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K-Foods Raided for Selling Drugs

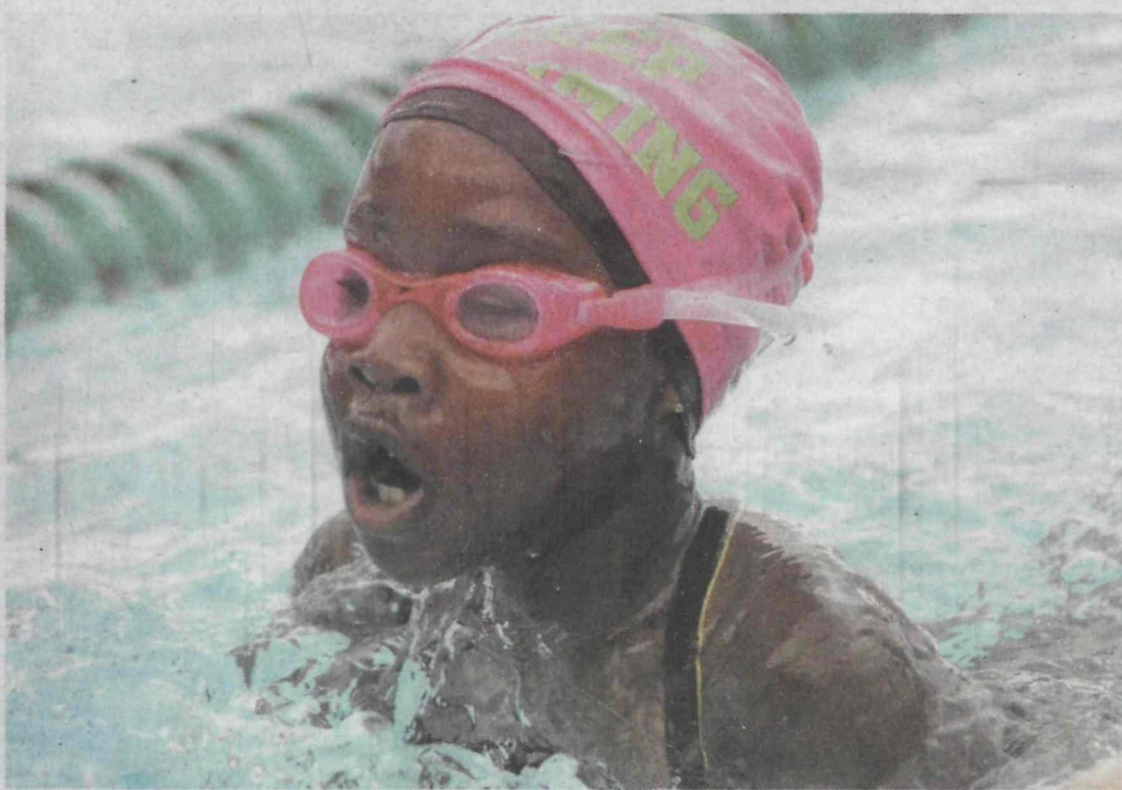
South Plainfield Police raided K-Foods, located at 2112 Park Ave., at approximately 5 p.m. last Wednesday and seized a large quantity of synthetic marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Store clerk, Soham D. Soni, 26, and store owner, Sachin Patel, 37, both of Edison were arrested and charged with manufacturing or distributing a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance on or near school property and distribution, dispense or possession with intent to distribute drug paraphernalia.

Items seized during the search of the store included 88 packages of Down2Earth synthetic marijuana valued at \$1,712, 160 metal grinders valued at \$4,000, 70 digital scales valued at \$1,400, 578 glass pipes valued at \$9,500, 243 metal pipes valued at \$1,250 and 112 glass bongs worth \$8,400.

K-Foods convenience store is within 1,000 feet of the John E. Riley Elementary School on Morris Avenue.

The two week long investigation was led by Police Det. Anthony Pacillo.



Grace Best swims laps at the Tiger Sharks swim-a-thon fundraiser for breast cancer.

Tiger Sharks Host Swim-A-Thon

By Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Swim Team held a swim-a-thon on July 24 to show their support for breast cancer research. The third annual event was inspired by former

coach and friend, Robin Lisa Baurer Cone, who passed away on November 21, 2009 at the age of 37 after a long hard battle with breast cancer.

The event was officially entitled, Tiger Sharks Go Pink Swim-A-Thon for Breast Cancer Research. Swim

team members each paid a fee to participate. Each swimmer received a pink bathing cap and a pink rubber duckie. Many also collected additional pledges for each lap completed. Approximately 35 participants of all

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BOE Janitors Say They Are Ready to Strike

More than 40 Board of Education custodial, maintenance and grounds employees now employed by Pritchard Industries, Inc. voted to authorize a possible strike according to Schools Division for Service Employees International Union (SEIU) 32BJ. They could walk out of their jobs anytime after their new employer unilaterally decided to impose what they consider a substandard health insurance program and announced reductions in wages.

Pritchard was the lowest contract price this year outbidding Sodexo which had been under contract by the district since 1999. They received a two-year contract beginning July 1 through June 30, 2014 for a total sum of \$4,016,769.72.

"We'll do what we need to do to take care of our families," said John Rutigliano, who has been working in the school district for more than five years. "With three school age children, I cannot afford to pay the outrageous premiums that Pritchard is demanding. Paying for the Pritchard healthcare plan for my family would be like taking a \$650 per month pay cut."

SEIU 32BJ Director Phoebe Schell has filed charges with the National Labor Relations Board accusing Pritchard of committing serious unfair labor practices including unlawful unilateral changes, in particular altering the health insurance program and announcing reductions in wages, issuing warning letters to two employees and threatening another employee that Pritchard would more closely scrutinize employees in retaliation for their union activity.

When the board voted to approve Pritchard's contract at their June 13 meeting, a Local 32BJ director expressed her concerns about them being unable to pay their portion of employee health benefits and their wages with such a low bid.

With more than 120,000 members in eight states and Washington, D.C., including 4,500 in Connecticut, SEIU 32BJ is the largest union of property service workers in the country.

Be a Part of South Plainfield's Labor Day Parade

South Plainfield will be holding its 55th annual Labor Day parade on Monday, Sept. 3. This year's theme is "Throughout the Years, 1860-Present." The parade is just the beginning of a whole day's events in South Plainfield. Following the parade, the annual community picnic will be held on the front lawn of the Middle School with live musical entertainment, food, games, rides and more. The celebration will conclude in the evening at Spring Lake Park with fireworks.

If your group or organization is planning to march in the parade, please contact Debbie Boyle at (908) 803-1573, chair of the parade entries, to reserve a place for your float or to march in the parade as soon as possible.

As a business owner, this is the perfect opportunity to network with the community.

Both parade entries and vendor applications are available by visiting www.southplainfieldnj.com and clicking on "Labor Day Parade" under Quick Links.

Vendor space is limited, so please return your completed application and the appropriate check as soon as possible. Vendor checks should be made payable to either the South Plainfield Rescue Squad or the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department and mailed to: Borough Hall, Attn: Debra Anne Leporino, Public Celebrations Committee, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080. You may also drop off the completed application and check at borough hall.

The deadline is Friday, Aug. 17; after August 17, an additional fee of \$50 is required.

Interested vendors should email Leporino at SPLaborDayParade@aol.com.

Grand Marshal Nominations

South Plainfield's 55th annual Labor Day Parade will be quickly upon us, and the Public Celebrations Committee is seeking nominations for honorary grand marshal. The theme of this year's parade is "Throughout the Years, 1860-Present."

If you know of an individual who has contributed outstanding service to the Borough of South Plainfield, send the committee a detailed letter stating the reasons why this person should be considered for honorary grand marshal. Include name, address, evening phone number, your phone number and detailed list of volunteer activities and accomplishments.

Send your nomination to the Public Celebrations Committee, John Sorrentino, chairman, 225 Hopkinson St., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

If you or your organization is interested in marching in the parade, building a float, having a concession stand or informational table at the middle school at the conclusion of the parade, complete an application available in Borough Hall or at www.southplainfieldnj.com. Send application to the Public Celebrations Committee, Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

Annual Battle of the Badges Softball Game

The annual benefit softball game between the South Plainfield Police and South Plainfield Fire departments is back and will take place on Saturday, Sept. 8. The event will be held at the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club, Field 4, 450 Kenneth Ave. Raindate is Saturday, Sept. 22.

The first event of the evening will be the third annual Home Run Derby which is open to the public. Participants can enter the contest for a nominal fee of \$15 and compete for home run bragging rights and prizes. The number of rounds in the contest will depend on the number of entries.

The home run derby will begin at

4 p.m. and the benefit softball game will follow. There will be hot food, beer and soda available throughout the evening. Refills of beer will be available with the purchase of a \$15 commemorative mug.

Last year, the police department took back the trophy after a loss in 2010. This year, the fire department is looking to rebound and reclaim the trophy.

Proceeds from the event will go towards helping a few less fortunate families from South Plainfield at Thanksgiving and Christmastime, along with additional scholarships to graduating seniors. Each year, South Plainfield PBA Local #100 and South

Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department offer multiple scholarships to graduating seniors based on merit, school activities and community involvement. These proceeds will help the departments reward additional deserving students from South Plainfield.

If you are interested in entering the home run derby or if you are a local business who would like to sponsor part of the event with a sign, banner, beer or food/product, please call Officer Pete Magnani at (908) 226-7678 or email him at pmagnani@southplainfieldnj.com. Updated information can be found at Facebook.com/pba100.



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Monday, August 20 (New Date)	Monday, August 20
Tuesday, September 4	Tuesday, September 4

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planning board

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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
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.)
Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 7, Dec. 12
Regular Public Meeting (begin at 6:30 p.m.) except where noted*
Sept. 19, Oct. 17

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.
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.
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
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 (third Wednesday), 7 p.m.
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
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:

Thousands of women and men will unite and walk 60 miles through the city of Philadelphia October 5-7. The Susan G. Komen 3-Day is a weekend of hope, as we honor lives lost, celebrate survivors, promote breast cancer research and help bring breast cancer care to those who so desperately need it.

I have committed myself to walk and have agreed to raise a minimum of \$2,300 to help fight breast cancer.

Seventy-five percent of the net proceeds raised by the 3-Day fund national research and large public health outreach programs. The remaining 25 percent funds local community and affiliate outreach programs.

No breast cancer organization provides more support and care than Komen. Virtually every major advance in the fight against breast cancer in the last 30 years has been impacted by a Komen grant, and millions of women rely on Komen every day. These women need our help more than ever to safeguard Komen's great work in our local communities for another 30 years.

My training has already begun—I am walking about 25 miles a week right now in preparation of my 3-Day journey. Just imagine me covering 20 miles each day for three days in a row and camping for two nights in a pink tent!

You may be wondering why I am walking 60 miles and raising a minimum of \$2,300 in donations. I am determined to meet this personal challenge because of a very special person. When my mother was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma in 2001, I was determined to help others who are battling their lives against cancer. Since then, I have donated over 24 inches of my own hair to Locks of Love, participated in numerous walks

that benefit the cure against cancer and I wear a pink ribbon every day of the year to show my support. I have earned my license in radiography and recently became a mammographer, a person who does the exams on women as well as men to check for breast cancer and other abnormalities. This cause is very important to me, and with my determination and your support, I know that I can do this!

Susan G. Komen for the Cure works hard to build a future without breast cancer, and my goal is to raise \$2,300 to help bring us closer to that goal. You can donate at www.The3Day.org, in an amount that works for you. You can also call 800-996-3DAY, or donate by check made payable to Susan G. Komen 3-Day; mail your donation checks to me along with a copy of my personalized donation form. You can spread your credit card donation over four monthly payments, and your company may even offer to match your donation through their Matching Gifts program. No donation is too big—or too small.

Chances are that you know one of those women who have been affected by breast cancer in their lifetime. Consider your donation as a powerful tribute to them.

Send your donation to Katherine Gorman, 108 Surry Rd., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080 or go to www.the3day.org/goto/breastfriends2012, click on my name and on donate.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I appreciate your support.

**SINCERELY,
KATHERINE GORMAN**

To the Editor:

I would like to congratulate the cast, crew, orchestra and support group for the excellent performance of *Thoroughly Modern Millie* put on by the Summer Drama Workshop (SDW). My husband and I attended

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the Saturday evening performance and it wasn't without its own drama.

When we arrived we noticed that the hall was unusually dark. It became apparent quickly that there was no power and the building was operating on emergency power. Pat Mahoney, our operations manager for Pritchard, was on site and actively working to make all things right. Bill Scesselberg, a member of the Board of Education, arrived and informed her of a secondary electrical panel that had been set up after the building had been struck by lightning a few years ago. They went upstairs to inspect it with a licensed electrician and then there was light!

A cheer went up from the audience and a sigh of relief could be figuratively heard from the SDW members. With no small amount of pleasure, the audience was treated to one of the best shows in years.

The cast was amazing, the talent formidable and the atmosphere created by the setting was wonderful. These young people and their "helpers" in the way of the adult directors, producers, choreographers and set builders presented a musical worthy of as much praise as their shoulders can handle. SDW has been around for 41 years and put on 40 performances. This one ranks right up there in the top five!

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Textile Recycling

By Sandy Pleeter, SP Green Team Associate Member

Textile recycling is reusing or reprocessing materials from items such as clothing or clothing scraps, furniture, carpets, tires, shoes, sheets and towels. The composition of the textile determines the way in which it is reused. Most often, recycled textiles that are still in good shape are either resold or donated to charities such as Goodwill Industries and the Salvation Army, while damaged textiles are used to make industrial wiping cloths. Some textiles are sent to fiber reclamation mills, which shred the material into fibers that are then mixed with other selected fibers to create yarn or compressed for use in mattresses. Recycled textiles can also be sent to the flocking industry, which shreds the material and uses it in car insulation, roofing felts, loudspeaker cones, panel linings and furniture padding. Specialized polyester-based materials are broken down and used in production of new polyester fabrics. In addition, scraps can be connected to make uniquely-styled clothing, and even buttons and zippers can be reused.

There are many benefits to textile recycling. For example, recycled textiles reduce the amount of waste put in landfills, where synthetic fibers do not decompose and decomposing wool produces methane gas that

contributes to global warming. In addition, they reduce the amount of new materials needed by manufacturers, saving money. They also require less use of chemicals such as dyes and fixing agents and reduce the amount of material imported by manufacturers, which means less pollution and energy use.

Reusing textiles (i.e., using them again in their original form, rather than breaking them down to use for different types of items) is also beneficial. For example, donated clothing can be given to those in need.

For these reasons, South Plainfield requires residents to recycle textiles. Thus, it provides plenty of resources for doing so; residents can drop off clothing in clothing drop boxes around town (such as the Erika Lynn Foundation boxes on Maple Avenue) or, for bulkier textile items, call the Public Works Department at (908) 755-2187 to arrange a pick-up. Used clothing is also collected at the Recycling Center on Kenneth Avenue or at the back door of Unique Thrift Shop, in the Golden Acres Shopping Center. Please note, however, that wet or soiled textiles often cannot be reused.

Information for this article is taken from wikipedia.org, tealonline.com, Alice Tempel and southplainfieldnj.com.

Arbor Day Foundation Offers Booklet

The Arbor Day Foundation is offering a handy tree care booklet designed to help people plant and care for trees.

Anyone can receive the Conservation Trees booklet simply by making a \$3 donation to the foundation.

Conservation Trees is a user-friendly booklet that features illustrations, colorful photos and easily understood descriptions.

"Conservation Trees is an ideal resource for tree planters throughout the country," said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. "It is important that people know how to properly plant and care for their trees."

"Taking care of existing trees is just as critical as planting new ones," Rosenow continued. "Trees clean the air, keep our water sources pure and conserve energy. Trees provide so many benefits to a community, and that's why it is so vital to take care of them."

The booklet provides details about the right way to plant and prune trees. It also includes tips on using shade trees and windbreaks to save on energy costs, attracting songbirds and creating a living snow fence.

To receive the Conservation Trees booklet, send a \$3 check along with your name and address to: Conservation Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb. 68410, or order online at arborday.org/conservationtrees.



Former Exxon gas station at 2300 Park Ave. received final site plan approval from the Planning Board for the property to be converted into a 24-hour convenience store.

24-Hour Convenience Store Coming to Park Avenue

By Libby Barsky

The Planning Board took less than 30 minutes to grant final site plan approval to Surinder Singh to convert the former Exxon gas station at the corner of Park and Maple avenues to a convenience store in contrast to the more than a year it took before the board's final approval.

Singh initially applied to the Board of Adjustment for a use variance in January 2011, while the gas station was still in operation, to set aside space on the site to sell milk and snacks. Before a decision was rendered, the dealership dissolved and gas was no longer being sold at the site.

Singh then had the property cleared

of the cement island, pumps, piping and underground gas tanks to create spaces for customers to park before applying to the planning board for site plan approval. Because of underground pipes, previously undetected, the removal process took longer than expected.

In March 2012, the plans to renovate the 62' by 43'8" building with 15 parking spaces received preliminary site plan approval from the planning board with the condition there would be no cooking on the premises and deliveries would take place between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.

Negotiations are now underway with three interested convenience store franchisors.

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CORRECTION

In last week's article on page 12 about the car show fundraiser for Kathy Regenye, the headline should have read, "Street Dreams Car Club Show Benefits Cancer Victim." Also, President Ron Fusco is a longtime member, but not the founder of the club, and is not pictured in the photo with DJ Stickshift Eddie as captioned. We regret the errors.

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Around Town

Car Wash to Benefit SPSHS Music Boosters

August 11

The South Plainfield Music Boosters will host a car wash (weather permitting) on Saturday, Aug. 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Middle School on Plainfield Avenue to benefit the South Plainfield High School Marching Band, Chorus and Orchestra's 2012 Disney trip. Cost: \$8 for cars and \$10 for vans/SUVs.

For more information, call Priscilla Zawadski at (908) 705-0205.

Spaghetti Dinner for SPSHS Music Boosters

August 12

The South Plainfield Elks, 1254 New Market Ave., will host a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, Aug. 12 from 3-7 p.m. to benefit the South Plainfield High School Marching Band, Chorus and Orchestra's 2012 Disney trip. Cost: adults, \$8; seniors, \$7; children 3-12, \$6; children under two are free.

For more information, call (908) 668-9750.

St. Stephen Church Vacation Bible School

August 13-17

St. Stephen Lutheran Church, located at 3145 Park Ave., fourth anniversary Vacation Bible School,

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"Sonrise~National Park," will be held Monday, Aug. 13 through Friday, Aug. 17 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Registrations are being accepted for children in pre-k through sixth grade. RSVP by emailing Billich@att.net or calling (908) 756-2537 with your child's name, age and grade they will be entering in September.

Sing & Sign Music Program at Senior Center

August 16

Sing & Sign, a children's music program for children of all ages, sponsored by the library, will be presented on Thursday, Aug. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave.

This interactive program, presented by Junior Jam, teaches basic sign language through music and song. No pre-registration is required. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the South Plainfield Food Pantry.

For more information, call (908)

754-7885, or visit www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us, or the Junior Jam website at juniorjam.com.

Trip to Bally's/Air Show in AC

August 17

The Senior Center is offering a trip to Bally's on Friday, Aug. 17. Cost is \$20pp (\$25 return) and includes the spectacular Atlantic City Air Show, "Thunder over the Boardwalk." Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m.

Sign up at the senior center or call (908) 754-1047.

Annual Sacred Heart Golf Outing

September 12

Sacred Heart Church will host its third annual golf outing on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at the Cranbury Golf Course in West Windsor. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. Prizes for closest to the pin,

longest drive and hit the green. Snacks at the turn and a luncheon buffet.

Register online with a credit card at www.churchofthesacredheart.net.

Fabulous 50s Weekend in Wildwood

October 12-14

Pack your bags for a "Fabulous 50s Weekend" with the South Plainfield Senior Center, Friday-Sunday, Oct. 12-14. The trip to Wildwood includes roundtrip deluxe motor coach transportation, two nights oceanfront hotel, two full breakfasts, two sumptuous dinners and a fabulous 50s concert on Friday night; Saturday afternoon street fair features car show, vendors, doo wop back to the 50s tour, a visit to Cape May, Atlantic City and so much more! Cost is \$260pp. Reservations required; booking up fast!

For reservations, call the Senior Center at (908) 754-1047.

— Out of Town —

Middlesex East WOWs Open Dance

August 10

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers, Carteret Chapter, will hold an open dance on Friday, Aug. 10 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 1155 Roosevelt Ave. in Carteret. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments. Admission: \$10 members; \$12 guests.

For more information, call (732) 969-2228 or (908) 757-0515.

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Crocheting 9:30-11:30 am
Yoga 10:30 am
Art Class..... 11:30 am

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

Exercise Class..... 8:45 am
Line Dancing 10 am
Computer.. 10, 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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Temple Sholom Pray & Play

August 11

Temple Sholom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains, located in 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, Aug. 11 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, email sholom@sholomnj.org or visit www.sholomnj.org.

Upscale Singles Dance Party

August 11

Steppin' Out Singles is hosting an upscale singles dance party on Saturday, Aug. 11 at 8 p.m. at the Woodbridge Hilton, 120 Wood Ave. South in Iselin. Ages 40 and up. No jeans/t-shirts/sneakers/shorts. Admission: \$15.

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For more information, visit www.playsinthepark.com.

Oktoberfest

August 11 & 12

Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Ln., will hold Oktoberfest on Saturday, Aug. 11 from 6-10 p.m. with music by Bernies Orchestra, and on Sunday, Aug. 12 from 1-6 p.m. with music by The Adlers. Donation, each day: \$5 per person; children under 12 free. Outdoors, rain or shine.

For info, call (732) 574-8600.

Missionaries Speakers at Hydwewood Park Church

August 12

Missionaries Calvin and Birte Veith will be speaking at Hydwewood Park Baptist Church, 100 Norwood Ave. in North Plainfield, on Sunday, Aug. 12 at 10 a.m. Currently on furlough in the U.S., the Veiths will talk about their missionary work in Germany, including their previous ministry in Kusel and their new ministry in Schönaue.

For more information, call (908) 754-6363 or visit www.hydwewood.org.

Flat-Track Women's Roller Derby

August 12

The New Jersey Hellrazors women's roller derby team will host the Salisbury Roller Girls of Maryland on Sunday, Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Kendall Park Roller Rink, 3550 Rt. 27 in Kendall Park. Doors open 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door; free for kids under age 10. Public service workers receive \$2 off at the door if they show a badge. Live DJ music, baked goods and more.

To purchase tickets, visit www.nj.hellrazors.com.

EARTH Center Garden Field Day

August 18

The EARTH Center in Davidson's Mill Pond Park, 42 Riva Ave. in South Brunswick, will host a free garden field day/open house on Saturday, Aug. 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also, pre-register by August 12 for Walk-A-Farm fundraiser: adults, \$10 (\$12 day of event); children, \$5; and Feast Against Hunger fundraiser (11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Applebees): adults, \$10 or \$7; children \$5 or \$3. Pre-registration includes t-shirts. Fees will benefit Farmers Against Hunger Program.

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Authentic German Biergarten

August 24

Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Ln., will hold an authentic German biergarten and Volkswagen car show on Friday, Aug. 24 from 5:30 to 10 p.m. Rain or shine, open to the public. Admission: \$2 per person. Live music, German and American food and beverages available. No bicycles, skates, skateboards, scooters, glass containers permitted. No pets.

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

Singles Dance Party

August 25

Steppin' Out Singles is hosting an upscale singles dance party on Saturday, Aug. 25 at Snuffy's Restaurant, 250 Park Ave. in Scotch Plains. Ages 40 and up. No jeans/t-shirts/sneakers/shorts. Admission: \$15.

For more information, call the 24-hour hotline at (862) 397-4723.



Borough officials and employees help Cups Frozen Yogurt Manager Kaitlyn Clancy cut the ribbon at the grand opening of its new store located at 7000 Hadley Blvd.

Cups Frozen Yogurt Opens in South Plainfield

Cups Frozen Yogurt, the beach-themed self-serve fro-yo concept, opened its ninth New Jersey location on August 2 at 7000 Hadley Road.

Since opening the first Cups in Clifton in 2010, Cups has taken the Tri-State area by storm, becoming the local hot spot for teenagers and adults alike who make their own fro-yo concoctions choosing from 24 yogurt flavors and over 50 different toppings and three sauces.

In the past year, Cups has opened new locations in Bridgewater, East Brunswick, East Hanover, Paramus, Bayonne, Morristown and Secaucus. Additional locations in New Jersey

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The South Plainfield Cups will be open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.,

Sunday through Thursday, and from 11 a.m. to midnight on Friday and Saturday. For more information, visit www.cupsfrozenyogurt.com.

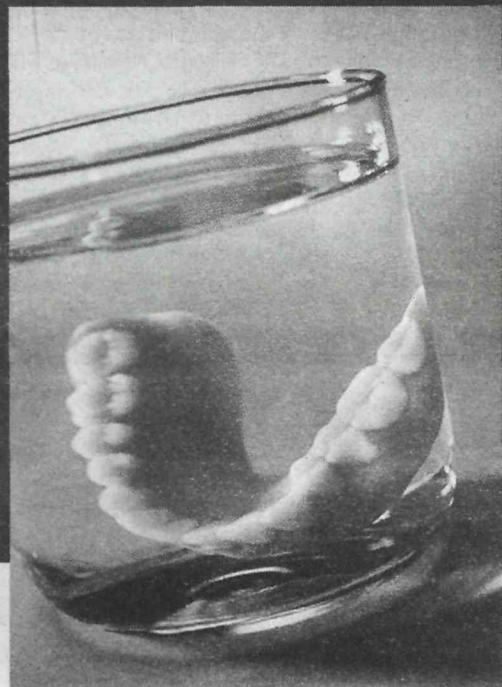
Vacation Bible School At Hydwewood Park Church

Hydwewood Park Baptist Church, 100 Norwood Ave. in North Plainfield, will hold its Vacation Bible School, "Rocky Point Lighthouse," on Saturday, Aug. 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 26 at 10 a.m. followed by a church picnic.

Games and Bible activities on Saturday. Instead of a craft activity, participants will do a community

service project, putting together a heart soup mix for the North Plainfield area food bank. Lunch will be provided. Children of all ages are welcome to attend. Free; pre-registration is requested.

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Louis Esposito

Louis Esposito Named to Dean's List at Westminster

Louis Esposito was named to the dean's list at Westminster College of the Arts of Rider University for the Spring 2012 term. He is a fine arts major with an art concentration and will be entering his sophomore year in September.

Louis' professor and adviser is the accomplished New York City artist, Deborah Rosenthal. His art was also displayed in the Rider University Art Gallery.

John Carigma and Kelly Downes Graduate from Drexel University

John Carigma graduated from Drexel's Bennett S. LeBow College of Business with a bachelor of science in business administration and Kelly Downes graduated from Drexel's College of Engineering with a bachelor of science in architectural engineering. Both are residents of South Plainfield.

South Plainfield resident Brooke Becker, 6, has been chosen as a state finalist in the National American Miss New Jersey Pageant to be held August 24 and 25 at the Hilton Hotel in East Brunswick. The pageant is held for girls ages four through six.

The winner of the pageant will receive a \$1,000 cash award, the official crown and banner, a bouquet of roses and air transportation to compete in the national pageant at Disneyland in California. Pageants are held for girls ages four to 18 in five age groups.

The National American Miss pageants are dedicated to celebrating America's greatness and encouraging its future leaders. Each year, the pageant awards thousands in scholarships and prizes to recognize and assist in the development of young women nationwide. All activities are age-appropriate and family-oriented.

Families interested in learning more about this unique and outstanding youth program may visit www.namiss.com.



Brooke Becker

The National American Miss pageants are for "Today's Girl" and "Tomorrow's Leaders." The pageant program is based on inner beauty, as well as poise and presentation, and offers an "All-American spirit of fun for family and friends." Emphasis is placed on the importance of gaining

self-confidence, learning new skills, learning good attitudes about competition, and setting and achieving personal goals. The pageant seeks to recognize the accomplishments of each girl while encouraging her to set goals for the future.

Miss Becker's activities include competition dancing (tap, ballet, hip-hop/jazz). She is pursuing a

childhood acting/modeling career and enjoys Zumba and yoga. Miss Becker's sponsors include Jaded Past, Gabriele's, her mother and father, Diane Jacobs, Jo-Ann Bosse, her Aunt Stacy and Uncle Joe, Wesley and Sara Ritterbusch, Dana Fellacara, Lisa Esteves, Ken Iwanski, Manny Cabelo, Vincent Baricaua, Dori D'Agostino and Sal's Spirit Shoppe.

Area Students Named to Dean's List

Tina Ruhnke and Kaitlyn Graziano, both of South Plainfield, were named to the dean's list at Caldwell College for the Spring 2012 semester. In order to achieve this honor, students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher and complete at least 12 credits during the semester.

Caldwell College is a Catholic, coed, four year liberal arts institution with a core curriculum that enhances critical thinking and analytical reasoning. Offering 29 undergraduate

and 24 graduate programs including distance learning, Caldwell prepares students for today's global marketplace.

Students enjoy a beautiful 70-acre campus located in the suburbs of Caldwell. The college was founded by the Sisters of Saint Dominic of Caldwell. Core values of respect, integrity, community and excellence influence academic and campus life.

For more information about Caldwell College, visit caldwell.edu.

Local Residents Graduate from The College of New Jersey

The following South Plainfield residents were among 1,726 students who participated in the 2012 Commencement Ceremony at The College of New Jersey on May 11 on campus in Lions' Stadium:

Christopher Delaney earned a bachelor of arts in English;

Robert Harrington earned a bachelor of arts in political science *summa cum laude*;

Lauren O'Day earned a bachelor of science in special education-M/S/T

cum laude; and Stanley Stellakis earned a bachelor of science in biology secondary education.

The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) is a highly selective institution that has earned national recognition for its commitment to excellence. Founded in 1855, TCNJ has become an exemplar of the best in public higher education and is consistently acknowledged as one of the top comprehensive colleges in the nation.

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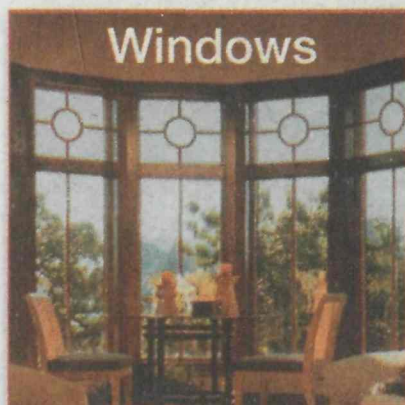
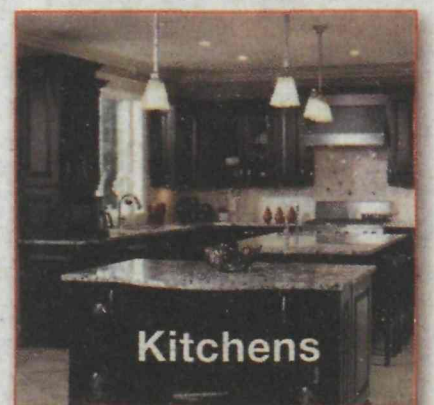
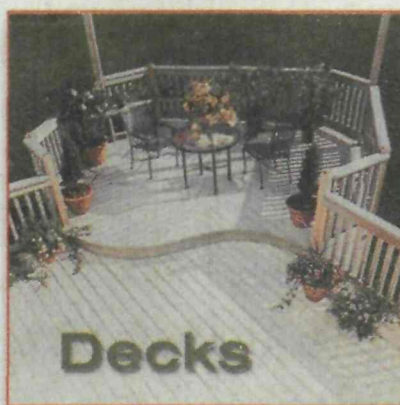
the 75 "Most Competitive" schools in the nation by Barron's Profiles of American Colleges and is rated the No. 1 public institution in the northern region of the country by U.S. News & World Report. TCNJ was named one of the nation's 50 "Best Value" public colleges by the Princeton Review and USA Today in 2010 and, in 2006, was awarded a Phi Beta Kappa chapter—an honor shared by less than 10 percent of colleges and universities nationally.



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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Eve Pasternak

Money makes the world go around, as the song says. (A different song claims that love does the same thing) and everyone needs to know about it. The library is offering a special program for teens on personal finance on Saturday, Aug. 11 at 11 a.m. You can learn how to set a budget, save money, use credit cards wisely and set financial goals. This is a great program for students going off to college.

One way to stretch your budget is to take advantage of all the free offerings at your library—programs like this one for starters, plus books, magazines, DVDs, online classes and much more. If you don't know about the new music downloads we are offering, come in to find out about Freegal.

In a general Internet search for quotes about money, the second quote on the page was from Ray Bradbury about the great value of public libraries and how he got a free education by going to the library. Have you thought about the value the library brings to your life? Go to the library's home page and click on the icon labeled, "How much do you save at the library?" You'll be amazed at the amount of money you save every year by using your public library.

Summer reading is almost over! August 11 is the last day to check in, but even after you've filled your booklet, there's so much more to do. Of course there are plenty of books to still read and the special summer fun continues next week, too, starting on Monday with a movie at 10:30 a.m. and Bingo at 6:30 p.m. The movie is for all ages, but Bingo players should be four years of age or older.

The Chess Club and Pokemon Club will meet for the last time this summer on Wednesday, Aug. 15 at noon and 1 p.m. All kids six and older of any skill level are invited to play chess. Please sign up to let us know you are coming. For Pokemon, just bring your cards and play!

On Thursday, we hope to see children of all ages at the senior center for Junior Jams: Sing and Sign. It's a fun, interactive and educational program to teach basic sign language through songs and music. Just start singing along and before you know it, you'll be using sign language. This exciting event is presented free, but

please bring a new, unopened non-perishable food item for our local food bank.

Friday Fun continues for a few more weeks; the last day is August 24. If you're over seven years old, you'll want to come to the library from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. for games, crafts and other surprises. You don't have to sign up in advance, just come prepared for fun.

Everybody's favorite storytime programs continue through August 24. For children ages three and older, there are stories and crafts at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, and 1:15 p.m. on Thursday. Two- and three-year-olds will enjoy Time for Toddlers at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday. Babytime, Friday at 10:30 a.m., is for children up to age two.

The last big event of the summer is a pajama party on Wednesday, Aug. 22 at 6:30 p.m. Wear your PJs and slippers for special bedtime stories. No sleeping bag needed.

The library is not just for children, of course. Monday Night at the Movies will be starting up again on August 20 at 6:30 p.m. We show a different newly-released feature every week. Come in or call to find out what is playing.

The public is invited to the monthly Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 14 at 7 p.m. Come to hear about the library's current situation and future plans. There is opportunity for public comment about mid-way through the meeting.

September will bring a new slate of adult programming, including classes on genealogy and philosophy. There will also be a new chess club for adults, and there are plans for a book discussion group. Ask any librarian for more information.

The Friends of the Library are running a book sale in September. We cannot accept donations at this time because there is no room to store them. As the sale gets closer, let us know before you bring books. Get ready to find some great bargains on wonderful items!

With summer winding down, we hope to see you in the library as you choose your last beach read of the season. Come in and look for a Playaway portable video or audio player for a long car trip, or select a video game for a family game night. Enjoy the season!



Knights of Columbus raise funds for scholarships at the TD Bank ballpark.

Knights Raise Funds for Scholarships

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 recently completed running the concession stand at the Somerset Patriots ballpark on July 14. Five to six times a year, 25 to 40 Knights of Columbus members, their wives and fam-

ily members, as well as Columbian Squires, run the first and third base concession stands.

All proceeds collected from the games goes towards the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Catholic High School and College Scholarship

Fund. These scholarships are given out each year to member's children and grandchildren who graduate eighth grade and plan to attend a Catholic high school, and a graduating high school senior continuing his or her education in college.

Local A/C Contractor Shares Ways to Reduce Utility Bills

Temperatures in New Jersey are on the rise, reaching nearly 100 degrees last week. Many are responding to the heat by cranking up the air conditioner. Even while you try to keep cool, you know large utility bills are sure to follow. Consider the advice one local air conditioner contractor is offering on tips to reduce your utility bills.

Mark Hollain of One Call Electrical, Heating & Cooling Service says that there are many proven ways to help lower your utility bills.

"Some of this is common sense," he said, "such as replacing your filters every month. This saves energy, and it also reduces the dust in your home."

According to Hollain, lowering the temperature setting when you go out is another good idea.

"Programmable thermostats help keep your home comfortable while you're there, but adjust it to save money when you're not," he said. "They do it automatically. You don't have to remember to reset it every time you go in or out."

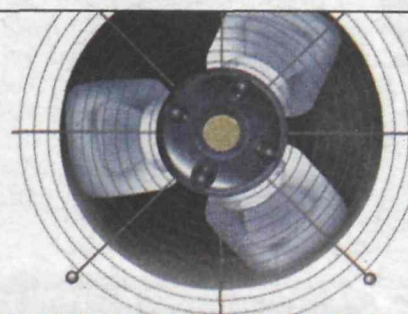
Ceiling fans—though considered "low tech"—can give big ticket savings.

"Keeping the air circulating helps year-round," he said. "Most people think of ceiling fans as a way to keep your home cool in the summer, but the air circulation also helps with heating efficiency in the winter, too."

Yet the most important energy-saver Hollain notes is an annual tune up on your heat pump or air conditioner.

"Lack of regular maintenance is the number one reason that systems fail or that they run inefficiently," he said. "You can save a lot on energy by keeping your system running efficiently. And you can save even more on the repair bills or replacement bills when the system breaks down."

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Tiger Sharks Get Caught in a Hurricane

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Swim Team lost a meet against the Hillsborough Hurricanes on July 14 held at the community pool by a score of 151-125. Even though there was a loss, two pool records and one team record were broken during the meet.

Swimming the individual medley and taking first and second place in the girls 11/12 were Jenna Yan and Aubrey Marish. Kristina Kwan placed third in the girls 10 and under.

Freestyle had the following first place wins: Andrew Galarza (11/12), Anthony Gurrieri (13-18), Amanda Pina (8 and under) and Aubrey Marish (11/12). Zachary Brown and Sam Zhang placed second and third for the boys 10 and under. Peter Zakrevski also placed second in the boys 11/12. Hope Best (8 and under) was the only girl to place second, while Kristy Tam (9/10) and Ali Huber (15-18) placed third.



David Wang broke a 16-year record which was held by Charlie Rowe in the 13/14 backstroke. David placed first with a time of 1:16.69 and teammate David Galarza placed second. David's brother, Andrew Galarza, placed first in the boys 11/12 and Matthew Chan placed second. Corey He was the only 8 and under to win a first place ribbon. Tyler Wu and Ryan Park placed second and third for the boys 9/10. Finishing third in the 15-18 age group was Bryce Uzzolino.

In butterfly, Amanda Pina placed first and Hope Best places third in the girls 8 and under. Kristy Tam (9/10) and Jenna Yan (11/12) placed second, while Gennifer Huber placed third in the 13/14 girls.

In the breaststroke all the South Plainfield boys recorded first place wins. They are from youngest to oldest: Corey He, Sam Zhang, Matthew Chan, Daniel Galarza and Anthony Gurrieri. Matthew

Chan broke the 11/12 age group pool record in the breaststroke with a time of 43.13 and Daniel Galarza broke the team record for the boys 13/14 with a time of 1:29.51. Tyler Wu (9/10), Peter Zakrevski (11/12) and David Wang (13/14) placed third.

Heat winners were: 50M breaststroke-Miles Green, Zachary Brown; 50M butterfly-Aljian Taylor; 25M freestyle-Amanda Hernandez; 25M backstroke-Marshall Johnson; 50M freestyle-Ezinne Ibeku, Brianna Padavano; and 50M backstroke-Adam Nathoo.

The boys were able to capture the three freestyle relays. Swimming for the boys (8 and under) were: Corey He, Colin Carey, Ethan Tam and Andrew VanHerk; boys (9-12) Tyler Wu, Andrew Galarza, Sam Zhang and Matthew Chan; and boys (13-18) Anthony Gurrieri, David Wang, Daniel Galarza and Bryce Uzzolino.

The team is not discouraged with one more team meet and then championships.

—Submitted by Cheryl Nagel-Smiley

Sacred Heart Church Third Annual Golf Outing

Sacred Heart Church will hold its third annual golf outing on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at the Cranbury Golf Course in West Windsor.

Registration and continental breakfast at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Fee per golfer is \$130 and \$520 per foursome. Prizes will be awarded for closest to the pin, longest drive and hit the green. Hot dogs and soda or beer at the turn and luncheon buffet is included.

The following golf sponsorships are available: platinum (\$1,000 donation) includes a foursome, your corporate banner, a sign on the first tee and special recognition at the luncheon; gold (\$750 donation) includes a foursome, a sign on the 18th tee and recognition at the luncheon; and the

silver sponsorship (\$500 donation) includes a twosome, a tee sign on the tee of your choice and recognition at the luncheon.

Non-golfing sponsorships start at \$600 and include a corporate banner and recognition at the luncheon. Two or more beverage and breakfast sponsors are needed for a donation of \$250. The personalized sponsorship for a \$150 donation includes a personalized sign on any hole of your choice. Also available is a luncheon only sponsor for a \$35 donation.

Four prizes (one per par 3) include a Ka'anapali golf package for two, a Mexico Tres Marias golf package for two, a Mandalay Bay package for two and a Samsung 51" plasma HDTV. Sponsorships will help build bridges

to the future by supporting Catholic education. Sacred Heart Parish has been committed to the education of children for more than 60 years. This pledge has not wavered despite a declining economy. Proceeds will fund much needed scholarships for parish children on the elementary, high school and college levels.

For more information or to register online with a credit card, visit www.churchofthesacredheart.net. You can also mail the registration form and a check made payable to Church of the Sacred Heart, 200 Randolph Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

All donations are tax-deductible as permitted by law.

Submitted By Bob Nilan

Notes from the Jim Pornovets Memorial Golf League

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Alfie's Boys	11	4	0	Italian-American Club	9	3	3
KC's Korner	9	4	2	So. Plainfield Funeral Home..	10	5	0
2 Buds, 2 Dubs	8	7	0	Witty's Liquors	6	8	1
McCriskin-Gustafson	6	8	1	Windows Plus	6	8	1
Unique Sports Accessories ..	4	9	2	Dirty Harry & Friends	6	9	0
Twin City Pharmacy	3	11	1	Sport & Social	4	8	3

John Dominic of the South Plainfield Funeral Home looked sharp in posting a 3-over 36 to lead his team to their sixth straight win as they earned a narrow 11-9 victory over Dirty Harry & Friends. Bob Nilan contributed a 40 to keep his squad's pennant hopes alive. Charlie Oates shot a 38 and Kevin McCormack had a 39 for Dirty Harry's in a tough loss.

The Italian-American Club battled to a 10-10 tie with Witty's Liquors. Jeff Gross shot a 38 to earn the medal for the Italian-American Club who saw their first place lead shrink to half a game. Dominic has scheduled a series of practice sessions (\$ on him) for the entire squad so that they will be in extremely razor sharp condition next week.

With just one week to go, this means that the Italian-American Club can wrap up the division title by beating Windows Plus in the final week of the regular season. Should they lose this key match and if the South Plainfield Funeral Home gets by Sport & Social, then it would be the South Plainfield Funeral Home who would be crowned the National Division champions.

The golfers on Witty's Liquors were disappointed that they had to settle for a tie after getting solid performances from Bob Chase, who carded a 36; Jim Parker played well and registered a 37; and Kevin "Boom Boom" Bickunas (also a member of the "I left a few out there" club) still managed a 38.

Windows Plus showed why they are going to be a formidable opponent for the Italian-American Club next week as they crushed Sport & Social, 18-2. Dave Romano of Windows Plus was really on his game, firing birdies on the fourth and eighth holes on his way to a terrific 2-over 35. Dave Brennan and Jeff Greenwald both had 39s in what turned out to be a romp. Dennis Bibby was the low man for Sport & Social with a 43.

Mark "The Golden Bird" Chichvar made the right wardrobe selection when he chose his magical chartreuse shirt as the one to wear against Alfie's Boys powerhouse who still don't believe that color brings in the gold. Chichvar was at his best as he fired a superb 1-over 34 that featured lovely birdies on the second and fourth holes as McCriskin-Gustafson upset Alfie's Boys, 14-6. Kiris Krantz was impressive in putting together a nice round of 37, and Steve Shock pitched in with a 39.

Bill Mann had a beautiful even-par round of 33 for Alfie's Boys, Mike King had a 35; and "Dan 'The Man'" Griffin carded a 36. Despite the loss—since second place KC's Korner also went down to defeat—Alfie's Boys clinched the American Division title and can now play the final match of the season in totally relaxed fashion while they prepare to take on the National Division title-holders in the play-offs.

Dave "Yep Yep" Seipel came up with a 37, his best effort of the season, to spark 2 Buds, 2 Dubs to a big 18-2 win over the hard-charging KC's Korner team that had gone 10 straight weeks without a loss. Seipel put together some accurate driving with some crisp iron play and a nice touch on the greens to help turn things around for his team that had lost three-in-a-row. Jeff "Bam Bam" Orth didn't have any major glitches for a change on his way to a 38, and Dale "The Needler" Dube regained some of his old form and posted a 39.

The golfers on KC's Korner just couldn't get things going and Dan Conti and Efrain Solis shared medalist honors with their 41s.

Guy Severini of Twin City Pharmacy and Chris Dillon of Unique Sports Accessories didn't just shake hands on the first tee and wish each other well. Soul brothers, they hugged and patted one another on the back (Olympic style, of course), commiserating over the fact that both their teams had played well all season long and lost a lot of matches due to the handicap system.

Unfortunately for Unique Sports, the confrontation between these two strong teams did not come off as anticipated because Jay "The Sexy One" Bertleson, one of their key players, was forced to withdraw after the fourth hole due to illness.

Twin City Pharmacy put on an extraordinary display of their power and talent by completely overwhelming their under-staffed opponents, 20-0. Jay Coppola was sparkling as he eagled the fourth hole on his way to a lovely even-par 33 to share medalist honors for the night; Guy Severini and Frank Gaspari showed why they're such a terrific partnership by registering a pair of nifty 35s; and Joe Diller had a sterling 36. Looking at those scores—7-over par for the entire team—it's hard to believe that Twin City has the worst record in the league.

Next week, all eyes will be on the Italian-American Club and the South Plainfield Funeral Home matches that will determine the National Division championship.

Low scores for the night: Jay Coppola, 33; Bill Mann, 33; Mark Chichvar, 34; Dave Romano, 35; Mike King, 35; Frank Gaspari, 35; Guy Severini, 35; Joe Diller, 36; John Dominic, 36; Bob Chase, 36; and Dan Griffin, 36.

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Golden Tee RESULTS
The Stableford Tournament held last week at the Plainfield West Nine Golf Club was very well attended. Gordon Williams and Jim Carovillano tied for first, Bill Gammel came in second and Fred Kirchofer and Jim Lenox tied for third. All won prizes.
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Tiger Sharks Host Swim-A-Thon Fundraiser

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ages hit the water swimming lap after lap. One mother wondered out loud how her boss would react, he pledged \$4 per lap and the youngster was going strong with close to 100 laps.

Members of Robin's family participated as well. In attendance were Jason Bauer (brother), Sarah Bauer (sister-in-law), Micki Bauer (mother) Jacob (nephew) and Julie and Jordyn (nieces). Volunteers were stationed at the edge of the pool to record each swimmers laps and to encourage them to keep going. Volunteers included Katie Kaczka, Lauren Shea, Laurie Post, Jenn Otlowski, Joanne Otlowski, Wayne

Otlowski, Barbara Valentino, Emily Pickarski, Sue Barry, Andrea Yan and Mrs. Brown.

Big winners of the evening were Sam Zhang in the 10 and under age group who swam 132 laps and Sam Soto, in the 11 and over age group, swam 182 laps.

Robin was described as, "A fun loving, caring, amazing woman known best for her ability to help anyone anytime." She grew up in Edison and was active in swimming from a young age. She attended the University of Connecticut where she was a standout swimmer, and a two-time National Champion. She graduated with a master's degree and worked as a guidance counselor at Immaculata High School, Edison High School and JP Stevens High School in Edison. She was also a swim team coach for many teams including the Middlesex Blue Dolphins at the JCC in Edison and the South Plainfield Tiger Sharks.

Friend Mary Otlowski said, "She had an unforgettable presence and emerged as a leader in both swimming and education. She was a true friend who would do anything for you, and took pride in helping and guiding others both at her job as

a high school guidance counselor and in her every day life. She lived each day with passion, and fought a courageous eight-year battle with breast cancer. And every day, no matter what, she beamed a contagious, sunny smile that brightened any room."

In just a few short hours the Tiger Sharks raised a total of \$2,265.50. All proceeds were donated to Robin's Fund, a non-profit organization created by her family that helps by giving back to those in need and promotes the early detection and diagnosis of breast cancer as a means to prevention. Micki Bauer, Robin's mom said, "Our family is so grateful to the South Plainfield Tiger Sharks



Amanda Pina, Jessica Park, Faith Best, Amanda Rowlands, Vito Pelliccia and Tyler Wu.

for keeping Robin's memory alive year after year and helping to support Robins Fund."

For more information about Robin's fund go to robinsfund.org.



Kelsey Niedenbach

Obituaries

Lillian A. (Polizzano) DeLucca

Lillian A. (Polizzano) DeLucca died on Monday, Aug. 6 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Lillian was born in New York City and moved to Plainfield in 1940.

She worked for the Veterans Administration and later for Exxon Mobil until her retirement in 1984. Upon retirement, she volunteered at Muhlenberg Hospital and also was a reader at Kennedy School in South Plainfield. She was a member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens and a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church.

She loved her family dearly and centered her life around them. Her happiness was to be surrounded by family.

She is predeceased by her husband, Frank, who sadly passed away in the early years of their marriage; her parents, Angelina and Frank Polizzano; a sister, Connie and a brother, George.

She leaves behind two sons, Frank and wife Betty of South Amboy and George and wife Kathi, with whom she made her home; seven grandchildren, Michael DeLucca and wife Kristen; Jennifer Falcone and husband Joseph; Gwyneth Posey and husband Scott; Christopher DeLucca and wife Alison; Kyle; Kaleigh and Colin DeLucca; five great-grandchildren, "Gigi" of Zoe and Matthew Falcone, Benny and Sophia DeLucca and Madison and Miranda Posey; a sister, Rose Rendino of Toms River and many cherished nieces and

nephews, especially, Lee Ann Colletta with whom she was very close.

Funeral services were held at Mc-Criskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Lung Association, 1301 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20004.

Alfreda A. (Celantano) Campana, 94

Alfreda Annita (Celantano) Campana of Freehold passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 1 at Community Medical Center in Toms River.

Born on October 1, 1917 in Somerville to Alfred and Annita (DeSabitto) Celantano, she lived in South Plainfield for 72 years before moving to Freehold

in 1995.

Mrs. Campana was a data processor for Allstate Insurance Co. in Murray Hill for many years prior to her retirement in 1982. She was a communicant and member of the Rosary Society of Sacred Heart RC Church and the president of the PTA at Sacred Heart School in South Plainfield. Alfreda enjoyed ceramics, gardening, baking and family get-togethers.

Mrs. Campana is predeceased by her husband of 42 years, Louis James Campana and three siblings.

She is survived by a daughter, Irene A. Ogonowski and husband John of Toms River; a son, Joseph L. Campana and wife Lynn of Florida; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the South Plainfield Funeral Home.

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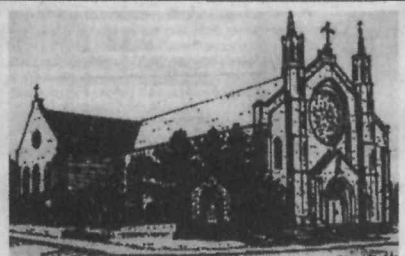
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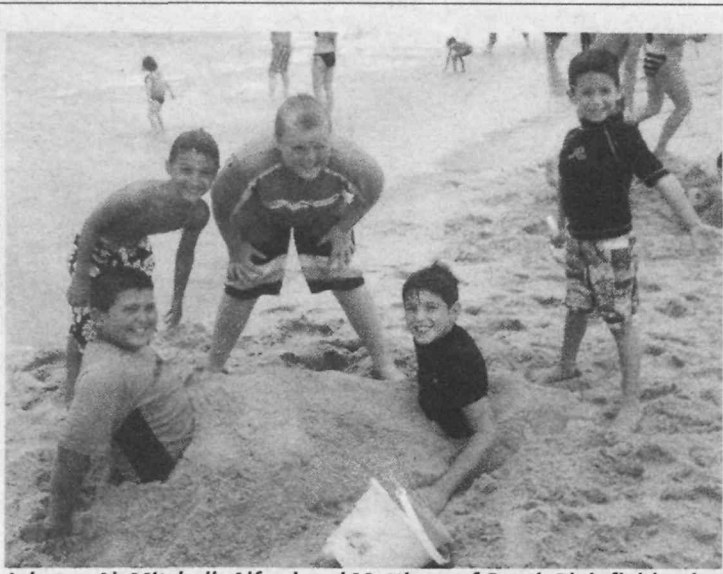
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Former Resident Searching for Long Lost Relatives

Frances Chapman of Erin, N.Y. bore several children in secret from 1943 through 1954. No one knows how many there were, when they were born, or where they ended up. It is known that several were born at the notorious Springers Hospital in Johnson City, N.Y. where records were falsified or destroyed and babies were illegally sold. The children's father and Chapman's employer, Lee Wheaton of Erin, arranged for private placements so the children were not in the traditional foster care system, making efforts to find them even more difficult.

Two of the babies, Richard and Margaret, were placed together. Margaret discovered the names of their biological parents as a young adult, but Chapman was already dead and Wheaton wanted no contact. She contacted Frances' family in North Carolina, but they were no more welcoming than her father had been. A third sibling, Mary Jane Irwin, entered the state foster care system after the woman she thought was her mother died. She eventually made contact with her biological mother's family in North Carolina in 1980. Now three children were connected. A fourth child, Denise Gitchell, was adopted as a newborn after Chapman died within hours of delivering her. Margaret located her in 1979 with the help of a Broome County judge's order. Now four children were connected.

In 2011, Margaret's daughter, Tracey Heisler, searched through the New York State Adoption Registry, a place where adoptees can post information searching for their families. New York State law prohibits opening adoption records, creating great barriers for adoptees who want more information about who they are and where they come from. She searched the site for children born at Springers Hospital between 1947 and 1953 looking for potential candidates. One man, Don Crosby, matched about two-thirds of the sibling profile developed by Heisler. A DNA test was done, and he was a 96.3% match. Now five children were connected.

In 2012 Heisler sent the New York State Adoption Registry a letter of inquiry, listing aliases her mother was known to use when giving birth. A match was found with Bob Williams, formerly of Piscataway. Bob had not known he was even adopted until he was 58, and the shock of finding out that not only was he adopted but he also had several siblings was overwhelming. Now six siblings were connected.

As the newly found family members got to know each other, several odd coincidences started to emerge. Bob had been a longtime manager of the K-Mart in South Plainfield, Heisler's hometown for 16 years, and Bob's wife owned a health food

store frequented by Heisler's husband, Bill. After retiring from K-Mart, Bob managed the Phillipsburg Walmart, three miles from Heisler's current home, and lived in nearby Nazareth, Pa. until July 2011.

The coincidences didn't stop there. Two of Bob's children, Leslie and Joe, live within 20 minutes of Don and his daughter Natalie in a Chicago suburb. When Bob and his wife moved to South Carolina in 2011, they unknowingly moved within an hour of his biological mother's birthplace of Asheville, N.C. Across a span of nearly 70 years, moves across the country, no identifying information, and a lifetime of searching for family, these once lost children now have people in their lives that look like them, who enjoy the same types of activities they do, and who share similar experiences of searching for their roots. Despite Lee and Frances' efforts to keep these children secret and apart, they found each other despite the odds against them. Their family had been reunited.

According to collateral contacts who cared for Chapman at Springers Hospital, there are other as yet undiscovered children born to her between 1949-1951, and perhaps as early as 1944. Anyone who believes they may be a match to the Wheaton/Chapman siblings can contact Heisler at (850) 902-2567 or email clanforsyth@yahoo.com.

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Board Fills Two Positions, Announces Retirements, Resignations and Transfers

By Libby Barsky

The Board of Education approved two positions at its July meeting. New for the 2012/2013 school year will be elementary music teacher Shannon Maddolin and South Plainfield High School cooperative education teacher Jamie Tesoro. Both positions have been vacant since 2010 when Riley School music teacher Joanne Gurske and cooperative education teacher Dee Falato retired.

The cooperative education program emphasizes work skills as part of the curriculum. Tesoro has spent the past five years as the work study coordinator and business teacher for the Perth Amboy School District. Previously, she oversaw School to Careers at New Road School in Ocean County for one year and, for four years, was the cooperative education/

marketing teacher at Perth Amboy High School. She also taught business education classes at Hackettstown High School, Long Branch High School, Middlesex County Vocational School and Spotswood High School.

Maddolin has a B.A. in music from William Paterson University. Since 2010 she has been a substitute teacher in the Dumont Public School District and a soloist at St. Mary's Church in Dumont where she worked with the childrens, youth and adult choirs, and the bell choir.

Other changes in the music department include the transfer of SPSHS music teacher Joan Stasio to Grant School, and moving Donna Markiewicz, music teacher at Grant School for eight years, to the high school.

Four teachers will not be returning. High school English teacher Donna Timko is retiring after 25 years;

Katherine Wilson, sixth grade math teacher at Grant School is retiring after 21 years in the district and will be replaced by Tracey Smorra; Amy Arnold, special education teacher at Kennedy School, has resigned and her position will be filled by new teacher Annie Wells; and high school Spanish teacher Shannon Lorenzo resigned.

Other appointments include Thomas Conneely, who will teach business education at the high school replacing Marisa Braunstein; Elizabeth Dorrity, who will teach math at the Middle School; and Alicia Torchia, who will teach at Grant School.

Transfers include Nancy Padovano to Riley School, replacing speech therapist Martha Klink; Kendall Ribar, who will teach computers at Grant School replacing Cathy Coyle; and Ellen Peterson, who will take over Ribar's basic skills classes at Grant.

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GloPak Wins NJBIA New Good Neighbor Award

The GloPak Corporation headquarters and manufacturing facility in South Plainfield was recently honored with a 2012 New Good Neighbor Award for its new 80,000 sq. ft. building. The award is sponsored jointly by the New Jersey Business & Industry Association (NJBIA) and New Jersey Business magazine.

NJBIA President Philip Kirschner presented the award to Dr. Glen Gabert, president of Hudson County Community College, at the 52nd annual New Good Neighbor Awards Luncheon held at the Pines Manor in Edison in June.

"Our new Good Neighbor winners have cleaned up toxic waste on contaminated properties, renovated old buildings and built brand new structures," said Kirschner. "Each project improves the quality of life in its community by making it more attractive, providing jobs and increasing tax rates."

GloPak is a family owned full-service plastics manufacturer of custom garbage bags, films and liners for restaurants, hotels, hospitals and consumer markets. The \$11 million



NJBIA President Philip Kirschner (left) presents an NJBIA New Good Neighbor Award to GloPak Vice President Harold Martin, Jr. during NJBIA's 52nd annual New Good Neighbor Awards Luncheon.

plant operates 24 hours, seven days a week, and employs 36 full time workers. Construction of the new plant supported 30 jobs.

The company is committed to using green and sustainable technology. The headquarters comes with a 500-plus kilowatt solar roof

system and an adjacent three-acre solar energy field, built by The Solar Center of Rockaway. This will reduce GloPak's carbon emissions by 690 metric tons every year and save the company more than \$90,000 a year in energy costs.

The primary builder was The Solar Center of Rockaway. Assemblyman Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr. nominated the project.

Presented jointly by the New Jersey Business & Industry Association and New Jersey Business magazine, the New Good Neighbor Awards annually recognize the best and most exciting renovations, expansions and new developments in the state. Winners are chosen based on economic benefit and job creation, architectural merit and community involvement.

police report

• On July 20 Royal Deli on New Brunswick Avenue reported that the front glass door of their building was smashed and cigarettes and cash were taken.

• On July 23 Fernando Ruben Rodriguez-Acosta, 25, of Plainfield was arrested for non-functioning brake light and an outstanding warrant.

• Gilberto Maldon-Pablo, 38, of Plainfield was arrested for no license and five outstanding warrants.

• A Tremont Avenue resident reported the theft of \$2 in change from their unlocked vehicle.

• Four Smith Street residents reported that their unlocked vehicles had been ransacked; however, nothing was taken.

• A Smith Street resident reported the theft of a Blackberry cell phone from their vehicle.

• A Tremont Avenue resident reported the theft of an iPod from their unlocked vehicle.

• An Irving Street resident reported the theft of cash and a Toshiba laptop from their residence. The door had been forced open during a fire and was not repaired.

• On July 24 Richard Guarraci, 21, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, driving on a suspended license, reckless driving and failure to exhibit documents.

• Giovanni F. Avendano, 40, of Plainfield was arrested for failure to inspect and an outstanding warrant.

• On July 25 Salvador E. Ramos, 46, of North Plainfield was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting a blender

worth \$124.

• A Ritter Avenue resident reported the theft of a BMX bicycle from their driveway.

• A Middlesex resident reported that the lock on their locker at LA Fitness had been broken and an iPhone was taken.

• An employee of LA Fitness reported that the lock on their locker had been broken and \$600 in cash was taken.

• On July 26 Chelsie A. Smith, 20, of Montclair was arrested at Liquid Assets for terroristic threats and disorderly conduct.

• Dawn M. Coffey, 34, of Plainfield was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

• On July 27 Raceway Gas on W. 7th Street reported that a customer paid \$4 for \$40 worth of gas and left.

• On July 28 Mark A. McDonald, 52, of Piscataway was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting a Kitchen Aid blender worth \$450.

• On July 30 a Plainfield resident reported that they left their wallet on the counter at Restaurant Depot and when they returned it was gone.

• On July 31 Mahogany Murray, 29, of Plainfield was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting \$55 worth of sunglasses.

• Allied-Barton Security at the Middlesex Mall reported that crazy glue had been poured on the door knob to the electrical room and one of the tires of their vehicles had been slashed.

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