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Pictured are Officers Wendell Born, Daniel Noonan, Sherlyn Courtney with Police Chief Bob Merkler.

## 200 Club Honors Officers And Firefighters as Heroes



Valor Award recipient  
Police Sgt. Paul Wylam

The 200 Club of Middlesex County recently honored four members of the

South Plainfield Police Department – Sgt. Paul Wylam, Officers Wendell Born, Daniel Noonan and Sherlyn Courtney, and two local firefighters – Richard Thoma and Daryl Forster – for their heroism during the fire at Traditions last September.

Sgt. Paul Wylam received the Valor Award for risking his life. He was one of the first to arrive at the scene of the fire and proceed to the third floor of the building looking for people still in their homes. While searching, an explosion occurred and the ceiling above him broke open. Wylam jumped from the second floor as flames were breaking out all around him.

He returned to the building when he heard there was a woman still in

the building and with the help of other officers, rescued her. Wylam then started to open doors with a master key while the building was still in flames, checking to see if everyone had vacated the building.

Firefighters Richard Thoma and Daryl Forster also received Valor Awards for rescuing a driver who was trapped in his vehicle after a 13,000-volt power line fell on the truck during an accident. When the vehicles around him began to burn, the firefighters' instructions helped him to escape.

Receiving Meritorious Awards were: Officers Wendell Born, Daniel Noonan and Sherlyn Courtney for their efforts in evacuating the buildings during the fire at Traditions.

## Information Session For Cornell-Dubilier Site Next Monday

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold a public information session on Monday, June 9, at Borough Hall.

The information session will provide residents with an opportunity to discuss the results of the sampling activities conducted and the clean up options being evaluated for the Cornell-Dubilier Electronics site with representatives from the EPA. Considering the redevelopment proposal adopted by the Borough of South Plainfield for the industrial park, it's the EPA's intention to gather as much information as possible from the community in preparing of the Feasibility Study (FS) for the industrial park.

The public information session will

be held between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Residents are free to meet with the representatives anytime between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Beginning at 7 p.m., EPA representatives will make a brief presentation to those in attendance. This is the second information session in a series of meetings to be held over the next several months.

The superfund site, located on the property once owned by Cornell-Dubilier Electronics, is now known as the Hamilton Industrial Park. When owned by Cornell-Dubilier Electronics, polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contaminated materials and other hazardous substances were released. PCBs have been detected in soils and building interiors at the industrial park.

## Armed Bounty Hunter Arrested at MV Stop

Late Friday evening, Officers Raymond Jazikoff and Wendell Born were working at a Motor Vehicle Checkpoint with the State Inspection Team on Durham Ave. Officer Born noticed a four door white Mazda with three occupants that had an overdue inspection sticker displayed. The vehicle was signaled to pull over for a further check.

A passenger identified as Darryl Best, 32 of Newark, displayed a badge hanging from around his neck. Best stated he was a bounty hunter, but he did not have any identification and gave officers a false name. One of the

identities he provided had active warrants so Officers Born and Jazikoff advised Best that he would be detained until his identity could be confirmed. When Best was searched, a loaded semi-automatic handgun was found in his waistband. He was charged with several outstanding warrants and Unlawful Possession of a Weapon. Bail was set at \$1,000 for the weapons charge and an additional \$1,300 for warrants from various towns.

The driver Tyshon Best, 27 of Newark, was arrested for \$2,200 in outstanding warrants from various towns. A third occupant was not charged.

## Governor's Recognition Program Honors Seven Teachers

The South Plainfield Board of Education has announced the honorees for the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program for the 2002-03 school year. They are Eugene Clapsis (John E. Riley School), Catherine Coyle (Grant Central Sixth), Susan D. Goldey (High School), Alan Hook (John F. Kennedy School), Susan Slinger (Middle School), Maryann Stavina (Franklin School) and Annemarie Stoeckel (Roosevelt School). A reception and ceremony honoring these educators was held last Friday at the Ramada Conference Center in North Brunswick. As a last minute surprise, South Plainfield School Superintendent Dr. Robert Rosado arranged for a limousine to transport the group to the ceremonies.

▼ Eugene Clapsis, Riley School's physical education teacher (grades K-5), has also taught high school physical education, health and driver education in the school district. An educa-

tor for 24 years, he has been teaching in South Plainfield for 18 years. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he has also served as a wrestling coach, for which he has been honored with awards. Clapsis has also collaborated with the American Heart Association and their fundraiser called "Jump Rope for Heart." Through his guidance and organizational efforts, his students and their sponsors have helped to raise thousands of dollars for this charitable endeavor. In his spare time he enjoys music and sports. Clapsis received his degree in Physical Education-Health Education from Marshall University.

▼ Catherine Coyle, computer instructor at Grant Central Sixth, has been an educator for 28 years, all of them serving the children of South Plainfield. During that time she has taught Title 1 reading and math and grades third, fifth and sixth at Roosevelt, Kennedy, the Middle School

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Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Rosado and Assistant Superintendent Mario Barbieri are ready to escort the seven honored teachers into the limousine that took them to the Governor's Recognition luncheon.



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meeting agenda

## 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

Thursday, June 5  
Monday, June 16 ..... Thursday, June 19

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 10, June 24

## zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641  
June 12, June 26, July 10, July 24, Aug. 14, Aug. 28, Sept. 11, Sept. 25, Oct. 16, Oct. 30, November 6, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 18.

## board of education meetings

Grant School Gymnasium on Cromwell Place unless otherwise noted  
Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.: June 10, August 12, Sept. 9  
Regular Board Meeting held Tuesdays at 8 p.m.: June 17, July 15, August 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

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.  
June 17, July 15, Aug. 19, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16.

## 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  
September 2, October 7, November 11 (Nov. 4 is Election Day) and December 2.

## environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday except August)  
Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621

## 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

# IN YOUR OPINION

Dear Editor,

On May 22, the South Plainfield Middle School orchestra and chorus held their spring concert. What a concert it was! The beautiful music that was played and sung was exceptional! What talented young people we have in South Plainfield.

Rebecca Lerner, the new chorus teacher, has given each and every one of these children a reason to sing. She is not only a great teacher, she makes each child feel confident about themselves. Lerner took the time with each one of her students to show them how to improve. In turn they have rewarded her with their dedication and their lovely voices. Lerner has done a wonderful job of putting together an awesome chorus in such a short time.

Our orchestra director, Mrs. Carleen Tedeschi, is a shining star! Tedeschi has been working with most of these students since third grade! Most of these young people couldn't read a note of music when they started out. To hear the music that they play now, is from all the years of dedication and hard work not only by the students, but of the tireless effort of Tedeschi.

I watched my own daughter (who had never played an instrument before) become more excited year after year working with Tedeschi. She was learning, not only to play the violin the right way, but also being taught how to have fun playing it.

Tedeschi not only teaches in the Middle School, she teaches in Central Sixth, John E. Riley Elementary and J.E. Kennedy Elementary schools! She gives each and every one of these students lessons, and also conducts two concerts a year at each school. She also prepares and conducts them all at the All-District Festival! She also takes the Middle School Orchestra to Six Flags every year for a competition. This year they came in first!

Tedeschi's dedication and endless devotion goes beyond and above anyone I know. She gives her all to her students and her job. She has no help, no assistant teacher. Even though help was asked for, it has been turned down year after year. There is no other music teacher in town that has as many responsibilities as Tedeschi and I say, shame on the Board of Education! My hat is off to you, Mrs. Tedeschi, and I want to THANK YOU for all you have done and all you are doing for our young people of South Plainfield!

GWENN KURILEW

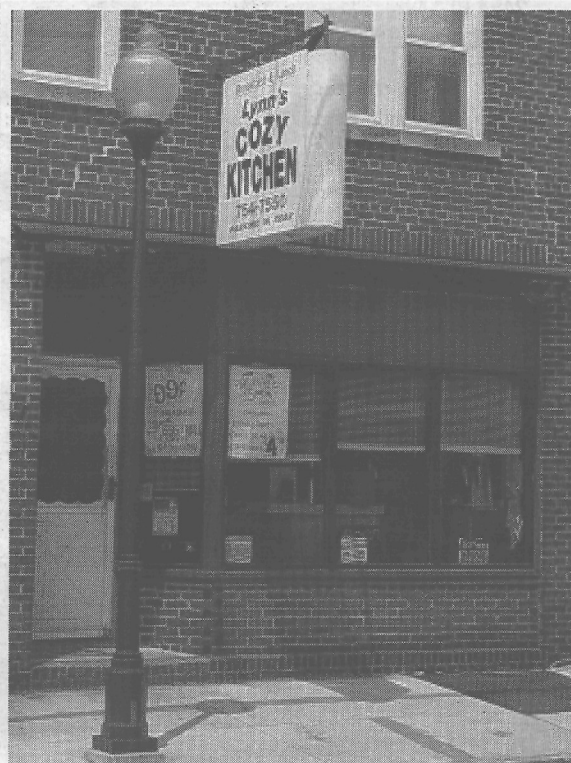
Dear Editor:

On Tuesday, May 20, the South Plainfield Lodge #2298 Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks held a Poster Contest Awards Ceremony for all participants and their families.

The purpose of the poster contest was to inform the public of the services available to children with disabilities, as well as other charitable works performed by the Elks.

The Elks poster contest awards ceremony was absolutely beautiful and was attended by a large number of participants. Each participant received a personal certificate and a cherished medallion. Winning participants at the local and state levels were awarded cash

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Dear Editor:

Congratulations on to Lynn's Cozy Kitchen on thirteen great years! They've shown us what a person can do with enough energy and determination. Our thoughts are with you this month as you celebrate your years of hard work. They have also made Lynn's Cozy Kitchen a place where people enjoy having a meal and conversing as if we were all family.

Besides the wonderful breakfasts and lunches, the most beautiful attire is a smile; they have certainly smiled to the many faces that have entered the luncheonette. Our best wishes to you for a bright and happy future.

SINCERELY YOURS,

RON, NELLIE, RONALD, ROBERT AND DEBBIE MALET

prizes and a trophy.

The Elks provided soda, ice cream and cake, but most importantly, they provided self-esteem to the students of South Plainfield.

We cannot thank the Elks enough for all they have done for the needs of the special education students of South Plainfield.

We will always be grateful and thankful for your sincere kindness and generosity.

SINCERELY,  
KATHY BOYLE & JAMES MAKOWSKI  
SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS  
SO. PLAINFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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**RODRIGUEZ SALUTED BY GOP**—Marge Reedy and Ray Rusnak represented the South Plainfield Republicans last Wednesday when the group presented SPSHS junior Josef Rodriguez with a resolution honoring his excellence in music. Rodriguez received the Governor's Award at this year's New Jersey State Opera Festival and the resolution was awarded to highlight this achievement. Rodriguez received a standing ovation at the meeting after he opened it by singing "The Star Spangled Banner." Presenting the award are: (l-r) 18th Dist. Assembly candidate Jasal Amin, Senate candidate Richard Plechner, Rodriguez and South Plainfield Borough Council Candidates Ray Rusnak and Marge Reedy.

## Edison Fighting Proposed Housing Development Near the Wetlands

Ferraro Construction of Edison is currently in front of the South Plainfield Planning Board proposing a major subdivision, which will be divided into 19 residential lots. This hearing is a bit unusual because the subdivision is in South Plainfield, but access to the property is in Edison.

Last week more than 30 Edison residents were at the Planning Board meeting to express their displeasure.

The planned development is near the Dismal Swamp which Edison has been attempting to protect. Also fire department and rescue squad vehicles would have to leave South Plainfield and travel along Park Ave. in Edison to reach the development. This would also apply to school buses and the postal service. Edison is threatening to vacate Delancy St., which leads directly into the development, and thus

make it a dead end.

Charles Adams, who owns a portion of the property, is presently living in a house on Delancy St. in South Plainfield where the proposed development would be built.

The Planning Board will meet Tuesday night at 7 p.m. to hear the case. Edison is expected to have representatives present to voice their objections.

## Target Store Receives Preliminary Approval

Last Tuesday evening the South Plainfield Planning Board gave preliminary approval to National Realty & Development Corp. to build a Target and a Marshall's store on property across from the Hadley Center Shopping Center.

The final approval will not happen until Middlesex County makes a determination on the traffic pattern. Under consideration is Metlars Lane or the existing entrance at Hadley

Center. Since Metlars Lane originates in Piscataway and Stelton Rd. is a county road, approval is needed from South Plainfield, Piscataway and Middlesex County.

Piscataway has not discussed the realignment at any of their meetings and they say they may not bring it up in the near future. They have however, hired a lawyer to represent them at the Planning Board hearing. Middlesex County has not yet made a decision, saying they are waiting for Piscataway's input.

The proposal calls for demolishing two existing office buildings and constructing a Target and a Marshall's store on the site directly across from Kohl's. If the county votes to reject the entrance at Metlars Rd., the builder is proposing to expand the present Stelton Rd. entrance leading into the shopping center with additional lanes.

## "To Honor Those Who Proudly Serve Our Country"

### Labor Day Parade Theme Announced, Grand Marshal Nominees Sought

The Public Celebrations Committee is seeking nominations for honorary grand marshal of the 46th Annual Labor Day Parade to be held Monday, Sept. 1. This year's theme is "To Honor Those Who Proudly Serve Our Country."

If you know of an individual that has contributed outstanding service to the Borough of South Plainfield, the committee is asking that you send a letter stating why this person should be considered for honorary grand marshal. Please include the candidate's name, address, telephone number and accomplishments. Send your nomination to: The Public Celebrations Committee, John Sorrentino-Chair, 225 Hopkinson St., South

Plainfield, NJ 07080 or fax to (908) 753-4003. You can also email your nomination to [jmsorrentino@comcast.net](mailto:jmsorrentino@comcast.net).

The Parade Committee is also asking any non-profit organization that wishes to have a concession stand at the PAL grounds during the festivities to contact the Public Celebrations Committee c/o Marie Smith, Concessions, 579 Melrose Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080 or email to [south-plainfieldnj.com](mailto:south-plainfieldnj.com).

As we did last year, the *Observer* will be hold a poster contest on this year's theme. We will have prizes and the winning posters will be displayed at the parade. Watch for future issues of the *Observer* for rules and prizes.

## Grace Tibaldi, Betty Bilewicz Honored at 90's Birthday Bash



Seated at Middlesex County Office on Aging "90's Birthday Bash" are Betty Bilewicz, Gloria Harupa and Grace Tibaldi. Standing are Josephine Johnston, Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan and Senior Citizen Coordinator Joann Graf.

Local seniors Grace Tibaldi and Betty Bilewicz were recently honored at a birthday luncheon hosted by the Middlesex County Office on Aging.

The "90's Birthday Bash" is an annual event to celebrate and recognize county seniors over the age of 90. Many state and county officials join the honorees and their invited guests for a catered luncheon and entertain-

ment performed by fellow seniors. On hand to extend best wishes and present a special certificate to Grace and Betty was South Plainfield's native son, Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan.

This year's party was held at the Piscataway Senior Center and was attended by nearly 200 Middlesex County seniors and their guests.

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# Events

## SPHS Music Booster Annual Dinner

June 6

SPHS Music Boosters will hold their annual dinner dance on June 6 at 6:30 p.m. at McAteers Restaurant. The cost is \$25 per person. If you are interested in attending, call Marge Reedy at (908) 561-3951 or Karen Magner at (908) 753-0754. No payments will be accepted at the door.

## Coaches Care Charity Game Set

June 7

The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club will hold their Third Annual COACHES CARE Charity Softball Marathon and Chinese Auction on Saturday, June 7. All monies raised go to the Children's Fund at the JFK Medical Center. The softball portion of the day will consist of club coaches playing against various organizations and the feature game at 7 p.m. is the Middle School teachers facing off against the eighth grade baseball and softball players.

The Ward Burton #22 Caterpillar/Tempstar NASCAR Simulator will be on hand with a prize awarded for the fastest time. T-shirts will be on sale to help and all proceeds from the snackstand will be donated.

The charity helps ensure that all children who enter the hospital receive a gift to ensure that their stay at hospital is as pleasurable as possible. The club prides itself in the fact that they were the first organization to donate to the Children's Fund, and look forward to its continues partnership. The club has earmarked this years proceeds towards computers for the hospital's pediatric wing. The day begins at 9 a.m.

## Rainbow Academy Plans Open House

June 7

Rainbow Academy Child Care Center at 2177 Oak Tree Rd., will hold an Open House on Saturday, June 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Visit the center for a tour during normal operating hours (7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.). For directions and additional information, visit their website at [www.rainbowacademy.com](http://www.rainbowacademy.com).

## Afternoon Music at Senior Center

June 8

Are you in the mood for an afternoon of music? If so, come join us at the Senior Center on June 8 for Musicale! This performance will feature local musicians including Paul DiDario, Gerard Pleasant, Eric Seiz, David Michalewsky, Judith A. Hannah, Al Ganun and the SPHS String Orchestra. The performance is open to the public (not just seniors!) and will run from 2-4 p.m. The Senior Center is located at 90 Maple Ave.

## "Riverdance" at Performing Arts Center

June 12

The South Plainfield Senior Center is offering a trip to the NJ Performing Arts Center on Thursday, June 12 for a matinee performance of "Riverdance." A limited number of seats are still available at \$45 per person including transportation. Call the center to reserve your seat at (908) 756-4135.

## What's happening in JUNE

Daily Events  
9-11 AM Coffee & Cake  
9 AM-4 PM Cards & Pool  
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The Senior Citizen's Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.  
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## Senior Center EVENTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
~Tickets are available for~ <b>Riverdance/NJPAC • June 12</b> <b>Theatre/Luncheon Hunterdon Hills Playhouse • June 13</b> <b>Hunterdon Hills Playhouse • July 28</b>				
<b>EVENTS</b> Adult Crafts 9:30-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Ceramics 12-1:30pm	Bingo 10am-2pm Lunch Available Ladies's Social Group 10am	Exercise & Walking Club 8:45-9:45am Line Dancing 10-11:30 AARP Crafts 1pm Monthly Meeting 1pm Topic: "Medication Awareness & Misuse"	Shopping at Pathmark 9am Practical Crafting 10-11am Video Exercise Class 9:30am-10:30am	Bingo 10am-2pm Pizza Lunch 11:30am Listening to Children Group 9:30am-12:30pm
9	10	11	12	13
TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE PAL BUILDING ON MAPLE AVE.				

## Annual Fishing Derby at Spring Lake

June 14

On June 14, the South Plainfield Recreation Department and Fishing Club of SPHS will partner with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Fish and Wildlife to run a Children's Fishing Derby at Spring Lake Park. The derby will be held from 9 a.m. to noon and is free to all children. A parent or other adult must accompany children. Children should bring their own bait and fishing equipment. For more information, call (908) 226-7714.

The Children's Fishing Derby program is part of the division's Take Me Fishing program. The derby program has been offered for more than 12 years to encourage family oriented recreation in urban and suburban areas. For more information about fishing, see the division's website: [www.njfish-andwildlife.com](http://www.njfish-andwildlife.com)

## "All American Day" at Knights of Columbus

June 14

The Second Annual South Plainfield Knights of Columbus "All American Day" will be on Saturday, June 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Hamilton Blvd. The Knights will honor the American Flag and the USA.

The Knights will celebrate America by recognizing local protective services (police, fire, rescue and emergency management) elected officials (council and assembly), military services and Boy and Girl Scouts.

Tentative events include raising the Colors, reciting *Pledge of Allegiance*, singing the National Anthem and a flag disposal ceremony.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, lemonade, ice cream and apple pie will be served. The general public will also be invited for a small cover charge.

Call Pat Bonaventura for details at (908) 755-6203 or (732) 382-1534.

## Baseball Club Plans Trip to See Trenton Thunder

June 13

The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club is planning a trip to see the Trenton Thunder play the Norwich Navigators on Friday, June 13. Game starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$7.

The baseball complex will be closed that night, so everyone can attend.

Checks should be made payable to SPJBS and mailed Attn: Lee Flanagan at 1801 Plainfield Ave. South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

For more information or questions call Lee Flanagan at (908) 561-6348.

## AARP Chapter 4144 Installation Meeting

June 20

Chapter #4144 of South Plainfield will be holding their Installation meeting on June 20 at The Willows, in Green Brook. Lee Larson, Regional Coordinator of Central Jersey, will perform the ceremony and the featured speaker will be her husband, Sy Larson, AARP State Coordinator, Prescription Drug Task Force.

## Polish Home Monmouth Race Track Trip

June 29

The Polish Home is planning a trip to Monmouth Race Track on Sunday June 29. The bus leaves the Polish Home, located at 312 New Market Ave. at 9:45 a.m. Cost of \$40 per person includes food, beer, wine, soda and a program. Deposit required by June 1.

Call (908) 668-9442 for more information.

## AARP Chapter 4144 Plans Trip to Catskills

July 14-18

South Plainfield Chapter 4144 is offering a trip to the Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills from Tuesday, July 14 to the morning of July 18. Food, entertainment, swimming, all hotel activities, taxes, transportation, gratuities are included in the price of \$310 double occupancy and \$370 for single. A deposit of \$60 required on reservation. Balance due by week ending June 6. Call Mary at (732) 752-3764 for information and reservations.

## SPHS Class of 1968 35th Reunion

July 19

The SPHS Class of 1968 will hold their 35-year class reunion on July 19 from 7 to 12 p.m. at the American Legion on Oak Tree Ave.

Cost is \$50 per person and includes a hot buffet, DJ, four hour open bar (7-11), prizes, alumni booklets and more. Reunion profits, if any, will be donated to the SPHS Project Graduation fund. Dress code is business casual attire, no jeans, gowns, ties, t-shirts, sneakers or sweatshirts.

For information contact reunion organizer Bonnie (Gundersen) Risoli at (609) 971-3955 or SPHS1968classreunion@yahoo.com.

## "Sizzle" at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

July 28

The Senior Center is running a trip to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on Monday, July 28 to see "Sizzle," a new musical featuring an assortment of classic favorites, songs you love and songs you'll come to love. Tickets are \$45 per person and include transportation, lunch and show. Stop in or call the Senior Center at 908-756-4135.

## — Out of Town —

## Messiah Lutheran 80th Anniversary Services

June 8

A special service will be held on Sunday, June 8 at Messiah Lutheran Church, 630 East Front St. in Plainfield to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the church. Refreshments will be served. Service starts at 11 a.m. Guest preacher will be William Klettke, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, New Jersey District President.

For more information call the church office at (908) 755-4525.

## Flea Market at Autumn Woods

June 8

Autumn Woods Assisted Living invites you to join us for a flea market on Sunday, June 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine! The Autumn Woods Assisted Living is located at 680 Route 202/206N, Bridgewater. To reserve space, call (908) 252-3400.

## Middlesex WOWs Anniversary Dance

June 13

Middlesex East Widowers or Widowers Carteret Chapter will hold an Anniversary Dinner Dance on Friday, June 13 at St. Demetrius Community Center, 681-691 Roosevelt Ave. in Carteret, 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. Live music and open bar. \$30 per person. Tickets are required. To purchase of tickets, call Helen at (732) 969-1123 or John at (908) 757-0515.

## Edison Arts Society Garden Exhibit

June 13, 14 & 15

The Edison Arts Society proudly announces "Gardens of the Garden State," a unique community collaboration between gardeners and artists presented at the Menlo Park Mall Center Court on Friday, June 13, 6-9 p.m.; Saturday, June 14, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday, June 15, noon-4 p.m. This juried state-wide art and photography exhibit features 24 pieces of art and 21 photographs that inspired the work along with "live" gardens provided by Sanguiliano Garden Center in Scotch Plains. Reception and awards ceremony for participating artists/gardeners will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. with entertainment by harpist Mary LeBus of Tinton Falls.

Please call the Edison Arts Society at (908) 753-2787 for more information on this event.

## Unlimited Potential Presents Out of Body

June 13, 14 & 15

The Unlimited Potential Theater Company (UPTCo) announces performances of a new production, *Out of Body*, a collection of one-act plays by UPTCo playwrights.

The third collaborative theatre project by UPTCo, these new plays share the theme of 'out of body' experiences, and represent a variety of styles and storylines, both comic and dramatic.

*Out of Body* is directed by UPTCo Artistic Director, Elyse Knight, and will run June 13 and June 14 at 8 p.m. and June 15 at 3 p.m. at the George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick. The June 15 performance will have American Sign Language Interpretation. Assisted listening devices will be available.

Ticket prices are \$6 for adults and \$5 for senior adults. For reservations, contact Valerie Grier at VSA arts of New Jersey (732) 745-3885, 745-3913 (TTY), [info@vsanji.org](mailto:info@vsanji.org).

## Road Runners to Host Moon Races

June 20

More than 400 athletes are expected to participate in the seventh annual June Moon 5K Road Race, 2K Health Walk and races for kids on Friday evening, June 20 in Colonial Park, Somerset.

Central Jersey Road Runners Club is the host of the event, which will benefit Second Chance for Animals, a non-profit group raising funds to build a much-needed animal shelter in Franklin Township.

The kid's dashes, for children ages three through 11, begins at 6:30 p.m. Kid's registration will be held the evening of the event only. Cost of \$5 and includes a T-shirt.

The 5K road race, a loop course around scenic Colonial Park and the 2K health walk, entirely on a paved path, both begin at 7:15 p.m. Pre-registration for the 5K is \$15 (\$13 for USATF members) or \$20 after June 10 and on the night of the race. Registration for the health walk is \$10.

High school athletes can register at a discounted price of \$12. Wear your high school uniform or present current ID.

Download an application from the club's website at [www.cjrrc.org](http://www.cjrrc.org), call phone number or register online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com).



## southplainfieldpeople Milestones



Randolphville teacher Walter J. Adenau, Governor Teacher of the Year.

### South Plainfield Resident Named "Teacher of the Year"

Walter J. Adenau was recently honored for his superb teaching skills, receiving the "Governor's Teacher of the Year Award."

In his fourth year teaching third grade at Randolphville Elementary School in Piscataway, Adenau has shown exceptional teaching methods and a true compassion for all of his students. A high-ranking member of the Piscataway Board of Education described Adenau's efforts as "out-

standing" and "a great honor indeed."

While a member of the New Jersey Army National Guard, Adenau received two Army achievement medals for Outstanding Service and two Meritorious Service Awards.

Adenau attended Rutgers University, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and a Master's Degree in Elementary Education.

A native of Parsippany, Adenau now lives in South Plainfield.

### Magura Named to Kean Dean's List

Stephanie L. Magura, a junior in Finance at Kean University, attained the Dean's List for the Spring 2003.

Stephanie is a South Plainfield High School graduate, formerly active in the Color and Winter Guards.

### North Park University Recognizes Graduating Seniors

Each spring, two awards are given by North Park University to recognize four members of the graduating senior class. The Senior Par Excellence Award was presented to Daniel La Spata of South Plainfield.

The Senior Par Excellence Award is presented each year by the Division of Student Development to two students, one male and one female, who have demonstrated the best in campus involvement and leadership during their undergraduate years. This includes activities, campus life, and service to the community. Quality of service as well as consistency and variety of involvement are considered. The contributions of the winners should result in better campus life for students at North Park University.

Daniel La Spata is a psychology major who graduated magna cum laude.

La Spata will work at Sojourners, a Christian ministry in Washington, D.C., whose mission is to proclaim and practice the Bible to integrate spiritual renewal and social justice. He has been active in University Ministries throughout his North Park career. Last fall, he was one of four students honored by University Ministries with the Outstanding Servant-Leadership Award for his service and ministry in the community. This year, he was the student director of Urban Outreach, overseeing all student community service programs. As resident assistant, La Spata did an outstanding job of caring for and leading the students for whom he was responsible. His care and compassion is evident to all who work with him. Immediately after graduation, La Spata toured England and Scotland with the North Park University Choir.

## Two High School Juniors Accepted into New Jersey Governor's School Program

By Patricia Abbott

Two South Plainfield High School juniors were recently honored by being accepted into the New Jersey Governor's School program. Ravi Patel will attend Governor's School in the Sciences at Drew University in Madison and Josef Rodriguez will attend Governor's School at the College of New Jersey in Ewing.

Ravi Patel will spend four weeks, July 20 to August 16, in an intensive study program to gain knowledge not taught in high school or the first year of college. The courses offered are neurobiology, cell biology and cancer, topics in 20th century physics, human evolution and famous impossibilities. Students choose three courses, as well as an elective, lab and team projects.

Ravi hopes to gain productive experience in advanced science. He has set his sights on medicine and plans to become a doctor and hopes to research unknowns in medical science. He said, "I hope to solve mysteries, find cures for diseases, and discover new ideas. The most rewarding feeling comes from the satisfaction of helping people and overcoming difficult obstacles to reach a solution. I wish to contribute my work to the world in a way that will help out many



Ravi Patel, SPHS Principal Anthony Massaro (center) and Josef Rodriguez.

people around the world."

Ravi has a GPA of approximately 4.6 and is ranked number one in the junior class. He is currently enrolled in four honors classes and one advanced placement class. In addition to his rigorous course schedule he finds time for numerous extra curricular activities including; Academic Team, R.A.R.E., SADD, Jersey Club, Peer Leadership, Spanish Club, tennis and more. He is a summer volunteer at Muhlenberg Hospital, helps organize an Indian community convention and edits and publishes a fundraising directory for the community.

Josef Rodriguez will spend a month, June 29 through July 26, in an intensive arts program that emphasizes extensive study in the field of dance, music, visual arts, theater, and creative writing. It offers talented youths the opportunity to work with experts in these fields perfecting their skills. Josef will attend theory classes in his chosen field, vocal music. He will also participate in classes in other areas of the arts to help foster an appreciation for these art forms and to learn to integrate them into his primary focus. On Sunday afternoons students perform sharing their talents and newly honed skills. Other activities include field trips, musical performances, professional theatrical rehearsals, and readings performed by respective authors, studio time, speakers, dances, and concerts.

Josef is a member of the SPHS chorus, Jades, traveling choir, Sacred Heart Church Choir, orchestra, marching and concert bands. He has performed with the Summer Drama Workshop and SPHS players drama club. He credits his father with inspiring him and encouraging him to develop his vocal talents at a young age. He accompanied his father to church where his father served as a cantor. By age 11 he was cantoring by himself.

Ravi is one of 76 to be chosen for the Science program. Josef is one of 116 chosen out of 942 applicants for the Arts program. Both youths were recently inducted into the National Honor Society.

### Josef Rodriguez is 'A Student on The Move'

South Plainfield High School Junior Josef Rodriguez is a student on the move. In addition to being named to the New Jersey Governor's School of the Arts he recently traveled to Trenton where he received a New Jersey Governor's Award in Arts Education. It was his performance at the All State Opera Festival that qualified him for the distinguished honor. He was named top male vocalist at the March performance. He also received the Mariana Paunova Ensemble Award along with classmate and fellow vocalist Adam Tamzoke. The ceremony took place on March 28 at the War Memorial Building in Trenton. The award is presented to individuals who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in national or statewide programs that participate in the Governor's Awards Program.

In April Josef received the Middlesex County Guidance Council's Annual Caring Award. Joe is extremely active in numerous volunteer service endeavors within the community and school. He has worked in Elijah's Promise soup kitchen in New Brunswick, he is a mentor and a tutor for high school students. He serves



Cindy Povall, director of Guidance, and Josef Rodriguez.

as an alter boy assisting priests and clergy. One student is chosen from each high school in Middlesex County. An awards dinner was held at Middlesex County College.

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## South PlainfieldScouting



### Pack 207 Visits Ciccio's and the Fire Department

Tiger Cub Scouts from Franklin School Pack 207 visited Ciccio's Pizza on Maple Ave. (in April) and the South Plainfield Fire Department last week. At Ciccio's the scouts made their own pizzas, tested their cooking skills, and learned the secrets of a great pizza! At the Fire Department fireman Tom Scalera demonstrated the rules of fire safety. He also let the scouts shoot the fire hose and took some adults up in the ladder truck. They really enjoyed their trips!



### Brownie Troop 664 Supports Roosevelt Playground!

Brownie Troop 664 has donated to the Roosevelt School Playground Fund! The second-graders of Roosevelt School Troop 664 are pictured above with their Troop Leaders Carol Macchia and Gayle Butrico presenting a check for \$50 to Playground Chairperson Stephanie Walsh.

Troop members standing are Maggie McLean, Geri Scarpitto, Kaitlin Whalen, Caitlyn Driscoll, Danielle Butrico, Deidre Macchia and Kim Walsh. Kneeling are Paula Lasota, Nicole Benwell, Brooke Perry, Megan Collins, and Angelica Smith. Jessica Thompson is missing from picture.

## Buono Bill Targets Computer Credit Fraud

Legislation sponsored by Senator Barbara Buono to protect consumers' credit information from computer fraud by permitting victims to sue for damages was unanimously approved by the Senate Commerce Committee.

"This bill is a wake-up call for the modern-day credit card thief," said Senator Buono, D-Middlesex. "Credit fraud is credit fraud, whether someone is physically using your card or electronically using your information."

The measure, S-1018, would allow a person or entity damaged by the unauthorized access or use of credit card information to obtain money, property or services by computer to sue for damages. The bill would also allow an injured person to sue for economic harm caused by fraudulently modifying a credit rating using a computer. Finally, the legislation would allow the Attorney General or the victim to sue to prohibit the defendant from committing such damaging acts in the future.

The Assembly unanimously approved the measure last October. It now awaits consideration by the full Senate.

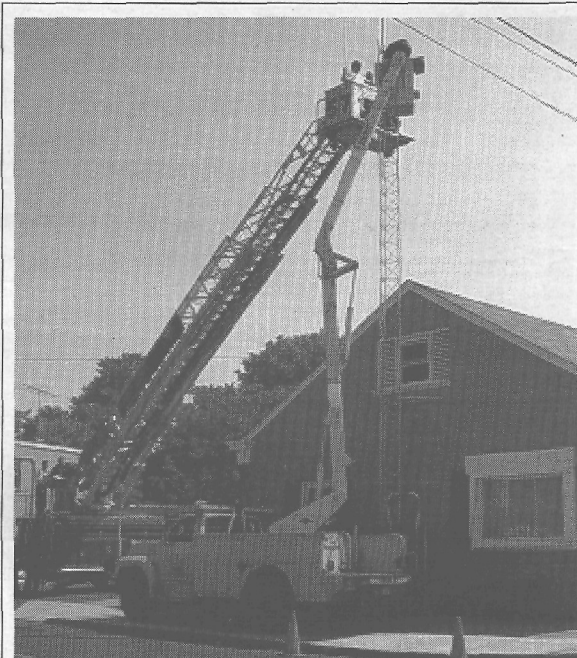
### Less than 3% of Voters Turn Out for Borough's Primary

There was no surprise the number of voters (353 of 12,466) that turned for Tuesday's primary elections was negligible. While nine Democrats and eight Republicans were on the ballot for senate, general assembly and borough council, the only contested race - for the Democratic nomination for freeholders - was won by Pulomena and Polos, in both Middlesex County and in South Plainfield, where they defeated Martinetti and Tykla.

### Area Blood Drives

ARC/Thi-County Chapter and New Jersey Blood Services are working together collecting blood to supply our area hospitals. Throughout all this season, we are experiencing a dramatic reduction on blood collection. We need your help. If you are a blood donor, please continue donating. If you are not but you are in good health and would like to become a donor, please call (908) 353-2500 for more information.

The following is the blood drive schedule for June 8- Sacred Heart RC Church, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; June 14- Linden Fire Dep., 1205 Elizabeth Ave., Linden, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; June 25-Warren Rescue Squad, 47 Mountain Blvd., Warren, 3 to 8:30 p.m.



In the bucket on top of a South Plainfield Fire Department ladder truck Emergency Management Coordinator Mike Zushma and Lt. Michael Grennier attach a new antenna at the new home of Emergency Management. Formerly the home of the senior citizens, the building has been completely refurbished. Emergency Management has moved 15 times in the past few years, but will now have a place to call home.

## Rita's Italian Ice Donates to SPFD

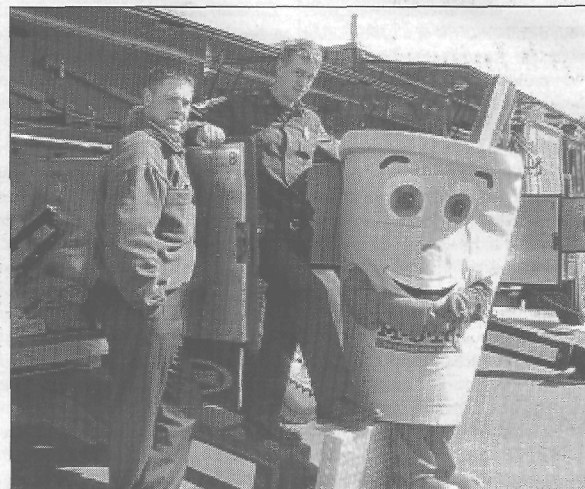
By Patricia Abbott

On Saturday and Sunday, May 17 and 18 Mary Ann Hendri, owner of Rita's Italian Ice on Park Ave. and the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department joined forces to raise funds for the Fireman's Memorial. The fire truck parked in front of the business was a little bit hard to miss, especially with a life-sized Rita's MISTO and a fireman waving from a ladder high above the ground. The afternoon included free balloons and kiddie tattoos. Children enjoyed climbing into the truck and watched in awe as the huge

ladder was raised and lowered. Mary Ann also made a donation to the memorial.

In addition to the truck there was a miniature replica of the proposed memorial, which is slated to be completed before the SPVFD's 100 anniversary in May of 2007. A donation basket sat atop the display along with literature on purchasing a brick for the memorial.

Personalized bricks are \$75 each and business sponsors are \$175 each. The bricks will be randomly placed at the memorial walkway. For more information, call (908) 756-4761.



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From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Here's more of the latest news from the South Plainfield Library:

Sunday will be the last open Sunday for the season. Sunday operating hours will return in September.

The June group of circuit videos and DVDs is now available. Circuit videos and DVDs may be borrowed, four at a time, for two days. This group will be available until June 26.

Turning to children's programs, we have our usual schedule of children's Storytime programs next week. For those of you who still need to be reminded, that means the programs will be 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. They're for children ages three and older; no pre-registration is required. We also have this year's Summer Reading Club, "Camp Read-a-Lot", coming later this month. Registration will begin on Monday, June 23, and the kick-off program, featuring audience favorite Mr. Kurt, is set for Wednesday, June 25. Finally, Miss Linda is considering starting up a toddler Storytime program; please let her know if you'd be interested in it. For further details, please call us at (908) 754-7885.

We have a couple of meetings scheduled for Tuesday. The Friends of the Library will meet on Tuesday morning at 11 a.m. Both members and non-members are welcome to attend. Meanwhile, the next meeting of the Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday night at 7:30. Everyone is invited to attend what promises to be an informative meeting. There will be a "public comment" section, in which attendees may ask the Board questions about the Library or offer Library-themed comments.

We're continuing to offer classes through our Job Information Center. The next class is "Job Searching on the Internet", scheduled for Saturday, June 14, at 10:30 a.m. Please call us to register, as space is limited. For more information, ask for Allan or Chris.

On May 31, we held our big Book and Bake sale and the results were very good. It was very well attended and we did some very brisk business. Thanks to everyone who helped out and/or shopped. And, if you missed it, we still have a fair amount of merchandise available. Be sure to stop by and see what all is left.

Recently, we've been having a few difficulties with our computer system, as we work to install new features and to make things more convenient for you, our patrons. Well, we've fixed most of the problems we've been having, so the system should work OK. If, however, you find that something's wrong, *don't* try to fix it yourself. Notify a staff member right away, and we'll have qualified personnel check on the situation. And that includes any time a computer of ours refers to itself as HAL and starts interfering with your life support systems.

Here's a word to all the rollerbladers, skateboarders, and similar enthusiasts who make use of the Library. If you're planning on remaining in the Library for a significant length of time (longer than it takes to use the drinking fountain), we must ask that you remain wheel-less (take off the skates, carry the skateboard) in the building. This is for your own safety and for our peace of mind; the odds of you slipping, falling, getting hurt, and suing us are greatly reduced this way. We appreciate your cooperation on this.

That's about all for now. We'll be back next Friday with more.

## Job Information Center Programs Scheduled for May/June

Looking for help locating a job, preparing a resume or need a computer to type it on? Then look no further than the South Plainfield Free Public Library.

The Library, located at 2484 Plainfield Ave. (adjacent to the Municipal Building), has planned the following programs for job seekers for May/June:

**Job Searching on the Internet**—Saturday, June 14, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

**Resumes and Cover Letters for Beginners**—Saturday, June 28, 10:30 a.m. to noon

All programs are FREE, space is limited and reservations are required. For more information, please call the library's reference desk at (908) 754-7885.

## SPHS National Honor Society Inducts 43



By Patricia Abbott

Forty-three SPHS students were inducted into the National Honor Society (NHS) in a formal ceremony held at the school on May 13. The evening began with the introduction of the NHS officers, Elayne Russell-President, Alex Huynh-Vice President, Janine Turrisi-Secretary, Jenny Cai-Treasurer, Janara Garcia-Public Relations, Meredith Cooper-Parliamentarian and Tiffany Boyle-Historian.

Each of the students solemnly lit a candle before receiving their membership certificates from Principal Anthony Massaro, Assistant Principals Dr. Ken May and Helen Gottlieb. After the solemn ceremony, students and guests enjoyed refreshments in the cafeteria.

Inducted were Elaine Alexander, David Allara, Almasa Amni Kyle, Jacqueline Arango, Victoria L. Boley, Shannon Boyles, Jonathan M. Buggey, Kaitlin K. Bundy, Kristie Ann Buttrick, Tarryn Lynel Carlton, Brittany Lee DeNitto, Christopher Dickerson, Catherine E. Flannery, Martina Ganiaris, Gregory Robert Garbowski, Miguel Garcia, Sarah Green, Janice Hussain, Tara R. Israel and Apprameya Iyengar.

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## NHS: Service, Leadership, Character—An 82-Year Tradition of Excellence

Induction into the National Honor Society (NHS) is indeed a great honor. A 2002 inductee described the NHS as "a very prestigious organization with a lot of great, dedicated people involved. You can easily see this because on top of all of the activities we participate in and all of the classes we have to study for, we're still helping out the community and people in general through NHS." The NHS emblem is a blazing torch, inviting members to follow a path of high standards. Each year SPHS inducts several dozen young scholars, but seldom does anyone speak of the NHS origins and the guidelines set many years ago.

The National Honor Society was officially established in 1921 under the leadership of Dr. Edward Ryneason, principal of the Fifth Avenue High School, Pittsburgh, Pa. The organization grew to more than 1,000 chapters by 1930 and quickly developed into one of the country's leading educational groups.

Requirements begin with academic excellence or scholarship. In South Plainfield students who have a cumulative grade point average 3.25 meet the scholarship requirement for membership. Chapter membership not only recognizes outstanding students for their academic accomplishments, but challenges them to continue to grow through involvement in school activities and community service. These students are then eli-



gible for consideration on the basis of service, leadership and character.

Additional qualifications are defined below according to the NHS website:

**Service:** This quality is defined through the voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation and with a positive, courteous and enthusiastic spirit.

**Leadership:** Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, promoters of school activities, idea-contributors, dependable, and persons who exemplify positive attitudes about life. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others.

**Character:** The student of good character upholds principles of morality and ethics, is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability, shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others and generally maintains a good and clean lifestyle.

Chapters of the Honor Societies exist in all 50 states, but only the states listed have formally organized state groups: Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin.

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JOAN STASIO AND LORI STOLZ

Story/photos by Patricia Abbott

Grant Central Sixth's production of *Annie jr.* was a success of major proportions. The show was performed twice on May 21, an afternoon production for the students and faculty and an evening production for family and friends. The evening performance also featured special guests—the families of local servicemen—who were honored and recognized at a ceremony before the play started. The six months of hard work paid off, as both audiences responded enthusiastically to the energetic extravaganza of song, dance and youthful talent. Kudos to the behind the scenes talent, the hardworking stage crew who had just one afternoon to actually work moving set pieces on the borrowed portable stage.

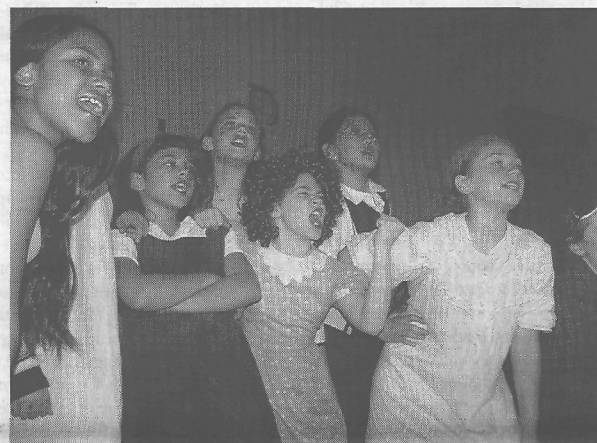
Directors/teachers Joan Stasio and Lori Stolz expressed the joy of watching the fruits of their labor come to life with heartfelt words in the program. They said, "It is so rewarding to see months of hard work translate into the true magic that is live theater. Nothing is more exciting than seeing each integral part mesh together as the cast and crew work as a team. To quote a song from *Annie*, 'The world was my oyster but where was the pearl?' Well, this production of *Annie jr.* was our pearl!"

The *Annie jr.* cast was Nicole Palchick-Annie, Cathy Krawiec-Miss Hannigan, Erik White-Oliver Warbucks, Ashleigh Gray-Grace Farrell, Tim Ratti-Rooster Hannigan, Christina Cornelius-Lily St. Regis and Jackie LaVerne-Sandy the Dog.

The orphans were Lisa Migliore-Molly, Ashley Galen-Pepper, Nicole Rann-Duffy, Kristen Yorkanis-Kate, Antoinette Hudak-Tessie and Noelle Aguilar-July.

Spencer Stubbs was Bundles McCloskey, Alan Kasmer-Apple Seller, Scott Suleski-Dog Catcher, Rocco Severini-Lt. Ward, Chris Seesselberg-Drake, Emily Orlandini-Cecille, Nicole Soisson-Annette, Heather Stolloff-Mrs. Greer, Maricela Gonzalez-Mrs. Pugh, Alyssa McCreeshtar-to-Be, Kaleigh White-Usherette, Sean Coffey-Radio Announcer, Ricky Harzula-President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Chris Fierro-Louis Howe.

The chorus included Cori Black, Gloria Esaw, Faryn Evans, Alba Hernandez, Joanna Nastarowicz, Kirsten Nuber, Brittany Smith, Nora Stasio, Tiffany Tangorra, Susan Tian, Brittany Tucci and Isabel Vordzorgbe.



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## YWCA Honors Outstanding Women

The Young Women's-Christian Association of Plainfield/North Plainfield and Public Service Enterprise Group (PSEG), 2003 TWIN Host Company, presented the Twenty-fourth Annual Tribute to Women and Industry Awards Dinner recently.

Sixty-seven exceptional women representing more than 50 companies

throughout central New Jersey were honored.

Among the women honored was South Plainfield resident Pamela Stefanek, vice president/community relations manager for Fleet Bank in Bridgewater. Stefanek is responsible for implementing Fleet's community relations initiatives throughout the

state. Stefanek is a graduate of South Plainfield High School. The Tribute to Women and Industry Program of Central New Jersey was first presented by the Plainfield YWCA in 1979. Since that time, nearly 1,000 leading businesswomen have been honored through the program.

The mission of Tribute to Women and Industry is to empower women in the workplace; to honor women of achievement in executive, managerial or professional position and to provide networking opportunities and career development programs for all.

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## Area Servicemen and Women's Families are Recognized

Grant Central Sixth School Nurse Dawn Wallis wanted to do something to honor the servicemen and women from South Plainfield who are serving in Iraq, as well as their families. After talking with Principal Janis Burchell they decided to recognize the families on the evening that the school play, *Annie, jr.* was being presented.

Ceremonies took place at Grant School just prior to the performance. Of the 15 families with loved ones serving during the Iraq War, only one was not able to attend, due to illness.

The evening began with five Grant School students reading their own original poems. The students were Scott Suleski, Katelyn Vaughn, Susan Tiam, Kristin Nuber and Nicole Palchik.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony, who have a son and a daughter serving, brought a flag sent which had flown in Iraq. Emotions were very high during the ceremony. Many families brought along photos of siblings, some wore badges with their photos.

Georgeann DiGrazi and Bill Coch-



Grant School Nurse Dawn Wallis and Principal Janis Burchell display an American flag which flew over Iraq.

rane, co-owners of Mohn's Flowers and Fancy Foods located on Plainfield Ave., were also on hand for the ceremonies. Just as they did during the Gulf War in 1991, they gave away flowers and ribbons to anyone who asked at the start

of the Iraqi War. This time they also decorated their storefront window with red, white and blue ribbons, and flowers surrounded by the photos and names of those from South Plainfield serving in the Iraqi conflict. Accord-

ing to Georgeann, Mohn's window display will remain through June for those who would like to see it.

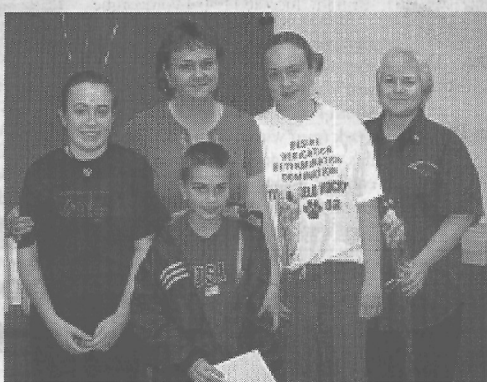
Mohn's also decided to accept donations with the intent to do something directly for the troops. After in-

vestigating several options, they decided the best way was to give the money to the families to be used however they felt was best. Bill Cochran suggested that when the young men and women return home the money could be used to spend a day with their families. Mohn's collected a total \$1,050 in donations or \$70 per soldier. Each family also received a yellow rose from Mohn's. The special guests were then escorted to the gym and given front row seats to the Grant School production of *Annie, jr.*

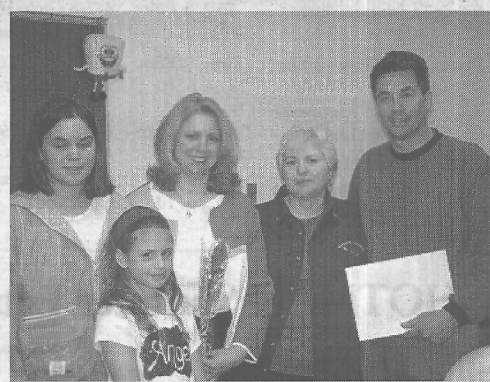
Attending the ceremonies were Marie Smith (son Dirk), the Petronko family (son Randy), Mr. and Mrs. McConville (son John), Neiper family (son Tommy), Mrs. Graham (daughter Jamie), Mrs. Allen (daughter Cassandra), Mr. and Mrs. Anthony (daughter Gloria and son Gerard), Mrs. Dilley (son John), Mr. and Mrs. Salerno (son Frank), Deffler family (son Jack), Mr. and Mrs. Perrine (son Brett), Mr. and Mrs. Donnelly (son Peter) and Mr. and Mrs. Schmid (son Stefan). Not present was the Temple family (son Dan).



Mr. and Mrs. Neiper, son Tommy.



The Deffler family, son Jack.



The Petronko family, son Randy.



Mr. and Mrs. McConville, son John.



Mrs. Graham, daughter Jamie.



Mr. and Mrs. Salerno, son Frank.



Mr. and Mrs. Anthony, son Gerard and daughter Gloria.



Mr. and Mrs. Schmid, son Stefan.



Mr. and Mrs. Donnelly, son Peter.





# Sports

## Sacred Heart Hawks Soar in CJCTC Individual Championships

The Sacred Heart School Spring Track Team from South Plainfield competed in the 2003 Central Jersey Catholic Track Conference Individual Championships on Thursday and Friday, May 29 and 30, held at Cranford High Memorial Field Track in Cranford.

Sixty-four Sacred Heart runners participated in 20 track and field events against 10 other Catholic schools winning four first-place, five second-place, seven third-place, three fourth-place, five fifth-place, five sixth-place, three seventh-place, five eighth-place, two ninth-place and six tenth-place honors. The team took home four gold, five silver, and 28 bronze medals and eight honorary pins. In addition, Alfonse Muglia ran a 5:55.6 setting a new conference record in the 3,4,5 grade boys 1600m. 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 Boys-100m	Time
3	Devine Eke	18.12
Place	3-4-5 Girls-200m	Time
4	Gerianna Pinto	33.83
Place	3-4-5 Boys-200m	Time
3	Zachary Sikanowicz	33.01
5	Michael McHugh	34.74
9	Allen Eke	35.38
Place	6-7-8 Girls-200m	Time
2	Alicia Presley	29.25
3	Qaadira Ihsaan	29.8
5	Kiersten Whitaker	29.98
6	Christine Murry	30.2
8	Cathryn Avery	31.96
Place	6-7-8 Boys-200m	Time
3	Anthony Wright	28.26
4	Darren Kaczowski	28.32
6	Joseph D'Addario	28.89
10	Eric Paley	30.48
Place	K-1-2 Boys-400m	Time
5	Devine Eke	1:29.4

Place	3-4-5 Girls-400m	Time
8	Gerianna Pinto	1:21.3
Place	3-4-5 Boys-400m	Time
3	Zachary Sikanowicz	1:18.0
4	Allen Eke	1:19.6
6	Michael McHugh	1:21.4
Place	6-7-8 Girls-400m	Time
1	Alicia Presley	1:06.7
2	Christine Murry	1:08.3
7	Megan McHugh	1:15.6
10	Kiersten Whitaker	1:17.8
Place	6-7-8 Boys-400m	Time
1	Anthony Wright	1:02.9
7	Joseph D'Addario	1:10.0
10	Erick Paley	1:12.3
Place	3-4-5 Girls-800m	Time
3	Andrea Muglia	3:15.4
9	Marissa Smith	3:48.4
Place	3-4-5 Boys-800m	Time
2	Alfonse Muglia	2:53.0
8	Austin Jenkin	3:32.9
10	Jake Dingler	3:40.5
Place	6-7-8 Girls-800m	Time
3	Megan McHugh	2:57.8
5	Tiffany Smith	3:06.5
6	Allison Whitefleet	3:09.6
8	Jacqueline Dougherty	3:15.2
Place	6-7-8 Boys-800m	Time
8	Ryan Hohner	2:55.1
Place	3-4-5 Girls-1600m	Time
1	Andrea Muglia	6:48.0
Place	3-4-5 Boys-1600m	Time
1	Alfonse Muglia	5:55.6 (New Rec)
5	Austin Jenkin	7:37.0
6	Jake Dingler	8:05.9
Place	6-7-8 Girls-1600m	Time
2	Jacqueline Dougherty	6:53.3
Place	6-7-8 Boys-1600m	Time
10	Ryan Hohner	6:10.2
Place	6-7-8 Boys-1600m Distance	Time
2	Anthony Pelle	33' 8"
7	Darren Kaczowski	28' 7"
10	Charles Eke	27' 7"

## Varsity Girls' Spring Track Season Review

By Tim Morgan

William Milone has been coaching track and field for 35 years. In that time, he has coached teams at pretty much every level on the competitive spectrum. While the record a team posts at the end of a season is undeniably important, Milone focuses on other aspects of building a team far more than many other coaches do.

Milone would rather develop good athletes than good records. He is more concerned with what the kids get out of the sport than the winning percentage they collectively produce. He is a paragon of Old School beliefs, and at the root of them all is the lesson that there is more to a sport than winning; it has become a cliché expression, but aren't clichés formed from widely expressed truths?

"It's a reward to see the athletes blossom and progress from freshman to senior year," Milone said.

It is fair to say that Milone is unpretentious in applying his coaching philosophy. He knows that every team he coaches will face different factors and obstacles and that if he is steadfast and unwavering in his beliefs and methods, the bad times will pass and the good times will be prevailing. More importantly, he knows that the impact the sport has on his athletes is far more certain and controllable than the statistical outcome.

Almost every team at any level in any sport has less than impressive seasons to look back on. Certainly last year was not a shining season for the South Plainfield Varsity Girls' Spring Track team with a record of 1-6, but this year's 4-4 record was respectable enough. It appears as though the girls are on their way out of the rut they've been stuck in for the past few years,

and there is little doubt Milone knew that this would happen.

Milone was assisted by Coaches Tammy Zurka and Meghan Mosher this season. Seniors Jen Piwowar and Chrissy Furka and sophomore Dawn Besser were his captains.

The Lady Tigers had greater depth than last year and were also almost double in size with just over 45 members versus about 25 last year. The fact that they are still a young team, being predominantly freshman and sophomores, leaves room for even more improvement in seasons to come.

The Lady Tigers were also a more balanced team this year, with fairly equal contributions from the running, throwing, and jumping squads.

There were a few standouts that yielded many points for the team. Sophomore Kathleen Morgan contributed significantly by running the 400, 800, 1600, 4\*400 and occasionally the 3200. Besser showed versatility as a hurdler, sprinter, and high jumper. Sophomore Latoya Johnson showed strength in the shot put and discus events while Furka complemented her well as a javelin thrower. Seniors Vicki Zappi and Kim Dziomba made for a one-two punch as high jumpers while freshman Krystal Williams showed promise in the 100 and 200. Piwowar did her part as a hurdler, a 400 and 4\*400 runner, and a long jumper. Juniors Almasa Amini and Darleen Marin and freshman Victoria Kedmenec also gave helpful efforts in the weight events.

Morgan helped make the girls a known presence at the GMC Individual meet with a sixth place finish in the 800 with a time of 2:31. She then proceeded to lower that time to 2:29 at the State Sectional meet, falling just a few places short of advancing to the State Group meet.

ing to the State Group meet. Johnson also came close to advancement by placing ninth with a shot put throw of 32'1", as did Besser in the 400. Zappi, however, was successful in advancing to the Groups, jumping 4'10" in the high jump. Other notable placings this season were Besser, Dziomba, and Zappi collectively taking fourth in the high jump at the GMC Relays as well as Dziomba and Zappi taking fourth in the high jump and the 4\*100 shuttle hurdle team taking sixth at the GMC Coaches Relays.

Also worthy of mention is the girls taking home a good amount of medals at the freshmen/sophomore meets they attended and that they made their dual meet with top-ranked Bishop Ahr surprisingly close.

One thing that was different about this season was that many of the major meets were held at the South Plainfield track, since the GMC and NJSIAA took notice of its recent resurfacing. "It felt great. It adds a lot of prestige and respect to the program," Milone said. It did not seem as though anyone was opposed to this change. The girls were very pleased to see this move made, and it can only be conducive to their performances.

Milone was quite pleased with the way the season went, calling it a great one "in a competitive field" that went better than he expected. This season showed the result of controllable and uncontrollable factors blending together favorably. As long as the girls stay together, there should be no problem for them going in any direction but up in the future.



Tim Morgan, Jr

## SHOTMAN Summer Extravaganza is Coming

Don't look now, but the Summer Extravaganza is coming! The 12th Annual SHOTMAN Summer Basketball Camp will be held at South Plainfield High School during the week of July 28 to August 1.

Last year, another record number of campers came to the camp as SHOTMAN Basketball Camps had

their second consecutive year of over 100 participants.

Campers will be able to work on such things as foul shooting, stationary shooting, off the dribble shooting, ball handling, team defense, and Killer Crossovers in addition to contests, games, and prizes.

Campers must bring their own

lunch. The cost for the week of camp is \$15.

You can obtain an application at <http://www.shotman.net/application.html>, and even register online at <http://www.active.com>. For further information, please contact Mike "Shotman" Lanza at (908) 754-2692, or via e-mail at [mlanza@shotman.net](mailto:mlanza@shotman.net).

## American Legion Baseball Friday Nite

For the first time in 18 years, American Legion Baseball will return to South Plainfield on Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the South Plainfield Varsity Field.

Game is sponsored by Chaumont Post 243 and backed by the South Plainfield Athletic Department.

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# Sports



The B-League Lady Hawks are Samantha Barthel, Jacqueline Bosse, Rebecca Deffler, Stephanie DiCindio, Tina Foscolo, Ashleigh Gray, Cathy Krawiec, Jaclyn Kukuch, Samantha Maiorino, Tara O'Day, Kaleigh White and Lark Stagnitto. Coach is Debra Krawiec.



## Ponytail Softball Batters Box

By Sharon Miller

**C League Games Extended**—The players in C League will have their season extended until Tuesday, June 10. Recreation Director Mike English will provide coaches with more details.

**Play-Off Tournaments**—The A and B leagues have begun the playoff double elimination tournaments. Unfortunately, due to the weather some games have been postponed. Coaches will keep players informed of the revised schedule.

**Pool Party—June 6**—The Ponytail Parents' Association will be sponsoring an end of the season pool party. This event is open to all Recreation Ponytail softball players so please join us on Friday, June 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the South Plainfield Community pool. Pizza, Italian ice, and drinks will be provided. Party will held rain or shine. In case of inclement weather, party will be held at the PAL.

**All-Star Tag Day—June 7**—All-Star Tag Day will take place on Saturday, June 7. It is a mandatory requirement that every All-Star player participate in two tag days. This tagging requirement can be fulfilled by participating in any two of the four Recreation/All star tag days. Players will meet at the snack stand at the Pitt Street Park Complex to receive their canning location.

**Ponytail Softball Association Meeting—June 24**—The South Plainfield Parents' Association will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, June 24 at 8 p.m. in the South Plainfield Middle School library. If you are interested in becoming a member and being involved in girl's Ponytail softball, please join us on June 24. New members are always welcomed. Please note time change to 8 p.m.

**SP Summer Softball Camp—July 14 through July 18**—The South Plainfield Recreation Department will be running a summer softball sports camp for girls ages 7-15. It will take place at the SPHS varsity softball field. The cost is \$35 and includes a T-shirt. Applications are available at the PAL. For more information, contact Recreation Director Mike English. In case of rain, the camp will be held in the SPHS gym.

**Sponsorship Program**—Last year we revised our sponsorship program. Our sponsors can have an advertising sign placed on the outfield fences of our fields at the Pitt Street Park Complex. The sign will be 4 feet by 8 feet in size. Sponsors can design their sign with any information or logo they choose. The signs will be up for our Spring, Summer and Fall programs (through end of Oct.). Sponsors will have the choice of a one-year agreement at a cost of \$300 or a two-year agreement at a cost of \$400 (either includes cost of sign with two colors). Additional colors may be added at a cost of \$20 per color. After the initial agreement period is up, the annual renewal fee will be \$175. This new program offers our sponsors a cost-effective advertising opportunity which will reach hundreds of families. All of the funds, which are collected from our sponsors and fundraisers, go directly towards improving and upgrading the Pitt Street Park softball facilities, as well as benefiting the girls who play recreation and all-star softball. If you are interested in funding a sign, please contact any member of the S.P. Parents' Ponytail Association or contact me via our website at [www.spponytail.com](http://www.spponytail.com).

**Ponytail Softball Website**—Visit Ponytail Softball online at [www.spponytail.com](http://www.spponytail.com) to find the latest news/events, rosters, schedules, etc.

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Coaches Care Day, (C.O.A.C.H., or Coaches Offering Assistance for Children's Health) will take place at the complex on Saturday, June 7 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. This a charity softball marathon featuring the SPJBC Coaches vs. various other teams from around our area with the proceeds from the entire day benefiting the Children's Fund at JFK Medical Center. The two previous events resulted in over \$10,000 being raised to help support the Children's Fund. Coupled with corporate and private donations received throughout the year has raised the total to over six figures.

Also featured is a Chinese Auction with prizes including two Bruce Springsteen Tickets, an AT&T BlackBerry PDF and phone valued at \$500, memorabilia signed by celebrities and numerous other valuable merchandise. Tickets for the Chinese Auction can be purchased on Saturday, June 7. A

NASCAR simulator is scheduled to be on hand and a variety of special foods will be available. The final game of the evening will pit the South Plainfield Middle School baseball and softball teams against the Middle School teachers. Come out and cheer on your favorite player, coach or teacher and support a worthwhile cause.

Opening Day Activities, rained out last month, have been rescheduled and will also be held on Coaches Care Day, Saturday, June 7, at approximately 12 noon. Small Fry teams are invited. They should all bring along their banners and assemble at Field 6 (down near the football complex) at 11:30

a.m. for a short parade down the street to Field 2 where an abbreviated version of the Opening Day ceremonies will take place. Lifetime Member and Commissioner's Award recipients will be on hand to accept their awards, along with other special guests. Everyone is invited to attend to support these well deserved honorees.

The annual club baseball trip is scheduled for Friday, June 13. The Trenton Thunder will be hosting a Friday the 13th Halloween Night at Waterfront Park in Trenton. Tickets can be ordered from Lee Flanagan at (908) 561-6348, or you can pick up an order form at the snack stand.

## South Plainfield Golf Open

The South Plainfield Golf Association has announced that this year's South Plainfield Open will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 6 at Bunker Hill Golf

Course. This is the ninth annual golf tournament held for the benefit of the SPHS Golf Team.

Tournament Chairman Ken Martin expects a full roster of golfers again this year. The entry fee of \$85 includes green fees, golf cart, prizes, food and beverages. Check-in is at 7 am, during which a continental breakfast will be served. Play will begin with a shotgun start at 8 am. Food and beverages will be available throughout the tournament and a dinner and awards ceremony will follow the competition. Prizes will be awarded for both men and women, including low gross, low net, low team score, longest drive, closest to the pin and a hole-in-one prize.

Registration is on a first come basis with a deadline of July 21. Players are encouraged to sign up early to secure a place in the tournament before all available slots are filled. Players can register on-line at ([www.spga.org](http://www.spga.org)) or print out and mail their entry forms. Corporate sponsorships are available. For information on the tournament, sponsorships and entry forms, call Dick DeAndrea (908) 755 1700 or Coach Mike Kavka (908) 753-6578.

KC's Korner extended its string of undefeated matches to four-in-a-row in defeating Pornovets, 12½-7½, to maintain its hold on first place in the National Division of the So. Plainfield Golf League. Dan Conti showed the way for KC's Korner with a nice round of 38.

Ed Banach and Fred Kirchofer once again led Aiello Chiropractic to an impressive win over Masters, 18-2. Banach tied for low-round of the night with a three-over par 36, while partner Kirchofer chipped in with a 39. Dan Griffin's 38 was the low score for Masters in a losing cause.

Aiello now stands just a half-game behind the streaking KC's Korner.

In the American Division, Plainfield Animal Hospital maintained its hold on first-place with a 14-6 win over Twin City. Mike Sikanowitz was the medalist for PAR



with a 38; Kevin Cuniff fired a 37 and Jay Coppolla had a 39 for Twin City.

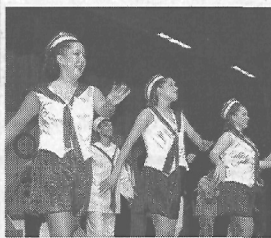
Witty's took advantage of the struggling Patti's Construction and enjoyed a crushing 18-2 win. Howard

Adler's 39 was best for Witty's as they moved into a four-way tie for second place in the very tight American Division race.

Wayne Hanrahan with a 36 and John Cacciatore with a 39 combined to power Hank's Hackers to a 14½-5½ win over the South Plainfield Elks.

Defending champs Sport & Social finally broke into the win column with a 14-6 victory over the VFW. A solid over-all team effort by Sport & Social got them the win with no individual stand-outs, and that was the key to their victorious season last year. Bob Nilan was the medalist for VFW with a 38. Submitted by Bob Nilan

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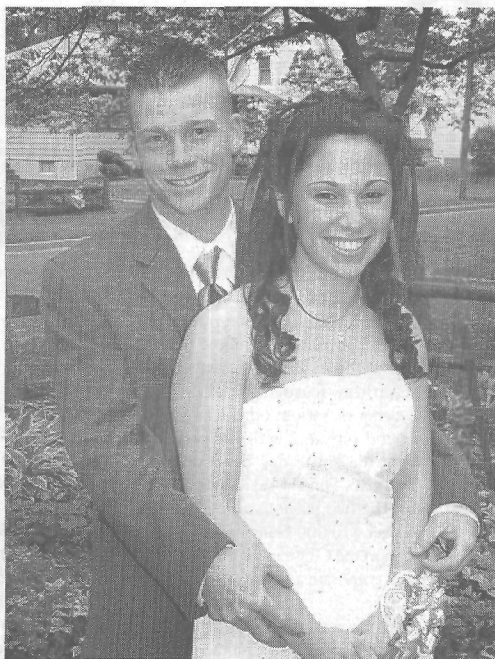
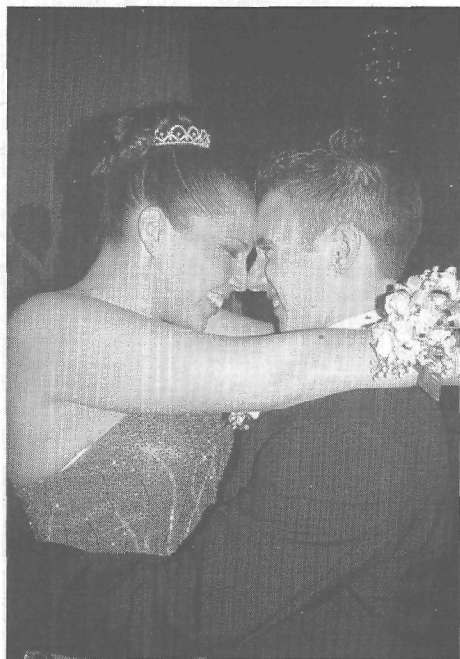
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## A Night to Remember—Over 350 Attend Senior Prom

by Patricia Abbott

The SPHS Class of 2003 Senior Prom was an incredible and glamorous evening sure to be remembered for many years to come. Over 350 students attended the formal event held at the Sheraton Hotel in Woodbridge. The guests looking far older than their years were greeted by Principal Tony Massaro, Assistant Principals Helen Gottlieb, Dr. Ken May, Steve Katz, School Superintendent Dr. Robert Rosado and class advisors Cheryl Fox and Gale Pastula.

A leisurely cocktail hour offered time to chat with friends, admire outfits and snap photos, as well as munch on the plentiful hors d'oeuvres. When the ballroom doors were finally opened the young couples flocked to tables beautifully decorated and adorned with keepsake picture frames. Dinner was a sumptuous buffet dinner that allowed the guests to take their time.

The dance floor filled early in the evening and was seldom empty as seniors and their dates rocked and swayed to music provided by DJ, Party King. The song chosen for the prom was "I Miss You" by Aaliyah.

Graphic Arts teacher Rich D'Urso and his team of student videographers

and photographers circulated the room and lobby throughout the evening, capturing those once-in-a-lifetime moments. It was an extra special day for senior Katie Lawrence, her eighteenth birthday. She blew out a candle on a piece of cake as the entire room sang "Happy Birthday." A highlight of the evening was the crowning of the senior prom king and queen. Names were drawn from a hat. Andrea Doell was named Prom Queen and Brian Publik,

Prom King. Last year's king and queen Sean Keane and Sejal Mehta relinquished their titles and crowned the winners. The royal couple danced to Aerosmith's "I Don't Wanna Miss a Thing."

Senior David Garatino said, "The prom was a lot of fun, and I know everyone had a good time. It was the best prom I've been to. The music was good, we all danced till we were about to drop. It was a night to remember!"



## UNICO Plans June 16 Golf Outing

Plainfields' UNICO Chapter invites all ladies and men to join them at their Sixth Annual Plainfields' UNICO Golf Outing on June 16, Beaver Brook Golf Club on Rt. 31, County Club Rd. in Clinton.

Registration is noon to 12:45, shotgun start is at 1 p.m. A buffet dinner will be held at 6 p.m., with awards presented at 7 p.m.

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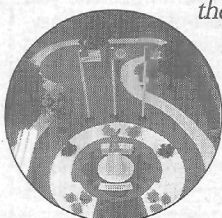
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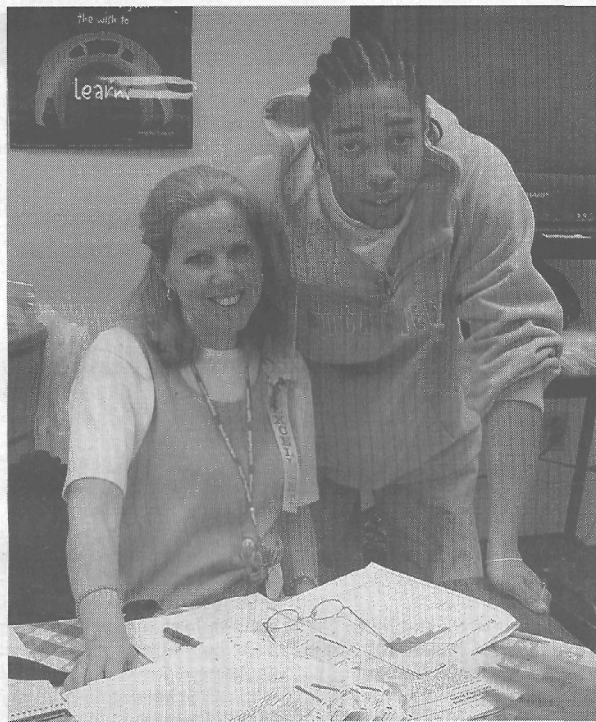
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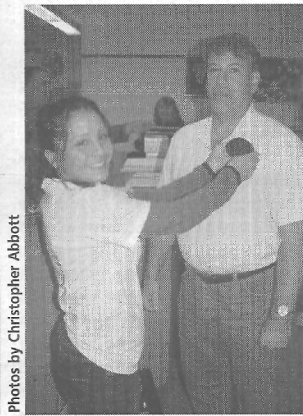
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by Patricia Abbott

The SPHS Student Leadership Facilitators Club made sure the teachers at South Plainfield High School knew they were appreciated. With the assistance of advisors Mrs. Martko, Tom



Photos by Christopher Abbott

## SPHS Teachers Get Showered with Appreciation

Baker and Mrs. Vandermark, the students turned National Teacher Appreciation Week (May 5-9) into a real celebration. On Tuesday, May 6 (National Teacher's Day), students arrived early and greeted each teacher with a flower and a button. Throughout the

day teachers on break could stop by a 'cafe' and choose from an assortment of delectable delights. During the rest of the week teachers were showered with tokens of appreciation; candy, ribbons, poems and personal letters from students.



## Governor's Program Honors Seven

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and Grant (K-6), as well as Grant Central. She received her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Kean College in Elementary Education and Reading respectively. She has served as a mentor to new teachers, manages the Grant School website and is a member of the 5/6 Transition Team. She is also a member of NEA, NJEA, MCEA, SPEA and PTO. In 1982, Coyle was honored as co-recipient Teacher of the Year/NJ Technology for children's programs.

▼ **Susan D. Goldey** earned a BA degree from Douglass College, an Ed.M from Rutgers University and has done work at Kean College, Trenton State and St. Peter's College in Jersey City. She is certified to teach Spanish, English as a Second Language and General Science and holds a Supervisor's Certificate. An educa-

tor for 35 years, she has taught Spanish and ESL in South Plainfield since 1972 at both the middle and high schools and is one of the few teachers remaining on the staff who taught split sessions in the old high school (the current middle school).

As a Team Leader for more than fifteen years, Goldey has had an abiding interest in curriculum. Most recently she helped convince the Board of the necessity of having a serious elementary foreign language program, an exploratory language experience in the sixth grade and a choice of Spanish and French in the seventh and eighth grades. The programs will begin this September. Last year she also brought the concept of teaching Heritage Spanish to South Plainfield. Goldey conducted a feasibility study, presented a proposal to the Board, researched the materials and helped write the course study. SPHS now has two classes of

Hispanic students who are studying their heritage while honing their language skills.

Goldey is a member of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, as well as Foreign Language Educators of NAJ (FLENJ).

As the sponsor of the Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica (Spanish Honor Society) for more than a decade, she is proud that two students from SPHS have won national scholarships and recognition from the organization.

Goldey is an active member of her education associations, which include nine years as the South Plainfield delegate to the National Education Association Representative Assembly, 25 years as a representative to the Middlesex County Education Association, active participation in SPEA (from 1976 to 2000) and NJEA.

Traveling abroad has always been her passion. Goldey has logged over 25 trips to Europe. Her greatest passion however, are her two Shih Tzus, "Winnie" and "Clemmie," named after Sir Winston Churchill and his wife, Clementine.

▼ **Alan Hook** has been an educator in South Plainfield for 29 years, his entire teaching career. He graduated from Montclair State University with a degree in Health, Physical Education and Driver Education. He is currently teaching Physical Education (K-5) at John F. Kennedy School, but has also taught all grade levels (through 12<sup>th</sup> grade) in Physical Education, Health and Drivers Education, as well as Computers at Kennedy, Roosevelt, Franklin and SPHS. At the present time he is the webmaster for Kennedy's web site and assists at their PTSO functions. He has also served as the head gymnastics coach and baseball coach at the high school. As a resident of South Plainfield, he has vol-

unteered on the Technology and Long-Range Planning Committees and has been instrumental in many fundraising activities. He is a member of NEA, SPEA and his professional organization, AAHPER. His outside interests include computer, woodworking, music and walking Kasey the dog.

▼ **Susan Slinger** has been teaching seventh and eighth grade Health at South Plainfield Middle School for seven years. Prior to that she was a long-term substitute at the high school and middle school and taught grades K-12 full-time and part-time in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. She has been an educator for more than 30 years. A graduate of the Panzer School of Montclair State University, she received her degree in Physical Education and Health. At the middle school, Slinger serves on the Human Relations Committee and is an advisor for Battle of the Classes. She is also a member of NJEA and PTA. In her community she participated in Avon's 60 Mile Walk for Cancer, is a life member of Hadassah, served as a Democratic committeewoman and is on the Board of Directors of Timberline, her residence. She loves traveling, gardening, rollerblading, music, theater, and the arts, but particularly enjoys spending time with children, especially her own grandchildren.

▼ **Maryann Stavina** has taught in South Plainfield for 33 years and has been an educator for 38. She graduated from Youngstown State University with an undergraduate degree in Elementary Education/English. She

has earned additional graduate credits in education from YSU and New Jersey City University. She taught at "old, old" Grant School from 1970-1975, at Grant from 1975-1980 and at Franklin from 1980-present. Although she has taught third and fourth grades, she is currently teaching all grades as a "floater" or permanent substitute. Stavina is a member of NEA, NJEA and SPEA, and served as a building representative for the latter organization. She has also worked on curriculum development committees. In her spare time she enjoys reading, gardening and traveling.

▼ **Annemarie Stoeckel** is the Computers/Basic Skills Instruction teacher at Roosevelt School. She has been a member of South Plainfield's faculty for 10 years, also having taught at the high school. As an educator for 23 years, Stoeckel has taught post-secondary English as well. She earned her BA degree in English from Rutgers University and her MA in Educational Technology from New Jersey City University. She is a member of International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE), SPEA and the Rutgers Alumni Association. At school she has served on the following committees: Curriculum, Effective Schools, Technology, and Professional Development. She has been a Girl Scout leader in her community for 11 years. In her spare time she enjoys swimming, walking and reading.



Lourie Stolz (left) with Grant School Principal Janis Burchell.



Middle School Principal Fredrik Oberkehr (left) and Dale Salisbury.

### Two Teachers Receive Tenure

Two South Plainfield teachers were awarded tenure certificates at last month's Board of Education meeting.

Dale Salisbury teaches language arts at the Middle School, coached

soccer as well as drama, and works with the New Jersey Peer to Peer program.

Lourie Stolz, chemistry teacher at Grant Sixth Central School, is active with the school's drama club.

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## Obituaries

### Justin Lugo, 27

Justin Lugo, died on Sunday, June 1, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Born in Poughkeepsie, NY, he grew up in Plainfield. Justin attended Sacred Heart School in South Plainfield where he served as an altar boy. A 1994 graduate of Metuchen High School, he later attended Middlesex County College.

As a young boy, Justin was a model for the National Talent Association and recently was modeling for Model Inc. of New York City. He, along with his father, were co-owners of the Metuchen Glass Co. in Metuchen and he also worked part-time as a bartender for the Long Horn Restaurant in Piscataway.

Justin was an avid basketball player. He had played on the Metuchen High School Varsity team for four years and played in various leagues throughout the area as well as at The Club in Woodbridge.

Justin is predeceased by his grandmother, Maria Lugo.

Surviving are his parents, Maureen (Sasso) and Noel Lugo; his brother Shayne; his fiancé, Stephanie Miszczen-ski and her daughter, Olivia Rose; his maternal grandparents, Angelo and Rosemarie Sasso and his paternal grandfather, Justin Lugo.

Also surviving are his uncles, Frank and Joe Sasso; his aunts, Olga Cardona and Maria Lugo and numerous cousins.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, June 6 at 9:15 a.m. at McCriskin Home For Funerals, followed by a 10 a.m. Funeral Mass in Sacred Heart RC Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Make a Wish Foundation, 1034 Salem Road, Union, NJ 07073.

### Joseph Maistickie, 85

Joseph Maistickie of Edison died on Saturday, May 31 at his home.

Joe was born in Nutley and was a former resident of Iselin before moving to Edison 37 years ago.

He was a master printer for Becker Printing Company in Keyport for 40 years before retiring in 1989.

Joe served his country during WWII as a sergeant in the 306<sup>th</sup> Infantry of the U.S. Army. He received three bronze stars for his service in the Southern Philippines.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife, LaVerne Thompkins Maistickie, who died in February of 2003.

He is survived by a son, Joseph R. Maistickie and his wife Denise of South Plainfield; a daughter, Cindy

Glaser and her husband Howard of South Plainfield and four grandchildren Rob, Danny, Francine and Taylor.

Funeral services were held at the James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

### Ethelyn C. Smith Ungaretta, 81

Ethelyn C. Smith Ungaretta of Bridgewater died on Friday, May 30 at the Bridgeway Care Center in Bridgewater.

Ethelyn was born in Plainfield and resided there for many years before moving to Bridgewater 18 years ago.

Ethelyn was an executive secretary for Mobil Chemical Company in Short Hills for 15 years, before retiring in 1983. Prior to that she worked for Wood Industries in Plainfield as an executive secretary for many years.

She is survived by a son, Frederick C. and his wife Josee Ungaretta of Oak Hill; two daughters, Dale and her husband Gary Mazet of Ringoes and Donna and her husband Henry DeLello of Flemington; two brothers, Stewart W. Smith of Berkeley Heights and Raymond Smith of Melbourne, Fla.; a sister, Adeline Hemming of South Plainfield and four grandchildren Lee, Kevin and Dylan Ungaretta

and Gary Mazet.

Funeral services were held at the James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

### Patricia (Mehok) Muller, 89

Patricia (Mehok) Muller died on Monday, June 2 at Cedar Oaks Care Center in South Plainfield.

She was born in New York City and had resided in New York until moving to South Plainfield in 1955.

Mrs. Muller had worked as the payroll clerk for the South Plainfield Board of Education for 20 years, before her retirement in 1979.

She was a member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens and a communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield.

She was pre-deceased by her husband, John O. Muller, who died in 1979; a daughter, Gail Razzano, who died in October of 2002; her sister, Emily DePappa and her brother, Herman Mehok.

Surviving are her son and daughter-in-law, John A. and Barbara Muller of South Plainfield; her son-in-law,

Frank Razzano of North Brunswick; a sister, Helene Fox of Flushing, NY; eight grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

### Janet Campus Yatzyn, 84

Janet Campus Yatzyn of South Plainfield died on Friday, May 30 at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Janet was born in Plainfield and resided there for many years before moving to South Plainfield 54 years ago.

Janet was the secretary at Hillside Cemetery in Scotch Plains for 50 years before retiring in 1999.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, John Yatzyn, who died in 2002. She was the daughter of the late Dr. Ellis and Rose Campus and the sister of the late Estelle Isaacs and Gladys Meyers.

She is survived by her many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

## policereport

• On May 9 Tomas Ahumumada, 21, of Plainfield was arrested for producing fraudulent documents at a motor vehicle stop.

• On May 21 a K-Mart employee reported the theft her purse from a locked locker.

• On May 27 Alan C. Crowder, 32, of Edison was arrested for theft of services at the Holiday Inn as he was unable to pay his bill.

• A Bell Pl. resident reported the theft of her cell phone from her unlocked vehicle.

• On May 28 Miriam H. Melillo, 37, of Nutley was arrested for driving while intoxicated at a motor vehicle stop.

• A Sampton Ave. resident reported the theft of a men's red Murray 12 speed mountain bike from his unlocked garage.

• Burlington Coat Factory reported that two white males had attempted to use a stolen credit card. They fled the store.

• A Harrison Ave. resident reported finding his car door open and the radio missing. The radio was found on the ground and a small BMX bike had been left at the scene.

• A West Ave. resident reported that the telephone wires near their garage door had been cut.

• On May 29 Brandon S. Bujak, 24, of Cass City, MI was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia at the Best Western Motel. John Paul Kennedy, 30, of Isanti, MN was also arrested for possession of marijuana.

• A Home Depot employee reported

being assaulted by a customer trying to return a rechargeable screw gun. The customer was advised that it was out of warranty and followed the employee to another work area asking for a similar item to be opened. When the employee refused, the customer took out his wallet, removed a handful of dollar bills, grabbed the employee in a head lock and tried to shove the money in his mouth.

• On May 30 Jose Canonizado Malamug, 52, of Piscataway was arrested for an outstanding warrant and no insurance at a motor vehicle stop.

• A Park Ave. resident reported leaving her credit card at the A&P after making a purchase. The card was used in Edison before it was cancelled.

• A Foster Ave. resident reported that the cross bar on their garage door had been pushed in causing panels to drop out. The garage had been unlocked anyway and nothing was taken.

• On May 31 Sanjay Toolsee, 25, of Clifton was arrested for possession of a controlled substance under 50 grams at Liquid Assets.

• Mehendra Singh, 27, of South Plainfield was arrested for possession of a controlled substance under 50 grams at Liquid Assets.

• Charles Jeffrey Gerber, 21, of Piscataway was arrested for possession and use of a controlled substance and an open alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle at Liquid Assets.

• Justin Jordan, 21, of Edison was arrested for possession and use of a controlled substance under 50 grams at Liquid Assets.

• Gemma G. Bumback, 41, of

South Plainfield was arrested for violating probation through the Middlesex County Sheriff's Dept. Bail was set at \$10,000.

• A Woodland Ave. resident reported that his 1991 Acura had been stolen from in front of K-Foods on Park Ave. The car had been left running.

• A W. Nassau Ave. resident reported the theft of his 1994 Acura from his driveway. He had heard his car alarm go off and then a car engine start. He went through the garage and saw a black male back the car up into the vehicle parked in front of it and then drive across the grass.

• On June 1 Benjamin Jaman Mayhue, 26, of Plainfield was arrested for reckless driving and driving while intoxicated at a motor vehicle accident.

• Oscar A. Gonzalez, 23, of North Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, not using headlamps at night and careless driving at a motor vehicle stop.

• A&P Reported that a black male had attempted to cash a stolen check. The suspect fled on foot.

• Our Lady of Czestochowa reported the theft of a birch beer keg and five beer taps from a refrigerated storage trailer. The padlock had been cut and pried open.

• On June 2 Michael Joseph O'Besso, 21, of South Plainfield was arrested for possession of 50 grams or less of marijuana when the fire department had to force entry to his apartment for an emergency water leak.

• Natoli Construction reported that the new Roosevelt School had been vandalized. Ceiling tiles and fluorescent lights were destroyed, cold base cement was smeared on the floor and walls and windows were left open.

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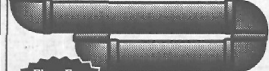
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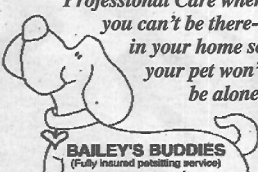
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LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY  
ORDINANCE NO. 1612B  
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$137,500 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MORE SPECIFICALLY FOR THE BOROUGH'S ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY as follows:

Section 1. That there is hereby authorized pursuant to applicable statutes of the State of New Jersey, as a general improvement, a SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$137,500 from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Section 2. That the improvements described in Section 1 hereof shall be authorized as general capital improvement for the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and declared by this Mayor and Borough Council as follows:

- A. That the maximum estimated amount of money to be raised from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 1, hereof, is \$137,500.
- B. That the cost of said projects shall be financed from appropriations in the SFY 2003 Capital Improvement Fund, of which said funds are available for said purposes.
- C. The estimated useful life of said improvement is hereby determined to be ten (10) years.

Section 4. That the total amount of the appropriation to be expended for architectural and inspection costs, legal costs, advertisement of ordinance and other expenses as provided in Section 4B.2-20 of the Revised Statutes, is not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Section 5. This law shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$63.00 June 6, 2003

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

WHEREAS, the Borough is required to perform quarterly groundwater monitoring tests, and  
WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal from its Environmental Engineer, PMK Group, in the amount of \$24,500 to perform said groundwater

monitoring for the year July 1, 2003 thru June 30, 2004, and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a), and

WHEREAS, funds have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and will be made available in the Capital Improvement Fund as follows:

Account # C-04-55-815-002-901 \$14,097.35  
Account # C-04-55-815-002-901 \$10,402.65

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that authorization is hereby given to enter into a professional services contract with PMK Group in the amount not to exceed \$24,500 for the groundwater monitoring testing for the Borough for the period July 1, 2003 thru June 30, 2004.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$38.50 June 6, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY.

May 30, 2003

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on May 29, 2003.

Case # 18-03—Antonio Grasso; Block 347; Lot 8.03; 333 Smith Street. The applicant's request for a front yard setback variance in order to allow the existing home to have a 27.72' foot front yard setback from Smith Street was hereby GRANTED with a voluntary condition.

Case # 16-03—Robert Price; Block 406.02; Lot 4; 512 Wooden Avenue. The applicant's request for a lot coverage variance to permit the installation of a 12 foot by 18 foot above ground pool with lot over coverage of 133 sq. ft. was hereby GRANTED with a voluntary condition.

Case # 17-03—Jun Dung Zhang; Block 264; Lot 17; 147 Lakeview Avenue. The applicant's request for a northerly side yard setback of 5.7 ft. to construct a second floor addition measuring 29 ft. 8 in. by 29 ft. 11 in., which also constitutes the expansion of a non-conforming use, was hereby GRANTED.

Case # 21-03—Andrea & Kevin Yullit; Block 43; Lot 1; 1617 Plainfield Avenue. The applicant's request for a northerly side yard setback of 5.5 ft. in order to construct a second floor addition measuring 24 ft. by 30 ft. as well as a second addition to the rear of the home measuring 15 ft. by 30 ft. was hereby GRANTED with a voluntary condition.

Case # 22-03—Bill & Mary Rodger; Block 210; Lot 11; 138 Jerome Avenue. The applicant's request for front and side yard setback variances in order to construct an add-a-level addition to their existing home with a 25 ft. front yard setback and a 4.7 ft. easterly side yard setback was hereby GRANTED.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Beth Khidre  
Secretary Zoning Board of Adjustment

\$49.00 June 6, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY  
ORDINANCE 1623

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1440M ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2002, 2003 AND 2004.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The rates of compensation for each employee of the Borough of South Plainfield shall be on an annual basis as follows except where indicated. Such rates of pay shall be effective on January 1 st of the years shown.

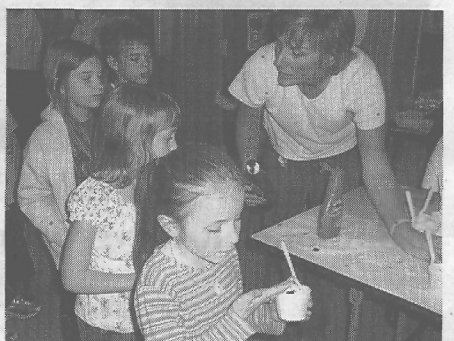
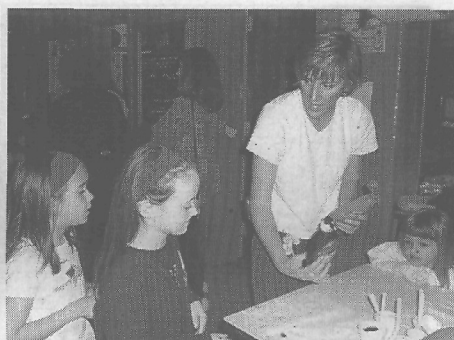
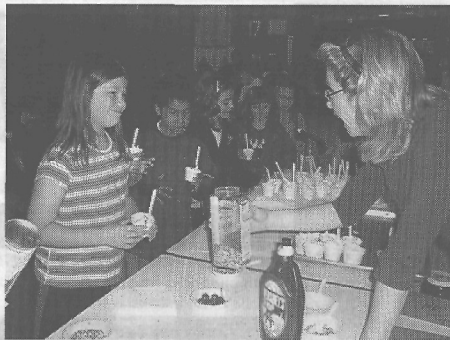
POSITION	2002	2003	2004
PROFESSIONAL MANAGERS (and Superior Officers)			
ADMINISTRATOR	10,000	10,350	10,712
MUNICIPAL CLERK	67,275	68,982	72,442
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	84,000	87,302	90,358
TAX COLLECTOR	20,700	21,787	22,549
TAX ASSESSOR	91,249	94,805	98,123
ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST	48,863	50,728	52,504
RECYCLING COORDINATOR	3,841	3,975	4,115
OEM COORDINATOR	17,535	18,511	19,159
FIRE OFFICIAL	70,110	72,926	75,479
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	80,909	84,103	87,047
SOCIAL SERVICE DIRECTOR / ASSESSING CLERK	44,485	46,404	48,028
POLICE CHIEF	111,348	115,607	119,654
POLICE CAPTAIN	94,872	98,193	
POLICE LIEUTENANT	84,708	87,673	
POLICE SERGEANT	75,632	78,279	
CONSTRUCTION OFFICER / ZONING OFFICER	76,346	79,380	82,159
COURT ADMINISTRATOR	78,455	81,563	84,418
RECREATION DIRECTOR	58,075	60,470	62,586
POOL ADMINISTRATOR	6,620	6,852	7,092
MAYOR	2,582	3,035	3,141
COUNCILPERSON	2,151	2,589	2,679
BOROUGH ATTORNEY	7,173	7,786	8,059
MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR	28,980	30,357	31,419
PUBLIC DEFENDER	6,131	6,708	6,943
PLANNING BOARD ATTORNEY	6,455	7,043	7,290
ZONING BOARD ATTORNEY	6,455	7,043	7,290
MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE	33,120	34,641	35,854
COUNCIL PRESIDENT	2,436	2,884	2,984
HOUSING ASSISTANCE TECHNICIAN	5,175	5,356	5,544
DEPUTY REGISTRAR	1,035	1,071	1,109
PROGRAM COORDINATOR	5,175	5,356	5,544
SECRETARY TO MAYOR	1,216	1,259	1,303

SECTION 2. INCONSISTENCY - All ordinance or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE - This ordinance shall become effective and operative ten days after the publication thereof after final passage.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$171.50 June 6, 2003



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\$500 was collected for an organization voted upon by the students—Ronald McDonald House. The students gained a lot that month: they learned how reading opens up doors to adventures, they experienced the thrill of friendly competition, and they discovered how wonderful it is to help others. Thanks to the generosity of Charlie's, they also tasted the sweetness of success!

Read-a-Thon chairpersons were Mary Pickarski and Diane Hunterton.

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