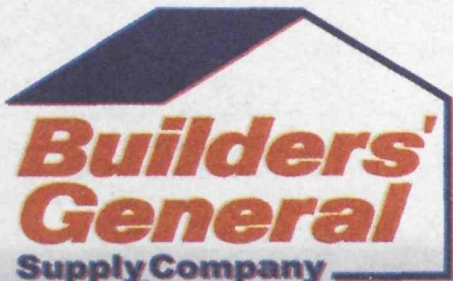
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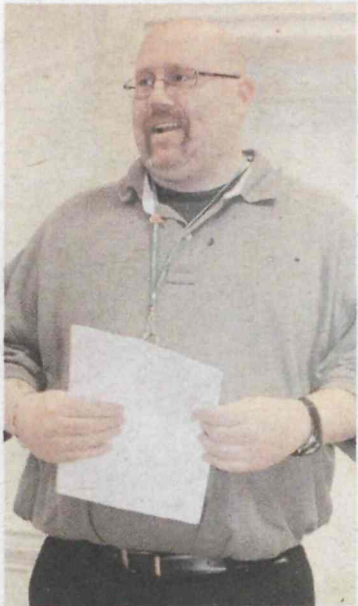
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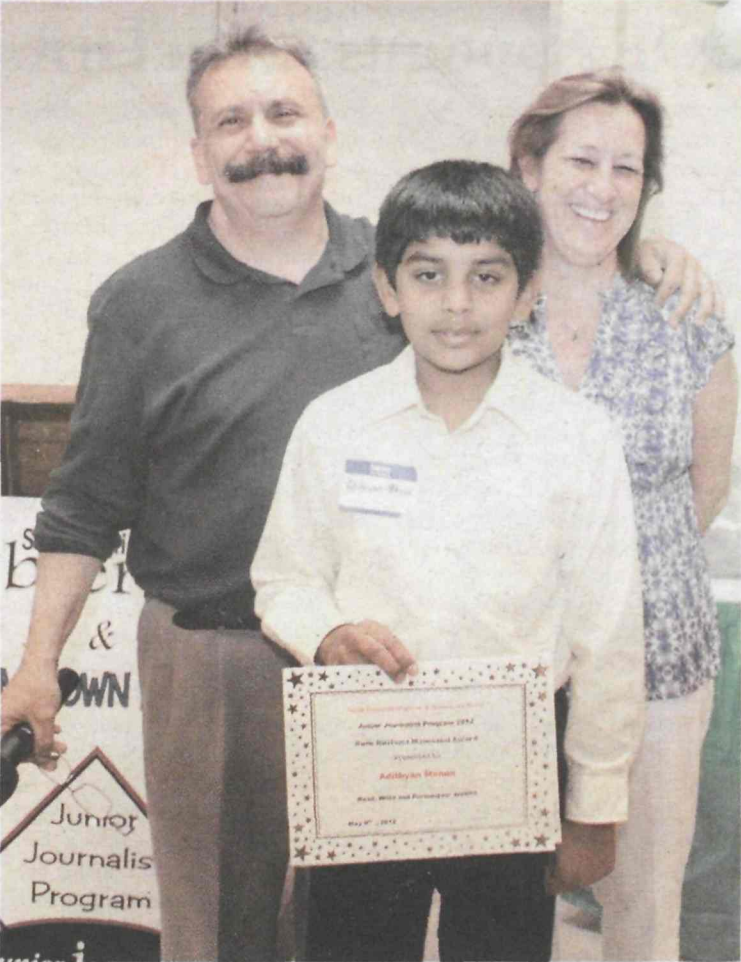
Brianna Padovano reads her winning poem, "My Dog."



Roosevelt School teacher Michael Bertram shares the poetry he wrote for the banquet.



Kyle Griswold receives a Walgreen's gift card courtesy of the South Plainfield Observer.



Grant School student Adithyan Menon receives the Ruth Kurland Memorial Award—a \$1,000 Savings Bond—at the Junior Journalist banquet.

# Year-End Banquet on May 9

Twenty-three students were recognized for their writing achievements at the annual Junior Journalist banquet held on May 9 at the American Legion.

The banquet is the culmination of a year-long celebration of the Junior Journalist program, the annual writing contest sponsored by Hometown Heros and the *South Plainfield Observer*. Winners and their families enjoy a dinner courtesy of Hometown Heros and are recognized for their achievements by representatives from the State of New Jersey and Borough Council, teachers and parents.

State Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan presented a proclamation from the State of New Jersey and Mayor Matt Anesh presented a proclamation from the borough council to each winner.

Each student winner received writing awards, certificates of recognition, a framed copy of their work, \$50 Barnes & Noble gift cards courtesy of the South Plainfield Education Foundation, South Plainfield Business Association and Erika Lynn Foundation, \$10 bank account starters from TD Bank and \$10 gift cards courtesy of Target.

Individual Junior Journalists received additional awards: Adithyan Menon was awarded the Ruth Kurland Memorial \$1,000 Savings Bond for his poem, "Froapple." Faith Abraham received a \$50 gift card courtesy of TD Bank; Kyle Griswold received a \$50 Walgreen's gift card from the *South Plainfield Observer* and Brandon O'Leary and Vaishnavi Girirajan each received a \$50 gift card courtesy of Columbia Bank.

Party City donated all the decorations and sound system for the event. Hometown Heros donated the food, and the *South Plainfield Observer* donated the awards, the banquet program and framed copies of their works.

Also in attendance were Mayor Matt Anesh, members of the Borough Council, BOE Curriculum Coordinator Paul Rafalowski, several school principals and teachers, representatives of the South Plainfield Education Foundation, Columbia Bank and Party City.

The Junior Journalists were asked to read their works during the course of the evening. Guests were entertained by special guest and Roosevelt School teacher Michael Bertram, who read two poems he wrote to the delight of the audience. His influence on the children at Roosevelt was evidenced by the hundreds of entries they submit. This year, program sponsors recognized Bertram as official poet laureate of the Junior Journalist program and presented him with an award.

This year's Junior Journalist winners were Fiza Rizvi, Vaishnavi Girirajan,

Kyle Griswold, Brandon O'Leary, Olivia Santos, Ally Makowski, Riya Patel, Mackenzie O'Brien, Brianna Padovano, Helina Alamerew, Faith Abraham, Ben Ullrich, Ruby Garcia, Courtney Marko, Jennifer Nguy, Christina Romano, Colin Farrell, Javid Khan, Anthony Massaro, Adithyan Menon,

Danielle DeCarlo, Samar Abdullah and Jason Rossow.

The annual contest is open to all kindergarten through twelfth grade students in the Borough of South Plainfield. The contest will begin again this fall, so students, get ready to submit your work!

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## BOE Appoints Audit Firm

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discretion of the purchasing agent or business administrator. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-37(a), the district shall receive three quotations, which will be kept on file and a copy of which must be attached to the purchase order. Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP along with another firm were interviewed by the board that evening.

When services of a similar nature are purchased by the school district totaling more than \$36,000 for the entire school year they must be advertised for bids and awarded to the lowest responsible bidder pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.

Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP was the Auditor of Record during the 2006/2007 school year audit when over 600 checks were written for goods and services dated June 29, 2007 totaling \$4,636,200. Of that amount, \$1,710,303 in checks were processed before the goods and services were provided. In 2008 the board asked that the state's Department of Education Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance to perform an investigation that concluded that there were additional violations of bid policy, misuse of state aid and erroneous use of account codes.

In June 2007 Jose Negron was the school's superintendent and Donna Tolley was the business administrator. Both have since left the district. Jeff Seider

was president of the school board at the time and current board members, President Jim Giannakis, Carol Byrne and Debbie Boyle were in office. Boyle had only been elected two months prior.

Boyle questioned Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP representative Jeffrey Bliss at the meeting as to whether he knew about the circumstances with regard to the additional state audit. "I can't justify what happened," said Bliss. "I don't know why they [Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP] did not pick up the \$1M that was charged to the wrong budget year."

The partnership of Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP was formed in 1990 for the purpose of devoting their specialized and extensive experience to better serve governmental and nonprofit entities. They presently represent over 150 governmental and nonprofit entities, including over 40 municipalities, over 75 school districts, and numerous authorities and redevelopment agencies, as well as not for profit corporations.

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**The Five DeMarco Sisters**  
The Five DeMarco Sisters (Lisa's mother Anne is on the bottom right.)



Anne DeMarco and Jimmy Rose with former N.J. Governor Richard Hughes on The Mike Douglas Show.

## The Apple Doesn't Fall Far From the Tree

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and starred in over a dozen critically and commercially acclaimed hit plays. She also opened a boutique advertising agency and went from writing and directing plays to writing and directing television commercials.

Lisa has one son, Matthew James Reilly; and as the title of this article indicates, the apple does not fall far from the tree.

Matthew's dream was to continue in the family business and study film at New York University, so Lisa sold everything she had, renamed her company Genuine Jersey Girl Multimedia Marketing and moved from L.A. back to South Plainfield. Matthew realized his dream and enrolled in NYU.

A few months ago Matthew shot his first short film here in South Plainfield. As executive producer of the film, it was Lisa's job to enlist the help of local businesses and residents with regard to donating food and allowing the film to be shot on their premises. The town was generous and lent their resources above and beyond the call of duty.

Encouraged by his mother and NYU, Matthew entered his film *Abigail*, a beautifully moving "slice of life," into several competitions.

A few weeks ago Matthew got a call from *The Cannes Film Festival* in France



Matthew on the set in South Plainfield.

inviting him to show his film and compete for one of the film industry's most coveted prizes.

Lisa and Matthew would like to thank the great Borough of South Plainfield for all of the support. The film will debut at Cannes on May 25 to be judged by the top filmmakers in the world.

Matthew is one of only two Americans chosen for this great honor.

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Clips of The Five DeMarco Sisters performing on The Ed Sullivan Show can be seen on You Tube.

Look for Lisa Brandi's upcoming CD, "Wait & See," and visit her website at [genuinejerseygirl.com](http://genuinejerseygirl.com).

This article was submitted by Lisa Brandi, the creative face and force behind Genuine Jersey Girl Productions. Lisa can be reached at (908) 444-8825 or via email at [genuinejerseygirl@gmail.com](mailto:genuinejerseygirl@gmail.com).



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## Obituaries

### Anne (Miele) Polanski McGhee, 89

Anne (Miele) Polanski McGhee passed away on May 9 at Care One at The Highlands in Edison.

She was born in South Plainfield in her grandparents' farmhouse on Hillside Avenue, but was a lifelong resident of Iselin.

Anne is the daughter of Thomas and Anna (Muglia) Miele of Iselin.



Anne Polanski McGhee

She spent 45 years as an employee of Johnson & Johnson, working in the Ethicon Division the last 15 years prior to retirement. Anne was an active member of the Ethicon Employees Retirees Club where she served as treasurer. She also served on the Johnson & Johnson 25 Year Club, was a member of the Ethicon Local #630 Textile Union Workers as a union shop steward, the Ladies Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars Iselin Post #2636 and the American Legion T. Nulty Post #471 where in 2011 she received a 30 year honorary membership. She also served as the former vice president of activities for the Woodbridge Garden Club in Iselin.

In addition, Anne received the Citizens Award from the Mayor of Woodbridge for her dedication to wedding and planting flowers at the Sgt. Carl A. Anderson, USMC Memorial Park in Iselin in preparation for Memorial Day and Veterans Day services for 25 years. Mrs. McGhee was also a very proud American and was dedicated to honoring all those who served in the military; especially since both of her deceased husbands were World War II veterans.

A lifelong communicant of St. Cecilia's RC Church in Iselin, Anne was honored to crown the Blessed Virgin during the 75th anniversary Crowning at the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin in May of 1998. She also served as a member of the church's Altar Rosary Society. She served as a Girl Scout co-leader and a member of the Golden Girls Club. In addition, Mrs. McGhee was also a chairperson for the Iselin Board of Election Polling for over 40 years and was the advisor and proofreader of the book, *Then and Now of Iselin Vol. 1 and 2*, written by her brother, John T. Miele.

She is predeceased by her first husband of 34 years, Bronislaw J. Polanski, who died in 1980, and her sister, Ethel M. Dunnue and husband Leonard. A few years after the death of her first husband Anne married Cornelius McGhee. The two were married for 20 years until his death in 2003. She is also predeceased by a stepson, Neil McGhee.

Mrs. McGhee is survived by two daughters, June P. Onder (Richard) of Bayport, N.Y. and Elaine M. Bolger (Donald) of South Plainfield; a brother, John T. (Audrey) Miele of Iselin; three grandchildren, Dawn (Donald) Hodgkinson, Christine Locklear and fiancé Francis Base Jr. and Donald "DJ" (Jaime) Bolger; seven great-grandchildren, Cheyenne Locklear, Julia, Emily and Andrea Hodgkinson and Lauren, Kyleigh and Madison Bolger.

In addition to her children, Anne is survived by two stepsons, Michael (Yvonne) McGhee of Wall and Dennis McGhee of Belleville; a step daughter-in-law, Tracey of Iselin; eight step grandchildren, Brian (Lisa) McGhee, Scott (Lisa) McGhee, Michael (Kristen) McGhee Colleen and (Vincent) Curto, Dennis (Michelle) McGhee, Kelly Ann and (Jorge) Rivera and Patrick and Justin McGhee, along with 11 step great-grandchildren.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Lung Association, 1301 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20004 or to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, Attn: Donor Services, P.O. Box 650309 Dallas, Texas 75265-0309.

### Arlene (DeStefano) Gentile, 74

Arlene (DeStefano) Gentile passed away on Friday, May 11 at home surrounded by her family.

Born and raised in Jersey City, Mrs. Gentile resided in Piscataway for 15 years prior to settling in North Plainfield 20 years ago.

A graduate of Kean University, Arlene earned a master's degree in education after she began a teaching career with the Jersey City Board of Education. A teacher in the Plainfield Education system, she retired after 32 years of dedicated service.

As a longtime communicant of Our Lady of Czestochowa RC Church in South Plainfield she was active in many church functions including serving as a Lector, as well as a member of the Rosary Altar Society.

She loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchild.

Surviving are three daughters, Denise Gentile of Edison, Doreen Morris and fiancé Alex Kinon of Hawthorne and Debra Gentile, with whom she resided; a son, Robert Gentile of South Plainfield; a daughter-in-law, Ellen Gentile

of South Plainfield; a sister, Judith DeStefano of Bayonne; and a brother, Dennis DeStefano and wife Christine and their children of Pt. Pleasant. Also surviving are six beloved grandchildren, Ryan, Samantha, Robert Jr., Sydney, Connor and Alexa; and a great-granddaughter, Giuliana.

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

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

### George William Johnston Jr.



George William Johnston Jr.

George William Johnston Jr. passed away on Wednesday, May 9 in Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center in Edison. Born in Elizabeth to the late George William Johnston Sr. and Beatrice Candela, George grew up in Roselle Park and attended MKSD in Trenton after becoming deaf at the age of five from scarlet fever. He graduated MKSD and continued his studies at Gallaudet University graduating in 1960. He attended Catholic University where he received a master's degree and later the University of Cincinnati for ABD to his doctorate in Deaf Ed.

George married Rosemarie Johnston in 1975 and automatically became a father of two. They moved to Plainfield from New York and in 1980, their son Atom was born.

George had many great accomplishments throughout his life. He was an award winning actor in college winning multiple best actor awards and Gallaudet's first "most versatile actor" award in 1960. He also won awards in humor and song signing, George developed his own traveling comedy show called the "Gee Jay Show" and performed all over the country. He also worked with the Deaf Youth Leadership Camp. He did this for 17 years, teaching logical thinking and performing arts, while bringing his "Gee Jay Show" to the camp using campers as actors/actresses.

George also had numerous athletic achievements, none higher than being an Olympic wrestling champion in the 1961 Deaf Olympics at Helsinki, Finland. He received a silver medal in freestyle wrestling, and became the first American to win a medal in Greco Roman wrestling with a bronze.

After graduating Gallaudet in 1960, he was hired as a chemistry professor. George went on to teach for a total of 52 years in numerous schools and

universities as an adjunct. He spent 35 years as a teacher in Jersey City Public Schools, winning "Teacher of the Year" in 1998. George was the first certified sign language teacher in New Jersey, and was an active member of NAD, NTD and NJAD.

He will be sadly missed by his wife of 37 years, Rosemarie Johnston; three sons, Atom, Tommy and Michael; and three half sisters, Patti, Cindy and Gigi.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the YLC Foundation, c/o NAD, 8630 Fenton St., Suite 820, Silver Spring, Md. 20910.

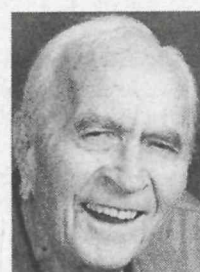
### Dr. Richard Lunna, 90

Dr. Richard Lunna died on Sunday, May 13 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Dr. Lunna was born October 22, 1921 in Newport, Vt., the eighth of 10 children of John and Kate Lunna. He grew up on a dairy farm and attended a six-room schoolhouse for 12 years, later attending the University of Vermont for two and half years before enlisting in the Air Corps.

He became a fighter pilot and joined the famous Hells Hawks 365th fighter Squadron in World War II. He flew 77 missions from bases in France, Belgium and two bases inside Germany before being awarded the Belgium Croix de Guerre Medal and the Air Force Medal with five Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters. Upon the completion of his military service as a first lieutenant, he was fortunate to be admitted that same fall to the Veterinary College at Cornell University and graduated in June 1949.

He married Jewel Olive Bartter of Columbia Station, Ohio on July 23, 1949, and they began living in Somerville where Dr. Lunna was employed at the Somerville Veterinary Clinic. In 1952, Dr. Lunna established the Plainfield Animal Hospital and later



Dr. Richard Lunna

enjoyed a partnership with LeRoy S. Roemer, DVM and Andrew Major, VMD. After 40 years of practice, he retired in 1989.

He served as a trustee and attending veterinarian for the Plainfield Area Humane Society for many years. In addition, he was instrumental in introducing the spay/neutering program for adopted pets, was an active member of the American Veterinary Medical Association and the NJ Metropolitan Veterinary Medical Association.

As an active member of Wesley United Methodist Church, he also served as a trustee for 20 years. He was also a member of the South Plainfield Rotary Club, serving as president, and in 1981 was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship. He was a life member of South Plainfield VFW Memorial Post #6763.

In retirement, Dr. Lunna and his wife Jewel enjoyed traveling throughout the USA and to foreign countries. They enjoyed their retreat home in Vermont for 35 years where they skied, played golf and tennis.

Dr. Lunna is predeceased by his wife, Jewel, who died February 16, 2008.

Surviving are a sister, Eleanor Dumais of Marlborough, Mass.; a son, Todd Lunna and wife Eileen Bartell of Colts Neck; and a daughter, Jerree Lunna of Mendon, Vt. He is also survived by a grand-stepson, Thomas Bartell and Amanda Weinberg and their son Lucas Bartell.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to Wesley United Methodist Church or to the Plainfield Area Humane Society, 75 Rock Ave., Plainfield, N.J. 07060.

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At the start of play, there was a light drizzle that turned into rain; fortunately, it only lasted a short time. Under less than ideal conditions, some golfers saw their games go completely south while others were totally unaffected and played like it was a sun-drenched July afternoon.

Joe Diller and Jay Coppola of Twin City were both superb in posting terrific 1-over par rounds of 34 to share medalist honors for the night. Unfortunately, once again, Twin City had to give away too many strokes. This time around, it was seasoned veteran, Rich Steele of KC's Korner, who was the key factor in Twin City's undoing with his fine round of 36 that featured a beautiful birdie on the seventh hole. Dan Conti is recuperating nicely and turned in a 38, and Capt. Tony Corone, Jr. contributed a 39 to the team's 16-4 win. Frank Gaspari had a 36 in Twin City's losing effort.

Dale "The Needler" Dube and Jeff "Bam Bam" Orth inhabit their own blissful world and had to be told afterwards that it had rained. Don Hall and Mike Dube picked up the slack and posted a pair of 39s to lead first-place 2 Buds, 2 Dubes to a decisive 15-5 victory over McCriskin-Gustafason.

Home For Funerals. Kris Krantz had a 38 and Steve Shock shot a 39 for McCriskin's.

Capt. Mark "Mr. Steady" Chichvar advised his secret weapon, his mother-in-law, Eleanor, to get rid of all her magical potions and elixirs that no longer work and, for next week's match against Dirty Harry & Friends, to put on her Dallas Cowboys cheerleading outfit and go out on the front lawn and wave her pom-poms as he takes off for the course.

Last year, Unique Sports Accessories, the National Division titleholders did not get the chance to play Alfie's Boys, the American Division winners, for the overall League Championship because of the abbreviated season. They faced one another in regular league competition and Unique Sports rose to the occasion and got a sparkling performance from Jay "The Sexy One" Bertleson who put together a lovely 1-over 34, highlighted by a fine birdie on the eighth hole, to fire his team to a narrow 11-9 win over Alfie's Boys. Chris "The Hawk" Dillon was solid, as usual, and posted a 36 while Ted "Good Ole Reliable" Stanik pitched in with a 39.

Alfie's Boys had another fine team

effort, led by John Gaven who earned medalist honors with his 36. Irish Danny Griffin just missed a few putts on his way to a 37, and Dan Picciotti came through with a 39.

Over in the National Division, the Italian-American Club juggernaut just keeps rolling along. This week they socked it to the South Plainfield Funeral Home, 14-6, to remain the only undefeated team in the league. Lou Colicchio's 42 was good enough to earn the medal for a team that's really enjoying being on top of the standings. John Dominic added to his string of good rounds for the South Plainfield Funeral Home with 38 and Bob Kosovan had his unique putting style working as he registered a 39.

Kevin McCormack and Charlie Oates both had 40s to lead Dirty Harry & Friends to a close 12-8 win over Sport & Social. In a high-scoring match, Capt. Frank Matthews shot a 41 for Sport & Social in a losing effort.

Witty's Liquors got two terrific performances from Kevin "Boom Boom" Bickunas and Bob Chase, but their excellent play was not rewarded as Witty's went down to defeat at the hands of Windows Plus, 13-7. Both Bickunas and Chase kept their massive drives in the short grass as Bickunas tied for medalist honors for the night with his 1-over 34, and Chase was just one stroke behind with a 35. Dave Ramano once again earned the medal for Windows Plus with his 36 to lead his team to their first win of the season.

Next week's featured match will pit two high-flying teams in a head-to-head confrontation: the undefeated Italian-American Club will take on 2 Buds, 2 Dubes, who are sitting in first place in the American Division.

**Low score for the night:** Jay Bertleson, 34; Kevin Bickunas, 34; Jay Coppola, 34; Joe Diller, 34; Bob Chase, 35; Frank Gaspari, 36; John Gaven, 36; Dave Ramano, 36; Rich Steele, 36; Chris Dillon, 36.

SPHS South Plainfield High School SPORTS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAY 18	MONDAY, MAY 21 (CONT.)
3:45pm GV Track-Metuchen (A) bus 2:30	4pm V Tennis-P. Amboy (H)
3:45pm V Tennis-Colonia (H)	
4pm V & JV Baseball-Edison (A) bus 2:30	<b>TUESDAY, MAY 22</b>
4pm Fr Baseball-Edison (H)	3:45pm BV Tennis-Sayreville (A) bus 2:30
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 19</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 23</b>
10am GV Softball-GMC's Super Saturday (H)	3:30pm V Softball-GMC Quarters (H)
<b>MONDAY, MAY 21</b>	<b>FRIDAY, MAY 25</b>
4pm Fr Baseball-Cranford (H)	4pm B & GV Track State Sectionals (H)



Golden Tee RESULTS

Vince Powers came in first with a net 26 and Mike Kavka was second with a 31 in the stroke event at the May 14 tournament held at the Plainfield West Nine.

In the 2012 Jules Gatesy golf event in the championship division, Denis Johnson and John Hendricks will play Guy Severini and Tom Kaufman. Curtis Melton and Bill Canon will play Tim Fech and Joe Glowacki, and the winners will play Rich Duda and Tom Kelly.

In the A flight, Dale Dube and Jeff Orth will play Mike Estabrook and Jay Bertleson.

Wendy Roccamonte and Karen Welgos will play Trish Foti and Mary-jane Sylvester for the women's championship.

Tournaments are held on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Call Bill Castner, PGA, at (908) 769-3672 for information.

All finals will be held at the Plainfield County Club.

Improve Skills at Tiger Football Camp

The 18th annual Tiger Football Camp will be held at the PAL Turf Field Monday through Thursday, June 4 to 7 from 3 to 5 p.m. for South Plainfield students grades five to eight. Cost is \$35 per child and includes t-shirt. The camp will be conducted by the South Plainfield High School football coaching staff and is designed to teach, improve and refine football skills in all areas. Individual attention will be given to each camper, and the instructional level will be geared to all age groups attending camp.

The camp offers each camper the chance to work at his position of choice,

both offensively and defensively. Youth league coaches can observe and work with the SPHS coaches of their choice, providing a great learning experience for coaches young and old.

One of the most productive aspects of the camp is the form running and sprint program. Campers will experience a noticeable increase in speed and flexibility after attending the camp.

If interested, stop by the South Plainfield Recreation Department located in the PAL building, 1250 Maple Ave. to pick up or fill out an application.

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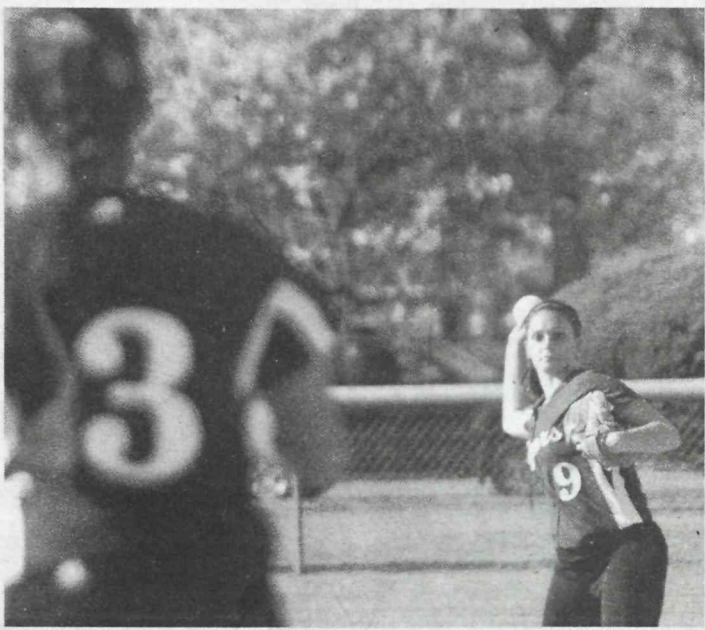




# sports



South Plainfield High School seniors Jamie Quail (below) and Ashanti Bishop (top) have led the Varsity Softball Team to a 15-2 record through May 2, and makes the team among the leaders for most wins of any high school in the state.



## Help Eliminate Cancer-Join Relay for Life

Join the 2012 Relay for Life of South Plainfield on Friday and Saturday, June 15 and 16 from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. at Jost Field. The event is sponsored by the South Plainfield Middle School PTO. Joining the PTO will be South Plainfield PBA #100, Mayor Matt Anesh's Wellness Committee, The Cultural Arts Commission and the South Plainfield High School Peer Leaders.

The Relay For Life is a life-changing event which will bring the community together with the common goal of eliminating cancer. At the relay, teams of people take turns walking around a track and with every step, are helping save lives!

The registration fee of \$10 can be returned with the forms to classroom teachers by Friday, June 8. Make checks payable to: South Plainfield Middle School PTO or register online at [www.RelayForLife.org/SouthPlainfieldNJ](http://www.RelayForLife.org/SouthPlainfieldNJ).

For more information, contact Debbie Boyle at (908) 803-1573 or via email at [bdmmp209@aol.com](mailto:bdmmp209@aol.com).

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's signature activity. It is a fun and unique way for people to raise money for the battle against cancer, right in their own communities. Teams of eight to 15 people will camp out and take turns walking around a track. It is the perfect combination of exercise, entertainment and inspiration.

Cancer does not discriminate. It affects all races, ages and sexes. Either you or someone you know has been affected by cancer.

One in three people will be diagnosed with cancer during their lifetime. The money raised at Relay will save lives by funding cutting-edge cancer research, early detection and prevention, education, advocacy efforts and life-affirming patient services.

The money goes to research, advocacy, education and services. The Society has funded 46 researchers who have gone on to win the Nobel Prize and is currently funding 12 grants in New Jersey. The American Cancer Society is working to be sure early cancer detection tests reach every adult in minority and medically underserved communities. The Society works both independently and in collaboration with others to influence public policies and laws that may help reduce cancer disparities among ethnic groups.

The American Cancer Society also provides employee wellness programs such as: Freshstart, a program to help people quit smoking; Meeting Well, a program developed to help people in the workplace plan healthy meals and activities for meetings and events; and Active for Life, a 10-week program that

encourages people to be more active on a regular basis.

Some services include: Reach to Recovery services include visits from a fellow breast cancer survivor to help them through their treatment and survivorship of breast cancer; and Look Good...Feel Better sessions, during which specially-trained cosmetologists help them deal with the physical effects of cancer treatment. Over 200 patients received transportation to treatment through the American Cancer Society Road to Recovery program and through grants for other forms of transportation.

## Junior Journalist Programs Available



If your child was one of the Junior Journalist winners this year, we have a limited number of extra programs available at the *Observer* office on a first come, first served basis. If you would like an extra copy for a grandparent, aunt, uncle or Godparent, stop by the *Observer* or call us at (908) 668-0010.

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The website has password protected photo galleries. To request the password, click on "Contact" at the bottom of the web page and fill out the form by providing the name of the event you are inquiring about, along with your name, address and telephone number.

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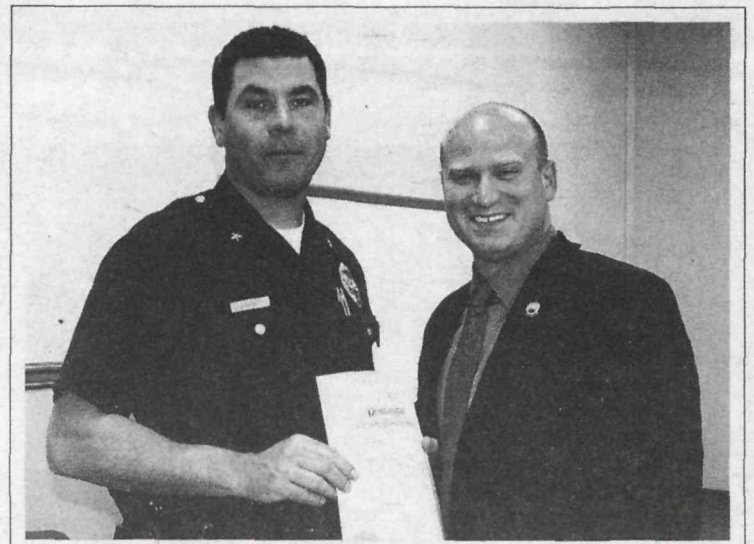
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## LEGAL NOTICES

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD Public Notice

#### RETURN OF PERFORMANCE BOND

To Wilkins Building for public improvements at 121-115 West Golf Avenue, South Plainfield Lot 1601-1602, Block 97.

A public meeting has been scheduled by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield to hear objections, if any, to the release of a Performance Bond posted by Wilkins Building for public improvements at 121-115 West Golf Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ known as Lot 1601-1602, in Block 97 listed on the official tax maps of the Borough of South Plainfield. Said public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 4, 2012 in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

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### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

#### LEGAL NOTICE

May 10, 2012—Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on May 8, 2012.

A. Case #741/Site-Pit Refuel. Block 208; Lot 1; OBC-1 Zone. 2300 Park Avenue. The applicant's request for (4) waivers and preliminary site plan approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully submitted,  
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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

### LEGAL NOTICE

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For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 5 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m.

The files and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Planning/Zoning Office in Borough Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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