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**Primary Election**  
**Tuesday, June 4**  
**Polls Open 6am-8pm**

## Buttiglieri Named Administrator

Borough Clerk Vinnie Buttiglieri will be adding another title to his job description. The mayor and council voted to name him borough administrator at a salary of \$10,000.

Since the departure of Frank DeRosa in March, Buttiglieri has been handling some of the administrator's duties. With the hiring of Glenn Cullen as the borough's chief financial officer, the council said they would not be filling the administrator's job. Instead, Buttiglieri has been appointed administrator in addition to his current responsibilities as borough clerk.

Councilman Ed Kubala commented that Buttiglieri has been doing an outstanding job as clerk and deserves the position.

## Victim Unharmed After Carjacking/Robbery

On May 22, a carjacking occurred on Stelton Rd. at the intersection of Hadley Rd.

Alfred J. Lesniak, Jr. of North Brunswick told police that he was stopped at a traffic light on Stelton Rd. when he was approached by two black males. One male approached the driver's side brandishing a handgun, put it to Lesniak's head and ordered him out of the car. The other man stood by the passenger door. Lesniak was then robbed of his wallet and the assailants demanded that he remove his Nike sneakers from his feet.

Lesniak was not injured during the incident, however he said he had to walk barefoot to find a telephone to call the police.

The suspects were described as black males, 5'9", approximately 25 years old. Both wore dark pants, dark long sleeves and skullcaps. The vehicle stolen was a silver 1990 Mazda, MX6, two door.

Police subsequently recovered the car in Piscataway Tuesday night.



Memorial Day ceremonies were held at the VFW and American Legion on Monday.

## Veterans Honored on Memorial Day

As we have in the past, South Plainfield did not forget our Veterans on Memorial Day. Services were held at our local cemeteries and at both the VFW and the American Legion. The ceremonies were co-sponsored by both American Legion Chaumont Post 243 and VFW Post 6763. In preparation for Memorial Day this year, over 2,000 flags were placed at the graves of veterans.

Opening ceremonies were held at the VFW Post 6763, then proceeded to the Jewish cemetery, the Baptist cemetery, Holy Redeemer Cemetery and Veterans Park. Closing ceremonies were held at American Legion Chaumont Post 243, followed by a lunch. On Monday morning, members of the Knights of Columbus held a special mass at the Holy Redeemer Cemetery Mausoleum, which was filled to capacity.

A large crowd was on hand for the beginning ceremonies and it seemed to get a little larger at each stop. Pam Janizak sang the *Star Spangled Banner*, while her brother Steve played *Taps*. In addition, students Chris Bubnick and Derek Smith played drums as the veterans marched from one venue to the next. At each cemetery the routine was the same, re-

membering all veterans with a short essay, a prayer, placing a wreath at the site, the playing of *Taps* and a gun salute by the Honor Guard. Those in attendance could not help but feel

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Knights of Columbus participating in Monday's special Memorial Day Mass were Bob Longo, Pat Bonaventura, Bob Walker, Rachael Pedersen, Gene Baker, Larry Makoski, Jack Pedersen, Steve Belanger and son, Bill Hartman, Greg Rhein and daughter Rebecca. Photo by Bill Tuthill

## Parole Violator Sought for Questioning in Bank Robberies

Philip W. Thomas, Special Agent in charge of the New Jersey Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), is asking the public's assistance in locating Lawrence McLendon of Highland Park. McLendon has been on probation since Feb. 18, 2000. After a series of parole violations, a warrant for McLendon's arrest was issued on April 16, 2002.



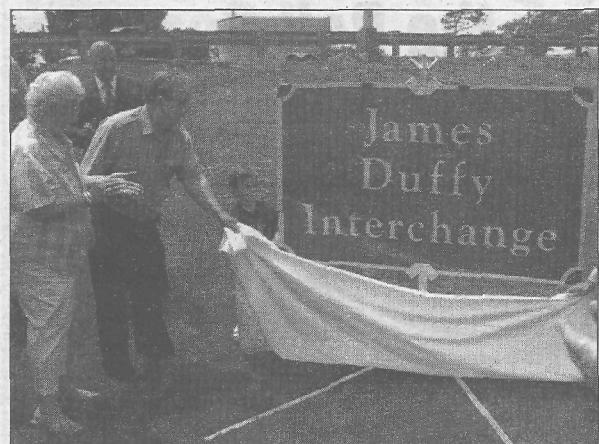
McLendon is being sought for questioning by the FBI in connection to as many as ten bank robberies since Aug. 21, 2001 in Middlesex and Somerset counties, totaling an excess of \$35,000, including the recent bank robbery which occurred at Fleet Bank in South Plainfield.

The FBI's Franklin Township Office has joined forces with several police departments in the area in their search for McLendon. If you have any information on his whereabouts, call (732) 469-7986.

McLendon is believed to be in his early 40's and is described as 5'2", medium build, facial hair at times and tattoos on the upper part of both arms. His left arm has script writing saying, "Mommy and Daddy-One Love" which is outlined by a swirly border. McLendon's right arm has a NY Yankees symbol and letters believed to be initials that circle around a heart—all done with black ink.

Authorities are offering a reward for information leading to the whereabouts of McLendon. All calls are confidential.

## Bridge Named in Honor of Local Korean War Vet



Korean War Veteran James Duffy unveils the sign which will be placed at the intersection of Rt. 287 and Stelton Rd. with the help of his wife Marie and grandson David Shaughnessy.

Among the ceremonies held this past weekend, none was more poignant than the Rt. 287 bridge naming held on Tuesday afternoon. The bridge over Rt. 287 on Stelton Rd. was named after South Plainfield resident James Duffy, a veteran of the Korean War.

Dignitaries from all over New Jersey were on hand to honor Duffy. Attending were New Jersey Commissioner of Transportation Jamie Fox, Freeholder Director David Crabel, State Senator Barbara Buono, Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, Mayor Dan Gallagher, Councilmen Dennis Cerami and Ed Kubala, Borough Clerk/Administrator Vinnie Buttiglieri, Police Chief Robert Merkle, American Legion Commander Joe

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## Public's Input Needed NOW!

What should we do about the Canada Geese? That's one of the most frequently asked questions Councilman Ray Petronko hears. He said that since he began campaigning more than four years ago, everyone keeps asking about the increase in the geese population in and around South Plainfield. Petronko is now asking the residents of South Plainfield to voice their opinions.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has been holding meetings around the county since April 1 on how to handle the increased population of the Canada Geese. Petronko has been at these hearing and notes that most of those attending are environmentalists who oppose any method proposed to re-

duce the geese population. He says that now is the time for residents to put up or shut up and get involved.

Over the years, Spring Lake Park has become inundated with Canada Geese and each year their population has grown in numbers. Ask anyone who frequents Spring Lake Park how just taking a walk around the park has become a hazardous trip because of the goose droppings that are everywhere. Droppings are found not just on the walking path, they are everywhere in the park, making it impos-

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## council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Thursday.

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. (New Time) • Questions? 908-226-7605

### AGENDA MEETING PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, June 3 Thursday, June 6

Monday, June 17 Thursday, June 20

Monday, July 8 Monday, July 15

All meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (NJSA 10:4-6 et seq) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Avenue.

## planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month

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

June 11, June 25, July 9, July 23, Aug. 13, Aug. 27, Sept. 10, Sept. 24, Oct. 8, Oct. 22, Nov. 12, Nov. 26, Dec. 10, Dec. 24 (no meeting)

## zoning board of adjustment

Meets on Thursdays

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

June 13, June 27, July 18, July 25, Aug. 15, Aug. 29, Sept. 12, Sept. 26,

Oct. 3, Oct. 17, Nov. 14, Nov. 21, Dec. 5, Dec. 19

## 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? 908-668-0538

## site plan sub-committee

June 20, July 18, Aug. 22, Sept. 19, Oct. 24

## recreation commission

Meets once a month on the first Tuesday of the month, except July and August

PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716

June 4, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 12 and Dec. 3

## environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday except August)

Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621

June 12, July 10, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11

## board of education meetings

Grant School Gymnasium on Cromwell Place unless otherwise noted

Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.- June 11, July (no meeting), Aug. 13,

Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, 2003, Feb. 11, March 11, April 1.

Regular Board Mtg., held Tuesdays, at 8 p.m.-June 18, July (no meeting), Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, Jan. 21, 2003, Feb. 18, March 18, April 8.

## business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m. • Questions? 908-757-8100

## traffic safety advisory commission

Meetings, held at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room, Borough Hall

June 26, July 24, (Aug. no meeting), Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 27, Dec. 18



## Networking Event Draws 50

Thanks to all who helped make the South Plainfield Business Association's "A Taste of the Town" event a success. Over 50 people participated in the affair designed to provide local businesses the opportunity to network with other business people and to promote membership in the association.

Special thanks to the food sponsors: Hometown Heroes, Bennigans, Ciccio's and Paulos Barbeque, as well as the many door prize sponsors.

Pictured above on the right are Charlie and Debbie Kurland, owners of Hometown Heros, sponsors of one of the food tables, R. Biribin, Jeff Licato and Geoff Champion.

Pictured right is South Plainfield Business Association President Jack Pedersen as he announces one the winners of the raffle.

The Business Association is planning to host a similar event in September.

If you would like to contact the business association, call (908) 757-8811.



## IN MY OPINION

### To the Editor,

On Monday May 20, the new track at Frank Jost Field was officially opened. That was a great day in South Plainfield, for both the town and the student-athletes. This has been a long, slow process, but the dream is now a reality.

Back in early 2001, when the third referendum was put to vote, a few dedicated parents asked Guy Ferri (former superintendent of schools), "What about the track replacement?" Mr. Ferri's response was that if the referendum passed, we would get a new track. He stuck to his word. When Dr. John Krewer came on board, he supported this as well.

We (the parents), kept after the board to move this project along quickly. After several trips to Trenton, Board of Education member Frank Mikorski finally secured the approvals for the majority of the money. Without Mr. Mikorski's help we would still be waiting. Thanks to Dr. Krewer, Frank Mikorski and the entire BOE for their support in getting this new track installed in time for the current seniors to have a "home" meet. Something they have not had for three years.

Special thanks to Bob Stilo of Stilo Paving for donating his time, staff and machines to strip and remove the old track surfaces. This saved the taxpayers thousands of dollars and allowed us to get an upgraded track surface. Thanks to Coach Bill Milone (NJSIAA track official) for his efforts in making sure we meet the current and especially the future re-

quirements of the NJSIAA. Thanks to SPHS Athletic Director Mr. Buggy for putting up with our countless questions and requests!

Through the efforts of the South Plainfield Board of Education and the South Plainfield community, we have made this dream come true. This was a great example of teamwork and success, when the BOE listens to the people of this community and acts on its word. And they did!

We now have the number one track and facility in the state of New Jer-

sey and we hope to be hosting the Spring 2003 State Meets.

Thank you to all the parents and students who came out to show their support on May 20. Thank you to the SPHS Athletic Booster Club for opening the snack stand for the day's festivities and for providing free food for the student-athletes at the conclusion of the first home meet in three years! And thank you to John Rayho for helping push this project along.

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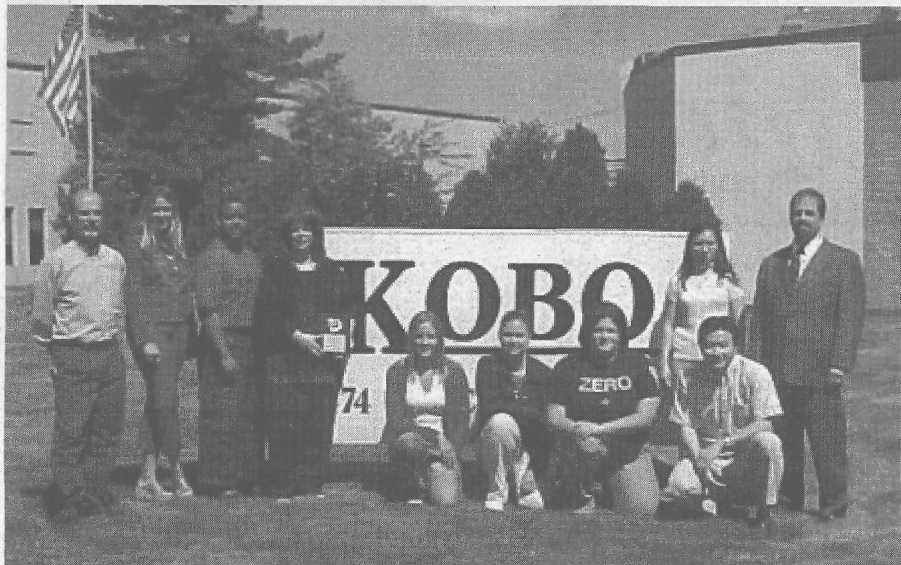
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Pictured right to left are: CE Coordinator John Lartaud, Veliana Baratta, Eric Smith, Pam Nuzzo, CE seniors Michelle Socha, Jessica Honeywell, Lauren Scaduto, Uyen Nguyen, Dr. Yun Shao and KOBO President David Schlossman.

## CE Names KOBO Products, Inc. 2002 Employer of the Year

KOBO Products Inc. has been a true partner to the South Plainfield High School Cooperative Education Program (CE). KOBO provides part-time jobs, resources, guest speakers and scholarships. This incredible school business partnership has been profitable for both KOBO and CE. The CE School to Careers Program has provided the best reserve from which to recruit excellent, energetic entry level workers in the research and development departments, accounting, and finance, and office assistance over the past ten years. KOBO'S management team assesses the student workers strengths and deficits by helping develop training plans. The CE

teachers provide concurrent training which parallels job performance by addressing specific work skills.

The results are dozens of success stories. Some students maintain employment throughout college as part-time workers. Others have been offered full time employment after finishing their college degrees. Many keep in contact for references, recommendations and advice as they enter various industries. David Schlossman, president and C.E.O. looks for "good communication and people skills." Young people working with his staff are aware of how important integrity, commitment and enthusiasm is at KOBO. SPHS graduate Angie

Verdejo-Perez worked at KOBO during her senior year in the CE Program. She continued part-time while she attended Rutgers University. Upon graduation she was hired full-time as the Information Technology Manager in charge of all systems administration. She is a true example of the education community and business community working together.

This year CE is awarding KOBO Products, Inc. with a plaque honoring their efforts as "Employer of the Year." Coordinators Dee Falato and John Lartaud both feel it is a small token in comparison to their years of generosity.

KOBO is awarding four CE Scholarships this year. Two students will receive the KOBO Science and Technology Awards of \$1,000 each. They are seniors Lauren Scaduto and Jessica Honeywell. Lauren will be attending the University of Rhode Island, majoring in Medical Illustration, Jessica will be attending Framingham State College in Massachusetts for Veterinary Medicine specializing in Wildlife Management.

Two students will receive the KOBO Business and Finance Awards of \$500 each. Michelle Socha, who will be attending Rutgers University for Public Relations/Crisis Management and Mohammed Ali, who will be enrolled at Middlesex County College for accounting and finance next fall.

Falato pointed out that Business Education partnerships like KOBO and CE gives our students an edge over other students because CE students are exposed to the real world of work, various careers and technology, real resumes, work with business mentors and are extremely confident and ready to enter this changing global economy. It's too bad all students aren't required to receive this working advantage. If more corporations would share Schlossman's vision, there would be less criticism of public schools and more partners with mutual profits.

## Cassandra Lambros to Perform at Wesley Methodist

Cassandra Lambros of Warren, can be heard in a recital at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 2, courtesy of the South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission and the Wesley United Methodist Church, located on Plainfield Ave. in South Plainfield.

A member of the New Jersey All-State Orchestra, Cassandra has appeared as violinist on the Commission's programs over the past four years. She has also appeared as violin soloist with the Westfield Concerto/Chamber Orchestra under the direction of her teacher, Steve Wolosonovich and with the New York Arts Club in New York.

Ms. Lambros has also been studying voice with Sonia Lewis and Emily Golden, both of Westfield, for the past two years and won the silver medal in the Young Artists Vocal Competition in March of this year.

In her "double" recital on June 2, the coloratura soprano will sing a number of famous selections, among them the brilliant but rarely performed "Air du Rossignol" (Song of the Nightingale) by Victor Masse. A high-



Cassandra Lambros

light of the violin portion of the program will be Sarasate's *Zigeunerweisen*. Her accompanist will be Beverly Webber of Middlesex.

Graduating next month from Watchung Hills High School, Cassandra will enter the Mason Gross School of Fine Arts at Rutgers University in the fall to continue her music career.

The recital is free. Everyone is invited to this very special concert.



Borough Clerk/Business Administrator Vinnie Buttiglieri swears in Glen Cullen as the borough's CFO. Joining Cullen are his wife Lori, daughter Chelsea and sons Sean and Brian.

## New Borough CFO Sworn In

Glenn Cullen was officially sworn in as CFO at last week's Council meeting. He was warmly welcomed by the mayor and members of the council.

Cullen was joined by his wife, Lori,

daughter Chelsea and sons Sean and Brian and other family members. Cullen, a life-long resident of South Plainfield, was chosen from over 120 applicants.

## Missing Student Found in Conn.

Last week the mother of Sandra Salazar put out a desperate plea to help find her daughter who had been missing for more than a month.

On Wednesday, May 22 at approximately 5:30 p.m., Sandra Salazar was located in Conn. by Detective Gene Batiale and Officer Sherlyn Courtney of the South Plainfield Police Department.

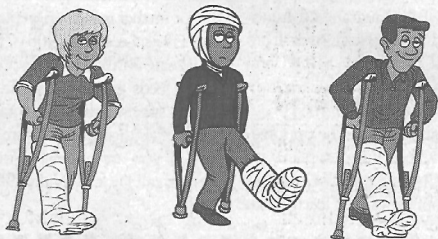
ment.

Detective Batiale was following up on leads in the case with the Hartford Police Department in Connecticut. Salazar was returned to her parents unharmed. She reportedly had been staying with a 15-year-old friend she met from New Jersey who moved with her family to Connecticut.



## May Crowning at Sacred Heart Church

The Annual May crowning of the Blessed Mother was held at Sacred Heart Church on May 12. Amanda Caruso performed the crowning ceremony, assisted by crown bearer Jonathan Baratta. Officiating was Reverend John Paul Alvarado.



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# Events

## Around Town

### VFW Country Breakfast

#### June 2

A Country Breakfast, sponsored by VFW Post 6763, 155 Front St., will take place on Sunday, June 2, 8 to 11 a.m. and will feature a varied menu as well as a children's menu. Donation is \$5.

For information, call (908) 668-9751 after 3 p.m. daily and after noon on weekends.

### SPHS Band Concert to be Held

#### June 5

The South Plainfield High Band will hold a concert on Wednesday, June 5 at 7 pm in the high school auditorium. During the intermission, the Winterguard and the Drum Line will perform.

### Phantom of the Opera Tickets Still Available

#### June 6

The South Plainfield Recreation Dept. is selling tickets for the *Phantom of the Opera* on Thursday, June 6. Bus leaves the PAL at 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$60 and can be purchased at the PAL, 8:30 to 5 p.m.

### SDW Announces Footloose Auditions

#### June 10, 11 and 12

The South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop will hold auditions for *Footloose*, the hit Broadway musical that will be presented this summer for the group's 31st season.

Auditions will be held June 10, 11 and 12 at the South Plainfield Middle School from 6:30 to 9 p.m. South Plainfield student who have completed sixth grade through first year out of high school are eligible. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes and bring a non-returnable photo. Prepared audition songs are not necessary, but if you will be performing your own selection, please bring sheet music. An accompanist will be available. Scripts are available for review at the library and in the schools.

Students interested in being on the stage crew or orchestra should come to the auditions and register.

For more information, call (908) 561-5255, or check out the SPSPDW website at [www.spsdw.com](http://www.spsdw.com). Sign-up forms are available for downloading.

### Knights of Columbus Hawaiian Dinner/Dance

#### June 14

The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Hawaiian Dinner/Dance on Friday, June 14, at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$18 per person and include a classic Hawaiian dinner and drinks. All are invited.

For tickets or information, contact Mark O'Brien at (908) 757-2513 or Joe Scrudato at (908) 754-0869.

### SPHS Music Booster Awards Dinner

#### June 14

South Plainfield High School Music Booster Awards Dinner will be held on June 14 at 6:30 p.m. at MacAteers Restaurant in Somerset.

The cost of the dinner is \$25 per person. The dinner is open to all music students at South Plainfield High School and their parents, relatives or friends. All students and parents are encouraged to attend. Please send payment to SPHS Music Boosters, c/o Marge Reedy, 2122 Oxford Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080. Any questions, please call (908) 561-3951.

### Retirement Dinner for OLC Pastor John Skwara

#### June 23

A testimonial retirement dinner will be held in honor of Father John M. Skwara, pastor of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, who will retire as of June 1, on Sunday, June 23, at The Pines Manor in Edison, at 2 p.m.

Father John has been administering the parish for the past 30 years. For information and tickets, call Carolyn at (908) 755-2516 or drop by the Rectory Office, Monday through Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Special Committee for the occasion is headed by Frank Mikorski, Ed Kubala and Carolyn Yankoski.

A remembrance/good wishes booklet is also planned. Information or forms are available by contacting Carolyn at the number above.

### Seniors Tour of New York Harbor

#### July 11

Seniors are invited on a tour of New York Harbor, Ellis Island and Lady Liberty on "The Lady." There will be a buffet lunch. Departure will take place at the PAL, 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 11. Tickets are first come, first served!

The cost is \$40 per person. Tickets are available now at the PAL.

### — Out of Town —

### Gardening Show at Rutgers

#### June 1

If *Plants Could Talk* the Rutgers Cooperative Extension gardening show will be airing its beach episode on Saturday, June 1 on NJN Public Television at 12:30 p.m.

Experts from around the state will offer tips on plants that will tolerate the harsh conditions at the shore. Our hosts will also visit Long Beach Island and Island Beach State Park to see what gardeners there have had success with. You'll even learn a bit about New Jersey's aquaculture industry.

More gardening information and promotional material for the program is always available at [www.ifplants.couldtalk.rutgers.edu](http://www.ifplants.couldtalk.rutgers.edu).

### Sons of American Legion Rummage Sale

#### June 1

The Sons of the American Legion, Post #102 are sponsoring the Second Annual Giant Rummage Sale benefiting the Cerebral Palsy League. The event will be held at 112 West Elizabeth Ave. in Linden on Saturday, June 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rain date is Sunday, June 2.

Items such as clothing, toys, games, household goods and bric-a-brac will be available. Vendors and Volunteers needed! Vendors can rent a space and sell their wares. Though hurry, space is limited! Call Dean at (908) 862-9721.

Volunteers are needed to help run the rummage sale and should call Jenna at (908) 709-1800, ext. 147.

### Bible Discussion at Alliance Bible Church

#### June 2

Israel and the Middle East Crisis—What does the Bible have to say about

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these events and what is going to happen next?

On Sunday, June 2, at 7 p.m., Dr. Bryan Widbin will be discussing these issues and more at Alliance Bible Church in Warren.

The current conflict in the Middle East has many wondering, is this the end of times? Whose side is God on? What does the Bible say will happen in the future? What started this conflict anyway?

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this informative session on Sunday, June 2 at 7 p.m. This is no charge for this event. Refreshments will be served. Alliance Bible Church is located at 52 Mount Horeb Road in Warren. For directions or more information, check [www.alliancebiblechurch.com](http://www.alliancebiblechurch.com) or call 732-469-1425.

### E-Commerce Workshops

#### June 6, 13, 20

To identify industry best practices that small businesses can replicate, the Mercer/Middlesex Small Business Development Center and the Middlesex County Office of Economic Development are cosponsoring a series of three breakfast workshops on June 6, 13 and 20 to help small businesses plan, develop and market their website.

All three sessions, Managing E-Commerce, Developing a Winning Web-Site and Marketing Your Web-Site will be at the Middlesex County Planning Board Bldg., (the Elks building) at 40 Livingston Ave. in New Brunswick, 9 to 11 a.m. Fee of \$20 per session or all three for \$50.

For information, call Gail Eagle at (732) 445-6134 or email [www.eagle@yourbizpartner.com](mailto:www.eagle@yourbizpartner.com).

### Small Business Seminar

#### June 7

On June 7 Mercer/Middlesex Small Business Development Center will present a program designed to provide individuals that are in business or thinking of starting a business with information on the business loan programs and technical assistance programs offered by the SBA.

The program, titled *Building And Financing Your Business/Financial And Technical Assistance For Small Business*, will run 9:30 a.m.-noon, (registration begins at 9 a.m.) at the Food Manufacturing Technology Facility, 120 New England Ave. (off Centennial Ave.), in Piscataway.

Leading area bank lending officers will also be on hand to discuss their role in the SBA's Guaranteed Lending Program. Representatives from the SBA, SCORE, the SBDC and local lenders will be available for individual consultations.

Participants will have the opportunity to review their business plan with a small business counselor, discuss their loan application and learn about

SBA's 7(a) Guaranty Loan Program, the Pre-Qualification Loan Program and the 8(a) Minority Small Business Set-Aside Program. There is no fee.

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### Plainfield Youth Jam Weekend

#### June 14-15

The Calvary Baptist Church of Plainfield is having a celebration designed for its inner city youth. This weekend event is scheduled for June 14-15. Reverend Terry Woolard, Youth Minister of Calvary, describes the event, "This is a weekend where we declare war—war on drugs, war on violence and war on anything and everything that is effecting the youth of Plainfield and our surrounding communities."

On Friday, June 14, there will be a concert extravaganza, featuring several youth choirs of Plainfield. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. "We want to raise the roof with worship and praise to our Lord," explains Woolard. "We want our young people to know that there is more to life than the streets and we know that God is the answer," Woolard continued.

Saturday, June 15, will feature rappers, steppers, dancers, food, fun, and much, much, more.

The weekend of events will all take place at Calvary Baptist Church, 324 West Fourth Street, Plainfield. For more information about this event or any other information about Calvary Baptist Church, please contact Minister Terry Woolard or Sister Carmen Caldwell at (908) 561-5187 or e-mail them at [tevoalard@yahoo.com](mailto:tevoalard@yahoo.com).

### UNICO Golf Outing

#### June 17


The Plainfield Chapter of Unico will hold the Fifth Annual Golf Outing on Monday, June 17.

This is the day after Father's Day and it would make an ideal Father's day gift, but ladies are also welcomed. The tournament is being held at Beaver Brook Golf Club in Clinton.

The cost for each golfer is \$135 (early bird registration is \$125). This includes green fees, cart, buffet dinner, and locker storage. Shotgun starts at 1 p.m. Prizes to be awarded are for the longest drive, closest to the pin, low net and low gross. Gold and silver corporate sponsors are still available. Individual holes are also available at \$100 per flag, except flags #1 and #18, which is \$125 each.

For further information please contact Frank Licato at (908) 757-5500 or Renato Biribin at (908) 561-9898.

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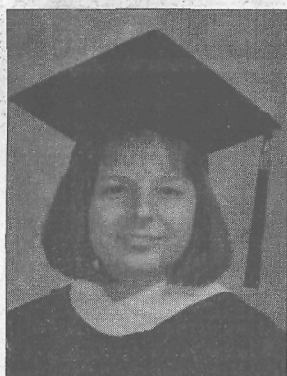


# Students Receive Degrees, Awards, Scholarships

## Adrienne Christatos Graduates from Rutgers College

On May 23 Adrienne Christatos, daughter of Carol and James Christatos, graduated with honors, earning a B.A. from Rutgers College, Rutgers University.

Adrienne double-majored in Theater Arts Production and Standard Mathematics, in addition to completing a full-time internship at Creative Sound Studios. Adrienne is presently pursuing a career in audio post production engineering.



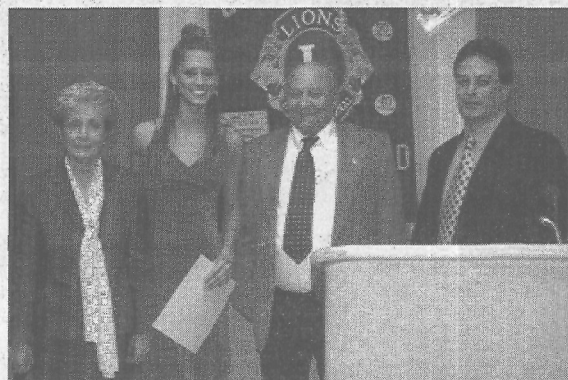
Adrienne Christatos

## Stahlin Graduates From Quinnipiac

Stephanie Ann Stahlin, the daughter of Frank and Barbara Stahlin, graduated on May 19 from Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn. She received a Bachelor's of Science degree in Respiratory Therapy.

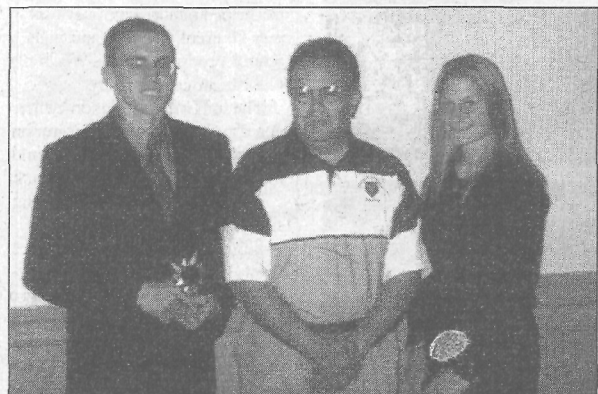
The School of Health Sciences at Quinnipiac University also has named Stephanie to the Dean's List for the Spring 2002 semester.

Stephanie has accepted a position as a Respiratory Therapist with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.



(L to R) Rose Pompa, Destiny Owen, Larry Massaro and Paul Pompa, Jr.

## Morgan, Schweers Receive "GMC Sportsmanship Award"



GMC Sportsmanship award winners and SPHS seniors Timothy Morgan Jr. (left) and Danielle Schweers (right) are pictured with SPHS Athletic Director Mike Buggy.

Timothy Morgan Jr. and Danielle Schweers, both seniors at South Plainfield High School, received the "GMC Sportsmanship Award" at a luncheon at Pierre's Restaurant in South Brunswick on Tuesday, May 7. Attending the ceremony with the students were their parents and SPHS

Athletic Director Michael Buggy.

The "GMC" (Greater Middlesex Conference) is comprised of 27 schools. Two athletes, one male and one female, were selected from each school to receive this prestigious award.

Tim and Danielle have each re-

ceived 12 varsity letters, the only athletes from their class to have accomplished this.

Tim runs cross-country, winter track and spring track. He recently broke the school record for the 5K (3.1 miles) at the Monmouth Invitational track meet with a time of 15:51. The previous school record was 16:27 during the cross-country season.

Danielle plays softball and field hockey, and runs winter track. She had previously played soccer for three years, before making the transition to field hockey. Both students are outstanding athletes in their sports, having received numerous honors, including many MVP awards. They were also selected as members of their division All-Star Teams.

They are excellent students, both are members of the National Honor Society and Peer Mentors. They are the sports editors for the *Tiger Times*, the school newspaper. Tim is also the Student Council class treasurer, a member of the Announcer's Club and the Jerseyman Club.

Both students will be competing in their respective sports in college. Tim will be running cross-country and track at St. Thomas Aquinas College in Sparkill, NY. Danielle will be playing softball at Rowan University in NJ.

Congratulations to Tim and Danielle for their superb achievements.

## Matthew Stanislao Graduates from Kean

Matthew A. Stanislao, the son of Anthony and Connie Stanislao of South Plainfield, graduated from Kean University Cum Laude on May 9 with a B.A. in Criminal Justice.

Based on his academic performance, Matthew was chosen to receive the Symbolic Degree in the College of Business and Public Administration.

Matthew is a police officer for Boonton Township in Morris County, and was sworn during the May 20 council meeting.



Matthew A. Stanislao

## Borough Receives Three Grants

South Plainfield will be receiving three grants totaling just under \$13,400. The grants come from both the State of New Jersey and U.S. Dept. of Justice.

The Borough received grants of:

- \$4,991 from the State of New Jersey—Clean Community Grant.
- \$1,390.46 from the United States Department of Justice—Bullet Proof Vest Grant.
- \$6,989 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Justice—Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant.

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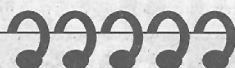
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## Kennedy School Holds Spring Concert

Spring was surely in the air when John F. Kennedy Elementary School held their annual Spring Concert on May 15.

Under the direction of Carleen Tedeschi and Barbara Habeeb on piano, the third, fourth and fifth grade string ensemble opened with four tunes: *Festival March*, *La Rejouissance*, *The Torch Burns Bright* and *Old Mac Fiddle*. String players who are also members of the All District

Festival Orchestra are Victoria Tran, Amber Scott, Kelly McCormack, Sara Johnson, violin 1; Holly McDede and Arham Jain, cello; Jimmy Bijlani, bass; Lisa Migliore and Steven Grzenda, violin 2 and Harrison Lee and Matthew Santos, viola.

The band took the stage playing *King Arthur's Coronation March*, *Hotaru Koi*, *Sakura* and *Fields of Glory* under the direction of Mr. Baldwin. The fourth and fifth grade cho-

rus, directed by Barbara Habeeb, ended the evening with *Light a Candle*, *Freedom, Red, White and Blue* and waved American flags to *God Bless America*.

The fifth grade LAMP members performed the *Mongolian Night Song*. LAMP members are Katie Baldassarre on flute; Kirsten Nuber and Vicki Tran played the recorder and sang and Ricky Harzula played percussion.



## New Faces Join SDW Staff

A few new faces have joined some familiar ones for the South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop's annual production. This year's show will be the hit musical "Footloose," and rehearsals will begin at the end of June to prepare for performances at the beginning of August.

Eric Hafen will return as director, with Patti O'Brien returning as choreographer. Lory Alcaro will return as stage manager, Roberta Leszczynski will again be Costume Coordinator, and Adam Toth will return as rehearsal pianist. Bob Alcaro, who has helped out on previous Summer Drama Workshop and high school productions, will be Set Coordinator.

The staff will include some talented performers and educators who will bring their enthusiasm for the program to the students.

Christopher Fiore will be musical director, responsible for the instrumental performers for the show. Chris has taught at schools in New Jersey, as well as the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts. He holds a Masters Degree in Music Jazz Performance, and is an accomplished performer on the double bass.

Sean Berg will be vocal director. Sean has recently relocated to the New York area, having taught and performed in New York, Iowa and North Carolina. He holds a Masters Degree in Choral Conducting, and currently is the conductor for the Celebration Singers in Cranford.

Grant Meth joins the Summer Drama Workshop as assistant vocal director. Grant is a student at Westminster Choir College, has experience in performing and conducting, and has toured regionally and in Europe.

Debra Sasso will be assistant director, bringing experience from other theatres to this year's production.

A new facet of the Summer Drama Workshop this summer will be our internship program. Kristen Pfeifer, CJ Palma and Tara Kusky will be helping out in various production, technical, and business aspects of the program.

Auditions will be held June 10, 11 and 12 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the South Plainfield Middle School. Scripts are available for review at the South Plainfield Library and in the schools.

For more information, call (908) 561-5255 or check out the program's website, [www.spsdw.com](http://www.spsdw.com).



The South Plainfield Fire Department's annual oldies concert brought over 400 residents back to the era of the 50's and 60's. Before the leap into the past, they encountered comedian Mike Morse, whose humor was firmly set in 2002. Bringing the audience back to the days of poodle skirts was CLASS, "The Girls Next Door," which featured several South Plainfield residents. The highlight of the evening, Randy and the Rainbows, brought the sounds of the early 60's to the auditorium and had the audience singing along with old favorites. After the concert Randy signed several albums for South Plainfield residents.

Photos and story by Patricia Abbott



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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## May 14

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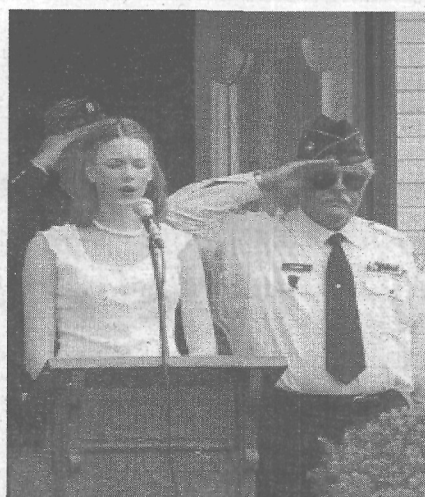
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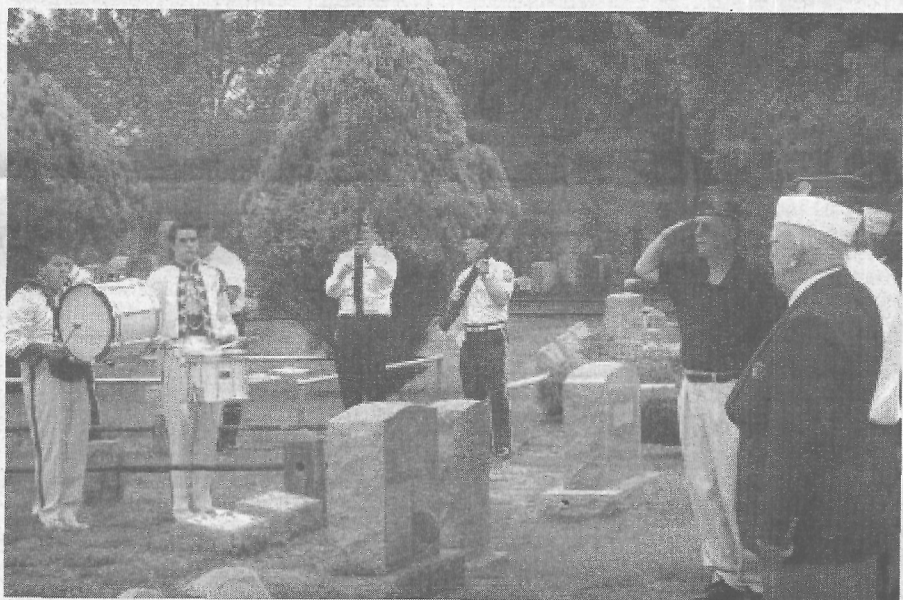
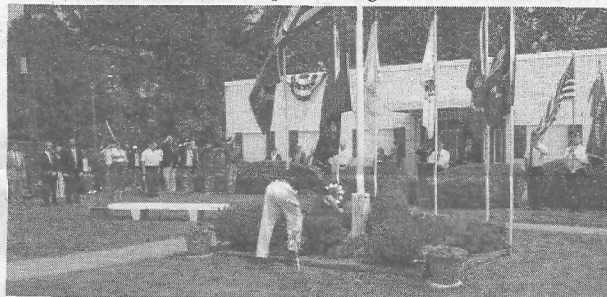


## Veterans Honored

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pride and respect for all who served our country. Afterwards, the American Legion hosted a luncheon for those attending the day's events.

Veterans from all branches of the service attended the ceremonies, many in uniform decorated with medals, who came to honor and pay tribute to their fallen comrades. Also in attendance were Mayor Dan Gallagher, Councilmen Jim Vokral, Dennis Cerami, Bob Cusick, Ed Kubala, Ray Petronko and Charles Butrico and Police Chief Robert Merkler, as well as the Republican candidates for mayor and council, Jake Cataldo and Geoff Champion.

At each stop, people stopped what they were doing and stood to watch as the Veterans marched to the beat of the drummers. At both the American Legion and the VFW, cars slowed down, some even stopped and saluted during the ceremonies, in respect of the significance of our Veterans.



From the left: Middlesex County Freeholder Director David Crabiell, Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan and State Senator Barbara Buono present proclamations from NJ Governor Jim McGreevey and the State Senate and Assembly to Korean War Veteran James Duffy. In back is Duffy's family.

## Bridge Named for Local Vet

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Penyak and Middlesex County Roads Department Dir. Alan Haig. Also on hand were a few dozen members of Duffy's family.

Duffy downplayed his heroism and courage during his years in service. While serving in Korea in 1952, he was wounded in action and awarded the Purple Heart. He resides in South

Plainfield and is an active member of the American Legion on Oak Tree Ave.

This is the first time a bridge has been named after a veteran in South Plainfield. Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan said it was fitting to be honoring a veteran who helped stop the spread of communism on Memorial Day.

## In My Own Words...

I was born and raised in Elizabeth in 1931. My parents and most of my grandparents were born in America.

A lot of my uncles and cousins served in the second world war.

In 1950, the Korean War broke out and I thought it was my patriotic duty to volunteer.

I enlisted in the army in September, 1950. I was only 18 years old. I was sent to Korea in October of 1951. On Oct. 19, I was shot and wounded by a North Korean machine gunner. I was awarded the Purple Heart and shipped home on April 1 of 1952. I was discharged on September of 1953, after three years of duty.

I met a girl from Plainfield, fell in love and married her. After 47 years and four daughters, we are still together and still in love.

—James R. Duffy



James Duffy addresses the crowd at the dedication of the James R. Duffy Interchange as Mayor Gallagher listens.



# Sports



## Sacred Heart Hawks Soar in the CJCTC Individual Championships

On Saturday, May 25, Sacred Heart School Spring Track Team from South Plainfield competed in the 2002 Central Jersey Catholic Track Conference Individual Championships held at Cranford High Memorial Field Track in Cranford. Forty-nine Sacred Heart runners participated in 22 track and field events against eight other schools winning five first-place, three second-place, six

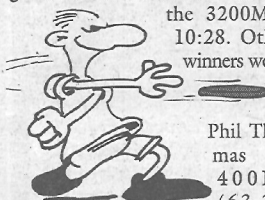
third-place, six fourth-place, three fifth-place, six sixth-place, four seventh-place and two eighth-place honors. The team took home 35 medals. In addition, Alicia Presley, a seventh grade runner, set two new conference records. The entire team ran a hard race and did an exceptional job representing the school.

Congratulations to all runners! Proud medal winners are:

Place	K-1-2 Girls 100m	Time	Place	3-4-5 Girls 800m	Time
5	Andrea Muglia	18.08	1	Jacqueline Dougherty	3:06.4
8	Jasmine Aguinaldo	18.39	4	Astara Maiure	3:22.3
Place	K-1-2 Boys 100m	Time	Place	3-4-5 Boys 800m	Time
7	Kyle Whitaker	18.42	5	Alfonse Muglia	2:58.8
Place	3-4-5 Girls 200m	Time	Place	6-7-8 Girls 800m	Time
1	Marika Simons	32.09	1	Alicia Presley	2:37.0
6	Geriana Pinto	35.06		<b>*New Record*</b>	
Place	3-4-5 Boys 200m	Time	4	Julia Dougherty	2:50.1
8	Michael McHugh	35.82	6	Megan McHugh	3:04.8
			7	Allison Whitefleet	3:07.3
Place	6-7-8 Girls 200m	Time	Place	6-7-8 Boys 800m	Time
3	Qaadirah Ihsaan	29.36	3	Jeffrey Pierik-Page	2:32.0
4	Kiersten Whitaker	29.47	4	Robert DiDario	2:33.8
7	Christine Murry	30.33			
Place	6-7-8 Boys 200m	Time	Place	3-4-5 Girls 1600m	Time
4	Nick Bush	29.26	1	Jacqueline Dougherty	6:44.9
6	Joseph Cern	29.58	3	Adrienne Novak	7:38.6
Place	K-1-2 Girls 400m	Time	Place	3-4-5 Boys 1600m	Time
3	Andrea Muglia	1:28.5	2	Alfonse Muglia	6:08.1
Place	3-4-5 Girls 400m	Time	6	Ryan Hohner	6:29.2
2	Marika Simons	1:14.0			
Place	6-7-8 Girls 400m	Time	Place	6-7-8 Girls 1600m	Time
1	Alicia Presley	1:02.6	4	Julia Dougherty	6:44.9
	<b>*New Record*</b>				
3	Kiersten Whitaker	1:08.8	Place	6-7-8 Boys 1600m	Time
6	Christine Murry	1:11.1	3	Jeffrey Pierik-Page	5:26.6
			7	Robert DiDario	5:39.7
Place	6-7-8 Boys 400m	Time	Place	6-7-8 Boys Shot Put Distance	
5	Joseph Cern	1:09.8	2	Anthony Pelle	30' 11"
			6	Joseph Cern	23' 0"

## Track is Back!

The boys were very successful in completing seven sweeps (first, second and third). The winners were: Senior Sean Grevious (triple winner) in the 100M - 11.3, 200M - 22.9 and the long jump - 20'. Senior Tim Morgan won both the 1600M - 4:51 and the 3200M - 10:28. Other winners were:



Phil Thomas - 400 IH (63.2),

Jeff Williams - 400M (51.8), George Watkins - 800M (2:09), Alan Dummett - 110HH (16.1) and Danny DeFalco - Pole Vault (9'6"). The winners in the weight events were Jermaine Thomas - Discus, Ervin Williams - Shot Put, and Zac Coppola - Javelin.

The first reaction from the runners is that the track is cushioned with a quick firm surface. We expect many great times from our runners for the future!

On Wednesday May 22, both the boys and girls competed in a home tri-meet against Carteret and Colonia. The boys won against both teams, giving them a White division Championship. The girls ended their tough season, on a high note, with a WIN over Carteret. Congratulations to the entire Spring Track & Field teams.

On May 24 and 25 several Spring Track athletes competed in the Central Jersey Group 3 Sectionals at Monmouth Regional HS. The boys had great success against the other Group 3 schools in Central Jersey. They finished fifth overall, out of 17 schools. This is one of the best finishes in many years. Anyone placing sixth or better moves on to the All Group Meet next week in Egg Harbor Twp. The team was lead by senior Tim Morgan who finished first in the 3200 meter run in 9:48.5 (Sectional Champ), and fourth in the 1600 meter run at 4:32.8. Another Sectional Champ was senior Sean Grevious in the Long Jump, with a leap of 20' 11". Other boys moving on next week are; sophomore Galen Johnson who finished sixth in the 3200 with a time of 10:24, junior Jeff Williams who finished 6th in the 400 meter run in 51.0. The boys 4x400M relay team finished third in 3:27.3. The team was made up of Chris Grevious, Sean Grevious, Ervin Williams, and Jeff Williams. Next week they will compete against all the group 3 athletes in NJ. If they finish in the top six next week, they move on to the Meet of Champions, which is the best of all groups in the state.

Having hosted the Sectionals, All Groups and the Meet of Champions for 17 years until 1999, we hope to be hosting these meets next spring! Good Luck Tigers!

### WRESTLING

By Bobby Hunter

## Wrestlers Win National Titles

South Plainfield wrestlers who qualified for the AAU Ironman World Wrestling Championships in Nashville, TN, showed that they could face the challenge of this grueling tournament. The tournament consisted of Freestyle, Greco Roman and Folkstyle (scholastic) wrestling. Along with individual national titles at stake competitors also accumulated points towards the overall Ironman Championship. The tournament had wrestlers from around the country as well as wrestlers from Mexico, Canada, France and Great Britain.

Robert Gentile, Patrick Hunter, Jimmy Conroy and Anthony Feirro represented four of the six New Jersey wrestlers. Robert Gentile 70 Schoolboy division finished in third place in the Freestyle competition and second place in the Greco Roman and the Folkstyle competition. He finished second in the overall Ironman competition.

Patrick Hunter 75 Novice Division had a great tournament reach-

ing the finals in all three styles. In the Freestyle competition Hunter won his first three matches to reach the finals but lost a close 4-2 decision to Matt Lester of Missouri for second place. In the Greco Roman competition Hunter again reached the finals but this time defeated Dillon Pousson of Illinois 5-0 to win his first National Championship. In the Folkstyle competition Hunter again reached the finals but had to face Matt Lester of Missouri and came up short again dropping a 9-5 decision for second place. In the overall Ironman standings Hunter was tied with Lester with 28 points and was awarded second place by criteria.

Jimmy Conroy 95 Schoolboy wrestling in his first national tournament continued his winning ways. In the freestyle competition Conroy dominated the field winning his first two matches by fall and his semifinal by tech fall. In the finals Conroy defeated Justin Combs of Indiana 8-0 for his first national freestyle title. In the Greco Roman competition

Conroy was injured and as a precaution was required to sit out. He was cleared to wrestle folkstyle and continued where he left off winning his first three matches to reach the finals where he defeated Reid Garcia of Missouri by major decision 8-0. In the overall Ironman standings Conroy still finished in third place without wrestling in the Greco Roman competition.

Anthony Feirro 135 Cadet was also new to the national scene and gave it his all, finishing in the 7th/8th position in both the freestyle and Greco Roman competition. This was his first year at the international style of wrestling and had a great tournament. In the folkstyle competition Feirro won his first two matches but lost a close 4-2 decision to Clavin Forester of Ohio. He wrestled back to the consolation finals but lost to Chad Cooper of Michigan for a fourth place finish. In the overall Ironman standings Feirro finished in the 7th/8th position. All the wrestlers earned All American honors.

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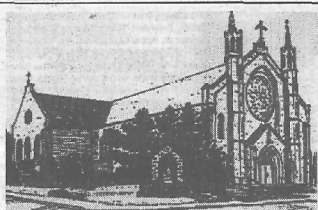
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# Sports



Jersey Stallions 16U AAU Team from South Plainfield: Starting from the left, 1st row: Corey Gilmore, Ian Robinson, and Jerry Williamson. 2nd row: Derrick Smith, Mike Allocco, Dan and Dan Piwowar. 3rd row: Ryan Decker, Mike Richard and Darren Smith, and 4th row: Coach Lanza.

## Jersey Stallions Basketball Team Continues Solid Play

By Greg Machos

Jersey Stallions Head Coach, Mike Lanza, has promised a lot to the this year's players and he has been able to deliver. Lanza told his players that they would play 20 games this AAU season and they have recently accomplished that goal. He also has entered them into a couple of area AAU tournaments this spring as well as the recent tournament in Iselin.

As a result, the youngsters have responded quite positively by winning 13 of their 20 games as their improvement and confidence continues to grow. "The boys have all worked hard, and improved tremendously from our first practice," said Lanza. "You can see the confidence growing game to game." Recent victims of the Stallions were the Raritan Cyclones and the New Jersey Jammers. Against Raritan, Gary Houston scored 21 points and Jonathan Bugey showed great hustle to lead the way in a 84-79 victory.

Then, against the New Jersey Jammers, Ian Robinson and Jerry Williamson both scored 17 points a piece to lead the Stallions to another hard fought five point victory by the score 71-66. However, in another game against the Jammers, the Stallions came up short despite a frantic rally, where they came galloping back from a 25 point deficit only to lose by three 80-77. The combination of a variety of defenses, including man to man, zone and full court pressure in-

cluding a 1-3-1 press that was the key in the comeback bid against the Jammers, along with effective use of the triangle offense, has made the Stallions a tough opponent.

Most of all though, the players on the Stallions stay in game shape, and get the chance to mature and grow with these 20 to 25 additional games. That is critical since many are playing on the high school basketball team next year. They will be needed to overcome the loss of seniors Ulysses Russell and David Francis. Coach Lanza and the Stallions would like to thank the parents who have attended the games, along with Coaches Jeff Lubreski and Mike Allocco and Mike Bugey, the SPHS Athletic Director for their support.

Next month, the Stallions will travel to Wildwood, where they will compete against teams from South Jersey and Philadelphia in the Wildwood Boardwalk Bash AAU Tournament.

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### SOCCER

## Blaze U-13 Girls Defeat Delaware Valley

Winding down on our season this past Sunday, the Blaze faced the Delaware Valley Scream for the second time this year. The South Plainfield Blaze U-13 girls traveling soccer team defeated Del Val by a score of 5-3.

Defensively, our keeper Becky Keller had a great day in the net producing another and one of many first half shut-outs this season. Becky Keller also played up front as an attacker showing off her versatility in the second half. Fullbacks Tiffany Smith and Ashleigh Gaspari were solid on the outside while center fullbacks sweeper Jackie Miller and stopper Megan Boyle stopped attacks in the center. Megan Boyle, debuting as keeper in

the second half, did a great job as well.

Transitional play from midfielders Dorian Bishop, Kim Marin and Elizabeth Flannery were unstoppable. While in the seventh minute and becoming an integral part of our attack with every new game, midfielder Jenna DeLillo nailed a beautiful ball from the top of the box to put Blaze on the scoreboard first. Some combination passing and teamwork in the 18th minute had left midfielder Lauren Fry send off a nice crossing feed to right midfielder Joy Maszczak who found the back of the net. A lucky break for Blaze in the 24th minute scored our third goal when a deflected ball off Del Val trickled in the net. 33rd

minute scoring came from left midfielder Lauren Fry who from inside the box popped in our fourth goal and putting the game out of reach and in the 50th minute center midfielder Jennifer Copeland blasted in a floater from inside the eighteen. Gallant efforts up front from forwards Ashley Little and Kate Hardy helped to keep the defense off guard. Nice teamwork girls and well done!

Blaze finishes up their spring season next week at home on Riley field with a long awaited rematch against Westfield, who has become somewhat of a rival. Visit the South Plainfield soccer club web site at [www.soplfdsoccerclub.com](http://www.soplfdsoccerclub.com).

## Blaze U-13 Girls Beat Edison United 5-2

The South Plainfield Blaze U-13 girls traveling soccer team beat Edison United Shooting Stars 5-2 this past Sunday in what would turn out to be an excellent display of teamwork as Blaze improved their record to 4-1-3.

Defensively and sharing the keeper position, Becky Keller and Tiffany Roth had a great day, while sweeper Jackie Miller and stopper Megan Boyle shut down the middle. Tiffany Smith and Kim Marin playing the full-back positions also had a great day turning attacks wide and shutting down a hapless offense. Neither side showed much offense in the first half until the 19th minute, when on a well placed corner kick from left attacker Kate Hardy, right attacker Ashley Little one touched it in for the first score. Vital to our attack and with excellent transitional play midfielders Dorian Bishop, Jennifer Copeland, Lauren Fry, Joy Maszczak and Eliza-

beth Flannery were relentless in the second half.

A second half scoring frenzy started in the 48th minute when on a excellent display of ball control left fullback Tiffany Smith sent off a cross to center midfielder Jennifer Copeland who found the back of the net. Then on some quick touches and passing through the middle by center mids Jennifer Copeland and Dorian Bishop attacker Ashley Little had another chance to show off her skills finding the back of the net, producing her second goal of the day in the 58th minute.

The fourth score once again came on excellent ball control and desire from our left fullback Tiffany Smith when in the 68th minute Tiffany sent up a well placed pass to left midfielder Lauren Fry who also showed an excellent display of ball control and desire sending off a cross to Jennifer Copeland who blasted it in to score.

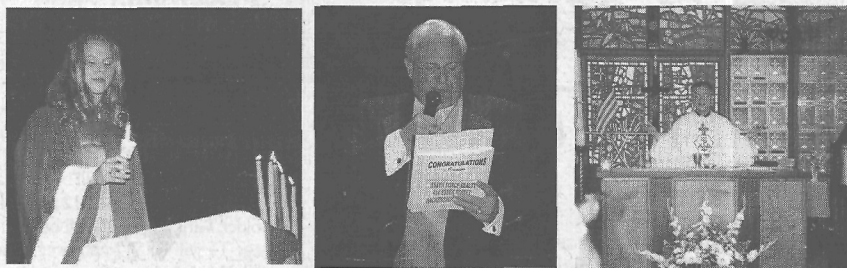
The final score of the game came in the 72nd minute, putting the game out of reach for Edison United was Dorian Bishop when with sheer determination, tapped in a beautiful ball from inside the eighteen.

This win produced some good old fashioned team work and a win we are all proud of. Well done girls!

## Rec Sponsoring Karate for Children

The Recreation Department is sponsoring "Karate for Children" every Tuesday and Thursday night. The sessions will run from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. for 8-12 years old and 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. for 13 years old and older. Session fee is \$35 per person. Each session runs two months. Classes start Tuesday, June 18. Registration will take place at the PAL, weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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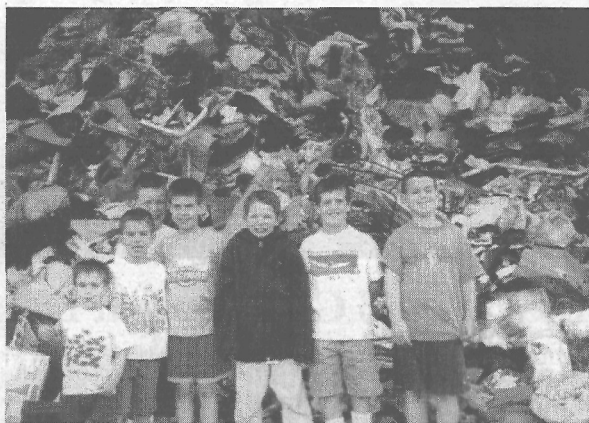
sible to enjoy a picnic. Middlesex County, which owns Spring Lake Park, has tried spraying chemical repellants all over the park, but it hasn't worked. Their droppings have tested positive to Limes disease.

Petronko, who has been attending the Canada geese hearings, reported that seven alternatives are under consideration. They range from doing nothing, nonlethal control, allow hunting or destroying their eggs. One of the alternatives will be chosen in six weeks, so it is imperative that you express your feelings right now.

Canada Geese were made a protected specie in 1917. Their population has grown to over 3.6 million nationwide. In New Jersey, their population has doubled since 1992, to 96,828. Canada Geese mate for life and lay seven eggs every year. If one is destroyed, they lay another. Up until now, getting rid of the geese could only be done by applying for a permit from the Fish and Wildlife Service, but that could change in the future.

Written comments can be sent to Division of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, 634-ARLSQ, 1949 C. Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.

E-mail comments should be sent to: canada\_goose\_cis@fws.gov. Please submit your comments before May 30, 2002.



Den #3 from Kennedy School Cub Scout Pack #324 recently visited Midco Recycling Center on Harmich Rd. The boys were given a very thorough tour through the center by Chris Latano and his father, Frank. Pictured are Scott Riccardi, Thomas Riccardi, Michael Grzenda, Ryan Riccardi, Troy Kurilew, Jack Green and Dominic Eosso.

## Borough News

### Council Notes

- An ordinance was introduced to vacate a piece of property on Jackson Ave. The property will be donated to the Board of Education and become part of the new Roosevelt School complex which is under construction. When completed, the old school will be used as the administration building.
- Timothy Morgan has resigned from the Board of Adjustment. Morgan was elected to a seat on the Board of Education last month.
- Virginia O'Brien and April

Wasnick have been appointed to the Taxpayer's Advisory Group.

• Stephanie J. Miszczewski has been hired as a full-time telecommunications operator, as well as part-timers, Dawn Remz and Nichola Guarneri.

• New Image Landscaping will be replacing nineteen trees along Hadley Rd. at a cost of \$4,330.

• CME has been hired to provide the engineering services with the Borough from July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003.

• The public meeting date for the council has been changed from Thursday, July 11 to Monday, July 15. The agenda meeting will remain on Monday, July 8 as originally scheduled.

• UnumProvident has been authorized to provide life insurance policies for members of the Rescue Squad.

• Garden State Fireworks will be providing this year's fireworks display at the Labor Day festivities.

• A contract has been awarded to Insurance Restoration Specialists to perform a soil sample and a report for the recycling facility located on Kenneth Ave. at a cost of \$1,577.50

• The proposed redevelopment plan for the Hamilton Blvd. Industrial Site will be sent to the Planning Board for consideration.

• A two month contract with MC Health Care Consultants has been agreed upon to review the Borough's health benefit plan and make appropriate recommendations.

## Cut-A-Thon to Benefit Kennedy Playground Fund

On Sunday, June 2 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Chrisdee's at 257-B Central Ave. in Metuchen will hold a hair "Cut-a-Thon." All proceeds will benefit the Kennedy School Playground Fund.

Haircuts for boys will be \$8 to age 11, \$10 to age 14 and \$12 for 14 and older. Girls to age 11 will be \$10, to age 14 will be \$12 and over 14 will be \$14. A bang trim is \$3 and braids are \$5. Men and women are invited too. All prices include shampoo, cut and blow dry. Cuts are on a first come first served basis. Check in at the front desk.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Verizon New Jersey Inc. (formerly known as Bell Atlantic - New Jersey, Inc.) requesting preliminary and final site plan approval and variances and waivers from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit Bell Atlantic - New Jersey, Inc. to install and operate two Controlled Environmental Vaults (C.E.V.'s) and an associated electric meter panel within an easement located on Block 528, Lot 46.08, 1001 Hadley Rd. on the South Plainfield Tax Map. Verizon New Jersey Inc. seeks to extend the approval of said application which was approved at a meeting of March 7, 2002 and formally approved on April 4, 2002.

The specific relief requested by Bell Atlantic - New Jersey, Inc. includes the following:

- Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval.
- Use Variance.
- Variances requested from Section 709.2 for the minimum front yard setbacks provided to the proposed CEV's and electric meter panel within the easement area (75 ft. required vs. approximately 33.3 ft. and approximately 11.8 ft. provided.)
- Waivers from Article IX, Section 904 - Site Plan Details
  - 904.1 - Survey Data, location of Existing Buildings, etc.
  - 904.2 - Vehicular Circulation Pattern
  - 904.3 - On-Tract Parking
  - 904.4 - Location of Existing or Proposed Lighting
  - 904.5 - Pavement Markings
  - 904.6 - Location of Existing Structures Within 100 feet of Tract Boundaries
  - 904.7 - Location of Driveways Within 100 feet of Site Boundaries
  - 904.8 - Location of Refusal Disposal
  - 904.9 - Evidence of Compliance with Federal, State or County Requirements
  - 904.10 - Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan
  - 904.11 - Preliminary Architectural Plans and Elevations
  - 904.12 - Location and Types of Hydrants/Sprinkler Connections
- Waivers from Article IX, Section 907 - Design Standards
  - 907.1 - Traffic Circulation
  - 907.2 - Access Driveways
  - 907.3 - Off Street Parking and Loading Areas
  - 907.4 - Drainage Facilities
  - 907.5 - Sewage Disposal & Water System
  - 907.6 - Landscaping
  - 907.7 - Garbage, Refuse and Outside Storage
  - 907.8 - Retaining Walls
  - 907.9 - Curbs
  - 907.10 - Modified Site Development Standards for Inclusionary Development
- Waivers from Article IX, Section 912 - Site Plan Checklist
  - 912.1.4 - Building Floor Area & % Lot Coverage
  - 912.1.5 - Total Building Area
  - 912.1.6 - Total Open Space & % Lot Coverage
  - 912.1.7 - Total Impervious Area & % Lot Coverage
  - 912.1.8 - Number of Parking Stalls
  - 912.1.9 - Number of Employees
  - 912.1.10 - Parking Ratio
  - 912.1.11 - Proposed Building Data
  - 912.2 - Architectural Building Elevations
  - 912.3 - Proposed Site Plan Exhibit, Etc.
  - 912.4 - Environmental Impact Statement
  - 912.5 - Freehold Soil Conservation Service - Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Certification
  - 912.6 - NJDEP Approvals
  - 912.7 - Special Approvals (Utilities, Etc.)
  - 912.8 - Parking and Loading Areas, Etc.
  - 912.9 - Off-Tract Improvements
  - 912.10 - Street Trees
  - 912.11 - Proposed Exterior Lighting Plan, etc.
  - 912.12 - Storm Water Runoff Control Plan
  - 912.13 - Sanitary Sewer Plan
  - 912.14 - Engineers Estimate, etc.
  - 912.15 - Performance Guarantees/Engineering Inspections Fees
  - 912.16 - As Built Drawings

G. Any other waivers and/or variances that may be deemed appropriate by the Board.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on June 13, 2002, in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

The maps and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Building Inspector's Office, South Plainfield Borough Hall, Monday thru Thursday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

\$178.00

May 31, 2002

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

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1596

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance #1596 entitled: AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS AS STOP INTERSECTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR A STOP SIGN AT THESE INTERSECTIONS be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, May 31, 2002 and that a public hearing be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, June 20, 2002 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1596

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS AS STOP INTERSECTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR A STOP SIGN AT THESE INTERSECTIONS.

WHEREAS, the following streets are totally self contained streets within the Borough of South Plainfield and have no direct connection with any other municipality, and

WHEREAS, the municipal engineer of the Borough of South Plainfield after investigation of the circumstances and under his seal as a licensed professional engineer has certified to the municipal governing body that the designation of these intersections as a stop intersection and the erection of a stop sign at said intersections is in the interest of safety and the expedition of traffic and will conform with the current standards prescribed by the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices as adopted by the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council support said designation in the interest of public safety.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-140 that the intersections described below are hereby designated as a "STOP" intersection. "STOP" signs shall be installed as provided.

Intersection	"Stop" Sign On
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Dawes Street at Edgar Avenue	Dawes Street
Ten Eyck Street at Joan Street	Ten Eyck Street
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Oak Manor Parkway at Joan Street	Oak Manor Parkway
Jackson Avenue at Pitt Street	Jackson Avenue
Carmine Avenue at Pitt Street	Carmine Avenue
Kennedy Road at Yednak Drive	Kennedy Road

FURTHER BE IT ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance shall be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of New Jersey as required by law.

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## policereport

• Last Thursday the Board of Education reported that a parked school bus had a smashed window while parked on Cromwell Pl. There was no other damage to the bus.

• Last Friday an elderly Ellis Pl. resident reported that a black male had entered her home while she was seated in the living room. She was reading and saw someone walk by the hallway. She thought it was her grandson, but realized that he was not wearing a Kelly green t-shirt. When she got up she saw a man standing in her bedroom looking in her jewelry box on top of her dresser. The victim asked the burglar, "What did you take?" He replied, "Wrong house," and ran out the back door.

The suspect was described as a black male, 5'6" to 5'8", medium complexion and build, late 30's to early 40's. He gained access through an open rear porch door and kitchen door.

When the victim went back to her bedroom she found her wallet missing from her purse which contained \$15 cash and approximately five credit cards. The credit cards were immediately cancelled.

• Last Saturday a Piscataway woman had her wallet stolen at Stop 'N Shop in Piscataway by two males. She believes that when she was

bumped by one man, the other man removed her wallet from her purse.

Once outside the store she called her bank to notify them of her stolen debit card. She was told that a purchase had just been made at Radio Shack on Hadley Rd. in South Plainfield. Upon arrival at Radio Shack a store employee contacted South Plainfield Police to report the fraudulent transaction.

• An Edison man reported returning to his vehicle which was parked at K-Mart, and found all of the unlocked car doors were open. The only thing missing was the vehicle registration card.

• A Murray Ave. resident reported that eggs had been thrown at their house and vehicle. There were also small dents and scratches on the passenger side.

• On Monday Neta Pringley, 34 of Plainfield, was arrested for shoplifting miscellaneous items totaling \$167.60 from the A & P.

• A woman claiming to be a homeless prostitute from Newark and Plainfield reported that a man driving a burgundy colored car had picked her up in the area of 7-11 and Plainfield Ave.

The unknown male drove her to the wooded east end of Foster Terr. As she was performing a sex act on

the man, he pulled out a ball peen mechanics hammer and began striking her on the back of the head. She was able to get the weapon and fled to a nearby house. Residents called 911 and she was transported to Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center.

• A Pinto Bros. employee flagged down a passing police officer to notify him that the front glass door of M & V Tobacco Outlet on Park Ave. had been smashed. When the owner arrived he found that 80 cartons of cigarettes, 60 Al Capone Sweets cigars and 15 cigarette lighters were missing from the store.

• On Tuesday First Union Bank on Plainfield Ave. reported damage to the plexiglass drive-up window on the north side of the building. A large piece of concrete was found laying in the parking lot. The window had been struck several times.

• Andrea Thompson, 33 of Plainfield was arrested at Twin City Pharmacy on Park Ave. for shoplifting 14 boxes of Tylenol sinus medication worth \$66.

• Martec Int. on Oak Tree Rd. reported the theft of two coils of aluminum from the rear storage area of the business. Each coil weighs approximately 3,500 pounds and is valued \$5,000.

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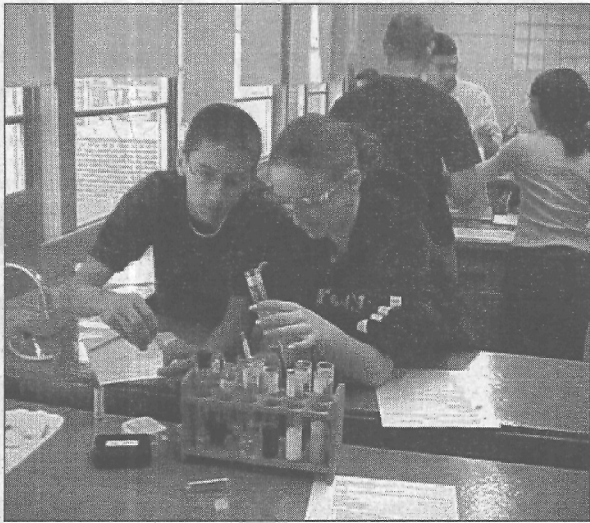
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South Plainfield Middle School students are working hard to find the pH of various household substances. In Mr. Causins' eighth grade class, Charlie George and Kristina Mascolo are using litmus paper to test for acids and bases.

From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

While it's technically still spring, everyone seems to think it's summer now. So, here's some summertime news from the South Plainfield Library:

At present, we're still adjusting to the new delivery schedule for our Inter-Library Loan courier service. As a result, unfortunately, we're still between groups on the Video Circuit today. The latest group should be available early next week.

We'll be open this Sunday from 1:30-5 p.m. Be advised that this will be our last Sunday opening for the season. Sunday operating hours will return in September sometime after Labor Day. On the other hand, we'll still be open regular hours on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. throughout the summer.

There will be a meeting for homeschooling parents on Monday evening at 7:30. Parents who homeschool their children, or are interested in doing so, are invited to attend. No pre-registration is required.

We'll be following our normal schedule of children's Storytime programs next week. The programs are for children ages three and older. You don't need to register in advance. Storytimes are held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. Each program lasts about an hour and features stories and a craft activity. Also, here's an advance word: Summer Reading is on the way! The program will be starting up in late June. For more details, please call us at (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda.

The Friends of the Library will hold their next meeting at the Library on Tuesday afternoon at 1 p.m. Both members and non-members are welcome to attend.

Once again, we'll be hosting both computer instruction and job information. The schedule for June has yet to be determined. Be advised that space is limited for the classes, so pre-registration is required. For more information, please call us and ask for Allen.

Here's a reminder about Library cards and their use. Or, more specifically, their use by someone other than the person the card belongs to. We at the Library permit one person to use someone else's Library card, under certain conditions. For example, a parent may borrow items using one of their children's cards. Also, one patron may loan their card to someone else. However, we frown on this practice, since it is not always clear if the card is being used by another person with the owner's permission. Therefore, we ask that you keep your card to yourself, particularly since you, as the cardholder, are responsible for any fines/charges/penalties incurred with that card. Also, if your card is lost or stolen, please inform us right away so we can delete the lost barcode from the active records, preventing anyone else from using your card. While the consequences of this misuse of a library card aren't as severe as those for misusing a credit card (we haven't jailed anyone for misusing a library card...yet), they can still be pretty serious.

That's about all for now. See you in June.

## Death Penalty Sought in Roger Cassett Murder Case

Assistant Middlesex County Prosecutor Thomas Kapsak said that the state will be seeking the death penalty against Jonathan E. Moorman of South Plainfield. He is accused of strangling his uncle, Roger Cassett, with an electrical cord during a robbery inside his home on Easter Sunday. He is facing charges of murder, felony murder, kidnapping, robbery, attempted burglary, theft, possession of a weapon for unlawful purposes and possession of an imitation firearm.

Moorman appeared before Judge Barnett Hoffman in state Superior Court in New Brunswick on Tuesday for an arraignment on the indictments. Attorney James R. Wronko entered a not-guilty plea on his behalf.

Roger Cassett, 59 was a South Plainfield resident and a former Plainfield High School wrestling coach. He was killed in his home on Ten Eyck St. Also living there was his 80-year-old stepfather, Raymond Dutton.

According to authorities, Cassett let Moorman into his house sometime on March 31. Moorman hogtied his uncle and when Dutton arrived home later, he did the same to him and then slowly strangled his uncle, using an electrical cord tied in a slipknot. Moorman then allegedly stole two large jars filled with coins. At around 3:45 a.m., almost five hours after he came home, Dutton freed himself from the duct tape and electrical cord wrapped around his wrists and legs and called police. He helped provide the information that led authorities to Moorman, who lived with his grandparents on Edgar Ave. in South Plainfield.



## Students Inducted into National Honor Society

A ceremony to formally induct members to the National Honor Society were held at South Plainfield High School.

The special guest for the evening was Leonard Tobias, former superintendent of schools.

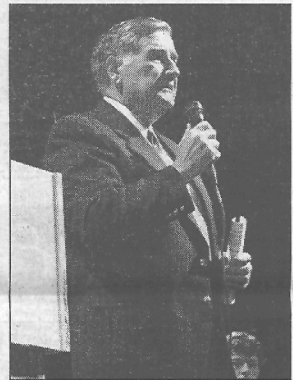
This year's officers are Jenevieve DeLosSantos, president; Jaclyn Cox, vice-president; Jeffrey McKnight, secretary and Joseph Dezmin, treasurer.

This newest inductees are: Christopher Addvensky, Joseph Adorna, Alain Amazan, Christopher Baron, Heather Barrett, Mathew Bizup, Tiffany Boyle, Jenny Cai, Jody Chepulis,

Pamela Cianfrocca, Meredith Cooper, James Curcio, Christina DeMatos, Denise DiMeglio, Tamara Dombrowski, Kimberly Dziomba, Kelly Eustice, Kristen Fredericks, Christina Furka, Janara Garcia, Amanda George, Shelly Graziano, Nicholas Gumina, Alex Huynh, Lauren Kaczka, Elliot Kaplan, Michael Kasmer, Nathalie Londono, Christina Lorraine, Robert Merkle, Kristina Ogonowski, Destiny Owen, Ellery Pagala, Chirag Patel, Rupel Patel, Cindy Prybella, John Rayho, Joseph Reach, Elayne Russell, Joseph Sierzega, Danielle Skoba, Justin Toth, Janine Turrisse, Stephanie Veerasammy, Ryan Vroom and Victoria Zappi.

Students who were inducted in past years are: Brielle Anderson, Cassie Bosse, Jennifer Butrico, Christopher Catalfamo, Jaclyn Cox, Jenevieve DeLosSantos, Joseph Dezmin, Scott Doerr, Gina D'Urso, Rula Kanj, Antonia Katsantonis, Danielle Lytwyn, Jeffery McKnight, Timothy Morgan, William Olson, Matthew Pelloquin, Kevin Petrocelli, Kimberly Pfeiffer, Billie Jean Sarullo, Danielle Schweers, Martin Seiz, Michele Socha and Jacqueline Wong.

Advisors are Eileen Boettger, Cheryl Fox and Marjorie Kopacsi.



## Oak Tree Buy Rite Anniversary Give-Away

It will be two years since Vito Ratti and his sons opened their store on Oak Tree Road and in celebration, a Second Anniversary Gift Give-Away will take place during the month of June.

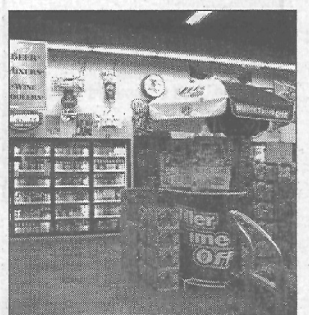
To show their appreciation they will be raffling off the following prizes each Saturday during the month of June: week one, a color television; week two, a mountain bike; week three, Coleman outdoor fireplace (2); week four, a Honda lawnmower and week five, a patio bar, stools and umbrella.

This is the Ratti family's way of saying "thanks" for the support from their many loyal customers.

Are you looking for a unique gift idea? Look no further! Beautifully crafted gift baskets by Jen are available and ready to go, or they can be made up quickly while you wait.

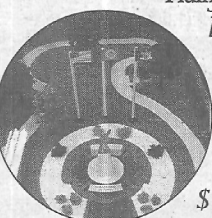
A "Club Card" membership has been initiated entitling customers to everyday discounts on different items, which change each month. Oak Tree Buy-Rite has hosted several successful wine tasting dinners. Look for notices of upcoming events.

Hours are Monday thru Wednesday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday thru Saturday 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Be sure to stop in and partake in the celebration!



## Have You Purchased Your Brick Yet?

Show your support for our local firemen. Your purchase of a brick will help fund the South Plainfield Firemen's Memorial to be built next to the Senior Citizen Center. Your brick will be engraved with the name of your choice and placed on the path to the memorial. Bricks can be purchased for only \$75 for individuals or \$175 for businesses.



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