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Poetry Club attracts 40 students each week. See page 8.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt Rescheduled

South Plainfield Recreation Dept. has rescheduled the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the PAL for Saturday, April 10. The hunt starts at 1 p.m. behind the PAL building. The Easter Bunny will be on-hand for pictures. All children who attend will receive a gift. The event is open to all South Plainfield children ages one to 10.

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BOE ADOPTS 2004-05 BUDGET

The 2004-2005 Board of Education School Budget was adopted at a special meeting held Monday evening. The total budget is \$44,185,421, an increase of \$1,413,624. The amount to be raised by property tax will be \$32,564,229. The average assessed value of a home in South Plainfield is \$117,250, therefore the average school tax portion of the property tax bill was \$2,634.61 per year. The six point increase in school taxes would mean an increase of approximately \$70.35 per average household.

Before adopting the budget, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Rosado gave an overview of the board's future goals and highlighted some of the programs planned for the 2004-2005 school year. Business Administrator Dr. Edward Izbicki explained how funds are allocated and where the

revenues will be coming from.

Dr. Rosado said this year's budget will support the existing programs, fund the second year curricular/ instruction plan and maintain class sizes of 18-20 in the K-4 level. He explained that the increase in the budget comes from an anticipated 10 percent increase in health care costs, arrived at after considerable negotiations by Dr. Izbicki. This will also be the last year of the arbitration settlement which cost the district \$313,000 last year.

One of the new programs which will be added is a state-of-the-art CAD program at the high school, which will include a plotter and computers. Also the world language program will be expanded to include more grades and hire more teachers.

This year the SAT prep program (Continued on page 18)



SPHS Junior Toni Ciccia lights a candle at the school's recent National Honor Society Induction ceremony.

High School Inducts 39 Into National Honor Society

Thrity nine South Plaifield High criteria of scholarship, character, School students were inducted into the National Honor Society (NHS) during a candlelighting ceremony in the school auditorium last week.

Guests included Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Rosado, Assistant Superintendent Anthony Massaro and SPHS Principal Dr. Kenneth May. NHS President Wajdi Kanj was master of ceremonies. Josef Rodriguez sang The National Anthem, and music was provided by the South Plainfield High School Band.

The National Honor Society sets fourth standards of achievement and procedures which were used to select

Students are selected for membership in the NHS based on four

Scholarship—A student must attain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.250 or above for grades 9 through 11 to be eligible.

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Donald "Doc" **Austin Dies**

Life long borough resident Donald L. "Doc" Austin died on Monday, March 29 at St. Peter's University Medical Center in New Brunswick.

Doc owned Austin Plumbing and Heating in South Plainfield from 1958 until 1970. Along with his wife and family he owned "The Little Store," located on Clinton Ave. from 1984 to 1995.

In 1970 he joined Local 594 of the Laborers International Union of America, where he worked until his retirement



15 years ago. Donald L. "Doc" Austin In 1950 Doc served in the Korean

War with the US Marine Corps and then re-enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving until his discharge in 1956.

Doc was a Life Member of the American Legion Chaumont Post, where he had served five terms as post commander during the years 1968-69, 1996-98 and 2000-02. Under his leadership, the American Legion Post building was re-designed and re-modeled. In 1999 the American Legion dedicated their main ballroom in his honor, naming the room the "Donald 'Doc' Austin Ball Room.'

He was also a member of the First Baptist Church in South Plainfield, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the N.J. Chapter 52 of the Disabled American Veterans.

For complete obituary, see page 22.



Encumbents Win Democratic Nomination for Council

The South Plainfield Democratic Organization has unanimously endorsed Charlie Butrico, Dennis Cerami and Kathy Thomas for Borough Council in this November's election. Municipal Chair Patrick Diegnan summed up the Democrats feelings saying: "I can think of no three people who better embody what makes South Plainfield such a great town than Charlie, Dennis and Kathy. They are intelligent, hard working, honest people who already have done great things for our borough. All over New Jersey, people recognize South Plainfield as

the home of good government. With Charlie Butrico, Dennis Cerami, and Kathy Thomas on the council, you know it will stay that way."

Mayor Daniel Gallagher commented on the quality of the Democratic candidates. "The Butrico family is synonymous with integrity, hard work and dedication. As a member of the council, Charlie has enhanced that tradition. Council President Dennis Cerami is a constant advocate for our police, fire, rescue squad and emergency management departments. In his nine years on (Continued on page 19)

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leadership and service.



Marge Reedy



GOP Endorses Bob Jones, Ray Rusnak, Marge Reedy

South Plainfield's Republican Organization last Tuesday night unanimously endorsed residents Bob Jones, Ray Rusnak and Marge Reedy to be its candidates for Borough Council this fall. Reedy and Rusnak are seeking three-year terms, and Jones is vying for a one-year term that fills the seat created by a resignation on

the council in January.

"These are three top-notch candidates who will bring good government back to our town," said Bill Seesselberg, screening committee chairman for the GOP. "We're especially happy to have Ray and Marge running again this year, since the elec-(Continued on page 20)

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councilmeeting

Meets twice a month on the first and third Monday.

Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

	Agenda meeting	Public Meeting
Monday, April 5	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
Monday, April 19	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 4	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
Monday, May 17	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.

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.

planningboard

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641 April 6 and 20, May 11 and 25, June 8 and 22, July 6 and 20, Aug. 10 and 24, Sept. 21, Oct. 12 and 26, Nov. 16 and 30 and Dec. 14 and 28.

zoningboardofadjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month

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

April 8 and 22, May 13 and 27, June 10 and 24, July 8 & 22, Aug. 12 and 26, Sept. 9 and 23, Oct. 14 and 28, Nov. 4 and 18 and Dec. 2 and 16.

boardofeducationmeetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.: April 6.
Regular Board Meeting held Tuesdays at 8 p.m.: April 13.

taxpaversadvisorvaroup

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

siteplansub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.

April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 21.

recreationcommission

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 April 6, May 4, June 1, Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7.

environmentalcommission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

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

April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8 and January 12, 2005.

businessadvisorygroup

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)

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

trafficsafetyadvisorycommission

Meets once a month (fourth Wednesday) at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room, Borough Hall



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INYOUROPINION

Dear Editor,

Last week's paper contained an article on the \$50 per home sewer-tax increase. In the article the Borough CFO said that the Plainfield Area Regional Sewage Authority (PARSA) set the rate increase and the Borough is only passing it on to homeowners. He also states that the money collected is put into a separate fund.

I must respectfully disagree. The sewer tax is more than just a pass-on of fees set by PARSA. While it's correct that South Plainfield has a separate budget on paper for its sewer utility, it's misleading to call it a separate fund when last year the Borough Council raided that fund and took \$365,000 in surplus to pay day-to-day operating expenses in the 2004 general budget. Coincidentally (or maybe not so coincidentally) that \$333,000 works out to be just under \$50 a home based on the number of homes in town

Furthermore, the sewer-utility budget includes salaries for town employees, maintenance costs for the sewer system, and other expenses, all of which are controlled by the Mayor and Council. In fact, the Borough Council in November (after the election) created a new position called "Sewer Utility Supervisor" and gave the position to the CFO, along with a \$150 per week salary increase.

If the Mayor and Council had not raided the sewer-utility fund, we would not be in the pickle we're in now where we have to increase the sewer tax by \$50 a home. What's scary is that they've been doing this for years. In fact, back in 1993 the sewer tax was only \$130 a year. No wonder they've been able to tell us year after year "no tax increase." They've been raising the sewer tax, calling it a "fce," and hoping nobody would notice.

When campaigning for Borough Council last year the Democrats said there would be no tax increase this year. I guess we can chalk it up as another broken promise.

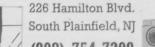
broken promise.
RAY RUSNAK

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to the article written in the March 19 Observer. The article was called "Addressing School Traffic Issues Could Cost Millions." This topic is an increasing concern for all members of the community, especially when we are talking about 3.5 million dollars. This letter is not to question the safety need for more parking, but a plea to save the open spaces we have left in our small town. Building additional parking lots just gives parents another reason to drive their cars to schools, creating more traffic and unsafe conditions. This increase of traffic will encourage the growing number of people to drive their children to school because they will feel that it is unsafe for the children to walk, due to the heavy traffic.

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We need solutions that will decrease traffic and pollution and create safer roads and schools.

I have been a resident of South Plainfield for over 30 years and I have seen numerous changes, both good and bad. Many wonderful families have moved into and out of our community. We have lost a number of family-owned businesses over the years, which have made it difficult for many of us in the community to appreciate many of the beneficial changes. Numerous new businesses have been built and are flourishing. The only two constants that the people of South Plainfield have to deal with are an increase of traffic and decrease in seeing beautiful open land.

We can't afford to lose any more open space, but the top priority has to be the safety of our children. How can we make our school areas safer, create less traffic and still have a place for children to run and play? I have an idea that may be cost effective today and beneficial to the families for the long term. I propose that we take a look at expanding the area included for busing students to school.

This might be a difficult task because we may need more buses and drivers. Asking for additional funding during these troubling financial times is requesting a lot of a small community, but it just might be cheaper than the alternative. I believe my proposal could save the taxpayer more money than building million dollar parking lots.

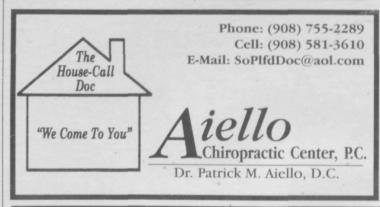
I would like to tackle the issues one at a time. First, to purchase just one more used school bus per school (seven schools) at an average of \$50,000 each would be \$350,000. If each bus has a capacity of 71 students, that would mean a total of 497 students could be bused. Understanding the logistics and knowing that all buses do not run at full capacity, I would like to use an average and say that each bus would run at 70% capacity; then we would see a total of 350 students bused. Again, not every one of those students receives a ride in a car, but imagine 300 fewer cars on the road during morning hours. Imagine less congestion near the schools and at traffic lights. Fewer vehicles on the roads will mean less pollution in the air we breathe and fewer costly repairs to our roads.

Secondly, the need for more drivers may be a concern. I feel that in our growing community there are a number of outstanding individuals who would be willing to obtain the qualifications, thus giving more members of our community jobs. Maybe a carefully constructed grant submitted to the state could obtain our community the additional funding necessary for the additional drivers.

The most important reason I feel compelled to share my ideas is that the amount of available land for families to enjoy is shrinking. I like driving past our schools and seeing people, young and old, playing soccer, flying kites, playing baseball or having fun on the jungle gyms. We know that cities have higher temperatures (on average) than suburbs during the summers, because of the sweltering asphalt and lack of trees and vegetation to moderate the temperatures. We cannot afford to turn green grass and open fields into heated parking lots. Help keep South Plainfield from becoming a city of asphalt by voicing your opinion and ideas. Let's not try to find a quick-fix solution; this will only hurt our children and our community in the future. Thank you.

SINCERELY,
ROBERT RICHKUS

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policereport

- On March 26 an E. Hendricks Blvd. resident reported that American Express called to verify new information on his credit card. He had never changed any information.
- · A Melrose Ave. resident reported that someone fraudulently added a new name on her Home Depot credit card.
- · Christie's Messenger Service on South Plainfield Ave. reported that two of their company vehicles had been scratched.
- · On March 28 Jersey Oil on Park
- Ave. reported that a woman had left after purchasing \$10 worth of gas and returned to say that gas had never been put in her car. The attendant put more gas in her car, didn't charge her and asked her to never return.
- · Penske Truck Leasing on So. Clinton Ave. reported that they had received numerous harassing phone calls.
- On March 29 American Panel on New Market Ave. reported the theft of a flatbed trailer full of steel joists valued at \$46,000.
 - Enterprise Rent-a-Car on New

Market Ave. reported that a Piscataway resident had a car rented for him by his employer. When he was fired he returned the car a month later with \$2,000 worth of damage. The ex-employee has not returned to pay his bill and has been unable to be located.

- · A Woodland Ave. resident reported that eggs had been thrown at
- · A Park St. resident reported that a rock had been thrown through the rear window of his vehicle smashing



Dr. Scott Linick of Plainfield Animal Hospital and wife Karen surrounded by the many people who attended the groundbreaking ceremonies for

Borough Seeks Volunteers For Litter Clean-up

Have you heard your first robin of the year? Start thinking about spring, by putting Volunteer Litter Cleanup

Plainfield Clean Communities Advisory Board will sponsor a boroughwide cleanup in mid-April. The main Week on your calendar! The South clean-up event will be on Saturday

Lions Annual Gourmet Breakfast Slated for Palm Sunday

The Lions Club of South Plainfield is planning to have their annual Palm Sunday Gourmet Breakfast this Sunday, April 4, at South Plainfield High School between 8 a.m. and noon. The Lions Club, a service organization serving the South Plainfield Community since 1947, helps those who are visually or hearing impaired.

The South Plainfield Lions would also like to announce their new slate of officers for the year 2004-2005. They are: President Bob Desch, Sec-

Brian Capparelli. Come out and help the Lions help those who are visually and hearing impaired.

retary Hank Grabarz and Treasurer

morning, April 17. Volunteers will meet from 9 to 10 a.m. in Borough Hall parking lot at 2480 Plainfield Ave. to collect equipment and clean-up assignments. We will target roadsides, parks, streams and vacant lots. All volunteers will be invited back to Borough Hall at noon for a free Pizza Pickup Picnic, complete with environmentally friendly door prizes. The mayor will be on hand to award prizes to the winners of the Design A T-Shirt contest. Residents may organize a crew, or to come on their own.

Call Alice Tempel, the Clean Communities Coordinator, at (908) 226-7621 for more information.

Plainfield Animal Hospital Holds Groundbreaking

Dr. Scott Linick, owner of the Plainfield Animal Hospital located on Park Ave., is looking forward to the completion of his new facility later this

Groundbreaking for the new building was held on Saturday, March 20. Linick and his wife, Karen, officially welcomed the special guests and em-

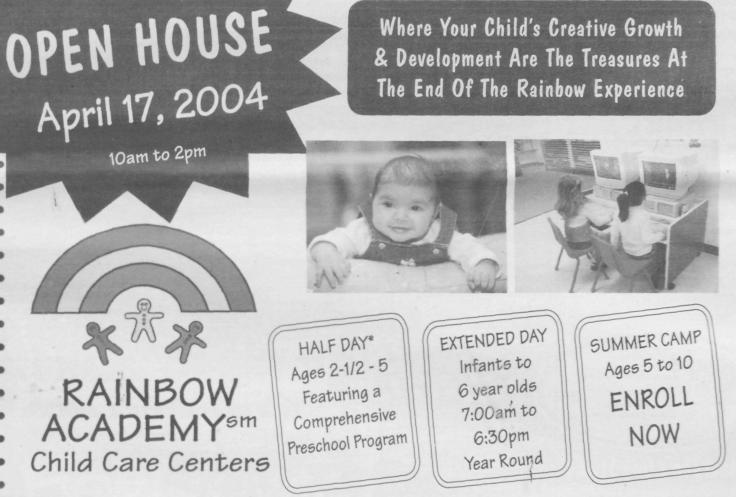
ployees of the hospital who attended the ceremonies. Guests included Mayor Dan Gallagher, members of the council, the building's architect, Bob Longo, owner of Cornerstone Architects; William Snell, branch manager of Commerce Bank and several representatives from Hull-Vicci Construction Company, the builder. All who were present represent a portion of the enormous planning it took to arrive at the day of the groundbreaking ceremonies.

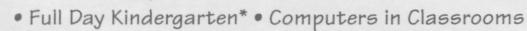
According to Dr. Linick, "We are anxiously awaiting the construction of our new state-of-the-art facility which will be located right next door to our existing building. The new building will be about twice as large (8,625 square feet) as our current facility. It will feature six exam rooms, separate kennel areas for dogs, cats and exotics, as well as luxury cat condos. There will also be a play area for the children as well as a refreshment area while you

The new building is expected to be completed by November of this year. To see more photos, log on to their website at plainfieldanimalhosp.com.

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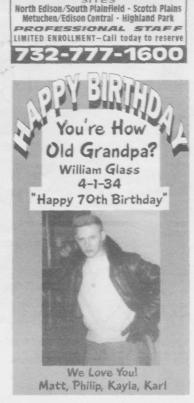
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PAL Easter Egg Hunt Rescheduled for Apr. 10

The Recreation Department has rescheduled the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the PAL for Saturday, April 10. See page one for details.

Around Town

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Class Of 2005 to Hold Car Wash

April 3

Come help support the Class of 2005 and get a sparkling clean car in return! The Junior Class is holding a car wash on Saturday, April 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Middle School parking lot. The price is \$5 for a car or \$7 for a van or truck. All proceeds will help benefit the Class of 2005 and their Junior Prom.

VFW Sponsoring Blood Drive

April 3

The VFW will hold a blood drive on Saturday, April 3 at the Memorial Post 6763 on 155 Front St. from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information, call (908) 668-9751 after 3 p.m. daily and after noon on weekends.

VFW Country Breakfast April 4

VFW Memorial Post 6763 on Front St. will hold a Country Breakfast on Sunday, April 4, 8 to 11 a.m. There will be a varied menu. Donation is \$5; children's menu 12 years and under is \$3. For information, call (908) 668-9751 after 3 p.m. daily and noon weekends.

Découpage Candles Workshop at Library April 5

A crafting workshop on "Découpaged Candles" will be held at the South Plainfield Library on Monday, April 5, at 10:30 a.m.

The workshop will be conducted by Ronda Wisniewski, local resident and Practical Crafting Instructor. Participants are asked to bring one three inch diameter "pillar" candle.

Reserve your space by calling (908)

What's happening in

Daily Events 9-11 AM Coffee & Cake 9 AM-4 PM Cards & Pool (908) 754-1047

Senior Center **EVENTS**

The Senior Citizen's Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. NOW OPEN SATURDAYS 9:00 AM-12:30 PM—CREATIVE PAINTING 10AM

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Adult Crafts 9:30 5 Yoga 10:30am Drawing Class 11:30am	Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social Group 10am Lunch Available Income Tax Prep 9am-Noon Computer Class 12-2pm		Weekly Shopping Practical Crafting 10am Pinochle Club 1pm	GOOD FRIDAY Center Closed	
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754-7885, or visit the Library's website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

SPHS Athletic Booster Meeting

The SPHS Athletic Booster Club will meet a week earlier than normal. The next meeting is April 6, 7:30 p.m. in the SPHS cafeteria. We will discuss officers for next year, upcoming track meets, senior letter winner dinner, boxing snack stand, spring sports and any requests from teams and coaches.

We are in need for members to step up and fill some key officer positions for next year. Please attend this very important meeting.

Sign Ups for Back Handspring Clinic April 7

American Gymnastics Academy is

offering a back handspring and tumbling clinic for students and coaches on Wednesday, April 7, from 5 to 7 p.m. \$20 for AGA members, \$25 for non-members. Advanced tumbling coaches offers expert advice and spotting drills for tumblers of all skill levels. For registration and more information, call AGA at (908) 753-2421.

Rainbow Academy Plans Open House

April 17

Rainbow Academy Child Care Center, located at 2177 Oak Tree Rd., will hold an Open House on Saturday, April 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Rainbow Academy offers a variety of programs to fit your child's needs, from ages six weeks to eight years. There is limited space available for the infant, nursery, pre-kindergarten, half-day pre-school and summer camp programs. Everyone who registers will re-

ceive one free month of ParentWatch, an internet viewing service.

In addition to the Open House, you are invited to visit the center for a tour during normal operating hours (7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday). For directions and additional information, visit their website at www.rainbowacademy.com.

- Out of Town -

Breakfast/Discussion of Passion of the Christ

April 3

People of all ages in the community are invited to join in discussing Mel Gibson's new movie *The Passion of the*

Christ at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, Scotch Plains, on Saturday, April 3 at 8 a.m. over breakfast. The Men's Fellowship Group of the church will provide a free pancake and sausage meal to all who attend.

Advance reservations by April 2, but you are welcome without a reservation. Call (908) 232-5678 and leave a message, or e-mail your reservation at w lgrv@netzero.com.

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church is located at 1961 Raritan Rd., across the street from the Scotch Plains Southside Firehouse, off Martine Ave. The building is handicap friendly.

Experience Philippine Palm Weaving

April 3

On Saturday, April 3 at 1:30 p.m., the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission and the Folklife Program for New Jersey will present Palaspas, a traditional Filipino palm weaving workshop, at East Jersey Olde Towne Village on River Rd. in Piscataway.

Participants of this hands-on workshop will learn how to create this special folk craft under the instruction of master artists from Samahan Cultural Heritage, Eastern Seaboard, Inc.

The workshop is presented without charge, however registration is required. To register call (732) 745-4489.

Sanguiliano Easter Egg Hunt

April 4

Sanguiliano Garden Center and Florist will be having their Second An-(Continued on next page)



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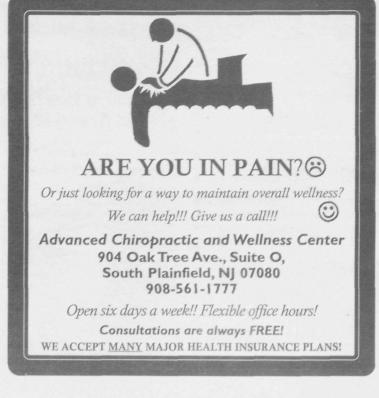
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Around Tou

(Continued from page 4) -nual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 4 at 2 p.m. Come join the Easter Bunny to hunt for eggs, candy and

The center is located at 2600 Route 22 East, Scotch Plains, For information, call (908) 232-9030.

First Presbyterian Holy Week Programs April 5

As part of a series of Holy Week Programs, the First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen will present a dramatization based on Leonardo DaVinci's famous painting, The Last Supper on April 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. This program is free and open to the public.

Metuchen-Edison Women's Club Meeting April 7, 25, May 10-24

Join the monthly meeting of the Metuchen-Edison Women's Club, an organization dedicated to benefiting our communities since 1961, on Wednesday, April 7, 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 17 Oak Ave. (corner of Rt. 27) in Metuchen.

The organization will participate in the Metuchen townwide garage sale on Sunday, April 25 at the home of Meghan Shannon, 293 Woodbridge Ave.

A "Diaper Drive" to benefit Amanda's Crossing, a transitional housing program for homeless single parent families located in Edison will soon take place. For more information, call (732) 287-2893. The drive will be held from May 10 to 24. Drop off locations are as follows, What's the Scoop on Main St. in Metuchen and Donna's Hometown Deli at 1018 Amboy Ave., Edison.

For information about club meetings and membership, call Diana Degnan, vice president, membership chairperson at (732) 548-0925.

Tenebrae Service at First Presbyterian April 8

The First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen will present a Tenebrae Service Maundy (or "Holy") on Thursday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The Tenebrae service traces the last hours of Jesus' life on earth and is one of the most moving services of the year. It will feature special music by the Junior and Senior choirs, the celebration of Holy Communion and the extinguishing of the lights in remembrance of the darkness that fell on the face of the earth as Jesus hung upon the cross.

Middlesex WOWs Monthly Meeting April 13

Middlesex East Widows or Widowers will conduct a business meeting on Tuesday, April 13 starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Carteret Community Center, located at Pershing and Cooke avenues, Carteret. Light refreshments and socializing to follow. For more information, contact Dorothy at (732) 541-2174 or Lois at (908) 757-0515.

Moonrakers Tall Club Social

April 13

The New Jersey Moonrakers Tall Club, Inc., a social and community service organization serving people of "taller-than-average" stature in the NJ/NY metropolitan area, will hold its monthly "Meet and Greet" social at the Saddle Brook Marriott Hotel, located between Route 80 and the Garden State Parkway in Saddle Brook, on Tuesday, April 13 at 8 p.m.

Prospective members (women, 5'10" and taller and men 6'2" and taller and over 21-years-old) are encouraged to inquire.

For information about the club, or for a schedule of social events, call our 24-hour hotline (973) 267-3648 or visit our website at http://www.njtall. org or email at newjersey@tall.org.

arch 2004-The best thing about being a member of the legislature is actually being able to do something about an issue or a problem. The most recent example concerns the Future Stars pre-school program in South Plainfield. Last year the Superintendent of Schools was informed by the Department of Education that the program would have to be terminated because tuition based programs in public schools are not permitted. Several parents and members of our Board of Education, led by board member Sue Peck, asked me to sponsor legislation to exempt programs like our Future Stars from the state prohibition. As you can imagine, it takes time to get a proposal passed into law.



We needed to do something immediately to protect the preschool while the process was on going. Superintendent Rosado and I contacted the county superintendent who has granted two successive one year waivers so that Future Stars can continue to function.

My friend and fellow assemblyman, Peter Barnes, has joined with me in ponsoring Assembly Bill 2170 which will permit programs such as South Plainfield's Future Stars to operate as they have in the past. We have reached out to our friend and fellow representative of the 18th District, Senator Barbara Buono, who has agreed to sponsor the bill in the Senate. Next, there will be hearings before the Assembly and Senate Education Committees. Presuming it is supported in committee, the bill will then be voted on by the entire Assembly and State Senate. After that, it will be sent to the governor, who will sign it into law.

Fortunately, I am the vice chair of the Education Committee and I have been able to move the bill along. I have had meetings with Speaker Sires, Majority Leader Roberts and Committee Chairman Stanley, in order to stress how important the legislation is to our district and school districts throughout the state. In the present day economy, in most families both parents have to work just to pay the bills. Preschool is no longer an option. It is a necessity. I am happy to be in a position to do something about what could have been a disaster for the working mothers and fathers of South Plainfield.

If there is ever an issue or concern that you want to talk with me about, don't hesitate to contact me. My legislative office number is (908) 757-1677. The office is located right here in South Plainfield at 908 Oak Tree Rd., across from the A&P Shopping Center. In addition, you can e-mail me at AsmDiegnan@njleg.org.

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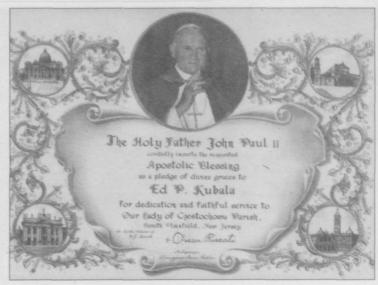
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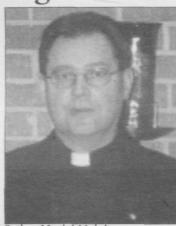
Father Maciej Presents Apostolic Blessings

Father Maciej Melnium, Pastor of Our Lady of Czestochowa recently returned from a visit to Rome and brought back a special blessing, which he presented to several surprised pa-

Father Maciej explained that since arriving as pastor at Our Lady of Czestochowa in Sept. of 2002, he has been blessed with many good, hard working and dedicated parishioners, all of whom go out of their way to support him and the plans he has initiated for the parish.

While visiting Rome earlier this year, he obtained 10 Special Apostolic Blessings and presented them to the dedicated parishioners, much to their

Those receiving the Special Apostolic Blessing were: Ann Campanelli, Theresa Kaschak, Eugene Kataryniak, Ed. P. Kubala, Theodore Aniunas,



Father Maciej Melnium

Frank and Florence Mikorski, Edward and Elsie Larsen, Rose Marie Pelton and Carolyn Yankoski.

Father Maciej said that in the future he hopes to obtain more Apostolic Blessings to present to other deserving OLC parishioners.

Retirement Program at Library

The South Plainfield Free Public Library will present "Retiring with Confidence" on Thursday, April 8, at 7 p.m. David Joshi of Prudential Insurance will the speaker.

The program will review valuable information and specific ideas that can be used towards developing a welldefined strategy for retirement. The presentation is intended for both those who have retired and those who are still planning for it. The program is presented free of charge and no preregistration is required.

Gor more information, please call (908) 754-7885 or visit the Library's website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

South Plainfield's traditionally held day-7 p.m. Anointing With Holy

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service will be held on Sunday, April 11 at 6:30 a.m. at Spring Lake Park, rain or shine. All are welcome to attend.

Our Lady of Czestochowa

Saturday and Sunday, April 3 and 4 Palm Sunday Weekend, (palms will be blessed and distributed at all masses)

Saturday, April 3-5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Monday, April 5-8 a.m. Mass Confessions on request), 7:30 Chrism Mass at St. Francis Cathedral—At this special mass, the Bishop blesses the oils used for Catechumens, Baptisms, Confirmation and Sacrament of the Sick.

Tusday, April 6-8 a.m. (Confessions on request)

Wednesday, April 7-7:30 p.m. Mass and Parish Confession following after Mass (visiting priests and Father Maciej).

Thrusday, April 8—Holy Thursday, 10 a.m. Morning Prayer, 7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Church will be open until 10 p.m.

Friday, April 9-Good Friday (beginning of the Paschal Fast), 1 p.m. Confessions; 3 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Communion Service, 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross, Visit the Tomb

April 10-Holy Saturday, 11 a.m. and 12 Noon Blessing of Easter Food in Parish Hall, 8 p.m. Easter Vigil Celebrations.

April 11-Easter Sunday (The Resurrection of the Lord), 8 a.m. Mass with Procession, 11 a.m. Mass.

Nativity Of The Blessed Virgin Orthodox

April 4-Palm Sunday-Divine Liturgy Blessing and Distribution Of Palms & Willows 9:30 a.m.

April 7-Great & Holy Wednes-

Unction.

Churches Announce Easter Services

Thursday, April 8—Great & Holy Thursday—7 p.m. Reading Of The Passion Gospels.

Friday, April 9-Great & Holy Friday-7 p.m. Vespers & Burial Service & Procession With The Holy Shroud;

Saturday, April 10-Great & Holy Saturday—7 a.m. Vigil & Guarding Tomb & Shroud Of Jesus All Day; 7 p.m. Matins Of The Resurrection; Blessing Of Paschal/Easter Baskets Follows-The Service.

Sunday, April 11-Holy Pascha/ Easter-9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Of Pascha: The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ; Blessing Of Paschal/Easter Baskets Follows.

Sacred Heart Church

Palm Sunday, April 4 Saturday Vigil at 5 p.m.; Sunday masses at 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. (Solemn Procession and Blessing at 9:30 a.m. Mass).

Monday, April 5-7:30 p.m. Chrism Mass (St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral).

Thursday, April 8—Holy Thursday, 7:30 p.m.-Mass of the Lord's Supper, Eucharistic Procession and Adoration; 11:30 p.m. Closing Night Prayer

Friday, April 9-Good Friday, 9 a.m.-Morning Prayer; 3 p.m.-Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death; 7:30 p.m.-Ecumenical Service of Tenebrae

at Wesley Methodist Church. Saturday, April 10-Holy Saturday, 9 a.m.-Morning Prayer; 12 noon-Blessing of Easter Food and 8:30 p.m.-The Solemn Easter Vigil.

Sunday, April 11—Easter Sunday, 6:30 a.m.-Ecumenical Sunrise Service at Spring Lake Park; mass at 8:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.-Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord.

St. Stephens Proto Martyr Church

Tuesday, April 6-Everyone is invited to establish a spiritual discipline at this season and sharpen their spirituality with your community. All services begin at 7:30 p.m.

Wesley Methodist Church

Saturday, April 3—Prayer Vigil 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All are welcome.

Palm Sunday, April 4 and on Easter Sunday, April 11, 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship services. Maundy Thursday Service on April 8 at 7:30 p.m. Share with us the celebration of the Lord's Supper.



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Tiani Allen-Lightfoot

Tiani Allen-Lightfoot of South Plainfield was recently selected to participate in Nationals' 2004 Miss Jr. Teen Newark pageant competition on

Tiani will be competing for her share of over \$20,000 in scholarships, prizes and specialty gifts that will be distributed to contestants. Tiani will be competing in the Miss Jr. Teen division, one of three divisions that will have young ladies between the ages of 10 and 19 competing in modeling routines which include casual wear and formal wear. Tiani will display her personality and interviewing skills while interviewing with this year's Newark judging panel. Personality is the number one aspect that each contestant is judged on during all phases of competition.

If Tiani is to win the title of Miss Jr. Teen Newark, she will represent Newark and the surrounding communities at the Cities of America National Competition in Orlando, Fl.

There is no cost to Tiani for participating in the pageant competition. Community businesses, organizations and private individuals will as-

sist Tiani in participating in this year's competition by becoming an official sponsor to her. Through sponsorship, each contestant receives all the necessary training, rehearsals and financial support which will allow Tiani to become a very confident and well-prepared contestant in this year's Newark Pageant.

Any business, organization, or private individual who may be interested in becoming a sponsor to Tiani may contact her pageant coordinator, Patty Neidert at (800) 569-2487.

Tiana would like to thank the sponsors who have already helped her: Zen Nail Spa, Joann's Dance Studio and American Gymnastics



Cub Scout Pack 224 of John E. Riley Cub, James and Christopher Markey, Cesar Fernandez, Anthony Austin and Joshua Siepmann as their February Heros of the Month. These boys raised the money for 20 Drug Free School Zone Signs that recently went up

Hometown Heros recognized the around town. The boys shared their luncheon with their den during a regular meeting. All of the boys would like to thank Hometown Heroes for their yummy treat.



Tom McCreesh was very surprised on March 13 when his friends and family threw him a surprise 401/2 birthday bash.

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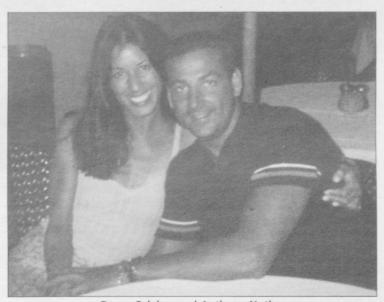
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Miss Celebre graduated from the Ann May School of Nursing and the Richard Stockton College in 1994. She is a neo-natal registered nurse, currently pursuing her master's de-

Dr. Notino graduated from Seton Hall University and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in 1996 with a degree in medicine and his specialty in radiology at Cornell University.

He is a musculoskeletal radiologist at Western New York Radiology Northtown Imaging.

A June 2005 wedding is planned.



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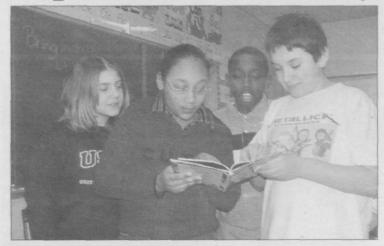
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Popular Grant Poetry Club Attracts 40 Students Weekly



Story/ photos by Patricia Abbott

Kids at Grant School's newest club recently took poetic license and are driving full speed ahead down literary lanes and avenues. The Grant School Poetry Club was the brainchild of fifth grade student Anthony Alexander (pictured above), who had been a member of the Roosevelt Poetry Club under the direction of teacher Michael Bertram. Anthony said, "I asked Mrs. Burchell for a poetry club at Grant School because I felt my friends would enjoy getting a chance to express themselves through poetry. Since I started writing I feel it has helped me express my feelings and deal with life." Anthony's enthusiasm for a club at Grant was met with the approval and full support from Principal Janis Burchell. The club's advisor is fifth grade reading teacher Allison Blinder.

The Poetry Club, which meets after school on Fridays, boasts almost 40 members. Each week they gather in groups or alone to write poems, create books and prepare works for contests. In addition to writing and sharing their work the youths read numerous poetry books, exposing them to different types of poetry and poets. She is very excited about the quality of the poetry and the willingness of the students to participate saying, "I began this club after watching the huge success at Roosevelt. One of the great things about Grant School is that we are a melting pot of the four elementary schools, therefore I wanted to share the successfulness of the poetry club with all students. Being a language arts teacher, I was impressed with the students eagerness of expressing themselves via poetry. I am a huge fan of poetry and desired to share my passion for poetry with the Grant student body, thus the club was born."

The students have learned the power of the written word and have penned some extraordinary works. Several club members have been named Observer Junior Journalist of the Week, winning a meal for their family catered by Hometown Heros Deli.

The Roosevelt School Poetry Club was inspired by Bertram's students: He explained, "Anthony, Ursula Buice and Nina Trujillo and other students kept asking me to start a club. How could I say no to students who wanted to stay after school and write!" The club began in January of 2003 with 40 youths in grades four and five. It was an immediate hit. In April the club members read their works to the entire fourth and fifth grade class. In May they held a Poetry Night, sharing their poetry with parents and friends. Bertram was pleased with the turnout, over 100 people showed up. He said, "It was an awesome evening, students read, parents read and Anthony's five-year-old brother did a poem from his head, it was amazing!" When the club ended each student received two books, containing over



100 poems of each others work. Anthony shared his memories of the Roosevelt Poetry Club, saying, "We had poetry parties and wrote seven books of poems. My favorite night of poetry was in May 2003, because I earned the chance to read in front of a large audience."

Bertram is proud of Anthony's efforts in Grant School. He said, "At one point Anthony hated writing, now he uses it as a way to be heard. It doesn't surprise me that a lot of students joined the club at Grant or at Roosevelt; poetry is expression, young people need

to express themselves and as adults and teachers, we need to encourage them. Some of the best poetry I have ever read are by former students, Anthony Alexander, Jamie McLean and Danielle Schaaf. It is never about rhyming or writing a certain style. It is about how you feel. All I did was introduce the Roosevelt students to poetry; they are the ones who made the poetry come alive. Anthony has formed a poetry club to give himself, along with his friends, an outlet to express themselves. He is giving them a voice."



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Wendell Born and Ray Jazikoff braved the cold water in the special Olympics fundraiser.

South Plainfield Police Officers Take a Plunge

Two South Plainfield Police officers from PBA Local #100 participated in the New Jersey Special Olympics at Pt. Pleasant recently, along with 2,700 other New Jersey police officers, family and friends. This is the fourth year South Plainfield has participated in the 11th Annual Polar Bear Plunge.

The officers were sponsored by PBA Local #100 and they helped raise \$500,000. It was no easy task since they took the plunge in a water that was a frigid 38 degrees. Jenkinson's Restaurant provided a buffet for everyone.

Participating this year were Det. Wendell Born and Officer Ray Jazikoff. Officer Brian Iarrapino also attended to give them moral support. The event has raised over \$2.5 million over the past 10 years.

Post Offices Open Late Tax Night

The United States Postal Service has announced a list of nearby offices that will be open late on Thursday, April 15 to accommodate lastminute income tax filers.

Nine post offices will extend customer service business hours till midnight and seven post offices will be open till 9 p.m. on April 15.

Open until midnight are the main post offices in Hoboken, Livingston, Newark, Elizabeth, South Hackensack, Paramus, Morristown, Summit and the Wayne Sheffield Station.

Post Offices open until 9 p.m. include main post offices in Paterson, Fort Lee, Plainfield, Rahway, Jersey City, New Foundland and Sparta.

Also, tax filers should keep in mind that they can purchase stamps, get mailing information and even print mailing labels with or without postage online 24 hours a day, 365 days a year at the postal website at www.usps.com.



American Legion Post 243 presents a check for \$2,285 to help with expenses to the South Plainfield Predators, who play in the Middlesex American Legion League. From left to right are John Blanehard, Denis Kazimir, Matt Santone, Roberto Agostino, Kyle Kazimir, Tony Bakazan, Chris Bakazan, Dan Piwowar and Joe Penyak.

Roosevelt Receives \$2,500 Grant from the Best Buy Foundation

Roosevelt Elementary School has been awarded a \$2,500 Te@ch Grant through the Best Buy Children's Foundation for integrating interactive technology into the curriculum. The grant funds will be used to enhance the Travel Buddy Program submitted to the Best Buy Children's foundation.

This program was implemented in 1999 by Annemarie Stoeckel, who is the computer instructor at Roosevelt. Stoeckel submitted the grant highlighting the Travel Buddies Program that has been done with the first grades as a part of a month-long Multicultural Program. Travel Buddies is a collaborative cultural exchange project between classes at Roosevelt and classes in elementary schools throughout Australia Students share ideas and learn from each other through e-mails and a classroom stuffed animal, who acts as an emissary for the students. The money will be used to purchase digital cameras, printers and a scanner. The Teach Grant will allow the program to expand into other grade lev-

Te@ch is a new program which Best Buy launched in October and was designed to reward schools that creatively integrate interactive technology into their curricula. All accredited, public and private non-profit elementary, middle and secondary schools located within 25 miles of a Best Buy store were eligible to apply. Grants of \$25,00 were awarded to nearly 1,200 schools to sustain or enhance existing educational programs.

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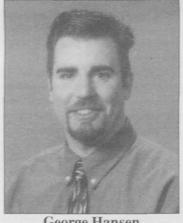
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Sewer Bills Are Increasing

A vote taken by the council during a special meeting held Monday evening will mean that residents will see an increase of \$50 in their yearly sewer bills.

Whether the sewer bill is a tax or a utility fee was a hot topic of discussion both before and after the vote was taken by Mayor Dan Gallagher and candidate for council, Bob Jones.

After the ordinance was passed, Mayor Gallagher said that he wanted everyone to understand that this was a user fee and not a tax. "Since you pay only for what you use and if you don't use it, you don't pay," he explained. He also compared local fees with neighboring towns, saying other communities have much higher sewer fees.

However, Jones said he disagreed bills mailed out in June.

with the mayor's interpretation saying, "The sewer tax is indeed a tax. In addition to what we pay to have the sewage treated, there are local costs, including almost \$400,000 in salaries that are controlled by the mayor and council. And if we had not been using surpluses from the sewer budget to fund the general budget for the past few years, there would be no need for a 25% tax hike this year. They should have put that money back where it belonged instead of raising our taxes.'

Borough Administrator Glenn Cullen said there was a surplus last year because of some first time sewer connections.

The increase will be included in the

From the South Plainfield Library

By Sunnie Randolph

There will be no Baby Story times on Friday, April 2. Regular story times will be held on Tuesday morning, Wednesday evening and Thursday afternoon. For additional information please call the library and ask for Linda.

The South Plainfield Public Library is asking people who live in South Plainfield to fill out a library survey questionnaire. The questionnaire will help us in planning for a new library and the types of services the library can provide. The questionnaires are available at the Library, Borough Hall, the Senior Center and at the Recreation Center. Completed questionnaires may be left at any of the sites. We would especially like to hear from people who do not currently use the library. We would like to know why you don't and what we can do to encourage you to use the library in the future.

Do you like to read true crime stories? The library has a wide selection of true crime and criminal stories such as: The Night Stalker (Richard Ramirez) by Philip Carlo, The Burning Bed by Faith McNulty, Bitter Harvest by Ann Rule, Forsaking All Others

(Betty Broderick) and Beyond All Reason (two British 10-year-old killers). Read the books then look on the Internet to see where they are today. We have books about "poor little rich kids" and murder such as Murder In Greenwich (Martha Moxley) by Mark Fuhrman, The Billionaire Boys Club by Sue Horton, Our Guys (rape and cover-up in a rich suburb) by Bernard Lefkowitz and Wasted: The Preppie Murder by Linda Wolfe. If you are a fan of "The Sopranos" the library has books about the Mafia - Mafia Princess by Antoinette Giancana, Underboss (Sammy "The Bull" Gravano) by Peter Maas and Wiseguy by Nicholas

When you come in the library, check out the new mini displays. Scattered around the library are small displays of library materials to catch your eye and entice you to check the items out. These may be seasonal themes or favorite authors or topics chosen by the library staff. We hope you will continue to browse the shelves but will also find some things of interest in the new dis-

Only a few more weeks until income taxes are due. We still have some forms and if you can't find what you need, please ask a librarian who will try to get the needed form from the internal revenue web site.

The Friends of the South Plainfield Public Library are beginning to plan for their annual book sale. As you begin spring cleaning, whenever spring gets here, please donate any paperback or hardback books that you read and that are in good condition to the library for the sale. Please no magazines, textbooks or encyclopedias.



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puppies, or beans, as we like to call them, are Fava Bean, Lima Bean, Coffee Bean, Butter Bean, Refried Bean and ChickPea, along with the mother were rescued by People for Animals seven weeks later. Five of the beans were healthy roly-poly puppies. ChickPea, who was the runt of the litter weighing a whopping 3.6 pounds, most likely had suffered a broken leg at some point during his stay at the

By the time People for Animals was aware of his plight, at seven weeks of age, ChickPea was facing amputation. He never appears to be aware that he cannot walk the same as his littermates and he's always right in the middle of everything, despite his handicap. His feisty nature has gotten him this far and People for Animals will do everything we can to enable him to live as normally as possible. He is currently in the capable hands of Orthopedic Specialist Dr. Joy Weinstin of Veterinary Surgical and Diagnostic Specialists in Clarksburg, who will re-evaluate his condition once he gets a little older. To assist People for Animals as we help ChickPea and other animals like him, please send a donation for medical care to People for Animals-ChickPea, 433 Hillside Avenue, Hillside, NJ 07205. Thank you.

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Help Class of 2005-Subscribe to the Observer

The South Plainfield Observer announced that they will donate \$5 for every new subscription received in April to the Class of 2005 as another fundraiser the junior class has organized for their New York City themed Junior Prom.

"In the past we have been very successful with our subscription promotion for other schools, including Kennedy and Riley School's playground funds. It's very simple. With every new subscription we receive during the month of April, we will donate \$5 to the Class of 2005 prom fund," said Nancy Grennier, publisher. "This is one way people can help support the fundraiser and at the same time get the latest local news."

If you read the Observer regularly, this is the perfect time to subscribe and help raise money for this cause.

Come help support the Class of 2005 and get a sparkling clean car in return! The Junior Class is holding a car wash on Saturday, April 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Middle School parking lot. The price is \$5 for a car or \$7 for a van or truck. All proceeds will help benefit the Class of 2005 and their Junior Prom.

Just fill out the subscription form on the bottom of page 19 and mail it to us at 1110 Hamilton Blvd., visit our office and fill out a subscription form or call in with your new subscription at (908) 668-0010. Make sure to specify that you would like \$5 to be donated to the Class of 2005!

Sacred Heart Kicks Off 100th Anniversary Celebration

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The kick-off to the Sacred Heart 100th Anniversary celebration will be a fourday carnival starting on Thursday, May 20 and ending on Sunday, May 23. The carnival, similar to Sacred Heart's Funstival, has been named the Sacred Heart Family Carnival. The event will have

vendors, rides and plenty of food. The carnival will be a great opportunity to bring people together at the beginning of the celebration and as each event takes place attendance will increase with each event until the finally at the end of the year-long celebration. Tickets for the Sacred Heart Family Carnival will be going on sale

in the next few weeks.

Many other events are in the planning stages for the yearlong celebration, including digging up the time capsule that was buried over 25 years ago and gathering artifacts during the year which will be burried at the

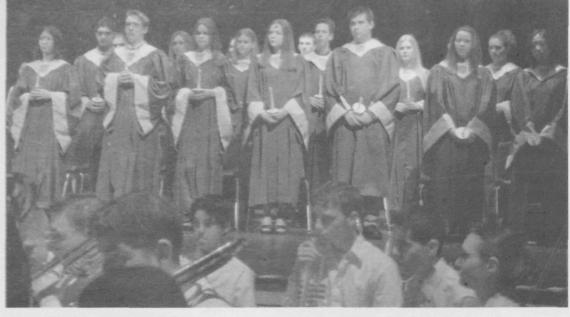
end of the celebration. Some of the planned events include youth and spirtual programs, concerts and a dinner-dance, all of which will

run through the entire year. Watch the Observer for more information on the exact time and dates of

immediately following the Commit-

tee of the Whole Meeting.

the above events.



High School Inducts 39 Into National Honor Society

Continued from page 1

Character—Demonstrating honesty, responsibility, considerate behavior, appropriate conduct, maintain good attendance and achieve a 4.0 average or above.

Leadership-Holding a school or community position of responsiblity.

Service—Demonstrating involvement in school community clubs or activities.

This year's National Honor Society Inductees are: Christopher Bakazan, Robert Barone, Michael Benak, Dawn Besser, Justin Buendia, Pasqual Cantarella, Timothy Cheng, Toni Ciccia, Kristin Coffey, Christinna DelGenio, Stacey Diana, Christina Difrancesco, Michael Duquette, Cassandra D'Urso, Caitlin English, Keenan Gaynor, Sara Grillo, Jeffrey Grubesich, Lauren Haus, Thomas Kiczula, Linda Lee, Alyssa Maiorino, Jessica Manning, Jayne Merlo, Stefanie Miller, Rosanna Mootoo, Kathleen Morgan, Jesse Nietzer, Valerie Pasquarella, Daniel Piwowar, Amanda Prybella, Jalil Qayun, Dwight Quichua, Michael Salerno, Jessica Senz, Melissa Sticco, Sara Sukenik, Kelly Thomas and Ashlen Udell.

National Honor Society Officers are: Wajdi Kanj, President; Ryan Decker, Vice President; Kristina Latonio, Secretary; Brittany DeNitzio, Treasurer; Pauline Lee, Parliamentarian; Janice Hussain, Historian and Katherine Kaczka, Public Relations. Advisor is Mrs. E. Boettger.

The South Plainfield Board of Edu-The Regular Public Meeting, originally scheduled for April 13 has been changed to April 6, 2004 at 8 p.m.,

Board of Education Meeting Change

cation Committee of the Whole Meeting scheduled for April 6 at 7 p.m. has been changed to 6 p.m.

2004 Compactor Coupons, Yard Waste Decals Available

Residents may pick up their 2004 compactor coupons and yard waste decals at the Municipal Cerk's office on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1 p.m. To 5 p.m. And on Tuesday and Friday from 8 a.m. To 5 p.m.

Any questions, please call the clerk's office at 908-226-7606.

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY ORDINANCE No. 1654

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

Ordinance #1654 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 157 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED: "SEWERS" was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 29, 2004 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New

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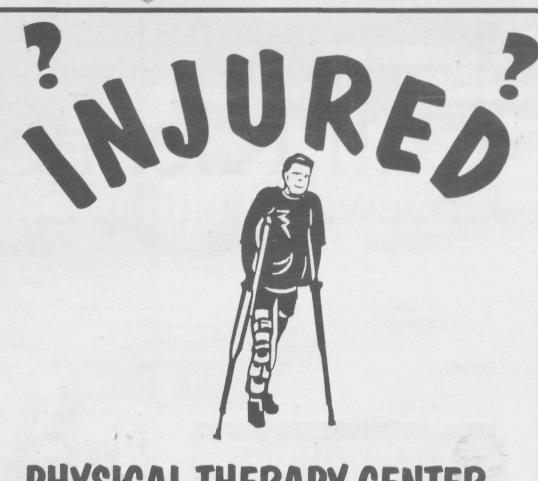




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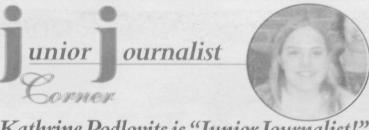
Medicine Shoppe Joins Fight Against Osteoporosis

The incidence of osteoporosis is significant, affecting more than 25 million Americans. As life expectancy increases, more of the population enters the age group that is most prone to disease. It is a painful disease that cripples and deforms. Osteoporosis is costly, with annual costs estimated at \$13.8 billion in the United States.

Loss of estrogen production is the major risk factor for most women. However, there are other important risk factors about which the public should be aware. There are no reliable early warning signs of osteoporosis. A fracture is often the first sign that bone loss has occurred. But, osteoporosis is detectable, preventable and treatable.

That's why the Medicine Shoppe has begun an Osteoporosis Awareness Initiative and will be offering Bone Density Scans with state-of-the-art bone testing equipment on Apr. 22 at 144 Maple Ave. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$20. The test is quick (under five minutes), painless and ac-

Interested individuals may contact Richard Polack at the Medicine Shoppe at (908) 754-0707



Kathrine Podlovits is "Junior Journalist!"

Franklin School fourth grader Kathrine Podlovits is this week's win-



Franklin School fourth grader Kathrine Podlovits with teacher Janet Donnelly and school principal Nancy Erickson.

ner in the Observer/Hometown Heros Junior Journalist Program. Her poem, "The Barn," has won dinner for her family courtesy of Hometown Heros.

Students are encouraged to submit their original poetry, articles, opinion pieces or essays. Entries should be given to teachers.

Winners receive a catered dinner from Hometown Heros and will be invited to an end-of-year banquet with their families.

For information on the program, or for the name of your school contact, call the Observer at (908) 668-0010 or Hometown Heros at (908) 755-4376.

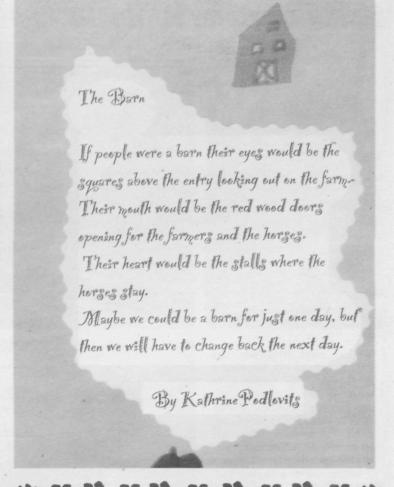
SPJBC Sponsoring Chinese Auction

The S.P.J.B.C. Women's Auxiliary is sponsoring a Casino Royale and Chinese Auction on Friday, June 25 from 7 p.m. to midnight at the South Plainfield Italian American Club.

\$50 per person includes open bar, buffet and \$500 in play money. Money must be redeemed for auction tickets,

which can be used as chances to win one or more of the prizes.

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Franklin Holds Annual Lenahan Breakfast





For the past 20 years, the Franklin School PTA has held a St. Patrick's Day Breakfast in honor of former school principal, Thomas Lenahan. St Patrick's Day was a favorite holiday of his. The tradition continued on March 10 when over 200 people attended this year's breakfast, which included fruit, cereal, muffins, donuts, juice, coffee and tea, served buffet style. Mr. and Mrs. Slatky, parents of children at Franklin School, chaired the breakfast as they have for many years.



Corrections

In the March 26 issue, Middle School "Battle of the Teams," we incorrectly reported the winners. The first place winner for seventh grade was the Monsoons and for eighth grade, Tsunami. The hall decorating contest winners were Monsoons (seventh grade) and Tsunami (eighth grade).

In the March 26 issue, "Boys' 5/6 Grade Basketball Team Ends Season with 11-5 Mark," Jake Salerno's name was omitted from the list of team members.

We apologize for the errors.

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SPHS Presents "South Pacific"

By Patricia Abbott

On April 1, 2 and 3 South Plainfield residents are invited to join SPHS Players Drama Club in the tropics as they present their 2004 Spring Musical, "South Pacific." The 1949 Rodgers & Hammerstein hit is set on a remote island during World War II and follows two parallel romances, one between Ensign Nellie Forbush, a Navy nurse, and Emile de Becque, a wealthy French plantation owner and the other between Lt. Joe Cable and a young Polynesian girl.

Popular songs from the musical include "Some Enchanted Evening," "Bali Ha'i," "There is Nothin' Like a Dame" and "Gonna Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair."

The show is directed by SPHS teacher Gloria Naso. "South Pacific" is her third production on the SPHS stage. She previously presented the community with hit versions of "Damn Yankees" and "Hello, Dolly!"

Production staff includes Producer, Maureen Imbrosciano and Assistant Director Lory Alcaro. Heading the cast is Katie Mott as Ensign Nellie Forbush, Adam Tamzoke as Emile de Becque, Vinnie Carubia as Lt. Joseph Cable and Josef Rodriguez as Luther Billis. Others include Natalia Tamzoke as Bloody Mary, Katie Noonan as Liat, Greg Publik as Captain Brackett, Alex Tierney as Commander Harbison, Christopher Abbott as Stew Pot and Tristan More as Professor. Riley School students Amylin DiDario and Shaun Alers appear as youngsters Ngana and Jerome de Becque.

"South Pacific" opens on Thursday, April 1, and runs through Saturday, April 3 at the Joseph A. Mondoro Auditorium at South Plainfield High School, 200 Lake St. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens. Curtain time is 7 p.m.

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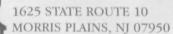
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Rosemary Holt

Rosemary Holt is a long time resident of South Plainfield and the owner of Slim and Tone. She was born and raised in Michigan before moving to the metro area. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Kean University in Political Science. She has worked in real estate investments and was a substitute teacher, K-12, in South Plainfield. She is trained through Slim and Tone and also has her CPR certification. She works full time at the club as the owner/manager.



Vicky Kiczula

Vicky Kiczula is a longtime resident of South Plainfield and wife of Tom Kiczula owner of Sportworld in downtown South Plainfield. Their son Tommy is in his junior year at South Plainfield High School. Vicky has been the Co-Manager at the club since its beginning in September. She has gone through Slim and Tone training and is also certified in CPR.



Nancy Pasternak

Nancy Pasternak is also a long time resident of South Plainfield. She worked at AT&T and Bellcore Labs for 12 years in the Billing and Telecommunications department. She has two children Robert and Melissa. She has also been working part-time at the club since its beginning in September and is presently CPR certified.



Dana Holt

Dana Holt was born in Staten Island and raised in South Plainfield. She is the daughter of owner Rosie Holt and she has been a staff member at the club since its opening in September. She will be graduating Wagner College of Staten Island with a Bachelor's Degree in elementary education in May of 2004. She is licensed through Slim and Tone and also has her CPR certification. She currently works



Melissa O'Connor

Melissa O'Connor is a current South Plainfield resident, and has been since 1988. She graduated from the College of New Jersey in May of 2003 with a BA in History and a minor in Human Resources. She has acquired her CPR certification and presently teaching Social Studies in Kendall Park, NJ while working at the club part-time.

A Few Of Our Slim & Tone Members



April Wasnick

I first learned about Slim& Tone through an ad in the Observer in September. The following day I went to their grand opening and decided that it was the program I could do. There were women of all sizes and each completed the circuit feeling refreshed and challenged. The staff and members are behind you 100% and give

suggestions concerning food managment programs and guidance for specific fitness goals. The members at Slim & Tone cheer for each other because we are all working together to be fit and healthy.

I followed through on my New Years Eve resolution to exercise and I am feeling the difference and seeing the results. Most recently I attanded on Saturday morning and when I weighed myself I had lost 8 more pounds. Everyone cheered for me even though they are people that I do not know very well. Since September I have made great strides in my personal fitness and feel better every day.



Lynne Glasser

My name is Lynne Glasser-Sward and I own a Physical therapy practice in South Plainfield.

I had 2 surgeries within the past 2 years. Slim & Tone has provided me with a safe way to recovery. Their machines are based on hydraulic systems so I cannot get hurt. Accommodating resistance of the machines allow the person to work safely through their range of motion. Since I have joined this club in October, I lost 10 pounds and I am getting stronger each week.



Sue Ifrach

I like going to Slim & Tone because it makes me feel good. The gym is clean and conveniently located. The staff is friendly and supportive. Finding out about Slim & Tone is the best thing I've done for myself.



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Sports

By Lee Flanagan

done. At this time I would

like to thank Bob Pasternak,

Mike Salici, Bob Bors,

Chris Hubner and Pat

Muglia who are the field

leaders at the complex,

these individuals and many

more have worked hard

making the complex a better place

for our kids. A lot of work has been

accomplished the last two weekends

at the SPJBC due to tremendous vol-

for every player on each team in all

leagues. Let us all see to it that this

season is one of fun, learning and en-

joyment for all. Have a great season.

ing fundraisers: Spaghetti Dinner at

Roosevelt School April 17 and a Flea

Market at the Complex on April 24.

Vendors are needed.

Mark your calendar for the follow-

In closing, let me wish the very best

unteer efforts. Thank you.

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

Opening Day is here! Our 50th Anniversary season will begin with the opening day parade on Saturday, April 3. The parade starts at 10 a.m. at Borough Hall and continues to the SPJBC Complex on Kenneth Ave. Players and

coaches are asked to meet in uniform behind the Borough Hall. The 2004 Grand Marshall is Phil Aiello. Opening day ceremonies will continue at the complex where the Little Miss Baseball Contest winner will be announced. We will be honoring three individuals on opening day: Andy Pinto, Stacy Lake and Nancy Grennier. The first pitch will be thrown out and the season will officially begin with games scheduled on all fields.

The success of the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club is the result of the hundreds of unpaid volunteers who have worked throughout the years. All of these volunteers donated their time during the season and even in the off season. They deserve the credit and our thanks for a job well

Register for Spring Soccer This Monday

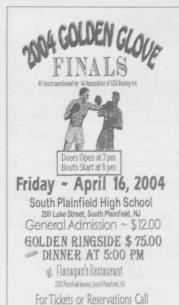
The South Plainfield Soccer Club will hold a second in-person registration for the Soccer Squirts (ages 3, 4 and 5) and 4v4 Soccer Development Clinics (ages 6, 7 and 8) on Monday, April 5 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the PAL. These programs will run on six consecutive Saturdays beginning April 17 and ending May 22. All sessions will be held at the Kenneth Ave. soccer fields, located just before the South Plainfield Recycling Center on the

Programs begin on April 17 and will run at the following times:

Soccer Squirts: 1 to 2 p.m.

4v4 Soccer Development Clinics are: six-year-olds from 9 to 10 a.m.; seven-year-olds from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. and eight-year-olds from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The fee for either program is \$80. If you can't attend the in-person registration, mail-in forms are available at the PAL. For more info, visit our website at www.soplfdsoccerclub.com, or contact Al Vill: albert.vill@verizon.net.



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The Inagural COACHes Care Golf Tournament is scheduled to be played on Saturday, June 5, at the Heron Glen Golf Course in Ringoes.

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The format for the tournament will be a four man scramble and trophies will be awarded to the top three teams. The cost per golfer is \$125 and includes breakfast, greens fees and a barbeque dinner afterwards.

There are numerous sponsorships available. If interested in participating as a player or sponsor contact Tom McCreesh at (908) 755-8468.



Vicki Boley Selected 2004 All-State

Congratulations to senior Vicki Boley of the Lady Tigers Bowling Team who was selected to the Star Ledger's 2004 All-State All Groups First team. Vicki is just one of five girls in the entire state who was chosen for this honor and becomes the second Tiger to make this prestigious team, joining Melissa Jamieson, a 2002 All State selection. Congratulations, Vicki, for an outstanding career.



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South Plainfield crowns two champions at the recent **USA Wrestling New Jersey** Kids State Tournament. See story next week.

Soccer

Girls U-19 Sting Alive And Kicking!!!

The South Plainfield girls U-19 team came out against Berkley Heights looking like the champs that they are. The girls seemed to have a

good handle on the game right from the start. The defense did an awesome

Power Comes on Strong

The season finally got under way against Readington. The girls came out with strong positive attitudes and it was evident in the way that they played. This was not a one sided game. The offense came off strong and the defense was even tougher. Unfortu-

job of protecting the goal and the offense was all over Berkley Heights. nately, a game win was not meant to

be for the Power as they lost the game

with a lucky, high in the air ball that

dropped into the net in the final mo-

ments of the game. The final score was South Plainfield 0, Readington 1. Keep up the good work girls.

The game ended in a tie 1-1.

The goal came from Dawn Besser at the end of the first half and Berkley Heights scored towards the end of the second half. We have some pretty amazing athletes on this team, Chiara Tomei, Darleen Marin, Audrey Wilhelm, Dawn Besser, Danielle Plasse, Christine Manfredo, Caitlin English, Nicole and Christina Cursi, Jenna Smith, Tina Aboosamara and Jenn

Come watch the team in action.

Katie Kaczka Recognized for **Swimming Achievements**

Katie Kaczka

South Plainfield High School senior Katie Kaczka has been named "Athlete of the Week" by the Home News Tribune for recordsetting accomplishments in swimming.

Katie was also mentioned in the Star Ledger for her milestone recordsetting races last year. What makes these honors even more incredible is that South

Plainfield High doesn't have a pool or

Kaczka set two records in the GMC Girls Swimming Championship held recently in New Bruswick, competing as an independent. She won the 50yard freestyle with a recordsetting time of 24.98 and the 100yard freestyle with a time of 53.94.

Kaczka has been swimming competitively since she was nine years old. She competes with a club swim team at the Metuchen/Edison YMCA, practices six days a week and also works works at The

Club at Ricochet. She is also a member of the National Honor Society.

She plans to attend Lafayette College on a partial athletic/academic scholarship in the fall and continue swimming competitively.

Soccer Club, United Academy Offer Summer Camps

The South Plainfield Soccer Club takes place 9 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$99. and United Soccer Academy (USA) have announced the formation of two p.m. Cost is \$125. soccer camps this summer.

The camps will be held at the Soccer Club facility on Kenneth Ave. during the following weeks:

Session 1-July 12-16 for ages 3-5 5, 6 to 9 p.m. at the PAL building.

Ages 5-14 takes place 9 a.m. to 12

Session 2-Aug. 23-27 for ages 3-5, 9 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$99. Ages 5-14, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$149.

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For more information and to enroll online, please go to http:// www.unitedsocceracademy.com. Or call (908) 823-0130.

Grant School Students Compete in Jr. Olympics

Grant School had two swimmers compete at the Junior Olympics swimming event held at Rutgers University on March 19-21. To qualify for this meet is an honor in of itself. To be among the better swimmers at this event shows what dedication and hard

work can accomplish.

Fifth grader Dylan McDermott broke eight records in the 10 and under boys age group and went on to achieve the high point winner in his age group!

Emily Piekarski, newcomer to the

team, swam several events, including such long-distance events as the mile and the 1000, placing in the top 14th

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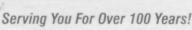
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Jersey City Mayor and Gubernatorial Candidate Bret Schundler was the guest speaker at the March meeting of the South Plainfield Business Association. Schundler talked about his Empowering the People Organization. The meeting was hosted by New Pak owners, Fred Gerstler, Tom Kay and Ed Koznowicz. New Pak is located on Kennedy Rd. The April meeting, slated for Wednesday, April 21 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m, will be hosted by Enterprize Rent-A-Car, located on South Clinton Ave. For information on joining the South Plainfield Business Association, call (908) 757-8811.

BOE Adopts School Budget

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has 81 students enrolled and Rosado expects the class will double next year. The program will be expanded to include all sophomores and summer and fall courses will be offered. Also the after school ESL program for K-6 will be expanded.

Technology expansion will be seen in all areas, which are funded by the regular budget and state and county grants. Summer school will be the most aggressive program to date, extending it from 17 to 33 days and include algebra prep courses, SAT and GEPA prep programs.

The total cost per pupil in South Plainfield is \$1,368, which is \$1,000 below the state average. Local taxes cover 78% of the budget, while state aid covers only 19%. Mike English said that he feels South Plainfield does not get its fair share of state aid, explaining that according to the recently released figures, the average community received 42% in state

aid, far above the 19% we get. He said, "It's time for residents who are paying the 78% to fund our schools to start writing members of the state legislature and the supreme court judges, who year after year give more and more to the Abbott districts and to ask them why we are not getting our fair share.'

Dan Smith added, "Tax increases aren't something any board member takes easily. We are very cognizant on how we spend the taxpayers money."

The budget must now be approved by the voters at the April 20 school board elections. If passed, residents will see an increase of six points in the school portion of their prop-

In addition to the budget, voters will chose three candidates for the school board. This year the choice for voters will be very easy since the incumbents are all running unopposed. They are Pio Pennisi, Steve Bohn and Terry Alexa.

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The Yard Waste Site, at the end of Kenneth Ave., will also be open as usual from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 10. The Yard Waste Site will not be affected by the holiday. Yard Waste spring/summer hours are 12 noon to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

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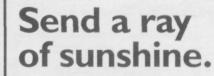
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Butrico, Cerami, Thomas Win Nomination

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the council, Dennis has been more instrumental than anyone in keeping South Plainfield a safe town to live in and work in. Kathy Thomas was also born and raised in South Plainfield. In her three months on the council, she

Ladies Workout Express Looking for Team in MS Walk

Ladies Workout Express will be taking part in an MS Walk on Sunday, April 18 at 9 a.m. at Nomahegan Park in Cranford. Ladies Workout Express, located on Oak Tree Rd. in South Plainfield is trying to get a team of members and friends to walk and raise money for a great cause.

If you are able to walk or even if you can not, you can still help this great cause. For information, contact Ladies Workout Express at (908) 756-9911.

has already exhibited a level of leadership that shows what an asset she will be for the residents of our borough. Charlie, Dennis and Kathy also have three of the nicest families you could ever imagine. It is because of them that they work so hard as members of the council to make our borough an even better place than it already is."

Upon receiving the endorsement of the Democratic Committee, the council members expressed their appreciation. Councilperson Butrico said, "I am very pleased and excited to be running for councilman again. I am proud of the progress the governing body has made in the last three years and I want to continue to complete the work that I have started. These include some of the most important projects ever to face South Plainfield, including the Helen Street extension, Hamilton Boulevard road reconstruction and the Hamilton Boulevard Industrial Site. I

managing and acquiring open space as well as working hard to keep the municipal taxes under control.'

Council member Dennis Cerami echoed Charlie Butrico comments, "In a democracy, serving the people is the highest achievement anyone can attain. I am committed to work as hard as anyone can for the taxpayers of our Borough. I am honored to run with individuals of such high character as Charlie and Kathy."

Council member Kathy Thomas summed up the candidates sentiments when she said, "The thing I love most about South Plainfield is that it is not just a town, it is a community. People here help and support each other. I have been involved in this community for many years in numerous different capacities. I look forward to continuing my service as a member of the borough council."



The South Plainfield Columbiettes held their annual Easter Bunny Brunch in the cafeteria at Sacred Heart School on March 21. A big buffet lunch made by the Columbiettes was served and youngsters played games for prizes. Each child also received an Easter basket filled with goodies and had their picture taken with the Easter Bunny.

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GOP Endorses Jones, Rusnak and Reedy

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tion was so close last year. If Marge had fifteen more votes in each district she'd be on the council today."

"Bob Jones is also an outstanding candidate and will round out our team," Seesselberg added. "Bob, who resides on Perry Street, was raised in South Plainfield, went to Franklin School, and graduated South Plainfield High School. He then graduated from Rutgers with honors and went on to receive his law degree from Rutgers Law School in Newark.

In addition to practicing law, he teaches legal research and legal writing at Fairleigh Dickinson University."

Jones is currently chairman of the South Plainfield Republican Organization. On top of this he sits on the volunteer Board of Advisors for the Paralegal Studies Program at Fairleigh Dickinson, is a member of the Middlesex County Bar Association and was on the South Plainfield Land Management Commission in the mid-1980s. From 1991 to 1998 he served on the Board of Trustees for the Ronald McDonald House in Long Branch, and in 1991 he received the organization's "Outstanding Volunteer" award.

"I'm honored to share a ticket with Ray Rusnak and Marge Reedy," said Jones. "Ray and Marge are perfect running mates, and we each have skills that complement one another. As most people know, Marge is a former school board president and has led several groups serving South Plainfield's families and children, including the Music Boosters and the Education Foundation. She also was treasurer of the Riley School PTA. Ray, a financial specialist with Wachovia Bank, offers a business background-something sorely needed on the Borough Council. His strengths complement Marge's per-

Rusnak is anxious to start campaigning on the issues. "We need to start dealing with mounting traffic, deteriorating services and out-of-control building, plus we have to get the Borough's fiscal house in order. Over the past few years the town's been relying on too many one-time revenue enhancers to prop up the budget, things like land sales and surpluses from the sewer budget. At the same time the council has been giving giant raises to favored employees and huge no-bid contracts to campaign contributors. We should end these practices now."

"We also need to bring open government back to South Plainfield," Reedy added. "Open government is vital, and having both parties represented on the council will help bring people back into the decision making. Right now, with one party having absolute power, there is no debate. Everyone just tows the party line and does what they're told."

Reedy resides on Oxford Avenue with her husband Michael and has three children, Sandy, James and Patrick. Rusnak and his wife Robyn live on Field Avenue. His background includes more than 20 years of experience in insurance, investments, banking and lending.

"We could not be more proud of these three candidates," said Seesselberg. "Marge, Ray and Bob will be out visiting homes around town soon, and I hope people take advantage of the chance to meet them. They have great ideas on how to improve our town, and South Plainfield would be fortunate to have them on the Borough Council."



Students and **Parents Enjoy Annual Dance**

Sacred Heart School recently held its annual Father/Daughter Mother/Son dance. Four lovely ladies wait for their dates (daddy). At right, Kathleen Vincent takes her dad, William Vincent, for a spin on the dance



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LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

March 26, 2004

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on March 25, 2004. A. Case #07-04—Paul Garelick. Block 200; Lot 2; 806 Maple Ave. The applicant's request for a lot coverage variance for a 535 sq. ft. addition with a lot over coverage of 399 sq. ft. was hereby GRANTED with (1) condition.

B. Case #10-04—Christian and Marlena Schulz. Block 267; Lot 7.01; 137 Front St. The applicant's request for a rear yard setback variance to permit a stair landing with an 18 ft. rear yard setback, as well as an expansion of a non conforming use to permit an addition of 593 sq. ft. was hereby

C. Case #11-04/Waiver—Rescue House of Prayer. Block 296; Lot 1.01; 1921 Roosevelt Ave. The applicant's request for deletion of a prior voluntary condition relating to the paving of Astor and Baldwin St. was hereby DENIED, with the provision that the applicant has (2) years from the date of memorialization of said resolution to complete the paving work,

Case #13-04—Conti Enterprises, Inc. Block 445; Lots 10.01 and 10.001; 200 St. Nicholas Ave. The applicant's request for a temporary use permit to allow (1) office trailer measuring 10 ft. by 40 ft. with an 140 ft. setback from St. Nicholas Ave. and to be placed on the property for a period not to exceed (6) months.

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Beth Khidre Secretary-Zoning Board of Adjustment

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

March 24, 2004 Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on March 23, 2004.

A. South Plainfield Recreation Department Capital Improvement Plan. It is hereby concluded that the applicant is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Borough of South Plainfield Master Plan.

B. Case #666/S/S—National Realty & Development Corporation. Block 528; Lots 46, 47.07, 47.09 and 66: Stelton Road Comprete Court and C approval was hereby GRANTED.

C. Case #678—McCriskin Home For Funerals. Block 188; Lot 53; 2425 Plainfield Ave. The applicant's request for minor site plan approval was ereby GRANTED with condition

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Beth Khidre
Recording Secretary- Planning Board

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Tom Berry requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a 5' deep X 19' wide covered porch. Proposed porch lacks the required 30' front setback, 25' being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 112 Nunnink Lane on Block 160, Lot 21 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 22, 2004 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

The maps and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Building Inspector's Office, South Plainfield Borough Hal Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 am and

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Riley Students Get a Jump on Summer!

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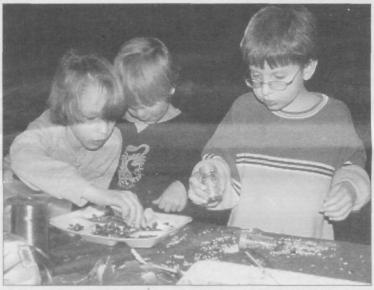
Over 150 Riley School youths and parents recently defied Old Man Winter and got a jump start on warm weather. Students enjoyed a sizzling summer night attending a Beach

Party' in the school gym. Boardwalk activities filled the room. There were plenty of games, music, prizes and food. Guests enjoyed a duck pond, fishing and golfing. They had their hair sprayed wild colors and their faces painted or tattooed. A popular game

was the donut eating contest. Children attempted to eat donuts dangling from string, no hands allowed! They decorated cookies and munched on a variety of boardwalk goodies including hot dogs, pizza and soda. Music was provided by Damian Da DJ aka Damian Henderson.

Every boardwalk has a star attraction, the one booth where the line never seems to end. At the Riley Beach Party it was the pie throwing stand. Principal Bill Beegle, decked out in waterproof garb, was the willing target. Students delighted in the opportunity to pelt him by throwing dozens of 'pies' with amazing accuracy.

The event was organized by Rachel Henderson. Helping to ensure a successful evening were girl scouts, parents and reachers. Special thanks went to the hard working dads of the Bors, Seider, Teller and Ewing families. Rachel noted students are already talking about next year. She said, "Since 2004 proved to be so successful, 2005 must be over the top!"



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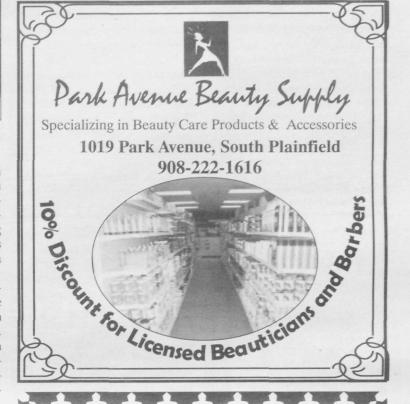
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Obituaries

Donald L. "Doc" Austin, 75

Donald L. "Doc" Austin died on Monday, March 29 at St. Peter's University Medical Center in New Brunswick.

He was born and raised in South Plainfield, where he was a lifelong resident.

From 1958 until 1970, Doc owned and operated Austin Plumbing and Heating in South Plainfield. In 1970, he joined Local 594 of the Laborers International Union of America in New Brunswick and worked through the Union until his retirement 15 years ago.

From 1984 until 1995, he owned and operated, along with his wife and family, "The Little Store," formerly located on Clinton Ave.

In 1950, during the Korean War, he served with the U.S. Marine Corps and then re-enlisted in the U.S. Army and served until his discharge in 1956.

Doc was a Life Member of the American Legion Chaumont Post 243 in South Plainfield. He had served five terms as the Post Com-

mander during the years 1968-1969, 1996-1998 and 2000-2002. Under his leadership of the Legion, the Post building was re-designed and remodeled by him. In 1999, to show their appreciation of his accomplishments, the American Legion dedicated their main ball room in his honor, naming the room the "Donald 'Doc' Austin Ball Room."

In addition to the Union and the Legion, he was a member of the First Baptist Church in South Plainfield, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the NJ Chapter 52 of the Disabled American Veterans.

He was predeceased by his sister. Louise Apgar and by a brother, Edward Austin.

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Elizabeth P. "Betty" Austin; five children and their spouses, Patricia A. and Kenneth Kitlasz of Lawrence, Kan., Donna M. and Frank Gonzalez of Belvidere, Mary Lou and Theodore Millard of Neshanic, Elizabeth "Bethy" Austin of Boca Raton, Fla. and Daniel T. and Sherry Austin of Las Vegas, Nev.; a sister, Jacqueline Buckelew and a brother, Floyd L. Austin, Jr., both of South Plainfield; eight grandchildren; three great grandchildren and by his large ex-

Funeral services were held at McCrisken Home For Funerals.

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Norman Tan, 57

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Norma Tan died on Thursday, March 25 at St. Peter's University

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Born in Gattaran, Philippines, she came to the United States in 1982, where she resided in Woodside, NY before settling to Edison.

A graduate of the University of the East in the Philippines, Norma majored in English.

She had been employed as an executive assistant for Cometals in Fort Lee.

An active communicant of St. Frances RC Church in Piscataway, where she was a member of the Charismatic Prayer Group and a lead Cantor in the choir.

She is survived by four children, Carmela Toral of Edison, John Toral of Jersey City, Eduardo Toral of Edison and Dino Toral of New Brunswick. She is also survived by a sister, Zenaida of the Philippines and her five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Rita I (O'Neill) Pope

Rita T. (O'Neill) Pope died on

Thursday, March 25 at St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick

Born and raised in Newark, Rita had lived in Plainfield before settling in South Plainfield 45 years ago. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield for 45 years and for 10 years she worked as a switchboard operator.

She is predeceased by a daughter, Patricia Borrie; a sister, Catherine O'Neill and by two brothers, John and Nicholas.

Surviving is her husband, Albert of 50 years; a daughter, Gwenn Pope and her husband, Kenneth of Franklin, Pa.; three sons, Rory and his wife, Susan of Williams Twp., Pa., Mark and his wife, Ariene of Christiansburg, Va. and Brian and his wife, Maryann of Augusta, Ga. and a sister, Mary Norman of Sayreville. Also surviving is a sisterin-law, Wanda O'Neill of Elizabeth; a son-in-law, Steven Borrie of Jamesburg; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDER FOR SUBSTITUTE SERVICE

Case No. 03-251063-DM

JUDGE WEISS
STATE OF MICHIGAN, in the Genesee County
Courthouse, 900 S. Saginaw Street, Flint, Michigan

Plaintiff,

EUGENE E. SMITH,

EUGENE E. SMITH,
Defendant.
At a session of said Court, held in The City of Flint,
County of Genesee, State of Michigan, on the 10th
day of March, 2004.
PRESENT: HON. ROBERT E.WEISS,

Circuit Court Judge
Upon reading the pleadings and the Court being otherwise fully advised.
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendant,

EUGENE E. SMITH, shall be served with true copies of the Alias Summons and Complaint for Divorce, by publishing notice in the Genesee County Legal News for three consecutive weeks.

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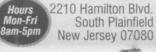
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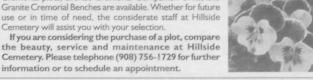
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