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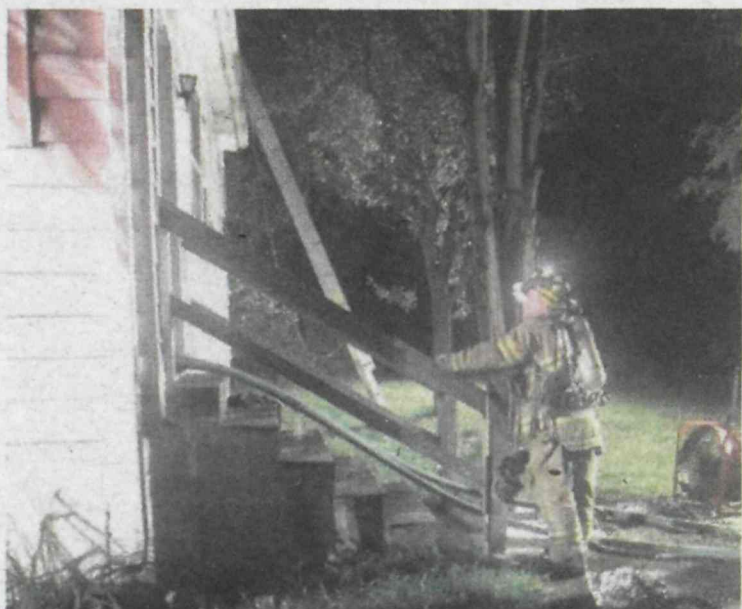
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Firemen attempt to contain fire from spreading to entire house.

Fire Victim Remains In Critical Condition

South Plainfield firemen were able to rescue a man trapped in a house fire at 109 Bushwick Ave. early Monday morning.

Police Officers Joseph Glowacki, Mark Bullock and Lloyd McNelly, and Fire Chief Thomas Scalera made entry into the home at approximately 4:13 a.m. and heard moaning from what they believed was the trapped man. They attempted to gain access to the second floor using wet cloths over their faces in an attempt to locate the victim, but were forced back by the heavy smoke.

Fire Captain Joe Abbruzzese was finally able to locate 52-year-old Daniel Kobilis, who was trapped under an overturned table on the second floor.

Abbruzzese, along with Fire Captain Kevin Bulla and firefighters John Mocharski Jr. and Robert Barone,

were able to carry the man outside. Kobilis was flown to St. Barnabas Medical Center Burn Unit in Livingston suffering from smoke inhalation and second degree burns and remains in critical condition.

Five other occupants in the house escaped without injury.

Scalera believes that the fire started on the second floor from careless smoking. Firefighters were able to keep the blaze from spreading throughout the entire house.

The house did not have smoke detectors, which are available free to residents by calling or stopping by the fire department.

Bushwick Avenue is located off Durham Avenue next to The Highlands at South Plainfield apartment complex.

BOE Approves Principals' Contract

By Jane Dornick

The Board of Education approved a new three year contract with the Professional Principals Unit at its August 7 meeting. The contract, which runs from July 2012 through June 2015, includes a total salary increase of 1.95% each year across the board. Certain job titles received more than the 1.95% and some less.

The principals unit is made up of school principals, assistant principals, supervisors, coordinators and directors. The previous contract included a 3% raise in 2009/2010, 3.25% for 2010/2011 and 3.75% through June 2012. From 2006 to 2009 increases were 4% for 2006/2007 and 4.25% in 2008 and 2009.

One concession made in the new contract was that there will be no movement on the salary guide for employees. Administrators will remain on the same "step" for the next three years, which is another salary increase aside from base pay. This is dependent on the number of years in the district and their job title for up to eight years.

In addition to regular base and

"step" pay, unit employees also receive stipends for degree credit, the number of college courses completed, as well as longevity ("time in the district" and "time as administrator") categories.

"Time in district" compensation in years five through nine will remain at \$500 a year; in years 10 through 14 it is \$1,000 and 15+ years is \$2,000.

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Nominations For 2012 Cappy Award Sought

The Police Athletic League, along with the Recreation Commission, will be choosing the 2012 "Cappy" Award winner. Recommendations for nominations are now being accepted through September 7. Recommendations can be made by anyone from the public by sending a letter stating the qualifications of the candidate. Once recommendations have been received, two Police Athletic League and/or recreational peers will have to approve the recommendations for consideration.

The requirements in service and character for nominees include: 10 years of service in youth sports and/or recreation (not just serving as a parent-coach to his/her own children), but will be judged on a case by case basis; preferably voluntary service and during their period of service, nominees must have been a resident of South Plainfield; exemplify high moral values and ethical judgment; never been convicted of a felony; and possess dedication and commitment to the youth of South Plainfield.

Nominations can be sent to the South Plainfield Police Department, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080 Attn: Chris Colucci, PAL president, or sent directly to the Recreation Department, 1250 Maple Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080 Attn: Kevin Hughes, recreation director.

EPA Plans to Continue Monitoring Groundwater at Superfund Site

By Libby Barsky

Much has been done to clean up the 29-acre Hamilton Boulevard Superfund site, formerly known as Cornell-Dubilier Electronics (CDE). Work at the site is almost completed;

however, the problem of groundwater remediation still remains.

Officials from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) held a special meeting at the South Plainfield Senior Center on August 7 to discuss several proposed plans available to address the contaminated groundwater at the CDE site. The State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is still evaluating the EPA's preferred remedy. Before accepting any proposed remedy, the meeting was also an opportunity for the public to voice their opinions on the record.

In 2001 the EPA installed groundwater testing monitoring wells to assess groundwater contamination at the site after finding carcinogenic polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and trichloroethylene (TCE) solvents which were used in making electronic components and capacitors at Spicer Manufacturing (later Dana Corporation) and at Cornell-Dubilier from 1936-1962 on the Hamilton Boulevard property.

The EPA also performed a series of pumping studies to understand how fractures in the bedrock aquifer are connected to how the groundwater moves. In 2011 the EPA concluded its initial remedial investigation of the surrounding areas (approximately 825 acres), observing the extent of site-related volatile organic compounds (PCBs and TCE) in the groundwater.

At the August 7 meeting, EPA specialists John Prince, chief of the

EPA's Remediation Section for Central New Jersey, and geologist Jeff Frederick, reviewed the various technologies used in trying to develop a plan to

clean up and remediate contaminated groundwater at the CDE Superfund site and bring it to drinking water standards. Prince said the EPA installed 22 monitoring wells, some drilled as deep as 600 feet, and removed rock core

samples of the interconnected fracture network of the aquifer bedrock. The findings indicated the rock matrix has a high ability to store water and a low ability to transmit the stored water. Some contaminants like TCE dissolve in the groundwater and fill in the spaces at a higher concentration than the groundwater over a long period of time, and because of a process called reverse or back diffusion, contaminants will slowly seep out. The EPA cited this diffusion process as a major limiting factor in effective remediation and concluded that the characteristics of the site make aquifer restoration technically impractical.

Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, along with several others in the audience, suggested that the ongoing remedial investigation of the Bound Brook be completed before a final decision is made concerning the contaminated groundwater at the CDE Superfund site.

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Children who attended the library sponsored Sciencetellers program participate in one of seven storytelling science demonstrations. See page 6 for more photos and story.



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Tuesday, September 4Monday, August 20
Tuesday, September 4

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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.**
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Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 18**boardofeducation****Meets Wednesdays at Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave.**
Special Business Meeting
Wednesday, Aug. 29, 6 p.m.
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*
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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.**
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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.**
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**In My Opinion**

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

Dear Editor,

An article printed in the *New York World* on November 15, 1909 and reprinted in the *Teeple People Newsletter* in November 1999 about George W. Teeple, an 85-year-old young rabbit hunter from South Plainfield, prompted me to contact Dorothy Miele of the South Plainfield Historical Society. I asked for assistance in finding any of George's living relatives who may still be residing in the area. She suggested that I write a letter to the editor in the *South Plainfield Observer*.

George was born April 15, 1824 and died October 10, 1910, almost one year after the article was written about him. Through record searches



George W. Teeple

we found out that his father was Peter Teeple (1785-1870, Piscataway) and his mother was Catherine Clausen (1800-1870).

As a Teeple Family member, I am trying to connect with George's family members and to other older Teeple Family members in the area.

The Teeple Family arrived in the Colonies in 1710 from Germany with the Palatine Migration. There are at least three generations between this George and the first Johannes Dippel-Teeple from Germany.

I would appreciate any assistance from your readers to see if they could come up with some information about their grandparents or any other familial relations to George W. Teeple.

Three Teeple Family members will be visiting the South Plainfield area August 18-26 and they would love to speak to anyone who might have any information to help locate our distant

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If you have any information on the Teeple Family, call me at (217) 299-2124 or email Kathymarshall3@gmail.com.

THANK YOU,
KATHY TEEPLE MARSHALL**County Warns Residents of Two New Scams**

The Middlesex County Division of Consumer Affairs is warning residents of a new check scam that asks recipients to deposit a cashier's check into their personal checking account and then draw against it as part of a "Secret Shopper" program. A second scam uses victims to send fraudulent checks via the post office.

In the "Secret Shopper" scam, the cashier's check is phony but looks legitimate, and in many cases the company name printed on the check is a real company.

"The Middlesex County Consumer Affairs division is warning people to not respond to such emails, mailers or newspaper advertisements, and most importantly do not cash or deposit the checks," said Freeholder H. James Polos, chair of the county's Public Safety and Health Committee. "We are warning our residents so that we may help protect their assets and save them from falling victim to this latest scheme."

Individuals are receiving postal mail, an email, or seeing newspaper advertisements seeking "Secret Shoppers." An investigation by the Consumer Affairs Division found that when individuals respond, they receive the phony

cashier's check in the mail and are given an email address they are to contact for instructions on how to proceed.

Consumers are directed to deposit the checks into their own bank accounts, wait 24 hours and then withdraw the money. Consumer Affairs investigators who responded to the email were instructed to keep \$200 of the \$2,510 check they received as a "commission." They were instructed to take an additional \$50 to a store and purchase items "under cover" and then report the shopping experience.

Finally, the investigators were asked to take another \$50 for Western Union fees to wire transfer the remaining funds (\$2,210) to a name and address provided in the email. The address was in a foreign country.

By the time the victim's bank realizes the check is fake, the victim has already withdrawn the funds from the account and sent it to the address provided. Because the check is fake, the funds are taken from the victim's own money.

In a second scam, known as a "Work from Home" scam, individuals are mailed packages of fraudulent checks. In some instances, these individuals

are given postage stamps to use, which turn out to be fake. In other instances, they are instructed to purchase postage stamps from the post office, for which they will be reimbursed. These individuals are not reimbursed for postage. In both cases, these victims are sending fraudulent mail on behalf of the scammers.

"I applaud our Consumer Affairs employees for taking such a proactive, aggressive approach to uncovering this scam and warning our residents," said Freeholder Director Christopher D. Rafano.

Anyone who believes they may be a victim of either of these types of fraud should contact the Federal Postal Inspector at (877) 876-2455, and the U.S. Postal Inspector-Newark Division at (973) 693-5450.

The inspection service's website provides additional information as well as an online complaint option: www.postalinspectors.uspis.gov/.Anyone who receives this type of scam via email should contact the Internet Crime Complaint Center: www.ic3.gov/crimeschemes.aspx#item-3.**Your Health MATTERS**

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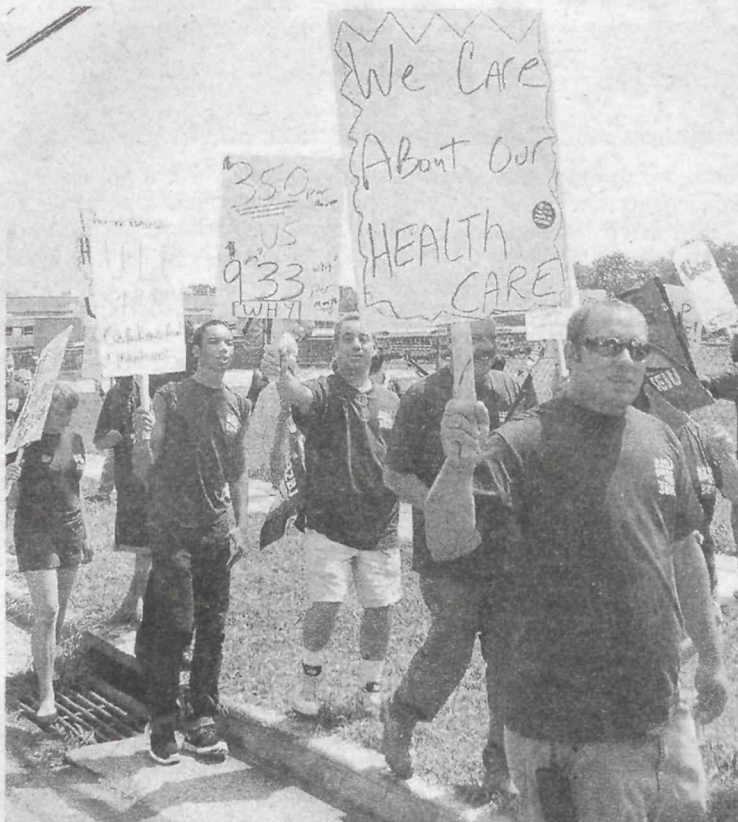
School Maintenance Workers Strike

By Jane Dornick

Last Thursday, more than 40 Pritchard Industries Inc. custodial, maintenance and grounds employees walked off their jobs and picketed near the high school on Lake Avenue. The one-day strike came after their employer unilaterally decided to impose a substandard health insurance program and announced reductions in wages.

Schools Division for Service Employees International Union (SEIU) 32BJ has filed charges with the National Labor Relations Board accusing Pritchard of committing serious unfair labor practices in South Plainfield. The charges include unlawful unilateral changes, in particular altering the health insurance program, announcing reductions in wages and threatening a worker that Pritchard would more closely scrutinize employees in retaliation for their union activity.

"The fact is that since Pritchard came in on July 1, not a single employee in South Plainfield has gotten health insurance from the company," said Kevin Brown, New Jersey State leader of SEIU 32BJ. "The company has offered a health insurance plan that is inferior and unaffordable. But even that inadequate offer has yet to be implemented. We've been negotiating with Pritchard and will continue to negotiate. But we're waiting for the company to step up and provide even modest pay raises and the afford-



Pritchard Industries employees demonstrate in front of the high school.

able, quality health insurance that our members need."

Superintendent Dr. Stephen Genco is still meeting with members of all

parties involved. He is sympathetic to the employees cause and is hopeful that a resolution will come quickly in the matter.

Armed Suspects Arrested

South Plainfield Police officers responded to the area of Baker and O'Donahue avenues on the report of a suspicious vehicle and a person who was walking around the neighborhood just past 2 a.m. on August 9.

Officer John McConville noticed a black Dodge Durango pulling away northbound on Baker Avenue and stopped the vehicle on Tompkins Avenue. As the vehicle stopped, three males who were standing in front of a home scattered and ran from the scene. The males, identified as Tyrell Wright Jr., 18, of South Plainfield, Tyrone Shoulars, 18, of Newark and a 17 year-old male from South Plainfield, were located and detained by a backup officer.

The vehicle was occupied by the

driver, William Patterson, 18, of South Plainfield, passengers Devoin Reid, 18, of South Plainfield and a 16 year-old male from Branchburg.

As officers questioned the males who fled the scene, Officer Mark Hollain located a handgun in the bushes where the suspects were located. The gun is a Raven Arms 25 caliber pistol which was loaded. Officers subsequently located two small bags of marijuana in the vehicle.

All were charged with unlawful possession of a weapon. The occupants of the vehicle were also charged with possession of marijuana under 50 grams. Bail was set at \$1,000 for each adult. The juveniles were taken to the Middlesex County Juvenile Detention Facility.



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August 21

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2012 New Jersey Senior Olympics

September 7, 8 & 9

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To register, 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.

Senior Health & Fitness Walk 2012

September 19

Middlesex County Senior Health & Fitness Walk 2012 will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Roosevelt Park in Edison. Join our group as we "walk into better health." Health screenings, wellness info, entertainment, box

lunch, giveaways, raffles. Registration required.

Sign up at the Senior Center or call (908) 754-1047.

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 Grace at the Senior Center at (908) 754-1047.

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.

For more information or to register, contact Kris Guttadora at (609) 462-9691 or email farmersagainsthunger@gmail.com.

Woodbridge WOWs Open Dance

August 19

Woodbridge Widows Or Widowers will hold an open dance on Sunday, Aug. 19 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Morrissey Ave. in Avenel. Everyone is welcome.

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

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.

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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

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August 22-Sands Casino in Pa. \$28.50pp Bus leaves at 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
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 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm
Crocheting 1 pm
Tai Chi 2 pm

THURSDAYS

Active Seniors 9:00 am
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Computer.. 10, 11:30 am, 1:00 pm
Exercise Class 1:15 pm

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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.

Vacation Bible School At Hydewood

August 25 & 26

Hydewood 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 hearty 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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Affordable Home Improvement Grants Available

By Jane Dornick

The Borough has announced that it is now accepting names to participate in the South Plainfield Home Improvement Program for low and moderate income families.

The program, provided to Middlesex County through the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH), is available for owner-occupied single-family homes.

To be eligible to participate, your gross annual income (pre-tax income) for all household members must be less than: one person household-\$58,016, two person household-\$66,304, three person household-\$74,592, four person household-\$82,880, five person household-\$89,510, six person household-\$96,141, seven person household-\$102,771 and an eight person household-\$109,402.

For households seeking a determination of income eligibility, all wage earners 18 years of age or older in the household must submit appropriate documentation to document the household income which includes a copy of the deed to the property, proof that taxes are current and proof of property insurance including liability, fire and flood insurance where necessary.

The purpose of the program is to bring substandard housing up to code. Substandard units are those units requiring repair or replacement of at least one major system including the following: roof, plumbing (including wells), HVAC, electrical, sanitary plumbing (including septic systems), load bearing structural systems, lead paint abatement and weatherization such as building insulation for an attic, exterior walls and crawl space, siding

to improve energy efficiency, replacement storm windows and storm doors and replacement windows and doors. Code violations will be determined by an inspection conducted by a licensed inspector.

Additional work may include interior trim, interior and/or exterior doors, including storm doors, interior and/or exterior hardware, interior stair repair, exterior step repair or replacement, porch repair, wall surface repair, painting and exterior rain carrying system or replacement.

Up to \$17,500 per unit may be available for improvements to eligible owner-occupied units.

The rehabilitation program is designed as a forgivable loan. Any homeowner who participates in the program will be required to execute a mortgage and mortgage note which will place a conditional lien on the home by the borough for 10 years. If the owner remains in the home for that time period the loan is forgiven and the lien is removed from the property. If the title is transferred before then, repayment of the loan will be pro-rated depending on the number of years the loan has been in use. The percentage owed will be the full amount through the fifth year; 80% in year six; 65% in

year seven; 50% in year eight and 25% in the ninth year.

Should the owner decide to sell the property, transfer title, or pass away before the terms of the lien have expired, the heirs, executors, or representatives must notify the South Plainfield Planning Department. The heirs would be obligated to repay the loan based on the prorated schedule. The only exception is if the beneficiary inherits the home and meets the required income-eligibility guidelines and resides in the home. In this case the loan would remain forgiven.

The municipality may agree to the subordination of a loan if the mortgage company supplies an appraisal showing that the new loan plus the balance on the old loan does not exceed 95% of the appraised value of the property.

Upon confirmation of income eligibility, the program staff will schedule a housing inspection. Income eligibility

will remain valid for six months. If the applicant has not signed a contract for rehabilitation within six months of the date of the letter of certifying eligibility, the applicant will be required to update their file.

Monies for this program have been made available through local new construction builder contributions to the COAH Trust Fund.

Fliers explaining the program and its criteria will be available at various locations in town including the library, borough hall and the senior center.

To be placed on the waiting list or for any questions, call Affordable Housing Administrator President Maureen Fullaway at (732) 892-4292 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Names will be accepted until Friday, Aug. 31. A lottery will be held at a future date to determine the order in which households will be served.

For more information, call (908) 754-6363, or visit the website at www.hydewood.org.

Depression/Bipolar Support Meeting

August 29

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Rd. Guest speaker is Marc Cantillon, M.D.

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

World Trade Center Survivor to Speak

September 5

Victor Guarnera, a World Trade Center survivor, will be the guest speaker at the Metuchen-Edison Women's Club on Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 7:30 p.m. at The Heritage at Clara Barton, 1015 Amboy Ave. in Edison. The program is free and open to everyone.

For more information, please call Diana at (732) 548-0925.

St. Helen's Caregiver Support Group

September 10

St. Helen's Church Caregiver Support Group, for those caring for elderly or chronically ill loved ones, will meet on Monday, Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield. Informational and sharing sessions.

For more information, call Marilyn Ryan at (908) 232-1214.

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August 8, 2012—Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Zoning Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on August 7, 2012.

Case #10-12—Steven & Michelle Cataldo, Block 337; Lot 2; OBC-1 Zone, 507 Hamilton Blvd. The applicant's request for (3) bulk variances for a rear yard setback, a max shed allowance exceeding 200 sq. ft. and a variance for fence height and its materials was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Case #11-12—James Corry, Block 528.02; Lot 6; R-10 Zone, 1404 Shadyside Place. The applicant's request for (1) bulk variance for a front yard setback variance of 25', whereas 30' is required was hereby GRANTED in order to erect a porch and roof subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Case #12-12—Jamie P. Wolff, Block 70; Lot 10; R-10 Zone, 2703 Maple Avenue. The applicant's request for bulk variances for a 6.46 front yard setback, whereas 30' is required for a deck and addition was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Library Program Uses Science Experiments to Tell Stories



By Patricia Abbott

What do you get when you combine simple science experiments with fairy tale type stories? You get a creative organization called Sciencetellers. The South Plainfield Library recently hosted a show by Sciencetellers. The presentation was held at the Senior Center due to the expected large crowd. The presenter, Alexis

Tzap, wore a bright tie-died lab coat and had the audiences attention from the very start.

The evening's program was called Dragons and Dreams, a fast paced fun show based on simple experiments involving dry ice and fire and a captivating story about a dragon. Nearly every child in attendance had the opportunity to volunteer. There were seven experiments that kept

the children focused and anxious for more. The first experiment using dry ice and water fascinated the children as they watched fog flow from the bucket when they were combined. The second experiment dealt with a card trick using a basic, harmless flash paper (paper with chemicals on it that burned 100 times faster than regular paper) teaching children about how fire needs oxygen to breathe. They next created carbon dioxide bubbles by using dry ice water and Dawn dish soap. Tzap then piled bubbles on several young heads creating even more laughter.

Thrilling the children and parents was a simple but effective experiment called Dragons Breath or Pass the Gas that allowed the children to eat some carbon dioxide (completely safe).

Then they had fun with an exploding Gatorade bottle, using two nails in a bottle and ethanol and then touching a tesla coil to the nails creating hot air which allowed the cup to rise up in the air to the children's amazement. The grand finale of experiments was perhaps the most fun. Alexis took a bucket foaming over with fog and ran around the group creating a giant cloud.

The program was a great learning experience for the children, teaching them a little about science. It was amazing to learn the words they already knew such as hypothesis and carbon dioxide, more than you would expect of children their age.

Tzap is a 2012 Montclair State University graduate. She said, "I have been working for Sciencetellers for a little over a year and completely love it! The age of the audience is between four and 12 years of age, which is a perfect age to understand our show. Most children eight and up know the words hypothesis and carbon dioxide which is excellent because then they



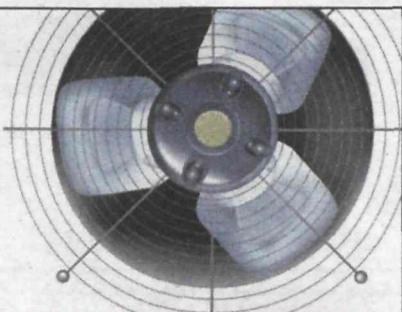
really have a good understanding of science. This job is extremely rewarding because you help expand young minds and influence children into learning more about science. I really love what I do and I can't wait to go back to South Plainfield next year!"

The website offers more details: "Sciencetelling uses science experiments to tell stories. With fun and exciting experiments performed right in front of the audience, we are able to bring the story to life. It is through the experiments that the audience is able to experience the sights, sounds, smells, tastes and feelings of the story.

Each 45-minute high-energy program is performed by a Scienceteller (a combination scientist and storyteller) to create a fun experience where science is taught through stories. Every interactive show uses volunteers from audiences ranging in size from one to 250 children. Sciencetelling performances are great for events anywhere there are children and families who want to learn and have fun in an unexpected and unforgettable way! Here are our most popular customer groups: parties, schools, libraries and scouts."



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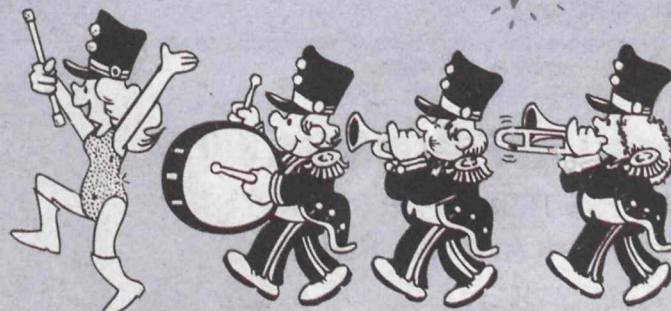
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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Chris Grippio

September will see the beginning of two new clubs at the South Plainfield Public Library. In light of the popularity of the summer chess club for young adults the library is going to create a South Plainfield Adult Chess Club. The initial meeting will be at the library on Thursday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. All levels of play are welcome and we will have staff to assist new players.

In response to many requests, we will also hold the first meeting of the South Plainfield Library Book Club on Thursday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. This is a totally new group and we will be discussing what books we would like to read. All are welcome.

The Genealogy Association of South Plainfield will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m. We will be discussing sources of information on European ancestors (in particular Italian), while also checking out places to look for contemporary relatives still in Europe.

All the above programs are free of charge and no registration is required; however, one other adult program in September will require registration, even though it is also free. The History of Ancient Philosophy lecture series is designed to provide a general

history of ancient philosophy. The lectures will be held in the library on Thursday, Sept. 13, 27, Oct. 11 and 25 at 7 p.m. The format will be a lecture followed by a group discussion. You can register by calling the library at (908) 754-7885.

Also, this Monday, Aug. 20, the library will restart its Monday adult movie nights. Most movies will start at 6:30 p.m. in the library. You can call the library to find out the title of each week's movie.

Furthermore, we are coming up on the last week of children's programming until October. There will be the usual story and craft times this week. Programs for ages three and up are Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 1:15 p.m.; Time for 2s & 3s are Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.; and Babytime is Friday at 10:30 a.m. There will be a special pajama party at the library with Miss Mija and Miss Linda at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Also, the last Friday Fun of this season will be held on August 24 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. After this week, children's programs will resume on Tuesday, Oct. 2.

If you have any questions, you can call the library at (908) 754-7885 or visit us at 2484 Plainfield Ave. (next to Borough Hall). Or, visit our website: www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

Columbiettes Seek Vendors For First Fundraising Event

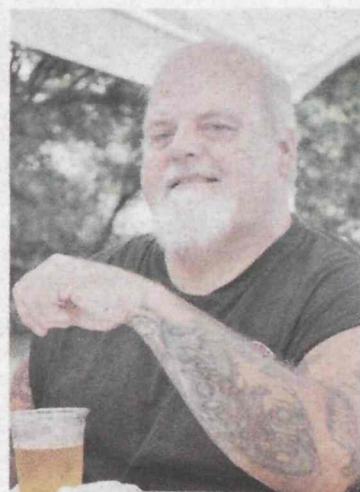
Vendors are needed for the South Plainfield Columbiettes' first vendors night which will be held on Friday, Oct. 19 from 6-9 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 334 Hamilton Blvd. Set-up will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Cost for a table, which will be provided, is \$20 and each vendor is asked to donate an item from their collections, with a value of \$15 to \$20. These items will be raffled off

at the conclusion of the show.

Only vendors with new merchandise will be accepted and only the first vendor of any given named brand (such as Avon, Pampered Chef, etc.) will be accepted. Space is limited to 15 vendors.

For more information or an application form, please call Kathy at (908) 756-3772 or email her at kathy1130@gmail.com.



(L) Patrick Millard attends the 77th annual picnic at the American Legion; (C) the dessert bar offered a wide variety of home baked goodies; (R) a guest enjoys the picnic.

American Legion Hosts Annual Picnic

By Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield American Legion held its annual picnic on July 28. Weather has never been a major obstacle and the picnic takes place rain or shine. Unfortunately this year Mother Nature gave them a slightly soggy, gray afternoon. While there were not as many guests as usual, the die-hard regulars enjoyed the afternoon to the fullest.

The picnic is not limited to legion members, but is open to the community and many travel from out of the area to attend.

Guests feasted on an abundance of standard picnic fare. Ice cold draft beer was a definite favorite along with other cold beverages. Joe Penyak and other volunteers could be found manning grills and serving up hot food throughout the afternoon. Inside there was a room filled with a wide variety of mouth-watering desserts. It also served as a

brief haven from the rain.

Numerous tents with tables and chairs were set up on the side lawn and guests with plates piled high enjoyed their meals in dry comfort. A little bit of rain did not stop the fierce horse shoe competition, nor did it deter the younger set from

the water slide. A small portable stage housed a vocalist providing entertainment throughout the afternoon.

The American Legion picnic is a South Plainfield tradition. This year's event was the legion's 77th picnic.



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Tiger Sharks Win Last Meet of Season

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Swim Team won the final meet of the season at the community pool against East Brunswick with a score of 151-125. Winning this meet gave the team an overall second place for the League A. Corey He finished the season breaking a pool record in the butterfly for the boys 8 and under with a time of 22.45 seconds.

Swimming the individual medley and taking first place were Andrew Galarza (11/12) and Charlie Butrico (13-18). Second place went to Matthew Chan (11/12) and third place to Tyler Wu (10 and under).

First place in freestyle was won by Aubrey Marish (11/12), Corey He (8 and under), Matthew Chan (11/12), Daniel Galarza (13/14) and Bryce Uzzolino (15-18). Taking second place were Elizabeth Chiu (11/12), Gracie Piekarski (13-18), Samuel Zhang (9/10) and Peter Zakrevski (11/12). Third place winners were Samantha Soto (13-18) and Patrick Osiadacz (13/14).

Backstroke saw three out of five first place winners. They were Hope Best (8 and under), Jenna Yan (11/12) and Darlene Fung. Amanda Pina (8 and under), Stephanie Chiu (11/12) and Maggie Valentino (15-18) placed second and Gracie Piekarski placed third for the older girls.

While Corey He broke the record for the 8 and under age group in but-



terfly, Andrew Galarza (11/12), Daniel Galarza (13/14) and Bryce Uzzolino also placed first in this event. In the 9/10 age group second and third place winners were Tyler Wu and Ryan Park. Peter Zakrevski placed second for the 11/12 age group, and Enzo Butrico placed third for the 13/14 age group. Marcel Green and Joe Kraviec placed second and third for the older boys which gave them a clean sweep.

Breaststroke first place ribbons went to Darlene Fung (11/12) and Jenna Yan (13/14). The 8 and under girls had Amanda Pina and Nicole O'Sullivan placing second and third. Shannon Yan (9/10) and Samantha Soto (15-18) placed third. Aubrey Marish and Stephanie Chiu placed second and third for the 11/12 age group which also gave them a clean sweep.

Although the Tiger Sharks only won three relays it gave them enough points to win the meet. Swimming freestyle relay for the 8 and under girls were: Faith Best, Amanda Pina, Nicole O'Sullivan and Hope Best. Medley relay for

the boys in 9-12 age group were Peter Zakrevski, Matthew Chan, Tyler Wu and Samuel Zhang. The older boys also placed first. Swimming that event were Daniel Galarza, Enzo Butrico, Marcel Green and Bryce Uzzolino.

Each year the Tiger Sharks must say goodbye to their senior swimmers because regulations state that a swimmer cannot be over the age of 18 to swim in this league. Graduating and going on to college are Maggie Valentino, entering York College majoring in business; and Cristina Butrico, entering Catholic University majoring in biomedical engineering. Both Maggie and Cristina have been part of the Tiger Sharks since they were very young. The Tiger Sharks have watched both of these girls develop into wonderful young ladies who are not only excellent swimmers but excellent students. Also leaving the Tiger Sharks are Joe Krawicz, who will major in business at Bentley University; Joe Cornelius, majoring in criminal justice at Messiah College; and Bryce Uzzolino, entering Ohio Wesleyan College. While these three men are relatively new to the team they gave outstanding performances and helped win many meets. The entire Tiger Shark swim team family, friends and fans wish these young men and women good luck and much success in their future.

Submitted by Cheryl Nagel-Smiley

Submitted By Bob Nilan

Notes from the Jim Pornovets Memorial Golf League



LEAGUE STANDINGS

American Division				National Division			
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KC's Korner	9	5	2	So. Plainfield Funeral Home..	10	6	0
2 Buds, 2 Dubs	8	8	0	Witty's Liquors	6	9	1
McCriskin-Gustafson	7	8	1	Windows Plus	6	9	1
Unique Sports Accessories ..	5	9	2	Dirty Harry & Friends	7	9	0
Twin City Pharmacy	3	12	1	Sport & Social	5	8	3

The Italian-American Club put a beautiful final touch on their amazing and wonderful season by defeating Windows Plus, 13-7, to clinch the National Division title. Lou Colicchio led the way with a 40 while Dave Romano earned medalist honors for Windows Plus with his 39 in a relatively high-scoring match.

This was a key win for the Italian-American Club. Had they lost and the South Plainfield Funeral Home defeated Sport and Social, then the Italian-American Club would have been knocked out of first place, a position they held since the first week of the season.

Now it will be up to Captain Frank Ferraro, Sr., to get his team ready for next week's playoff action against Alfie's Boys, the dominant team in the league this season.

The South Plainfield Funeral Home had put together a very nice six-game winning streak going into the final week of regular play. Vinnie Welch had his best round of the season, a sparkling 1-over 34, but Welch's excellent effort was not enough to bring home the win as his team dropped their match to Sport & Social, 14-6. It turns out that with the Italian-American Club winning their match, first place had already been secured and the South Plainfield Funeral Home could finish no better than second place.

Scott MacDonald continued his string of fine rounds for Sport & Social with a 36, that featured a couple of lovely birdies on the fourth and sixth holes. Dennis Bibby showed flashes of

his old form for the victors with a 38.

John Dominic crushed some huge drives for the South Plainfield Funeral Home and carded a 39.

In a contest that would determine which division the team would play in next season, Dirty Harry & Friends soundly whipped Witty's Liquors, 16-4, which means that, in 2013, Dirty Harry & Friends will be competing in the American Division while Witty's Liquors will be back again in the National Division.

Kevin McCormack had a nifty 3-over 36 to earn the medal for Dirty Harry & Friends while Charlie Oates (now a certified member of the "I left a few out there" club which is growing weekly) still came home with a 39.

All the golfers on Witty's Liquors seemed to have some problems, including Kevin "Boom Boom" Bickunas who made a beautiful birdie on the seventh hole to earn medalist honors with a 40.

The good-natured bantering between Guy Severini of Twin City Pharmacy and Mike King of Alfie's Boys began in the parking lot. By the time they were ready to tee off, the barbs had become more pointed. But neither golfer got rattled by the verbal dueling. In fact, King just got fired up and unloaded a monster drive on the first hole and lofted a gorgeous wedge to the green that found the cup for a spectacular eagle. King finished with an impressive round of 35. But that wasn't good enough to earn the medal for his team.

The honor went to Irish Danny Grif-
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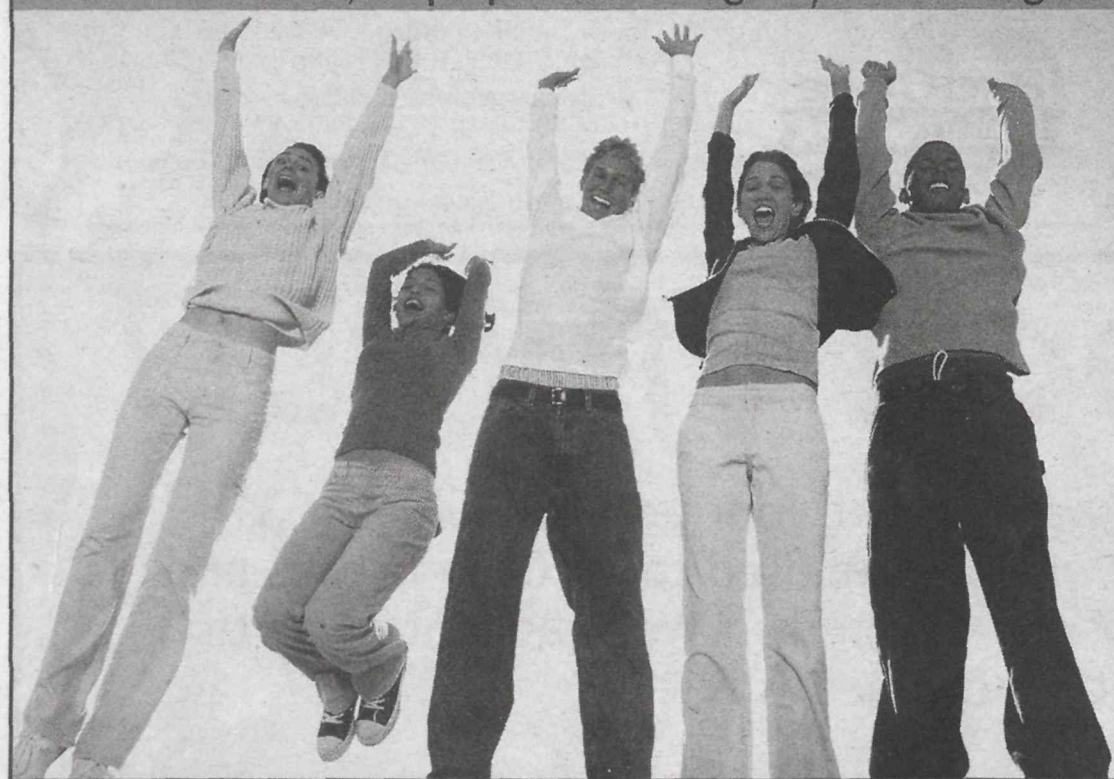
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Annual Battle of the Badges Softball Game

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 gradu-

ating 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.

police report

- On August 2 Michael Camiola was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting jewelry worth \$352.

- On August 3 a Lakeview Avenue resident reported the theft of a King Craft portable generator from their garage.

- On August 4 Kimberly A. Miller was arrested at Target for shoplifting \$162 worth of Enfamil baby formula.

- Danielle C. Mallory, Yamil D. Carroo, Ahtaeveus Zyiont Jackson and Stephanie Kyth were arrested for possession and consumption of alcohol under the age of 21.

- The South Plainfield Soccer Club reported the theft of two soccer goals from Franklin School.

- On August 5 Jessie Malie Allen was arrested for exhibiting fraudulent documents and hindering apprehension.

- Nestor M. Castro was arrested for possession and consumption of alcohol under the age of 21 and an outstanding warrant.

- Erik Figueroa was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving.

- Sensational Fragrance on Hadley Road reported that an attempt was made to gain entry to the building by prying open the rear overhead garage door. No entry was gained.

- On August 6 Harold Anderson was arrested for driving while intoxicated, refusal to submit to breath testing, reckless driving, throwing debris from a motor vehicle, tinted windows and possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle.

- David Wright was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting \$1,500 worth of assorted items.

- Flavio M. Castro was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle.

- On August 8 a Kaine Avenue resident reported the theft of a mountain bike from the rear of their yard.

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Obituaries

Alice M. Goodwin, 86

Alice M. Goodwin died on Tuesday, Aug. 8 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

She was a longtime communicant of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield, and has been retired for the last 30 years.

Alice is predeceased by her husband, Wilbur Goodwin, who passed away in 2000.

Surviving are a daughter, Donna Murphy and husband William, and a granddaughter, Nicole of East Brunswick.

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

He is predeceased by his wife, Katie Soltys; a daughter, Dolores D. Wachauf; two brothers and two sisters.

Surviving are two grandchildren, Cathy Wachauf of East Brunswick and Raymond Wachauf and wife Laura of South Plainfield; two great-grandchildren, Chrissy Slatky and Caitlin Wachauf; a sister, Mary Clarke and husband Sheldon of Edison; and a brother, Paul Soltys and wife Evelyn of Seaside Heights.

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

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Notes from the Jim Pornovets Memorial Golf League

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fin who lit up the course with a marvelous display of shot-making as he posted a 1-under 32 to wrap up Player-of-the-Year honors as well. Bill Mann looked especially sharp in compiling a 1-over 34 and Bill Tankowitz pitched in with a 38 as Alfie's Boys finished their terrific season in fine fashion, defeating the Best Last-Place Team in League History, Twin City Pharmacy, 13-7.

Captain Guy Severini of Twin City Pharmacy played some beautiful golf on his way to a 34, and all three of his teammates-Jay Coppola, Joe Diller and Frank Gaspari-looked really good in carding 36s.

Steve Shock of McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals had his best night of the season, a 1-over 34, to spark his team to a narrow 11-9 win over KC's Korner. Shock got some solid support from Kris Krantz who posted a 36, and from the 38 carded by Mark "The Golden Bird" Chichvar who sported a Johnny Cash look for a change.

Nick Vestusch shot a 36 for KC's Korner to lower his handicap a bit more and Dan Conti had a 39 in a tough loss.

In the final match of the evening, Unique Sports Accessories showed why they may be the Best Next-to-the-Last Place Team in league history as all four golfers played really well. Ted "Old Reliable" Stanik was down the middle on every hole and was masterful on the greens with his new belly putter and had a superb 1-under 32 to tie Danny Griffin for medalist honors. Jay "The Sexy One" Bertleson shot a 36 and is obviously feeling much better than he did a couple of weeks ago when he had to withdraw. Mike Dillon had one of his best nights in the league, putting together a 3-over 36 which with his handicap-comes down to a net 25. He also earned the distinction of beating brother Chris, who posted a 37, and that was worth several adult beverages.

All that fine golf resulted in a well-deserved 14-6 victory by Unique Sports Accessories over 2 Buds, 2 Dubs.

Dale "The Needle" Dube finished off his round with a lovely birdie on the ninth hole to give him medalist honors for the night with his 37, one stroke better than playing partner Jeff "Bam Bam" Orth.

Dube also easily won the Jimmy Demaret Most Nattily Attired Golfer Award with his striking blue shirt, blue and white plaid shorts, and his Rickie Fowler blue-and-white shoes.

In next week's play-off action, Alfie's Boys, the American Division champions, will take on the Italian-American Club, the National Division title-holders for the League Championship while the two second place teams in each division, the South Plainfield Funeral Home and KC's Korner, will battle it out for the bronze medal.

Low scores for the night: Danny Griffin, 32; Ted Stanik, 32; Bill Mann, 34; Steve Shock, 34; Guy Severini, 34; Vinnie Welch, 34; Mike King, 35.

duCret Accepting Applications

The duCret School of Art, located at 1030 Central Ave. in Plainfield, is currently accepting registrations for the fall semester. duCret is New Jersey's oldest non-profit art school. Both full and part time class programs are available. High school grads, adults seeking career change and active seniors are encouraged to apply.

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EPA Plans to Continue Monitoring Groundwater at Superfund Site

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Prince introduced four alternative clean up proposals:

1. No Action, which is a base line comparison Superfund regulations use to evaluate all other remedial alternatives. Because contaminants would remain on the site above acceptable levels with no controls, a review of the site every five years would be required. This plan would cost nothing.

2. Groundwater monitoring. Instituting an annual groundwater monitoring program to collect data on contaminant concentrations and ana-

lyzed for PCBs, etc. Assessing changes in Middlesex Water Company pumping to municipal systems, restricting installation of new wells, identification of and closure of private potable wells in the plume area. A review of site conditions every five years, including an evaluation of contamination and assessment of contaminant migration. Monitoring would also include periodic vapor intrusion testing, with ongoing groundwater monitoring of the plume at an estimated total cost of \$5,721,000.

3. Hydraulic containment of two

contaminant source zones, either 3a or 3b. Hydraulic control of groundwater in the 3a target plan would involve using one vertical extraction well 50' deep or located in the center of the treatment area and the alternative 3b target plan would use three vertical extraction wells each 50' deep. An on-site water treatment system would treat the extracted groundwater; however, the time frame for back diffusion of contaminant mass (TCE) residing in the rock matrix would require this process to continue indefinitely. The estimated cost of alternate 3a is \$17,440,000 and

3b is \$21,019,000.

4. Thermal treatment, either plan 4a or 4b. This treatment includes the installation of heater wells, vertical soil vapor extraction points and multiphase extraction wells to treat to depth of 50'. Heater wells installed at a 15' spacing that would generate very high temperatures. Install steam injections wells between 50' and 65'. If needed a vapor cap would be installed to capture fugitive vapors. By constantly drawing off the vapors, the entire treatment zone would be kept under a vacuum to minimize transport of contaminants out of treatment area. The use of steam at the bottom of the thermal treatment area to create a hot floor providing a barrier to vertical migration of contaminants. Most contaminants would be vaporized and removed. Higher temperatures than 100° are needed in order to vaporize a portion of PCBs out of the rock; however, removing the smaller or larger contaminant source area would not change down-gradient groundwater conditions to any significant degree. Estimated costs are \$33,061,000 for an area of approximately two acres, or \$128,521,000 for an area about five times larger.

EPA's Current Preferred Plan

The EPA choose preferred plan two—groundwater monitoring—for the following reasons: limited op-

tions are available to successfully treat the PCB and TCE contamination in fractured bedrock with limited ability of the groundwater contamination moving beyond where it is now and the limited potential for a treatment to result in measureable improvement in groundwater quality anywhere in the aquifer within a reasonable time period. The EPA expects this to be the final solution to the groundwater remedy unless the Bound Brook remedial investigation shows that higher than expected levels of groundwater contaminants are discharging into the Bound Brook or if the contaminant plume is expanding.

The EPA believes that the preferred alternative two is the best balance of trade-offs among the alternatives with respect to the evaluation criteria and it will also be protective of human health and the environment.

Robert Spiegel, executive director of Edison Wetlands Association, summed up his opposition to the plan saying, "Monitoring isn't a clean up."

A copy of the complete groundwater contamination report is available at the South Plainfield Library.

Public comments can still be submitted before the deadline of August 20 by emailing Diego Garcia, remedial project manager, at garcia.diego@epa.gov or calling (212) 637-4947.

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BOE Approves Principals' Contract

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"Time as administrator" is \$400 in years five through nine, \$600 in years 10 through 14, and \$1,000 for 15+ years of service. Administrators with their doctorate receive an additional \$2,000 a year. There were no changes in this pay.

The establishment of contract stipends dates back to 1993. Revisions were made in 1996 and again in 2009.

Out-of-pocket prescription plan co-pays will remain the same as the last contract at \$15 for brand name drugs, \$10 for generic and \$5 for the mail-in plan. There is a \$300 single member and \$600 family member

deductible for all medical insurance coverage.

Gov. Chris Christie's health care reform for public sector unions passed last June will now take effect with state-mandated contributions toward the unit's health benefits. Most state employees and local government/education employees pay a percentage of the premium or 1.5% of their salary, whichever is greater. A majority of the principals unit earn more than \$95,000 a year; therefore, over the next four years they will be paying 8.75% this year, 17.5% in 2013, 26.25% in 2014 and 35% in the first year of their next three-year contract.

As per the new agreement, if a member is currently enrolled in the full family coverage insurance, they may waive their rights to all coverage in return for an annual payment of \$5,000 each year. If member and spouse coverage is waived they will receive a \$4,000 pay out a year and a single member or parent/child coverage will receive an additional \$3,000 a year for not taking the insurance.

Tuition reimbursement is available for course work directly related to the staff members present assignment and must be approved in advance by the superintendent. The board will pay the full cost of tuition and other reasonable expenses, up to the current rate established by Rutgers University for graduate credits to a maximum of six credits per unit member per year. A grade of "B" or better is necessary for reimbursement; \$10,000 is available for use for tuition reimbursement per year. Any employee who benefits from the provisions of the tuition reimbursement procedures must remain an employee in the district for the next three full school years. Failure to do so will require full reimbursement to the board.

Previous tuition reimbursement required that the unit member remain in the school system for only two years to receive reimbursement.

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Area Residents Receive Degrees at Rider's 147th Commencement

Rider University celebrated its 147th commencement with more than 1,200 undergraduate degrees and graduate degrees awarded.

Three South Plainfield residents received degrees: Andrew Gray received a bachelor of arts degree in communication, Natia Katsantonis received a bachelor of arts degree in journalism and Gregory Watts received a bachelor of science in business administration degree in business administration.

Rider University is a vibrant, student-centered community of learners

regionally recognized as a top-tier institution. With campuses in Lawrenceville and Princeton, Rider is an independent, residential university with nearly 6,000 students—undergraduate, graduate and non-traditional adult learners. Rider offers more than 60 undergraduate programs in fine and performing arts, humanities, sciences, social sciences, education and business, as well as 21 graduate programs principally in business, education and music.

Christopher Seesselberg Named to Dean's List

Christopher Seesselberg was named to the dean's list for the Spring 2012 semester at Montclair State University.

A 2009 graduate of South Plainfield High School, Christopher will be entering his senior year in September, majoring in theater studies. He also became a member of Sigma Alpha Lambda, the National Leadership and Honors Organization

at Montclair State. Sigma Alpha Lambda is dedicated to promoting and rewarding academic achievement and providing members with opportunities for community service, personal development and lifelong professional fulfillment.

This summer, Christopher was the directing intern for the Summer Drama Workshop production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*.



Kaitlin E. Egan

Kaitlin E. Egan Graduates Rutgers

Kaitlin Elizabeth Egan of South Plainfield graduated from Rutgers College in May with a B.A. degree in sociology and a minor in history.

The graduation ceremony was held for all university graduates at the Rutgers football stadium; the sociology department ceremony followed where Kaitlin received her diploma from the department chairperson.

In high school, Katie was a member of Peer Leadership, inducted into the National Art Honor Society and was the co-captain of the high school swim team during her senior year. She is an avid photographer and has been hired to take maternity and baby pictures, as well as her friends weddings.

During her senior year at Rutgers, Katie participated in an internship with the N.J. Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services and would like to continue with a career in social work. She is particularly interested in working with at-risk children and is currently pursuing a career with that in mind.

A 2008 graduate of South Plainfield High School, Katie is the daughter of Thomas and Donna Egan.

Unity Bank Appoints Chief Lending Officer

Unity Bank has appointed former Citibank executive John E. Keane, a 38-year industry veteran, as executive vice president and chief lending officer. Keane is responsible for both commercial and Small Business Administration (SBA) lending.

"We are very fortunate to have John join the Unity Bank team because he has a very impressive track record in commercial lending," said Unity Bank President and CEO, James A. Hughes. "John has the experience and knowledge needed to grow our commercial banking division, enhancing the expertise of our business lending team. Throughout his career, John has been a strong leader in both growing and established markets, skills that will be invaluable for our community bank."

Keane, a New Providence resident, has broad experience in the financial services industry, most recently serving as division director for New York City with Citibank, managing a portfolio of approximately 10,000 companies. Previously, he served as Citibank's senior vice president/New Jersey region manager.

He also served as a senior vice president and team leader for New Jersey with JP Morgan.

He earned a master's degree in business administration in finance at New York University; a bachelor of arts degree in history from St. Bonaventure University; and completed a Harvard University executive program.

Keane received the 2011 American Jewish Congress Financial Services Industries Award.

Scout Volunteers Needed for Fun Night Jamboree

The Scout Fun Night Jamboree Committee is looking for alumni Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to help plan a huge night filled with fun and to help showcase to the public why scouting is still alive. The event will be held on Friday, Sept. 21.

The committee is looking for people to share stories and lasting memories of their years in scouting. There are other ways you can help out by helping with publicity of this jamboree night, or even making a small donation to help with the marketing and overall event program.

The main purpose of this event is to showcase scouting to members from other towns who will attend, including Piscataway and Plainfield.

For more information, please email Jim Donelson at rvtroop125@aol.com and provide the following information in your email: troop or pack you belonged to, as well as how many years you were involved.

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